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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Class / Workshop

2024 Pitch Deck Competition 4-6:30 pm Lobo Rainforest Building 101 Broadway Blvd NE

Adult Sewing Program with Angelina Skonieczska 6-8 pm Warehouse 505 202 Central Ave SE

Happy Arte Hour: Featuring Gelli Plate/Monotype with Artist Carol C. Sanchez 6-7 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street SW

Podcasting Class with Robert Stokowy (21+) 6-8 pm Warehouse 505 202 Central Ave SE

Community

Albuquerque Animal Welfare's Operation Silent Night Donation Drive 8am-6pm Eastside Animal Welfare Dept. 8920 Lomas Blvd 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 Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Family/Kids

Sawmill Winter Experience All Day Sawmill Market 1909 Bellamah Ave NW

Games

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

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

Markets

Shop & Stroll w/ Jazz Traveler Holiday Tunes 6-10 pm Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118 Tulane SE

Miscellaneous

29th Annual Nob Hill Shop & Stroll 5-10 pm Nob Hill From Girard to Carlisle on Central Avenue

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Fri-Mon Dec 6-9 5:45

18th century Austrian psychological thriller, gripping and unnerving: **THE DEVIL'S BATH**
Fri-Sat December 6-7 10:30pm

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Sunday December 8 1:00pm

Zoe Saldña, Selena Gomez, Karla Sofía Gascón in musical thriller **EMILIA PÉREZ**
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Punk-folk indie musician and feminist Ani DiFranco: **1-800-ON-HER-OWN**
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Asher Barreras- Francisco Dimas: Primos Hermanos Quintet \$15-\$30 7:30-9:30 pm Outpost Performance Space 210 Yale Blvd. SE

Ashes of Jupiter \$10 8-11 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave. SW

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

Iris DeMent \$32-\$54 7:30-9:30 pm KiMo Theatre 423 Central Ave. NW

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

The Dust Devils 6-9 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Performance

Farolitos of Christmas \$19-\$24 7:30-9:30 pm Vortex Theatre 2900 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Reading

Reexamining the West with Paisley Rekdal \$10-\$15 6-7:30 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Art

ABQ Artwalk 5-9 pm Downtown Albuquerque

Art Openings

Holiday Cheer 2025 5-9 pm Gallery Hozho at Hotel Chaco 2000 Bellamah Ave. NW

Comedy

1-Year Anniversary - Steven Quezada & Friends \$20-\$25 7-8:30 pm Quezada's Comedy Club at Santa Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Road, Santa Ana Pueblo

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

Exhibit

12x12 Fundraising Exhibitions 10am-3pm Harwood Art Center 1114 7th Street NW

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Literature/Poetry

Luna & Poesia 7-9 pm Flock of Moons Brewing Company 111 Harvard Dr. SE

Markets

Holiday Craft & Plant Fair 9 am-4 pm Albuquerque Garden Center 10120 Lomas Blvd NE

Miscellaneous

Friends of Dorothy - Ugly Sweater Party \$5 7-10 pm The Smoky Note 3201 Central Ave. NE

Old Town Holiday Stroll 5-9 pm Old Town Albuquerque 2005 N. Plaza St. NW Albuquerque

River of Lights \$8-\$19 5-10 pm ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden 2601 Central Ave NW

Music

Box Canyon Barbies 8-11 pm The Mine Shaft Tavern 2846 NM-14, Madrid

Clay Street Unit \$20-\$25 7:30-9:30 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Crushed!? \$10 8-11 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

Disclaimers - Live pop covers from the 80s, 90s, 00s 7-9 pm Flatiron Bites & Brews 6001 San Mateo Blvd NE

First Fridays w/ DJ Flo Fader 8 pm-12 am Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118 Tulane SE

Hello Darlin' 6-9 pm Boxing Bear Brewing Co. (Firestone Taproom and Brewery) 8420 Firestone Lane NE

Marcus King: An intimate Acoustic Evening Featuring Drew Smithers \$40-\$515 7:30-10 pm KiMo Theatre 423 Central Avenue NW

