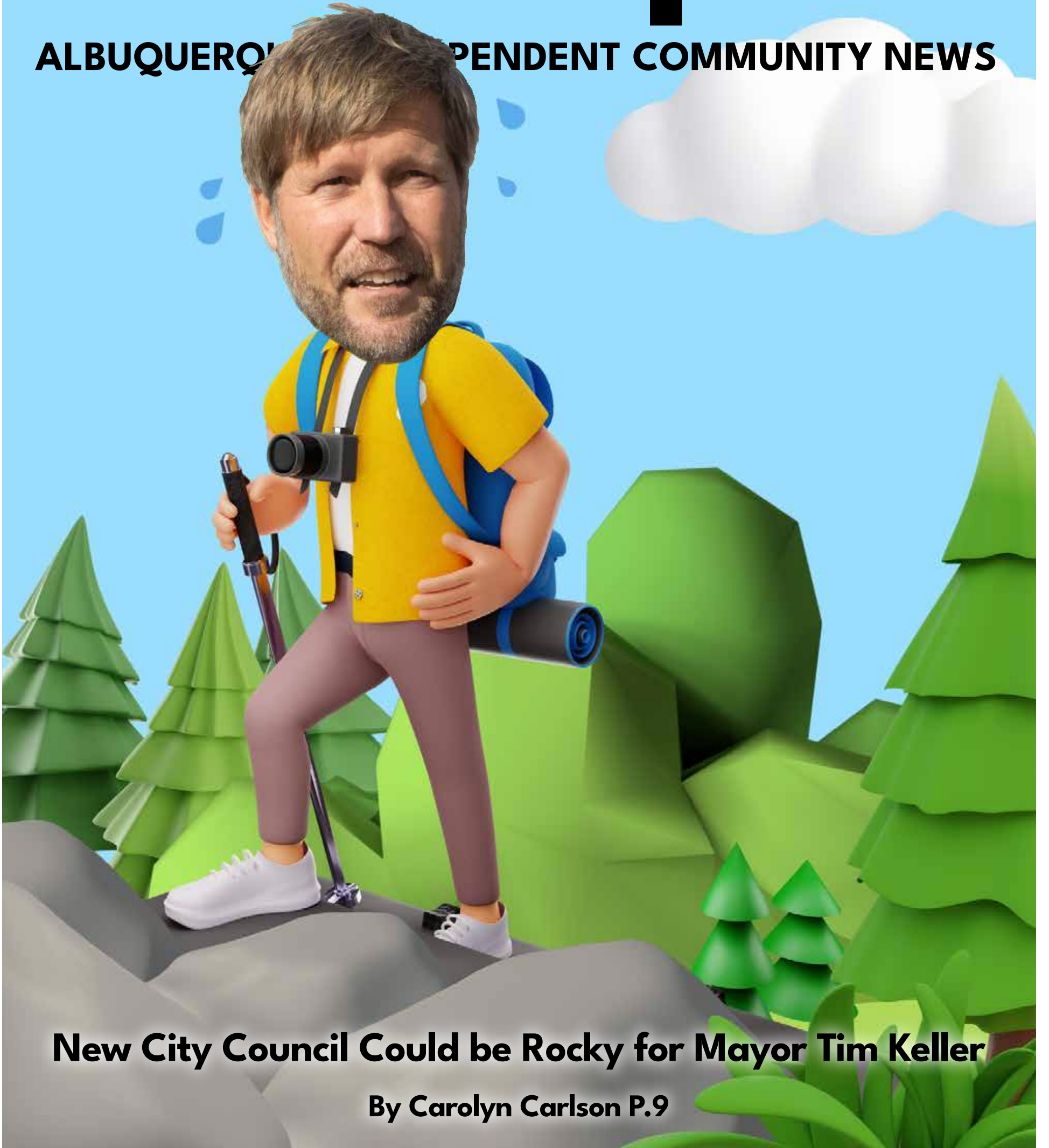


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ALBUQUERQUE'S INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY NEWS



## Run-Down

*A recap of recent news for the week of Jan. 17*



### \$1 million approved for new South Valley pre-k

A South Valley pre-kindergarten organization is getting some new digs. The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners on Jan. 9 the allocation of \$1 million in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Peanut Butter and Jelly (PB&J). The money will be used to cover the cost of leveling ground and setting up utilities for a new facility at 900 Armijo Road.

PB&J is currently holding all of its operations on a county-owned property on Lopez Road. Once the new building is finished, PB&J is expected to serve more than 40 students each school year. As of now, the anticipated date for the new facility is early 2026.

### Environment department releases interactive dashboard of formerly operating uranium mine and mill sites

The New Mexico Environment Department and Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department launched a new dashboard aimed at increasing transparency of the reclamation status of formerly operating uranium sites across the state. The dashboard summarizes mine and mill site information, relevant regulatory action under the jurisdiction of NMED and EMNRD, and displays information for other non-permitted sites where available.

Uranium continues to serve as an important source material for nuclear power plants to this day. However, there are no active mining sites in New Mexico, but there are still risks that come with the legacy of these sites, including risks to human health, water, and land resources.

The interactive dashboard can be found at [www.env.nm.gov](http://www.env.nm.gov).

### Bernalillo County gets money for emergency response training

Bernalillo County was awarded \$640,000 from the state Homeland Security Grant Program. The competitive grant is from the U.S. Department

of Health and is managed by the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The grant was made in efforts to provide professional development training and is necessary for the maintenance and acquisition of vital emergency response equipment. The money will also go towards ensuring that New Mexicans with special needs have appropriate resources in emergency situations.

The county has already approved several projects that will be funded by this grant money. Some of the projects include \$205,000 for the county's Department of Emergency Management to purchase utility terrain vehicles, emergency sheltering equipment, and upgrades to existing emergency trailers and \$250,000 for the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office for training and SWAT equipment.

### North Domingo Baca Aquatic Center construction begins

Local politicians grabbed their shovels and broke ground at the future North Domingo Baca Aquatic Center site.

The aquatic center is set to feature an indoor competition pool, a diving pool with three diving boards, and a heated indoor therapy pool. The center will also include a large recreational water play area with two slides and multiple play and spray features.

The North Domingo Baca Aquatic Center will offer facilities suitable for hosting all levels of local and state swimming competitions. That means competitive swimming events will stay here in the Land of Enchantment. The facility aims to attract organizations seeking a venue for aquatics events, including water polo tournaments and olympic training. The center will also offer the University of New Mexico a collegiate aquatics competition facility that meets NCAA standards.

## Weak in Review: Jan. 17

### Quick hits on this week's news bits

State Rep. Stefani Lord (R-Sandia Park) has introduced a bill to get rid of gun background checks.

Would this apply to those convicted of felony necrophilia?

Former BernCo Sheriff Manny Gonzales says he's switched political teams and will challenge Sen. Martin Heinrich.

No word on whether the Dong Copter that plagued him in his run for mayor is running or what its political affiliation is.



New Mexico Attorney General Raúl Torrez "rebranded" his office to the New Mexico Department of Justice.

