It was a well-deserved 80-degree fall day in Arizona. Tucsonans browsed a colorful variety of gourds, tomatillos, peppers and herbs lined the tables of local vendors at the new El Pueblo Farmer’s Market.

“I am thrilled about this farmer’s market, being a vendor is fun,” said Jennia Evans, a senior at Tucson High School who grows all of her vegetables in her aunt’s backyard. “When I am able to produce more food, I would like to join as many local farmer’s markets as possible.”

Evans, 17, opened JJ Rhea Gardens on Oct. 23 at the Tucson Community Food Bank’s grand opening of the El Pueblo Farmer’s Market. She sold peppers, tomatillos, basil, cilantro, spinach, Swiss chard and micro greens.

Shopper Dr. Minnie Almader was thrilled to buy eggplant, basil and butternut squash, while supporting the food bank and their new effort.

“This is where I grew up, so I love supporting this farmer’s market,” she said. “I want to encourage more people to eat more healthfully by shopping here.”

Almader also pointed out that farmer’s markets are great places to learn. She was given a sample of huautlacoche fungus, a culinary delicacy that grows on corn, from vendor Don Breckenfeld, a retired soil scientist, who taught her about its health benefits.

El Pueblo is the fourth farmer’s market the food bank has established in its effort to provide a wider variety of freshly grown, local food around the city.

Monica Garcia, the farmers’ market outreach coordinator, says that El Pueblo will provide alternatives to supermarket fare.

“We are here because we want to increase healthful options for this community,” Garcia said. “By providing locally grown fruits and vegetables, people have better food options for their families.”

The farmer’s market is held at the El Pueblo Park, on the southwest corner of Irvington Road and Sixth Avenue, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors accept Arizona Farmers’ Market Nutrition Vouchers and WIC cash value vouchers, Garcia said.

“We want to make sure that the entire community can be a part of this market,” she said, which is why the food bank made sure these kinds of vouchers are accepted at the market.

The food bank wanted the new farmer’s market to be located in the south side of Tucson to accommodate the highly concentrated Hispanic area, enabling the community easy access to a farmer’s market, Garcia said. Most of popular farmer’s markets are on the north side of Tucson.

The farmer’s market not only offers healthier food options, it also offers low-income families the opportunity to grow and sell fruits and vegetables from their own backyards.

“We offer a home gardening program to low-income families,” said Garcia, who explained the food bank’s home gardening program and its benefits.

“Through the food bank’s program, families learn to grow produce in their backyards and then they can sell any excess at the farmer’s market. This allows them to grow healthful foods for their family and also make money.”

After a successful grand-opening in October, Audra Christophel, the food bank’s consignment coordinator, is excited about the potential of the El Pueblo Farmer’s Market.

“We had a wonderful turnout today,” she said. “There was a lot of great community involvement and this is just the beginning.”

El Pueblo needs as many local vendors as possible to increase healthful options for this community.

[Photo: Morgan Galbraith

Dianna Yoder (left) happily purchases a gigantic squash from Audra Christophel at the grand opening of the El Pueblo Farmer’s Market.]
Immigrant Becomes Immigration Expert Witness

By Kirsten Boele

In 1957, 8-year-old Celestino Fernandez left behind his adobe home with dirt floors, no stove, and hot water and only a couple of hours of electricity per day.

He moved from Mexico with his family to Santa Rosa, Calif., where his father picked the best apples off the trees that went to the supermarket and Fernandez, together with his mother and sisters, gathered the fallen apples that traveled to factories for processing. The family earned 10 cents per box.

"I literally, every single day, we were there—year after year," Fernandez says. "I still have stretch marks at the bottom of my back of all the bending that I did when I was young."

It makes me do it because I think that the judge ought to have the best possible information and if you are going to have justice you need to have accurate information," he says.

In recent years, Fernandez has served as an expert witness in 25 cases to assess the cultural identity of undocumented immigrants.

