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Ward 6 - Newsletter

TUCSON FIRST

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SB1070

According to data published by the Immigration Policy Center, in 2010 new immigrant business owners in Arizona generated \$2.2B in revenues, and just under 20% of business owners in the State were foreign born. Between 2006 and 2010, there were just over 50,000 new immigrant business owners in Arizona.

It seems like only yesterday – 2 ½ years ago a group of 60 CEO's from major corporations that are located throughout the State wrote an open letter to then State Senate President Russell Pearce urging him and his colleagues to back off from the multiple immigration bills they were running. Their concern was fiscal. The result was a bi-partisan response to 'cease and desist' with the noxious bills. They were touching everything from birth records to drivers licenses, education, day labor and more. There's no way to identify the exact tipping point, but the business leaders left no question as to their disappointment with the Republican leadership and their inability or unwillingness to reign in their enthusiasm for one bill after another.

Here's the exact text of the letter:

March 14, 2011

Senator Russell Pearce, Senate President

Arizona State Senate

1700 W Washington, Room S-205

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear President Pearce,

Thank you for your willingness to serve Arizona as a Member of the Arizona State Senate. We, like you, are concerned about the challenges facing our State, particularly the need to address our structural deficit and insure an economic environment that attracts and retains high quality jobs.

While we recognize the desire for states like Arizona to fill the leadership vacuum left by federal inaction on immigration, we strongly believe it is unwise for the Legislature to pass any additional immigration legislation, including any measures leaving the determination of citizenship to the state.

We agree with you that our borders must be protected first, and now. We also believe that market-driven immigration policies can and should be developed by the federal government that will sustain America's status as a magnet for the world's most talented and hard-working people and preserve our ability to compete in the



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department
911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council
Comment Line
791-4700

Neighborhood
Resources
791-4605

Park Wise
791-5071

Water Issues
791-3242

Pima County Animal
Control
243-5900

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas
889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks
889-1888

West Nile Virus
Hotline
243-7999

Environment
Service
791-3171

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

AZ Game & Fish
628-5376

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global economy.

If the Legislature believes it is worthwhile to debate the question of citizenship, we believe that debate is best held in the U.S. Congress. Already, Senators David Vitter of Louisiana and Rand Paul of Kentucky have introduced legislation aimed at amending the 14th Amendment to deny "birthright citizenship" to those born to individuals living in the U.S. illegally. Iowa Rep. Steve King has introduced similar legislation in the U.S. House.

Arizona's lawmakers and citizens are right to be concerned about illegal immigration. But we must acknowledge that when Arizona goes it alone on this issue, unintended consequences inevitably occur. Last year, boycotts were called against our state's business community, adversely impacting our already-struggling economy and costing us jobs. Arizona-based businesses saw contracts cancelled or were turned away from bidding. Sales outside of the state declined. Even a business which merely had "Arizona" in its name felt the effects of the boycotts, compelling them to launch an educational campaign about their company's roots in Brooklyn. It is an undeniable fact that each of our companies and our employees were impacted by the boycotts and the coincident negative image.

Tourism, one of our state's largest industries and employment centers, also suffered from negative perceptions after the passage of SB 1070. The fact Governor Brewer directed \$250,000 to repairing Arizona's reputation strongly suggests these efforts – whether fair or unfair – are harmful to our image.

Let us be clear: our dissension with legislative action on the state level does not translate to our being "pro-illegal immigration." To the contrary, we believe Congress must address border security, identity theft, sound and implementable employment verification systems and policies and the creation of a meaningful guest worker program. Therefore, we urge the Legislature to redirect its energy by joining us in pressing the federal government for meaningful immigration reform. Together, we can get results.

Respectfully,

and here's the letter as sent, including all of the signatories:

<http://graphics8.nytimes.com/packages/pdf/us/20110316-CEOS-IMMIGRATION-ARIZONA.pdf>

My point in revisiting it here is to suggest that it's time for that group to regroup and encourage the State to enact a full repeal of SB1070. Our streets are regularly the scene of discord and division. Our local law enforcement officers are caught in the middle of upholding their sworn oath to enforce the law and doing that in support of a law that is driving a wedge between factions in communities across the State.

