



Cheers and Jeers

Cheers: To the visitors who are pouring into town for the weekend. You bring holiday cheer to the business community and workers who depend on your business for tips and wages.


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Jeers: To the Colorado Department of Transportation that did not seem to keep the Interstate 70 corridor clear on the eve of the holiday weekend with closures in both directions the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Cheers: To the paramedics and -ray techs at the Summit Medical Center who worked 36 hour shifts Wednesday to treat ski and car accident victims.

Cheers: To Silverthorne finance director Donna Braun who was recently named the Colorado Finance Officer of the Year. Braun was selected by her peers for the state's most prestigious award for government finance officers. Year after year, Silverthorne budgets meet or exceed state requirements, and town manager Kevin Batchelder receives requests for copies of the budget for other towns and counties to model. Braun also volunteers for the Colorado Government Finance Officers Association, further proof that she is dedicated to her job to the benefit of Silverthorne residents, regardless of how they stand on the grocery store rezoning issue Dec. 9.

Cheers: To Juan Ruiz at TrueValue Hardware who repairs and tunes our snowblower every year. This last snowstorm the blower broke down and Juan was out to pick it up that same day. He had it fixed, tuned and returned the next day for a very reasonable charge.

Cheers: To the town of Frisco for its public display of Christmas lights, even if we did quibble earlier about the cost. The display certainly adds a "small mountain town" cheer to Main Street and beyond.

Jeers: To people who leave outside Christmas decorations up all year. Yes, we're in the season now, but let's undecorate when the holiday's over.

Cheers: To the free holiday dinners offered locally and to all of the people who made sure they invited a newcomer for Thanksgiving.

Cheers: To Comcast for all of the new channels to watch, even if Turner Classic Movies was erased. Now we can work on our couch potato physique. Pass the pretzels, please. Now, bring on the high-speed Internet access.

Cheers: To Reuben and Donna Drebenstedt of the A&W restaurant in Frisco for striking a blow for

freedom of speech. Their religion is not ours, but their First Amendment right is everybody's. The trouble is, it's corporate

America, not the government, that's trying to keep Scripture sayings off their roadside sign advertising chili cheese fries.

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