

ROBERT

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and buenas noches, and . . ."Aaaayh"
My name is Robert and I'm happy to welcome you to this fourth edition of Roundhouse Rock --
our comedy commentary on local and state news
to the tune of classic rock-and-roll songs
from the 50s, 60s and 70s.

BONNIE

We're the Mansion Players – the M.P.
And we don't have a definite schedule for doing these shows.
We bring out a new edition whenever there's been enough stupidity, or misbehavior, or even just
silliness.
And it looks like we've gotten to that point again.

ROBERT

So here we go. Hope you like the show!
Cathy?

CATHY <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Opener.mp4>

Do you get de-pressed when you're read-in' the news?
Well, I got some-thin' that will chase those blues.
We're gon-na have some fun to-night, I guarantee
C'mon and rock the Round-house with the .. *(pause)* M. P.

CATHY

Let's rock
Ev-'ry-bo-dy Say "right"
RIGHT!
We're gon-na have some fun
In New Mex-i-co to-night

CATHY

Now please don't get up-set when we bash your guy
We're sure to hit the o-ther side by--and--by
Cause we're ve-ry care-ful to fol-low the rule
Of com-plete-ly bi-par-ti-san ri-di-cule

CATHY

Let's rock
Ev-'ry-bo-dy Say "right"
RIGHT!
We're gon-na have some fun
In Valencia to-night
Re-lax and have fun to-night
We're gon-na have a par-ty to-night

CATHY

For many years now, APD has had a controversial program of seizing automobiles from drivers who were
stopped on suspicion of offenses such as DUI,
even if a judge found them innocent,
or the person was never even charged with a crime.

CATHY

To reclaim the car, the owner had to pay thousands of dollars, or else the car would be sold at auction.
So no matter what, the police made money off of each seizure,
and that money went into a fund controlled by the police themselves that was making over a million

dollars a year.

CATHY

In 2016, the legislature passed a bill forbidding seizures until after a criminal conviction.
At that point, most jurisdictions in the state stopped the practice,
but not Albuquerque.

They simply defied the new law, claiming it applied only to the state police.

CATHY

Then an Albuquerque woman sued in federal court to recover her car,
And she won.

MIKE PEGGY MAGGIE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/FunFunFun.mp4>

Well, the Albuquerque cops used to have a source of revenue-oo.
But a federal judge just told 'em that their fun is all through-oo.
Cause he said that's a thing that they can no longer do-oo.
It's no more fun, fun, fun
Cause the feds took the money away.

MIKE PEGGY MAGGIE

They used to make big money to fill the department's pocket.
And some have been suspicious that that's why they refused to drop it.
But the judge did not approve of their way of "policing for profit".
They lost their fund, slush fund
Cause the feds took the program away.

MIKE PEGGY MAGGIE

Wa-oooh, wa-oooh, wa-oooh wa-oooh.
Wa-oooh, wa-oooh, wa-oooh wa-oooh.
Wah!

MIKE PEGGY MAGGIE

The other day a cop stopped me on suspicion of D.U.I.
And I tried to explain that I was only trying to swat at a fly.
The way it used to work I would have kissed my car goodbye.

MIKE PEGGY MAGGIE

Now I'll have
Lots more fun
Cause the cops can't take my t-bird away.
Fun, fun, fun
Now the cops can't take my t-bird away.

MIKE

One of the very newest small towns in New Mexico is right here in Valencia County: Rio Communities.
It's had a bit of a rocky start.

MIKE

Money's always been a problem.
And it's been hard to deliver basic services like police, fire, and garbage.
But here's something that might cheer you up, citizens of Rio Communities.

MIKE

Look at Sunland Park, down on the border by El Paso.
It's had problems very much like yours,
But it's also had a continuing series of corruption scandals.

MIKE

One candidate for mayor tried to blackmail the other by sending him a surprise "stripper-gram",
and then filming it with a secret camera for blackmail.

MIKE

One city council meeting ended in a physical fist fight between two councilors,
And another was interrupted when law enforcement arrived to arrest one of the council members on drug charges

MIKE

In fact, a total ten city officials, from the mayor to the *librarian*, have been charged with felonies.
It's a real mess down there.

MIKE

So why should that cheer you up?
Well, Ted's here to tell you.

TED <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/SunlandPark.mp4>

When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark.
At the end of the storm
Is a golden sky
And the sweet silver sound of a lark.

TED

Walk on through the wind,
Walk on through the rain,
Tho' around you all is dark.

Walk on, walk on,
With hope in your heart
You could never be as bad as Sunland Park.
You'll never be as bad as Sunland Park

6 **NANCY**

As you certainly know, many people spent last week watching a fascinating he-said / she-said story out of Washington.

But you may not know that we had a similar story this summer right here in Valencia.
A man accused County Commissioner Helen Cole of bribery, and she denied it.

6 **NANCY**

The evidence was skimpy – an undeposited check with no PAY TO name.
So it came down to his word against hers.

But many people were skeptical of the accuser, in part because he was Commissioner Cole's ex-boyfriend.
And of course that made them suspect that he was just looking for revenge.

6 **NANCY**

So we here in New Mexico did what Washington decided to do: We had the state Attorney General – the A.G. – conduct an investigation.

And the result was that Helen was cleared.

So now she's feeling much better – happy enough to sing!

CATHY MAGGIE ELAYNA <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Boyfriend.mp4>

My boyfriend came back
And he tried to cause trouble
Hey la, hey la Her ex came back!