"Litigation about immigration has boomed. Operation Streamline, an expedited deportation procedure, alone already processes more than 53,000 people in Federal District Courts along the U.S.-Mexico border each year. Most of his clients, like him, were brought to the U.S. by their parents and have spent the majority of their lives in the U.S."

"They were brought over when they were 3 months old, 3 years old, 5 years old, and in most cases, they have never gone back," Fernandez explains. "They were raised in L.A., in northern California and Phoenix and their families never took them to Mexico."

As a result, "most of them understand some Spanish. They don’t speak it. If the court, they speak like Americans with an English accent," Fernandez says.

Switching back and forth between English and Spanish, Fernandez asks the defendants about school, family, television, music, American and Mexican history—"their everyday lives."

"I ask them, ‘So what did you do when you were deported?’ They say, ‘Well, I went to get some food. I gave them a dollar and they gave me this stuff back and I didn’t even know what it was.’ They don’t know the currency, for example, because they have never seen it, they have never used it,” Fernandez explains.

U.S. judges can take into account an immigrant’s cultural identity and community ties in sentencing. In all but one case, his expert-witness reports helped reduce the prison sentence by an average of 15 months.

"There are hundreds of individuals, thousands perhaps, that are in these situations," Fernandez says.

At least half of the felony cases at Tucson’s Public Defender Office involve undocumented defendants, according to Public Defender Erénudra Castillo-Reina. Approximatly 3,200 felony and 22,000 misdemeanor cases were filed in Arizona in the fiscal year 2009, according to statistics from the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

The numbers have increased in the past decade. "The Bush and Obama administrations have put emphasis on securing the border and one of their goals is to increase deportations," Castillo-Reina says.

In the air-conditioned, windowless courtroom of the Federal Courthouse, 50 undocumented migrants nervously await their group trial. Most of them, dressed in filthy clothes and torn shoes, are exhausted from walking through the deadly desert for days and spending hours in temporary detention centers.

With desperate looks on their faces, one after the other the echoes "vulpable," "meaning ‘guilty.” After one-and-a-half hours, 50 undocumented migrants are sentenced and deported.

There is enough work for Fernandez, but he is clearly not satisfied. "The work can be exhausting and emotional. We have to talk with these guys for two hours in this very hot room and they come through this meshed screen, I had a number of them just cry and break down,” Fernandez says.

This makes the work challenging. "Yes, I am doing my job as a professional," Fernandez says. "But I had the immigration experience. I was a kid. I know. It is not something that is easily put aside."

Border Reverend Holds Memorials for Migrants Found Dead in Desert

By Nick Rob Letson

Spanish speakers, retired doctors, or just good drivers from Good Shepherd United Church of Christ head deep into the Arizona desert several times a week in white pick-up trucks with one mission: to save lives and recognize the lives lost near the U.S.-Mexico border.

In Sahuarita, a small town 30 miles from the Arizona-Mexico border, a faith-based group called the Green Valley Sahuarita Samaritans maintain around 20 water stations frequented by thirsty migrants crossing the desert. The volunteers come armed with food, water and medical supplies for migrants they encounter and have saved more than a few lives.

But they also have lost battles in the seven years since they started. Sometimes, they encounter lives already lost, the Rev. Randy J. Mayer, founder of the Samaritans said.

Last year, there were a record number of deaths in the borderlands. More than 250 north-bound migrants died crossing the Arizona desert, according to the Tucson sector of Southern Arizona county medical examiners.

When the Samaritans find a body, Mayer organizes a memorial service in the middle of the desert. There, he leads church members in prayer and a formal last goodbye. The most difficult service was performed for an older man the group found dead four years ago on the Buenos Aires National Reserve, 100 yards from a road where he might have found help.

"He was that close," Mayer said. He estimated the man was in his late 50s.

Also difficult were the services for two migrants found shortly to death at a mine down the street from the church and the several bodies located off Interstate 19 near Catalina. "It shouldn’t matter if the person is from Mexico or from Sahuarita," Mayer said. "We have to stop the deceased person is from, “people are grieving and a family is destroyed.”

