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City facilities holiday closures, trash schedule

In observance of the New Year holiday, City of Sierra Vista facilities will adhere to the following schedules.

City Hall, Ethel Berger Center, Henry F. Hauser Museum, Oscar Yrun Community Center, Visitor Center, Vista Transit Center, and the Compost Facility will

be closed Monday, January 2.

The Sierra Vista Public Library will close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 31 and be closed on Sunday, January 1. Normal hours will resume on Monday, January 2.

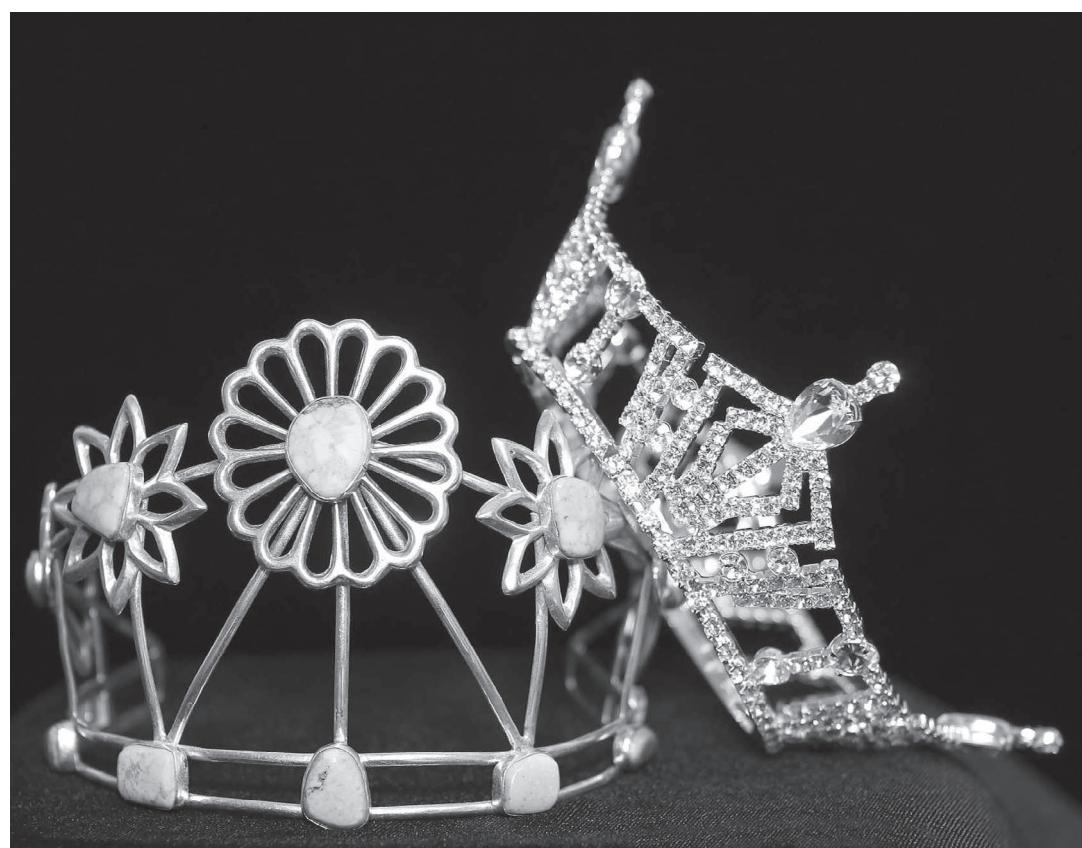
The Cove will be closed January 1 and 2.

Vista Transit will be closed on Monday, January 2 and buses will not run.

Nancy J. Brua Animal Care Center will be closed on Saturday, December 31.

Refuse & Special Pick-Up Holiday Schedule:

January 2—New Year's Holiday Observed: Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, January 3. Tuesday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday, January 4. There will be no special pickups on January 4.



New look for the Miss Sierra Vista Scholarship Pageant Crown
The iconic crown that has symbolized the Miss Sierra Vista Scholarship Pageant since 1972 will be retired in January 2012. The Miss America Organization has mandated that all state and local programs in the system must wear the "official Miss America Crown." Photo By Ty Holland



Christmas tree recycling through end of January

Christmas tree recycling began on Wednesday, December 21, and will run through Saturday, January 28. Both City and County residents will be able to dispose of their Christmas trees at the City's Compost Facility for free. This site is located just past the Animal Control Center on east Highway 90 at mile marker #325. The Compost Facility is open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is the only drop off location for Christmas tree recycling.

City refuse customers can have all yard waste, including Christmas trees, picked up throughout the year for free by calling 458-7530 to schedule. Special pick-ups are scheduled

each Wednesday, with at least 24-hour advance notice. When using this service, please have the yard waste tied or bagged and at the curb by 7 a.m. If the yard waste is over 5 feet long, remember to cut it down to less than 5-foot lengths prior to pickup.

Residents with live trees can donate them to the City for planting in one of the many public areas throughout the city. The trees will be picked up and cared for until a suitable planting location can be determined. For details, call Steve Szymeczek at 458-5775. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance and provide a lasting contribution to the local environment.

Avoid 'Three Deadly D's of Driving' during year-end travel

Nearly 2 million Arizonans will be on the road through Jan. 2 making highways hectic and hazardous. In fact, December was ranked as the third highest month for crashes in 2010, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation. Therefore, AAA is reminding motorists to exercise caution when getting behind the wheel during this busy time.

"Ninety percent of Arizonans traveling over the holidays are doing so by car, keeping the highways hustling and bustling through the new year. That's why it's crucial for motorists to be focused and alert behind the wheel," said Linda Gorman, director of communications and public affairs for AAA Arizona.

To keep roadways safe this season, the auto club encourages motorists to avoid these "Three Deadly D's of Driving":

Distractions Driving. It is the driver's responsibility to keep their eyes, mind and body fully focused on the task of driving. Assign a passenger to be the designated texter, talker and navigator. If traveling alone, pull over to a safe location to use your cell phone or adjust your navigation device, then proceed on your trip distraction free. Child and pet passengers can also be distractions to drivers, so allow another adult passenger to interact with these fam-

ily members.

Drunken or Drugged Driving. Remember that impairment begins with the first sip of alcohol. A designated driver should be alcohol-free — not the person in your party who has consumed the least. In addition, many medications have side effects that cause impairment, so read medication labels thoroughly.

New Year's Eve partygoers and hosts can bring in the new year safely with Topsy Tow, a service offered by AAA and the Beverage Alcohol Community Information Council (BACIC). The free service is available statewide and provides a tow and ride home for the driver, one passenger and their vehicle, up to 10 miles. Service will begin on Saturday, Dec. 31, at 6 p.m. and run through 6 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1. For more information, visit <http://www.az.aaa.com/topsytow>.

Drowsy Driving. Driving drowsy is similar to driving impaired — awareness decreases, reaction time slows, judgment is impaired, and your risk of crashing skyrockets. Avoid this deadly situation by getting seven to nine hours of sleep before driving. Take a break every 100 miles or two hours, and do not drive during hours when you routinely sleep. If you feel tired while driving, pull over to a safe location and take a 20- to 30-minute nap.

County's population declines

DR. ROBERT CARREIRA
Dir. of Center for Economic Research, Cochise College

According to estimates released by the Arizona Office of Employment and Population Statistics, Cochise County's population declined by 809 residents, or 0.6 percent, between Census 2010 and July 2011. The countywide population fell from 131,346 to 130,537.

All areas of Cochise County saw population declines in 2011 except Sierra Vista, which grew by 1,210 people, or 2.8 percent. Sierra Vista's population in 2011 was 45,098, up from 43,888 during Census 2010.

