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## NM Efforts to Catalog Lead Water Lines Off to 'Slow Start'

*Bernalillo Water Dept. gets funding*



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By Danielle Prokop, Source New Mexico

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## Pages of History: The Murder of George Silva



(Credit Jesse Jones)

### Novel inspired by historical homicide in Bernalillo

By Jesse Jones, Sandoval Signpost

The murder almost a century ago of a prominent Bernalillo businessman is the inspiration for a new fictional novel coming out June 28.

Author Mattison Casaus' first novel, *A Piece of the Town*, intricately weaves a narrative that blends truth and fiction about the 1932 murder of George Silva and the iconic Silva's Saloon in Bernalillo.

Casaus is a writing professor at Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona, and began writing the novel

as a project during the COVID-19 pandemic, which then evolved into a full-fledged short novel.

The fictional saga weaves together generations of a family, exploring the enduring trauma stemming from the murder. Drawing inspiration from personal connections and historical realities, it delves into themes of identity, family dynamics and the far-reaching impacts of historical events.

"I know this story has been written before," Casaus said. "And they did a beautiful job but they're not necessarily as close to the family as I

am, so I got a little bit more of family anecdotes and maybe family rumors that weren't necessarily in the first published version of the story."

#### The crime

The following is from a 2005 article by Enrique Lamadrid and David Garcia from the University of New Mexico's Southwest Hispanic Research Institute.

A ballad titled *El Corrido de George Silva* was composed by Ramón Luna, a composer and close friend of Silva to commemorate the tragedy and its impact on the Silva family.

On October 9, 1932, 22-year-old George Silva, who belonged to a prestigious family with Latino and Lebanese roots in Bernalillo, shut down his gas station for the night, never to be seen alive again.

For two months, family and friends searched for Silva fearing the worst but hoping for the best. It was not until the Silva family offered a reward to find Silva dead or alive that teenagers found his body in December.

During the police investigation, it was revealed that William Smith, a man from out of state, and his young accomplice George Wilds, tricked Silva into going on a ride in a rental car, saying they were going to a party out of town.

Smith intended to rob Silva and crack the safe at his gas station. While driving, Silva caught on to the ruse and tried to escape by attempting to jump out of the car on the highway west of town.

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# Heinrich Celebrates Buffalo Tract Victory in Placitas

By Sandoval Signpost staff

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich joined Placitas-area residents on May 6 in celebrating the withdrawal of more than 4,000 acres of land from mineral leasing, including gravel mining.

The community gathering of about 100 residents and several tribal officials was held at the Placitas Winery.

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland officially withdrew the area, including the Buffalo Tract and the Crest of Montezuma, following decades of advocacy work and community organizing.

"This is a great example of community organization and it sends a message that you can rally together and have your voices heard," said Heinrich.

Heinrich also said the measure to protect the land from mining helped create an anchor for building protective measures for a wildlife corridor.

"Because of the fractionated land ownership [with the pueblos],



U.S. Sen Martin Heinrich at the Placitas Winery. (Credit Jesse Jones)

you have to figure out where your anchors are," he said. "Then you start tying them together and create a kind of archipelago for wildlife."

Heinrich said there is now federal money for wildlife crossings and protection, which is what he intends to try and secure for the area and

other parts of the state.

As far as what comes next for the Buffalo Tract, Heinrich said the work isn't over, as the mineral withdrawal lasts only 50 years. "There's still a lot of work left to do. We need to make this ban on mining permanent."

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That’s when Smith shot him in the back and the back of the head and then hid his body behind a juniper tree in an arroyo several miles outside of Bernalillo.

After the family offered a reward, Smith convinced two high school boys to “find” the body so he could claim the money. The police became suspicious when the teens claimed to be looking for a Christmas tree nowhere near the Jemez Mountains.

Following the discovery of Silva’s body, his grief-stricken mother died suddenly in late January.

The investigation led police to Smith, who was writing bad checks in Albuquerque. He claimed self-defense and showed disdain for people of Mexican descent, reportedly saying taking “easy money from a Mexican” should carry little consequence.

Originally charged with first-degree murder by District Attorney Eugene Luján, Smith’s case took a turn when a new district attorney, Thomas Mabry, modified the charges and Smith accepted a guilty plea for second-degree murder.

The decision sparked outrage within the Latino community in Bernalillo, leading to a junta de indignación (meeting of indignation) on March 30, 1933. The meeting drew resolutions strongly condemning Mabry’s actions. Reports indicated a turnout of 300-500 attendees.

