

## Bernalillo Goes Green

By Jesse Jones, Sandoval Signpost

The Town of Bernalillo has reaped the benefits from the green boom that ensued following the legalization of cannabis in New Mexico nearly two years ago.

According to a press release from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham earlier this month, the state surpassed \$1 billion in cannabis sales since legalizing it nearly two years ago.

The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department's cannabis online portal's website reports Bernalillo cannabis consumers have spent a total of \$10.1 million since April 1, 2022, with \$7.24 million going towards adult use and \$3.26 million towards medical sales, with over 260,000 transactions.

Bernalillo ranks second in cannabis sales within Sandoval County, following Rio Rancho with a total of \$33.89 million in sales. Placitas, Cuba, and Corrales each exceed \$1 million in sales, while Jemez Springs generated just over \$121,000 in sales.

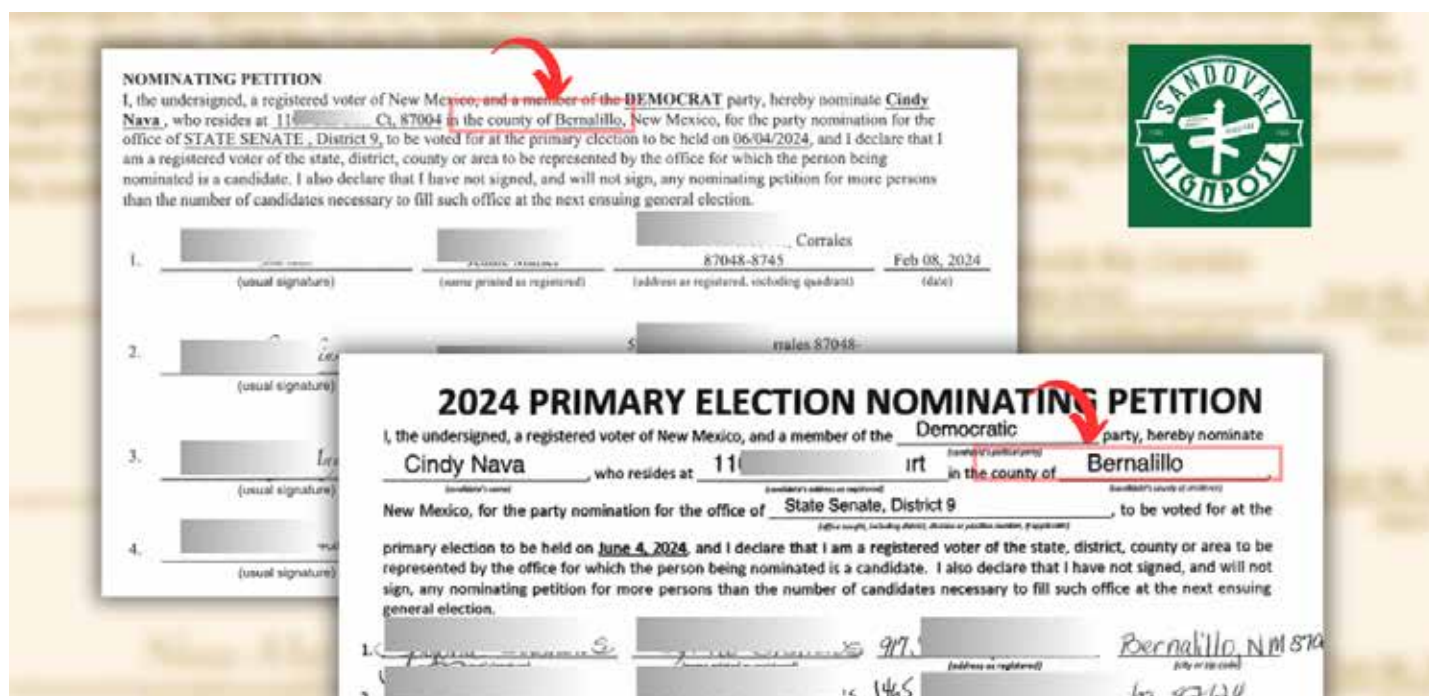
According to the press release, since April 1, 2022, New Mexico's cannabis market has seen \$678.4 million in adult-use sales and \$331.6 million in medical sales, totaling over 21 million transactions. Which generated \$75 million in excise taxes for the state and local communities.

Charlie Moore, the communications director for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department said the state levies a

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## Judge Dismisses Typo-Related Campaign Challenge

*Lawsuits involved a technical error that listed state senate candidate's residence incorrectly*



Candidate nominating petitions circulated by Democrat Cindy Nava placed the Town of Bernalillo in Bernalillo County instead of Sandoval County / Sandoval Signpost

By Tierna Unruh-Enos,  
Sandoval Signpost

A state district court judge has given the state Senate campaign of a high-profile former DREAMer the green light.

Audrey Trujillo, a Corrales Republican candidate for State Senate District 9, along with two high-profile local Democrats—County Commissioner Katherine Bruch and former state Senator John Sapient filed a lawsuit asking a judge last week to invalidate all of the signatures of local voters nominating Democrat Cindy Nava of Bernalillo to run for the District 9 seat.

The issue involved a technical error on the petition forms Nava used to qualify for the ballot, which her

campaign admits accidentally listed Nava's Town of Bernalillo address as being in Bernalillo County instead of Sandoval County.

"Over 250 Democratic voters in Senate District 9 signed petitions to put Cindy's name on the ballot," Nava's campaign manager Sandra Wechsler told the *Sandoval Signpost*. "They know, as we do, that Cindy's experience and story is inspiring voters, and that she is a needed voice in the state Senate. It is unfortunate her opponents seek to disenfranchise the will of these voters by filing this challenge."

The plaintiffs wrote in their suit that good intent isn't good enough and they say state law is clear that nominating petitions with address errors must be thrown out. The

lawsuit asked the judge to direct the county clerk to disqualify Nava and remove her name from the June 5 Democratic primary ballot.

The judge didn't agree.

Late Tuesday afternoon, 13th Judicial District Court Judge Allison Martinez issued a ruling that dismissed both complaints by Sapient and Trujillo.

Democrat Heather Balas is running against Nava in the June primary, while Trujillo is the sole Republican. Current State Senator Brenda McKenna (D) announced earlier this year she would not seek re-election. McKenna endorsed Nava as her successor.

Nava's campaign resumed fundraising on Wednesday.

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# Bernalillo Boutique Helps Women Get On Their Feet

By Sara Atencio-Gonzales, Sandoval Signpost

“Empowering women - strengthening families since 1987.”

That’s the slogan for a unique business right in the heart of Bernalillo. Nearly New Boutique is a small clothing store focused on providing clothing to women who are in transition from home or school to the workforce. The boutique also helps victims of domestic abuse who may need new clothes as they start a new chapter of their lives.

The business was started in 1987 by Fawn Dolan, who also owns Camino Real Antiques in Bernalillo. It was her observation that there weren’t a lot of options for people who needed a little help getting on their feet or who might have transportation hardships.

The clothing store provides free clothing and access to public services to 10 women a month who have been referred to them by either another person or an outside organization. “We don’t deny anybody if they say they’re in need, we don’t ask for proof of financial help,” said Dolan.

The boutique makes sure that when a referral comes into the store,

it feels like any other shopping experience.

“They are treated like we would a customer that was buying stuff,” said Dolan.

Peggy Koontz has been working in the boutique since it first opened. When a referral comes in, they choose up to five items off the racks and everything is still priced and hung so they feel like they are shopping. Often, people will leave with more than \$80 worth of clothing for free.

While the boutique mainly focuses on clothing for women, they do offer some jeans, boots, and work shirts for men.

Nearly New Boutique falls under the umbrella of the nonprofit organization Bound for Success. Dolan founded Bound for Success to provide women around Sandoval County with financial help and business counseling.