The largest population decline was seen in the county's unincorporated areas, which dropped by 2.9 percent, or 1,517 residents. During Census 2010, 52,410 people resided in the unincorporated areas of Cochise County. This fell to 50,893 in 2011.

A large part of the reason for Sierra Vista's population increase, and the drop in the population of the unincorporated areas, was the annexation of the Montebello and Carmel neighborhoods into the city shortly after Census 2010. Without the annexation, Sierra Vista's population from 2010 to 2011 would have effectively stabilized, and the population decline in the unincorporated areas would have been in line with the countywide rate.

Of Cochise County's incorporated areas, Bisbee saw the largest population decline from 2010 to 2011, at 1.8 percent. Bisbee's population fell from 5,575 to 5,474, a drop of 101 residents. Bisbee also saw the largest population decline between Census 2000 and Census 2010, when the city's population fell by 515 residents, or 8.5 percent. The only other city in Cochise County to see a population decline between 2000 and

2010 was Tombstone, which saw its population drop by 8.2 percent, or 124 residents.

Benson's population declined by 28 residents, or 0.5 percent, from 2010 to 2011. The city's population fell from 5,105 to 5,077.

The population of Douglas dropped by 260 residents, or 1.5 percent, from 2010 to 2011. The city's estimated population in 2011 was 17,118, compared to 17,378 during Census 2010. From 2000 to 2010, Douglas saw the highest overall rate of population growth in Cochise County. During that time, the city's population grew by 3,066 residents, or 21.4 percent. Most of that growth, however, occurred when the city annexed the state prison complex shortly after Census 2000, which accounted for the majority of its population growth between censuses. Controlling for the effects of Douglas' annexation of the County continued on page 6

Border Patrol lends a helping hand

The Tucson Sector Border Patrol (which includes southeastern Arizona) took advantage of several opportunities to make civic contributions to border communities over the past month. Agents collected food for a local food bank, devoted their time to reading to elementary school children, and participated in a local holiday parade.

As part of the Border Community Liaison program, Nogales agents collected 142 pounds of nonperishable food items and donated the food to the Nogales Community Food Bank which will go toward helping local families in need during the holiday season. In addition, they participated in the "Reading is Fundamental" program with Nogales elementary schools and read books to first and second graders. Interaction between agents and students establishes a positive relationship with law enforcement at a young age and demonstrates the value of community service.

Earlier this month, Nogales Station's Bike Patrol and ATV Units participated in the Christmas Light Parade alongside the Nogales Police Department, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, and CBP's Office of

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Border Patrol agent unloading donations at the Nogales Community Food Bank.



Border Patrol ATV's lined up in the Nogales Christmas parade.

New Year's quotes and toasts

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." — Oprah Winfrey

"Every New Year is the direct descendant, isn't it, of a long line of proven criminals?" — Ogden Nash

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Looking back and looking forward

EDNA WEIGEL
Mountain View News

Now is a good time to look back over successes, failures and interesting events of 2011 but also to look forward to problems and opportunities likely to occur in 2012. My most spectacular photo of 2011 was of a two-tailed swallowtail butterfly visiting a tithonia blossom late in the fall. We should all take time to enjoy whatever beauty comes our way. Much more troublesome were the squirrels that harvested cantaloupe and winter squash long before they were ripe. Two squirrels were trapped and released along the river and Dave stopped leaving unattended cat food outside for stray cats (and, inadvertently for squirrels). After that, I've seen only an occasional squirrel. Of course, by then, there were no more winter squash or cantaloupe for them to harvest. Hoards of grasshoppers arrived in late summer and continued to devour everything edible until early December, but

they are finally gone. Harvester ants were a problem all summer. They've gone dormant for the winter but I expect continued ant problems next spring. Someday, I'll compile what I've learned about harvester ants. Meanwhile, an Internet friend who battles imported fire ants predicted this will be a war of attrition, as in never-ending. I'm inclined to believe him.

Gophers are my big concern at the moment. I had convinced them to move away by growing things they don't like (teparty beans and euphorbia weeds in summer and fava beans in winter) but the vibrations from the digging of a neighbor's leach line drove them back after frost killed the tepary beans and euphorbia weeds but while grasshoppers were still eating every fava bean plant I transplanted into the garden. I tried drowning the gophers without success. I bought some solar powered mole chasers to send vibrations into garden beds but they haven't completely done the job. I've managed to trap two go-

phers but there are signs of more. Two more nearby homes with old septic systems are for sale, both of which very possibly may require new leach fields before they sell. Leach field digging will almost certainly send more gophers my way. In the future, I think asparagus plants should be widely scattered so a gopher can't simply go down a row devouring one asparagus crown after another. Meanwhile, I'm trying to become a better trapper.

A few years ago, I announced a goal of growing a year's supply of dry beans for the two of us. I succeeded that year and the next, but the last couple years I haven't even come close. Meanwhile, by mid-August, it looked like I'd have another year with almost no tomatoes, but in September I finally started harvesting tomatoes and filling the freezer. I'm very happy I can buy what I am unable to grow. Otherwise, I wouldn't have beans to go with frozen tomatoes for winter chili.

For now, I'm busy



Take time to enjoy beauty when it comes your way. Earlier this year, this two-tailed swallowtail, Arizona's state butterfly, fed on a tithonia blossom

planning next year's garden and preparing to order seeds that the optimist in me thinks surely will do better than the varieties I've grown in the past. Meanwhile, the Water Wise Program has prepared a full schedule of free workshops open to the public in both Sierra Vista and

Bisbee. The first 2012 program will be "Save Energy, Save Money, Save Water?" on Saturday, January 7, 9 to 11 a.m. at the University of Arizona South, 1140 N. Colombo Ave, Sierra Vista. It will be presented by Martin Yoklic, Associate Research Scientist, Environmental Re-

search Laboratory, University of Arizona and he will cover the best ways to reduce electric bills while conserving water. There will be door prizes. For a complete 2012 schedule, go to <http://waterwise.arizona.edu> and click on "Events." near Edna's front door.

The following are highlights from the calls for service, or citizen contacts, received or initiated by the Sierra Vista Police Department during the period of December 22 to December 27, 2011.

Thursday, December 22

3:58PM A resident reported a vehicle burglary at Best Buy, 3800 El Mercado Loop. The incident occurred on December 19th. The vehicle was left unsecured and their Motorola Zoom was taken.

3:58 PMA resident in the 300 blk. of N. 5th reported theft. The victim reported their child's vital paperwork had been taken from the home.

4:25PMA resident in the 500 blk. of S. Coronado reported criminal trespass. The suspect kicked in the door of the apartment next door claiming he heard domestic violence, when in fact nothing was happening at all. The case is being forwarded to the County Attorney's Office for review.

4:51PM Stephanie Sullivan, 27, was arrested for Theft of a Bicycle after police were called to SVRHC, 300 El Camino Real. She was cited and released.

6:33PM Isaac Lopez, 18, was arrested for Theft, after police were called to Sears, 2250 El Mercado Loop. He was cited and released.

7:39PMA resident in the 500 blk. of Cloud Ridge reported a vehicle burglary. The vehicle's window was smashed out and the victim's purse was taken.

8:47PM Juanita Guzman, 43, was arrested for Shoplifting, Use of an Artifice to Facilitate Shoplifting, and Possession of Dangerous Drugs (Methamphetamine), after police were called to Dillard's, 3800 El Mercado Loop. She was booked into the county jail.

Friday, December 23

11:11PM An employee at Schlotzky's, 3900 E. Fry Blvd., reported theft. The suspects took two Cinnabon outdoor umbrellas and left the area. They were later found and returned to the restaurant.

