

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM comes to life as actors Lisa Bonanno (from left), Robert Murphy and Garth Klippert perform to students at Queen of Heaven Catholic School last week. The actors are members of "Shakespeare in Santa Fe," which is traveling the state through February. The troupe is scheduled to perform its 45-minute "Shakespeare Magic" miniplays at 25 schools.

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Polluted water eventually will irrigate golf course

By Lisa Price
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Public Service Company of New Mexico officials have figured out a way to clean up a problem that created an underground pool of polluted water — and irrigate a golf course at the same time.

PNM officials say the problem started 10 years ago at a generating station on the corner of Broadway Boulevard and Rio Bravo.

That's when solvents from maintenance work at the station leaked from a storage

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container and into the immediate groundwater below.

Now there is a “plume” of contaminated groundwater water that covers about 40

acres.

The goal, PNM officials say, is to clean the water at the site, test it regularly to make sure it's clean enough to use for irrigation, then pump it to the nearby University of New Mexico South Golf Course. There, it will water the course and be cleansed more as it percolates back into the soil.

“This was not the cheapest or the most expensive option,” said Ron Johnson, a senior environmental scientist for PNM. “But it had a lot of appeal.”

Here's how Johnson said the system

works:

■ The water will be pumped from existing wells and treated by a system that removes the solvents. The system pumps about 50 gallons per minute. By the end of the year, PNM expects the well to pump about 100 gallons per minute.

■ After the water is treated, it is pumped through existing pipes to the golf course and deposited into a holding pond. PNM estimates it will take about 10 years to clean and pump all the water.

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Navajo ceremonial items in dispute after gallery raid

The Associated Press

SANTA FE — Seizure of Navajo masks and other ceremonial items from a Santa Fe gallery has raised concerns over what Indian art can be legally owned and sold.

Navajo masks long have been traded on the open market and have increased dramatically in value. Collectors and dealers worry that the seizure of such masks and other items by federal agents Dec. 9 represents a trend to make it illegal to buy and sell many objects long prized by collectors.

The raid confiscated 22 Navajo Yeibichai masks owned by Richard Corrow, who purchased them from the widow of a Navajo medicine man

while researching Navajo healing ceremonies for a book.

Corrow said he hadn't planned to sell the masks, but couldn't resist an offer from the gallery.

“They called and they said they had a buyer and would give me \$50,000,” he said. “I've got three kids in college and I'm having some financial problems. I didn't want to sell. But when you hear that much money, you get sucked in by ... greed.”

Before the deal went through, the masks and other items were seized in a raid on East West Trading Co. of

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The Associated Press

CITIZENS OF DRESDEN carry crosses with the names of European cities which were badly damaged by bombing in World War II. The Mass was held in the city's Roman Catholic Cathedral Sunday.

Germans and W remember victim

Wire reports

DRESDEN, Germany — Air raid sirens howled in the night. Terrific civilians huddled in shelters.

British bombers, 800 of them coming in a seeming endless stream, were overhead dumping incendiary bombs into this magnificent Old World city in eastern Germany.

The next day came 450 American bombers, dropping high-explosive into the burning cauldron.

These attacks 50 years ago create a firestorm that destroyed 10 square miles of Dresden. A cyclone of fire raged for four days and four nights.

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The plan was approved by the New Mexico Environment Department.

Cindy Cravens, assistant superintendent for the course, said the extra water will offset the course's own water needs.

"It's really going to help out in the summer," Cravens said. She said the amount sent by PNM will equal about 10 percent of the course's total water use. She estimated that the 227-acre course pumps about 1 million gallons a day from its own well.

PNM's pumping project is no small matter, said Eugene Leath, a retired superintendent from the Al-

buquerque Country Club.

"Recycling water is one of the most important things a city can do," Leath said. "It can save a tremendous amount of water and money."

Leath said that Phoenix and Tucson have extensive citywide programs which recycle water to all city golf courses and parks.

But most public golf courses in Albuquerque do not use any recycled water, he said. Water usually comes from the courses' own wells.

Getting a recycling program started for other city golf courses might not be feasible, said Glenn

Coontz, assistant director of the city's Parks and General Services Department.

Coontz said that the three large golf courses he keeps tabs on — Arroyo Del Oso, Los Altos and Ladera — were not designed when water conservation was an issue. "These courses were designed about 30 years ago when we thought we were sitting on Lake Michigan," he said.

Many courses are not located near water treatment plants, so effluent — water that can be used for irrigation but is not yet pure enough for drinking — can't be used to irrigate the courses.

ART *from A1*

Santa Fe. Gallery co-owners Bo Ice-lar and Jim Luman and their attorney, Mike Dickman, have declined to comment on the raid.

No charges have been filed against anyone in the case, which could take months to investigate, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Martin.

Richard Begay of the Navajo tribe's Historic Preservation Office said the tribe has no law preventing the sale of Yeibichai masks.

Begay said the tribe has not issued

a request for the return of Yeibichai masks.

The purported buyer in the case was a federal agent tipped off by a confidential informant who arranged the sale of the masks and Indian items containing feathers alleged to be from birds protected by federal law.

James Faris, author of a 1990 book on one of the ceremonies which uses Yeibichai masks, said that while he was doing research for his book, nine U.S. galleries — eight of them in San-

ta Fe — had masks for sale. He said 10 to 12 institutions had masks in their collections, including the School of American Research in Santa Fe and the University of New Mexico's Maxwell Museum of Anthropology.

America Hurrah gallery of New York features a Yeibichai mask in a full-page ad in the current issue of American Indian Art. Co-owner Joel Kopp said in a telephone interview the mask is priced at \$12,500.

Kopp said he does not believe the

masks are "sensitive" material or illegal to sell when purchased from an individual Indian owner.

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