Props 401, 402 Would Increase TUSD Budget

By Tory Beardsley

Two propositions on the November 2009 ballot seek extra funding for Tucson Unified School District.

Proposition 401, a “maintenance override,” aims to receive approximately seven percent more for the district’s budget, said TUSD Staff Attorney Michael Areinoff. This override will provide about $190 extra per student for schools to use. These funds may be used to decrease class sizes, provide better library or counselor services or improve art and music education as the schools see fit.

“Proposition 401’s real aim is to get full-day kindergarten,” Areinoff said. “With the latest budget cuts a lot of schools have been given, they’ve had to get rid of it.”

TUSD’s budget has been cut by nearly $45 million due to state budget reductions in the past year.

If it passes, Proposition 401 will add an additional $18 million for these services in the schools.

The other proposed TUSD override, Proposition 402, is aimed at getting technology upgrades in the district.

*Prop 401 & 402* See page 6

Candidates Vie for Ward 5 Seat on City Council

By Larissa Capizzano

Two candidates are eager to fill Steve Ladow’s seat on the Tucson City Council, once the Ward Five councilman retires in December.

In November, Tucson residents will decide between Republican nominee Shaun McClusky and Democrat Fimbres to represent the south-central ward.

McClusky, a designated broker and co-owner of Rincon Ventures, a real estate agency, has lived in Tucson for 10 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1999 to 2003.

Fimbres, a native Tucsonan, spent more than 20 years with the Pima County Sheriff’s Department. When McClusky was a governing board member of Pima Community College and was the former director of the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, he appointed Janet Nagelotto.

He also served in the National Guard for more than 27 years.

Fimbres wanted to work in politics because “we need to make personal sacrifices and roll up our sleeves and work hard to improve the quality of life for everyone in our community,” he said.

As a small business owner, McClusky feels the city council is “unfriendly” toward businesses, which is why he decided to run for the Ward Five seat.

*Ward 5* See page 6

BMX Riders Lobby to Practice in a Safe Venue

By Jenna Davis

Scott Laos approached the podium at a Sept. 9 city council meeting and solemnly told Tucson City Council members about his son, Kory Laos, who was killed two years ago while riding his bicycle motorcross (BMX) bike near the University of Arizona.

Laos’ concerns are mirrored by other BMX riders in the community who feel the city has not provided them with a safe place to practice the extreme sport. Laos asked council members to allow the bike riders two days of practice time each week at Santa Rita Skate Park, a $1 million skateboarding facility that opened last spring.

The park currently bans BMX riders from practicing there.

“We’re just trying to pick a couple of days for just bikes only,” Laos said, who has been pushing the first BMX park to be built in Tucson since his son’s death.

BMX bikes are too big and could seriously hurt skaters.

“If you run into another person skating, it’s just body-on-body contact,” said Felli while riding his skateboard at the park. “But if you run into somebody biking—if you get run over—they can like, gouge your eye out.”

Riley Smith, 17, also thinks BMX riders should be kept out of the park.

*Skate Park* See page 6

Mexico Eliminates Jail Time for Personal Drug Use

By David Diaz Jr.

The Mexican government’s decision to eliminate jail time for recreational drug users has given border towns cause for concern.

Mexico’s new law will eliminate jail time for those caught with small amounts of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, LSD and methamphetamine.

A person caught with drugs lower than the personal-use limit will be encouraged to seek treatment.

The personal-use limit includes five grams of marijuana, one-half of a gram of cocaine, 50 milligrams of heroin, 40 milligrams of methamphetamine and 0.005 of a milligram of LSD. According to a press release by the Drug Policy Alliance Network.

Southern Arizona law enforcement predicts there will be an increase in the number of U.S. citizens crossing into Mexico to take advantage of the new law.

“We will see more people coming across the border high on drugs and that is not a good thing,” said Tony Estrada, Santa Cruz county sheriff.
Padre Kino Honored with Westside Shrine

By Halley McIntyre

In a time of deficits and budget cuts, historical projects and restorations are often put on hold or even looked in favor of other ventures. But the neighborhoods and historical societies near the base of Sentinel Peak, or “A” Mountain, are determined to move forward with those projects that are closest to their hearts – the gardens and shrines that commemorate the “birthplace of Tucson,” and those who were a part of it.

