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# Gateway Sobering Center Gets \$4.2M from Feds

*City now looking for operator of ER alternative*



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By Rodd Cayton, City Desk ABQ

The Gateway Center is moving toward its goal of offering medical sobering services in Albuquerque.

The site near the VA Medical Center hosted U.S. Senator Ben Ray Luján and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra highlighted the \$4.2 million in federal aid appropriated for the project.

Luján, Becerra and Mayor Tim Keller toured the sobering center and met with local officials to discuss behavioral health and substance use initiatives.

This morning, the city's Department of Health, Housing, and Homelessness announced it is seeking a contractor to provide medical sobering services.

Luján, U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich and U.S. Rep. Melanie Stansbury worked to secure the funding that will allow the services, according to an announcement from Luján's office.

Luján said the sobering center is a key part of a strategy to make the city safer.

"It takes all of us working together, telling this story, and supporting one another to solve the substance use disorder crisis," he said in the statement. "I'm glad this innovative effort will play a key role in helping our communities stay safe and well while serving as a national model for how to best address the substance use crisis."

## 'Invest in this place of hope and healing'

Becerra said his department is addressing the crisis by investing in prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery support.

We're also working hard to change the narrative in our Latino communities, and chip away at age-old stigmas that make it harder for people to reach out for help," he said. "We will continue to do this work for as long as necessary

– until we've followed through on our promises to families in communities across the country."

Keller said the sobering center will ease the burden on hospitals and first responders while providing a safe place for people to sober up and find assistance on their paths to recovery.

"We appreciate the support from Senator Luján, Secretary Becerra, and all of our leaders in Washington to invest in this place of hope and healing," Keller said.

## First in the state

The 50-bed medical sobering center at Gateway will be the first in New Mexico (and one of 40 in the U.S.), Health, Housing, and Homelessness Director Gilbert Ramirez said today. He said it will be a valuable tool in preventing substance abuse-related deaths.

Department spokeswoman Katherine Simon said construction of the sobering center will conclude this fall.

"We're hoping to have an operator in place so that the doors can open as quickly as possible," she said.

The center will provide care and oversight to inebriated or intoxicated individuals whose medical needs do not require an emergency room. Patients will receive care for up to 24 hours and have the opportunity to connect to longer-term substance use detox and treatment services offered by Bernalillo County, Turquoise Lodge Hospital or other providers in the Albuquerque area.

Health, Housing, and Homelessness estimates the sobering center could divert 17,000-plus patients a year from emergency rooms.

The city is seeking a non-profit or governmental organization to bid on the operations of the sobering center, setting it up to open when construction concludes this fall. Proposals will be accepted until April 19. The RFP is available for viewing and submission here.

The Gateway Center is currently providing overnight shelter and housing navigation services to adults experiencing homelessness. Additional overnight beds, as well as a medical respite space for unhoused patients recuperating from illness and injury, are under construction now.

# Weak in Review: April 10

Quick hits on this week's news bits



A recent study found that relationships between employees and bosses in New Mexico are "among the best in America."

This sure sounds like a study conducted by a bunch of bosses.

Clouds and thunderstorms in some parts of the U.S. thwarted eclipse viewers' plans.

Like André 3000 once said, "You can plan a pretty picnic, but you can't predict the weather."

The Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department says to make sure found litters of kittens are abandoned by their mother before bringing them home.

This is just another sign of the deconstruction of the nuclear cat family.

Curb Your Enthusiasm ended its run after 25 years.

Great, now where are we going to find the grumblings of a cantankerous, old white guy?

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers confiscated products and arrested a local cannabis company employee for trying to transport legal weed through an internal checkpoint.

Maybe that's why we heard Bob Marley blaring from the checkpoint later that night.

The FBI is looking for a man they're calling the "Tan Pants Bandit" who robbed a Rio Rancho bank.

And just like that, youth pastors across the state are considering changing up their looks.



Adam Sandler confirmed that he's working on a sequel to Happy Gilmore.

What's next, a Space Jam sequel? Oh, wait.

April 12 is national "deskfast day," where everyone is encouraged to eat breakfast at their desks instead of skipping the most important meal of the day.

Every day is "deskfast day" in our office.

Spotify is beta testing a new AI feature where users can create playlists using text prompts.

"Hey Spotify, create a playlist that will keep us from crying while we eat our #9 burrito over our keyboards."

Monday is Tax Day

Remember to pay on time to avoid any fees or fines and so Uncle Sam can afford to take our legal weed.





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**GUILD cinema**

Live metal band **SUSPENDED** + **PIECES** movie  
Friday April 12 7:30 Music, 8:30 Movie

Layered Larry Fessenden horror **BLACKOUT**  
Friday April 12 10:30pm

Unique Miranda July comedy **KAJILLIONAIRE**  
Saturday April 13 1:00pm

Tilda Swinton, Julio Torres: **PROBLEMISTA**  
Sat-Mon April 13-15 3:15, 8:00pm

A portrait of personal resistance: **SHAYDA**  
Sat-Mon April 13-15 5:30pm

George Romero: **DAWN OF THE DEAD (1978)**  
Saturday April 13 10:30pm

Labor classic **SALT OF THE EARTH (1954)**  
Sunday April 14 1:00pm

**INDIGO GIRLS: IT'S ONLY LIFE AFTER ALL**  
Tue-Thu April 16-18 3:30, 6:00pm

Queer romance **GLITTER & DOOM**  
Tue-Thu April 16-18 8:30pm

3405 Central NE 255-1848 guildcinema.com



## Downtown Growers' Market

Spring is in the air, and things are finally starting to sprout around here. So it's time to welcome back the **Downtown Growers' Market**. Starting this **Saturday, April 13**, farm-fresh produce, prepared food items, local body care products, art and live music will, once again, fill **Downtown's Robinson Park (800 Copper Ave. NW)**. The event continues **8am to noon** every Saturday through Nov. 2. Cash, cards, SNAP and WIC are accepted, so feel free to stock up on plenty of healthy greens. It's still early in the growing season, but you can expect to see things like nuts, arugula, asparagus, dried beans and corn, onions, rhubarb and more. For complete details go to [downtowngrowers.org](https://downtowngrowers.org).

