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# Paris Talks More About Business than Climate

BY DAVID CORREIA

**P**ARIS – The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held its twenty-first annual meeting on climate change from Nov. 30-Dec. 11 north of Paris in Le Bourget, France. The meeting was highly anticipated as perhaps the first real opportunity for a binding global limit on greenhouse gas emissions since the 1997 meetings in Kyoto, Japan.

The proposed solution to climate change in Kyoto relied largely on the market to reduce emissions. Cap and trade, as it became known, permits companies to buy and sell the right to pollute. If one firm reduces its emissions below a specific cap, it can sell the difference between what it emits and what it's allowed to emit. Signatories believed that the Kyoto protocols provided a market incentive to reduce emissions and penalized those who could not.

It hasn't worked. Climate scientists consider any carbon dioxide level in the atmosphere above 350 parts per million dangerous. Since Kyoto and cap and trade, levels have spiked from around 360 parts per million to over 400 ppm today.

So I went to Paris as an official observer of the talks to find out what might be different about Paris than every other negotiation.

As I walked into the official observers' area of the conference center on my first day there, I nearly crashed into Bill Gates as he stood on a plywood platform placed squarely in the middle of the conference center. He was staring into a camera talking to the voice of CNN's Christiane Amanpour.

While more than 140 elected leaders from all over

the world gave stirring speeches marking the start of COP21 in a cavernous airplane hangar nearby, Gates was telling Amanpour that climate change was a good business opportunity. He planned to recruit other billionaires, he said, in order to create a massive climate fund that would bankroll the climate mitigation schemes he anticipated the talks would produce.

I walked over to the "We Mean Business" kiosk at the center of conference facility to talk to Dirk Forrester, the executive director of the International Emissions Trading Association, a trade group that represents emissions trading firms and investors. I told him I'd just seen Bill Gates. "The thing that CEOs value get paid attention to," he said.

Later, at a news conference of business leaders, one corporate consultant complained that the agreement lacked the kind of market language that once dominated agreements coming out of the United Nations. But at a meeting later in the day on carbon trading, Andrei Marcu, a business consultant from the Center for European Policy Studies, explained that negotiators have learned they need to "hide market language in the agreement." What was "carbon credits" is now "mitigation outcome." Every economist and industry representative I talked to mentioned this shift in language. Paris was different only in how it talked about the market.

Christina Hood, a climate policy consultant with the International Energy Agency, told a room full of climate finance consultants, "we can't use words anymore like 'credits,' or 'markets,' or 'accounting.'"

All are out in Paris." Instead the agreement uses euphemisms such as "international credited mitigation outcome mechanism." She explained, "That's how we refer to markets in Paris."

The predictions of economists and business leaders during the first week were reflected in the agreement hammered out during the second. The draft agreement at the time this paper went to press relies entirely on a market-based approach to climate mitigation. Through seemingly innocuous phrases like "regional economic integration" and "internationally transferred mitigation outcomes," the agreement expands the failed policies of Kyoto.

Ironically, the only mention of "non market mechanisms," an approach one economist called "the Bolivian view of the world" comes in "Article 3 ter" of the agreement, which is the section that actually creates the standards for a global trade in carbon credits.

I met more economists and business consultants than climate scientists. As Lars Zetterberg, the director for business development for the Swedish Environmental Research Institute, explained to me, they were in Paris because "the agreement will finally establish the conditions for an international market in carbon to emerge."

That will be the legacy of Paris. It was a business convention not a climate convention.

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## Fiat Lux

BY SAMANTHA ANNE CARRILLO



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When I moved here, I was unaware of the active luminaria tradition in New Mexico. Nowadays, I call the Ridgcrest neighborhood home, and I still venture out every year to stroll down Ridgcrest Avenue for one of the finest luminaria displays in town. The City of Albuquerque website recommends Ridgcrest, which runs diagonally from Carlisle SE to San Mateo SE; the Country Club Neighborhood near Tingley Beach; Old Town, especially near the Plaza; and Los Alamos Civic, which is north of Bridge SW and east of Old Coors SW. This lovely tradition brings light and community to our city. Check out the holiday handiwork of your neighbors or construct your own with paper bags, sand and tea lights. For more info, visit cabq.gov.

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**ON THE COVER:** Cartoonist Gary Glasgow offers his take on World War II's iconic "Rosie the Riveter" in recognition of the Pentagon's decision this month to allow women to fill all combat roles. The decision is not without controversy, however. A Rand Corp. survey of 7,600 special forces operators found nearly all believe women will weaken unit effectiveness and drive men from those positions.

**CORRECTION:** A story in the Nov. 18 issue of the ABQ Free Press incorrectly reported that Gov. Susana Martinez's political adviser, Jason "Jay" McCleskey, has two children with his wife Nicole. McCleskey has one child with Nicole, a 10-year-old boy. McCleskey and Megan Bye have a 14-year-old daughter together, according to Bye and court documents.



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# Wrestling with the Cost of Government Openness

BY BILL DIVEN

New Mexicans take full advantage of the state public-records law, filing many thousands of requests a year for data and documents, but some now question whether the process has become too burdensome and expensive.

Supporters of the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA), however, raise their own question: Are concerns over cost and compliance only a smokescreen for rolling back the law and discouraging public oversight of government operations?

During one 18-month period, the City of Albuquerque responded to 8,814 IPRA requests at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million, according to a report released in October 2014 by the city's Office of Internal Audit. It cites a hypothetical request for four contracts totaling 240 pages requiring significant redactions, copying and legal review and costing the city \$302 for staff time.

stopped required annual training for records custodians who do the legwork fulfilling, and in some cases denying, the requests.

IPRA requires public bodies to provide records within three days or, with written notice to the requester, within 15 days.

The law contains only six specific categories of exemptions – among them medical records, police informants and tactical plans, and letters of reference – but other laws contain dozens more.

For Rep. Jim Dines, an Albuquerque Republican, the answer to IPRA problems is not backtracking on open government or charging the public more. Higher fees essentially would be a tax on citizens for records that taxpayers already paid to produce, he said.

"I think that the bottom line is after doing this for 20 years, the government entities need to embrace the public records act as a freedom measure and not as an obstacle to performing their jobs," Dines, a former First Amendment and open-government lawyer, told ABQ Free Press. "With better efficiency, better training, many of these costs can be reduced."

One key to efficiency is routinely adding documents to government websites and making their contents easily accessible, he added.

The ruckus over IPRA began before the 2015 Legislature convened when the Council of University Presidents representing seven of the state's four-year colleges proposed six changes to the law. Those included broader exemptions for law-enforcement records and victim privacy, opinions and evaluations on employment, licensing and permits, and shielding civil-rights complaints, according to draft amendments prepared for legislators by the Legislative Council Service.

Only one made it into proposed legislation: stronger protections for trade secrets held by state universities and intellectual property that outside parties shared with them.

But the presidents struck a nerve by also suggesting broad language to withhold from public release the names of applicants for university and public-sector jobs. An exemption written into the law after two lawsuits against the University of New Mexico already limits identifying applicants for university presidencies to only the five finalists.

"We had in my view a premature announcement



of the candidates for athletic directorship," New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers said in an interview. "Yes, we ended up getting a very good athletic director who happens to be an Aggie, but we had three people who were excellent candidates, once they found out that their names were going to be public just dropped out."

"So we're asking for top positions at the university that we'll do as we do with presidents: when we get down to five, we'll let you know who they are, and then you can do your investigations. Well, that sends FOG up a tree, as you can guess."

FOG would be the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government, the nonpartisan watchdog founded in 1989 with support from the legal and media communities. The next year, with Jim Dines as its attorney, FOG, the Albuquerque Journal and KOB-TV sued the University of New Mexico Board of Regents over its secretive process in hiring President Richard Peck.

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— NMSU President Garrey Carruthers

Critics contended the closed-door search fueled perceptions of insider dealings and the exclusion of qualified women and minority candidates.

That led to a court-sanctioned agreement that in future searches all applicants' names would be released early in the interview process. In 1998 a judge found UNM violated the agreement – which halted the search for Peck's replacement.

# Santa Needs a Big Sleigh To Fill N.M.'s Wish List

BY JOE MONAHAN



The news this December that New Mexico ranks as the worst-run state in the nation and that Albuquerque's housing market has been the nation's worst performer since 2012 makes a visit to Santa Claus all the more crucial. We're going to need some super-sized presents to turn this place around.

Santa, we know you're checking your list to see who has been naughty and nice, and when you look at the political leadership here you might want to put coal in the entire state's Christmas stocking. But we think our Christmas wish list will give you reason to resist that urge, and you can fly high over our luminaria-lighted land this Christmas Eve with presents that delight and surprise.

First, we ask Santa to get Gov. Martinez a really high-paying job as a corporate spokeswoman somewhere. That way she resigns and level-headed Lt. Gov. John Sanchez takes over for the final three years of her second term, replacing Santa Fe's chief Grinch with a smiling elf.

We respectfully ask Santa to give at least two or three members of the Albuquerque City Council hind legs that are as strong as those of his mighty reindeer. That's the only way Mayor Berry is going to change his errant ways. And, Santa, don't forget the state Democratic Party and the Legislature's Democrats. Please give them a year's worth of free access to all Starbucks locations so they can once again become politically caffeinated.

