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## Trippin' in a Hole

A day trip to Blue Hole is one way to beat the summer heat

By Michael Hodock p.10





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## Pets, Livestock Among the Thousands Evacuated from Ruidoso Wildfires

*Hundreds of racehorses were transported out of the Ruidoso Downs area and relocated across the state*

(Leah Romero / Source NM)



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By Leah Romero, Source New Mexico

**R**OSWELL – As smoke from the South Fork and Salt fires rose in the sky above Lincoln County, Deanna and Blake Martin decided it was time to load up their llamas and head out of town. The couple live in the Alto area and had to evacuate with their two llamas, Caramel Latte and Macchiato.

An estimated 8,000 people in Ruidoso, Alto and Ruidoso Downs were evacuated last week because of the South Fork and Salt fires. When residents received the message to evacuate, they were told to leave their belongings and immediately head to a nearby evacuation location.

Many people loaded their pets in their vehicles and took off, but other animals and livestock ran away or were left behind.

The Martins and their animals, which include three cats as well, found themselves at the Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Roswell – one of the closest evacuation shelters that was taking in both people and animals.

“They actually spent time here at this facility during another fire evacuation,” Deanna Martin said.

The couple have lived in Alto for 24 years and evacuated two years ago during the McBride Fire. Martin said they decided to evacuate early in the evening Monday, June 17, the day the fires started, because of their animals.

“You can just tell this is not something to mess around with,” she said. “And we knew we had the livestock so we didn’t want to be slower with the trailer and back up everybody. People were wanting to fly out.”

The llamas were seemingly unbothered in their stalls by both the evacuation commotion and the attention they received from curious eyes.

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## Weak in Review: June 26

Quick hits on this week’s news bits

The FBI is offering a \$10,000 reward for information about who started the South Fork and Salt fires in Ruidoso.

To whoever caused the fire, we don’t know who you are, but New Mexicans have a very particular set of skills...



New Mexico’s monsoon season has officially begun.

Yay bugs!

New Mexico Magazine is looking for nominations for its annual True Hero awards.

Funny enough, we’ve been scouring the city for a true gyro.

The City of Albuquerque is updating its “Very Special Arts Garage” with a vertical plant garden.

Sounds super cool, but we admittedly can’t stop thinking about The Church Lady.

Lucky baseball fans will get a free cowbell at the June 28 Albuquerque Isotopes game.

And just like that, our fever for more cowbell becomes an old-fashioned headache.



As part of its Summer of Non-Violence program, the City of Albuquerque is hosting a teen night pool party.

Sounds pretty sigma, as the kids (probably wouldn’t) say.

Donald Trump said during a recent speech that a “migrant fight league” isn’t his “worst idea.”

He’s probably right. His worst idea has always been blurting out whatever disjointed thoughts pop into his head.

Vogue magazine called actress Jennifer Lawrence “brave” for wearing ankle socks like an old person.

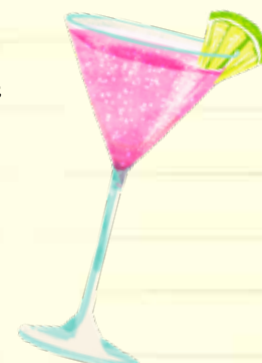
A word to youngsters: We didn’t spend all those years folding down our long socks just for you whippersnappers to embrace dorky fashion choices.

Albuquerque now has direct flights to Minnesota’s Twin Cities.

The best part will be watching Minnesota Nice passengers interact with New Mexico Not Give a F\*ck passengers.

A bartender told *People* that Justin Timberlake only had one martini before his arrest in the Hamptons for drunk driving.

Listen up, bartenders: If you see us drinking a Cosmopolitan in public, no you didn’t.





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**Hundreds of racehorses removed from Ruidoso Downs by owners, trainers and volunteers**

The llamas were joined by a rotation of hundreds of quarter horses passing through Roswell while evacuating Ruidoso Downs.

According to Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's letter requesting federal disaster assistance, about 1,500 racehorses needed to be evacuated from Ruidoso Downs. While not all of the horses were removed from the racetrack, hundreds were moved to facilities in neighboring towns and area farms.

Horses were even transported south to Sunland Park Racetrack and Expo New Mexico in Albuquerque. Other owners or trainers decided to take their animals home, whether that was in-state or out.

Leslie Robertson, office manager at the ENM State Fairgrounds, said the numbers of people and animals who passed through the grounds was fluid Monday and Tuesday. They were also taking in people with trailers or campers.

"We have a lot of people who are evacuating in and then going to a more permanent location," she explained.

Trainer John Stinebaugh said he had 42 horses to move and was able to keep them all together in Artesia at the Eddy County Fairgrounds, south of Roswell. When asked about locations other horses were moved to, Stinebaugh said he was in contact with trainers who relocated their horses across New Mexico and neighboring states.

"Some of them went home," he said. "I don't think the same number of horses will fill back up that left."

Justyn Vogel was one volunteer who donated her trailer and time to transport horses. She said she's originally from Ruidoso and decided to drive down from Edgewood with her mother and farm manager to help when she saw people posting about horse evacuations. The group worked with Stinebaugh to move eight of his horses.

"It's not just evacuating but finding places for all these horses," Vogel said. There were many trailers and people trying to help and horses being evacuated, she said, with people all the way from Texas who came in to try and help move horses.

Ruidoso Downs racetrack canceled live horse racing June 22 and 23, but will commence racing June 28 to June 30 with the Mountain Top Futurity and the Rainbow Futurity Trials.

A recent news release from the racetrack noted that the current horse population on the grounds is about 1,000 or half of the average.

"We gotta get the wheels back on the bus," said Rick Baugh, racetrack general manager, in a video on the racetrack's Facebook page. "It doesn't just affect Ruidoso Downs. It's for Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas and California."



*A horse trained by John Stinebaugh settles into stalls at the Eddy County Fairgrounds in Artesia after evacuating Ruidoso Downs June 19. (Leah Romero / Source NM)*



*(Leah Romero / Source NM)*





28TH ANNUAL  
SUMMER THURSDAY JAZZ NIGHTS

# DOGBONE

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7:30PM

Outpost Performance Space (210 Yale Blvd. SE) is about to launch its 28th Annual Summer Thursday Jazz Nights, hitting the stage June 27 through Aug. 22. The weekly concert series starts at 7:30 p.m. June 27 with Dogbone. The New Mexico-based art rock/free jazz/funk/fusion duo features the percussive ingenuity of Jefferson Voorhees (drums, percussion, bells, gongs, whistles) and the versatility of Micah Hood (trombone, flutes, talking drum, electronics). Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$20 members and \$15 students. Purchase them in advance at [tickets.holdmyticket.com/tickets/433917](https://tickets.holdmyticket.com/tickets/433917). For a complete schedule/description of this year's Jazz Nights events, go to [outpostspace.org](https://outpostspace.org).

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Art Openings

Rituals For Now 6-10 p.m., June 14 and July 5 fourteenfifteen gallery 1415 4th St SW

Dance

Casa Flamenca The Best Tablao Shows \$40 10:30-11:45 pm Casa Flamenca 401 Rio Grande Boulevard NW

Festival Flamenco Alburquerque 37: Farruquito y Compania: Concierto Flamenco \$55-\$115 8-10 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Exhibit

Making a World of Difference: Stories About Global Health Traveling Exhibit 8 am-5 pm UNM Health Sciences Library & Informatics Center North Campus, Building 234, 2400 Marble NE

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

Festival

Festival Flamenco Albuquerque 37 \$455 All Day Rodey Theatre 1 University of New Mexico

Games

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

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

Miscellaneous

Lighter-Than-Air Fun 2-4 pm Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum 9201 Balloon Museum Drive NE



Trans story **20,000 SPECIES OF BEES**  
Fri-Mon June 28-July 1 3:15, 5:45pm

Outrageous dark comedy **POUNDCAKE**  
Fri-Mon June 28-July 1 8:15pm

Live A/V variety show **HELL OR HOT WATER**  
Friday June 28 10:30pm

NM Entertains: **SATURDAY MORNING 'TOONS**  
Saturday June 29 11:30am

Women's rights: **NO ONE ASKED YOU**  
Saturday June 29 1:00pm

Sapphic vampire horror **MY ANIMAL**  
Saturday June 29 10:30pm

Indigenous shorts: **WE THE PEOPLES BEFORE**  
Sunday June 30 1:00pm

A24's one-of-a-kind **I SAW THE TV GLOW**  
Tue-Thu July 2-4 3:45, 8:30pm

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28th Annual Summer Thursday Jazz Nights Presents: Dogbone \$15-\$30 7:30-9:30 pm Outpost Performance Space 210 Yale Blvd. SE

