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The group attending the Taste of Tucson Downtown Tour started at San Agustin and receives information for the rest of the tour.



One of the stops along the downtown Tucson tour acquaints the group with historical sites, history and further development in the area.

TAKE A FUN TASTE OF TUCSON TOUR

I recently stumbled onto what could be called an afternoon adventure. I wanted to say in the headline that it was a fun, fun, fun, tour, but I didn't have room. It takes approximately four hours, covers roughly two miles, offers more food than the average person could eat, and costs \$68 dollars per person. I learned about Tucson history, architecture, Tucson culture and why Tucson was named one of the UNESCO Gastronomy Cities. Also included was a 24-hour ticket on Tucson's modern streetcar. I can't imagine a more fun-packed afternoon with this much variety anywhere else in Tucson. I am glad that I was able to join a tour group on March 13th to find out more.

We met at the Mercado San Agustin - 100 S. Avenida Del Convento for a short meeting and this is where the Downtown Tour begins by catching a ride on the streetcar. Our first stop took us for a bit of history tour about parks, buildings and Tucson events. You will spend a lot of your time walking and standing over the course of the tour. This is a good thing, as it gives you time to digest your food between stops. We visited

five different restaurants on this long and seated. The Tour day and each of these stops actually has partnered with 20 were between 20-25 minutes continued on page 11



The 2nd stop along the March 13th tour, Bombolé served the group Indian empanadas while the proprietor explained their history.



The ceiling of a historical landmark was one of the sights to see when the tour group was able to go inside and sit for awhile. You will have to take the tour to find out where you can see this.

RV RESORT THEATER GROUPS PRESENT PRODUCTIONS

As the height of the RV season winds down, it is usually the time when individual RV theater groups put on their shows they have been rehearsing for months. It's been a lot of hard work and the two days of presentations make it all worthwhile for the participants, residents and guests attending.

This year had Far Horizon's Tucson Village presenting a show written and directed by lone Condit called The Key to Key West. It could be seen on either March 5th or 6th. The 6th had cabaret table seating with snacks and provided mixers (non-alcoholic) for resident provided tequila. The show included 39 lines from Jimmy Buffett songs woven throughout



The informational banner lists facts about Key West, Florida.

the script and many were very recognizable. We were introduced to the history of Key West by characters, hurricanes, and events.

Rincon Country West RV presented three different shows. Two by the Reader's Theatre and one by the Playcrafters. The first one was Ladies At Lunch (Reader's Theatre) Directed and Produced by Carroll Melnyk. A group of women get together for lunch each month. The friends have more than they can handle with each woman interested in something else.

Next was another Reader's Theatre called A Fractured Fairy Tale, The Frog Prince about what really happened because the Queen was involved! This was a new telling of The Frog Prince. Carroll also produced and directed this one.

Playcrafters Grand Moves, Directed by Judy Martin and produced by Karen Kvoool is about a realtor who is hosting an Open House, and is visited by a succession of zany house hunters. Read about Far Horizons on page 5 and Rincon Country West on page 9.



In "Grand Moves", Dawn Krause has a surprise for Clubby Norwick at the end of the show.



Drill Sergeant Mary Dodd prepares her troops for the Truman Little White House and then conducts a (rifle) drill using their lawn chairs.



RCW's "Ladies at Lunch" presented a comical look at the practice of Park's Ladies Lunch Out groups.

~ AROUND OUR TOWN ~

For more information on any event listed and to view more events, please visit the website: www.visittucson.org.

APR 6: Baja Beer Festival- Join this annual celebration of craft beer in downtown Tucson's historic Armory Park with 30-plus Arizona brewers, courtesy of the Arizona Craft Brewers Guild. Sample beers from Arizona's best breweries and food (for purchase) from the region's most talented chefs, with the Gastronomic Union of Tucson (GUT). All food available for purchase at the event. This year's fest features a focus on IPAs as brewers compete in the first statewide IPA competition. Local live music will keep the atmosphere rockin' and lawn games will be available. Ticket purchasers and all guests must be age 21 or over. Time from 1 pm to 5 pm. Admission: \$10 - \$70. Designated Drivers: \$10 admission; no alcohol may

be consumed by Designated Drivers. www.eventbrite.com.

