Local programs help parents with child-care options

By Alexis Ewers

Working parents seeking child-care can find help from two Tucson-based programs.

The Department of Economic Security's Child-Care Assistance program helps eligible families pay for child-care. The Child and Family Resources Center offers a referral service to help parents locate appropriate child-care in their community.

The DES program helps make child-care affordable for low-income working parents or parents that are still in school. They serve to certify and contract with child-care centers and home-based licensed child-care providers.

Phillip Hersh, DES Child-Care program manager, said their program benefits the community for a variety of reasons. “The most obvious (reason) is that people can go to work,” Hersh said.

The program pays for part of the cost to place children in child-care centers while parents are at work or school. The amount paid by DES varies depending on the size of the family, their income, and the chosen provider. DES does not cover registration fees, transportation costs, or meals.

Hersh said although the program enables parents to work, children benefit as well. “If they go into a quality setting early on they will be more prepared for kindergarten and first grade,” Hersh said.

South Tucson families can apply for DES Child Care Assistance at the DES office located at 195 W. Irvington or call 520-741-7188. Another resource for parents interested in child-care is the Child and Family Resources Inc., a non-profit, private community-based organization. This service offers a referral service to parents looking for child-care centers, preschools, and school-age programs. This service also provides advice on how to select the right child-care service for specific ages.

The CCHR program helps parents identify their options and offers them help in finding high quality child-care,” said Jacob T. Rasbach, director of Child-Care Resource and Referral. “We help parents by providing questions to ask and things to look for.” Rasbach said many child-care centers will not accept children under the age of two. CCHR helps connect these parents with child-care providers who work out of their home and are willing to take younger children.

This service differs from the DES-offered program because Child and Family Resources does not help parents pay for child-care. “Parents looking for help rely on DES. It is their only significant form of assistance in paying child-care,” said Rasbach.

DES recommends when looking for child-care providers and guardians should observe how the caregiver interacts with both children and parents. The DES website specifically lists key points to look for when observing possible child-care providers.

DES recommends providers have a healthy and optimistic relationship with children and they should be knowledgeable in the ways in which children learn and grow. Finally, DES recommends child-care providers be willing to allow parents to visit and participate in their child-care.

Parents interested in these programs can visit the websites for further assistance and information.

Department of Economic Security
http://www.deshome.az.gov/asp/default.asp and
Child-Care Resource and Referral: http://www.childfami-lyresources.org/
Border crossing rules scheduled to change

By Lexi Bush

Citizens traveling across the Mexican border into the United States will need to acquire new travel documents in the next few years because the trip will require more than just the flash of a driver’s license or birth certificate.

Currently, U.S. citizens traveling North, South or Central America are excused from passport requirements. Instead, travelers are only required to show a birth certificate or driver’s license to prove U.S. citizenship, said Brian Levin, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman in Tucson.

University of Arizona student Rena Gottlieb, 22, said she didn’t have any trouble traveling to Nogales, Sonora.

“I went to Nogales two weeks ago, and it was really easy to cross the border,” Gottlieb said. “All I had to do was quickly show them my driver’s license and they let me through.”

But, with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, all U.S. citizens who are entering or re-entering the United States will be required to have a passport or equally secure document, regardless of where they are traveling from, the U.S. Department of State Web site stated.

“This new federal law, created by the Bush administration to combat terrorism and protect the border, will be implemented in two phases to provide advance notification for those involved.”

The first part of the plan to start on Dec. 31, 2006, will require anyone entering the United States by air or sea from the Western Hemisphere to possess a passport. On Dec. 31, 2007, the requirement will be extended to those entering by land, the website stated.

But last month, after receiving numerous complaints about the plan, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State announced the “travel cards” would enable travelers a new way to cross U.S. borders.

The cards will be wallet-sized and show a picture of its holder which could ease congestion for land crossing along the border, and meet the requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

This card is being produced to meet the needs and to address the concerns of those who would otherwise not need a passport, said Kelly Klundt, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesperson in Washington, D.C.

“The cards may be issued as soon as the end of the year, and in time information such as retinal scans or fingerprints will be able to identify individuals, said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff during a news conference.

Birth certificates and driver’s licenses are very easy to counterfeit, so this new card will help serve as a secure travel document making it easier for border officials to work with, Klundt said.

Although the number of people who will apply for the card remains unknown, it will provide an option for those who don’t want to spend $97 on a passport. Instead, the card could cost around $50.

