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ALBUQUERQUE'S INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

City Unveils Second Phase of Nuevo Atrisco



The project features a food truck park and community plaza for the Westside

The second phase of Nuevo Atrisco in Albuquerque's Westside features a new food truck park and community plaza. (Roberto E. Rosales / City Desk ABQ)



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By Elizabeth McCall, City Desk ABQ

Albuquerque's Westside now has a new food truck park and community plaza, which city officials say is part of their plans to revitalize the area and to bring the community members together.

City leaders, developers and residents celebrated the unveiling of Nuevo Atrisco's food plaza (201 Unser Blvd NW) Tuesday after years in the making. This is the newest addition to an extensive development project that started with an apartment complex.

Mayor Tim Keller's administration and YES Housing, Inc. initiated the first phase of Nuevo Atrisco in 2021 with a 68-unit affordable housing apartment complex with retail spaces on the ground level. Keller said the project is "much bigger than something like housing and a food court."

"The idea is that, for way too long, there has not been a sort of centralized community hub out

on the Westside, and also a place to bring together the North and Southwest side," Keller said. "We are breaking through some of the community-building and place-making challenges that we've had on the Westside for too long."

The new space includes both inside and outside dining areas, along with spots for food trucks. The building includes a teaching kitchen and self-serve ordering stations that allow guests to order from multiple food trucks at once. There is also an outside stage for live performances.

There are nine food trucks, which include Roadrunner 66, Sumo Strips and Cinnamon and Sugar. There will also be a shipping container used as a bar that will offer beer, wine and other drinks.

City Councilor Klarissa Peña, who represents the area, said it is all part of a vision to grow the Westside and that she is looking forward to what the future holds.

"This is just one of the few steps that we've been taking to really revitalize West Central," Peña said. "If you see, we have the visitor center now. We obviously have this. We have a library. We have the fire station...I'm just so proud of all of this work."

The food plaza will be open every day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and will stay open until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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Housing for Those with Behavioral Health Problems Gains County Support

Medicaid waiver initiative lands on list of legislative priorities



The city's Human Rights Board conducted a public meeting Saturday afternoon at the International library where some of the state's residents who are experiencing homelessness, and have behavioral health and substance use disorders, could be helped under a new initiative that has the support of Bernalillo County officials. (Roberto E. Rosales / City Desk ABQ)

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By Damon Scott, City Desk ABQ

Bernalillo County Commissioners gave their support this week to an emerging initiative that would provide housing and care for thousands of New Mexicans with behavioral health issues, substance use disorders and/or brain injuries who often face institutionalization or incarceration.

Supporters of a behavioral health Medicaid waiver say such

individuals end up straining public resources, because more often than not they end up cycling through hospitals, detox facilities, courts and jails without receiving more effective services. Many are experiencing homelessness and are living on the streets or within the shelter system.

The idea — which County Commissioners included on their list of 2025 legislative funding and policy priorities — would help to provide permanent and temporary supportive housing, case management and wraparound services to the population. The 60-day legislative session is set to begin in Santa Fe on Jan. 21.

“Housing, a waiver for substance abuse and mental health — all these things double down on support for vulnerable people, vulnerable populations,

which often, though not always, may include those folks that are committing crimes,” County Commissioner Eric Olivas said at Tuesday’s commission meeting in Albuquerque.

Legislation is now in the draft stage for a bill that would require the New Mexico Health Care Authority to apply for a behavioral health Medicaid waiver, which is modeled on an existing program already in place for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, known as the DD waiver.

“For six years, I, along with the other Behavioral Health Initiative housing subcommittee volunteers, struggled with the fact that there was a lack of funding for services — especially housing — for people experiencing serious mental illness,” Michael Barndollar said

at Tuesday’s meeting.

If the forthcoming legislation were approved by lawmakers, supporters say it would likely take two to three years to get approvals from the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services.

“It gives us time to ensure the needed behavioral health services are identified and in place in each community,” Barndollar said. “This is critical for funding for housing and other behavioral health services not only for the county but the state.”

Albuquerque attorney Peter Cubra, who has represented those with disabilities for 40 years, is the main force behind the new waiver initiative. He’s organized a working group within the Coalition for a Safer Albuquerque to push for the future bill’s passage, and ultimately its adoption.

Cubra says the waiver is cost-effective for state and local governments as the federal government would pay almost 75% of costs, which it currently does under the DD waiver. He said the first step is to secure startup money from the Legislature — about \$1 million — to pay for an initial phase of consulting, technical assistance, employee training and to build interest from provider agencies.

“Community members have been working on this,” County Commissioner Adriann Barboa said at Tuesday’s meeting. “I really feel like we have a bulk of great resources in our community. What we’re lacking is housing, and how long can somebody sustain a treatment recovery plan if they don’t have a shelter over their head?”

Meanwhile, members of the Homeless Coordinating Council have expressed support for the initiative, but as a body have decided to wait until the legislation is finalized before taking a formal vote. The HCC includes members from the county, city and the University of New Mexico’s Health Sciences Center.

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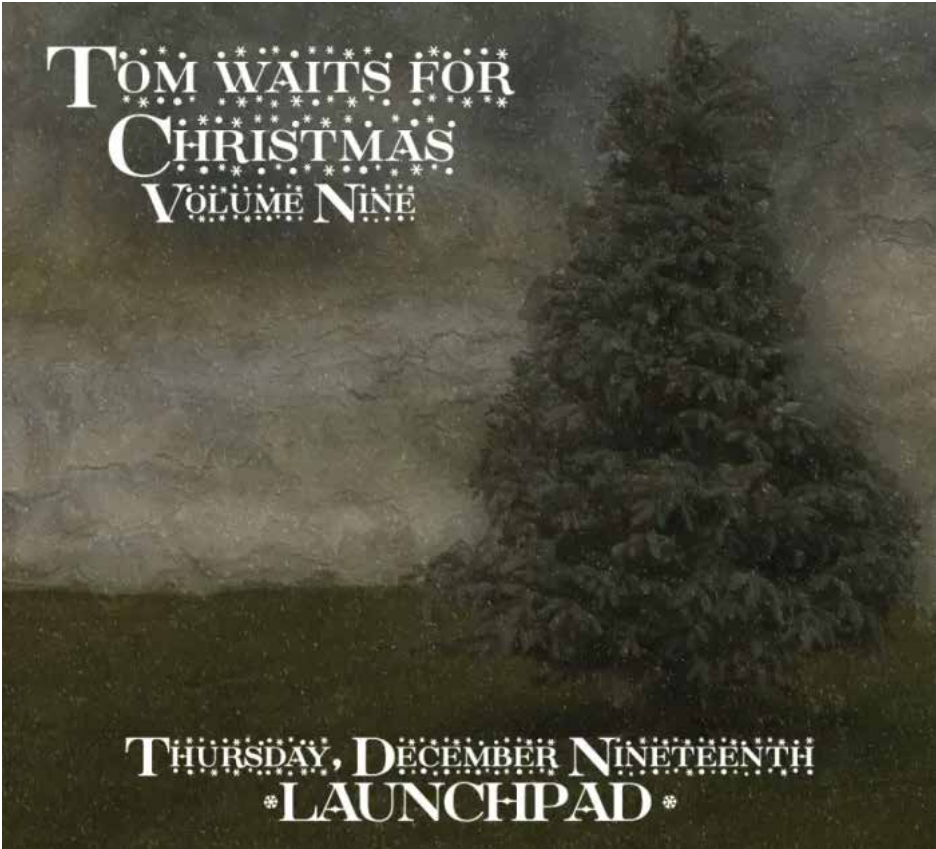
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Tom Waits for Christmas Vol. 9