Slums of Harvard EP Release show 7-11 pm Sister 407 Central Ave. NW

W.A.S.P. \$40-\$90 7-11 pm Revel Entertainment Center 4720 Alexander Blvd NE


Wicked Show Feat. Wicked Meadows, Nocturne, Light Thief, Skinwalkerz \$10 6:30-11:30 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

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The Red Velvet Cake War \$10-\$24 7:30-10 pm The Adobe Theater 9813 4th Street NW, 87114

Voice Vote 7:30 pm The Experimental Theatre UNM Fine Arts Center

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An Evening with Steve Trevino \$45-\$75 8-9:30 pm Isleta Resort & Casino 11000 Broadway Blvd. SE

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

The Dinner Detective Comedy Mystery Dinner Show \$56 6-9 pm Albuquerque Marriott 2101 Louisiana Blvd NE

Community

Girl Scout Entrepreneur Craft Fair 9 am-2 pm APS Berna Facio Center 3315 Louisiana Blvd NE

Noise for Toys \$20 4 pm-12:30 am JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st St NW

Dance

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The Nutcracker Ballet \$11-\$69 7-9 pm Popejoy Hall 203 Cornell Dr

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Family/Kids

Christmas at the Marketplace 2024 - A Total Home Event 9 am-3 pm Poulin Marketplace 8600 Pan American Fwy NE

Literature/Poetry

Women Poets and Writers Open Mic 5-9:30 pm Orpheum Community Hub 500 2nd Street Southwest

Markets

Holiday Craft & Plant Fair 9 am-4 pm Albuquerque Garden Center 10120 Lomas Blvd NE

Miscellaneous

River of Lights \$8-\$19 5-10 pm ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden 2601 Central Ave NW

Music

'90s Country Covers Night w/ Back in the Saddle 7:30-11 pm Tractor Brewing Wells Park 1800 Fourth St. NW

Azizi Gibson 8-11 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

Emo Night Christmas \$10 8 pm-12 am Historic El Rey Theatre 622 Central Ave SW

Midland with Tanya Tucker 7 pm Rio Rancho Events Center 3001 Civic Center Cir NE, Rio Rancho

RJ Perez 7-9 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Sabor Latin Night \$5-\$10 9 pm-1 am Hotel Andaluz 125 Second St. NW

Sundiver ca \$20 8-11 pm Moonlight Lounge 120 Central Ave SW

Performance

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The Red Velvet Cake War \$10-\$24 7:30-10 pm The Adobe Theater 9813 4th Street NW, 87114

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Class / Workshop

Enchanted Botanicals Puff + Paint \$30 3-6 pm Enchanted Botanicals Nobhill 3417 Central Ave. NE

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WINTER TRIPPIN'

Enjoy lightning-fast slopes, a steamy soak and impossible views from the peaks to the river this holiday season

By Michael Hodock, The Paper.

The Land of Enchantment seems to conjure up some extra magic after the leaves fall from the trees and the air turns crisp. Fall storms have provided enough snowfall for some ski spots to open early, and vacation destinations that stay open year-round have gotten frosty makeovers — signaling the shift from scorching heat and summer madness to cool, quiet tranquility. For those who want to bundle up and brave the elements while sporting their freshest cold-weather gear, or those who prefer to stay warm and admire the serene scenery from a comfortable distance, there is plenty to experience while exploring New Mexico this winter.

Skiing

Because November storms already hit the Sandia and Sangre de Cristo Mountains with some decent snowpack this year, the slopes are looking pretty promising. Even if skiing and snowboarding aren't your cup of tea and you'd prefer to enjoy the temperature drop at a more leisurely pace, these resorts have something for everyone in the family, from young speed demons to dads who love to golf.

Sipapu

Since 1952, **Sipapu Ski and Summer Resort** (5224 NM-518, Vadito, NM) has been a go-to destination for affordable skiing and snow sports. Located 20 miles outside of Taos, within the Carson National Forest and open every day, Sipapu has three terrain parks and more than 40 runs. It also offers snowside lodgings that can accommodate up to 14 people for large groups or those looking to throw an unforgettable rager reminiscent of those iconic 80's skiing movies. After an intense day on the slopes, try trout fishing on the Rio Pueblo, hiking or traveling on horseback along the 5-mile Agua Pietra trail to Indian Lake — or just vibing out with some friends and a frisbee on one of *Disc Golf Digest's* top five scenic courses in the country. Kids 12 and under are eligible for a free Power Kids season pass to ski and ride for free all winter.