Afro Beats X Reggaeton 9 pm-12 am JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

Anything That Moves Rock N Roll Circus ft. Threat Level Vampire & The Heart Club \$10-\$15 8-11:30 pm Insideout 622 Central Ave SW

Dusty Low 6-9 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Garden Music - Tracey Whitney \$3-\$15 7-8:30 pm ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden 2601 Central Ave NW

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

Karaoke with DJ Q 8-10 pm Luxe Lounge 303 Romero St NW N-117

Special Late Night Tablao Shows \$40 10:30 pm Casa Flamenca 401 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Turquoise Steel EP Release Party with Cam Kimbrough and Acta Non Verba \$15 6:30-10 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

## Performance

New Mexico Shakespeare Festival 6:45-10 pm New Mexico Veterans Memorial 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE #5009

Sesame Street Live! Say Hello \$25-\$72 6-7:30 pm Rio Rancho Events Center 3001 Civic Center Cir NE, Rio Rancho

## Sports

Albuquerque Isotopes vs. Salt Lake Bees \$14-\$28 6:30-9:30 pm Isotopes Park

## FRIDAY, JUNE 28

## Art Openings

Opening Reception for New Mural: Poeh Ah Ka Wohatsey: The Emergence Teachings of Resilience 5-7 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

## Comedy

Dry Heat Presents \$15 9:30-11 pm Dry Heat Comedy Club 100 Gold Ave SW Suite 112

Dusty Slay \$25-\$30 7-9 pm Quezada's Comedy Club at Santa Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Road, Santa Ana Pueblo

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

## Dance

A Capella \$20-\$35 5:30-7 pm q-Staff Theatre 400 Broadway Blvd SE

Acapella - Balie y Voz Happy Hour Flamenco Show \$35-\$60 5:30-7 pm q-Staff Theatre 400 Broadway Blvd SE

Cellicion Traditional Dance Group (Zuni Pueblo) 2-3 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Festival Flamenco Albuquerque 37: Fiesta Flamenca Friday \$65-\$125 8-10 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Friday Night Square Dancing \$8-\$9 7-9 pm Albuquerque Square Dance Center 4915 Hawkins St NE

Pena Flamenca Burquena 6:30-9:30 pm KiMo Theatre 423 Central Avenue NW

## Festival

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## Film

Movies in the Park: Barbie 7-10 pm Jerry Cline Park 7001 Constitution Ave. NE

## Food

Salsa Under the Stars After Party \$5 9-11:55 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

## Games

Blazin' Beats Bingo 7-9 pm Sunday Service Motor Company 2701 4th Street NW

## Markets

La Familia Farmer's Market 5-8 pm Westside Community Center 1250 Isleta Blvd SW

## Miscellaneous

Free Summer Fun 6-10 am Explora 1701 Mountain Rd NW

## Music

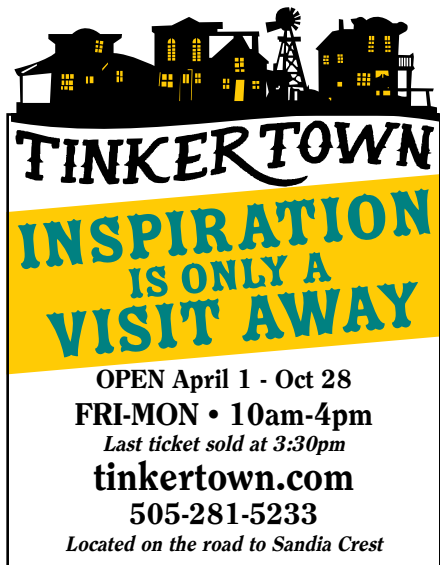
Brett Baker Memorial Show 7 pm-12 am Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

CS Rock Show 6-8:30 pm D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro 901 Rio Grande Blvd NW #B-100

Gin & Jazz: Hip Hop Edition 5-10 pm Tractor Brewing Wells Park 1800 Fourth St. NW

Hell or Hot Water: Hot Tub Western Film Fundraiser 10:30 pm Guild Cinema 3405 Central Ave NE

Kevin Kinane 6-9 pm Albuquerque Distilling 5001 Central Ave NE Suite A5



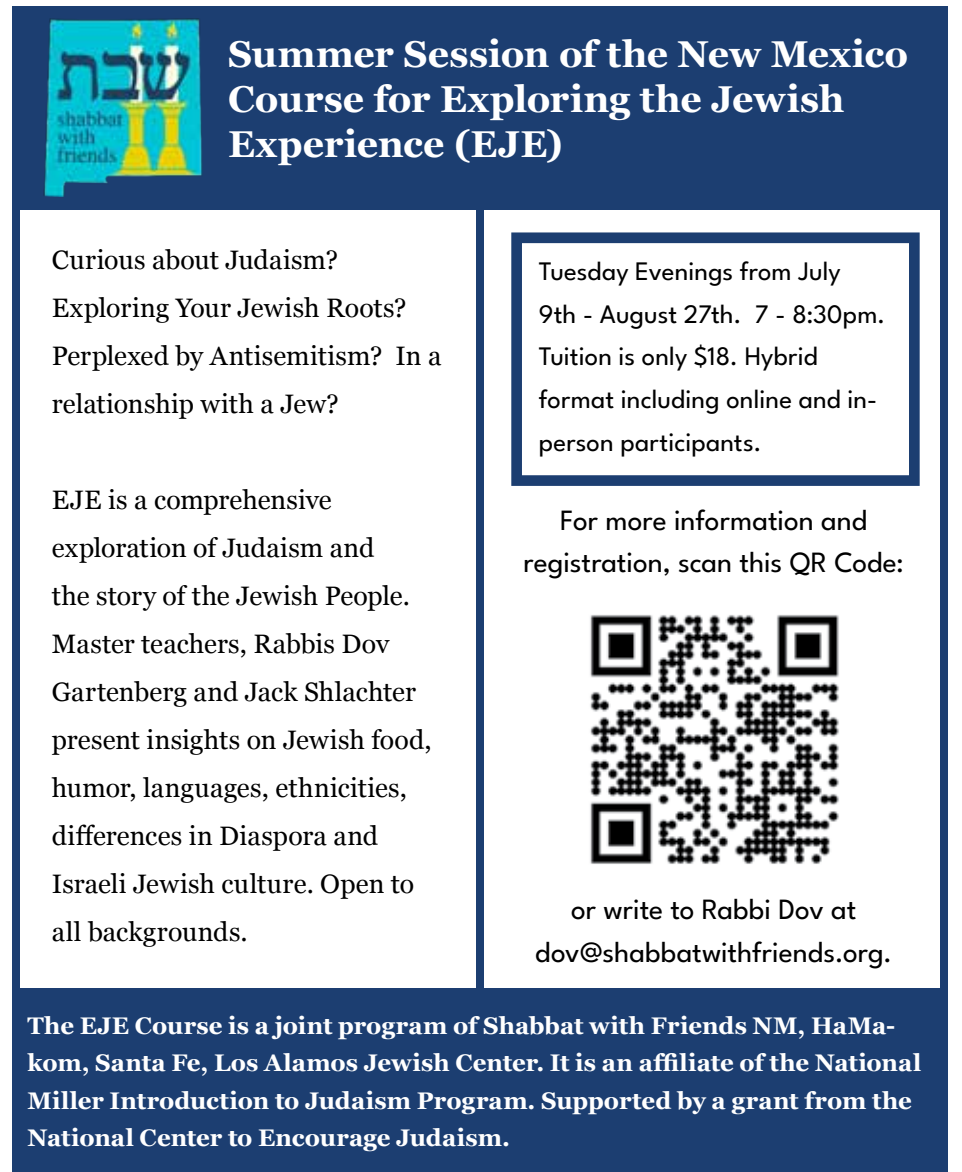
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Salsa Under the Stars ft. Calle 66 \$17-\$20 7-10 pm Albuquerque Museum 2000 Mountain Road NW

Soul & Rocksteady All Vinyl Night 8-11 pm Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118 Tulane SE

Summertime in Old Town - Chris Dracup: Funk of the West 7-9 pm Old Town Albuquerque 2005 N. Plaza St. NW Albuquerque

Tchami \$30 9 pm-1:30 am Revel Entertainment Center 4720 Alexander Blvd NE

The Babelshack Variety Show \$10 7 pm Echoes 313 Gold Ave SW

The Memphis P-Tails 9 pm-12 am Dragon Horn Tavern 2906 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE Ste. A