Imagine, if you will, that legendary troubadour of the drunken and the lost, Tom Waits, wanders into a dive bar in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He sits at the bar, nurses his booze into the wee hours of the night and waits for the miracle of Christmas to grace us -- all while a host of local bands pay tribute to his musical legacy in the background. For the ninth year in a row, **The Launchpad (618 Central Ave. SW)** welcomes everyone to **Tom Waits for Christmas**, a somber, spirited and alcohol-soaked musical tribute show. You too can wait for Ol' St. Nick with a beer, a cigarette and a variety of special guests playing raw-throated covers of Tom Waits songs, Christmas classics and Waits-inspired holiday orchestrations. Among those scheduled to perform: Barney Lopez, Kristain Pilgram, Mad Fae, Stephen Armijo, Cee Mo, Carlos Garcia, Alexis Vilorio, Shoshana Shangold, Rats in the Rose Bush, Y Los Bebes, Billy Crooze, Shoulder Voices, Casey Mraz, Amanda Machon, Aaron Vega, Justin Salazar, and High Desert Playboys. (Note: The real Tom Waits is not scheduled to perform.) Doors open at **6 p.m.** this **Thursday, Dec. 19**. This is a **21+** event. Tickets are **\$10** at the door. It's better than a Christmas card from a hooker in Minneapolis

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Art Openings

Guadalupe Art Exhibit daily 10am - 6pm South Broadway Cultural Center 1025 Broadway - SE

Class / Workshop

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

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

Annual Pueblo Gingerbread House Contest All Day Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Exhibit

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

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Miscellaneous

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

Music

Anything That Moves Presents
Tiki Christmas \$10-\$15 7-11 pm
Historic El Rey Theatre 622
Central Ave SW

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

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

The Fabulous Martini-Tones;
Christmas Island 6-9 pm
Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec
Road Northeast

Third Thursdays Music w/ David
Garcia 7-9 pm Tractor Brewing
Nob Hill 118 Tulane SE

Tom Waits for Christmas - Vol. 9
\$10 7 pm-12:30 am Launchpad
618 Central Ave SW

Performance

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

Santa's Workshop \$10 5-9 pm
The Historic Lobo Theater -
Lounge & Event Venue 3013
Central Ave NE

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Class / Workshop

Sesh & Tell - Wyld Pop-up Event
3-6 pm Thrive Craft Cannabis
Dispensary & Lounge 5926 2nd
St NW

Comedy

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

Dance

Festival Ballet Albuquerque:
Nutmcracker in the Land of
Enchantment \$16-\$55 7-9 pm
National Hispanic Cultural
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Festival

Winter Wonderland NM 2024
\$50 6-10 pm EXPO New Mexico
300 San Pedro Dr NE

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Markets

Cool-astic Bookfair & Last
Minute Market 6-9 pm Red Door
Brewing Company 509 Central
Ave SW

Miscellaneous

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

Music

Coffin Club w/ DJ Batboy 8-11
pm Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118
Tulane SE

Midnight Tyranosaurus - Life
of a Street Rat \$25-\$45 9 pm-1
am Historic El Rey Theatre 622
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Show \$10 8-10 pm FUSION 700-
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Krampus Night \$10 9 pm-2 am
Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

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7:30-9:30 pm Vortex Theatre
2900 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Live Band Metal-Lesque
(Burlesque) Featuring Arkane
\$20-\$25 8-11:30 pm JUNO
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Santa’s Workshop \$10 5-9 pm
The Historic Lobo Theater -
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Central Ave NE

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Nutcracker in the Land of
Enchantment \$16-\$55 2-4 pm
National Hispanic Cultural
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Sister Monthly Matchplay Pinball
Tournament 12 pm Sister 407
Central Ave. NW

The Dawn Hotel - Solstice
Celebration 7-9 pm Thirsty
Eye Brewing Company 206
Broadway Blvd SE

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

Kallestewa Dance Group (Zuni)
12-1 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural
Center 2401 12th Street NW

Markets

10th Annual Humble Holiday
Market 10 am-4 pm Humble
Coffee 4200 Lomas Blvd NE

Xtra-Grow \$10 7-10 pm Tortuga
Gallery 901 Edith SE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Comedy

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

The Nutcracker \$22-\$30 2-4
pm KiMo Theatre 423 Central
Avenue NW

The Nutcracker \$22-\$30 7-9
pm KiMo Theatre 423 Central
Avenue NW

Miscellaneous

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

Performance

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

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

Festival

Winter Wonderland NM 2024
\$50 6-10 pm EXPO New Mexico
300 San Pedro Dr NE

Music

Casey Mraz Christmas Set 7-9
pm Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118
Tulane SE

Santa’s Workshop \$10 12-9 pm
The Historic Lobo Theater -
Lounge & Event Venue 3013
Central Ave NE

Community

Winter SOULstice Community
Event 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Hiland
Theater 4800 Central Ave SE

Shoulder Voices + Crown Shy
+ Mint Green Elephants \$10
8-11:30 pm JUNO brewery + cafe
+ art 1501 1st Street Northwest

Dance

Festival Ballet Albuquerque:
Nutcracker in the Land of
Enchantment \$16-\$55 7-9 pm
National Hispanic Cultural
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Games

Drag Queen Bingo: Christmas
Edition 7-9 pm Tractor Brewing
Wells Park 1800 Fourth St. NW

Red Christmas (A Juggalo
Christmas Party) \$5 7-10 pm Red
Gorilla Studios 7901 Ranchitos
Loop NE Ste B