He was just mad 'cause we're not a couple.
Hey la, hey la Her ex came back!

CATHY MAGGIE ELAYNA

He told people that I was takin' bribes
Wa-oooh! Wa-oooh!
It was a he-said she-said and folks were taking sides
Wa-oooh! Call the A.G.!

CATHY MAGGIE ELAYNA

My ex came back and wouldn't you know it.
Hey la, hey la, her ex came back!
If he had proof why wouldn't he show it?
Hey la, hey la, her ex came back!

CATHY

Hey he says it was a bribe
But the
A.... G has taken my side
Hey-la hey-la
My ex came back!

7 FRANN

Here's a fun fact you may not know: Jeff Bay-zohs, billionaire founder of Amazon, was born in Albuquerque.

And Jeff recently did a favor for New Mexico when Amazon announced that it will now be charging sales tax for online purchases by New Mexicans.

FRANN

So now New Mexico has a new source of revenue without anyone's having to actually vote on or sign into law any "new" taxes.

FRANN

Susana must be happy about that.
Hey, look! There she is, smiling ear-to-ear about the new tax.
Let's see what she has to say.

MARJ / MAGGIE / ELAYNA <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Amazon.mp4>

Now Amazon has begun charging sales tax.
And consumers cannot escape the trap.
Thanks for the favor, Jeff Bayzos.
Now I won't have to take the rap.
Two three four
What's all the commotion for?

MARJ / MAGGIE / ELAYNA

It's just an itsy bitsy sales tax you will
Never notice on your bill
But we need it in Santa Fe. It's not worth a fuss and holler
Just a few cents on the dollar
We need it more than you do anyway
Two three four
Tell us just a little more

MARJ / MAGGIE / ELAYNA

It's only here a penny there a penny
Altogether not that many
If you don't notice
that makes it O. K.
It will help us meet the challenge
Help us make the budget balance
Courtesy of Amazon and e-Bay.

8 MAGGIE

Trump says he deserves the Nobel Peace Prize for his meeting with Kim Jong Un.
Remember how that worked?
Trump started out making fun of Kim Jong Un
Calling him "little rocket man" at the U.N.

MAGGIE

Then after their meeting, Trump made a 180-degree turn.
He just couldn't say enough nice things about Kim.
In fact, at a rally just last Saturday, Trump said that he and Kim (quote) "fell in love".
So it must have been like a classic song about love at first sight from a 1950s Broadway musical.

MIKE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/MariaWithLoveHim.mp4>

Kooo..rea -- I just met a guy from Korea
And now I understand
How grand a rocket man can be

Korea -- I'm a fan of the man from Korea
And when I saw his "do"
Suddenly I knew that we ...

MIKE

Were brothers
Though we each came from dif'rent mothers
Cause I know there are very few others
Who can rock a hair-do
Like me and you
Me and my bro
My bro .. from Kooo .. rea

9 NANCY MAGGIE ELAYNA

He knows Kim; he likes Kim; he trusts Kim;
He says good things about him, about him, about him,

MIKE

I knew Kim was for me
When I looked into those deep brown eyes
Cause that's when I realized
That this man I used to despise
Will win me the Nobel Prize

You really never can tell can tell can tell
I could get the Nobel, the Nobel, the Nobel

10 NANCY

Well, the list of charter school scandals continues to grow.

It's gotten so bad that we now have a kind of "Charter School Hall of Infamy" to which we have to add a new scandal every show.

12 NANCY

And late last year came the latest and greatest:

Scott Glass-rood

Scott founded 3 charter schools, and paid himself a salary of \$240,000 dollars a year along with over three months of vacation each year!

NANCY

When caught red-handed misusing public money this way, he pled guilty.

In court, he stood in front of the judge and cried big tears.

But the judge wasn't buying his plea for sympathy, and he got 4 years.

ROBERT <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Glasrud.mp4>

Way up in Albuquerque where the scams go on

You're the worst I've seen since .. Doug Vaughn You played a crooked game with your charter schools

Stole the taxpayers' money, treated us like fools

Now you're going to the pen for years.

And I don't wanna see no crocodile tears.

ROBERT

MAGGIE MERCI FRANN

No, no

No, Scotty, no

No, no

No, Scotty, no

No, no

No, Scotty, no

No sympathy will you get from me.

You're just a low down, no good

Scotty Glass-rood

13 MICHAEL

Last fall, Hillary released a book about the election called What Happened.

As far as we were concerned, it was perfect -- vintage Hillary -- and it fit a pattern that we've noticed before

PAT

<http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Hillary.mp4>

Remember many years ago

Watching Hillary

On TV speaking in defense

Of Bill's fidelity?

Hillary, Hillary, Coolly and calmly

Said they were the victims of

Right-wing conspiracy.

PAT

Then there came election day

And when she lost the game,

We were not surprised to see

She found someone to blame

PAT

Hillary, Hillary, So predictably
Said she was the victim of
Russian conspiracy!
And misogyny
Also James Comey
Fox News and the D. N. C.
Fake news on T. V.

PAT

Bill O'Reilly
Supporters of Bernie
White supremacy
It's a long, sad litany!

14 **ROBERT**

When he took office, Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller inherited the Albuquerque Rapid Transit system -- the "ART".

Keller had cautioned against ART before he was Mayor.
But the plans went ahead anyway

ROBERT

And now he and the city are stuck with a system with many problems.
Here's Mayor Keller to tell you his troubles.