Smith was sentenced to ten years in prison, which many considered too lenient.

**Silva’s Saloon**

In the year following the murder in 1933, Felix Silva, George Silva’s brother, opened Silva’s Saloon in Bernalillo. Today, it’s cherished by the community and a destination for

tourists traveling along the historic Route 66.

According to the *Weekly Alibi*, before he opened the saloon during prohibition, he made moonshine in his family’s apple orchard. He bootlegged his apple brandy by concealing it in the false bottom of a truck bed with hay bales stacked on top during runs to Oklahoma.

The saloon has been steeped in local legend since it opened the day after prohibition was repealed. According to HuffPost, Silva’s illicit activities didn’t cease there; he persisted in serving liquor illegally on Sundays and catering to Native Americans, actions that were still illegal in New Mexico at the time.

Three generations of Silvas have overseen the saloon for nearly a century. Felix’s son, Felix Jr., began working at the bar as a young boy and took over after Felix Sr. died in 1995. He continued to oversee the saloon until his recent death on March 24, when his daughter Denise Silva took charge of the saloon.

The Novel

The novel drew inspiration from the events surrounding George Silva’s murder. However, instead of crafting a strictly historical account, Casaus opted to utilize her literary license to infuse more fictional elements into the narrative.

“Adding more fictional elements made it a little bit longer but if I just focused on what I just heard, it would have been very short,” Casaus said. “That made it challenging but fun.”

According to Casaus, while there are fictional aspects, the primary setting of the story is Silva’s Saloon.

“If you’re a reader of family drama or if you enjoy stories that span multiple generations especially a family of Mexican heritage, then I think that this book is for you,” she said.



Silva’s Saloon 1933. (Courtesy Mattison Casaus)



Silva’s Saloon. (Photo credit Jesse Jones)

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# RRPD: Sushi Shoplifter Accused of Attempting to Steal Ambulance

By Michael Hodock, Sandoval Signpost

A Colorado man is accused of attempting to steal an ambulance while EMS workers gave aid to a patient inside.

According to a criminal complaint, around 6:36 p.m. April 28, Rio Rancho Police were dispatched to the Smith's at 1000 N.M. 528 about the attempted theft of an ambulance. Officers arrived and detained 37-year-old Keith Emerson of Aurora, Colorado.

According to the complaint, Malory Norton of Rio Rancho Fire and Rescue told police that as she and other EMS personnel were working with a patient inside their ambulance, she heard a "thud" as if someone hit the side of the vehicle, followed by the opening of the driver's side door. Norton told RRPD that when she stuck her head into the front of the ambulance, she

saw Emerson place the vehicle into gear and attempt to drive away.

Norton said she was able to push Emerson out of the ambulance and shift it back into park. The criminal complaint says Norton told police she had to kick Emerson out of the ambulance after he reached in and put the vehicle in gear a second time. She told police that other EMS workers and bystanders attempted to detain Emerson until officers arrived.

When RRPD officer Antonio Naranjo arrived at the scene, Smith's employees told him that the suspect was inside the grocery store eating sushi that he had not purchased, according to the complaint.

Emerson was taken to the Sandoval County Detention Center and charged with unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, injuring or tampering with a motor vehicle and shoplifting.



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# Sandoval County Holds Voter Roll Event

*Event was third of its kind*

By Jesse Jones, Sandoval Signpost

To proactively ensure the accuracy of voter rolls and facilitate a seamless election process, the Sandoval County Clerk's Office organized a voter rolls accuracy event May 6 at the County Administration building.

The goal was to help registered voters in Sandoval County who wanted to verify their voter registration details or make updates ahead of early voting, which began May 7. Residents could address changes including updating addresses, reporting deceased family members and obtaining absentee ballot applications, ensuring voter information is current and valid.

"The event is to get people interested in the election process and to educate them on their rights," Sandoval County Clerk Anne Brady-Romero said.

This was the third time the clerk's office held the event since last year, with two at the administration

building and one event in Rio Rancho.

The Sandoval County Board of Registration was on hand to help people with any questions or register them to vote. According to Beth Dowling, the president of the board and third-party voter registration agent, the Board of Registration is a county-certified board. Working with the clerk's office, the board cleanses the inactive list from the voter rolls every two years during odd-numbered years.


Voters who have not participated in two consecutive presidential elections and have not responded to mailed postcards are placed on the inactive list until their voter status is updated or verified.