APR 6-7: Tucson Folk Festival- New date in 2019 for this favorite Tucson Festival. One of the longest running admission-free folk music festivals in the United States, established in 1986, with more than 200 musicians from Arizona and the Southwest performing over 20 hours of family-friendly acoustic music, along with other entertainment and food vendors in beautiful historic downtown Tucson. (To counteract rising costs for the growing event, Tucson Folk Festival memberships are available! For more information, contact Membership coordinator at membership@tucsonfolkfest.org.) Free to the public. www.tucsonfolkfest.org.

APR 7: Cyclovia Spring Event- Cyclovia Tucson is open to walkers, bicyclists and

roller-bladers, and celebrates neighborhoods and alternative transportation in Metro Tucson. Cyclovia Tucson is a local interpretation of an international phenomenon known as Open Streets events. The 2019 spring route is TBA - please check back for more details! Time from 10 am to 3 pm. Admission free. www.cycloviatucson.org.

APR 7: 11th Annual Taste of Chocolate- It's a chocolate competition . . . and you're the judge! Local chefs will showcase their favorite chocolate creations and you get to vote for your favorites. There will be a raffle with great prizes along with wine and beer tastings for a nominal fee. All proceeds benefit Rotary Local, a Rincon Rotary Foundation program that supports teachers through service and direct financial assistance with their classroom needs using local businesses whenever possible. So bring your family and friends for a delicious, fun, and unique way to support our local youth, at the Doubletree Hotel Ried Park. Time from 2 pm to 4 pm. Tickets: \$15 + (\$1.49 fee). Call 520-327-7111 or www.tucsontasteofchocolate.org.

APR 7: Taste of Oro Valley - The public is invited to attend an evening of food and drinks, fun, entertainment, and gambling tables presented by the Oro Valley Rotary Club at

the Steam Pump Ranch. Taste of Oro Valley will offer culinary tastings prepared by amazing local partner restaurants. Listen to the classic stylings of the incredible Five Way Street band while enjoying fabulous gambling tables. Proceeds will be donated to impact of Southern Arizona and the Oro Valley Rotary Foundation supporting local charities, scholarships for Oro Valley students, and projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Time from 5 pm to 9 pm. Tickets \$50 each. www.tasteoforovalley.com.

APR 10-21: Arizona International Film Festival - The 28th Arizona International Film Festival, the longest running film festival in Arizona, will run from April 10 to 21 at The Screening Room and other exhibition venues throughout Tucson. The Festival theme of Bridging Cultures provides a way for independent cinema to share images and voices from diverse cultures with Arizona communities. Submissions are now being accepted thru filmfreeway.com. Ticket prices vary, check website www.filmfestivalarizona.com.

APR 10: Presidio District Walking Tour - The residential development of Tucson within and beyond the northern portion of the Presidio and along the Camino Real, later named

Main Avenue, is the topic of this guided walking-tour presented by the Presidio San Agustin del Tucson Museum and led by historian Ken Scoville. The geographic relationship of the Santa Cruz River and the later development of "Snob Hollow" is explored along with other decisions that have influenced why Tucson is the city it is today. Time from 10 am to 12 pm. Admission: \$25/person; and pre-registration is suggested. Call 520-837-8119 or www.tucsonpresidio.com.

APR 12-14: SAHBA Spring Home & Garden Show - Southern AZ Home Builders Association shows home improvement options, trends, remodeling ideas and outdoor living at Tucson Convention Center. Free parking at TCC. Regular admission Price: \$8. Free Admission for Children 12 and under. Half Price for Seniors 65+ All Weekend. Military Discount with ID Every Day. Times: Fri and Sat - 10 am - 6 pm / Sun - 10 am - 5 pm. Call 520-795-3025 or www.sahbahomeshow.com.

