



*FY20 Station Activity Report*

***1. Describe your overall goals and approach to address identified community issues, needs, and interests through your station's vital local services, such as multiplatform long and short-form content, digital and in-person engagement, education services, community information, partnership support, and other activities, and audiences you reached or new audiences you engaged.***

KANW has numerous facilities serving Eastern, Northern, Western and Central New Mexico, with our FM service, our HD service, one primary radio station, four repeater radio stations and four translator stations. Our coverage area includes many rural and underserved minority communities in Eastern, Northern, Western and Central New Mexico. KANW works with in all the communities we serve through ascertainment meetings, community outreach during cultural celebrations, fiestas, and Matanzas, throughout the year. We regularly review our programming to ensure it is meeting the needs of the communities we serve.

An annual service we provide to all our communities is the broadcast of the Governor's State of the State Address, bringing this address to many rural, minority and underserved communities that would otherwise not hear the Governor's address.

KANW annual broadcast of the President's State of the Union Address. This broadcast serves the rural, minority and underserved communities that would otherwise not hear this address.

KANW coverage of national and international news to rural, minority and underserved communities in New Mexico.

KANW continues its proud tradition of being the venue for New Mexico music and maintains our associate with the New Mexico Latin Music Association and the New Mexico Hispano Music Association to preserve New Mexico's rich music heritage. KANW broadcasts New Mexico music daily.

KANW partners with the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, and New Mexico Department of Tourism during our membership campaigns. Promoting New Mexico historical and cultural sites, cultural heritage and New Mexico Magazine.

KANW is a media sponsor for the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce gala and annual meeting.

As a member of the New Mexico Broadcasters Association KANW staff attends regular ascertainment meetings, in Albuquerque, to better understand the issues, problems, needs and wants of our community.

KANW Staff visits communities in our broadcast area including Grants, Gallup and Santa Rosa to meet with community members obtaining ascertainment meetings to better understand the issues, problems, needs and wants of the communities at large.

KANW is a member of the Albuquerque Economic Forum and attends meetings and records speakers and broadcasts the recorded speeches making the information available to all New Mexican's.

KANW continues to increase our presences with all forms of social media, live remotes, fiestas, and events in communities throughout Eastern, Northern, Western and Central New Mexico.

KANW and KANW-2 produces and broadcasts New Mexico news on the hour Monday through Friday, from 4am to Noon, and afternoons at 4pm and 5pm.

KANW produces and broadcasts Dateline New Mexico & New Mexico Close Up daily Monday through Friday.

During FY20 KANW produced and broadcasted 431 programs/features to educate New Mexicans about issues and concerns and provide community outreach and educational material to all listeners in Eastern, Northern, Western and Central New Mexico. (See detailed program descriptions under question number 2)

**2. Describe key initiatives and the variety of partners with whom you collaborated, including other public media outlets, community nonprofits, government agencies, educational institutions, the business community, teachers and parents, etc. This will illustrate the many ways you're connected across the community and engaged with other important organizations in the area.**

KANW collaborates with public media outlets throughout New Mexico, (KANW, KENW, KNME, KRWG and KUNM) with the production and broadcasting of Report from Santa Fe, New Mexico Close-up.

KANW is a member of Albuquerque Economic Forum, KANW staff attends and records speakers for later broadcast. KANW broadcasting speeches from important public and civic leaders and government officials in the Albuquerque area providing access to all New Mexicans. Speakers included: ABQ Mayor Tim Keller, President WESST Agnes Noonan, US Representative Debra Haaland, New Mexico Secretary of Economic Development Alicia Keyes, President Glob Executive Director New Mexico Oil & gas Association Ryan Flynn, Executive Director New Mexico Kids Can, Amanda Aragon, New Mexico Speaker of House Brian Egolf, CEO Albuquerque Community Foundation Randy Royster, President UNM Board of Regents, Doug Brown, CEO New Mexico United Peter Trevisani, New Mexico Board of Ethics Garry Carruthers.

KANW provided coverage of the New Mexico State Legislature.

KANW with Albuquerque Public Schools, broadcasts from the school choice fair, educational meetings, and events throughout the year, APS Community Connections, APS Open Book Podcast.

KANW partnered with NIOAP and broadcasted live the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Panel, Governor's speeches

KANW partners with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Valencia County, by providing live broadcast from the World's Largest Matanza annually, connecting New Mexicans to this historical and cultural event.

KANW partners with the Albuquerque Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Gala, La Noche Encantada event and other events annually.

KANW partnered with Santa Fe Chapter of NAACP to broadcast the annual Martin Luther King Jr. birthday commemoration in the Capitol Rotunda.

### **KANW Community Outreach programs:**

KANW partners with producing station KENW-TV, to broadcast the audio Report from Santa Fe, Monday at 9:30AM weekly.

7/1/2019 Report from Santa Fe Bill McCAMLEY Cabinet Secretary for the N.M. Department of Workforce Solutions. McCamley explains new laws passed in the recent N.M. legislative session that affect the state's labor market, such as the "Ban the Box" bill and the domestic worker minimum wage. He highlights upcoming job fairs and outlines ways his department can help New Mexicans get good jobs. Detailing the progress and programs for labor and employment in New Mexico, McCamley describes some of the state's job skill gaps in health care, education, and the STEM professions, and how they are being addressed. McCamley reports that the U.S. Dept. of Labor just gave our state \$815,000 in a federal grant to boost the NMDWS Apprenticeship programs, with the goal of increasing the total number of apprentices by 25% and increasing access to middle-to-high-skilled jobs after those apprentices have completed the new programs. Workforce Solutions will focus on the health care and hospitality industries, which contain nearly 60% of all projected N.M. employment growth, more than 30,000 jobs over the next 8 years.

7/8/2019 Report from Santa Fe D'JEAN JAWRUNNER, sculptor and artist, Art Professor Emeritus and Foundry Director at Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari, NM, where she directs the "Iron Pour" at the Foundry at Mesalands, the largest NM teaching foundry. Santa Fe

7/15/2019 Report from Santa Fe Santa Fe County Commissioner Anna Hansen discussing the Department of Energy's controversial new rule DOE Rule 140.1 which restricts the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Oversight Mission to protect worker and public health and safety at 18 DOE nuclear facilities. Senators Udall and Heinrich have proposed amendments to protect and strengthen the Nuclear Safety Board's Critical Oversight Mission in the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act.

7/22/2019 Report from Santa Fe NDABA MANDELA, Author, Speaker, Entrepreneur, & Grandson of Nelson Mandela and TEDDY WARRIA, Entrepreneur & Author · Co-Founders of Africa Rising and #100Mandelas · Mandela is the Honorary Chair of the 2019 International Folk Art Market Santa Fe Ndaba Mandela is the author of "Going to the Mountain: Life Lessons from my Grandfather Nelson Mandela," a tribute to his grandfather's strength and wisdom and a memoir of the author's own journey to a life dedicated to nurturing new generations of cultural leaders and peacemakers.7/16/2018 Report from Santa Fe Muhammad Yunus is a Bangladeshi

social entrepreneur, banker, economist, and civil society leader who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for founding the Grameen Bank and pioneering the concepts of microcredit and microfinance.

7/29/2019 Report from Santa Fe Lydia Cacho, journalist, author "Slavery, Inc," "Infamy." Lydia tells her story and exposes the horrific ways in which women—and young girls in particular—are abused then disposed of, while an oftentimes corrupt government simply sits and watches.

8/5/2019 Report from Santa Fe Anna Merlan, journalist, and author of "Republic of Lies: American Conspiracy Theorists and Their Surprising Rise to Power." TOPICS: Upcoming Conspiracy Theories To Watch For In The 2020 Elections Deep-Fake Videos Disinformation Vote-Rigging Election Interference. Both Right-Wing & Left-Wing Conspiracy Theories the Role of Social Media in Promoting Conspiracy Theories Their Effects on Democracy Ways We Can Protect Ourselves

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8/12/2019 Report from Santa Fe, an interview ripped from this week's headlines about the tragic mass shootings and the ongoing family separations at the border! This week's guest on "Report from Santa Fe" is Janet Napolitano, President of the University of California systems, former Secretary of the Homeland Security Department, and author of "How Safe Are We? Homeland Security since 9/11."

8/19/2019 Report from Santa Fe Dr. Elizabeth Hoover, author of "The River Is in Us: Fighting Toxics in a Mohawk Community," and "From ‘Garden Warriors’ to ‘Good Seeds;’ Indigenizing the Local Food Movement." Hoover discusses environmental health and justice in Native communities, indigenous food movements, seed sovereignty, and protecting the biodiversity of seeds in this time of climate disruption.8/27/2018 Report from Santa Fe Michael Pollan, author of "The Botany of Desire" and five other New York Times best-selling books, discussing his newest book "How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence.”

8/26/2019 Report from Santa Fe Bill McCamley, Cabinet Secretary for the NM Department of Workforce Solutions. Detailing the progress and programs for labor and employment in New Mexico. McCamley describes some of the state's job skill gaps in health care, education, and the STEM professions and how they are being addressed.9/10/2018 Report from Santa Fe Laura Paskus discussing water, climate change, and environmental issues in New Mexico.

9/2/2019 Report from Santa Fe Dr. Erica Elliott discussing her book “Medicine & Miracles in the High Desert - My Life among the Navajo People.” Dr. Elliott is a physician practicing in Santa Fe, NM and her memoir traces the amazing odyssey of her life as an adventurer, world traveler, educator, author, doctor, and healer.

9/9/2019 Report from Santa Fe Maya van Rossum, veteran environmentalist, Delaware River Keeper, and author of "The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment" - this week on "Report from Santa Fe" Rossum offers a solution to the evisceration of our current environmental protection laws that bypasses the laws and turns to the ultimate authority -- our state and federal constitutions.

In 2013, van Rossum and her team won a watershed legal victory that not only protected Pennsylvania communities from frackers, but also affirmed the constitutional right of people in the state to a clean and healthy environment.

Following this victory, van Rossum inaugurated the Green Amendment movement, dedicated to empowering every American community to mobilize for constitutional change. Now, with The Green Amendment, van Rossum lays out an inspiring new agenda for environmental advocacy, one that will finally empower people, level the playing field, and provide real hope for communities everywhere. Van Rossum explains

How legislative environmentalism has failed communities across America,• the transformational difference environmental constitutionalism can make,• the economic imperative of environmental constitutionalism, and• how to take action in New Mexico communities.

New Mexicans have the right to pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment. She shows how to claim that right—for our own sake and that of future generations.

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9/23/2019 Report from Santa Fe presents the second part of an in-depth interview with internationally acclaimed author Sandra Cisneros, who received the National Medal of the Arts from President Obama, and whose beloved book "The House on Mango Street" has sold 6 million copies and been printed in twenty languages.

9/30/2019 REPORT FROM SANTA FE speaks with Bill Fulginiti, Executive Director of the New Mexico Municipal League, discussing such hot topics as cybersecurity, immigration, tax reform and internet sales taxes, and the \$1 billion appropriated to fund roads in NM (\$460 million of which is for new roads).

The New Mexico Municipal League represents all 106 New Mexico cities. In addition, although New Mexicans think of themselves as living in wide-open rural spaces, 68% of our total population lives in cities.

Fulginiti discusses highlights from last month's Annual Conference of the Municipal League in Las Cruces, describing Governor Lujan-Grisham's speech detailing her ambition for the State to be a cooperative and collaborative partner with local governments. In terms of immigration and

border issues, Fulginiti points out that the real work goes on in local communities like Deming and Las Cruces.

10/7/2019 Report from Santa Fe Jeff Witte, Cabinet Secretary/Director of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, describing his year as President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and exploring the latest developments in agriculture in New Mexico and the nation.

10/14/2019 Report from Santa Fe Stephen Hull director of the university of New Mexico Press, "I love the fact as University Press we are mission-driven," he said. "We publish to advance the boundaries of scholarship. This is important work that is used by scholars, researchers, teachers, all over the world and UNM Press has a fine and long history of publishing important books in archeology and anthropology."

He notes that UNM Press has been a premier publisher in Native American Studies and Indigenous Studies, Chicana/Chicano Studies, and U.S. Western History. Another part of the mission of the UNM Press, explains Hull, is to be "the publisher for New Mexico. We are the biggest press in the state," he adds, "and so we have always had this sort of co-equal mission where we publish books just by, for, and about New Mexico."

In the celebration of the Press' 90th anniversary, Hull describes the recent structural and organizational changes the Press has undertaken and looks ahead to further expansion of the mission of the Press to include more authors, publishing partnerships, and even Native American graphic novels and more US Western history.

Hull's 35 years of experience in publishing covers many areas, such as college textbooks, editing, small independent presses, marketing directing, and starting his own publishing company.

10/21/2019 Report from Santa Fe TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS, Award-Winning Author, Conservationist, & Activist New Book: "Erosion: Essays of Undoing"

"These are the most dangerous of all days for humans on Earth, and Erosion is the book for our time. Writing on the edge of the sacred, Terry Tempest Williams's message bears the power and emotional gifts of a close call with a charging grizzly. There are no stray words. Terry writes with a purity glimpsed in certain outcrops of crystalline rock or the waters filling a chain of alpine lakes. I believe there is no more important writer working today."—Doug Peacock, author of *In the Shadow of the Sabertooth*

In this deep and far-ranging interview, Williams discusses her latest collection of urgent reflections on the state of American deserts and environmentalism, in her new book *Erosion: Essays of Undoing*.

Williams' writing is rooted in the American West and has been significantly influenced by the arid landscape of her native Utah. Her work focuses on social and environmental justice ranging from issues of ecology and the protection of public lands and wildness, to women's health, to exploring our relationship to culture and nature. She writes in the genre of creative nonfiction and the lyrical essay.

10/28/2019 Report from Santa Fe ANNA MERLAN, Journalist & Author "Republic of Lies: American Conspiracy Theorists and Their Surprising Rise to Power" TOPICS:

Upcoming Conspiracy Theories To Watch For In The 2020 Elections, Deep-Fake Videos, Disinformation, Vote-Rigging, Election Interference, Both Right-Wing & Left-Wing Conspiracy Theories, The Role of Social Media In Promoting Conspiracy Theories, Their Effects on Democracy, Ways We Can Protect Ourselves

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Author Merlan explores the role of social media in promoting conspiracy theories and studies their effects on democracy. She offers ways we can protect ourselves and warns of upcoming conspiracy theories to watch for in the 2020 elections – Beware, she warns, of deep-fake videos, disinformation, vote-rigging, and election interference.

Anna Merlan is a New Mexico-born, New York/Los Angeles-based journalist, specializing in politics, crime, religion, subcultures, conspiracy theories, and women’s lives. She is currently a reporter at the Special Projects Desk, an investigative division within Gizmodo Media Group. She has previously worked as a senior reporter at Jezebel and as a staff writer at the Village Voice and the Dallas Observer. Her work has also appeared in Rolling Stone, BBC Travel, Topic, and on the op-ed page of the New York Times. She has been accused of being both a lizard person and a CIA agent, but never at the same time.

11/4/2019 Report from Santa Fe Doug Preston, New York Times best-selling author, celebrating the documentary based on his book "The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story." He discusses the many provocative issues raised by his book about the expedition with National Geographic explorers to find and excavate the lost city, in the dangerous, dense tropical jungles of Honduras.

Venturing into this raw and treacherous wilderness to confirm the discovery of the lost city, found with the use of LiDAR (short for Light Detection and Ranging), a cutting-edge mapping technology that could map the terrain under the densest rainforest canopy, Preston and the team battled torrential rains, quick mud, disease-carrying insects, jaguars, and deadly snakes.

But it wasn't until they returned that tragedy struck: Preston and others found that in the ruins they had contracted a horrifying, sometimes lethal-and incurable-disease, Leishmaniosis. In all, it was contracted by over 25 expedition members, some of whom continue to be treated at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Preston explores reasons for the inhabitants of the Lost City of the Monkey God to abandon it, and suggests that diseases and pandemics devastated the city. He traces the history of Old World

diseases brought to the New World, and notes that between 1518 and 1550, 90% of the native population of Honduras died of disease.

Preston looks at Leishmaniosis, the disease that struck him and his expedition, and reveals the northward progress into the United States of this and many other tropical diseases such as Zika, Dengue Fever, and H1 N1, as our climate changes.

11/11/2019 Report from Santa Fe New Mexico Ethics Commission, featuring Jeremy Farris, executive director of the Ethics Commission, and Gov. Garrey Carruthers, Ethics Commissioner and former NM governor, Dean of the NMSU Business School, and President/Chancellor of New Mexico State University.

For years, New Mexico had been one of only 6 or 7 states in the US who did NOT have an Ethics Commission. After many failed attempts by the legislature and by many governors to establish ethics commissions, legislators made it a priority, and put the establishment of an independent New Mexico ethics commission on the ballot as a constitutional amendment. The measure passed with 75% of the vote and is now in the startup phase of the commission.

Farris and Carruthers explain the membership of the commission and how the members have been chosen. They also describe the many structural protections for the commission's autonomy. Carruthers and Farris also detail the hearing process for complaints and list the governmental agencies over which the commission will have jurisdiction.

There are also many statutes over which the commission has jurisdiction, among them are the campaign reporting act, the financial disclosure act, the lobbyist regulation act, the gift act, and the state ethic's commission act. There is one constitutional provision that the commission can speak to and that is the anti-donation clause, Article IX, Section 14, of the Constitution. The commission has the ability to adjudicate complaints that allege violations of those statutes, but only civilly. Anything that is criminal, any criminal provisions of those statutes, has to be referred either to the Attorney General's Office or an appropriate District Attorney.

Governor Carruthers points out, "I don't want to lose sight of the fact that we have an educational mission as well. One of the things that is expected of the commission and the staff is to do appropriate the amount of educating of all employees subject to the act."

Jeremy Farris adds, "The existence of the commission itself is a massive achievement for the state. And what the commission will ultimately do, will empower the public to hold their legislators and state employees and those that do business with the state, those that finance elections to hold them accountable.... What this does, is it will ultimately empower everyday New Mexicans to interrogate, and to investigate, and to insure that their government is working in the public interest."

11/18/2019 Report from Santa Fe Jack Loeffler, ethnomusicologist, radio producer, "aural historian" and author, discussing his new memoir "Headed Into the Wind." Loeffler is also the editor of "Voices of Counterculture in the Southwest" and author of "Adventures with Ed: A Portrait of Abbey."

With the temperament of Santa Claus and the tenacity of a badger, Jack Loeffler reveals his compassion and concern for Southwestern traditional cultures and their respective habitats. As an “a-u-r-a-l historian”, Loeffler devotes his life to working with indigenous cultures and recording their relationship to the land. He believes that the knowledge and wisdom of people who live on the land close to the earth--such as the Hopis, Navajos, Pueblo Indians as well as tribes from Mexico--can help our species survive. Jack records the nature sounds, the music, and the stories of these groups, to develop an environmental consciousness for the world. Jack Loeffler reflects, "Awards are awfully nice but the point of the whole thing is to do the best possible work you can do and stay relentless at it, as far as I am concerned. You just have to really pick out what you want to do and do it as hard and as best as you can."

11/25/2019 Report from Santa Fe DANA PRIEST, a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The Washington Post. Priest is an expert on U.S. intelligence, military, cybersecurity, and human rights.

Featured in the 2018 PBS FRONTLINE program "The Facebook Dilemma," Priest discusses critical issues with Facebook in this interview. Priest and her FRONTLINE team won the prestigious 2019 Peabody Award for Documentaries and in this follow-up, in-depth interview, she further analyzes the abuse of data farming and selling that Facebook perpetrates on its users. Priest explains, “They started actually taking your data without telling you, or, even more than that, were lying to you about what they were doing. They created a way to take not just the data that you have from your Facebook likes and feeds and what you click on, but actually they have arrangements with all web sites or 99% of the web sites on the entire Internet.”

Priest continues, “They create an algorithm, basically a set of instructions for the Facebook machine as I like to call it, that has your profile and then it is going to feed you, you didn’t ask for this, but it is going to feed you more emotional content because that is how you will stay on the page longer... And it is not even a neutral decision you are making, because the algorithm always wins out. The algorithm that gives you the sensational content always wins out over... the regular news content.”

She describes that the promise of Facebook was to create a more open and connected world. But from the company’s failure to protect millions of users’ data, to the proliferation of “fake news” and disinformation, mounting crises have raised the question: Is Facebook more harmful than helpful?

Priest worked for nearly 30 years for the Washington Post. She speaks about her colleague from the Post, Jamal Khashoggi, the journalist brutally murdered and dismembered by Saudi operatives, and observes that it has been a year since his death and justice has not been served. She has formed a group called “The Press Uncuffed” and works with The Committee to Protect Journalists.

Dana Priest became the third John S. and James L. Knight Chair in Public Affairs Journalism at the University Of Maryland Philip Merrill College Of Journalism in 2014. She is the author of two best-selling books, "The Mission: Waging War and Keeping Peace with America's Military" (2003) and "Top Secret America."

12/1/2019 Report from Santa Fe Dr. Elizabeth Hoover, professor and author of "The River Is in Us: Fighting Toxics in a Mohawk Community," and "From Garden Warriors to ‘Good Seeds;’ Indigenizing the Local Food Movement." Hoover discusses environmental health and justice in

Native communities, indigenous food movements, seed sovereignty, and protecting the biodiversity of seeds in this time of climate disruption.

12/9/2019 Report from Santa Temple Grandin, doctor of animal science and professor at Colorado State University, best-selling author, autism activist, consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior, and the subject of an award-winning HBO biographical film "Temple Grandin." In 2010, she was listed in Time Magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world, in the "Heroes" category.

Dr. Grandin is celebrating the release of her new book, "Calling All Minds: How to Think and Create Like an Inventor." An accomplished inventor herself, Grandin shares her experiences and insights into her processes of tinkering and building, offering excellent advice to aspiring young inventors for realizing their own innovative ideas. She also discusses autism and her iconic book, "Thinking in Pictures: Other Reports from My Life with Autism." Temple Grandin is the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world.

A specialist in animal behavior, Dr. Grandin has penned the New York Times bestsellers "Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior," and "Animals Make Us Human: Creating the Best Life for Animals." She wrote the standard text "Humane Livestock Handling," and is a highly respected designer of livestock handling facilities. It is said that half of the beef processed in North America is done in facilities designed by Dr. Grandin.

12/16/2019 Report from Santa Fe Wavy Gravy, an American entertainer and activist for peace, best known for his clown/hippie appearance, personality, and countercultural beliefs. Wavy Gravy founded such organizations as the Hog Farm, Camp Winnarainbow, and the Seva Foundation, an international health organization whose medical staff has restored sight to over 5 million people around the world.

12/23/2019 Report from Santa Fe Congresswoman Deb Haaland who serves New Mexico's 1st Congressional District and is one of the first Native American women elected to Congress. Congresswomen Haaland Legislative Review on the past year and a look ahead to the upcoming year.

12/30/2019 Report from Santa Fe REPORT FROM SANTA FE is Janet Napolitano, President of the University of California systems, former Secretary of the Homeland Security Department, and author of "How Safe Are We? Homeland Security since 9/11."

Napolitano grew up in Albuquerque and graduated from Sandia High School where she was voted "Most Likely to Succeed." Her father, Dr. Leonard Napolitano, was Dean of the UNM Medical School and was the face of New Mexico medicine for decades. She was the first woman attorney general of Arizona and the first elected woman governor of Arizona. She is the first woman president of the University of California system, comprised of 10 campuses, 270,000 students, five medical centers, and three national labs (Los Alamos is among them).

As Cabinet Secretary for the Dept. of Homeland security under President Obama, she managed 250,000 employees and 22 agencies. She served as Secretary from 2009-2013 and has written the book "How Safe Are We? Homeland Security Since 9/11" describing all the changes in DHS since she was Secretary, both positive and negative.

Napolitano analyzes the family separation policy at the border and states unequivocally that it was Trump and AG Jeff Sessions that initiated the Zero Tolerance policy that resulted in children being removed from their parents' arms and put in cages. Napolitano notes, "You didn't see the travesty of family separation at the border under Obama. You think that would have gone unnoticed at the time? I don't think so."

This interview was filmed the day after the El Paso shootings and Napolitano stresses the dangers of that event and future mass shooting events. Other trends that she finds troubling are cybersecurity, election interference and Internet hacking, and the long-term effects of climate change.

Napolitano not only answers the titular question of "How Safe Are We?," but grapples with how these security efforts have changed our country and society. Where are the failures that leave us vulnerable and what has our \$1 trillion investment yielded over the last 15 years? America is a very resilient country, Napolitano believes, and will rise to the security challenges of the day aided by this bold and visionary report card.1/7/19 Report from Santa Fe International journalists Angela Kocherga, Las Cruces Bureau/Albuquerque Journal, and Alfredo Corchado, Mexican Bureau Chief/Dallas Morning News, and author "Midnight in Mexico" and "Homelands." Kocherga and Corchado discuss such border issues as family separation at the border, the tear gassing of asylum seekers, Trump's "Wall," the "caravan," and the extreme dangers facing journalists in Mexico today.

