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## Town needs attention

*By all outward appearances when it comes to seeing the future, officials in Marana seem to do it better than most in this region.*

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So why is it when I saw Town Manager Mike Reuwsaat the other day I got the distinct feeling he was feeling a little like Marana is the Rodney Dangerfield n I get no respect n of the region?

After all, just last month Marana played host to the very biggest sporting event that's ever been staged around here, the World Golf Championships - Accenture Match Play Championship. Which will be back for years to come.

By all accounts I've heard it was a huge success.

The next luxury resort to come to the region, a Ritz Carlton, is going to be built within the town boundaries of Marana. It's not official yet, but it's close. Very close.

They're about to land a Bass Pro Shops store. Those don't go just anywhere.

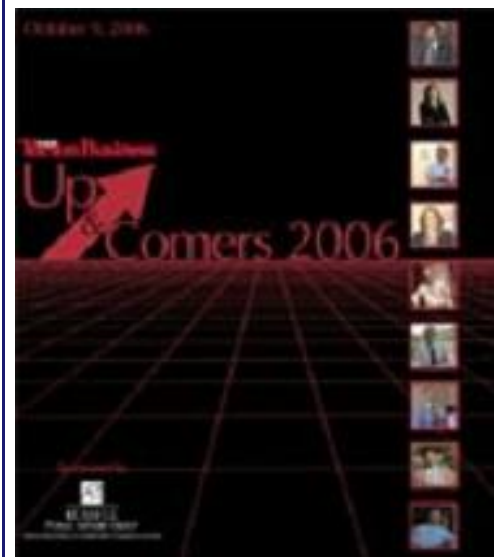
Plans are also in the works for new regional shopping centers. Even a new auto mall.

And, as has been detailed here and other places before, In-N-Out is going into Marana.

Considering the booming growth already there and what's to come, Marana has done well at staying on top of infrastructure and services. Northwest Medical Centers is looking to build its third full-scale hospital in Marana. A cooperative effort between the Marana school district and the town will build a

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community activity and performing arts center.

Reuwsaat says the town doesn't have a cemetery and that bothers him.

But aside from that, the development plans the town already has in place will house 180,000 people in the coming years.

Unlike other areas of the region, Marana is a town that understands and plans for growth. Though it has its limits and it is nearing the end of the planning stages. Development will have to catch up.

How often does something seem to happen out of nowhere but if you really look at it, somebody knew it was happening. We just weren't paying attention.

Someday we'll look back on how this region has developed and I suspect someone will say that Marana happened out of nowhere. And what a remarkable job they did.

It's happening right now. We're just not paying attention.

#### Women of Influence

My, my my. Would you look at the date? We have just a little over a week before the deadline for nominations for Inside Tucson Business's annual Women of Influence honors. The nomination form is printed in this edition, on page 28, and is also available on our website.

Surely you know a woman we should honor this year as one who is a leader in our community. Nine women will be selected and profiled in a special section to be published April 30. Then we'll have a special breakfast celebration in June. Both the special section and breakfast are inspiring events.

So, if you haven't already done so, please get those nominations in. The deadline is April 3.