APR 12-14: UA Spring Fling - Experience the thrills of an old-fashioned carnival with over 35 rides, over 20 original food booths, masses of games and live entertainment at the largest student-run carnival in the nation, Spring Fling, a University of Arizona tradition since 1974. Students and visitors flock to the UA East Campus Mall for this annual special event. All the fun serves to crucially fundraise for 40+ diverse clubs and organizations on campus. www.springfling.arizona.edu.

APR 14: GABA Spring Bike Swap Meet - The largest bicycle swap in the Southwestern United States, presented by GABA (Greater Arizona Bicycling Association), this biannual bike swap meet attracts over 5,000 shoppers and more than 30 vendors. The largest bike swap meet is located on four blocks (7th Street, between 4th Avenue and 6th Avenue) that are closed to motor vehicle traffic. The bike swap is for bicycle items only. Shop for bike parts and accessories and other great deals for El Tour and other rides. Find details on gaba.clubexpress.com/ Free to public. Time: 7 am - 1 pm. www.bikegaba.org.

APR 19-28: Pima County Fair - Bring on the funnel cakes, carnival games, Ferris wheels, and concerts. The Pima County Fair arrives April 19 at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Fair Hours; weekdays; Opens 1 pm, weekends: Opens 10 am. Carnival Hours: weekdays: Opens 3 pm, weekends; Opens 10 am. General Admission: \$9 - Youth 6-10; \$5 - Military \$5 - Children 5 & Under: FREE - Parking \$5.

APR 20-21: Earth Day at continued on page 3



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DESERT CLASSIC MOBILE HOME PARK: Happy Spring. Hope you had a chance to get out to see the St. Patrick's Day Parade last month downtown and are enjoying our beautiful weather. Easter Blessings to everyone! May we reflect on our lives and give thanks for everyday we awaken to a new beginning.

We held our semi-annual yard sale the past month and a few

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Kartchner Caverns - Join us in an Earth Day celebration at Kartchner Caverns State Park. We will have live animals, an owl pellet dissection activity, crafts, presentations, and interactive activities of all sorts to showcase and celebrate the beauty of our planet and to foster good stewardship of our natural resources. Time from 10 am to 4 pm. See website for admission options. Call 520-586-4100 or www.azstateparks.com/kartchner/events.

APR 23 - May 6: Agave Heritage Festival - What began as a tequila-lovers Cinco de Mayo celebration has evolved into a 26-event fiesta rooted in the historical and cultural significance of the agave plant, featuring seminars and tradeshow, culinary and musical events, spirit and food tastings, and a film screening and an art exhibit. The festival features 26 events, including varied talks, demonstrations, tours, tastings, dinners and exhibits at several venues. Presentations and demonstrations - which take place at the Hotel Congress, Exo Bar, Fox Theater, Loft Cinema, Maynards Market & Kitchen, Mission Garden, Tohono Chul, Tumamoc Hill, and other places - will be led by distinguished experts involved in all aspects of study and production related to the vital Southwestern plant. Call 520-622-8848 or www.agaveheritagefestival.com.

APR24-27: Tucson International Mariachi Conference - The conference hosts hundreds from all over the world for workshops and performances where they learn music and dance from experienced mariachi masters. After the conference, the festival presents public concerts, including the Spectacular Concert, featuring the worlds best and brightest mariachi musicians, a traditional Catholic Mariachi Mass, and the family-friendly Fiesta de Garibaldi, all performed at AVA Amphitheater at Casino Del Sol Resort. Admission varies with performance. Call 520-838-3913 or www.tucsonmariachi.org.

of our tenants had fun selling their stuff! One tenant told us he made \$400 in sales! Wow!

The Air Show at Davis Monthan Air Force Base was spectacular and a very fun event in March.

Happy Anniversary wishes going out to Refugio & Paula Ruiz, and Happy Birthday wishes to those who celebrate March Birthdays! May your hopes and dream become reality.

Until next time, keep smiling and enjoy life one day at a time. Enjoy our Spring days. -Dahlia

HARRISON HILLS / PANTANO VISTA: Save the Date! Our annual community BBQ will be Saturday, April 13. Sign up in advance in the Clubhouse. Free to residents - Guests \$10.

Also coming up in April is our Community Yard sale on April 6 and Happy Hour on April 26. We are also attempting to schedule

a free shredding event for our residents sometime in April. More information will be coming.