TED <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/ItsMyParty.mp4>

I tried to warn them a-head of time
I told them don't push your luck
They would-n't lis-ten to me
Now I'm the one who got stuck.
It's my ART-y
And I'll cry if I want to
Cry if I want to, cry if I want to
You would cry too if it hap-pened to you.

TED

E-lec-tric bus-ses whose char-gers don't work
With steps that don't reach the ground
When this le-mon was planned
I was-n't ev-en a-round

MAGGIE ELAYNA

It's your problem you can cry if you want to
Sigh if you want to, lie if you want to
But you're the mayor
And the buck stops with you.

14.5 **TED**

Well, a certain well-known Republican office holder seems to be getting into trouble with his tweets.
I'm talking about (*pause*)
Steve Pearce, who's had two little, um, Twitter mishaps in the past few months.

TED

The most recent was in August, when this tweet came out:

"Today I enjoyed attending Belen's New Educator's luncheon to show my appreciation for staff new to the

Belen district!"

TED

And that was quite nice -- except that he had not, in fact, gone to that luncheon.
How can a crazy error like that happen?

Well, the most likely explanation is that someone on Steve's staff, not Steve himself, writes and sends out his tweets,
and that person didn't know about a change in plans.

TED

And maybe that also explains the other Twitter mishap, which happened back in February.
A fairly large group of protesters had gathered in front of Pearce's office in Las Cruces.
And were met by a security guard who said that they could not enter the office.

TED

Then members of the group who were watching Steve's Twitter feed saw this cheery little tweet:
"It's a busy day at my office in Las Cruces! Come on by. Our doors are open."
Of course members of the group then tried to re-enter,

TED

And were again blocked by staff who were unable to explain the inviting "come on in" tweet.
The whole incident was captured on video, posted to YouTube, and proved embarrassing to Pearce.

CATHY MIKE MAGGIE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/PearceTweets.mp4>

Tweedledy dee dee Tweedledy dee dee
Tweedledy dee dee Tweedledy dee dee
Tweedledy dee dee Tweedledy dee dee
Tweet, tweet
Tweet, tweet

ELAYNA

Whoever writes the tweets for Steve
Needs to stay in touch with reality
It's clear that the writer is not aware
Of what's really goin' on out there
Stop your tweetins
Tweet, tweet, tweet
'Bout luncheon meetins
Tweet, tweedledy-tweet
Till you check to see if Steve was actually there

ELAYNA

A protest is not an event that you
Should invite others to join into
Don't send out a cheery "Come on down"
If the lawn is full of people looking for a showdown
Stop your tweetins
Tweet, tweet, tweet
'Bout protest meetins

Tweet, tweedledy-tweet
And don't go inviting even more to come on down!

15 **TED**

We hear that President Trump does write his own tweets,
And he certainly has plenty of problems with them, too.
So maybe Donald should listen to this excellent advice from . . . the Supremes.

MAGGIE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Stop.mp4>

We know that you
Love your Twit-ter app
But don't you see that
It may be a trap

Please list-en to our warn-ing
Stop tweet-ing ea-rly in the morn-ing

MAGGIE CATHY PEGGY

Stop! in the name of sense
Please do not send that Tweet
Don't cause more in-ci-dents
Your brain's still half a-sleep

MAGGIE CATHY PEGGY

Think it o-ver
Before you hit Send
Think it o-ver
How badly this could end

MAGGIE

Stop! Use your com-mon sense
Put your cell phone down soft-ly
Stop! Tweet-ing non-sense
Wait till you've had your cof-fee

MAGGIE CATHY PEGGY

Think it o-ver
Before you hit Send
Think it o-ver
Please just count to ten
Think it o--o--ver

15.5 **MARJ**

(clapping and looking at them as they exit) Ladies and gentlemen, The Supremes!
Featuring Miss Diana Ross!

And that reminds me, did you hear who's taking over the old Staples building near Albertson's? *[--Ross--]*
That's right! Ross.

Dress .. For .. Less
Yesss! *(fist pull or double hands up)*

15.5 **ROBERT**

(Announcer voice)

And now, a word from our sponsor

MARJ PEGGY MAGGIE CATHY <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Ross.mp4>

Ah-ah-ah-ah
Ah-ah-ah-ah
Ah-ah-ah-ah

Ah-ah-ah-ah
Let's shop

MARJ

Well you can say good-bye to Sta-ples
And hel-lo de-sign-er la-bels
At Ross
Get cloth-ing by Ar-ma-ni,
For a lot less mon-ey
At Ross
Get Adidas or Nike
And other brands you like-y
At Ross

MARJ PEGGY MAGGIE CATHY

Let's go t'-Ross to shop, oh, baby
Come on
Let's go t'-Ross to shop.

Marj: Dirindia?
(Piano solo - verse)

MARJ

You can find anything you wanna
Even Dol-ce and Gab-ba-na
At Ross
Your bud-get won't get big-ger
With Tom-my Hil-fig-er
At Ross
You can blow your mind
With Cal-vin Klein
At Ross

Marj: Ev-'ry-body

**MARJ PEGGY MAGGIE CATHY
ROBERT TED**

(CLAP)

Let's go t'-Ross to shop, oh, baby,
Let's go t'-Ross to shop, oh, baby
Let's go t'-Ross to shop, oh, baby,
Let's go t'-Ross to shop, oh, baby,
Come on
Let's go t'-Ross to shop,

MARJ PEGGY MAGGIE CATHY

Ah-ah-ah-ah

Ah-ah-ah-ah

Ah-ah-ah-ah

Ah-ah-ah-ah

(shouted) Let's shop!!