High on the Christmas wish list is a new Albuquerque police chief, a new upper command structure at APD, a police force of over 1,000 and not the dangerously understaffed one we have now.

(Santa, maybe you can give the mayor an all-expense paid vacation to the Caribbean for a week and we can get all that done while he's gone?)

This is the year we would like to see on Santa's sled a gift-wrapped package from the Legislature containing a constitutional amendment to allow a small portion of the state's \$15 billion Land Grant Permanent School Fund to be used for very early childhood programs. The science shows such programs are crucial in developing a skilled generation that turns away from a life of dysfunction, the root cause of the state's generational poverty.

Unless the city's various alphabet soup economic promoters, AED, GACC, EF and NAIOP, can start putting some significant

points on the board, we ask Santa to put them all under one roof and rename them "GTHOOT – short for the new economic development slogan of "Get The Hell Out Of Town."

While we're on that subject, Santa, we also ask that if the stonewalling of the Inspection of Public Records Act by APD is not resolved that the department henceforth deny all such records request by using the initials, UYAA, or "Up Your Ass Act."

And when WisePies ultimately defaults

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on its multi-million dollar pledge for the naming rights for the UNM basketball arena, could you please arrange for it to be renamed "The Bottomless Pit?"

Just asking, Santa.

No Christmas wish list would be complete without our annual pleading to the North Pole that someone, somewhere offer the Albuquerque Journal "an offer they can't refuse" and we get new ownership that ends the journalistic denial of New Mexico's real problems.

To simply have some fun and to aggravate the far-right that has such disdain for all government spending, we put on our wish list that Congress make a special \$1 billion appropriation for improvements to the City of Albuquerque just so we can see the look on their faces.

Santa, please don't forget the gift card from Sandia Casino for former Secretary of State Dianna Duran. And while you're at it, could you give some encouragement to that federal grand jury that's investigating possible campaign finance irregularities by the governor's chief political adviser?

Thanks for your consideration, Santa. Looking over this list we see that if you even granted only one of our wishes, it would be a very Merry Christmas indeed.

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— State Rep. Jim Dines

Those costs don't include the expense of legal action when the city is sued over denied requests or delays. Those costs totaled \$237,000 over three years, according to the 2014 report, and have continued since.

But the city also suffers an internal problem with IPRA compliance. Its website lists separate records custodians across 22 departments to whom records requests can be made.

"The actual number of requests may be significantly different because the City does not have a consistent citywide system for tracking requests," the 2014 audit found. The report also discovered the city had

## What the open records task force found:

- Lack of training of records custodians
- Lack of uniformity in copying costs
- Possible unfairness in the current statutory \$1-a-page copying cost

## What the task force recommended:

- More posting of data on government websites
- Better training of records custodians
- Collection of data on how much IPRA compliance costs
- Better protection of trade secrets shared with state colleges
- Possible protection of public employees' personal data
- "Enhanced training" for handling overly broad requests

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## Local Briefs

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### New boat rules

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish seeks public comment on proposed rule changes to aquatic invasive species rules to require all out-of-state boat owners to pass an inspection before launching a watercraft in New Mexico. The proposed rules also would make it mandatory for all boaters to stop at aquatic invasive species inspection and decontamination stations to ensure their watercraft are free of zebra and quagga mussels, which grow quickly, clogging water-supply inlet pipes. New Mexico is one of only six western states that remain free of the invasive mussels.

### Isotopes Park

The Albuquerque Isotopes are in talks with the City of Albuquerque to extend the netting behind home plate toward the outfield of Isotopes Park. Isotopes General Manager John Traub said the team is following the lead of Major League Baseball. "We do understand that you may not want to sit behind a net due to the desire to interact with the players and have the feeling that you are close to the action," Traub said in an email to season ticketholders. "However, we fully support MLB's direction to continue to emphasize fan safety as our utmost priority." Exactly how far the nets would be extended hasn't been decided.

### Gingerbread winner

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center announced the winners of its seventh annual gingerbread house competition. The winning adult entry (pictured) was submitted by Denise Dorn of Alto, N.M. The winning children's entry



was submitted by Jericho Terrazas of Albuquerque. All entries will be on display at the center, at 12th Street and Menaul Boulevard Northwest, through Jan. 6. Voting for the "People's Choice Award" remains open through Jan. 2.

### Trading desks for cars

APD Chief Gorden Eden announced a reorganization that gets as many as two dozen headquarters personnel out from behind desks and onto the street. The shift will occur over the next few months through reassignment and attrition. To combat the retirement of APD officers, the Albuquerque City Council sweetened the pot for police officer raises, bonuses and back pay to \$8.2 million in a bid to get APD pay back to levels called for in a 2008 contract that Mayor Richard Berry broke upon his election to office in 2009.

### Secretary of state

Gov. Susana Martinez has appointed Albuquerque City Councilor Brad Winter as secretary of state, replacing Dianna Duran, who was sentenced for fraud and embezzlement for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars from her campaign fund to gamble in casinos around the state. Winter, a career APS administrator, briefly served as interim superintendent of the Albuquerque Public Schools until Raquel Martinez Benavides Reedy was appointed to replace ousted former superintendent Luis Valentino.

### Teacher evaluations

A Santa Fe District judge found a substantial likelihood that Gov. Susana Martinez's and Hanna Skandera's method for evaluating New Mexico teachers is a sham. District Judge David K. Thomson issued a preliminary injunction against the evaluation method known as VAM – for Value Added Method – that states it lacks the scientific certainty needed to justify its use in deciding the professional fate of thousands of New Mexico public school teachers. Martinez also announced a proposal to pay a \$10,000 stipend to top-performing teachers.

## N.M. Campaign Finance Laws Need Massive Overhaul

BY HEATH HAUSSAMEN



It's going to be exhausting and, too often, impossible to follow the money spent on elections in New Mexico next year.

I expect the state to be flooded with political spending.

In addition to the presidential race, several members of our congressional delegation are up for re-election.

On a state level, there's a fight brewing for control of the New Mexico House of Representatives and Senate. Dianna Duran's resignation also means a secretary of state race.

So-called "dark money" – cash funneled through nonprofits that don't have to disclose donors – is a big problem on the right and on the left. It's so pervasive that Democratic members of Congress recently complained about dark money in a video created by a left-leaning group funded by dark money.

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Weak laws, a lack of enforcement and ethically challenged decisions add to the problem in New Mexico. Duran had been stealing money from her campaign for years before anyone noticed. Many others have been sloppy, at best, about reporting campaign donations and spending.

State law isn't clear on how lobbyists should report donations to candidates. KOB-TV recently identified hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations to 10 legislators that were nearly impossible to track because of discrepancies between how candidates and lobbyists reported them.

And Court of Appeals Judge J. Miles Hanisee intentionally concealed use of a political operative's services when he ran for election in 2014. Hanisee paid Jay McCleskey's company, McCleskey Media, through a DBA (a company "doing business as" a different name) instead of writing checks directly to McCleskey Media – which, as a result, didn't appear on public finance reports.

All this reveals that the state's campaign finance reporting system is a joke. The crisis in campaign finance transparency should spark action in the next legislative session in January. Gov. Susana Martinez, who controls the agenda, hasn't decided whether to allow consideration of reform.

There are local-government problems

too. Some residents in my hometown of Las Cruces received an anonymous mailer a few weeks ago attacking a City Council candidate. City law forbids anonymous mailers. But it's difficult to find the offenders.

Even if we could identify those responsible, there's no penalty for violations. Lawbreakers apparently operate with impunity.

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Las Cruces' election will be remembered for an out-of-town super PAC's immense spending. While GOAL WestPAC is disclosing donors, there still are barriers to transparency. The City of Las Cruces doesn't require candidates or groups to file finance reports in the two weeks before an election. We know nothing about the mad dash to the finish line until a month after the election is over, when a final report is due.

And the big money that has seeped into local elections doesn't show up at FollowTheMoney.org – a national database of money in state politics – or the federal money-in-politics database OpenSecrets.org.

Another group's spending in the Las Cruces election was small but illustrates how difficult it is to track money. The ProgressNow New Mexico PAC raised about \$3,100. Almost half came as donations from individuals whose identities the group was required to disclose. Another \$400 came from a different ProgressNow PAC. You'll have to look up finance reports for that PAC if you want to know how it's funded.

Finally, \$1,247.04 came as an in-kind donation of staff time from ProgressNow's nonprofit, which is allowed to keep its funding secret.

Confused? I am. It's hard to keep up with all of this. I suspect that's intentional.

Heath Haussamen runs NMPolitics.net, a news organization devoted to hard-hitting, fair exploration of politics and government that seeks to inform, engage and build community. Reach him at [heath@haussamen.com](mailto:heath@haussamen.com), on Facebook at [haussamen](https://www.facebook.com/haussamen), or on twitter [@haussamen](https://twitter.com/haussamen)

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# Paleontologist Describes Pentaceratops Find

BY RENE THOMPSON



New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science paleontologist Amanda Cantrell spotted the baby Pentaceratops fossil protruding from sandstone in the San Juan Bisti Wilderness in 2011.