For more information, visit: www.travel.state.gov www.dhs.gov

To apply for a passport, visit www.travel.state.gov

Call the U.S. Passport Office at 1-877-4USA-PPT or TDD/TYY: 1-888-874-7793.

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Girls years of sass and salsa

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By Jessie Mandel and Kevin Stamler

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Popular coach leaves Pueblo with fond memories

The Pueblo High School varsity boys basketball team was introduced at a pre-game ceremony honoring former coach Barry O’Rourke.

By Joshua Dryer

The Pueblo High Warriors played the last game of this season as a tribute to a man who led the school’s basketball teams for more than 30 years. Basketball Coach Barry O’Rourke was found dead Jan. 25 at age 55. The school which he dedicated most of his adult life to, honored him by blasting the Sledge’s song “We Are Family” as the players ran into the gym wearing O’Rourke’s trademark Hawaiian shirt. The gym was packed with Pueblo fans young and old wearing the wildly colorful shirts.

O’Rourke, who was also social studies teacher, was an assistant coach for the Warriors when they won back-to-back state titles in 1977 and ’78, and he led the team when they took the state championship in 1983. O’Rourke also taught at Lute Olson’s summer Wildcat Basketball Camp.

“Barry was the reason a lot of the kids kept coming back to the camp,” said Jim Roshorough, UA men’s basketball associate head coach. “He’s a legend.”

Roshorough described O’Rourke as a man who made basketball fun and “one of the best teachers in Tucson.”

Students agreed. “Coach would always be telling stories about what other guys on the team used to do,” said varsity captain Johnny Carrizoza. “He was always having fun, telling jokes.”

O’Rourke had the same reputation as a teacher. Johnny Carrizoza’s father, John, the assistant coach for the junior varsity, played for O’Rourke in 1976. He recalled that everyone enjoyed his classes.

He also remembers him as a thoughtful and supportive coach and teacher.

“He really cared about the guys,” John Carrizoza said.

“He knew how to motivate people and bring the best out of them,” said Roland LaVetter, who was the head coach when O’Rourke joined as an assistant. “If anyone needed anything, he was there.”

O’Rourke had been on paid leave, and the team had been playing without him since Jan. 9.

Yet by their final game on January 31 all thoughts were with the long-loved coach who had brought them together like a family.

After being announced, each player ran across the half court and placed a rose on their coach’s chair, which had the requisite Hawaiian shirt draped over it. The crowd observed a moment of silence before they sang the national anthem, performed by Principal Patricia Dierenfeld.

The Pueblo fans on the right side of the gym cheered, stumped and shouted and O’Rourke battled Marana to a 26-20 half-time score.

During half-time, O’Rourke’s daughters Colleen and Carynne thanked the school they said they had grown up with for supporting their father. Carynne announced the formation of the Barry O’Rourke scholarship fund which will send one Pueblo High graduate to college every year. She said she hoped the scholarship would become known as the “We Are Family” scholarship fund.

In the second half, with a minute left to play, the score stood Pueblo 49, Marana 47. The right side of the gym began to shout: “Barry! “Barry! “Barry!”

Marana missed their free throws, which sealed the game for Pueblo with a 53-47 win.

Former head coach LaVetter had the task of cleaning out O’Rourke’s locker. He looked around the locker but didn’t find much.

“Barry wasn’t a person about things, he was about people,” LaVetter said.

The memorial dedicated to coach Barry O’Rourke who died Jan. 25.

Pending state legislation targets illegal immigrants

By Sarah Stanton

Several measures currently before the Arizona state legislature aim to curb illegal immigration through tactics such as sanctioning employers and allowing local police to inquire about the immigration status of suspected criminals. Several legislators recently introduced a bill to impose sanctions on employers of illegal immigrants, including the revocation of state licenses, charters, certifications and permits.

Employers who investigate the immigration status of their employees using the Systematic Alien Verification for Employment program, which was developed by the Department of Homeland Security, would be immune to any penalties for hiring illegal immigrants.

The resolution would also require the state ombudsman’s office, which helps workers who dispute with government agencies, handle all complaints of illegal hiring.

Recently, employers of the ombudsman’s office said during a committee meeting that they will not be able to handle the influx of complaints they expect if the resolution becomes law.

Monica Contreras, the board chair of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce said this type of legislation will place a burden on many Tucson businesses.

“What concerns us is the extra administrative burden and liability this would place on small businesses,” Contreras said.

