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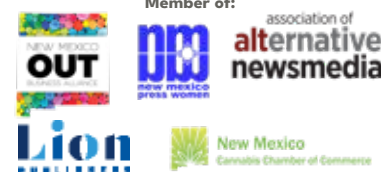


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Keller: Small Business Fund Cuts 'An Attack on the Future'

Representatives of WESST and the City of Albuquerque were recognized by the US Small Business Administration in May 2023 for work supporting local small businesses (WESST/FB) Credit: courtesy WESST/FB

Minority business and community development funds could dry up under Trump order

This story was originally published at City Desk ABQ, a local nonprofit daily newsroom covering local government, politics and more. If you like this story, please support local, independent journalists like these by reading more and donating today at citydesk.org

By Matthew Reichbach

The City of Albuquerque warned that an executive order by President Donald Trump cutting funds for small business development will have a harsh impact on Albuquerque's economy.

The Trump administration said the executive order is aimed at reducing federal bureaucracy and that the president deems unnecessary.

Among other things, the executive order takes aim at the Minority Business Development Agency and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. These are not direct grants to the city, but are aimed at helping the economy through providing capital to local lenders to regrant or fund other programs.

"These cuts are a direct hit to the hardworking small businesses and families in Albuquerque," said Mayor Tim Keller. "Programs funded by the MBDA and CDFI have been instrumental in leveling the playing field for entrepreneurs, creating jobs, and revitalizing our communities. Stripping away these resources is an attack on the future of our city."

The city said the New Mexico MBDA generated \$230.2 million in gross revenue and retained nearly 7,500 jobs between 2021 and 2024. The funding was split between 415 minority businesses.

The CDFI Fund is another key program, part of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, for supporting local governments.

The City of Albuquerque said the CDFI fund "has been a crucial source of capital for organizations like the New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund, Homewise, First Financial Credit Union, the Ventana Fund, DreamSpring, and Rio Grande Credit Union — all of which re-lend to local businesses and support high-impact projects."

The fund provides funding for local financial institutions to then provide funding to local businesses. According to the City of Albuquerque, in 2024, the fund helped finance projects at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Gilbert Sena Charter School and the Imperial Inn Motel renovation.

Local financial institutions joined the city in condemning the cuts to the CDFI Fund.

"Nusenda Credit Union stands with our fellow CDFIs in urging the Treasury to protect the CDFI Fund," Chief Community Engagement Officer at Nusenda Credit Union Sara Keller said. "These investments are essential to expanding economic opportunity, supporting small businesses, and strengthening communities."

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THU/27 (THEATRE)

Native Gardens

Given that this is the gardening issue, it seems appropriate to start out with an encouragement to go check out FUSION Theatre Company's newest play, *Native Gardens* by Karen Zacarias. Described as "a true breath of comedic fresh air," the follows two sets of neighbors who engage in a clash, both cultural and horticultural, over the placement of a controversial garden fence. Opening night is **Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.** But get there early as opening night features a pre-show reception. The show runs through **April 6**, with shows at 7 p.m. on **Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays** and a 3 p.m. matinee on **Sundays**. Tickets are **\$20 to \$40** and can be purchased in advance at fusionnm.org/upcoming/2025/3/27/fusion-theatre-company-presents-native-gardens. FUSION Theatre is located at 700 First St. NW.

FRI/28 - SUN/30 (FILM)

Albuquerque Film Festival

"Everybody is Somebody" is the motto of the Albuquerque Film Festival, heading to Nob Hill's Guild Cinema (3405 Central Ave. NE) for its second year of life. Storytellers from New Mexico and beyond will be there showing off dozens of short films and a handful of features. Friday night kicks off with a partnership between Albuquerque Film Festival and Phoenix's FearCon horror festival. That night, all the films are horror of sci-fi related. The festival runs **Friday, March 28 (5 to 10 p.m.)**, **Saturday, March 29 (2 to 10 p.m.)** and **Sunday, March 30 (1:30 to 7 p.m.)**. Q&A sessions with filmmakers follow each programming block, and it tops off on Sunday with an award ceremony. Tickets (filmfreeway.com/EverybodyisSomebody-AlbuquerqueFilmFestival/tickets) are **\$20 per day or \$45 for a three-day pass**. For a complete schedule of events, go to albuquerquefilmfestival.com.



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SAT/29 (COMEDY)

Goodbye Heat

In June of 2022, Sarah Kennedy and Kelli Trapnell opened Dry Heat Comedy Club on Central and Sixth. Two years later, the club moved into The Annex of The Box Performance Space & Improv Theatre, hosting scores of funny folks, both local and national. Now the owners are saying "adios" with **Goodbye Heat - A Farewell to Dry Heat's Physical Location**. On **Saturday, March 29**, starting at **2 p.m.**, it'll be half party, half show with comedians sharing their best one-minute routines back-to-back. Memories will be shared, goofy hijinks will ensue, there will be snacks and drinks. Plus, it's all free! RSVP at holdmyticket.com/events/445444. Stop by Echos (313 Gold Ave SW), share a laugh and maybe shed a tear. ... Although we're assuming that "physical location" thing in the title means Dry Heat will be back sooner or later, hosting floating comedy nights around the city.



THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Comedy

The LOL Comedy Series - Ngaio Bealum \$20 8-9:30 pm Backstage at Revel 4720 Alexander Blvd NE

Drink

Blanton's Bourbon Tasting \$300 5:30-7 pm Historic El Rey Theatre 622 Central Ave SW

Exhibit

Multi-media art exhibition 10-5, Monday - Saturday Weems Gallery 5935 Wyoming NE

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

Restorying Our HeartPlaces: Contemporary Pueblo Architecture 9 am-5 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th St. NW

Sage Mountainflower: House of Fashion 9 am-5 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th St NW

Family/Kids

NMARB and Youth Arts Ambassadors' Council Project: Storytelling 3-4 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Food

March Mushroom Meetup 6-8 pm Bow & Arrow Brewing Co. 608 McKnight Ave NW

Games

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

Quiz Runners Trivia Night 7-9 pm Brew Lab 101 - NE Heights 3107 Eubank Blvd., Suite 12

Trivia for a Cause: Twin Peaks & The Films of David Lynch \$25 6-8 pm Bosque Brewing Co. Nob Hill Public House 106 Girard Blvd. SE B

Music

Agnostic Front 7-10 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

Belphegor \$25 8-11 pm Historic El Rey Theatre 622 Central Ave SW

Breezy Night \$7 9 pm-2 am Effex NightClub 420 Central Avenue SW

Celebrating Mickey Cruz's Birthday \$13 8 pm-12 am Dave and Buster's - Albuquerque 2100 Louisiana Blvd NE

Chelsea Grin 7:30-9:30 pm Sunshine Theater 120 Central Ave SW

Dark Honey Productions Presents: Karaoke Party 8-11 pm Brew Lab 101 Beer & Cider Co. - NE Heights 3107 Eubank Blvd NE Suite 12

Jazz Singing Recital: New Mexico Jazz Adult Education 7-9 pm q-Staff Theatre 400 Broadway Blvd SE

Jeremy Studdard 9-11 pm The Dirty Bourbon Dance Hall & Saloon 9800 Montgomery Blvd NE

Joe West & Friends 6-8 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Karaoke Thursdays at The Imperial 6-9 pm The Imperial Hotel 701 Central Ave. NE

Pallbearer \$20 8-11 pm Insideout 622 Central Ave SW

RJ Perez 6-9 pm Dripline Brewery 1320 Second St. NW

Music - Classical

UNM Symphony Orchestra \$10-\$15 7:30-9:30 pm Popejoy Hall 203 Cornell Dr

Performance

Always a Bridesmaid \$10-\$26 7:30-9:30 pm Adobe Theater 9813 4th St NW

Magic @ Enchanted 7:30-8 pm Enchanted Botanicals Nobhill 3417 Central Ave. NE

Native Gardens \$20-\$40 7-9 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Comedy

Chris Potter \$20-\$25 8-9:30 pm Hyena's Comedy Club 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE

Chris Potter \$20-\$25 10-11:30 pm Hyena's Comedy Club 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE

Dry Heat Presents: Live Stand Up Comedy \$15 9:30-11 pm The Box Performance Space 114 Gold Ave SW

Kate Anella \$15 7:30-9 pm The Box Performance Space 114 Gold Ave SW

Kyle Kinane \$30-\$40 7-8:30 pm Quezada's Comedy Club at Santa Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Road, Santa Ana Pueblo

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Stand-up Comedy: Tripp Stelnicki \$15 7 pm 377 Comedy Club 2027 Yale Blvd. SE

The Nightcap \$10 9:15-10:30 pm The Box Performance Space 114 Gold Ave SW

Community

Albuquerque Home Expo 12-6 pm Albuquerque Convention Center 401 2nd Street, Northwest

Festival

Anime New Mexico 2025 \$30-\$100 3 pm-12 am Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa 1000 Woodward Pl NE

Film

Albuquerque Film Festival: "Everybody is Somebody" 5-11 pm Guild Cinema 3405 Central Ave NE

Music

AMP Concerts presents David Wilcox \$25-\$30 7:30-10:30 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Atomic Rebound 7-9:30 pm Flatiron Bites & Brews 6001 San Mateo Blvd NE

Cavalera \$28-\$78 6:30-11 pm Historic El Rey Theatre 622 Central Ave SW

Cult Sister 8-11 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

David Wilcox \$25 7:30-9:30 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Dylan Gossett - The Back 40 Tour 2025 \$30-\$102 8-11:30 pm Revel Entertainment Center 4720 Alexander Blvd NE

Gaga Nights \$17-\$20 9 pm-1 am Backstage at Revel 4720 Alexander Blvd NE

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

Glixen 7-10:30 pm Sister 407 Central Ave. NW

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

Jeremy Studdard 9-11 pm The Dirty Bourbon Dance Hall & Saloon 9800 Montgomery Blvd NE