The timing is also important as a way to avoid repeating history. The National Football League pulled the Super Bowl from Phoenix back in 1990 because we had not adopted Martin Luther King Day. The voters took care of that in 1992, and the NFL came back to Phoenix in 1996 with the event. We're up for it again in 2015. It brings millions of dollars into the State coffers. Now would be an apt time to clear the decks of legislation that might give rise to a rerun of the MLK series of incidents.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331

Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

As you know, we adopted a 6-part motion last week. We've given direction to our law enforcement team to begin to exercise greater levels of discretion, avoid doing status checks on victims and witnesses of crimes, ensuring juveniles are properly represented, starting to collect stop data, refraining from asking status of people wanting to file a complaint over officer abuse, and going into the community for public engagement events. While all of that constitutes a step in the right direction, they're local initiatives. Getting rid of SB1070 has to occur through the actions of the State Legislature. I've submitted an op/ed to both the Star and the Arizona Republic that encourages the business leaders who penned the first letter to do so at this time – calling for repeal of that law.

Timing is important. And so is the fact that there's a State level election next November.

Films

I've told you about *Hot Bath/Stiff Drink*, the movie now being shot in our area. They're on the sequel right now, filming out at Mescal – an Old Tucson affiliated site. On Friday, *Inside Tucson Business* ran a piece on both the logistics of the current shoot, and a broader piece on how several of us are working on a local incentive package. Here are links to both of those articles:

Top Story



Show Business Is Good Business For Tucson

“HOT BATH” PRODUCER PAYS

EXTRA TO FILM IN TUCSON



The bottom line is that getting the film industry back to Tucson and the region is all about the bottom line. Tourism, retail, clean industry – jobs. Remember the political chide “it's the economy, stupid”. Well, it still is.

As with SB1070, getting a State legislature into office in 2014 who will support a State wide incentive program can only help our overall economy.

Films, part II

A while back there was a workshop geared to helping aspiring film producers, writers or others who want to pursue the trade. A similar event is coming to the University on December 6th, 7th and 8th. Coincidentally, it's being presented by National Association of Latino Independent Producers, in conjunction with the NEA Media Arts, and the Hanson Film Institute in association with Film Tucson, UA School of Theatre, Film & Television.

The workshops will teach participants how to write, produce and pitch their own film proposals. There will be information on Grant writing, PBS, new media and outreach, and the overall theme of how to pitch your piece. Fernanda Rossi, co-writer and story analyst to over 500 documentaries, fiction scripts and demos will be involved in much of the event. It's geared to a broad base of experience and skills, so if you're at all interested in the field, consider attending. Here are the specifics:

Location:

**University of Arizona
1401 E University Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85721**

Friday, Dec 6, 7:30pm to 9:00pm (film)

Saturday, Dec 7, 8:30am to 6pm

Sunday, Dec 8, 12 to 1:30

Sunday, Dec 8, 2 to 5

For registration and costs for each workshop, click this link:

<http://nalip.org/doing-your-docs.php>

The folks involved in this series of workshops is fully committed to bringing film production home to Tucson and the region. I'll continue to share these opportunities with you as I run across them.

Working Group on Trafficking Teleconference

Another workshop that'll be taking place this week is by teleconference. You're invited to participate.

On Saturday, beginning at 9am our time, three speakers will share varying perspectives on the issue of global Human Trafficking, each from a personal level. Dr. Ray Umashankar, Sister Terisita Hinnigan, and Brittany Vanderhoof will each present information and vivid stories related to that topic. The intent is to discuss strategies that individuals and groups can use to address the problem. You're aware of the Ward 6 office involvement in this issue through our having organized and supported Project RAISE (diversion for people caught up in prostitution.) The Saturday teleconference broadens the discussion.

Dr. Umashankar retired from the University of Arizona in order to become the Executive Director of Asset India, a family foundation that is setting up a 100 seat Business Process Outsourcing Center (BPO) which will be operated by girls rescued from sex trafficking. His involvement became a passion when his daughter discovered the tragic impact on young girls' lives during a trip she took to India. The BPO is a way out for the girls.

