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ABQ Council President Calls for a Vote of No Confidence for Keller



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By Elizabeth McCall, City Desk ABQ

Within the last week contention has escalated between Albuquerque City Council President Dan Lewis and Mayor Tim Keller's administration after Lewis accused the mayor of playing politics over former President Donald Trump's campaign visits. Now he is calling on other councilors to join him in publicly condemning Keller over his response to two ballot questions voters approved last week.

The two questions were proposed amendments to the city's charter. One amendment allows the council to terminate a police or fire chief without cause on a 7-2 vote. The other creates a process for filling vacancies on a three-member committee that resolves disputes between the mayor and the council.

After the amendments passed, Keller said in a news release election night that the administration "heard concerns that the language on the ballot was too vague" and the amendments may have to be "reviewed by the courts."

Lewis said in a news release that it is unclear why the administration "did not raise concerns about the ballot language sooner, given the ample time and process available." Lewis emphasized that Keller originally said the proposal to change the way chiefs are fired "gives reasonable checks to both the mayor and the council."

The Bernalillo County clerk and the city clerk collaborated on the ballot language which was also approved by the secretary of state, according to the release. Lewis said Keller "misled the public and dishonored his office" and the council "should move a vote of no confidence."

Lewis told *City Desk ABQ* that he suggested a vote of no confidence because Keller is "misleading the public's trust."

Staci Drangmeister, a spokesperson for Keller's office, said a vote of no confidence "wouldn't do

anything." Drangmeister said the administration sent out the news release because it received countless questions about the ballot measures and the mayor "was never involved in any discussions about the ballot language and that process."

"Mayor Keller was helping folks during a storm that left thousands without power while Dan Lewis was overreacting and whining about the mayor," Drangmeister said. "More meaningless grandstanding from the bitter council president. Our constituents want us to fight for them, not with each other."

It's unclear how many councilors might side with Lewis, but two councilors who spoke with *City Desk ABQ* offered two different views.

Councilor Louie Sanchez said the mayor had the chance to review the ballot measures before they went to voters and the council "went through the full process from start to finish and that's what the charter called for."

On the other hand, Councilor Tammy Fiebelkorn said she had constituents tell her they were confused about the ballot questions.

"They were vague, they were confusing," Fiebelkorn said. "But it's not surprising because these are part of the eight charter amendments that were proposed, that were fast tracked, that were voted on very quickly."

Fiebelkorn said a vote of no confidence "wouldn't be something I would be supportive of."

The back and forth jabs over the ballot questions are the latest in a week's worth of contention between Lewis and Keller.

When Trump stopped in Albuquerque on Oct. 31, he spoke at CSI Aviation, near the Albuquerque International Sunport, after officials with the Albuquerque Convention Center denied the campaign's request to use the facility, citing maintenance issues. Lewis claimed that explanation was an excuse for Keller to attempt to stop the rally.

The campaign visit was also marked with a reminder from Keller's administration that the city still holds an unpaid invoice for hundreds of thousands of dollars from Trump's visit in 2019. During a recent council meeting, Lewis argued with the administration about consistency when it comes to charging for other campaign events.

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Quick hits on this week's news bits

Marble Brewery finally announced that it has a potential buyer.

There are still lots of questions such as: Who is the new buyer and will people finally start respecting the three-beer limit?



Albuquerque City Council President Dan Lewis is calling on his fellow councilors to publicly admonish Mayor Tim Keller after the mayor criticized wording of a ballot question.

We move for an official arm wrestling contest to finally settle their beef.

Donald Trump's pick for "border czar" said he would significantly increase deportations.

Time to dust off those kid cages.

University of New Mexico students evacuated a lecture hall after an electric skateboard caught on fire.

Some of us old timers only dreamed of rail grinds so sick that the deck would burst into flames.



The old Hiway House Motel in Nob Hill was torn down to make way for a new development.

Good. Now we won't have to think about crappy living conditions when we go out for cocktails.

Albuquerque students got the harsh reminder last week that "asynchronous learning days" have replaced old-fashioned snow days.

Meanwhile, parents across the city had to look up the definition of asynchronous.

Sandia Casino announced its upcoming sports book.

For those unfamiliar with sports books, it's where gamblers go to bet on...well sports. It's also where college funds go to die.

ABQ BioPark officials said a Malaysian tiger was just one of the resident animals that enjoyed playing in the snow last week.

Mmmm...seems like the bar for enjoyment might be kind of low for wild animals in enclosures.





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By Peter St. Cyr, New Mexico In Depth

Four special political committees managed by party leaders in the New Mexico Senate and House chambers have raked in more than \$3 million to help candidates in their own parties, making them among the largest fundraising engines in the state. These “legislative caucus committees” are rolling in campaign cash donated by a variety of donors, including big businesses, powerful PACs, influential lobbyists and individuals, loyal candidates and often legislative leaders’ own bulging campaign war chests.

Why special? These leadership committees can raise five times the contribution limit of \$5,500 that candidates are allowed to raise from one donor during each of the primary and the general election cycles.

