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Holiday toy drive aids border families

By Andrea Dalton
Staff Writer

BorderLinks is a border issues education organization, holding a toy drive for children living along the U.S.-Mexican border.

The toys will be distributed to more than 1,000 children and their families who attend an annual Christmas party at BorderLinks’ Casa Misericordia, a community center in Nogales, Sonora. Each year the number of families that attend the party increases, said BorderLinks volunteer Caryn Kelly, who is organizing the toy drive.

“It’s a time for everyone to come together in the spirit of the holidays,” Kelly said. “We have a meal for everyone, piñatas, games and fun for the families that come.”

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The Tucson-Pima Public Library system will open a new library next summer, according to Elva Smithwhite, managing librarian at the Mission Library.

The Quincie Douglas Branch Library is the result of a $3.5 million bond package Tucsonans voted for in 2000, said Malena Carreon, Tucson-Pima Public Library public relations officer.

The Sam Lena South Tucson Library, 1607 S. Sixth Ave., provides a location convenient for South Tucson residents.

The groundbreaking for the new site at South Kino Parkway and East 36th Street was in March, Smithwhite said. A hardhat party for neighbors, contractors and artists was held Oct. 27 for the community and attracted about 50 people, she said.

“It’s unique in my career to have that much community participation, energy and interest in a library,” she said.

According to Smithwhite, funds for a pedestrian bridge across South Kino Parkway to reach the library no longer exist.

The library will be 10,000 square feet and be located near the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center that opened in May 1999, according to the Tucson-Pima Public Library Web site.

“How the space will be used was decided by people in the neighborhood,” said Smithwhite. “They voiced that they wanted a separate computer lab and meeting space, and wanted to be sure they had adaptive materials with large type and talking books.

They voiced very specific desires they had for their library, and so far, the library will match their needs,” she said.

The new library will have updated technology, a computer lab, study rooms and a meeting room for community conferences. People in the neighborhood are discussing ways to raise funding for more programs, said Smithwhite.

The Tucson-Pima Public Library system expects an initial collection of 40,000 books in the Quincie Douglas Branch that will later expand to 60,000 books, with an anticipated 250,000 annual circulation, according to the Web site.

The new facility will include many programs for the community, including homework help, storytime programs and literacy outreach and education within the community.

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Red Cross blood supply "seriously low"

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Staff Writer

Blood supply shortages have plagued Arizona for several months, so the Red Cross is hoping to increase blood drive donations during the holiday season.

Residents of South Tucson and surrounding areas can donate blood at numerous sites in the area throughout the season.

According to Nancy Connor, donor recruitment manager for the American Red Cross Arizona Region Blood Services, blood supplies are at a "seriously low" level, with less than a one-day supply for most blood types. The ideal supply would last five to seven days.

Blood supplies have been low for at least six months, said Connor. She said yearly lows usually occur during July and August, as well as November and December, when many people are busy with holiday plans.

Connor said Arizona supplies blood to other states whenever blood in a year.

The Red CrossWeb site claims that every two seconds someone needs blood, which are the most common and used to it and ready and know they have a role," Wilson said.

Anyone in generally good health, weighing at least 110 pounds and at least 17 years old can give blood at a permanent donation center or any public blood drive. The two donations centers in Tucson are located at 4601 E. Broadway Blvd., and at the Foothills Mall, 7401 N. La Cholla Blvd.

The Red Cross is offering incentives for donors during the holiday season. All donors are entered in a drawing for two $500 gas cards during November and December.

The Red Cross will also have two "bloodmobiles" at the 10th Annual Parade of Lights at Tucson’s Armory Park Dec. 11 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Small Fire — Nov. 20, 2004

A shopping cart filled with miscellaneous items was set on fire in an alley located on the 200 block of W. 26th St., reports stated. A witness told police she saw two 12-year-old males around the cart before the fire occurred. South Tucson Police responded and put the fire out. Police have no suspects, reports stated.

Indecent Exposure — Nov. 19, 2004

A man disrupted services at a funeral home located on the 2500 block of S. Sixth Ave., reports stated. A witness told police the man was pounding on the door and attempted to enter. When a woman told him to leave he began making sexual gestures with his hips towards the door. He then backed up and exposed himself to the woman before running into a nearby neighborhood. Police have no suspects at this time, reports stated.

