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Tempe Chamber of Commerce Week of April 29th, 2019

Tempe and Beyond: What's Happening in Politics?

NATIONAL

[Washington Post: How the U.S. Chamber is adapting, evolving, leading](#)

In an article published Thursday, *The Washington Post* detailed the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's recent evolution and growth, as well as the way they are "navigating dramatic cultural change that's transforming the worlds of politics and business". U.S. Chamber President and CEO Tom Donohue and Senior Executive VP Suzanne Clark sat down with *The Post* to discuss the Chamber's commitment to rebuilding the political center, the efforts to work with both Democrat and Republican lawmakers, and its continued leadership in Washington.

[USMCA could generate \\$100B per year in added GDP](#)

Top White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow told FOX Business that the new USMCA, which will replace NAFTA, will add billions of dollars to the U.S. economy and create hundreds of thousands of jobs. Kudlow said USMCA is "hugely important" to the American economy and he is hopeful that Congress will sign the trilateral trade deal.

[White House wants \\$4.5 billion in emergency border funding](#)

The Trump administration on Wednesday asked Congress for an additional \$4.5 billion in emergency funds for the U.S.-Mexico border as the administration contends with a surge of Central American migrant families, with the bulk of the money for shelter and care. The number of families and children arriving alone at the border is outpacing the number of single adults, and their needs are much different.

STATE

[Stanton and Biggs discuss politics and promote bipartisanship](#)

Congressmen Greg Stanton (CD-9) and Andy Biggs (CD-5) both represent prominent districts in the East Valley but together their time in the United States Congress only adds up to roughly three years. The two Representatives put aside their conflicting voting records this week and sat down to discuss issues facing Arizona in D.C. at the East Valley Partnership Statesperson Luncheon.

[Gov. Doug Ducey vetoes distracted driving bill](#)

Gov. Ducey vetoed legislation that would have toughened the state's distracted driving law on Friday, just days after signing a new law banning handheld cellphone use. Ducey said in a veto letter that both measures were well intentioned but he's concerned the measure he vetoed doesn't give drivers clear direction about what activities are prohibited or how the law would be enforced.

[Yuma mayor meets with Trump for solutions to migrant influx](#)

Yuma Mayor Douglas Nicholls met with Trump and acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan on Tuesday to discuss solutions to the situation along the border. The meeting came



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two weeks after the mayor declared a state of emergency when the town's migrant shelters exceeded capacity.

[Arizona Congressional seats at risk if census citizenship question is approved](#)

In late June, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether the controversial citizenship question should be allowed on the Census. Research shows Arizona and other red states in support of it could lose representation and millions of dollars. Although he admitted Arizona could lose \$887 in federal funding for every person not counted, Gov. Ducey recently brushed off concerns.

[#RedForEd one year later: A national perspective](#)

It's been one year since tens of thousands of teachers walked out of their classrooms and marched on the Arizona state Capitol in what became a week-long strike. Arizona was just one of many states that saw teachers harnessing their political power last year as they demanded higher pay, as well as more funding for education across the board.

LOCAL

[Three finalists selected to interview for vacant Tempe City Council seat](#)

Three Tempe residents were invited to interview for a vacant seat on the Tempe City Council session during a work study session on Tuesday. Narrowed from a total of 49 residents who applied for the position, the three finalists chosen were Don Cassano, Arlene Chin and Shereen Lerner. All three finalists have been residents of Tempe for more than 43 years.

[Esteemed judge to investigate claims against ASU economics department](#)

Arizona State University announced Tuesday it has hired a former Arizona Supreme Court chief justice to investigate a faculty member's claims of unethical behavior in the economics department on Tempe's campus. The appointment came in response to a call last week by the student government for an independent investigation of accusations made by clinical assistant professor Brian Goegan.