If we're all just picking new names, we'd like to be called *The New York Times*.

The state is considering options to straighten the I-25 "S-curve" near Avenida Cesar Chavez.

The "S," of course stands for the expletive most often yelled when driving through.

Albuquerque Public Schools is getting closer to pinning down a new superintendent.

If we've learned anything from film, it's that the perfect superintendent will descend from the skies with an umbrella.

The ABQ City Council will consider extra funding to clean up and dispose of human feces around town.

It definitely wouldn't be the first shitty piece of legislation to come from them.

Fruit Stripe Gum pulled off the market after 54 years.

Yipes the Fruit Stripe Zebra reunited with former rival Bazooka Joe in candy mascot heaven. M&Ms and Sour Patch Kids eye one another nervously.



An AI program generated a comedy special from the late, great George Carlin.

That's it folks, pack it up, the internet's done.

Scientists say dinosaur remains found at Elephant Butte belong to the "cousin" of T. Rex.

Oh, sure, but when we lost our cousin at the Butte, we were being "irresponsible."

City Council President Dan Lewis was hired as executive director of the Asphalt Pavement Association of New Mexico just after leading the charge against new air quality rules.

We wonder if there was a card attached that said, "Thank you for being a friend."



## Not So Fast

*A group of neighbors say, in a formal appeal, that the city is jumping the gun on a new soccer stadium.*



By Andy Lyman, The Paper.

The City of Albuquerque announced late last year the approval of a new home for New Mexico United, but since then a group of neighbors have started a formal appeal of that decision. That appeal is still in the beginning stages and awaiting a hearing through the Planning Department. Brooke Jordy, one of those neighbors and a criminal defense attorney, says several dozen residents who live near the proposed area, along with a handful of neighborhood associations, filed the appeal out of concern for unintended consequences such as noise, water and ground pollution. *The Paper.*, in collaboration with New Mexico PBS, recently spoke with Jordy about the decision to challenge the plan to build a soccer stadium on the grounds of the Balloon Fiesta Park.

*This interview has been edited for length and clarity. The entire interview can be found at [youtube.com/@nminfocus](https://youtube.com/@nminfocus).*

**The Paper.:** Can you just spend just a brief moment talking about what area of Albuquerque we're talking about? I think maybe a lot of people only go there for the Balloon Fiesta. Geographically, what are we talking about and who lives there?

Balloon Fiesta Park is in that North Valley, Alameda and Edith area, which is where I live. There are several neighborhood associations surrounding that area. There's the Maria Diers Neighborhood Association, there's the North Edith Corridor Association,

there's the Alameda North Valley Association, and then the Wildflower Neighborhood Association. So within that area, there are lots of people who have multi-generational homes who inherited their property from grandparents who've been there for decades. There are many people who have wild or domesticated animals such as livestock. They have sheep, goats, cows, horses, all just within my neighborhood. And so most people up there either have some sort of agricultural interest or enjoy the more agricultural, more rustic feel of that neighborhood.

**What were some of the concerns, both in the process of how this happened and what are the concerns of what might happen if the stadium is built?**

In terms of the [Albuquerque Environmental Planning Commission's] decision, New Mexico United and the City of Albuquerque have failed to do a comprehensive environmental impact study to see how building a stadium in that area would affect air, water, noise qualities. It is right off of the [Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority] channel, which is that north diversion ditch that people know about. That carries all of Albuquerque's runoff stormwater and takes it into the Rio Grande. So any kind of fallout, or water pollution that would come from increased use of Balloon Fiesta Park, such as increased fireworks from the stadium, would pollute that water with all of that fallout that comes from fireworks. It's also a very quiet area. Like I mentioned,

there's a lot of wildlife, we're not too far from the Bosque. So there are protected waterways that are in play here. A big one is that the city and New Mexico United have presented themselves as partners in building the stadium and getting the plans in place. Those plans are extremely lacking in detail. On top of that, the City Council is supposed to have a quasi-judicial decision-making role in this process, and they have represented themselves as being an agent, a partner of New Mexico United. And so Consensus Planning, who has the planning contract for the stadium, has said that they are an agent for the City of Albuquerque and New Mexico United. To fill that quasi-judicial decision-making role, you have to be neutral. So, how can the city be neutral in deciding for themselves whether those plans are acceptable?

**We've sort of been down this road before. Specifically with Downtown Albuquerque, there was sort of a push to build a stadium there. Residents of Downtown said, "No way." I realize this is far from your job or anybody else in your neighborhood's job. Do you see an area in Albuquerque that might work outside of your area?**

I have heard that some people would be interested in it being built kind of around the South [University of New Mexico] area. There have been some redevelopment projects going on there that would be a better fit. I'm not personally aware of other places within the city. One of the issues might just be that we don't need a stadium within the city. I think one of the big concerns of the neighbors is that the city and New Mexico United feel like they're under the gun, to some degree, to get this pushed through, and in doing so, have been sloppy, to say the least, in how these plans have unfolded. In pushing all of that through, what they're asking the residents of Albuquerque to do is give up some concerns of that environmental impact and give up some concerns of how our state funds are being used. So, if they had taken the time to really put this in place, then we wouldn't be in this situation.

**Again, not your job to figure this out, and I know you're only speaking on behalf of yourself and not the neighborhoods. Is there any way that United and the city can sort**

**of rectify the situation and build a stadium? What could be done to sort of mitigate the damage that's been done, if anything?**

I think a good start would be, like I said, the environmental impact studies, figuring out how this stadium will truly impact current residents of all of Bernalillo County really. I recognize that Mayor [Tim] Keller believes that we aren't his constituents and so our opinion on the stadium being built is of less concern than his constituents. However, the air pollution and water pollution: That carries much greater concern for all of New Mexico really. If it's going into the Rio Grande, then that's going to affect, downstream, literally the rest of New Mexico. We should know by now that you can't unring the bell when it comes to environmental pollution. It's 2024, we've seen this time and time again. If you push things through and say, "Well, it's economic development, oh, it's good for businesses," what's good for businesses isn't necessarily good for a community and isn't necessarily good for the environment. On top of that, I think engaging with individuals who live in my area where, yes, I recognize we're not Mayor Keller's constituents, but we have a vested interest in protecting the way that land is used in our neighborhood and the majority of people who are for the stadium don't actually live in the vicinity of the stadium, and will be somewhat protected from any of the fallout of the stadium. I will also say that the city's proposal involves building a stadium next to the old Nazareth Landfill, which has unusually high levels of landfill gasses, because the city never built the proper venting system that they were supposed to. So, we have very high levels of methane gas that could be released and it's currently unsafe, as it exists today for just the Balloon Fiesta usage. So, building a stadium next to a landfill gas-concentration area is dangerous for individuals going to the stadium, building the stadium and living near the stadium. One of our big problems, the neighbors' big problems with the stadium's plan, is that it doesn't account for any of that. The issue has been raised with the city and it has fallen on deaf ears, nothing has been done. There has been what appears to be no good-faith attempt to rectify the concerns that neighbors have voiced in public comment, and I think that that says all it needs to.