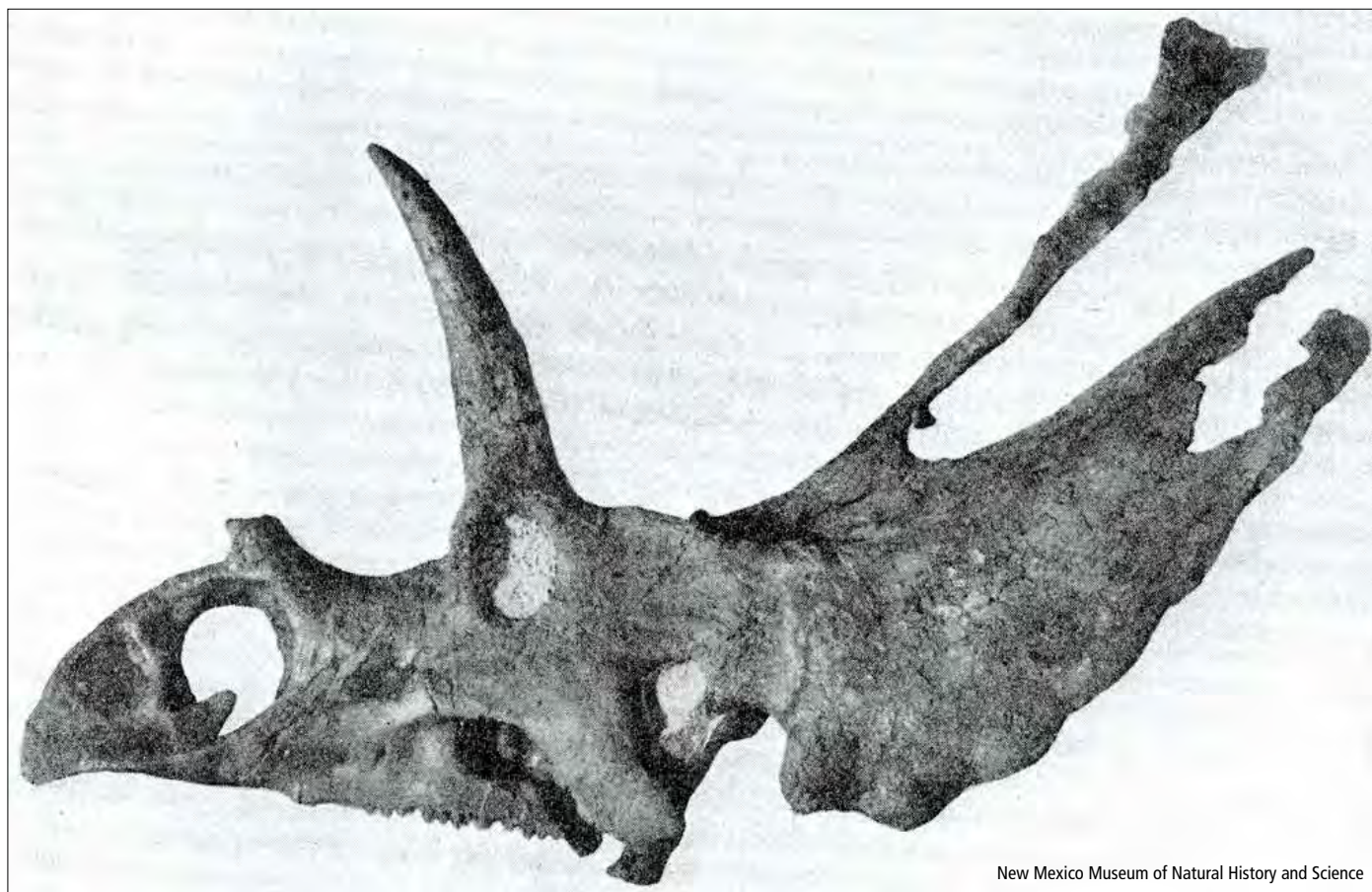
After the discovery of a baby Pentaceratops in San Juan County in 2011, it took four years and a National Guard helicopter to get the fossils to their new home at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science.

The endeavor took so long because paleontologists had to first unearth the fossils from sandstone on U.S. Bureau of Land Management property where land vehicles are prohibited and weather left short windows for transport.

There were three separate sets of fossils. All were sheathed in protective plaster jackets for the helicopter trip to Albuquerque.

The find was made by the New Mexico Museum of Natural History's Geoscience Collections Manager Amanda Cantrell, who said it was the most exciting find of her career.

Cantrell was on a paleontological survey in 2011 when she came upon the site in the San Juan Bisti Wilderness south of Farmington. Cantrell



New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science

The Pentaceratops is so named because it has five horns.

said she just happened to look over and saw the fossil protruding from rock about 100 feet away.

"People ask me how long it takes to find a fossil and I like to tell them it happens in an instant," she said, "it's just one of those really gratifying things just for that reason."

Since her find, Cantrell said she has been invited to speak about her discovery at science conferences throughout the country.

The fossils were in particularly hard sandstone, which was tough to dig through with hand tools. Cantrell said they have not found the feet or horns

yet but she's confident the skeletal remains are mostly intact.

The museum's curator, Spencer Lucas, said argon dating of the surrounding sediment revealed that the nearly complete skeletal baby Pentaceratops is about 73 million years old.

"We don't know if it's 100 percent of the skeleton. It looks like at least 80 percent is there, but we won't know until we fully clean the rock away," Lucas said. It will take more than a year to remove the fossils from the 3,000 pounds of sandstone and plaster they are encased in.

The fossil is one of only 10

Pentaceratops ever found. The San Juan Basin is where the very first Pentaceratops fossil was found in 1921 by paleontologist Charles Sternberg. The herbivore is much like the Triceratops but has five horns versus three. The Pentaceratops is older than the Triceratops by about 5 million years.

The baby is about the size of a rhino. It will take extensive repair and reconstruction before it can go on display at the museum at 18th Street and Mountain Road Northwest.

Rene Thompson is a staff writer for ABQ Free Press.

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# Beware of Petty Tyrants Who Cost Us All Money

BY DENNIS DOMRZALSKI



"In the first place God made idiots. That was for practice. Then He made School Boards."

If Mark Twain were still around and watching the Albuquerque Public Schools board, I'm guessing he'd change his famous line to include something like "vindictive, despicable, hypocritical, sleazy, power-mad, petty little dictators who just cost you, the taxpayers, about a million bucks because they couldn't stand that a member of the public dared criticize them."

Thanks to a few former APS board members who fit the above description, you'll have to dig deeper into your pockets to pay off a guy who dared to try to hold them accountable by calling them out at public meetings.

The guy is Charles "Ched MacQuigg," a former APS teacher, who, for the past 20 years has been going to APS board meetings and doing what citizens are supposed to do: demanding that board members and school officials hold themselves to the same standards of integrity, honesty and character they demand of students. He also criticized board members and school officials by name for refusing to release public information about potential wrongdoing in the school system.

In some cities, MacQuigg would be honored as a decent citizen who cared enough to get involved and drag himself to hundreds of meetings. Not in Albuquerque. Here, and especially at APS, citizens who demand accountability and honesty from their public officials are figuratively stomped and spit on and derided as nuisances and misfits.

The APS board found MacQuigg's effort at good citizenship and free speech so outrageous, threatening and dangerous that in 2010 it banned him from attending further meetings until he repented, kissed their asses, changed his ways and agreed to shut up.



Charles MacQuigg

Rather than caving, MacQuigg sued APS in federal court in 2012 saying the board violated his civil rights. On Dec. 8, APS settled the case. Details of the deal were initially secret, and APS threatened MacQuigg with the loss of \$10,000 of the settlement money if he told the public how much its board members had cost us. But APS caved and revealed it would shell out \$95,000 to MacQuigg and \$480,000 to his attorneys. APS paid its own attorneys \$288,000 to defend itself. That's almost a million bucks. Insurance will cover most of it, but we still got screwed because some people can't stand to be criticized.

A million dollars down a rat hole because the APS

board found it horrifying that a citizen demanded honesty and integrity of them.

So who are these petty minds that apparently hate criticism and who've just cost you a lot of money? Former APS Board President Marty Esquivel, who, ironically, is a First Amendment attorney; former board member David Robbins and former APS superintendent Winston Brooks, now known as the \$350,000 man.

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The incidents that led to the lawsuit began Nov. 4, 2009, when Esquivel had MacQuigg ejected from a public board meeting. MacQuigg had signed up to speak during the public comment period of the meeting. When he spoke, MacQuigg focused on the "Pillars of Trustworthiness" as outlined in the Character Counts curriculum that APS once taught. When MacQuigg addressed some board members by name, they went crazy and lashed out at him. Esquivel had MacQuigg tossed out of the meeting under the excuse that MacQuigg was talking about forbidden personnel issues.

Then-board member Robert Lucero jumped on MacQuigg, first with the insanity that a member of the public wasn't allowed to address board members by name.

"I would motion that addressing board members - we will talk about issues, but addressing board members is inappropriate for public forums, so I would ask that either be refrained or the public forum stopped," Lucero said. Eventually, Esquivel jumped in.

"It's very clear that we've made it - we've told you not to address personnel issues. If you want to continue this you can leave," Esquivel told MacQuigg.

"I haven't addressed a personnel issue," MacQuigg replied.

"You can leave ... You can leave. You're done. You are done. You are done. You are done," Esquivel said.