## Early Voting

*Early voting for the primary election takes place May 7 through June 4. A list of the 22 early voting locations around Sandoval County can be found at [sandovalcountynm.gov/countyclerk](http://sandovalcountynm.gov/countyclerk)*



Voters at the Sandoval County Clerk's Office. (Credit Jesse Jones)





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Lead remains a big problem with a bigger cost

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It can damage brains, kidneys and the nervous system, cause learning and behavioral problems, cardiovascular issues such as high blood pressure, hypertension and reproductive issues, and increase miscarriage chances, according to the EPA.

The federal government banned the use of lead for plumbing in 1986, but many older homes and water systems still used lead pipes.

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- Farmington Water System: \$3.7 million.
- Gallup Water System: \$1 million.
- Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority: \$1.1 million.
- Doña Ana Municipal Domestic Water Consumers Association: \$1.6 million.
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# Placitas Studio Tour Expected to Draw Thousands

By Sandoval Signpost staff

The annual Placitas Studio Tour kicks off this Mother’s Day weekend featuring 79 artists, 61 studios and seven neighborhoods. The tour is now in its 27th year and welcomes thousands of visitors to Placitas. The tour is scheduled for 10 am to 5 pm, on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12. With the help of participating artists, the tour gives back to the community through partnerships such as the Placitas Elementary School Art Department and the Placitas Community Library. Local vendors Placitas Pizza and Chicky’s Coffee will sell food and drinks at La Estrella Event Center (664 Hwy 165 adjacent to the Placitas Post Office) during the event.

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•60”-2”x4”-100’ Horse Fence  
•48”x60”-4”x4”-330’ Sheep/Goat  
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# As U.S. Spotlights MMIWP in Native Communities, Prosecutors Try to Solve Cases

*Some of the new federal prosecutors were participating in MMIP Awareness Day events.*

**AP** By Susan Montoya Bryan,  
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) —

It was a frigid winter morning when authorities found a Native American man dead on a remote gravel road in western New Mexico. He was lying on his side, with only one sock on, his clothes gone and his shoes tossed in the snow.

There were trails of blood on both sides of his body and it appeared he had been struck in the head.

Investigators retraced the man's steps, gathering security camera footage that showed him walking near a convenience store miles away in Gallup, an economic hub in an otherwise rural area bordered on one side by the Navajo Nation and Zuni Pueblo on the other.

Court records said the footage and cell phone records showed the victim — a Navajo man identified only as John Doe — was “on a collision course” with the man who would ultimately be accused of killing him.

A grand jury has indicted a man from Zuni Pueblo on a charge of second-degree murder in the Jan. 18 death, and prosecutors say more charges are likely as he is the prime suspect in a series of crimes targeting Native American men in Gallup, Zuni and Albuquerque. Investigators found several wallets, cell phones and clothing belonging to other men when searching his vehicle and two residences.

As people gathered around the nation on Sunday to spotlight the troubling number of disappearances and killings in Indian Country, authorities say the New Mexico case represents the kind of work the U.S. Department of Justice had aspired to when establishing its Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons outreach program last summer.

Special teams of assistant U.S. attorneys and coordinators have been tasked with focusing on MMIP cases. Their goal: Improve communication and coordination across federal, tribal, state and local jurisdictions in hopes of bridging the gaps that have made solving violent crimes in Indian Country a generational challenge.

Some of the new federal prosecutors were participating in MMIP Awareness Day events. From the Arizona state capitol to a cultural center in Albuquerque and the Qualla Boundary in North Carolina, marches, symposiums, art exhibitions and

candlelight vigils were planned for May 5, which is the birthday of Hanna Harris, who was only 21 when she was killed on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana in 2013.

It was an emotional day in Albuquerque, where family members and advocates participated in a prayer walk. They chanted: “What do we want? Answers! What do we want? Justice!” There were tears and long embraces as they shared their stories and frustrations. They talked about feeling forgotten and the lack of resources in Native communities.

Geraldine Toya of Jemez Pueblo marched with other family members to bring awareness to the death of her daughter Shawna Toya in 2021. She said she and her husband are artists who make pottery and never dreamed they would end up being investigators in an effort to determine what happened to their daughter.

“Our journey has been rough, but you know what, we’re going to make this journey successful for all of our people that are here in this same thing that we’re struggling through right now,” she said, vowing to support other families through their heartbreak as they seek justice.

Alex Uballez, the U.S. attorney for the District of New Mexico, told The Associated Press on Friday that the outreach program is starting to pay dividends.