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

Scary Movie Bingo 6-8 pm
Painted Lady Bed & Brew 1100
Bellamah Ave. NW

Sabor Latin Night \$5-\$10 9 pm-1 am
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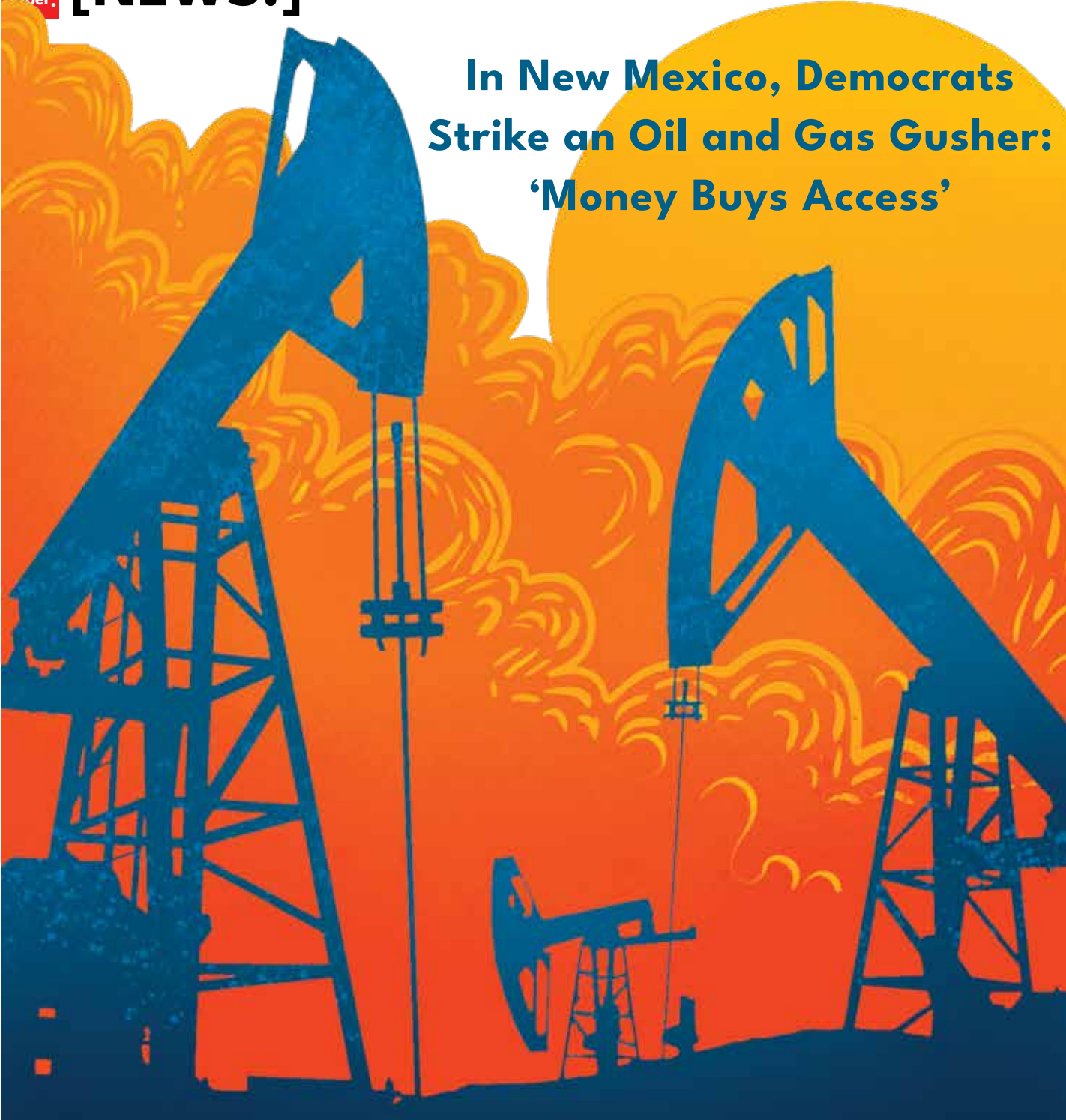
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In New Mexico, Democrats Strike an Oil and Gas Gusher: 'Money Buys Access'



Nationally, Big Oil overwhelmingly supports Republicans; in New Mexico it's a different story

By Jerry Redfern, Capital and Main

Chevron gave more. So did ConocoPhillips. Exxon Mobil gave twice as much.

A review by Capital & Main of New Mexico state campaign donations for the 2024 election shows the country's biggest oil and gas production companies gave more to Democratic candidates than to the industry's traditional Republican allies. Records show the top 10 oil and gas industry contributors gave \$1.2 million to Democratic state candidates while giving

\$1.1 million to Republicans, comprising roughly two-thirds of the entire industry's donations to individual candidates in this year's state elections.

While contributions by major corporations to individuals lean left, total oil and gas donations in the state still favor Republicans, who received \$2.1 million compared to \$1.6 million for Democrats, for \$3.7 million in all. Republicans made up the difference with hundreds more donations from smaller companies and individuals in the industry.

The review found 1,375 donations of \$100 or more made by companies or industry personnel to individual candidates during the 2024 election cycle on or before Oct. 29, the last reporting deadline before the Nov. 5 election. The reporting deadline for donations made in the last week before the election is in the first week of January. The review included oil

and gas production companies, industry support services such as dedicated trucking and pipeline companies, fossil-fuel-burning utilities, individuals who identified themselves as working at those companies and those who listed company addresses for their donations.

Once again, donations from Chevron dwarfed all others. The company gave \$724,000 directly to candidates in state races. The next closest was Marathon Oil at \$243,500. Both companies' donations favored Democrats — by a few thousand dollars in Chevron's case, and by a more than 2:1 ratio in Marathon Oil's case.

Oil and gas interests gave another \$1.75 million to political action committees, or PACs. Nearly a third of that — \$497,000 — came from Chevron alone, bringing the company's total donations to \$1.22 million. And again, donations from the

country's largest producers tended to go to left-leaning groups. Even so, Republican-leaning groups raised about twice as much PAC money overall as did their Democratic counterparts. Dozens of smaller donations from smaller groups swung that balance, with donations from the Yates family — New Mexico's homegrown oilpatch dynasty — and their related businesses leading the charge.

These New Mexico trends bear little resemblance to national campaign spending by the same oil and gas companies. In federal elections, those multinational firms give overwhelmingly to Republicans: 85% of donations in the case of Chevron and 80% by Marathon Oil, according to federal campaign data collected by OpenSecrets. Overall, oil and gas companies gave 7.5 to 1 in favor of Republican candidates seeking federal office.

"It is not surprising," said Michael Rocca, political scientist and director of the public policy program at the University of New Mexico. "They are giving money to power."

Nationally, oil and gas companies and production are concentrated in Republican-leaning states such as Texas, Oklahoma and North Dakota. But in New Mexico, Democrats hold all the power, with comfortable leads in both legislative branches, as well as the governorship and every other major elected office.

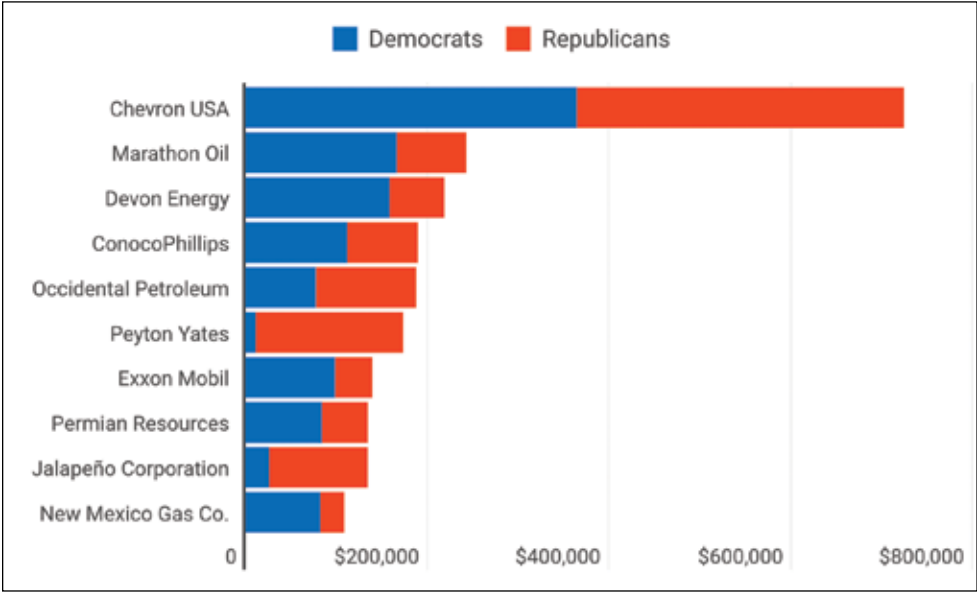
Rocca said individual voters, interest groups and even small companies tend to give based on ideology.