Santa Fe

This year, **Ski Santa Fe** (1477 NM-475, Santa Fe, NM) had its first early opening since 2001 — two days

before its usual opening around Thanksgiving. Located about 16 miles from Santa Fe in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the trails vary in difficulty and steepness for skiers of all skill levels. Exploring the slopes by day and the city by night is the perfect way to experience all the beauty, fun, culture and holiday shopping Santa Fe has to offer.

Angel Fire

Also nestled in the Sangre de Cristos, **Angel Fire Resort** (10 Miller Ln., Angel Fire, NM) offers 560 acres of terrain perfect for sledding, tubing, snowshoe hiking and the only night skiing opportunity in the state. The Lodge at Angel Fire Resort is just steps from the chairlift and one of several hotels and condos located minutes from fine dining and family-friendly restaurants, with everything from seafood to burgers. Golfers can relish in the Rocky Mountain views at 8,600 feet while playing the Country Club at Angel Fire Resort's 18-hole course.

Sandia Peak

Since thick clouds covered the Sandias throughout the week of Thanksgiving, **Sandia Peak Ski Area** (11 NM-536, Sandia Park, NM) — the closest skiing area to Albuquerque — should be open any day now. You can keep an eye on the snow report and plan a trip on a whim to slopes right in the big city's backyard.

Hot Springs

Tucked away in southern New Mexico, you can find natural hot springs that offer therapeutic benefits, an escape from the cold and opportunities for adventure. Whether you'd like to soak indoors with some awesome riverside views and warm company or slide into a secluded spring surrounded by snow, miles away from the closest tourist, our state has some truly heavenly hot spots.

Silver City/Gila National Forest

The baths near the Gila Wilderness are called "sweet springs" because they don't contain any salt or sulfur, so vacationers can take a dip without the pungent smell. Resting in a remote canyon in Glenwood, New Mexico lies an all-natural public hot spring with a dream-inducing name. **Lightfeather Hot Springs**, also known as Middle Fork Hot Spring is fed by a water

source that pumps in 130-degree water every minute so it stays nice and hot. Just be careful to stay away from the scalding source. The spring is free for day use only. About 40 miles north of Silver City, **Gila Hot Springs Campground** (144 West Fork Rd., Mimbres, NM) is a privately owned camping spot that sits about 4 miles from Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument. Their springs pump in water — perfect for soothing creaky joints.

If a 13-mile winter hike sounds like a formidable challenge for in-shape, cold-weather warriors, a 100-degree mountain oasis buried like a sapphire in the Gila Wilderness might be a worthwhile reward at the end of the difficult trek. The **Jordan Hot Springs**, located in Magdalena about an hour from Silver City, contains a gravel-bottom pool surrounded by rocks concealed within a gorgeous remote landscape. Due to its ultra-private location, clothing is optional — but watch for wild animals who also enjoy the privacy of their secluded home.

For more information about hot springs in the Gila Wilderness, you can check the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument website.

Truth or Consequences

Before changing its name because of a publicity stunt involving a game show in the 1950's, **Truth or Consequences** used to be called Hot Springs. The Spanish named the place Ojo Caliente de las Palomas or "Hot Springs of the Doves," a fitting name because of its peaceful location along the Rio Grande. Hidden between the Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs, T or C's historic Hot Water District is adjacent to some of the best year-round fishing and water sports in the state, authentic small-town New Mexican restaurants, museums and ghost towns. There are 38 different minerals found in the water at **La Paloma Hot Springs and Spa** (311 Marr St., Truth or Consequences, NM). La Paloma has 13 gravel-bottom pools, and its central bathhouse offers day spa services and a variety of massage options every day of the week. Located in the town's historic district close to attractions, shops and restaurants, **Riverbend Hot Springs** (100 Austin St., Truth or Consequences, NM) is the only resort that borders the banks of the Rio Grande, and the **Artesian Bath House and RV Park** (312 Marr St., Truth or Consequences, NM) offers private

rooms and side-by-side soaks in baths filled by natural, odorless spring water. The park has 36 full hookups for campers who want to stay for a while.