“Providing those bridges between those agencies is critical to seeing the patterns that affect all of our communities,” Uballez said. “None of our borders that we have drawn prevents the spillover of impacts on communities — across tribal communities, across states, across the nation, across international borders.”

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eliot Neal oversees MMIP cases for a region spanning New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah and Nevada.

Having law enforcement agencies and attorneys talking to each other can help head off other crimes that are often precursors to deadly violence. The other pieces of the puzzle are building relationships with Native American communities and making the justice system more accessible to the public, Neal said.

Part of Neal's work includes reviewing old cases: time-consuming work that can involve tracking down witnesses and resubmitting evidence for testing.

“We’re trying to flip that script a little bit and give those cases the time



(Photo courtesy Department of the Interior)

and attention they deserve,” he said, adding that communicating with family members about the process is a critical component for the MMIP attorneys and coordinators.

The DOJ over the past year also has awarded \$268 million in grants to tribal justice systems for handling child abuse cases, combating domestic and sexual violence and bolstering victim services.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bree Black Horse was dressed in red as she was sworn in Thursday during a ceremony in Yakima, Washington. The color is synonymous with raising awareness about the disproportionate number of Indigenous people who have been victims of violence.

She prosecutes MMIP cases in a five-state region across California and the Pacific Northwest to Montana. Her caseload is in the double digits, and she's working with advocacy groups to identify more unresolved cases and open lines of communication with law enforcement.

An enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and a lawyer for more than a decade, Black Horse said having 10 assistant U.S. attorneys and coordinators focusing solely on MMIP cases is unprecedented.

“This is an issue that has touched not only my community but my friends and my family,” she said. “I see this as a way to help make sure that our future generations, our young people don't experience these same

kinds of disparities and this same kind of trauma.”

In New Mexico, Uballez acknowledged the federal government moves slowly and credited tribal communities with raising their voices, consistently showing up to protest and putting pressure on politicians to improve public safety in tribal communities.

Still, he and Neal said it will take a paradigm shift to undo the public perception that nothing is being done.

The man charged in the New Mexico case, Labar Tsethlikai, appeared in court Wednesday and pleaded not guilty while standing shackled next to his public defender. A victim advocate from Uballez's office was there, too, sitting with victims' family members.

Tsethlikai's attorney argued that evidence had yet to be presented tying her client to the alleged crimes spelled out in court documents. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew McGinley argued that no conditions of release would keep the community safe, pointing to cell phone data and DNA evidence allegedly showing Tsethlikai had preyed on people who were homeless or in need of alcohol so he could satisfy his sexual desires.

Tsethlikai will remain in custody pending trial as authorities continue to investigate. Court documents list at least 10 other victims along with five newly identified potential victims. McGinley said prosecutors wanted to focus on a few of the cases “to get him off the street” and prevent more violence.



# Why You Should Care About the Federal Debt

Does everyone in your household have a spare \$102,000 lying around? Because that's what it will take to clear our federal debt: \$102,000 from every woman, man and child in the United States.

The debt currently stands at \$34 trillion, is rising by a trillion dollars every 100 days or so and projected to reach \$54 trillion by 2034. The debt is currently 96% of our gross domestic product. Just the interest paid on the debt – projected to total \$870 billion for fiscal year 2024 by the Congressional Budget Office – exceeds the budget's largest discretionary line item, the defense budget.

There are only two mechanisms to address the debt: increasing revenues (raising taxes) and decreasing spending. As we all know, the major parties tend to subscribe to all-or-nothing proposals with the Democrats wanting to raise taxes and increase spending and Republicans wanting to cut taxes and decrease (sort of) spending.

The true but highly unpopular answer at this point in the game is the United States will likely have to exercise both mechanisms to keep Medicare and Social Security from

going broke in the next decade. These two programs make up the largest part of the nation's budget by far, and the aging of the baby boomer population is stretching them to the breaking point without enough new revenue coming in.

Even Warren Buffet, the everyman economic sage of our era has weighed in this last weekend on the debt, predicting a tax hike at Berkshire Hathaway's annual shareholder meeting.

"I think higher taxes are likely," Buffett said. "They (Congress) may decide that some day they don't want the fiscal deficit to be this large because that has some important consequences. So they may not want to decrease spending and they may decide they'll take a larger percentage of what we own, and we'll pay it."

Buffett did offer some hopeful news about the stability of our debt globally, however, even though \$27 trillion in U.S. Treasuries are currently being traded. "My best speculation is that U.S. debt will be acceptable for a very long time because there's not much alternative," he observed.