A shrine honoring Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, located at 930 W. Mission Lane, is scheduled to be dedicated on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 9 a.m., said Raúl Ramírez, a member of the Kino Heritage society. Ramírez built the shrine with Gilbert Fiambres and Pedro González in August.

The dedication will be performed by Father Corbally, who much like the subject, is a Jesuit and an astronomer.

Kino was among the first priests to visit the Native American community living in the Tucson area, and always wanted to establish a mission at the base of what is now Sentinel Peak, Ramírez said. Kino died in 1711 before a mission was constructed, but his work was carried on by another missionary, Father García, who founded Mission San Agustín in 1770.

In addition to the shrine, which was privately funded and currently resides on the property of Phil Webster, there are other projects in the works, including the restoration, or “greening” of Mission Garden, and a wall that is slated to be built around it.

These projects are all in the Sentinel Peak area, according to the Friends of Tucson’s Birthplace, is the first area in Tucson to be inhabited by humans. Tucson got its name from the O’odham language, derived from a similar-sounding word, “Chuk Shon,” which roughly translates to “base of black mountain.”

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‘Awesome’ QuikTrip to Expand to Southside’s Irvington Road

By Lizzy MacDonnell

Tucsonans soon may discover what their neighbors in Phoenix already know: QuikTrip, soon to be located on East Irvington Road, is not your regular convenience store.

QuikTrip, known for its low prices, unparalleled customer service, wide selection of items and constant cleanliness.

Construction began in August at 2345 E. Irvington Road, where a 5,000-square-foot QuikTrip convenience store with 16 gas pumps will be the first location in Tucson, said QuikTrip spokesman Mike Walker.

“Now we’ve got another store that is going to be our flagship store,” said QuikTrip spokesman Mike Walker.

The store is expected to open in mid-January with future locations in Tucson.

“Those familiar with QuikTrip are excited for the Tucson opening. It would go out of my way to find a QT in Tucson,” said Morgan Walker, a University of Arizona business student from Phoenix. “For not only the cheap gas, but a majority of products they sell there.”

Alexandra Bayse, fellow Phoenix native and University of Arizona student, said there is no cleaner convenience store facility than QuikTrip or any place that has a friendly staff.

“Some gas stations are just disgusting, but never QT,” Bayse said. “Plus, you never know who you will run into at QT because people go out of their way to go there. It’s always like a party in the parking lot.”

Thorburn says his company cannot be matched because of the quality they guarantee on everything.

“What distinguishes QT from others in the industry is our employees. They are bright, articulate, fast, courteous and consistent.”

The Tulsa-based corporation has been ranked by Fortune Magazine for seven years in a row as one of the “100 Best Companies to Work For.” In 2009, QuikTrip was ranked number 27. QuikTrip has 530 stores in nine states and sells 1.7 percent of all gas in the United States, Thorburn said.

The convenience store expanded to Phoenix in 2000 and has since opened 70 stores in the area. Tucson will be the first expansion into new markets since Phoenix, Thorburn said.

The future QuikTrip addition to Tucson may excite Phoenixians living in Tucson, but local residents do not know what all the hype is about.

“I have never heard of QuikTrip,” said Caroline Singer, South Tucson resident. “My sister works at Subway right next door and all they told her is a gas station going up. I think it is an awkward place for a gas station.”

But Thorburn remains hopeful about the future of the convenience store in the Old Pueblo.

“Tucson is a great city,” Thorburn said, “and QT believes the opportunity for us to be successful and grow, are tremendous.”

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Santa Cruz Church Renovated With New Floor, Roof, Paint and Air Conditioning

By Taryn Lawson

Following months of renovations, Santa Cruz Catholic Church, 1220 S. Sixth Ave., celebrated Aug. 15 its reopening.

The $550,000 project, done by Camwest Group, Inc., began in February and included the renovation of a new air conditioning system, a new roof, improved lighting and flooring and a fresh coat of paint inside the church.

According to Parish Secretary Patty Ahumada, the project was planned when Robles was the parish secretary, the position she held for seven months of the repairs both inside and outside of the church building.

The repairs were funded by grants, donations from the community and fundraising events.

Church parishioners plan to continue their fundraising efforts to paint the church exterior as well.