Assault and Robbery — Nov. 14, 2004

A man beat and robbed another man at the intersection of South Sixth Avenue and East 30th Street, reports stated. The victim told police he was walking when another man asked him for money. When the victim said no, the man punched him twice in the face. As the victim lay on the ground, the man took $7 from the victim’s pockets, kicked him and left the scene. Police located the man and booked him into Pima County Jail on charges of robbery and aggravated assault, reports stated.

Argument and Injury — Nov. 12, 2004

A woman approached a police and told them a man assaulted her in a trailer located in the 200 block of East 33rd Street, reports stated. They were drinking and began to argue about the Bible when the man punched her in the left side of the face. Police located the man and the woman identified him. The man was taken to Pima County Jail and booked for assault and criminal trespassing, reports stated.
Window Depot open for business

By Abigail Kesling
Writer

Window Depot is a new business, which opened Sept. 7, because of a demand from customers who are from the southern area of Tucson.

The new store has seven employees, said Ron Hess, president of the Window Depot. Three of the employees were hired from the South Tucson area to help promote business in the area.

Window Depot is located at 2901 S. Fourth Ave., at the intersection of South Fourth Boulevard and East 39th Street.

Miche’s, a Mexican restaurant, is located across the street from Window Depot.

“We know where Miche’s restaurant is, so we usually refer to that,” said Richard Padilla, an employee at Window Depot.

This window and door department store has branches in Nevada, Texas, California, New Mexico and Arizona.

Window Depot’s east location in Tucson, 5905 E. Speedway Blvd., opened May 1, 2003.

“We noticed the low number of customers speaking Spanish at the Speedway store, and we knew that this must mean we were missing so many Spanish-speaking people in this area,” Hess said.

Window Depot will hire more employees from South Tucson, depending on business in the future, Hess said.

“Everyone who works at this store lives in this area,” he said.

“I like this location better, because it is close to my house and I can go home for lunch, plus there are lots of customers here,” said Al Torres, an employee.

“We love having people who live close to the store and we also enjoy promoting business for South Tusconsans,” Hess said.

The South Tucson government and police officials have been very attentive with helping the store get up.

“We really appreciate the business Window Depot has brought to our city,” said South Tucson Police Chief Sisto Molina. “Our community will do anything to help the store.”

“They have been very supportive of our business, and we are going to reciprocate that through having our business here, hopefully helping the economic status,” Hess said.

The store location offers more employment opportunities.

“We have seen a rise in the number of customers since opening up this store,” Torres said.

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Thanksgiving and held a toy drive in December. The toy drive and car show benefited the children at the John A. Valenzuela Youth Center.

Gloria Hamelitz, site director of the youth center, said she hopes the lowrider club will continue the holiday projects for years to come.

“We got such a positive response last year,” Hamelitz said. “[The club] made community outreach more exciting.”

According to Hamelitz, the boxes of food came to the youth center from the Pio Decimo Center. The Tucson Veterans’ Hospital donates the food to the center.

Hamelitz said the youth center provides the lowriders with the list of needy families. She said the center works closely with families, and knows where the food is needed.

Pina said last year’s projects were successful, and that is why the club and youth center decided to do it again. He said it is an exciting and unique way of getting involved in the community.

“Some of these kids [at the youth center] are into or want to get into the lowrider scene,” Pina said. “We want to show them that part of that scene is giving back to the community.”

Hamelitz said the community response has been great, and that “everyone enjoys the free car show” when the club makes deliveries.

“We have new customers from South Tucson, Nogales, Benson and even Mexico,” Hess said.

Customers from Mexico find it more convenient to stop at the south location of Window Depot so they do not have to drive through downtown Tucson, said Padilla.

The location is five minutes off I-10, which is a simple stop for individuals driving through Tucson.

Window Depot prides itself in the higher level of customer satisfaction, Torres said.

“This new location is much more convenient for me, especially since I have been fixing up my house,” said Randall Burns, a customer from Tucson. “The other store is downtown and traffic in that area is such a hassle. This new store is much easier to access.”

Customers appreciate the new location as well as the attention from employees at Window Depot.

“At large department stores, like Lowe’s, people have to wait in lines to get help or wander around looking for employees, but here, customers receive great service and the lowest prices, that is why they continue to come back,” Padilla said.

To contact Window Depot for more information, call the east location at 290-8545 or the west location 622-6430.

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According to Carreon, Smithwhite will likely be the manager at the new library.

“I’m very excited about it, especially because of the groundswell of attention,” said Smithwhite.

“People are taking full ownership of this library.”