The worst idea to address the debt I have seen was in an opinion piece published recently in *The Hill* suggesting a generational tax on baby boomers via estate taxes. The whole point of reducing the debt is to ensure financial stability for future generations. Stripping cash value from inherited assets sets millennials

even further back than they are now. Younger generations need a boost, not a penalty.

Non-discretionary spending is by far the largest portion of the federal budget, more than 60% of spending. Of that, 75% is for Medicare and

Social Security, with Medicare costs rising faster than Social Security. More than 10% of the budget goes to interest, and the remainder is what Congress can allocate to discretionary spending, with a little less than half going to defense.

With less than 30% of the budget on the table for serious cuts, it's clear that Congress can only do so much without changing the revenue formula and also addressing entitlements, i.e., non-discretionary spending.

The minimum age to receive full

Social Security benefits has already gone up for younger baby boomers and successive generations from 65 to 67. I expect this may be the tip of the iceberg as healthcare costs continue to go up.

And there is a reason for this. Medicare is slowly, quietly becoming privatized. More than half of American seniors now participate in Medicare Advantage programs, which are Medicare-like programs offered by private insurers who are in turn reimbursed by the government.

Enrollees feel there is less bureaucracy with an Advantage plan, which saves the hassle of having to enroll in Medicare Parts A, B and D to get outpatient, inpatient and prescription coverage. And monthly premiums are lower.

But there are problems with Advantage. The most obvious is provider choice. Regular Medicare patients can go to any provider that accepts Medicare (which is almost any provider). Advantage patients are restricted to the network that accepts their private insurer's program).

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## Commentary



Merritt Hamilton Allen

# Apodaca Wants to Help Moderates

Democrats' notion of their party as the big tent is suffering as hard line progressives target moderates in the primary.

It's been widely reported that progressives have primaried every state representative who voted against the family and medical leave bill. They've reportedly raised millions to help their candidates.

Jeff Apodaca, son of late Gov. Jerry Apodaca, wants to help moderates, a worthy goal.

A businessman, he's behind The New Mexico Project, a new anti-progressive effort that's raising money to support moderates in the June 4 primary. But as he did five years ago, Apodaca takes a decent idea and adds baggage.

In 2018, when he ran unsuccessfully for governor, Apodaca promised to create 225,000 new jobs, an astonishing number; normal job growth then was around 11,000 jobs a year. To accomplish this he proposed taking a chunk of state permanent funds, which would have reduced money flowing to the state's general fund. The idea didn't catch on.

The New Mexico Project says in its advertising: "Our political landscape

in New Mexico has been increasingly divided by the far-left progressives and the ultra-right pulling us in opposing directions."

No argument there.

The ad continues: "But there's a powerful force waiting to be unleashed – the moderate Latino voter. We are the majority." The project asks Hispanic moderates of both parties and independents to come together to support candidates.

Why not open the movement to everyone? New Mexico has lots of moderates who aren't Hispanic but who find their ballot a choice between extremes. Apodaca said the top issues for Hispanic voters are the doctor shortage, crime, jobs and education. Lots of people feel that way.

"Progressives have been attacking Latinos and electing candidates in the last three elections that do not reflect our communities," he told political blogger Joe Monahan. "They are attacking our Latino candidacies, culture and legacy."

I haven't seen any such attacks.

Apodaca is missing an opportunity

to enlist many more voters. His current approach, says the Santa Fe New Mexican, is divisive.

Candidates listed on the project website include incumbents Rep. Patty Lundstrom, D-Gallup; Rep. Marian Matthews, D-Albuquerque; Rep. Harry Garcia, D-Grants; Rep. Ambrose Castellano, D-Las

Vegas; Willie Madrid, D-Doña Ana; Sen. George Muñoz, D-Gallup; Sen. Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas; Sen. Bill O'Neill, D-Albuquerque; Sen. Daniel Ivey-Soto, D-Albuquerque; and Sen. Moe Maestas, D-Albuquerque.

Rep. Jared Hembree, of Roswell, and Nicole Tobiassen, an Albuquerque newcomer, are the only Republicans so far.

A candidate tailor made for the project is former Sen. Clemente Sanchez of Grants. A banker and businessman, Sanchez took a moderate line in his district, which straddles Cibola, Valencia, McKinley and Socorro counties. Sanchez distinguished himself by forging a compromise on the minimum wage bill, which passed. Progressives

## All She Wrote



Sherry Robinson

outsmarted themselves in 2020 when they ran an opponent against Sanchez in the primary, who won only to lose in the general election to a Republican. They're trying to do the same thing this year.