Concerns voiced by the majority of the 650 businesses that are chamber members are “tiny, emerging companies” that will find it difficult to handle the extra time and costs associated with investigating the immigration status of each employee.

Laura Shaw, vice president of investor relations and marketing at Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities, said her organization has not taken a position on this piece of legislation.

“We haven’t really heard from any businesses about immigrant issues, so I’m not sure that it’s something that is really concerning business owners right now,” she said, but pointed out that the organization is only in the fledgling stages of conducting round table discussions with local business associations.

Employment legislation is only one of the approaches being used to address illegal immigration. A measure endorsed by the House Committee on Federal Mandates and Property Rights would make it illegal under Arizona state law for non-U.S. citizens to enter any public or private land in the United States, according to the bill.

Under the bill, local law enforcement would decide whether the arrested person is to be deported, transferred to a federal agency, or referred for prosecution.

A related bill would create a Border Security Council, consisting of 11 members including the director of the Department of Public Safety, to distribute funds to local jurisdictions for border security enforcement.

It would allocate $15 million for county incarceration expenses, $15 million for city, town and county border security personnel, $10 million to DPS for expanded gang enforcement, and another $10 million to DPS for additional highway patrolmen who would focus solely on border security.

The House Committee on Federal Mandates and Property Rights is also endorsing a bill that would appropriate $5 million from the state general fund to allow Gov. Janet Napolitano to deploy the Arizona National Guard along the border in the case of a state of emergency related to unauthorized border crossings.

On the opposite end of the political spectrum, nine members of the state House of Representatives are sponsoring a concurrent resolution calling for comprehensive immigration reform, promoting humanitarianism, economic growth and effective enforcement.

The resolution states that the Arizona state legislature opposes civil immigration enforcement groups, such as the Minutemen, calling them conducive to “antisocial conduct” and “aggressive behavior, especially given the documented infiltration of these groups by white supremacists.”

It also declares Arizona a “Safety Zone” for all humans, regardless of immigration status and calls for the federal government to shoulder more of the costs associated with immigration enforcement.

All of these proposed bills and speeches are still in various committees. They would have to be passed by both houses of the legislature and signed by the governor before becoming law.

New Hope for Medicare Part D

By Elise Jacman

Hundreds of low-income Arizonaans struggling since the new Medicare Part D program came into effect on Jan. 1 now have more options thanks to Gov. Janet Napolitano.

On Jan. 13, Napolitano allocated $500,000 for “dual-eligible,” low-income Arizonaans.

Applicants are considered dual-eligible if they qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid in order to pay for their prescription drugs.

Arizona’s Medicaid program, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), is slated to assist people left behind when Medicare Part D took effect earlier this year.

About $200,000 of the fund has been spent so far. Medicare agreed to reimburse the money the state has spent to buy prescription drugs, but Napolitano is asking the legislature for $5.9 million to cover co-payments for dual-eligible applicants.

Napolitano’s fund is being used to make medications more affordable for dual-eligible members who have not yet been assigned to a Medicare plan, have life-threatening conditions, or have had an organ transplant.

AHCCCS hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Call 1-800-862-6690 to speak with a Medicare representative or visit the AHCCCS Web site at www.ahcccs.state.az.us.
**Clashing views in audience postpones Tucson day.**

By Elise Jackman

A heated exchange among a mixed audience of criminal justice experts and criminal defendants postponed the University of Arizona to speak on immigration conditions in Mexico that depicted the location of border crossings.

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The Spanish-only speech, held at the University Annex Services building, began Friday morning without a translator, infuriating many members of the audience and forcing security to call the University of Arizona Police Department.

"They communicate in a language everyone doesn't understand when you're in their country," asked the Warden, former criminal investigator and founder of Common Sense II Press.

Farah, a national inspector the commission hired, was fired by the University of Arizona to speak on immigration issues. The speech came shortly after the commission canceled the publication of maps to be delivered to border crossers from Mexico that depicted the location of water, areas of cell phone reception, and walking distances in the Arizona desert.

The highly anticipated speech was publicized in local media but did not mention it was in Spanish. The former criminal said Farah spoke for about two minutes before he was interrupted by angry members of the audience shouting "This is the U.S. -- our language is English," and even comments such as "go back to Mexico." While some audience members wanted Farah to continue in Spanish and were outraged by the rude comments of others, most people thought presenting a speech in a language other than the native language of the country was inappropriate.

Farah left the meeting room shortly after University police arrived.

Wes Brannuhl, 84, president of the Arizona Immigration Control, was disheartened by the Spanish-only speech because he thinks U.S. citizens should hear about human rights conditions in Mexico.