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#### Class / Workshop

Keshet's 2024 Makers Space  
Experience Visiting Artist  
Movement Classes 9:30-11 am  
Keshet Dance and Center for the Arts 4121 Cutler Ave NE

2024 Arts Business Workshop  
Series 5:30-7 pm Keshet Dance  
and Center for the Arts 4121  
Cutler Ave NE

#### Dance

Friday Night Square Dancing  
7 - 9 PM Fridays Albuquerque  
Square Dance Center 4915  
Hawkins St NE

#### Exhibit

Pueblo Baseball: Stitching Our  
Community Together 9 am-5 pm  
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center  
2401 12th Street NW

Witnessing Justice at Nuremberg:  
Nazi War Crimes Trials Through  
the Eyes of New Mexicans  
Dorothy Adams Greene and  
Lawrence Rhee 11:00 a.m. to 3  
p.m. New Mexico Holocaust &  
Intolerance Museum 616 Central  
Avenue SW

#### Film

2nd Annual Film Symposium -  
Power of Our Stories: Building  
the American Dream &  
Campesinos 2-6 pm National  
Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th  
Street Southwest



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2nd Annual Film Symposium  
- Power of Our Stories: Crow  
County, Adios Amor & Mayors  
of Shiprock 6-10 pm National  
Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th  
Street Southwest

Games

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm  
Sunday Service Motor Company  
2701 4th Street NW

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm  
Outpost 1706 301 Romero St NW

Music

Afro Beats X Reggaeton \$5 9 pm  
JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501  
1st Street Northwest

Chris Dracup 6-9 pm Canteen  
Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road  
Northeast

DHP Presents: Karaoke at Gold  
Street 6-9 pm Gold Street Pizza  
& Brew 3211 Coors Blvd SW  
Suite H1, Albuquerque

Dark Honey Karaoke 6-9 pm  
Gold Street Pizza & Brew  
3211 Coors Blvd SW Suite H1,  
Albuquerque

Eye \$10 8-11 pm Launchpad 618  
Central Avenue Southwest

Geoff Tate’s Big Rock Show Hits  
Tour 2024 \$25 8-11 pm Sunshine  
Theater 120 Central Ave SW

Karaoke w/ Swords  
Entertainment 7:30-11:30 pm  
Lizard Tail Brewing 9800  
Montgomery Blvd NE STE 7

Nochella Desert Dance Party 9  
pm-2 am Effex NightClub 420  
Central Avenue Southwest

Randall King \$18 7-10 pm The  
Dirty Bourbon Dance Hall &  
Saloon 9800 Montgomery Blvd  
NE

Tom Paxton w/ C. Daniel Boling  
\$30-\$40 7:30-9:30 pm South  
Broadway Cultural Center 1025  
Broadway Blvd SE

Trick Meyers 7-9 pm Tractor  
Brewing Nob Hill 118 Tulane SE

Voices of the Barrio: Savannah  
P. Rodriguez 6:30-8:30 pm El  
Chante: Casa De Cultura 804  
Park Ave SW

Y2K \$5 8 pm-12 am Sister 407  
Central Ave. NW

Performance

FUSION Theatre Company  
Presents WITCH \$25-\$40 7-9 pm  
FUSION 700-708 1st St NW

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Series 5:30-7 pm Keshet Dance  
and Center for the Arts 4121  
Cutler Ave NE

Comedy

Ken Flores \$20-\$30 7-9 pm  
Quezada’s Comedy Club at Santa  
Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon Dam  
Road, Santa Ana Pueblo, Santa  
Ana Pueblo, oo4

Ken Flores \$20-\$30 9:30-11:30  
pm Quezada’s Comedy Club at  
Santa Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon  
Dam Road, Santa Ana Pueblo,  
Santa Ana Pueblo, oo4

The Show - Live Comedy  
Improv \$10-\$12 8-9 pm The Box  
Performance Space 114 Gold Ave  
SW

Dance

Tablao Flamenco Albuquerque  
Dinner Show \$75-\$85 7-9 pm  
Hotel Albuquerque 800 Rio  
Grande Blvd NW

Film

2nd Annual Film Symposium  
- Power Of Our Stories: Lupe  
Under the Sun & Team Meryland  
1-4 pm National Hispanic  
Cultural Center 1701 4th Street  
Southwest

Power of Our Stories: Unseen  
& Singing Our Way to Freedom  
4:30-9:30 pm National Hispanic  
Cultural Center 1701 4th Street  
Southwest

Markets

Fiber Arts Fiesta 2024 \$10 10  
am-5 pm EXPO New Mexico,  
Manuel Lujan Jr. Exhibit  
Complex 300 San Pedro Dr NE

Music

All Thicc \$10 8-11 pm Launchpad  
618 Central Avenue Southwest

Baracutanga \$10-\$40 8-11:30 pm  
JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501  
1st Street Northwest

Bluegrass Live with Juniper  
Roots 7:30-9:30 pm Bow  
& Arrow Brewing Co. 608  
McKnight Ave NW

Caterwaul Spins Out 8-11 pm  
Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118  
Tulane SE

Conan \$15 7-10:30 pm Sister 407  
Central Ave. NW

Death Lens \$12 8-11 pm  
Moonlight Lounge 120 Central  
Ave SW

Goth Night & Dark Market:  
Spring Heathens Edition 8-11 pm  
Tractor Brewing Wells Park 1800  
Fourth St. NW

Gran Baile: Gathering of  
Communities 6-10 pm National  
Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th  
Street Southwest

It’s A 2000’s Party \$21 9:30 pm-1  
am Revel Entertainment Center  
4720 Alexander Blvd NE

Mark Hummel and the Blues  
Survivors \$15-\$35 7:30-9:30 pm  
Outpost Performance Space 210  
Yale Blvd., SE

Montana of 300 \$25-\$125 9 pm-1  
am 401 Nightclub 401 Central  
Ave. NW

Nathanial Krantz 9-11 pm Sandia  
Resort and Casino 30 Rainbow  
Road

Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular  
\$30-\$40 8-10 pm KiMo Theatre  
423 Central Avenue NW

Port Alice & Sugarmotor 7-10 pm  
Urban 360 Pizza 2119 Menaul  
Blvd NE.