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Cultural Center 2401 12th Street  
NW

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Celebrating Our Pollinators 9am  
- 4pm Indian Pueblo Cultural  
Center 2401 12th Street NW

Third Thursday: News for the  
People 5-8:30 pm Albuquerque  
Museum 2000 Mountain Road  
NW

Miscellaneous

Healing Together: Building  
Community Through Native  
+ Black Storytelling 4-8 pm  
Explora 1701 Mountain Rd NW

Music

Castle Doctor \$8 8:30-11:30 pm  
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Disco at the Momo w/ DJ Clout  
7-10 pm Monterey Motel 2402  
Central Ave. SW



Dust City Opera Duo 5-7 pm  
Rudolfo Anaya North Valley  
Library 7704-B 2nd NW

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NightClub 420 Central Avenue  
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Music on the Patio: Alex  
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Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road  
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Sadness, Madness, & Mayhem: A  
Haunted Folk Formal with Dust  
City Opera \$25-\$30 6:30-9 pm  
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“Healing Together” Theater  
Night 4-8 pm Explora 1701  
Mountain Rd NW

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

**Comedy**  
A Night of Comedy Featuring:  
Tom Arnold \$15-\$25 7-8:30 pm  
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Central Ave NE

The Show - Live Comedy  
Improv \$12 8-9 pm The Box  
Performance Space 114 Gold Ave  
SW

Tom Segura \$55-\$75 7-8:30  
pm Kiva Auditorium 2nd St &  
Marquette Northeast

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Marquette Northeast

**Community**  
Sandia Social Club Hangout  
5:30-9:30 pm Gravity Bound  
Brewing Company 816 3rd St  
NW

**Film**  
Bands of Enchantment Season  
3 Red Carpet Premiere 7-9  
pm KiMo Theatre 423 Central  
Avenue NW

**Music**  
‘90s Country Covers Night w/  
Back in the Saddle 8-10 pm  
Tractor Brewing Wells Park 1800  
Fourth St. NW

Blame It On Rebekkah 7-10 pm  
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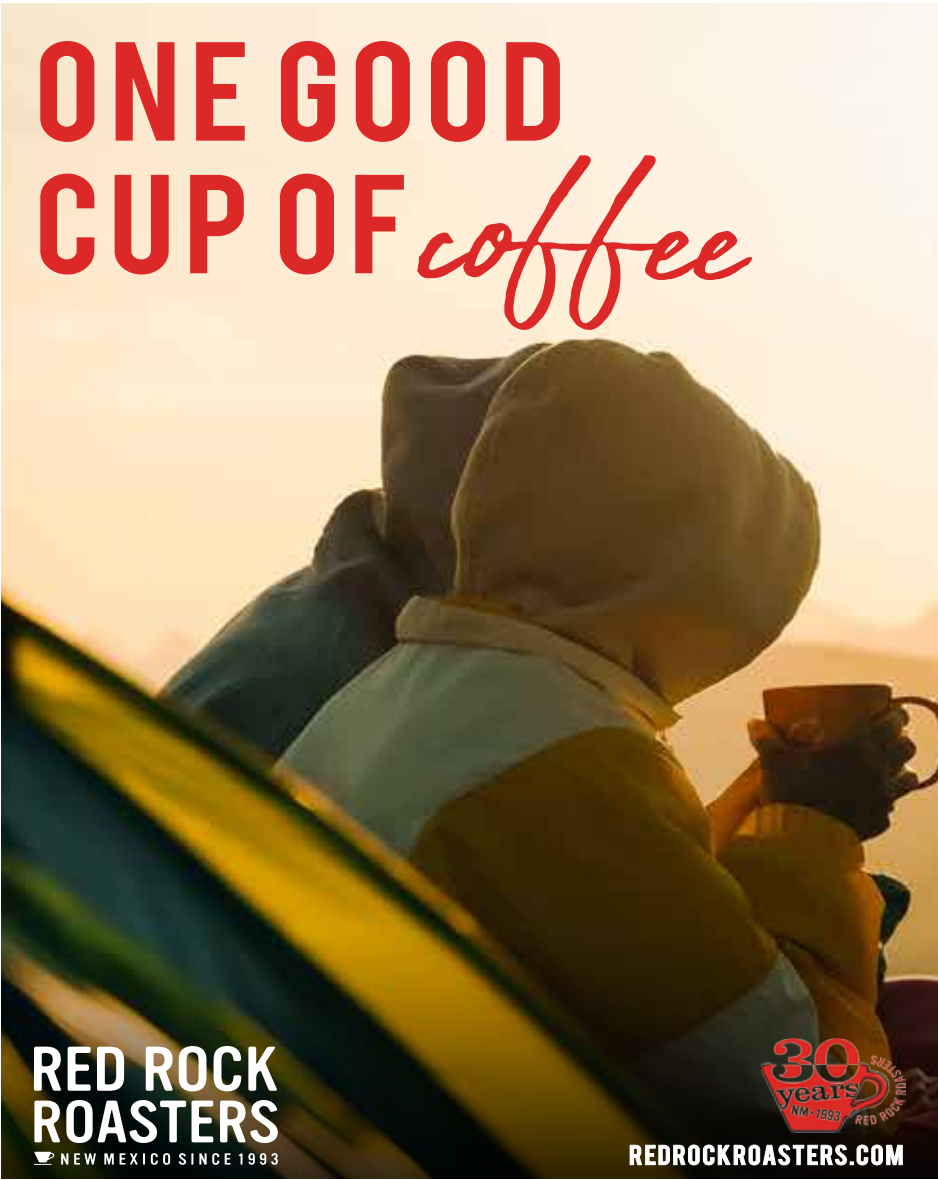


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pm Bookworks 4022 Rio Grande  
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**Miscellaneous**  
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LEGO Fan Expo \$14 10 am-5 pm  
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**Music**  
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7-11:30 pm Edelweiss German  
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Launchpad 618 Central Avenue  
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One More Silver Dollar \$10 7:30-  
9:30 pm FUSION | 708 708 1st St  
NW

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Covenant Presbyterian Church  
9315 Candelaria Rd. NE

Stray Dawgs 7-10 pm Marble  
Brewery NE Heights 9904  
Montgomery Blvd NE

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12:30 am Sunshine Theater 120  
Central Ave SW

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pm Maple Street Dance Space  
3215 Central Ave NE