“We give many grants throughout the year to predominantly women who are trying to start their own business and become gainfully employed or just kind of fall into dire financial straits for just a little boost. Those are up to \$500 mini-grants,” said Dolan.



Nearly New Boutique. (Courtesy Fawn Dolan )

Dolan says the store relies on word-of-mouth to let people know about the services offered. “We don’t write grants, we don’t get any funding from anybody, or we keep the doors open to customers coming in and purchasing the quality items

that are on the racks,” said Dolan.

Nearly New Boutique is always accepting donations of clothing that is clean, new, or gently worn. They also take monetary donations. To donate clothing or money, visit the store at 836 Camino Del Pueblo.

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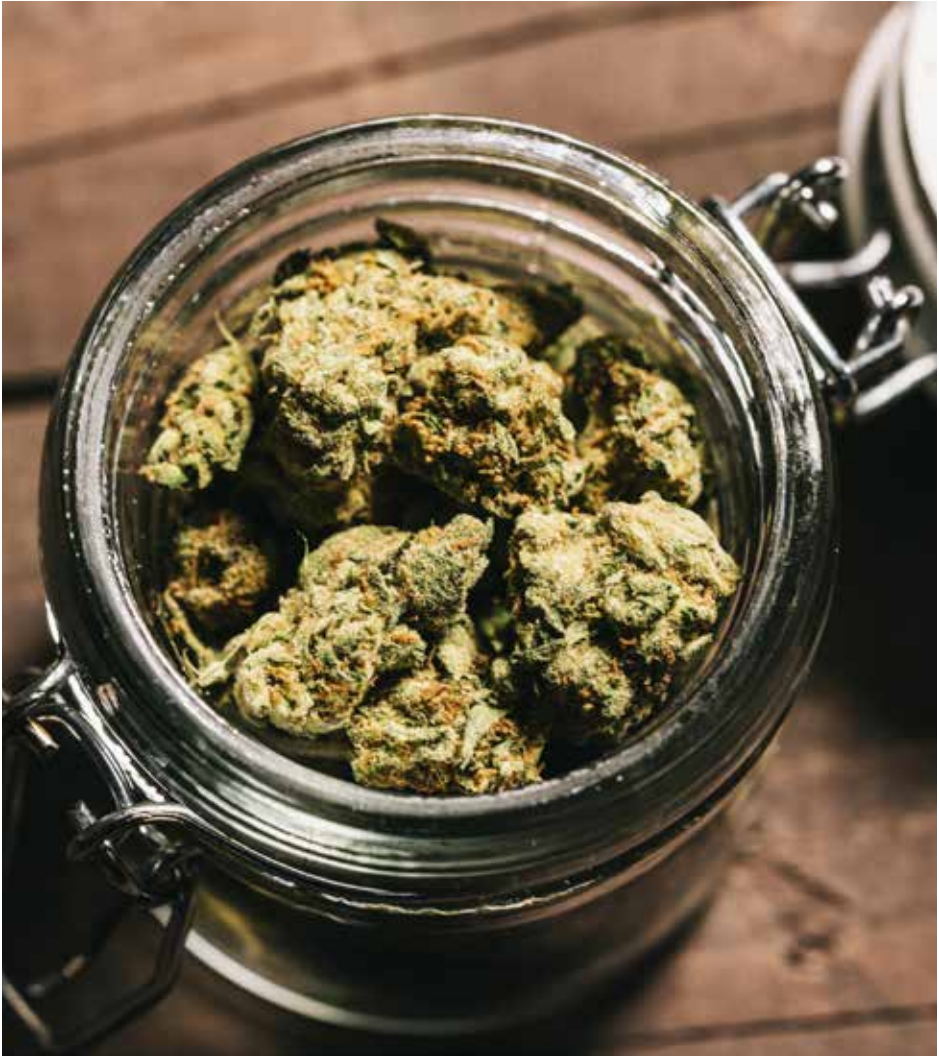
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12 percent excise tax on recreational cannabis sales until July 1, 2025. It will gradually rise to 18% by July 1, 2030.

Two-thirds of the tax collected goes to the state’s general fund and one-third of this revenue is shared with either the municipality or the county in unincorporated areas based on sales within their boundaries.

Since cannabis was legalized, Bernalillo has generated \$228,589 in Cannabis Excise Tax, according to numbers compiled from the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department website.

Town Clerk and Administrator Ida Fierro said the money generated from the excise tax goes into the general fund right now, which supports the town’s public initiatives like police and fire.

Bernalillo Mayor Jack Torres said he plans to propose to the Town Council that they allocate the funds to the town’s planning and zoning department to address distressed properties.

“Because we’ve got several of them throughout the town and it’s an expensive process to get them cleaned up and it’s a slow process,” said Torres.

As of March 1, there are 1,050 dispensaries in New Mexico and 12 of them are located in the Town of Bernalillo.

# Rio Rancho Man Charged With Killing Wife

Michael Hodock, Sandoval Signpost

A Rio Rancho man has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of his wife.

According to a criminal complaint, around 6:42 a.m. on March 25, Rio Rancho Police arrived at 2178 Acapulco Rd. to investigate a possible homicide. The criminal complaint states a 911 call came in from Catherine Vallejos, who reported that her brother, 45-year-old John Vallejos told her that he shot his wife, Roberta Valdez.

Officers arrived at the home and found Vallejos in his truck parked in the driveway. He was taken into custody without incident and a gun was reportedly found in the cab of the vehicle. Inside the home, police found Valdez unresponsive in the master bedroom with a gunshot wound near her left eye. Police said her body was “mostly covered by a blanket and had no other obvious signs of trauma.”

The criminal complaint states that while detained in a patrol unit, Vallejos spoke about Valdez’s family saying, “I’m sorry I took her from them.”

Police said Vallejos told detectives in an interview that he and Valdez were arguing during the early morning hours of March 25 and he admitted to grabbing a gun during the altercation and pointing it at Valdez. According to the report, Vallejos said the gun “went off” and that he “did a bad thing.”

Law enforcement records show Vallejos has been charged with aggravated battery on a household member in the past, but Valdez declined to pursue charges because she said the reporting officer had lied during the alleged incident.

Vallejos was booked into the Sandoval County Detention Center and charged with first-degree murder.

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# Forest Service Proposes Plan to Mitigate Fire Season

*Public comment period open until May 4*

## Sandoval Signpost staff

Despite the spring winds and the temperature heating up, it's fire mitigation season in New Mexico. The Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands division is seeking comments for the proposed North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project. The project is proposing several ways to restore, maintain, and improve forested conditions on approximately 2,956 acres in the Sandia Ranger District including Sandoval and Bernalillo counties, and the Sandia Mountain communities, north of I-40.

The North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project includes reducing the impacts of high-severity fires like under-brush cleaning and reducing wildfire risk to communities near the areas such as Tijeras, Placitas and communities along North Hwy-14. In practice, that plan will reduce the risk of catastrophic fire using hand and mechanical treatments and prescribed fires throughout the area.