1/6/2020 Report from Santa Fe presents the second part of a two-part interview with Janet Napolitano, President of the University of California systems, former Secretary of the Homeland Security Department, and author of "How Safe Are We? Homeland Security Since 9/11." In this second interview, she discusses Cyber security, mass gun shootings, border issues, and the surprising effect climate change has on homeland security.1/21/19 Report from Santa Fe Mary Kershaw, Director of the New Mexico Museum of Art, discussing the current special exhibitions at the museum now, including "Good Company: Five Artist Communities in New Mexico," "Carved and Cast: 20th Century NM Sculpture," and 2 exhibits on Nocturnes, both in painting and in landscape photography, "Wait Until Dark" and "Shots in the Dark."

1/13/202019 Report from Santa Fe Lori Paras, the Director of the Santa Fe Raptor Center, whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release injured owls, eagles, hawks, and other raptors. The program also features "Vientosa," a rescued barn owl, and details what steps you can take if you find an injured raptor yourself.

Since 2004, the Santa Fe Raptor Center has provided care for injured birds around New Mexico with a focus on raptors. They work with many rehabbers throughout the state to provide the best care for the birds, as well as transportation to and from various locations. Paras and the volunteers also play a crucial role in helping to transport, rehab, clean enclosures, and feed the birds in their care, as well as educate the public on the benefits these animals have in our world. They also provide vital education about raptors and other birds to schools and communities.2/4/19 Report from Santa Fe Governor of New Mexico Michelle Lujan Grisham discussing her administration's approach to education, health care, immigration and family separation on the border, and other hot topics.

1/20/2020 Report from Santa Fe New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham speaking about the upcoming legislative session and discussing elements of the budget her office has put forth to address the needs of New Mexicans.

1/27/2020 Report from Santa Fe Hannah Burling, President of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, and Meredith Machen, educator, historian, and former LWVNM president, discussing women's historic struggle for the right to vote.

This year marks the Suffrage Centennial, the 100th anniversary of women's winning of the right to vote. It is also the 100th anniversary of the founding of the New Mexico League of Women Voters.

Machen and Burling explore the history of the suffragist movement nationally, and in New Mexico, naming some of the heroines of the movement in New Mexico.

They invite all New Mexicans to a grand celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Suffrage to be held at the NM State Capitol on February 6 starting at 12:30 p.m., presented by the League of Women Voters of New Mexico as well as many other nonpartisan partners such as the AAUW, NOW, ACLU, NAACP, Common Cause, Planned Parenthood, and the Southwest Women's Law Center.

The event will feature suffragist costumes, songs from numerous choirs and individuals, cake and lemonade, and speeches from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, NM Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, and other esteemed political figures. Memorials celebrating the Suffrage Centennial will be presented in the House and Senate.

This presentation of the history of the women's suffrage movement provides us a model for today's struggles and shows the pattern of civil disobedience that has been successful in the past. These pioneers for women's rights made many difficult sacrifices to earn women the right to vote. Celebrations such as this remind one to not let the suffragists' sacrifices be in vain, and to help make sure that everyone exercises their right to vote.

2/3/2020 Report from Santa Fe two New Mexico Senators, Gerald Ortiz y Pino, (D) Bernalillo, and Cliff Pirtle, (R) Roswell, discussing bills legalizing recreational marijuana and other hot topics of this 30-Day Legislative Session.

Senator Ortiz y Pino is the sponsor of SB 115, the Cannabis Regulation Act, which just this week passed the Senate Public Affairs Committee. Senator Pirtle was the sponsor of an unsuccessful bill to legalize cannabis in the 2019 60-Day Session that created lots of controversy. The two lawmakers discuss complex elements of marijuana legalization and the factors that must be considered for the health and safety of the public.

Bills for studying the financial abuse of seniors (SM 8), increasing the Working Families Tax Credit (SB 87), making alterations to the Workplace Violence Against Health Care Workers Act (SJM 5), and establishing (for Dreamers) licensure eligibility without lawful presence (SB 137) are among the many pieces of legislation introduced by Ortiz y Pino.

Bills enacting the Vocational Training Scholarship Act (SB 147) and adding the NM Mounted Patrol as Law Enforcement (SB 163) have been introduced by Pirtle. Senator Pirtle sponsored the Permanent Daylight Saving Time bill last session and the lawmakers talk about the furor that was created by the idea of time zone changes in New Mexico.

Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino is a Democrat from Bernalillo County, representing Senate District 12. He is a social worker who first came to the Senate in 2005 and has now served 15 years in Senate. Ortiz y Pino is the Chairman of the interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee.

During the Legislative Session, he serves as Chair of the Senate Public Affairs Committee and is a Member of the Senate Rules Committee.

Senator Cliff Pirtle is a Republican from Roswell, representing Senate District 32. He first came to the Senate in 2013 and this year marks his seventh year in the Senate. Pirtle is the Ranking Member of the Indian & Cultural Affairs Committee and is a Member of the Senate Land Grant Committee.

2/10/2020 Report from Santa Fe Representative Debbie Armstrong, Chair of the House of Representatives' Health and Human Services Committee, discussing legislation in both houses of the New Mexico Legislature dealing with critical health issues such as prescription drugs, insurance, and assistance to seniors.

This program takes an in-depth look at health care issues and bills this session from a non-partisan and bi-cameral perspective. Rep. Armstrong is a long-time health care advocate who admits she has been "doing health care in one way or another for more than 40 years."

This interview focuses on 3 main areas of Health Care. Here are some of the bills discussed:

- 1) Prescription drugs and pharmacy issues: SB 1 (sponsored by Rep Debbie Armstrong & Sen. Mary Kay Papen) Wholesale Drug Importation Act which would reduce costs for medications; HB 292 (Sponsored by Sen. Ivey-Soto and Rep. Cardena) Capping co-pays for Insulin; and HB 42 (Armstrong) Reimbursement parity between certified pharmacists & clinicians.
- 2) Insurance: HB 100 (Armstrong & Cadena), Expands authority of the Health Insurance Exchange, making insurance more affordable, and redesigning plans; HB 278 (Reps. Debbie Armstrong, Javier Martinez, Liz Thompson) New health care affordability fund.
- 3) Seniors: HB 224 (sponsored by 5 Reps - Armstrong, Herrera, Bash, Linda Trujillo, and Jim Trujillo) Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund; HM 10 (Armstrong) sets up a financial abuse of senior citizens task force.

Representative Debbie Armstrong, D-District 17 (Bernalillo), is serving her third term in the NM House of Representatives and Chairs the House Health and Human Services Committee. She is Vice-Chair of the Rules Committee and is a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Having started her career as a physical therapist, Armstrong has worked extensively as a health care administrator, working 10 years with Presbyterian Medical Services in Santa Fe. Prior to serving as Secretary of New Mexico's Aging and Long-Term Services Department, she oversaw the department's Consumer and Elder Rights Division. Armstrong got a law degree from UNM where she was a professor of BioEthics; she was Cabinet Secretary for the NM Aging and Long Term Care Services, served as Executive Director of the NM High-Risk Insurance Pool, and was President of Delta Consulting Group.

2/17/2020 Report from Santa Fe Senator John Arthur Smith (D-Deming), Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and Senator Stuart Ingle (R-Portales) Senate Minority Floor Leader, discussing critical financial issues in the 30-Day Legislative Session.

This interview provides an opportunity to hear from these influential legislators and benefit from their long experience as lawmakers. Between them, Senators Ingle and Smith have served a total of 66 years in the New Mexico Senate.

Among the red-hot topics they explore in this in-depth interview are the responsibilities that arise when dealing with New Mexico's "surplus" revenues, the importance of diversifying the state's income sources, the possibility of repealing/reducing the tax on social security benefits, and the idea of reforming our tax structure and providing an alternative to the Gross Receipts Tax.

The Senators discuss the Early Childhood Education and Care Fund (SB 3) and contrast it with House Joint Memorial (HJR 1) Permanent Funds for Early Childhood.3/18/19 Report from Santa Fe Santa Fe author Caroline Fraser, recipient of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Biography for her book "Prairie Fires: the American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder." Fraser's book was also named among the New York Times' "Ten Best Books of 2017," and won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Biography.

2/24/2020 Report from Santa Fe Dahr Jamail, author of "The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption."

In the year since "The End of Ice" was first published, it has been featured in the Smithsonian Magazine's "Top Ten Science Books for 2019," as well as being shortlisted for the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award.

In this same year, climate scientists have published reports about dramatically accelerated melting in Greenland and Antarctica, fires in the Amazon that burned 80% more of the rain forest than the summer before, and in Australia, runaway bush fires destroyed roughly 25.5 million acres, burned around 3,000 homes, leaving at least 33 people dead, and killing well over a billion animals,

Jamail discusses worldwide kids' climate activism, and describes the hope the new young leaders of the world represent, quoting Greta Thunberg, the Swedish 17-year-old climate activist who says "Act as if your house is on fire, because it IS!"

Jamail adds, "At some point, all of us are going to be answerable to younger generations and they are going to ask us, wow, you were alive in 2020, did you know about this crisis and how severe it was? And most of us will have to say, yes. And then, of course, they're going to ask, well, what did you do?"

Outlining steps of repair, mitigation, and adaptation, "The End of Ice" offers much to think about and do. For those seeking hope, Jamail offers this quote from Václav Havel, "Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something is worth doing no matter how it turns out."

Jamail writes for Truthout, the BBC, NPR, the Guardian, the Nation, Al Jazeera, and more. He won the 2018 Izzy Award for outstanding achievement in independent media, as well as the Martha Gelhorn Award for Journalism, awards for Social Justice Journalism, Civic Courage, and five Project Censored Awards.

3/2/2020 Report From Santa Fe Senator Gay Kernan, a Republican from Hobbs, who has represented Senate District 42 (Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties) since 2002. She is a member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee and her work there gives her a broad and deep perspective on New Mexico's economic issues. A lifelong educator, Kernan also offers expertise

in education and schools. She has also introduced many important bills dealing with health care in New Mexico.

In this interview, Kernan looks back at the recently concluded 30-Day Legislative Session and highlights some of the important accomplishments of the lawmakers. While acknowledging the crucial contributions that the oil and gas industries give to New Mexico's economy, the Senator also calls for greater diversification of our economy to avoid the possible downturns often seen in the cyclic nature of energy economies.

Other hot topics include reducing or repealing the state's taxation of social security benefits, the effects of the oil and gas boom in southeastern New Mexico, and a change on the lodgers' tax for long-term rentals for workers in the oil and gas industries.

Kernan gives an update on one of her important health care bills introduced in the 2019 session, the Prior Authorization Bill, which will streamline the process to get a physician's recommendation for specific tests and services for patients approved by insurance providers. She discusses other health bills passed this session such as the importation of prescription drugs from Canada and capping the monthly out-of-pocket cost for insulin and other diabetic supplies.

Affirming her support for career technical education, the Senator evaluates the other increased funding for all levels of education.

3/9/2021 Report from Santa Fe in Memoriam” program honoring Bill Fulginiti, Executive Director of the New Mexico Municipal League, who passed away on February 26th, 2020. Bill served as Executive Director of the league for more than 40 years, overseeing daily operations and serving as Chief Lobbyist. In this interview from the fall of 2019, Bill discusses such hot municipal topics as cybersecurity, immigration, tax reform, and internet sales taxes. Of all of his accomplishments, Bill was most proud of taking the New Mexico Municipal League under his dedicated wing and shaping it into a reputable and lasting legacy to serve as a tenacious advocate representing and serving all New Mexico Cities, Towns and Villages.

3/16/2021 Report from Santa Fe Jack Loeffler, ethnomusicologist, radio producer, "aural historian" and author, discussing his new memoir "Headed Into the Wind." Loeffler is also the editor of "Voices of Counterculture in the Southwest" and author of "Adventures with Ed: A Portrait of Abbey."

With the temperament of Santa Claus and the tenacity of a badger, Jack Loeffler reveals his compassion and concern for Southwestern traditional cultures and their respective habitats. As an “a-u-r-a-l historian” Loeffler devotes his life to working with indigenous cultures and recording their relationship to the land. He believes that the knowledge and wisdom of people who live on the land close to the earth--such as the Hopis, Navajos, Pueblo Indians as well as tribes from Mexico--can help our species survive. Jack records the nature sounds, the music, and the stories of these groups, to develop an environmental consciousness for the world.

Jack Loeffler reflects, "Awards are awfully nice but the point of the whole thing is to do the best possible work you can do and stay relentless at it, as far as I am concerned. You just have to really pick out what you want to do and do it as hard and as best as you can."

Among the awards Loeffler has received are the 2008 Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts for his “decades-long efforts to preserve and promote the music and culture of northern New Mexico," the Hewett Award for Outstanding Public Service by the NM Historical Society,

and the Stewart Udall Conservation Award. In 2009, Loeffler was named a Santa Fe Living Treasure.

3/23/2021 Report from Santa Fe D'jean Jawrunner, sculptor and artist, Foundry Director and Art Professor Emeritus at Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari, NM. D'jean directs the internationally acclaimed "Iron Pour" at the Foundry at Mesalands Community College, New Mexico's largest teaching foundry.

3/30/2020 Report from Santa Fe Terry Tempest Williams, ward-winning author, conservationist, and activists discussing her new book "Erosion: Essays of Undoing." Her other books include "The Hour of Land," "When Women were Birds," and "Finding Beauty in A Broken World."

4/6/2020 Report from Santa Fe Bill McCamley, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

McCamley discusses the spike in state unemployment claims caused by pandemic precautions against the coronavirus, and provides information to help simplify the claims process.

He also explains the process for distributing the federal funds soon to be released for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities Act (CARES Act).

These funds will aid workers who have not previously been covered by State Unemployment. People who can now collect Federal unemployment include self-employed workers and independent contractors, as well as freelance workers working in a gig economy. It will also be available to part-time workers and people working towards work experience.

Quotes Re: New Federal "Pandemic Unemployment Assistance" Bill McCamley --

"Our estimate is there are about 62,000 workers in New Mexico who work on contracts...in every community. You have Uber and Lyft drivers...self-employed contractors. You have the musicians at the Santa Fe Opera... auto mechanics that work on commission or contracts...Veterinary techs with racetracks...people that work on contract at exhibition centers and Convention Centers...or massage therapists that work at spas."

"All of these folks are not technically employees...they're self-employed. A hairdresser or a barber, a lot of those folks are not an employee of the facility they use...they are their own employers and employees."

"The way that the Unemployment Trust Fund works is there is a payroll tax that employers pay into the system. So if you are "self-employed" in any of the types of categories, you haven't paid into the trust fund. So those are the types of people that we're talking about and we're going to work very hard over the next couple of weeks to try to get a system in place where those folks can then apply for unemployment."

"If you are self-employed, you currently do not have access to unemployment. That changed last week with the passage of the CARES Act at the federal government level. However, we're going to need a couple of weeks to both get agreements with the Department of Labor worked out and

change our systems to allow people to get into the unemployment agency. And so, if you are self-employed, if you could wait for a few weeks, please be patient.”

4/13/2020 Report from Santa Fe Dr. Stuart Kauffman, M.D., MacArthur Fellow, Fellow/Royal Society of Canada, Professor Emeritus in Biochemistry at Univ. of Pennsylvania, and author, presenting very recent crucial updates on dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.

4/20/2020 Report from Santa Fe Dahr Jamail, environmental activist and author of award-winning "The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption." This is the second part of an interview taped in February 2020, discussing how to respond to life-changing circumstances beyond our control and how a return to nature can sustain us.

4/27/2020 Report from Santa Fe Dr. David Scrase, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Department of Human Services, with a coronavirus update including the latest models for the disease, the expansion of testing, and COVID-19 issues in northwestern New Mexico. This interview was taped on April 22, 2020 and has the latest news about what's happening in the fight against the coronavirus in New Mexico.

New Mexico is considered to be one of the safest states in the country, and Dr. Scrase credits Governor Lujan Grisham and her team for their leadership in enforcing statewide social distancing, expanding testing, and using the results to isolate those who are positive - "...that's the half that the state government does. But the bigger half of it is what the people of New Mexico have done by taking the public health orders seriously, by staying at home, by wearing masks when they go out, by washing their hands, etc... All of those things really have gotten us to the place we are today. So I think I would give the governor and (Health) Secretary Kunkel half the credit or maybe a third of the credit and the people of New Mexico two thirds (of the credit).”

Dr. Scrase and N.M. Cabinet Secretary for Health Kathleen Kunkel published an editorial in mid-March called “Flattening the Curve New Mexico style,” describing New Mexico's unique needs and responses to COVID-19. The Op-Ed ended with the insightful statement, “We are ahead of the curve we are trying to flatten!” And this in-depth interview on REPORT FROM SANTA FE demonstrates the verity of that statement.

Dr. Scrase’s first love and understood calling is as a primary care physician and he has continuously cared for patients for over 30 years, despite concurrent service in administrative roles. He concludes this interview with special advice to older New Mexicans, “his people” as he calls them, to stay safe and resist the crowds that start going out when things open up first. Scrase reminds us that older people will need to wait much longer before venturing forth. Dr. Scrase is a Board Certified Internist and Geriatrician, and at the time of his appointment as the Secretary Designate of the Human Services Department by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham in November 2018, was the Interim Division Chief for General Internal Medicine and the Chief of Geriatrics at UNM.

5/4/2020 Report from Santa Fe Kathleen Kunkel, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Dept. of Health, with a special coronavirus update and the latest news from the Health Department, and Sherry Hooper, Executive Director of The Food Depot in Santa Fe, with a report on the 5 NM food banks, how they are fighting food insecurity, and what we can do to help feed hungry families affected by the pandemic.

5/11/2020 Report from Santa Fe Secretary of State, Toulouse Oliver is New Mexico's chief elections officer. New Mexico has earned its great reputation for election integrity.

This in-depth interview is jam-packed with everything one needs to know about the upcoming primary - the importance of sending in an application for Absentee Voting, then returning the Absentee Ballot once the voter has received it, and the public health and safety reasons not to vote in person this pandemic year.

Secretary Oliver also discusses the proposals for a national Vote by Mail system for the General election in November, and the many concerns that by this fall's election time, the country could be suffering a "double whammy" of a resurgence of the coronavirus flu coupled with outbreaks of the seasonal flu.

The Secretary of State provides answers to questions such as how to reinstate a voter's registration if they have been purged from the voter rolls, what are the steps being taken to prevent the disenfranchisement of large groups of voters such as Native Americans, and what is being done to guard against the international and national hacking of our voting system and shore up the protection of the integrity of our voting system?

5/25/2020 Report from Santa Fe U.S. Congresswoman Deb Haaland with an important update on COVID-19 and its devastating effects on Indian Country, and Jeff Witte, Director/Secretary of Agriculture, New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture, discussing what the Ag Department is doing to help New Mexicans in this challenging time of food supply-chain insecurity and the changing food landscape.

Rep. Deb Haaland, represents New Mexico's 1st Congressional District, and is one of the first Native American women elected to Congress. Haaland discusses the coronavirus pandemic as it affects the Navajo Nation and other tribal communities.

The Congresswoman describes her work in the US House of Representatives on the Heroes Act, an important piece of legislation that was passed in the house that will help so many people including the Navajo nation, tribal governments across the country, and essential workers. Some of the bill's highlights include protecting our essential workers, supporting state, local and tribal governments so that the costs of dealing with the pandemic don't bankrupt them (to the tune of over \$875 billion), and "stop movement" protection orders to support our military families.

The importance of the 2020 Census, and the urgency that New Mexicans fight against the undercounting of our citizens that results in underfunding all our basic needs, was emphasized by Haaland in her call to "Fill Out the Census Form!"

Our second guest, Jeff Witte, was named New Mexico's fifth permanent Director/Secretary of Agriculture in May 2011. Witte details the importance of agriculture in New Mexico's economy and feels assured that the agriculture community can keep New Mexicans fed during the pandemic. New Mexico's 70 local farmers markets and the strength of the local meat-producing farms and ranches provide plenty of nourishing food.

Secretary Witte reveals the many ways the Department of Agriculture is stepping up to help in this crisis. The Department's web site [www.nmda.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu) has many excellent programs to assist New Mexicans in getting access to food, seeds, and direct producer-to-consumer marketing of all kinds of agriculture products.

The “Seed to Supper” program will send out free vegetable garden seeds to all New Mexicans.

Director Witte reveals the important broadband expansion program in partnership with Secretary Perdue of the US Dept. of Agriculture that will provide internet accessibility to 90,000 people living in rural areas of the state such as Eastern New Mexico, the Peñasco area, and Acoma Pueblo.

“New Mexico's got a good strong agricultural tradition...we've got to keep it all together and keep it in the family,” suggests Witte, “The family is the state of New Mexico. It's not just who lives in your house, we are the family. And I see a lot of great opportunities ahead.”

Witte was also past president of the Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture. He's also past Chair of Natural Resources, Pesticide Management and Environment Committee for NASDA.5/27/2019 Report from Santa Fe New Mexico's Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard discussing current hot topics in the Land Office - the Greater Chaco Landscape land use restrictions, the Border Wall, the Spaceport, methane flaring and venting in NW New Mexico, and the expanding role of renewable energy at the Land Office.

6/1/2020 Report from Santa Fe Lori Paras, the Director of the Santa Fe Raptor Center, whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release injured owls, eagles, hawks, and other raptors. The program also features “Vientosa,” a rescued barn owl, and details what steps you can take if you find an injured raptor yourself.

6/8/2020 Report from Santa Fe Caroline Fraser, recipient of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Biography for her book "Prairie Fires: the American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder." Fraser's book was also named among the New York Times' "Ten Best Books of 2017," and won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Biography.

Formerly on the editorial staff of the New Yorker, Fraser's work has also appeared in the Atlantic Monthly and the New York Review of Books. Among others. She is the author of God's Perfect Child: Living and Dying in the Christian Science Church (1999), and Rewilding the World: Dispatches from the Conservation Revolution (2009). Additionally, she is the editor of the two volumes of the Library of America's Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Little House Books (2012).

Laura Ingalls Wilder was an American writer known for the beloved "Little House on the Prairie" series of children's books. Millions of readers of Little House on the Prairie believe they know Laura Ingalls—the pioneer girl who survived blizzards and near-starvation on the Great Plains, and the woman who wrote the famous autobiographical books. But the true story of her life has never been fully told.

Now, drawing on unpublished manuscripts, letters, diaries, and land and financial records, Caroline Fraser—the editor of the Library of America edition of the Little House series—masterfully fills in the gaps in Wilder's biography, uncovering the grown-up story behind the most influential childhood epic of pioneer life.

Wilder lived from 1867 to 1957, documenting almost a century of American history, from the Indian Wars and the settlement of the Great Plains to the Dust Bowl and the Depression. Her descriptions of pioneer life are unparalleled. On a highway plaque near one of her family's

homestead in South Dakota is a revealing quote from Wilder, "No one who has not pioneered can understand the fascination and terror of it."

In her beloved "Little House on the Prairie" books, she vividly captures the hardships of homesteading - the deep poverty, the hard work, the drought, plagues of locusts, the loss of homes, health, and crops.

6/17/2019 Report from Santa Fe Russell Toal, Superintendent of Insurance for New Mexico, discussing the many ways his office is protecting New Mexicans from problems related to the COVID-19 pandemic covering health insurance issues, telemedicine coverage, automobile insurance rebates, business insurance, and credit protection.

Superintendent Toal enumerates all the ways the Insurance department provides assistance with COVID-19 issues, starting with the COVID Call Center, the prohibition of "surprise billing" for out-of-network COVID care and testing, and the strong telemedicine reimbursement for physicians and health care providers for physical and mental health video visits. He reminds us that all COVID-19 testing and treatment is FREE in New Mexico. Many of the calls on the COVID hotline are from people who were forced to pay for coronavirus testing, and are asking for help with their reimbursements. The Department also has a strong Anti-Fraud Division.

Other pandemic protections supported by the Superintendent of Insurance include the suspension of health plan cancellations due to the insureds' inability to pay, providing credit protections during the pandemic, and providing regulations that insurers covering businesses affected by COVID shutdowns make adjustments and/or reduce the premiums charged for the time when the businesses were ordered to be closed. The Office has worked to provide automobile insurance rebates for New Mexican drivers, requiring auto insurance companies to reduce premiums because of the reduction in driving during the "stay at home" period ordered by state government.

Toal provides an explanation of the Prior Authorization Act, an important change that will increase timeliness and efficiency in Insurance companies' handling of physician orders for patient treatment, services, and prescriptions.

Prior to becoming the Superintendent of Insurance, Russell Toal was appointed by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and served as Deputy Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD), a department that serves approximately 1 million New Mexicans and has a budget of more than \$7 billion. Toal had previously worked for the New Mexico Medical Assistance Division (MAD) at HSD from 2014-2017.

6/22/2020 Report from Santa Fe Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, D-Albuquerque, discussing her bill proposing standards for police use of force reviews, including full accountability, full transparency of the process, and timeliness in reporting serious use of force events.

6/27/2020 Report from Santa Fe Senator Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe), Majority Floor Leader of the NM Senate, discussing the recent 2020 Special Session and the massive changes coming to the Senate next year.

Senator Wirth summarizes the important issues the recently-ended 2020 Special Session dealt with. It was an extremely challenging session, as the lawmakers had to cope with public health restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant wearing masks and practicing social

distancing. Many legislators were able to participate remotely, and all the proceedings were webcast so the public could watch the work at the Capitol.

Many important bills were passed and sent to the Governor for signature, among them the critical budget fix, police reform, election protection in the upcoming general election, and important economic relief for New Mexicans suffering from the economic downturn caused by the pandemic.