The Third Annual Slummy Cakes Summer Bash \$10 8-11 pm Sister 407 Central Ave. NW

Vibestrong "Lift Up" Tour \$10 8-11:30 pm Insideout 622 Central Ave SW

Jordan Jonas: A Night of Haunting Magick \$30 8-10 pm Painted Lady Bed & Brew 1100 Bellamah Ave. NW

New Mexico Shakespeare Festival 6:45-10 pm New Mexico Veterans Memorial 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE #5009

Rave-lesque Review Dance Party \$15 7-10 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

**Sports**

Albuquerque Isotopes vs. Salt Lake Bees \$14-\$28 6:30-9:30 pm Isotopes Park

Duke City Championship Wrestling: Summer Sizzle \$20-\$130 7-9 pm Historic El Rey Theatre 622 Central Ave SW

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

**Class / Workshop**

Red Magick with the Djinn \$13 7-8 pm Abitha's Metaphysical Shop 2231 Wyoming Blvd NE

**Comedy**

Dusty Slay \$25-\$30 7-9 pm Quezada's Comedy Club at Santa Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Road, Santa Ana Pueblo

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

**Community**

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

Summer at the Marketplace: a patio pop-up event 9 am-1 pm Poulin Marketplace 8600 Pan American Fwy NE

**Dance**

A Capella \$20-\$35 5:30-7 pm q-Staff Theatre 400 Broadway Blvd SE

Acapella - Balie y Voz Happy Hour Flamenco Show \$35-\$60 All Day q-Staff Theatre 400 Broadway Blvd SE

Casa Flamenca The Best Tablao Shows \$40 10:30-11:45 pm Casa Flamenca 401 Rio Grande Boulevard NW

Cellicion Traditional Dance Group (Zuni Pueblo) 2-3 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Cellicion Traditional Dance Group (Zuni Pueblo) 11 am-12 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Festival Flamenco Albuquerque 37: Fiesta Flamenca Saturday \$65-\$125 8-10 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

**Discussion / Lecture**

Cafe Close Encounters 2-4 pm Lala Coffee and Tea 6239 Montgomery Blvd NE

**Exhibit**

Poeh Ah Ka Wohatsey: The Emergence Teachings of Resilience 9 am-5 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

**Festival**


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Summer at the ATC Street Fair 9 am-1 pm Alvarado Transportation Center 100 First St. SW

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Pride Month Self-Care Saturday: Run Meet-Up and Yoga 8:30-9:30 am Academy Hills Park 9709 Layton Ave. NE

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Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:45 pm (includes dinner)



**Mandy Carter (North Carolina)**  
National Black Justice Coalition  
Southerners On New Ground

Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 am (includes lunch)

**Zack Quintero, National Hispanic Cultural Center**  
Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 (includes lunch)



**T. Michael Trimm, Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico**  
Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 and 2:30 (includes lunch)



**Marshall Martinez, Equality New Mexico**  
Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 (includes dinner)



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Amy M. Bennett Book Signing 1:30-3:30 pm  
Treasure House Books & Gifts 2012 S Plaza St NW A

Ethos Literacy Presents New Words, New Voices 2:30-4 pm  
FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Markets

Second Dot Biz Expo 10 am-2 pm  
UNM Continuing Education 1634 University Blvd

Miscellaneous

Geneology Workshop 10 am-12 pm  
National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Guided Historic House Tour 11 am-1 pm  
Gutierrez-Hubbell House 6029 Isleta Blvd SW

Paws and Stripes Birthday Celebration 1-5 pm  
Tractor Brewing Wells Park 1800 Fourth St. NW

Music

A Skylit Drive - Celebrating 15 Years of Adelphia \$20 8-11 pm  
Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

Adobe Disco ft. Hot Mood \$5 8 pm-1 am  
Sister 407 Central Ave. NW

Brian Marshall 6-8:30 pm  
D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro 901 Rio Grande Blvd NW #B-100

Brit Floyd: Pulse Tour \$48-\$193 8-11 pm  
Revel Entertainment Center 4720 Alexander Blvd NE

Candlelight: A Tribute to Beyonce \$33 9-10:30 pm  
The Clyde Hotel 330 Tijeras Avenue Northwest

Casey Mraz 7-9 pm  
Marble Brewery Westside 5740 Night Whisper Rd. NW

Cumbia Night with El Gozao \$15-\$40 8 pm-12 am  
JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

EQNX Jazztet 3-5 pm  
Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118 Tulane SE

Freedom Celebration 4-10 pm  
Isleta Amphitheater 5601 University Blvd SE (Formerly Hard Rock Casino Albuquerque Presents the Pavilion)

James Whiton 6-9 pm  
Albuquerque Distilling 5001 Central Ave NE Suite A5

Midsummer Dance Party w/ DJ Ren & DJ Moonside 8-11 pm  
Tractor Brewing Wells Park 1800 Fourth St. NW

Sneaker Ball '24 \$25-\$50 9 pm-1 am  
Oak & IVY 3109 Central Avenue Northeast

Sourpuss 6:30-9:30 pm  
Skidmore's Holiday Bowl 7515 Lomas Blvd NE

Special Late Night Tablao Shows \$40 10:30 pm  
Casa Flamenca 401 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Summer Music Saturdays: Ryan Painter 1-4 pm  
Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Summertime in Old Town - Reviva 7-9 pm  
Old Town Albuquerque 2005 N. Plaza St. NW Albuquerque

The Empire of Fire 2 ft. Honeybunches of Death \$10 7:30 pm-2 am  
The Jam Spot 415 Central Ave NE

Women's Voices: A Celebration of Jazz & Blues \$22-\$25 7-9 pm  
Albuquerque Museum 2000 Mountain Road NW

Performance

New Mexico Shakespeare Festival 6:45-10 pm  
New Mexico Veterans Memorial 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE #5009

Sports

Albuquerque Isotopes vs. Salt Lake Bees \$14-\$28 6:30-9:30 pm  
Isotopes Park

Duke City Gladiators vs. Tucson Sugar Skulls \$18-\$53 6-8:30 pm  
Rio Rancho Events Center 3000 Civic Center Cir NE, Rio Rancho

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Class / Workshop

Yoga for Addiction Recovery 6:30-7:45 pm  
Yogasaar Studio 2205 Silver Ave. SE

Comedy

Eddie Tafoya Headlines \$15 8-10 pm  
Echoes 313 Gold Avenue Southwest

Hermanos de Leche \$53 8-10 pm  
Kiva Auditorium 2nd St & Marquette Northeast

Dance

Casa Flamenca The Best Tablao Shows \$40 8-9:45 pm  
Casa Flamenca 401 Rio Grande Boulevard NW

Cellicion Traditional Dance Group (Zuni Pueblo) 11 am-12 pm, 2-3 pm  
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Hey Kiddo with DJ Christina Swilley 7-10 pm  
El Rey Court 1862 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe

Games

Brain Gang Trivia 2-4 pm  
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Brain Gang Trivia 5-7 pm  
Lizard Tail Brewing Nob Hill 3417 Central Ave. NE Suite C

Markets

Moonstone Pop-up 2-6 pm  
Sister 407 Central Ave. NW

Rail Yard Market: Learning Day 10 am-2 pm  
Albuquerque Rail Yards 722 3rd St SW

Miscellaneous

International Asteroid Day 10 am-2 pm  
New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science 1801 Mountain Rd. NW

Luxury Wedding Show \$5-\$10 1:30-5:30 pm  
Sid Cutter Pilot's Pavilion 4900 Balloon Fiesta Pkwy NE

Teatro Burlesco 6th Anniversary Show \$15 6 pm  
JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 First St. NW

Music

Bagels & Jazz: Hillary Smith Trio \$20 10:30 am-12 pm  
Jewish Community Center of Greater Albuquerque 5520 Wyoming Boulevard NE

Cryptopsy \$17 7:30-11 pm  
Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

EQNX Jazztet 4-7 pm  
Nexus Blue Smokehouse 1511 Broadway Blvd. SE

Hillary Smith and Chillhouse 4-7 pm  
Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Salsa on Sunday at the Gazebo 6:30-9:30 pm  
Old Town Albuquerque 2005 N. Plaza St. NW Albuquerque

Slim Belly Blues Band 4-7 pm  
Rio Bravo Brewing Company 1912 Second St NW

Summertime in Old Town - Flambeaux 1-3 pm  
Old Town Albuquerque 2005 N. Plaza St. NW Albuquerque