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

Sullivan King 8:30 pm Revel Entertainment Center 4720 Alexander Blvd NE

Sullivan King - Chaos Will Bring Peace \$29-\$467 8:30 pm-12 am Revel Entertainment Center 4720 Alexander Blvd NE

UNM Greek Sing \$20 6-8 pm Popejoy Hall 203 Cornell Dr

Performance

A Night of Scary Stories: Hosted by Syllas Dean & Stew from CreepTime the Podcast \$29-\$47 7-8:30 pm The KiMo Theater 423 Central Ave NW

Always a Bridesmaid \$10-\$26 7:30-9:30 pm Adobe Theater 9813 4th St NW

Jordan Jonas: A Night of Haunting Magick \$30 8-9 pm Painted Lady Bed & Brew 1100 Bellamah Ave. NW

Menarche in the UK 7-9 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 First St. NW

Native Gardens \$20-\$40 7-9 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead \$19-\$24 7:30-9:30 pm Vortex Theatre 2900 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Skylight \$20-\$24 7:30pm - 10:00pm WEST END PRODUCTIONS North Fourth Theatre, 4904 4th Street

The Addams Family Musical \$14-\$26 7-9 pm Rodey Theatre 1 University of New Mexico

Sports

PBR: Unleash the Beast 2025 \$30-\$350 7:30-10:30 pm University Arena - The Pit 1111 University Blvd SE

SATURDAY, MARCH 29**Class / Workshop**

Osuna University: Climate Ready Trees - Planting Smarter for a Warmer, Shadier Future 11 am-12 pm Osuna Nursery 501 Osuna Rd. NE

Comedy

Chris Potter \$20-\$25 7-8:30 pm Hyena's Comedy Club 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE

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Community

Albuquerque Home Expo 10 am-5 pm Albuquerque Convention Center 401 2nd Street, Northwest

Women in Trades 2025 Summit 1-4 pm CNM Main Campus Smith Brasher Hall 717 University Blvd. SE

Dance

Live Flamenco & Spanish Music Night 8-10 pm Tractor Brewing Wells Park 1800 Fourth St. NW

Discussion / Lecture

Pueblo Book Club: Women's History 3:30-5 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Drink

Shadow Train: Murder Mystery \$50 6-9 pm Escape in Time 1100 San Mateo Blvd NE, Unit 21

Exhibit

IPCC Presents: Pueblo Immersion: A Dynamic New Experience 12 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th St NW

Family/Kids

Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake Dance Party 11 am-1 pm Skidmore's Holiday Bowl 7515 Lomas Blvd NE

Halfway to Fair Extravaganza 8 am-3 pm EXPO New Mexico 300 San Pedro Dr NE

Festival

Anime New Mexico 2025 \$30-\$100 11-12 am Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa 1000 Woodward Pl NE

Food

Sweet Soiree: Sweet Week Launch Party \$10-\$25 6-10 pm Backstage at Revel 4720 Alexander Blvd NE

Health & Wellness

MTS Yoga: Center Stage Serenity 11:30 am-12:30 pm Musical Theatre Southwest 6320B Domingo NE

Literature/Poetry

Cindy Sloan Butts Book Signing 1:30-3:30 pm Treasure House Books & Gifts 2012 S Plaza St NW A

Markets

Oddities & Curiosities Expo 2025 \$10 10 am-6 pm Albuquerque Convention Center 401 2nd Street, Northwest

Miscellaneous

Low Class New Mexico Car Show \$25 1-6 pm Tingley Coliseum 300 San Pedro Dr. NE

Music

City Bright Celebration 8 pm-12:30 am Sister 407 Central Ave. NW

Daily Bread 9 pm Historic El Rey Theatre 622 Central Ave SW

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

Drumming for Peace 3-5 pm Together Source 1111 Carlisle Blvd S.E.

Fiesta del Sandia ft. Al Hurricane, Jr. \$45-\$65 6-10 pm Sandia Resort and Casino 30 Rainbow Road

Floyd Nation 7 pm Route 66 Casino 14500 Central Ave SW, 87121

Here and Now Presents The PourOver 2-8 pm Sunday Service Motor Company 2701 4th Street NW

Irie Vibes Lounge 7-10 pm Thrive Craft Cannabis Dispensary & Lounge 5926 2nd St NW

Jeremy Studdard 9-11 pm The Dirty Bourbon Dance Hall & Saloon 9800 Montgomery Blvd NE

Johnny Lloyd 7-9 pm Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118 Tulane SE

Kings of the West 7 pm Rio Rancho Events Center 3001 Civic Center Circle

Krayzie Bone: Meet & Greet \$20 2-4 pm Happy Dispensary 904 Broadway Blvd. NE

Live Salsa with Son Como Son \$10-\$20 8-11:30 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

Silver Sky Blues Band 10 am-1 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Smoking Dolls 7-11:30 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

Outdoors

Backyard Refuge Day 10 am-2 pm Gutierrez-Hubbell House 6029 Isleta Blvd SW

Performance

Always a Bridesmaid \$10-\$26 7:30-9:30 pm Adobe Theater 9813 4th St NW

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Skylight \$20-\$24 7:30pm - 10:00pm WEST END PRODUCTIONS North Fourth Theatre, 4904 4th Street

The Addams Family Musical \$14-\$26 7-9 pm Rodey Theatre 1 University of New Mexico

Sports

DAHEI Doubles for Dollars Pickleball Tournament 8 am-4 pm Manzano Mesa Pickleball Courts 501 Elizabeth St SE

PBR: Unleash the Beast 2025 \$30-\$350 7-10 pm University Arena - The Pit 1111 University Blvd SE

New Mexico Invitational Age Level All Stars Chess Tournament 2-6:30 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Skylight \$20-\$24 7:30pm - 10:00pm WEST END PRODUCTIONS North Fourth Theatre, 4904 4th Street

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Run with Joy 5k and 1/2 Marathon 6:30-8:30 am Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Literature/Poetry

Irene Blea Reading & Book Signing 1:30-3:30 pm Treasure House Books & Gifts 2012 S Plaza St NW A

The Addams Family Musical \$14-\$26 2-4 pm Rodey Theatre 1 University of New Mexico

Class / Workshop

Gardening Class: No Fooling Around with Pesticides & Herbicides 1-2:30 pm Albuquerque Garden Center 10120 Lomas Blvd NE

Run with Joy: Unicorn-Themed Half Marathon & 5K \$50-\$90 8 am-12 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Sports

PBR: Unleash the Beast 2025 \$30-\$350 1:30-3:30 pm University Arena - The Pit 1111 University Blvd SE

Games

Brain Gang Trivia 7-9 pm The Tatted Bee Brewhouse 11500 Menaul Blvd NE

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Class / Workshop

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

Markets

Oddities & Curiosities Expo 2025 \$10-\$15 10 am-4 pm Albuquerque Convention Center 401 2nd Street, Northwest

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Community

Albuquerque Home Expo 11 am-4 pm Albuquerque Convention Center 401 2nd Street, Northwest

Music

Brandee Younger Trio \$15-\$35 7:30-9:30 pm Outpost Performance Space 210 Yale Blvd. SE

Art

Adult Coloring Night 5-9 pm Tractor Brewing Westside 5720 McMahan Blvd NW bldg 5 ste a

Geeks Who Drink: Boom Box Bingo 7-9 pm Thirsty Eye Brewing Company 206 Broadway Blvd SE

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

Transgender Resource Center Visibil"t"y Fundraiser 12-2 pm Valle De Luna Event Center 5401 Central Ave. NW

Gilbert Uribe 6-9 pm The Hall ABQ 107 Jefferson St. NE

Games

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

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

Family/Kids

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Roadside Attraction 4-7 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

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

Trivia For a Cause: The Princess Bride \$25 6-9 pm Bosque Brewing Cottonwood Public House 10250 Cottonwood Park NW

Halfway to Fair Extravaganza 8 am-3 pm EXPO New Mexico 300 San Pedro Dr NE

Sunday Funday Karaoke 6-9 pm Tractor Brewing Wells Park 1800 Fourth St. NW

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

Trivia Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 pm Dave and Buster's - Albuquerque 2100 Louisiana Blvd NE

Festival

Anime New Mexico 2025 \$30-\$100 11 am-5 pm Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa 1000 Woodward Pl NE

Music - Classical

Trey McLaughlin & the Sounds of Zamar 3-5 pm Popejoy Hall 203 Cornell Dr

Music

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

Music

Denzel Curry \$45-\$130 7-10 pm Historic El Rey Theatre 622 Central Ave SW

Film

Albuquerque Film Festival: "Everybody is Somebody" 3-9 pm Guild Cinema 3405 Central Ave NE

Performance

Always a Bridesmaid \$10-\$26 2-4 pm Adobe Theater 9813 4th St NW

Metal Monday Open Mic & Karaoke 8-10 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

Eryn Bent Band 6-8:30 pm Ex Novo Brewing Company Albuquerque Taproom 701 Central Ave. NW

Games

Brain Gang Trivia 1-3 pm Craft Republic - Albuquerque 4301 The Lane at 25 NE

Menarche in the UK 7-9 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 First St. NW

Yagody \$30 7:30-9:30 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Shwayze \$20 8-11 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia Trivia Night \$5 7-9 pm Tractor Brewing Nob Hill 118 Tulane SE

Native Gardens \$20-\$40 3-5 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus Presents the Unbreakable Harvey Milk \$20-\$60 2-4 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead 2-4 pm Vortex Theatre 2900 Carlisle Blvd. NE

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Shining Through the Gloom

Skylight brightens up the stage at North Fourth Theater this weekend



Rachel Foster and Matt Heath in *Skylight*. (Credit: Jason Ponio)

By Michael Hodock

If you aren't familiar with West End Productions or haven't checked out a performance at the North Fourth Theater (4904 Forth St. NW) yet, perhaps it's time to be enlightened. Beginning on Friday, March 28 and running until April 13, the theater company brings David Hare's *Skylight* to the Griegos Neighborhood in Albuquerque and showcases some of the city's brightest actors. The play is a love story — and maybe a love letter to the '90s — but hiding under the romance and the humor is an important message about materialism and lingering attitudes involving class and capitalism that we only *thought* went out of style when we stashed away our Walkmans and stopped using the Yellow Pages.