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Ryan and the Resistors 7-9 pm  
Voodoo Girl Pizza & Pints 1401  
Second St. NW

We House Fridays f/ Lubelski  
\$10 9 pm-2 am Effex NightClub  
420 Central Avenue Southwest

Performance

FUSION Theatre Company  
Presents WITCH \$25-\$40 7-9 pm  
FUSION 700-708 1st St NW

The Bald and the Beautiful:  
Trixie Mattel & Katya Zamo \$40-  
\$70 8-10 pm Kiva Auditorium  
2nd St & Marquette Northeast

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Art

Open Studios & Community  
Celebration 4:30-7:30 pm  
Harwood Art Center 1114 7th  
Street NW

Art Openings

Land-escapes 4:30-7 pm Artisan  
ABQ 3017 Monte Vista Blvd. NE

Class / Workshop

Big Ink Woodblock Printmaking  
Workshop \$325 9 am-5 pm  
FUSION | 708 708 1st St NW

Wine, Cider and Mead Making  
Class \$15 1-3 pm Tractor Brewing  
Westside 5720 McMahon Blvd  
NW bldg 5 ste a

Comedy

Blake Rosier’s Bad Show \$15  
8-10 pm q-Staff Theatre 400  
Broadway Blvd SE

Ken Flores \$20-\$30 7-9 pm  
Quezada’s Comedy Club at Santa  
Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon Dam  
Road, Santa Ana Pueblo, Santa  
Ana Pueblo, oo4

Ken Flores \$20-\$30 9:30-11:30  
pm Quezada’s Comedy Club at  
Santa Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon  
Dam Road, Santa Ana Pueblo,  
Santa Ana Pueblo, oo4

The Blue Show \$10-\$12 8-9 pm  
The Box Performance Space 114  
Gold Ave SW



The Show - Live Comedy  
Improv \$10-\$12 8-9 pm The Box  
Performance Space 114 Gold Ave  
SW

Community

Annual Cesar Chavez and  
Dolores Huerta Celebration 9  
am-3 pm National Hispanic  
Cultural Center 1701 4th Street  
Southwest

Downtown Growers’ Market 8  
am-12 pm Robinson Park 810  
Copper Ave NW Albuquerque

Dance

2024 Choreographers’ Showcase  
6:30 pm Keshet Dance and  
Center for the Arts 4121 Cutler  
Ave NE

ABQ Dance Club 6:45-10 pm  
Albuquerque Square Dance  
Center 4915 Hawkins St NE

Anshe Ko’hanna Dance Group  
(Zuni Pueblo) 11 am-12 pm  
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center  
2401 12th Street NW

Anshe Ko’hanna Dance Group  
(Zuni Pueblo) 2-3 pm Indian  
Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th  
Street NW

Tablao Flamenco Albuquerque  
Dinner Show \$75-\$85 7-9 pm  
Hotel Albuquerque 800 Rio  
Grande Blvd NW

Family/Kids

IPCC’s Family Story Time 1-2  
pm Indian Pueblo Cultural  
Center 2401 12th Street NW

Festival

Pet-A-Palooza 9 am-1 pm Avanyu  
Plaza

MXP: Earthbound 7-10 pm  
Sidetrack Brewing Co. 413  
Second St. SW

Film

2nd Annual Film Symposium -  
Power of Our Stories: Salt of the  
Earth (1954) 2:30-5 pm National  
Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th  
Street Southwest

Food

Duke City Foodie Fest 2 12-6 pm  
Cliff’s Amusement Park 4800  
Osuna Rd. NE

Madagascar Jr. Pancake Breakfast  
FUNdraiser \$10-\$12 8:30 am-  
12:30 pm Tractor Brewing Wells  
Park 1800 Fourth St. NW

Phat Stax Block Party 11 am-5  
pm Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118  
Tulane SE

Games

?Loteria! Game 6-7 pm Canteen  
Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road  
Northeast

Markets

Fiber Arts Fiesta 2024 \$10 10  
am-5 pm EXPO New Mexico,  
Manuel Lujan Jr. Exhibit  
Complex 300 San Pedro Dr NE

Music

ABQ Women’s Dance - Neon  
Party \$15 7-11:30 pm Edelweiss  
German American Club 4821  
Menaul Blvd NE

ALLEYCVT \$20 9 pm-12 am  
Revel Entertainment Center 4720  
Alexander Blvd NE

AfroMundo Festival 2024: Hubby  
Jenkins 7:30-9:30 pm Outpost  
Performance Space 210 Yale  
Blvd., SE

Nat’l Assoc of Latino Healthcare  
Execs Salsa Night \$5 6-9 pm  
JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501  
1st Street Northwest

Nathanial Krantz 9-11 pm Sandia  
Resort and Casino 30 Rainbow  
Road

Roadside Memorial & Lost  
Summer 2-5 pm High and Dry  
Brewing 529 Adams St. NE

Sextile \$17 8-11 pm Launchpad  
618 Central Avenue Southwest

Talib Kweli \$40 7 pm-12 am  
Sister 407 Central Ave. NW

Performance

FUSION Theatre Company  
Presents WITCH \$25-\$40 2-4  
pm FUSION 700-708 1st St NW

FUSION Theatre Company  
Presents WITCH \$25-\$40 7-9 pm  
FUSION 700-708 1st St NW

Reading

Friends of the Public Library  
Monthly Sale 10 am-4 pm Main  
Library 501 Copper Ave NW

Indigenize Your Mind Book Club  
3-5 pm San Pedro Library 5600  
Trumbull SE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Class / Workshop

Big Ink Woodblock Printmaking  
Workshop \$325 9 am-5 pm  
FUSION | 708 708 1st St NW

Fan Veil and Weighted Veil  
workshop with Dulce of  
Olympia,WA \$30 12:30-3 pm  
Sirena World Dance Studio 9577  
Osuna Rd NE f

Sip & Wax Candle Making Night  
\$45 11 am-12 pm Outpost 1706  
301 Romero St NW

Dance

2024 Choreographers’ Showcase  
2 pm Keshet Dance and Center  
for the Arts 4121 Cutler Ave NE

Anshe Ko’hanna Dance Group  
(Zuni Pueblo) 11 am-12 pm  
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center  
2401 12th Street NW

Anshe Ko’hanna Dance Group  
(Zuni Pueblo) 2-3 pm Indian  
Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th  
Street NW

Baby Bloomers Burlesque \$10  
6-9 pm JUNO brewery + cafe +  
art 1501 1st Street Northwest

Film

AfroMundo Festival 2024:  
Historic Rebel Women 3-5 pm  
National Hispanic Cultural  
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

