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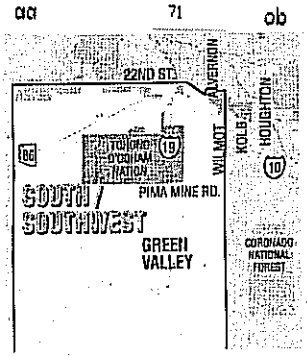

Neighborhood Briefing

Chicanos por la Causa lobbies officials in D.C.

The National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic civil-rights group, held an Advocacy Day last week in Washington, D.C., that brought together Latino community organizations and elected officials to address some needs of Hispanics.

Lorraine Lee, who represented Tucson's Chicanos por la Causa, joined nearly 300 other representatives of Hispanic organizations.

Lee met with U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz.; Rep. Raúl Grijalva, D-Ariz.; and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

Chicanos por la Causa is a community development corporation that focuses on education, housing, economic issues and social services.

The Advocacy Day agenda included investing in education, preserving Medicaid, strengthening the financial security of Hispanic families, and enacting comprehensive immigration reform.

Neighborhood meeting

The Palo Verde Neighborhood Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at Khalsa Montessori Elementary School, 3244 E. Camden St.

Sheriff's volunteers welcome 8 from GV

Eight Green Valley residents have completed eight weeks of training in the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers of Green Valley Academy.

They will become noncommissioned volunteers with the Pima County Sheriff's Department and will be able to help deputies wherever they're needed.

Set to graduate on March 31 are Gary Jacques, Jane Lohmann, Conan Mooney, John Packer, Audrey Shepelak, William Treichel, Kathleen Truschke and John Van Dyke.

Volunteer training covers directing traffic, taking routine police calls, writing reports and learning a new language for talking on police radios. About 110 people are members of the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers of Green Valley.

Anyone interested in enrolling in the next academy session can call 547-6744 or pick up an application at the sheriff's Green Valley District office, 601 N. La Cañada Drive. Candidates can take a tour of the facilities.

Old Time Fiddlers to perform Tuesday

The Southern Arizona Old Time Fiddlers will give a concert from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Southwest Community Center, 5950 S. Cardinal Ave. The concert is free, but donations are appreciated.

Caregiver support

The Caregiver Education and Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. Monday.

Call 546-4482 for directions and to register. The location is near West Valencia Road and South 12th Avenue.

Saturday festivities to affect bus routes

Due to the 19th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival on Saturday, Sun Tran passengers should expect systemwide delays.

The bus system's Downtown routes will be detoured from about 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Signs will be posted at all discontinued stops directing passengers to the Ronstadt Transit Center. The routes that will be affected are 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 19. For more information, call 792-9222.

The parade — which actually will take place the day after Friday's St. Patrick's Day — starts at 10 a.m. at the Jácome Plaza, in front of the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

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