Esquivel, and the others are gone from APS, but I'm sure they still hate to be criticized by name. So, for good measure, here goes: Marty Esquivel, Winston Brooks, Robert Lucero and David Robbins, you are all despicable, petty tyrants who cost all us for your sickening behavior. You owe us money. Pay up.

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## IPRA, PAGE 6

A later court agreement and a revision of IPRA required that only the top five names be released.

In 1998, again with Dines a lead counsel, FOG and the Farmington Daily Times sued the city of Farmington when it refused to identify applicants for city manager. Again a court ruled in favor of open government under IPRA.

“That was a case that certainly stands for the proposition that when you’re hiring people and you’re going to pay them from tax dollars, then the public has a right to know who’s applying and what the process is about,” Dines said. “I have not been provided any empirical data that opening up the process is going to result in someone who is unqualified being hired or that you don’t get a good pool.”

Dines retired in 2011 after a 39-year legal career. Albuquerque voters elected him to the state House last year succeeding Rep. Jim White in the Four Hills and far Southeast Heights district once represented by Albuquerque Mayor Richard J. Berry.

While high-profile IPRA requests and lawsuits may create the impression the act is only used by the news media, that is not the case. The city’s 2014 audit found the general public, lawyers and law firms responsible for significant percentages with nearly half of the requests directed at the Albuquerque Police Department.

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— Dines

The law dates to 1977 and in recent years evolved from an acronym pronounced IP-ruh to a verb, as in “we’ll IPRA that.”

“I’m going to guess there has been a trend away from media requests and a trend toward us doing the discovery work for people who want to sue the university,” said Carruthers, who was governor of New Mexico from 1987 through 1990. Businesses hoping to sell products and services also file extensive requests about university operations to craft their sales pitches, he added.

NMSU only began systematically tracking IPRA request in July 2014. The log shows many a pot-pourri. Some are directed at the athletic department, others seek copies of employment contracts, including Carruthers’. There are repeated requests from the same person for NMSU museum records, and another from a Navy recruiter seeking information on students.

One request from an applicant not hired for a position generated 10,000 pages of digital records, and another tied up two doctorate-level faculty members for eight or more hours each hunting not for IPRA exceptions but potential violations of a federal law protecting student records.

“Yes, it’s burdensome,” Carruthers said. “We want to be open. We have public meetings; we do lots

**During one 18-month period, the City of Albuquerque responded to 8,814 IPRA requests at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million, according to a report released in October 2014 by the city’s Office of Internal Audit.**

**One public records custodian told ABQ Free Press the agency is regularly asked to provide large volumes of copies that requesters don’t pick up or pay for. In one case, copies that cost the agency \$1,000 are still at the agency.**

of things in the open here. It’s not like were hiding anything.”

The university presidents alerted both Dines and FOG to their proposed IPRA plans, and both opposed what FOG executive director Susan Boe called “sweeping changes.” They were, however, supportive enough of additional protection for trade secrets and intellectual property that Rep. W. Ken Martinez, a Grants Democrat, introduced as a 27-word amendment to IPRA.

A House committee endorsed the amendment, but the bill never made it to a floor vote. Instead the House approved a Martinez memorial creating a task force to study the “administrative and fiscal burdens” of IPRA as it applies to universities, colleges and public school districts.

It also looked into privacy needs and potential claims by individuals. The 15-member task force included NMFOG, city and county associations, representatives of state government and public-school administrators, the Legislative Council Service and universities and community colleges.

While Dines said he supports the task force if it leads to better data on IPRA issues, Boe is skeptical it will resolve anything.

Boe is among those concerned the new litany of complaints about costs and workload is a setup for scaling back IPRA. Two legislative insiders contacted by ABQ Free Press said they hear rumblings of IPRA amendments being introduced in 2016 Legislature in January but they were not privy to the details.

“We feel public bodies not only have a duty to gather records but to provide them,” Boe said. “Any income that could be generated by that is offset by public policy and democracy concerns.

“We don’t want to chill the public’s right to know; that’s critical.”

A leader in the state in organizing and processing IPRA requests is Bernalillo County, which created an Office of Ethics Compliance that opened about two years ago. The office consolidates both IPRA compliance and records management and administers the county’s Code of Conduct Ordinance.

One staff person is assigned fulltime to accept IPRA requests, parcel them out to appropriate departments and track compliance with the law and its timelines. Most of the requests arrive through the transparency portal on the county website, and all go into a tracking database.

As of mid December, the office had processed about 2,600 IPRA requests this year compared to

2,070 for all of last year and 2,287 in 2014.

“It is just part of the normal function and process of any government agency in the state or country really,” said Robert Kidd, a former Albuquerque deputy city attorney picked to head the compliance office in 2013. “We understand the spirit behind the act, the need for transparency, the need for the public to be aware of how government functions.”

With the increasing workload, if the Legislature were to tweak anything, it might reexamine the timelines and deadlines, Kidd said.

The more than 50 records custodians and their deputies working for the county go through training sessions twice a year, and new hires receive one-on-one training. And while the county already posts some frequently requested documents like contracts on its website, it plans to add more in the future, Kidd said.

“Keeping in mind the ends of the public records act is transparency, creating systems, trying to keep ahead of curve and dedicating resources is probably the best way to deal with this,” he added.

Meanwhile the Office of the Attorney General, which enforces IPRA and publishes a 51-page compliance guide, receives about a dozen complaints a month over alleged violations of it or a companion law, the state Open Meetings Act (OMA). Often the problem is not deliberate violations but lack of understanding of how to comply with the laws, Attorney General Hector Balderas said.

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“IPRA and OMA are the first line of defense in reducing corruption, waste, and abuse,” Balderas said. “Therefore, ensuring compliance is the best approach.”

While his staff holds monthly daylong training sessions on both laws around the state, the Legislature should modernize penalties for violations to include fines, mandatory training and targeted penalties aimed at the nature of individual offenses, he added.

The city’s 2014 IPRA audit made recommendations to the city clerk to resume IPRA training; improve request tracking and consider an automated tracking system; bring compliance procedures up to date; and prepare a checklist of IPRA exceptions for denying requests. The clerk agreed saying training would resume in December 2014 with the other tasks accomplished by July 2015.

ABQ Free Press sent voice and email inquiries to Mayor Berry’s office on Oct. 15 asking whether those tasks had been completed but had not received a response by the time this issue went to press.

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## N.M.’s Good, Bad and Ugly of 2015

*Editor’s note: This is an email conversation between Alan Webber, a businessman who sought the 2014 Democratic nomination for governor, and Paul Gessing, a Libertarian who heads the Rio Grande Foundation. The topic was New Mexico’s ups and downs in 2015.*

**Alan Webber:** It’s been a tough year for our state, let’s be honest. Corruption, unemployment, stagnation. The Secretary of State was forced to resign because she was violating the very campaign finance laws she was elected to enforce. That’s bad. Then she cut a deal that lets her keep her pension as a reward for her bad behavior. That’s bad. And weeks later, the governor’s been too busy to name a replacement. That’s bad.

Then there’s the economy. That’s worse. It’s so bad we’re losing people. That’s terrible. After all the calls for a “closing fund” to lure big companies into our state, less than one-fifth of the money has been spent.

We can’t even bribe companies to come here!

That’s bad strategy and even worse implementation.

**Paul Gessing:** There’s one thing, Alan, that you and I can agree on: 2015 was a rough one. Our state is among the most dependent in the nation on oil production. One-third of our annual budget is funded by that industry. When the price drops from \$110 to \$40, it will leave a mark.

The unemployment rate is now second-highest in the nation. Again, not good, but we didn’t get to this point overnight. Our state has never had much of a private sector. Our economy was built on two things: extractive industries and federal spending. Neither of these is as stable as it once was.

Unfortunately, when presented with several options for spurring New Mexico’s private sector, the Democrat-controlled State Senate blocked myriad reforms.

**Webber:** I agree with you, Paul. It would be nice to have private-sector experience in state government. But things haven’t always been this bad.

In 2003, New Mexico’s unemployment rate was 4.9 percent. Today it’s 6.5 percent. Same dependency on energy (including renewables), tourism, agriculture, film and entertainment, small and medium-sized businesses.

The state auditor says we’ve got billions – billions! – of unspent capital improvement dollars to put people to work on critical infrastructure

projects. That’s not political ideology; that’s managerial incompetence.

Speaking of infrastructure: Where’s high-speed Internet for the whole state? Every business today needs that. Why have we had seven years of declining travel out of the Sunport? You want a private sector economy? Business people have to be able to get here.

Paul, this is too depressing! Isn’t there some good news?

Nobody’s proposing the government build broadband. Maybe you didn’t get the memo: There are companies like Google that do this all over the country – and regulations aren’t the issue.

Ok, how about some good news!

We’re beginning to see entrepreneurship blossom in New Mexico and not just in Albuquerque: There are startups from Hobbs to Farmington, Silver City to Taos. We’ve got incubators and accelerators, workshops and labs, often combining public and private resources.

We’ve got entrepreneurs moving to New Mexico to start their companies. And New Mexico venture investors are networking all over the Southwest and into Mexico.

It’s still small-scale. But as I wrote in Fast Company magazine 20 years ago, this is the right direction. It’s the economy of the future.

**Gessing:** Sorry, Alan, when big-government-types start talking about “broadband for the whole state,” it sounds like you are asking for government to step in. If a private company will do it, that would be great.