There is a Widow to Widow grief support group held on Mondays at Miller-Golf Links Library from 10 am to 1130 am. The address is 9640 E. Golf Links Rd. 520-884-4570.

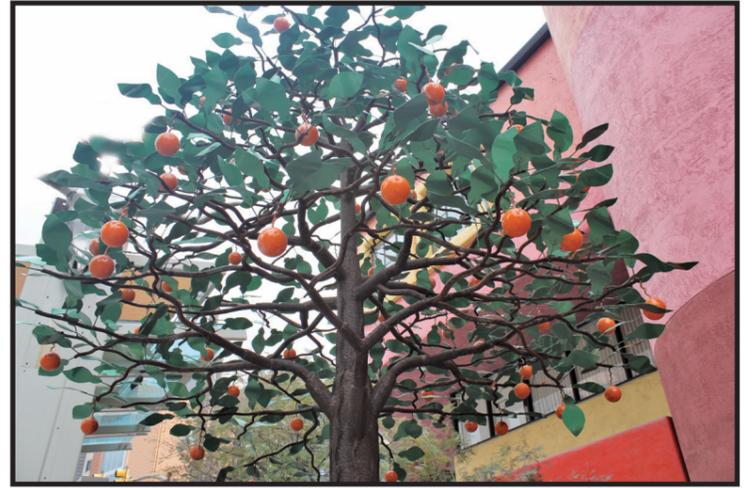
Dee Kentz, Linus Workshop Coordinator reports: As we assemble and sew each blanket, we try to imagine who the recipient will be. Will it be a child just starting a life saving procedure or one who is on a long term program? The nurses tell us the kids love their personal gift and a colorful blanket from someone they don't know but cares about them.

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The Harrison Hills / Pantano Vista Ladies Lunch group enjoyed a day out to Millie's Pancake Haus now located in Trail Dust Town.



A man-made orange tree along the Taste of Tucson Tour highlights one of the five "C's" critical to the economy of the state of Arizona.

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vital to keep our workshop functioning. A donation jar is near the blanket display in the Clubhouse for your convenience. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the donation food box. Canned goods and non-perishable items can be dropped off in the Clubhouse throughout the year.

TRAILS WEST MOBILE HOME PARK: Congratulations to our Derby Winners. Paul Fites - 1st place, Albert Hamor - 2nd, David Fulton - 3rd, Best in Show - Donna Cunningham and Junior champ, Mark.

April events include (6th)

Park Wide Patio Sale, (10th) Dessert Night - Anything that contains pudding or cool whip, (13th) Breakfast hosted by the Motorcycle Group \$5, (20th) Karaoke, (21st) Easter/Passover Pot Luck - bring a dish to share for 6-8 - Meat and drinks will be provided.

FAR HORIZONS CO-OP: Our 1st annual soup cook-off was a great success. Thanks go to both Kay Weakley and Audrey Edwards for their help, the thirteen soup participants, and the over sixty soup taste testers. First place went to Audrey Rider for her Turkey Noodle Soup, Second place went to Georgia Rier for her Taco Soup and third

place went to Jeff Fisher for his Hamburger Soup. Honorable mention went to Ice Cream which somehow got two votes!

With everyone getting involved in events like this, we can continue to have a great time and keep our wonderful park rocking!

The existing Ceramics building is transitioning to a full-fledged pottery studio under the stewardship of Robin Whitmore. If you have ever wanted to make pottery on a potter's wheel or learn hand building techniques such as coil pots, pinch pots, or slab construction, Robin will be teaching classes very soon!

The poured ceramics

equipment will remain available as long as there is interest by a smaller area in the studio will remain available as long as there is interest, but a smaller area in the studio will be dedicated to this. Just a heads up though, the ceramics clay and glazes are not compatible with the pottery clay and glazes. Do something different this year. Come and play with clay!

TUCSON MEADOWS MOBILE HOME AND RV PARK: On March 1st, we attended the Arizona Wildcats vs. the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers in a NCAA Baseball game at Hi Corbett Field located in Gene C. Reid Park near Randolph

and 22nd Street at 7 p.m.