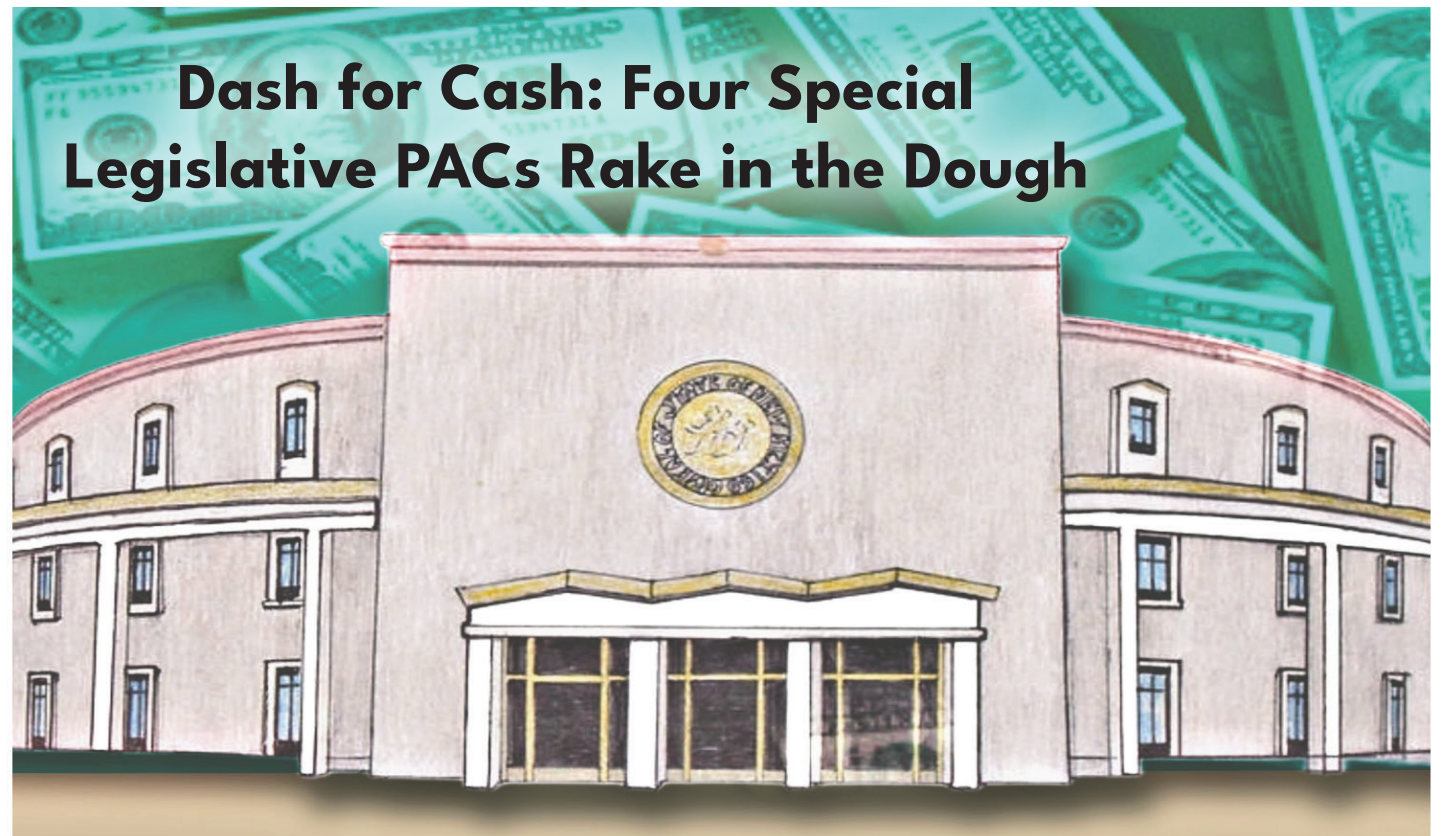
This is the second in a series looking at the 2024 election by the numbers.

Raking in Big Bucks

Campaign finance reports filed in early October with the New Mexico Secretary of State show total contributions to the four legislative committees were slightly more than \$3.3 million. The Democratic committees outraised their Republican counterparts significantly, reflecting the firm grip the Democratic party has on the Legislature.

The committees were established five years ago in an amendment to the state’s Campaign Reporting Act (CRA). This year, the total amount each committee can raise from a contributor is \$55,000 – \$27,500 for the primary and another \$27,500 for the general election. These contribution limits have helped to make them among the 20 largest political action committees, measured by money raised. The 2019 amendment also set the same higher cap on contributions for political parties.

Some of the money raised by the legislative caucus committees



(Illustration by Peter St. Cyr)

comes in part from Senate and House leaders who’ve amassed large campaign accounts of their own. Another special provision enjoyed by legislative caucus and party committees is that candidates may donate unlimited amounts to them from their own campaign funds.

Republican state Rep. T. Ryan Lane, who resigned while serving as minority floor leader at the conclusion of the legislative session in March, contributed more than \$200,000 to the New Mexico House Republican Campaign Committee, which is the GOP’s legislative caucus committee in the House of Representatives. House Minority Floor Leader Rep. Rod Montoya gave \$27,000 and his Republican colleagues Rep. Jared Hembree and Rep. Cathryn Brown chipped in \$25,000 each. On the Senate side, eight Republican lawmakers contributed between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to Pac 22, the Senate Republican caucus committee.

On the other side of the aisle, Democratic House Speaker Javier Martinez contributed \$157,583 to the Speaker Fund, the House Democrats caucus committee. In the Senate, Democratic Senate President Pro Tem Mimi Stewart contributed \$20,000, Majority Leader Peter Wirth contributed \$37,500 and Majority Whip Michael Padilla contributed \$30,000 to their caucus committee, and several lawmakers who chair legislative committees also made large donations.

Legislative Caucus Committee Donors

By donating to the caucus committees, leaders ensure more of their funds go to embattled candidates through unlimited in-kind contributions these committees are allowed to make to candidates. The end goal is to expand their caucus, and their own power, so they can pass their agendas during the legislative session.

While candidates must abide by cash caps allowing them to raise just \$5,500 per donor during each election cycle, they reap the benefits from changes in the 2019 law that allow these four committees and political parties to give the candidates unlimited non-monetary contributions during the general election. Those donations — known as in-kind support — help pay for some pricey services: research, polling, canvassing for votes, the list goes on.

The Speakers Fund has showered \$718,429 on candidates in in-kind support so far. Senate Democrats have given in-kind support valued at \$255,623. And House Republicans have provided \$237,749. While many in-kind contributions are \$5,500 or less, they can be much larger in hotly contested races.

The committees have spent additional hundreds of thousands on services that benefit candidates. Records reflect large payments to campaign consultants. For instance, the New Mexico House Republican Campaign

Committee has paid Rival Strategy Group, a campaign management firm, \$283,476.91 thru Oct. 7, while The Speaker’s Fund has paid Advanced Legislative Leadership Services (ALLS), a Democratic Party consultant, \$728,991.50 during the same time period. Both firms offer similar services to candidates and other political committees. (ALLS’ total earnings from the caucus committees as well as candidates themselves have topped \$1 million while Rival Strategy Group has earned a total of \$885,000 when candidates are added to the mix).

And some candidates have gotten cash as well.

The New Mexico Senate Democrats gave 12 candidates \$5,500 each. The Speaker gave two candidates cash under \$2,500.