Maps for the North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project can be found on

the Cibola National Forest & National Grasslands project page at [fs.usda.gov/project/cibola/?project=65654](https://fs.usda.gov/project/cibola/?project=65654)

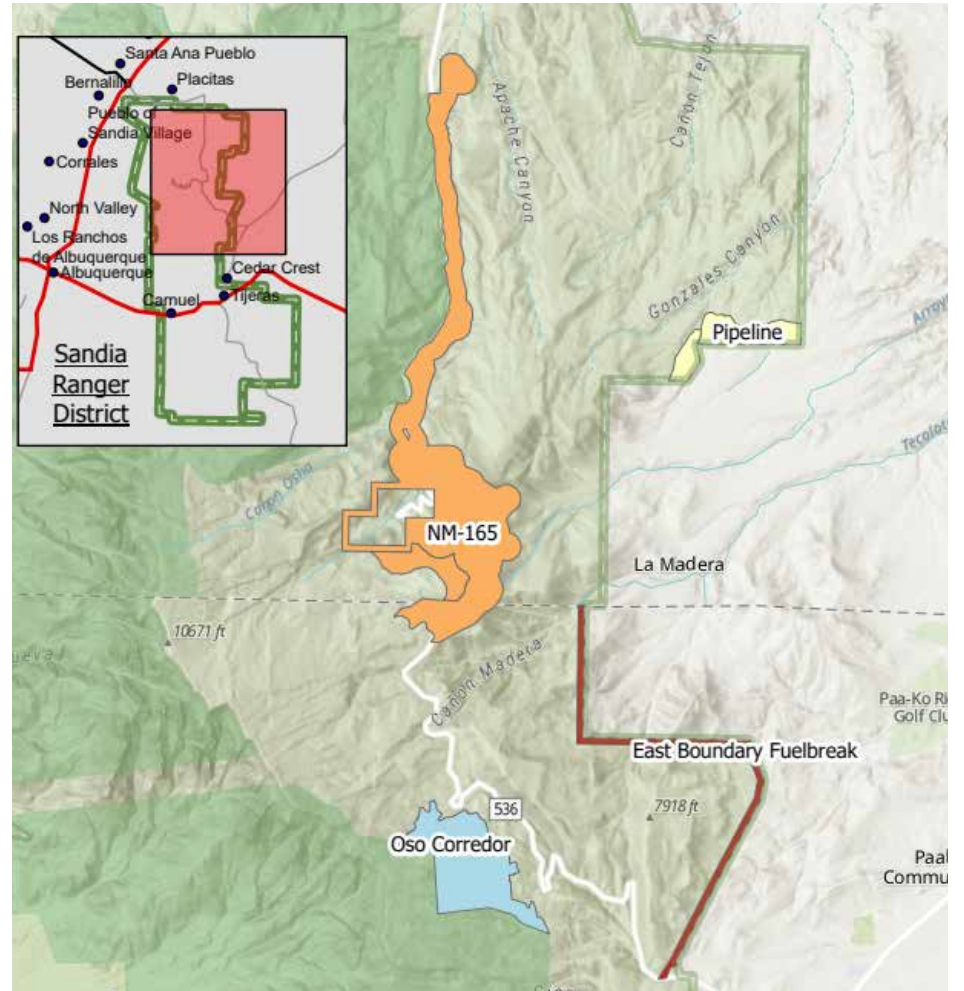
## Get involved

Forest Service officials are asking the public to submit their comments on the proposed plan. All comments are due no later than May 3 at 5 p.m.

Written comments must be submitted to District Ranger Crystal Powell, ATTN: North Sandia Fuels Reduction Project, Sandia Ranger District, 11776 HWY 337, Tijeras, New Mexico 87059.

Online comments must be submitted using the online CARA comment form. The form can be accessed by clicking 'Comment/Object on Project' under 'Get Connected' on the right side of the project page.

To make an oral comment, call Brittany Lewellen, Planning Program Manager/Project Lead at 505- 274-4519. Oral comments must be provided during normal business hours, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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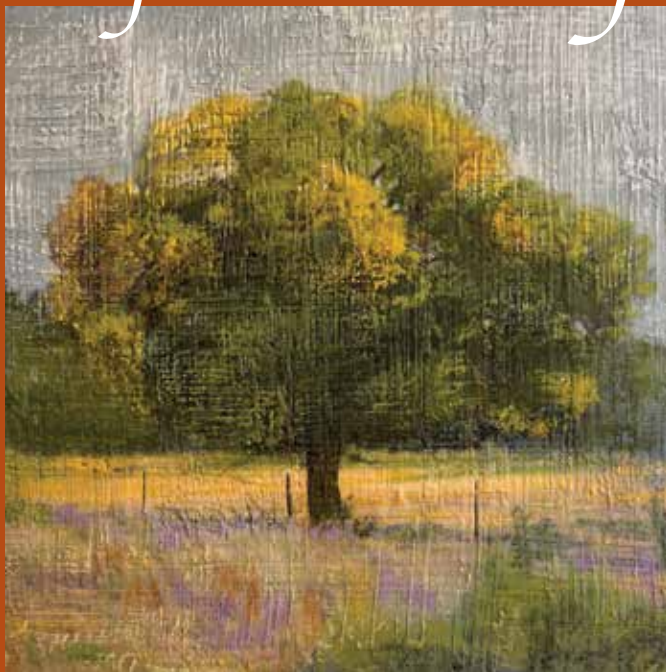
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# Nonprofit Brings Adaptive Technology to New Mexico Anglers

*Company aims to help mobility-limited people access fishing spots*

By Michael Hodock, Sandoval Signpost

In 2005, Dustin Berg started a nonprofit organization called Global Opportunities Unlimited with the mission to “help people with disabilities get outdoors and regain that part of their life.”

Berg, who is from Albuquerque, grew up camping, backpacking, rock climbing and mountain biking. In 2003, he was involved in a motorcycle crash, and he lost all function below his waist. He now requires a wheelchair for mobility.

Berg told *The Signpost* that through years of intense rehabilitation and physical therapy, “finally, I got myself back to working and driving and going to school, but I was missing that part of my life, that critical element which was being outdoors.”

Today, Berg still enjoys mountain biking, even without the use of his legs. GO offers participants the opportunity to use hand-powered adaptive cycling vehicles to access remote areas.

“We have these really cool cycles. We can ride dirt trails for miles and get out and go along the bosque and around the foothills and go to the mountains,” he said. “[It’s] a fantastic program and some really neat technology that we brought to New Mexico.”

The adaptive cycles also give people with limited mobility the chance to fish in spots that may be difficult to access by wheelchair.

A popular fishing destination for GO participants is the Jemez Mountains, but the terrain and trails are not easily navigable for people who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices. The nonprofit has been working hard to use the

adaptive cycling resources to their full potential, and one of Berg’s goals is to, “teach people [with limited mobility] how to fly fish in the Valles Caldera and some of the small streams and beautiful country up there. We go to Fenton Lake and we like to take kids fishing at Seven Springs Hatchery.”

GO also hosts fishing trips in a modified pontoon boat.

“We have cleared all of the furniture off the front of it. It’s completely open for a wheelchair to roll around on,” Berg said. “And then we also have larger gates and ramps that we bring so that people can roll right onto the boat from the dock. There are no cumbersome transfers.”

GO brings anglers on fly fishing trips in a special drift boat with a fold-down back end for wheelchair ramp access. With the use of devices like transfer benches, the organization aims to make fishing “as independent as possible.”

Through grants and support from sponsors like the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division, GO is able to host outings free of charge, including fishing trips. Volunteers remain the backbone of the organization. To volunteer or make a donation, visit [gounlimited.org/](http://gounlimited.org/).

“People with disabilities are just as interested in the different tourist opportunities as anybody else... they’re hungry for opportunity. So we’re trying to make more of that available here in New Mexico,” Berg said. GO’s next fishing adventure is planned for April 6 at Isleta Lakes in Albuquerque. To register for the event, visit [gounlimited.org](http://gounlimited.org) and click on registration forms.



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# Court Rulings Stacking Up in U.S. Nuclear Storage Fight

*Federal judge in Louisiana rules against Texas facility, while D.C. court considers another proposed site in southeastern New Mexico*

By DANIELLE PROKOP,  
Source New Mexico

Yes are on the federal appeals courts as a slew of recent rulings is impacting the fervid fight over proposed nuclear storage facilities in the oil-rich Permian Basin, with another expected in the coming months.

A recent court ruling highlighted the disagreements between federal interests that approved licenses to run these storage sites and the spectrum of opposition from New Mexico, Texas and a coalition of national anti-nuclear, environmental groups and private oil, gas and mining interests in those states.

With a recent ruling, that dispute may have to be resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court.