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Cornell Dr

**Performance**  
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9:30 pm The Adobe Theater 9813  
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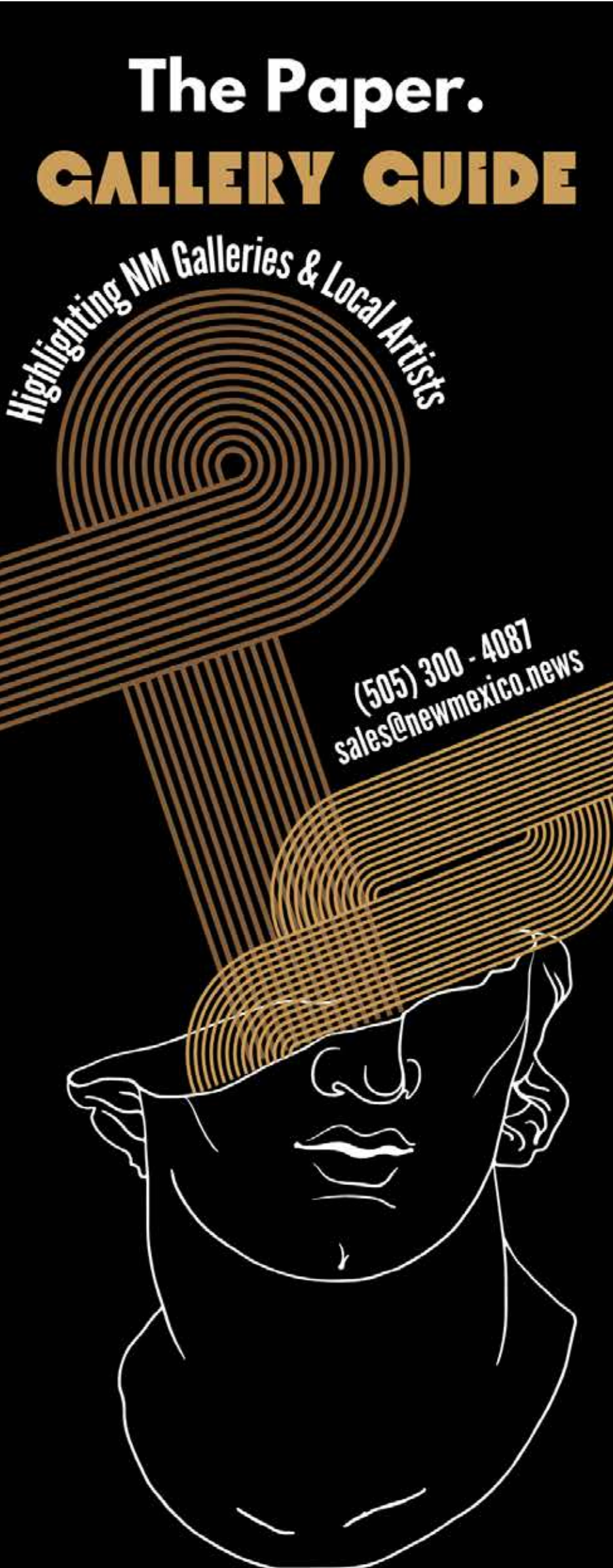
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pm EXPO New Mexico 300 San  
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4-6 pm Covenant Presbyterian  
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Music - Classical

Chatter Cabaret \$32 5-7 pm  
Albuquerque Museum 2000  
Mountain Road NW

Chatter Sunday \$5-\$17 10:30 am-  
12 pm Chatter 912 3rd St NW

Performance

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pm The Adobe Theater 9813 4th  
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MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Discussion / Lecture

State of the Universe: Marconics  
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6-7 pm FUSION Theater 708 1st  
St. NW

Games

Brain Gang Trivia 6-8 pm  
Canteen Taproom 417 Tramway  
Blvd NE

Music

Escuela Grind \$17 8-11 pm  
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Discussion / Lecture

FUSION Social Club Hosted  
by Laurie Thomas 10-11 am  
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Games

Brain Gang Trivia 6-8 pm  
Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec  
Road Northeast

Miscellaneous

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# New City Council Could be Rocky for Mayor Tim Keller

*The old council wasn't very deferential to the mayor; the new council is even less so*

By Carolyn Carlson, City Desk ABQ

**T**ough negotiations with the new city council are in the forecast for Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller. Despite having a 5-4 majority of Democrats, the council last month elected two Republicans — both highly critical of the Mayor in the past — to serve as president and vice-president of the 2024 Council. The composition of the new Council does not appear to be in the Mayor's favor, yet there could be some surprises.

City Council elections are considered non-partisan but over the course of the last decade partisan politics have played a much larger role at the City Council table. For instance, the outgoing council could be looked at as having three conservative voices, three progressives and three others who often split on key votes, including overriding vetoes of council initiatives. With this new set of Councilors, it seems probable that the Mayor will have to do some negotiations to carry out his initiatives.

## Who's New?

Taking the seat of retiring progressive Councilor Isaac Benton is Joaquin Baca. He will be serving his first term representing District 2. Baca, a Democrat, is a federal water rights manager who campaigned that his top priorities are crime, homelessness and addiction, housing, and to protect natural resources. This district is in the city-center encompassing Downtown, Old Town, parts of the University of New Mexico campus and the entire valley east of the Rio Grande. Nichole Rogers, the city's first African-American elected official and will be serving her first term. District 6 covers Albuquerque's Southeast Heights encompassing the University of New Mexico campus, Nob Hill, Mesa del Sol and the International District. This is the former seat of outgoing Democrat Councilor Pat Davis. Rogers fought a tough battle but won the seat during a runoff. A former employee of the Mayor's office, Rogers was originally criticized for being too closely aligned with the Mayor. However, Rogers has frequently been a critic of her former boss' lack of progress on housing and homelessness services. Rogers, a Democrat, said during her campaign her priorities will be poverty, housing, and public education.

Daniel Champine, City Councilor for District 8 is the lone new Republican and the second former Albuquerque Police Department officer to serve on the new Council, after Louie Sanchez. This seat was previously held by longtime conservative Councilor Trudy Jones. This covers Albuquerque's Far Northeast Heights and Foothills. Champine said during his campaign that his issues are crime, homelessness, economy and budget/taxes.

District 4 Councilor Brook Bassan, who was also up for re-election, eked out a win over a progressive Democrat to represent her historically conservative district.

## Big Table Politics

Democrats Baca and Rogers will join Tammy Fiebelkorn, Klarissa Peña and Louie Sanchez to retain the Democratic majority with 5 of 9 seats. Republican Champine will round out the Republican caucus with Brook Basson, Renee Grout, and Dan Lewis. If Mayor Keller wants to get a bill on the table and on its way to approval, he must find a councilor willing to sponsor his proposed legislation.

The six veteran lawmakers all shied away from carrying the Mayor's priority legislation last year and it is unknown at this point how the new councilors will vote on some of the mayor's initiatives.

In her last term on the Council, Councilor Jones regularly surprised council watchers by joining with Democrats to provide a veto-proof majority for council initiatives and supporting key housing and homelessness initiatives sought by the mayor. Councilor Sanchez, a registered Democrat, has most often voted with conservatives and against the Mayor on big issues. If Champine and Sanchez stick with the more conservative councilors in this new term, conservatives would maintain a 5-4 majority, making it difficult, if not impossible, for the Mayor to move any new key initiatives in the next two years leading up to the Mayor's reelection in 2025.

Councilors have been quick to point out that of the dozens of agenda items they consider each week, just a handful are divisive; but the divisions that do exist are often on the most impactful and high profile pieces of legislation.

