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Patriotic lady

Jo Runstrom enjoys some lunch Wednesday on Flag Day hosted by the Green Valley Republican Women at GOP headquarters in Green Valley, located at 125 W. Calle de las Tiendas. Lunch was free for the first 50 persons who called to make a reservation.

ADEQ issues tough new water permit for PD mine

By **Tim Hull**
 Green Valley News

After years of negotiations, state regulators issued a revised draft of a water quality permit for the Phelps Dodge Sierrita Mine Thursday that includes unprecedented standards for sulfate levels in drinking water.

The permit establishes a maximum allowable limit of 250 milligrams per liter (mg/l) for sulfate in drinking water affected by the mine's operations, the same standard listed in the federal Environmental Protection Agency's secondary drinking water standards.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the agency responsible for issu-

ing the mine's Aquifer Protection Permit (APP), is calling the standard "the toughest sulfate level that ADEQ has ever included in a water quality permit."

"This ground-breaking order will help ensure that the drinking water supply for the community is safe from sulfate contamination," said ADEQ Director Steve Owens.

Owens added the agreement is likely to set a precedent in the state for other mines and industries that discharge sulfate into aquifers.

"We knew that whatever we were going to do would also set a precedent and establish an outline," for other agreements, he said. "This was the

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County administrator disputes state auditor's report on misspent funds

By **Jim Lamb**
 Green Valley News

Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry is annoyed at the claim by the state auditor general's office that the county misspent state transportation funds totaling more than \$5 million.

He wants the state attorney general to set the auditor general straight.

The auditor general's office said last week that in the last fiscal year Pima County improperly spent \$5,026,195 of its state highway and transportation funds.

In all, Pima County received \$41.8 million in Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) and \$12.1 million in Vehicle License Taxes (VLT) last year.

Arizona's constitution says HURF money can't be spent on anything but road construction and maintenance.

And a state law directs some of the state's VLT into HURF.

Huckelberry contends that not all of the VLT money goes into the pot that's highly restricted by the constitution.

He said some of the money is for "transportation pur-

poses," and not just for road construction and maintenance.

Thus, he argued, it can be used for sidewalks, bike lanes, bus pullouts and other similar things.

The auditor general's report noted that \$10,689 of state revenues was spent for "other" items, including dry cleaning services, key chains and stress balls and some employee costs.

Huckelberry said the auditor general used these items "to maneuver this issue to the front pages of local newspapers and make it a political issue."

Huckelberry said the dry cleaning went to clean some employee uniforms worn for safety, key chains and stress balls were given as a "small token or memento" at such things as groundbreakings. Some employee costs, he said, involved tuition help for workers taking courses to make them more productive.

He also asked the supervisors to take \$5,026,195 from the county stabilization fund to cover the costs if the attorney general decides that transportation money was misspent by the county.

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Candidates meet filing deadlines to run for office

By **Jim Lamb**
 Green Valley News

There were no surprises, no last-minute filings or withdrawals Wednesday in the race for Arizona's 8th Congressional District.

Wednesday was the filing deadline, and six Democrats, five Republicans and one Libertarian submitted nominating petitions trying to capture the seat being vacated by longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe.

In the race for governor, incumbent Janet Napolitano had no opposition for the Democratic primary, while four

Republicans and one Libertarian filed papers hoping to challenge her next fall.

U.S. Sen. Jon Kyl, an Arizona Republican, has no opposition in the primary, and neither do his announced opponents—Democrat Jim Pederson and Libertarian Richard Mack.

Voters in November will select all 435 members of the House of Representatives, where Republicans hold a 231-201 seat advantage. There's also one independent and two vacancies.

Observers say there's a chance for Democrats to

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Amado to get community center from Pima County bond funds

By **Jim Lamb**
 Green Valley News

Using bond revenues, Pima County is going to build a small building for Amado residents, a move that some say will help build a feeling of community.

Amado is about 10 miles south of Green Valley on Interstate 19.

Plans call for a 3,300-square-foot concrete block structure that will be used for community meetings and possibly after-school activities for some of the children.

Estimated cost is \$500,000.

It will be built on the Sopori Elementary School grounds.

Sopori is a school in the Sahuarita Unified School District, which provided land for the new building.

The district is also providing architectural services, maintenance and custodial services for the building and

personnel to help run the center. It will also provide utilities.

The construction funds come from Neighborhood Reinvestment bond revenues that voters approved in 1997 and 2004. The money is to provide small scale capital improvements in socially and

economically stressed communities.

Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson hailed the selection of the Amado project. She represents Amado and most of rural Pima County.

The county's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program estimated there are 3,879 resi-

dents and 873 households in the 100-square-mile area.

The building will be used for the Even Start Family Literacy Center.

It may also be used for summer and after school programs, clinics, adult educa-

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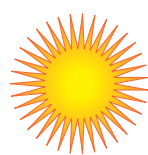


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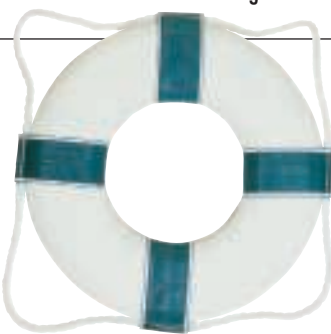
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