Award-winning Richard & Bauer Architecture created the layout for the new facility. Nina Borgia-Aberle and Stephen Grede will provide the artwork that symbolizes a “Building Bridges” theme in honor of cultural diversity within the community, according to the Web site.

Smithwhite said the new library is stirring people’s attention.

“There’s so much common interest in this neighborhood,” she said. “The neighborhood looks so different now.”

Smithwhite said that neighborhood meetings that used to cater to between six and 12 people, now there are 50-60 people attending to make sure there is progress.

Neighborhood residents call frequently to make sure there are no delays in getting the library underway, she said.

“We’re talking about collaborations between the library and the Tucson Urban League, especially because of the groundswell of interest and focus it as a positive neighborhood thing,” said Smithwhite.

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YouthBuild provides homes, education

By Julia Henry
Staff Writer

YouthBuild students will use their newly acquired carpentry skills this winter to help construct two affordable homes in the City of South Tucson, organizers said.

YouthBuild, a national nonprofit organization, is open to young people from 16 to 24 years old who have dropped out of high school for various reasons, usually related to family or social problems. The program offers students the opportunity to obtain their GED certificate and learn construction skills simultaneously, according to YouthBuild counselor Sebastian Quinoc.

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on a guided tour of border towns, border factories called maquiladoras and cultural and migration centers to educate them about the reality of border issues.

These trips attract people from all over the country because these issues are widespread, Kelly said.

“We had a group from a Menno church in Indiana who had experienced a lot of growth in their city due to migrant workers coming up and taking jobs in industries,” she said.

“They had to come to learn more about why people are migrating in such large numbers, why they leave and how the church can better serve that community.”

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Senior service programs receive $15K

By Andrew Wood

Four grants from the United Way totaling in $15,000 have helped the South Tucson House of Neighborly Service expand its senior citizen outreach programs in the past months.

House of Neighborly Service, 243 W. 23rd St., is a part of a nationwide Presbyterian nonprofit organization that provides South Tucson youth and seniors a safe atmosphere to improve their daily lives socially, physically and emotionally through various programs. The grant money, received in June, helped establish three new programs, including the Ambassador Program, Neighbors Care Alliance and a senior men’s program that includes a new recreational room.

Northwest Interface Center, another community senior center, saw a need for the senior groups in South Tucson and called House of Neighborly Service Executive Director Kimberly Sierra.

Sierra requested grants under the new faith-based and community initiatives started by President Bush. The initiatives represent a new approach taken by the government to improve communities that have been needlessly and improperly inhibited by bureaucratic red tape and restrictions placed on funding, according to the White House Web site.

“The purpose of these programs is to give a helping hand, neighbors helping neighbors, with volunteers providing services to make seniors independent as long as possible,” said Neighbors Care Alliance Coordinator Elizabeth Vásquez-Lane.

Vásquez-Lane’s position was added in June to ensure the success of all senior programs. She has been actively seeking volunteers and financial contributions from the community to help stabilize the new programs.

“Reality in all of this is that the government cannot be there for all of the needs,” Vásquez-Lane said. “They don’t like to be hands off; they still want to function in society.”

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K-9 unit ‘takes a bite out of crime’

By Melissa Aquino
Staff Writer

As the only dog in the South Tucson Police Department’s K-9 Unit, Officer Buck is keeping the streets and police officers of South Tucson safe by “taking a bite out of crime.”

With the collaboration of the Tucson Police Department, the South Tucson Police Department began its K-9 program in 1997. The Tucson Police Department has five K-9 dog handlers and one supervisor. The K-9 program is credited with saving countless work hours for the officers and making their work environment and community safer. Local supporters and K-9 programs nationwide have used trained canines as an effort to ‘take a bite out of crime’ with the canines providing a variety of services to these agencies.

To develop a trusting relationship and to learn specialized police patrol techniques, the officer and his dog train together. The time allotted for training varies according to South Tucson Police Chief Sixto Molina.

All K-9 programs, like the one in South Tucson’s Police Department, are members of the National Police Canine Association, which promotes and assists the use of police service dogs to prevent and detect crime, promotes educational programs in correspondence with police service dogs in law enforcement and promotes assistance to law agencies in implementation of police service dogs.

The NPCA requires a standard of training and certification for all K-9 units, which is implemented by the association’s “Standards of Training and Certification Council.”

After the dog and officer graduate training, the two begin to "work the streets" as partners.