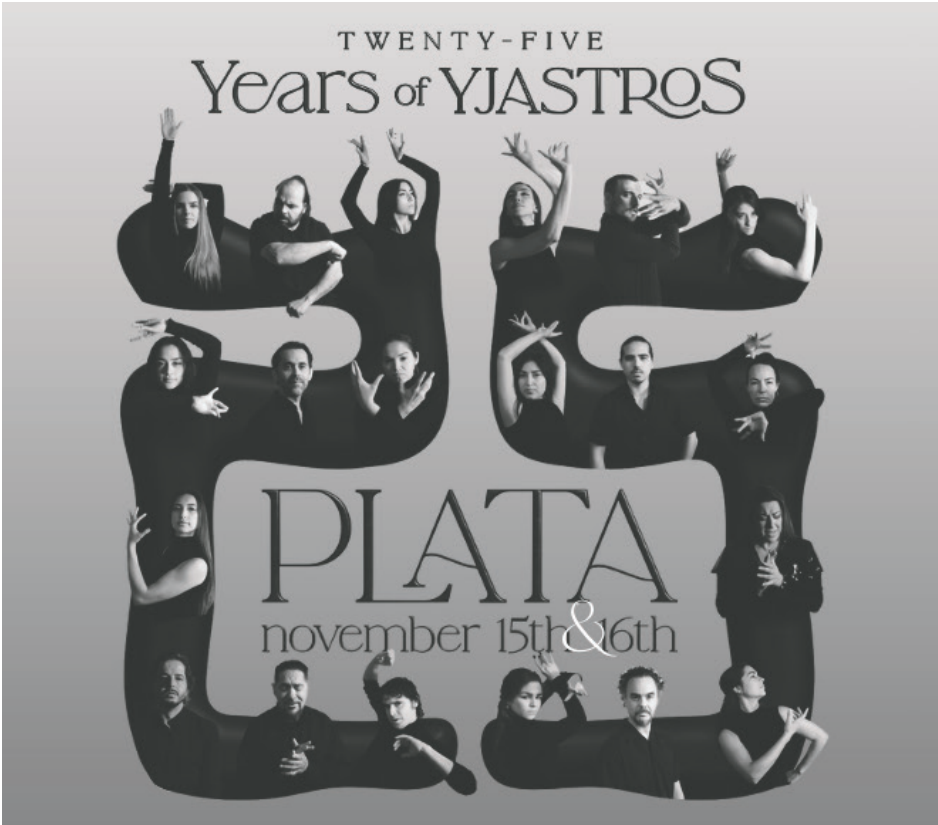
PAC 22, the name used by Senate Republican leaders, contributed \$11,000 to three general election candidates and \$1,000 to another. The rest of PAC 22 donations were given to candidates who lost in the primary and to two retiring senators, Mark Moores, and Sen. Cliff Pirtle.

House Republicans contributed \$41,500 to eight candidates in contested races.

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PLATA: 25 Years of Yjastros

The National Institute of Flamenco's American Flamenco Repertory Company, known as Yjastros, has put together a brand new, full-length work celebrating their quarter century of thrilling audiences. **PLATA: 25 Years of Yjastros** features choreography by Artistic Director Joaquin Encinias and performances by visiting guest artist and dancer Ricarco Moro (Madrid), Yjastros' own Carlos Menchaca and a wealth of past international collaborators, including Carmen Coy (Murcia), Jesus Perona (Malaga) and Florence Oz (Sevilla/ Santiago de Chile). Musical guests include singer Maria del Mar Fernandez and guitarist Angel Ruiz (Cordoba). The event takes place **Friday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m.** and **Saturday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m.** Tickets run between **\$59 and \$99** for adults. All the foot tapping and hand clapping goes down at the **National Hispanic Cultural Center's Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts (1701 Fourth St. SW)**. To reserve tickets go to my.nmculture.org/overview/41748.

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Dia de los Muertos Fine Art Show
10:00am - 6:00pm Gregory
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Sandoval Street, Santa Fe

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Comedy

Russell Peters \$45-\$55 7-8:30 pm
Quezada's Comedy Club at Santa
Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon Dam
Road, Santa Ana Pueblo

Russell Peters \$45-\$55 9:30-11
pm Quezada's Comedy Club at
Santa Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon
Dam Road, Santa Ana Pueblo

Discussion / Lecture

Lecture by Norman Meyer on
"Demystifying and Measuring
the Rule of Law Worldwide"
\$0-\$20 4 pm Special Collections
Library 423 Central Ave NE

Exhibit

Jennifer Nehrbass • Pioneer
Project Thursday-Saturday 11am-
4pm Richard Levy Gallery 514
Central Ave SW

Poeh Ah Ka Wohatsey: The
Emergence Teachings of
Resilience 9 am-5 pm Indian
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Karaoke w/ Swords Entertainment 7:30-11:30 pm Lizard Tail Brewing 9800 Montgomery Blvd NE STE 7	Film Basement Films Archive Deep Dive 6 pm ASUNM Southwest Film Center The University of New Mexico Student Union Building	MTS Showcase Series: Glitz and Glamour of the Golden Age \$15 7-9 pm Musical Theatre Southwest 6320B Domingo NE	Food 2nd Annual Fiery Feast Red Chile Cook-Off \$25 1-3 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road NE
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NW

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8-10 pm Route 66 Casino 14500
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Kirkwood \$20-\$40 7-9 pm
FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Comedy

Sunday Night Comedy: Brandon
Combs 7-9 pm The Nob Hill
Stage 3619 Copper Avenue NE

Community

Sunday Meditation sittings: Open
to all 10 am-12 pm Albuquerque
Shambhala Meditation Center
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Dance

Oak Canyon Dance Group
(Jemez) 12-1 pm Indian Pueblo
Cultural Center 2401 12th St. NW

Film

Pajama Champagne Brunch &
A Movie - Legend \$10-\$30 11:30
am The Historic Lobo Theater
- Lounge & Event Venue 3013
Central Ave NE

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The Magic of Theodore: A
Centennial Celebration \$17-
\$35 2-4 pm JCC of Greater
Albuquerque 5520 Wyoming
Blvd NE

Music

Airl Worship Now Tour 7 pm Rio
Rancho Events Center 3001 Civic
Center Cir NE, Rio Rancho

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Circled by Sharks \$10 7:30-10:30
am JUNO brewery + cafe + art
1501 1st Street Northwest

Cytotoxin \$15 7-11 pm
Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

Kristina Jacobsen 6-8 pm
Bookworks 4022 Rio Grande
Blvd NW

Restorative Gong Bath \$25 9-10
am Studio Sway 1100 San Mateo
Blvd NE STE. #32, ABQ

Music - Classical

Espressivo! Piano Quartet \$40
3-5:30 pm St Johns United
Methodist Church 2626 Arizona NE

Performance

FUSION Theatre Company
Presents The Children by Lucy
Kirkwood \$20-\$40 3-5 pm
FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Reading

Dharma Book Group: The
Art of Happiness 12:30-2 pm
Albuquerque Shambhala
Meditation Center 1102
Mountain Rd. NW

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Filling Pockets

The Albuquerque Little Theater is
trying out a novel idea: paying performers



By Michael Hodock, The Paper.