16 **BONNIE**

The motto of our show is "In Valencia VERY-toss" which, loosely translated from the Latin means "We make fun of everything in a fair and balanced, non-partisan manner". So of course we planned to do a song about Michelle Lujan-Grisham, but . . . Well, frankly her name is very hard to rhyme.

BONNIE

But then there's the matter of her previous financial interest in a company named Delta Consulting Group. Delta runs a state insurance program for people with pre-existing conditions. At one time, lots of states had programs like that.

BONNIE

After Obamacare, most other states have shut them down. But New Mexico still spends \$42 million dollars on ours annually, though enrollment has fallen by 75%. Why?

BONNIE

Well, some suspect that Michelle's powerful family and political connections protected her and Delta. And though Michelle formally divested herself last year, Delta donated \$11,000 to Michelle's campaign.

BONNIE

That leaves some good material. So, here goes our attempt at a song about the hard-to-rhyme candidate.

MIKE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Michelle.mp4>

Michelle Lujan-Grisham
Has too many syllables
So we had to squish-'em
Michelle Lujan-Grisham
Michelle did so well
with her business
That there was some suspicion
Of Michelle Lujan-Grisham

MIKE

Why did the state subsidize her?
With taxpayers footing the bill
To the tune of forty-two mill
But if the polls are right
On election night
Her title will be
Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham

19 **ANDY**

Are you aware that the City of Albuquerque has paid out over 62 million dollars in the last 7 years for wrongful death lawsuits against the police? That's money that could have been used for so many other good purposes: to help get the homeless off the streets, for example, or even to hire more policemen.

TED <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/MoneyGoes.mp4>

That's where our money goes
To settle our legal woes
Sixty million worth of those
Now ain't that a shame
Doesn't it seem like a waste
Priorities are so misplaced
I can't believe that's where our money goes.

TED PAT (sounds)

That's where tax money zips
To cover up those "little slips"
When po-lice fire off sev-'ral clips Bang! Bang! Bang!
That they really shouldn't have.
Wouldn't it be a better call
To spend it on
anything else at all!
It's sad that that is where our money goes.
It's too bad that's where our money goes.

TED

Maybe this is a good time to point out that we're not anti-government or even anti-tax.
We're with Will Rogers here.
We're very proud to be taxpaying New Mexicans.
It's just that ... you know .. we could be just as proud for half the money.

20 BONNIE

Last fall, state offices in Albuquerque did not allow their employees time off to vote in the mayoral elections.
Two employees sued, based on a state law that requires all employers to give employees two hours off for voting.
A judge agreed with the employees, and the state is appealing.

BONNIE

Martinez spokesperson Joseph Coe-EH-toe explained the state's position this way:
"It is wrong to require taxpayers to foot the bill for employees to do their civic duty, particularly with so many opportunities to vote early or even on Election Day outside of work hours."
Mike, what do you think of this?

MIKE

Well, let's break that down:
First he said "It's wrong for -taxpayers- to foot the bill .. "
Meaning 'That law may apply to private employers, but not to public employees', although nothing in the law said or implied that it didn't apply to everyone.

MIKE

Second , he said that since employees could vote at other times, the law wasn't needed, so it was OK to ignore it.
In other words, "We get to decide whether to follow the law or not based on how we feel about it."

MIKE

I think these arguments set a terrible precedent.
When we let the government declare itself to be above the law, then we're looking at a dangerous, slippery slope -- we've reached a precarious stage.

PEGGY MIKE MAGGIE CATHY <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Aquarius.mp4>

When the government ignores the laws

And rules do not apply
We're just asking for trouble
And let me tell you why
This is the dawning of a stage that's precarious
There should not be various
Rules for them,
and rules for us

CATHY PEGGY MIKE MAGGIE

And if you are not amenable
It may even be untenable
If legislators duck the laws
We all should pause
And think because
it's too
Pre-car-i-ous
"Be-ware"-i-ous

22 MAGGIE

I saw an article in the *Albuquerque Journal* the other day
that said that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had placed two wolf pups bred in captivity
into a den of wild Mexican wolves in New Mexico.

MAGGIE

The pups were specifically bred with different genes from those of the wild wolves,
in order to introduce more diversity into the wild wolves gene pool.

MAGGIE

But, to keep the total number of wolves in New Mexico the same,
two of the wild wolf pups were taken out of the den at the same time.
So that sounded clever at first, but then I was thinking . . .

MAGGIE

Did it occur to anyone to include the mother wolf in this little arrangement?
What do you think she thought when she spotted some Fish and Wildlife worker from Albuquerque trying
to switch out her babies?

PEGGY (as Hispanic diva mother wolf)

¡Ei, gabacho! ¿Qué haces allí?

You gimme back my Marisela y

Manuelito ri' now.

And take your lil' GMO puppies "Tracy an' Trevor" or "Brenda an' Brian" or whoever they are -- ri' back
where they came from.

We may all look alike to you, but a *madre* knows her own.

PEGGY

And don' le' me ever catch you messin' 'round here again or we'll have a problema, ¿me comprendes
Méndez?

Estúpido Alburqueño.

PEGGY <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Macarena.mp4>

Estos son los mios

Y esos son los tuyos

Leave alone los mios

An' worry 'bout los tuyos

No quiero verte in mi hood, Alburqueño.

Ey, Alburqueño.