"When I read *Skylight*, I was immediately captivated by David Hare's writing," Director Colleen Neary McClure says. "He is a word master, in my opinion. His writing is witty and intricate, and he weaves in and out of a tapestry of human emotion."

A Touch of Class

Skylight premiered at the National Theatre in 1995 and ran in London's West End in 1996 before coming to Broadway. The play, its director and the actors won Lawrence Olivier Awards in the UK including Play of the Year as well as the New York Drama Critics' Circle award for Best Foreign Play. McClure says *Skylight* is about "family ties and a quest to reach out to others less fortunate." The three-actor production set in the '90s revolves around wealthy restaurateur Tom Sergeant and poor school teacher Kyra Hollis, former lovers attempting to rekindle a romance they once had. Instead, they find themselves locked in a battle of opposing ideologies and mutual desires. Despite having a tremendous amount of love and respect for each other, the outcome doesn't prove promising.

"Tom basically tells [Kyra], 'Why do you choose to teach in this impoverished environment when you're a highly educated woman? You could be a businesswoman, you could be anything you wanted to be,'" McClure says. "Kyra says, 'It's

because I'm educated that I *can* do this.'"

Tom and Kyra are played by Matt Heath and Rachel Foster, two local actors McClure calls a "tour de force." She says the characters' conflicting ideologies are relevant to the play, particularly during Kyra's speeches defending her belief in helping those less fortunate. But she doesn't want audiences to think *Skylight* is a political play. Rather, the play is an "emotional roller coaster" involving two intellectual equals with very different values. And the best part of the ride is Heath and Foster's powerful and sometimes humorous performances as they attempt to keep their love from going off the rails.

"They are not to be missed," McClure says. "They bring life, perhaps even 'sunlight' into Kyra's gloomy apartment."

From London to Burque

McClure is the artistic director and a founding member of West End Productions. She's been in the theater game for 40 years and fittingly got her start in London's West End, the city's commercial and entertainment district

that McClure calls England's "equivalent to Broadway." In the States, McClure worked as director of performing arts for 17 years at Albuquerque's Bosque School and brought Shakespeare to life for 8th-graders through activities such as performing scenes at different locations throughout the riverside landscapes that make up Sanchez Park and the surrounding Bosque wilderness. In 2025 Albuquerque's West End Productions celebrates ten years of bringing theater from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales to New Mexico. McClure says they have been running plays at North Fourth Theater for nine of the ten years they have been operating.

"We specialize in bringing plays from the United Kingdom that have rarely — if ever — been seen before in Albuquerque. I started the company because I was so missing my roots, and I wanted to share what I love with this city," she says.

Maybe McClure has a bit more in common with Kyra than she does with Tom; she certainly wants to share her passion for the stage with young people and the local community. She says these days she enjoys sharing a creative space with the Albuquerque Sign Language Academy (ASLA), a tuition-free charter school that is currently leasing the North Fourth Theater and remains committed to allowing companies like West End Productions to bring plays like *Skylight* to Duke City audiences. The school is set directly behind the theater, so students use the space for art projects and, more recently, performance projects such as last September's production of *Home, I'm Darling*.

"They're an amazing school to work with," she says. "We're very excited to collaborate with them and very excited that the theater is still being used to benefit our city and the hearing impaired."

For show information and individual or season tickets, visit westendproductions.org or call (505) 460-4823. Discounted tickets are available for military members, TALC and Sag-Afra members and students. Remember to please bring your ID.

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"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.

"I fully believe the human body has the ability to heal itself, but sometimes it needs a little push. I've used acupuncture in the past to help me through a bout of sciatica and just knew if anyone could help me with this Long Covid business, it was going to be Dr. Brogdon."

You might think that a novel virus needs a novel solution, but if so, you'd only be half right. While the staff at AAIM Acupuncture does use innovative solutions like ATP Resonance BioTherapy® to combat Long Covid, because it aids in the healing and repair of specific cells and tissues, it's a much more time-tested science that's getting patients back to living their lives.

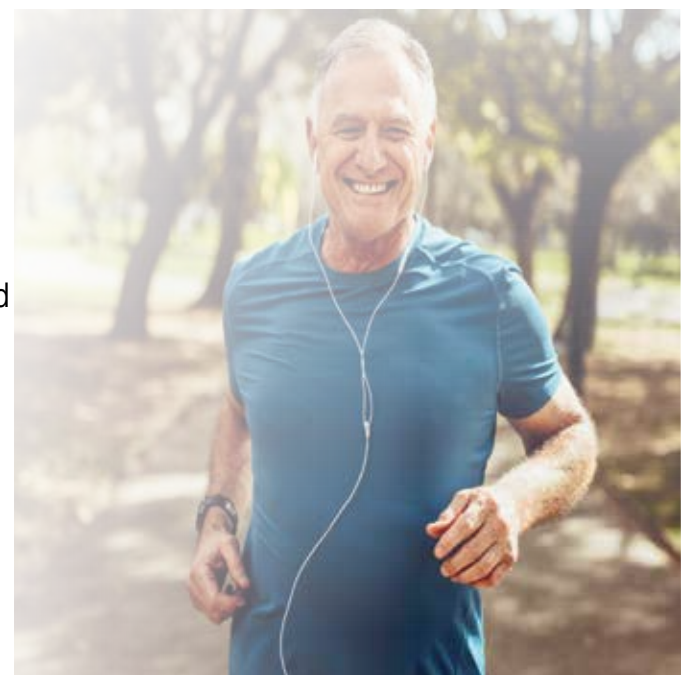
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"I'm in my second month of treatment and back to riding my bike and breathing better than before I even had Covid. Everyone [at AAIM] has been amazing! I really feel taken care of every time I walk in the door." says Eric.

Dr. Andrea Brogdon, AAIM's founder and leading practitioner, has been successfully treating chronic pain and complicated conditions for over two decades. She has pioneered effective protocols to treat seemingly hopeless conditions like peripheral neuropathy, fibromyalgia, and postherpetic neuralgia. When Covid-19 emerged three years ago, she and her team got right to work researching and developing therapies that would effectively address that complex virus. Based on the testimony of patients like Eric, it seems their efforts have been a smashing success.

For more information, visit AAIM-abq.com. In an effort to do their part in helping people through this difficult time, they are waiving the \$240 new patient consultation fee for Long Covid patients. Call (505)355-1984 to schedule.



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Plants for 2025

505 Outside looks for some new desert-friendly garden options for 2025

The Paper. staff

It might be too early to start planting your 2025 garden but it's never too early to start planning your yard. We've grabbed some of our favorite plants for you to test out in 2025. Take a look below.



Woolly butterfly bush, *Buddleja marrubiifolia*:

This rounded, grey green evergreen shrub provides year-round interest. Orange flowers are prevalent year-round with their showiest times in the spring and summer. Woolly butterfly bush is native from southwest Texas into New Mexico, where it can be found in canyons, arroyos and on slopes at elevations from 1,800 to 3,800 feet. It's heat tolerant and likes well drained soils.

Type: Deciduous
Exposure: Full sun
Water Use: Low
Mature Size: 4' x 4'



Mock orange, *Philadelphus lewisii* Cheyenne:

This deciduous native shrub sports white blooms from spring to summer. A mass of flowers emits a delightful fragrance reminiscent of orange blossoms with a hint of pineapple. It's a great habitat and pollinator shrub that works well in perennial beds, providing interest and privacy if needed.

Type: Deciduous
Exposure: Sun/shade
Water Use: Medium
Mature Size: 10' x 10'



Licorice mint hyssop, *Agastache rupestris*:

This is one of the best, most durable species in the Agastache family. It has nectar-rich orange flowers that attract hummingbirds for many months. The plant has a licorice minty scent. It's also low water use and very drought resistant.

Type: Deciduous
Exposure: Full sun
Water Use: Low
Mature Size: 2' x 2'



Lacebark elm, *Ulmus parvifolia*:

This fast-growing shade tree should not be confused with the notoriously invasive Siberian elm. Lacebark elm is a medium sized tree with a round to oval crown and interesting lacy bark in tan, grey and cinnamon colors. It is an excellent drought tolerant species for use in windbreaks. It can grow as much as 3 feet a year. It is adaptable to most soil conditions.

Type: Deciduous
Exposure: Full sun
Water Use: Medium
Mature Size: 40' x 40'



Sandpaper verbena, *Verbena rigida*:

This flowering plant grows well in extreme heat. It has rough, dark green leaves that feel like sandpaper and vivid purple flowers in the spring and summer. If this plant starts to look ragged, cut it back to the ground and fresh growth will sprout from underground stems. Even in very cold winters, this plant bounces back from these rhizomes. It is nice mixed with the yellows of prairie zinnia or Angelita daisy.