PLUS - A trip to the ballpark wouldn't be complete without a tailgate party before the game. We served bratwurst, hot dogs, chips, baked beans, soft drinks or water and a simple dessert. The tailgate party began at 5 pm at Ramada #31 in Reid Park. Tickets for the tailgate party were \$5 and were optional. We were able to make the opening pitch. *What a great idea, readers of the Mobile Home-RV News.*

The Gaslight Theatre Dates are now available:
Wed, April 10, Back to the Past
Wed, August 7, Space Trek.
Wed, October 2, 009 License to Thrill.
Be sure to sign up early.



Musician Rob Kotecki performs "If Jimmy Buffett Ran the World"



Savanna (Mandy Ogier) sings "Islands in the Sun" in Act 1.



Chef Ima Sugarbaker (Luann Sommer) prepares a recipe, but whose hands are those?



Makenzie (Fran Seymour) sings "Red Sails in the Sunset".



This parrot decoration watched over "The Key to Key West"

THE KEY TO KEY WEST

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The play begins with everyone on the beach singing Let's Go Fly a Kite, pretending to fly their kites over the water (really the audience).

A cast of characters follows

with a skit about a trolley ride to learn the history of Key West, a lawn chair brigade and a drill sergeant cleverly interweaving the history about a 1946 historic building that first served as the winter White House for



Gumbo, Dizzy, and Flip, (Leon Janowski, Jack Kimmons and Dave Frey) are wearing their coconut brassieres to the song Marianne.



Far Horizon's Activity Director Valerie, surprises the audience by her entrance wearing a yellow polka-dot bikini to the song of the same.

President Truman. The solders march off and enter the 3 Wright cousins, Bea, Doo and Far with their metal detectors looking for their fortunes in the sand. A conversation ensues between CeCe and Peppy about how life has been hard because a gal last year had taken him for all he was worth. Peppy says (wait for it) Some people claim that there was a woman to blame but I know . . . It's my own damn fault. (one of the 39 references).

The Wright cousins find a jeweled key and now have their fortune. More about this later.

Phyllis and Rita are looking for Ginger, a rather modest girl who has a new bathing suit. She sticks her head out continued on page 12



Director and Script Writer Lone Condit addresses the audience.



Bea Wright (Jack Kimmons, center) has found the most treasured Key to Key West with his metal detector and now he is rich.

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One of the beautifully landscaped yards and property at the Desert Classic Mobile Home Park provides inspiration to other residents.



The Community building and office at Desert Classic M.H. Park.

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RINCON COUNTRY WEST RV THEATER

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The Ladies at Lunch made Grand Moves and somehow a Frog Prince was involved. If we dissect the three (no pun intended), we are talking about three distinctly different shows put on by the Playcrafters and Reader's Theatre at Rincon Country West RV Resort in March on the 8th and 9th.

The first one was Ladies at Lunch. This is a very familiar subject to most residents, as most ladies have a Lunch Out group each month. Maybe most aren't quite like this bunch, but many aspects are plausible and that is why it works.

One of the ladies is always late. After sitting down, one decides that it would be better to be on the end because of her knee, then another decides that the light is bothering her eyes.

When one has a headache, out come the bottles of pain relievers and Tums for indigestion. Subjects revolve around what to eat, mammograms, tip amounts, and where to meet next month.

The Reader's Theatre - A Fractured Fairy Tale-The Frog Prince has four narrators off to the side reading to complete the setting and fill in the blanks, while three characters act out the dialogue. The princess was pretty all right, with gorgeous blond hair, creamy smooth skin, and sparkly blue eyes, but . . . she was rather spoiled. Her daddy the king indulged her every whim.

Promises are made to a frog and not kept, the king insists she fulfills them and the frog turns back into a Prince and he and the Princess get married. This whole story has something to do with the Queen wanting the Princess's room to turn into a personal training center complete with a jacuzzi and spa. Now you know the rest of the story.

Intermission

Grand Moves, presented by the Playcrafters introduces a realtor heroine Evelyn, who is hosting an open house, and is visited by a succession of peculiar house hunters.