By comparison, business groups behave strategically, he said. "Money buys access." Rocca argues that huge campaign contributions do not generally change how politicians vote, as many believe. He said large companies give to candidates who already vote in their favor. "But what money does most importantly is it protects your allies," after political access is forged.

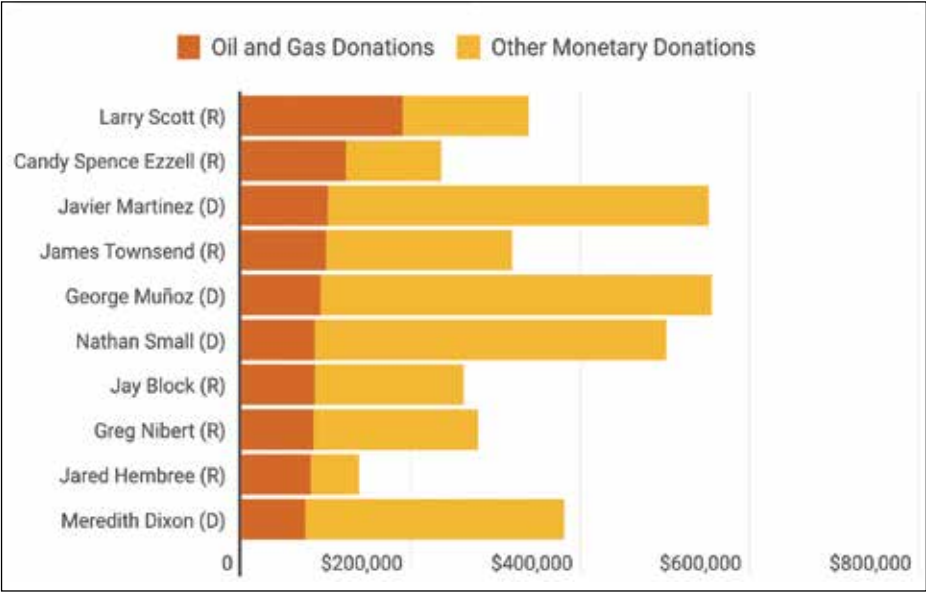
Those thoughts are echoed in the response of the largest overall donor. When asked why Chevron gave so much to Democratic candidates in New Mexico, Bill Turenne, manager of global media relations at Chevron, said, "We make political contributions to support candidates and organizations from both parties that believe, like we do, in the value of responsible energy production and good governance. Our contributions are made in accordance with the law and are posted on our website."

(Turenne's answer is strikingly similar to one received

Top 10 Donors



Top 10 Recipients



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in response to questions about \$760,000 in campaign contributions the company doled out before the 2020 election: “We make political contributions to support the election of candidates who believe, like we do, in the value of responsible oil and gas development. Our contributions are made in accordance with the law.”)

Rocca thinks there is a bit more to it than that. “[Big companies] see giving money to challengers as a waste of resources,” he said.

“Money matters in elections, absolutely.” But it’s rarely spent to fight an incumbent, Rocca said. “[Money is] able to — first of all — scare off quality challengers.”

That money is one reason why incumbents so often defeat challengers at both the state and federal levels, he said.

In New Mexico, many of the biggest recipients of fossil fuel money, both Democrats and Republicans, ran unopposed this year, another major difference between state and national races.

Eleven of the state’s top-20 Democratic recipients of oil and gas money were in uncontested general election races. But before that, four of the 11 received a total of \$174,000, then lost their primaries to other Democrats who went on to win the uncontested seats in the general election. Three of the final victors received no oil and gas money at all. The fourth received just \$1,000.

The access and protection that Rocca describes take on a different hue in the face of a dramatically shifting oil and gas regulation landscape. President-elect Trump has vowed to reduce federal regulations once he takes office. He appointed Lee Zeldin, a former congressman from New York, to

run the Environmental Protection Agency, the group at the forefront of protecting the environment from fossil fuel development. Trump said that Zeldin will “ensure fair and swift deregulatory decisions” at the agency.

“The incoming federal administration and their clear and voiced hostility to public health and safety are very, very scary,” said New Mexico state Rep. Nathan Small of Las Cruces. When not working in New Mexico’s part-time Legislature, he is an organizer with the environmental group New Mexico Wild.

The impending federal shift will place a greater share of industry policing on the state’s shoulders, and the state has a mixed record there. While New Mexico has passed some of the nation’s toughest oil and gas regulations, James Kenney, secretary of the state’s Environment Department, said that his office still finds around 50% of gas and oil operations violating New Mexico emissions regulations when his inspectors go into the field. At the Oil Conservation Division, the state’s main industry regulator, the department hired a new lawyer in May just to deal with the thousands of oil and gas wells abandoned by their legal operators across New Mexico. Once the wells are abandoned, the state and federal government are on the hook to pay for plugging those wells so they no longer leak climate-warming gases or ground-fouling oil.

One Democratic politician has raced up the ranks of those receiving oil and gas donations while sitting at the center of the fossil fuel and climate debates. Rep. Small received \$16,100 from the industry in the 2022 election.

For his 2024 election, that rose to \$87,451 (of just over \$385,000 in total donations), making him No. 3 in the state among Democratic recipients of such funds, after House Speaker Javier Martinez and Senate Finance Chairman George Muñoz. Between 2020 and 2024 he was promoted to chair the House Appropriations and Finance Committee, which also made him vice chair of the overarching Legislative Finance Committee, two of the most powerful positions in New Mexico’s Legislature. And he is one of the few top money recipients to have a contested race this year, which he won by 544 votes out of 14,244 cast in his race.

Does the combination of conservation work and oil and gas money make him uncomfortable? “No,” he said. “I want to have an open door and a large table for folks who see challenges and want to propose and bring solutions to those challenges.” Does he solicit campaign donations from oil and gas companies? “I engage with stakeholders, and certainly will, in appropriate ways, during campaigns, ask for support from a wide range of stakeholders for campaign efforts,” he said.

“At the state level, over the past five years, and particularly in the past three or four years, [we] have significantly increased enforcement of our common sense [oil and gas] rules,” Small said. “That’s resulted in significantly more fines for folks who are doing the wrong thing.”

At the other end of the spectrum, Republican Kenneth Brennan ran for a House seat and lost. He received \$350 from two people who work in the industry. “I’m surprised at what I was able to do with \$21,000,” he said of his campaign total. “Almost \$4,000 of that was out of my own pocket.”