Santa Cruz Catholic Church celebrated Mass for the first time in 1919, and now appears on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mass schedules at the church have returned to normal. For more information, visit the church Web site at http://www.santacruzparish.org.

Robles Retires After 37 Years of Service

By Claire Engkelken

It was the proverbial week from hell. Amid retiring from her position as city clerk of South Tucson, Dolores Robles lost a half-sister to leukemia and had to prepare for her only son’s upcoming wedding in Nogales.

Despite the chaos, Robles said her retirement party was “touching.” She has worked for South Tucson since March of 1970. Robles party included toasts, speeches from colleagues and people she helped: and plaques and framed tributes, which Robles now proudly displays in her home.

“Everyone just seemed so appreciative,” she said. “It’s the hard not to cry.”

Richard G. Salaz, director of planning and zoning, director of transportation and flood control personnel director for South Tucson, said Robles is missed by colleagues.

Since Robles’ retirement, Verónica Moreno, the assistant to the city clerk, has taken on the duties of the city clerk for an unspecified amount of time. Moreno, a 15-year city employee, said she is enjoying her new job, despite having a double workload. Moreno said the city is not currently looking for another city clerk. She began preparing for the transition in April, with Robles guidance.

Robles began working as a traffic clerk in 1970, after a former Pueblo High School friend helped her apply. She earned “about $3 an hour” and moved around to various jobs until becoming the city clerk in 1990, a transition that “just happened naturally.”

“I just fell into place there. I enjoyed working for the city, that’s why I kept doing it,” Robles said.

“Santa Cruz Catholic Church

El proyecto, que costó $550,000, fue llevado a cabo por Camwest Group, Inc., que empezó en febrero. Se incluyó la instalación de un nuevo sistema de aire acondicionado, un techo nuevo, manchas de pintura, un nuevo capa de pintura dentro del edificio.

De acuerdo a la secretaria parroquial Patty Ahumada, el personal de la iglesia estaba muy satisfecho con el trabajo, que se completó por alrededor de $15,000 debajo del presupuesto.

Las reparaciones fueron financiadas con subsidios, donaciones de la comunidad y eventos para recaudar fondos.

Los parroquianos de la iglesia planean tener más eventos para poder recaudar los fondos necesarios para también pintar el exterior de la iglesia.

La Santa Cruz Iglesia celebró su primera misa en 1919, y ahora aparece en el Registro Nacional de Lugares Históricos.


Renovación completa de la Iglesia Santa Cruz

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Santa Cruz Church staff members Patty Ahumada and Raul Gonzalez pose outside of the newly reopened church building.

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STPD Receives $180K Federal Grant Money

South Tucson Police Department, one of 13 agencies to receive funding

The program, which received an average of $1 million from Congress, reviewed more than 7,000 applications. Only 1,046 police departments, or 13 agencies in Arizona, were granted about $12.6 million to hire 56 officers. Out of those 13 Arizona agencies, four were from tribal police forces, including the Tohono O’odham Nation.

The South Tucson Police Department trains young Explorers outside the department’s headquarters in mid-September.

By Melissa Lim

Jeff Inacio, a South Tucson Police Department lieutenant, is one of 13 agencies to receive funding.

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South Tucson asked for seven officers to be funded through the grant. They received one. Many departments, such as the Pima County Sheriff’s and the Tucson Police Department, were denied funding.

Ideally, Moore explained, the grant would help the police departments through the tough economic times for the initial three years of the grant, enabling the city to come up with funding.

“You might think that the road we’re on to get us to where we need to be is a long road,” Moore said. “But if you follow the road that’s taken all these years, it’s a road that we’ll be on for a long time.”

South Tucson received a $180K federal grant in order to hire an additional officer. This grant will make a significant impact on the city’s ability to provide police services. The grant will allow the department to hire an additional officer, providing the funding for the officer’s salary for three years.

The grant is effective for all police departments that meet the eligibility criteria. The criteria include:

- The department must be a police department.
- The department must have a population of 25,000 or less.
- The department must have a cost per capita of $25,000 or less.

The selection process was tough, according to Moore, who had to explain the needs of the department to the federal government. The department was able to secure the grant by meeting the eligibility criteria and demonstrating the need.