PEGGY

Yo no quiero puppies
with designer genes, ¡no!
Take your manos off my babies,
Da la vuelta and go. (*gesture*)
I don't wanna see your stupid cara, Alburqueño.
Estúpido
Alburqueño.

24 PEGGY

I assume you've heard about the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment and assault.
Well, it's reached New Mexico,
And one result of it has been the downfall of state Senator Michael Padilla.

PEGGY

While he was still working for the city of Albuquerque,
There were multiple complaints of serious sexual harassment against Michael,
Which were settled by the city for quarter of a million dollars.

PEGGY

Then he was elected to the Senate,
And then he decided to run for Lieutenant Governor -- a stepping stone to the highest office in the state.

PEGGY

Then, just in time, along came our hero -- Sarah Silva from Las Cruces.
Sarah learned about Michael's history and began to post about it on Facebook, criticizing the Democratic establishment for allowing his rise.

PEGGY

Sarah is a strong, lifelong Democrat,
But she said on Facebook that she would never vote for any Democratic ticket that included Michael Padilla.
And she got other women on Facebook to make the same pledge.

PEGGY

Reporters at the Associated Press picked the Facebook story up, and called Michelle Lujan-Grisham for a comment.
Michelle told the reporters that she believed Michael should drop out of the race.
And that pretty much sealed Michael's fate.

PEGGY

Voters and politicians all over the state began to call on Michael to drop out of the race and even to resign from the Senate.
And sure enough, he did drop his campaign for lieutenant governor.
He didn't give up his seat in the Senate, though,
And he won't face re-election until 2020, so we'll see how the voters react then.

MAGGIE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/SarahSilva.mp4>

Ooh, ooh, I bet you're wondering how I knew
'Bout those nasty things he used to do
Well I knew nothing of the kind
Till Sarah Siil..va got on line
The party wasn't gonna let us know
Their candidate was such a sleaze and so

MAGGIE

Instead I read it all on Facebook
Told my friends that they should take a look

And we agreed on a pledge to keep
That we would never vote for that creep.
Honey, honey, yeah.

PEGGY

Oh, it was odd to see a Democrat
Next to that video of a dancing cat
But now I know more than I used to.
Sarah Silva, thank you.

PEGGY

You put it up there on Facebook
And lots of people took a look
And his career may just be toast now.
'Cause we all know that he's gross now.

MAGGIE & PEGGY

Thanks to Sarah Silva's Facebook
We read it all on Sarah's Facebook
Honey, honey, yeah.

MAGGIE

(pause for applause)

So the next time someone says that Facebook is a trivial waste of time,
Tell them the story of the downfall of Michael Padilla, thanks to Facebook -- and Sarah Silva.

26 NANCY

Years ago, there was fad for a little song game called "The Name Game".
"Shirley, Shirley Bo-ber-ley, bo-na-na fanna Fo-fer-ley. fee fi mo-mer-ley, Shirley!"
Remember? *(pause for response)*

Sure you do. Well, here's an updated version that we call "The Blame Game".

MARJ <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/BlameGame.mp4>

C'mon everybody Now let's play a game
We've got a problem Who can we blame?
Let's blame Trump!
Trump Trump Bo-bump
Bonana Fanna Fo-Fump
His hair looks like a camel's hump
Blame Trump!

MIKE

The press who give us fake news
Do anything to make news
I reject their leftest views
Fake news!

MERCI

Republican majority
Don't care 'bout folks like you and me
The rich are their priority
Blame the G.O.P.

ROBERT

Democrat obstructionists
They're the cause of all of this
You really cannot trust a Dem
Blame them!

FRANN

Wall street C.E.O.
He's the greedy one and so
He's the one who's got to go
Blame the C.E.O.

ANDY

You're who started all this mess
Casting blame and I guess
That's why I am going to
Blame you!

NANCY

Washington bureaucrats
Republican fat cats
Bleeding heart Democrats
ALL: The blaame gaame

26.5

ANDY

As you may know ,St. John's College in Santa Fe is one of the most elite and prestigious small private liberal arts colleges in the entire United States.
And it recently did something that is not common for those colleges.

ANDY

It lowered its tuition by about one-third.
At the same time, it's making budget cuts to eliminate its deficit in 3 years.
It's marching on to a better place financially, and I admire that.

ANDY

Hmm!
Does St. John's have any neighbors up there in Santa Fe who should be watching this?
Merci thinks so.

MERCI

<http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/StJohns2.mp4>

I've been watching Saint John's College
Cut their budget to the max
And I hope the Roundhouse is watching
And will do the same with tax

MERCI / ANDY / ALL

Oh when Saint John's
ALL: When Saint John's
Goes marching on
ALL: Goes marching on
And makes their budget lean and trim
I want to say
To the legis-laa-tors
Why can't you be more like them?

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MIKE

Last year, New Mexico spent over \$670 million on drugs for Medicaid recipients and others.
And that amount has grown 54% in just two years.

MIKE

So last year, the legislature passed a bill to have all New Mexico government agencies negotiate discounts from big pharmaceutical companies -- just like California and Ohio have.

MIKE

And Susana vetoed it.
That seemed odd to a lot of people.

MIKE

Susana denies what some have suspected about possible financial motives for her veto,
Since big pharma drug companies donate millions to politicians.

MIKE

But what we're talking about here is affordable access to drugs that are potentially life-saving.
We're talking about stayin' alive!

MARJ CATHY MAGGIE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Alive.mp4>

Well, you can tell by the way I use my veto pen
Whose side I'm on, whose camp I'm in,
But this is pure I.D.-ology.
Big pharma's never done a thing for me.