"If people knew what was really going on in that country, they would appreciate it," Brannuhl said.

Clyde Phillips, a retired school teacher and member of English For Our Children, agrees with Brannuhl. "I think problems in the Mexican government is what pushes people across the border."

The speech has yet to be rescheduled.

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**Tineo said his condition has actually become more dependent on his art despite the rapid degeneration.**

Following his resignation from Pima Community College, awards from the University of Arizona, 20 years as an instructor at Pima Community College, and a recipient of the Rauschenberg Award, Tineo has been suffering from Macular Degeneration (AMD), a common eye disease that causes the retina to deteriorate.

Refusing to give up his one passion, Tineo continues to work in his Westside studio as the light in his world begins to fade. Struggling to discern color and form through the blur that covers his canvas, he works early in the morning or at night to avoid the pain that comes with the bright light of a Tucson day.

"I have a window of light that I cherish," Tineo said.

"In my eyes," he said to a cynic or a quitter, he simply thought of the murals he painted on over 300 walls, to the public, to his work as a muralist.

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"You see something beautiful and you put it in a cage," he said. "But what lasts is the impression."
Los padres que trabajan y que buscan quien pueda cuidar a sus hijos, pueden encontrar ayuda de dos programas en Tucson. El programa “Ayuda con el Cuidado de Niños,” del Departamento de Seguridad Económica (DSE), éste, ayuda a familias a pagar para que le cuiden a sus hijos. El Centro de Recursos de Niños y Familias ayuda a los padres de familia a buscar guarderías o personas que cuiden a sus hijos en sus comunidades.

El programa DSE ayuda a pagar guarderías a los padres que trabajan y que sean de bajos ingresos o padres que todavía están estudiando. El programa contrata a guarderías que estén certificadas en el cuidado de niños o también con trata a personas autorizadas que se dedican a cuidar a niños en sus casas.

El jefe del Programa Cuidado de Niños, Phillip Hersha, dijo que su programa beneficia a la comunidad por varias razones. “(La razón) más obvia es que los padres se quedan en su trabajo,” dijo Hersha.

El programa paga parte del costo de cuidado a los niños en guarderías mientras que los padres están en el trabajo o en la escuela. La cantidad pagada por el DSE varía dependiendo del tamaño de la familia, sus ingresos, y la opción escogida.

El DSE no cubre las cuotas de matriculación, transporte, costos o las comidas. Hersha dijo que aunque el programa hace posible que los padres trabajen, los niños también se benefician. “Cuando antes obtengan un entorno de calidad, más preparados estarán para el jardín de infancia y el primer grado,” afirmó Hersha.

Las familias del Sur de Tucson pueden solicitar ayuda para que le cuiden a sus hijos en las oficinas del DSE, localizada en el 195 de W. Irvington (520-741-7188). Otra solución para los padres interesados en que les cuiden a sus hijos es “Los Recursos de Niños y Familia,” una organización privada con fines de lucro. Esta ayuda a los padres de familia a buscar guarderías, centros pre-escolares y programas para niños de edad escolar. Este servicio también provee consejo sobre cómo seleccionar el centro o persona más adecuada, según las edades de sus hijos.

El programa CCR&R ayuda a los padres a identificar sus opciones y les ofrece ayuda para encontrar un servicio de guarderías de alta calidad. Los maestros, Jacob T. Raskob, director de Recursos y Búsqueda de Cuidado de Niños. “Ayudamos a los padres a encontrar su mejor opción para sus hijos en sus casas y que admiren a niños menores.

Recursos de Niños y Familia, en cambio, no se limita a los padres a pagar el cuidado de niños. “Los padres que buscan ayuda financiera cuentan con el DSE. Esta es su única forma de ayuda para pagar las guarderías,” informó Raskob.

El DSE recomienda que cuando se busque a alguien para el cuidado de los niños, los padres deben observar cómo los guarderías se comportan y si tienen el tiempo para cuidar a los niños y los padres. Su página web ofrece una lista de puntos clave que hay que tener en cuenta cuando se busque al cuidador de niños o personas para el cuidado de niños. El DSE recomienda que las guarderías solo pueden ofrecer servicios para una y optimista con los niños. Deben conocer la manera en que los niños aprenden y crecen. Finalmente, las guarderías deben estar dispuestos a dejar que los padres visiten y participen en el cuidado de sus hijos.