Apodaca claims he's raised nearly \$1 million from New Mexico, but The New Mexico Project is a 501(c)4, so it doesn't have to report to the government. He estimates that since 2018 progressives have raised more than \$6 million through four 501(c)(4) organizations, with 83% of these funds coming from cities like San Francisco, New York and Washington, D.C.

Most of the progressive funding reportedly comes through Amanda Cooper, daughter of former U.S. Sen. Tom Udall and a political consultant. Cooper managed campaigns for her dad and was an aide and fundraiser for former Gov. Bill Richardson. In 2015 Ballotpedia called her a top influencer.

I hope Apodaca widens his focus and that The New Mexico Project is successful. The erosion of moderates in government leaves us at the mercy of extremes and their all too familiar standoffs and gridlock.



# The High Cost of Self-checkout

If you do grocery shopping for your family, you have undoubtedly used self-checkout. That's what I was doing recently when shopping for two items in a nearby store.

I noticed a new sign had been posted: "Self-check-out restricted to 15 items or less." I had not seen that before.

On the contrary, there were times I had stood in self-checkout lines when the regular cashier stations were all closed or only had one checker. People had large carts full of items. Fresh foods, paper goods, canned goods, liquor or wine or beer, you name it.

The sign made me wonder what prompted the change. Scanning, bagging, and paying complete, I headed over to the long-time cashier, Margarita, who was supervising the area.

After her usual warm welcome and "I've missed seeing you lately" greeting, I asked about the sign. She told me a story of self-checkout that is also playing out nationally.

Theft is a problem, she said, with some customers who intentionally skip scanning expensive products.

Some have figured out how to scan in cheaper prices. The more items the more likely the theft.

Self-checkout began early in the last century. The first Piggly Wiggly "self-service supermarket" was created in 1918. This was the beginning of putting customers to work for supermarkets without pay. From the start it was designed as a way to lower labor costs.

According to CNN Business, the more robust effort came with the first modern system, called Check Reboot, piloted by Kroger in 1986. It's much different from what we see today; customers would scan items, someone would bag them, and then you would go to a central cashier to pay. (At least they were still doing the bagging!)

A decade later Walmart began to test the system, and in the 2000s they expanded it, as did Albertson's and others that were cutting costs in the 2001 recession.

The premise was this: Self-checkout would lower wait

times, eliminate labor costs and revolutionize the grocery industry. Machines don't call in sick, and they always show up.

In 2020, Walmart began testing stores that were exclusively self-checkout. Machines and customers working for them.

Fast forward to 2024.

A surprising shift occurred. In the fall of 2023, the retail giant removed all of its self-checkout machines in six U.S. stores. The Canadian company Giant Tiger and others began following suit.

Why?

Christopher Andrews, author of "The Overworked Consumer: Supermarkets and the Do-It-Yourself Economy," says, "Self-checkout delivers none of what it promises."

Customers are not the most reliable scanners and make mistakes. And, by some reports, 67% of customers either dislike self-checkout or find it too frustrating. Some customers are thieves and

don't scan expensive items. And, given the lax oversight, theft through self-checkout is high and costly.

Self-checkout still requires attendants to help customers and monitor theft, but monitoring theft can put employees in danger from aggressive thieves. Machine maintenance adds costs as it requires highly skilled IT expertise. Waits can be longer, not shorter, due to unpaid, untrained workers: customers like you and me.

And, Andrews says, some stores have figured out that due to theft, self-checkout actually hurts the bottom line.

There is little question that some form of self-checkout is here to stay. After 40 years you would think it would be flawless, but it's not. And from a customer point of view, it's sorely lacking in customer service.

Longtime cashiers we see every time, like Margarita, wonder where I've been lately, ask about my grandchildren, or give me a hug when they heard my husband died. That's customer service no machine will ever provide.

## Corner to Corner



Diane Denish





The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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Letter to the Editor:

Reinvigorated Placitas Chamber of Commerce

By Jean Roberts

The Placitas Chamber of Commerce is re-energized after a slowdown during and after the pandemic. The Chamber is a nonprofit organization that supports the Placitas community in many ways, and it is not affiliated with the national organization.

Members of the Chamber include local businesses, as well as nonprofits such as local homeowner associations and individuals who want to support the community. Members receive periodic newsletters to keep them informed of local developments, and the Chamber website offers promotional opportunities for business members.