Sunday Jazz Jam 5-7:30 pm  
Flatiron Bites & Brews 6001 San Mateo Blvd NE

The Prickly Pair with Marion Carrillo \$0-\$15 7-10 pm  
FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

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MONDAY, JULY 1

Class / Workshop

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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

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Santa Fe Brewing (Tin Can Alley) 6110 Alameda Blvd NE Suite #1

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Bow & Arrow Brewing Co. 608 McKnight Ave NW

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ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden 2601 Central Ave NW

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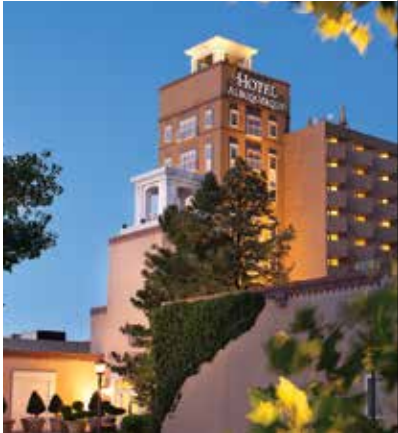
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# Trippin' in a Hole

*A day trip to Blue Hole is one way to beat the summer heat*

*Families swarm Blue Hole on a hot summer day. (Michael Hodock / The Paper.)*

**Editor's Note:** Shortly before publication time, Santa Rosa announced on June 20 that Blue Hole had closed until further notice due to a partial collapse of the west wall. The Park Lake and Santa Rosa Lake remain open. Check [santarosabluehole.com](http://santarosabluehole.com) for further updates.

**By Michael Hodock, The Paper.**

As temperatures across the state flirt with the triple-digits, and everyone's looking for a spot to let the kids run wild, or maybe act like a kid themselves, everyone's looking for a quick escape. One way to cool down, while also avoiding the chlorine-laden waters at the nearest public pool, is to head east to Blue Hole, just past Santa Rosa.

Blue Hole is one of the most popular spots for locals to chill and a convenient stop just off I-40 for tired travelers to rest and snap some pictures — or if they're feeling adventurous, jump into a gorgeous pool of azure-colored water. The tiny lake stays about 60 degrees nearly all year and was formed by underground water dissolving limestone and other rocks until it broke the surface, creating a cylindrical hole about 80 feet deep — a perfect spot to do some safe diving. The diving rocks are about 25 feet above the water, but there are some mellow jumps about the height of a low diving board at a public pool, so even little ones won't feel left out.

The lively atmosphere that welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to interact and chat about life is a bonus draw to Blue

Hole. Eager teenagers waiting for their turn to impress their friends might be a bit cruel as they chide kids (and adults) who are nervous to jump, but the crowd joins together in cheers to celebrate their inevitable bravery when they take the splash. If the locals who frequent the park accurately represent a cross section of residents, Santa Rosa welcomes outsiders, and they know how to have a good time.

Tourists line up and ask locals to snap a couple of photos by the charming, rustic-looking Blue Hole sign. The picnic area is lively on any given Saturday afternoon in the summer. Music blares from car stereos and portable speakers from every corner of the park, while families and friends share laughs and sip drinks anywhere they can find shade. Nearby food trucks serve up Mexican food and signature alcohol-free drinks to those without a prepacked cooler.

Blue Hole also offers some of the best scuba diving training in the region and divers can be found surfacing periodically as rock-jumpers of all skill levels perform aerial stunts above their heads. With a pair of goggles, swimmers can see all the way to the bottom of the lake through the near transparent water. The lake is deep, so inexperienced swimmers might want to bring a life jacket, but lifeguards and well-trained scuba instructors are always very close by, making Blue Hole a pretty safe place to cool off.

## More Than Blue

A short drive down the street from Blue Hole brings visitors to an inflatable water park featuring slides, an obstacle course and a floating climbing wall. Not to be confused with Santa Rosa Lake State Park, the four-by-three-mile Park Lake that holds the Santa Rosa Water Park may be a more suitable spot for younger kids, swimmers who might feel apprehensive about floating above an 80-foot-hole or adults who prefer to relax and let the kiddos tire themselves out. In

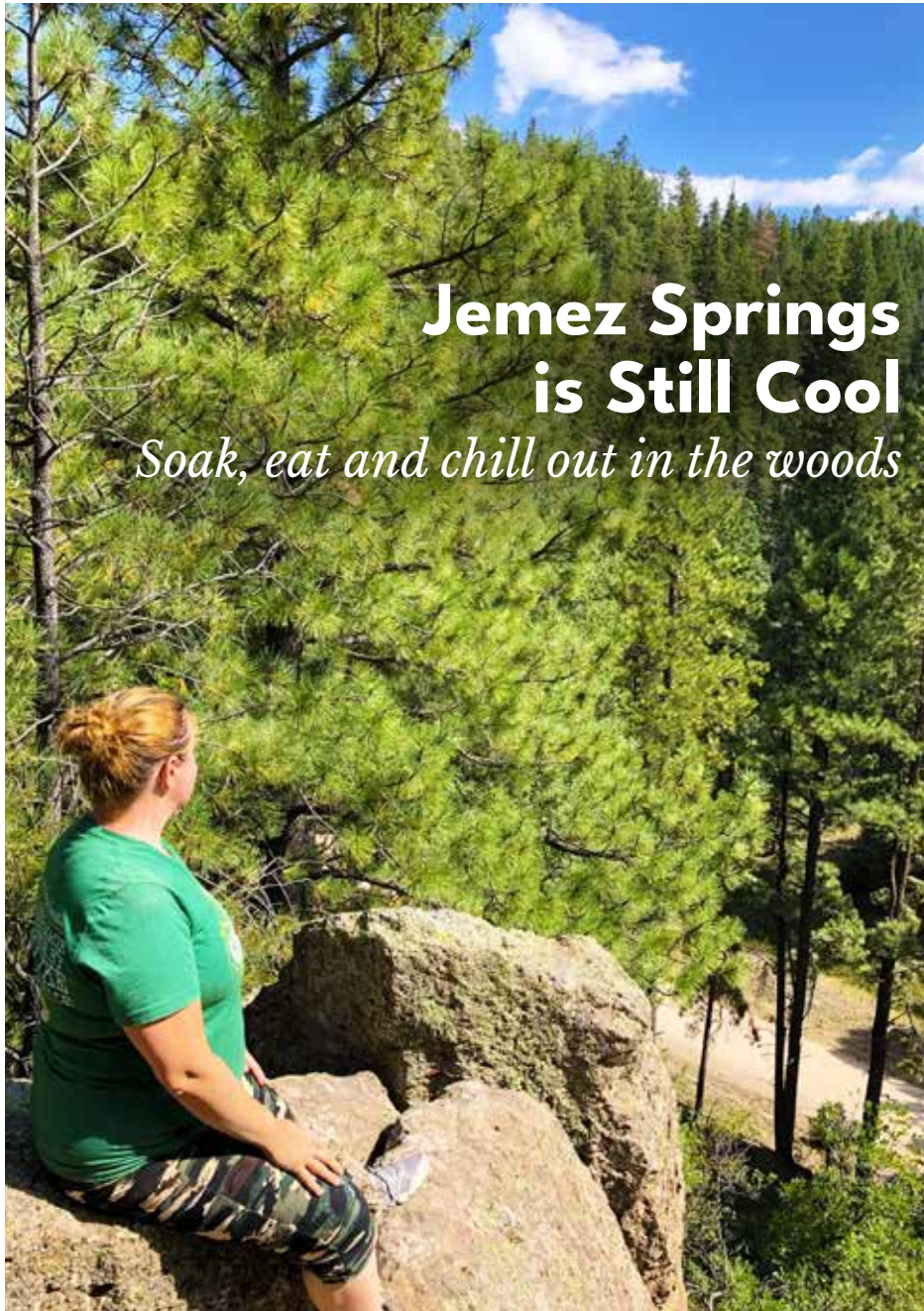
addition to offering boat rides and paddle board adventures, the park also has a bouncy house and monkey bars to keep the little ones occupied while parents get a break and veg-out on the shore.

After working up an appetite, travelers can grab dinner at one of the city's quaint restaurants including Chico's Tortas y Piñas Locas, which features authentic Mexican dishes such as carne asada and tamales worth driving across the desert for, and some of the best roasted red salsa in New Mexico.