In terms of positives, I’d echo your sentiments on the entrepreneurial efforts statewide. Green shoots see to be popping up no matter how rocky the soil.

Included in this is the micro-brewery boom which has come to New Mexico in part thanks to reductions in the beer excise tax that were enacted a few years back.

One additional item for optimism is that, thanks to a bipartisan coalition that included Rio Grande Foundation, and universal support in the Legislature and from Gov. Susana

Martinez, New Mexico now has the strongest civil asset forfeiture protections in the nation.

**Webber:** We can have that same growth in each of our micro-economies. Let’s embrace renewable energy and take advantage of sun and wind power. Cheaper, cleaner electricity is good for all New Mexicans and helps businesses grow.

Innovative agriculture is a huge opportunity: Industrial hemp can support rural New Mexicans and benefit micro-manufacturers who can use hemp for more than 25,000 products.

Let’s use our \$50 million “closing fund” to help existing small and medium-sized companies grow and add jobs. New Mexico entrepreneurs know our water scarcity is an opportunity for innovation – let’s support them. New Mexico is filled with cultural creatives – high-speed Internet for everyone means our artists and craftspeople can sell their remarkable creations all over the world.

The good news is, we are surrounded by opportunity. That’s reason enough for optimism.







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## SPORTS

### Lobos Finally Digging Themselves Out of the Locksley Cellar

BY RICHARD STEVENS



Possibly the best compliment you can throw at the 2015 New Mexico Lobos football team doesn't really come across as a warm hug: The Lobos really weren't a very good football team.

But in the end, that's something you really had to like about this scrappy band of Lobos. Because a huge step to a program digging itself out of the mud created by Mike Locksley and Paul Krebs is to field a team that can win when it's not the best team on the field.

Bob Davie's Lobos did that in a big way in the 2015 regular season with signature statement wins over Utah State, Boise State and Air Force.

Were the Lobos fortunate in carving out a 7-5 slate and advancing to the New Mexico Bowl? Of course. Had Hawaii run an off-tackle play and set up a chip-shot field goal, the Lobos season might have gone in another direction. The Lobos found energy and a future in a bad coaching decision from the Hawaii staff. The Lobos benefited from a mediocre Mountain West Conference.

The Lobos also ran into a Utah State team and a Boise State team that were clearly better than the Lobos, but probably failed to take the Lobos seriously. By the time those teams woke up the Lobos were taking themselves seriously, and that's another huge step for a program. The Aggies and the Broncos outplayed New Mexico but they also overlooked New Mexico.

The Lobos won the scoreboard battle and that is something Davie's program needed to do. His program that sprouted from a horrid 3-33 stretch (2009-11) had finally beaten some marquee teams – well, marquee teams from a marginal Mountain West.

Air Force might or might not have been better than the Lobos, but the Falcons already had clinched a spot in the Mountain West Championship game and were coasting toward San Diego State.

The Lobos got a few early Christmas gifts and had what it took to open them. The Lobos avoided the lump of coal and they were rewarded with post-season play. It's also obvious that Davie should have been handed Mountain West Coach of the Year honors, which he did not receive.

Davie's runaway ego probably was damaged by that snub, but his stock

with the Albuquerque football community went up. The season began with grumblings about the "Old Man's" ability to push this program around the corner. The Lobos now have a clear view of life on the other side of that corner.

But will 2016 be a tougher year for the Lobos and maybe not as productive on the scoreboard – and in the win column? Possibly. The Lobos will not be viewed as a Mountain West bully in 2016, but they will have gained a lot of respect from their upsets of 2015. A few victims from 2015 will be looking for payback in 2016.

It also will be interesting to see if the Lobos can improve their appeal at the gates of University Stadium. The crowds were still an embarrassment and the empty seats at the Air Force game shouted out a community's preference for big-time football on the tube. You also couldn't hide the fact that the Lobos were not an exciting team to watch.

There are still many gaps to fill in this program, but while Davie might be quick to pat himself on the back, he also is wise enough to see the holes. "We are not yet there," Davie admitted at the end of the season.

Still, the Lobos are at a place on the Mountain West hill they did not appear capable of reaching heading into the season. They were a win away from playing in the MW Championship game. They reached the postseason. They also should now reach a lot of recruits that they were not capable of reaching before – before wins over Boise State, Utah State and Air Force.

Winning breeds winning, but it also opens doors and young minds. It's fair to say that a lot of football players over the years came to New Mexico because their first, second and maybe even their third choices were not interested in them. The Lobos have climbed that ladder, too. The credibility meter at UNM has pushed the needle higher while also pushing itself into a few more living rooms.

And if the Lobos can make the same steps in recruiting that they did on the scoreboard in 2015, the luck factor might be fortified by better Lobos. Really, this is the step the Lobos need maybe more than anything.

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# Holly Holm Day in ABQ



Holly Holm takes the microphone during the City of Albuquerque's celebration Dec. 6 of her MMA bantamweight championship victory over Ronda Rousey. A Holm-Rousey rematch has been set for UFC 200 in Las Vegas on July 9, the Los Angeles Times reported.

**Amy Mathis sent us this photo of her cat Savannah, who likes playing with her toy sheep.**

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# ANALYSIS/CARTOONS

## APD Progress on DOJ Deal Spotty

BY DENNIS DOMRZALSKI

No one doubts that it will take time for the Albuquerque Police Department to get into full compliance with the settlement agreement it signed with the U.S. Department of Justice last year over the fact that its officers were shooting too many people. It isn't easy to change a culture in any institution or company, large or small.

But the chances that APD will be in substantial compliance with the settlement agreement's 280 requirements by next November seem slim considering the first mixed report on APD's progress by the DOJ's independent monitor, James Ginger, earlier this month.

Ginger had some good news and some bad news on Dec. 3 when he detailed APD's initial progress. The good: the SWAT Team, Canine Unit and Bomb Squad all have made significant progress in training in de-escalation techniques and using the minimum force necessary to resolve an incident.

"Likely as a result of these improvements, APD saw commendable results from its tactical operations, many of which were resolved without any force being used," Ginger's report says.

The bad: As of the end of May, APD still hadn't developed an acceptable use-of-force policy after two tries.

Basically, APD officers aren't being trained on use-of-force because there is no policy in place.

Ginger ripped APD's policymaking process as inept. That's hugely important because without good policymaking there won't be good training, and without proper training, change won't occur, Ginger has said.

"In short, policy development processes at APD are in need of significant and immediate revision," Ginger's report says. "Responsibilities for policy writing, dissemination, revision and assessment are disjointed and disorganized. In terms of the policies that APD has drafted so far, they have been difficult to understand, poorly organized, and apparently written piecemeal, without an overarching understanding of the function of policy in guiding officer conduct and forming the basis for APD's training program.

"For example, the monitors gave failing marks to critical policy elements on their initial reviews, finding fatal flaws in APD's policies covering use of force, internal affairs, supervision and other areas. Because policy is the foundation of training, the deficiencies in APD's policy development must be worked out before APD's training program will be able to function properly. Any training developed and delivered absent a strong

and resilient policy system is virtually guaranteed to fail to deliver a training product," the report says.

And then there's APD's apparent desire to allow officers to shoot at moving vehicles. The settlement agreement specifically prohibits it:

**'In terms of the policies that APD has drafted so far, they have been difficult to understand, poorly organized, and apparently written piecemeal'**

— DOJ monitor's report

"APD shall adopt a policy that prohibits officers from discharging a firearm from a moving vehicle or at a moving vehicle, including shooting to disable a moving vehicle, unless an occupant of the vehicle is using lethal force, other than the vehicle itself," the agreement says.

APD's draft policy for shooting at moving vehicles omitted the line, "other than the vehicle itself" and allowed for "lethal force against the driver of a vehicle if the driver is using a vehicle itself as lethal force," Ginger's report says. "APD's current Use of Force Policy falls short of

compliance because of one omission and additional language that permits action that seems to place APD policy in conflict with the language of this paragraph's requirement."

Even when APD has tried to abide by the letter and spirit of the settlement agreement, it has fallen short. The agreement requires that all cops get crisis intervention training. APD announced earlier this year that it had put all its officers through a CIT course.

But APD began the CIT training before it could be vetted by Ginger's team. Ginger later found that the training was inadequate, and now the city is apparently trying to decide whether to retrain all those officers under a program that Ginger has approved.

"What is left now is two-tiered – over 800 officers trained under the 'old' version and a smaller number under the 'new' or current version," said City Councilor Diane Gibson. To fix the problem, Gibson, Ginger and others agreed to retrain the officers only if they failed a CIT test. But Gibson said she still has yet to hear from Mayor Richard Berry about the proposed fix.

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# On Time Travel: New Year's Eve in ABQ

BY SAMANTHA ANNE CARRILLO



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I'm writing you from 2015. Yes, dear readers, it's that brief window in the heart of winter when the procession of time takes on a marked prominence in our collective subconscious. The New Year's Eve trope is alive and well here in 21st-century Albuquerque, New Mexico. Alongside the holiday and its attendant celebration and consternation is a diffusion and resulting permeability of the veil between the workaday world and all that glitters. And there's the whole kissing-at-midnight bit.

Unlike surrounding family-centric holidays, painting the town red is the traditional mode of celebration of New Year's Eve. From crimson and

vermilion to oxblood and scarlet, a veritable palette of events awaits your appraisal. Whatever you're into, there's bound to be a fête in your signature color. Scope our calendar of very early 2016 events to find your perfect shade.