Train Rides

Northern New Mexico is gorgeous year-round, but seeing the landscape draped in blankets of snow and ice gives our mountains and valleys that extra spark during the holidays. To see a larger chunk of remote areas like gorgeous Chama and enjoy the state's history, music and margaritas without having to battle frostbite, how does hitching a ride on a train car through winding white-capped snowscapes sound?

Sky Railway

Santa Fe's adventure train, **Sky Railway** (413 W. Manhattan Ave., Santa Fe, NM) provides winter trippers with a warm, scenic voyage from the capital city to Lamy and back, and each trip has a different theme. Catch a burlesque, drag or bellydancing show on the Burlesque Express, gaze at the sky while jamming some hip numbers on the Jazz Under the Stars train, or have Mrs. Claus tell you how Pablito the dragon saved Christmas on Pablo's Holiday Express. For those old enough to get a little sauced while they tour the countryside, their drink-themed trains — the Speakeasy Express, Ale Train and Margarita Rail — give new meaning to the term booze cruise. New this year, aspiring sommeliers can uncork a few bottles and enjoy complimentary samples from the best local wineries on the New Mexico Wine Train.

Cumbers and Toltec Scenic Railroad

Chug along the 64 miles between Antonito, Colorado and Chama at a leisurely pace over the 10,000-foot-high Cumbres Pass on the **Cumbers & Toltec Scenic Railroad** (500 S. Terrace Ave.) and educate yourself on the legends and lore of the region. Awarded National Historic Landmark status in 2012 and voted #1 Scenic Train by *USA Today's* 10 Best list, go off the grid and try to spot deer, elk and bears in areas that can't be seen any other way. Starting Dec. 7, join Santa's helper Cinder Bear and some fun-loving elves for candy, hot cocoa and Christmas cookies aboard the Holiday Express train. Train tickets for kids start at only 20 bucks.



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Dance

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

The Nutcracker Ballet \$11-\$69 2-3 pm Popejoy Hall 203 Cornell Dr

Markets

Merry Maker Market 12-4 pm Fuse Makerspace 101 Broadway Blvd NE #3100

VARA Appreciation Day Warehouse Sale 12-4 pm Vara Wines 315 Alameda Blvd NE

Miscellaneous

River of Lights \$8-\$19 5-10 pm ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden 2601 Central Ave NW

Music

Albuquerque Concert Band Holiday Concert 3-4 pm KiMo Theatre 423 Central Avenue NW

Angels Over Demons 4-7 pm Dragon Horn Tavern 2906 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE Ste. A

EQNX Jazztet weekly jam session 5-7:30 pm Flatiron Bites & Brews 6001 San Mateo Blvd NE

The Squash Blossom Boys 4-7 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Performance

Farolitos of Christmas \$19-\$24 2-4 pm Vortex Theatre 2900 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Sikora Menestres Mingus \$10 4-7 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

The Red Velvet Cake War \$10-\$24 2-4:30 pm The Adobe Theater 9813 4th Street NW, 87114

Voice Vote 2 pm The Experimental Theatre UNM Fine Arts Center

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Class / Workshop

Sabor Cubano - Casino Salsa \$20-\$60 5:30-7:30 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Screen Printing with Diego Garcia (21+) 6-8 pm Warehouse 505 202 Central Ave SE

Games

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

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

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

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

Miscellaneous

River of Lights \$8-\$19 5-10 pm ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden 2601 Central Ave NW

Music

Havok \$20 7:30-11 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

Karaoke on the Hill 7:30-10:30 pm Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118 Tulane SE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Class / Workshop

Adult DJ Program with DJ Flo Fader (21+) 6-8 pm Warehouse 505 202 Central Ave SE

Adult Sewing Program with Angelina Skonieczka 6-8 pm Warehouse 505 202 Central Ave SE

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[OPINION.]

Post-election Rumination Finds Silver Linings

Now that the election is over, I see some silver linings and have some observations a bit outside of the daily drumming of announcements and alarm bells. I recognize readers may disagree or have a different point of view.

