



Season Greetings from the Greater Yuma EDC Staff,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 19, 2011

Greater Yuma EDC Investor
Committee Meeting

December 20, 2011

Greg LaVann, Senior
Project Manager will be
attending the San Luis II
Cargo Building Open
Forum

Greater Yuma EDC Would Like to Recognize Johnson Controls, Inc.

Johnson Controls Battery Group Yuma has been in the news celebrating their recent expansion, the Arizona Rural Grant award and their job creation as a result of this expansion. Today they are in the news again and this time they are being recognized for their civic involvement and their outstanding performance.

44 Employees from Johnson Controls Battery Group Yuma and their families volunteered their time on Saturday to plant the understory in the Cottonwood Flood Irrigation area of the Yuma West Wetlands. The amount of work this group achieved surpassed the efforts of two weeks combined labor. A check for \$1,000 was presented to the Yuma West Wetlands towards the plant materials, by Johnson Controls Battery Group Yuma.

The Yuma Battery Group was recently recognized by Johnson Controls Inc. as the “Most Improved Plant in the Western Hemisphere”. This is the highest recognition they can receive within the Corporation. Last year this plant was number 2, and moved into 1st place in 2011. There are five elements that are considered when determining the most improved plant:

- Safety
- Employee Engagement
- Quality
- Community Involvement
- Productivity

In 2011 the Yuma Center ranked number 1 in the U.S. for employee engagement, their productivity increased by 14.5% and their warranty improvement increased by 41%.

F35B Video

This video is fresh (for the public). It was made just six weeks ago in the Atlantic, just off Newport News (Hampton Roads), Virginia.

These are the latest sea trials of the F-35B on the USS Wasp. They were very successful, with 74 VL's and STO's in a three week period. The media and the program critics had predicted that we would burn holes in the deck and wash sailors overboard. Neither of which happened. You will notice a sailor standing on the bow of the ship as the jet rotates. That was an

December 26, 2011

Greater Yuma EDC office
closed for the Christmas
Holiday

January 2, 2012

Greater Yuma EDC office
closed for the New Year
Holiday

January 9, 2012

ACA Rural Grant Deadline

January 13, 2012

Chamber of Commerce Annual
Dinner

January 16, 2012

Julie Engel, President/CEO
giving Mid Year Presentation
at the Yuma County Board of
Supervisors Meeting

January 17, 2012

Julie Engel, President/CEO
giving Mid Year Presentation
at the City Council Regular
Worksession

January 19, 2012

Greater Yuma EDC Board of
Directors Meeting

January 19, 2012

Southwest Arizona
Futures Forum
Plenary Session:

“Every Vote Counts”
Increasing Voter
Participation in Yuma
County

Yuma County Main Library
1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

intentional part of the sea trials.
Try viewing Full Screen - impressive.

No catapult..... No hook It's a new world out there. It really is.

The shape and scope of warfare - worldwide - justchanged.
IMPORTANT.

Think - this new, monster killer aircraft can land in a tennis court and take off from it.

[View Video....](#)

Top Senators Express Dismay Over Latest F-35 Deal

The 2012 U.S. defense authorization bill includes tighter cost controls for the next F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) purchase, but the legislation comes too late to influence a contract the Defense Department awarded days earlier.

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Southwest Orders 208 Boeing 737s Valued at \$19 Billion

Southwest Airlines Co. on Tuesday said it ordered 208 new Boeing 737 aircraft with a value of nearly \$19 billion.

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U.S. Solar Industry Posts Best Quarter Ever

New Hampshire, USA -- Judging by the headlines, the American solar industry is going through some rocky times. The Solyndra bankruptcy, the solar trade complaint filed against China and the pending expiration of a wildly popular grant program continue to provide fodder for an increasingly politicized discussion.

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GREATER YUMA EDC BOARDROOM

Just a reminder...the GYEDC conference room is available to silver, gold and platinum level investors. Many investors are already taking advantage of the meeting space. The conference room is available from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday by appointment only. Please call Melissa at 782-7774 if you would like to reserve the space.

New Study: Solar Grid Parity Is Here Today

Solar materials prices are down, financing is more accessible and technology has extended solar system life. The result: The price of solar energy-generated electricity, calculated by a legitimate levelized cost of energy (LCOE) method, is now competitive in many regions with the price of electricity generated by conventional sources.

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Folsom-based Waste Connections to Move Headquarters to Texas

Waste Connections Inc., the Sacramento region's largest publicly traded company, said Monday it's moving to Texas.

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When are Jobs Worth the Big Cost?

Two days after Chiquita walked away from a \$6 million incentive deal to stay in town, comes news that Ohio has offered \$400 million to lure Sears from Chicago to Columbus.

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