



## Farmers seek hemp help

DEA considers product the same as marijuana, but farmers say differences are plenty. **Page C-6**

### SANTA FE MUNICIPAL WATERSHED

## Group to detail oversight plan

*Five-mile hike, research presentation also coming this week*

The New Mexican

A new management plan, a hike and the latest research data are all on tap for the public this week regarding the Santa Fe Municipal Watershed.

The 17,384-acre watershed funnels water into the two reservoirs east of Santa Fe that can supply up to 40 percent of the city's water needs.

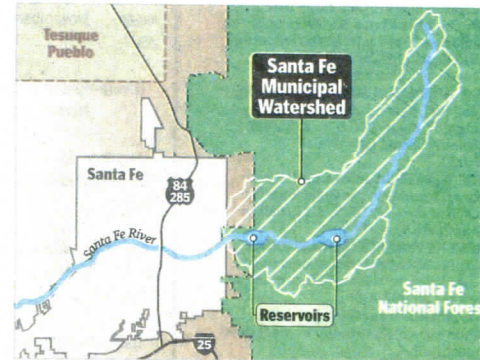
Santa Fe National Forest still has piles of slash to burn on 3,000 acres of the watershed, left over from a forest thinning project.

Once that is completed, the question is how to prevent the watershed from becoming overgrown and protect the water resources into the future.

Three events this week will give the public an opportunity to take a close-up look at work in the watershed.

On Thursday, the Santa Fe Watershed Association will present a proposed management plan at the Main Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The plan, paid for by a federal grant, was formulated by the association, the city, Santa Fe National Forest and the Nature Conservancy. The plan will

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## Protecting a sacred tradition

*Zuni family seeks help taking care of Santo Niño relic*

By Karen Francis  
The Gallup Independent

ZUNI, N.M. — Each morning Missy Yatsattie rises, she has a task to perform, a duty that was bestowed upon her through generations of her family on her mother's side.

Since the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, one family has been responsible for the care of an 18-inch wooden statue that was rescued before the missions were destroyed.

Santo Niño, or the baby Jesus, has been kept at the same home since 1690 when the Zuni people returned to Halona after escaping to Thunder Mountain following the revolt.

Now Yatsattie needs help to make repairs on the home of the Santo Niño, where she also lives. Last month, Yatsattie walked 23 miles to raise funds to repair the adobe wall and the roof of the home. Earlier this month, she held a raffle. She also is planning another walk like one that raised nearly \$400, most of which came from the Zuni people.

The Santo Niño is sacred to both the Catholics and the Zunis.

For the Catholics, he is seen as a powerful figure because he represents Jesus in his most innocent stage — as a baby.

For the Zuni, the Santo Niño is actually a female — the daughter of the sun.

Both attribute various miracles to the Santo Niño in past centuries.

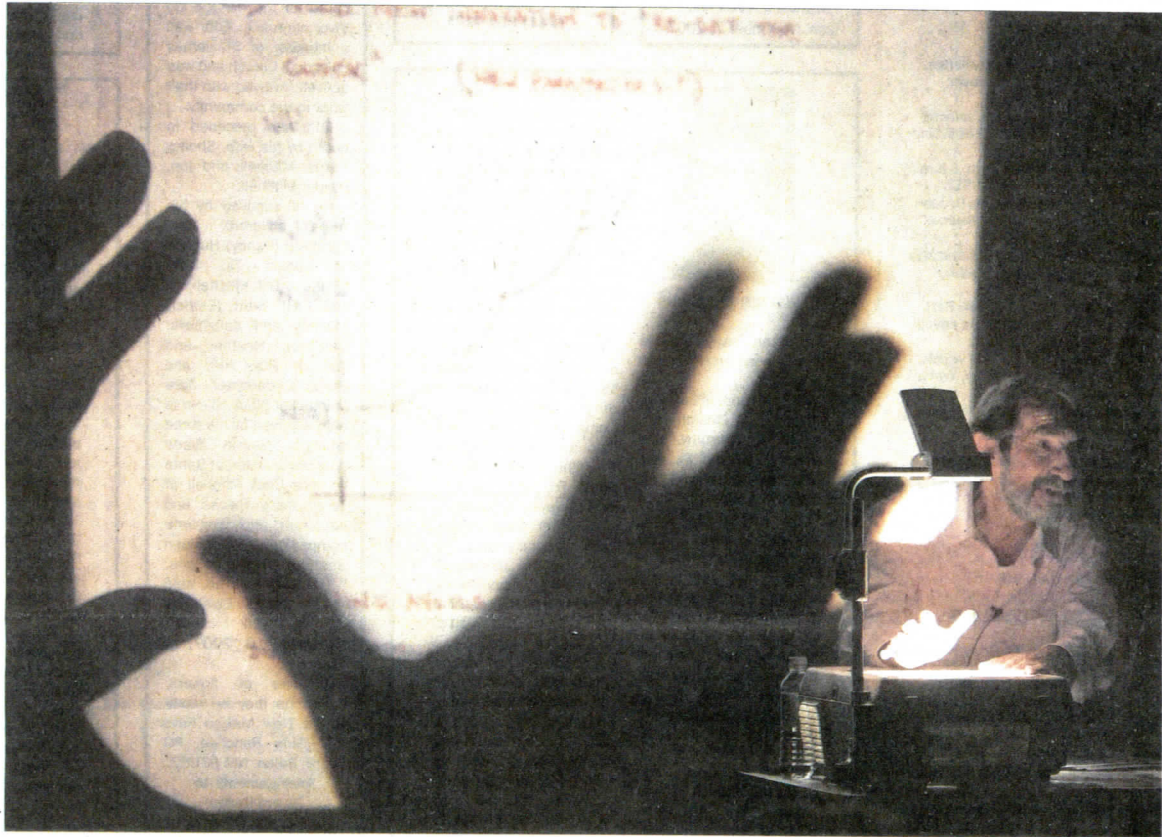
It is believed the Spanish Franciscans brought the statue to Hawikuh, 15 miles south of present-day Zuni, in 1628 from Spain as a gift for La Purisma Concepcion Church, one of the original churches in the area. Santo Niño was moved in 1670 to Nuestra Señora de La Candelaria Church, where the statue was rescued before the church was burned during the Pueblo Revolt.