Not all in the borderlands community agree with the church’s aid to migrants crossing the desert illegally. And the criticism intensified during this past election cycle.

On Oct. 31, the weekend before Arizona’s Election Day, a protester parked himself in front of Mayer’s church, carrying a sign: "Lady, you are Good Shepherd, bad American." This same protester has been staked out in front of the church every Sunday for the past year.

Customary to the rest of the territory, but the church’s focus is to stop death and suffering on the border. Mayer said.

“Nobody should be dying in the desert,” he said.
How to Give Back on Thanksgiving

By Alexa Miller

Thanksgiving is a time to express gratitude for friends, family and all the positives in one’s life. The following organizations are putting together community Thanksgiving dinners. Spend your Thanksgiving with them or get involved by helping their cause.

Thanksgiving in the Barrio

Luz Social Services, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation and the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona are learning up to put on their 12th annual Thanksgiving dinner. Free and open to the public.

Where: El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, 101 W. Irvington Rd.

When: Nov. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

How to help: In need of volunteers and food donations such as frozen turkeys and canned food. Luz Social Services can also pick up food donations. For more information, call 388-4747.

Gospel Rescue Mission

Offering hot meals as well as to-go meals. Also hosting a “Caring Fair” where different agencies provide services such as passing out free dog food.

Where: 312 W. 28th St.

When: Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

How to help: In need of volunteers and food donations. For more information, call Evelyn at 740-1501 ext. 7036.

Salvation Army

Their 26th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner is free and open to the public. Takeout sandwiches and entertainment will be provided. Home delivered meals can also be ordered. Call 322-2009.

Where: 1143 E. Fort Lowell Rd.

When: Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

How to help: All volunteer positions are filled, but they are currently in need of food donations such as pies, turkeys, dinner rolls, loaves of white bread, etc. Monetary donations are also accepted. Donate to the Salvation Army City Offices, 1001 N. Richey Blvd. For more information, call 795-9671.

Compassion Hope Center Church

Hot dinner provided.

Where: 4650 E. Eastland St.

When: Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

How to help: Volunteers and food donations are needed. For more information, call 320-5437 ext. 4.

Feeding Lot Program

Hot dinner, food boxes and clothing are provided.

Where: Outdoor area at 4431 E. 22nd St.

When: Nov. 26 from 3 to 6 p.m.

How to help: Volunteers and food or clothing donations are needed. For more information, call 320-5437 ext. 4.

PostSecret on Display at UA

By Jackie Tran

The “PostSecret: Confessions on Life, Death and God” exhibit is based on the popular Web site PostSecret.com, where people anonymously submit artistic postcards with a secret written on them. The exhibit is on display until Dec. 12 at the University of Arizona Museum of Art. UA Food will be working with the UAMA for “Art 4 Food” weekends to support the Community Food Bank. On every Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 12, each donation of two cans of food will earn one free museum admission.

The current exhibit is taking submissions from anyone wanting to anonymously post their secret on a postcard, said Diane Hartman, director of resource initiatives for the UAAMA. Select postcards will be chosen for display. While the postcards are primarily in English, submissions in other languages are accepted.

PostSecret began when Arizona native Frank Warren handed out 3,000 postcards to strangers in 2004. He asked them to each anonymously write a secret on the postcard and mail it to him. The cards went up on display in Washington D.C. and other cities around the world. The exhibit is organized by International Art and Artists of Washington, D.C. and Frank Warren.

Gospel Rescue Mission

Estará sirviendo cenas u ofrecerás cenas para llevar. También se pueden hacer pedidos de cenas con entrega a domicilio, llamando al 465-2009.

Lugar: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 1143 E. Fort Lowell Rd.

Cuándo: El 25 de noviembre, desde las 11 de la mañana hasta las 1 de la tarde.

¿Cómo se puede cooperar? Se necesitan voluntarios y donaciones de comida. Para más información llamar al 795-9671.

Compassion Hope Center Church

Se proveerán cenas recién hechas.