Los padres interesados en estos programas pueden visitar las siguientes páginas web para más información:

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**Programas locales ayudan a padres de familia con guarderías**

Por Alexis Evers

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**Funding aids students with tutoring programs**

By Laura Paul

Many young students at Lawrence Intermediate School are benefiting from the No Child Left Behind Act through financial aid given to those who attend schools in need of extra help.

Although three schools within the Tucson Unified School District are eligible to receive supplemental educational services, only Lawrence Intermediate, move address to end of story; is currently receiving aid from Supplemental Education Services.

The other two schools, Menlo Park Elementary, and Roberts Elementary, offered the option of supplemental aid for students.

However, both have before and after school tutoring programs that offer support.

Parents said they felt children were already being assisted, said John Cahal, owner of ABC Phonetic, a supplemental service provider for the Arizona State Department of Education.

Tutoring services for students at Lawrence began in January and was the first time students in TUSD had tutoring services provided by supplemental aid.

"We are still at a starting point with some kids and for many we’re well underway,” said Jonathan Ben-Asher, principal of Lawrence Intermediate.

Each student is pre-assessed and taught skills they do not have in reading, language, arts and math, said John Cahal, owner of ABC Phonetic, a supplemental service provider for the Arizona State Department of Education.

The Adequate Yearly Progress report is a mark determined by the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test scores of the entire population of the school, and the sub-populations within the school, according to the Web.

Parents of eligible students are given opportunities for their children to receive supplemental services.

These services can include tutoring or remedial help, which must be given to students outside of the school day, according to the state’s policy regarding Supplemental Education Services.

All students at eligible schools can receive tutoring services, according to the state. There is no way to tell whether their child receives tutoring services offered through supplemental aid, according to the site.

Lawrence Intermediate held a fair in December allowing parents to meet with the different tutoring services and assess which ones they liked best, McPherson said.

Once parents choose a tutoring service provider, the company meets with the school to sign an identical contract and sets individual goals for each student showing how the student will meet the goals, McPherson said.

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**The Annual Gem and Mineral Show draws thousands to Tucson.**

By Kate Kemerner

Down rows of white tents, in the heat of the blazing Tucson sun, Andres Carrillo, the self-proclaimed “opal man” is hawking his goods at the world renowned Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. Like many of the Mexican vendors, Carrillo sells sparkling, polished opals and obsidian that he has gathered all year to display at the show.

Gem and mineral buyers and sellers come annually from far away locations like Morocco, Poland, India and Mexico to sell what their country has to offer. In addition to his fiery opals, which Carrillo said are “the real McCoy,” he has boxes of shiny black obsidian, which have been carved into hearts, flowers and faces. This must be done very carefully by hand, explained Carrillo.

Carrillo got started about 10 years ago in the mineral business. He said he “heard through the grape vine that the mineral show is here and so we followed the vine.”

Carrillo spends his days traveling around to similar shows in Colorado, Miami and Las Vegas to sell his minerals. “We have a life like a nomad, going from place to place,” Carrillo said.

Herman and Conchita Aguirre also live a nomadic life. Most of the year they travel around Mexico collecting agates, geodes and obsidian to bring to the Tucson show.

They have been doing this for 15 years and got started in the gem and mineral business because Herman’s family owns an opal mine. Unlike Carrillo, the couple does not have to travel to get their opals because relatives send them to their home base in Sonora, Mexico.

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Like the other vendors Velasco will continue to come to the United States every year to sell his Mexican minerals.

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**Gem show’s Mexican vendors offer opals, obsidian, agates**

By Alexis Evers

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Viramontes also has a lomadic life. For 15 years he has been bringing his goods to the local mine. He buys from a local mine. For 15 years he has been bringing his goods to the United States to sell. “I buy from a mine and bring it to the U.S. every year,” Velasco explained.

Like the other vendors Velasco will continue to come to the United States every year to sell his Mexican minerals.
Nueva esperanza para los miembros de Medicare, Parte D

By Elise Jackman

Cientos de Arizonenses de bajos recursos económicos que han estado sufriendo las consecuencias desde que el nuevo programa de Medicare Parte D entró en vigor el 1 de enero, ahora tienen más opciones gracias a la Gobernadora Janet Napolitano.

El pasado 13 de enero, Napolitano designó $300,000 para los Arizonenses de bajos recursos que cuenten con “doble-elegibilidad”. Los miembros considerados de “doble-elegibilidad” son aquellos que necesitan de Medicare y Medicaid para pagar sus medicamentos.

