

TUCSON: WINE, MUSIC, HISTORY, ROCKET SCIENCE



STARGAZING AND ROCK HOUNDING. One of Southern Arizona's most treasured science-education attractions has reopened with new exhibits and an expanded schedule. Flandrau Planetarium, on the University of Arizona campus, is now open seven days a week, offering scheduled planetarium shows, science demonstrations, hands-on exhibits, telescope viewing in the observatory, an extensive mineral collection, and storytelling exhibits from the Miners' Story Project as well as the Treasures of the Queen Bisbee minerals exhibit. A Tucson tradition since 1972, Flandrau reopened under the

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guidance of The University of Arizona College of Science, which houses one of the world's leading lunar and planetary research organizations. www.flandrau.org.

BEYOND THE BLAST DOOR. One hundred feet below ground, a National Historic Landmark offers insight into Cold War politics. The Titan Missile Museum, 15 miles south of Tucson, was once a top-secret missile silo, on alert 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Now its deacti-

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and food pairings, and local music at Sonoita Vineyard's HarvestFest, July 31-August 1 (sonoitavineyards.com); explore the area on horseback with Arizona Horseback Experience (horsebackexperience.com).

ROCKET SCIENCE FOR KIDS. Space Day events around the world on May 7 are designed to nurture enthusiasm for the wonders of the universe for young explorers. At the Pima Air & Space Museum, they can make paper airplanes and gliders, watch seltzer rocket launches, and sample astronaut food, 1-4pm, all free with museum admission. If you miss Space Day, you'll find plenty at the Pima Air & Space Museum year-round. Look inside a training version of the Apollo space capsule, see a moon rock, and learn about the Phoenix Mars Mission. The museum houses more than 300 aircraft and spacecraft, many of which are historically significant and technically advanced. www.pimaair.org.

BODIES EXHIBITION IN TUCSON. Nearly 15 million visitors worldwide have viewed the collection of real, whole and partial body specimens featured in Bodies...The Exhibition. Tucson visitors now have the opportunity to experience this exhibit, which celebrates the wonder of the human form. More than 160 body specimens, meticulously dissected and preserved, provide an up-close look inside the skeletal, muscular, reproductive, respiratory, circulatory and other systems of the human body. A limited engagement at The Rialto Building in downtown Tucson begins May 15. Tickets are available online, starting at \$15. www.bodiestucson.com.

MUSIC ON MT. LEMMON. Bring a sweater if you plan on attending any of the 15 concerts presented in Tucson this summer by LAVA Music (Live Acoustic Venue Association). Although Tucson's summertime temperatures are famously too warm for wool, these concerts take place 30 miles north of Tucson, in the Village of Summerhaven, a small town near the 9,157-foot top of Mt. Lemmon, with pine trees, grassy meadow, craggy rocks, and endless vistas. Concerts take place Sundays, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., May 30 through Sept. 5. The family-friendly lineup leans toward acoustic bands playing bluegrass, country, blues, rockabilly, and folk rock, with some Cajun and R&B thrown in for balance. Admission is free. Bring a lawn chair. www.lavamusic.org. ■