The Abortion Talks 2:30-4:30  
pm Taylor Ranch Library 5700  
Bogart NW , 87120

Food

Duke City Foodie Fest 2 12-6 pm  
Cliff’s Amusement Park 4800  
Osuna Rd. NE

Games

Brain Gang Trivia 2-4 pm Lizard  
Tail Brewing 9800 Montgomery  
Blvd NE STE 7

Brain Gang Trivia 5-7 pm Lizard  
Tail Brewing Nob Hill 3417  
Central Ave. NE Suite C

Literature/Poetry

AfroMundo Festival 2024:  
Contemporary Rebel Women 7-9  
pm National Hispanic Cultural  
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Markets

Squidly Fest 2024 12-4 pm The  
Squidly Store 514 Central Ave. SE

Music

Beyond Carmen \$23-\$43 3  
pm National Hispanic Cultural  
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Dave Payne & Salt Cedar w/ The  
Saltine Ramblers 4-7 pm Canteen  
Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road  
Northeast

Los Shadows \$10 8 pm-12:30 am  
Launchpad 618 Central Avenue  
Southwest

School of Rock ABQ Presents:  
The Best of the 2010’s \$15 1-5 pm  
Launchpad 618 Central Avenue  
Southwest

Scrap Arts Music \$25-\$60 3-5 pm  
Popejoy Hall 203 Cornell Dr

Music - Classical

New Mexico Symphonic Chorus  
Spring Concert \$15-\$45 3-4 pm  
First Unitarian Church 3701  
Comanche, NE

The Junction Trio \$35-\$50  
3-5 pm Simms Center for the  
Performing Arts at Albuquerque  
Academy 6400 Wyoming Blvd.  
NE

Performance

Drag Brunch \$20-\$100 12-2 pm  
Craft Republic - Albuquerque  
4301 The Lane at 25 NE



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Presents WITCH \$25-\$40 3-5 pm  
FUSION 700-708 1st St NW

Tablao Flamenco Albuquerque  
Sunday Matinee \$25-\$35 All  
Day Tablao Flamenco at Hotel  
Albuquerque 800 Rio Grande  
Blvd NW

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Sunday Matinee \$25-\$35 3-5  
pm Tablao Flamenco at Hotel  
Albuquerque 800 Rio Grande  
Blvd NW

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Class / Workshop

FREE After School Art Programs  
with Warehouse 505 5-8pm  
Warehouse 505 202 Central Ave  
SE

Family/Kids

ABQ BioPark: Zoo Homeschool  
Adventure \$5-\$10 9 am-12 pm  
Albuquerque BioPark-Zoo 903  
10th Street SW

Film

AfroMundo Festival 2024 - Black  
Farmers: Modern Maroons 7-9  
pm National Hispanic Cultural  
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Games

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

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm  
M'tucci's Bar Roma Restaurant  
3222 Central Ave. SE

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm Santa  
Fe Brewing (Tin Can Alley) 6110  
Alameda Blvd NE Suite #1

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm Bow  
& Arrow Brewing Co. 608  
McKnight Ave NW

Music

Faye Webster \$38 8-11 pm Revel  
Entertainment Center 4720  
Alexander Blvd NE

Performance

African Dance Class with Live  
Drummers \$7-\$28 6-7 pm JUNO  
brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st  
Street Northwest

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Comedy

Phat Tuesdays Comedy Open  
Mic 8 pm Z Lounge 3711 Central  
Ave NE

Discussion / Lecture

Wild Wisdom Series: Summit  
Sips & Trail Tips 6-7:30 pm  
Canteen Taproom 417 Tramway  
Blvd NE

Film

AfroMundo Festival 2024:  
Conservation Visionaries 7-8 pm  
Valle de Oro National Wildlife  
Refuge 7851 2nd St SW

Games

Brain Gang Trivia 7-9 pm Lizard  
Tail Industrial 3351 Columbia Dr.  
NE

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Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm 505  
Central Food Hall 505 Central  
Ave NW

Music

Alestorm - Tour Of The Dead  
Marauder \$25-\$75 8-11 pm  
Sunshine Theater 120 Central  
Ave SW

Harpoon the Whale + November  
Radio + It Gets Worse + Bryce  
Evans/Black Cats \$10 7-10:30 pm  
JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501  
1st Street Northwest

Nob Hill Stage Open Mic 6 pm-  
12 am Public House ABQ 201  
Hermosa Dr NE

Rudeboy Open Mic 7-9 pm  
Sunday Service Motor Company  
2701 4th Street NW

Sweet Nothin \$10 8-11 pm  
Launchpad 618 Central Avenue  
Southwest



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Laundry detergent is kept locked up a local Walgreens store to prevent theft. (Roberto E. Rosales / City Desk ABQ)

# Is the New Shoplifting Law Working?

By Bethany Raja, City Desk ABQ

In early January, a security guard working at Marshalls in Northeast Albuquerque called an Albuquerque Police Department detective to report she had been working on a case against a “prolific shoplifter” for more than two months and there was a chance to arrest him.

Over nine theft reports, the security guard detailed 36-year-old Ryan Jaramillo stealing a \$129 handbag here, or \$154 worth of shoes there. She said he stole men’s clothing, women’s coats and several handbags. Each time, the total was less than \$400 — but together the total loss to the department store was \$1,602,

according to court documents.

Jaramillo was arrested and charged with felony shoplifting under a new law creating the crime of “organized retail crime” that allows law enforcement to aggregate the incidents.

House Bill 234, which passed during the 2023 legislative session, made it so that those who shoplift multiple times from the same store in 90 days can be charged with felony shoplifting. Previously, people were charged only based on the amount they had stolen during an individual incident.

Second Judicial District Attorney Sam Bregman said the law is meant to stop defendants like Jaramillo.

“It’s really helped a lot when it comes to prosecuting shoplifting for a number of reasons,” he said. “The first reason is it allows us to aggregate misdemeanors for those prolific shoplifters who are shoplifting just under a certain amount and would only be charged with a misdemeanor.”

But not everyone thinks the new law is a good thing.

Sarah Pepin, the supervising attorney at the New Mexico Law Offices of the Public Defender, said what’s happening at some stores is that loss prevention personnel are allowing individuals to repeatedly steal from their store so they can bring a felony case against the person instead of intervening earlier.

Pepin said this creates felons without considering what that means to the person or to the community.