MARJ CATHY MAGGIE

But it's all right, it's okay
High drug prices are here to stay
But think of it this way, my friends
Big pharma pays big dividends

MARJ CATHY MAGGIE

It's getting more expensive to get the pills
That keep us stayin' alive, stayin' alive.
But don't accuse me of cutting deals
Or takin' a bribe, takin' a bribe
I de-ny I'm takin' a bribe, takin' a bribe
I de-ny I'm takin' a bri-i-i-ibe

MIKE CATHY MAGGIE

Well, you can tell by the way my face turns red
When I get mad I need my blood pressure med
Drug comp'ny whining makes me laugh
I'm already cutting my pills in half

MIKE CATHY MAGGIE

It's **not** all right, it's **not** okay
I can't afford my meds each day
I'm sending all my money
To Bristol-Myers and Eli Lilly

MIKE CATHY MAGGIE

Wish I could afford the drug
That keeps me stayin' alive, stayin' alive.
If I stop I'm pulling the plug
On stayin' alive, stayin' alive
Wish I could afford my drug
Stayin' alive, stayin' alive.
Thanks for nothing, Madame Gov.
Hope I'll sur-vi-i-i-ive

So, Tommy, now that you've graduated from high school, what's next?
I'm off to college, Uncle Max. At UNM!
Excellent! What are you going to major in?
Accounting
Great choice. I understand UNM has a good School of Business.

TED MIKE

I'm not going to the School of Business.
What?

There's a special new program at UNM that offers hands-on training in a very specialized field of accounting. It's very popular -- I just hope I can get in.

Hmm. Tell me more.

MIKE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/UNMAthletics.mp4>

I'm going to UNM to major in a brand new field
I know that my career goals I can reach

MIKE

What's the name of this great new program?

The UNM Athletics

School of Creative Accounting

Oh, lord!

MIKE

I'll be learning from the experts
And it's prac-ti-cal as well
Cause here's the ve-ry first thing that they teach

MIKE

Now in the sports of foot- and bas-ket-ball
You never need to ba-lance books at all.
Cause you can simp-ly run a de-fi-cit;
The u-ni-ver-si-ty will
PAY FOR IT!

MIKE

And for a trip to Scot-land to play golf
If pes-ky laws won't let you pull it off
Just change the books a ti-ny lit-tle bit
To show it was a bas-ket-ball tour-na-ment

CATHY

At the U-N-M Ath-le-tics
School of Ac-count-ing
That's Cre-a-tive Ac-count-ing
one--oh--one

TED CATHY

Um, Tommy, about this, I'm not sure....

**Rah! Rah!
Rah!**

MIKE

If you spend millions to re-do the Pit
And say new revenues will pay for it

For new sky boxes charge a sky-high fee
But don't collect the buyers' mo-ney.
And when the deficit gets really large
Just ask the regents to write off the charge
Because it's not that big a deal, you know.
If you cut soccer you will get the dough.

CATHY

At the U-N-M Ath-le-tics
School of Ac-count-ing
That's Cre-a-tive Ac-count-ing
Two--oh--two

MIKE

When nosy auditors start poking 'round
Delete your e-mails so they can't be found
Cause that's a helpful tip you'll learn, you see
In Advanced Accounting three-oh-three
Then always use your college credit card
When at a Vegas strip club raising hell,
So UNM will pay for your "purchases"
And you'll get frequent flyer miles as well!

CATHY

At the U-N-M Athletics
School of Accounting
That's your senior sem-
Win with UNM!
That's your senior seminar!

TED MIKE

(pause for applause)
Son, we need to talk.
Wanna hear about the honors program?
No.

30 **BONNIE**

Well, there's no point any more in continuing to try to avoid it.
We've ignored the elephant in the room all night, but now it's time to talk about --
The politician who's been accused of improper activities, and
Trying to smear the person leading the investigation into those activities.

BONNIE

Yep, that's right. You know who I'm talking about:

(pause)

The District Attorney in Silver City:
Fran-CHESS-ka Ess-TAY-vezz.

BONNIE

A driver spotted her on U.S. 180 and videotaped her car wandering across lanes, and then called the police.
When stopped, she indignantly asked if the cop knew who she was, and finally he did let her go, though he said he didn't believe she was sober.

BONNIE

She then filed a complaint against the officer, but an investigation cleared him.
Now Attorney General Hector Balderas has called for her to resign.
Don't hold your breath, Hector.

MIKE PEGGY CATHY <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/SilverCity.mp4>

It's the District Attorney from Silver City
The District Attorney from Silver City
Go Franny, go Franny, go Franny go!
Drove a state-issued car that was very pretty
Go Franny, go Franny, go Franny go!
But when she started having too much fun
The guy behind her called nine-one-one

MIKE PEGGY CATHY

And everybody's saying that Francesca Estevez
Wasn't driving on a fully sober basis
A cop tried to stop her but whaddaya know
She threatened his job and he let her go
It's the District Attorney from silver City

MIKE PEGGY CATHY

And everybody's sayin that it's a pity
Go Franny go Franny go Franny go
'bout the District Attorney from Silver City
Go Franny go Franny go Franny go
But she's got a problem in any case:
How to prosecute D.U.I. with a straight face.
Go Franny go Franny go Franny go
Go Franny go Franny go Franny go
Go Franny go Franny go Franny go

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BONNIE

There was a little comic distraction in Washington in early June this year
When Trump held a sing-along ceremony of American patriotic songs, including God Bless America.
Which was fine, except that when Trump attempted to sing along, it was quickly obvious that he didn't
know the words.