Sgt. Dan Snyder, officer in charge of the South Tucson K-9 Unit, was not available for comment.

For Molina, his job as the police chief executive officer is to "direct and determine" what the department and its officers participate in. That’s also the case when the time comes for finding a new dog for the K-9 unit.

He said “dogs are assigned to agencies by the specificity and needs of the department,” through which no written agreement is made. The agreement is made in conjunction with the task force.

Molina said the K-9 unit has been “progressive and valuable; dogs have a nose (for detecting narcotics) that humans cannot detect themselves.”

Advantages of K-9 Narcotics Units

- The most sophisticated and effective system available for drug search
- Provides a strong deterrent to discourage people from acquiring drugs
- No installation expenses or hiring of additional personnel needed
- Cabinets don’t have to be open to identify the presence of drugs
- Highly cost-effective
- Confidential basis
- Training courses for handlers and narcotics dogs

Southern Arizona Calendar of Events

Dec. 3 — 4: Holiday Nights at Tohono Chul Park. Celebrate the season with music, home-baked cookies, shopping, holiday dining at the Tea Room and strolling the park surrounded by thousands of twinkling lights.

Dec. 4: Santa’s Workshop is a craft show featuring more than 200 artists, opportunities for pictures with Santa and to receive free treat bag. Tucson Convention Center.

Dec. 4: Kid’s Flamenco Dance to learn about the Spanish dance, enrolling for beginners ages 6-13. Milagro del Baile, 41 N. Tucson Blvd. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Contact: 622-0440.

Dec. 4 — 5: La Fiesta de Tumacacori is a Celebration of the cultural continuity of the historic upper Santa Cruz River Valley, with folk arts, music and food vendors at the mission. Tumacacori National Historical Park, contact: 398-2341.


Dec. 8: Cine Club will show “Cidade de Deus” (“City of God”) at the University of Arizona Modern Languages Building, room 311. Starts at 7 p.m. Contact: cuadrados@email.arizona.edu


Dec. 10 — 12: Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair. Artisans, food vendors and entertainers from around the country line the streets selling their wares. South Fourth Avenue Shopping District. Contact: 624-5004.

Dec. 11: Downtown Parade of Lights. Downtown Tucson holiday parade, with Santa Claus and fabulous floats, music, food and entertainment, beginning at 6 p.m. Tucson Downtown Alliance. Contact: 547-333.


Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!

December (all month): Feria Navideña (Christmas Market). A Mexican Christmas market, with figurines and other items for nativity scenes and holiday decor; also weekend special events. El Centro Cultural de Las Americas. Contact: 629-9536.

Abre nueva empresa de ventanas

Por Abigail Kesling
Reportera

Window Depot es un negocio nuevo que abrió el 7 de septiembre debido al pedido de los clientes del área de Sur Tucson y de Tucson.

La nueva tienda tiene nuevos empleados, dijo Ron Hess, presidente de Window Depot. Tres de los empleados fueron contratados de Sur Tucson para ayudar a promover el negocio y la economía de esta pequeña ciudad.

Window Depot está ubicada al 2901 Sur Cuarta Avenida, en la intersección de la Cuarta Avenida y la Calle 39.

El restaurante Mexicano, Micha’s, está situado al cruzar la calle, frente a Window Depot.

“Todo mundo sabe donde está el restaurante, entonces casi siempre nos referimos así,” dijo Richard Padilla, empleado de Window Depot.

La nueva tienda para ventanas y puertas tiene sucursales en Nevada, Texas, California, Nuevo México y Arizona.

El primero de Mayo del 2003 se abrió la sucursal al este de Tucson, al 9503 Este Speedway Boulevard. “Notamos un bajo número de clientes hispano-hablantes en la tienda de la Speedway, y supimos que esto significaba que estábamos perdiendo algunos de nuestros clientes clave, ya que hay muchos hispano-hablantes en esta área,” dijo Hess. Window Depot contrató a más personas de Sur Tucson, dependiendo como vaya el negocio, dijo Hess.

Agregó, “Todos los que trabajan en está tienda viven en esta área.”

Al Torres, empleado de Window Depot comentó: “Me gusta estar cerca de mi casa y puedo almorzar en casa, además hay muchos clientes aquí.”

“Nos encanta tener a gente que vive cerca de la tienda, y también nos gusta promover cualquier oportunidad para Tusconenses del sur,” dijo Hess.

El gobierno de Sur Tucson y los oficiales de la policía han estado muy atentos al ayudarnos con el montaje de la tienda.