Type: Deciduous
Exposure: Full sun
Water Use: Low
Mature Size: 1' x 3'



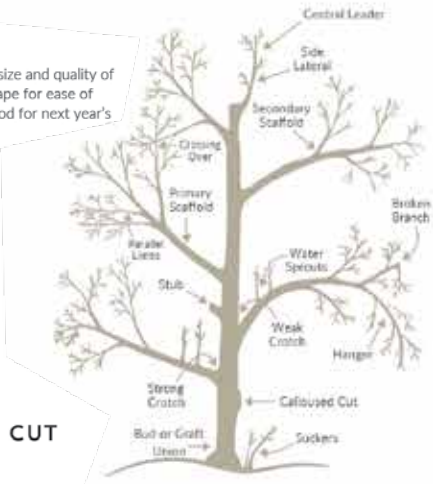
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REASONS TO PRUNE

- a. Maximize sun and air exposure to fruiting wood
- b. Improve fruit size and quality of fruit
- c. Maintain vigorous, healthy trees
- d. Manage tree size and shape for ease of harvesting and spraying
- e. Maintain fruiting spurs or grow new wood for next year's fruit

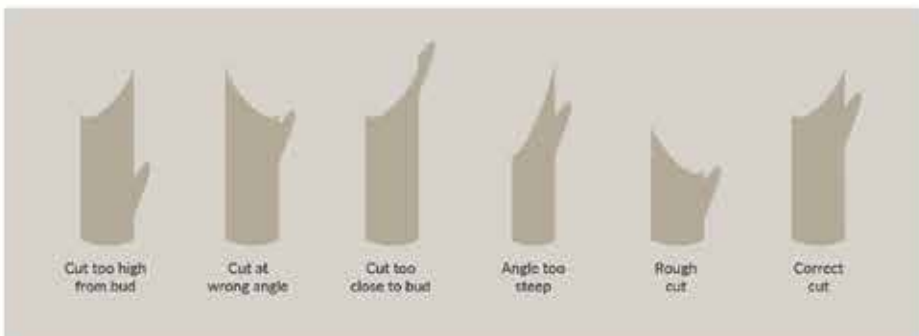
WHEN AND HOW TO PRUNE

- a. New trees—the day they are planted
- b. Established trees—every year while the tree is dormant (late winter/early spring)
- c. Remove branches that are dead, diseased, damaged, hanging, rubbing, water sprouts, and suckers—as soon as noticed at any time of year
- d. Remember pruning stimulates a tree to break dormancy and start growing in the spring



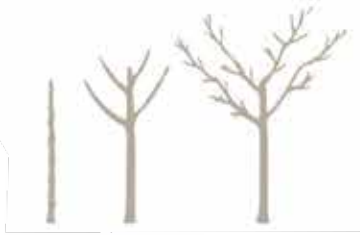
HOW TO PRUNE AND WHERE TO CUT

- a. Cuts are made outside of the branch collar (swollen area where limb meets the tree)
- b. Heading cuts—shortening a branch/shoot to encourage lateral growth
- c. Thinning cuts—removing entire branch/shoot back to a lateral branch to control direction of growth



PEACH, NECTARINE, APRICOT, JAPANESE PLUM, SOUR CHERRY

- 1 Open Vase**
 - a. Remove central leader
 - b. Select three to four primary scaffold branches to leave for growth
 - c. Branches should start about 18-24" up from the ground
 - d. All scaffold branch angles should be angled 45-60 degrees from trunk
- 2 Know Where the Fruit is Found:**
 - a. Buds form on 1-year-old wood (branches produced the previous year)
 - b. Peaches and nectarines usually have a triple bud arrangement of two fruiting buds on the outside and one leaf bud in the center
- 3 Prune off about 60 to 80 % of last year's growth**
 - a. This will stimulate new growth for next year's fruit production
 - b. Let the light and air in to improve fruit color and provide good air circulation around fruit
 - c. Choose pencil sized diameter 1-year-old wood to leave on the tree for fruit production and shorten these to 6-8" long.



APPLE, PEARS

- 1 Central Leader/Modified Central Leader:**
 - a. Select three to four lower primary scaffold branches about 20-30" up from the ground
 - b. Select three to four upper secondary scaffold branches that are 18-20" above the first set of scaffolds
 - c. Try to place the secondary scaffold branches at right angles to the primary scaffolds
 - d. All scaffold branch angles should be angled 45-60 degrees from trunk
- 2 Know Where the Fruit is Found:**
 - a. On spurs that are 2 years and older—do not prune off fruiting spurs.
- 3 Prune to let the light and air in to improve fruit color and provide good air circulation around fruit**



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The Dirt on Local Weeds

The Paper. staff

Most definitions of a weed call it “a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition of cultivated plants.” What you may call a weed in your yard may be a beloved plant in your neighbor’s yard.

There are two times a year in the greater Albuquerque area when weeds can get out of hand. This happens typically in early spring after a wet winter and after a monsoon season in late summer. The first thing to do is to identify the plant and decide whether it is actually a weed.

There are some common plants most people in our area think of as weeds. These are broken up into two categories: annual weeds and perennial weeds.

Annual weeds (puncture vine/goathead, pig weed, purslane, mustard weeds, spurge, and many others) must grow from seeds each year. Prevent them from forming seeds to reduce potential weed problems for the next year. However, since weed seeds can persist in the soil many years before germinating, they will continue to reappear. Be persistent!

Perennial weeds (silverleaf nightshade, bindweed, and others) grow from seeds as well, but they also are able to regrow from their root systems. Pulling newly germinated perennial weeds before they can establish their perennial root system helps reduce the problem. As they regrow from established root systems, frequent removal of the tops will help diminish the food reserves in the roots and weaken the weeds over time. As they become weaker, they become easier to manage.

Weed Removal

Chemical sprays are typically not recommended due to the health hazards and environmental pollution they produce if used incorrectly. It might sound easier to use the chemical sprays, but once the weeds die from the chemicals, you still have to pull the dead weeds from your yard. Instead, most weeds should be removed manually.

There are few ways to manually remove weeds: hand pulling, using a hand weeder tool, or using a tool called a hula hoe.

What to do with your pile of weeds after you have removed them?

If you have not used chemicals on your weeds, then you could compost them. But only compost if you know the weeds have not gone to seed and that your compost pile will heat up sufficiently. When in doubt, dispose of them in the trash or take them to a local composting facility.

Common weeds in the greater Albuquerque area



Puncture Vine – Annual Weed

Puncture Vine/Goathead, *Tribulus terrestris*

This plant appears in summer. We all love to hate the seeds of this plant, especially if you have ever stepped on them with bare feet. They are also frustrating for cyclists because they cause flat tires. Each goathead fruit contains 5-7 additional seeds, meaning that each plant can easily produce 200 – 5,000 seeds. That’s why it is so important to remove this plant before it flowers and goes to seed.

Remove puncture vine before plant starts to flower. If you notice the bright yellow flowers it’s time to get after it with a hula hoe. Because of this plant’s spreading nature, just a few plants can take up a relatively large area. With a hula hoe, these areas can be cleaned up quickly. A thick layer (3-4 inches) of organic mulch can be effective in controlling this plant from germinating.



Pig Weed – Annual Weed

Pig weed, *Amaranthus alba*

Related to the South American ‘ancient grain’ amaranth, pig weed usually appears after summer rains and grows quickly. It can easily reach over 6 feet tall, if allowed. Mowing or line trimming will only encourage this plant to grow low and horizontally, and to go to seed earlier. Like most weeds, pig weed is worth controlling when it is young to reduce the amount of work to remove it later, and to reduce the number of seeds it produces. Remove pig weed when it is less than 8-12 inches tall and when the soil is a little damp with a hula hoe. When larger, this weed is relatively easy to hand pull when soil is damp. If large, chop below ground with a shovel or heavy garden hoe.



Purslane – Annual Weed (Photo courtesy of NMSU)

Purslane, *Portulaca oleracea*

This plant appears in mid-summer and should be removed before it flowers. Use a hula hoe for removal when the plant is less than 3 inches wide. Hand pull larger than 3-inch plants. This plant, which is known locally as verdolagas, is also an edible plant that is packed with nutrients, including omega-3 fatty acids. It can sometimes be found in local farmers’ markets.



Mustard Weed – Annual Weed

Mustard Weed, London Rocket *Sisymbrium irio*

This plant appears in the winter months in pockets of dampness. It should be removed before yellow flowers appear. Use a hula hoe to remove when the plant is less than 4 inches tall and the soil is damp. Hand pulling is recommended once mustard weed reaches over 6 inches tall. As with all weeds, mustard weed is easiest to pull when the soil is moist. If the soil is dry, use the hand weeder tool to dig out the tap root.



Spurge – Annual Weed (Photo courtesy NMSU by Leslie Beck)

Spurge, *Euphorbia serpens*

This plant appears in early spring. Use a hula hoe to remove when the soil is damp. Spurge is most often seen in patchy lawns with sprinklers. Spurge goes to seed very quickly, so removal should happen the moment you first notice it. The milky sap of this plant is toxic, be sure to avoid touching eyes and wash your hands after handling.



Tumbleweed – Annual Weed (Photo courtesy of NMSU)

Tumbleweed, *Salsola tragus*

Infamous around the state, this plant appears in early summer. Seedlings and small plants look very different from the dry tumbleweeds seen blowing across the highway in the fall. Learn how to identify these when they are young as early removal is recommended. Use a hula hoe to remove when the plant is less than 4 inches tall and the soil is damp. Hand pull plants larger than 4 inches. Eradication of tumbleweed seed can take between 2-3 years because of the numerous seeds in the soil.



Foxtail – Annual Weed (Photo courtesy of NMSU)

Fox Tail, *Hordeum murinum*

This winter weed has seeds that can get lodged into pets' paws, coat, nose and ears and cause extreme danger in the animal if not removed promptly. The fox tail has very shallow roots and is easily removed by hand or hula hoe.



Silverleaf nightshade – Perennial Weed

Silverleaf nightshade, *Solanum elaeagnifolium*

Purple flowers appear between April and August. This plant is in the nightshade family and can be toxic if consumed by humans or cattle. Its prickly branches produce purple flowers followed by yellow berries. The deep taproot can be difficult to remove, so deep watering, a hand weeder, and gloves are recommended for removal. This is a native plant, so consider leaving it for pollinators to enjoy the purple flowers. But never let it grow where it may be accidentally consumed by pets or children.



Bindweed – Perennial Weed

Bindweed, *Convolvulus arvensis*

Pink or white trumpet shaped flowers appear on this weed in June. The leaves are shaped like arrowheads and the first sign of this weed appears as thin stems wrapped around existing plants. Bindweed is a tenacious plant, powered by a root system that can reach 20 feet deep, and a dense root system that looks like a bowl of noodles. Repeated hand removal is the key to eliminating this weed because it forces the plant to use up the energy reserves in its root system. You may have to pull the tops every 5 days for several months to get it under control. Never put these in the compost.