His opponent, incumbent Rep. Matthew McQueen — who is also the chair of the House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee — received \$3,500 from the New Mexico Gas Company.

“That shocks me, because he is definitely anti-oil and gas,” Brennan said. In the last session, McQueen co-sponsored two major pieces of industry-related legislation: an update to the state’s decades-old Oil and Gas Act and an increase in royalty rates on state lands. The first died on House Speaker Martinez’s desk without being heard by the chamber. The second died in a committee chaired by Sen. Muñoz.

Brennan said he definitely supports the oil and gas industry but didn’t directly solicit its donations. “If they want to give to me, it’s all welcomed. But if I have to go begging, then sometimes it’s just not worth it.”

He added, “That’s politics, I guess.”

“The New Mexico Gas Company is a service utility, not an ‘oil and gas’ producer. I don’t take money from oil and gas companies,” McQueen said. “I recognize that ‘gas’ is in their name, but they play a fundamentally different role.”

He continued, “After 10 years in the Legislature, donors are familiar with my positions, and if they didn’t think that I was doing a good job, they wouldn’t donate. People didn’t give money to Ken Brennan because he wasn’t a strong candidate and they didn’t think he could win. They were right.”

McQueen won by 4,532 votes out of nearly 20,000 cast in his race. All data from the NM Secretary of State Campaign Finance System

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Class / Workshop

Gentle Yoga + Energy Medicine
1:15-2:30 pm Yogasaar Studio
2205 Silver Ave. SE

Zen & Zooted Yoga \$10 11 am-
12 pm Thrive Craft Cannabis
Dispensary & Lounge 5926 2nd
St NW

Comedy

Stand-up Comedy 7-9 pm The
Nob Hill Stage 3619 Copper
Avenue Northeast

Community

Sunday Meditation sittings: Open
to all 10 am-12 pm Albuquerque
Shambhala Meditation Center
1102 Mountain Rd. NW

Dance

Festival Ballet Albuquerque:
Nutcracker in the Land of
Enchantment \$16-\$55 7-9 pm
National Hispanic Cultural
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Festival Ballet Albuquerque:
Nutcracker in the Land of
Enchantment \$16-\$55 2-4 pm
National Hispanic Cultural
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Kallestewa Dance Group (Zuni)
12-1 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural
Center 2401 12th Street NW

The Nutcracker \$22-\$30 2-4
pm KiMo Theatre 423 Central
Avenue NW

Festival

Winter Wonderland NM 2024
\$50 6-9 pm EXPO New Mexico
300 San Pedro Dr NE

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Games

National Lampoon's Christmas
Vacation Trivia Night 7-9 pm
Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118
Tulane SE

Markets

Merry Mingle & Holiday Jingle
Market 12-4 pm Canteen

Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road
Northeast

Miscellaneous

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

Music

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

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

Ugly Sweater Party w/ Le Chat
Lunatique 4-7 pm Canteen
Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road
Northeast

Performance

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

Santa's Workshop \$10 11 am-3
pm The Historic Lobo Theater
- Lounge & Event Venue 3013
Central Ave NE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Class / Workshop

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

Festival

Winter Wonderland NM 2024
\$50 6-9 pm EXPO New Mexico
300 San Pedro Dr NE

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Festival

Winter Wonderland NM 2024
\$50 6-9 pm EXPO New Mexico
300 San Pedro Dr NE

Games

Blazed and Confused Trivia
Night 6:30-8 pm Thrive Craft
Cannabis Dispensary & Lounge
5926 2nd St NW

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm 505
Central Food Hall 505 Central
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Health & Wellness

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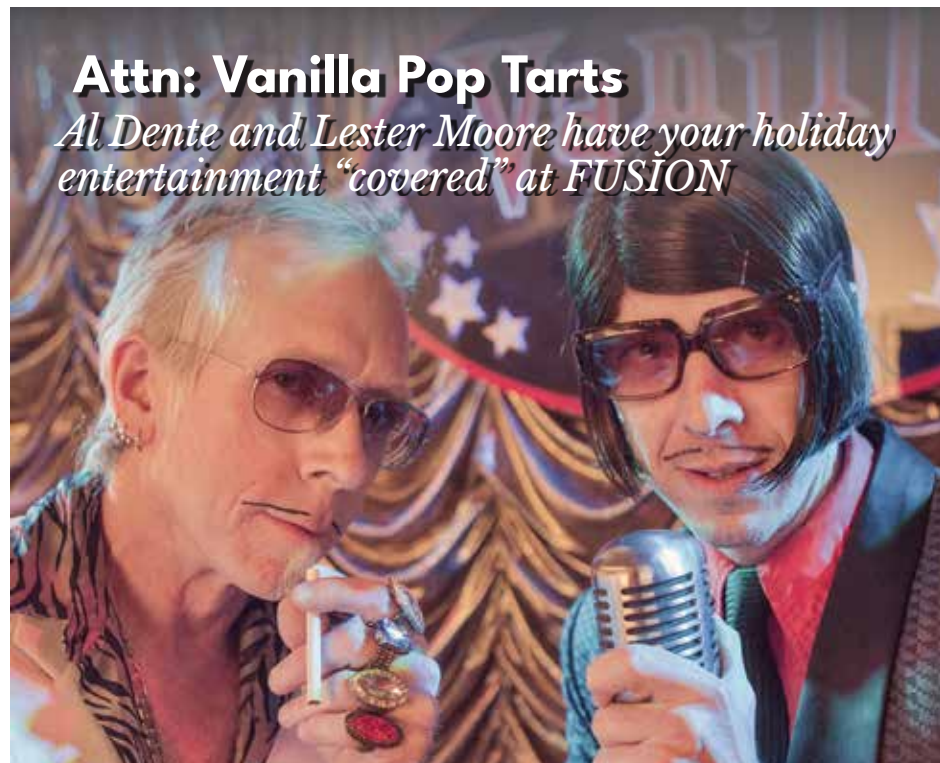
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(Source: Vanilla Pop)

By Michael Hodock, The Paper.

Taos-based duo and Vegas-style lounge act Vanilla Pop is entering its 23rd year of pounding the pavement to venues across New Mexico. The two-man act started its Duke City “residence” playing what could have been a one-time show at the long-gone Martini Grill on a Wednesday night. Five years later, they were still there. And they did it all without the help of autotune. Alan Vetter — better known as Al Dente — tells *The Paper*: he might be getting a little older and a little more tired these days but not to worry, he and Lester Moore — the other half of Vanilla Pop — have still got the lungs to belt out an Eminem song, and they’re still slick enough to catch a couple of pairs of panties thrown from the crowd at FUSION during Vanilla Pop’s Dec. 20 holiday show.

The Paper.: You’ve developed an identity and a fan base. Can you talk about that?

You are talking to Al Dente. That is my moniker. We knew off the bat that we wanted the show to be different, we wanted it to be visual and interactive. Because Lester and I have just seen so many bands over the years where it’s like, “Okay, you’re playing ‘Brown Eyed Girl’ like every other band I’ve ever heard. You’re standing up there in jeans and a T-shirt, and I’m kind of bored.”