As for that resolution jazz, I advise against the whole public list-making ritual. That said, the first of January is as good a date as any to alter your reality. Make your goals realistic and measurable and adjust them as necessary. And don't feel like you have to update everyone on your progress — you're your sole competition.



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#### New Year's Eve 2015 Celebration

5 pm, Pueblo Harvest Café at Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th Street NW, 724-3510, indianpueblo.com

### New Year's Eve at Altitude ABQ

5 pm, Altitude ABQ at The Hotel Cascada, 2500 Carlisle NE, 888-3311, thehotelcascada.com

### Manhattan on the Mesa

6 pm, Anderson-Abruzzo Balloon Fiesta Museum, 9201 Balloon Museum NE, 768-6020, cabq.gov/balloon

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7:30 pm, Hotel Albuquerque, Alvarado Ballroom, 800 Rio Grande NW, 843-6300, hotelabq.com

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### New Year's Eve with Ryan McGarvey

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### Bubbles & Bubbly:

#### Explora's New Year's Eve Bash

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### Burlesque Noir's

#### Double Your Pleasure NYE

8:30 pm, Launchpad, 618 Central SW, 764-8887, launchpadrocks.com

### 2015 New Year's Eve Comedy Concert

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9 pm, The Hotel Cascada, 2500 Carlisle NE, 888-3311, extremekomedy.com

### Casa Esencia New Year's Eve

#### feat. DJs Beatnick and Josh Burg

9 pm, Casa Esencia at Hotel Albuquerque, 800 Rio Grande NW, 225-5928, casaesencia.com

### Dark Night:

#### New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball

9 pm, The Stage at Santa Ana Star Casino, 54 Jemez Dam Rd, Bernalillo, 771-5353, thestageatthestar.com

### New Year's Eve @ Effex

9 pm, Effex Albuquerque, 420 Central SW, 842-8870, effexabq.com

# Holidaze 101: How to Drink Smart(er)

BY SAMANTHA ANNE CARRILLO

When making plans for New Year's Eve, do visions of champagne — or martinis, IPAs and margaritas — dance 'round your head? Have you ever unintentionally overindulged in alcohol? If so, avail yourself of this guide to wisely imbibing the world's most popular social lubricant.

In modern American culture, the consumption of booze is practically synonymous with the idea of celebration. And it can be a lot of fun. But, here's the thing. Side effects of imbibing range from merely embarrassing to entirely lethal. Here in New Mexico, DUI is a public health crisis. Reforming the legal system may not sound exactly like a party, but there is something revolutionary you can do to buck the trend: Don't drink and drive.

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That said, you can still party like it's 1999. With forethought and planning, an evening of Dionysian revelry needn't lead to mortification or peril. Like the average mixed drink, these tips aren't one size fits all. Adapt the below ideas to suit yourself. While body weight and consumption amount and timetable are typically used to predict intoxication levels, there are other factors that can affect the journey from practical sobriety to the outer limits of inebriation.

*Editor's note: Shout-out to my friends — aka the smartest people I know — for crowd-sourced insight that informed this article.*

### Don't mix drugs

Over-the-counter and prescription medications — especially painkillers, antidepressants, anxiolytics (anti-anxiety) and antihistamines — can heighten intoxication and resulting coordination and balance issues when taken with alcohol. Common OTC non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Advil) and naproxen (Aleve) wreak significantly more havoc on liver function when

regularly ingested alongside alcohol. Into Eastern medicine? Herbs are powerful chemical substances, and taking some of them — particularly chamomile, kava kava, lavender, skullcap, St. John's wort and valerian — can be dangerous when drinking.

### Eating is fundamental

When you drink before — or heaven forbid, without — eating, that's a single-ingredient recipe for disaster. When you skip a meal, your blood sugar levels drop. Low blood sugar is interpreted by the body as the start of starvation mode. Your metabolism slows, and you may experience symptoms like: hunger (duh), blurred vision, changes in mood, difficulty concentrating, fatigue, headache, rapid heartbeat and sweating. Add booze to the mix, and let's just say the result is not pretty. No one wants to be a shaky, moody mess at a New Year's Eve fête. Whatever your fave foods are, devour them with relish before arriving on the scene. Some oil or fat aids in metabolizing alcohol and is encouraged; whether that means an avocado or french fries is up to you.

### Agua es vida

The average adult body is composed of around 60 percent water. Staying hydrated is one the simplest things you can do to stay healthy and feel good. By simple, I refer to ease of access and affordability. But I'm not saying it's easy. When I get lost in work or, say, a sci-fi double-feature, I often forget to refill my glass. If you're into technological assistance, download a smartphone or tablet app like the sleek Waterbalance or adorable Plant Nanny to keep you on your game.

Adequately watering yourself detoxifies; regulates temperature, heart rate, blood pressure and other metabolic processes; and sustains the equilibrium between water and electrolytes in our bodies. Not only that, it's a terrific stand-in for an alcoholic drink. Down a glass of water, juice or soda between every glass of heady red wine or Jagermeister shot. It keeps your hands occupied at parties and ensures you're hydrated, which means enjoying a nice buzz with minimal aftereffects.

*Samantha Anne Carrillo is a situationist, fourth-wave feminist, pop culture fanatic and associate editor at ABQ Free Press.*



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## Mind your Ps and Qs

Your manners and behavior are your business, but these Ps and Qs offer solid party advice:

- Pace yourself. Sip, don't gulp or guzzle.
- Partner up. The buddy system abounds in benefits, including reminding each other to order nonalcoholic drinks between lemon drop rounds.
- Prep for the AM. Cautious use of vitamins, NSAIDs and hangover preventatives or cures is fine. But if you have a nice, fatty meal, stay hydrated and limit intake by following an alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverage rotation, your hangover may underwhelm. And that's a great thing to wake up to in 2016.
- Quality above quantity — that's my maxim. Distilled liquors aged in nice barrels and rigorously monitored for quality control usually have a lighter mouth feel and taste and smell better than bargain-basement booze. Some folks, including your author, believe that sticking to one high-end, light-colored spirit is less likely to trigger a hangover. (See also: folk wisdom, placebo effect.)
- Queue up Uber. On New Year's Eve in a mid-sized city like ours, cab service tends to bottleneck between peak hours — say 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. — but Uber's prominence in the local personal transportation market has alleviated that some. We all know that designated drivers rule; Uber is, after all, the app-based version of a ride-sharing, designated-driving friend. Other options include an actual designated-driver friend, local cab companies and AAA Tipsy Tow, which offers a free ride to you and a gratis tow for your ride on Dec. 31.

# ABQ Icons: Making Mary & Tito's Acquaintance

BY ARIANE JAROCKI

**Mary & Tito's**  
2711 Fourth Street NW  
344-6266  
Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri-Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Even a seasoned Burqueña foodie occasionally misses a great restaurant. When a friend expressed shock at my never having heard of Mary & Tito's, I felt I'd been shamed by every abuela in a five-mile radius. (For what it's worth, it's in a part of town I don't often visit.) After learning about the awards Mary & Tito's has earned for both their food and red chile, I ventured out for a taste test.

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This is an honest-to-goodness family restaurant. The wall in the hallway is covered in family photos as a home might be. Mary & Tito's main seating area is an organized hodgepodge of booths and tables. Our waitress had her hands full but reassured us that she'd be right over to take our order. Through trial and error, I've learned that great nuevomexicano food often requires a relaxed ordering stance. After ordering, the food came from the kitchen — hot and fast.

And the brief wait at the beginning was so worth it. I opted for the day's special, the Large Combo. This plate offers a sampling of Mary & Tito's standouts. The classic dish includes a beef taco, a rolled cheese enchilada and a chile relleno, and it's served with generous sides of Spanish rice and beans. Typically, in a combo, one item shines above and beyond the rest. In Mary

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& Tito's Large Combo, everything was on par. The taco shell — a freshly fried, crispy vehicle — delivered beefy, cheesy goodness to my mouth.



Ariane Jarocki

Above: Mary & Tito's Large Combo offers a sampling of the restaurant's standouts. Below: The red chile makes the Carne Adovada plate at Mary & Tito's.



Ariane Jarocki

From there, I moved on to the Christmas-covered enchilada and relleno. The enchilada's unpretentious filling of cheddar cheese and onions was brilliantly offset by the spicy chile flavor. Green chile may appear dull when chopped, but the green at Mary & Tito's boasts a musicality that plays well with garlic and other flavors. In my book, the red chile was the pièce de résistance. Its smoky flavor suggests the inclusion of chipotle. The first taste of the red here is all complex, and the back end is pure heat. Luckily, it's a heat that can be quenched, allowing for continued enjoyment.

I usually prefer my chile relleno

topped with only green, but I have to admit it was great paired with the red. Their relleno is filled with a simple, white cheese that didn't overpower the entirety of the chile, and the breading held up without being thick

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or eggy in the least. Even the beans and rice, which normally seem an afterthought on a plate like this, were really very good. The beans have a pork-based flavor that makes them a strong contender to be served all on their own.

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If you're a red chile fanatic, you must try the Carne Adovada plate. There's enough red chile to mix into every bite on your plate, plus extra to sop up with your tortilla. The flautas here are also excellent. Follow my example, and acquaint yourself with Mary and Tito's.