They have recently clashed loudly over how the city/county air quality board should function. Then there is the clash with the massive homeless hub Gateway Center at the Old Lovelace Hospital on Gibson that has been delayed by asbestos and other construction delays. The Mayor and Council have butted heads over Safe Outdoor Spaces, an idea to put up temporary service shelters in neighborhoods struggling with homeless residents. In the past, Councilors Grout, Lewis, Sanchez, Bassan tended to vote together against the Mayor, with Peña, a former reliable vote for Keller, throwing some curveballs by casting several recent critical votes with them to block legislation from colleagues of the Mayor. It is assumed that newly elected Councilor Champine will not be much different from his predecessor Trudy Jones and will toe the line with the conservative block. This leaves Councilors Fiebelkorn, Baca and Rogers defending a more progressive agenda.

## What's Next

With a new Council comes new leadership. Councilor Dan Lewis, a Westside Republican who ran and lost against Keller for mayor in 2021, was elected president and Republican Renee Grout of Four Hills was elected vice-president by their colleagues. Westside Democrat Klarissa Peña will serve as Chair of the Committee of the Whole, the Council's powerful budget committee.

Those councilors will help to set the tone for Council-Mayor relations in the last full year before the mayoral election in 2025. Keller has said he intends to seek a third term but several councilors have postured that they are considering a run for mayor in the next election. They will be trying to differentiate themselves from each other. Councilor Bassan had an awakening with the close election with a competitive Democrat challenger who almost took her seat. So Bassan could be an interesting swing vote. Councilor Bassan does her homework and has in the past broke from the conservative block to support some of the Mayor's initiatives. Councilors Fiebelkorn, Baca and Rogers are going to be the Mayor's best options for getting his projects on the table. Fiebelkorn is not shy about her passion to help the downtrodden residents and is wasting no time testing the will of the new council with some interesting legislation.

**Editor's note:** *The people running our city have huge power to decide our future — if they can get out of their own way. At City Desk, we are bringing a new approach to how we cover local news and politics. Veteran local government reporter Rodd Cayton will provide coverage of the city council's meetings and mayor's agenda. But understanding what bills get introduced and how to count the votes requires a more in-depth understanding of the personalities and priorities of the 10 elected officials (9 councilors and the mayor) considering them. In addition to bringing you council reports, we welcome analysis to help readers understand the interpersonal and internal dynamics at play.*

*In that spirit, our Co-editor Carolyn Carlson provides a look at the changing dynamics and competing agendas at play with the new city council that begins with its first meeting Monday night.*

*Carolyn Carlson is a veteran journalist having covered local politicians and government meetings for more than 30 years, first with the Estancia Valley Citizen, then with the Albuquerque Journal, Mountain View Telegraph, New Mexico Compass, Weekly Alibi and The Paper. She brings more than 30 years of local government reporting to City Desk as a founding co-editor.*

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## Dark Corners

### *Discrimination in the Raw, Dog*

By Jeff Proctor, Dark Corners

Too few legal terms of art sound like exactly what they are; “viewpoint discrimination” is among the happily accessible exceptions. Courts have long cast the hairiest of retinas at government entities that disadvantage speech acts in public forums based solely on the speaker’s opinion or perspective.

Paul Kennedy, the feared and powerful Albuquerque-based attorney, recently struck a blow against the empire in this corner of jurisprudence, one that should bring out the pom-poms and confetti from those of us who prize the First Amendment. Kennedy’s seat at the plaintiffs’ table marks a welcome about-face on this issue, though he doesn’t think so.

Kennedy has practiced in civil rights and criminal defense for decades. GOP governors have twice appointed Kennedy, also a Republican, to the New Mexico Supreme Court. And in the later part of his career, when Republicans have been in power, he has banked a stack of doubloons that would redden the cheeks of Scrooge McDuck himself by representing government clients in civil matters.

Last month concluded a case in which Kennedy was back on the other side, suing the administration of Mayor Tim Keller, a Democrat, on behalf of former Albuquerque cop Mark Aragon and his business partner, Nick Layman, a local podcaster and freelance photographer. Together, Aragon and Layman run ABQ RAW, a popular, lucrative website that is equal parts *Nightcrawler* and *Live: On Patrol*.

I find ABQ RAW to be both (selectively) truthful and poisonous. But damn if Aragon and Layman didn’t have a point when they walked into Kennedy’s office in 2022, complaining that APD and its spokesman, Gilbert Gallegos, may have violated their constitutional rights by bouncing them out of press events, dropping them from press distribution lists and denying them access to the encrypted channels on the police radio the department provides to other media organizations.

After some pretty telling discovery—including comments from Gallegos that he was freezing RAW out because he didn’t like what they posted—Kennedy convinced state

District Court Judge Denise Barela Shepherd that the Keller administration’s actions “raise a presumption that [APD] acted with a discriminatory purpose in choosing to provide access to certain entities but not ABQ RAW,” the judge wrote in a Dec. 1 order that effectively ended the case. The parties agreed to dismiss the case a few weeks later in a settlement that, according to Kennedy and city records, was not without impact.

APD has coughed up a police scanner to Layman and Aragon. The pair have been added to the department’s email lists, too, and they’re attending news conferences. Further, APD has a new “media policy” that, according to Barela Shepherd, must be “viewpoint-neutral.”

“It is more than fair to say that the new policy comes as a result of this litigation,” Kennedy told me in a telephone interview last week, though he doesn’t believe the case sets a landmark precedent. “Maybe APD will be more careful in the future.... But now, our clients are going to be treated on the same basis as all other outlets.”

Gallegos told me the department was revising its policy as the litigation was ongoing.

“Because the lawsuit was there, our legal department said, ‘You should add a definition for news media,’ so we did,” he added.

ABQ RAW also got paid, and so did Kennedy.

City records show two sets of payments to his firm since the viewpoint discrimination case was filed: one totaling \$300,000 and another adding up to more than \$875,000. Kennedy said the ABQ RAW case resulted in “well into the six figures” for damages and sanctions, plus, of course, attorneys fees and costs. How much of that nearly \$1.2 million in taxpayer money went toward the ABQ RAW litigation? “I honestly can’t remember,” Kennedy told me.

That tracks.

He has stacked the Benjamins in a viewpoint discrimination case before. But in the previous case, Kennedy’s gig was to argue that then-Gov. Susana Martinez could damn well decide for herself who should be graced by her edicts, presence and thought processes when making decisions about how to govern New Mexicans.

Kennedy began our

conversation for this column thusly: “Jeff, for what disreputable rag are you writing now?”

He well recalls my time from 2017-2023 as an editor and writer at the *Santa Fe Reporter*,

the newspaper that sued Martinez for... wait for it...viewpoint discrimination after she and her crew engaged in many of the same authoritarian tactics the Keller administration used against ABQ RAW.

A three-day bench trial before state District

Judge Sarah Singleton, who has since died, saw Kennedy, a force of nature with a brilliant legal mind, in full flow, demeaning the journalistic *bonafides* of my friends and colleagues and demanding that they tell him from the witness stand how long they’d been in “the journalism racket.”

All in service of helping Martinez and her band of merry men guard the very walls of secrecy Kennedy now argues should be blown to smithereens in Keller Land.