Sr Teresita founded the Center for the Empowerment of Women. Their mission is helping women who have been exploited through various forms of violence, including domestic violence. Then, in 2007 she co-founded Dawn's Place, a "safe house" for international

women who were trafficked, as well as American citizens who have been prostituted, many also trafficked. Dawn was the name of a prostitute who was murdered in the City of Camden, New Jersey. Sr. Teresita will tell how Dawn's Place has grown in reach since its doors opened in 2009.

Finally, Brittany Vanderhoof will describe her work as Policy Counsel at Polaris Project. She is responsible for leading federal and state legislative efforts, as well as coordinating Polaris Project's Legislative Circle list serv, a tool that's used for communicating with advocates and policymakers across the country.

Being a teleconference, you can drop in and out of it as your time permits. The call-in number is [1.800.511.7985](tel:18005117985). Code 2331431#

If you'd like to brief yourself on the topic ahead of Saturday, here's a link to the program. <http://www.wg-usa.org/agm2013/2013-Programs/WGT%20Teleconference-Trafficking-Nov23.pdf>

Urban Land Institute Study



This week a team from ULI will be visiting Tucson and conducting an extensive study of who we are, what the region has to offer, and focusing on development in the downtown core, particularly the western edge. The panel will interview dozens of people who are invested in the hoped for economic development of our downtown and west side area and come away with priorities aimed at capitalizing on the growth we've already seen in the last four years.

In case you're not familiar with them, the Urban Land Institute is an independent global nonprofit that provides leadership in the responsible use of land, as well as in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. Their resume includes some very major redevelopment projects. You can see them all on their web site at uli.org.

Four years ago we were reading the results of Auditor General reports describing a dysfunctional relationship between the City and Rio Nuevo. Now we're working with Rio on TCC improvements, we have settled our legal differences and are seemingly pulling the rope in the same direction. With new faces on the Board, around the Council table – including many new staff members – and a State Legislature that is stepping back and not provoking discord between the parties, we've got a chance. As I said to a member of the VisitTucson Board at a kick-off dinner on Sunday, “as they say in the sporting world, this game is now ours to lose”, We've got the players lined up and ready to take a set of huge significant steps together. The ULI study will hopefully be a platform for all jurisdictions and previously competing factions to see a common vision and get about the business of closing the deal we've begun in recent years.

The ULI folks will talk to elected officials, City and County Staff, members of the Downtown Tucson Partnership, the University of Arizona, Rio Nuevo Board members, and dozens of others who have a desire and stake in seeing us continue on the good trajectory we're

on. What we don't need is yet another study that'll sit on a shelf gathering dust. What we have is momentum, and this week can be key in continuing that.

The panel is coming here from Dallas, San Francisco, Berkley, central California, Chicago and the east coast. Their agenda is to do here what they've done in other jurisdictions; that is, become us for a week through hearing our individual and collective vision, then gather all of that together into a working document we will be able to cuss-and-discuss among ourselves after they're done. I'm interested in seeing what this objective group sees as a result of our input. Sometimes we get too caught up in our own internal politics. Here's a chance to see beyond that with these fresh sets of eyes.

Living Streets Alliance Events

Continuing on the upbeat (after the downer of an opening to the newsletter,) last weekend LSA teamed with the sustainable City Project, and the UA College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture to bring this year's Park(ing) Day. It took place along and around 7th Street and North 6th Avenue. Also involved were a couple of our local business stars, Exo Roast Co. and Tap & Bottle.

You've seen plenty in these newsletters about the Broadway design process. You've also read in this space about all of the development we're seeing in the downtown core. The LSA message during Park(ing) Day fits in with both of those.



Both in the downtown area, and over on Broadway (Euclid, heading east) there is talk about how we can retool the roadways to be more people-friendly. Budget is always an issue, so the ideas are necessarily low cost, not capital intensive and yet effective in transforming roadways into areas that are safe for biking, walking and in some cases generating opportunities for more open space in our urban centers.