People have come from as far as Germany, China and Australia seeking out the ancient figure, which is said to have healing and protection powers.

"People that go to war, they come here to ask for protection," Yatsattie said.

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## Physicist: Growth, consumption cannot be sustained



Luis Sánchez Saturno/The New Mexican

Geoffrey West, the president of the Santa Fe Institute, speaks to about 30 people Monday night at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Annex. A human needs less than 100 watts of energy to survive, he said, but with electricity, cars and other parts of modern life, people use more than 10,000 watts.

# THINKING BIG

By Natalie Storey  
The New Mexican

As a renowned theoretical physicist spoke Monday about the need to become more "biological," a group of Monte del Sol Charter School ninth-graders huddled in the back of the room, giggling and grazing on snacks.

They came to get 20 extra credit points for science class, but Meilani Pruitt, and Dakota Lopez, both 14, said they could follow the scientist, Geoffrey West, as he talked about how common themes in biology can be related to the growth of cities. West said our population, economic and technologi-

cal growth cannot be sustained, and people must find a way to transition back to a simpler existence.

"A little bit of it was kind of hard to understand, but most of it was pretty understandable," Meilani said. "I'll be able to sleep tonight, but I'm not going to leave any lights on in my house."

West told the audience of about 30 at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Annex that a normal human, metabolically speaking, needs less than 100 watts of energy, or about 2,000 calories of food per day, to survive.

But in reality, he said, with electricity, cars and every other part of modern life, people use more than 10,000 watts

of energy. "Just sitting here, each one of us in this room is effectively acting as a blue whale," he said. "And it's screwing up the whole system."

West, the president of the Santa Fe Institute, was formerly the head of the particle-theory group at Los Alamos National Laboratory and on the faculty at Stanford University. He spoke during a talk geared toward getting young people to think about today's biggest problems scientifically.

The Santa Fe Science Cafes for Young Thinkers, organized by the Santa Fe Alliance for Science, have

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# Sacred: Santo Niño kept since 1680

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The responsibility of caring for Santo Niño is passed through the matrilineal line. Before Yatsattie, two sisters cared for Santo Niño. After the older one died, Yatsattie moved into the home and began learning from the younger sister about caring for the relic. Two years after the younger sister died, Yatsattie moved back.

Yatsattie already is teaching her daughters how to care for Santo Niño since the duty will one day be passed on to them. And because Yatsattie is a traditional Zuni who sees the Santo Niño as the child of the sun, she also teaches her children about its sacredness.

Santo Niño usually stays in a special room until either the first visitor of the day comes or until late morning. Yatsattie says a prayer to Santo Niño each time she sets it on the altar.

"During the day when we eat, we set aside a small portion for Santo Niño and for our ancestors," she said.

For example, when her young son had an orange, he had to set aside some of it to be put in a bowl for the Santo Niño.