El programa de Medicaid en Arizona se llama Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), la agencia encargada de ayudar a la gente que se queda fuera cuando el programa de Medicare Parte D entró en vigor a principios del año.

Se han gastado, hasta el momento, alrededor de $200,000 y la restante se esperaba se gastaría durante el mes de Febrero. Medicare acordó en rembolsar el dinero que el estado ha gastado en comprar medicamentos, pero Napolitano está pidiendo a la asamblea legislativa $59.5 millones para cubrir los “cargos” que los miembros de Medicare de “doble-elegibilidad” han hecho.

El fondo designado por Napolitano, ayuda a que los medicamentos sean baratos para los miembros de Medicare de “doble-elegibilidad,” o para quienes no les ha asignado un plan de Medicare, o a los que tienen condiciones médicas críticas, o a los que han tenido un trasplante de algún órgano.

El horario de AHCCCS es de las 7 a.m. hasta las 9 p.m. de lunes a viernes, sábados, de 8 a.m. a 6 p.m., y domingos, de 8 a.m. hasta las 5 p.m. Llame al 1-800-962-6690 para hablar con un representante de Medicare o visite el siguiente sitio web: www.ahcccs.state.az.us.

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‘Tineo ha transmitido la esotería de la mitología’

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“Lo que está lo afectando es la urgen-

Hace ocho meses, Tineo fue diagnosticado como legalmente ciego con 20/200 en el ojo izquierdo y 20/400 en el del derecho. Además, la enfermedad le ha quitado el equilibrio.

Es incapaz de seguir trabajando en los murales grandes, con los cuales es muy conocido. Nunca un clínico, o un vendedor, simplemente cambio de técnica y empezó a pintar con caballete.

Tineo ha transmitido la esotería de la mitología mexicana, la tradición bíblica, la gente y cultura de su barrio, otra vez de sus lienzos.

Como resultado de la degeneración ocular, Tineo ha desarrollado nuevas técnicas. Mientras su obra anterior era lineal y detallada, su obra reciente se ha gestualizado, evoca emociones a través de pinceladas anchas y sencillas.

Una de sus obras más recientes, ‘Jade Mask’, fue terminada con tan solo usar una brocha de una púlpida y una de dos pul-
gadas.

“Es muy intuitivo y rápido,” dijo Tineo. “Mexicano, rico, vigor, energía.”

Tineo dijo que su enfermedad lo ha ayudado a enfocarse en lo que el considera, que para el artista, es lo más difícil, “buenas comunicaciones.”

Tineo dijo que su arte siempre ha sido su medio de ganarse la vida y que no tiene ninguna entrada extra. Después de que renunció de Pima después de haber perdido la vista, se ha hecho aún más dependiente de su arte, a pesar de la rápida degeneración visual.

Para poder pagar sus recetas medicas, que están subiendo, recientemente exhibió su arte en la Galería La Sirena en 2905 S. Broadway Blvd., y en Raíces Taller 222 Art Gallery and Workshop, ubicada en 222 E. Sixth Street.

Aunque las circunstancias lo han forzado a concentrarse en asuntos monetarios, la felíc
eidad y los ideales artísticos todavía son su motivación para pintar. Dijo que quiere hacer arte que le hable a la gente y que quede en su memoria.

“Uno percibe algo hermoso y lo mete en una jaula,” dijo sarcásticamente. “(Pero) lo que perdura es la imagen.”

A new center to offer programs, activities, for the active senior

By Zach Colick

A new community center opened last month to provide seniors with an active and social environment in which to meet with other like-minded individuals.

The new 9,200-square-foot El Pueblo Senior Center at 101 W. Irvington Road, includes a social lounge, classroom, game room, multi-purpose room with a full kitchen and an outdoor patio.

Richard Barker, recreation supervisor for the center, said they welcome “seniors” as young as 50-years-old and have guests who are well into their eighties.

“We’re trying to create a haven for the continuously active senior,” said Barker, adding the center caters to 20 to 25 seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. “The ‘baby boomer’ generation is our biggest group coming in.”

The $2.65 million facility, on the multi-service El Pueblo campus that includes an adult learning center and a multi-purpose gymnasium, was paid for with City of Tucson bond money, said Steve Leal, Ward 5 City Councilman.

Leal, who estimated there could be around 8,000 seniors living in South Tucson, said he was astonished to see close to 500 people at the building’s grand opening in January and immediately knew the center would achieve what it set out to accomplish.