Bermuda Grass – Perennial Weed

Bermudagrass, *Cynodon dactylon*

Bermudagrass was the main grass planted as a lawn in Albuquerque homes 50-60 years ago. This plant can make a great durable low water lawn but can be a nuisance in every other situation. This grass is considered a warm season grass, meaning it is green from the spring to the fall and dormant in the winter. Licensed professionals can be hired to eradicate large areas of Bermuda grass with an herbicide. Like bindweed, this aggressive weed grows from persistent underground roots called rhizomes. Rhizomes allow the plant to store energy and continue to resprout many times and allow it to grow up through mulch and even weed fabric. It is important to prevent this plant from becoming established and to continually pull the tops to reduce energy reserves. When removing this plant, the grass lawn can be dug out with digging forks and shovels to loosen the soil then remove and dispose of the rhizomes by hand.

Weed Prevention

Have you ever driven across the city and wondered why the parks and medians are weed free, yet your yard seems to be their breeding ground? The City has a specific weed management plan for the parks and medians to prevent weeds from germinating. Homeowners can benefit from a management plan or strategy, as well.

Even with a good weed management plan, it takes an average of three years to really control a weed problem. Each weed requires a different approach, too. One of the best prevention methods is to avoid the conditions that allow weeds to grow.

The most common conditions that allow weeds to proliferate is sprinklers from a lawn over-spraying into a planting area. This can be due to mismanaged or poorly adjusted sprinklers. Check your sprinklers each month and adjust as necessary to prevent overspray. The Water Authority offers free one-on-one irrigation consultations for those interested in improving the efficiency of their irrigation system and improving the health of their landscapes.

For persistent weed problems in a lawn, consider converting the lawn to a desert-friendly landscape with drip irrigation. This will greatly reduce both weeds and your water bill. The Water Authority offers generous rebates for lawn to desert-friendly conversions.

Another common condition that encourages weeds is bare dirt. Weeds thrive in bare dirt, so cover the dirt with organic mulch or plants. Organic mulch is a natural covering, and includes such material as straw, chipped wood, shredded wood, or pecan shells. (The phrase *organic* refers to material relating to or derived from living matter. It's not related to the food or farming method of food production without the use of chemicals.) Organic mulch spread on the ground around plants has the added benefit of preventing excessive evaporation and erosion. Organic mulch will also enrich the soil as it breaks down. A depth of 4 inches of organic mulch will inhibit weed growth by preventing sunlight from reaching weed seeds. The Water Authority offers a rebate for mulch when used around trees.

Covering your yard with plants is another great way to prevent weeds. Weeds don't typically grow in the shade of other plants. The more you plant, the fewer weeds and more beautiful yard you'll have!

You might be wondering about weed fabric (also known as landscape fabric). There are a few things to keep in mind regarding this product. Weed seeds can still germinate and grow on top of weed fabric as the New Mexico winds blow in new seeds and dust every season. Those new seeds are happy to grow in the dust that collects over the weed fabric.

Landscape fabric is also not a permanent solution. It has a limited lifespan in the landscape, and many weed roots will grow through the fabric, making their removal even more difficult. Weed fabric can also be expensive, it's difficult to install, can restrict growth of plants you actually want. Additionally weed fabric can also inhibit the soil fertility by not allowing leaves to decompose back into the soil or allowing oxygen exchange and plant roots to "breathe".

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Gardening.



What is a Zuni Waffle Garden?

Planting a waffle garden at Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico / Caplin, Harvey ca. 1956 / NM Palace of the Governors Archives



A Zuni waffle garden demonstration / NMDCA

The Indy staff

What is a waffle garden?

A waffle garden is a traditional agricultural practice of the Zuni people.

This agricultural practice follows a sunken grid pattern (similar to a waffle) garden bed that is beneficial for dry and arid landscapes that have limited water resources.

The Zuni have been farmers and cultivators of their land for

the last 3,000-4,000 years. Since New Mexico receives very little rain annually, the Zuni perfected a dry-farming method called Latdekwi:we, also known as waffle gardening, that is still being used today.

How does a waffle garden work?

Due to little rainfall and a dry climate, water for agriculture is very limited in the desert regions of New Mexico. In order to save as much water as possible,

gardens are made from grids of squares, with each square being surrounded by berms, or raised dirt mounds. This design helps the gardens to trap and retain moisture in the square areas, either through watering or rainfall, causing any water flow to go directly to the plants.

Many people assume that gardening in the more arid regions of New Mexico is next to impossible. With thanks to the Zuni peoples, we can continue to

create lush and healthy gardens in our region today. Although some people have incorporated some modern elements, such as drip irrigation where water drips slowly from a source directly onto the roots of a plant, the foundation still remains as a waffle garden.

Adapted from the New Mexico Dept. of Cultural Affairs, "What is a Waffle Garden?"

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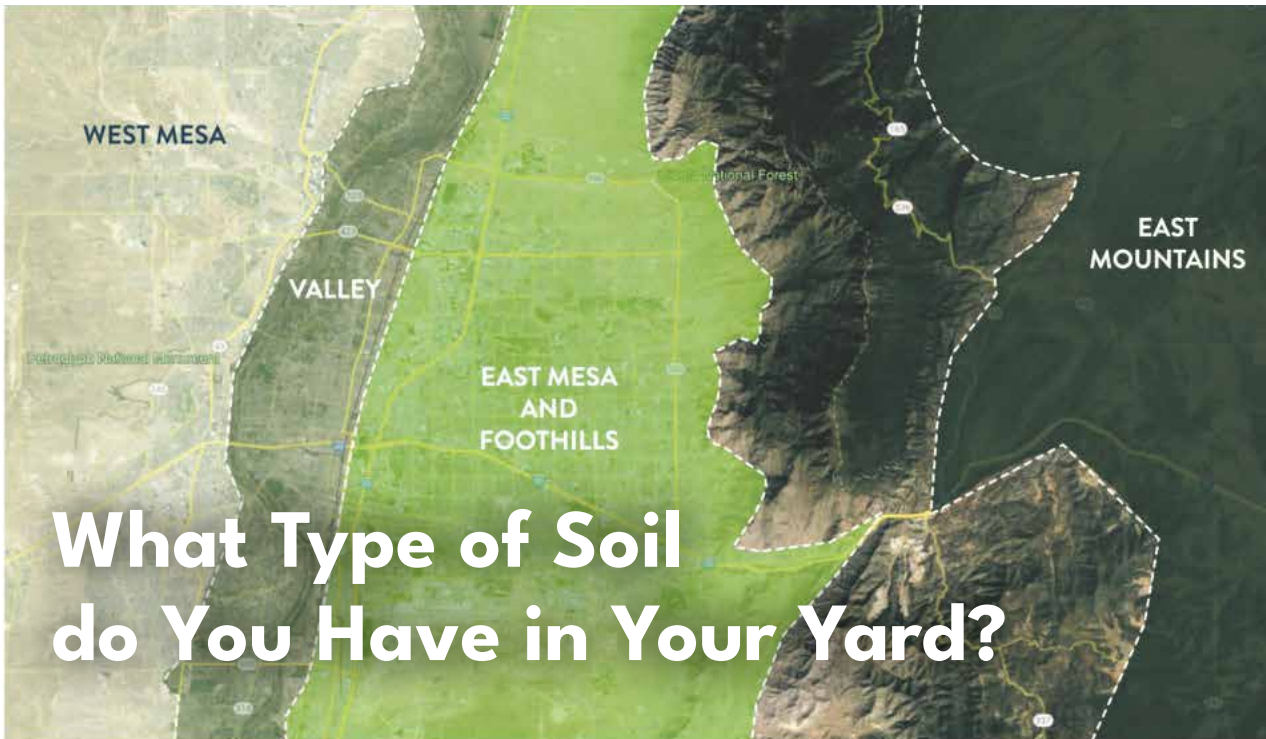
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WATER AUTHORITY



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By The Paper. staff

Albuquerque has a variety of soil types. Learning what type of soil is in your yard is a critical step to understanding how water will infiltrate the soil and how long specific plants need to be watered to get the water to the correct depth.

Valley Soils

Valley soils vary from dense clay to grainy sand. They are layered and braided through the area because of the historic flooding of the Rio Grande. The valley also is where acequias weave through the community, providing many essential benefits. They provide water for creating foodsheds and are culturally significant for our community. They also help create and maintain our tree canopy and provide much needed pollinator habitat. This remains particularly important in our changing climate.

East Mesa and Foothills Soil

The soils in the foothills are usually coarse, whereas the decomposed granite soils on the mesa are generally finer and prone to compaction. These soils have a broad range of organic material along with the base of decomposed granite, making for a huge diversity, even within a building site. Groundwater is deep — only shallow enough to be occasionally accessible to plants in unpaved arroyos near the foothills and stormwater basins fed by urban pavement.

West Mesa Soils

West Mesa soils, which vary from silty clay loam to finer sands, are sometimes deposited in a shallow layer above volcanic basalt. Groundwater is too deep to be accessible to most plants except in large stormwater collecting basins.

East Mountain Soils

East Mountain soils tend to be a mix of moisture-retaining clay loams with some fast-draining gravelly deposits. The density

and type of plant cover reflect the relative soil moisture. In upslope areas, where temperatures are consistently cooler and rain and snow more abundant, shrubland transitions to mixed conifer forest. Slopes tend to be drier than depressions, which accumulate moisture.

How Water Moves Through Different Soils

Water soaks into sandy soils much more quickly than in clay soils, but it travels downward in a narrow pattern. In clay soils, the water travels much more slowly and spreads out in a much wider pattern.