BONNIE

But hey, whatever else Trump may be, he's not shy.
So he just dove right in, using whatever lyrics he happened to remember from other patriotic songs, or
hymns, or whatever!

BONNIE

All of this was captured on video, so we brought in our expert lip-reader and Mike is now going to let you in
on what we learned Trump had actually been singing.

MIKE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/GodBless.mp4>

God Bless America
Mmm Mmm da da
Glory Glory Hallelujah
From the Halls of Montezuma
I'm an Okie

From Muskogee
Thine the Glory
Jesus Saves!

MIKE

God bless America
And the home of the brave

MIKE

God Bless Americans
God bless us all
Bless all Republicans
And some Democrats
And a few Libertarians
Like Rand Paul

MIKE

From the White House
To Trump Tower
To Mar-A-Lago
Where I'm the ruler
Bless all Americans
Except . . . Robert Mueller

33 FRANN

In June, the chief of New Mexico State Police, Pete Kassetas, was sued for harassment.

FRANN

For example, it's alleged that during a staff meeting in Ruidoso, he dropped his pants and waved his bare buttocks at his staff members.

'Nuf said. Let's sing.

Nancy?

NANCY MAGGIE <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Shine.mp4>

Shine on, shine on Kassetta's moon

In Ruidoso

Not Carrizozo Ruidoso

We thought he was childish

Before but now we know so

It's sad but true we know so

Acting like Bart Simpson is not a crime

It's not indictable

But we prefer policemen with a mental age of more than nine.

That would be so fine!

33.5

ANDY

Some people have questioned President Trump's taste.

He has, for example, praised Russia's Putin, and North Korea's Kim Jong UN.

And he only watches certain television networks.

But Donald has clear and logical reasons for his preferences.

MIKE PEGGY CATHY

Hey, uh huh huh
What I like about Pu--tin, he really knows how to hack
Got the emails Hill'ary thought we never would get back, yea
Keep on hacking Vladimir
Tell me all the things that I wanna' hear,
'Cause it's true
That's what I like about you
That's what I like about you

MIKE PEGGY CATHY

What I like about Kim, when you get to know him
He's not as bad as you'd think from his "Rocket Man" pseudonym, yea
That nuclear stuff was just a joke
He was just tryin' to blow some smoke
Not so grim
That's what I like about Kim
That's what I like about Kim

MIKE PEGGY CATHY

Why I like Fox News
They tell me I'm all right
Fox News and Friends give me all I need to tweet tonight
Hannity whispering in my ear
Alternative facts – who cares
If they're even true
That's why I like Fox News
That's why I like Fox News

MIKE PEGGY CATHY

That's what I like about Pu-tin

That's what I like about Kim

That's why I like Fox News

Hey!

36 **PEGGY**

As you all know, Valencia County is full of very lovely people -- many of whom are hidden treasures.
And we like to call attention to some of those people.

PEGGY

This time, we want to recognize a special lovely woman from Belen.
Her name is Eleanor Love, and she's right over there. Can you give us a wave, Eleanor?
Eleanor was in the *News-Bulletin* recently for receiving a renewal of her teacher's license.

PEGGY

Which would normally be no big deal, really, except that Eleanor is 89!
And she needs that license because she still works regularly as a substitute in the Los Lunas district.
So Eleanor gets our salute tonight as the "heroine and role model" of this year's show.
Salute!
And now for a song.

Eleanor Love, she
reminds us of the
Energizer Bun-ny
Running about
Tires us all out
She's working on ninety
And still working daily
She shows us all up
As the slackers we are
Who is it for?

PEGGY

All these lovely people
Here in Valencia
She's one of the lovely people
Here in Valencia

ALL

All you need is Love --dah, dah, dah, dah, dah
All you need is Love --dah, dah, dah, dah, dah
All you need is Lo-o-ve.
Love is all you need.

37 MARJ

Late last year, the city of Santa Fe had an outside auditor create a routine annual report of the city's finances.
The results of that audit were 6 months late, and were released late on a Friday with as little publicity as possible.
So what were the politicians in Santa Fe trying to hide? Oh, Lord!

MARJ

For just a few examples:
There were half a million dollars worth of bookkeeping errors.
The city couldn't find 5 cars shown on the inventory.
\$35,000 worth of undeposited checks were found in a desk drawer
For at least one project, there were no receipts at all!

MARJ

And then there was the famous "jar" in some city offices
At the end of each day, if the cash in the clerks' drawers didn't match the daily receipts, enough money to cover it was taken out of the jar.

MARJ

If the drawers were over, the overage went into the jar.
Then at the end of the month, any money left in the jar was spent to take everyone out to lunch.

MARJ

So the audit was really hard on Santa Fe officials.
But I bet it was hard on those auditors, too.
I mean, auditors are usually serious, conventional people, and Santa Fe is just the opposite.

MARJ

It's full of ex-hippies and spacey Shirley MacLaine types who don't care much about little details like accounting.
So the auditors felt very awkward and out of place.

Too bad they didn't come to us first, for advice.

MARJ CATHY <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/SFAudit.mp4>

If you're going to Santa Fe
Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair
If you're going to a Santa Fe audit
Fill your briefcase with magic crystals
And you'll fit in better there.