Lugar: 4650 E. Eastland St.

Cuándo: El 25 de noviembre, desde las 11 de la mañana hasta las 1 de la tarde.

¿Cómo se puede cooperar? Se necesitan voluntarios y donaciones de comida. Para más información llamar al 320-5437 ext. 4.

Feeding Lot Program

Se proveerán cenas recién hechas, provisiones de comida y ropa.

Lugar: El aire libre en la dirección de 4431 E. 22nd St.

Cuándo: El 25 de noviembre desde las 3 hasta las 6 de la tarde.

¿Cómo se puede cooperar? Se necesitan voluntarios y donaciones de comida o ropa. Para más información llamar al 320-5437 ext. 4.

Thanksgiving in the Barrio

El Luz Social Services, el Park and Recreation de la ciudad de Tucson y la asociación comunitaria de Community Partnership of Southern Arizona se van a unir para el décimo sexto mes de Cena de Thanksgiving. Cena gratuita y abierta al público.

Para el Público: El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, 101 W. Irvington Rd.

Cuándo: El 19 de noviembre desde las 11:30 de la mañana hasta las 3:30 de la tarde.

¿Cómo se puede cooperar? Se necesitan voluntarios y donaciones de comida tal como pavo, pan con cebolla y comidas en lata. Los servicios sociales de Luz Social Services también pueden recoger donaciones de comida. Para más información llamar al 388-4747.

Gospel Rescue Mission

Volunteers provide and prepare a feast at the 2009 Gospel Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

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How to Participate

1. Get a postcard from the UA Museum of Art.

2. Turn it over and write your secret on it.

3. Drop it in the box outside the UA Museum of Art front doors or mail to:

   Evelyn Conover, Pavé
   101 W. Irvington Rd.

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The head count at an event: stats By the numbers.

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By Leanna Levine

The Rev. Michael Meyers will never forget his first experience with St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic. He was introduced to a 5-year-old girl who could not walk. “She had a blister on the bottom of her foot, another blister on her other foot, a blister on each palm,” Meyers says, circling the areas on his own hands. “She walked on all fours.”

He put her diabetic sock on her foot and in Spanish she said, “it doesn’t hurt Mommy.”

Every turn up in the reverend’s eyes as he recalls the story. He wipes his glasses and apologetically.

But the little girl looked him. Now, every first Thursday of the month, you will find him at St. Andrew’s in Nogales, Arizona, fitting children with proper orthopedic shoes.

On a recent Thursday, his patients and many others waited outside of a church. They traveled many miles from home for this day. Inside the church, doctors prepared for their patients. Volunteers prepared snacks for the families who may not have eaten since leaving Mexico. The aroma of carne asada, chicken and pork wafted through the halls of the church as volunteers prepared lunch. In the kitchen, bowls of crumbly nachos were laid out to be passed around to traveling families. “Every square inch of this place is used,” volunteer Barbara Gray says. Each room is used for a different type of therapy including speech, physical, eye, ear, pharmacological and orthopedic.

Outside, a white Jeep Wrangler hauling a small trailer backs into an area at the rear of the church. It’s Rev. Mike Meyers with his shoe-miniary. Meyers, a funny man from South Bronx, N.Y., came to Tucson in 1970. He is a board-certified podiatrist—a specialist in footwear—who owns Michael’s Comfort Shoes in Tucson. He also deacon at The Episcopal Parish of St. Michael and All Angels in Tucson.

The shoebox ministry helps those who need orthopedic care but cannot afford the high costs of shoes or braces. Meyers says. Every Thursday he drives to the clinic from Tucson with his trailer full of various orthopedic products, many of which are donated by shoe manufacturers. He began gathering shoes for Casa de los Niños “in a big way.” He told others in the shoe industry that there were people who were in desperate need of shoes. Meyers collected hundreds of pairs of shoes from Buster Brown Shoes which they were unable to sell because of legal issues. Casa de Los Niños wanted to sell the shoes in thrift stores, but Meyers refused. He knew there was a need for the shoes at St. Andrews. “It’s a strange story,” Meyers says, referring to the founding of the shoebox ministry. He also understands the emotional aspect of work. Because of some religious beliefs, children with deformities may be ostracized by society.