The Majority Floor Leader of the NM Senate notes that there are 9 senators that won't be back in the Upper House in January 2021. Wirth adds that he "figured out the years of service that we will be losing, with the nine members and the two that passed away, and it is 176 years of legislative service between the 11 members. 25%+ of the state's Senate will not be back." And this comes at a time when the state is facing critical economic and health crises.

Senator Wirth explores the changes to the nature of the Senate and lays out the processes at work to fill the leadership posts and the committee chairs. Important positions such as the Pro Tem of the Senate must wait until next January's session, because the Pro Tem is nominated by the entire body of the Senate in that session.

Wirth ends this in-depth, behind-the-scenes interview on a positive note, "I want people to know that there is a legislature there that cares deeply about our state and we are at a moment where I think we have incredible opportunities, provided we can work through our challenges."

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**KANW New Mexico Close-up, hosted by Deborah Martinez, features a daily profile of the unique people who call New Mexico home and news from New Mexico.**

7/1/19 New Mexico Close Up Karen Trujillo is the new cabinet secretary for the state's public education department. Born in Santa Fe, she and her family moved to Las Cruces when she was in high school decades ago. Since then, Trujillo has been all about education.

7/2/19 New Mexico Close Up This bill will mean judge has to make a finding. Some argued no due process; there is due process, the judge has to make a finding and the person has to surrender their guns to law enforcement or a federal license holder. Viscoli also found fault with opposition from law enforcement officers who testified that sheriff's offices would be overwhelmed with weapons being turned over to them by offenders. How does the mother or the person feel that the sheriffs are saying, we don't know what to do with those guns – maybe 400 that we don't know what to do with them. Shame on us if we can't figure out what to do with our evidence storage. We also looked at other states and it hasn't been a problem. This law will literally save lives of women and children. Viscoli noted a recent John Hopkins report noted states that've passed legislation like NM's have seen a 25% drop in homicides of intimate partners. Since the bill was signed several months ago, several sheriff's offices across the state have said they will defy the law.

7/3/19 New Mexico Close Up According to Governing magazine, a little more than 26-million background checks were done on people wanting to buy guns in the US in 2018. This week NM became a background check state on most gun sales when SB-8 officially kicked in. Miranda

Viscoli is an anti-gun violence activist who helped get the bill passed. Basically it means that if you want to buy a gun, you have to get a background check. I don't know why we are defending the rights of convicted felons to keep their guns. That's what they're doing when they say this goes against their 2d Amendment rights – it doesn't, you simply have to get a background check. Sheriff's departments around the state that were found to have been taking cues from the National Rifle Association, have said they will not uphold gun regulation laws and have vowed to circulate petitions to put the issue before voters. NM's secretary of state maintains that the move would be improper since laws affecting public health and safety are not eligible for repeal. Other arguments against legislative bills to regulate firearms included the fear that government would take guns away from law-abiding citizens. If you're a law-abiding citizen, nobody is taking away your guns. The NRA had a strong presence here, and the sheriff's took their message and spread their lies. No one is taking away your second amendment rights, it's simply a way to keep guns out of unsafe hands. Viscoli co-leads the Santa Fe-based group: New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence.

7/4/19 New Mexico Close Up NM's forests are open, but officials are cautioning people to care for their campfires and as always, no fireworks or other explosives are ever allowed in the forest. "All it takes is one spark in the wrong place at the wrong time and we're looking at a wildfire." Those words from Santa Fe Nat'l Forest spokeswoman Julie Anne Overton, who said patrols discovered 45 abandoned campfires recently. In fact, the wk. previous to that a fire escaped its ring and 20 firefighters had to swoop in to put it out, and they were able to keep in to 2 acres. Fire officials throughout the state are concerned with the number of people who don't take the time to douse a campfire with plenty of water and be sure it's cool and no longer smoking before leaving. Overton says even though forest closures aren't in effect like they were during last year's drought, abundant grass has grown and is now dry in NM's forests. Pets should be leashed, even at campsites, Overton adds. We've got lots of critters, including bear and mtn lion. Dogs welcomed, but we recommend keeping them leashed. Don't want your dog to run off trail and encounter a bear or a lion. Overton says this weekend is a great time to enjoy the state's public lands, but she urges using caution to avoid sparking a blaze.

7/5/19 New Mexico Close Up Besides lightning, campfires that've been left smoldering are a big cause of forest fires. Fifty-six fires were found abandoned at campsites recently, one burning several acres before crews could gain the upper hand. Still, officials are inviting visitors into NM's woods this holiday weekend, with eyes wide open says Julie Anne Overton of the Santa Fe National Forest. You remember last year when we had to close the forest because of extreme fire danger. This year we had plenty of moisture and don't think the situation is dire enough to issue restrictions, but we do ask people to be responsible. Enjoy your public lands, just do it responsibly. Right now we're lucky, we haven't had any big fires on the Santa Fe. They have had some issues further south on the Gila and on the Lincoln, and there is a fire now on the Cibola, so we are in fire season now. Overton notes the Cajete Fire in the Jemez Mountains west of Los Alamos burned more than 14-hundred acres a couple of years ago. Fire managers use that blaze as an example of what can happen when people do not completely douse a campfire before leaving and its embers spark a wildfire. Overton urges visitors to take a shovel and about 5 gallons of water with them to drown and stir the fire until it is out. She says it is a good habit to get into this holiday weekend, and throughout the fire season.

7/8/19 New Mexico Close Up Two things happened this year to launch the hemp plant industry. A previously vetoed legislative bill was declared law, and Congress legalized hemp cultivation nationally. At a March informational conference put on by NM's Acequia Association, farmers like Irene and Clarence Cordova wanted to hear about how they could profit from hemp as a crop. I am interested; I have 4.5 acres I would like to get started on. I'm interested in growing hemp to bring more economic vitality to that area; we have nothing other than alfalfa. In addition, a lot of farmers just grow alfalfa for themselves, so it would be nice to be able to grow something that's sustainable, that's good for us, that's marketable, you know, that has a future. Hemp is derived from the cannabis plant and is related to marijuana, but with a miniscule amount of the active ingredient THC in pot that produces euphoric effects. Ed Berg came to the conference from Salida, Colorado to offer tips, based on his experience over the last several years of growing hemp for the healing CBD oil. We are selling more over the internet. We started with our friends just in Salida and they had such wonderful results that we decided to make it a business and so we are working with others to form cooperatives to give small-plot growers an advantage, or at least keep up with the big people. Besides CBD oil, hemp can be made into a variety of products, including paper, textiles, rope, and even biofuels. More information is available on the NM State University website.

7/9/19 New Mexico Close Up Children in NM have made some gains, according to the advocacy group Voices for Children, but for the third time in several years, the state ranked last in the US for child well-being. The executive director of NM Voices for Children is James Jimenez. And there's probably any number of reasons why states rank high vs low, but we at Voices think over the last 10 years the state hasn't invested like we'd like them to in child well-being. The Kids Count report is compiled every year by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. It looks at the country's kids and ranks them on qualities like economic well-being, education, health and more. The state of New Hampshire's children ranked highest in those categories, but Jimenez says NM has improved slightly in regards to health. One of the important metrics is kids' access to health, that they get the kind of care that they need. In fact when Gov. Martinez approved the expansion of Medicaid, it had a pretty quick impact on our ranking, and we've improved, so that only 5% of the state's children are without health insurance. Jimenez is optimistic that the infusion of a half-billion dollars state lawmakers gave to K-12 education, including expansion of school-based health centers, will help improve NM's Kids Count rankings in the years to come.

7/10/19 New Mexico Close Up "NM's children's advocates could understandably get discouraged with the state's consistently low rankings for children's well-being among the states. This year's Kids Count report puts us dead last when it comes to children's well-being, after having inched up for a couple of years. But the leader of NM Voices for Children, James Jimenez, says he isn't daunted, in fact he's looking forward to better news ahead after this year's legislative and executive actions. (kids cab) We are optimistic – we have a gov. who re-formed the children's cabinet, not the Lt. Gov's office. She's extremely supportive of kids' issues, probably as much as Alice King helped govern with Gov. King; and the legislature's response to her initiatives has been mostly positive. Jimenez points to the kids' cabinet as one tool that will bring together agencies to focus on collaboration on children's issues, like their health.

(BH in schools) One of the other really important things is having a gov like MLG who sees the importance of rebuilding the state's behavioral health system. Her leadership in this area is going to be really vital, including expansion of school-based health centers that include physical and behavioral health. Also the creation of the early childhood ed & care dept. will be another important investment that the state accomplished in 2019. Jimenez gives credit to former Gov. Susana Martinez for initiating Medicaid coverage to more children and adults living in poverty, and says now all but five percent of kids in the state have health insurance.

7/11/19 New Mexico Close Up "Children are still living in poverty in NM and their overall well-being hasn't budged from the bottom of state rankings, but the annual Kids Count Data Book does reveal a couple of bright spots, according to the executive director of NM Voices for Children. The advocacy group released the data that was compiled by the Annie E. Casey Foundation recently that shows teenaged girls aren't having as many babies as they were several years ago, and the number of children without health insurance has dropped, too. James Jimenez says those are encouraging numbers and changes at the state level will add to the gains. The 2019 legislative session will go down as one of the most important in our state's history – changing the trajectory for children and families in this state. Those gains include a working families tax credit. And lawmakers added almost ½ billion dollars added to public education, raising the level of funding per student back to pre-recession levels. And Jimenez says, voters in NM can elect more lawmakers who pledge to lift the state up from consistently low rankings. They should be asking, “what are you going to be doing to help kids out of poverty?” We've found that when we do that, legislators respond. Then once the elections are over, keep in touch with legislators and praise them when they're doing well, but also take them to task when they're not doing well.

Jimenez and NM Voices for Children say it will take time for actions taken at the Roundhouse this year to end up in measurable changes to kids' well-being, but they say they're pleased with this year's baby steps.

7/12/19 New Mexico Close Up "The state land office has been in the news a lot over the last couple of years, as oil and gas production in the Permian Basin of SE NM has exploded. State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard yesterday announced record revenues coming from oil and gas leases, mostly from that activity in the Permian, and she wants part of that money to go towards early childhood education and care. Revenue into the SLO will be \$1 billion, first time ever, so I think wanting early childhood ed enhanced goes hand in glove with this record. It's actually about 1.1 billion, coming from the increased investment in renewables and the oil and gas productivity in the Permian Basin. Since Garcia Richard began her term as state land commissioner in January, she has paralleled Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's emphasis on making the state more money from production of renewable energy. One project will result in a lease to a wind farm on 16,000 acres of state trust land in Grant County, generating \$16-million dollars in revenue. Money from the SLO's enterprises supports 22 public institutions, including public schools, and some colleges and hospitals.

7/15/19 New Mexico Close Up "Even though NM's new land commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard began her public service in northern NM, she comes from farmers' country in the east central and then south western part of the state. So I was born in Tucumcari in Quay County,

raised on a ranch. When I was about five my family moved to Silver City in Grant County. Then when I met my husband – he's from northern NM in the Velarde area – we moved up north to be near family and so our two daughters could be near their grandmothers, so I've lived in Los Alamos for about 10 years. Garcia Richard served Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties for three terms in the NM House of Representatives beginning in 2012, while also dedicating herself to teaching. She says that's why she has pushed for taking 1% more from the Land Grant Permanent Fund that mostly serves public schools, to focus on early childhood programs. I'm the first land commissioner in the history of the office to support this 1% additional contribution that would be earmarked for universal PreK and not just that but also early childhood education, from birth to the classroom door. Garcia Richard vows to keep pressuring lawmakers for that 1% added distribution, even though the chairman of the Sen. Finance Committee that must approve the idea has not agreed to hear the bill. Sen. John Arthur Smith says taking out more than the current 5% will erode the fund's \$17-1/2 billion dollar corpus.

7/16/19 New Mexico Close Up "State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard recently announced that NM has earned more revenue than ever before – \$1.1 billion dollars – for leases on public lands. Most of that money is put into the Land Grant Permanent Fund – also known as the Permanent Schools fund, because most of it is set aside for public schools in NM. Most of the revenue comes from oil and gas leases, and Garcia Richard says she will keep pushing for an increase in the percentage of royalties paid by those businesses. All we are asking is to raise the rate to the level that Texas receives for oil and gas extraction. Garcia Richard pushed for a bill in the last legislative session that would've raised the royalty rate to 25%, but House Democrats voted it down in committee. The commissioner vows to bring up the proposal again, though. Garcia Richard is also bullish on renewable energy leases on public lands. Absolutely, so I believe NM is poised to be a national in both solar and wind energy, and we've got places on state trust land that is just prime for that kind of development. The goal is to triple the amount we make on that activity on state trust land. Garcia Richard is the first female state land commissioner in the state's history, and as a former schoolteacher, she says she wants to continue to use the land office to support public schools, colleges and its other beneficiaries through more energy and agriculture leases.

7/17/19 New Mexico Close Up "Over the past year, federal nuclear regulators have held public meetings to get input on the idea of storing the nation's spent nuclear fuel in southeastern NM, not far from the bustling oil and gas fields of the Permian basin. NM's state land commissioner, Stephanie Garcia Richard, says she's not in favor of burying barrels of radioactive waste from reactors so close to mining, oil and gas production on state trust lands. You have a lot of extractive work going on there; not just potash, mining – but also oil/gas drilling and produced water – all in the area that's being proposed. Therefore, the impact for the Trust, I believe, would be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. In a letter to Holtekt International - the company seeking a multi-year contract for nuclear storage - Commissioner Garcia Richard said 54 companies operate mineral, oil and gas wells within 10 miles of the proposed site. The private co. has stated they already have agreements in place – not true – they don't have any agreement in place with us, nor with the producers, so that's problematic for me. I don't understand trying to mix storage of nuclear fuel in the area of one of the most active oil wells in the world – that, to

me doesn't make sense. Garcia Richard also said she's worried about the safety of the proposition to store 120,000 metric tons of high-level waste near oil and gas production, and she fears Holtec's promise of a temporary storage plan will become permanent.

7/19/19 New Mexico Close Up New Mexico has invested more than 300 million dollars in Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic aerospace venture on 18-thousand acres near Truth or Consequences in southern NM. As he celebrated the 50th anniversary of NASA's moon landing this week, he told the Associated Press that Virgin is inching closer towards launching ordinary citizens into space tourism. Branson's dream for a NM launch pad for his fleet of spaceships began in 2003 with a handshake between him and former Governor Bill Richardson during a helicopter ride. He shared the memory back in May at a Santa Fe news conference. After some preamble, Gov Richardson said if you'll bring us a space line, we'll build you a spaceport, and I said, if you build us a spaceport, we'll bring you a space line. Then we landed in the middle of the desert where a scaffolding pole stood, with no roads I could see. Richardson said, "this will be the middle of the hangar, which will be able to hold 5 of your spaceships and two carrier aircraft." I felt some trepidation, but encouraged and excited about the future. At his 69th birthday party Branson said the moon landing 50 years ago is the reason his space company exists today. The billionaire said 3 to 4 test flights will be conducted and that he won't climb aboard the VSS Unity until engineers are absolutely ready to blast him and dozens of others into space.

7/22/19 New Mexico Close Up In 2012 Albuquerque voters overwhelmingly passed a ballot measure to raise the city's minimum wage, but not all employers implemented it the same way. Under the new law, employees who make tips get a lower minimum wage, but their bosses have to make up the difference if they don't make the minimum – now at 9.20 an hour in the Duke City. But as Stephanie Welch with the NM Center on Law & Poverty puts it, one diner – Kelly's Brew Pub & Restaurant – made workers pay the difference. Each employee at the end of every shift, had to pay a percentage of their sales back to their employer, plus \$3 per hour worked. So if a worker hadn't made enough, they had to pay the employer out of their wallet or have it taken out of their paycheck. Welch said 15 workers came forward to report the scheme and filed suit in 2016. But the case would take three years to be settled, because of delay tactics the Kelly's owners, Dennis and Janice Bonfantine used, says Welch. First they said the whole ordinance should be thrown out because it hadn't been placed on the ballot in its entirety, and then the employer tried to file the case in federal court – that was thrown out, too, but that's why it's taken so long for the judge to make this ruling. Under the ordinance, the former Kelly's owners had to pay triple the wages they had withheld, plus attorneys' fees.

7/23/19 New Mexico Close Up Recently a district court judge ruled the former owners of Kelly's Brew Pub and Restaurant unlawfully charged tipped employees a portion of their daily sales to help pay the city's minimum wage. The court found the scheme went on for several years and that a total of 150 workers suffered losses. Stephanie Welch with the NM Center on Law and Poverty notes the ordinance allows employers to pay tipped staff less but it imposes additional requirements on employers who do.

7/24/19 New Mexico Close Up "After spending 26 years at a loom and dye pots, Haufmann has won the Spanish Colonial Arts Society's 2019 Masters Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Haufmann's work will be shown at the Traditional Spanish Market on the Santa Fe Plaza Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28. Visitors can choose from 18 categories of artwork, including weaving, colcha embroidery, straw appliqué, woodwork, tinwork, devotional arts, ironwork, jewelry and pottery.

7/25/19 New Mexico Close Up "Spanish Market will feature younger and older participants this year, as it has for 45 years on the Plaza of the capital city. Each year the sponsors of the market – The Spanish Colonial Arts Society, pays special tribute to the longevity of one Spanish artist.

This year weaver Rita Padilla-Haufmann will receive the Masters Award for Lifetime Achievement; I'll talk to her tomorrow. Today on NMCU, we'll revisit an interview with last year's winner, Los Lunas native Carlos José Otero, who passed away in October.

7/29/19 New Mexico Close Up "Well it's a public recognition of this kind of work. Rita Padilla Haufmann wrapped up her 26th year as a weaver at Spanish Market in Santa Fe over the weekend, and this time she received the event's Masters Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Because there aren't that many who process their own wools, dye with dyes and process and weave with it. There are many who use nat. dyes, but I use Churro, which is the fleece of the sheep that was brought here by the early Spanish.

Padilla Haufmann says the Churro sheep's wool is excellent in quality, with less sticky lanolin. She buys it from farmers who raise the Churro locally, and says it's easy to process. Before dying the fiber, Padilla Haufmann gives it a bath.

I put it in the washing machine and soak it for an hour, and then rinse and rinse and rinse and eventually you come up with this beautiful, fluffy yarn. That fluffy yarn takes her back to the days of her grandparents. While weaving didn't run in her family, her grandpa sheared wool, and he'd bring the excess home, where her grandma prepped and used it for utilitarian purposes. My grandpa would bring home big bags of sheared fleece. and my grandma would card them and then make mattresses, colchones for the family, and that's what they slept on. The legacy of Churro wool, from this year's Spanish Market lifetime achievement award recipient, master weaver Rita Padilla-Haufmann of Tesuque, NM.

7/26/19 New Mexico Close Up When Rita Padilla Haufmann was a teenager, she says she'd go to Indian Market and Spanish Market and she'd be drawn to the textiles. Later she wanted to pursue the craft, but it would have to be a hobby that fit in to her teaching schedule. She taught herself how to weave mostly from books. Padilla Haufmann's wool comes from a particular sheep that has high quality wool, or fleece that is easy to process. But I use Churro, brought to this world from the early Spanish. The breed almost died out because it was bred with other sheep, and when you do that you destroy the fiber. Good quality fiber is key to fine textiles, says Padilla Haufmann, so she buys Churro wool from farmers who also weave. Long before she sits at the loom, though, she spins the wool, using a spinner attached to a wooden bicycle wheel. Spinning is not easy, trick is to spin a consistent line of yarn. And then I make my dyes – the ones from colonial times. There's cochineal, indigo, logwood, brazilwood. And then all the local plants produce yellows, rusts, a range of rainbow colors. Padilla Haufmann says she's honored to have earned the Masters Award for Lifetime Achievement after 26 years of weaving

textiles, including rugs, or jergas. She says shining a light on weaving and someone who spins a specific wool that had almost disappeared, will help preserve the craft for artists who will follow.

7/30/19 New Mexico Close Up Jason Rezaian knows what psychological torture is – he was arrested and kept in an Iranian jail for more than a year and a half on false spy charges, not knowing if he'd ever be released. Rezaian spoke at the Santa Fe Council on International Relations forum last December called Journalism Under Fire, where he talked about the message his imprisonment sent to other reporters.

7/31/19 New Mexico Close Up "A three-year-old partnership between the US Forest Service and the NM Wilderness Alliance is working to keep the state's wilderness areas pristine for visitors. The idea came from Bjorn Fredrickson, Forest Service supervisor for the Santa Fe Nat'l Forest, and Will Ribbans explains the scope of the work. Basically we facilitate the hiring, training, and FS provides workload for voltrs to do monitoring, stewardship and to be a presence on the ground. On our side as a nonprofit, we provide volunteers from our big pool to carry out the wilderness work. Ribbans says some of the work includes minimizing the footprint of fire rings – those rings of large rocks that people form to contain a campfire. Sometimes teams come across several in one area.

Fire rings are acceptable, they're allowed in wilderness areas, but there are rules, including keeping them 50 ft from water and from the trail. Volunteers disperse fire rings that are too close to trails or water, but they clean up and keep in place those that are heavily used. They note the location and description of those fire rings on their smart phones, and then share the data with forestry officials. There are more than 9-million acres of wilderness in the US – land that was designated in the Wilderness Act of 1964. This partnership, says Ribbans, uses manpower from a nonprofit to uphold the goal of the Act -- to protect the wilderness for Americans well into the future. "

8/1/19 New Mexico Close Up "Many people manage to get into our national forests to take in nature now and again, but fewer regularly go into New Mexico's wilderness areas that are far more pristine, and as Will Ribbans of the NM Wilderness Alliance explains, rules there are very different, according to America's Wilderness Act of 1964. Designated wilderness areas a lot more regulations. Leopold went to Gila and said with continued mechanization we're losing last wild areas. So they designated these areas to be primitive, back to your roots. You can't drive, use chainsaws ...very different from normal forest land or BLM land. Ribbans manages the wilderness stewardship program at NM Wilderness Alliance, and he has years of experience walking wilderness trails and gathering data for the US Forest Service. For three years the government agency and the nonprofit have collaborated on a program to maintain wilderness areas encompassed by NM's Lincoln, Carson, Cibola and Santa Fe forests. Wilderness is very special, and it's basically just for primitive travel, and it actually says in the Wilderness Act – a place where humans don't remain at the end of the day. So that's what we're doing is educating people about what designated wilderness is and how it should be managed. The NM Wilderness Alliance recruits volunteers who carry out wilderness projects like placing trail signs and gathering data on species, under the direction of eight rangers.

8/2/19 New Mexico Close Up "The Wilderness Act of 1964 laid out how states must care for the most pristine parts of forest service that are designated wilderness. Will Ribbans describes the boundaries of the joint maintenance venture between the nonprofit NM Wilderness Alliance and the US Forest Service. Right now we have 8 wilderness rangers across 4 forests: Cibola, Lincoln Santa Fe and Carson. Ribbans – a manager with the Wilderness Alliance says the 3-year-old collaborative project ensures NM's wilderness areas get the attention needed by bands of wilderness rangers. We provide this work and also bring volunteers onto the land – it's part of our grant requirement. All rangers are required to engage volunteers. It's a great way to teach people about wilderness protection and stewardship.

And NM's wilderness areas have different needs. Diff forest personnel that our rangers are working with in different forests – different challenges. The Rio Chama wilderness is mostly around the river. The Pecos has 400 miles of trails, where near Socorro/Magdalena has 2 or 3 trails; so very different management and access, you know. Ribbans says the NM Wilderness Alliance has plans for fall projects when he will tap volunteers who so-called solitude monitoring.

8/6/19 New Mexico Close Up Redistricting will take place in 2021, the year after the 2020 Census is completed, and the League of Women Voters is gearing up for it with a plan for public participation beforehand. Spokesman Dick Mason points out that drawing new lines on voter maps will determine potential new districts for state legislative and US Congressional seats.

8/7/19 New Mexico Close Up "Every decade the state redraws Congressional and state boundary lines as a result of the US Census count. Dick Mason says the League of Women Voters is working with the Brennan Center of NY to compile models of redistricting reform from other states. He says a local funding corporation is also referring to models that've worked outside of NM.

8/8/19 When NM's mental health services landscape lost a dozen providers who treated foster children in the state's custody in 2013, some of those kids went without services. Contracts with school districts where they often received counseling help were cut off. But the new leader of the state's Children, Youth & Families Dept. –Brian Blalock--says he is working to rebuild the mental health system for clients. Our goal is to improve these kids' lives, including providing community-based BH services. Blalock says by law foster parent households must get visits at least once a month by his staff at CYFD, to ensure they're getting the help they need. But he adds, the department has to listen and respond more effectively to shore up mental health for foster kids, whose grandmothers who often become their caretakers. That's something we haven't been historically good at in NM. That includes leveraging more money for those households; listening to kinship care providers about what they need from us, and then leveraging those BH services so that youth who've really experienced a lot of trauma can stay there. Blalock says CYFD is thinking more strategically about how it uses its various social services programs for children and youth. With new state revenue estimates even better than last year, Blalock sees a boost in funding for children's mental health as a realistic goal.

8/9/19 New Mexico Close Up "The man who heads the state's child welfare agency doesn't really pause between thoughts about his first few months at the post, but it's probably because

Brian Blalock has a lot to do. One thing, says Blalock, is filling positions that were mostly vacant over the last few years. So when I started in Jan. we had a 24% vacancy rate ...in July we'd gotten that down to 10%. We've hired 65-70 new staff throughout the state. Still hiring, but for the most part we have young, excited folks that are here to do awesome stuff for kids.