Corner to Corner

Diane Denish

Silver lining: From the moment he is sworn in, Trump is a lame duck. The term “lame duck” means not being able to keep up with the rest of the flock and becoming subject to predators. The term “lame duck” in politics means someone who is an outgoing officeholder. That is Trump. He has four years to do good for the country or damage it. But it is almost certain his influence on the politicians around him will wane since he is on a short string. (That string may be even shorter than four years due to his advanced age.)

Observation: There are lots of eager beaver MAGA or moderate Republicans whose

goal is to be reelected in 2026, and already there is talk of presidential aspirants for 2028. Thinking about their own futures will give these elected folks cause for pause when it comes to Trump’s more extreme policies.

Silver lining: Constitutionally, Elon Musk can’t run for President! He is not American by birth. He was born in South Africa into a wealthy pro-apartheid family.

Observation: Musk, the maniacal billionaire who pushes disinformation, is running a department that does not exist. DOGE, the unauthorized Department of Government Efficiency, intended to recommend how to trim \$3 trillion from the federal government. Before even presenting recommendations, DOGE trimmed the grandiose \$3 trillion to \$500 billion (half a trillion). His initial suggestions, including eliminating the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, are designed to make him richer and subject to less regulation and to eliminate protections for you and me.

Silver lining: The new administration will get off to a slow start on the search and destroy mission. In fact, the mantra of the incoming administration could be: “We will get off to the slowest start ever! Thanks to our team’s refusal to sign the necessary documents that would give us access to the federal agencies we seek to destroy.”

Observation: The slow start will be good for the loyal opposition of Democrats and moderate Republicans who have not only the tools, but a responsibility to hold the president in check. The Senate has the responsibility to advise and consent when confirming appointments. Americans expect them to confirm law-abiding, competent leaders who will uphold the Constitution.

Silver lining for Trump: He is inheriting a strong economy, thanks to the Biden administration.

Observation: The bad news for Trump is that his tariff proposals and deportation efforts are likely to upend the economy and raise prices on gas, food and everyday essentials.

Silver lining for Democrats: Despite losing at the federal level, there were lots of wins in races down ballot. In North Carolina, where Trump won by 1.5%, Democrats won all statewide offices and control of the Legislature. In two red states, Mississippi and Kentucky, moderate judges won in place of right-wing Republicans. And protecting abortion rights won in four out of six states.

Observation: Despite some analysts and activists blaming minorities for Harris’s loss, estimates show almost 55% of Latinos and 80% of Black voters voted for Harris. While the president-elect made gains among these groups, it was white voters, including 52% of white women, who gave Trump the votes he needed to win the election. And, as the popular vote continues to be counted, Trump and Harris are separated by 1.6% with both candidates below 50%. The country is split.

The ultimate silver lining: The election is over. Now voters will reap the benefits or the perils of their decision.

"I HAVE TWO WORDS FOR LONG COVID: THE WORST!"

Albuquerque resident Eric T had been suffering from the lingering effects of Long Covid symptoms. That was until he met Albuquerque's Dr. Andrea Brogdon of Albuquerque Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine and got his life back!

While the initial alarm of the Covid-19 outbreak has subsided, the fallout from the pandemic is ongoing. Many continue to feel long term impacts from their infection. In fact, nearly 23 million Americans (and 100 million people globally) have learned that regardless of the severity of their initial infection, they may continue to experience debilitating symptoms for weeks, months or even years. In a number of these cases, symptoms worsen with time, even turning deadly.

"I got Covid early last year and it was pretty bad," shares Eric. "I was hospitalized for 9 days and there was a point where I wasn't sure I was going to make it. I'm still here so I guess God had other plans but months passed and I was still gasping for air. I couldn't do everyday tasks like cut the grass or work in the yard, much less enjoy a quick bike ride. And then there was what my doctor called, 'brain fog'. I'd lose my train of thought mid-sentence or forget words for stupid things like plates and toilet paper. It felt like I'd had a stroke more than it did a virus."