Community-produced performance art is a true labor of love, especially when the artists bringing their shows to the stage don’t get paid. Starting this month, Albuquerque Little Theatre is looking to change the game with their new Pocket Theatre initiative which will pay artists a stipend for their work and the theater is offering every bit of available space to do it. Later this week, the Little Theater will host its inaugural Pocket Theatre performance: the four-person, one-hour play *Exit, Pursued by a Bear*.

The theater’s new executive director Rob Armstrong Martin said one of his goals is diversifying what the theater has to offer, showcasing various small acts and local performers. With Pocket Theatre he plans to take it one step further by paying each performer a baseline of \$25 on top of a cut of box office proceeds, which will be evenly divided among all performers in each show.

“We’re really excited to get into the business of smaller productions designed for boot-strapping startup artists,” Armstrong Martin says. “This is a town that expects all artists to work for free, and we want to change that by being a different example.”

Christy Burbank, the theater’s marketing director, says *Exit* — a dark comedy about

a woman leaving her abusive husband — is the first of many performances where artists are encouraged to make creative use of any space, from the green room to the parking lot or even the stairs in the lobby.

“We’ve turned our rehearsal room into a makeshift performance space, and not in some sloppy kind of way,” Burbank says. “We’ve painted the ceiling black, we’ve added red curtains all around the room that are going to be permanent so we can do this on a regular basis.”

Burbank says the theater also plans to start offering concessions during performances. *Exit* will have a gas station-style nacho bar — a guilty pleasure complete with pickled jalapenos and cheese by the bucket full.

“We’re toying around with immersive theater, trying some new things and seeing what sticks, seeing what resonates with audiences, and growing from it,” Burbank says.

Pocket Theater Presents: *Exit, Pursued by a Bear*

Nov. 15 - 16, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 17, 2:00 p.m.

Albuquerque Little Theatre

224 San Pascual Ave. SW

\$20

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Family Tradition

Padilla's restaurant owner says goodbye to her father, the man who started it all



Irene Leyba works the cash register during the lunch hour at Padilla's Mexican Kitchen. Her dad Bennie Padilla who opened the restaurant 40 years ago passed away in October. (Roberto E. Rosales / The Paper.)

By Michael Hodock, The Paper.

The dining room at Padilla's Mexican Kitchen in Albuquerque's Summit Park neighborhood was already in full swing by 11 a.m. on Election Day. A restaurant filled with diners an hour before noon is a feat in itself, but even more notable for a spot such

as Padilla's that's closed on the weekends and only open between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. during the week. The second their doors open, the restaurant fills up quickly and servers — some who have worked there for decades — start darting around, filling coffee cups and taking orders. Owner Irene

Leyba says their limited hours are a result of accommodating their loyal employees.

"In the beginning, we were open six days a week, and as time went on, we just felt that we needed another day off," she says. "Employees were always wanting time off on Saturdays. They wanted to go camping, fishing, baseball games, weddings."

On this particular Tuesday, as many people in the city — and country — were focused on elections, regular Padilla's patrons were offering their condolences. About a week earlier, Leyba's 91-year-old father Bennie Padilla died. She says even though Padilla passed the business along to Leyba and her sister years ago, Padilla could almost always be found in the restaurant connecting with customers.

"The customers used to like to come in and listen to all his stories. He liked the horse races," she says. "They would come in saying, 'Mr. Padilla, do you know who's going to win the Kentucky Derby?' or 'Who's going to win this race?' He was very social with all the customers, and they just liked to

hear all his stories that he had to tell about his younger days."

Padilla grew up in Barelitas before moving to the Los Griegos neighborhood where he lived until his death. He had strong ties to the Albuquerque community well before opening Padilla's, and gave to charity whenever he could. Leyba says her father was active in his church and gave frequently to organizations like the Red Cross and the Fraternal Order of Police. She remembers times when people would come into the restaurant asking for donations and he would send her right then and there to grab some cash to give to them.

Having cash on hand is just one of the byproducts of the old-school way Leyba's parents ran the business that she has continued. In the age of debit cards and digital currency, Padilla's still only takes cash and the bill comes from servers' notepad, in lieu of the now ubiquitous printed versions.

"My parents are just old school, and they always dealt in cash, they preferred to keep it that way," Leyba says.



Padilla's is only open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. — 7 p.m. (Roberto E. Rosales / The Paper.)



Irene Leyba, right, talks to a long-time customer during the lunch hour on Tuesday at Padilla's Mexican Kitchen. (Roberto E. Rosales / The Paper.)

Leyba says Padilla, who was married to his wife Mary for 73 years until her death in 2023, was a devout man of faith.

"He prayed constantly, especially in his older days," she says. "He had prayer books that he read every day and prayed the rosary, I don't know how many times a day. He and my mom both went to daily Mass."

Leyba describes her father as "a very strong, smart, generous man." She says Padilla had always been an entrepreneur, and got his start as "a young lad with paper routes."

"I think even into his 20s he still ran paper routes and then worked at a grocery store: Arrow Food Market," she says. "He and my grandfather opened a pool hall, so he's always been in business. They ran the Buckhorn Bar on Bridge and Eighth."

Padilla worked for Santa Fe Railroad and then as a lieutenant in the Albuquerque fire department for several years before opening a pool hall with his father. The two also managed the old Buckhorn Bar in the Barelás Neighborhood.

Padilla instilled a strong work ethic in his family and his employees through leading by example. Part of Padilla's success, Leyba says, comes from a tradition of hard work and compassion for employees, while serving up authentic food that hasn't changed much in 40 years, if not longer.

"My grandmother taught my mother to cook, and my

aunt, and they taught us. And so [the recipes] all came from our ancestors," she says.

Padilla's menu isn't long, but the chile packs a punch and every meal starts with complimentary chips and salsa and usually ends with a heaping pile of sopapillas — a New Mexico tradition that seems to be slowly being swapped for itemized receipts with charges for anything extra.