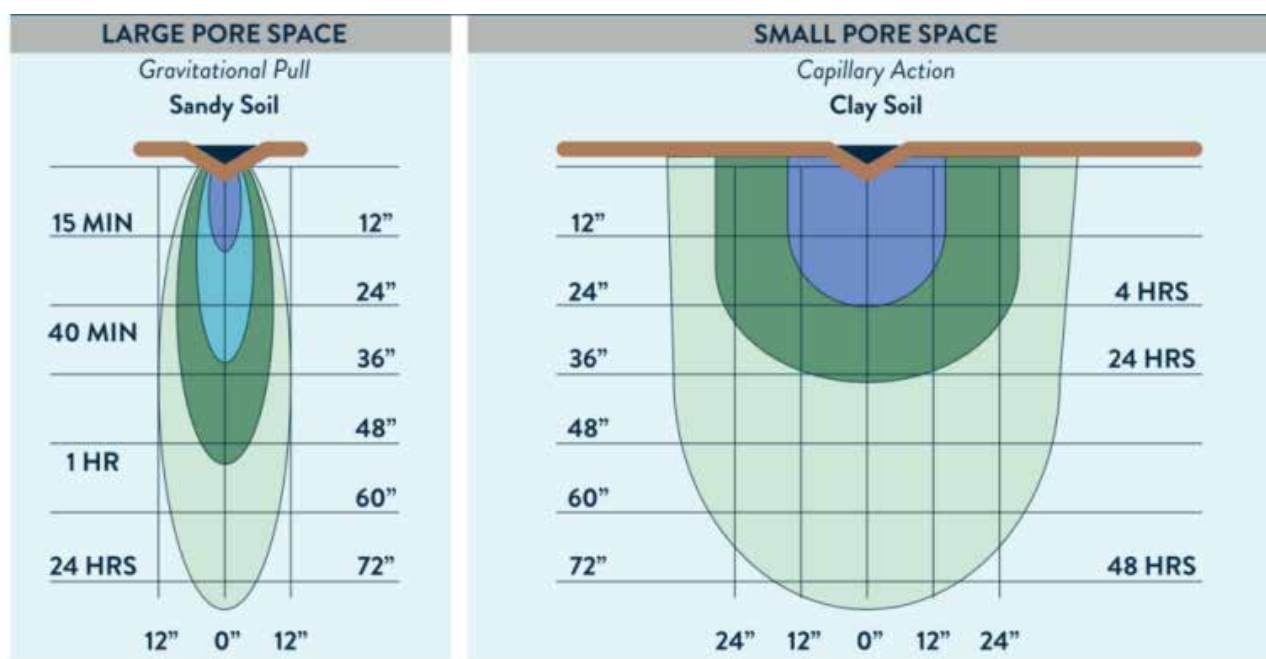
Performing a Jar Test to Determine Soil Type

An easy way to get a better idea of what type of soil you are working with is to conduct a jar test. A jar test will separate the three main components of soil: sand, silt and clay. These determine the soil texture that contributes to drainage and overall plant health.

If you would like a more detailed analysis of the makeup of your soil, you can send samples to Colorado State University's Soil, Water and Plant Testing Laboratory (agsci.colostate.edu/soiltestinglab). Please note that there is a fee for soil analysis.

Pro Tips:

- Plants in sandy soils generally need additional emitters to distribute water more evenly in a root zone. They also may need to be watered more frequently but for shorter amounts of time.
- Plants in clay soils generally need fewer emitters because the water spreads out. They will probably need to be watered less frequently but for longer periods.
- All soils need to drain between waterings to allow oxygen back into the soil pores. A struggling plant may be receiving too much water. If soil stays saturated, plants will drown. Since there is a lot of clay in our soils, it is very easy to drown plants. A drowning plant often has similar symptoms to one not receiving enough water: wilted leaves and poor color. Always check soil moisture with a moisture meter before adding more water.



Gardening.



Knowing your watering depth is key to growing healthy plants

By The Paper. Staff

Local gardening tips courtesy of 505outside.com, a project of the ABCWUA, and Jill Brown, ASLA, a Landscape Architect and owner of My Landscape Coach in Albuquerque, NM.

The most important part of watering is figuring out how deep you need to water your plants. Once you figure that out, you can easily follow our chart that tells you how often to water.

Here are six simple steps to figuring out your watering depth:

Step 1: Water your landscape for the usual amount of time. If it's the first time you're watering, start with the number of minutes found in the Irrigation Advice Chart at 505outside.com.

Step 2: Wait 24 hours after watering so the water has a chance to percolate into the soil.

Step 3: Grab a measuring tool, such as an 18" depth screwdriver, soil probe, barbecue skewer or 24" long piece of rebar, and probe your tool into an area you didn't water to check the soil resistance. Next, go to an area that you watered the day before. Push the probe in until it stops. It should go in fairly easily. Don't try to push it in further once it stops because you can accidentally break a pipe. Mark the spot it went into with your finger, tape or a permanent marker. Pull out the probe and measure the number of inches. Those inches represent

your current watering depth. Using the Seasonal Watering Recommendations chart at 505outside.com you can find out the depth you need for your type of plant.

Step 4: Adjust your watering time to correctly determine the watering depth. Did you only water 4" but needed a 12" watering depth? If so, then add more time to your watering schedule and perform the test again. Did you water 24" but only needed 18"? If so, then subtract time from your watering schedule. Water again and wait 24 hours to retest.

Step 5: Once you figure out the amount of time you need to water so the water penetrates to the correct soil depth, you are set.

Step 6: Set your controller for the correct amount of time. Use our handy Seasonal Watering Recommendations chart to see how often you'll need to water your plants.

WATER BY THE SEASONS

SEASONAL WATERING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GREATER ALBUQUERQUE AREA



How Often?

Plant Type

WINTER (DEC TO FEB)

SPRING (MAR TO MAY)

SUMMER (JUN TO AUG)

AUTUMN (SEP TO NOV)

How Deep?

TREES	1 TIME PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	2-4 TIMES PER MONTH	24" INCHES
SHRUBS	1 TIME PER MONTH	2-3 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	1 TIME PER WEEK	24" INCHES
FLOWERING PLANTS	1 TIME PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER WEEK	1 TIME PER WEEK	12" INCHES
DESERT ACCENTS	NONE	1 TIME PER MONTH	2 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER MONTH	24" INCHES
GROUNDCOVER	1 TIME PER MONTH	3 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER MONTH	12" INCHES
GRASS: TURF (COOL SEASON)	2 TIMES PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	3-5 TIMES PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER WEEK	4" INCHES
GRASS: TURF (WARM SEASON)	1 TIME PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	2-3 TIMES PER WEEK	1 TIME PER WEEK	6" INCHES
GRASS: ORNAMENTAL	1 TIME PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER MONTH	12" INCHES
VINES	1 TIME PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER MONTH	1 TIME PER WEEK	2 TIMES PER MONTH	18" INCHES

☾=MONTHLY ☼=WEEKLY

*Use these guidelines for established plants (1 year for shrubs and 3 years for trees).

*Watering frequency depends on season, plant type, weather and soil texture. Water to beyond the outer edge of the plant's canopy and to the depth indicated.

*If we receive more than a half inch of rain or more than 6" of snow, skip your next watering day or irrigation cycle. Avoid watering during freezing temperatures. Winter watering should happen during the warmest part of the day.

*Depending on temperatures and rainfall, treat May and September like Summer months.

*Refer to the ABCWUA Xeriscaping Guide for plant water use information.



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Ask the Experts: Xeriscape Rebates

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Replacing thirsty turf with climate-appropriate, desert-friendly landscaping (or xeriscaping, as it's called in conservation circles) is not only a great way to save water—it's a great way to bring your yard into harmony with our arid environment! The best part: If you're a customer of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, you can earn a \$3 rebate for every square foot of turf you convert. This is a government program, however, so certain rules apply. Below are answers to some common questions we receive about the xeriscape rebate program.

Q. Do I qualify for the rebate if I remove my lawn and just replace it

A. No. Because plants and trees contribute to community aesthetics and wildlife conservation while reducing the effects of heat in urban areas, we require that turf be replaced with approved plants. Fifty percent coverage is required at maturity, and plants must be mulched with organic matter or gravel to a depth of three inches.

Q. I just tore out my lawn and had a beautiful xeriscape installed. Can I apply for the rebate now?

A. No. To qualify for the rebate, you *MUST* contact us and have your application approved *BEFORE* you start work—or stop watering your lawn. That way we can be sure that A) turf has actually been replaced and B) that your plan conforms to program requirements.

Q. So I have to use plants from a pre-approved list? What if I'm not a fan of yucca and cactus?

A. Don't worry! Our list of approved plants includes more than 600 low- to medium-water-use species, most of which do not have spines or pokey bits!

Q. Sounds like a complicated process.

A. It does take some time and forethought, but remember you're earning \$3 per square foot! And it only takes **five steps**, which are detailed under the Rebates tab at 505Outside.com. You'll need to fill out an application and submit your plan for approval, schedule an initial site visit by our xeriscape inspector *BEFORE* you start your project (or stop watering your grass), and arrange for a final inspection when the project's done.

Q. Where can I go for more information?

A. Visit the Water Authority's landscaping website at 505Outside.com. This award-winning website has tons of resources to help you get started, including some sample landscape designs.