*Park Lake (Michael Hodock / The Paper.)*





## Jemez Springs is Still Cool

*Soak, eat and chill out in the woods*

*Tierna Unruh-Enos looks over Jemez wilderness. (Amani Al Roussan / The Paper.)*

**By Tierna Unruh-Enos, The Paper.**

A day trip or a long weekend camping excursion has always been a favorite for my family. Yes, I know, Jemez is crowded, the traffic can be obnoxious, (hint: don't go on a holiday) and some may think it's overrated, but there's really not much else like it in New Mexico.

Here's why my family still loves the Jemez Mountains and Jemez Springs and why you should too.

### Jemez Pueblo (Walatowa)

Walatowa means "this is the place" in the Indigenous language of Tanoan, and it is. Driving into the Jemez Pueblo, the red cliffs and that amazing red dirt greeting you as you leave the tiny village of San Ysidro are unmatched. There are not a lot of stops other than a small convenience store to gas up or get a quick snack, but you can park next to the cliffs and enjoy a picnic lunch. It's

otherworldly, almost Mars-like. Red Rock Trails offers a 1.5-mile self-guided hike or, if you're with a large group, you can book a guided tour in advance. There's visible fencing and signage to keep folks from wandering off too far on their own. Keep in mind that Jemez Pueblo is Native land and visitors should be respectful, especially of those areas considered sacred by the tribe.

### Jemez Springs

The Village of Jemez Springs is adorable and worth the stop for lunch. There are only three places in town to grab a bite, the historic Los Ojos Restaurant and Saloon being the most well-known. Los Ojos, located on NM 4, is the place to catch live music and a beer on a Friday or Saturday night. The menu is a mix of New Mexican and traditional American fare. The taxidermied wildlife that adorn the walls are always a conversation starter.



*Jemez Springs Bath House offers soaks in private tubs. (Tierna Unruh-Enos / The Paper.)*

Our family's favorite joint for good food, vibes and drinks is Jemez Mountain Brewhouse. Located at 17691 NM 4, the brewery is relatively new to the village, having opened just two years ago by a few entrepreneurs in the village. All of the menu items (mostly pizza and calzones) can be made vegan or vegetarian and they serve New Mexican brews. The brewery is only open Friday through Sunday and only for dinner. Get there early for happy hour and enjoy the tunes of whichever jam band is playing that night.

Highway 4 Cafe and Bakery at 17502 NM 4 has a delectable selection of pastries and the walls are adorned with local art. If you're in town between Thursday and Sunday (the only days they're open), stop by for breakfast or lunch since the cafe closes at 3 p.m.

If you're not into hiking up the mountain and sharing a natural spring with a probably naked crowd, you can hit up the 100-year-old Jemez Springs

Bath House right in the middle of town. Soak in a private tub, get a massage and then head to the Jemez River which runs right behind the building. Soaks are reasonably priced and you get a free one on your birthday.

### Into the woods

Further north from the village and located right next to the road, you'll find the infamous Jemez Soda Dam. The 7,000-year-old dam is full of nooks and crannies and has a bit of a sulfur smell from minerals bubbling up from the stream. It's a great spot for kids to explore.

If you're in the Jemez Mountains to camp, move on past the often-crowded pay-to-stay camping spots and drive past Fenton Lake onto BLM land. It's worth the drive and if you go from May to July, the wildflowers make the drive worth every minute.



# Breaking Babel



The Babelshack Variety Show combines music and comedy (Source: Babelshack)

By Michael Hodock, The Paper.

The term “variety show” might evoke images of saccharin aesthetics. The genre is certainly ingrained in American pop culture. The *Ed Sullivan Show* paved the way for future late-night talk shows and opened the doors for iconic comedy ensemble programs such as *Saturday Night Live*. Some may picture the flowery backgrounds of 1970s shows and smiling, cheerful, colorfully dressed, bell-bottomed, family-friendly acts with a varied spectrum of talents that families watched after dinner for a healthy dose of wholesomeness.

*Star Search*, a 1990s show where amateur acts competed for a chance at a Hollywood contract, began to bring some edgier content to the variety show format. *In Living Color* pushed the envelope with satire that many considered offensive at the time. *America’s Got Talent*, which has become a worldwide franchise, brings a bit of shock value to the mainstream. But variety shows and dark subject matter rarely go together.

Babelshack, a Santa Fe-based band, is bringing a different flavor of variety show to Burque June 28 — pairing gritty music with edgy comedy.

Babelshack Variety Show’s co-creator — and frontman for the band Babelshack — Barnaby Hazen says the event is less of a variety show and more of an opportunity to unite other musical acts that wouldn’t usually share a bill.

“I’m using the term [variety show] loosely,” Hazen says. “I admit it was something of a marketing thing.”

Although the event doesn’t necessarily follow a classic variety show format, the musical acts are instrumentally diverse, as are the themes and topics explored in the acts’ lyrical content. Hazen says he started thinking about adding an extra element to the show while he was booking acts.

“I thought,” Hazen says, “‘Wouldn’t it be cool if we had a comic act to go along with it and MC [it]?’”

The show is hosted by AJ Matthews, a local comedian with dark takes on Albuquerque. Babelshack (the band) plays mostly grungy, post-punk tunes while also incorporating a number of other elements from various genres. Hazen, who says his band plays “hard-edged rock,” cites The Pixies as an influence.

Hazen says the band’s beginnings started in a dark place, both literally and figuratively.

“We were practicing under a

liquor store in Los Angeles,” he says. “It was [by] an alley, and there was a lot of activity in that alley, let’s just put it that way.”

Hazen says he wanted to use the concept of the Tower of Babel when he was coming up with the band’s name.

“When you’re building art, you’re building towards transcendence,” he says. “You want to evoke great beauty and, in this case, we’re doing it from somewhere very gritty.”

Contrasting themes are an important part of the band’s subject matter and lyrical content. Babelshack’s music is both pretty and ugly, sexy and grungy, sad and hopeful — often simultaneously. But its message is one of finding something meaningful from negative experiences.

Hazen cites works from Jean-Paul Sartre, Albert Camus, Franz Kafka, and especially Fyodor Dostoevsky as some of his influences and says he’s “gone on great benders into existential authors.” He warns potential audiences that some of his lyrics draw from negative moods and human emotions, difficult personal experiences and even triggering subjects like suicide.

While Hazen says he finds inspiration in the macabre parts of life, he’s trying to quit.

“I would like to get to a point where I’m challenging myself to write from a perspective of positive messages — overcoming the darker aspects of life,” Hazen says. “I think that’s a really beautiful thing to do. There have been times in my life when I’ve been able to produce that, but where I tend to go, for whatever reason, is towards darker themes.”

Fittingly, Matthews finds humor in some pretty unusual and sometimes unpleasant places. Hazen says he asked Matthews to serve as the event’s master of ceremonies to keep the night of entertainment on track and serve as a palate cleanser, cutting the heavy subject matter with laughter.

The Babelshack Variety Show also features local duo Ihsan and Albuquerque’s “always provocative” Thurst Trap.

“I think there’s just something different about each of these [bands]’ sounds and I’m really excited about it,” Hazen says.

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# Letter to the Editor: Ditch the Wheat