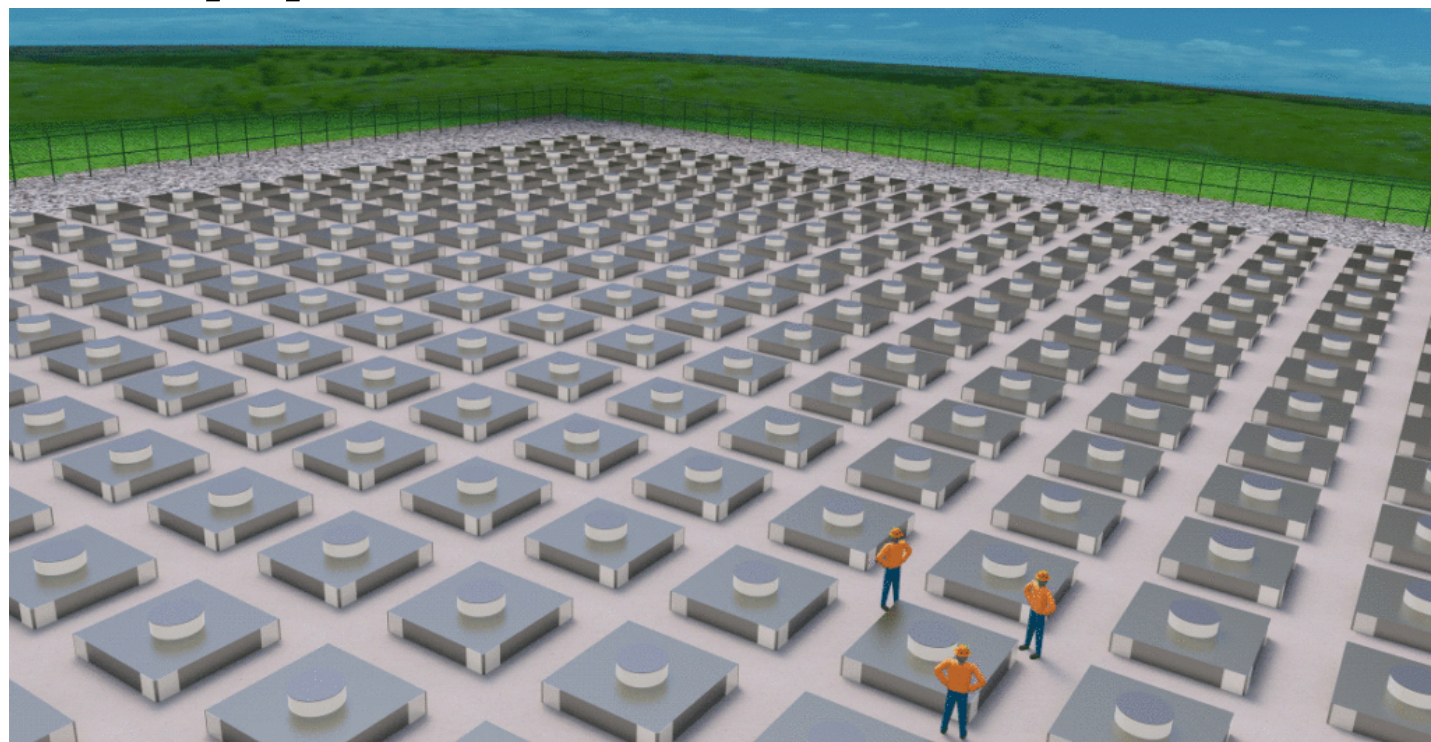
On March 14, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, based in Louisiana, ruled in a 9-7 judgment that it would not further review an earlier decision to revoke a license for a nuclear waste facility operation slated for Andrews, Texas.

Texas and private mining companies appealed the license issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, saying the federal government overreached.

The judgment supports the three-judge panel ruling in August 2023 that the federal government did not have the authority to issue a license to Interim Storage Partners for private nuclear storage for the future facility that is miles away from Eunice, New Mexico.

Then on Wednesday, another three-judge panel ordered the federal government to vacate the license issued for the Holtec International site in Lea County, New Mexico.

The panel sided with groups



(Credit Source New Mexico)

representing oil, gas and mining interests who argued that the Holtec License was “materially identical” to the Andrews County, Texas facility license the court ordered to rescind.

This series of rulings directly contradicts other rulings in federal appeals courts over a proposed storage site approved in Utah, which was never built.

The federal government has 90 days to appeal the decision against the Texas facility to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A spokesperson for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission did not return calls for comment.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a license in May 2022 for nuclear technology company Holtec International to build and operate the Consolidated Interim

Storage Facility between Hobbs and Carlsbad. That license is also being challenged in a different case before the D.C. federal appeals court.

Both facilities are proposed by the companies to be stopgaps to address the metric tons of radioactive waste accumulating across the country from former and current power plants.

Opponents say the storage solutions are not intended to be temporary and pose risks to the communities the waste passes through and will be lodged in.

In recent years, Texas and New Mexico legislatures passed laws banning the storage of high-level nuclear waste, setting up a showdown over state sovereignty and the federal government’s position as the authority over the nuclear industry.

On March 5, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments to discuss the federal government’s license for Holtec International to store its high-level nuclear waste in southeastern New Mexico.

The opposition against Holtec’s plans is a coalition of environmental, anti-nuclear, mining and oil and gas organizations. This unusual group came together to argue the federal government overreached when it issued its license to the New Jersey-based company.

Those parties and the federal government have both cited the Fifth Circuit decision in court records, said Kevin Kamps, with nonprofit Beyond Nuclear, which has opposed both facilities in courts.

“There’s this interplay between the two cases in the two circuits, so that’s very real,” Kamps said.

Holtec International is watching the Fifth Circuit proceedings, spokesperson Patrick O’Brien said and is disappointed by the recent decision to stall another company’s nuclear waste storage facility plans in Texas.

“We were disappointed in the decision, particularly since the panel’s opinion and the concurring decision were inconsistent with many other decisions from other federal appeals courts,” O’Brien said. It’s unclear when the D.C. court will issue an in the Holtec International licensing case.

The Supreme Court could be more likely to intervene if the decision on the New Mexico case in the D.C. court clashes with the Fifth Circuit judgment on the facility in Texas, said Don Hancock, Nuclear Waste Safety program director and administrator at the nonprofit Southwest Research and Information Center.

“Depending on what the D.C. Circuit does, you could potentially have a current controversy, a fundamental conflict, not only between the circuits but potentially in terms of whether licenses are granted or not,” Hancock said.

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# Judge Sides With Conservative Group In Its Push to Access, Publish Voter Rolls Online

*New Mexico election law bans the publication of voter registration data*

**AP** By MORGAN LEE  
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico election officials violated public disclosure provisions of the National Voter Registration Act by refusing to provide voter rolls to a conservative group and its public online database, a federal judge has ruled.

The opinion and order Friday from Albuquerque-based U.S. District Court Judge James Browning mostly sided with the Voter Reference Foundation and its efforts to expand a free database of registered voters so that groups and individuals can take it upon themselves to try to find potential irregularities or fraud.

Election officials in several states and privacy advocates have raised alarms about a push by several conservative groups to gain access to state voter rolls, saying the lists could find their way into the hands of malicious actors and that voters could be disenfranchised through intimidation, possibly by canceling their registrations to avoid public disclosure of their home addresses and party affiliation.

New Mexico election law bans the publication of voter registration data. It restricts the use of the data to political campaigning and noncommercial government purposes. But Browning ruled that system “severely burdens the circulation of voter data among the public” and violates federal disclosure requirements.

“The data sharing ban largely deprives individuals and entities of the ability to engage with disclosed records in such a way that facilitates identification of voter registration-related irregularities,” Browning wrote.

His ruling builds on a federal appeals court ruling in February that Maine must release its voter list to another conservative-backed group, the Public Interest Legal Foundation, that’s conducting independent audits by comparing voter rolls in one state against those in another.