Both “parklet’s”, and “cycletrack’s” are and have been topics of conversation during some of the downtown planning meetings I’ve attended, and the Broadway Citizen’s Task Force meetings I’ve been to. As you can see from the pictures, neither one reflects a major capital investment, and both add to the livability and character of the roadway. As we get more deeply into the design phase of those two projects, we’ll be looking at options we’ve been sitting on, or options we just haven’t had the luxury of releasing.

“LIGHT THE NIGHT” BICYCLE CAMPAIGN

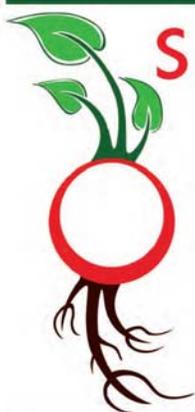
Another LSA event is their “Light the Night” promotion. Co-sponsors are the Pima Association of Governments and TDOT. The give-away is a free light for your bicycle – installed by the Living Streets folks on Tuesday from 5pm until 7pm. This is first come, first served so when they run out of stock, the event’s over.

If you go, you’re going to receive a basic set of front and rear lights, installed by volunteers from the Living Streets Alliance. Volunteers will also be distributing safe bicycling tips and information about the laws related to bicyclists, including the law requiring there be a front bike light and a rear reflector.

Did you know that it’s the law that every bicycle, when in use at nighttime, must be equipped with a lamp on the front that is able to emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet (just over one City block,) and with a red reflector on the rear that can be seen from 50 feet to 300 feet.

The purpose of the campaign is to improve the visibility of bicyclists at night while educating riders about the safety benefits of a bicycle light. The panel will also touch on the State law requiring a front light and a rear reflector. The law states that ‘with daylight hours shrinking, TDOT believes this is an ideal time to remind bicyclists of the need for front and rear bike lights in low light conditions. Drivers should also be reminded to be alert for bicycle traffic at all times of day and night, and to remember that bicycles travel on the same roads, must obey the same rules, and have the same rights as automobiles.

FARMERS’ MARKET



SATURDAYS
10a-2p

Every Saturday
come discover the
freshest local foods,
produce, plants,
jams, coffees,
baked goods,
and more!

EL CON CENTER

Broadway Blvd and Randolph Way

MORE INFORMATION WWW.FOODINROOT.COM

Every Saturday, starting now, El Con is joining The Loft in hosting a Farmer’s Market. Peg Johnson and her group have seen attendance at the Loft’s Farmer’s Market grow steadily since they started. The El Con market will likely attract their own crowd and not simply cannibalize the Farmer’s Market crowd that we see at The Loft. It’ll run from 10am until 2pm.

This is all local stuff, including breads and pastries, vegetables from the Wilcox area, Alaskan Salmon and Halibut, pickled veggies and other toppings. If you’re out shopping during mid-day, do yourself a favor and give this place a try.



Earlier in the month, the Firefighters held their annual Chili Cook-Off in Presidio Park. This is the event through which they fund the Adopt-a-Family program. Through Adopt-a-Family, needy families and kids are provided with clothes, food, other basic necessities, and toys throughout the upcoming holiday season. The Cook-Off was a huge success again, and now our firefighters are looking for the recipient needy families to receive the holiday gifts.

They're also looking for volunteers to help put together food boxes.

On Saturday, November 23rd at 8am, they'll start assembling the Thanksgiving food boxes. The work will be done out at the Firefighters Union Hall - 2264 E. Benson Hwy. If you'd like to join them in doing the work, feel free to drop in. It's usually a near all day affair.

They're also asking for leads on families who could benefit from a Thanksgiving food box. The guy heading up that part of the program is Roger Wright. If you are, or know of a family who could use a boost, please contact Roger at tffacharity@aol.com by November 20th.

The Christmas food boxes can be ordered between December 1st and 15th. They'll be putting those together on December 21st / same time and location as for the Thanksgiving boxes. You can submit names for the Christmas gift up until November 30th. There will also be a Christmas gift wrapping party – no date has been set for that yet, but get in touch with Roger at that website and he'll get you into the communications loop for all of this.