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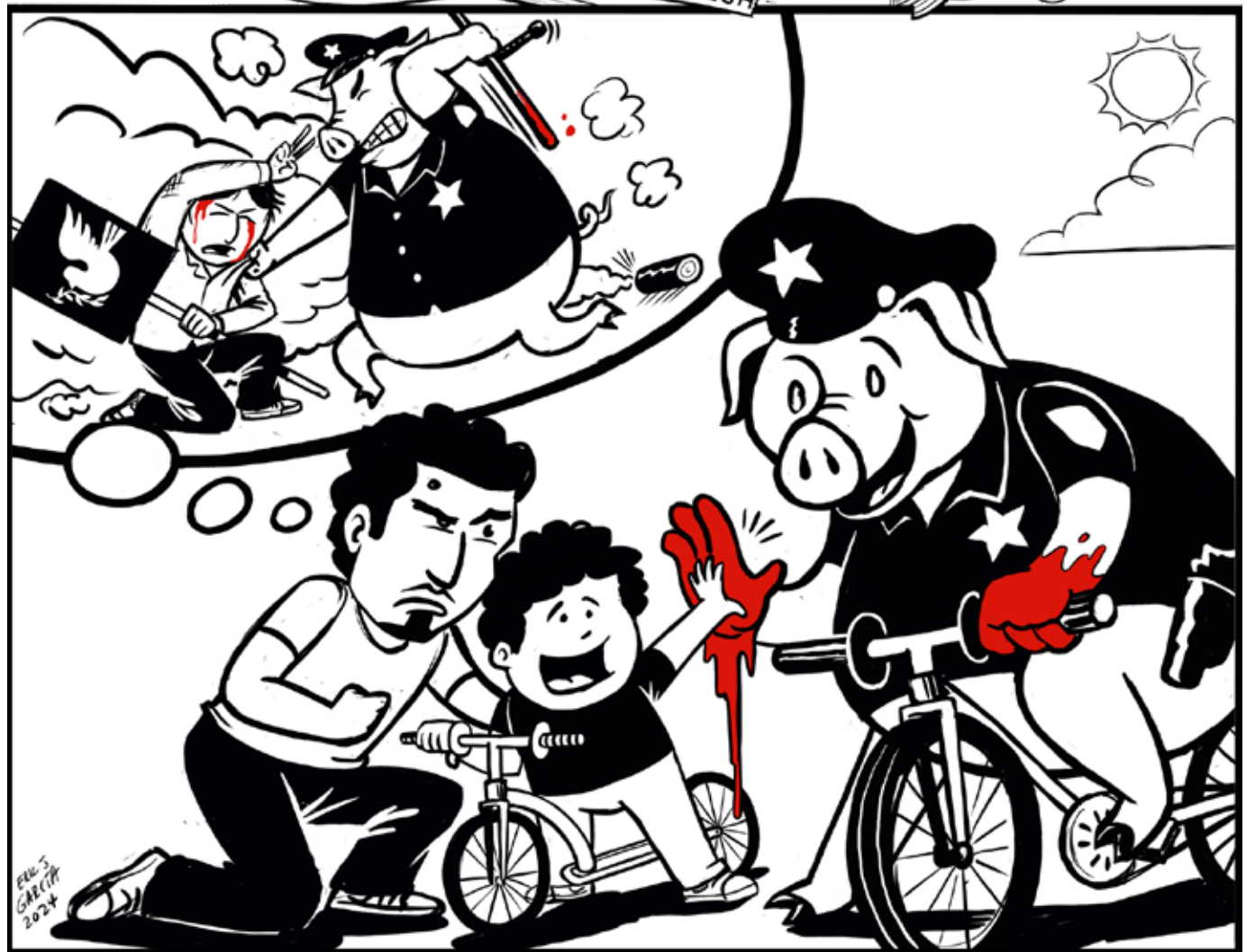
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-Don Schrader



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# FEMA Revamps New Mexico Operations

As Ruidoso area residents return to their homes — or what's left of their homes — we'll be watching FEMA.

For the past two years, since the disastrous Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon Fire, we've heard more about what FEMA hasn't done than what it has done.

This year the agency began changing its New Mexico operation. Jay Mitchell, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's new head of New Mexico operations, announced major changes. FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell stood next to the governor at a recent news conference, promising, "We will be by your side throughout this recovery."

We'd all like to believe that. It would mean that the agency listened to criticism and responded. Finally.

For months, fire victims, advocates and elected officials complained about Mitchell's predecessor, Angela Gladwell, director of the Hermit's Peak Calf Canyon Claims office. Gladwell became the face of dysfunctional government and failure to help people in desperate need after the fire in early 2022. The claims office

didn't write a check until April 2023 and by year end had expended just 7% of the \$4 billion allocated by Congress. In April 2024 the payout had inched up to 13%.

Maybe Gladwell was the wrong person for the job, but I have to wonder if she was in an impossible situation.

Last year I wrote that "the agency that's supposed to help victims with housing and reimbursement operates in slow motion, if it operates at all." In New Mexico and every other state since Hurricane Katrina, FEMA "has done almost nothing, hogtied by its own regulations and bureaucratic inertia."

From its creation in 1979 to 2003, FEMA was a small, agile, independent agency that responded quickly. After it became a division of the Department of Homeland Security, it became another bureaucratic cog. Decision making, spending and communications bogged down. Gladwell was a 25-year denizen of that culture when she came here in late 2022. I couldn't

find anything in her long and impressive resume to indicate she'd ever been on the ground for a real disaster.

When she stepped down in January, a FEMA news release gave the beleaguered director credit for building a compensation program "from the ground up" and hiring a team of New Mexicans. Because funding came directly from Congress through a bill, her office had to create a new compensation program, which suggests FEMA had no template for a basic function. Her office was

still trying to get program rules approved even as fire victims were pleading for help.

With Gladwell's departure, FEMA began consolidating New Mexico recovery operations and gave Jay Mitchell, the new director of the Joint Recovery Office, a new mission "to lead the on-the-ground long-term recovery efforts" as well as claims. Gladwell has been kicked upstairs.

Mitchell, who once led the state Department of Homeland Security, is a former Air Force

colonel and global security consultant, but his most important credential may be that he's a fifth-generation New Mexican. We need someone who understands us, say critics; don't send us another FEMA bureaucrat.

In a recent op ed, Mitchell wrote: "I am committed to speeding up the recovery process from this horrific fire. As an experienced emergency management professional, I know recovery never happens fast enough, and that same sad fact is true of the recovery from this disaster. The process needs to go faster..."

"I understand the frustration and anger people affected by the fire carry about their loss and slow recovery. Bureaucracy is the last thing people want to deal with after losing homes and livelihoods, and the process can, at times, seem complex and daunting."

Mitchell is off to a fast start but with the Ruidoso fires, his responsibilities just doubled. If the agency empowers him to do what he needs to do, he could turn "FEMA bureaucrat" into a respectable term.

## All She Wrote



Sherry Robinson

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## Ask the Experts: Upgrading Your Swamp Cooler to Cool A/C For Hotter Summers

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It is the time of year when many Albuquerque homeowners begin the arduous task of opening up their swamp cooler and wondering if this is the year they should finally convert to A/C.

To learn what the process really looks like, and how new financing options help homeowners manage, we asked Chad Redford, CEO at Kidzz Mechanical, an Albuquerque-based HVAC firm with more than 200 5-Star reviews on Google about today's conversion process.

**Chad, a lot of homes around Albuquerque were built with swamp coolers, but those don't seem to work as well as they used to. Why is that?**

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ability to change the temperature or air by 6-7°.

This change in climate has encouraged many people to convert to refrigerated air so that they have the ability to stay comfortable during the hottest days of the year.

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# Congressman Stands Up For Weed

*DHS challenged on checkpoint seizures*



(Source: Rep. Gabe Vasquez's Team)

By Josh Lee, The Paper.

A New Mexico congressman has proposed blocking Border Patrol from using federal money to conduct seizures of legal cannabis from state-licensed operators.

Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM) filed the amendment to the fiscal year 2025 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill, which provides funding to the agency. It will have to go before the House Rules Committee before it can receive floor consideration.

The amendment reads: “None of the funds made available by this act may be used to seize cannabis or products containing cannabis that are possessed, sold, or transferred by a cannabis distributor, licensed by a state, or a business in a state where cannabis has been legalized for recreational or medicinal use.”

It’s similar to a Department of Justice (DOJ) spending bill rider that has been renewed every year since fiscal year 2015 and protects state-licensed medical cannabis companies and legal patients from federal prosecution.

“The federal government must focus their border enforcement resources on dangerous activities, such as

fentanyl smuggling, which kills hundreds of thousands of Americans each year,” Vasquez tells *The Paper*. “Nearly half of U.S. states have legalized cannabis, the DOJ is removing it from Schedule I, and yet DHS is continuing to target legal New Mexican small business owners. My amendment requires the federal government to respect New Mexico’s state law and stop this unacceptable targeting of small businesses.”

The amendment was presumably made in response to Border Patrol seizures in which agents seized hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of products from state-licensed cannabis operators as they passed through internal border checkpoints.

The Border Patrol, which answers to the DHS’s Customs and Border Protection (CBP), has authority up to 100 miles inside the nation’s borders. With that authority, the agency has set up a number of interior checkpoints to stop traffic on all major routes heading north from the state’s southern border, a move that the New Mexico ACLU called “cruel and pointless.”

These checkpoints supposedly serve the purpose of halting the flow of illegal immigrants and stamping down human trafficking. The DHS

also claims that one of its main concerns is stopping fentanyl from crossing the border into the U.S. However, a 2022 report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that about 75% of drug seizures from U.S. citizens at checkpoints involved only weed. About half of all the seizures involved personal use amounts of the drug. Amazingly, 91% of all drug busts involved only U.S. citizens.

Industry insiders previously told *The Paper* that operators used to be allowed to pass through the checkpoints unmolested as long as they showed their manifests and proved that they were licensed by the state. But something changed earlier this year.