When visitors come, Yatsattie drops what she is doing to tend to them.

"At the end of the day, when the sun goes down, I go to Santo and tell her it's been a long day. Let's go to bed now," she said.

She then takes the statue to her room and sets it down until everyone is ready to go to sleep. "Good night," she tells the santo.

Santo Niño's clothes are changed about once a week. On a recent day, she wore a red blouse and skirt with numerous pieces of turquoise jewelry. "I eventually put on everything that people bring to her," Yatsattie said.

In the past, an annual dance was held by the Zunis in Santo Niño's honor. However, the rituals the Zunis once had to honor Santo Niño have become increasingly rare, Yatsattie said.

"The belief in the santo through Zuni is disappearing like most other things, like our language and rituals," she said. "People are forgetting about her and not passing it on to the children."

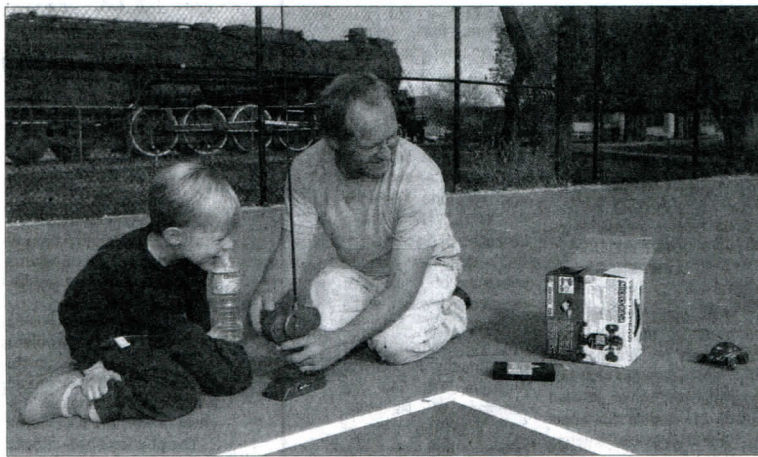
Yatsattie also has had a more difficult time maintaining a good home for the sacred relic, since she cannot hold a full-time paying job because she spends most of her time caring for the altar.

Her ultimate goal is to open a small museum with information on the history and the significance of Santo Niño, as well as various artifacts that Yatsattie possesses.

For now, she is concentrating on getting much-needed repairs to keep Santo Niño safe for centuries to come.

**Virus found aboard cruise ship**

## And they're off



Jane Phillips/The New Mexican

Joshua Taylor Weisner, 4, and his father, Peter Taylor, get their remote-controlled car up and running on the Salvador Perez tennis courts Monday afternoon.

## Big: West is director of S.F. Institute

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been held three times this fall. Three more cafes will be held in the spring. Topics have ranged from global warming to AIDS to West's talk, which was called, "The Complexity, Simplicity, and Unity of Life: From Cells to Cities."

West's ideas are based on a premise that all life is governed by common principles and that biology is based on laws of scale that make bigger animals

more efficient.

As an example, he said, a horse is metabolically more efficient than a human, but a human is more efficient than a dog because the larger the animal the less energy is needed for every pound that it weighs.

He asked the group to question whether cities are an extension of these biological principles. West believes cities are like biological systems in many ways, but society's constant quest for growth is send-

ing us toward collapse.

People and animals naturally stop growing, West said, so our cities and technological advancements should stop growing at some point, too.

"If we don't pay attention to this, these guys, when they are our age, are going to be in deep doo-doo," he in response to a question, gesturing to the kids in the back of the room.

For more information about this spring's science cafe's go to [www.sfsafs.org](http://www.sfsafs.org).

## Plan: Hike also offered this week

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look at fire and water management, funding and the issue of whether the public should be allowed back into the watershed. The area has been closed to the public, except for guided tours, since 1932.

Scientists and officials studying the watershed will meet Friday to discuss how their data relates to the management plan. They will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Randall Davey Audubon Center on Upper Canyon Road.

On Saturday, a limited number of people will be allowed on a guided five-mile hike through the watershed from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The hike begins at the parking lot for the Two Mile Reservoir Nature Conservancy Preserve, where Cerro Gordo crosses the river and joins Upper Canyon Road.

The hike goes past the old reservoir and stop midway between Nichols and McClure reservoirs. Speakers will talk

about aquatic insects, the reservoirs and the thinning project. Hikers must register in advance. The cost is free to members and \$5 to non-members.

For further information, contact the watershed association at 820-1696 or [info@santafewatershed.org](mailto:info@santafewatershed.org). To read more, see [www.santafewatershed.org/](http://www.santafewatershed.org/).