2:06AM Jason Kutscher, 33, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol after a traffic stop in the 5200 blk. of E. Hwy. 90. The vehicle was towed and impounded for 30 days. He was cited and released.

4:04AM An employee at Circle K, 102 W. Fry Blvd., reported shoplifting. The suspects took several items without paying.

8:59AM A female juvenile (no age provided) was referred and detained at Juvenile Detention after police were called to the 70 blk. of El Camino Real.

9:14AM Travis P. Knippel, 24, was arrested for a Warrant for Failure to Appear out of SVPD for Shoplifting and Driving with a Suspended License, after a traffic stop in the 5200 blk. of E. Hwy. 90. The vehicle was towed and impounded for 30 days. He was booked into the county jail.

11:09AM A resident in the 2600 blk. of Paseo Media reported theft of a cell phone.

11:57AM Terry L. Chance, Jr., 18, was arrested for Warrants out of SVPD for Theft (Possession of Stolen Property), Violation of a Promise to Appear on a charge of Shoplifting and Violation of a Promise to Appear on a charge of Theft of a Bicycle, and also charged with False Reporting to Law Enforcement. Kurt M. Zinke, 40, was arrested for two counts of Shoplifting, after a traffic stop in the 800 blk. of Lenzner. The initial shoplifting report was made on December 19th at 11:17 a.m. by an employee at Walmart, 500 N. Hwy. 90. Both were booked into the county jail.

1:07PM Jessica R. Lopez, 33, and Nery A. Lopez, 22, were arrested for Domestic Violence/Disorderly Conduct after police were called to the 700 blk. of Four Winds Circle. Both were cited and released per orders of the court.

4:28PMA two-vehicle non-injury accident was reported in the 500 blk. of N. Hwy. 90. One driver was cited for Failure to Yield While Making a Left Turn.

7:03PM Donald R. Schultz, 41,

was arrested for Theft, after police were called to the 2600 blk. of Paseo Media. Police contacted Schultz in the 20 blk. of E. Freihage. He was cited and released for the case reported at 11:09 a.m.

Saturday, December 24

12:10AM An employee at Circle K, 102 W. Fry Blvd., reported shoplifting. Two female suspects took a 3-pack of Budweiser beer.

1:31AM Richard L. Garcia, Jr., 35, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol after a traffic stop at Mallard and Sparrow. The vehicle was towed. He was cited and released.

6:53AM A resident in the 4200 blk. of Foothills reported a vehicle burglary. An iPad was left in the vehicle, and it was taken. The burglary was a smash and grab.

8:13AM A resident in the 4600 blk. of Monarch Dr. reported a vehicle burglary. A GPS unit and an iPod were taken. The burglary was a smash and grab.

10:51AM Juanita Morill, 27, was arrested for Criminal Trespass after police were called to SVRHC, 300 El Camino Real. She was booked into the county jail.

10:51AM A two-vehicle non-injury accident was reported in the 500 blk. of N. Hwy. 90. One driver was cited for Failure to Obey a Red Light.

12:38PMA resident in the 4400 blk. of E. Busby reported a vehicle burglary. An iPod was taken from the vehicle. The burglary was a smash and grab.

4:08PM Candy B. Carrillo, 23, was arrested for Shoplifting after police were called to Sears, 2250 El Mercado Loop. She was cited and released.

6:49PM Alex D. Soto, 25, was arrested for Domestic Violence/Assault, Criminal Trespass and Criminal Damage, after police were called to the 70 blk. of El Camino Real. He was booked into the county jail.

8:10PMA two-vehicle non-injury accident was reported in the 4900 blk. of Colina Way. One driver was cited for Failure to Maintain a Lane.

11:28PM An employee at Circle K, 102 W. Fry Blvd., reported shoplifting. Two female suspects took a 24 oz. can of beer.

11:56PM An employee at Circle K, 95 Rainbow Way, reported shoplifting. Two juvenile suspects took candy.

Sunday, December 25

2:52AM A 16-year-old female was referred and released for Minor Consumption of Alcohol after police were called to the 70 blk. of Peterson.

6:07AM William A. Wright, 23, was arrested for Domestic Violence/Assault and Domestic Violence/Criminal Damage after police were called to the 1100 blk. of N. 7th. He was booked into the county jail.

2:07PM Vincent E. Cobb, 46, was arrested for a Warrant for Failure to Appear out of Pima County on the charge of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. He was booked into the county jail after turning himself in at SVPD.

10:35PM An employee at CVS, 2090 E. Fry Blvd., reported shoplifting. The case remains under further investigation at this time.

Monday, December 26

1:52AM An employee at Circle K, 97 N. Garden, reported shop-

lifting. A male suspect took a 24-pack of Bud Light.

2:44PM Jeffrey Wallace, 25, was arrested for Domestic Violence/Disorderly Conduct and Aggravated Assault after police were called to the 500 blk. of S. Coronado. Wallace was in an argument with his girlfriend and attempted to leave the parking lot, and nearly struck an individual not involved with the incident. He was booked into the county jail.

3:11PM Jasmine Burkholder, 18, was arrested for Shoplifting, after police were called to Sears, 2250 El Mercado Loop. She was cited and released.

3:47PM A hit and run accident was reported at Best Buy, 2100 El Mercado Loop.

8:45PM An employee at Applebee's, 3899 El Mercado Loop, reported theft. The victim's purse was taken.

9:17PM An employee at Circle K, 97 N. Garden, reported shoplifting. The male suspect took a bottle of Captain Morgan.

9:41PM An employee at Circle K, 97 N. Garden, reported shoplifting. Two female suspects took a bottle of Grey Goose.

11:19PM A 15-year-old male was referred and released for being a Runaway and Driving with No Valid License after police were called to the 900 blk. of Quail Hollow Dr.

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

1:26AM Dajanee Cates, 26, was arrested for Driving with a Suspended License after a traffic stop at Hwy. 90 and Campus. The vehicle was towed and impounded for 30 days. She was cited and released.

Police Report

Animal Control's cupboard is bare

With a recent influx of stray and abandoned animals, the Center is in need of a few supplies. If you are unable to adopt but would like to help, here are some ideas. Donations are welcome throughout the year. If you wish to donate funds to a specific animal's care go to www.petfinder.com, select a pet to sponsor and donate via PayPal. Any funds left after the animal is adopted will go toward the care for another animal waiting for a forever home.

Please donate something from our wish provided below. All donations can be dropped off at the Nancy J. Brua Animal Care and Control Center at 6799 E. Hwy 90.

1. Flea/tick treatment
2. Purina puppy chow
3. Purina cat chow
4. Purina dog chow
5. Canned dog & cat food
6. Small cat beds
7. Washable dog beds
8. Kong dog toys
9. Nylabones
10. Clay cat litter
11. Cat toys
12. Peanut butter
13. HE Laundry detergent
14. Dog/cat shampoo

The shelter would like to thank everyone who continually helps by donating time, money, and supplies. Without your generosity, there would be no means of maintaining the many adoptable animals that are provided a second chance for happiness.

Border

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Field Operations. Nogales Station's Patrol Agent in Charge Leslie Lawson served as a judge for the 44 lighted floats and four marching bands in the parade.

The Border Patrol is committed to keeping communities safe, providing assistance to those in need and fostering positive relationships with the people we serve and protect everyday.

Customs and Border Protection welcomes assistance from the community. Citizens can report suspicious activity to the Border Patrol by calling 1-877-872-7435 toll free. All calls will be answered and will remain anonymous.