The Chamber's initial project will be to bring back the popular Placitas Appreciation Day, June 1, 10 am to 2 pm, at the Homestead Village Shopping Center on Highway 165. Placitas residents will enjoy a few

new activities as well as favorites from previous Appreciation Days, including pizza and ice cream provided by Placitas Pizza, free water, an array of classic cars, music by three bands, dog washing by Watermelon Mountain Ranch, Sandoval County Fire Department equipment, and electronics recycling by E-Tech. Representatives from many local businesses and nonprofits will be on hand to provide information about their activities.

Placitas Appreciation Day is a free event. The new Chamber Board includes Chair Ruth Bouldes, Secretary Jean Roberts, Treasurer Annette Ackerman, Jennise Phillips, and Deborah Navarro.

The new phone number is (505) 867-7471, and the email address is [info@placitas-chamber.org](mailto:info@placitas-chamber.org). More information is available at the Chamber's website, [www.Placitaschamber.com](http://www.Placitaschamber.com).

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Planning & Zoning  
 May 14, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sandoval County Chambers  
 1500 Idalia Rd., Building D

Sandoval County Commission  
 May 22, 6 p.m.  
 Sandoval County Chambers  
 1500 Idalia Rd., Building D

## RIO RANCHO

To view the agendas for upcoming meetings and read past meeting minutes, visit [rrnm.gov/2303/Watch-and-Download-City-Meetings](https://rrnm.gov/2303/Watch-and-Download-City-Meetings)

Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful  
 May 13, 5:30 p.m.  
 Rio Rancho City Hall  
  
 Senior Services Advisory Board  
 May 14, 1:15 p.m.  
 Meadowlark Senior Center

Parks & Recreation  
 May 20, 6 p.m.  
 Rio Rancho City Hall

## BERNALILLO

To view the agendas for upcoming meetings and read past meeting minutes, visit [tobnm.gov/government/town\\_council/agendas\\_and\\_minutes.php](https://tobnm.gov/government/town_council/agendas_and_minutes.php)

Town Council  
 May 13, 6:30 p.m.,  
 Bernalillo Town Hall

Town Council  
 May 27, 6:30 p.m.,  
 Bernalillo Town Hall

## VILLAGE OF JEMEZ SPRINGS

To view the agendas for upcoming meetings and read past meeting minutes, visit [jemezsprings-nm.gov/meetings/](https://jemezsprings-nm.gov/meetings/)

Planning & Zoning  
 May 16, 6:30 p.m.

Village Council  
 May 21, 6 p.m.

# EVENTS

## FRIDAY, MAY 10

### Comedy

Nancy Norton \$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,  
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### Dance

Flamenco D’Aki 6:30-8:30 pm  
 Kaktus Brewing Co. 471 South Hill,  
 Bernalillo

### Exhibit

Charcoal, Pen & Ink and Painting  
 Artist Alan Charlee: “Remembering  
 Grandfather” All Day Wild Hearts  
 Gallery 221 B Hwy. 165, Placitas

### Music

DJ Fishbowl 6-11 pm Tractor  
 Brewing Westside 5720 McMahon  
 Blvd NW bldg 5 ste a, Albuquerque

Jim Jones & Bob Goldstein 7-9 pm  
 The Range Cafe 925 S Camino Del  
 Pueblo, Bernalillo

## SATURDAY, MAY 11

### Art Openings

27th Placitas Studio Tour 10 am-5  
 pm Placitas Studio Tour 165, Placitas

### Class / Workshop

IPEC Farmer Training 8-10 am  
 Indigenous Farm Hub 6370 Corrales  
 Rd, Corrales

The Art of Smudging and Energetic  
 Renewal \$35 12-1:30 pm Prana  
 Blessings 1925 Rosina St. C, Santa Fe

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### Community

Rio Grande Classic Balloon Glow 6-8  
 pm Corrales Parks & Recreation 500  
 Jones Rd., Corrales

### Markets

Cabezon Park’s Shop Local Market  
 10 am-3 pm Cabezon Community  
 Center and Park 2307 Cabezon Blvd.  
 SE, Rio Rancho

### Music

Clark Andrew Libbey and Kristen  
 Rad 7-9 pm Tractor Brewing  
 Westside 5720 McMahon Blvd NW  
 bldg 5 ste a, Albuquerque