## Prison's security tightened after es

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Authorities are tightening security at the state's maximum-security prison outside El Dorado, following last month's escape by two inmates who were later captured in New Mexico.

But officials also noted the escape had more to do with outside help the prisoners received than it was a security problem.

"We are confident this escape could not have occurred without the outside assistance," said Chuck Sim-

mons, deputy secretary Department of Corrections. Authorities allege from guard Amber Goff, 23, he inmates Steven A. Ford, Jesse L. Bell, 33, flee Oct. three were captured three later, on Halloween, in G

They were the first escape from the maximum security prison since it opened in 1987. Authorities have said inmates escaped from an exercise area where the allowed five times a we

The Associate

## City of Santa Fe REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY NOVEMBER 14, 2007 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- AFTERNOON SESSION - 5:00 P.M.**
1. CALL TO ORDER
  2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  3. INVOCATION
  4. ROLL CALL
  5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR
  7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Reg. City Council Meeting - October 29, 2007  
Joint City Council/Santa Fe School Board Study Session - October 30, 2007
  8. PRESENTATIONS
    - a) Employees of the Month for November, 2007 - Greg Aragon, Armando Gabaldon, Walt Kevin Martinez and Cyrus Trujillo; Solid Waste Division, (5 minutes)
    - b) Muchas Gracias - Beni-Leigh Dupree, Genevieve Chavez Community Center Lifeguard (minutes)
    - c) Muchas Gracias - Capital High School Theater Awards, (Bernadette Pena) (5 minutes)
    - d) State of Municipal Court Semi-Annual Report, (Judge Yalman) (5 minutes)
  9. CONSENT CALENDAR
    - a) Bid No. 08/0348 - Railyard Offsite Improvements Project and Construction Agreement - Horner, Inc. (Eric Martinez)
    - b) Bid No. 08/10/B - Santa Fe Municipal Airport Fencing and Construction Contract; Apex Construction Co., Inc. d/b/a Valley Fence Company. (Mary MacDonald)
    - 1) Request for Approval of Budget Adjustment - Project fund.
    - c) Bid No. 08/11/a - Two (2) Heavy Duty Variable Frequency Drives for Wastewater Mana Division, Alpha Southwest, Inc. (Lucas Orozco)
    - d) Request for Approval of Procurement for Additional Order of Refuse Bags for Solid Waste Management Division (Under Bid No. 04/57/B); Resourceful Bag and Tag, (Robert Rod)
    - e) Request for Approval of Procurement Under State Price Agreement - Natural Gas Serv Energy Company. (Nick Schiavo)
    - f) Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding - Artworks Program in Santa Fe Elementary Schools - Santa Fe Public Schools, (Sabrina Pratt)
    - g) Request for Approval of Sole Source Procurement - Four (4) John Deere Engines for Tr Division; John Deere. (Ken Smithson)
    - 1) Request for Approval of Budget Increase - Transit Enterprise Fund/CIP Reallocation
    - h) Request for Approval of Sole Source Procurement and Professional Services Agreement - Targeted Community Action Plan Program Services; Mary Louise Romero, (Richard E. Bennett)
    - i) Request for Approval of Sole Source Procurement and Professional Services Agreement - Targeted Community Action Plan Services; Youthworks, (Richard DeMella)
    - j) Request for Approval of Agreement - Juvenile Detention Services for Juvenile Offense of New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, (Richard DeMella)
      - 1) Request for Approval of Budget Increase from Grant Revenues - Grant Fund.
    - k) Request for Approval of Lease Agreements:
      - 1) Airline Terminal Building Office, Counter and Floor Space at Santa Fe Municipal Air American Eagle Airlines. (Jim Montman)
      - 2) Airline Terminal Building Counter and Floor Space at Santa Fe Municipal Airport; De Lines, (Jim Montman)
    - l) Request for Approval of Sole Source Procurement and Professional Services Agreement - Manage Affordable Housing Roundtable; The Enterprise Foundation, Inc. (Kathy McC)
    - m) Request for Approval of Procurement Under State Price Agreement - Furniture and Wc Stations for Community & Economic Development Department; Creative Interiors, Inc. (McCormick)
    - n) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2007-\_\_\_\_\_. (Councilor Trujillo) A Resolution Directing Staff to Prepare a Report to the Governing Body Proposing Solu the Continued Practice of Improper Disposal of Used Motor Oil and Antifreeze. (Jim Sai)