Singleton ruled that the Republican prosecutor-turned-governor and her administration had violated the state Inspection of Public Records Act by illegally denying and, in some cases, flat-out ignoring *SFR*’s requests for documents. But she had not, the judge determined, run afoul of the New Mexico constitution through viewpoint discrimination.

Given the glaring similarities between *SFR vs. Martinez* and *ABQ RAW vs. City of Albuquerque*—and Kennedy’s stated dedication to the merits of both—I asked how he squares the obvious disconnect.

“There is no dissonance whatsoever,” he told me. “That *Santa Fe Reporter* case was a scam, and we won that case at trial, except for a little records claim or something. The *Santa Fe Reporter* was claiming the governor had to talk to them, show them her schedule, give them her doctor’s appointments and what they were for and all sorts of wild stuff.”

Never mind that Kennedy mischaracterized some of *SFR*’s claims; I was more interested in a deeper cut, anyway.

Legislators and executives of both major parties prefer that you not question the manner in which they govern, and there exist too few avenues for redressing grievance—especially if you don’t have the means to enlist a highly

skilled advocate to your cause. So, the courts are too often left to decide these important disputes over transparency and access.

I asked Julie Ann Grimm, *SFR*’s editor and publisher and my former boss, for her thoughts on the chasm between Kennedy’s stances in the two viewpoint discrimination cases. Here’s what she told me:

“Paul Kennedy billed the state of New Mexico hundreds of thousands of dollars to argue against a politician’s obligation to treat journalists fairly. It’s a shame that the District Court ruled it was OK for former Gov. Susana Martinez to discriminate against the *Santa Fe Reporter*.... It’s a tool that elected officials still employ. Their refusal to grant interviews or invite particular journalists to press conferences out of spite or in some effort to control the narrative doesn’t serve the people who elected them.”

I agree with Grimm that Judge Singleton erred in her ruling on *SFR*’s viewpoint discrimination claim. It was obvious that Martinez was shutting the newspaper out on account of critical coverage. The Keller administration had done the same to ABQ RAW, whatever I feel about how the site approaches news, and Judge Barela Shepherd made the right decision.

Kennedy and I have disagreed many times in the two decades we’ve known one another, including the time I successfully sued Martinez for billing records in cases he’d handled for her. But I found myself cheering his answer when I asked whether the government should ever get to decide who is a journalist or who should get access to power.

“Never,” he said. “As soon as you say that the government gets to license journalists, you may as well be living in Cuba. That’s the end of the First Amendment. Just because you are a ‘legitimate’ news outlet doesn’t entitle you to anything more than the RAW guys or Joe Shit the Rag Guy.”

I don’t know Joe, Justice Kennedy, but I do know that, at long last, we agree.

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Editor’s Note: Readers can find a longer version of this column at [abq.news](http://abq.news)

### Dark Corners



Jeff Proctor



## Exploring the Pillars of Holistic Healing

*Alternative healing at Albuquerque's Himalayan salt cave*



(Courtesy The Salt Cave)

By Gwynne Ann Unruh, The Paper.

Becoming a healthier and happier version of ourselves for many has fueled a renewed interest in finding balance in life through holistic wellness. Taking the time for self-care and relaxation is one of the main pillars of the holistic aspect of healing. To that end, I have found Himalayan salt caves a perfect place to relax, recharge, and rejuvenate your body, emotions and mind.

Over the holidays I headed west on Route 66 for Santa Barbara, California. I was excited to chill out on the beach, watch and hear the sound of the crashing waves, and smell the revitalizing salty sea air. I was also looking forward once again to reaping the many healing benefits of the largest underground crystal salt cave in the U.S. that is located there. Luckily, readers who are still battling Albuquerque's wintry weather have a local spot that offers those same benefits.

Many health claims have been made regarding salt caves for several hundred years as a natural and effective way to improve respiratory health. In my experience, many of them are true. The same goes for Life-long New Mexico resident April Eschenbrenner. Noticing a marked difference in her anxiety levels after visiting salt caves, Eschenbrenner decided to open The Salt Cave in Albuquerque and create an immersive self-care and wellness experience for her clients.

"When I would do salt therapy, I did not have any type of anxiety. I was able to just release it and let my worries of the world just completely melt away," Eschenbrenner tells *The Paper*. "I visited many salt caves while doing my research and figured out what I liked and what I didn't like, and was able to put my dream together with other bits and pieces that I discovered along my way."

### The Salt Cave Experience

The salt cave sessions last 45 minutes. After entering the cave, you'll relax in zero gravity style chairs surrounded by six tons of pink Himalayan salt. The cave walls are made from pink-hued Jurassic-age Himalayan salt rocks and crystals from the Punjab region of Pakistan, while the floor is covered with crushed salt. Calming music is played and the ceiling is a vision of a star-studded night sky. The controlled environment cave has zero humidity, and the temperature is set at 70 degrees. If needed, blankets are provided. During your session you are encouraged to sit quietly and unwind.

Sessions in the salt cave focus on your respiratory system like a day at the beach. A machine called a halo generator grinds Himalayan salt into microscopic particles and releases them into the air of the salt cave. You will be able to taste a bit of salt.

The pink hue of the ancient sea salt comes from the trace minerals it is packed with,

including magnesium, calcium, sodium, and potassium that are vital for cellular communication and maintaining our body's health. The salt is mined from red rolling hills located about two hours south of Pakistan's capital city of Islamabad in the remnants of an old lagoon that existed 600 million years ago.

"As you inhale the tiny salt particles into your airways, it helps clear out any type of mucus that you might be having in your respiratory system," Eschenbrenner explains. "Breathing in the salt infused air is really good for the common cold, seasonal allergies and helps people suffering from asthma, bronchitis and skin conditions such as eczema or psoriasis. And right now, they're doing some pretty good studies on the benefits of salt therapy on the long-term effects of COVID."

Eschenbrenner offers a variety of other services including an infrared sauna with chromotherapy, foot detox and sound therapy sessions.

"We offer private sound healing sessions that include a guided meditation as the sound therapist plays crystal sound bowls," Eschenbrenner says. "Tuning forks are used on the body as well as a variety of different healing and energy work. You definitely feel like a completely different person when you're done with sound therapy."

The temperature in the infrared sauna is set at 140 degrees and heats up the core of your body to help expel

toxic metals, chemicals, and chronic infection at a cellular level. Your session also includes color therapy known as chromotherapy.

"We use light colors that change as part of our infrared sauna experience," Eschenbrenner says. "A written guide tells you what each color does and its healing properties. Color therapy works with the mind to promote healing throughout the body."

A non-invasive ionic foot detox uses the same style of chairs as spa pedicures. Your feet are placed in warm water and an ionizer called an array creates a static charge to help pull toxins from the body through the pores of your feet. By the end of the detox session, the water will have turned color; the darker the water, the better the detox. Afterward Eschenbrenner sits down with her clients and explains what the different colors in the water mean for the detox of the body.

"It's been a true blessing and a dream just to watch people come in, feel relaxed and comfortable, and have a sense of healing. Some people open up and show their true emotions," Eschenbrenner says. "For me, a community has come together and it's more than I could have ever dreamed of. I do truly feel that they have become more than just customers. Everybody has become like family to me."