The Voter Reference Foundation’s VoteRef.com database so far includes information from 32 states and the District of Columbia. It is run by Gina Swoboda, an organizer of former President Donald Trump’s 2020 re-election campaign in Arizona who was chosen in January as chair of the Arizona Republican Party.



“We are very gratified that the court has upheld the right of the public to have meaningful access to vote rolls,” Swoboda said in a statement by email. “The intent of the public disclosure provision of the National Voter Registration Act is clear: namely, to allow the public to view the voter lists and associated list maintenance records to ensure proper voter list maintenance is being conducted. With this opinion, the citizens of New Mexico can be assured of transparency in this key part of our elections process.”

Swoboda did not say how soon New Mexico voter list might be posted online. The foundation obtained New Mexico voter rolls through a vendor and first posted the records online in 2021, leading to a referral for potential prosecution. The foundation took the information offline and sued.

The New Mexico secretary of state’s office will appeal the order, said agency spokesman Alex Curtas.

Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, a Democrat, “will continue to do everything in her power to advocate for the protection of voters’ personal information and ultimately encourage voter participation,” Curtas said in an email.

Curtas praised portions of the judge’s order that dismissed the foundation’s allegations that New Mexico engaged in free speech violations under its restrictions on the use of voter information.

Baseless claims of widespread voter fraud largely fueled by Trump’s insistence the 2020 presidential election was stolen are part of what’s driving conservative groups’ efforts to obtain the voter rolls, leading to

lawsuits seeking voter registration data in several states, including Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records has refused to hand over voter information to the Voter Reference Foundation, saying that publishing it would put every

registered voter at greater risk of identity theft or misuse of their information.

Pennsylvania officials prevailed in state court, and the foundation in February sued in federal court to obtain the voter rolls, citing provisions of the National Voter Registration Act.

John Davisson, director of litigation at the Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center, said the federal rulings in New Mexico and Maine preserve state voter confidentiality programs for assault and stalking victims that conceal home addresses but otherwise would “essentially eliminate” state discretion on the release of voter lists.

“States have until now adopted confidentiality safeguards around voter data that vary in their details,” he said. “This is really cutting that all away and saying you can’t place those kinds of restricts on data disclosure.”

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# New Tax Law Provisions Open Solar Tax Credit to More New Mexicans

Sandoval Signpost Staff

Following the Legislative session, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has signed an omnibus tax package for 2024 into law. The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) is preparing to accept a new wave of applications for its Solar Market Development Tax Credit Program.

The 2024 tax omnibus, House Bill 252, contains provisions that make the existing solar tax credit available to more New Mexicans. Those provisions include:

- Raising the annual cap on the total amount of credits that can be issued to \$30 million per tax year.
- Ensuring that tribal members who hold property in leasehold are eligible for the credit.
- Making \$20 million in tax credits available to individuals whose applications were rejected after the cap was reached in previous years (tax years 2020 through 2023).

First enacted in 2020, the Solar



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Market Development Tax Credit Program offers a tax credit of up to 10% on solar system installation costs for qualified solar thermal and photovoltaic (PV) systems, up to a maximum of \$6,000 per taxpayer per year.

Over the past three years, EMNRD was forced to reject hundreds of solar tax credit applications because the previous annual caps were

quickly reached.

Since the program's inception, more than 12,000 New Mexicans have received tax credits averaging \$3,081.00 per credit. EMNRD estimates these New Mexicans have each saved an average of \$1,624.00 per year in energy costs while adding more than 100 MW of distributed solar generation to the state's power grid.

EMNRD staff has started a required process to update the administrative rules for the program, including writing new sections of the rule that apply to the \$20 million in credits available for taxpayers who missed out on receiving credit for solar systems installed between 2020 and 2023. That process will include publishing proposed rules for public comment.

Applications are currently being accepted for solar systems installed in 2024 on the EMNRD website. The aggregate cap on credits for the 2024 tax year is now \$30 million.

"We have some groundwork to do before we can begin accepting applications based on these new provisions," said Rebecca "Puck" Stair, director of EMNRD's Energy Conservation and Management Division (ECMD). "We are already hard at work on those changes and will let the public know when we are accepting applications for systems installed before 2024."

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# Placitas Photographer Builds Layers of Memory

Sandoval Signpost staff

Never content with one style of photography, Dana Patterson Roth has recently been exploring encaustic photography; a process of applying hot beeswax onto an image. That's the focus of her new exhibition, *Layers of Memory*. Roth says there is something about the wax, the way it looks and feels, that awakens senses beyond sight and adds new depth and meaning to an image. Pigments, textures and objects are incorporated into the layers of beeswax, as other parts are scraped away.

Born and raised in New Mexico and a long-time Placitas resident, Roth fell in love with photography at the age of ten. She studied photography and painting at UNM, the Santa Fe Photography Workshop and other venues. Beginning with black and white photography, Roth embraced color when she switched to digital cameras and began to let go of her self-imposed rules and traditional guidelines. She now works in both black and white and color and loves exploring new ways a camera can be used or an image can be created.

Roth shows yearly in the Placitas Studio Tour and the Placitas Holiday

Market. She helped found Wild Hearts Gallery in 2018, is on the Placitas Studio Tour Board and served on the board of the Placitas Holiday Sale.

"I am still and may always be in the experimental stage. I love choosing an image and then listening to it, letting it guide me," Roth said. "With encaustic photography I can add wax, colors, texture, or even objects to a photograph, to emphasize certain features, or scrape away parts. I think this is what I do with life sometimes: remembering and even re-interpreting moments of my life, hanging onto what seems most important to me, while letting other parts fade away or be obscured by time."

The artist's reception will be on Saturday, April 13 from 1-3 p.m. A First Sunday ARTScrawl Meet the Artist event kicks off the month on April 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come by for a cup of specialty coffee and visit. You can also take a visual tour of this exhibit and the gallery by visiting [wildheartsgallery.com](http://wildheartsgallery.com).

Wild Hearts Gallery is an artists' collective, supported by 15 local artists. Located at 221-B State Highway 165, the gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



*Tree, glorious tree! by Dana Patterson Roth*

## Community Briefs



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### Rio Rancho Water Restrictions

Rio Rancho outdoor watering restrictions are currently in effect starting through Oct. 31. To prevent water waste, spray irrigation during the hours of 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. is prohibited for all properties within the city limits, or that are served by the city's water or that are served by the city's water utility. Watering by hand is allowed during these hours. Residents are encouraged to report water waste violations via the City's Water Conservation Office at (505)896-8737 or Report Rio Rancho at [rrnm.gov/report](http://rrnm.gov/report). Those who are not in compliance with the City's watering restrictions will be subject to a fee based on how many violations they may already have.

### Recycle, e-cycle

Keep Bernalillo Beautiful Board is hosting an E-Cycling Event so that residents will be able to safely

recycle old electronics. The event is free and will be on Apr. 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Bernalillo Municipal Court Building. This is a drive-thru event so please stay in your car as staff will be available to unload your car.

### Ranger Readers

In a new partnership with the Martha Liebert Public Library in Bernalillo, NM, Coronado Historic Site is offering a new "Ranger Read and Learn" program. The monthly program is free and open to families of all ages. A historic site ranger will read a story and follow by offering related conversations and activities. The days and books are set for the next three months and are as follows:

April 20 - Kid Scientist;  
Archaeologists on a Dig  
May 18 - Corn Maiz  
June 15 - Coyote and the Sky  
Each reading session will be held from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Martha Liebert Public Library in Bernalillo.



## Letter to the Editor:

Submitted by Barbara Rockwell/concerned Placitas resident

Intel plans to use a new version of the old oxidizers/incinerators, emission control technology in its new expansion, a technology that is now more than thirty years old. Burning off the emissions was always unreliable resulting in breakdowns that sent the full blast of toxic emissions into the surrounding neighborhoods. Intel's own Excess Emissions Reports document that the thermal oxidizers are down an average of two days a month. Not only that, some of the dozens of chemicals are made more toxic by burning, e.g. HMDS or hexamethyldisilazane is converted into crystalline silica by burning it at the high temps used by the incinerators. Crystalline silica causes deadly pulmonary fibrosis. Several villagers have died of this relatively rare disease. Intel denies this fact even though the material safety data sheet for HMDS clearly states that it should not be exposed to high temps.