Some people believe that the supernatural impacts pregnancy and causes birth defects. Meyers points out that, “These children are hidden by their mothers because of the stigma attached to these diseases.”

Mothers are concerned that society will deem their children haunted by witchcraft or evil spirits.

Maria, the mother of Joaquin Ortega, says she knew during her pregnancy that her child would have a disability. It was not something she could explain, just something she felt. Joaquin, 7, arrives by wheelchair in the room where Meyers fits patients with orthopedic shoes. He is placed on an examination table and fitted with new leg braces. Then, he is given a walker and begins to shuffle around the room. A smile spreads across his face as he struts around.

Evelyn Salomon Camacho has come to the clinic for many years. She needs orthopedic shoes and braces to walk and she has outgrown the shoes she wears. Although unable to speak, she cannot sit still in the chair where she is waiting. She squeals with excitement once she has put on her shoes. Meyers helps her out of the chair and begins to dance with her. She laughs and twitches with delight.

Meyers turns to Mike Bush, one of the volunteers watching. “Somebody can you be so lucky,” he says with a wink.

Pueblo Teacher Wins Award for Hands-On Bioscience

By Amanda Johnson

“Change the wavelength. Write down the absorbance,” Dr. Andrew Lettes repeats his directions in a calm voice to his students at Pueblo Magnet High School.

Lettes’s classroom is the only open door among all other classrooms. The classroom has high ceilings and there is little open space for students. The room. A smile spreads across his face as he struts around.

The Arizona Biotechnology Association nominated Lettes a researcher for the 16-year-old science teacher, and other instructors alike, work to make science more interesting and appealing to high school students.

The Arizona Bioindustry Association nominated Dr. Michael A. Cusano as the Arizona Bioindustry Bioscience Educator of the Year award in early October, along with two other teachers, including a University of Arizona professor.

Lettes received the award on Oct. 27 at a reception held at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn Scottsdale. In addition to this recognition, Lettes was awarded $500 to spend in his classroom. He spent the money on white lab coats for his students to wear during experiments.

Lettes received a doctorate in pharmacology and worked as a research scientist at the UA College of Pharmacy. He left his job as a researcher when his oldest son entered the public school system.

“Students could really benefit by having a teacher who knows how science is done, opposed to just knowing how it looks in a book,” Lettes says.

“As a teacher, Lettes brings his experience as a researcher into the classroom and the curricu-

Lettes started with only six students. When he wanted to attract more to the class, he knew he would be more successful if he had more in his lesson plans than basic bookwork.

“I really started getting passionate about science when I started doing lab work,” Lettes says. “I always loved science but understand that not everyone has that passion.”

Lettes realized that by letting students practice science through lab work and experiments, he could then make science come off the pages of their textbooks and into their lives. After Lettes got into teaching, the UA began looking to incorporate biotechnology into high school classrooms. Initially, he was opposed to teaching biotechnology because the subject was usually taught through simulation.

“I was so against the excitement of biotechnol-

Lettes has invested a lot into his class and recommended it because of her interest in a career in the medical field.

Luis Varela, a sophomore, took the class because he thinks it will prepare him for a career as an anesthesiologist.

Lettes says it is different than other science teachers he has had before because Varela has the ability to explain difficult sub-

“Heart love everything about this class,” Varela says. “This class is really unique.

Lettes has invested a lot into his class and has a lot of goals for the biotechnology program at Pueblo.

“IT’s in my hope that as our students start real-

Lettes hopes to see the class grow to 100 students in the next couple of years.

“We’re not there yet, but we have a strong foundation,” he says.

Pueblo Magnet High School Teacher

Dr. Andrew Lettes was recognized in October for being an innovative bioscience teacher.
Home is Where the Heart is for Young Family

El Pueblo es el cuarto mercado de agricultores, dice que El Pueblo Farmer’s Market es divertido, el mercado de agricultores es un lugar donde puedes comprar productos frescos, además de ganar algo de dinero.