“They believe that this person is harming their economic interests,” she said. “What is particularly galling is that the state has gone along with this and is more interested in prosecuting the poor rather than addressing the root causes of what’s going on with these folks.”

Instead, Pepin said the state should look at the root causes of why these individuals are shoplifting and assist them.

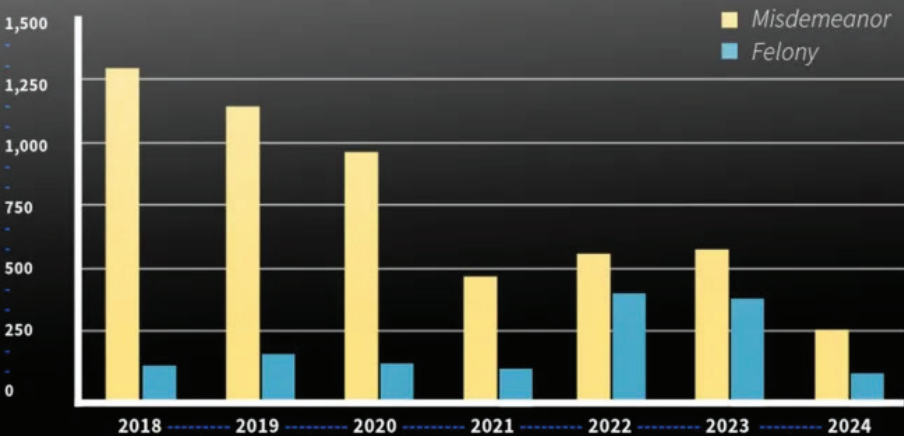
## Wins and losses

Since 2018, misdemeanor prosecutions for shoplifting have been on the decline, while felony



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## THE NUMBER OF MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY SHOPLIFTING CASES FILED IN BERNALILLO COUNTY AGAINST THOSE REPRESENTED BY A PUBLIC DEFENDER



	MISDEMEANOR	FELONY
2018	1,278	125
2019	1,172	168
2020	934	129
2021	482	121
2022	533	368
2023	563	178
2024*	254	91

\*First three months of 2024

Source: A City Desk ABQ analysis of cases provided by LOPD

\*Note: Almost all shoplifting cases are defended by public defenders



prosecutions are increasing, according to *City Desk ABQ* analysis of the cases defended by public defenders. Public defenders handle almost all shoplifting cases.

As of mid-March, Bregman’s office had filed 71 shoplifting cases under the new law. There were 56 cases pending trial. Five of the cases had been dismissed and there had been 10 convictions.

The total amount stolen in the cases that are under prosecution is \$113,943, largely from Albertsons, Target and Walgreens.

No small businesses are on the list.

Pepin argued that almost \$114,000 is a fraction of the amount it costs to prosecute and subsequently house people at the detention center.

It costs about \$160 per day to house an inmate at the Metropolitan Detention Center.

“It’d be so much cheaper just to house these people...this makes no sense,” Pepin said.

But Bregman said the law has helped solidify relationships between law enforcement, retailers and his office, and they’re now working together to go after shoplifters.

“We’re making a big difference,” he said. “(We’re) hearing from retailers in the Uptown area, for example, where some of those operations were focused that this is absolutely already making a difference.”

Many of the cases include a store providing extensive documentation including photos, a description of what happened and the dollar amount of everything that was stolen. Then, detectives from APD’s Organized Crime Unit compile that information into a criminal complaint or arrest warrant affidavit.

However, Bregman said one of the issues his office deals with when prosecuting shoplifting cases is that defendants don’t show up for court and their cases end up in warrant status. As of mid-March almost half — 22 — of the 56 defendants with pending cases were wanted on a warrant, according to his spokesperson.

**‘Being economically vulnerable leaves you vulnerable’**

An analysis by *City Desk ABQ* found that about half of the cases that have been prosecuted involve allegations of defendants stealing less than \$1,000. And almost a quarter were accused of



Target stores around the Albuquerque area are frequently victims of shoplifting. (Roberto E. Rosales / CityDesk ABQ)

stealing between \$500 and \$600 — including one woman who stole liquor, baby items, laundry detergent and flowers. Multiple defendants were accused of stealing alcohol.

“Being economically vulnerable leaves you vulnerable...there’s this big made-up problem of organized retail crime, and it’s not like a cartel from Mexico is coming in to steal stuff from Target,” Pepin said. “It’s like your buddy says, ‘you can sleep on my couch if you get me these things.’”

Pepin said if her office can focus on the individual’s needs

and try to meet them — and if the individual gets out of jail and starts doing really well — there’s a strong argument to continue along that path.

If it’s not a crime of violence, Pepin said the person needs to have their basic needs met. She questioned holding defendants at the detention center until trial under the bail reform law.

“We will try to harness whatever resources are available,” she said. “Generally, if there’s a drug issue, I would say it’s easiest to find treatment for that. If someone has a difficult mental

health issue, it’s harder to find treatment for that.”

Generally, Pepin said everyone she has talked to has had some sort of housing issue.

“A significant issue is housing, and I think that’s true for everybody,” she said. “That’s true for all diversions across the board and that’s true for most of the folks that we see in the judicial system, particularly when the crime is motivated by poverty.”

*Special Projects Editor Elise Kaplan contributed to this report.*





# APD Sees Positive Outcomes in Shoplifting Reports from Retailers

*Commander cites an increase in reporting the crime*



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By Bethany Raja, City Desk ABQ

At a recent community policing meeting in Southwest Albuquerque, Cmdr. Rene Barraza told the gathered crowd that the department has noted an increase in shoplifting in the area this year as it works with stores to make it easier to report the crimes.

“The reason we have shoplifting increasing is because a lot of the commercial businesses are doing a lot more reporting, especially reporting online,” he said.

In a subsequent interview, Barraza told City Desk ABQ that when he took over the Southwest Area Command in 2021, police had a feeling that shoplifting was plaguing both area stores and stores city-wide, but retailers weren’t reporting it.

So, he said, police began meeting with store owners in the area “like Walgreens, just to make sure that we are being good partners with our retailers to see how we can help.”

But APD also made an effort to meet with store owners citywide, he said, because shoplifters weren’t staying in just one part of the city.

If stores could report these incidents to the police, they could share information with detectives in the department’s Organized Crime Unit who take the lead on targeting, tracking down, and arresting prolific retail shoplifters.