Leyba says she remembers spending holidays at home with her mom and her sister cooking Thanksgiving dinners or empanadas on Christmas.

"It was just the normal family traditions," she says. "It was all about hard work and family,"

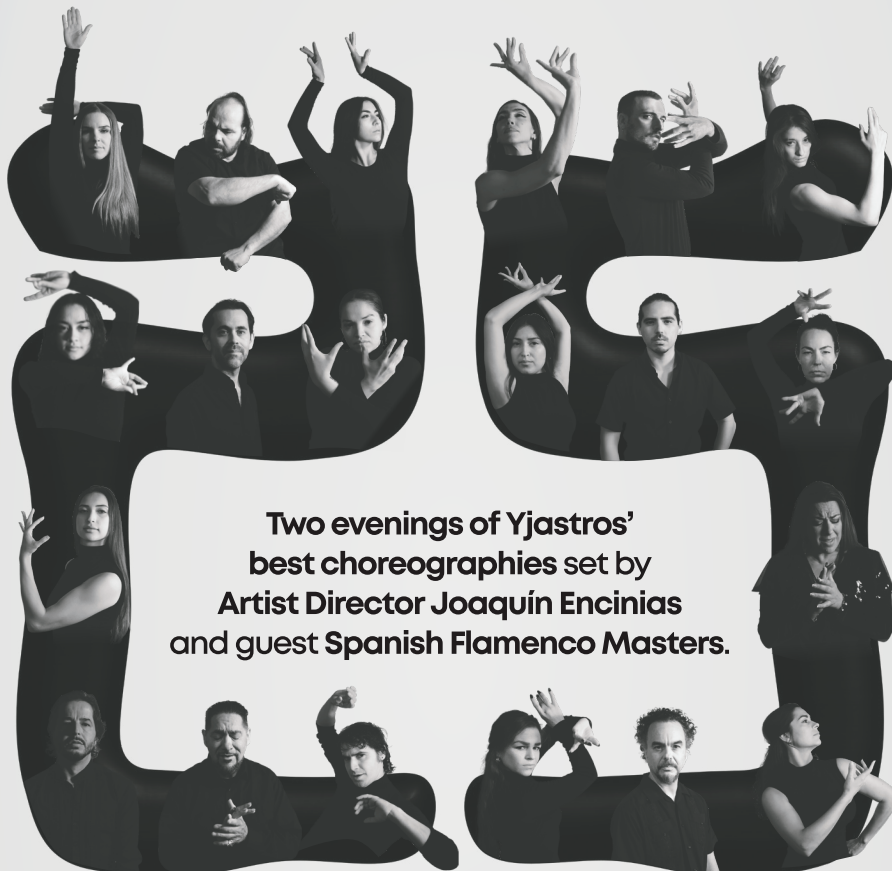
That old-school way of running a restaurant must be working. Diners can expect a wait for weeknights and Leyba says she's served a list of notable New Mexicans including Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and former Lt. Gov. Diane Denish.

In a text to *The Paper*, Denish says simply, "I have always, and still eat at Padilla's!"

Leyba says there's no plans for doing anything other than keeping the traditions of Padilla's going and the memories of her parents alive. Even after his passing, her father's passion for giving back to the community continues on. The last line of his obituary reads, "In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity."

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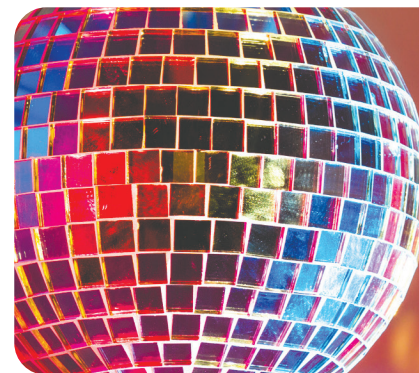
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Election Aftermath Demands Journalistic Reset

Two words, “according to,” may be the most important words in any news story you read.

Journalists are trained to seek out the best, most knowledgeable sources. As a business writer I had certain go-to people I could call who knew their stuff, had their fingers on good data and could give me an accurate, understandable response. They had earned my trust because of their background, experience and personal honesty. I earned their trust by reporting accurately what they said.

Accuracy is big. I remember a workshop for reporters in which the speaker practically shouted at us, “Get it right!” I still have her voice in my head. For decades I started interviews with, “Spell your name for me,” even if I was interviewing Jane Smith. Misspell your subject’s name and your credibility nosedives.

Accuracy’s sister is objectivity. Reporters have to set aside their

All She Wrote



Sherry Robinson

feelings and opinions and just report the news. I experienced this as almost a physical thing — stepping outside myself to ask questions, hear answers and try to understand all sides of a problem so I could report on it fairly. It’s not easy. You’ve probably seen reporting that wasn’t as objective as it should have been. But in my experience, reporters, with a few exceptions, tried hard to report fairly and accurately. In fact, objectivity is so ingrained in many journalists that it’s downright uncomfortable for them to write an opinion. It’s why I have trouble recruiting writers for this small opinion column service.

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During the nation’s colonial days, small, crude newspapers informed citizens about the Tea Tax Act and the American Revolution as it was unfolding. Reporting and journalistic ethics evolved as they covered government, wars, economic

downturns and politicians. Founding fathers recognized newspapers’ power to shine a light in dark places and protected them with the First Amendment. The Virginia Declaration of Rights called freedom of the press “one of the greatest bulwarks of liberty.”

That said, I’m not blind to the abuses and incompetence that drag down my industry, and now it’s also struggling to swim in the fast current of the internet.

Online you can find a mind boggling amount of useful information as well as a mind numbing amount of misinformation (information with unintended errors) and disinformation (information intended to deceive). That fire hose of facts, entertainment, beliefs, complaints, speculation and lies should make us all information consumers. Very little of it is qualified by an “according to.” We don’t know where much of it comes from, and so we have to choose carefully what to believe.

Years ago I participated in a conference whose organizers wanted to educate readers about the media. Many of the speakers were foreign journalists who

complained their governments were deliberately sowing lies to confuse citizens and undermine the work of the media. An uninformed citizenry is an easily led citizenry. That couldn’t happen here, we thought.