A couple of months after those new recruits started working on providing services to children -- from childcare, to juvenile justice, to protecting kids who are abused or neglected -- Blalock brought them together to assure them they'd made the right career choice.

""This job seems really impossible, but hang in there, it's gonna get better. You're still doing incredible things and it's important to focus on that. Q: Is that what you said to yourself when you got here? No, for me, everything I've been working on for the last 25 years has prepared me for this job; I love it. Blalock is an attorney, and he comes to the NM Children, Youth & Families Department from nonprofit work in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he most recently worked with homeless teens. More with CYFD Cabinet Secretary Brian Blalock, next time.

8/12/19 New Mexico Close Up Even though a so-called Databank bill didn't make it through the state legislature this year, officials at NM's Children, Youth & Families Department are looking at other tools to use administratively that will help track kids in the state's child welfare system experiencing abuse or neglect. Cabinet Secretary Brian Blalock explains. We rolled out our Structured Decision-Making Tool in March; like a rubric teachers use to grade exams -- it's similar-- a tool that helps us make objective determinations on child neglect and abuse cases. It also helps w/certain hot-button places where we're trying to make policy changes or hard cases. Like when parent can't stay at home with the parent, but can live w/the grandparent. Traditionally we haven't listened well enough.

Blalock says that Structured Decision-Making tool will help seal cracks that those children can fall through at CYFD. The department added a little more than \$29-million more to its budget than last fiscal year. And one of the new laws Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham signed this year, SB 28, obligates CYFD to make reasonable efforts to find a relative who can be a foster parent and keep the child safe. Over the last few years, the agency's failure to do that has ended in several high-profile cases of child abuse resulting in death.

8/13/19 New Mexico Close Up On the first day of school in most parts of New Mexico, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham named a new state education leader from Philadelphia. Ryan Stewart has worked as a middle-school teacher in east Palo Alto, California, and most recently served at a nonprofit that focuses on improving outcomes for students of color. He also has a doctorate degree in education leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He told reporters at the state capitol why he took the job.

8/14/19 New Mexico Close Up After the domestic terrorism of the last several weeks, communities throughout the country are convening meetings to talk about doing more to protect people. Today NM's Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham is bringing together staff, lawmakers, even an agent of the FBI will brief attendees about risks facing New Mexicans. Lujan Grisham says she wants to discuss all facets and causes of the violence.

8/15/19 New Mexico Close Up A bill that would have ordered weapons be surrendered by residents whom a court has deemed to be a danger to themselves or others never got past a Senate committee in this year's legislative session. But Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham told reporters after a news conference this week that it will be introduced again. She notes, though that she doesn't expect it to be much different than the last bill.

8/16/19 New Mexico Close Up A month ago, Mary Parr-Sanchez was sworn in as the president of NEA NM, one of two unions for educators and support staff in the state. The NEA represents 70 out of 89 school districts, including Santa Fe and Las Cruces. That's where Parr-Sanchez has taught school and became active in the union she heads today.

8/19/19 New Mexico Close Up The teacher evaluations and public schools grading system used by former Gov. Susana Martinez's administration was not popular among educators over the last eight years. Many cheered when current governor Michelle Lujan Grisham got rid of them right after taking office. New ways of checking progress are being developed, and the new president of a teachers union says it's a breath of fresh air. Mary Parr-Sanchez takes a look back.

8/20/19 New Mexico Close Up Judging teachers based on the scores their students earn on tests became the norm under Gov. Susana Martinez. But teachers said it was a faulty system. Mary Parra-Sanchez – veteran teacher turned union president, agrees.

8/21/19 New Mexico Close Up Community schools are being piloted in several parts of NM. The state is ranked consistently at or near the bottom of child well-being surveys, and community schools provides an array of services including health exams and extra meals at schools with a large population of families living in poverty. Former teacher and newly elected union boss Mary Parr-Sanchez had this to say about the program to critics who think schools are only for learning the three R's.

8/22/19 New Mexico Close Up Kids who go to school or go home from school hungry need a meal to improve their well-being, and in NM more than 800 schools provide breakfast and lunch. But in some communities poverty is serious enough to hand out dinners as well. Mary Parr-Sanchez taught at a Las Cruces school and supports the community school idea that provides after class activities and meals at a neighboring community school, Lynn Middle School.

8/23/19 New Mexico Close Up K-through-5 Plus is a voluntary program that adds days to the school year. Through that extra classroom time, studies show, the gap between kids with challenges and others gets smaller. NEA union boss Mary Parr-Sanchez says it's a great tool, but teachers need time to plan for more schooling in the summer.

8/26/19 New Mexico Close Up "Tucked away on a 1-1/2 acre parcel of prime Santa Fe real estate just east of Interstate-25, is Reyes Farms, where it's feeding time for a dozen alpacas. Deborah and Duane Reyes' day begins at dawn, forking out hay for their 10 Alpacas, who await their meal with quiet anticipation. It all began several years ago, when Duane gave Deborah an Alpaca for her birthday.

8/27/19 New Mexico Close Up "When I arrive at Reyes Farms as the sun is rising on a recent morning, I'm greeted by two Great Pyreneese puppies who resemble St. Bernards. Deborah

Reyes describes the group of alpacas the dogs are here to protect. Describe number, type of Alpacas.

The alpacas, whose roots extend all the way to the Andes in South America, all have names, and Deborah and husband Duane both nod in agreement about their love for these noble animals. Besides being companions to the retired couple, the alpacas' silky soft wool is sheared in late springtime and then sent out for processing in Kansas.

8/27/19 New Mexico Close Up "You can hear the hum of traffic on Interstate 25, close to Reyes Farms, inside Santa Fe's city limits. And tending to the small herd of alpacas I met this week are kind of a hobby for Duane and Deborah Reyes.

And on the other side of this 1-1/2 acre stretch of land, under the watchful eye of two caramel-colored rescue dogs who keep out predators, are the Reyes's prized chickens. It's a brood that has grown since Duane built the coop four years ago.

8/29/19 New Mexico Close Up "This week we've been talking with the owners of Reyes Farms, plunked right in the middle of Santa Fe, where they raise alpacas and a variety of chickens whose eggs are laid in a rainbow of colors. Deborah notes she and husband Duane take care of 160 chickens, with chicks they bring in every year. And then we have some we're going to introduce in a week or two. They are separated here, so they don't get hen-pecked, which happens a lot with the smaller chickens, but they're almost ready to join the gen. population.

you know we do a slow introduction, usually at night when they're getting ready to go to sleep, so they don't get upset by the newcomers, and by morning, they're usually integrated.

8/30/19 New Mexico Close Up "Just a few months ago intelligence expert and former spy Valerie Plame spoke at a conference of journalists, sponsored by the SF Council on Int'l Relations. Plame was a senior level CIA agent when she was outed and her career was over. Shortly thereafter she and her family moved to New Mexico. Now she has entered the race for the US Congress to represent northern and eastern parts of the state. Before becoming a politician, though, she shared her thoughts about the intelligence community to which she had dedicated her career.

9/2/19 New Mexico Close Up Teaching students about their national forests will be the focus of a live internet broadcast coming up in November. The virtual fieldtrip aims to educate and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Smokey Bear wildfire prevention campaign.

9/3/19 New Mexico Close Up Remember school assemblies where students learned about a topic through a film displayed on a screen in the gym or auditorium? Group learning has changed a lot since then. Today kids can tune into a presentation through the internet in the classroom or on their cell phones. The general manager of NM PBS in Albuquerque, Franz Joachim says his station is joining with other public TV to teach young people about wildfires through a webinar featuring Smokey Bear.

9/4/19 New Mexico Close Up Regis Pecos has worked on behalf of Native American issues for decades, and his smile never faded when Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham signed the bill creating

NM's first Early Childhood & Care Department. I spoke with him in March about NM's pueblo leaders involvement from the beginning.

9/5/19 New Mexico Close Up Families living in poverty were relieved to learn at a hearing recently that the state agency that provides childcare assistance while they work or attend school, won't be making it harder for them to qualify for help.

9/6/19 New Mexico Close Up NM's Center on Law and Poverty says that only about 1/3 of eligible families are enrolled in the state's childcare assistance program, and that's mostly because they can't afford the copays. NM's Children, Youth & Families Department licenses and oversees the state's childcare centers, and it pays those centers a subsidy to cover care for about 28,000 children of low-income families, at a current cost of \$139-million. To qualify, family income can be up to 200% of the poverty level. Brian Blalock, secretary of CYFD, says although the agency was considering lowering the income cap to 160% of poverty, staff found the money to allow more families to get help.

9/9/19 New Mexico Close Up Ever since federal law changed and hemp became a legal crop, farmers have been jumping in to get a piece of the action that has quadrupled in the last year. Brad Lewis is the hemp program administrator at NM State University.

9/10/19 New Mexico Close Up This week we're taking a peek inside NM's newest industry, hemp cultivation and manufacturing. For the first time, farmers across the state are getting ready to harvest 7500 acres of hemp and send it out for processing. Brad Lewis oversees the growth of seedlings and the so-called "grows" that farmers are nurturing before a handful of processors and manufacturers will turn the stalks and leaves into consumer goods.

9/11/19 New Mexico Close Up Obstacles in the way of NM's nascent hemp industry have been minimal in the nine months since rules have been written and licenses sold to grow and process the cannabis plant. That's according to the man in charge of overseeing part of the program, Brad Lewis of the state's agriculture department. It's been an exciting time, says Lewis, with a lot of his staff working overtime to meet the demands of establishing a burgeoning industry.

9/12/19 New Mexico Close Up Before 1937, the industrial hemp industry was thriving, with paper and a variety of other products being made. But the federal government outlawed it, until last December when it was deemed legal again. At about the same time, NM legislators got a court to overturn the previous governor's veto of a hemp bill and began writing rules and selling licenses. This past spring farmers planted seedlings and now they're getting ready to pick their first plants. But some will have to send out their harvest for processing because only five have set up shop so far, but as Brad Lewis of the state's agriculture department says, that part of the business has grown fast.

9/13/19 New Mexico Close Up Farmers in NM who have traditionally grown alfalfa on their land have been able to sell it for about \$800 an acre, or twice that for two annual harvests. But state agriculture officials predict sales of hemp could bring in \$20,000 an acre, once it becomes a commodity crop. Brad Lewis oversees the budding industry at the state agriculture department, and he describes how the first commercial crops are about to be harvested.

9/14/19 New Mexico Close Up NM's government and educational workers get a pension for their years of service, but lawmakers are considering changes to plans in order to avoid running out of money in the future. The same scenario is playing out with a separate program that covers healthcare costs for those retirees. Recently a legislative panel heard from the director of the state's Retiree Health Care Authority, David Archuleta about what options exist to shore up the fund. Representative Phelps Anderson, a Roswell Republican asked when the Legislature must step up to increase employee and employer contributions to the healthcare program.

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9/17/19 New Mexico Close Up Beginning October 2 NM's Healthcare Authority will be touring the state, offering health plan changes and talking about next year's planned increase in the minimum age for those benefits, called subsidies. The changes affect most of the roughly 64-thousand retired government and school workers who get help with their healthcare.

9/18/19 New Mexico Close Up Major wildfires have been burning in South America, and in the US states of Alaska and the west this summer, but NM for the most part has been spared. As Julie Anne Overton, spokesperson for the Santa National Forest, says, crews have even been able to use a lightning-sparked fire in NE NM to reduce the risk of a large blaze.

9/19/19 New Mexico Close Up New Mexico saw some smoke lingering on the horizon from prescribed burns and a couple of minor forest fires, but it was a pretty quiet season this year. Just seven years ago the Las Conchas blaze that burned 150 thousand acres showed NM what a catastrophic fire looks like. Fire managers with the US Forest Service have learned lessons from those mega-fires, and they've worked with teams nationwide to share resources and reduce risk. Julie Anne Overton is a forest spokesperson.

9/20/19 New Mexico Close up Fire managers have drafted a long-term plan for management of several forests in NM, and residents are now in the process of giving their input on it. Once feedback is incorporated, the plan will guide what happens across six counties and 1.6 million acres in the northern part of the state. Julie Anne Overton says the other two forests in southern NM are still working on a draft for the Gila and the Lincoln that will be released later.

9/23/19 New Mexico Close Up Born and raised in Albuquerque, behind del Norte HS. That's Albuquerque Mayor and St. Pius Alum, Tim Keller. When I asked him in a 2018 interview at what age he got interested in civics and maybe becoming a leader for New Mexicans, he went way back. Early on I was interested in our city in grade school. People remember his story, into city govt and mayor – watched CSPAN even when I was a little kid– weird, I know. But it was in HS when I thought I wanted to go into public service and thought it would be great if the state legislature or mayor worked out, and fortunately both have. Mayor Keller's website describes his

career as one in which he has “consistently challenged the status quo.” He points out some of his experience as a Democrat, doing that. One example – standing up to entrenched ideas, he says, like in his own neighborhood in SE Albuquerque, and beyond. Then up in the legislature going after things like tax reform where you upset both sides. Against govt. corruption – boards, state investment council, financing and all these issues, and that all had to do with going after entrenched power. That really helped me cut my chops for what I later did as auditor. Since his election in 2016, Keller says his police department has caught up with processing of rape kits after years of neglect; just one of the issues facing the mayor of NM’s largest city of more than half-a-million people.

9/24/19 New Mexico Close Up The students in the astronomy program at St. John’s College in Santa Fe just got a gift that is truly one of a kind from alumni of the liberal arts college. It’s called an equatorial armillary sphere that the class of 2004 wanted to give the school as a senior class gift. Tutor emeritus Bill Donahue consulted on the project, and he picks up the story of the students’ original idea. Let’s have an armillary sphere – a big one - made for the college, to serve as both as a sculpture and as a tool that can be used for actual observations in our astronomy curriculum. The stainless steel scientific instrument was designed and built by world-renowned artist and craftsman David Harber. The nearly 10-foot tall instrument looks like a giant skeleton of a world globe, with a tilted equator attached to an axis that points to the Heavens. Donahue describes the original astronomy tool that came before the telescope and could measure the positions of stars and planets. This was patterned after an armillary sphere that was designed and built by Tyco Brahe in around 1590 in Denmark. He had his own island with two observatories on it, off in the Baltic Straits, there, near Copenhagen, and he made these extraordinary instruments, he wanted to make the best instruments that had ever been made.

9/25/19 New Mexico Close Up St. John’s College in Santa Fe offers degree programs in liberal arts, and this month the school unveiled a gift from alumni in the astronomy program that took years to recreate. It’s called an armillary sphere, and tutor emeritus Bill Donahue says this scientific instrument is the only one of its kind that 16th century astronomers used to measure planets and stars before the invention of the telescope. It kind of set the stage for the use of the telescope in refining what Kepler had been able to establish using this instrument. The 9-ft tall surgical stainless steel structure shaped like a giant world globe, is both a teaching tool and a work of art that replicates the creation of inventor Tyco Brahe and the work of planetary astronomer Johannes Kepler. He used the armillary sphere to prove that not all planetary orbits are circular, some are oblong. So you can get a position of a star – it’s got a degree scale along the equator, which is calibrated to a 60th of a degree, and then we’ve got the same thing on the declination circle that measures how far you are, so you can in principle get the position of anything in the heavens with this. Yeah, it’s not just a gift to the student body, but I think to the world. I think there are going to be scholars coming to Santa Fe to actually use this instrument. Nobody has been able to do these measurements for 300 years or more.

9/26/19 New Mexico Close Up Almost one-quarter of NM’s children live in high-poverty neighborhoods. The Annie E. Casey Foundation focuses on children’s issues in its national philanthropy, and Associate Director Scot Spencer says poor children face higher hurdles. I think some of the story behind the data actually highlights when kids are living in neighborhoods

with concentrated poverty – the things that keep them from succeeding – where they don't have equal access to quality schools, or their parents don't have access to quality jobs, or they don't live near groc. stores where they can buy healthy food. NM's Voices for Children advocacy group says those high-poverty areas are identified in Census data as having 30% or more of low-income residents. They note the federal poverty level is just over \$21-thousand for a family of three. The Foundation's Scot Spencer says Hispanic, Native American and Black children are more likely than whites to live in concentrated poverty. And it's nothing new. In the snapshot we actually point out these racialized policies and practices – yrs ago and more recently that are contributing factors to this wide gap, and that govts might want to take a look at their policies and practices for the unintended consequences of them exacerbating the racial disparities that exist. In NM, Voices for Children says, three-quarters of children are kids of color.

9/27/19 New Mexico Close Up Three-quarters of NM's children are Hispanic, Native American and black, and children's advocacy groups reported this week that these kids are more likely to live in high-poverty neighborhoods than their white peers. In fact, 24-percent of the state's kids live in poor areas. Scot Spencer is with the Annie E. Casey Foundation that collects the data, and he says there are several causes of poverty, but solutions must come from government AND businesses. It is not simply a state, local or federal govt thing. They can work in tandem; industry should be just as involved in finding sector-based employment opportunities; and that there's a role for larger employers like hospitals, universities in how they procure contracts and how they hire people. That cooperation among public and private sectors will have the greatest impact in the fight against poverty, says Spencer. He adds, another solution is ending discrimination in housing and elsewhere. Eliminating discrimination in "ban the box" whether on housing applications or college applications. Some colleges ask re criminal history. Those things stop people from applying in the first place. In addition, there are other solutions including job training. This year NM lawmakers passed a law that bars employers from asking if an applicant has a criminal record. NM is also expanding the number of school-based health centers; a move child advocates say will help their well-being.

9/30/19 New Mexico Close Up Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's Census Commission has been meeting to coming up with a plan to get New Mexicans accurately counted in next year's census. At a news 10/3/19 New Mexico Close Up "Not since 1992 have there been so many cases of measles reported in the United States – 1243 thru September according to the Centers for Disease Control – and that's troubling for healthcare providers like Dr. Alex Tsi-jan-ovich, a member of the NM Pediatric Society. Only one child has contracted measles in NM. But the doctor says 9 out of 10 people coming into contact with an infected person very likely will get the disease themselves if they haven't been vaccinated, and it can lead to other problems.

Commonly measles associated w/rash, runny nose, but it can lead to encephylitis – inflammation of the brain that can result in perm. Brain damage. Also 1 or 2/1000 kids will die from complications, ie lung disease. So it's not a benign disease, and we have a safe vaccine to prevent it.

But, Dr. Tsi-jan-ovich says, misinformation about vaccines has been debunked, and she tells her patients not to worry.

The measles vaccine's been around a long time and studies and data prove its efficacy. I feel comfortable telling patients it's safe. There have been stories that it causes autism, but those claims have been debunked and there is no connection between the vaccine and autism. So I feel comfortable assuring people it's the safest way to protect their kids from the measles virus.

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10/4/19 New Mexico Close Up "Dr. Alex Tsi-jan-ovich advocates for vaccinations, particularly for children from birth to 19 years old. As a pediatrician, Tsi-jan-ovich says she has seen a drop over the last few years in parents who get their children immunized, especially those who home-school their kids and who may opt out of vaccinations because of personal or religious beliefs.

Some people feel if they keep their kids at home and risk of exposure is low. Others feel vaccines are altogether unnecessary, that these are natural diseases and that we need to develop our own immunity. My concerns there are that there are a lot of dangerous things in nature and here are some diseases we can actually protect our children against.

Some of the diseases Dr. Tsi-jan-ovich urges patients to vaccinate against include measles, influenza, meningitis and the human papilloma virus – a fairly new vaccine for teenagers, known as the HPV vaccine.

Which protects against several different strains of the HPV virus, which cause cervical, oral cancers, genital cancers and penile cancers in men. These are vaccines I spend a lot of time talking to my teens about that, so as to maximize their protection.

According to the World Health Organization as of 2017, 71 countries provide the HPV vaccine, at least for girls. The state health dept. has a new app that lets parents see their kids' immunization records online, called "Vaxview."

10/7/19 New Mexico Close Up "A group of more than a dozen professionals who deal with children experiencing abuse and neglect met recently to brainstorm on systemic changes to improve outcomes for those kids.

The task force evolved from a joint memorial lawmakers passed this year. The members' goal is to improve the structure of the child welfare system and incorporate best practices already in place. The group's chairwoman is District Court Judge from SW NM, Jennifer DeLaney.

One of the nice things we do have is early appointment of attorneys, so as soon as a case is filed, attorneys are immediately appointed for parents and children. That is a best practice, I'm proud to say we have that in NM and we intend to keep it.

Judge DeLaney noted, though, that attorneys often have caseloads that are bursting at the seams.

For a long time we've had a large number of dedicated attorneys who don't work in corporate law firms where they could make four times what they make here, because they know how important this work is. But they shouldn't have to give up a decent salary to work in this area; so we want to look at adequate compensation.

What's more, said DeLaney at the first meeting of the task force at the State Capitol recently, those attorneys need help with those heavy caseloads – more than 2,000 cases are currently pending.

So we need to have a system in which attorneys receive support staff, general support and oversight from outside the court itself.

Judge DeLaney several times in the meeting came back to the language in the joint memorial, that high-quality legal representation leads to better long-term outcomes for children involved in the court system.

10/3/19 New Mexico Close Up "More than 2,000 cases of child abuse and neglect are pending in NM's courts right now, and at the same time, child welfare experts are talking about how to best serve those clients. A joint memorial passed this year created a task force made up of attorneys and others who advocate for children. Facilitator Mary Anne Shaening talked to task force members about the federal Families First program aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect.

Fam. First CYFD will eventually provide services for 12 months, so long as certain parameters are in place.

But the head of NM's Children Youth and Families Dept., Brian Blalock made clear his disapproval of the program, saying it's wrong for NM.

The Fams First Act has been bad for NM and has been an empty promise for us for sometime. I'd be happy to talk to anyone about it. States who opted into to the ACA are seeing that we won't see benefit, and instead will see harm.

Blalock said the state is hopeful that federal legislation to be introduced soon will enable professionals involved with abuse and neglect cases in the courts to uphold the rights of both children and parents.

10/10/19 New Mexico Close Up "The US Interior Dept. secretary visited the state this week to attend an annual meeting of the NM Oil and Gas Industry in Santa Fe. Following his speech to the group, David Bernhardt spoke to NM Close-Up, promising to follow President Donald Trump's wishes to develop the nation's energy resources on federal lands.

He has put a strong premium on ensuring that we have a good conservation legacy, but that we also develop responsibly our energy resources in this country.

President Trump has undone President Barak Obama's orders protecting some US public lands from development or public access. But Bernhardt says the Interior Dept. has taken into consideration the wishes of anglers and hunters when swapping properties.

We certainly want to make sure that when we acquire property, we do it in a way that enhances its public access value. We want to make sure that we evaluate any exchanges that we make for their potential loss or gain of public access. We believe that public access and recreation are very important components, and so when we acquire property we factor that into our decision.

Under the Trump presidency, federally protected lands totaling about 400-thousand acres have shrunk more than ever, according to PBS. Bernhardt announced earlier this year that the Bureau of Land Management under his authority would prevent oil and gas development within 10 miles of Chaco Canyon for one year, but he won't say what might happen after that. Bernhardt took over the public lands oversight agency in January after his predecessor resigned.

10/11/19 New Mexico Close Up During his confirmation hearings for US Secretary of the Interior Dept., David Bernhardt got a thumbs down from environmental groups who said he wasn't best-suited to lead the agency overseeing almost half a billion acres of public lands, because he had had a long career representing oil and gas company interests. Nonetheless Senators confirming him six months ago, and this week Bernhardt said he's raised the bar for ethics at his agency.

The first thing I'd say is that I fundamentally came to serve the Am. People; I take my ethical responsibilities incredibly seriously; I rigorous in my ethical compliance and I came to work for the people and this president and I brought a skill set with a great deal of expertise, understanding, and I've actually strengthened the dept's ethics program in ways that are completely unprecedented.

Bernhardt previously worked under President GW Bush, and Trump named him to succeed his previous pick, Ryan Zinke, who resigned amidst investigations into his ethical behavior. The 50-year old Bernhardt – a native of Colorado – told NM Close Up that he's hired dozens of ethics workers at Interior – though he didn't define what an ethics worker is. He said he owns no stock in the oil and gas industry and has no conflicts.

And can you assure people that your conflicts in the past have not permeated your current work? I've been rigorous in my responsibilities and have complied with any obligations I have in that regard. (segue) So we did some things that were different, and we've complied with the law.

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, speaking during a brief visit to New Mexico this week.

10/15/19 New Mexico Close Up "Elections officers around the US are trying to strengthen their voting systems to prevent any intrusions in elections. New Mexico's Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver says since 2018 states have been working closely with the US Dept of Homeland Security and with Congress to assure voters of the integrity of their ballots. And, she says, early voting that began last week, is becoming more popular.

It began in 2002, and it's become very popular. Most go to polls before election day; most use early voting. It's become bigger, better and more convenient. It's still hard for people living in rural parts of the state, though.

Toulouse Oliver says the state has had no major issues with elections, in part because of paper ballots that replaced electronic machines more than a decade ago, but, she adds, improvements are always being made to update security.

We can always go back and re-create an election with those paper ballots and so we have lots of safeguards in place – we have a very resilient system. That said, we're taking steps to keep hardening the system and make sure we are ready.

In fact, says the secretary of state, when it comes to elections, NM is leading the way.