Wanted for probation violations

NAME: Mary Spratt **AGE:** 50
RACE: Hispanic **SEX:** Female
HEIGHT: 5'5" **WEIGHT:** 175
HAIR: Brown **EYES:** Brown
PLACE OF BIRTH: California
ID MARKS: Unknown
OFFENSE: Spratt knowingly stole money from her employer.

REMARKS: Spratt is believed to be in the Huachuca City area. She has worked as a customer service representative.

CAUTION: Spratt absconded from probation on October 10, 2011. **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO APPROACH HER. IF YOU SEE HER. PLEASE CALL YOUR NEAREST POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

If you have any information regarding this person, please contact Cochise County Adult Probation at 1-520-432-8812



Mary Spratt

NAME: Preston Havener
AGE: 19 **RACE:** White
SEX: Male **HEIGHT:** 6'2"
WEIGHT: 170
HAIR: Brown **EYES:** Blue
PLACE OF BIRTH: Kentucky
ID MARKS: Unknown
OFFENSE: Burglary
REMARKS: Havener is believed to be in the Benson area. He has no known employment.

CAUTION: Havener absconded from probation on 10/26/10. He has a history of domestic violence and should be considered dangerous. **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO APPROACH HIM. IF YOU SEE HIM. PLEASE CALL YOUR NEAREST POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

If you have any information regarding this person, please contact Cochise County Adult Probation at 1-520-432-8812



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San Pedro Flycasters meeting

Fly fishing for Tiger Trout, large Brook Trout and Rainbow and Brown Trout in the streams and lakes in the Boulder Mountain area of Utah will be the program topic at the January 5 general meeting of the San Pedro Flycasters Club. A trio of club members fished the area during the summer of 2011. The program will feature a power point show and video, produced by Dan Tuttle. The meeting will also feature an education segment, a fly tying demonstration and a raffle.

The club holds its monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Thunder Mountain Community Church, located at 4029 E. Golden Acres Dr. in Sierra Vista. For more information visit our website at www.sanpedroflycasters.com or call John at 803-6697. Anyone interested in fly fishing is welcome to attend club meetings.

Audubon Society December events

Join an Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. The season runs from Dec 14, 2011 to Jan. 5, 2012.

On **Saturday, Dec 31**, the 6th Annual Appleton-Whittell Christmas Bird Count covers portions of the Sonoita Valley near Elgin and the canyons of the northern Huachuca Mountains.

Events are open to the public. For more information, including contact information to sign up to participate in a Christmas Bird Count, visit the Huachuca Audubon Society website at <http://www.huachuca-audubon.org>.

Youth Orchestra signing up new members

The Cochise County Youth Orchestra is now welcoming violin, viola, cello and string bass players to join in the fun next semester, which starts on January 10 and runs through May 8. Students from elementary to high school age who have at least one year of playing experience and are currently taking private lessons, or who pass an audition, are eligible to join this energetic group of players. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 pm at Calvary's Rock Church, 231 N. Canyon Drive in Sierra Vista. Tuition is \$105 for an 18-week semester of professional instruction. Contact (520) 678-0397 or visit www.ccyo.info.

Free Water Wise presentation

The Saturday, January 7 Water Wise talk will be "Save Energy, Save Money, Save Water?" This free talk will be from 9 to 11 a.m. in the public meeting room, Groth Hall, at UA South, 1140 N. Colombo Ave, Sierra Vista. Energy conservation is more than turning out the light and turning down the thermostat. Come learn about the best ways to reduce your electric bills while conserving water. Door prizes! The presenter will be Martin Yoklic, Associate Research Scientist, Environmental Research Laboratory, University of Arizona.

San Pedro River Walks

The Friends of the San Pedro River will conduct an interpretive walk along the river at 9 a.m. on December 31. All walks depart from the San Pedro House, 9800 E Hwy. 90, Sierra Vista. The San Pedro River has been designated one of the Last Great Places by the Nature Conservancy. No charge for the walks—donations are accepted to support the docent programs. Dress appropriately for the weather, bring drinking water and use sun protection. For more information call (520) 459-2555.

Community Chorus looking for new members

Saddle Up and mosey on over to the Ethel Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma Street in Sierra Vista and join the Sierra Vista Community Chorus as they begin working on their annual spring concert, "How The West Was Fun." Rehearsals begin on Monday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m. The chorus welcomes new members, adult men and women up to 80+. No auditions are necessary. The music is arranged in four-part harmony. As always, the chorus is particularly in need of men's voices. However, all

voices, both male and female are most welcome. The chorus also welcomes back all those members who helped to make past concerts such a success. If you have any questions about joining the chorus, chorus activities and schedules please contact either Sharon Keene, Director at 417-2305 or Marilyn Penrose, General Manager at 378-2218.

CANTER volunteer training

Volunteer training will be held at CANTER, 7388 Chief Joseph Drive on January 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Snacks will be served. No horse experience is necessary. CANTER provides therapeutic riding for people with disabilities. Visit www.canteraz.org. Call Marcia at 459-4868 with questions.

PFLAG meeting

A local chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) hosts monthly support meetings in Sierra Vista on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church office located at 1020 E. Fry Blvd., just west of Kentucky Fried Chicken. PFLAG welcomes parents, families, and friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people and LGBT people themselves. At PFLAG meetings, the members provide support and an opportunity to share stories in a setting where their confidentiality is respected. For additional information about PFLAG meetings, call please Carol at 803-9206 or Mary at 255-0423.

Perinatal Bereavement Support Group

Sierra Vista Regional Health Center's Perinatal Bereavement Support Group is for families who have experienced the loss of a baby through early pregnancy loss, miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death. The Compassion Attendance Recovery Empowerment (C.A.R.E.) support group is free and open to anyone who has experienced a loss regardless of how long ago it occurred. The Support Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Sierra Vista Regional

Health Center's Olson building conference room located at 302 El Camino Real, Ste.2. We are here to walk with you on the road to recovery and empowerment in compassionate and attentive ways. For more information please call 417-4557.

GED prep, ELA classes

GED preparation and ELA classes at Cochise College Registration for free GED preparation classes in Sierra Vista will be available Jan. 2 and 3 at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in Building P1 in the annex of the Cochise College Sierra Vista Campus. Choose one registration dates and time, and be present 15 minutes prior to the registration time. For more information, call 515-5456. Registration for free English Language Acquisition Classes in Sierra Vista will be held by appointment. Call 515-5456 before Jan. 3 to make an appointment.

Hospital holds Arthritis Foundation classes

Sierra Vista Regional Health Center (SVRHC) will start another series of Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Classes. Participants will learn valuable techniques to reduce pain while enhancing their day to day activities. This program is recommended for individuals with any form of arthritis or related conditions.

The three week group education course meets every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon starting on January 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the SVRHC Moorman Avenue Outpatient Services building located at 185 Moorman Avenue. Pre-registration is required because there is limited seating.

For more information, or to register for the classes, please call our Community Benefit Coordinator at 459-8210.



AARP elects new officers

AARP local chapter 3123, has elected news officers and officials for 2012. **Front left: Sandy Kenny, Angel Rutherford, Estell Bailey. Back left: Sandy Youngquist, Edith Jennings, Bob Fleming-out going President, JoAnn Rebac-acting Vice President, Beth Roberts-acting President, Betty Newman.**

College offering free GED healthcare classes

Do you need your GED and want to become a Certified Nursing Assistant or caregiver? Do you want to start a career in the healthcare field? For those who qualify, Cochise College offers free GED and CNA or caregiver classes starting in January, primarily based at the Sierra Vista Campus.

Transportation assistance may be provided to students who live in outlying areas, and classes may also be offered at the Douglas Campus if enough students sign up.

