



a note from Gordon

On January 1, 2008, the Arizona Employers Sanction Law went into full effect, making Arizona ground zero for the immigration debate.

The new law has rapidly changed the face of business in Arizona, producing many drastic and unintended consequences: retail sales are down across the board, fast food and convenience stores are struggling and affordable housing has vacancies for the very first time in decades.

Arizona workers are especially feeling the pinch. Many hard working families are leaving the state to seek better opportunities in other states or returning home to their native countries. Sadly, many families are leaving not only for economic reasons, but because of an increasingly hostile climate that has run rampant across the state over the past year.

A new human rights organization GCJPR has recently helped launch, Respect/Respeto (www.respectrespeto.com), was created in order to ensure that the unalienable human rights of all persons in this state and country are protected. Even before the implementation of the sanctions law, a growing number of people are finding themselves the victims of human rights abuses. Respect/Respeto has already begun helping people who have called, emailed, faxed or spoken with Respect/Respeto staff.

If you know of someone who is a victim of human rights abuse, we want to encourage you to please tell them about Respect/Respeto.

Arizona is changing before our eyes and the whole nation is watching. Through the work of Respect/Respeto and other concerned citizens, hopefully we can keep the rich culture and heritage, strong business community and economic landscapes of our great state intact.

Sharon Lechter appointed to President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy

Sharon Lechter, co-founder of the Rich Dad companies and co-author of the internationally best-selling book Rich Dad Poor Dad, was recently appointed by President George W. Bush to the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy.



Lechter and the council - comprised of 19 distinguished members from the business, faith and non-profit communities - will help shape the course for a financially literate nation.

The council is charged to gather information about financial literacy and its condition in the U.S.,

recommend improvements to national policies to the President and the Treasury Secretary and "assist the American people in understanding and addressing financial matters."

"I am thrilled to be a part of such a prestigious council," said Lechter. "Together, this council can make an impact on the financial education of our country during these troubling economic times."

Gordon James helps implement Crystal Darkness Campaign in Arizona

The use of crystal meth has long been a significant problem troubling communities across the nation. In an effort to combat this issue and to help change attitudes and save lives, Arizona law enforcement and media organizations, along with faith, business and community leaders, have teamed up with the Crystal Darkness Campaign to reach out and fight back against crystal meth.

Previously aired in California, Nevada and Oregon, the 30-minute Crystal Darkness documentary will be broadcast on stations across Arizona on April 15, bringing people together in the fight against meth and mobilizing individuals and organizations to seek the help they need to fight back and protect our country's youth and neighborhoods against this terrible drug.

For more information, visit www.crystaldarkness.com.

Tim Bee seeks District 8 seat

After a successful fundraising quarter in the exploratory phase, Arizona Senate President Tim Bee officially announced his campaign for southern Arizona's Congressional District 8. Joining his campaign as Honorary Campaign Chair is former Congressman Jim Kolbe. Kolbe's support was welcomed by

Senator Bee along with his Campaign Co-Chairs, Jim Click and Sandy Froman (former President of the NRA) and Finance Co-Chairs Duff Hearon and Jannie Cox. For more information visit www.timbee.com.



Childhelp featured in national Ad Council child abuse prevention campaign

Childhelp's National Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-4-A-CHILD) and Web site (www.childhelp.org) are highlighted in the Ad Council's new national campaign against child abuse that was launched in January.

"Partnering with the Ad Council on this three-year project will help spread awareness and action against child abuse and will offer hope to many children coping with this intolerable pain," said Sara O'Meara, co-founder and CEO of Childhelp. "We are pleased and proud that the Ad Council has chosen to support Childhelp in this nationwide campaign."

The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline receives 200,000 calls a year and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Professional crisis counselors are available to provide crisis intervention, information, literature and referrals to thousands of emergency, social service and other support agencies in 140 languages.

For more information about Childhelp, visit www.childhelp.org or call 480-922-8212.

A.T. Still University hosts world-class body, mind and spirit symposium

A.T. Still University (ATSU) is hosting *Still Symposium: Exploring the Body, Mind and Spirit Connection* on Feb. 29 and Mar. 1 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa in Phoenix. Topics at the symposium will explore the latest findings and applications of body-mind-spirit medicine.

"The interaction of body, mind and spirit has been called the 'new medicine' and the new healthcare," said ATSU President Dr. James McGovern. "It is believed that it will soon become the dominant focus in various forms of healthcare training."

The symposium will feature world-famous authorities on health including Dr. Andrew Weil, founder and program director of the Program of Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona. Weil's books, PBS specials and frequent Larry King Live appearances have inspired people everywhere to live healthier lives. Other keynote speakers include Antonio Damasio, M.D.; Carl Hammerschlag, M.D.; Candace Pert, Ph.D.; John Manfredonia, D.O.; and ATSU Provost Craig Phelps, D.O.

For more information about the Still Symposium, visit www.stillsymposium.com or call 866-626-2878 ext. 2232.

...At a Glance

Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons perform at the 2008 Childhelp Drive the Dream Gala. GCJPR assisted producing the event and coordinated media relations efforts. The annual event raises \$1.5 million each year for Childhelp programs and services based in Arizona.



Below: Senator and Mrs. Jon Kyl join Childhelp founders Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Feddersen at the 2008 Drive the Dream Gala.