Officially dubbed Long Covid, the aftermath of the original virus has taken on a life of its own. Dozens of symptoms have been reported and include everything from shortness of breath and cognitive issues to a sudden onset of diabetes and cardiothoracic conditions. These symptoms are so well-documented and common that those suffering now qualify for disability assistance.

Unfortunately for Eric and so many others, the treatment options thus far have been limited. "I started with my primary care doctor and saw specialist after specialist. A pulmonologist finally told me, 'This is the best we can do for you, it's time you start thinking about how you're going to live with Long Covid.' Apparently, their best was letting me live what felt like half a life."

Eric wasn't satisfied with that and decided to do his own research, which is how he ended up at AAIM Albuquerque Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine in Albuquerque.

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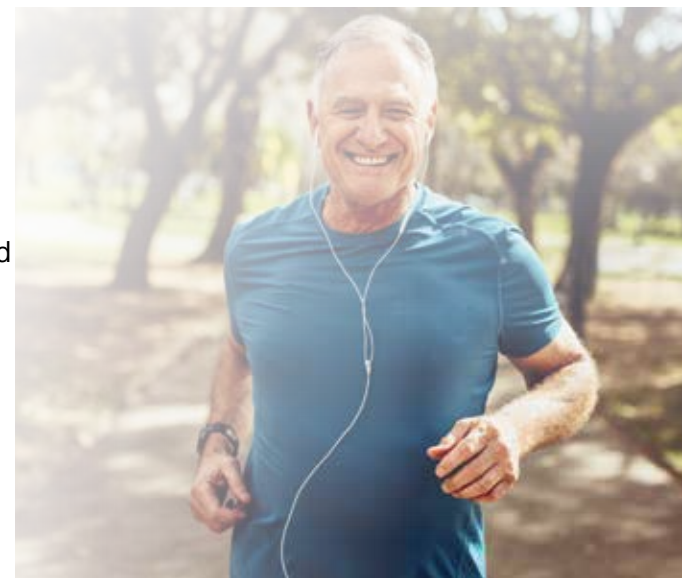
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Advocates Call For Biden Executive Order

Protections needed before Trump takes office



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By Josh Lee, The Paper.

Marijuana advocates and Democratic lawmakers are calling for President Joe Biden to take action to protect state-licensed cannabis businesses from federal intervention under the incoming Trump administration.

Last week, the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) published a proposed executive order that would instruct federal agencies to reform their marijuana policies if the order were issued by the president. A coalition of congressional lawmakers chimed in and called for Biden to expand weed pardons and stop Border Patrol from seizing cannabis from state-approved companies.

The DPA's proposed order outlines a number of actions that President Biden could take before he leaves office that would have an immediate impact on federal policies, highlighting actions that the president could have taken at any point during his term.

The DPA is calling for the president to create a National Advisory Council to Advance Equity and Public Health in Federal Cannabis Policy and Programs that would advise the president and the federal government on marijuana policies and advocate for

ending prohibition and repairing the harms of the War On Some Drugs.

The proposed order would give the White House the job of coordinating federal agencies to advance equity and public health in federal marijuana policies and programs. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) would be ordered to research the public health impacts of legalizing marijuana. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) would be tasked with addressing barriers to veteran access to medical marijuana, the Treasury Department would be ordered to weigh in on marijuana banking issues, and many other departments would be given explicit missions to advance progressive marijuana policies in every government sector.

If Biden were to adopt the DPA's proposed order, the DOJ would also officially reinstate the Cole Memo — an Obama-era direction prohibiting federal prosecutors from going after state-legal cannabis businesses that was rescinded by former Trump Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Meanwhile, a letter signed by 14 Democratic lawmakers, including U.S. Sen. Ben Ray

Luján, urged President Biden to expand his previous cannabis pardons by commuting and reducing sentences for an estimated 3,000 people who are currently incarcerated in federal prisons for cannabis-related offenses.

Biden's previous clemency action was the pardoning of people who had been arrested for federal-level simple marijuana possession, attempted simple possession of marijuana or use of marijuana. As the lawmakers' letter points out, that round of pardons failed to release any actual prisoners, because simple marijuana possession is usually a state-level crime.