El mercado de agricultores se reúne en el Pueblo Park, en la esquina suroeste de Irvington Road y Sixth Avenue, todos los domingos.

Before becoming homeless, Compion worked long days under the sun for a landscaping company in Alabama but said the more money he made, the unhappier he was.

“After having been homeless for some time, I realized that it was the little things that I had been taking for granted,” said Compion. “I want to be able to take care of them everyday when I can start working,” he said.

“Staying strong and setting a good example for our kids is the top of the couple’s priority list,” Carter said. “I want to be able to take care of them and make sure they’re set and happy and have everything they need.”

Although his father wasn’t around much for work and families, Carter and Compion say they feel blessed to have a place where they can be together as a family, even if it is a homeless shelter.

“I love the holidays,” Carter said. “It’s just about being together, we were always together as a family, even if it is a homeless shelter.”

Before he turns 23 this coming June, Compion wants to get his GED and make my way through Border Patrol,” said Compion.

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Southside Hoops Legend Gets His Recognition

By Adam Kirkman

A lifetime of successes on and off the court culminated in a celebration that is more than well-deserved.

Former Tucson High basketball star Delano Price joined the Pima County Sports Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2010 induction ceremony Oct. 24.

The Gary, Ind., native was one of the stars of the 1969 Tucson High basketball team that captured the state title in impressive form, compiling a record of 23-1.

Price moved to Tucson when he was in 2nd grade. He attended University Heights Elementary, Roskreg Middle School and finally, he finished his prep career at Tucson High as a Badger.

Although the game of basketball proved to be more than influential on Price, it wasn’t really his first love. Until the fifth grade, basketball took a backseat to the game of baseball.

“I was a hell of a baseball player,” Price said, but it didn’t take long for him to see how special he was on the basketball court.

Price’s name and accomplishments will forever echo in the history of Arizona’s prep basketball lore. Price ended his sophomore season as an all-city honorable mention. His junior season saw him become a first-team all-city. Price’s senior year was “a hell of a season,” he said.

“I’m proud of Sunnyside and the progress the area has made.”

Price feels the YMCA kept him out of trouble and the football field helped him get his athletic skills in order.

So Price decided to dedicate her induction to her parents and the YMCA.

“I’m always been diligent about achieving his goals and inspired his children to do the same,” said Price’s daughter Tanisha Johnson, director of admissions for the School of Medicine at the University of Arizona.

A proud and humble Price never seems to forget a face or a meeting he has had with anyone along his journey. Not long ago, he and some of his teammates from his state title team found their old coach, Tony Morales, living in Hemet, Calif. “It was a great moment,” Price said. “He remembered all of us and everything about that season. It was very special to me.”

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El Tour de Tucson
Come watch over 9,000 cyclists of all ages finish El Tour de Tucson at Jacome Plaza located downtown at the corner of West Church Street and East Pennington Street. Enjoy El Tour Downtown Fiesta, stocked with food vendors, beer gardens, merchandise booths and music throughout the day. This ride benefits charitable agencies such as Diamond Children’s Medical Center, Tu Nidito and Ben’s Bells. For more information, visit www.pbaa.com.

Nov. 21
Sunday Evening Art Forum
On the third Sunday of every month, The Drawing Studio hosts artist talks and discussions where they strive to inform and engage audiences about contemporary art, artists and issues around art making in the 21st century. From 7 to 9 p.m., suggested donation $5. Located at 3 S. Sixth Ave. For more information, contact 620-0947 or visit www.thedrawingstudio.org for details.

Nov. 22, 29 and Dec. 6
Drop-In Job Help
Need help with your resume? The computer instructor at the Sam Lena-South Tucson Library will be there to assist walk-ins. Topics also include how to search for jobs online and setting up e-mail accounts. Held Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m. Located at 1607 S. Sixth Ave. For more information, visit www.library.pima.gov.