And yet, long before this election, we’ve been swamped with disinformation originating internally and from Russia, China and Iran whose goal is to keep us fighting amongst ourselves and keep us in disarray. The response has been to meet the gusher of disinformation with facts, but it’s an unfair fight. Disinformation requires no work, just an outlet. Debunk one piece of disinformation, and 20 more spring up.

In this election, one of the losers was conventional reporting. We can’t just blame attacks and slurs like “lamestream media” that undermined our credibility. The present wave of analysis includes disinformation, but it should also include journalism.

I still believe Americans need facts and objective reporting. I salute the journalists still fighting the good fight. But we too must do some navel gazing and a lot more explaining.

The Illogic of Asylum Seeker Detention

About once a month, several volunteers from Albuquerque and Santa Fe travel to one of New Mexico’s immigrant detention prisons.

Triple Spaced Again



Merilee Dannemann

They are from VIDA, Volunteers for Immigrants in Detention Albuquerque (abqvida.org). They go to provide comfort and solace for incarcerated asylum seekers who are mostly abandoned in a prison where conditions are miserable. They are not lawyers and don’t provide legal services.

The VIDA members are part of a coalition seeking to end immigrant detention in New Mexico. There will probably be a bill in the upcoming legislative session, similar to legislation previously introduced. In 2024 it was Senate Bill 145.

Two things are seriously wrong with immigrant detention centers.

First: The detainees are not criminals, have not committed a crime and are not held under criminal law. They are there under a civil detention that immigration authorities have the

legal power to impose, with no clear conclusion or termination. The detainees have no way of knowing when or under what conditions they will be released.

Second: The prisons are private for-profit prisons, so it’s almost a foregone conclusion that inmates will be kept in inhumane conditions to save money so the owners can profit. Observers have seen and reported on those conditions.

Three private prisons in New Mexico keep immigrant detainees: Cibola County Correctional Center (CCCC), Otero County Processing Center (OCPC), and Torrance County Detention Facility (TCDF). These facilities also contain other non-immigration inmates.

Statistics from June 2023 show 1,110 people held in ICE custody in New Mexico. Nationally, according to Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, there were 37,395 in ICE detention as of Sept. 8, and 60 percent of them had no criminal record.

I’ve been reading about these detention centers for several years. Recently I had the chance to ask someone knowledgeable why some immigrants seeking asylum are imprisoned while

others have the chance to enter the country while waiting for their asylum hearing.

The very disturbing answer I received is that there does not appear to be a logical reason. Asylum seekers in immigrant detention have done nothing substantially different from what other asylum seekers have done: that is, they followed the legal process in approaching agents at the border asking for asylum.

According to Sophia Genovese, managing attorney at the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, the number of immigrants held in detention is related to the availability of space to hold them, so if New Mexico were to stop permitting immigrant detention, there would be fewer immigrants nationally in this inhumane condition.

State law cannot directly outlaw federal immigrant detention. But the existing facilities have entered into intergovernmental service agreements with their local county governments. The proposed legislation would prohibit the county governments from entering into these agreements with respect to

civil immigration custody.

That would effectively prohibit these prisons from continuing to incarcerate asylum seekers, and, according to Genovese, if there are fewer spaces to house them, fewer of them will be detained. Probably more of them would be admitted temporarily into the US under what is called humanitarian parole authority while awaiting hearings.

This is a controversial approach. Reportedly, it has been tried in other states and appealed to federal courts, with different results in different jurisdictions. The legislative intervention succeeded in some places and failed in others. Perhaps the 2025 version will have technical changes that might overcome the objections.

The election is over and it’s time for Congress to act on passing a comprehensive immigration law. Regardless of what that is, and maybe it’s sending those individuals back to the countries they tried to escape from, it should not include the deep immorality of private prisons continuing to profit from the misery of the innocent incarcerated.

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Trump On Weed

*New administration
might bring changes*



Donald Trump in Albuquerque. (Roberto E. Rosales / City Desk ABQ)

By Josh Lee, The Paper.

Cannabis stocks dropped like bricks following the results of the recent presidential election. With Donald Trump on his way to the White House, weed industry stakeholders are waiting with bated breath to see how the new administration will affect law reform efforts.

Luckily for them, Trump has apparently flipped on the topic of weed and has publicly called for its decriminalization. Unfortunately, changing the legal status of marijuana is outside the scope of presidential power, and the real future of the industry will hinge greatly on who Trump accepts into his cabinet.

Here's what little we know about Trump's picks and how they might affect weed policy:

Vance on weed

Vice President-elect JD Vance arguably had the most archaic stance on weed legalization on the presidential ticket. The good news is that voters just saw the most weed-friendly presidential race in history, and Vance's views on marijuana amount to allowing states to continue to make their own marijuana policies.

With that in mind, he said he voted against legalization in his home state of Ohio, citing concerns about unpleasant odors.

He has also claimed that legalizing marijuana increases teen use and traffic accidents.

That being said, he has also nodded toward decriminalization, saying that marijuana possession should not be punishable with prison time.

Musk on weed

Although Tesla CEO and SpaceX founder Elon Musk will reportedly not be taking a place in Trump's cabinet (according to Trump, himself), the president-elect has confirmed that the billionaire will be tasked with cutting the "incredible fat" in the federal government. A great deal of Trump's victory speech centered around the topic of Musk, whom the future president called a "super genius."

It's beyond doubt that Musk has Trump's ear on a number of policies. So what's his history with weed?

It's tough to suss out. There's been some scrutiny of Musk's relationship with conservative group Faithful and Strong Policies, which recently donated \$500,000 to a group that campaigned against a cannabis legalization initiative in Florida that failed last week (an initiative on which Florida resident Trump said he would vote "yes").

While Musk has been mostly silent on marijuana legalization,

he famously smoked a blunt during a 2018 appearance on the Joe Rogan Experience that had a negative effect on Tesla stock and reportedly led to a year of random drug tests from the federal government in connection to SpaceX federal contracts.

But Musk has been very open about his support for the legalization of psychedelic treatments and has even publicly admitted to using ketamine to treat depression.

Musk also owns X, the only top-level social media company that allows cannabis advertising.

RFK Jr. on weed

Another person likely to take a spot on Trump's team will be former Robert F. Kennedy Jr. According to statements from Trump and Kennedy, the former environmental lawyer will likely be overseeing public health in the U.S. — a position that will could play a pivotal role in marijuana policy.