The letter also calls for Biden to order an end to federal seizure of state-licensed marijuana, specifically citing Border Patrol's seizures of state-approved weed products at interior checkpoints, an ongoing issue that has vexed New Mexico businesses for the last year.

Many of these executive order suggestions would merely make the Biden administration's implicit support for marijuana policy reform explicit. While the incoming administration could reverse some of those reforms before they take effect, it would be a much tougher job with those orders in place. And some —

such as the proposed clemency actions — would be irreversible.

These are the final days of the Biden administration, and although Trump himself has voiced support for the decriminalization of marijuana, the most influential member of the administration regarding weed policy will be whoever is appointed attorney general.

Former Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) was Trump's first choice for the role. The former lawmaker has a record of supporting marijuana legalization at both the state and federal level.

But Gaetz withdrew himself from the nomination following scrutiny from the House Ethics Committee over alleged sexual misconduct, and cannabis industry stakeholders are once again left wondering what a Trump-led DOJ might look like.

Trump has now nominated former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, who fought against the legalization of medical marijuana in her state but has remained quiet on the topic since her recent nomination. While some cannabis leaders like Truelive CEO Kim Rivers (who characterized Bondi as "straight forward and very fair") are optimistic, her less-than-positive track record with weed will likely make others nervous.

The U.S. attorney general has great power over whether state-level marijuana markets will be tolerated by the DOJ. It's their job to decide federal prosecution policy for marijuana businesses. While it's unlikely that a new appointee of any leaning would choose to go to war with the governments of half the states, the possibility can't be completely ruled out.

The attorney general's role in the rescheduling of marijuana may also trouble weed industry stakeholders, since the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has the final say in whether the drug is reclassified under the Controlled Substances Act.

The DEA has been dragging its feet in making the decision — an issue the Democratic lawmakers addressed in their letter to Biden. And it's no secret that current Attorney General Merrick Garland went around the DEA when announcing that the agency had accepted HHS's recommendation to reschedule.

If the DEA fails to complete the process before the new administration takes power, the new attorney general will be in a position to order the DEA to drop the plan altogether.

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Hearing on the Petition for Formal Probate of Will and for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative ("Petition") filed by the Petitioner, Steven Jimenez, will be held at the Second Judicial District Court in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, on the 22nd day of January, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. before the Honorable Denise Barela-Shepherd, District Judge. You are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the Petitioners that:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Blaming others for our problems is rarely helpful. If we expend emotional energy focusing on how people have offended and hurt us, we diminish our motivation to heal ourselves. We may also get distracted from changing the behavior that ushered us into the mess. So yes, it's wise to accept responsibility for the part we have played in propagating predicaments. However, I believe it's also counterproductive to be relentlessly serious about this or any other psychological principle. We all benefit from having mischievous fun as we rebel against tendencies we have to be dogmatic and fanatical. That's why I am authorizing you to celebrate a good-humored Complaint Fest. For a limited time only, feel free to unleash fantasies in which you uninhibitedly and hilariously castigate everyone who has done you wrong.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): What you are experiencing may not be a major, earth-shaking rite of passage. But it's sufficiently challenging and potentially rewarding to qualify as a pivotal breakthrough and turning point. And I'm pleased to say that any suffering you're enduring will be constructive and educational. You may look back at this transition as a liberating initiation. You will feel deep gratification that you have clambered up to a higher level of mastery through the power of your intelligent love and feisty integrity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are now about halfway between your last birthday and next birthday. In the prophecy industry, we call this your Unbirthday Season. It is usually a time when you receive an abundance of feedback—whether you want it or not. I encourage you to want it! Solicit it. Even pay for it. Not all of it will be true or useful, of course, but the part that is true and useful will be very much so. You could gather a wealth of information that will help you fine-tune your drive for success and joy in the months to come.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Legend tells us that the Buddha achieved enlightenment while meditating beneath the Bodhi Tree in Bihar, India. He was there for many weeks. At one point, a huge storm came and pelted the sacred spot with heavy rain. Just in time, the King of Serpents arrived, a giant cobra with a massive hood. He shielded the Buddha from the onslaught for the duration. Now I am predicting that you, too, will receive an unexpected form of protection and nurturing in the coming weeks. Be ready to open your mind about what help looks and feels like. It may not be entirely familiar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In written form, the Japanese term oubaitori is comprised of four kanji, or characters. They denote four fruit trees that bloom in the spring: cherry, plum, peach, and apricot. Each tree's flowers blossom in their own sweet time, exactly when they are ready, neither early nor late. The poetic meaning of oubaitori is that we humans do the same: We grow and ripen at our own unique pace. That's why it's senseless to compare our rate of unfoldment to anyone else's. We each have our own timing, our own rhythm. These ideas are especially apropos for you right now, Leo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): I hope you will hunker down in your bunker. I hope you will junk all defunct versions of your spunky funkiness and seek out fresh forms of spunky funkiness. In other words, Virgo, I believe it's crucial for you to get as relaxed and grounded as possible. You have a mandate to explore ultimate versions of stability and solidity. Shore up your foundations, please. Grow deeper roots. Dig down as deep as you can to strengthen and tone your relationship with the core of your being.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Every one of us is a hypocrite at least some of the time. Now and then, we all ignore or outrightly