“We recognize that (the stores) may have an internal reporting system, but they would also need — in order for us to follow up and provide some relief — to identify these

prolific shoplifters and retail crime offenders that are working in sync with each other,” Barraza said.

He said working with the Organized Crime Unit on these cases has helped to build a bigger case against prolific shoplifters.

In the Southwest, APD has partnered with Walgreens, Ross Dress for Less, and Burlington Coat Factory. The area has some of the lowest numbers of shoplifting incidents across the city, however, because it has fewer retail stores.

By contrast, the Northeast Area Command has the highest number of offenses, since it’s the city’s most populated retail shopping area, according to an APD spokesperson.

Barraza said APD doesn’t have data regarding shoplifting at smaller stores, but some of the gas stations in the area are having issues because they’re convenient to the big corridors.

“I don’t see the current stats targeting the smaller, local-owner retail stores. I see them targeting the bigger corporation stores,” he said.

If shoplifting isn’t addressed,

**“I don’t see the current stats targeting the smaller, local-owner retail stores. I see them targeting the bigger corporation stores.”**

**-APD Commander Rene Barraza**



Commander Rene Barraza (Source: APD)

Barraza said it could force retail partners to close their doors which would affect Albuquerque’s employment rate.

Barraza said he can’t pinpoint what is driving this type of shoplifting, but he said that it has become more prevalent after the COVID-19 pandemic. He said people are just plainly walking into retail stores and taking what they

wanted to without the fear of being apprehended. “It’s a good feeling to know that we are good partners to the retail shops to make sure they continue to keep their doors open,” Barraza said. “And that we’re actually making a difference holding people accountable when they continue to repeatedly victimize our stores.”







## Letter to the Editor: April 10

*Might as well face it, we're addicted to clothes*

I strongly support equal rights for any woman to be TOP-FREE in public as I am when warm enough—if she wants to be.

Imagine we went to a town where everyone always wore cloth covering their EARS even in hot weather. We never saw anyone with bare ears in public. You could get fired, thrown in jail, laughed at, beaten up, branded as a dangerous pervert if you showed your naked ears in public! Why are these people ashamed and afraid of seeing bare EARS in public! Why this weird taboo?

In our society the same is true of naked cocks, balls, asses, vaginas and female breasts. Why the crazy, sick hang-ups about these precious, pleasurable parts of our bodies? Why is it legal to show rifles, shotguns, revolvers and nuclear missiles in public but not our naked whole bodies?

I enjoy living as naked in public as the law and weather allow. I do NOT want to be cold or to risk getting arrested or beaten up.

I treasure sunbathing naked on many winter days when there are no clouds and no wind. I have two private spots in our backyard.

When my mother and father were alive, I was often naked as an adult in their presence. I have

photos my mother took of me naked.

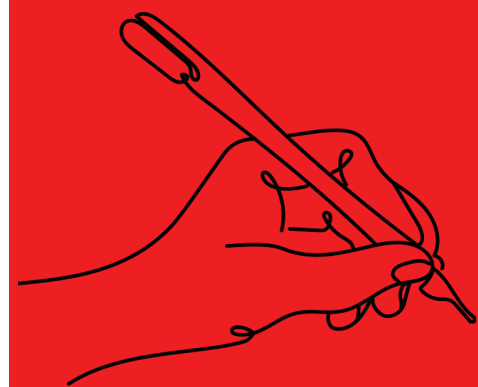
SADLY most religious people suffer from body shame and clothes addiction. Most religious people act as if God created the head, arms and hands, but the devil slapped on the genitals and possibly even the torso and legs! If you believe God created the human body, how can any inch be indecent or obscene?

SADLY most U.S. jobs require covering most of the body even in the summer—business suits, uniforms, etc. Most U.S. jobs enforce rigid conformity. Most U.S. jobs reject body freedom, natural comfort and environmental sanity. The horrendous consequences? Massive electricity squandered on air conditioning—worsening the climate crisis, the vast farmland and poison pesticides to grow more cotton, the petrochemicals for synthetic fabrics, grueling sweatshop labor, tons of deodorant, billions of dollars wasted... Is this PROGRESS?

For thousands of years many native peoples had the GOOD sense to put clothes on when cold and to take off most or all clothes when warm enough.

-Don Schrader

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## Ask a Sex Educator

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**Question:** “My wife and I both grew up with little to no education around sex and apart from making jokes I’ve never been comfortable talking seriously about sex (even with her) and always end up turning it into a joke to try and hide my discomfort and awkwardness. A year ago when my wife and I got married I adopted her two amazing toddlers and my life has changed a lot and I think one thing I need to change is my inability to have frank conversations about sex. I don’t think that my lack of sex talks or sex education did me any favors in life and I don’t want to put my kids in that situation just because that’s all my wife and I know. What can I do now or start doing to get more comfortable talking about sex and more informed about sexual health so that I’m ready in a couple years to have “the talk” with my step kids? - *Nervous New Dad*”

**Answer:** Hey Nervous, I’m Stevie! Dad jokes aside, I’m a sex educator at Self Serve Toys and even I have felt awkward and nervous in situations where I felt unprepared to have conversations about sex. That’s what led me to seek out information and eventually find my passion for sex education. Unfortunately a lot of us enter into adulthood with that same anxious uncertainty around sex that was passed on by our parents or guardians, I’m proud of you for wanting to break that cycle!



My first tip is to just start talking about sex, little by little, if you start working those muscles out it will get easier and easier the more you do it. A couple tools that make it easy to start doing this are conversation decks that offer insightful questions to start a conversation with yourself or with a partner or friend. We carry a couple different decks and a few examples from them are: “What kinds of flirting do you find irresistible?”, “Have you ever wanted to be bossy or bossed around in the bedroom?”, and “What was your first orgasm like?”. These are a great way to start using those muscles to talk about sex more comfortably and less awkwardly.

Next you need to start educating yourself on medically accurate sexual health information; and I know that in this modern day and age the easiest way to find something out is to do an internet search but this topic is notoriously ill represented and widely conflicting online. At Self Serve we carry a variety of book titles for a range of ages that are really inclusive, accessible, affirming, accurate and even entertaining. Books like *Yes! No! A First Conversation Around Consent*, and *It’s NOT the Stork* can be educational for both you and your toddlers. *S.E.X.* is an extremely in-depth, all-you-need-to know guide for teens and adults about sexuality, relationships, and health. I recommend that one for you and your wife to read and you can highlight or mark the chapters or pages you want to share with your kids once you feel they are ready. And when words fail, and conversations don’t go as well as rehearsed, that doesn’t mean that talking is the only way, books can be just the right thing when a young person wants to do some learning on their own, without the awkwardness of talking-to their parent about it.