In 2023, when Kennedy was making his own bid for the Democratic presidential nominee, he said he wanted to fully legalize marijuana at the federal level and use the tax revenue to fund drug treatment and rehabilitation facilities. He also voiced support for giving licensed cannabis

businesses access to the same financial services that are available for all other businesses. He also said he wanted to legalize and tax certain psychedelics.

In June, during his campaign for president as an independent, Kennedy spoke to a group of law enforcement officials from around the country and told them that he wanted to fully decriminalize marijuana and reiterated his plan to use weed taxes to fund drug treatment centers.

Following his endorsement of Trump, Kennedy called out Vice President Kamala Harris for her record of locking up weed offenders during her time as a California prosecutor.

If Kennedy is given a position in Trump's administration that has him overseeing the department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), then it's likely cannabis reform will have an easier path than it has in the past.

Unknowns

The real indicator of how the Trump administration will treat marijuana will be his pick for attorney general. So far, there isn't a clear contender, but Trump's law and order rhetoric on the campaign trail does not bode well for the cannabis industry.

During the last go-round, Trump appointed Jeff Sessions to the position, and the weed industry was shaken to the core when he rescinded protections for state-approved marijuana businesses that were put in place by the Obama administration. Trump fired him before he could go through with whatever plans he may have had.

Former Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe, U.S. Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) and federal Judge Aileen Cannon have all been floated as possible picks for attorney general, but it's still just swirling rumors. And even with these names, foreseeing the reality of a cannabis industry under Trump is still a wash. Ratcliffe was a Republican Texas lawmaker, making him an unlikely weed ally. The same can be said for Cannon, who operates in Florida. Meanwhile, Lee has been a supporter of decriminalization since at least 2019.

And when it comes to the slow process of rescheduling marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act — a process that the Biden administration started rolling back in 2022 — there's no telling how Trump's cabinet appointments will affect the final outcome.



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

States (Mostly) Reject Reforms

By Josh Lee, The Paper.

Florida votes down legalization

Florida voters last week rejected Amendment 3, which would have legalized recreational marijuana in the state. The ballot initiative failed to pass by a small margin. It was only approved by about 56% of voters — four points shy of the required 60%.

Numerous polls had predicted more than enough support to pass the 60% threshold.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis vetoed a state ban on intoxicating hemp products in June.

Texas cities approve decriminalization

Three cities in Texas approved local measures to decriminalize cannabis possession: Bastrop, Dallas and Lockhart.

Voters in Bastrop and Dallas approved initiatives that will prohibit police from arresting or issuing citations for Class A or B misdemeanor marijuana possession charges. In Dallas, officers will no longer be able to cite the smell of marijuana as probable cause for any search or seizure.

The Lockhart initiative is less binding than in the other cities. Its stated purpose is to use

city resources more efficiently by halting all arrests or citations for Class A or B misdemeanor marijuana possession charges “unless and until a binding act of a state or federal court requires otherwise.”

Other cities in Texas that have already decriminalized cannabis include Austin, Denton, Elgin, Harker Heights, Killeen and San Marcos.

The state’s attorney general has sued a number of cities over their decriminalization initiatives, but those cases have been dismissed.

Massachusetts turns down psychedelics legalization

Massachusetts voters recently rejected a ballot initiative that would have allowed adults over 21 to possess, produce and distribute psychedelics such as psilocybin, ibogaine and DMT.

The initiative would have limited possession to one gram for DMT and psilocybin, 18 grams for mescaline and 30 grams for ibogaine. It would also have created a Natural Psychedelic

Substances Commission and advisory board to oversee the program.

Psychedelics sold at state-licensed facilities would have been taxed and local governments would have been allowed to regulate service centers but would have been prohibited from banning them outright.

Despite the ballot measure’s failure, Massachusetts has seen some local reforms. Eight cities have deprioritized enforcement against psychedelics.

Both dakotas reject weed

Voters in both North Dakota and South Dakota rejected ballot measures to legalize recreational marijuana.

South Dakota’s Measure 29 and North Dakota’s Initiated Measure 5 — both of which would have legalized marijuana — failed to pass last week. This was the third attempt in six years to pass a legalization ballot initiative in North Dakota.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be on the verge of the breakthrough I prophesied a while back. Remember? I said you would be searching for the solution to a boring problem, and on the way you would discover a more interesting and useful problem. That exact scenario is about to happen. I also predict that the coming weeks will be a time when you came an out-of-control aspect of your life and infuse more wildness into an overly tame part of you. I will speculate on one further stroke of good fortune: You will attract an influence that motivates you to be more passionately pragmatic about one of your key dreams.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's time for some friendly warnings that will, if heeded, enable you to avoid problematic developments. 1. An overhaul in your self-image is looming; your persona requires tinkering. 2. Old boundaries are shifting and in some places disappearing. Be brave and draw up new boundaries. 3. Familiar allies may be in a state of flux. Help them find their new centers of gravity. 4. Potential future allies will become actual allies if you are bold in engaging them. 5. Be allergic to easy answers and simplistic solutions. Insist on the wisdom of uncertainty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): To honor and celebrate your melancholy, I'm turning this horoscope over to Gemini author T. H. White and his superb formulation of the redemptive power of sadness. He wrote: "The best thing for being sad is to learn something. That is the only thing that never fails. You may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honor trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then—to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust, and never dream of regretting."

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A Massachusetts woman named Andrea Martin loves chickens so much she treats them as family. A few years ago, she took pity on one of her favorites, a young bird named Cecily, who had been born with a damaged tendon in one of her legs. Martin arranged to have the limb amputated. Then she made a prosthetic device on a 3-D printer and had it surgically grafted onto Cecily's body. Success! The \$2,500 cost was well worth it, she testified. I propose we make Andrea Martin one of your role models for the coming weeks. May she inspire you to take extra good care of and shower bonus blessings on everyone and everything you love. (PS: This will be really good for your own health.)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Once a year, the city of Seoul in South Korea stages a Space-Out Festival. Participants compete to do absolutely nothing for 90 minutes. They are not allowed to fall asleep, talk, or check their phones. To test how well they are banishing stress, burnout, and worries, their heart rates are monitored. The winner is the person who has the slowest and most stable pulse. If there were an event like this in your part of the world sometime soon, Leo, I'd urge you to join in. I expect the winner would be a member of your astrological tribe, as you Leos now have a high potential for revitalizing relaxation. Even if you don't compete in a Space-Out Festival, I hope you will fully cash in on this excellent chance to recharge your spiritual batteries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): My favorite Virgos love to learn. They are eager to add to their knowledge. They have a highly honed curiosity that is always percolating, continually drawing them towards new comprehension. On the other hand, some of my favorite Virgos are inefficient at shedding long-held ideas and