“I’ve done a lot of grand openings in my career, but this was amazing,” Leal said. “The city realized there needed to be a center of this magnitude and we were right to create such a facility like this.”

The center is in its infancy and many more programs and activities are scheduled to be added to the daily curriculum, giving the seniors more options, said Mary Soriano, recreation assistant for the center.

“It gives (seniors) a place to aggregate and call their own for lunch, play, whatever,” Leal said.

A lack of activities doesn’t stop 70-year-old Thomas Eblen, 77, who suffers from visual.

“I’m happy to far,” Altamirano said. “The center is long, long due because it gives us a place to aggregate and call their own for lunch, play, whatever,” Leal said.

A new 9,200 square-foot El Pueblo Senior Center that opened in January provides a place for seniors to socialize, attend meetings, and participate in activities. The center provides a television and computer lounge.

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Valentine’s Day in the Old Pueblo

Jessica Montaña sells mini teddy bears, heart-shaped balloons, and a variety of other gifts at 29th Ave. and Park on Valentine’s Day.

The South Tucson native was helping her family operate the stand.
Pueblo honra su entrenador legendario

By Josh Dryer

Los Warriors de Pueblo High jugaron el último partido de la temporada como un tributo a hombre que dirigió sus equipos de básquetbol por más de 30 años. El entrenador de basquetball, Barry O’Rourke murió el 25 de enero a la edad de 55 años. La escuela, a lo que había dedicado la mayor parte de su vida, lo honró tocando la canción “We Are Family” de Sister Sledge, mientras que los jugadores cortan al gimnasio vistiendo camisas hawaianas, las cuales eran las que usaba al entrenar O’Rourke.

O’Rourke, quien también era maestro de ciencias, era el entrenador Asistente de los Warriors que ganaron dos títulos consecutivos en 1977 y ’78, y también dirigió al equipo cuándo ganaron el campeonato en 1980. O’Rourke también dio clases en el “Late Olson’s Wildcat Basketball Camp,” todos los veranos.

“Barry era la razón por la que muchos de los jóvenes regresan al entrenar,” dijo Jim Rieborough, entrenador asociado del equipo masculino de básquetbol de la UA. “Es leyenda.”

Rieborough describió a O’Rourke como “uno de los mejores entrenadores en Tucson” y un hombre que hizo del básquetbol un juego divertido. Los estudiantes dicen: “Siempre nos contaba historias de lo que hacían los jugadores del equipo.” dijo Johnny Carrizosa, el actual capitán del equipo mayor.

O’Rourke tenía la misma reputación como maestro. El padre de Johnny, John, quien también es el entrena dor auxiliar del equipo menor, dijo, “es posiblemente un de los mejores maestros que entrenaban a los alumnos en la casa de nuestro de ‘We Are Family’.

Desde la segunda mitad del partido, con tan solo un minuto restante, el marcador fue de 49 puntos para la Preparatoria Pueblo y 47 para Marana.

El lado derecho del gimnasio empezó a gritar “¡Barry!” “¡Barry!” “¡Barry!”

Los jugadores de Marana fallaron sus tiros libres, esto resultó en el triunfo para Pueblo con un marcador final de 53-47.

El entrenador, La Vetter, fue el encargado de vaciar el armario de O’Rourke. Buscó y no encontró mucho.

“Barry no era un materialista, se preocupaba más por la gente,” dijo La Vetter.

Requisitos para cruzar la frontera con México

By Lexi Bush

Tal vez, será necesario que durante los próximos dos años, los ciudadanos estadounidenses que cruzan la frontera mexicana deban adquirir documentos nuevos para viajar; esto, porque el cruce de la frontera requeriría más que mostrar una licencia de manejo o un acta de nacimiento.

Actualmente, bajo la ley estatal, los ciudadanos estadounidenses que viajan al Norte, Sur o Centroamérica no necesitan pasaporte para poder ingresar de nuevo a los Estados Unidos. En cambio, los viajeros sólo tienen que mostrar acta de nacimiento o licencia de manejo para probar su ciudadanía estadounidense, dijo Brian Levin de Tucson, vocero de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza.

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International Chihuahua Championship Race challenges So. Tucson greyhound supremacy

Story and photos by Angel Lopez

I t may not have been as dignified as the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, but what the Tucson Greyhound Park’s International Chihuahua Championship Race lacked in distinction it made up for in hilarity.

Pure and mixed-breed Chihuahuas, weighing anywhere from three pounds, like Gia Ju Ju, to 13 pounds, like Milo, raced for the coveted 2006 championship trophy and a $100 grand prize.