So one week we put on these pencil-thin fake mustaches. That took. We started wearing some brocade jackets and clothes, and we fell into a groove of it becoming this sort of Vegas-style lounge act which was also a dance duo. It’s been a slow process, and I think that has enabled us to really

find our footing, be comfortable where we are. And it’s a lot of fun, it really is. It’s been the best job I’ve ever had in my life.

What makes a good show for you?

What we both love doing is playing music and singing. The drum tracks have all been sequenced by myself via sequencers and synthesizers. You’re getting this huge drum sound that really can’t be recreated with just a drum set in the corner with a bass, snare, hi-hat and symbol, and it really enables us to venture out into other genres and artists that we’ve always loved. There’s definitely an electronic aspect. I’ve recorded horn sections and strings and we don’t cheat anything, we don’t overdub vocals. We actually play over the sequenced tracks. So we’ve got live guitar and live bass, and I play keyboards. So it’s not like we’re just pushing the button and getting on with it.

We actually added a hip-hop set a couple of years ago just to sort of mix it up a bit. That’s called “Vanilla hip-hop.” We do a couple of Biggie numbers: “Juicy” and “Hypnotized.” We do an Eminem number and man, I tell you, I realized I wasn’t ready. There are a *lot* of words in hip-hop. It is a vocal test of your abilities and your lung capacity, it’s insane. We do a couple of Beastie Boys numbers right now. We do some MC hammer, some older stuff.

Read the full interview at abq.news

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"I'M SO GRATEFUL I NEVER STOPPED SEARCHING!"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

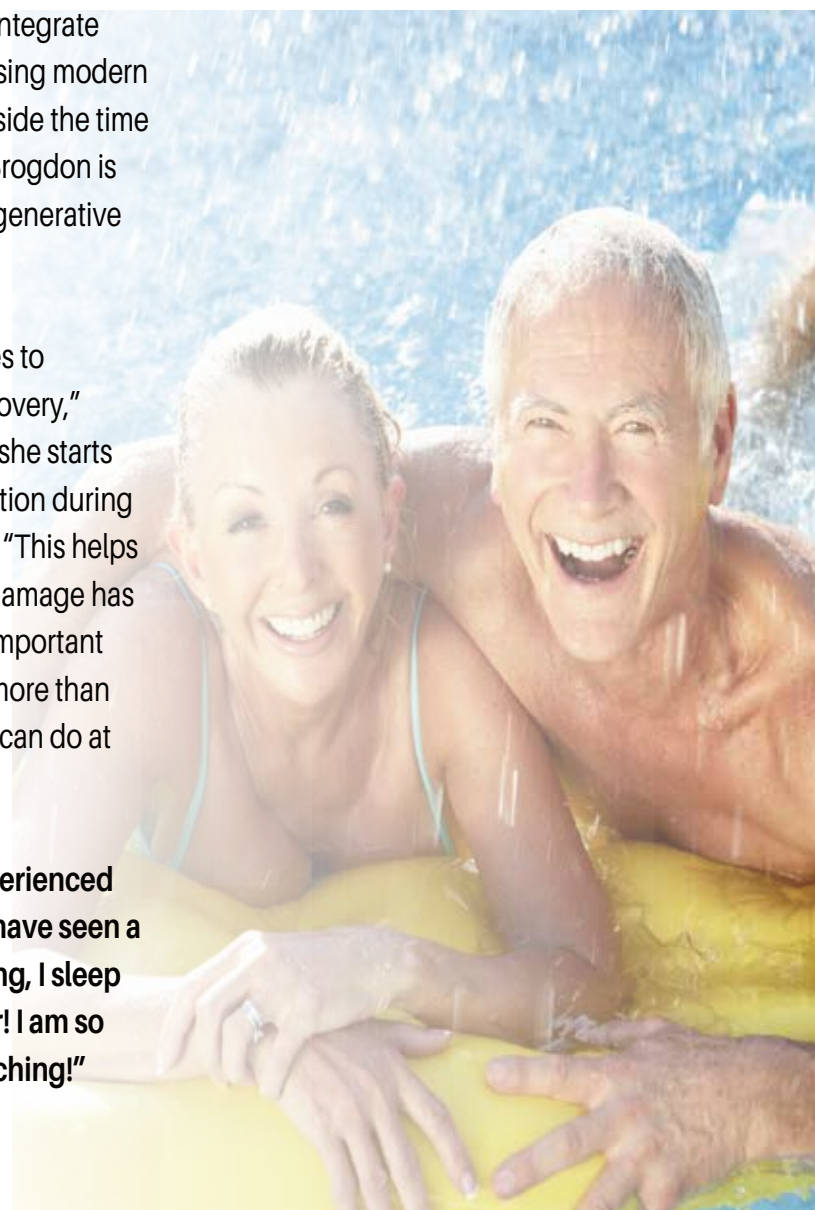
Dr. Andrea Brogdon has helped thousands of patients get their life back after being diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy and living with the debilitating effects of the disease. How does she get such amazing results? "Acupuncture has been used for centuries to improve circulation but the real magic happens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

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

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

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

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Bernalillo Changes Drug Testing Policy

County goes lenient on off-duty use



Bernalillo county's administrative headquarters (Roberto E. Rosales / The Paper.)

Last week, Bernalillo County commissioners voted unanimously to approve a policy change that allows most of its employees to use cannabis during their off-hours without being punished. The reform reportedly makes Bernalillo County the first government entity in New Mexico to take such a progressive stance on cannabis policy.

The policy change removes cannabis from the county's list of prohibited substances without changing the county's "drug- and alcohol-free workplace" policy.

From now on, the county will treat cannabis use more like alcohol use. Employees can consume weed when they're off the clock, but they can't come to work while under the influence. Drug testing will continue, but labs won't be looking for weed.

The policy change aims to strike a balance between employee rights and public safety. By focusing on off-duty use, the county's policy would mirror approaches taken in other areas that have legalized marijuana.

But the new policy doesn't apply to all county employees. A key aspect of it is the introduction of a tiered classification system for employees. Workers will now be divided into three tiers based on their job roles and responsibilities:

Tier 1 employees are those

who are required to have a commercial driver's license or carry a firearm as part of their duties. Tier 2 includes those whose roles carry significant responsibilities for public health, safety and well-being. Tier 3 involves all other employees.

Employees in Tiers 1 and 2 will be subject to more stringent testing requirements, including pre-employment and random drug testing. They will also be required to pass a drug and alcohol test before returning to work in the event of a workplace incident. Workers who self-report substance use issues will be temporarily removed from Tier 1 and Tier 2 roles.

The tiered system is meant to address the different levels of safety required in various roles and allow employees whose jobs don't directly impact public safety a little leeway when it comes to leisure activities.

Workers in positions that are funded by federal money won't be benefiting from the change either, since federal law requires them to adhere to "drug-free workplace" guidelines, which prohibit weed use.

"That ensures that employees know that they're expected to be alert, they're expected to be safe—that is number one when we're dealing with the public and risks and the jobs that our employees do every day," Commission Vice

Chair Eric Olivas said during last week's administrative meeting. He went on to say that the county has to trust its employees and recognize that they have the freedom to do whatever they enjoy during their time off, "whether they like hiking or they like having a beer or they want to use cannabis."