violate our own high standards. We may even engage in behavior that we criticize in others. But here's the good news for you, Libra. In the coming weeks and months, you may be as unhypocritical as you have ever been. According to my analysis of the astrological, omens, you are likely to be consistently faithful to your ideals. Your actual effects on people will closely match your intended effects. The American idiom is, "Do you practice what you preach?" I expect the answer to that question will be yes as it pertains to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Author George Orwell advised us that if we don't analyze and understand the past, we are likely to repeat the mistakes of the past. Alas, few people take heed. Their knowledge of our collective history is meager, as is their grasp of recurring trends in their personal lives. But now here's the good news, dear Scorpio: In the coming months, you will have exceptional power to avoid replicating past ignorance and errors—IF you meditate regularly on the lessons available through a close study of your life story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In his song "Voodoo Child," Sagittarian musician Jimi Hendrix brags, "Well, I stand up next to a mountain / And I chop it down with the edge of my hand." I encourage you to unleash fantasies like that in the coming days, Sagittarius. Can you shoot lightning bolts from your eyes? Sure you can. Can you change water into wine? Fly to the moon and back in a magic boat? Win the Nobel Prize for Being Yourself? In your imagination, yes you can. And these exercises will prime you for an array of more realistic escapades, like smashing a mental block, torching an outmoded fear, and demolishing an unnecessary inhibition or taboo. To supercharge your practical power, intensify your imagination's audacity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The name of my column is "Free Will Astrology" because I aspire to nurture, inspire, and liberate your free will. A key component in that effort is to help you build your skills as a critical thinker. That's why I encourage you to question everything I tell you. Don't just assume that my counsel is always right and true for you. Likewise, I hope you are discerning in your dealings with all teachers, experts, and leaders—especially in the coming weeks and months. You are in a phase of your cycle when it's even more crucial than usual to be a good-natured skeptic who poses exuberant, penetrating questions. To serve your soul's health, refine your practice of the art of creative rebellion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be like a beautifully made fountain that people love to visit, Aquarius. Not like a metaphorical geyser or stream or waterfall out in the natural world, but a three-tiered marble fountain. What does that entail? Here are hints. The water of the fountain cascades upward, but not too high or hard, and then it showers down gently into a pool. Its flow is steady and unflagging. Its sound is mellifluous and relaxing. The endless dance of the bubbles and currents is invigorating and calming, exuberant and rejuvenating. Be like a fountain.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Around this time of year, persimmon trees in my neighborhood have shed their leaves but are teeming with dazzling orange fruits. Pomegranate trees are similar. Their leaves have fallen off but their red fruits are ready to eat. I love how these rebels offer their sweet, ripe gifts as our winter season approaches. They remind me of the current state of your destiny, Pisces. Your gorgeous fertility is waxing. The blessings you have to offer are at a peak. I invite you to be extra generous as you share your gifts with those who are worthy of them—and maybe even a few who aren't entirely worthy.

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by Margie E. Burke

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Whitney's cotton gin, e.g.

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"____ we forget ..."

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Thumb's neighbor

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