*Resident foodie Ariane Jarocki fearlessly explores and reports on Albuquerque's restaurant, food truck and bakery scenes for ABQ Free Press.*

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# ABerQ: On OffKilter, Kaktus Satellite

BY EFRAIN VILLA

Another year draws to a close. People reflect, bond with family and engage in all those other holiday activities us jaded types are quick to scoff at or side-eye. I only just became aware of side-eyeing, and I'm not sure I have it down; after all, one cannot side-eye oneself in the mirror unless ... never mind. I'm here to talk beer, not ocular gestures.

*Dana Koller of Kaktus Brewing in Bernalillo plans to do his part to combat end-of-year anxieties by opening a second Kaktus taproom in the old Amore space*

On the topic of misalignment, OffKilter Brewing Co.'s Mike Campbell says his new place is "a celebration of Scotland and all things slightly skewed," so my fellow side-eyers will fit right in. Campbell, a two-decade brewing veteran, notes that he hopes to open the location (4814 Hardware NE) in January, but experience tells him things in the brewery biz don't always go as planned. "If it's not one thing, it's your mother," Campbell laughs. "We'll open when we open, but we think January is a pretty safe bet."

After two decades of being the venerable brewer at places like Tractor, La Cazuella and several other successful ventures, why open a brewery now? "I guess it all started with me sleeping with the investor's daughter," Campbell jokes, describing

the family venture being backed by his mother-in-law. His wife and business partner, Sheryl, known locally as the "Brew Widow," is certainly no bystander in the brewery. As a former president of the Dukes of Ale brew club and the business manager behind Mike's success, she brings her own extensive industry experience to the operation.

In addition to the celebration and sleeping with future business partners, December gifts us with stress. For the collegiate set, the month marks a frantic hurdle toward finals and research papers and, not infrequently, a scholar's last chance to score a decent grade. Dana Koller of Kaktus Brewing in Bernalillo plans to do his part to combat end-of-year anxieties by opening a second Kaktus taproom in the old Amore space (2929 Monte Vista NE) across from UNM's Main Campus.

A soft opening week ending Dec. 23 is planned for groups in the Duke City to "rent" the facility for free, says Koller. "We think it's a nice way to



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A new year means brand-new flights of beer. All cheer!

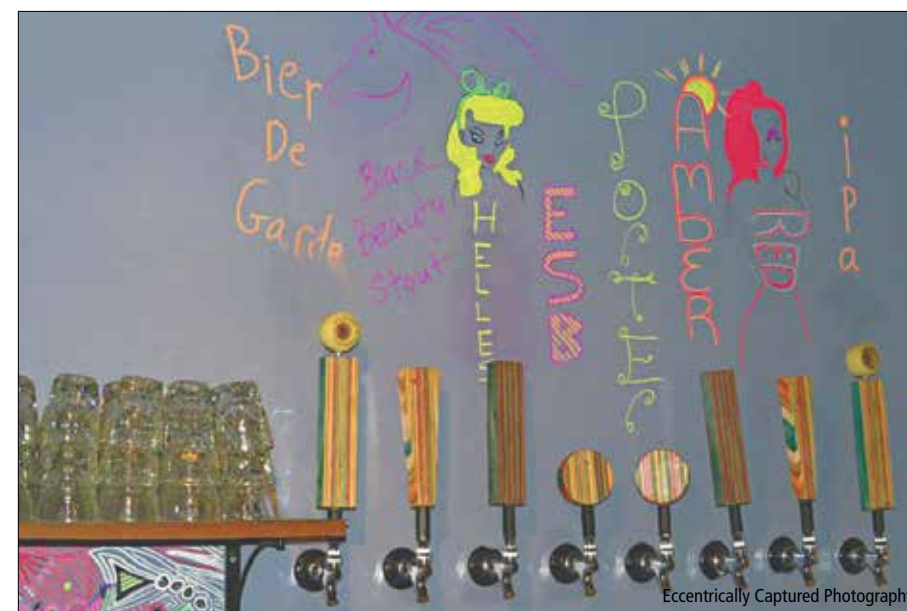
introduce ourselves to Albuquerque. People will be able to have a private holiday party at our place. All they have to do is ensure there's a minimum food order of \$500 for their group. Plus they'll get a sneak peek at our new place." The location's grand opening is slated for Thursday, Dec. 31, aka New Year's Eve.

The Kaktus satellite location hopes to embody a colorful, productive vibe. "I was thinking we could host academic talks on Mondays with very aggressive specials and designate

that as a student-only night," Koller says. "When you're in school, it's sometimes hard to meet [like-minded] people in fun settings that don't involve crazy bar scenes."

I propose that the first lecture be an intercultural examination of the pervasiveness and complexities of the side-eye gesture's implications for social justice. Happy New Year!

*ABQ Free Press stringer/bon vivant Efrain Villa chronicles the Albuquerque brewing scene in his ABerQ column. Reach him at aimlessvagabond.com*



Eccentrically Captured Photography

The chalkboard tap menu and recycled skateboard taps at Kaktus Brewing Co. in Bernalillo.



OffKilter Brewing Co.

Veteran brewer Mike Campbell brings his considerable experience to his own venture, OffKilter Brewing Co.

## Trapped!: Escape for the Holidays

BY RENE THOMPSON

Imagine this: You're locked in a room and must solve puzzles, find clues and decode messages to make your way to freedom and glory. Do you have what it takes to escape?

The escape-room trend began when point-and-click adventure games blew up online; the concept evolved into a real-life adventure game that promotes team building while offering fun.

The earliest, IRL escape room was created by Takao Kato in Japan circa 2007. It took off so quickly that by 2012, the game made its way to the United States.

Solving mysteries in an interactive way is what makes this a game worth playing again and again. Versions of the concept are popping up from coast to coast. Denizens of the Duke City can enjoy a fun, competitive night out at NM Escape Room.

Two separate rooms and accompanying themes are currently offered, and another room will be unlocked soon. Each one has individual themes and storyline sagas that unfold while players have a limited time, one hour, to figure out the clues and get the locks off the door in time. Expect more than a few unexpected twists and turns.

The escape scenarios include "The Cabin," a murder-mystery theme where one must find hints to the identity of the cabin's owner, who happens to be a serial killer. "The Blood

**NM Escape Room**  
3916 Carlisle Blvd NE  
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"Map" is set in a Victorian-style room with a Wild West storyline – winners must find Jesse James' treasure map within Bob Ford's abode; Ford is rumored to have stolen the map before killing James. The third room's theme is called "The Unpublished"; it's set in a '70s bachelor pad with a government espionage theme, and slated to begin taking reservations as early as mid-December.

There are a number of different types of puzzles in the rooms themselves, so wear your thinking cap, delegate responsibility accordingly and ensure that communication is a top priority. Some of the puzzles can be extremely tough to crack solo, and the whole team is needed to get out in time. If your team can't outwit the room, game masters are watching on standby so participants can ask for extra clues if their team can't advance.

The only caveat I have about NM Escape Room is to bring enough people for a full team. Otherwise, you may be teamed up with strangers, have to fly solo or end up not having enough time to complete all the puzzles. Bring a minimum of 6 to 8 people to have a thoroughly enjoyable experience and a real chance

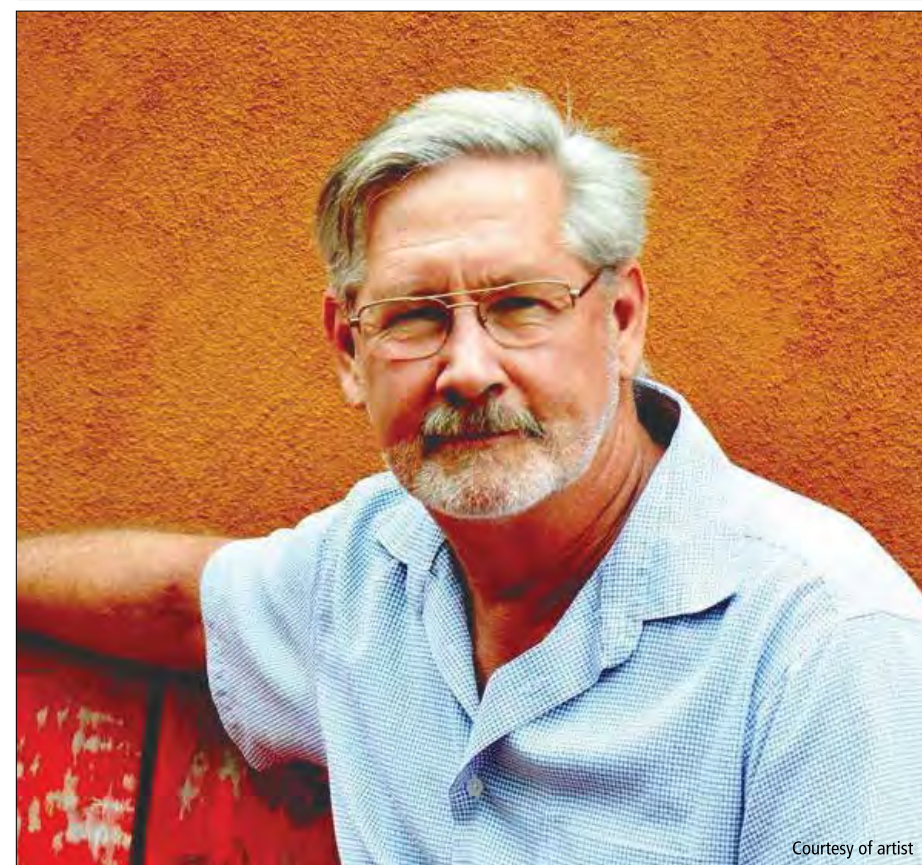
of escaping the room. The satisfaction of solving the mystery is worth it.