Nov. 26
Caramel Apple Friday
Bring the kids down to Maynard’s Market & Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Ave., and create your own caramel apples. Get creative with toppings ranging from crushed local nuts, raisins, M&Ms and more from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is $5. For more information, visit www.maynardsmarket.com.

Nov. 26 – 27
Holiday Nights
Head up to Tohono Chul Park to see half-a-million lights and luminarias! Enjoy holiday cookies, cider and live music. Browse ornaments or take a picture with Frosty the Snowman!
Admission is $8 for adults, $2 for children 12 and under. Located at 7366 N. Paseo Del Norte. Call 742-6455 ext. 0 for tickets. For more information, visit www.tohonochulpark.org.

December 3-5
Luminaria Nights
This holiday season, thousands of luminarias will light up the garden paths at the Tucson Botanical Gardens 24th annual Luminaria Nights. Enjoy eclectic music and culinary treats. More than 50 entertainment groups will perform, including school choirs, Irish music and Desert Bluegrass. Food vendors include Trader Joe’s, Café Italiano and Sweet Rustler Treats. For more information, visit www.tucsonbotanical.org.

20 de noviembre
El Tour de Túnez
Venga a ver a más de 9,000 ciclistas de todas las edades acabar El Tour de Túnez en Jacome Plaza, localizada en el centro de la ciudad en la esquina del West Church Street y East Pennington Street. Disfrute de El Tour Downtown Fiesta, donde encontrará vendedores de comida, cervecerías al aire libre, puestos con mercancía y música durante el día. Este paseo beneficiará a agencias de beneficencia tales como el Diamond Children’s Medical Center, Tu Nidito, y Ben’s Bells. Para más información visite www.pbaa.com.

21 de noviembre
Foros de arte dominicales (Sunday Evening Art Forum)
El tercer domingo de cada mes, The Drawing Studio llevará a cabo pláticas y discusiones de artistas donde se esforzarán en informar e interesar a la audiencia sobre el arte contemporáneo, artistas y cuestiones acerca de la creación de arte en el siglo 21. De las 7 a las 9 p.m., donación sugerida: $5. Ubicados en 33 S. Sixth Ave. Para mayores informes, llame al 620-0947 o visite www.thedrawingstudio.org para más detalles.

26 de noviembre
Viernes de manzanas de caramelo (Caramel Apple Friday)
Traiga a los niños a Maynards Market & Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Ave., y haga propias manzanas de caramelo. Sea creativo con ingredientes desde nueces locales trituradas, pasas, M&Ms y más desde las 11 a.m. hasta la 1 p.m. El precio es $5. Para más información, visite www.maynardsmarket.com.

24 y 29 de noviembre, y 4 de diciembre
Ayuda para encontrar empleo (Drop-in Job Help)
¿Necesita ayuda con su currículum? El instructor de computación de Sam-Lena-South Tucson Library estará allí para ayudar al que se presente. Los temas también incluyen cómo buscar trabajos en la red y cómo establecer una cuenta de correo electrónico. Se llevará a cabo los lunes de 2 a 4 p.m. Ubicada en 1607 S. Sixth Ave. Gratis. Para más información, visite www.library.pima.gov.

Diciembre 3-5
Luminaria Nights
Durante estas fiestas de fin del año, miles de luminarias se alinearán en los jardines del Tucson Botanical Gardens durante el 24° anual Luminaria Nights. Pase la noche escuchando música eclecticamente disfrazadas dulces cultivados. Más de 30 grupos entretenimientos incluyendo coros escolares, música irlandesa y Desert Bluegrass. Vendedores de alimentos serán Trader Joe’s, Café Italiano y Sweet Rustler Treats. Será de viernes a domingo, desde las 5:30 p.m. a 8 p.m. Los precios del entrado son $9 para adultos y $5 para niños. 2150 N. Alvernon Way. Para más información, visite www.tucsonbotanical.org.

Upcoming community events can be submitted to El Independiente at elindy.us@gmail.com.

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