Thanks to a $186,012 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Tucson Police Department was able to hire another officer. The grant will cover the cost of the officer’s salary for three years.

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“Let’s look at the rest of the country. We have faith in the system, and we’re hopeful that four years down the road we’ll be well on our way to recovery,” Serna said. “Like all other communities, we’ll be in a much more sustainable situation.”

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The other two factors, the crime rate and the effectiveness of police policy, were about half of the total index.

“South Tucson was hit with a double whammy,” Moore said. “In addition to a poor fiscal health, South Tucson had a high crime rate, one of the highest in the country and certainly the highest in Arizona.”

The largest allocation in Arizona was given to the Mesa Police Department. They received $5.8 million to fund 25 officers.
**Trashed Computers Provide New Life for Local Students**

By Melissa V. Teran

RISE is helping to bring technology to Tucson residents by offering free computers to low-income students.

RISE takes donated desktop computers and restores them to a usable state before sending them back into the community by offering them at no cost to low-income children and adults.

“The main reason for this is to bridge the technology gap,” said Arturo Martinez, a computer technology instructor for RISE. “Kids sometimes don’t have computers so they can’t learn as fast.”

Free computers are available for those who are on disability or receive low-income assistance from the government. Those eligible can go to the RISE department store with proof that they are receiving government assistance. Accepted forms of government assistance include, but are not limited to, proof of welfare, social security disability, government family assistance and food stamps.

For those who do not meet the low-income qualifications, RISE also sells limited amounts of refurbished computers and other electronics at low-cost prices.

RISE recently gave away 160 computers to Ochoa and Mission View Elementary School students. The children were given certificates which were exchanged for a refurbished desktop computer, complete with a monitor, keyboard and mouse.

“We get a lot of calls on a daily basis, mostly parents looking for computers for their kids,” Vejar said.

Donations to the non-profit organization have decreased recently. Martinez said fewer people are buying new computers, so they cannot donate their old ones.

**Liberty Plaza Ready but Empty**

By Ariel Campbell

Liberty Plaza, 315 W. Irvington Road, is Chicanos Por La Causa’s first commercial development in Tucson. The building is intended to make a difference in the community and set an example for surrounding neighborhoods, said Jim Brooks, superintendent for La Causa Construction.

The organization primarily builds residential housing for low-income families.

“We want mostly things that will be useful for the neighborhood, as opposed to liquor stores, jewelry stores or dollar stores,” Brooks said. “We are trying to make communities stronger.”

The plaza, which is built on half a block, is a shell of a building inside it looks like a giant warehouse. Until the spaces are rented and a floor plan is designed to accommodate commerce, the building will stay that way.

Completion of the project took longer than expected, but according to Brooks, most construction projects do. Even though he said the economic recession has not influenced the construction of the building, he said it has been hard to find tenants to rent the available spaces.

“Small businesses don’t have the funds to start up or relocate at this time,” he said. Liberty Plaza does have a solid list of interested businesses, but until contracts are drawn up and plans set, Brooks said they will not disclose the potential tenants.

Regardless of the delay, Brooks said he is happy with the state of the project and confident that the final project will be complete in the next three to four months.
Budget Overrides Proposed Improvements

The overide asks for $9 million to upgrade school computers. The proposition would replace TUSD’s operational computers and Human Resources and Financial

Management Systems.

The cost to individual taxpayers is based on property ownership and if both Propositions 401 and 402 pass, it will cost the average Tucson homeowner $963 per month, Arenz said. Although most district planning has been based on both override passing, Arenz said the propositions are not linked and voters can vote for one proposition and against another. Some TUSD parents and teachers are actively supporting the propositions. After the cuts, we also lost a lot of librarians and counselors and teachers, we lost programming in arts and being able to opt for a sec-

Drug Laws’ Continued from page 1

Nogales, Ariz., Police Lt. Octavio Gradillas does not think indi-

viduals caught with small amounts

will seek treatment.

It will make it easier for kids to go to Mexico to get the drugs said Gradillas. “If you make some-

thing available to the general public people will explore it, thus creating new addicts.” For Gradillas, there is no provi-

sion or funding system set in place to

pay for treatment.

In Arizona, fear Mexico will become a destination for drug users from the United States.