The next time you're looking for something new in ABQ, take a group of friends or the whole family to NM Escape Room to see if you can work as a team to defeat the dreaded locked doors.

An artistic rendering of "The Cabin" murder-mystery scenario at NM Escape Room

## N.M. Film Focus: On Dirk Norris

BY JEFF BERG



Courtesy of artist

Dirk Norris is a longtime advocate and supporter of the New Mexico film industry. His low-key demeanor belies his essential role in the sort of behind-the-scenes work that often goes unheralded. In 2014, he created the New Mexico Film Foundation, a support system for local independent filmmakers, where he serves as executive director.

Norris stopped moving for a second, and I quickly corralled him for an interview with ABQ Free Press. This is a man who eats, sleeps and breathes New Mexico film. Born in Madison, Wis., Norris reveals a formative experience with the medium at age 10. "I was Batman, my brother was Robin and the kid across the street was Mr. Moneybags. His father had an 8mm camera and filmed our little neighborhood play."

When their father bought a Super 8 camera, he and his brother made a stop-motion animation involving Hot Wheels, Play Dough and transformation. Norris scored his first "deal" in 8th grade, convincing the science club to bring him along as a videographer on their annual trip. It was an auspicious beginning for young Norris.

Later, during college, he signed up for a Feature Film Production class. Norris recalls that the course was led by LA screenwriter Billy Fields, who was building a studio and making videos. Fields also gave him his first freelance gig. "My first job was dry-walling his office. After that, he told me he had run out of money," says Norris.

Norris graduated UNM and relocated to the Southern New Mexico town of Oscura, near Carrizozo. He managed the Oscura High Desert Hostel for 9 years. In 2004, the building burned to the ground, and Norris found himself searching. A former guest of the hostel, whose script featured it as a location, had called Norris one year prior to discuss bringing a crew in to film. She and the producer arrived in Oscura to scout locations the night after the hostel burned.

"They spent a few weeks in Carrizozo, rewriting and filming," says Norris. "I became the Unit Production Manager and had a small, [on camera] role as a police officer." The film was titled "Déjà Vu: Hera's Odyssey." Edited at Santa Fe's Lightningwood Studios, the movie

## Matters of the Art: Tinsmiths, Elves and the Octofox

BY LISA BARROW

### On a hot tin niche

Thanks to the efforts of researcher and author Maurice Dixon, an intriguing nuevomexicano art mystery has finally been solved. The case is laid out in a new exhibit opening Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History (2000 Mountain NW). "The Artistic Odyssey of Higinio V. Gonzales: A Tinsmith and Poet in Territorial New Mexico" brings together artifacts including tin nichos, retablos and processional pieces, as well as examples of poetry and music all created by a prolific Santa Fe-born artist whose significance was nearly lost to history.

New Mexico's hojalatero — or tinsmith — tradition dates back to Mexico's independence from Spain in 1821. With the advent of a thriving trade in canned foodstuffs between the U.S. and Mexico, savvy craftspeople began to reuse the metal containers for folksy décor like frames, boxes, chandeliers and crosses. They invested considerable ingenuity into their designs, forging punches, cutting shapes, hammering and soldering the tin and frequently applying glass and paint elements. Later, this plebeian version of silversmithing fell out of favor with 20th-century decorators, and the underappreciated pieces became scattered and anonymous.



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Extensive research in the public record and meticulous matching of unique tin-stamp "fingerprints" by art historian Dixon, who co-curates the museum's exhibit with Deb Slaney, have revealed that a plethora of tinworks previously attributed to nameless tinsmiths in counties can actually be traced directly to one Higinio V. Gonzales (1842–1921), who



David Nufer/Albuquerque Museum

An 1885 niche, made of tin and glass, by Higinio Gonzales

also wrote poetry, composed corridos and taught school.

The history-opening exhibit runs through Apr. 4, 2016. Museum admission is \$1 to \$4, with plenty of opportunities to get in for free. For more information, stop by albuquerquemuseum.org or call 842-0111.

### Crumpet crisis

Like "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," David Sedaris' "Santaland Diaries" has become something of a tradition for those lovers of Christmas lore who appreciate a bit of cranky mixed with their Kringle.

The story of Sedaris' experience as one of Santa's elves at Macy's Department Store in New York, humiliateingly complete with a costume of "green velvet knickers, a forest green velvet smock

and a perky little hat decorated with spangles," first debuted on NPR in 1992. In it, Sedaris — aka Crumpet — recounts everything from a brief, doomed infatuation with fellow elf Snowball to his monumental apathy in the face of the second person in a day to tell him they're going to get him fired.

Catch a local staging of the delightfully disaffected, sardonic holiday

satire at the South Broadway Cultural Center on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18 and 19, at 8 p.m. Unsurprisingly, the show might not be suitable for younger viewers, who should be permitted to keep their illusions intact for as long as possible. Visit southbroadwaytickets.com for \$10 tickets and more information.

### Santa's grab bag

This lump-o'-coal-free gathering of December events is brought to you in the true holiday spirit — which I personally consider to be one of cheerful resignation. Cheerful because of twinkly lights, gifting, generosity and fond memories, but

also resigned to pressure, relentless advertising and a few crummy memories in the mix. Hey, just like people, holidays can be complicated. Whether you're participating in Ye Merry Yuletide enthusiastically, reluctantly or by association only, the Duke City offers a candy factory full of opportunities to forge new traditions, get a wicked sugar rush going and find ways to feel good amid the rush:

- If you're stuffing a fleet of stockings, support the shops that do one of two things: 1) support local artists and 2) serve you cookies. The Octopus and the Fox (514 Central SE) does both with their Holiday Cookie Party! on Friday, Dec. 18, from 6 to 10 p.m. Surrounded by the zoological swirl of owl mittens, sloth necklaces and roadrunner pillows, decorate your own sweets for free with tasty supplies provided by Octofox (though you can bring your own if you have a favorite icing or candy). Games are on the agenda, too, with chances to win Octofox gift bags. Showing up is the only way you'll have a chance at this Christmas miracle. See theoctopusandthefox.com or call 203-2659 for details.

- The wonderment that emerges from candles and sand packed into brown paper bags isn't fully appreciated anywhere except in New Mexico. On Christmas Eve, luminarias (or farolitos) dot the streets with their calming and memorable light. The City of Albuquerque recommends four neighborhoods in particular for a nighttime stroll if you want to take in some glowing tradition: Ridgcrest, stretching diagonally from Carlisle SE to San Mateo SE, puts up luminarias along the median; the Country Club Neighborhood, near Tingley Beach; Old Town, especially the Plaza; and Los Alamos Civic, stretching north of Bridge SW and east of Old Coors SW.

- There's more distinctively New Mexico holiday flavor to be had at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center's Annual Pueblo Gingerbread House Competition, which is on display now through Jan. 3, 2016. While first, second and third place winners are already in place, voting on the People's



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Choice category continues through Jan. 2. Stop by the IPCC (2401 12th Street NW) to pick out your favorite gingerbread casa inspired by a Pueblo village, church, home or historic dwelling. While you're there, take a gander at the towering Christmas tree adorned with nuevomexicano-themed ornaments in the courtyard.

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# Crossword

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### ACROSS

1. Suggestion
5. Community regulation
8. Pillar
12. Stadium bench
13. Drain
14. Party handout
15. Snug retreat
16. Cooker
17. Without exception
18. Care
20. Existed
21. Navigational aid
22. Use a needle
23. Tennis player's need
26. Blaze fighter
30. Slice of history
31. Ways to travel
34. Written reminder
35. Tickle
37. Bishop's district
38. Scarf
39. Toll
40. Riches
42. Regrettable
43. Processed
45. Break
47. Fishing aid
48. Heartless

50. Calculates

52. Exercised
56. Revel in
57. Deficiency
58. Blemish
59. Barbarians
60. People
61. Headquarters
62. Rancher's concern
63. Together
64. Stage

### DOWN

1. Contraction
2. Big game
3. The life of Riley
4. Criticize
5. Giblets part
6. "You \_\_\_ kidding!"
7. Left
8. Sidewalk
9. Somewhere \_\_\_ the Rainbow
10. Resentful
11. Sample
13. BLT part
14. Not as many
19. "Voila!"
22. Towel stitching
23. Flinch, say
24. Metal suit
25. Grounds for legal action
26. Atmosphere
27. Yellowstone creature
28. Old time GPS
29. Required things
32. Manipulated
33. Drink that can be hot or iced
36. Criterion
38. Bedding linen
40. Water-logged
41. F-150's
44. Trials
46. Mounts
48. Long-legged wading bird
49. Sped
50. Natural soother
51. Way out
52. Farm equipment
53. Checked item
54. Or follower
55. Kind of breath
56. Grievous bodily harm, for short

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