Some states still use electronic ballots, so NM is ahead of the game, we've used paper ballots since '06, auditing since 2010. Proud we as a state saw into the future and made sure we had our ducks in a row long before this particular concern arose in the national mindset.

Citizens can still register to vote at early voting sites. The website [NMVOTE.org](http://NMVOTE.org) has more information

10/16/19 New Mexico Close Up "When she began her judicial career, Supreme Court Justice Barbara Vigil was elected as a northern NM District Court judge, covering Rio Arriba, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties. In that capacity, Vigil heard hundreds of cases of child abuse and neglect in her courtroom, as she outlined in a recent interview with NM Close-Up.

So that was 19 and a half years ago I served as children's and family court judge for 10 years in Santa Fe, covering northern NM and addressing the needs of families and children during that time. I joined the Supreme Ct. in 2012 and so I've also been involved in improving the ways in which we address the issues that present themselves in our district courts in NM.

The problems are multi-dimensional and it's incumbent on the judiciary to exam ways that case processing can help the system and more efficiently address the problems that present themselves to judges. We try to find ways of better serving the public hearing, disposing the cases to make sure children and families have the services that they need.

Judge Barbara Vigil's interest in children's issues brought her to a recent Family Representation Task Force meeting at the state capitol, called to improve outcomes for children in crisis. Vigil said she was heartened by the quality of task force members and their passion for improving children's lives.

10/17/19 New Mexico Close Up "When former Governor Susana Martinez's administration falsely accused 15 nonprofit behavioral healthcare providers of fraud and put many of them out of business, school-based services that helped kids with behavioral problems ended. Under current Governor MLG, those school-based health centers are opening up again, and child advocates like Supreme Court Justice Barbara J. Vigil say it's a huge step.

I cannot express more support for the gov's vision to reach out and provide medical care and healthcare and mental healthcare in school sites; because that's where kids are during the day and it's the primary site to reaching out and being able to reach families and children who present problems and issues with respect to their health and behavioral issues.

According to the NM Dept. of Health website, 70 school-based health centers now serve students in middle and high school who need behavioral health services. DOH says it plans to expand early intervention programs at schools, and Justice Vigil – who served as a children & family court judge for 10 years in northern NM - says the state is making strides.

We have a culture of cooperation in this state that enables us to accomplish great things. So I'm very excited about being a part of a system of government that reaches across not only party lines but agency lines to say, 'how do we solve problems? Can we work together?' And I think that's the only way we can make fundamental change and improvements in our system of service.

10/1/19 New Mexico Close Up "On a recent autumn day in Santa Fe, 22 armed forces veterans were interred at the Veterans National Cemetery with full honors. They were saluted by hundreds of people, and the boxes containing their cremated remains were carefully placed together on a table, surrounded by fluttering flags.

Amidst tears of sorrow, Lt. Governor Howie Morales gave the eulogy for these 17 men and 5 women who died alone.

Howie: and it's an honor to be with you today, as we lay to rest, the souls of 22 military service members, who upon their deaths went unclaimed by any family member, friend, or just an acquaintance.

Mourner Carol O'Keefe of Albuquerque has family buried here, and she and her husband Ken wanted to extend their condolences to these forgotten heroes.

Carol: For me, it's hard to imagine that no one knows them or that they had no family members here today, so that's what teared me up. I wanted to come and honor these people who'd been forgotten, and it was important for me to be here and do that today.

The Forgotten Heroes program started in Bernalillo County; now all 32 counties participate.

10/2/19 New Mexico Close Up "Several hundred people turned out at the Santa Fe National Cemetery last Thursday, to give a final salute to 22 armed services veterans laid to rest with full military honors. Maggie Hart-Stebbens chairs the Bernalillo County Commission, and says the so-called "Forgotten Heroes" program started ten years ago as a way to honor vets who had no one else to bury them.

I think all americans have respect and gratitudde for individuals who serve in our armed forces, and at Bern. County we particularly we want to pay respects to our veterans who died indigent, because for one reason or another they served our country in one way or another and yet, they died with nobody to care for them and give them a proper burial. So we believe it's our privilege to be able to do that.

Diane Chavez is the special projects coordinator at Bernalillo County, who works with the state Dept. of Veterans' Services to bring the vets' remains to the National Cemetery, and she says the process is long and thorough. Staff searches records of each veteran to find their social security number, plus any family they might've had, and then each county keeps the veteran's cremated remains for one year. And, she says, that time is often stretched out until all leads are exhausted.

If you notice some of the dates of death – we're talking about a 2016, even a 2012, so we're talking about a longer process. We do hold on to their cremains for one year, so family has a

chance to claim them and then after a year, the county has decided we would have a ceremony for them and be their family.

The American flag was held over the vets' cremated remains by honor guards as Lt. Gov Howie Morales gave the eulogy and prayers were recited.

10/18/19 New Mexico Close Up 10/18/19 "As the state legislature streams more of its proceedings on the worldwide web, the NM State Supreme Court is approaching the same level of transparency. Supreme Court Justice Barbara J. Vigil spoke with NMCU about putting proceedings online, and she says she's all for sunshine on the state's highest court.

I can't tell you how much that would be beneficial to the judiciary and the public. For years we've looked at live streaming our oral arguments in the NM supreme court. It's been a challenge because of technology and broadband not being adequate. So we continue to try to explore ways that we can provide the infrastructure to bring at least live streaming of our oral arguments to our citizens across the state who might not be able to come to Santa Fe and be physically present in the courtroom.

Cameras and other recording equipment have been banned from federal courtrooms since the 1940s under a court rule. According to [uscourts.gov](http://uscourts.gov), in the '90s, the rules were changed so that judges could allow recording of ceremonial proceedings, and today the US Supreme Court releases audiotapes of its oral arguments and opinions, but only three federal courts allow radio and TV recording if the judge allows it. State court judges also have discretion to permit taping in NM. Justice Vigil says she stands behind the idea of streaming and other means of providing electronic access to Supreme Court proceedings in NM.

At the state capitol, cameras and recorders are allowed in committee and subcommittee hearings, and although audio and video streaming can sometimes be spotty, public access to lawmakers' business has improved significantly over the past few years.

10/24/19 New Mexico Close Up "The federal Violence Against Women Act is up for reauthorization this year, and Congressional District #1 Representative Debra Haaland said in an interview with NMCU earlier this year that she strongly supports it. She also is happy to see Native American women added to the law, and says they need support for speaking up when they become targets.

We need to just make sure that we are doing everything we can to protect these women. Many times when they are assaulted their children are present, and we have to stop this circle of violence, and I'm going to do everything I can to make sure I have a part in that.

Since the "MeToo" movement happened, I feel like more and more women are speaking out – they're unafraid. We need to make sure we're protecting those women when they do speak out. This is the thing – we need to spend more money, as a society and as a country.

Part of the problem with violence against women in general and native women in particular, says Haaland, is a lack of information-sharing among agencies that could help solve cases. She

pointed to the murder of Savanna Greywind, a pregnant native woman from North Dakota who was murdered in 2017.

It's almost like we haven't gotten to the bottom of how we remedy this situation. Savannah's Act in the Senate, Sen. Heidi Heidcamp intro'd that bill last year, and that is to share data, to communicate better between law enforcement agencies and I think that's a start, but there's a lot more that needs to be done.

10/29/19 New Mexico Close Up "Shortly before the 19th amendment to the US Constitution was ratified in 1920— and made possible by the women's suffragist movement -- the League of Women Voters was formed. Women fought for 72 years and endured beatings and jail along the way to securing the right to vote.

You can see the League's Voter Guide in several New Mexico communities, and spokesperson Janet Blair says online users will find it a convenient way to learn about the candidates and the issues in this locally-focused election.

It's interactive, so you can go to LWVNM.org and put in your address, zip code, etc and your ballot and candidates will pop up and you will see information about those candidates and the issues on that ballot.

The League says by placing the issues and candidate positions online, more voters can access information in their local races for school board, city council, and community college board members. And there are bond initiatives, too.

So there'll be a lot of people interested in voting – perhaps even for the first time. So getting good information to these voters about candidates and issues is crucial to the League of Women Voters – it's what we do.

NM's Secretary of State website shows that more than 68,500 people voted early in NM's communities through last Saturday, and 1429 took advantage of same day registration – that's new this year. And the League of Women voter guide is online, at: LWVNM.org.

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Protective services social workers can have 30 or more cases on their desk at one time, making it hard to devote adequate time to help ailing children and their families.

Blalock said because some programs previously housed at CYFD are moving to the new Early Childhood Department, CYFD's budget request for next year is lower, at \$240-million. Of that amount, Blalock says \$12.2 million is for mental health treatment for children and youth

10/21/19 New Mexico Close Up "With a majority of Democrats at the state capitol, the nonprofit Common Cause organization this year saw several of its favored issues become law. NM Close-Up spoke with executive director Heather Ferguson about those victories, including the passage of same-day voter registration. She explains why larger cities will be ready to implement it by next year, while some communities will need more time.

Some of the technology in some of our rural counties have been lagging behind in terms of having real-time voter roll access, and so they need to have their technology updated so that when folks are trying to do same-day registration in those areas, those folks will be able to access info and register those folks to vote. So some areas won't be ready until 2021, but we feel that a majority of places will be ready by 2020.

Voters who live in the state's larger cities and missed the deadline at the beginning of this month can already register up until November 2d at their county clerk's office for the upcoming election that's in a couple of weeks.

Typically with these more local elections: school boards, bonds, city council are lower voter turnout elections. But I think what we'll see and are seeing is that folks are becoming aware that early voting has started, that the election is coming up and this is exactly why we wanted to have

registration go until three days before an election, so those folks who are just realizing will have an opportunity to get registered and go vote.

Early voting is underway all over the state now through November 2d. Heather Ferguson is the head of Common Cause NM.

10/28/19 New Mexico Close Up "Dr. Marty Makary has written several books about America's healthcare system from his vantage point as a physician. He spoke with NMCU about growing up watching his dad practice, and the love and admiration people gave him made Makary want to become a doc as well.

Well there's an incredible heritage of a public trust with the med. Profession that is awesome. I mean people will trust me as a dr. to put a knife to their skin just because of that public trust ...but it's being eroded by the predatory billing and price gouging. (:12) Look, we can have the cure for cancer, but if people don't trust us to come into our hospitals and get treated, those cures are no good, and right now we have a serious trust problem, a crisis.

Makary talks about that trust crisis in his new book, called "The Price We Pay," noting that healthcare has become a bubble. He explains.

Last year healthcare became largest biz in US, not sure that's good. It is now a bloated, 3.5 trillion dollar economy that consumes almost half of all federal spending – it's out of control. If airlines billed us after the flight, and didn't show prices on travel sites, there would be price gouging all over the place, and a lot of stakeholders are getting rich right now – a lot of them are, except one, the patient.

More with Dr. Marty Makary, tomorrow, including the price gouging he found at a hospital in Carlsbad.

10/29/19 New Mexico Close Up "A Johns Hopkins surgeon who advocates for patients wants them to take charge of the US healthcare system and demand fair pricing; and he has some ideas that people can use to change the paradigm. Dr. Marty Makary's book called "The Price We Pay" chronicles his investigation into price gouging at hospitals owned by conglomerates. Makary says three areas are at the core of the problem:

Three things we have to get at: Inappropriate care, Middle management and pricing failures. That's the root issue of our cost crisis.

Besides price gouging, Dr. Makary places some of the blame on doctors themselves who earn money from manufacturers on the procedures they perform. Some procedures are unnecessary.

More patient advocates like Makary are urging patients to question whether every procedure is truly necessary. Another way to healthcare costs says Makary, is by using online pricing tools. pps like MD Save.com is changing billing model.

10/30/19 New Mexico Close Up Dr. Marty Makary has devoted an entire chapter of his book on healthcare pricing, to what he found at the Carlsbad Medical Center. It's the town's only hospital, and Markary soon discovered most of the residents of Carlsbad had been sued by the

medical center, and most of them got their wages garnished to pay off the exorbitant bills. He describes one patient's story in his book, "The Price We Pay."

Jennifer had kid with disability, and her child spent a week in the ICU from an infection she got through an IV she was given at the hospital ER— in other words the hospital was at fault. She got a huge bill, was sued to have her wages garnished. I went to Carlsbad and started talking to folks and they said everybody gets sued by the hospital – the only local one in town.

The doctor describes Jennifer and the other patients having to pay for lawsuits brought by the hospital, sometimes in the tens of thousands of dollars, in addition to what their insurance companies had already paid for their procedures.

And as I started to dig deeper I found out this hospital, owned by a corporation in Tennessee, owns about 100 hospitals around the country and they're doing it all over.

Makary said his research showed patients at those hospitals owned by conglomerate Community Health Systems were charged double or more what Johns Hopkins and other top hospitals would charge. In Carlsbad patients were encouraged to drive to a hospital in Roswell about an hour away, for fairer pricing. More about the horror stories Dr. Makary heard, next time.

10/31/19 New Mexico Close Up "When a city has just one hospital, people who trust in their care feel obligated to pay whatever they're charged. John Hopkins University surgeon and author Marty Makary saw the shocking effects first-hand in southern NM.

We met so many people in Carlsbad who'd been overcharged; never been given an itemized bill; charged for complications that weren't their fault; and taken to court in Carlsbad. By the way, when we went there we found most of the employees had been sued or their family had been sued. They said 90% of their civil cases are suits by the hospital. The courthouse there has been converted to a collection agency funded by taxpayers. It's ridiculous; we need to get back to the basics of taking care of patients w/out any distinction of their ability to pay and restore medicine back to its mission.

Makary's book, "The Price We Pay," notes he's been talking to the Carlsbad hospital's corporate owner, Community Health Systems, urging more transparency and fair pricing, and he urges patients to assert themselves.

One of the great secrets in healthcare is that bills are highly negotiable before, during and after care. Just like people demanded nutrition labels on food, demand a price when you go for elective care. Ask a couple of hospitals about a price. Some are good about prices. You can check on website for going market prices like Fairhealth.org, or healthcarebluebook.com. And then negotiate when you get these bills, and don't be afraid to go to your doctor. Because your doctor, Makary says, can be your best healthcare advocate

11/6/19 New Mexico Close Up Animal shelters around New Mexico struggle to cover costs as they care for dogs, cats, ferrets, and bunnies that are brought in every day. Dr. Jennifer Steketeer runs the Santa Fe Animal Shelter, where about 5,000 lost pets and loose-running critters are checked out, spayed and neutered every year. She looks back on how shelters in the US evolved.

It's been a long process. Homeless animals were euthanized back about 80 years ago. So homeless animals wandered around fending for themselves. They were sick and if they were injured, no one was around to help them.

Those homeless cats and dogs faced a bleak future, because services and money were scarce. Until a few years ago, Santa Fe's shelter also had a policy of putting down some homeless animals, but as Dr. Steketee explains, the thinking has changed.

We, through a long period of time of progressing, finally have gotten to the point in Santa Fe where no homeless animals are euthanized just because they're homeless.

The nationally respected group Best Friends Animal Society recently recognized Santa Fe as a No-Kill City. That means the shelter gets to the root causes of animal homelessness and usually finds them homes, according to Steketee. She notes the shelter's save rate was 94.2% last year. The animals get a thorough exam once Animal Control drops them off.

First thing we do is check for chip, look for lost reports, look at tags. Then they're going to vaccinate, de-worm and de-flea right away.

The cost of care for just two weeks can run up to hundreds of dollars.

11/7/19 New Mexico Close Up "Legislators on the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee again this week heard arguments from two companies vying to bring the nation's nuclear waste to southern NM. One firm, Holtec International, assured members that its plan to ship hermetically sealed casks by train would be almost risk-free, and that just a few casks would be transported per month at first. But Las Cruces Sen. Jeff Steinborn pointed out most New Mexicans attending public meetings over the last year fear that the 40-year proposed contract would become permanent.

There is no permanent repository in the country, so could the initial license of 40 years be in fact much longer. The NM delegation is also concerned about NM getting stuck with this waste.

Steinborn, a Democrat, also wondered what revenue would come to the state's general fund from the joint venture with a southern NM tri-county coalition. The response is from Holtec International's project manager Ed Mayer.

You had mentioned 30% would go to Eddy and Lea Counties, but that's not the state of NM – they're a coalition, so what percentage will you pay to the state of NM? A: We have an agreement with the coalition. They would have to pay the state, probably less than the 30%.

Committee chairwoman Angelica Rubio noted that she hoped company officials realize the history of trauma that generations of New Mexicans have with the legacy of nuclear energy.

11/8/19 New Mexico Close Up "Almost every Democrat on the legislature's Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee voiced skepticism of a plan to bring radioactive nuclear waste to southern NM, while lawmakers from those southern counties expressed support for the idea. They say burying casks of power plant waste would be well thought out, and as Representative Cathryn Brown of Carlsbad said, after hearing from experts, she's comfortable with the project.

It was organized by nat'l assoc of legislatures and we spent two days hearing about nuclear plans for our area in southern NM, so I'm privileged to have seen what I've seen.

Ed Mayer is the project manager for Holtec International, the corporation vying for the chance to move the waste here, probably by rail.

If we were to get a license and decided to use rail, we'd do a survey to designate rail corridors. When Rep. Brown asked if railways are the only mode of transportation the company plans to use to transport one hundred tons of the nuclear waste to the planned facility between Carlsbad and Hobbs, Mayer said this.

Now one alternative is to put it on a ship, from the northeast – put multiple casks on a ship and send it to a port in Texas and then bring it into NM by rail.

11/11/19 New Mexico Close Up "To listen to the recent presentation by Holtec International about the nuclear waste facility they're planning between Hobbs and Carlsbad, you would think it's a foregone conclusion. And indeed, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering Holtec's licensing request that would eventually bring 100 tons of waste from all US nuke power plants to southern NM. But at a recent legislative hearing, Representative Lee Alcon wanted to know what kind of reassurance he could give his western NM constituents that nuclear waste moving by rail through town would be safe.

It worries me; you've got to understand why. You say emergency responders are ready, but I haven't heard that. And this rail runs through my village of Milan where many trains travel through my back yard.

I really don't know if this is great for NM or not, but I'm worried one of those cannisters is going to end up in my little town, and I don't want it there.

Ed Mayer is the project manager for Holtec International's planned site where the concrete casks would be buried.

The Fed. Railway Administration would have to inspect and upgrade the rails, and that takes 2-3 years. That's about the time it takes us to build the facility. So the trestles will be upgraded. There's armed security on the train ...the engines are redundant, the first responders are prepared.

11/14/19 New Mexico Close Up "The prohibition of marijuana isn't working," says Albq. Dem. Rep. Antonio Mo Maestas. He was a co-sponsor of the bill in the last legislative session that would've legalized the drug for recreational use. The bill morphed into a different bill in a compromise with Republicans, who wanted a ban on homegrown pot and a scheme to have it sold exclusively by the state, like liquor is now in some states. The bill passed the House, but never made it to the Se. Finance Committee or the Senate floor.

The House didn't debate the technical attributes of the bill but prior prejudices kicked in and you were either for or against legalization. So hopefully next year we can get into the weeds on the bill and make sure it's rolled out responsibly, because I'm confident that we will legalize cannabis next yr.

In fact, Gov. MLG said she'll put a legalization bill on the call in the next session, adding it to measures she wants passed. Since pot was legalized in CA, black mkt sales haven't waned, but Maestas says supporters are confident they can snuff out blk mkt sales in NM thru a competitive tax rate of 25%.

Correct, we anticipated it, so it is higher than other commodities, but not so high that it creates an underground mkt. And if we get it right we can eliminate the und.gd mkt and have the producers benefit from their investments.

A task force is finishing recommendations for a bill, to be introduced in January's legislative session.

11/15/19 New Mexico Close Up "New Mexico officials are discouraging the vaping of THC products and any products containing Vitamin E acetate. That's the ingredient feared to be causing more than 2,000 cases of lung injury to people who vape.

NM health officials say three more cases of severe lung injury related to the use of e-cigarettes have been confirmed, and now there are 20 in New Mexico. I spoke with a lung doctor last year who also noted how alluring vaping has become, especially to youth. Dr. Eric Presser is a thoracic surgeon.

Anyone who knows about nicotine knows how addictive it is, and when you put fruity flavors with nicotine in a cool puff of smoke that comes out of a teen's mouth, you have the perfect storm. And if you go back 50 years it's no different than the Marlboro Man.

Of the patients interviewed by the state health department, more than three-quarters reported the use of THC, the high-inducing part of marijuana. Three patients reported only nicotine use. Dr. Presser cautions his patients about the danger of inhaling smoke or vaping THC and suggests other ways to ingest it.

My patients who use marijuana and want the THC component, I tell them to use oils or edibles, because anytime you inhale smoke, you're causing an inflammatory response, and even though there might not be hard evidence right now about marijuana and lung cancer, if you smoke, you're at a higher risk of getting lung cancer.

In all, more than 2,000 Americans who vape have gotten sick since March, and at least 40 young people across the US have died.

11/18/19 New Mexico Close Up "Journalists crowded into meeting halls in Santa Fe last week to talk about cybersecurity and challenges for reporters working through the internet. The second annual journalists' conference included reporters and former high level government officials like John Carlin, author of a book on cyber threats from Russia, China and others.

Carlin We went from analog to digital and put it on the internet w/out much thought about security – it wasn't part of the thinking. We've systematically seen bad guys (rogue nation states, terror groups, etc.) exploiting this technology.

Carlin prosecuted cyberwarfare crimes during what he called an explosion of hacks by nation states. He looked back during his talk about how terrorists used social media after the atrocities of 9-11 to radicalize followers.

We watched them take advantage of social media to turn human beings into weapons, and it worked. Two trends: 1/3 of defendants were 21 or younger, never the face of terrorism in US before, and every one directly linked to second phenom. – social media was involved.

Carlin said hackers working for Russia also targeted companies like Yahoo to steal personal information and then used the list to identify adversaries in Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which is still underway today.

11/19/19 New Mexico Close Up "In the age of social media and so-called fake or deep fake news where images and sound can be manipulated, it's hard to tell what's authentic. Sam Gregory runs a human rights video service and has taught at Harvard. He talked to journalists at a recent conference sponsored by the Santa Fe Council on International relations, and said most deep fakes are not political.

Some saying deep fakes are going to ruin the 2020 election. Not really. Most are women whose identity have been changed – 90% are of sexual exploitation, not political messages. So sky is not falling, we need to get better at preparing. You can already buy a deep fake for \$50, now easier and cheaper, more accessible on mobile devices.

Gregory also gave advice on how to spot a fake news or information item. how to spot? Classic media literacy: where from, who shared, why, and then we need to get help to know if it's a malicious manipulation.

Gregory told conference participants there are tools to help detect false information, including the website [FirstDraftNews.org](http://FirstDraftNews.org).

11/20/19 New Mexico Close Up "Imagine a child going through abuse or serious neglect at home, and then being placed in a foster home while trying to recover from that abuse. Volunteers who spend several hours a month with kids in the custody of the state's Children, Youth and Families Dept. know that anguish all too well. People like Bob Martin – himself a former foster child - committed to being a positive influence in the tumultuous lives of children in limbo. He's a CASA volunteer – one of the Court-Appointed Special Advocates across New Mexico. His job is to report to the judge on how a child is doing.

Great to see healing of kids, promotes CASA every day.

Martin currently visits five foster kids. He was a foster child as a 5-year-old himself, and he remembers sleeping with the baseball glove his adoptive dad once gave to him as reassurance that he'd never abandon the lonely little boy.

So when I got this case w/a young boy, we played football and told him to keep it; next time I visited he ran out of the house with the ball, so I knew it was the same for him. Martin also encourages the foster children with photographs.

11/21/19 New Mexico Close Up "State police in the Permian Basin of southern NM have been responding to more crashes overall since business in oil and gas exploration ticked up four years ago, though they've seen a dip lately. The commander of the tri-county region enveloping the Permian on the NM side, is State Police Captain Lance Bateman. He says his officers responded to 28 crashes from Nov. 2017 to '18, and 23 wrecks through November of this year, but there have been more deaths this year than last. He says his patrols – 8 each in Chavez, Eddy and Lea Counties have a lot of ground to cover.

We're pretty spread thin down here. Of course we can only do what we can do with the manpower we have. All agencies are fighting for the same people so it's tougher to get people to join law enforcement. We're always fighting that battle.

Bateman says a class of recruits is now entering NM's law enforcement ranks, and state police officials are inviting other officers with experience to join, a move known as lateral recruitment. Instead of our basic academy for people with less experience for 22 weeks, while a lateral recruit is for officers with experience from NM and elsewhere. They go through an abbreviated academy of seven weeks.

So the corps of 24 state police patrols in SE NM is expanding. More about the cause of those crashes next time.

11/22/19 New Mexico Close Up "The Perm. Basin of SE nM is bustling with oil & gas drilling ops., but aside from the profits being made, the area's two-lane roads have become dangerous with all the added traffic. St. PD Chief Lance Bateman describes a particularly tragic crash involving large vehicles.

We did have a fatal I went to on July 11 on SR128 that was a head-on collision between a welding truck and a commercial motor vehicle. Both caught on fire and five people perished in the crash.

Bateman notes the oil boom started in 2015, and over the last couple years two dozen collisions have happened, and construction will begin soon on the project to widen SR128 to 4 lanes, but the state PD commander says the 60-mile stretch of it remains dangerous.

Of course we're gonna have more traffic down there with the oil fields going good, so more crashes.