New Mexico Cannabis Control Division Director Todd Stevens told *The Paper* that he spoke to regulators in other border states that have legalized weed only to find that they haven’t been experiencing similar problems, meaning Border Patrol authorities in New Mexico might be targeting weed businesses on purpose.

This may be unsurprising to some. The GAO published another 2022 report that found Border Patrol had not established clear roles and responsibilities for its

headquarters management office and that staffers weren’t always knowledgeable about the agency’s policies. It also found that Border Patrol headquarters “does not have complete information about where and how checkpoints operate or about their activities.”

Nevertheless, the agency says its policy is to enforce federal laws, and it will continue seizing cannabis at the checkpoints, whether it’s state-legal or not. That means any state-licensed cannabis business located south of Hatch is trapped there unless they are willing to risk having their products seized and destroyed by federal agents.

In April, a coalition of cannabis business leaders called on Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and the state’s congressional delegation to step up and help stop Border Patrol from seizing their goods.

But talks over amending the agency’s policies between Lujan Grisham and Border Patrol appear to have been fruitless. In April, a phone call between the governor and an unidentified Biden administration official was leaked, revealing that the governor was frustrated with the agency’s response. During the call, Lujan Grisham said she was “cranky” with U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas and that the Border Patrol’s policy needed to be changed, “or I have to send you a letter saying you’re persecuting a state.”

The Governor’s Office confirmed that the call had taken place and that Mayorkas told Lujan Grisham that the policies had not changed.

As for the state’s congressional delegation, most have publicly come out against the seizures, but Vasquez’s proposed amendment marks the first visible effort by a representative to push for a legislative answer to the issue.

“The amendment proposed by Rep. Vasquez is a big step in the right direction to change the overreaching Border Patrol policies,” says Matt Kennicott, CEO and co-founder of cannabis industry association The Plug. “He’s also stepped up and met with DHS staff.”

Kennicott says the battle is still not over, though.

“While this is a positive development, we will keep fighting for change until cannabis is accepted by the feds,” Kennicott 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!

## DeSantis Vetoes Intoxicating Hemp Ban

By Josh Lee, The Paper.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) last week vetoed a bill that would have banned hemp-based intoxicants.

The bill, which was passed in March, would have banned hemp-derived intoxicants like Delta-8, Delta-9 and Delta-10. Leaders in the state's hemp industry have said the bill would have crippled businesses and outlawed the majority of legally-produced hemp products.

"While Senate Bill 1698's goals are commendable, the bill would, in fact, impose debilitating regulatory burdens on small businesses and almost certainly fail to achieve its purposes," wrote DeSantis in a letter to Florida Secretary of State Cord Byrd, explaining his decision.

DeSantis argued that a previous law prohibited anyone under the age of 21 from purchasing intoxicating hemp products and banned the sale of products that are "mislabeled or attractive to children."

Staffers in DeSantis' office have reportedly said the veto was made to garner funds and support from the hemp industry in his campaign against the proposed legalization of marijuana.

### Hemp Companies Sue Iowa Over THC Limits

Two Iowa beverage manufacturers are suing the state over a new law that limits



(Source: Gage Skidmore at Wikimedia Commons)

THC in hemp products.

Climbing Kites and Field Day Brewing Co. recently filed the suit, claiming that the state's interpretation of a bill that was passed earlier this year contradicts the law.

In 2020, Iowa's governor signed a bill that limited THC levels in hemp products to less than 0.3%. This year, the Legislature passed a bill that limits the amount of THC in a hemp consumable to three-tenths of 1% on a dry-weight basis, or equal to or less than 4 milligrams per serving and 10 milligrams per container.

According to *Iowa Capital Dispatch*, the state's Department

of Health and Human Services recently released guidance for hemp manufacturers, informing them that it is defining a "serving" as 12 ounces.

The suit claims this contradicts the 10 milligrams per container rule and would make approximately 80% of their current inventory illegal, despite the products containing less than three-tenths of 1% THC.

The companies are aiming to stop the state from enforcing the new limits and claiming that a THC limit of four milligrams per serving violates the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution by attempting to usurp the federal Food and Drug Administration's authority.

### Maryland Makes Historic Pardon

Last week, the governor of Maryland pardoned more than 175,000 convictions for marijuana crimes.

According to a news release from Gov. Wes Moore's (D) office, the governor signed an executive order pardoning 175,000 Maryland convictions for misdemeanor possession of cannabis and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Sincerely,

Without Prejudice  
Authorized Representative, Attorney-in-Fact,

Autro: Sanders, Secured Party Creditor  
on behalf of AUTRO SANDERS©, ENS LEGIS

Legal Notice

Date: 06/18/24

Notice of Fault and Opportunity to Cure and Contest Acceptance

To:  
Navy Federal Credit Union  
PO Box 3000  
Merrifield, VA 22119-3000

Respondent

Dear, Navy Federal Credit Union

On June 18th, 2024 the undersigned Secured Party presented Legal Tender to you an International Bill of Exchange/Money Order #0029359 True Bill Accepted For Value.

You failed to perform after receiving these presentments from Autro Sanders, and you failed to perform by providing the requested and necessary PROOFS OF CLAIM after receiving the said International Bill of Exchange/Money Order #7117372164 in the amount of \$11,674 and True Bill Accepted For Value.

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I, ezequiel gutierrez, have reached the age of eighteen years and I am of sound mind. I am a living breathing man created by God. I declare that I am a private ameri-can controlling the franchise and corporate person named EZEQUIEL GUTIERREZ. The estate of EZEQUIEL GUTI-ERREZ is managed via private trust named EG REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST established the 23rd day of March 2024. This is notice of claim is for all derivatives, proceeds, security interest, titles and full accounting - including public and private ledgers for the EZEQUIEL GUTIERREZ ESTATE. Custodians, Reversioners and Debtors have 60 days from the third publication of this notice to return all security interests, proceeds and titles to the EG REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the 19th day of June 2024.

/s/ By: Gutierrez, Ezequiel, Executor

Legal Notice

Date: 06/18/24

Notice of Fault and Opportunity to Cure and Contest Acceptance

To:  
Best Buy Credit Services  
P.O. Box 790441  
St Louis, Missouri 63179

Respondent

Dear Best Buy Credit Services

On June 18th, 2024 the undersigned Secured Party presented Legal Tender to you an International Bill of Exchange/Money Order #011613871 True Bill Accepted For Value.

You failed to perform after receiving these presentments from Autro Sanders, and you failed to perform by providing the requested and necessary PROOFS OF CLAIM after receiving the said International Bill of Exchange/Money Order #7117372164 in the amount of \$29,498 and True Bill Accepted For Value.

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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

Week of June 26

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** This may sound weird, but I think now is a perfect time to acquire a fresh problem. Not just any old boring problem, of course. Rather, I'm hoping you will carefully ponder what kind of dilemma would be most educational for you—which riddle might challenge you to grow in ways you need to. Here's another reason you should be proactive about hunting down a juicy challenge: Doing so will ensure that you won't attract mediocre, meaningless problems.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Now is an excellent time to start learning a new language or to increase your proficiency in your native tongue. Or both. It's also a favorable phase to enrich your communication skills and acquire resources that will help you do that. Would you like to enhance your ability to cultivate friendships and influence people? Are you interested in becoming more persuasive, articulate, and expressive? If so, Taurus, attend to these self-improvement tasks with graceful intensity. Life will conspire benevolently on your behalf if you do. (PS: I'm not implying you're weak in any of these departments; just that now is a favorable time to boost your capacities.)