If interested, call Cochise College Adult Education at 515-3692 or 515-5456 the week of Jan. 2, 2012.

Kennel Club meeting

The Sierra Vista Kennel Club meets the third Tuesday of the month. For more information and location call 458-2893, or email info@gsvkc.org.

A message from the Sierra Vista Police Department

Recently, there have many traffic accidents attributable to violation of the law concerning, "Failure to Yield from a Private Driveway."

28-85628-856. Emerging from alley, driveway or building

The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway or building within a business or residence district shall:

1. Stop the vehicle immediately before driving onto a sidewalk or onto the

sidewalk area extending across any alleyway or private driveway.

2. Yield the rightofway to any pedestrian as necessary to avoid collision.

3. On entering the roadway, yield the rightofway to all closely approaching vehicles on the roadway. 28-856

The fine for this offense is: \$135*. If the offense caused an accident, the fine is: \$173*. *These fines also require the assessment of a \$36.80 court fee.

County recording fees reduced

Cochise County Recorder Christine Rhodes has announced that effective Jan. 1, 2012, recording fees will be reduced by \$4 per document. The basic recording fee after the reduction will be \$9 for a document delivered in person and \$10 for a document submitted by mail. The State Legislature did not approve renewal of the Assessor sur-

charge that expires on Dec. 31, 2011 resulting in the lower fees.

The Recorder's Office has been collecting the surcharge on behalf of the Assessor to assist in funding technology. For additional information please contact the Recorder's Office at (520) 432-8350 or at recorder@cochise.az.gov

Monitor child's screen time to avoid vision issues

Sue Hubbard, M.D., www.kidsdr.com, The Kid's Doctor

I received a question via our iPhone App from a Dad concerned about all of the new electronics his children are using and whether all these gadgets might harm their vision.

After doing some research, I discovered there's not a lot of data to support the idea that all of this new technology can cause actual visual problems. However, the constant use of computers, electronic games and smartphones for messaging, as well as good old-fashioned TV watching, may cause eye fatigue. The number of hours kids spend on these activities continues to grow, and even for a diligent parent who's monitoring their child's screen time, the hours a youngster is online at school must be factored in. It seems that 97 percent of all classrooms in the U.S. have a computer or computers.

A study done in 2009 showed that the number of people with nearsightedness has been increasing over the last 30 years, but whether this is due to the amount of time we all spend doing "near work" is unclear.

The most important

thing you can do is to limit your child's screen time, counting the time they spend on the phone texting, on the computer, or in front of the TV. The effect is cumulative. Encourage your child to take a break from the screen every 20 to 30 minutes to let their eyes rest and to adjust to some distant vision.

Smaller screens with smaller print also require more work for the eye muscles, which must contract to allow the eyes to focus. So, having your child read articles and lengthy papers on a bigger screen would be preferable to long reading tasks on a smartphone.

I see a lot of kids with tired necks and backs from leaning over their computers. They rarely associate

their "screen time posture" with other aches and pains. Kids should be encouraged to sit up in a chair at a desk with their feet on the floor while working on a computer.

A computer or game screen should be at least 20 to 28 inches away from a child's eyes. Have your child move around and change positions when possible while playing games, etc., away from a desk.

Lastly, and most importantly, limit your child's total screen time to no more than 2 hours per day. That may be more challenging than seeing the screen!

(Dr. Sue Hubbard is a nationally known pediatrician and co-host of "The Kid's Doctor" radio show. Submit questions at www.kidsdr.com.)

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Youth Co-Ed Basketball League

It's hoop time once again! Avoid the rush and the \$15 late fee by registering your child for the Youth Basketball Program between November 1, 2011 through January 4, 2012, at any Leisure Services Facility. League play is scheduled to begin on or about January 25. The league is open to girls and boys, 5 to 15 years of age. All divisions will be coed and registration is \$75 per player for ages 5 – 8 and \$85 per player for ages 9 – 15 with all participants keeping their shirt/jersey. There will be a waiting list established for all age divisions, so insure that your child(ren) is registered by close of business January 4. Registration is ongoing at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. Remember that the \$15 late fee and program waiting list begins January 5, 2012. A copy of your child's birth certificate will be required when registering. Skills Evaluation for 9-15 year olds is scheduled January 3 and 4 at Joyce Clark Middle School. Please call 417-6980 for additional information.

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For Information Call 458-7922

The Best of Andy Rooney:

Make Christmas more like Christmas

This classic Rooney column was originally published Dec. 22, 1986.

While we're thinking about it, this might be a good time to make some Christmas resolutions for the coming years. Here are some proposals:

1. Ban all recorded Christmas music in stores. Christmas music is too good to be used commercially. I sometimes have to flee a store and resume shopping at a later time because I no longer can take the repetitious sounds.

It seems as though the people who work in stores where the same recorded Christmas music is recycled over and over all day could be driven crazy. They must spend the night dreaming to Christmas music. If a store had a band of school kids singing or live musicians playing, this would be perfectly acceptable.

Some exceptions might be made for a store that didn't replay the same song more than twice a day.

2. Appoint an inspector general of Santa Clauses. He would have the authority to ban all seedy Santa Clauses.

Every Santa Claus would have to look right and sound right. The Santa Claus inspector would make sure children were no longer exposed to Santas 6 feet tall and weighing 135 pounds. Department store Santa

Andy Rooney

Tribune Media Service

Clauses have been pretty good over the years.

3. Prohibit all Christmas advertising before Thanksgiving.

Someone is always jumping the gun and filling a store window with Christmas presents in early November. They should be enjoined. Most good stores voluntarily hold off until after Thanksgiving. It isn't fair to them when the schlock merchants start pushing too early.

4. Stop fly-by-night Christmas tree entrepreneurs who often steal trees, bring them to town in a rented truck and set themselves up in an empty lot. They undercut the responsible places that sell Christmas trees from the same location year after year.

Every year, tens of thousands of trees are cut and brought to town. When they don't sell, they're dragged to the local dump or burned on the spot. Any place that sells Christmas trees should have to pay a \$5 fee for each tree they have left over by Christmas morning.

There's no sadder sight than a lot full of unsold Christmas trees the day af-

ter Christmas — trees whose lives were cut short unnecessarily.

5. Make it illegal to use Christmas music or Santa Claus in any television commercial or newspaper advertisement. Santa Claus was never meant to be a salesman; it lessens his believability for kids.

6. The recipients of gifts should give those gifts a chance before rushing the day after Christmas to return them to the store from which they were bought. Not liking a gift is not sufficient reason to return it; that's between the giver and the receiver.

If it doesn't fit or you already have one, those are legitimate grounds for returning a gift.

7. It would be the law that every Christmas card mailed out would have both the first and last name of the sender. It never seems to occur to people that any one of us might know two or more people named Edith, George, or Linda. There's nothing more frustrating than getting a Christmas card and not knowing who it's from.

8. Every major religion in America should find a way to make Christmas its own. There's no other time of year when so many people feel so good and so friendly toward so many other people. The spirit of Christmas exceeds the narrow beliefs of any one religion.

A New Year and a new beginning

By Bryan Golden

The New Year is a time of resolutions. It's a time when people commit to making a change in their life. Losing weight, changing jobs, saving money, making money, a new relationship, getting in shape, going back to school, or giving up smoking, are just some of the goals people set for themselves on January 1st.

Although it's possible for anyone to make a change or a new start, it takes determination, commitment, and persistence. A new goal must be your own. You have to really want it. Without a burning desire, your motivation will fade quickly. It's virtually impossible to make a change due to external pressure.