State PD has stepped up traffic patrols, and Bateman says that's making a difference.

Our fatalities did go down during our 5 wk operation. So I think it was a huge success; we got good feedback from the comnty, and our officers being down there. We brought in people from other parts of the state, so that just shows you, it's not just the roadways.

In fact, says Bateman, it's bad driving habits.

11/25/19 New Mexico Close Up "Several road projects are underway and more are being planned as state revenue has increased. That's especially important in southeastern NM, where a population explosion is underway in the oil and gas industry. State Road 128 is growing from a two, to a four-lane thoroughfare, and that 60-mile stretch of highway and other narrow roads in the area have state police officers busy. The 24 officers working the tri-county area have responded to two dozen crashes in the last year, and 33 people have died. That's according to Captain Lance Bateman. He says wider roads will help cut down on crashes, but drivers, especially oil field workers who commute to and from Texas and who drive long distances have to be less reckless, too.

People driving recklessly at high rates of speed – driving on shoulders, passing in no-passing zones, running stop signs. Increased enforcement has been the biggest asset for us. With enforcement people slow down, and crashes aren't as severe.

Police reports show that in many of the crashes, the driver drifted into oncoming traffic or the vehicle left the road for unknown reasons. Bateman says officers often attribute those to drivers falling asleep at the wheel, because alcohol is rarely a factor.

You know when you're out driving and working 12-16 hours – these people drive long distances to work and then add to that the shift and it becomes a 16-18 hour workday.

Bateman says more police patrols on the Permian Basin's narrow roadways are slowing down traffic, thereby saving lives amid the region's oil boom.

11/28/19 New Mexico Close Up "The blending of cultures in New Mexico has been happening since the Spanish arrived and bought child slaves snatched from pueblos by, among others, the Comanche Indians in the 16th century. Today through DNA research there is a growing identity with that mixed ancestry that's come to be known as "genízaro." Francisco "El Comanche" Gonzales defines the word:

Gonzales calls himself a genízaro, and he points to his grandmother as a Comanche who was sold to the Gonzales family as a child, and he's proud of his indigenous, New Mexican ancestry. He tells of his own childhood in Ranchos de Taos - the way teachers punished him for speaking Spanish in school, and how times have changed with the relatively recent immigration of Latinos.

Used to be punished, now there's bilingual ed.

And El Comanche, as he likes to be called, encourages the youth to learn Spanish.

And Gonzales smiles when talking about the influence of Mexican culture and customs in New Mexico today.

Quinceañeras, Dia de los Muertos

11/26/19 New Mexico Close Up "Long before lawmakers convene in January to hammer out a final budget for the next fiscal year, state agencies are presenting preliminary budget requests this month, including the state's Energy, Minerals, and Nat. Resources Dept. Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst is asking for a budget increase, in part, she said, to fill positions in the oil conservation division that regulates oil and gas production that's at an all-time high right now.

This is an exciting and productive place to work right now, in the OCD. Prod. Is at an all-time high – from 2011's low of 4.5 million barrels/month, it has hit over 21-million barrels per month in Aug. Gas prod. Also increasing and will remain at these elevated levels for some time.

Cottrell Propst told legislators half a dozen new positions will be needed in the new budget that starts in July, so as to keep up with the oil boom and measure trends.

This includes a request for 6 new FTEs to establish a data analytics bureau and online hearing and case management system to modernize their work. One compliance officer, based in Abq. and envt'l specialist for well inspections, 3 analysts in SF to look at data and an attny who'll be a hearing officer to help us reduce the backlog of cases.

One of the Energy and Minerals Dept.'s other divisions deals with watershed restoration and wildfire management statewide. Others include state parks management, energy conservation and mining and minerals.

11/29/19 New Mexico Close Up "It's happened to a lot of people who are admitted to a hospital that's in their insurance network, only to get an eye-popping bill after their stay. And that might be after coverage for the surgeon, for instance. All or some of the other contractors who aren't in-network charge the patient in full for their services. That's what happened to Barbara Webber and her husband.

Barb's personal story—hubs checked in, got surgery, then got charged for other providers' fees not covered in-network. They paid several thousand, some pay tens of thousands out of pocket.

Webber is also the executive director of advocacy nonprofit Health Action NM. Beginning in January, the process of so-called “surprise billing” will be illegal under a new law formulated over several years of input from facilitators.

So for the last 3 years the Office of Insurance had a study group and we met together to see what options for regulations were available. And also negotiations with the carriers and the hospitals about what they’d live with – took a lot of negotiating – and all agreed the consumer should be held harmless. So you should never be getting surprise billing anymore under this bill.

Webber encourages patients to contact the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (OSI for short) with questions.

11/27/19 New Mexico Close Up "San Juan County’s district attorney, Rick Treadwell, is one of more than a dozen colleagues statewide asking lawmakers for a bump in their budgets to hire more assistant DA’s. They asked at last week’s finance committee meeting, with every one saying their staff is close to retirement. Treadwell said he’s asked why UNM grads aren’t applying for jobs in his district.

Their direct answer: they’re all staying in the metro. UNM puts out about 100 attorneys a year and they’re staying in the area from Los Lunas north to Santa Fe area.

Recently appointed DA Marcus Montoya who covers three northern counties echoed Treadwell.

What we experience is that Colfax and Union is tough to attract attorneys, the turnaround time is about 2 years. Our recruitment strategy has been to take from the 2d JD but it’s typically a stepping-stone.

Clint Wellborn is the DA for Catron, Sierra and Torrance counties, covering more rural regions of the state, and he added that his budget is also used to represent groups that state law mandates.

We’re burdened with somewhat antiquated duties to represent boards – ie the soil conservation district boards, the acequias and ditches in our district, too.

Gallup area Representative Patricia Lundstrom suggested the DA’s submit a consolidated budget request to be used for all 14 DAs to hire more staff at higher salaries than the current average of about \$60-thousand a year.

12/2/19 New Mexico Close Up "While a ceremony was underway for a 24-hour crisis treatment center in Albuquerque last week, top brass from The Albuquerque Police Dept. were at the State Capitol, presenting a wish list for money for behavioral health services. Gilbert Ramirez is the deputy director of family services for the city of Albuquerque. He told members of the legislature’s corrections and justice committee that the new

Ramirez-APD wkg w/BCo So we’ve been working side-by-side with them (county) to taking them to the appropriate place, and building our gateway accesses; we’re working on that. Other services must be there cuz clinician in the field can only do so much when we don’t have a referral place to take them to.

Answering a lawmaker's question about responding to mental health crises with civilians who are less intimidating than uniformed officers, Ramirez noted it is preferred, but not always possible.

One issue, those teams have the challenge of where to take individuals after 5p. Only choices are take them to jail or to a psych hospital; and we're putting too much pressure on those, too. We don't have the BH services to care for folks after 5pm.

Bernalillo County's new client center, called the CARE program, has 16 beds in semiprivate rooms, which won't solve the problem, but Ramirez says, it will keep some people who just need help out of jail.

12/3/19 New Mexico Close Up "The people who head the city of Albuquerque's Violence Intervention Program recently reported to lawmakers its strategies for reducing crime in NM's largest city. Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez praised the police department's efforts to battle domestic violence, but she pointed out that just one percent of cases end in conviction.

And what the advocates are telling me is that w/the low conviction rate and the fear of what could happen in the courthouse, they're not going to law enforcement with their sex assault cases or DV cases. That's very concerning because it's creating a group who are not getting access to justice and it's making them even more vulnerable.

APD's chief policy advisor Damon Martinez told legislators that staff is looking at data to see why the conviction rate is so low. Sedillo Lopez, a democrat from ABQ also lauded APD's program that focuses on breaking the pattern of violence by men who prey on their partners, but she noted participation is spotty.

Batterers intervention programs are an oppty for the victim/survivor to get services and to be safe because data shows when batterers quit participating in the pgm they could hurt again, but while they're participating in the pgm their incidence of violence is very low.

Legislative analysts have found that the number of clients receiving domestic violence services in NM has dropped and the number of cases - 19,000 in 2018 -has stayed the same, even though state funding has been increased.

12/4/19 New Mexico Close Up "NM's senator from the southwest part of the state is John Arthur Smith, chairman of the Legislative Finance Committee and lifelong resident of Deming, NM. Smith recently reflected on his constituents' fight for fair treatment of immigrants at the border.

Deming itself handled 10K asylum seekers, and our entire county has 25K people.

Smith talked with NM CU recently about the recent influx of Central American citizens legally seeking asylum in southern NM.

Having lived on the border most of my life, the asylum issue, that's the first time that's happened - we've have them come across to work; but this is different - those people are legal. They're recognized as legal; asylum seekers are legal once they've come across.

Chairman Smith in January wasn't aware of how important NM's immigration issue would be when he led the move to beef up resources in counties near the border.

And unbeknownst to me I put it \$2m in the budget for Hidalgo, Luna and Dona Ana Counties. The gov then gave grants for thee work with immigrants in those counties.

Senator John Arthur Smith, on his response to immigration at NM's southern border. The 8-term Democrat says humanitarians responded to the call for help from as far north as Santa Fe and throughout the US.

12/5/19 New Mexico Close Up "Last year, the chairman of the Legislative Finance Committee brought up the idea of establishing a special fund for early childhood education programs like expanded Pre-kindergarten, and home visiting for new moms. This year that idea is gaining traction, and Deming Senator John Arthur Smith sees it as a realistic alternative to tapping the sovereign fund from which education money comes, the Land Grant Permanent Fund.

It's a responsible way to fund w/out hitting the corpus of the land grant fund. For education you've got to have a reliable revenue stream. In NM 45cents of every dollar is coming from oil and gas. When that fails or declines, then it becomes very painful. The LGPF gives you a reliable revenue stream, so Rep. Gallegos has had this bill in the past, but we didn't have the money; now we do.

Chairman Smith also says PreK gets more money than it is spending right now.

We're covering a large number of 4 year-olds now when people think they're not – in the 80% range. We're also discovering we're crowding out federal money – Head Start – we're now enrolling their students and they're reaching into the 3-yr-olds which would've funded by fed. Money, but now state money's available and that means we're reverting a lot of the fed. money back and we shouldn't be doing that, we should be coordinating our efforts.

Sen. John Arthur Smith, on early childhood funding next year.

12/6/19 New Mexico Close Up "It takes a couple of years for the state's transportation department to see a road project through from start to finish, and even though lawmakers beefed up the DOT's budget with some of the windfall and additional excise taxes this year, State Sen. John Arthur Smith says some communities aren't seeing progress on projects because of a freeze on planning several years ago.

The DOT has huge dollars. We put in \$400m nonrecurring and \$50m recurring including the excise tax for roads and that puts the total at around \$1.3-billion when you add in federal monies. But they didn't have money to plan the projects. When you had prior administrations squeezing them more and more, you've got areas saying there's nothing going on, but they didn't have the planning money.

Several weeks ago a legislative report showed more than hundreds of millions of dollars in needed projects that were partially funded with state money remain incomplete. Democrat Smith, who is the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, says he's worried about those stalled projects that require local govt. input.

I'm very concerned, always have been. We have some communities that are not responsible – some legislative members don't want to go thru a hearing process with their local govt. so that local govt becomes the fiscal agent, and then they don't move on that. Some sovereign nations are extremely inefficient in getting the money out.

The state recently launched a website making it easier to view progress on all capital outlay projects

12/11/19 New Mexico Close Up "First responders in communities along the I-25 Corridor in central NM are working together and following the example of Colorado Springs in looking at emergency services in a different way. Paramedic Faith Applewhite is part of Santa Fe's team of five who previously worked on the ambulance detail. Now they are responding to the longer-term needs of frequent callers to the 911 system, connecting those patients with resources like housing, hospice, or rehabilitation. Applewhite likes that role and the difference she sees the Mobile Integrated Health Office making in New Mexico.

Maybe some people didn't get into this kind of work to become social workers , and some might not be so comfortable, but we have the infrastructure of the fire department and the 'boots on the ground' nature of it: the radios the cars, the people that we interact with on a daily basis, the people that we get to visit with. This is the type of infrastructure that a lot of social work programs don't get to have.

Applewhite and her team set and drive patients to doctor's appointments, and even long distances to get an addict to a treatment center in Las Cruces. In fact the office's call volume has been going up by about 1000 calls per year, says Applewhite, and the second most frequent call is drug overdose. Nationally overdoses are the number one cause of accidental deaths, but she adds, at one of Santa Fe's main homeless shelters, staff is trained to reverse OD's with Narcan.

There's a lot of drug use that happens there, so the staff has been super helpful in getting training; they have Narcan there to give prior to 911 arrival. And they also have Healthcare for the Homeless two days a week, so there are healthcare practitioners there for a large portion of the week.

Fire department chiefs are looking at whether to continue the 2-year old pilot program - surveys show a 50% decrease in those repeat calls to 9-11.

12/13/19 New Mexico Close Up "Government income in New Mexico is expected to outpace spending obligations by nearly \$800 million for the coming fiscal year, as a result of the continued oil boom.

State economists reported the numbers to state lawmakers this week. They said revenues are on track to exceed current general fund spending of \$7 billion by 11%. The head of the state finance department, Olivia Padilla-Jackson, told finance committee members even though the numbers are lower than last year, reserve funds will be higher than ever.

The outlook is still heavily dependent on the oil and gas market, needless to say, so if you look at FY '19 – rev. grew 15% over previous year, and we will have \$1.833 billion in reserves, which is 28.9% of recurring expenditures.

Legislative economist Dawn Iglesias noted last year's state revenue was the highest on record, but she pointed out production is slowing down because investors are being cautious.

producers are starting to complete drills to complete levels because shareholders are demanding oil cos. Spend within cash flow instead borrowing or spend at expense of returns.

Both Democratic and Republican lawmakers urged extreme caution with spending in the coming year. They warn that over-spending and another downturn in the oil market could have devastating consequences for the state's ability to fund education, health care and government services.

12/16/19 New Mexico Close Up "NM is still riding high on the boom in oil and gas production in the southeast, but state revenue projections are lower than they were earlier this year. State economist Dawn Iglesias told the Legislative Finance Committee that production of oil will drop in the next fiscal year by 40 million barrels, bringing in \$120-million less than last year. Iglesias showed lawmakers how that lower production has slowed economic growth in the Permian Basin, while other parts of the state have seen more activity.

So you see in FY'19 Eddy, Lea and "out of state" (revs) were high while Bern. County was below the trend, now in FY'20 Bern. Better (4%) while Perm. Basin less busy than in '19.

Lawmakers urged extreme caution with spending in the coming year, with Democratic Senator John Sapien suggesting a draconian response to the lower revenue forecast. The third-term lawmaker from Corrales pointed out oil prices could plummet as they did in 2015.

that is recent history within last five years. I'd call for a moratorium on recurring expenses because I'd put it out there as my belief that this is going to happen sooner than we expect.

Legislative staff pointed out when the price of a barrel of oil goes down by \$1, that one buck cut has a \$22-million impact on the general fund. For now, though, the state has \$800 million in new money.

12/18/19 New Mexico Close Up "NM's public education department presented its budget request for next year to the Legislative Finance Committee last week, and it's even larger than last year's budget the department's new leader says the PED needs to properly educate students. Cabinet Secretary Ryan Stewart wants \$635 million dollars, including money for teacher compensation.

We know we have a major teacher shortage, good news: we have a decrease in number of vacancies, 13%. Now 100 classrooms have certified teachers instead of substitutes; that's moving in the right direction. That's thanks for the legislature and the governor stepping up and increased the compensation last year.

Stewart says he wants to keep boosting the salary tiers up for teachers, bringing Tier Two instructors up to a salary of \$52,000 per year.

If you look at salaries in any of the levels, it would've brought you up to the grey on the graph you see (presentation) in the coming year. So bet. 6% raise last yr and 4% this coming year, we hope to get up to 10% to be able to attract and retain the best teachers to NM.

Secretary Stewart pointed out that currently children are learning at grade level, but low-income students are arriving in class with an average of 6,000 fewer hours of learning time than their more affluent peers. More on Stewart's plan for closing that gap, next time.

12/19/19 New Mexico Close Up "Last year the state education department received \$3.2-billion dollars from the state legislature. That's almost half the entire state budget, and much of it was dedicated to improving education for children at-risk of failing. Education leaders were responding to a court ruling that the state was failing to teach several groups of kids adequately, including low-income, Native American, special ed students and English language-learners. PED Secretary Ryan Stewart is again asking lawmakers for money to meet those needs, but several, like Representative Phelps Anderson of SE NM argued all students matter, calling it a moral imperative.

I was sent here to reverse our number 1 export item – our educated young people leaving the state for jobs that don't exist here. So I think we make a mistake to create a special class of students, which is being done when we say “especially those students.”

Secretary Stewart responded to Representative Anderson with his personal story of parents whose educational system in the Midwest provided support that helped his family break out of poverty.

When I think about the moral imperative, I think of my parents, who were born into low-income, segregated communities in the Midwest, and that they were able to have a great educational system that helped them live up to their potential and create great lives for themselves and me and my brother, and interrupt a cycle that could've been a cycle of generational poverty that could've continued for a long time.

Stewart pointed out that the Yazzie-Martinez lawsuit mandates that every public school in the state provide a sufficient education for at-risk students, and he asked for \$3.5-billion dollars to help meet that obligation.

12/23/19 New Mexico Close Up "The nonprofit group Think New Mexico's latest initiative to cut the tax on social security benefits seniors pay got a cold shoulder at a recent legislative committee meeting. Exec. Director Fred Nathan made the argument for repeal of the tax that affects one-third of the state's seniors.

Nearly 2/3ds of New Mexicans have little or nothing saved for retirement, hoping to survive on SSI alone. Average SSI payments per year is about \$13K, but they actually need about \$28K to cover expenses.

Repealing the tax would cost the state \$76-million per year. Nathan claims that repealing the tax could save up to \$700 dollars a person and that states that have done that have more seniors moving in. But several lawmakers disagreed, like Los Alamos Representative Christine Chandler.

There are a lot of reasons people might be concerned about moving here, we shouldn't say they're not coming here cuz of SSI tax. There are many other reasons why they go elsewhere. They like broadband, infrastructure, those are important considerations.

Nathan argued it's also unfair to have to pay a double tax on social security income after paying when the money was earned. Chandler didn't quibble with that point, and others suggested Think NM bring back the idea during a 60-day legislative session.

12/2/2019 New Mexico Close Up "Musician Chris Arellano has been an entertainer since taking up the drums in his family's band when he was 8 years old. As an adult, he began teaching music while also playing professionally in Nashville. And in the early 2000s he co-founded a music school in Oregon.

That was a really fantastic part of my life and I fell in love with teaching.

work with the alternative high schools and detention center for youth – taught songwriting classes, guitar classes.

Arellano says teaching through his school was fun, but going into the youth development centers was even more gratifying.

I was always drawn to troubled kids because those were the kids that always blossomed. They had their artistic outlet so we really helped a lot of great kids who were getting in trouble because they couldn't focus in school.

Arellano often performs benefit concerts with his myriad instruments, including the guitar. He says it's another way of giving back to New Mexicans who have paved the way for his success.

I love helping people, you know. I've been helped along the way so many times in the music business – I just have had some great friends through my life. I enjoy being able to do that for others. I'm an encourager by nature and love to encourage anybody to pursue music.

12/27/2019 New Mexico Close Up "State lawmakers recently heard from economists who reported a dip in revenues coming mostly from oil and gas. But the news wasn't bad – even though the surplus of \$800-million is lower than projected a few months ago, legislators like Patricia Lundstrom, who chairs the finance committee in the House, says she's not too worried.

We look about 5 years out when forming the budget. The economy can change, but we're looking at geological reports and from our Energy & Minerals Dept. and I think we're gonna be good for the next couple of decades.

Lundstrom heads the Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation and agrees with other legislators who caution spending too much of that windfall, but she supports investing money in road projects she says the state needs.

We've got good Land Grant Permanent Fund money coming in. Infrastructure investment is incredibly important, ie roads and bridges – that puts a lot of people to work and there's a lot of GRT that comes in from that. It's a biz cycle, and you have to invest in order to see returns. Certainly we're trying to build the tax base.

Lundstrom is in her 10th term in the House of Representatives. The next regular session of the NM State Legislature begins January 21st.

12/25/2019 New Mexico Close Up "A student in a European country is most likely enrolled in a second language class in school, while in NM and the rest of the US, far fewer kids are taking those classes. A 2017 study by the American Councils for International Education notes only 20% of US students are studying a foreign language course. The study says learning a new language is required by law in almost every European country – not so in American schools. Susan Murphy coordinates English-Spanish conversation events as a volunteer.

All foreign language enrollment is neglected and not just in NM, although I was mortified to find out NM was 50 out of 50 states for foreign language enrollment. I just thought, 'Of all the places that we need language enrollment and learning would be here.'

Murphy grew up speaking several languages. And she says in NM Spanish is the most useful language that kids as well as adults can learn.

If we're trying to prepare kids to be in a progressively more global world, they've gotta speak a second language. We could argue about which one it should be, but I think in this country Spanish is the sensible language.

Murphy cites widely reported studies that show knowledge of a second language enhances brain function and can delay or even prevent the onset of dementia as we age. She has become a fan of a free online platform called Duolingo, where students of any age can choose from dozens of languages, and events can be coordinated to practice speaking together. The website can create an event in NM's communities where there's interest in practicing as a student learns another language.

12/31/2019 New Mexico Close Up "Almost one-quarter of NM's children live in high-poverty neighborhoods. The Annie E. Casey Foundation focuses on children's issues in its national philanthropy, and Associate Director Scot Spencer says poor children face higher hurdles.

I think some of the story behind the data actually highlights when kids are living in neighborhoods with concentrated poverty – the things that keep them from succeeding – where they don't have equal access to quality schools, or their parents don't have access to quality jobs, or they don't live near groc. stores where they can buy healthy food.

NM's Voices for Children advocacy group says those high-poverty areas are identified in Census data as having 30% or more of low-income residents. They note the federal poverty level is just over \$21-thousand for a family of three. The Foundation's Scot Spencer says Hispanic, Native American and Black children are more likely than whites to live in concentrated poverty. And it's nothing new.

In the snapshot we actually point out these racialized policies and practices – yrs ago and more recently that are contributing factors to this wide gap, and that govts might want to take a look at their policies and practices for the unintended consequences of them exacerbating the racial disparities that exist.

In NM, Voices for Children says, three-quarters of children are kids of color. conference announcing formation of the group in April, she outlined what is at stake for NM.

01/2020 New Mexico Close up During election years like 2020, lobbyists up the ante in treating state lawmakers with perks and cash as they push for their initiatives. This year's donations could break records, according to NM Ethics Watch.

01/03/2020 New Mexico Close Up The Trump administration has changed Obamacare to allow for low-income insurance plans that are good for longer terms, but critics say patients aren't getting enough for their money, and NM is restricting them.

01/2020 New Mexico Close Up Ahead of the 2020 NM State Legislature's budget session, early childhood programs are the focus, aimed at preparing the state's youngest children for success

2/03/2020 New Mexico Close up A NM folk music legend died Jan. 25, 2020, but 96-yr-old Antonia Apodaca was a lifelong musician whose music lives on, and who added a flair to her performances. Deborah Martinez filmed one and has this story on Apodaca's illustrious life.

02/04/2020 New Mexico Close Up Oil and gas operations in the Permian Basin of southern NM would be impacted by the storage of spent nuclear fuel from reactors around the country, according to several people, including the state's Commissioner of Public Lands.

02/10/2020 New Mexico Close Up NM's governor signed a bill on Feb. 10th that will devote \$8-million dollars to ads that aim to encourage participation in this year's census count. That story from Deborah Martinez

02/13/2020 New Mexico Close Up Low income adults who want to finish work on a certificate or complete a two-year degree will be able to do that for free, now that the Opportunity Scholarship has been signed into law.

02/14/2020 New Mexico Close Up Lawmakers said no on Thursday to letting communities set up shared solar energy systems. At the same time, demonstrators sounded the alarm against the frenzy of fossil fuel development. Deborah Martinez has more.

02/2020 New Mexico Close Up Republican lawmakers are warning that Democrats are spending too much of the state's extra revenue coming from oil & gas production, and they want more to be set aside for a rainy day. Deborah Martinez has the story.

02/18/2020 NM's legislators agreed to a bill that promises to save the state's government pension fund from insolvency in the 2020 legislative session.

02/21/2020 New Mexico Close Up Pre-school children with special needs can now tap into a new state Early Childhood & Care Department's services. The dept. will offer newborn visits and other help to set NM's youngest residents on a path for success in school.

02/26/2020 New Mexico Close Up One of the most contentious bills to get through the NM State Legislature in the 2020 session was the Extreme Firearm Risk Protection Act that removes weapons from a person found by a judge to be a threat to safety. Deborah Martinez was there when the gov. signed the bill.

2/27/2020 New Mexico Close Up Most sheriffs around the state have come out against a law to remove firearms from people whom a judge deems a danger to themselves or others. But Doña Ana County's Sheriff Kim Christine Stewart chose a different path.

3/2/2020 New Mexico Close Up The change in demographics of Los Alamos has changed its political landscape from Red, to Blue. Deborah Martinez speaks with Democratic State Rep. Christine Chandler about the transition.

3/9/2020 New Mexico Close Up Vape shops in NM will have to register, now that the gov. has signed a bill regulating them and raising the age of customers to 21. Deborah Martinez has the story.