“Apreciamos, verdaderamente, el negocio que ha traído Window Depot a nuestra ciudad,” dijo el Jefe de la Policía de Sur Tucson, Sixto Molina. “Nuestra comunidad hará cualquier cosa para ayudar la tienda.

“Han apoyado mucho nuestro negocio y les regresaremos el favor al tener el negocio aquí y esperamos mejorar el estado de la economía,” dijo Hess.

La tienda ofrece más oportunidades de empleo.

Hemos visto el número de clientes aumentar desde que se abrió la tienda,” dijo Torres.

“Tenemos clientes nuevos de Sur Tucson, Nogales, Benson y hasta de México, ” dijo Hess.

Se les facilita mucho a los clientes de México llegar a la sucursal del sur, ya que no tienen que atravesar por el centro de Tucson, dijo Padilla.

“Esta sucursal nueva está en un lugar mucho más conveniente para mí, especialmente desde que he estado arreglando mi casa,” dijo Randall Burns, cliente de Tucson.

“La otra tienda está mas al centro y el tráfico en esa área es un lío. Está tienda nueva está mucho más fácil de frecuentar.”

Los clientes aprecian la sucursal nueva, tal como la atención de los empleados de Window Depot.

“En tiendas de mayorca, como Lowe’s, la gente tiene que esperar en líneas para recibir ayuda o tienen que buscar a empleados, pero aquí, los clientes reciben un buen servicio y a los precios más bajos, por esto es que regresan nuestros clientes,” dijo Padilla.

Contacte a Window Depot para más información: Sucursal del Este 290-8545 o Oeste 622-6430.

Restaurant Guide

El Parador (Mexican cuisine) 2744 E. Broadway Blvd., 881-2808, Mon.-Thurs. 11:00 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Live salsa music on Friday nights.

Micha’s (Mexican cuisine) 2908 S. Fourth Ave., 623-5307, Fri.-Sat. 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Catering services and take out available. Rated one of the best Mexican restaurants by “Hispanic Magazine.”

Los Jarritos 3459 S. 12th Ave., 770-1340, open daily. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Rated one of the best Mexican restaurants by “Hispanic Magazine.”

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News Briefs

Valle del Sur waiting list

More than 100 people are on a waiting list for Valle del Sur’s 60 available rent-to-own homes for low-income families.

“Construction is under way and going well,” said Daniella Zepeda, member of Development Design Group. “We have a very large database with over 100 families interested in the houses.”

Applicants on the waiting list will be notified whether they are eligible or not for the housing project in fall 2005.

The community project will not be completed until December 2005, Zepeda said.

— Abigail Kesling and Dan McGuire

Increase in South Tucson voting

Voter turnout in South Tucson for the 2004 presidential election more than doubled from the turnout in the 2000 presidential election.

According to the Pima County Recorder’s Office, 1,904 residents, or about 52 percent of registered voters in South Tucson, voted in this November’s election.

Comparatively, that figure is nearly two and a half times the number of voters who voted in the 2000 election. In 2000, 762, or about 20 percent of registered voters cast ballots.

— Michelle Ochoa and Dan McGuire

New Las Artes apprentices focus on mural

A South Tucson mural project is the focus of 12 new Las Artes art apprenticeship students.

The mural, commissioned by South Tucson and the Pima Association of Governments, will be placed at 18th Avenue and 25th Street with anticipated completion in spring 2005.

Plans for the mural include aspects from the Juego de Lotería, also known as “Mexican Bingo,” and the Aztec calendar with sun, moon and star images. The 12 students in the Las Artes program interviewed in the September edition of El Independiente are within two weeks of receiving their GED certification.

— Kenneth Wolverton and Dan McGuire

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El Garrón 1830 S. Fourth Ave. 792-1585, Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m., closed Sundays.

Los Jarritos 4832 s. 12th Ave., 746-0364, open 7 days a week. Catering and take out available.

Mi Nidito Cafe 1813 S. Fourth Ave., 622-5081, open daily. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Rated one of the best Mexican restaurants by “Hispanic Magazine.”

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The Gates of South Tucson

The town has many kinds of architectural features, but gates and walls are a large part of every street. The boundaries and borders of people’s homes have a variety of materials and styles. One thing for certain is that pride of home is exhibited wall to wall.

The Pueblo football team practices kick-offs during a September practice. The Warriors finished the season 4-7. See scores on right.