Q. What if I have more questions?

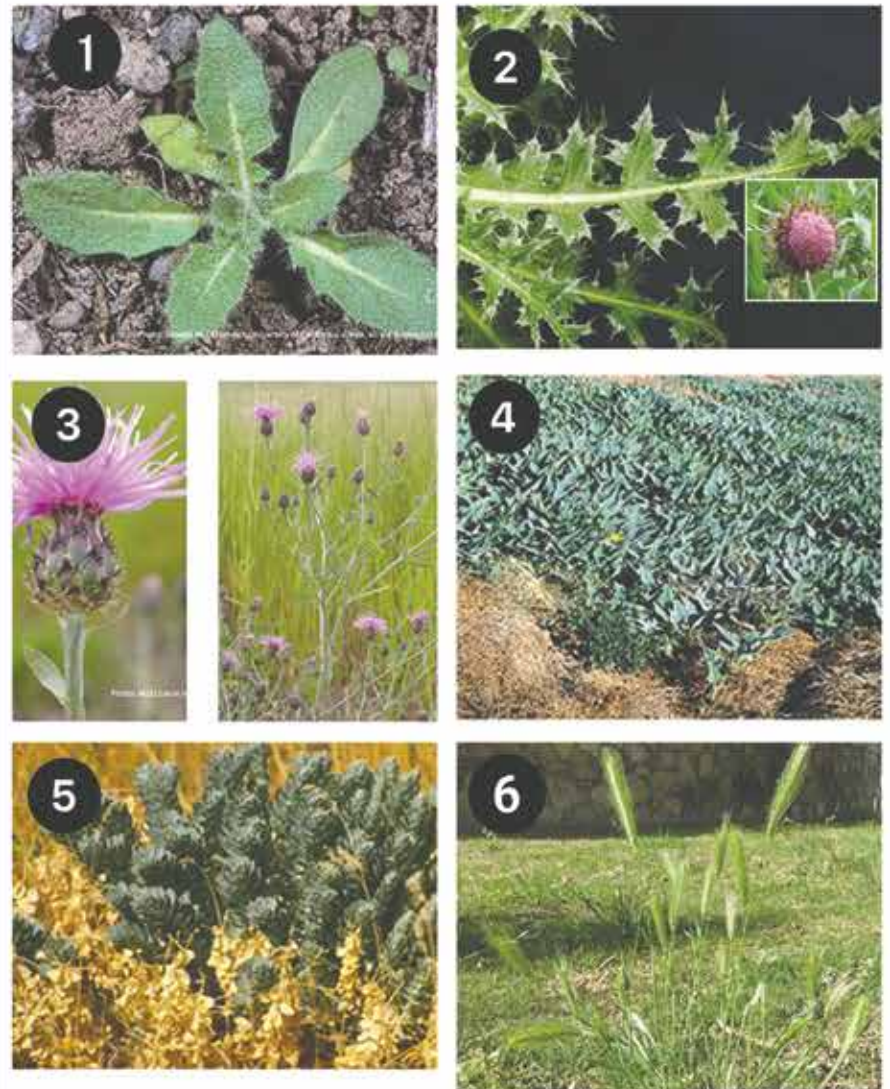
A. Feel free to call us at 505-842-WATR (9287), Option 4, or email us at AskAnExpert@abcwua.org. Ask the Experts: Xeriscape Rebates is a story from The Paper.. Publishing from New Mexico's largest city, The Paper is your source for local, independent news, covering politics, arts, culture, and events.

Quiz

Can You Identify These Noxious and Troublesome Weeds of New Mexico?

These weeds have been selected by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to be targeted as noxious weeds for control or eradication. Can you identify these noxious and problematic weeds in your yard?

By NMSU Extension Weed Specialist, NMDA Natural Resource Specialist, New Mexico State University.



Answers

- 1 **Blue mustard / *Chorispora tenella***
Annual forb that is found in waste places, pastures, and fields, and on roadsides, railroad embankments, and grassy slopes. Often described as having a "musky" odor, like melting crayons. Dairy animals eating it may produce off-flavored milk. Also Known As: Crossflower, beanpodded mustard, common blue mustard, purple mustard
- 2 **Musk thistle / *Carduus nutans***
Biennial that typically infests disturbed open areas, waste areas, stream banks, ditches, and roadsides.
- 3 **Spotted knapweed / *Centaurea biebersteinii***
Herbaceous biennial to short-lived perennial that tolerates a wide range of conditions, but mostly infests disturbed areas, such as roadsides, ditches, open fields, semiarid deserts, rangelands, and grasslands.
- 4 **Buffalo gourd / *Cucurbita foetidissima***
Malodorous perennial herbaceous vine that invades areas of disturbed soils in pastures, rangelands, roadsides, riparian areas, and irrigation ditches.
- 5 **Myrtle spurge / *Euphorbia myrsinites***
Perennial herbaceous weed that is often found in rock gardens and landscapes, and is moving into natural areas where it has the potential to do environmental damage. Contains a very corrosive milky sap that can cause redness, swelling, and blisters when contacting the skin, and damage/blindness if it contacts the eyes. Sap can also cause nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea when ingested.
- 6 **Hare barley / *Hordeum murinum***
Annual bunch-type grass that infests disturbed areas, such as roadsides, rangelands, pastures, agricultural fields, landscapes, ditch banks, and waste spaces.

CREDIT: NMSU NOXIOUS AND TROUBLESOME WEEDS OF NEW MEXICO BY LESLIE BECK AND JAMES WANSTALL
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

Abandoned storage unit at 9501 Lomas Blvd NE ABQ NM 87112 for Shanna Chavez 11116 Seneca Pl NE #1 ABQ NM 87123.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
On June 03 2025 at 9:00 AM the undersigned will offer to sell the following described motor vehicle in order to satisfy charges for towing, storage and/or labor charges incurred against same 2015 BMW 320i VIN WBA3C3C50FK201694. VA license plate F30BMW. Last registered owner is Unknown. In the amount of \$2155.00
Terms: Cash in hand at time of sale. Greg's Towing 11320 Cochiti RD SE Albuquerque, NM 87123 505-271-1300.

Notice of Public Sale Pursuant to NEW MEXICO STATUTES – 48-11-1-48-11-9:
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2025

At that time open Bids will be accepted, and the Entirety of the Following Storage Units will be sold to satisfy storage liens claimed by **A-1 Self Storage**.
The terms at the time of the sales will be Cash only, and all goods must be removed from the facility within 48 hours. A-1 Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids or cancel sale without notice. Owners of the units may pay lien amounts by 5:00 pm April 2, 2025 to avoid sale. The following units are scheduled for auction. **Sale begins at 09:00 am April 3, 2025 at 2636 Baylor Dr SE Unit#C064 Curtis Harper** 4215 Bright Star Dr NW, Abq, NM 87112; Printer, tv, ipad, safe, xbox, totes, ramps. **Followed by A-1 Self Storage 7610 Central Ave SE Unit#A10 Stephanie Lopez** 7415 Rainwater Rd SW, Abq NM 87121; Computer monitor, toilet, a/c unit, table, ladder, tote, bag, luggage. **Unit#B15 Kelsey Waggoner** 137 Vermont NE, Abq, NM 87108; Bikes, car parts, coolers, totes, luggage, amplifier, tent, tile. **Unit#F22 Della Gilbert** PO Box 8092, Abq, NM 87198; Nike shoes, child car, tv, speakers, bags, tent. **Unit#M15 Brandi Kuchan** 336 Grover St SE, Abq, NM 87108; Mattress, ladder, exercise machine, bike,

boxes totes, dresser, lamp. **Unit#P35, #O06, & #F29 Abel Romero** 805 Cagua SE, Abq, NM 87108; Truck, air compressor, tools, contractor materials. **Followed by A-1 Self Storage 49 Hotel Circle NE Unit#421 Nichole Henderson-Addy** 5136 Kings Hwy, Mesa, AZ 85212; Ladder, chairs, furniture, totes, bags, boxes **Unit#066 Kimberly Maestas** 7714 Don NE, Abq, NM 87110; Bike, folding table, furniture, boxes, totes, tv, small appliance. **Auction Sale Date 4/3/25**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NO. D-202-DM-2024-02322 IN THE MATTER OF THE KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OF E.C.G. and N.R.G., minor children. AND CONCERNING Rosemary and Herminia Gonzales, Petitioners and Erica Romero, Respondent. AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent Erica Romero, GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioners have filed a Petition for Guardianship in the above-entitled Court and cause of Ernie Cruz Gonzales born November 2013, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, and Nevaeh Renee Gonzales born December 2016, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, to Erica Romero and Cruz Gonzales. You are further notified that unless you file a written response to the Petition by no later than thirty days from this publication with the Court Clerk, Second Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a copy to the Petitioner's attorney, or appear at the hearing on May 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., the Court may enter a default judgment in your absence. Petitioners' attorney: /s/Verenice Peregrino Pompa Verenice Peregrino Pompa Pegasus Legal Services for Children 505 Marquette Ave NW Suite 1350 Albuquerque, NM 87102 505-244-1101

FILED STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANDOVAL THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. D-1329-PB-2025-00036 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT LAMB SULLIVAN, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS 13th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT Sandoval County 3/12/2025 3:59 PM AUDREY GARCIA CLERK OF THE COURT Audrey Garcia NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Conor Sullivan and Deirdre Sullivan have been appointed personal representatives 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 Thirteenth Judicial District Court at the following address: 1500 Idalia Rd, Bernalillo, NM 87004. DATED: March 12, 2025 Respectfully submitted, HURLEY TOEVS STYLES HAMBLIN & PANTER PA By M. Tolan Mandeep S. Talwar, Esq. Attorneys for Personal Representative PO Box 31670 Albuquerque, NM 87109 (505) 888-1188

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NO. D-202-DM-2025-00050 IN THE MATTER OF THE KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OF A.M.C., minor child. AND CONCERNING Silvia Parra, Petitioner, and Adriana Cordova and Mario Ernesto Caldera Parra, Respondents. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent Adriana Cordova. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed a Petition for Guardianship in the above-entitled Court and cause of Angel Marianno Caldera born December of 2023 in Albuquerque, New

Mexico to Adriana Cordova and Mario Ernesto Caldera Parra You are further notified that unless you file a written response to the Petition by no later than thirty days from the last date of publication with the Court Clerk, Second Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a copy to the Petitioner's attorney, or appear at the hearing, the Court may enter a default judgment in your absence. Petitioner's attorney: Verenice Peregrino Pompa Pegasus Legal Services for Children 505 Marquette Ave NW Suite 1350 Albuquerque, NM 87102 505-244-1101