3/11/2020 New Mexico Close Up Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham declared a public health emergency on Mar.11, ordering a halt to out-of-state travel by state government staff and urging people to stay away from large events as COVID-19 virus cases multiply.

3/12/2020 New Mexico Close Up NM's primary voting contests still exclude voters who aren't registered as Democrat or Republican, but the secretary of state is working to change that so independents are included.

03/2020 New Mexico Close Up Record voter turnout across the country is making Secretaries of State happy. My conversation with NM's SOS, Maggie Toulouse Oliver, part 1:

**KANW Concerning New Mexico, hosted by Jorja Armijo, features interviews and speeches from events in new Mexico.**

9/2/2019 Concerning New Mexico, Congress Women Deb Haaland speech before ABQ Economic Forum. Regarding her time in congress, her legislative priorities and her life.

1/4/19 Concerning New Mexico, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham speech before the NAACP Convention in Santa Fe New Mexico. What to look for in the upcoming legislative session. The Governor's priorities.

11/11/19 Concerning New Mexico, Exec Dir New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, Ryan Flynn speech to ABQ Economic Forum. 2019 oil productions smash records, over 300 million barrels, Preliminary monthly production tallies by the state Oil Conservation Division do indeed show a huge increase in output during the first eight months of this year, up 36% compared with the same period in 2018 – itself a record year. “High production really is the new normal for the foreseeable future in New Mexico,” Flynn said. “The industry has consolidated around the Permian Basin and we believe production will remain at record levels.”

Increasing demand reinforces that outlook.

“All studies say that global demand for hydrocarbons will increase over the next decade,” Flynn said.

Government policies, however, pose a wild card that could disrupt industry growth, depending on the types of regulations imposed, Flynn said. Some industry opponents, for example, have called for outright bans on fracking and a stop to new drilling on public lands.

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's administration has aggressively pursued new environmental policies to reduce volatile organic compounds released into the air from oil and gas activities, which cause smog and associated health problems. It's also drawing up new rules and regulations to control methane emissions, a powerful greenhouse gas.

1/13/2020 Concerning New Mexico, state of the City Address Mayor Tm Keller, From renewable energy, to homelessness, to APD's agreement with the Department of Justice, Mayor Tim Keller covered Albuquerque's biggest challenges in his second State of the City Address. Again, the biggest issue to be addressed is Albuquerque's crime problem. "For the first time in a decade, this year we're going to have bike patrols in every area command across the city," says Keller. To help free up APD resources, the city wants to make a big step in fulfilling the agreement with the DOJ regarding APD reform. The current agreement asks APD to follow a list of 276 requirements.

Keller announced the city plans on asking a court to suspend or take out 67 of them. Some of that includes work with field training officers and improving their tactical division. The city's Chief Administrative Officer believes that's an area where APD is already in compliance. "These are all areas where we've made enough progress and we've been in operational compliance long enough that we want to go ahead and try to assess ourselves and continue to be transparent to the public but not have that outside oversight," says Sarita Nair. "We are announcing that just by 2030, not that far way, we are going to be the largest 100% renewable cities in the country," says Keller.

Keller also says the city has spent \$25 million on solar panels on nearly every city owned building. Another big point, ending the homeless problem. Just this week, HUD's new report put New Mexico at the top of the list for the highest rate of homelessness in the country. Mayor Keller says the new \$30 million gateway homeless shelter is expected to break ground next winter, with no location set just yet.

The city also plans to build 120 new housing units for low income families.

The city is still conducting an online survey for a few more days to ask the public where to put that shelter. As for the DOJ agreement tasks, the city plans to ask a judge to hear their motion next month.

Mayor Keller also mentioned APD will clear all 5,000 untested rape kits by this spring.

1/13/2020 Concerning New Mexico, Brian Egolf review of the upcoming legislative session. Governor's wish list, legalization of recreational marijuana, budget, oil & gas, education. Boom in our revenue and the long term effects on the state. Other revenue streams.

1/20/2020 Concerning New Mexico Guardianship Panel, discuss issue and concerns with host Jorja Armijo regarding guardianship of elderly and others in New Mexico. Legal issues and oversight of such guardianships. Guests: Emily Darnell Nunez, Guardianship Advocate; Loraine Mendeola, Advocate; David Heater, Concerned Senior Citizen; Rick Black, Center for

Estate Reform, Guardian/Conservatorship issues in New Mexico, Loss of civil rights for the adult under guardianship.

Courts have failed to understand their obligation to protect the vulnerable, their families, and their estates

1/27/2020 Concerning New Mexico New Mexico Secretary of Public Education Dr. Ryan Stewart speech from the Celebration of Dr Martin Luther King, NAACP Santa Fe Chapter from the NM Capitol. Future of education, how to level the economic and social playing field. Working to make a difference and bring Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream to a reality.

2/16/2020 Concerning New Mexico UNM Regents President Doug Brown, the status of higher education in NM and UNM roll in forming the future. How education and research work together for stronger New Mexico and world. Tuition costs.

3/2/2020 Concerning New Mexico Peter Trevisani President and CEO of New Mexico United spoke before the ABQ Economic Forum he admitted the facts did not initially support his desire to bring a soccer team to New Mexico. Status of the team, schedule and what is next.

The bigger companies to sponsor and support a team were not here; possible younger fans were leaving the state for career opportunities; and some previous sports teams in the past have failed. New stadium and cultural center in ABQ. State outlaid 4.1 million for the project.

3/9/2020 Concerning New Mexico Trinity Downwinders Guests: Tina Cordova Tularosa Downwinders Association and cancer survivor; Jolene Maes, victim of the radiation exposure Negative health effects of New Mexicans as a result of the overexposure to radiation from the tests that took place at the Trinity Site in south central New Mexico. Government took control of messaging. No warnings were issued before and after the tests. Many New Mexican families were living within a 50 mile radius of the Trinity Test

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4/20/2020 Concerning New Mexico Virtual Learning with Dr. Gabriella Blakey Interim Chief Operations Officer, and Dr. Antonio Gonzales, Associate Superintendent Learning Zone 2. Discusses Albuquerque Public Schools, plan for online and on TV public education for the remainder of the school year. Discussions were in both English and Spanish.

4/27/2020 Concerning New Mexico, KANW KNME Tribal Town Hall regarding COVID-19 within Native Communities. COVID-19 is hitting New Mexico's tribal communities hard, and accurate information is more important than ever. New Mexico's Tribal Communities and COVID-19: A Virtual Town Hall - featuring both state and tribal officials. Acoma Pueblo member Conroy Chino moderates.

5/18/2020 Concerning New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update, stay at home order in New Mexico extended 6/15/2020

5/18/2020 Concerning New Mexico Gallup City Council Meeting regarding update on COVID-19 in Gallup and surrounding areas

5/25/2020 Concerning New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update, stay at home order in New Mexico extended 7/15/2020

6/22/2020 Concerning New Mexico ABQ City Mayor Tim Keller, regarding Civil Unrest in the in America and City of Albuquerque.

06/08/2020 Concerning New Mexico Governor Lujan Grisham and other administration officials regarding racism in New Mexico.

6/15/2020 Concerning New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update.

06/29/20 Concerning New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update COVID-19 Native Communities in New Mexico

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3/12/2020 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update, all public schools are suspended.

3/18/2020 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update.

3/23/2020 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update

3/27/2020 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update, New Mexico Public Education Department public schools closed for the remainder of school year.

4/3/2020 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update

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5/15/2020 Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham with a COVID-19 update New Mexico Stay at home order.

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APS Community Connections PSA "APS Board Member Barbara Petersen This holiday season, the best gift you can give your child is a good education, and the best place to get that education is in school. But if missing school is unavoidable, talk to your children's teachers in advance to create a plan for making up missed work. And remember, a homework packet cannot make up for the interaction and learning that goes on in the classroom. So give your child the gift of education and help build a habit of attendance. This is Barbara Peterson from the APS Board of Education.

APS Community Connections PSA APS Board Member Lorenzo Garcia A 2007 study found that a strong cultural identity for minority youth is associated with higher self-esteem and coping skills as well as higher academic performance. Help your children and grandchildren find leadership clubs and groups, join a sports team or engage in music activities – find an activity that makes them passionate. That passion will support and encourage their unique talents to build that sense of self.

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APS Community Connections PSA APS Board Member Yolanda Montoya-Cordova Some stories can't be found in a book. In a 2010 study at Emory University, researchers found that children who knew about their family history had higher self-esteem. Take some time to tell your children the story of how their grandparents fell in love or what your best friend in elementary school was like. Sometimes the most entertaining stories are the ones closest to home. This is Yolanda Montoya-Cordova from the APS Board of Education.

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Thanksgiving Break, November 27-29 As we prepare to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, avoid taking extra days off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they are excused absences, can mean too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is Yolanda Montoya-Cordova from the APS Board of Education.

APS Community Connections PSA APS Board Member Peggy Muller-Aragón How much do your children know about your family heritage? Researchers have found that cultural identity influences self-esteem and academic achievement in a positive way. Pull out the family photo album and share stories of your family and your ancestors. A picture from the past is a window into so many important life experiences. This is Peggy Muller-Aragon from the APS Board of Education.

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APS Community Connections PSA APS Board Member Candelaria Patterson A los estudiantes les gusta ver su cultura representada en el plan de estudio, los programas y las actividades escolares. Las escuelas valoran grandemente a las familias que en su trabajo como voluntarios comparten su cultura, dando a conocer su cocina, su música, su arte y sus narraciones. Students like to see their culture represented in school curriculum, programs and activities. Families who share their culture through cooking, music, art and storytelling are highly valued volunteers in schools. This is Candelaria Patterson from the APS Board of Education.

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APS Community Connections PSA APS Board Member David Peercy Thanksgiving and Winter Break, November 27-29 and December 23-January 4

Holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families and exposing your children to your home and language, whether you grew up in another part of the United States or a different country. The costs of plane tickets often influence when you want to travel. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school. Just a few missed days puts your child behind. So make sure your child is in school right up until vacation starts. This is David Peercy from the APS Board of Education.

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7/9/2019 APS Open Book- Episode 6 Extended School Year: Will the addition of 10 extra days to the school year improve student learning? Join Mark Goodrum for an interesting discussion about the benefits and impact of an extended school year.

8/13/2019 APS Open Book- Episode 7 Water Samples APS submitted nearly 800 water samples from 69 schools built before 1990 to proactively check on potential lead levels. What were the results? How is APS addressing any risk?

9/10/2019 APS Open Book- Episode 8 The Art of Teaching What makes a good teacher? How do teachers improve themselves? Listen to episode 8 of the APS Open Book Podcast as Mark Goodrum discusses the art of teaching with a UNM professor in the Department of Teacher Education and an ECademy ConnectED teacher at APS' Eldorado High School.

10/10/2019 APS Open Book- Episode 9 APS Bond and Mill Levy election, What's on the ballot in the upcoming APS Bond and Mill Levy election? Will taxes increase? Listen to episode 9 of the APS Open Book Podcast as Mark Goodrum discusses the election with APS' Chief Operations Officer, a high school teacher, and a charter school principal.

11/12/2019 APS Open Book- Episode 10 APS Sports track, football, basketball, cheerleading, and now, e-sports - there are numerous athletics opportunities available to APS students. What are the benefits of participating in sports? Listen to episode 10 of the APS Open Book Podcast

as Mark Goodrum discusses school sports with the APS Athletic Director and a multi-sports coach at Manzano High School.

12/10/2019 APS Open book Episode 11 APS JAG Program, The Jobs for American Graduates program has helped millions of students nationwide stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education, and secure successful career opportunities. How is the JAG program implemented at APS?

1/14/2020 APS open Book Episode 12 eSports, Multiplayer video game competition is now a state-approved activity and alternative to traditional sports for APS students. What types of video games are used? What are the rules? What does a tournament look like?

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## **Special Programs and Events:**

### **KANW Events with Live Remote Broadcasts**

7/4/19 July 4<sup>th</sup>, KANW participated in the Town of Corrales parade, and the Town of Bernalillo Celebration for Rotary Park. Live broadcast interviews including the Mayor of Bernalillo Jack Torres.

7/12-13/2019, KANW partnered with Mariachi Spectacular with live breaks from ABQ Civic Plaza celebrating the culture and history of Mariachi in New Mexico. Groups from all over the country come and present a free concert to increase awareness and educate citizens in and around New Mexico. KANW remote includes interviews with organizers, and city officials including Mayor Tim Keller.

7/20/19, KANW collaborated with the Espanola Low Riders Fiesta preserving New Mexico culture, with New Mexico musicians, and remote breaks.

8/9/2019-8/11/2019 KANW collaborated with the Town of Bernalillo for the San Lorenzo Fiesta, preserving New Mexico culture, with New Mexico musicians, and remote breaks including the Mayor Jack Torres.

8/17/19 KANW collaborated with Bernalillo County Chile Festival at National Hispanic Cultural Center. Celebration of the Chile harvest on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. This event will offer entertainment, kids' activities, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, beer, wine, agricultural workshops, chef demonstrations and more. What to do with all that chile, ways to preserve the treasure, Cindy Davies, Program Director NMSU, Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service. Growing Chile in NM: tips and tricks, John Garlisch, Bernalillo County Agriculture Agent. A Primer on New Mexican Green Chile, 2018, Catherine Baca, Bueno Foods. KANW provided live breaks and interviews.

8/24/-25/2019 KANW partnered with Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta preserving New Mexico culture, with New Mexico musicians.

8/26/2019 NAIOP Candidate Forum Albuquerque City Council Districts, 2, 4, 6, and 8. Q&A with candidates.

9/5-9/15/2019 KANW Special Report, New Mexico State Fair, live broadcasts of activities, concerts, historical, and cultural events at State Fair and in particular events at the New Mexico Spanish Village. We provide the public with general information regarding fair access, entrances and parking.

9/14/2019 St. Jude Thassus Parrish Fiesta preserving New Mexico culture, with New Mexico musicians.

9/17/2019 APS School Board Candidates Forum

10/03/2019, KANW Special Report, Live broadcast from School Choice Fair, Public Schools Choice, Principals, teachers and Administrators in the Public Schools. Guests: Joseph Escobedo, Director, Charter Schools, Albuquerque Public Schools; Raquel Reedy, Superintendent, Albuquerque Public School; Deborah Elder, Executive Director, Office of Innovation, Albuquerque Public Schools; Barbara Peterson, Board of Education, Albuquerque Public Schools Issues: school choice; programs and schools for K-12 students; collaboration with the University of New Mexico and the Central New Mexico Community College; regular education and magnet schools in Albuquerque; specialized schools to meet the needs of students; parent information

11/9/2019 & 11/16/2019 KANW Special Report, Los 15 Grandes De Nuevo Mexico 2019 preserving New Mexico culture, with New Mexico musicians. Interviews and live music with Awardees in no particular order; Lorenzo Antonio, Como No Voy A Quererte, Los Garrapatas, Jam At The Rancho, Johnny Sanchez y Puro Norte, Mi Barrio Querido, Mariachi Cardenal, La Yaquesita, Micky Cruz, La Cadenita, Robbie Jude, El Barranquillero, Sangre Joven, Veinte Años, Lorenzo Antonio, Busco Un Amor, SPARX, Se Me Fue Mi Amor, Al Hurricane Jr., La Ley Del Monte, A.J. Martinez, Las Altenitas, Ernestine Romero, Asi, Andrea Michelle & Christina Perea, Ingrata, Impression, South Valley Polka, Mariachi Cardenal, Fallaste Corazon Los 15 Grandes de Nuevo México Music Awards is the premier outlet for honoring achievements in the New Mexico Latin Music Recording arts. This award recognizes excellence and creates a greater public awareness of the cultural diversity of New Mexico Music's recording artists and creators by honoring artistic achievement, technical proficiency and overall excellence in the New Mexico Music recording industry.

12/7/2019 KANW participated in the Town of Bernalillo parade and celebration at Rotary Park. Live broadcast interviews including the Mayor of Bernalillo Jack Torres

12/8/19 KANW Open House, Celebration of New Mexico Food and Music Culture at KANW. Invited New Mexico Music Artist to perform and invited the public to come and celebrate New Mexico holiday traditions.

12/22/2019 KANW collaborated with Jerry Dean Presents a New Mexico Christmas. A celebration of New Mexico Holiday traditions. Jerry Dean, Christian Sanchez, Jeremy Sanchez, Ernie Montoya, Ernie Marquez, Maiya, Steve and Chelsea Chavez, El Gringo, Steven Michael Quezada, Anthony Garcia, Chevel Shepherd, Eva Torrez, Anita, Brenda Ortega, Marisol, Leon Baca, and Antonio Reyna.

12/31/2019 KANW collaborated with Al Hurricane Jr Productions and the City of Albuquerque New Mexico Music New Year's Eve Event. Albuquerque Convention Center. Artist included Al Hurricane, Jr, . Erika Sanchez, Dezi Cisneros, and Tanya Griego.

1/18/2020 KANW The World's Largest Mantanza, Belen, NM, preserving New Mexico culture, with New Mexico musicians, live breaks.

### **KANW Special Programs**

11/5/2019, KANW Special Report, Live Albuquerque Election Coverage City Council Race: In District 2 in the ABQ Valley where Councilor Ike Benton is seeking re-election 5,872 early votes have been cast. In 2015 Benton was unopposed so the total vote then was just 2,631. This is a six way race that could be headed to a run-off.

In District 4 there have been 6,367 early votes cast. In '15 in that NE Heights district all votes cast totaled 4,982. That is a whopping increase in the district being vacated by GOP Councilor Winter. This is a three way race, with Dem And Romero trying to turn the district blue against R Brook Bassan. A third candidate Dem Athena Ann Christodoulou is in as well.

In District 6 in the SE Heights Clerk Stover reports 3,790 early votes. In '15 the total early and Election Day vote was 4,295. Councilor Pat Davis is seeking re-election in the district. He is opposed by attorney Gina Naomi Dennis.

In District 8 in the far NE Heights 8,188 early votes have been cast. In 2015, Republican Councilor Trudy Jones was unopposed and the total vote was only 3,112. She is opposed this year by Dem Maureen Skowran and that mammoth increase in turnout could bode well for her. The Working Families Party and other progressive groups have targeted the increasingly blue district. We'll see tonight if the R's can keep pace.

There are 418, 867 registered voters in BernCo. If we get about 32,000 votes today that would make for 84,000 and a turnout of 20 percent. That is at the upper end of expectations. This is the home of New Mexico politics.

1/28/2019 KANW Collaborates with the Santa Fe Chapter of the NAACP for the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration for the Santa Fe Capitol Rotunda, Traditional African Call of the Drums, Community Service Awards to five Santa Fe high school students, Keynote Speaker by Dr. Ruthy Watson, New Mexico Highlands University.

1/29/2020 KANW Special Report, KANW Collaborates with Albuquerque Journal 40th Anniversary of the New Mexico Penitentiary, Feb 2, 1980 in the maximum prison Santa Fe was the most violent prison riot in American History. Inmates took complete control of the prison and twelve officers were taken hostage. Several inmates were killed by other prisoners, with some being tortured and mutilated because they had previously acted as informants for prison authorities. Police regained control of the prison 36 hours after the riots had begun. By then, thirty-three inmates had died and more than two hundred were treated for injuries. None of the twelve officers taken hostage were killed, but seven suffered serious injuries caused by beatings and rapes. Panelist were. Moderated by Albuquerque Journal Senior Editor, Kent Walz, the panelists included: Mike Gallagher, Albuquerque Journal Investigative Reporter, Peter Cubra, Albuquerque Attorney, Dirk Lee, President of the Correctional Officers Association, Alisha Tafoya Lucero, New Mexico Corrections Secretary, Antonio "Moe" Maestas, New Mexico State Representative, Gregg Marcantel, former New Mexico Corrections Secretary, Brian Sanderoff, President of Research & Polling, Inc.

2/13/2020 KANW Special Rebroadcast KANW Special Report, KANW Collaborates with Albuquerque Journal 40th Anniversary of the New Mexico Penitentiary, Feb 2, 1980 in the maximum prison Santa Fe was the most violent prison riot in American History. Inmates took complete control of the prison and twelve officers were taken hostage. Several inmates were killed by other prisoners, with some being tortured and mutilated because they had previously acted as informants for prison authorities. Police regained control of the prison 36 hours after the riots had begun. By then, thirty-three inmates had died and more than two hundred were treated for injuries. None of the twelve officers taken hostage were killed, but seven suffered serious injuries caused by beatings and rapes. Panelist were. Moderated by Albuquerque Journal Senior Editor, Kent Walz, the panelists included: Mike Gallagher, Albuquerque Journal Investigative Reporter, Peter Cubra, Albuquerque Attorney, Dirk Lee, President of the Correctional Officers Association, Alisha Tafoya Lucero, New Mexico Corrections Secretary, Antonio "Moe"

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#### 1/21/2020 Broadcast of the New Mexico State of State Address

The full text of the governor's remarks, as prepared, is included below, for reference.

SANTA FE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Tuesday issued her second annual State of the State address, launching the second session of the 54th New Mexico Legislature with a speech underscoring the need for sustained investment in programs that meet the needs of workers and families, outlining bold expansions of New Mexico's educational and economic horizons.

Delivering an impassioned pitch that emphasized the priorities of New Mexico children, workers and families, the governor highlighted the state's successes over the course of 2019, including rapid private-sector job growth, unprecedented investments in public education and educator support systems, and pivotal transformations in environmental leadership, roadway infrastructure and state government services, among many others.

The governor identified key areas of emphasis over the forthcoming 30-day legislative session, among them:

- Crafting a strategic and sustainable budget that rebuilds state agencies' capacity to deliver services to New Mexicans and incorporates significant savings for a future rainy day (the governor's executive recommendation includes putting 25% of "new money" into the state's reserves)
- Investing in game-changing early childhood programs through the new Early Childhood Education and Care Department and the Early Childhood Trust Fund
- Delivering tuition-free higher education to New Mexico residents by restoring the original promise of the New Mexico Lottery Scholarship with the "last-dollar" Opportunity Scholarship
- Implementing new measures that will enhance public safety in New Mexico, including a request, in the executive budget recommendation, for 60 new State Police officers
- Establishing a new fund for senior services; providing equitable and much-needed reform for the state's public pension system that protects taxpayers and retirees; and more.

The prepared text of the governor's 2020 State of the State address is as follows:

Thank you. Mr. Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Speaker, Madam Pro Tem, honorable legislators, distinguished guests, my friends, the first Manny, my daughter Erin, my granddaughter Avery, Avery's other grandmother Sandy Reiger, my brother Gregory Lujan, everybody who isn't watching the impeachment trial on C-SPAN, and my fellow New Mexicans:

This past year I heard from many members of our extended New Mexico family. Students wrote letters. Parents came to my office. I met advocates and entrepreneurs as we traveled across the state – from Carlsbad and Silver City to the Navajo Nation and beyond. New faces and old friends. Police officers, veterans, educators and business-owners. Over and over, I heard two things.

One: Do you really drink that much coffee? No comment – but also, yes.

Second, time and again, New Mexicans told me: Keep going.

The state of our state is dynamic, ready for more, on the cusp of steady and sustainable progress. We are stronger today than we were one year ago – no question. Fifteen-thousand new jobs in New Mexico since the day I took office, the best year for job growth in the state since 2005. Our economy is booming in every direction: Long-time New Mexico businesses are boosting their investments in our state. Exciting new companies are putting down roots here for the first time, choosing to be in the Land of Enchantment. We are top ten nationally for inbound moves, a complete reversal from only a few years ago, when families were leaving our state – and one third of the people moving to New Mexico are coming here for jobs.

Since the day I took office, we are #8 nationally for job growth. I like the sound of top 10, and I like the sound of this even better: Our private-sector job growth is beating Nevada, California and Colorado. As I said a hundred times this year, in every community I visited across our state: New Mexico is the place to be, and if you're not here, you better get here fast.

At the close of Year One, at the outset of Year Two, state government is stronger and gathering strength. Our December statewide rapid-hire events drew 3,700 job-seekers – that's 3,700 New Mexicans eager for work, eager to serve their communities and neighbors right now. Together we delivered meaningful raises for New Mexico educators passionate about their students. We launched pivotal transformations in environmental leadership and in long-overdue infrastructure. Our Children, Youth and Families Department this year cut the average wait time on its Child Abuse Hotline from an unconscionable hour-plus to less than five minutes. Our Human Services Department settled with each of the behavioral health providers ejected from the state by the Martinez administration, a monumental step toward the robust and rebuilt behavioral health system New Mexico urgently needs. Our Workforce Solutions Department has gone after wage theft, standing up for workers against bad actors who are violating the law and taking advantage of them. Our Corrections Department successfully took over management of the private prison in Clayton, overseeing a safe and seamless transition into better administration. We settled the Jackson and Duran litigations, ending cases that have lasted decades and cost the state tens of millions of dollars. We took the initiative on building up our state's reserves for a future rainy day. We made sure we have an equitable framework for reforming our state pension system in a way that protects New Mexico taxpayers and respects retirees, both current and future. We boosted common-sense oversight of polluters; and we put New Mexico on a direct path to being the nation's clean energy leader, ensuring our land, air and water – our inheritance as residents of this incredible state – are passed on to future generations. We brought industry and environmental leaders together, and we are moving forward on creating nation-leading rules that will curb methane pollution, create jobs and deliver more dollars into New Mexico classrooms. We took on the Trump administration when they abandoned border communities, when they tried to gain access to our workforce data so they could deport working parents and tear families apart. With your help, we will keep up those efforts, those good fights – and we will keep investing for a bright tomorrow while delivering solutions to the urgent needs of today. We are fixing what was left broken and addressing urgent needs and turning the corner into the bright future of our incredible state – all at once.