You may agree to what someone else wants you to do, but it's very difficult to succeed without an internal drive. So, in order to successfully make a change or reach a goal, you have to make sure it's what you really want.

Don't start off on the wrong foot by making excuses as to why you will probably fail. If you don't truly believe you can do it, you won't. People who do this will say something like, "I'll try to do it, but..." Or you may hear, "I tried before and it didn't work but I'll give it another go." Before you begin, make sure the only things you are telling yourself are, "I can," "I will," and "I will do whatever it takes."

A new beginning is a three step process. You

have to first know what you want, formulate a plan to achieve it, and then take the necessary action to get it. Setting a specific goal is essential. The more detailed the better. If you want to lose weight, how much and by when? If you want a new job, what will it be and how much will it pay? If you want to save money, how much and how often?

Next, you need a plan. Just like your goal, your plan must be as detailed as possible. If you are going to lose weight, what will be your menu each week? Are you going to go on a specific diet, cut out certain foods, or just eat less? For finding a new job, what will be your strategy? Do you need a new resume? Will you look on line, in the classifieds, use an employment agency, network, cold call, or all of these? If you want to save more money, in what areas will you cut back? Do you know where your money is going? Have you created a budget?

You want your plan to be doable. The smaller the steps are, the more likely you will be to succeed. Any time you feel a step is too big, break it down further. It doesn't matter how small each step is so long as you keep going and never give up.

Losing 20 pounds may feel overwhelming, but dropping two pounds a month doesn't seem too bad. If you keep at it for 10 months, you will reach your goal. Saving \$3000 might appear beyond reach, but cutting back \$9 a day on family spending is manage-

able.

Finally, you must take action. The best goals and greatest plans will go nowhere without action. The reason you divided your plan into small sections is so it would be easy to take action, one day at a time. All you have to do is keep going, until you achieve your goal.

Golden is author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Visit www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com and a self-development expert, syndicated columnist, and professor. E-mail him at bryan@columist.com.

Certain prediction for 2012

By Cal Thomas
Tribune Media Services

According to the Mayan "long count" calendar, the final day on Earth is less than a year away, on Dec. 21, 2012.

While we wait to see if that apocalypse occurs, a more reliable prediction includes an end of a different sort. The economic stimulus pipeline from Washington to the states is about to run dry. This means many governors can be expected to ask their legislatures, or voters, to raise taxes for "essential" programs. To government, all programs are "essential."

According to the National Taxpayers Union (NTU), Washington state is planning to put a tax-increase proposal on its ballot in March, while California voters are likely to vote in November on raising taxes. California is a certifiably insolvent state. It is in deep debt because Democratic politicians won't stop spending, not because taxpayers aren't paying their "fair share."

We are hearing — or will soon hear — that state governments have cut spending to the bone and disaster will occur if more is cut. It's never true, but fear has always worked to squeeze more money out of the people who earn it.

True, Medicaid continues to be the main driver behind state spending, but that's a reason for fixing what ails Medicaid, not pouring more money into it.



Death of a tyrant

By U.S. Senator Jon Kyl

The recent death of the brutal North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il is welcome news. Kim was a murderer and cruel oppressor who inhabited a bizarre alternate universe — sipping on expensive cognac, taking in deleted scenes from Caddyshack while simultaneously banning even the simplest of pleasures for his own people, imposing unimaginable misery upon them.

Because of his grip on power, Kim's death does not herald an end to the decades of misery that has been continually inflicted upon the long-suffering North Korean people. Nor will it diminish the continued nuclear threat that the regime poses to the United States and our allies in the region. This is because, before his death, Kim began the process of imposing his successor on the country.

Press reports indicate that the late dictator's son Kim Jong Un is now poised to assume his father's role as head of the North Korean state. Yet, his youth and inexperience could present a challenge to a "peaceful" leadership transition, and the international community is girding for Kim-style acts of belligerence from whatever regime eventually emerges in Pyongyang.

The United States needs better intelligence to deal with these possibili-

ties. We also need to avoid mistakes made by past administrations in similar circumstances. In 1994, for instance, the Clinton Administration confronted a similar leadership transition when Kim Jong Il took over from his father, North Korean founder Kim Il Sung. Instead of exploiting the uncertainty created by that transition, the administration instead provided food and energy assistance to the regime, effectively enabling Kim Jong Il to consolidate his power and thereby continue his father's cruel oppression unabated. The Obama Administration has repeatedly stated that it will not make the same mistakes; it now must abide by its own words and resist the reflexive impulse to offer aid as a basis for negotiations with the terrorist regime in Pyongyang.

It should not be lost on anyone that the official North Korean news broadcast of the death of their tyrannical leader occurred within hours of the announced passing of one of the world's pre-eminent champions of freedom, Vaclav Havel. A human rights campaigner, democracy advocate, political prisoner, and former president of the Czech Republic, Havel dedicated the greater part of his life to exposing the hollowness of the communist systems that use lies and imprison-

ment to consolidate their authoritarian rule. As he once said, "Without free, self-respecting, and autonomous citizens there can be no free and independent nations. Without internal peace, that is, peace among citizens and between the citizens and the state, there can be no guarantee of external peace."

The "hermit kingdom" of North Korea is a prime representation of the very authoritarian absurdity that Havel devoted his life to ending, in which a totalitarian regime, bereft of ideas, sustains itself by instilling fear among the very people it claims to protect.

The United States must continue to stand as a beacon of freedom for the oppressed people of North Korea. Perhaps, one day, a North Korean Vaclav Havel will emerge. Barring such a miracle, the United States must reaffirm its alliance commitments to Japan and South Korea and stand with the North Korean people by refusing to enable the continuation of the Kim regime.

Kim Jong-Il is dead. But the immense suffering and threats to world peace continue — we must do all we can to hasten an end to both.

Kyl is the Sen. Rep. Whip and serves on the Sen. Finance and Judiciary committees. Website: www.kyl.senate.gov

Bird walks at the Environmental Operations Park

The Sierra Vista Environmental Operations Park (EOP), also known as the wastewater treatment plant, is open for bird walks each Sunday morning. The walks take about 2 hours and are led by docents from Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO), Huachuca Audubon Society and the Friends of the San Pedro River.

The walks begin at 8a.m. January 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 and depart from the viewing platform inside the EOP. The entrance is located on SR 90 between mileage markers 324 and 325 on the north side of the highway. All tours are free, although donations are accepted. Allow at least 2½ hours for the walk.

The walks are limited to 20 people and are filled on a first come, first served basis. Special walks for large groups and walks on days other than Sunday can be arranged.

Contact SABO at (520) 432-1388 for more information.