You’ve already got the most important thing – an open, grounded approach and a curiosity about the things you don’t know. You’ve got this!

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## Cannabis Worker Arrested at Checkpoint

*Border Patrol continues to seize legal weed*

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By Josh Lee and Andy Lyman, The Paper.

A situation developing between U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and New Mexico state-licensed cannabis businesses is ratcheting up. The CBP has now arrested a handful of workers at a border checkpoint after weeks of seizing state-legal marijuana products from licensed operators attempting to pass through border checkpoints located within the state.

Thanks to an audio recording obtained by *The Paper.*, details have emerged surrounding the arrest.

Ethan Ramsey, an employee with Las Cruces cannabis producer Head Space Alchemy, was stopped Thursday morning at the interior border checkpoint on Interstate 25, north of Las Cruces, on his way to Santa Fe to drop off samples for testing. Rob Duran, a managing partner of Head Space Alchemy, followed in another vehicle.

In the audio recording, a Border Patrol agent can be heard telling Duran, “We’ve been instructed to seize all cannabis—all illegal products.

It’s still federally illegal.”

When asked how the operators and CBP can work together towards a solution to the issue, the agent responds that Duran can speak to a supervisor or contact the regional office.

“I can’t tell you anything that they [haven’t] already told you,” says the officer. “Or I can’t go above what they’re telling you ... Everything’s going to get seized.”

During a back-and-forth between the officer and Duran, the officer refuses to state that he recognizes that cannabis is legal in New Mexico, repeatedly stating that it is illegal at the federal level.

When Duran asks about the current stop, the officer tells him that Ramsey was arrested but refuses to expand on that. As Duran struggles to get details about what will happen to the worker, the agent tells him that he is busy trying to work and directs him to speak to the supervisor. He then notes that there is no supervisor at the checkpoint.

As Duran continues to question the officer, the officer refuses to give any more details.

“He’s under arrest,” the agent

says. “That’s what happens when someone gets placed under arrest. You’re trying to get a definitive answer out of me. I don’t know where we’re at. We’ve just started this process. We’ve just started this case, so I can’t give you a definitive answer.”

The worker was eventually released nearly three hours later.

Duran tells *The Paper.* that he estimates Head Space has lost nearly \$20,000 in products between the encounter on Thursday and a previous seizure by CBP.

“In both cases, [employees] have had their pictures taken and been fingerprinted, and have also been told that their names are going to now be in a federal database as being caught at a federal inspection checkpoint with cannabis,” Duran says.

But, he says, none of his employees who have been detained were issued any citation or notice to appear in court.

“We weren’t given any paperwork,” he says. “We were not even given anything that reflects that the seizure even occurred. So there’s not even

a way for us to even prove that this product was taken by the federal government.”

Duran says he still doesn’t have a back up plan for how to get the company’s products tested or even delivered to the dozens of dispensaries that carry their products, especially since there’s effectively no way to avoid the federal checkpoints surrounding Las Cruces.

“I wish I did have a plan, but right now we just don’t know what the next steps are,” he says.

As *The Paper.* has previously reported, cannabis operators in other border states that have legalized recreational cannabis like California and Arizona do not appear to be facing the same kind of enforcement at interior checkpoints. In 2022, following the legalization of marijuana in the state, the CBP did clarify that it would continue seizing weed at the checkpoints, however, operators, including Duran, report having been able to pass through without incident until recently.

“Just within the last, I would say 60 days, that’s when things started to change course,” Duran says.





# Blunts.

## cannabis news shorts



Every week, we round up our favorite cannabis-related news stories in bite sized edible pieces. Here's some of our favorites!

## Judge Pauses Weed Recall

By Josh Lee, The Paper.

A state judge ordered CCD to hold off on a recall of cannabis products from a local manufacturer.

Last month, the CCD issued a recall notice for four products sold at Got Greens dispensary in Albuquerque. The division said that certain concentrates manufactured by Pharmers Quality Concentrates were found to have contained a “prohibited pesticide.”

Now Pharmers is reportedly suing the division, claiming that the recall was “unlawful.”

According to statements made by the company’s attorney, the pesticide found—malathion—is not officially listed as a prohibited pesticide. It’s also missing from the list of state-approved pesticides for growing marijuana, however.

The company is also arguing that the recall came as a result of voluntary product tests that are not subject to state oversight, and that the products passed all the state-mandated tests required of them when they were manufactured in 2022.

The lawsuit is calling for the recall to be reversed and for the CCD to issue a retraction.

### Benally Still Growing

A Navajo businessman embroiled in controversy involving illicit marijuana grows on Navajo Nation land is reportedly still growing the plant, even though the state ordered him to stop.

According to a new report from *Searchlight New Mexico*, weed producer Dineh Benally has actually expanded his illegal grow operation located near



(Credit Cannabis Pictures at Wikimedia Commons)

Estancia. In an interview with the online news outlet, Benally called cannabis an “ancestral plant” and said growing the plant was a sovereign right for Natives.

The state’s Cannabis Control Division revoked Benally’s state-issued cannabis license in December. The division accused the operation of a number of violations, including pest infestation, improper use of the state’s cannabis tracking system and growing four times the legal limit of plants.

Both Benally and his business partner, James “Flaming Eagle” Mooney, claim that marijuana is a religious sacrament and that

the state has no authority over their operation.

According to reports, Benally has continued to expand the operation and has built even more greenhouses since the CCD revoked his license.

### Poll: “Overwhelming” Majority Favor Legalization

A new poll from the Pew Research Center found that a stunning 88 percent of adults in the U.S. said marijuana should be legal for medical or recreational use.

According to the poll, 57 percent of adults say weed

should be legal for both medical and recreational use while 32 percent said only medical cannabis should be legal. Only 11 percent of respondents said weed should remain illegal.

Republicans continue to be less supportive of legalizing marijuana for both legal and recreational use than Democrats, with 42 percent of Republicans and 72 percent of Democrats favoring legalizing weed for both purposes.

The survey was conducted in January, and 5,140 adults sourced from the Pew Research Center’s American Trends Panel were interviewed.