Olivas has framed the reform as a matter of fairness and equity, arguing that blue-collar workers deserve the same rights as white-collar employees, who are often not scrutinized for their off-duty drug or alcohol use. He has pointed out that firefighters are trusted to save lives but face stricter drug-testing protocols than doctors and surgeons.

Ahead of last week's vote, Olivas also highlighted the necessity of allowing county employees like firefighters and emergency dispatch to access medical cannabis as a treatment for PTSD. "These are folks that are seeing and hearing a lot of traumatic things," Olivas told his colleagues. "They're experiencing things that most of us don't experience once in a lifetime, and they're dealing with it day in and day out."

He said the change would allow those employees to work with their physicians "to find the best medicine for them to treat any conditions or any traumatic events that they're dealing with."

Following the vote, some of the other county commissioners made comments about the policy change.

"I think this is so important, especially for the medical cannabis use," Commissioner Adriann Barboa said. "I'm just thankful."

"Medical cannabis and recreational cannabis can be used for PTSD and it's a helpful legal substance so we needed to update our rules and regulations on that and I think this does that," Commissioner Barbara Baca said.

"I agree with this, and I think it's high time," Commissioner Steven Michael Quezada said. "That was a joke," he added.

The rule change is a significant and historic move made by a New Mexico government entity, but it follows a trend happening in all sectors of the nation's workforce as companies contend with the impact of cannabis prohibition on employment.

The federal ban on marijuana creates inconsistencies between state and local policies as cannabis legalization at the state level expands. With recreational weed legal in 24 states and medical marijuana legal in 14 more, finding potential employees who can pass a THC test is becoming much harder.

Complicating matters further, current urine analysis methods aren't sensitive enough to determine how much time has passed between use and test time, and users can produce positive results for up to 90 days. That means applicants have to abstain from using a legal drug for up to three months before being able to pass pre-employment drug screening for some companies. This is a serious problem for businesses looking for good employees in the midst of a nationwide hiring crisis. According to a report from business consulting firm Mercer, 48% of HR leaders say that skill shortage is the top threat to their businesses. As companies become more desperate to find applicants with the required skills to perform their duties, they're becoming less concerned with whether those applicants use cannabis legally. In recent years, mega retailers like Home Depot and Amazon have done away with pre-employment weed testing, and many others are likely to follow as the nation sheds the negative stigmas associated with the drug.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-202-PB-2024-00875

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DAVID W. CREMER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John C. Cremer has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or within sixty (60) days after mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to: 1) the undersigned personal representative at his attorney's address as listed below; or 2) filed with the Second Judicial District Court at the following address: 400 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.
DATED: December 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

HURLEY TOEVS STYLES HAMBLIN
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By Signed /s/ Mandeep S. Talwar
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND
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D-202-DM-2024-02039

IN THE MATTER OF THE KINSHIP
GUARDIANSHIP
OF L.C., minor child.

AND CONCERNING

Randel and Nancy Casaus, Petitioners
and
Angelica Salcido Casaus and Eric Chavez,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-
named Respondent Angelica Salcido
Casaus, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-
named Petitioner has filed a Petition for
Kinship Guardianship of Lucille Chavez,
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Casaus and Eric Chavez.

You are further notified that unless you
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Petitioner's attorney:
/s/ Julia M. Valencia
Julia M. Valencia