There are other better methods for controlling toxic emissions. One is composting, another is supercritical carbon dioxide (SCORR) a method developed at Los Alamos National Laboratory 20 years ago. This method uses no toxic chemicals in a closed-loop system that wastes no water, saving hundreds of millions of gallons of water that Intel sucks up from our declining aquifer. SCORR was touted as "the next stop on the superconductor highway." IBM and Intel both tested it and had "good results but not better results" as though saving the water and eliminating the toxics was not a better result in itself.

What happened to SCORR? I have no idea and have never been able to get an answer.

## Compounding Pharmacy Shows Off New Space

### *UNM grad builds first-of-its-kind business in Rio Rancho*

By Rodd Cayton, Sandoval Signpost

Leaders and community members on Saturday celebrated the expansion of one of the city's unique local businesses.

The Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at Olive Tree Compounding Pharmacy.

"We are thrilled to celebrate Dr. Didi Okpareke's great accomplishments with the grand opening of Olive Tree Compounding Pharmacy's new facility," said Chamber President Jerry Schalow. Dr. Okpareke's dedication to providing personalized pharmaceutical care reflects the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in Rio Rancho.

A compounding pharmacy creates custom medications to meet patients' special needs. That may mean it's an easier form for the patient to take, a way around a patient's allergies or a nonstandard dosage.

Olive Tree is the first compounding pharmacy in Rio Rancho. The company was recently awarded \$66,990 through a New Mexico Economic Development Department program. A press released stated the pharmacy plans to hire three trainees at an average hourly wage of \$28.40 and an intern at \$19.75.

Olive Tree serves both human and animal patients. Saturday's event included a tour of the 6,000-square-foot building at 1713 Wellspring Avenue SE, and opportunities to



Dr. Didi Okpareke

meet Okpareke and the staff to learn more about available services.

Okpareke, the founder of Olive Tree Compounding Pharmacy, is a 2008 graduate of the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy.

She said Tuesday that Rio Rancho is supportive of business development and Mayor Gregg Hull and the City Council have long been supportive of her efforts. She struggled to find that level of support in other cities.

Olive Tree is part of Rio Rancho, but reaches far beyond the city's borders. The company is licensed to serve patients throughout New Mexico and in Texas, Nevada, Maryland, Georgia, Alaska, Illinois, and Indiana.

Okpareke said the new building, which she built from scratch, allows the company to expand into sterile compounds. She said she saw an opportunity to expand the business and "stop paying rent."

Okpareke said she expects the pharmacy to officially open for business Monday.

She told the *Sandoval Signpost* in February that compounding allows a medication to be formulated to best work for a specific patient's body chemistry. Okpareke said allergy testing and other analyses help pharmacy staff figure out the best way to meet the needs of each patient.

The new pharmacy opened a short distance from the original Olive Tree location, which Okpareke founded about seven years ago. The pharmacy will also host a line of skincare products marketed under the name OliveTree.Skin.

The website for the product line says all the products are designed, manufactured, and packaged in the U.S. and Okpareke's "passion is to support and promote all edifying efforts of black and brown beauty!" More information about Olive Tree Compounding Pharmacy is available on their website at [olivetreecompounding.com](http://olivetreecompounding.com).

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# Calling the Governor

People who live in cities need to get away from each other and enjoy a bit of nature. The public park, a leafy green space in the urban landscape, has provided relief for centuries. We love our parks so much that proposing changes can become heated.

But not so heated that one individual, former Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, becomes the subject of a personal attack in a newspaper editorial that was so vicious I thought a response was in order. Diane is a colleague in this syndicate and a friend.

What happened is residents of an Albuquerque neighborhood debated whether to add playground equipment to Netherwood Park, described by an online reviewer as a “very large picturesque park... easily one of the biggest parks in Albuquerque,” and “a destination park for lots of pet owners and families.”

## All She Wrote



Sherry Robinson

The neighborhood association polled residents about tucking in a play area. The results were 61 for and 22 against. That’s a healthy majority but not a consensus, and it was an informal survey. The association itself didn’t take a position, which is significant.

Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino got \$200,000 in capital outlay approved in the legislative session for playground equipment. Denish made a call to the governor, who line-item vetoed the funding.

In her coverage of these events, KRQE anchor Jessica Garate constructed a story of the neighborhood vs. one cranky but well connected old lady. Garate has her own connections as wife of Ryan Cangioli, former executive director of the state’s Republican Party and former deputy chief of staff of Gov. Susana Martinez.

Interviewing playground supporters, Garate made a show of asking them if they had the governor’s phone number. They didn’t. She was warm and generous with them. Denish didn’t get the same treatment but managed to say, “This is a very unique open,

unobstructed park, and it has been for 75 years.”

Next the Albuquerque Journal’s editorial page piled on in a venomous, petty personal attack that’s become the new norm in editorials since a management change last year. According to the editorial, Denish is, among other things, “a grumpy old woman” and “an Ebenezer Scrooge” who’s “had a chip on her shoulder ever since” losing her campaign for governor 14 years ago.

That’s not the Diane her friends know. Smart, gracious and level-headed, she’s spent years advocating for children and early childhood education. She has a full and busy life with friends and family. She cares about her neighborhood.

Denish isn’t wrong to defend an “open, unobstructed park.”

Public parks were originally semi-open, landscaped areas intended to allow city dwellers, especially workers, to relax in nature, according to “The Politics of Park Design: A History of Urban Parks in America.” In time, parks were used for zoos and other attractions. Then they included swimming

pools, playgrounds, ball fields and buildings. While all these parks still flourish, the large, less developed parks are seeing new popularity with urbanites who want to experience the outdoors. They’re also at risk of being chipped away for other uses.

Should Denish have made the call? We haven’t heard the whole story here, but Ortiz y Pino may have jumped the gun, funding equipment without real neighborhood consensus.

Denish could have refused to be interviewed, knowing exactly whose spouse she was talking to. She looked downright uncomfortable, but she tried to answer Garate’s questions. She explained her call to the governor by citing her long public service, which has given her friends in high places. Contrary to the Journal’s opinion that “her time in the sun has long passed,” she’s still active in politics and the community.

Diane Denish spent years in the fishbowl and earned the trust and friendship of people all over the state. That’s why people take her calls.

# Regulating Yourself Doesn’t Work

On October 29, 2018, a passenger airliner crashed into the sea less than 13 minutes after takeoff from Jakarta, Indonesia. A few months later, a second plane crashed over Ethiopia. In total, 346 people were killed.

Both planes were the brand new Boeing 737 Max. Investigation placed the responsibility squarely with Boeing, the manufacturer. As news reports explained, Boeing had made technical changes that were not thoroughly tested and, as a deliberate policy choice to save money, had hidden these changes from both regulators and the pilots who would be flying those planes. The pilots had not been trained on how to handle a malfunction of the new feature.

The world’s most trusted airplane manufacturer had undergone a change of philosophy several years earlier. Following a merger and new management, the company

## Triple Spaced Again



Merilee Dannemann

abandoned its culture of excellence in favor of a focus on profit and stock price.

Employee reports of safety problems were ignored. Millions of airline passengers, including you and me, were put at risk. But because the company was so trusted, federal regulators allowed the company to use its own employees for some of the safety analysis that should have been done by government inspectors. All this has been widely reported.

At a hearing in 2020, then-New Mexico Sen. Tom Udall said, “This continues to be a case study of the complete and total failure of self-regulation.” Please read that again: “complete and total failure of self-regulation.”

Boeing was charged with conspiracy to defraud the Federal Aviation Administration and agreed to payments of more than \$2.5 billion, including both penalties to the government and compensation to the crash victims’ families.