Year One: I'd call it a very, very good start. Thank you, honorable legislators, even Debbie Armstrong – thank you all for your support and leadership in helping us capitalize on the incredible opportunity of this moment.

But, as you know, we've still got a lot of work to do. For one thing: We still haven't shortened all these podiums, they're too tall! That was the first thing I said we had to do!

In all seriousness: We accomplished so very much in one year, and yet the economic growth we've seen has not touched families in every part of the state. We have not yet completed the diversification and expansion efforts we must undertake to ensure New Mexico's prosperity is durable and meaningful. The educational transformation that's begun to take shape is still in the

first few innings. So, no, I did not hear New Mexicans telling me, “great, job done” – I heard them say, “great, keep going.”

And we are building something substantial and sweeping and powerful – for the generations to come and for New Mexicans right now. We are investing for tomorrow and delivering today. We must continue to do both – aggressively, strategically, with fiscal responsibility top of mind. In equal measure, I am proud of the distance we have covered, eager for the chance to do more right now, and perfectly aware of the climb we still have to make.

As we open this 30-day session, I challenge you to think beyond the 30 days. Think beyond even this year. We stand together in the sunrise of a new decade. What we do here in this session, in this coming year, will set the course for what comes over the horizon in 2030 and beyond. The progress begins right here in this room and on the other side of the building – the accomplishments of lawmakers present and past, including those beloved friends and colleagues we lost this year, Representative Bill Pratt, Senator Carlos Cisneros, Senator John Pinto. It’s important to reflect on their many contributions to our state and what each of them, in their own way, delivered for their constituents and all of New Mexico. If we can take a quiet moment to remember them.

Thank you. Over this next year and in this coming decade, how will we work together to make New Mexico the state of success? The power to answer the call forcefully is in our hands, in our willingness and capacity to be relentless and bold, right now.

We begin where we must: Education. It would be inaccurate to say we chose education as our top priority. Transforming our public education ecosystem is no less than a moral mandate, an imperative that found us, this group of legislative leaders who are obligated and, I believe, destined to deliver the single best cradle-to-career educational system in the country.

I insist, alongside every devoted parent and dedicated advocate in the state, that we get it right, right now. And at the same time I recognize that what we are building requires long-term vision. We all must recognize that a genuine transformation, a moonshot, doesn’t occur overnight. But our goal is and will continue to be meaningful positive outcomes for students and teachers all while the permanent turnaround rounds into shape.

So we must continue to build. We’ve got to invest and deliver. We’ve got to pay educators more and we’ve got to hire more educators. And we are on our way: In Year One, we cut the statewide teacher vacancy rate by 13 percent – proof positive that the message has been received: After 8 years of neglect and disrespect, New Mexico values and supports its world-class educators once again. And we will keep going in a way that’s sustainable and real. We will, together, deliver another raise for educators and school personnel this year, the most significant back-to-back raises educators have received in almost 15 years. In our first two years, we will have provided a 10 percent across-the-board raise for our educators – as compared to only 6% total over the eight years before that. Once again: Education was not a priority then. It is now.

And we will keep going; we will stay the course with new programs that require a sustained focus, like extended learning time and K-5 Plus. Let’s think about what those programs represent: More meaningful time in the classroom for our at-risk students, more time for them to learn, create and build relationships. And we know there’s a direct line between that and higher achievement. With the Public Education Department working alongside districts around the state, we estimate, next year, more than half of New Mexico’s K-12 student body taking part in extended learning programs; we estimate almost 5,000 teachers participating in K-5 Plus – teachers in the top tier taking home almost \$70,000 a year.

And we will, this year, expand our axis of emphasis to include early childhood education and care, comprehensively changing the trajectory for the youngest kids in this state, forever.

Child care, pre-k, home visiting, family nutrition, early intervention services and more – we will connect New Mexico parents with the high-quality services they need to help them both cut costs in their home budgets and provide the best possible head start for their children.

With your support, last year, we launched the Early Childhood Education and Care Department, a monument to our belief in what our kids and families can achieve. With that new department, together, we opened the door to a new day for early childhood outcomes in New Mexico.

We must now walk through that door and invest in learning opportunities and care networks that will make a difference for New Mexico children and families.

We all want better outcomes for our kids and families – but it seems we sometimes hesitate when it comes time to really provide for their future. We have the opportunity this year to do that. With the Early Childhood Trust Fund, we can establish a positive, dynamic and self-fulfilling cycle of improved outcomes for our children and families. The seeds we sow in early childhood investment right now, this year, will sustain generations to come.

We have committed to transforming the lives and opportunities of New Mexico children and families; we believe in the unequivocal data that show the pathway begins at the earliest age; we accept that every unacceptable statistic about New Mexico's education system stems from a lack of comprehensive opportunity for our earliest learners ... so this is the moment to step up. This is the moment to stand and be counted as part of the single most comprehensive effort to transform early childhood outcomes of any state in the country.

As long as we're talking about leading the nation: New Mexico was the first to guarantee higher education for all. We were the first state to provide college tuition for residents. The Lottery Scholarship was ahead of its time; now, we as a state have fallen behind. We have back-slid into an environment where college-age students in New Mexico wonder not where they'll attend college but whether they will at all, where adults who want to go back to school face a financial roadblock to new skills and fulfilling new careers. And we know we're selling these New Mexicans short – maybe not as short as me, but pretty dang short. We know if young adults don't find opportunity here, they will look elsewhere.

But if we build it, they will stay. This year, we can round out our world-class cradle-to-career educational philosophy with a comprehensive embrace of universal higher education: The Opportunity Scholarship. It is a prudent, sustainable investment in the bridge we must build between our classrooms and our workforce. We have the power to make tuition-free higher education a reality, benefiting an astounding 55,000 New Mexico students this fall. Students want it; parents want it; let's give them the opportunity. An opportunity that works for Estevan, studying education at the Santa Fe Community College. I want Estevan to be a teacher right here in New Mexico. An opportunity that works for Yawana, a sophomore nursing student at UNM. I want Yawana to be a nurse right here in this state, where we need her. An opportunity that works for Michelle, a senior at New Mexico Tech double-majoring in electrical engineering and mathematics. I want Michelle to put those degrees to work and build her career right here in New Mexico.

We should all want students like Estevan and Yawana and Michelle – and the many, many talented young adults in the gallery right now and watching at home – to find their passion here, to build their careers here, in New Mexico. And I want them to know they can do it without debt hanging over them for years. We should all be doing everything we can to make student tuition debt a thing of the past. Otherwise, we're limiting what our young adults can do and who they can become. I would much rather invest in unlocking their unlimited potential. I'm confident we will.

And confidence breeds confidence. Every part of this touches every other. When we move aggressively to increase wages, invest in our public education system and think outside the box about what our state economy and workforce can be, jobs and careers will follow. These students will stay and work here. We are transforming New Mexico into a place workers and growing businesses want to be. A place with stable, fulfilling employment, with opportunities to grow and raise a family.

We are rapidly climbing out of the lost decade of job growth, the stagnation and forced austerity of the last administration. The minimum wage is on the way up for the first time in more than a

decade, benefiting 100,000 New Mexico workers. We set a record for film and television shoots, 94 productions pumping nearly \$600 million into our economy – with more productions in rural communities under our new rural production incentive. My Economic Development Department is making record investments in homegrown businesses all across the state – creating more jobs and creating better-paying jobs. And I mean all across the state: I’m talking about C4 Farms, a 4th generation ranch in Rio Arriba County, where our state contribution will help them develop a processing plant and butcher shop that will serve hunters who currently take their game to Colorado. I’m talking about 420 Valley, a manufacturing start-up in Las Cruces that extracts CBD oil from hemp plants and will expand to almost 60 employees over the next 3 years. I’m talking about Duane Kinsley, the founder of Sport Systems, an Albuquerque outdoor equipment store. Duane has launched Best Deal Retailer, a start-up enterprise that has developed technology to help brick-and-mortar New Mexico retailers keep their local shoppers by beating giant online retailers. Duane is here today – thank you Duane for believing in and representing the power of local economic development, hiring New Mexicans and helping New Mexico businesses compete.

As outlined in my budget proposal, we will build on the record Local Economic Development and Job Training Incentive funding we delivered throughout New Mexico in Year One. Thank you for your support for these essential programs: The local jobs we created last year paid 20% better than over the last 8 years. Manufacturing jobs, IT jobs, engineering and tourism and outdoor recreation jobs – we’re creating pathways into these careers; we’re getting New Mexicans the skills they need to succeed.

Because we all want an economy that is stronger than one industry – no matter how strong that industry is today. We’ve got to create more opportunity in rural communities, on mainstreets all through our state – and so we’ve got to consider every single good idea. A perfect example is cannabis.

This is the fact: Recreational cannabis can be the next frontier of our economic expansion. We can get in on the ground floor or we can try to play catch up – I know which one I prefer. And I know which one New Mexicans prefer: 75 percent of New Mexico supports the legalization of adult-use cannabis, including strong support in rural areas.

For years now, the Legislature has heard and debated recreational cannabis proposals; we’ve watched states come before us, we’ve watched them stumble in some areas, thrive in others ... and every year we’ve said, “No, not yet, it’s not for us.” Well, it’s easy to get to “no.” It’s harder to stand up and create something good and new. And we’re ready for that. These 30 days are the final stages, not the starting point. My legalization working group – a team of experts and advocates, experienced stakeholders from every corner of the industry, law enforcement from rural and urban areas alike and more – built upon the conversations the Legislature has had in past years. They visited communities all across the state last year. They solicited candid community input from parents and providers and coaches and police officers; they laid out a vision of a New Mexico where we use every tool in our economic toolbelt, strategically adopting best practices from the states that have come before us, creating a thriving and safe new industry employing thousands of New Mexicans and delivering hundreds of millions in revenue back to cities and counties and the state for public safety and health care. Three of every four New Mexicans wants to realize the awesome economic potential of this industry, and I agree with the overwhelming majority of our state: I say we ought to give them the chance. It’s high time we stopped holding ourselves and our economy back: Let’s get it done this year and give New Mexicans yet another reason, yet another opportunity, to stay here and work and build a fulfilling 21st century career.

Progress is not preordained. We have to have the vision to identify productive next steps while keeping an eye on the longer path, the distances farther ahead. This past year we stood up to protect New Mexicans from pernicious federal efforts to dismantle health care services. With your support, we enacted safeguards against attempts to roll back the Affordable Care Act and

strip New Mexicans of the health care lifelines they depend on. But unfortunately that's not enough. We, as a state, have to keep fighting to ensure health care as affordable, high-quality and accessible as it can possibly be. And this year, with your support, we can move aggressively to reduce health care costs – including drug costs – for New Mexico families. With your support for Senate Bill 1, the state will pursue the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada, cutting costs for New Mexico families. And we will begin to cap co-pays and out-of-pocket costs for patients with chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma and COPD. With your support, we can invest in the essential work of rebuilding a robust behavioral health network, providing a lifeline to New Mexico families that have been devastated by drugs, violence, poverty and more. Those are investments in independence, in personal freedom, in people's capacity to help themselves. New Mexico seniors deserve that chance, too. Every single senior wants to be independent and self-sufficient as long as possible. Right now, my mother Sonja is in a primary care clinic, without my brother and me, being treated for an infection that threatens hospitalization. My mother is a strong and stubborn woman – and she's going it alone so my brother and I can be here with you today. I remember when my father was dying — and in spite of my mother's strong independence, she, in fact, relied heavily on my father. After his death, my mother and I both knew she really couldn't live alone. We began the painful effort of moving her into my home with me. And I remember taking the last box of her personal belongings and loading them into my car. What I had in that small box was the last vestige of my mother's independence, and the only life she had really ever known. I vowed then – and I do again today – to restore for seniors and disabled adults and their caregivers the respect, the services and the dignity that they deserve. The Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund that I have proposed is designed to do just that – to provide for the dignity and support seniors and caregivers need.

Kiki Saavedra understood the necessity of getting that right. I remember him telling me, before every one of my appropriation requests for senior citizens would go before his committee, “Michelle, if you really care about funding these services for seniors, do not bring a thousand senior citizens into this hearing room. We don't have time. I've got other committees. Do not do it.” So, I did it, and he would give me that look – like, “You were my hita, I don't know what you are to me now.” But you know what? He'd be there. He'd stay until every single person was heard. He'd walk around the room, he'd ask who drove the farthest, who had the oldest car – he would make the effort to give every single person in that room the time and care and attention they deserved.

The Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund is an investment in our capacity to provide that kind of respect. Kiki Saavedra understood that we are judged not by our personal success but what we do for others. In this session we can deliver for New Mexico seniors and make this game-changing fund a reality.

But as we worked last year to improve the health and welfare of New Mexicans, others were working to deprive them of both. I'm talking about the criminal violence that is far too prevalent in our great state. Let's all agree that the days of hardened, violent, repeat offenders not doing any real time, getting unwarranted second and third and fourth chances because our system is too broken to hold people accountable ... those days must end and they must end now. We have to draw a line. New Mexicans are sick and tired of seeing predators circle in and out of custody, never facing the full force of the law. I am too. Here's the fact: Dangerous, repeat offenders have got to be in jail. If you are terrorizing our communities again and again, we have nothing to talk about: You must be stopped and held accountable.

We have a chance in this session to come together as a state and put together the best practices, to be smart and tough on crime. Everybody – every policymaker, at every level of government – has to be on board. This year we launched, as a state, the Fugitive Apprehension Unit; we sent state police officers to help support local police efforts in Albuquerque, in Valencia County, in Alamogordo and down on the border. And under my budget proposal we will fund 60 new State Police officers and better pay for new recruits. We'll give them the time and support they need to

make meaningful connections with the communities they serve all across New Mexico – and to keep them safe.

I'm also proposing stiffer penalties for gun- and drug- and human-trafficking to keep the purveyors of those particular kinds of evil off our streets longer.

One of my staff members had to leave work early one day this fall to pick up her daughter, who was deeply shaken after her school was placed on lockdown following a threat of mass violence. Think of all our children, our friends and neighbors whose lives and livelihoods have been disrupted by lockdowns or evacuations. That's criminal, and this session, we're going after people who terrorize New Mexicans with threats of mass violence.

If we are clear about keeping New Mexico families safe, we have to commit to accepting responsibility and giving law enforcement the tools they need – to give New Mexicans the peace of mind they deserve. We have to create public safety, consciously and proactively and persistently, every day. Together, beginning this session, we will win this fight, and justice will be done in New Mexico.

In these next 30 days, I will be who you know me to be. Relentless. Competitive. Caffeinated. I will be tireless on behalf of the New Mexicans who have not yet felt the effect of our changing fortunes, our push toward steady and sustainable progress. New Mexicans like Tiffanie Collins, a single mother in Grants. Her daughter turns 12 next month. Tiffanie works two jobs to provide for her daughter – and it's just barely enough. She feels the strain every day – working extra time, relying on family to help care for her daughter. Tiffanie went to UNM to obtain her bachelor's and dropped out after a few semesters because she couldn't afford tuition. What she wants is opportunity to get ahead where she lives, in Grants, a chance to thrive and make a better life right there, a chance to get her daughter into high-quality after-school programming and get gainful, fulfilling employment so she doesn't have to worry about the next bill, and the next bill, and the unexpected bill, maybe a medical expense, that puts everything over the edge. Tiffanie made the sacrifice to take time out of her schedule to be here today, and I want to recognize her as the kind of New Mexican who is doing absolutely everything right – working hard, being a good mom, getting into a program where she's learning coding skills, trying to get the kind of education and training that will help her provide for her family. We have got to make sure Tiffanie's efforts are supported by our efforts. We've got to make school more affordable; we've got to provide jobs right where she is, not 100 miles or a couple states away; we've got to invest in our educators and improve our schools so she can sleep at night knowing her daughter has the best possible chance to succeed. Tiffanie's here today because she believes in us – and also to tell us to keep going. Because we have to do better, all of us, so New Mexicans like Tiffanie are never left behind.

I urge you to join me in sustaining the investments we have made in the future that New Mexico families, students and workers deserve. I invite you to join me in bringing into reality the bright vision of the best possible New Mexico of 2020, 2030, 2040, a future where our youngest get the best possible head start, where students and educators have every reason to stay here and build their lives, where small businesses can thrive with a strong and dynamic workforce at the ready, where our economy includes everyone and every good idea, where New Mexicans live and thrive in safety. Together, we will keep investing for tomorrow and delivering today. We will keep going. Forward, every day, together. Thank you, and let's get to work.

**3. What impact did your key initiatives and partnerships have in your community? Describe any known measurable impact, such as increased awareness, learning or understanding about particular issues. Describe indicators of success, such as connecting people to needed resources or strengthening conversational ties across diverse neighborhoods. Did a partner see an increase in requests for related resources? Please include direct feedback from a partner(s) or from a person(s) served.**

KANW program partnerships as described above creates an environment of learning, awareness and understanding of issues, concerns and problems facing New Mexico. Contact phone numbers, websites and addresses are made available during the programs.

KANW is honored to partner with, the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, the City of Santa Rosa, Town of Bernalillo, Sandoval County, Valencia County Chamber of Commerce, ABQ Hispano Chamber of Commerce, Central New Mexico Community College, NM Department of Cultural Affairs, Santa Fe Chapter of NAACP, New Mexico Latin Music Association Awards, Los 15 Grandes De Nuevo Mexico Awards, and the New Mexico Hispano Music Association, Hispano Music Awards, Gallup, and the City of Grants about city/county wide events, workshops, special programs, and events. All entities have seen an increase in awareness about issues, concerns and programs. Participation at these events has increased through our partnership. KANW live remotes from these events have greatly increased awareness and participation at events.

From The Town of Bernalillo.

Dear Heidi,

I'm writing this letter to express our deepest gratitude to you and the staff at KANW.

Since we've been advertising on KANW 89.1 FM, our attendance and participation at events in the Town of Bernalillo has increased! KANW is an amazing partner and we're excited to be working with such an amazing group and we hope to continue this great relationship for years to come.

Again, thanks for all you do for New Mexico and the Town of Bernalillo.

Sincerely,

Mike Kloeppe

Director of Economic and Community Development

KANW collaborates with the New Mexico Secretary of State's office, Bernalillo County Clerk's office, Sandoval County Clerk's office and Public School districts to provide native language translations of election information announcements for general, county, city, and school elections. Native Languages include Keres, Navajo, Tewa, and Towa.

KANW produces and broadcasts PSA's about local and regional cultural celebrations and provides remote broadcasts from these events via our broadcast van. KANW is the only New Mexico public radio station with complete remote broadcast capabilities.

KANW Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Announcements regarding remote learning grab and go meals and other COVID-19 news, kept parents and students informed regarding APS.

KANW presents Radio Broadcasting Classes twice a year for Albuquerque Public School students and community member. The eight-week introductory course covers commercial and non-commercial radio broadcasting, FCC rules and regulations, music formats, transmission systems, HD Radio, voice technique, and much more. Students train on KANW's broadcast equipment and can volunteer at KANW upon completion of the course.

KANW broadcasting Governor Lujan-Grisham press conferences regarding COVID-19 keeping the communities informed regarding stay at home orders, travel restrictions, closures of government, businesses, schools and communities like Gallup and Native American communities.

**4. Please describe any efforts (e.g. programming, production, engagement activities) you have made to investigate and/or meet the needs of minority and other diverse audiences (including, but not limited to, new immigrants, people for whom English is a second language and illiterate adults) during Fiscal Year 2019, and any plans you have made to meet the needs of these audiences during Fiscal Year 2020. If you regularly broadcast in a language other than English, please note the language broadcast.**

KANW broadcasts Spanish language music each day with New Mexico Music, we broadcast 4,992 hours of New Mexico Music annually, with live local hosts. This service connects citizens to their heritage and provides cultural awareness and serves the minority majority underserved population of New Mexico.

KANW provides 156 hours of Native American music annually, connecting rural and underserved populations to their history and heritage.

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KANW is a sponsor for New Mexico Latin Music Association Awards, Los 15 Grandes De Nuevo Mexico Awards, and the New Mexico Hispano Music Association, Hispano Music Awards; programs rewarding music excellence in the Hispanic community. Supports the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors of the New Mexico State Fair in particular promoting the activities in the Villa Hispano.

KANW Special Report, Live broadcast from School Choice Fair, Public Schools Choice, Principals, teachers and Administrators in the Public Schools. Guests: Joseph Escobedo, Director, Charter Schools, Albuquerque Public Schools; Raquel Reedy, Superintendent, Albuquerque Public School; Deborah Elder, Executive Director, Office of Innovation, Albuquerque Public Schools; Barbara Peterson, Board of Education, Albuquerque Public Schools Issues: school choice; programs and schools for K-12 students; collaboration with the University of New Mexico and the Central New Mexico Community College; regular education and magnet schools in Albuquerque; specialized schools to meet the needs of students; parent information

KANW works with in all the communities we serve through ascertainment meetings, community outreach during cultural celebrations, fiestas, and Matanzas, throughout the year.

KANW conducts ascertainment meetings with community leaders and the public, in rural, minority majority and underserved communities within our service areas to determine the needs, problems, issues and concern in their community.

Through our partnerships with our community calendar and PSA's we inform, and educate minority listeners, low income listeners, senior citizens and veterans regarding legal assistance, tax assistance and other services available.

**KANW broadcasts PSA's on an ongoing bases regarding resources for these and other concerns: justice, civil liberties, law and poverty, alcohol abuse, drug, abuse, gambling abuse, transgender, LGBT, homeless, food bank**

The Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico, is dedicated to serving the transgender communities in the state of New Mexico and strives to exist as a clearing house for resources which can support, assist, educate, and advocate for the transgender and gender non-conforming population of this state and their families and loved ones. For more information visit [tgrcnm.org](http://tgrcnm.org)

The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice provides resources and space for organizations and individuals working on peace and justice issues to network with one another and share information. The center works to support regional and global justice. For more information call 268-9557

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico works to maintain and advance the cause of civil liberties, civil rights and constitutional freedom in New Mexico. For volunteer or membership information visit [aclu-nm.org](http://aclu-nm.org).

The New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty is dedicated to advancing economic and social justice through education, advocacy and litigation. The Center works with low-income New Mexicans to improve living conditions, increase opportunities and protect the rights of people living in poverty. For more information visit [nmpovertylaw.org](http://nmpovertylaw.org)

If your drinking is causing issues with your family, your health, and the community, contact Alcoholics anonymous. You will find a fellowship of men & women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. For information call 266-1900

Food Not Bombs is seeking a world free of hunger, poverty, exploitation, war and environmental destruction. For information about Food Not Bombs call 575-770-3377.

Healing Addition in our Community advocates for individuals and families who struggle with addition. For information on in-state and out-of-state agencies, information on medications like Suboxone and Naloxone, therapists, doctors and more visit [healingadditionnm.org](http://healingadditionnm.org)

The Roadrunner Food Bank has drop off locations for non-perishable food donations throughout the KANW listening Area, to find a drop off location near you visit [rrrfb.com](http://rrrfb.com)

For information on child care, home visiting, community engagement and support for parents visit [pulltogether.org](http://pulltogether.org) or call 800-691-9067

NMGLBT for a list of upcoming events, information, and discussion about the GLBT community in New Mexico contact, NMGLBT Resources. The online address is [nmglbt.org](http://nmglbt.org)

KANW staff participates in judge the Longfellow Elementary School spelling bee and science fair. The school students are predominately English as second language students.

**5. Please assess the impact that your CPB funding had on your ability to serve your community. What were you able to do with your grant that you wouldn't be able to do if you didn't receive it?**

CPB Funding is critical for KANW to serve the rural and underserve minority communities throughout Eastern, Northern, Western and Central New Mexico, as well as the metro areas. CPB funding allows KANW to produce news, weather, public affairs programs, KANW Special Reports including coverage of the State of State Address and the New Mexico State Legislature.

Utilizing CPB funding KANW produces and broadcasts extensive election coverage which is not duplicated by other broadcasters in New Mexico. This service is provided to rural and underserve minority communities throughout Eastern, Northern, Western and Central New Mexico, as well as the metro areas.

CPB funding allows KANW to provide remote broadcasts from educational and cultural events via our broadcast van, bringing New Mexican cultural and heritage to New Mexican's throughout Eastern, Northern, Western and Central New Mexico. KANW is the only New Mexico public radio station with complete remote broadcast capabilities.

CPB Funding provided the funding necessary to maintain and expand KANW- HD2, which broadcasts 24 hours of news and information programming, to serve the rural and underserve minority communities throughout Eastern, Northern, Western and Central New Mexico. Bringing programs which are heard in major markets to New Mexico. KANW is the source for programs like 1A, Fresh Air, Here & Now and others.

CPB Funding enables KANW to produce local news coverage of national and international news to rural, minority and underserved communities in New Mexico.

CPB funding enables KANW to provide New Mexicans with NPR Programming, Science Friday, Albuquerque Economic Forum, KANW Special Reports, general education programming, fine arts programming including our classical music for a Sunday morning, and Michael Olivas and the Law of Rock and Roll.

CPB Funding enables KANW to have an engineer to maintain station operations, translators, transmitter and other equipment.