Crazy Bird 7:30-9:30 pm Casa Vieja  
 Brewery 4541 Corrales Rd, Corrales

Crazy Bird 6:30-9:30 pm Village  
 Pizza 4266 Corrales Rd., Corrales

Joe Daddy Warner & Friends 12-3  
 pm Kaktus Brewing Co. 471 South  
 Hill, Bernalillo

RJ Perez 7-9 pm Marble Brewery  
 Westside 5740 Night Whisper Rd.  
 NW, Albuquerque

RnD Band 7-9 pm The Range Cafe  
 925 S Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo

Saturday Night Barn Dance w/ The  
 Dust Devils 6-9 pm Kaktus Brewing  
 Co. 471 South Hill, Bernalillo

### Outdoors

Volunteer for Site Cleanup at  
 Coronado Historic Site 9 am-3 pm  
 Coronado Historic Site 485 Kuaua  
 Rd., Bernalillo

### Sports

Duke City Gladiators vs. San Antonio  
 Gunslingers \$18 6-9 pm Rio Rancho  
 Events Center 3001 Civic Center Cir  
 NE, Rio Rancho

## SUNDAY, MAY 12

### Food

Corrales Growers’ Market 9:30 am-12  
 pm Corrales Parks & Recreation 500  
 Jones Rd., Corrales

Mother’s Day Brunch \$30-\$60 10  
 am-3 pm Santa Ana Star Casino  
 Hotel 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Rd,  
 Santa Ana Pueblo

### Music

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

Kaktus Kats Presents Wendy Beach  
 2-5 pm Kaktus Brewing Co. 471 South  
 Hill, Bernalillo

### Outdoors

Looking to the Skies: Ancient and  
 Modern Astronomers \$7 10 am-12  
 pm Jemez Historic Site 18160 Hwy.  
 4, Jemez Springs

## MONDAY, MAY 13

### 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, MAY 14

### Class / Workshop

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

### Games

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

### Music

Kaktus Jazz Jam 6-9 pm Kaktus  
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# “PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY RELIEF!”

Bernalillo resident Maria R had been experiencing the debilitating side effects of Peripheral Neuropathy. **"I was beginning to have other health issues due to the lack of sleep. I needed help just standing up and when I was standing I was afraid I would fall because I had no feeling in my feet. My life felt like a nightmare."** Then she met Albuquerque's very own Dr. Andrea Brogdon

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

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

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

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

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

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

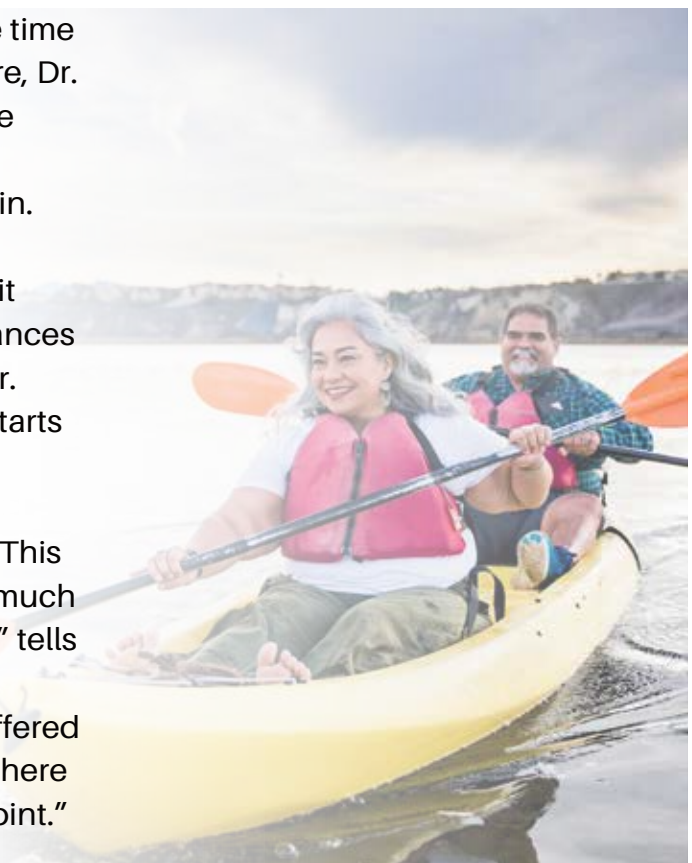
Dr. Andrea Brogdon has helped thousands of patients get their life back after being diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy and living with the debilitating effects of the disease. How does she get such amazing results? "Acupuncture has been used for centuries to improve circulation but the real magic happens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

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

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

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

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