The first bunch is a group of three women who are just "looking" and includes a lengthy performance by the annoying talker who takes her shoes off because her feet are hurting. The poor real estate agent can't get in a word edgewise as the chatterer controls the whole

conversation. The three leave and enters Nanook, an Eskimo from the far north who has a hard time speaking English. He has recently received money from Exxon and wife number 3 wants to move to where it is warmer. After a discussion about his new TV not working and not understanding how electricity and wall plugs work, he heads off to the kitchen to see the refrigerator. It might not be big enough to hold his walrus.

Enter Katie who is now a retired Madam. She will need 3 bedrooms for her girls. Not really daughters though. They would only be visiting while on vacation from Vegas as they would want to rest up and maybe play around a little, you know, golf or tennis, all very respectable stuff. She's looking to settle down with a man, but not an old man who is looking for a nurse with a purse. She wants a recently retired Chippendale!

Enter Ethel and John. Katie leaves with Nanook. John apparently is looking for just the



Director and Producer Carroll Melnyk (right) of the Reader's Theatre, introduces the cast of characters that just performed the Ladies At Lunch, about active senior ladies that meet for lunch each month.



The cast of characters from Rincon Country West's Playcrafters take a bow after their performance of Grand Moves directed by Judy Martin (second from right) and produced by Karen Kvoool (right).



The spoiled Princess (Delores Heiden) can now marry the Frog/Prince (Robert Knight) and they will live happily ever after. The End.



A scene from Grand Moves performed by Playcrafters, the incessant talker Patti Beyer (left), and Dawn Krause, Real Estate Agent.



The Frog Prince (A Fractured fairy Tale) cast of characters including the Narrators performed by the Reader's Theatre at Rincon West.

right house and he and Ethel keeps running into Evelyn. Ethel goes off to measure the closet and John says to Evelyn "We can't go on meeting like this!" John tells her that he wants to play house and all he gets is Open House. Well, Evelyn has the keys to a furnished house that hasn't sold yet.

Now you can decide what happens next.

Taking on three plays in one night is quite a feat. Thanks to Carroll Melnyk, Judy Martin, and Karen Kvoool for taking it all on. Previews for next year?



Dawn Krause points out the golf course to (Greg Hollingsworth) during the Grand Moves play.



Robert Knight plays the frog in the Readers Theatre "A Fractured Fairy Tale, The Frog Prince" performed in March.

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It is a light, refreshing dessert that is perfect for spring. You can make an even lighter version substituting yogurt for the whipped cream.

So, go find 15 minutes and make yourself a great dessert for your luncheon with friends.

TASTE OF TUCSON

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different restaurants. This is great, as I get to go at least four more times.

I used to work downtown in the 70's for Mountain Bell. My, how Tucson has changed and it has only in recent years made a huge leap into modern times. A person doesn't really know about a lot of what is going on downtown and how it is changing until you take this tour. More hotels, major companies, apartment living and more is taking place each and every day. Yet, Tucson still seems to maintain the culture that it has always had. There is a lot of history downtown. There are many new restaurants scattered throughout downtown and this is a great way to get a Taste of Tucson, so-to-speak.

We also visited a few landmark sites which have super interesting histories connected to them. One explanation by Tour Guide Janice shattered the story I thought I had known about an event that took place in the building. I now know the real story. Interesting!

We were served what the Tour explains as "small plates". A couple of "small" plates and you can get pretty full. We were served only water to drink at four of the places, one had two small tastings of spiced tea, and one had a bar where we could purchase alcohol at our own cost. I could see why a cold beer would be appropriate as the temps rise.

Tours take place regardless of weather, so keep a close ear to the forecast as much of the tour is outdoors. Our day was very windy, cold, and hinted at rain. We were all prepared though and besides, most of the group were from snow and ice country, so this is what would have been a nice winter day back home.

This tour (or others offered) isn't just something you should think about doing, it is one of the things that you need to put down on your list to do. There is a reason that the Tours consistently get 5 stars on reviews. Check out www.tasteoftucsondowntown.com for more info and FAQ's.