The special event held at Tucson Greyhound Park, 2601 S. 3rd Ave., Feb. 11, showcased the speed and talent of 32 Chihuahuas in five races. The mini mutts were placed in a specially-crafted Chihuahua starting box centered on the racetrack. At the command of General Manager Chris McConnell, the starting gate lifted and eight dogs attempted a 20-yard dash towards the shouts and whistles of their owners and friends. While some made it across the line, others had trouble leaving the starting box.

“He was facing my way in the box,” said Nickolas Frances Cooper, 7, who had placed Coco, his grandma’s 2-year-old pup, in the starting box. “That’s why he didn’t go out good.”

Coco, the fan favorite in the fourth race, moved up to the finals by winning the most cheers from the crowd after all dogs failed to complete the run.

Following a break, the first and second place winners from races one through four competed in a final race. Doby, Coco, Shorti, Chiqita, Bean Stair, Zorrow, Chica and Milo were placed in a specially-crafted Chihuahua starting box centered on the racetrack. At the command of General Manager Chris McConnell, the starting gate lifted and eight dogs attempted a 20-yard dash towards the shouts and whistles of their owners and friends. While some made it across the line, others had trouble leaving the starting box.

“The likes running a lot,” the 18-year-old Godinez said. A seasoned competitor, Chiqita had an edge over the other dogs as a former partici-

pant in the Tucson Greyhound Park’s October International Chihuahua Championship Race where she came in second place. The usually shy Chihuahua was a Christmas gift from the owner’s mom.

“My so happy,” Godinez said.

confronting identity crises. Tickets are $10.75 to $18.75 with various discounts. Performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Call 792-3715.

Musica y Arte Muralista: Music and Muralism of the Mexican Revolution

Lecture by authors Auturo Rosales and Julián Vázquez will focus on mural artists Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros and Jose Clemente Orozco who were inspired by revolutionary Mexico and corridos music. Their work documents tragedies of war, execu-

tions and the glory of revolutionary fervor. Plus, musical group Los Rusticos will per-


The Renaissance Festival

This annual festival and artisan marketplace near Apache Junction will take place through April 2.  Open Saturday’s and Sunday’s from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 520-463-2700.

Ballet Tucson Dance and Dessert

At the Stevie Eller Dance Theatre at the University of Arizona. Performances will be March 10-12. For tickets, call 903-1445.

Masked Marvels: La Super Luchas

Arizona State Museum. Author and artist Xavier Garza will lecture on Mexico’s masked wrestling. Garza will read from his book: Lucha Libre: The Man in the Silver Mask. There will be a post-lecture booksign-

ing and viewing of Garza’s own paintings of luchadores. April 7, at 7 p.m. at CESL

Auditorium.

Tucson International Mariachi Festival

Tickets are now on sale for this annual festi-

val that will take place April 24-29. Starring acts include, Los Camperos de Nati Cano and Mariachi Los Arrieros. For more infor-

mation visit www.tucsonmariachi.org.

The Tucson Poetry Festival

At Cinema La Placita. Besides bilingual poet-

ry, the festival includes a bilingual poetry con-

test for high school students. April 7-23.

Bring Down the Walls

Numerous events throughout April in response to increased anti-immigration. Includes vigils on the border, poetry events and more. www.derechoshumanosaz.net

Clockwise from top left: Marleen Godinez proudly holds Chiqita, the champion; Vanessa with Gia Ju Ju get-

ting ready for the race; owner-

ers call their dogs towards the finish line; and above, Power is consoled with a hot dog after losing his race.

Community Calendar - Events to watch for

Rio Vjajo/Rio Nuevo

Uncovering Tucson’s Past

An exhibit at Arizona Historical Society, 949 E. 2nd St., looks at Tucson’s history, focusing on the Maricano and Spanish period from 1693-1854, the Tucson Presidio and archeol-

gy. The exhibit runs through May 26. Admission is $5. Call 628-5774 for more information.

Louise Serpa photography exhibit

Temptle Gallery, 130 Scott Ave. This displays Serpa’s rodeo photographs. Runs through March 1; entry is free.

El Nacimiento

La Casa Cordova, 175 N. Meyer Ave., show-
scases painted terra-cotta figures, waterfalls

and lights. On display through March 31. Call 792-3715.

“Mixed Messages”

Beowulf Alley Theatre, 11 S. 6th Avenue. Play about people with mixed heritage and conf