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Week of April 10

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Now is a favorable time to make initial inquiries, ask for free samples, and enjoy window shopping. But it's not an opportune time to seal final decisions or sign binding contracts. Have fun haggling and exploring, even as you avoid making permanent promises. Follow the inklings of your heart more than the speculations of your head, but refrain from pledging your heart until lots of evidence is available. You are in a prime position to attract and consider an array of possibilities, and for best results you should remain noncommittal for the foreseeable future.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Author Betty Bender said, "Anything I've ever done that ultimately was worthwhile initially scared me to death." Painter Georgia O'Keeffe confessed she always harbored chronic anxiety—yet that never stopped her from doing what she loved. Philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Anyone who is not everyday conquering some fear has not learned the secret of life." I hope these testimonials inspire you to bolster your grit, Taurus. In the coming days, you may not have any more or less fear than usual. But you will be able to summon extra courage and willpower as you render the fear at least semi-irrelevant.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Richard the Lionheart (1157–1199) was a medieval king of England. How did he get his nickname? Scholars say it was because of his skill as a military leader. But legend tells an additional story. As a young man, Richard was imprisoned by an enemy who arranged for a hungry lion to be brought into his cell. As the beast opened its maw to maul the future king, Richard thrust his arm down its throat and tore out its heart, killing it. What does this tale have to do with you, Gemini? I predict you will soon encounter a test that's less extreme than Richard's but equally solvable by bursts of creative ingenuity. Though there will be no physical danger, you will be wise to call on similar boldness. Drawing on the element of surprise may also serve you well.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Will the adventures heading your way be unusual, amusing, and even unprecedented? I bet they will have at least some of those elements. You could encounter plot twists you've never witnessed or imagined. You may be inspired to dream up creative adjustments unlike any you've tried. These would be very positive developments. They suggest you're becoming more comfortable with expressing your authentic self and less susceptible to the influence of people's expectations. Every one of us is a unique genius in some ways, and you're getting closer to inhabiting the fullness of yours.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** At least for now, help may not be available from the usual sources. Is the doctor sick? Does mommy need mothering? Is the therapist feeling depressed? My advice is to not worry about the deficiencies, but rather shift your attention to skillful surrogates and substitutes. They may give you what you need—and even more. I'm reminded of The Crystal Cave, a novel about the Arthurian legend. The king, Ambrosius Aurelianus, advises the magician Merlin, "Take power where it is offered." In other words: not where you think or wish power would be, but from sources that are unexpected or outside your customary parameters.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** The rest of the story is not yet ready to emerge, but it will be soon. Be patient just a while longer. When full disclosure arrives, you will no longer have to guess about hidden agendas and simmering subtexts. Adventures in the underworld will move above ground. Missing links will finally appear, and perplexing ambiguities will be clarified. Here's how you can expedite these developments: Make sure you are thoroughly receptive to knowing the rest of the story. Assert your strong desire to dissolve ignorance.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** In the coming weeks, you can ask for and receive more blessings than usual. So please be aggressive and imaginative about asking! Here are suggestions about what gifts to seek out: 1. vigorous support as you transform two oppositional forces into complementary influences; 2. extra money, time, and spaciousness as you convert a drawback into an asset; 3. kindness and understanding as you ripen an unripe aspect of yourself; 4. inspiration and advice as you make new connections that will serve your future goals.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Read the two help-wanted ads below. Meditate on which appeals to you more, and treat this choice as a metaphor for a personal decision you face. 1. "Pedestrian, predictable organization seeks humdrum people with low-grade ambitions for tasks that perform marginally useful services. Interested in exploring mild passions and learning more about the art of spiritual bypassing?" 2. "Our high-octane conclave values the arts of playing while you work and working while you play. Are you ready and able to provide your creative input? Are you interested in exploring the privilege and responsibility of forever reinventing yourself? We love restless seekers who are never bored."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** What is a gourmet bargain? What is a discount marvel? How about an inspiring breakthrough that incurs no debt? Themes like those are weaving their way into your destiny. So be alert for the likelihood that cheap thrills will be superior to the expensive kind. Search for elegance and beauty in earthy locations that aren't sleek and polished. Be receptive to the possibility that splendor and awe may be available to you at a low cost. Now may be one of those rare times when imperfect things are more sublime than the so-called perfect stuff.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** "There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in," wrote novelist Graham Greene. For me, it was three days near the end of third grade when I wrote a fairy tale about the unruly adventures of a fictional kid named Polly. Her wildness was infused with kindness. Her rebellions were assertive but friendly. For the first time, as I told Polly's story, I realized I wanted to be an unconventional writer when I grew up. What about you, Capricorn? When you were young, was there a comparable opening to your future? If so, now is a good phase to revisit it, commune with your memories of it, and invite it to inspire the next stage of its evolution in you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Even when you are your regular, ordinary self, you have a knack and fondness for irregularity and originality. And these days, your affinity for what's unprecedented and uncommon is even higher than usual. I am happy about that. I am cheering you on. So please enjoy yourself profoundly as you experiment with nonstandard approaches. Be as idiosyncratic as you dare! Even downright weird! But also try to avoid direct conflicts with the Guardians of How Things Have Always Been Done. Don't allow Change Haters to interfere with your fun or obstruct the enhancements you want to instigate. Be a slippery innovator. Be an irrepressible instigator.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Below are truths I hope you will ripen and deepen in the coming months. 1. Negative feelings are not necessarily truer and more profound than positive ones. 2. Cynical opinions are not automatically more intelligent or well-founded than optimistic opinions. 3. Criticizing and berating yourself is not a more robust sign of self-awareness than praising and appreciating yourself. 4. Any paranoia you feel may be a stunted emotion resulting from psychic skills you have neglected to develop. 5. Agitation and anxiety can almost always be converted into creative energy.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 61 Get the point
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- 6 Sly glance
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- 9 Mealtime lure
- 10 Clerical residence
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- 13 80's flick, "The Lost \_\_\_\_"
- 19 Splotch or blotch
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- 24 Slanted type
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- 28 Riverdale High redhead
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- 31 Theater curtain fabric

- 32 Outbuildings
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- 38 Announced
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- 46 Tide type
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- 52 Poetic adverb
- 53 Command to Fido
- 54 Fair
- 55 Like some decisions
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# “I’M SO GRATEFUL I NEVER STOPPED SEARCHING!”

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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