information that no longer serve them. As a result, their psyches may get plugged up, interfering with their absorption of fun new input. That's why I recommend that you Virgos engage in regular purges of your mental debris. Now would be an excellent time for one of these sessions. PS: The futurist Alvin Toffler said that a key to intelligence is the ability to learn, unlearn, and relearn. I invite you to act on that counsel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): I endorse Libran tennis star Serena Williams' approach to self-evaluation—especially for you right now. She testified, "I'm really exciting. I smile a lot, I win a lot, and I'm really sexy." I'm convinced you have the right to talk like that in the coming weeks—so convinced that I suggest you use it as a mantra and prayer. When you wake up each morning, say what Williams said. When you're asking life for a sweet breakthrough or big favor, remind life why it should give you what you want. Feel free to add other brags, too, like, "I'm a brilliant thinker, a persuasive negotiator, and a crafty communicator."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are entering a phase when you can acquire more mastery in the arts of self-care and self-sufficiency. I hope you will become more skillful in giving yourself everything that nurtures your emotional and physical health. Have you gathered all you need to know about that subject? Probably not. Most of us haven't. But the coming weeks will be a favorable time to make this your main research project. By the way, now is also an excellent time to kick your own ass and unbreak your own heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): My father was a big fan of the military. As a young man, he served as a lieutenant in the army and for a time considered making that job his career. I'm the opposite of him. I keenly avoided becoming a soldier and have always been passionately anti-war. I bring this subject to your attention because I think now is an excellent time for you to get clearer than ever about how you don't resemble your parents and don't want to be like them. Meditate on why your life is better and can get even better by not following their paths and ways. There's no need to do this with anger and blame. In fact, the healthiest approach is to be lucid, calm, and dispassionate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): At age 49, James Patterson retired from his job as an advertising writer. Until then, he had produced a few novels in his spare time. But once free of his 9 to 5 gig, he began churning out books at a rapid pace. Now, at age 77, he has published over 305 million copies of 200+ novels, including 67 that have been #1 New York Times bestsellers. Would you like to make an almost equally memorable transition, Capricorn? The coming weeks and months will be an excellent time to plan it and launch it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The Breakfast Club was an iconic 1985 film about teenagers coming of age. Critics liked it. At the box office, it earned 100 times more than it cost to make. Aquarian director John Hughes wrote the screenplay for the 97-minute movie in two days, on July 4 and 5 of 1982. I predict that many of you Aquarians will have a similar level of productivity in the coming weeks. You could create lasting improvements and useful goodies in short bursts of intense effort.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Ben & Jerry's is a wildly successful ice cream maker that sells it products all over the world. Its founders are two Pisceans who met in seventh grade. Over 45 years since they launched their business, they have become renowned for their wide variety of innovative flavors and their political activism. When they first decided to work together, though, their plans were to start a bagel business. They only abandoned that idea when they discovered how

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Picked up, in Britain

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Like some D.C. committees

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Sky safety org.

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Give authority to

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One with ambition

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Seed structure

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Back-to-school item

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Out of gas

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1994 Costner role

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In a frenzy

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Drop down?

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Not high

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Sommelier's stockroom

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Hill-building insect

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Skunk's defense

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Ball wear

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Treeless plain

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Gabriel, for one

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Birth place

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"C'est la ____!"

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Solution to Crossword:

"SHE SAVED MY LIFE"

Albuquerque resident Dawn R. had been experiencing the painful side effects of Peripheral Neuropathy. **"My feet and legs were extremely painful and my doctor told me there was nothing they could do. That I would have to take Gabapentin for the rest of my life."**

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

Peripheral Neuropathy is the pain, discomfort and numbness caused by nerve damage of the peripheral nervous system. Dawn explained that daily tasks like opening doors and using the bathroom were overwhelmingly painful. "How can you live for the next 30 years when you don't even want to get out of bed to do simple things?"

She was experiencing the burning, numbness, tingling and sharp pains that those suffering with neuropathy often describe. "The way that I would describe it, it's equivalent to walking on glass." Dawn hadn't worn socks in five years and was wearing shoes two sizes too big so that nothing would 'touch' her feet.

Unfortunately Dawn's story is all too familiar for over 3 million people in the U.S. suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy.

If you're unfortunate enough to be facing the same disheartening prognosis you're not sleeping at night because of the burning in your feet. You have difficulty walking, shopping or doing any activity for more than 30 minutes because of the pain. You're struggling with balance and living in fear that you might fall. Your doctor told you to 'just live with the pain' and you're taking medications that aren't working or have uncomfortable side effects.

Fortunately, four months ago Dawn read an article about Dr. Andrea Brogdon and the work she was doing to treat those suffering from

Peripheral Neuropathy, without invasive surgeries or medications.

Dr. Brogdon, founder of AAIM | Albuquerque Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine, is using the tested science of acupuncture and a technology originally developed by NASA that assists in increasing blood flow and expediting recovery and healing to treat this debilitating disease.

"Now when I go to bed at night I don't have those shooting pains. I don't have that burning sensation. I don't have pain coming up my legs," Dawn enthusiastically describes life after receiving Dr. Brogdon's treatments.

"I can wear socks and shoes!"

Dawn and her sister now operate a successful dog walking business, sometimes covering up to 5 miles a day.

"It's life altering. As far as I'm concerned Dr. Brogdon saved my life!"

Dr. Brogdon is helping the senior community using the most cutting edge and innovative integrative medicine. Specializing in chronic pain cases, specifically those that have been deemed 'hopeless' or 'untreatable', she consistently generates unparalleled results.

What was once a missing link in senior healthcare is now easily accessible to the residents of Albuquerque.



If you've missed too many tee times because of pain or you've passed on dancing because you're afraid of falling, it's time to call Dr. Brogdon and the staff at AAIM.

It's time you let your golden years BE GOLDEN!

Dr. Brogdon is now accepting new patients but only for a limited time. In an effort to protect her patients, both current and future, she has made the difficult decision to limit the number of patients seen in her clinic. Only 10 new neuropathy patients will be accepted before the end of June so call (505) 355-1984 now to schedule a consultation.

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