Contact Eschenbrenner at 505-200-0087. More information is available at [saltcaveabq.com](http://saltcaveabq.com)



# DEA Flexes Authority in Rescheduling

*Letter to lawmakers raises concerns*



(Elijah Mears, via Unsplash)

By Josh Lee, The Paper.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recently made waves by telling lawmakers that it holds “final authority” over the decision to reschedule cannabis—no matter what the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recommends. The agency says it is now conducting its rescheduling review.

In 2022, President Joe Biden ordered the HHS secretary to begin the process of reviewing cannabis for rescheduling. Cannabis is categorized as a Schedule I drug in the federal list of controlled substances, meaning it’s considered to be a dangerous substance with a high potential for abuse and no recognized medical use.

Last August, the HHS finally finished its review and sent its final recommendation to the DEA. The federal health authority recommended that the DEA reschedule cannabis to Schedule III. Drugs in this category are said to have low potential for abuse and some medical use.

If cannabis is rescheduled, its legal status at the federal level will not change, nor will the laws around prohibition. However, it will open the door to clinical research and could be an incremental step toward real reform.

The DEA accepted the recommendation and presumably began its own review of the evidence sent by the HHS. Since then, the agency has stayed mostly quiet about the subject. It was assumed that the DEA will follow through with the rescheduling since the HHS is considered the federal authority on science and health, but a recent letter that

the DEA sent to congressional lawmakers has some concerned that the agency might be planning something else.

The December letter from the DEA, addressed to Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and recently made public by Punchbowl News, reasserted the agency’s authority over rescheduling marijuana.

“DEA has the final authority to schedule, reschedule or deschedule a drug under the Controlled Substances Act after considering the relevant statutory and regulatory criteria and HHS’s scientific and medical evaluation,” the letter reads.

It was sent in response to an October letter sent to DEA Administrator Anne Milgram and signed by a coalition of 31 bipartisan House legislators that called for the agency to consider legalization efforts at both the state and federal level as it makes its review, noting that rescheduling the drug would help fix the “federal-state policy gap on cannabis.”

The letter also called for the agency to consider completely removing marijuana from the list of controlled substances.

“Moving marijuana to Schedule III would be an important step in the right direction, but it is not sufficient to correct the wrongs of federal prohibition or to meaningfully address the federal-state gap on cannabis policy,” wrote the lawmakers.

The original letter was two pages long and cited the thriving cannabis markets in legal states, the law-abiding businesses that support them and the hundreds of thousands of employees that make their living from the industry.

It also highlighted congressional efforts to find a legislative path to legalization at the federal level.

The DEA’s response letter, by contrast, was six sentences long. It did not address the lawmakers’ concerns nor did it give an update on the agency’s progress.

“DEA is now conducting its review,” it reads. “We appreciate your ongoing interest in DEA’s work, and we welcome the opportunity to work together on these important issues.”

The letter has raised red flags among advocates, who note that the DEA should be nearly six months into its review already. The agency’s authority on the matter had not been questioned by the lawmakers’ earlier letter, making the DEA’s defensive and dismissive response puzzling.

The response is also puzzling in that the DEA is expected to follow the HHS recommendation since the health agency represents the highest authority on health science. In September, the Congressional Research Service, a public policy research institute that works for Congress, reported that the DEA would likely follow the HHS’s lead as it has in the past.

“CRS is unaware of any instance where DEA has rejected an FDA recommendation to reschedule,” wrote the service in its report. Yet the recent letter seems to imply that the DEA could make history by choosing to disregard the health agency’s recommendation.

Earlier this month, Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN) sent a new letter to Milgram calling for the DEA to follow the recommendation. Cohen reminded Milgram of a DEA oversight hearing in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance in which the legislator expressed the necessity of conducting the review expeditiously.

Cohen wrote that the DEA should move “as swiftly as possible” and said he hoped to see a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the matter soon.

“Marijuana never belonged in Schedule I,” wrote Cohen. “Its inclusion resulted in harsh and disproportionate prison sentences, particularly for communities of color.”

Meanwhile, the HHS review that was sent to DEA has not been made fully public. Following a FOIA request for the document, a highly redacted version of the report was posted on the blog On Drugs last month. Most of the 252-page report was redacted.

The HHS cited FOIA Exemption 5—which protects “inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency”—for the redactions.

The agency drew criticism for the move and is now facing a lawsuit filed by Matthew Zorn, one of the attorneys who runs the On Drugs blog. The lawsuit accuses the HHS of failing to provide its response to the FOIA request in a timely manner and calls for the full report to be released.

According to Zorn’s blog, the redacted version of the report says that fully disclosing the recommendation could cause harm.



DECLARATION OF EXPRESS TRUST

Est. March 04th, 2016 Anno Domini

Schedule A: Trustee Minutes 4-1972

Other Property Exchange – Non-Real Estate Assets

Minutes of Meeting of PRINCIPIS HIRSCH EXPRESS TRUST

(An Irrevocable Express Trust Organization)

To the Governing Bodies of This Express Trust at 10:43AM:

The Sole Trustee (second party), from the Board of Trustees, of PRINCIPIS HIRSCH EXPRESS TRUST, an Irrevocable Express Trust Organization established on March 4, 2016 at 8:00AM, filed and recorded in the Organic Public Record of KING COUNTY RECORDER’S OFFICE IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, with the County Clerk of Court (an immigrational office of a naturalization court [8 U.S.C. §1101 (7)]) bears witness and holds the Settlor’s declaration under oath in trust including the Sole Trustee declaration under oath to be presented to any court established by the Constitution or laws of the United States or any court of record in the Commonwealth in the form as follows: “P. Law 94-241, Article III, Citizenship & Nationality”

I, Schefer, Daniella d/b/a DANIELLA SCHEFER hereby and forever, state. Claim and declare I am not, nor have I ever been a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National, evidenced by my California Nation Birth Certificate and under Legal Disability and the Baby Act, I never agreed to the Social Security Contract. I declare that my name is Schefer, Daniella d/b/a DANIELLA SCHEFER. Let IT BE KNOWN BY ALL Immigration Clerks, Homeland Security, Secretaries of State, Supreme Court Judges and Clerks that now and forever I am a Free Inhabitant and Native Washingtonian National, pursuant to 1781 Articles of Confederation, Article IV, but not a citizen of the United States, domiciled in Washington republic of the United States of America – (see 2016 GPO Style Manual pg. 95). I have taken an oath and made an affirmation, formal declaration of allegiance to a foreign state and made a formal renunciation of nationality in the United States. Furthermore, I have not been convicted of a federal or state drug offense or convicted of a “sex tourism” crimes statute, and I am not the subject of an outstanding federal, state or local warrant of arrest for a felony; a criminal court order forbidding my departure from the United States; a subpoena received from the United States in a matter involving federal prosecution for, or grand jury investigation of, a felony, according to U.S. Passport Application DS-11/DS-82, Acts or Conditions, page 4 of 4.

TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE, that I am not a statutory citizen and make no claim of statutory citizenship created by any State or Federal government. I hereby extinguish, rescind, revoke, cancel abrogate, annul, nullify, discharge, and make void ab initio all signatures belonging to me, on all previously filed SS-5, all Internal Revenue Service Forms, Superior or District Court of Washington Forms, Superior or District Court of California Forms, King County Municipality Forms, San Diego County Municipality Forms, all Washington and California DMV Forms, 1040 Forms and all State Income Tax Forms (if any) and all powers of attorney, real and/or implied, connected thereto on the grounds that my purported consent was voluntary and freely obtained, but was made through mistake, duress, fraud, and undue influence exercised by any and all governments (State or Federal) and agency and/or employers. Pursuant to Contract Law, “all previously signed Federal and State forms are, hereby, extinguished by this rescission.” I further revoke, rescind, and make void ab initio all powers of

attorney pertaining to me from any and all governmental, quasi, colorable agencies and/or Departments created under the authority of Article One, Section Eight, Clause Seventeen, and/or Article Four, Section Three, Clause Two of the Constitution for the United States of America.

I, Schefer, Daniella, born in the land of California United States of America, territory of Sonoma, declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America [28 U.S. Code § 1746(1)], that “I, Schefer, Daniella being duly sworn, hereby declare my intention to be a national but not a citizen of the United States” (Public Law 94-241 – March 24, 1976 – Article III. -- 90 STAT. 266 – Section 302) and the foregoing is true and correct.

Place of Meeting: 76 High Street, Arbroath, DD11 1AW Scotland, UK

There being no further business to come before this meeting, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Schefer, Daniella Settlor/Trust Protector

Lozano, Harol M. Sole Trustee

DECLARATION OF EXPRESS TRUST

Est. March 04th, 2016 Anno Domini

Schedule B: Trustee Minutes 4-1972

Other Property Exchange – Non-Real Estate Assets

Minutes of Meeting of

PRINCIPIS HIRSCH EXPRESS TRUST

(An Irrevocable Express Trust Organization)

PRIVATE CONTRACT

To The Governing Bodies of This Express Trust at 11:03AM:

The Sole Trustee (second party), known as Lozano, Harol M. from the Board of Trustees, of PRINCIPIS HIRSCH EXPRESS TRUST, an Irrevocable Express Trust Organization established on March 4, 2016 at 8:00AM, filed and recorded in the Organic Public Record of KING COUNTY RECORDER’S OFFICE IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, with the County Clerk of Court (an immigrational officer of a naturalization court, [8 U.S.C. § 1101 (7)]) bears witness and holds the Settlor’s declaration under oath in trust including the Sole Trustee declaration under oath to be presented to any court established by the Constitution or laws of the United States or any court of record in the Commonwealth in the form as follows: “P. Law 99-396 – AUG. 27, 1986, Oath of Allegiance”

I declare that my name is Lozano, Harol M. Let it be known by all Immigration Clerks, Homeland Security, Secretaries of State, Supreme Court Judges and Clerks that now and forever I am a Free Inhabitant and Native Columbian National, pursuant to Public Law 99-396 – August 27, 1986, Section 16 but not a citizen of the United States, and have entered into a Private Express Trust Contract to manage property known as U.S. Department of State Annexed Security No. 24002855-1, Dated December 09, 2023; the California non-Hague Convention Country Certificate No. 54859, Dated 09/23/2023, and the County of Sonoma, City of Santa Rosa Certificate of Title No.104-72-042642 in the Continental United States of America for the PRINCIPIS HIRSCH EXPRESS TRUST, filed and recorded with the Clerk of Court in the County of King within the State of Washington; and/or to proceed with day to day business transactions as prescribed by B-1 Temporary Business Visitorship for business activities of a commercial or professional nature in the United States, including but not limited to:

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TAKE EQUITABLE NOTICE, the trustee(s) of an Express Trust are protected under the Constitution as “citizens” throughout the continental United States. The trustee(s) under a will or declaration of an Express Trust are natural persons, “citizens” within the meaning of Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution, and are therefore entitled to all the privileges and immunities of the same. -- Paul v. Virginia, 75 U.S. 168 (1868).

TAKE EQUITABLE NOTICE, to all court officials, county officers, city and district representatives, “No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility” – U.S.A. Constitution, Article I, Section 10, Clause 1.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:00PM

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Bernalillo resident Maria R had been experiencing the debilitating side effects of Peripheral Neuropathy.

**"I was beginning to have other health issues due to the lack of sleep. I needed help just standing up and when I was standing I was afraid I would fall because I had no feeling in my feet. My life felt like a nightmare."**

Then she met Albuquerque's very own Dr. Andrea Brogdon

**"I was so desperate to the point of giving up" exclaimed Maria R. from Bernalillo. "I was in so much discomfort due to the numbness, tingling, and burning on the back of both legs and in my feet."**

Maria R had been diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy and had seen a neurologist with no relief. To complicate things further, Maria had been diagnosed with two fractured discs in her back that were causing her severe pain. "I was no longer able to do surgery and all other treatments didn't work. I was starting to feel hopeless."

Maria is one of 3 million people in the United States suffering from peripheral neuropathy, a degenerative disease of the peripheral nervous system. "Those with peripheral neuropathy experience numbness, tingling, burning and even severe cramping due to the dying off of the peripheral nerves," explains Dr. Andrea Brogdon of Albuquerque Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine. "These nerves continue to die off until they have completely expired leaving sufferers with numbness and debilitating balance issues. Patients come to see me after having seen many other doctors with no relief. They have been told that there is nothing they can do or that they just have to live with it."

**"I was beginning to have other health issues due to the lack of sleep. I needed help just standing up and when I was standing I was afraid I would fall because I had no feeling in my feet. My life felt like a nightmare," says Maria.**

"I learned about Dr. Andrea Brogdon from an article I read and learned that she helped others like me, experiencing the same symptoms.

I made an appointment hoping she was going to be able to help me. It was my last resort."

Dr. Andrea Brogdon has helped thousands of patients get their life back after being diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy and living with the debilitating effects of the disease. How does she get such amazing results? "Acupuncture has been used for centuries to improve circulation but the real magic happens when I integrate ATP Resonance BioTherapy™." By using modern technological advancements alongside the time tested science of acupuncture, Dr. Brogdon is able to reverse the effects of this degenerative disease, regardless of its origin.

"Early detection is key when it comes to improving your chances of a full recovery," explains Dr. Brogdon. Which is why she starts every patient with an initial consultation during which a sensory exam is performed. "This helps to determine just how much nerve damage has occurred," tells the doctor. "This is important because if the patient has suffered more than 95% sensory loss there is very little I can do at that point."

**"After several treatments, I experienced tremendous relief. Life is good! I have seen a huge improvement in my walking, I sleep better, even my mood is better! I am so grateful I never stopped searching!"**  
exclaims Maria.

If you or a loved one are living a life of suffering due to peripheral neuropathy and your pain has prevented you from doing the things you love with the people you love, it's time to call Dr. Brogdon and the staff at AAIM.

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