MARJ CATHY

If you're conducting a Santa Fe audit
Don't request receipts
For money that was spent
They're not concerned with
Such minor details
That's why they call it
"The City Different"

MARJ CATHY

Is something in the air to blame?
Affecting state legislators the same?
All that loose money
Attracts them like honey
If you're conducting a Santa Fe audit
We recommend this bracelet to you
When you're in doubt consult your bracelet
Ask yourself: "What Would
Shirley MacLaine Do?"

MARJ

Ok, boys, that's a wrap! Let's hit the petty cash jar and go out for drinks!

39 **ANDY**

Democratic candidate Deb Holland is now raising almost ten times as much money as her Republican opponent,
more than half of which comes from outside her district.

ANDY

Perhaps that's because Deb is ahead in the polls,
and that makes her of great interest to the leaders of various Political Action Committees – various PACS --
with money to offer.

PEGGY MAGGIE ROBERT <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/LeadersOfThePACs.mp4>

We're proud of her of course we are
Proud! Proud!
She might become a Democrat star
Who is she?
Her name is Deb Hall-lund
She's frontrunner for District One
That's how she attracted -- the leaders of the PACs.
Robert: *(motorcycle sounds)*

PEGGY MAGGIE ROBERT

We know that they can offer you gold
But please don't sell them your soul
Look out! Look out! Look out!
Keep your integrity
Deb please listen to me
Don't sell your soul to -- the leaders of the PACs.
(motorcycle sounds)

40 NANCY

At least in the news this summer there was one bright spot for New Mexico.
Brian Urlacher of Lovington, who used to play ball for UNM, was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame on his first try.

NANCY

I mean, he was something our state could be proud of, and a great distraction from all the slimy national news.
And Oh, my God, didn't that feel good?
That's one more reason why
We .. love .. Brian .. Urlacher!

DIRINDIA PEGGY <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Urlacher.mp4>

Love, love that Brian Ur-LOCK-er,
Hall of Fame tackler and blocker
Even though he
Played for the Bears, so far from home,
He's not from Chicago, he's one of our own
So STOP And bask in the glo-ries
FORGET Nasty Washington stories
Look in your heart and thank God he didn't play soccer.
Brian Ur-LOCK-er

DIRINDIA PEGGY

Love, love that great linebacker
Known as a quarterback sacker
We know he was
Always a hustler, never a hack
Lo-bo coach Da-vie would kill to have him back
So STOP Think how he at-tracts us
GIVE THANKS For the way he dis-tracts us
Look in your heart and thank God For Brian Ur-LOCK-er
What a sweet talker Brian Ur-LOCK-er

42 PAT

It was kind of sad when Henrietta's on Main closed very suddenly.
For a long time, it just stood empty, but now we finally know what's going to happen to it,
and lots of people, me included, are really excited.

PAT <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Range.mp4>

We're getting our own
native, home-grown
We're getting our own Range Cafe
Now I won't have to haul
Myself out to Menaul

For my fix of Tom's Meatloaf each day.

PAT

Own, our own little Range

The restaurant from Albuquerque.

I love all that they make
Like their tenderloin plate
But especially the bakery.

PAT

The Range bakery

Is a fine sight to see
From white chocolate to cream brew-lay
I could easily die
For their chocolate cream pie
And their wonderful brownie Sunday.

PAT

Home, home on the Range

It's my new home on Main Street.
What with chicken fried steak
And homemade carrot cake.
There's nothing like a new place to eat!
No, there's nothing like a new place to eat.

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TED

Now please don't think we despair for New Mexico.
Not at all.

There are so many bright, positive things in New Mexico.

TED

In fact, we think that we are one of those positive things.

We think that drawing people's attention to problems and issues and misbehavior makes it much more likely that something will be done about them.

TED

But of course, we're not around all the time.

These shows take a while to put together, so we just can't perform them that often.

We know that we need help.

So we're going to ask for that help right now,
and that's why we'd like to call for a prayer.

TED <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/GodHelpNM.mp4>

God help New Mexico
State we hold dear
Keep divine eyes
On the bad guys
We'll take over
When we come
back next year.

TED

From Raton
Down to the border
From Silver City ->
To Texico <-
God help New Mexico
because you know ...
Oh ..
God help New Mexico
We need it so!

46 ROBERT and ALL

Well, that's our show.
Thanks so much for coming out tonight.
You've been a great audience, and we hope you had fun, like we did.
Our group is the Mansion Players, and my name is Robert Gallegos.
Now I'd like to ask the cast to introduce themselves.

ROBERT

Now I'd like to introduce the people on stage who made this show possible:
Marie Benoit – our technical director.
Wally's sister, Dirinda Kelley – our extraordinary accompanist.
Christine Collins – our percussionist.
Gordon Strickland & Harry Joseph– our sound technicians.
Nancy Strickland – our writer, producer, and director.

BONNIE

Now if you haven't already, please fill out your feedback card.
You don't have to give us your name or email, but if you do, we'll add you to our mailing list so you'll know when we're doing a new show.
You can leave it on the table by the door, or give it to one of us,
because we're going to be waiting right outside the door to thank you for coming.

ROBERT

Dirinda, could you get us started?
(short piano intro)

ROBERT/TED: Bum, bum, bum, bum

BEGIN LEAVING NOW!!

As soon as you start singing, WALK OUT !

ALL <http://gnstrickland.com/RHR/Goodnight.mp4>

Goodnight, sweetheart, well, it's time to go
Bum bum bum bum
Goodnight, sweetheart, well, it's time to go
Bum bum bum bum
We hate to leave you but we really must go
Goodnight, sweetheart, goodnight.