    - o) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2007-\_\_\_\_\_. (Councilor Ortiz) A Resolution Amending Table 27 of City of Santa Fe Impact Fees Capital Improvement Regarding Planned Major Road Improvements and Adding Guadalupe Street and Paseo Peralta as Eligible Projects to Receive Interim Impact Fees. (Frank Romero)
    - p) Request for Approval of Grant Award - Hazardous Materials for Fire Department, State Marshal's Office. (Fire Chief Chris Rivera)
      - 1) Request for Approval of Increase from Grant Revenues - Grant Fund.
    - q) Request for Approval of Donation to Police Department - Faith Summit on Domestic Vi Sexual Assault and Stalking, the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. (Police Chief Johnson)
      - 1) Request for Approval of Budget Increase - General Fund Police.
    - r) Request for Approval of Agreement - Santa Fe Firefighters Association; International A of Firefighters. (Assistant Fire Chief Randy Neumann)
    - s) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2007-\_\_\_\_\_. (Councilor Ortiz and Councilor Hel A Resolution Refining Resolution 2003-70 and Requiring the State of New Mexico to A Address and Mitigate Certain Issues Involving the "Railrunner" Commuter Rail Project, (Bulthuis)
    - t) Request for Approval of Logo for the New Santa Fe Government (SFG) Channel. (Sevas Gurule)
    - u) Request for Approval of Donation for Messaging Sign Center at GCCC; Los Alamos Nat Bank. (Liz Roybal)
    - v) Consideration and Adoption of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Order to A-2007-03 - 1003 Governor Dempsey Variance. (Frank Katz)
    - w) Consideration and Adoption of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Order to H-07-15 - 126 Quintana Street. (Frank Katz)
    - x) Request for Approval to Publish Notice of Public Hearing on December 12, 2007.
      - 1) Bill No. 2007-56 - An Ordinance Amending Article 23-5-2 SFCC 1987 to Include "P on the Plaza" as an Additional Permitted Annual Major Commercial Event on the Pl (Councilor Bushee) (Sevastian Gurule and Barbara Lopez)
      - 2) Bill No. 2007-57 - An Ordinance Amending Article 23-5-5 SFCC 1987 Regarding Plaz Vendors; Requirements; Selection Process; Conditions of Operations. (Councilor Ch Sevastian Gurule)
      - a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2007-\_\_\_\_\_. (Councilor Chavez) A Resolution Establishing an Application Fee for Artists/Artisans who Apply for a Under the Santa Fe Plaza Park Artist/Artisan Program. (Sevastian Gurule)
      - 3) Bill No. 2007-59 - An Ordinance Amending Section 24-1-1 SFCC 1987 Regarding t of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Code; and Amending Various Sections of the City of San Uniform Traffic Code. (Councilor Helmmeier and Councilor Bushee) (Police Chief Eric Sevastian Gurule)
      - 4) Resolution Calling for a Regular Municipal Election to be Held March 4, 2008 for the of Electing One City Councilor From Each Council District and Electing One Municipal, At-Large; and Voting For or Against Amendments to the Santa Fe Municipal Charter Re Referendum, Initiative, Recall, Public Financing of Campaigns, Ranked Choice Voting, t Powers and Duties of the Mayor and the Qualifications of the Municipal Judge. (Voland Resolucion Que Convoca Una Eleccion Municipal Ordinaria Que Tendra Lugar el Dia 4 2008 con fin de Elegir un Concejero Municipal de Cada Distrito de Concejalos y Elez Juez Municipal para toda la Municipalidad y Votar a Favor o en Contra de Las Enmien Carta Constitucional Municipal Respecto al Referendo, Iniciativa o Destitucion, Financ Publico de Campañas, Selección de Votacion en Orden de Preferencia, las Facultades Responsabilidades del Alcalde y las Calificaciones del Juez Municipal.
      - 8) Request for Approval of Consolidated Precincts.
    - z) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2007-\_\_\_\_\_. (Councilor Ortiz, Councilor Bushe Councilor Trujillo and Councilor Dominguez) A Resolution Calling a Special Election to be Held in the City of Santa Fe on March 4, 2 In Conjunction with the Regular Municipal Election for the Purpose of Voting on the Iss of General Obligation Recreational Purpose Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount of \$30,300,000, Describing the Purposes to Which the Bond Proceeds Would be Put; Pro the Form of the Bond Question; Providing for Notice of the Election; Prescribing Other t Provisions with Such Election and Bonds; and Establishing a Public Hearing on the

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# THANKSGIVING

**DEADLINES**

The offices of The New Mexican will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and will re-open on Friday, November 23 at 8 am. Home-delivery service