It is another layer of attraction for people to go into Mexico and acquire drugs and not have to look over their shoulder that somebody is going to arrest them or detain them, Estrada said.

“People young people can drink at 18 and maybe even earlier than that. Now we are going to open the drug

ation right across the border where people can have a personal use of certain drugs.”

Ruben Reed, a Tucson resident who occasionally smokes marihu-

ana said he was surprised to hear

about the new law and agreed that

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.Gradillas said he finds the law

strange because the president of

Mexico has taken a strong stance

against drug cartels and it seems counterproductive to enact a law eliminating jail for personal possession.

He said Mexico’s new law is part of a trend across Latin America, including countries like Brazil and Uruguay.

For Estrada, the new law offers an opportunity for the United States to see what happens when drug use restrictions are lifted.

For the United States, it is a wait and see attitude, he said.

“It is better than us and it will be interesting to see what will happen both in the short and long

runs,” he said.

Estrada compares the new law to opening up a candy store because there will be more demand on the Mexican side as well as more suppliers.

“May take a while but it is something that is obviously not available here - just like liquor is until you’re 21-years-old - and what is going to happen on the Mexican side, they have more demand and I think they will have more suppliers,” Estrada said.

Jose Rojo, a U.S. Customs and

Border Protection agent, said it is too early to tell what impact the new law will have on the U.S. side.

“Without a doubt there will be an increase in people coming in pecifically and I suspect that we will just wait, then plan some-

thing in case this gets out of hand,” he said. “As of this moment, our inspections will continue to be the same. All we can do is wait.”

New Interim Chief Appointed

Richard Muñoz is South Tucson Police Department's new Chief of Police. Muñoz took the interim position in August after the retirement of Chief Sharon Hayes-Martinez was confirmed for Sept. 10. She is on administrative leave until that date.

Muñoz is no stranger to local law enforcement. The Tucson native spent 26 years with the Tucson Police Department, working as a motorcycle officer and as an officer in the Planning and Traffic Unit. In 2002, he retired from TPD and joined the South Tucson Police Department. Muñoz left STPD in 2007 to work as a criminal investigator for the Pima County Public Defender’s Office. He returned to the private sector in 2010.

“I learned from the public defender’s office but I missed the police work,” he said. Muñoz was a sergeant until his recent appointment as interim chief.

Chief Sharon Hayes-Martinez has been with STPD for more than 20 years.
Fimbres y McClusky compiten por la vacante del Distrito Cinco de Túcsón

Por Larissa Capizzano

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Sept. 9-Dec. 17

**Citizenship Classes**

Pima Community College Adult Education volunteers are teaching free citizenship classes. Classes cover topics such as U.S. government and history to provide a chance to improve English language skills. The classes run from Sept. 9 to Dec. 17.

Call 326-5282 for more information.

Sept. 11-Nov. 6

**The Border Project**

The Arizona State Museum is running The Border Project, a mixed-media art installation highlighting the work of high school students living along the borders of Arizona, Mexico, the Tohono O’odham Indian Reservation and the town of Ajo. The Border Project runs from Sept. 11 to Nov. 6 and is free. The museum, 1013 E. University Blvd., is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 621-6302.

Sept. 22-Oct. 16

**Jose Galvez Photos**

The Photography of Jose Galvez will be at La Plitita Museum will have an exhibition and sale of photographs from the book “Shine Boy,” the photographic memoir of Jose Galvez. Galvez is a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist who grew up in Tucson’s barrios and began his career at the Arizona Daily Star. The exhibition runs from Sept. 22 to Oct. 16, Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum is located at 420 S. Main Ave. Admission to the exhibit is $2 suggested donation.

For more information call 882-7454.

Sept. 24-Oct. 11

**She Was My Brother**

Acclaimed playwright Julie Jensen, of “Dust Eaters,” is back with “the most unlikely love story ever told” — “The Borderlands Theater play, loosely based on historical fact, explores love, fluid gender identities and cultural assumptions. The show is running at Zuzi’s Theater, 738 N. Fifth Ave., from Sept. 24 to Oct. 11 with a preview performance Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. The opening night celebration will be held Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from $10.75 to $20.75 and can be purchased at the Borderland’s box office, 40 W. Broadway Blvd., or by calling 882-7466.