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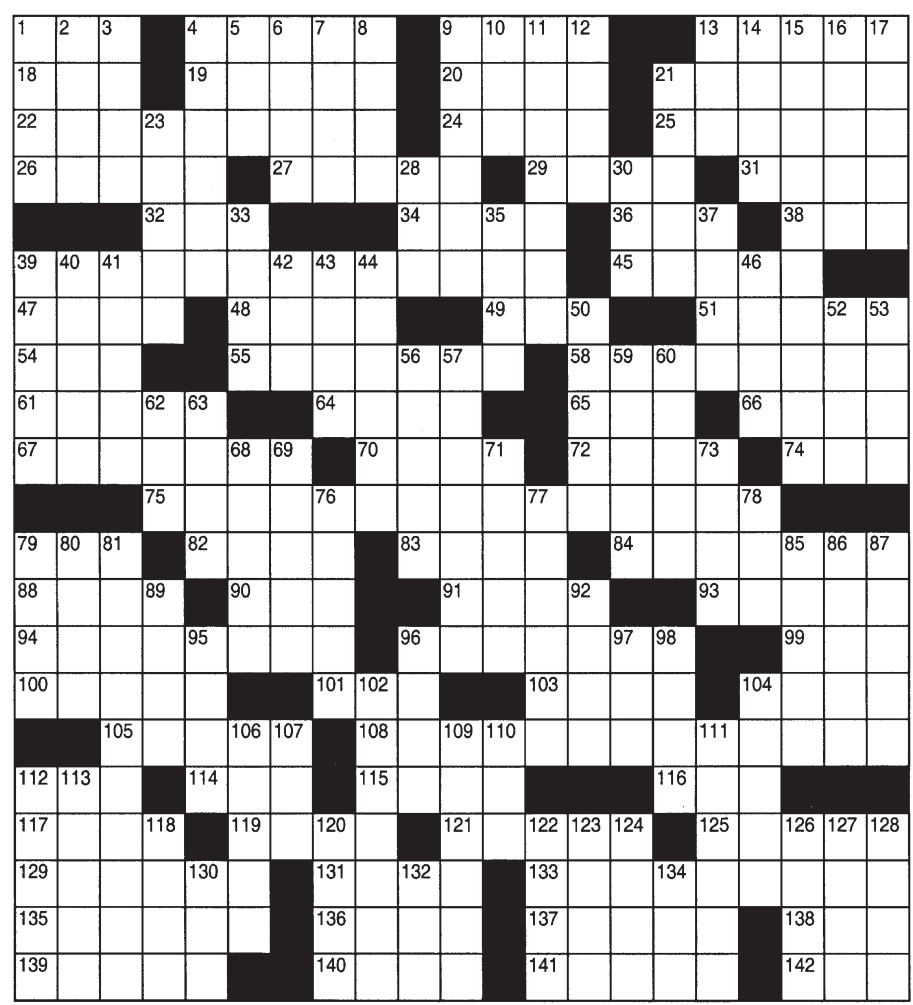
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SWEET GNAW-THINGS

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- 1 Pugilistic poke
 - 4 Silenced a squeak
 - 9 Fuel source
 - 13 "Turandot" tenor
 - 18 Heady quaff
 - 19 Savanna sight
 - 20 Lhasa —
 - 21 Arbus apparatus
 - 22 Rodent's favorite
 - 24 Lost in thought
 - 25 Nuclear
 - 26 Brimming
 - 27 Join up
 - 29 Take into account
 - 31 Hook's mate
 - 32 — reaction
 - 34 Diva
 - 36 Moon crawler
 - 38 Relative of -ator
 - 39 Rodent cheese-cake?
 - 45 Laundry problem
 - 47 Frigga's fellow
 - 48 Young boxers
 - 49 Relished a roast
 - 51 "Taras Bulba" author
 - 54 Emulate
 - 55 Brandy cocktail
 - 58 Protect with plastic
 - 61 Resident
 - 64 "Yours, Mine and —" (68 film)
 - 65 Keatsian creation
 - 66 Redact
 - 67 "The Bartered Bride" composer
 - 70 Serenade accompaniment
 - 72 TV's "South —"
 - 74 Road curve
 - 75 Rodent's educational level?
 - 79 Dit's cousin
 - 82 Read quickly
 - 83 Actress
 - 84 Peeper protectors
 - 88 Oomph
 - 90 Tokyo, once
 - 91 Like some cellars
 - 93 It may suit you
 - 94 Closet
 - 95 Freshener
 - 96 Calculator features
 - 99 Winter hazard
 - 100 Trattoria
 - 101 TV chef
 - 103 "— Shuffle" (77 song)
 - 104 Seaweed product
 - 105 Bobby's flashlight
 - 108 Rodent's Olympic motto?
 - 112 Broad st.
 - 114 "Gotchal!"
 - 115 Article
 - 116 "— Night" ('58 hit)
 - 121 Matches
 - 125 Inception
 - 129 Cartoonist
 - 131 Writer
 - 133 Fictional rodent?
 - 135 Rink rental
 - 136 List ender
 - 137 "Peer Gynt" composer
 - 138 Psychic
 - 139 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"
 - 140 Surrender
 - 141 Big revolver?
 - 142 Sticky stuff
 - 1 Winter hazard
 - 2 — mater
 - 3 Rosary part
 - 4 Speak freely
 - 5 Roth —
 - 6 Exist
 - 7 Temptation location
 - 8 Earl —
 - 9 Living room
 - 10 Antipollution
 - 11 "The — Jungle" ('50 film)
 - 12 Carry
 - 13 Purrfect pet?
 - 14 Grandpa
 - 15 Rodent refreshment?
 - 16 Pisces follower
 - 17 Sapphire side
 - 21 Future officer
 - 23 "We've Only Just —" ('70 hit)
 - 28 Hockey legend
 - 30 Urban transport
 - 33 Sugar amts.
 - 35 Barbecue
 - 37 Christmas visitors
 - 39 Voting venue
 - 40 Turn of phrase
 - 41 Sib's kid
 - 42 On the — vive (alert)
 - 43 Summer coif
 - 44 Tristan's tootsie
 - 46 Actress
 - 50 Take the honey and run
 - 52 Mayberry town drunk
 - 53 "Why don't we?"
 - 56 Sadistic
 - 57 In the saddle
 - 59 Saying
 - 60 Cheerful
 - 62 Bk. convenience
 - 63 Neighbor of Thailand
 - 68 Used the microwave
 - 69 Digression
 - 71 Prose piece
 - 73 Boat bottom
 - 76 Atlanta campus
 - 77 Indentation
 - 78 Mintz or Whitney
 - 79 Johnny of "Chocolat"
 - 80 Soap additive
 - 81 City of rodents?
 - 85 Architect
 - 86 Window dressing?
 - 87 McCarthy's trunkmate
 - 89 West.
 - 92 Brace
 - 95 Asta's mistress
 - 96 Snarl
 - 97 Banned pesticide
 - 98 London district
 - 102 Shake up
 - 104 Actor's actor?
 - 106 Spassky's game
 - 107 Pillbox, e.g.
 - 109 Bit of a beach
 - 110 Medical grp.
 - 111 TV's "Eight Is —"
 - 112 About to sink
 - 113 Screwdriver ingredient
 - 118 Spouse
 - 120 Composer
 - 122 Wilder
 - 123 Binky's "— Road"
 - 124 Tend the sauce
 - 126 Wallop
 - 127 Architect
 - 128 Small
 - 130 Gibson or Tillis
 - 132 Unbalanced
 - 134 Wager



Strange but true

By Samantha Weaver

Juneau, Alaska, is the only state capital on an island (with the obvious exception of Honolulu, which doesn't really count because Hawaii is an island state). It's also the only state capital that's inaccessible by car. The city itself, of course, has roads, but they all dead-end a few miles outside town. The only way to get to Juneau is to take a boat or a plane.

By the time of his death in 1931, famed inventor Thomas Alva Edison had

been awarded a total of 1,093 patents.

Most people would be more frightened of a cobra than of a tree frog — it's a no-brainer. You might be surprised to learn, then, that the golden poison arrow frog is actually 66 times deadlier than a cobra. Although at any one time the cobra carries enough venom to kill 15 people, the golden poison arrow frog carries enough to kill 1,000 people. Of course, that probably won't be much consolation

for the first 15 people bitten by the hypothetical cobra.

It was author and noted wit James Thurber who made the following observation: "The wit makes fun of other persons; the satirist makes fun of the world; the humorist makes fun of himself."

Ever wonder why mosquito bites itch? It's because you're allergic to the mosquito's saliva.