STRAWBERRY FOOL

- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- ½ cup sugar (divided)
- 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups heavy cream
- About 10 of your favorite crunchy cookies (optional)

Place the strawberries in a bowl and add ¼ cup sugar, vanilla, and lemon juice. Stir to combine. Let sit for 10 minutes. Place the strawberries into a blender and puree just enough to chop the strawberries up into small pieces (do not completely smash all the berries).

Place the heavy whipping cream and remaining sugar into a mixing bowl and use an electric mixer on medium high speed (or use a whisk and your

strong arm) to whip the cream to soft peaks.

Mix in a large spoonful of the strawberry mixture to lighten the mix and then gently fold most of the remaining strawberries into the cream, reserving some to garnish the top.

Gently spoon the fool into glasses, top with strawberries and sprinkle with crushed cookies. Serve immediately and enjoy!

If you need to chill first, sprinkle the cookies on right before serving.

Using yogurt instead of cream: 2 8-ounce cartons vanilla low-fat yogurt (leave out vanilla extract from above). Add ¼ cup brown sugar (instead of the sugar above) and stir well with a whisk. Cover and chill 2 hours. Then fold in the strawberries.



The first stop of five restaurants along the Taste of Tucson Tour began at The Nook which included samplings of three menu items.



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Tour Guides Ann (left) and Janice conducted the Taste of Tucson Tour held on March 13th. They are pictured in front of the last stop of the day for dessert at The Screamery at 250 E Congress Street.

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of the cabana, afraid to come out. Everyone on stage starts singing Itsy, Bitsy, Yellow Polka Dot Bikini. She has a bikini of sorts on, but what makes the skit funny is the "Ginger" surprise. It is the FHTV Activity Director, Valerie. The audience gets a big kick out of this.

Buster the trolley conductor gives a big speech about Key West (most southern point of the continental U.S.A. and more). Savanna gives a solo performance to Island in the Sun. End of Act I.

The next Act takes place in the Paradise Bar & Grill where tourists and locals meander in to hunker down as hurricane Bernie hits the Island. There is a list of hurricanes on the wall that have hit over the years.

Makenzie (Fran Seymour) sings Red Sails in the Sunset. A guy named Earnest is writing a book which triggers a conversation about Hemmingway, the House he used to live in and wrote most of his books from.

The illusion dancers are a new act and six dancers come out dressed in black and white leotards which give the "illusion" of something different than it really is when they kick up their legs to the music. These gals have a lot of energy.

There is a lot more in between,

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but I am going to jump to Act III because the Chef skit has some of the best lines. Chef Ima Sugarbaker (Luann Sommer) gets wheeled out with a table of ingredients and bowls and apparently somebody else's arms (hidden from behind). She is going to demonstrate how to make eggplant Parmesan. Eggplant lasagna is a healthy meal. Never the less, whenever

I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and 'Snickers' (The hands pick up a Snickers candy bar). Yes, this is a meatless meal, but I do not encourage you to become a Vegan. Turning Vegan would be a BIG . . . Missed . . . Steak.

More jokes (a whole page of them) and many more opportunities for the arms in back to raise a glass, bottle, and ingredients. You may be wondering about my injury. A

book hit my head and I've only my 'shelf' to blame. This helps to reduce the pain. (Hands pour more wine). Now for the challenging skill. We will grate some aged cheese. I'm for banning pre-shredded cheese . . . you know, make America 'grate' again. You may have noticed, we never tell political jokes in Entertainers Club productions. The problem with political jokes . . . is that they sometimes get elected!

More jokes and then Ima is wheeled back with her accompanied arms. (Dawn Stevenson).

Cut to the chase: Hurricane Bernie misses most of island, bridges out, story about when Conch Republic seceded from the Union, party every night to watch sunset on Mallory Square, jeweled key donated to repair Island, more songs. Great job lone and cast!

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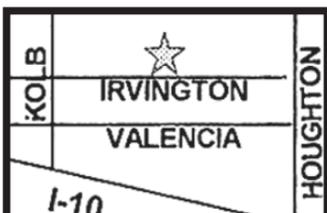
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