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANDOVAL THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL CHRISTEN TENORIO, Deceased. No. D-1329-PB-2025-00041 **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TRINA TENORIO 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 her attorney's address as listed below; or 2) filed with the Thirteenth Judicial District Court at the following address: 1500 Idalia Road, Building A, Bernalillo, NM 87004. Courtney Johnson-Vidales,

Esq. VIDALES LAW LLC, 1600 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 525-1067 courtney@vidaleslawfirm.com Attorney for PR Trina Tenorio

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANDOVAL THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. D-1329-PB-2025-00015 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA A. HOC-TOR, DECEASED FILED 13th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT Sandoval County 3/5/2025 1:14 PM AUDREY GARCIA CLERK OF THE COURT Patricia Trujillo NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KRISTY GOULD 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 Thirteenth Judicial District Court at the following address: 1500 Idalia Rd., Bernalillo, New Mexico 87004. DATED: MARCH 5, 2025 Respectfully submitted, HURLEY TOEVS STYLES HAMBLIN & PANTER PA By/s/ Mandeep S. Talwar Mandeep S. Talwar, Esq. Attorneys for Personal Representative PO Box 31670 Albuquerque, NM 87109 (505) 888-1188

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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

Week of March 26

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Ancient Rome's emperor Julius Caesar undertook a radical move to fix the calendar, which had become increasingly inaccurate as the centuries passed. He added three months to the year 46 BCE, which as a result was 445 days long. I'm thinking that 2025 might seem equally long for you, Aries. Your destiny may feel like it's taking forever to unfold. APRIL FOOL! I totally lied. In fact, I think 2025 will be one of your briskest, crispest years ever. Your adventures will be spiced with alacrity. Your efforts will be efficient and expeditious. You may sometimes be amazed at how swiftly progress unfolds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Guilt and fear are always useless distractions from what's really happening. Right? APRIL FOOL! The fact is that on rare occasions, being anxious can motivate you to escape from situations that your logical mind says are tolerable. And guilt may compel you to take the right action when nothing else will. This is one time when your guilt and fear can be valuable assets.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The German word Flüsterwitze means "whisper jokes." These jests make taboo references and need to be delivered with utmost discretion. They may include the mockery of authority figures. Dear Gemini, I recommend that you suppress your wicked satire and uproarious sarcasm for a while and stick to whisper jokes. APRIL FOOL! I lied. The truth is that the world needs your outspokenness. Your ability to call out hypocrisies and expose corruption—especially with humor and wit—will keep everyone as honest as they need to be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): In the lead-up to the Paris-hosted 2024 Summer Olympics, the iconic Eiffel Tower was repainted gold. This was a departure from tradition, as the usual colors had been brown on the bottom and red on the top. The \$60-million job took 25 painters 18 months. I recommend that you undertake an equally monumental task in the coming months, Cancerian. APRIL FOOL! I lied. In fact, I do hope you undertake a monumental task—but one that's more substantive than changing the surfaces of things. Like reversioning your life story, for example—reinterpreting your past and changing the way it informs your future. I think you are ready to purge inessential elements and exorcize old ghosts as you prepare for a re-launch around your birthday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): When I worked on the Duke University grounds crew years ago, I did the work I was assigned as quickly as possible. Then I would hide in the bushes, taking unauthorized breaks for an hour or two, so I could read books I loved. Was that unethical? Maybe. But the fact is, I would never have been able to complete my assigned tasks unless I allowed myself relaxation retreats. If there is an equivalent situation in your life, Leo, I urge you to do as I did. APRIL FOOL! I half-lied. The truth is that I think you should be a little less extravagant than I was—but only a little—as you create the spaciousness and slack you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In his film Fitzcarraldo, Virgo director Werner Herzog tells an epic story. It includes the task of hauling a 320-ton steamship up a hill and over land, moving it from one river to another. Herzog could have relied on special effects to simulate this almost impossible project, but he didn't. With a system of pulleys and a potent labor force, he made it happen. I urge you to try your equivalent of Herzog's heroic conquest, Virgo. You will be able to summon more power and help than you can imagine. APRIL FOOL! I half-lied. While it's true that you will be able to summon more power and help than you can imagine, I still think you should at least partially rely on the equivalent of special effects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Researchers discovered that Egyptian fruit bats engage in extensive communication with each other while nesting in their roosts. Surprisingly, they talk about their problems a lot. In fact, they quarrel 60 percent of the time. Areas of disagreement

include food allocation, positions within the sleep cluster, and males initiating unwanted mating moves. Let's make these bats your power creatures. The astrological omens say it's time for you to argue more than you have ever argued. APRIL FOOL! I was not entirely truthful. The coming weeks will be a good time to address disagreements and settle disputes, but hopefully through graceful means, not bitter arguing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Unlike many modern poets, Scorpio-born Alice Notley rejects the notion that she must be part of any poetic lineage. She aspires "to establish or continue no tradition except one that literally can't exist—the celebration of the singular thought sung at a particular instant in a unique voice." She has also written, "It's necessary to maintain a state of disobedience against everything." She describes her work as "an immense act of rebellion against dominant social forces." I invite you to enjoy your own version of a Notley-like phase, Scorpio. APRIL FOOL! I lied. In fact, I encourage you to enjoy a Notley-like phase beginning May 1. But for now, I invite you to be extra attentive in cultivating all the ways you can benefit from honoring your similarities and connections with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is a standardized test that many American high school students take to prove their worth to colleges. The highest possible score is achieved by fewer than one percent of test-takers. We might imagine that earning such a premium grade must guarantee admission to any school, but it doesn't. During one five-year period, for example, Stanford University rejected 69 percent of applicants with the highest possible score. I'm sorry to predict that a comparable experience might be ahead for you, Sagittarius. Even if you are your best and brightest self, you may be denied your rightful reward. APRIL FOOL! I totally lied. Here's my real, true prediction: In the coming weeks, I believe you will be your best and brightest self—and will win your rightful reward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The visible part of an iceberg is typically just 10 percent of its total size. Most is hidden beneath the sea's surface. References to "the tip of the iceberg" have become a staple metaphor in many cultures, signifying situations that are not what they seem. Of all the zodiac tribes, Scorpions are renowned for their expertise in discerning concealed agendas and missing information. The rest of us tend to be far less skillful. APRIL FOOL! I fibbed. These days, you Capricorns are even more talented than Scorpions at looking beyond the obvious and becoming aware of the concealed roots and full context.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In the coming weeks, I advise you to be like the 19th-century poet Emily Dickinson. She lived in quiet seclusion, corresponding through letters instead of socializing. She seemed content to write her poems all alone in her home and be unconcerned about trying to get them published. APRIL FOOL! I lied. Here's my real horoscope: Now is a highly favorable time for you to shmooze with intensity at a wide range of social occasions, both to get all the educational prods you need and to advance your ambitions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Some systems and situations improve and thrive in response to stress and errors. Indeed, some things need strain or irregularity to be fully healthy. For example, human bodies require a certain amount of stress to develop a resistance to infection. In reading the astrological omens, I conclude you now need stimulation like that. APRIL FOOL! I lied. Here's the truth: August of 2025 will be a great time for you to harvest the benefits of benevolent stress. But for now, your forte will be the capacity to avoid and resist stress, confusion, and errors.

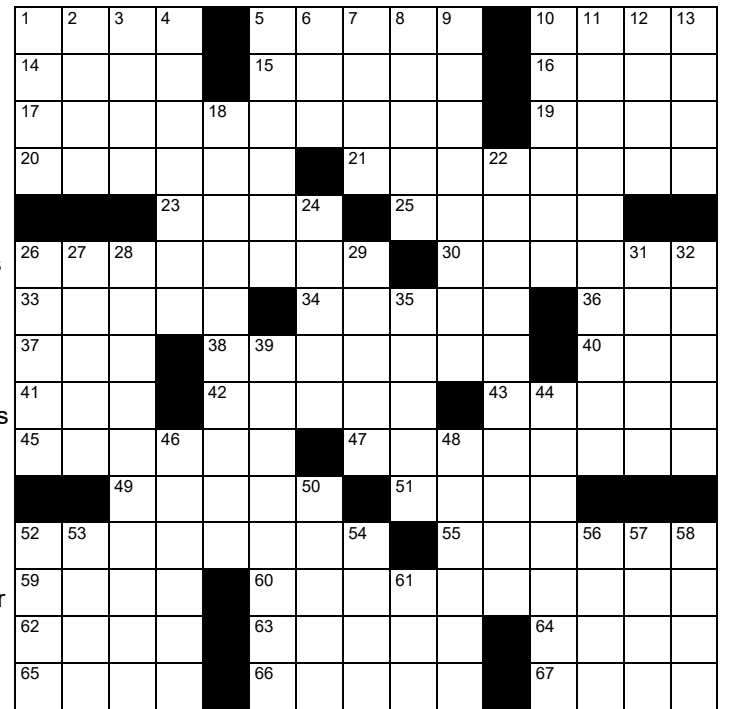
Homework: What's the best prank you could perform on yourself?

The Weekly Crossword

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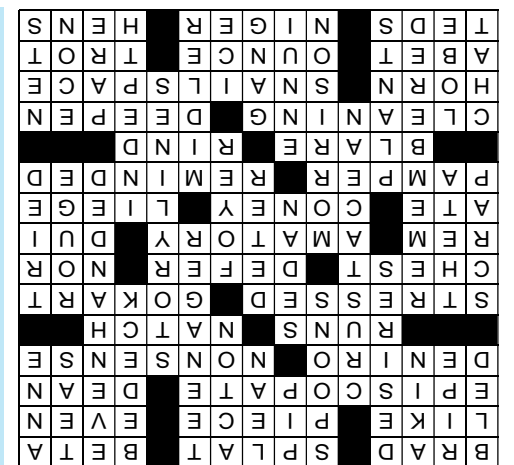
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