Sept. 24-Oct. 29

**Cinema La Placita**

Classic movies are screened outdoors at La Placita Village courtyard, 150 S. Church Ave., on Thursday evenings. All films begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is a $3 donation per person or family, and popcorn is included. For more information call 326-5282.

Oct. 6

**Awesome Air**

Children and families are invited to learn about dust in Tucson and how to control it with a demonstration on dusty soil and planting flowers. The event will be presented by the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality at the Sam Lena South Tucson Library, 1017 S. Sixth Ave. Two books, “I Face the Wind” by Vicki Cobb and “Stars Beneath Your Bed,” will be featured and each child will leave with seeds planted in a paper cup. The lecture will be held Oct. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 594-5265.

9 de septiembre

**Cursos gratuitos de Ciudadanía**

Los voluntarios de “Pima Community College Adult Education” están impartiendo cursos gratuitos de ciudadanía. Los cursos cubren temas como el gobierno y la historia de los Estados Unidos, y también proveen una oportunidad para mejorar las habilidades del inglés. Los cursos se realizarán desde el 9 de septiembre al 17 de diciembre en Sam Lena South Tucson Library los miércoles de las 5 a 6. Para registrarse llame al 594-5265. El programa también se ofrece los lunes en la biblioteca Valencia de las 1:30 a las 2:30. Para más información llame al 621-6302.

11 de septiembre

**El Proyecto Fronterizo**

El “Arizona State Museum” está presentando El Proyecto Fronterizo, una instalación artística de procesos múltiples que destaca las obras de estudiantes de preparatoria que viven en las fronteras de Arizona y México, la reserva indígena de los Tohono O’odham, y el pueblo de Ajo. El Proyecto Fronterizo presentará del 11 de septiembre al 6 de noviembre y su entrada es gratuita. El museo (ubicado en 1013 E. University Blvd.) abre de lunes a sábado de 10 a.m. a 5 p.m. Para más información llame al 594-5265.

22 de septiembre

**Las fotografías de José Galvez**

El Museo La Plitita presenta la exhibición y venta de fotos del libro “Shine Boy,” una memorias fotográficas de José Galvez. Galvez, reportero gráfico y ganador del premio Pulitzer, creció en los barrios de Tucson e inició su carrera en el Arizona Daily Star. La exhibición se presentarán del 22 de septiembre al 16 de octubre, de martes a sábado, de las 11 a las 2 p.m. El museo se encuentra en 420 S. Main Ave. Se sugiere una donación de 52 como admisión. Para más información llame al 882-7454.

24 de septiembre

**Ella era mi hermano**

La aclamada dramaturga de “Dust Eaters”, Julie Jensen, regresa con “la historia más extraña que jamás se contó”. El drama de Borderland Theater, basado en la historia y los hechos históricos, explora el amor, las identidades fluidas de género, y las suposiciones culturales. El espectáculo se estará presentando en Zuzi’s Theater (ubicado en 738 N. Fifth Ave.) desde el 24 de septiembre hasta el 11 de octubre, con su preestreno el día 9. Para más información llame al 882-7406.

24 de septiembre

**Películas al aire libre en Cinema La Placita**

Se muestran películas clásicas al aire libre en el patio de “La Placita Village” (ubicado en 110 S. Church Ave.) los jueves por la tarde. Traiga sillas o una colcheta para disfrutar de una película típicamente familiar bajo las estrellas. Todas las películas empiezan a las 7:30 p.m. Se pide una donación de $3 por persona para la admisión, esto incluye palomitas de maíz. Para más información llame al 326-5282.

6 de octubre

**Aire Maravilloso**

Se les invita a niños y a familias a que aprendan sobre el polvo en Tucson y cómo controlarlo, por medio de una demostración sobre la tierra polvorienta y el cultivo de flores. El evento será presentado por el Departamento de Calidad Ambiental del Condado de Pima en el “Arizona State Museum” (ubicado al 1607 S. Sixth Ave.).

Se ofrecerán libros, “I Face the Wind” de Vicki Cobb y “Stars Beneath Your Bed” de April Pulley Sayre; cada niño saldrá con semillas plantadas dentro de un vaso de cartón. La conferencia se llevará a cabo el 6 de octubre de las 2:45 a las 4 p.m. Para más información llame al 594-5265.