A recent survey of nearly 3,000 single Americans found that 96 percent of men love to be ap-

proached by a woman. In that same survey, however, 51 percent of the female respondents said they never approach a man in public, and only 19 percent of them would consider approaching a man at a social event.

Weather researchers report that in an average year, 800 to 900 tornadoes touch down in the United States.

Thought for the Day: "Two wrongs don't make a right, but they make a good excuse." — Thomas Szasz

Now here's a tip

By JoAnn Derson

Take a bit of time to prep healthy snacks on Sunday, and then you'll be able to just grab them throughout the week. Some examples are baby carrots, mixed nuts, pretzels or cut-up fruit.

"When we come back from traveling, we take our suitcases directly to the laundry room. Almost everything is dirty anyway, and we can put family members' clean, folded clothes back in the suitcases for them to

take to their rooms to put away." — R.A. in Arizona

"Our family likes to play board games, but we have so many and the boxes are really bulky. We organized a game cabinet, and when possible, we put all the playing pieces and instructions in a large plastic zip-lock bag and write the name of the game on it. When we want to play a game, we just get the bag and the board out. We can fit twice as many games in a smaller space

this way." — I.C. in Louisiana

"I'm in love with chalkboard paint. We found it at the hardware store, and it makes any surface into a chalkboard. I painted the insides of all my kitchen cabinets and the inside of the pantry door. Now, each family member has a place to write notes to each other, and I have a place to keep a running list of items needed at the store. No clutter!" — A.O'F. in New York

"A great way to

keep track of dental appointments (for cleanings) is to schedule them in January and July. You know the first one is in the first month, and then another is six months later. No more wondering, 'When was the last time I had my teeth cleaned?'" — R.C. via e-mail. Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or e-mail JoAnn at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

Moments in time

The History Channel

On Jan. 7, 1903, novelist Zora Neale Hurston is born in Eatonville, Fla. Although Hurston had published more books than any other black woman in America at the time of her death in 1960, she died poor and alone in a welfare hotel.

On Jan. 5, 1914, the Ford Motor Company rolls out a series of initiatives aimed at improving the lives of its workers. Ford doubled the minimum wage to a lofty \$5 per day and cut the workday to eight hours.

On Jan. 6, 1936, Porky Pig makes his world debut in a Warner Brothers cartoon, "Gold Diggers of '49." When Mel Blanc joined Warner Brothers the following year, he became the famous voice behind Porky as well as other Warner Brothers characters.

On Jan. 2, 1941, the Andrews Sisters record the classic World War II

hit "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" on Decca Records. The Andrews Sisters were the most popular "girl group" of their time, and set the stage for the "girl group era" of the mid-1960s.

On Jan. 3, 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a special proclamation admitting the territory of Alaska into the Union as the 49th and largest state. The \$7.2 million purchase of Alaska in 1867, negotiated by Secretary of State William Seward, was ridiculed at the time as "Seward's folly," "Seward's icebox" and President Andrew Johnson's "polar bear garden."

On Jan. 8, 1962, at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, is exhibited for the first time in America. First lady Jacqueline Kennedy

and Andre Malraux, the French minister of culture, arranged the loan of the painting from the Louvre Museum in Paris.

On Jan. 4, 1974, President Richard Nixon refuses to hand over tape recordings and documents that had been subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee. Nixon resigned from office in disgrace eight months later.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN ARIZONA

Pursuant to A.R.S. #10-1503
File # F-16757461
The name of the corporation is: RSM2 contractors, Inc. a California Corporation.

X we are a foreign corporation applying for authority to transact business in the state of Arizona.

1. The exact name of the corporation is : RSM2 Contractors, Inc.
2. The name of the state or country in which the foreign corporation is incorporated is: California.
3. The foreign corporation was incorporated on the 28th day of January 2003 and the period of its duration is perpetual.
4. The street address of the principal office of the foreign corporation in the state or country of its incorporation is: 8191 Center Street, LaMesa, CA., 91942.
5. The name and street address of the statutory agent for the foreign corporation in Arizona is: National Registered Agents, Inc., 300 W. Clarendon Ave, #230, Phoenix, Az. 85013.
5A. The street address of the corporation in Arizona is the same as section 4.
6. The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any and all lawful business in which corporations may engage in: General Contracting.
7. The names and addresses of the current directors and officers of the foreign corporation are: Robert C. Samuel, President, 1448 Berita Way, El Cajon, CA. 92020. Monte D. Mattson, CFO, Director, 4833 Altito Way, Lamesa, CA. 91941.
8. The foreign corporation is authorized to issue 1,000,000 shares, itemized as follows: 500,000 shares of Class A voting cs stock as no par value or value of 0 per share. 500,000 shares of Class B non-voting stock at no par value.
9. The foreign corporation has issued zero shares.
10. The character of the business the foreign corporation initially intends to conduct in Arizona is: General Contracting.

dated this TBD day of pending application. Signed Robert C. Samuel, President.

Acceptance of Appointment by Statutory Agent. The undersigned hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment as Statutory Agent. Signed Wendy D. Rea, Assistant Secretary, National Registered Agents, Inc. Published December 15, 22, 29, 2011.

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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN ARIZONA

Pursuant to A.R.S. #10-1503
File # F-1697859-5
The name of the corporation is: System Dynamics international Incorporated

X we are a foreign corporation applying for authority to transact business in the state of Arizona.
1. The exact name of the corporation is : System Dynamics international Incorporated
2. The name of the state or country in which the foreign corporation is incorporated is: Florida.
3. The foreign corporation was incorporated on the 2nd day of May 1979 and the period of its duration is perpetual.
4. The street address of the principal

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office of the foreign corporation in the state or country of its incorporation is: 9116 SW 51st Road, Suite 102, Gainesville, FL. 32608

5. The name and street address of the statutory agent for the foreign corporation in Arizona is: Sandy Comegay, 2726 Canyon View Dr., Sierra Vista, Az. 85650

5A. The street address of the corporation in Arizona is the same as section 4.

6. The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any and all lawful business in which corporations may engage in: General Contracting.

7. The names and addresses of the current directors and officers of the foreign corporation are: Lisa Williams, President, 560 Discovery Dr., Huntsville, AL. 35806., Pat Taylor, Chief Admin, 560 Discovery Dr., Huntsville, AL. 35806., Joanna Jackson, 560 Discovery Dr., Huntsville, AL. 35806.

8. The foreign corporation is authorized to issue 800,000 shares, itemized as follows: 800,000 shares of Common voting stock of par value of .01 per share 1,600,000 shares of common non-voting stock at .01 per share value.

9. The foreign corporation has issued 286,492 shares of common non-voting shares at par value of .01 per share. 15 shares of common voting stock at par value of .01 per share. 10. The character of the business the foreign corporation initially intends to conduct in Arizona is: Engineering Services.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2011. Signed Joanna Jackson V.P. of Finance

Acceptance of Appointment by Statutory Agent. The undersigned hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment as Statutory Agent on the 2 day of August 2011. Signed Sandy Comegay. Published December 15, 22, 29, 2011.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COCHISE

Case # CV20110709
CIVIL SUMMONS
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.

Plaintiff
vs
Fernando Flores and Jane Doe Flores, husband and wife; John and Jane Does 1-X;

Defendants
THE STATE OF ARIZONA: To the above-named Defendants

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Case # CV20111114
CIVIL SUMMONS
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.

Plaintiff
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Marcellus A. Dandridge and Jane Doe Dandridge, husband and wife; John and Jane Does 1-X;

Defendants
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Case # CV20110981
CIVIL SUMMONS
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.

Plaintiff
vs
Michele L. McCollum, and John Doe McCollum, husband and wife; John and Jane Does 1-X;

Defendants
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