And then, as we all know, on Jan. 5 of this year a door flew off one of these airplanes a few minutes after takeoff.

How many more times do we have to repeat this painful lesson before we finally remember it? Self-regulation doesn’t work. While it might appear to work in the short term, it exposes the consuming public to the whims of other people’s self-interest.

The tension between industry and regulators helps to keep those greedier impulses in check.

Human nature is such that when regulators are not around to hold the line, eventually somebody will be tempted to get greedy or sloppy and take shortcuts. The honest employees who follow the rules will be edged out by adventurous types who provide a short-term competitive advantage because they have no compunctions about taking risks with their customers’ lives or fortunes. When something terrible finally happens we shrug our shoulders and wonder how this was allowed to take place.

This is what happened to the financial industry that led to the economic crash of 2008 – though the story was very different and the victims lost their homes, not their lives. That disaster resulted in part

from the repeal of a Depression-era federal law called Glass-Steagall, which had been enacted to prevent exactly what happened.

New Mexico regulates numerous industries through programs in several state agencies. In recent years I’ve written about the requirement to sanitize the holding tanks in trucks that carry milk from the farm to the bottling plant, the testing of gasoline before you pump it into your car and other regulations.

A friend of mine worked at Sandia National Laboratories in a position involving safe disposal of hazardous radioactive materials, accountable to the state Environment Department. He told me no one in his group ever lied to the state agency, partly because it was the right thing to do and partly because the penalty for lying could be as much as 30 years in prison.

My friend said the threat of the penalty was a great motivator for that educated workforce. *Contact Merilee Dannemann through [www.triplespacedagain.com](http://www.triplespacedagain.com).*



# The 21st Century Elmer Gantry

Holy Week and the Easter season in New Mexico is a special time. While the rest of the country dyes eggs and buys chocolate, New Mexicans go on pilgrimages. Every Good Friday, thousands of New Mexicans either walk to El Santuario de Chimayó in the village of Chimayó or climb Tomé Hill between Los Lunas and Belen. Chimayó pilgrims sometimes walk all night, and the highway department sets up special lights along the highway and routes on frontage roads between Nambé and Chimayó.

New Mexico is a state of unique faith. Growing up here certainly shaped and informed my own faith journey.

This must be called out: Donald Trump's "God Bless The USA" Bible, released during Holy Week, is an insult to the well-meaning people of faith who have supported him for the last eight years. I may not agree with Trump supporters, but *co-opting and co-branding the Bible to raise cash is not acceptable* and is an affront they do not deserve.

As an American voter who actively practices her religion, I am offended by any political candidate profiteering from branded Bible

Commentary



Merritt Hamilton Allen

sales. The God Bless The USA Bible is a King James Version Bible printed with the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the Pledge of Allegiance, along with the lyrics to Lee Greenwood's song "God Bless the USA" written in Greenwood's own writing.

Proceeds from the \$60 book (not inclusive of tax or shipping) go to CIC Ventures, LLC, the company that receives and manages Trump's likeness and publishing royalties, although the book's website implies that proceeds do not go to the campaign directly. Considering Trump's need to generate cash for legal costs, the campaign may be the least of his worries.

On the book's website, it is touted as the "ONLY Bible inspired by America's most recognized patriotic anthem, God Bless The USA." As though it were a popular country song from the 1980s that inspired the Bible as opposed to, goodness, I don't know, thousands of years of spiritual tradition, guidance, and revelation.

It's hard to know where to begin in defining the outrage of this business venture. I guess I will start with the most obvious. Do you want to buy a Bible from a man who has been married three times, trading each successive wife in for a younger model? From a man who paid hush

money to a porn star to keep their extramarital affair quiet? From a man who mocks the disabled during public speeches? Buying a Bible from Donald Trump is like paying Hannibal Lecter to teach you to cook. It is an utterly terrible idea.

It also makes no financial sense. A King James Version (KJV) Bible, leather-bound, runs \$18 on Amazon as of this writing. The Constitution and Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the Pledge of Allegiance are anywhere from free to \$10, depending on how resourceful you are.

From a historical perspective, I don't love America's foundational documents and a Christian Bible together. Among our nation's founding principles is the separation of church and state, which was important to many of our early settlers fleeing religious oppression in Europe, where state-aligned religious institutions dictated how and what citizens should worship.

Then there is the problem of the translation. The KJV Bible, while a breakthrough for its time 400 years ago, is not a widely used version today, except for fundamentalist congregations. There is a continuous effort by Biblical scholars to improve the quality of the Bible as more original text material becomes accessible. As an example, the

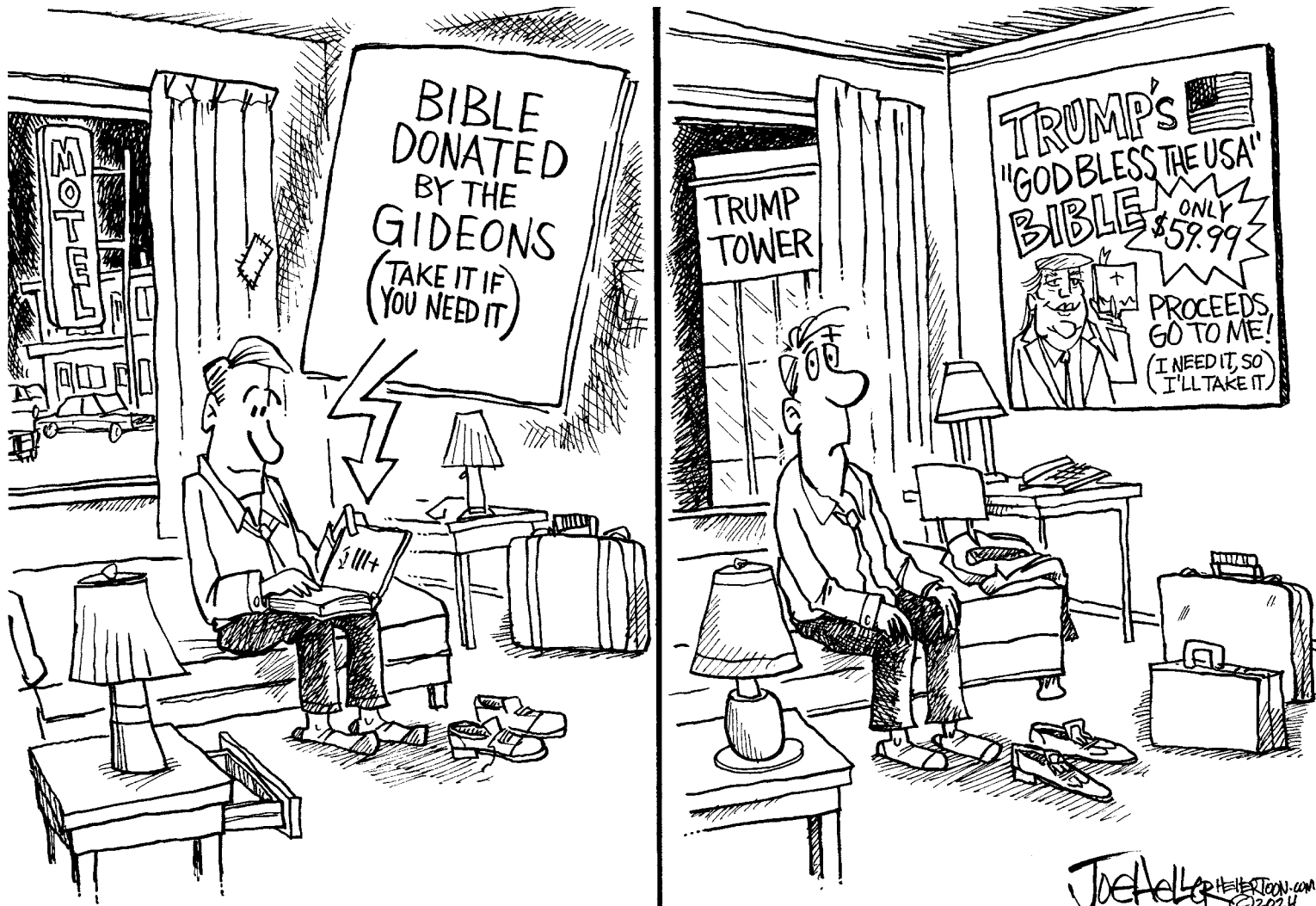
translation of the Dead Sea Scrolls impacted Bible translation. The Revised Standard Version, which was an updated version of the KJV, incorporated the Dead Sea Scrolls material to become the New Revised Standard Version in 1989. The NRSV was most recently updated in 2021.

