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City's abandoned houses serve as 'magnets for crime'

By Laura Brooks The Arizona Daily Star No one would mistake the house at 4565 E. Linden Place for a home. A toilet sits ready for use... This is making me nuts, says Holland, 39. House owner Debbie Hecht refused to comment for this story.

that all many Tucson neighborhoods. "We consider vacant and abandoned houses to be one of our priorities," says Susan Hartin... "They are a magnet for all kinds of crime." "I hope we didn't know about (the Linden house) weeks and weeks ago, because we don't allow that to happen."



Brad Holland looks into a home that has been abandoned and in disarray since Christmas. This is making me nuts, says Holland, who has been trying with little success to do something about the rental unit where candy and fruit peels harden on the floor and an old slice of pizza sits on the counter. Benjie Sanders, The Arizona Daily Star

Hot work



Firefighters work to extinguish a blaze at the Columbus Village Apartments, 4196 E. 24th St. At least four families were left homeless by the fire, and a dog is missing. Story, Page 2A.

'War on Drugs' gets new image: 'Endless' effort

WASHINGTON — Americans will spend \$16 billion in 1998 to fight illegal drug abuse, while formally conceding for the first time that the nation's 'War on Drugs' will be "endless," according to a draft of President Clinton's 1997 drug strategy.

The federal government refuses to take back its threat to punish doctors who recommend marijuana to patients. Page 10A. Clinton to Congress introducing the strategy said, "A more useful analogy for the nation's counter-drug efforts is based on the metaphor of cancer: Confronting the metaphor of cancer requires prevention, education, treatment, compassion and a willingness to commit resources intelligently."

Safety in Zimbabwe is by watch snakes

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Steve Kenne had an uninsured \$45,000 laser engraver in his cottage, and a pent-up need for a week's vacation. One would think that having his mother-in-law, his gardener and his Rotterdam remain on the property would ease his mind about burglars. But Kenne knows that Harare's thieves are not above throwing poisoned meat to dogs and turning his mother-in-law and gardener from reluctant sentries into even more reluctant victims.

Tomorrow



'That Dam Cat' A new version of the 1965 Disney live-action suspense comedy is leaping onto screens.

Ex-city manager's souped-up car is too hot for Tucson to keep

By Joe Burchell The Arizona Daily Star Departed Tucson City Manager Mike Brown's souped-up 1995 Impala Super Sport could be heading into the sunset before the end of the week. The city is accepting sealed bids on the 260-horsepower, high-performance hot wheels through 4 p.m. Thursday.

Internet car enthusiast Web pages predict high demand for the Super Sport because Chevrolet only produced about 55,000 of them from late 1994, when the Impala line was reintroduced, until they were discontinued after the 1996 model year. The car, dubbed "Purple Haze" by some at City Hall, can be viewed from 7 to 11 a.m. or from 3 to 6 p.m. at the city's Price Service Center, 4004 S. Park Ave. Bids must be submitted by 4 p.m. Thursday.

WEATHER

Delightful day. Today is expected to be sunny and warmer. Look for a high in the low 70s and a low in the mid-50s. Yesterday's high was 65 and the low was 34. Details on Page 11A.

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