The recent Arizona Daily Star series on poverty in Tucson validates the need for programs such as those the Firefighters are organizing. Ours is an economy where midlevel jobs are increasingly scarce due to technology shifts and companies taking their operations off-shore. We in Tucson have been hit hard. In addition to the economy, because of our proximity to Phoenix, with its major airport and better-trained workforce, we have a tough time attracting some of the higher end jobs. This holiday program comes each year at just the right time.

Sights and Sounds / ASDB Event

This Thursday, out at the Berger Performing Arts Center on the ASDB campus, the *Stories that Soar* theater troupe will perform. Their source material will be creative writing pieces produced by the students at Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind. The event is a benefit fund raiser for blind and deaf children throughout Arizona.

This'll play like a vaudeville show, with several story vignettes strung together. If you go, you'll have the chance to meet the writers (the ASDB students) and likely see the joy in their faces as they see their own work come to life on stage.

The event begins at 8pm, and it's free to the public. Give Pima County Supervisor Rich-

ard Elias credit for his huge support of this event. I hope you can make it in support of this valuable service to the kids.

Ted Talks

I know that many of you are familiar with the Ted series. They're short presentations on a wide variety of topics. I'm going to close with one that's 9:47 long. My daughter sent it to me, and with some of the pretty heavyweight things we at the M&C cover – and that I share with you in these newsletters – I thought I'd close with a note that brings back perspective into how we experience one another, and the beauty of nature that surrounds us each day. It's easy to lose that perspective amid all of the 'stuff' we let get in the way.

Here you go:

http://www.ted.com/talks/louie_schwartzberg_nature_beauty_gratitude.html

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
ward6@tucsonaz.gov

“Fancy Pants”

Please consider participating in the “Fancy Pants” undergarment clothing drive to support the children of Sojourner Center, a domestic violence shelter for women and children.

Many abused children arrive at the Sojourner Center with only the clothes on their back. When they come via the police department or hospital, many arrive without even that – socks and undergarments are often confiscated as evidence.

You can help bring a sense of “community, peace, and pride” to these young victims of domestic violence by dropping off donations of new, packaged undergarments or socks for boys or girls ages 4-14 at the Ward 6 office anytime before November 22nd.

For more information: http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/Sojourner_Center_Request_Letter_110713.pdf

Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.
Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 7:30 pm **Eddie Money**
www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.
Thursday, November 21st 8:00 PM **Feelin 520 Showcase**
Hot 98.3 and Sacred Art Tattoo present The 1st Annual Feelin' 520 Showcase on November 21st, featuring some of Tucson's hottest talent: Tora Woloshin, Marley B, Calvin Jarvis, Delinquent, The Kennedys and Celena Santa Cruz! Plus, special guest performers include Jonn Hart and Abrina! The show starts at 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Only \$5 general admission day of show. All ages.
www.RialtoTheatre.com

Ongoing

Loft Cinema 3233 E. Speedway
www.loftcinema.com/

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.
www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.
The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.
www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm
www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum 1013 E. University Blvd
November 9, 2013, through July 2015 **Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios**
www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum 1601 E University Blvd
Ongoing "100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum 414 N Toole Ave.
Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.
Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/>

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop 245 E Congress St
<http://sacredmachine.com/>

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.org

“Money for the Funny” Show to Benefit Tucson’s FIRST Improv Comedy Theater

Tucson’s Improv Comedy Troupe “Not Burnt Out, Just Unscrewed” (NBOJU) presents MONEY FOR THE FUNNY - An improvisational comedy fundraiser to benefit Tucson's FIRST non-profit, improv entertainment venue: Unscrewed Theater.

One night only: Saturday, November 23, 2013, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. (cocktail hour 6:00-7:00 p.m.) at the Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway. Tickets are \$20, sold online and at the door.

SAVE THE DATE!

*Not Burnt Out
Just Unscrewed*

PRESENTS

MONEY
...for the...

FUNNY!

A special fundraising show to support the opening of Tucson's first nonprofit entertainment venue dedicated to improvisational comedy

unscrewed theater

Comedy! 50/50 Raffle! Live Auction!
Sat Nov 23, 2013 · 7-9pm
6-7pm Pre-show Reception

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[facebook.com/unscrewedtheater](https://www.facebook.com/unscrewedtheater)