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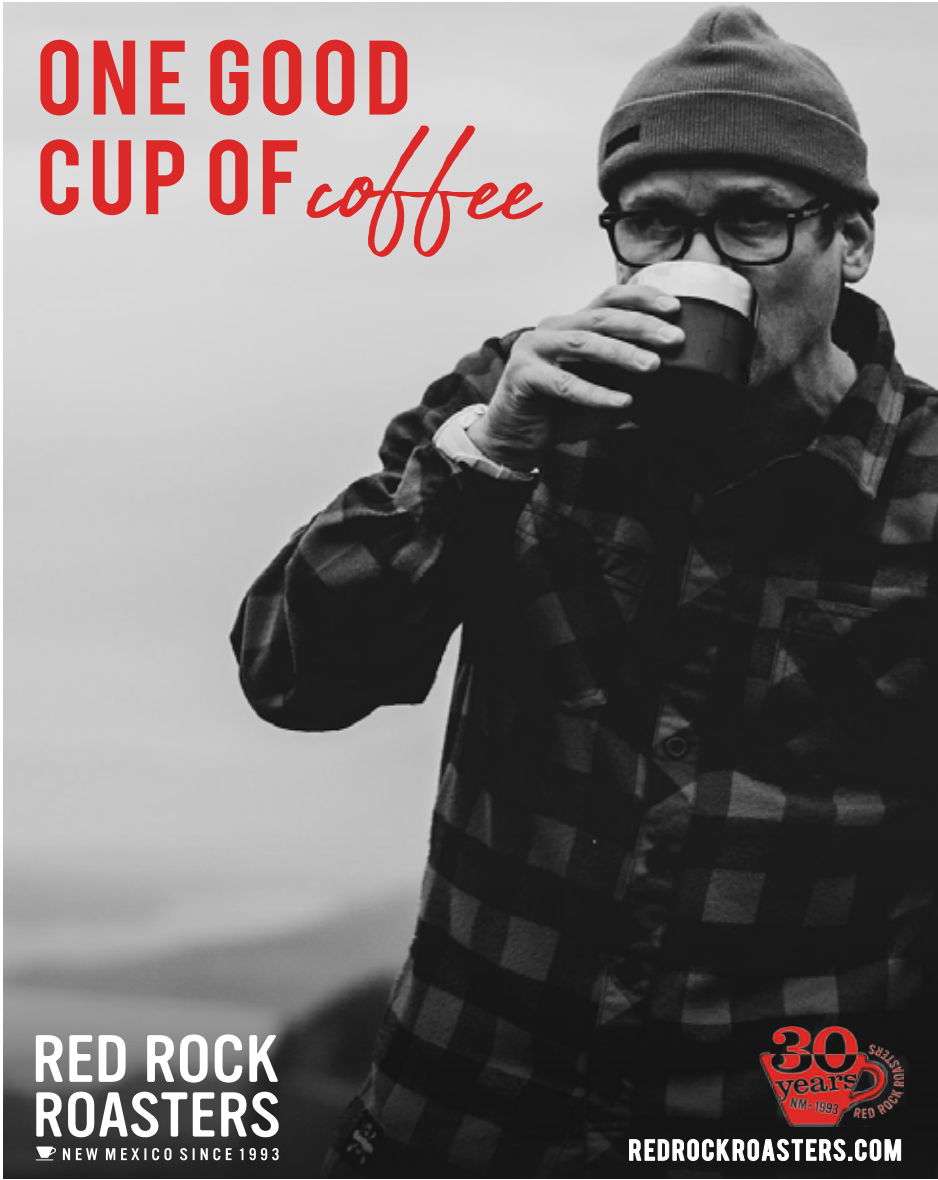
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you worked eight hours per day, seven days a week, it would take you 300 years to count to the number one billion. I don't recommend you try that. I also discourage you from pursuing any other trivial tasks that have zero power to advance your long-term dreams. In a similar spirit, I will ask you to phase out minor longings that distract you from your major longings. Please, Aries, I also beg you to shed frivolous obsessions that waste energy you should instead devote to passionate fascinations. The counsel I'm offering here is always applicable, of course, but you especially need to heed it in the coming months.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): In 1951, minister and author Norman Vincent Peale was working on a new book. As he wrote, he would regularly read passages to his wife, Ruth. She liked it a lot, but he was far less confident in its worth. After a while, he got so discouraged he threw the manuscript in the trash. Unbeknownst to him, Ruth retrieved it and stealthily showed it to her husband's publisher, who loved it. The book went on to sell five million copies. Its title? *The Power of Positive Thinking*. I hope that in 2025, you will benefit from at least one equivalent to Ruth in your life, Taurus. Two or three would be even better. You need big boosters and fervent supporters. If you don't have any, go round them up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I love how colorfully the creek next to my house expresses itself. As high tide approaches, it flows south. When low tide is on its way, it flows north. The variety of its colors is infinite, with every shade and blend of green, grey, blue, and brown. It's never the same shape. Its curves and width are constantly shifting. Among the birds that enhance its beauty are mallards, sandpipers, herons, grebes, egrets, and cormorants. This magnificent body of water has been a fascinating and delightful teacher for me. One of my wishes for you in 2025, Gemini, is that you will commune regularly with equally inspiring phenomena. I also predict you will do just that. Extra beauty should be on your agenda!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Just 81 billionaires have commandeered half of the world's wealth. Even worse, those greedy hoarders are usually taxed the least. That's hard to believe! How is it even possible that such a travesty has come to pass? I also wonder if many of us non-billionaires have milder versions of these proclivities. Are there a few parts of me that get most of the goodies that my life provides, while other parts of me get scant attention and nourishment? The answer is yes. For example, the part of me that loves to be a creative artist receives much of my enthusiasm, while the part of me that enjoys socializing gets little juice. How about you, Cancerian? I suggest you explore this theme in the coming weeks and months. Take steps to achieve greater parity between the parts of you that get all they need and the parts of you that don't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Anthropologist Robin Dunbar theorizes that most of us have limits to our social connections. Typically, our closest circle includes five loved ones. We may also have 15 good friends, 50 fond allies, 150 meaningful contacts, and 1500 people we know. If you are interested in expanding any of these spheres, Leo, the coming months will be an excellent time to do so. In addition, or as an alternative, you might also choose to focus on deepening the relationships you have with existing companions and confederates.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was the best-selling novel of the 19th century. It was written by a Virgo, Harriet Beecher Stowe. Her story about the enslavement of African Americans in the US was not only popular. It awakened many people to the intimate horrors of the calamity—and ultimately played a key role in energizing the abolitionist movement. I believe you are potentially capable of achieving your own version of that dual success in the coming months. You could generate accomplishments that are personally gratifying even as they perform a good service for the world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): According to my reading of the astrological omens, you will be teased with an abundance of invitations to grow in 2025. You will be encouraged to add to your current skills and expertise. You will be nudged to expand your understanding of what exactly you are doing here on planet Earth. That's not all, Libra! You will be pushed to dissolve shrunken expectations, transcend limitations, and learn many new lessons. Here's my question: Will you respond with full heart and open mind to all these possibilities? Or will you sometimes neglect and avoid them? I dare you to embrace every challenge that interests you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio-born Rudolf Karel was a 20th-century Czech composer who created 17 major works, including symphonies and operas. His work was interrupted when Nazi Germany invaded and occupied his homeland. He joined the Czech resistance, but was eventually arrested and confined to Pankrác Prison. There he managed to compose a fairy-tale opera, *Three Hairs of the Wise Old Man*. No musical instruments were available in jail, of course, so he worked entirely in his imagination and wrote down the score using toilet paper and charcoal. I firmly believe you will not be incarcerated like Karel in the coming months, Scorpio. But you may have to be extra resourceful and resilient as you find ways to carry out your best work. I have faith that you can do it!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What is the perfect gift I could offer you this holiday season? I have decided on a large square black box with nothing inside. There would be a gold ribbon around it bearing the words, "The Fruitful Treasure of Pregnant Emptiness." With this mysterious blessing, I would be fondly urging you to purge your soul of expectations and assumptions as you cruise into 2025. I would be giving you the message, "May you nurture a freewheeling voracity for novel adventures and fresh experiences."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): One of my paramount wishes for you in 2025 is this: You will deepen your devotion to taking good care of yourself. You will study and learn more about the sweet secrets to keeping yourself in prime mental and physical health. I'm not suggesting you have been remiss about this sacred work in the past. But I am saying that this will be a favorable time to boost your knowledge to new heights about what precisely keeps your body and emotions in top shape. The creative repertoire of self-care that you cultivate in the coming months will serve you well for the rest of your long life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): To fulfill your life mission, to do what you came here to earth to do, you must carry out many tasks. One of the most important is to offer your love with hearty ingenuity. What are the best ways to do that? Where should you direct your generous care and compassion? And which recipients of your blessings are likely to reciprocate in ways that are meaningful to you? While Jupiter is cruising through Gemini, as it is now and until June 2025, life will send you rich and useful answers to these questions. Be alert!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Mysteries of the past will be extra responsive to your investigations in 2025. Persistent riddles from your life's earlier years may be solvable. I encourage you to be aggressive in collecting previously inaccessible legacies. Track down missing heirlooms and family secrets. Just assume that ancestors and dead relatives have more to offer you than ever before. If you have been curious about your genealogy, the coming months will be a good time to explore it. I wish you happy hunting as you search for the blessings of yesteryear—and figure out how to use them in the present.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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1 Angry bull's sound

6 Pronto

10 ___ of Wight

14 Kitchen gadget

15 Indian royalty

16 Oracle

17 Like Nebraska's legislature

19 Complication

20 Lifelong local

21 Religious chants

23 Fluff up, as hair

25 Like some drinks

26 Golden girl Getty

29 Kind of oil

32 Pasture sound

33 Coolness, in the 'hood

36 Caribbean cruise stop

39 Sticky stuff

40 Fictional Swiss miss

41 Like some fears

44 Have ___ at

45 Lady Bird's spouse

46 Store freebies

49 Charitable gifts

50 Bocelli, for one

51 Enhance, as a recording

54 Phonograph inventor

58 Kiln

59 While away

61 Make whole

62 Nero's 57

63 Resell illegally, as tickets

64 Hill dwellers

65 Actress Redgrave

66 Short and sweet

10 Release

11 Like some races or candidates

12 Sharon of "Dreamgirls"

13 Work units

18 Part of room and board

22 Life partner?

24 Free-for-all

26 Text alternative

27 Word of regret

28 March Madness, e.g.

30 Pigeon's perch

31 Parting word

34 Took off

35 Obliterate

37 South Dakota region

38 Molecule makeup

42 Impart, as values

43 Strike zones?

47 Not apt to crow

48 "Let's Go Crazy" singer

50 Get into shape

51 Tomato type

52 Roulette bet

53 A deadly sin

55 Commendation

56 Museum pieces

57 Neck part

60 Storage cubby

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