And Catholics, the largest single Christian denomination in the country (and my own denomination), include additional books and material, collectively known as the Apocrypha, to provide a fuller explanation and exposition of Scripture in the Old Testament. The Catholic Church adopted the NRSV-Catholic Edition, which includes the necessary extra material, in 1991, and it became the source material for liturgy in 2007.

So essentially, the vast majority of American Christian churches – and American Christians – are using the same, meticulously translated, script.

The KJV Bible features the beautiful, old-fashioned language of its era and place – 17th century England. It's the source of many lovely hymns. But most churches and churchgoers have moved past the KJV Bible.

[View the full commentary at sandovalsignpost.com](https://sandovalsignpost.com)





The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Motel amenity

5 Starchy side, slangily

9 Sharper than 90 degrees

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15 Apart from this

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17 Mideast's Gulf of \_\_\_\_

18 Keep in office

20 Heist planner, perhaps

22 Grooving on

23 Classroom units

24 Weighty works

26 Row producer

27 Statue's stand

30 B, on the periodic table

33 Gets too much sun

34 Astonishment

35 Pastor's flock

36 "Who \_\_\_\_ we kidding?"

37 Where dos are done

39 Needing no Rx

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32 Calligrapher's supply

33 Troop group

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41 Moving about

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45 Gear catch

47 Toys with tails

48 Fictional Potter

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50 Sauce with bas

51 Roulette bets

52 Off-ramp

54 Cleanse, to a poet

56 Kind of truck

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1 Oyster's prize

2 Nostalgic number

3 Bad signs

4 Horse with high odds

5 Peaceful

6 Answers to charges

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8 Forward eraser

9 Super Bowl side

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12 REI purchase

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21 Madhouse

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28 Military no-show

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30 Voting coalition

31 Sworn promise

Solution to Crossword:

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Planning and Zoning Commission  
Apr. 9, 4:30 p.m.  
Sandoval County Chambers  
1500 Idalia Rd., Building D

Sandoval County Commission  
Apr. 10, 6 p.m.  
Sandoval County Chambers  
1500 Idalia Rd., Building D

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Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful Committee  
Apr. 8, 5:30 p.m.  
Rio Rancho City Hall

Library Board  
Apr. 8, 5:30 p.m.  
Loma Colorado Library

Senior Services Advisory Board  
Apr. 9, 1:15 p.m.  
Meadowlark Senior Center

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Town Council  
Apr. 22, 6:30 p.m.,  
Bernalillo Town Hall

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Village Council  
Apr. 17, 6 p.m.  
  
Planning & Zoning  
Apr. 18, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Art  
Colores de Mexico: The Art of Magical Realism - Opening Reception 5-7 pm Placitas Community Library 453 Hwy. 165, Placitas, 87043

Art Openings  
Mexican Magical Realism: Jade Leyva, Enrique Flores & Armando Adrian-Lopez 5-7 pm Placitas Community Library 453 Hwy. 165, Placitas, 87043

Photography Artist Dana Patterson Roth: “Layers of Memory” All Day Wild Hearts Gallery 221 B Hwy. 165, Placitas

Music  
Boot Scootn’ Boogie Wine Night 6-9 pm Pasando Tiempo Winery and Vineyards 277 Dandelion Rd., Corrales

Despacito Thursdays \$5 9 pm-1 am The Salt Yard - West 3700 Ellison Drive Northwest, Albuquerque

Glass Anvil 6-9 pm The Hopper Pub & Pizzeria 4500 Arrowhead Ridge Dr SE, Rio Rancho

Hondo Coyote 7-9 pm Marble Brewery Westside 5740 Night Whisper Rd. NW, Albuquerque

Lisa Litman Band w/ Danny O 7:30-9:30 pm Casa Vieja Brewery 4541 Corrales Rd, Corrales

Spring Fest Starring Ice Cube \$70-\$205 8-11:30 pm Rio Rancho Events Center 3001 Civic Center Cir NE, Rio Rancho

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Comedy  
Craig Conant \$20-\$25 7-8:30 pm Quezada’s Comedy Club at Santa Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Road, Santa Ana Pueblo, Santa Ana Pueblo, 004

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EVENTS

Discussion / Lecture  
Raising Elk in Placitas 2-3 pm Placitas Community Library 453 Hwy. 165, Placitas, 87043

Music  
Black Smoke Blues Band 7-9 pm Casa Vieja Brewery 4541 Corrales Rd, Corrales

Crazy Bird 8-11 pm Tenpins & More 1416 Deborah Rd. SE, Rio Rancho

Honky-Tonk Jukebox 7-9 pm Tractor Brewing Westside 5720 McMahon Blvd NW bldg 5 ste a, Albuquerque

Resonance 6-9 pm The Hopper Pub & Pizzeria 4500 Arrowhead Ridge Dr SE, Rio Rancho

Seth Hoffman 7-9 pm Marble Brewery Westside 5740 Night Whisper Rd. NW, Albuquerque

Sports  
Duke City Gladiators vs. Tucson Sugar Skulls \$18-\$53 6-8:30 pm Rio Rancho Events Center 3001 Civic Center Cir NE, Rio Rancho

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Exhibit  
The Origins of the Village of Placitas Community Library: A Retrospective 1958 - 1981 2-5 pm Placitas Community Library 453 Hwy. 165, Placitas, 87043

Festival  
Spring Fiesta 12-3 pm La Estrella Event Center 664 NM-165, Placitas

Food  
Corrales Growers Market 11 am-1 pm Corrales Parks & Recreation 500 Jones Rd., Corrales

Markets  
April Showers Mercado 1-5 pm Bosque Brewing Co. (North) 834 US-550 , Bernalillo

Miscellaneous  
Masonic Prospect Lunch & Learn 11:30 am-1 pm Sandoval Masonic Lodge No. 76 1420 Barbara Loop SE, Rio Rancho

Music  
Kaktus Kats Blues Jam 2-5 pm Kaktus Brewing Co. 471 South Hill, Bernalillo

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Art  
Adult Coloring Night 5-9 pm Tractor Brewing Westside 5720 McMahon Blvd NW bldg 5 ste a, Albuquerque

Games  
Singo Music Bingo 7-9 pm Brew Lab 101 3301 Southern Blvd. SE, Rio Rancho

Trivia! With Trivia Mafia 6-9 pm Ex Novo Brewing 4895 Corrales Rd, Corrales

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Class / Workshop  
Tuesday Tech Classes 1-3 pm Corrales Community Library 84 W. La Entrada, Corrales

Exhibit  
Sandoval Country Historical Society and Museum Open 9 am-12 pm Sandoval County Historical Society/ The DeLay House 151 Homestead Lane, Bernalillo

Games  
Chess Club 6-7 pm Corrales Community Library 84 W. La Entrada, Corrales

Music  
Oscar Butler 6-8 pm Ex Novo Brewing 4895 Corrales Rd, Corrales

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Games  
Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm Tractor Brewing Westside 5720 McMahon Blvd NW bldg 5 ste a, Albuquerque

Music  
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# "SHE SAVED MY LIFE"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Peripheral Neuropathy, without invasive surgeries or medications.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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