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Barbara Sher and Barbara Smith wrote the book *I Could Do Anything If I Only Knew What It Was: How to Discover What You Really Want and How to Get It*. I invite you to think and feel deeply about this theme during the coming months. In my experience with Geminis, you are often so versatile and multi-faceted that it can be challenging to focus on just one or two of your various callings. And that may confuse your ability to know what you want more than anything else. But here's the good news. You may soon enjoy a grace period when you feel really good about devoting yourself to one goal more than any other.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You are entering a phase when you will be wise to question fixed patterns and shed age-old habits. The more excited you get about re-evaluating everything you know and believe, the more likely it is that exciting new possibilities will open up for you. If you are staunchly committed to resolving longstanding confusions and instigating fresh approaches, you will launch an epic chapter of your life story. Wow! That sounds dramatic. But it's quite factual. Here's the kicker: You're now in prime position to get vivid glimpses of specific successes you can accomplish between now and your birthday in 2025.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** How many different ways can you think of to ripen your spiritual wisdom? I suggest you choose two and pursue them with gleeful vigor in the coming weeks. You are primed to come into contact with streams of divine revelations that can change your life for the better. All the conditions are favorable for you to encounter teachings that will ennoble your soul and hone your highest ideals. Don't underestimate your power to get the precise enlightenment you need.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Border collies are dogs with a herding instinct. Their urges to usher, steer, and manage are strong. They will not only round up sheep and cattle, but also pigs, chickens, and ostriches—and even try to herd cats. In my estimation, Virgo, border collies are your spirit creatures these days. You have a special inclination and talent to be a good shepherd. So use your aptitude with flair. Provide extra navigational help for people and animals who would benefit from your nurturing guidance. And remember to do the same for your own wayward impulses!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** We have arrived at the midpoint of 2024. It's check-in time. Do you recall the promises you made to yourself last January? Are you about halfway into the frontier you vowed to explore? What inspirational measures could you instigate to renew your energy and motivation for the two most important goals in your life? What would

you identify as the main obstacle to your blissful success, and how could you diminish it? If you'd like to refresh your memory of the long-term predictions I made for your destiny in 2024, go here: [tinyurl.com/Libra2024](https://tinyurl.com/Libra2024). For 2023's big-picture prophecies, go here: [tinyurl.com/2023Libra](https://tinyurl.com/2023Libra).

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Scorpio-born Gary Hug was educated as a machinist and food scientist, but for many years he has worked primarily as an amateur astronomer. Using a seven-foot telescope he built in the backyard of his home, he has discovered a comet and 300 asteroids, including two that may come hazardously close to Earth. Extolling the joys of being an amateur, he says he enjoys "a sense of freedom that you don't have when you're a professional." In the coming weeks, Scorpio, I encourage you to explore and experiment with the joys of tasks done out of joy rather than duty. Identify the work and play that feel liberating and indulge in them lavishly.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your power spots will be places that no one has visited or looked into for a while. Sexy secrets and missing information will be revealed to you as you nose around in situations where you supposedly should not investigate. The light at the end of the tunnel is likely to appear well before you imagined it would. Your lucky number is 8, your lucky color is black, and your lucky emotion is the surprise of discovery. My advice: Call on your memory to serve you in amazing ways; use it as a superpower.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Happy Unbirthday, Capricorn! It's time to celebrate the season halfway between your last birthday and your next. I hope you will give yourself a fun gift every day for at least the next seven days. Fourteen days would be even better. See if you can coax friends and allies to also shower you with amusing blessings. Tell them your astrologer said that would be a very good idea. Now here's an unbirthday favor from me: I promise that between now and January 2025, you will create healing changes in your relationship with your job and with work in general.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** While sleeping, my Aquarian friend Janelle dreamed that she and her family lived in a cabin in the woods. When dusk was falling, a strange animal put its face against the main window. Was it a bear? A mountain lion? Her family freaked out and hid in a back bedroom. But Janelle stayed to investigate. Looking closely, she saw the creature was a deer. She opened up the window and spoke to it, saying, "What can I do for you?" The deer, who was a talking deer, said, "I want to give you and your family a gift. See this necklace I'm wearing? It has a magic ruby that will heal a health problem for everyone who touches it." Janelle managed to remove the necklace, whereupon the deer wandered away and she woke up from the dream. During subsequent weeks, welcome changes occurred in her waking life. She and three of her family members lost physical ailments that had been bothering them. I think this dream is a true fairy tale for you in the coming weeks, Aquarius.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A psychologist friend tells me that if we have an intense craving for sugar, it may be a sign that deeper emotional needs are going unmet. I see merit in her theory. But here's a caveat. What if we are currently not in position to get our deeper emotional needs met? What if there is at least temporarily some barrier to achieving that lovely goal? Would it be wrong to seek a partial quenching of our soul cravings by communing with fudge brownies, peach pie, and crème brûlée? I don't think it would be wrong. On the contrary. It might be an effective way to tide ourselves over until more profound gratification is available. But now here's the good news, Pisces: I suspect more profound gratification will be available sooner than you imagine.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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30 Like a mumu dress	64					65					66			
33 Equestrian event	67					68					69			
35 Answer to "Where are you?"														

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39 "Mob Wives" star Graziano

41 Saharalike

42 Layers of rock

44 Irksome

46 Mock rock band in a 1984 film

48 \_\_\_\_ out a win

49 Fall mo.

51 Do away with

52 Agenda entry

54 Absurd comedy

56 Some are raw

61 Gym staple

63 Set aside

64 Word after break or get
- 65 Spur (on)

66 Geometry calculation

67 New Jersey five

68 Pushing up daisies

69 Come across as
- DOWN

1 Still asleep

2 Where to find a hero

3 Roasting platform

4 Brown fur

5 Fodder storage

6 Pork \_\_\_\_

7 Thrill-seeker's cord
- 8 HS subject

9 Those guys

10 Cooking device

11 Overact

12 Pick up

14 Headache cause

19 "Two Women" Oscar winner

21 Indian royal

25 Drive off

27 Track figures

28 Guitar ridge

29 R. L. Stine book series

31 Kind of colony or code

32 Horse-drawn carriage
- 34 Jacket fastener

36 Gretzky's milieu

37 Advantage

40 Deserving

43 Played out

45 La Scala works

47 Think much of

49 Over and over

50 Slice the turkey

53 "Pollyanna" actress Hayley

55 Pantry items

57 Pond growth

58 Tissue additive

59 Run easily

60 Rose part

62 Really bad coffee

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Solution to Crossword:





# “PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY RELIEF!”

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."

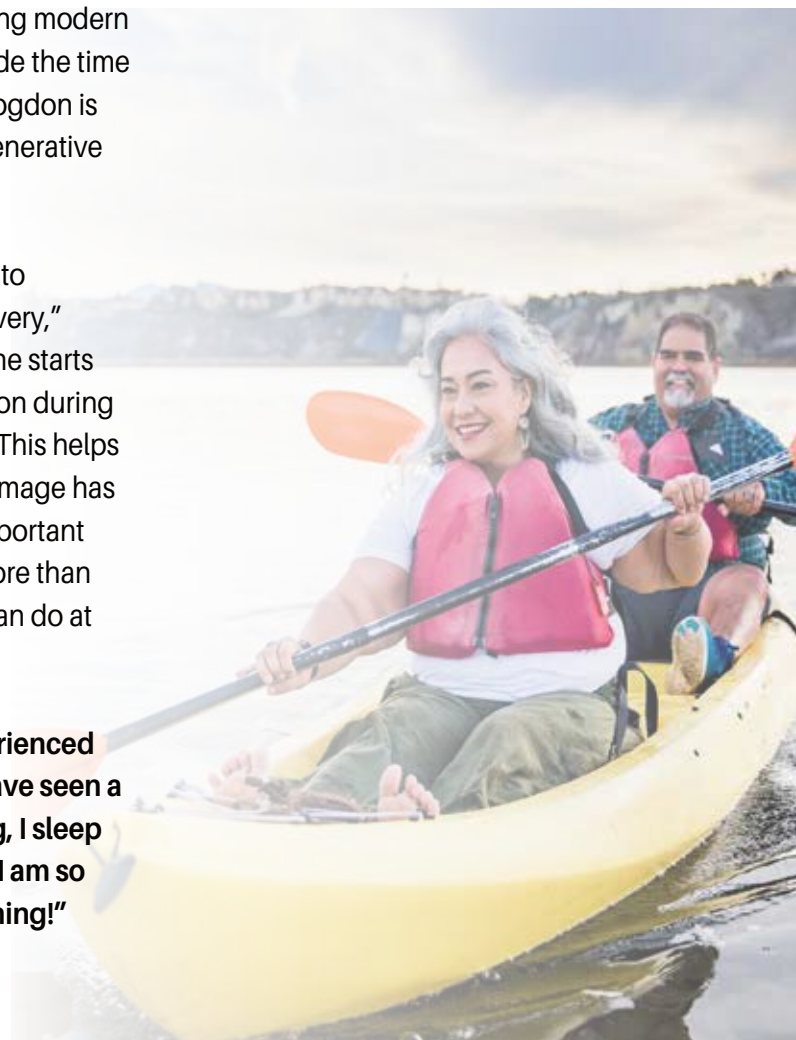
Dr. Andrea Brogdon has helped thousands of patients get their life back after being diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy and living with the debilitating effects of the disease. How does she get such amazing results? "Acupuncture has been used for centuries to improve circulation but the real magic happens 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.

Call (505) 355-1984 today to schedule an initial consultation or visit [AAIM-ABQ.com](http://AAIM-ABQ.com) to read more incredible success stories.



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