

**KRWG-TV**  
**Quarterly Program Topic Report**

**July-September**  
**2020**

**KRWG-TV is the PBS station located in Las Cruces, New Mexico. We are licensed by New Mexico State University and our offices are located on NMSU's Las Cruces campus. KRWG-TV is proud to be the only television station in southern New Mexico. We also provide unique services in the El Paso, Texas/Las Cruces, New Mexico service area.**

**Through meetings with citizens and community leaders, partnerships with area newspapers and other organizations, and extensive production of news and public affairs programming, the staff of KRWG-TV has determined the following issues are of primary importance to our coverage area:**

**Health/Welfare/Safety – While the over-all crime rate is no higher than the national average, poverty and a higher than average teenage population contribute to a gang and crime problem. Poverty also results in health and welfare issues including an above average social services caseload and a high number of welfare cases handled by the local hospital.**

**Culture – The mix of Hispanic/Native American/ and Anglo cultures provide many positive attributes to life in southern New Mexico. Cultural and historical understanding is of great importance.**

**Business - With an above-average unemployment rate and a below-average income level, the status of the business/agricultural community in southern New Mexico is crucial. Concern over the constant issue of defense spending at the federal level is ongoing in this area due to the presence of several military and NASA installations. Dona Ana County is also actively seeking new businesses and a strong infrastructure exists near the Santa Teresa Border Crossing to boost border trade.**

**Politics/Public Affairs – Southern New Mexico and the United States have a wide variety of contentious political issues that are of constant interest to the citizens of the involved communities.**

**Education – With a constantly growing population of children, many of whom use Spanish as their primary language, the school systems in the KRWG-TV viewing area are constantly trying to provide facilities and teachers to meet this growing school age population with limited funds. New Mexico is one of the poorest per-capita states in the nation, which results in a chronic shortage of funds for local education.**

**Water/Environment – KRWG-TV is located in a desert with two major sources of water: the Rio Grande River and an aquifer that supplies**

**drinking water to Las Cruces and surrounding areas in the Mesilla Valley. Water is the lifeblood of the region and conflicts are escalating over the requirements of a growing urban population and agriculture.**

## **HEALTH / WELFARE / SAFETY**

### **Yoga in Practice**

*Monday-Friday at 630am beginning 7/16 (30min)*

Yoga is the art and science of aligning the mind, body and spirit to live a richer and more authentic life. It promotes increased awareness, strength and flexibility while reducing stress and anxiety. Yoga may also decrease pain related to common problems such as lower back, hip or shoulder injuries. YOGA IN PRACTICE is a new 13-part series led by master instructor Stacey Millner-Collins of Columbia, South Carolina, who first began the practice in 1994 as a way to unite a dedicated physical discipline with a spiritual one. The series is designed to teach the foundations of yoga to the at-home student, and to encourage a daily yoga practice that is more than simply physical exercise. Each episode focuses on a universal theme, such as "courage" or "the art of slowing down," and includes basic meditation and breathing techniques, further reducing the stress and anxiety associated with modern life.

### **Allaire Back Fitness**

*Monday-Friday at 630am ended 7/15 (30min)*

Dr. Lisa Allaire, D.C. takes you through a step-by-step progression of exercises designed to help you develop a strong and healthy back. Chiropractor, Dr. Lisa Allaire, leads you through a series of exercises-beginner to intermediate/advanced- that will improve the strength and fitness of your core and postural muscles. Join the workouts and gain more strength, flexibility, and stability.

### **CLASSICAL STRETCH: By Eccentrics**

*Monday-Friday at 6am (30min)*

Created, produced and hosted by former professional ballerina Miranda Esmonde-White, the continuing series CLASSICAL STRETCH: BY ESSETRICS helps people of all ages and fitness levels rebalance their bodies, increase mobility and keep joints healthy and pain-free. Based on the fitness technique Eccentrics, developed by Miranda, each 30-minute episode features a full-body workout with dynamic strengthening and stretching exercises: all-standing, all-floor or all-barre. In CLASSICAL STRETCH: BY ESSETRICS XI, participants will notice an immediate increase in flexibility and a release of tension in their muscles after each episode-improving their posture and range of motion. Stress is released and aches and pains are soothed through the gradual unlocking of the entire body.

### **Easy Yoga for Diabetes with Peggy Cappy**

*Saturday 8/29 & 9/6 at 530pm, Sunday 8/30 & 9/7 at 12am (1hr)*

Learn how yoga and the right diet can improve health and have a positive impact on life with diabetes. Interviews with doctors and first-person accounts from individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes explore how yoga and diet improved their lives.

### **Easy Yoga: The Secret to Strength and Balance**

*Monday 8/30 & 9/5 at 6pm; Monday 8/31 & 9/5 at 12am (1hr)*

Discover how yoga can help anyone, regardless of age, increase strength and mobility. Cappy's gentle approach shows how yoga can increase range of motion, improve body awareness, help prevent bone loss and keep the metabolism running efficiently.

### **Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide**

*Saturday, 8/29 at 8am; Sunday 8/30 at 12pm; Thursday 9/3 at 7pm; Friday 9/4 at 1am; Saturday 9/5 at 1030am & Sunday 9/6 at 3pm (2hrs)*

Join the acclaimed personal finance expert for essential advice on planning for and thriving in retirement. With empathy, straight talk and humor, Suze provides information about key steps for anyone trying to achieve their "ultimate retirement."

### **Longevity Paradox with Steven Gundry, MD**

*Saturday 8/29 at 230pm; Thursday 9/3 at 9pm; Friday 9/4 at 3am; Saturday 9/5 at 1230pm & Sunday 9/6 at 1030am (90min)*

Have you ever wondered why some people live such long, active lives, while so many of us struggle as we get older? Many people have this question, Dr. Steven Gundry has the shocking answer! In *The Longevity Paradox*, Dr. Gundry shares informative, life-changing information with us and shows us a step-by-step easy approach to help us all feel better and more youthful today, no matter your age. Dr. Gundry will teach us what is causing faster aging, how and why some people live long active lives well into their 90s. Dr. Gundry will also debunk five of the biggest myths about aging. *The Longevity Paradox with Steven Gundry, MD* is based on the latest science as well as from experiences of everyday people -- people who have suffered from autoimmune diseases, obesity, diabetes, digestive problems, inflammation, heart attacks, joint pain, brain fog, or premature aging. Feeling sluggish, worn out, and ill are all things of the past. Dr. Gundry is here to help save us from all of the ailments of aging that lurk around every corner. Dr. Steven Gundry was once a professor and chairman of cardiothoracic surgery at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. In the year 2000, Dr. Gundry realized he could save many more lives with prevention rather than surgery so he started his own practice dedicated to using diet to reverse and prevent chronic illness. Since then, Dr. Gundry has shown thousands of his patients how dietary and lifestyle changes can dramatically reverse health problems that traditional medicine could not help.

### **Collagen Diet with Dr. Josh Axe**

*Saturday 8/29 at 4pm, Thursday 9/3 at 1030pm, Friday 9/4 at 430am & Sunday 9/6 at 9am (90min)*

Dr. Josh Axe is a doctor of natural medicine, a doctor of chiropractic and a clinical nutritionist with a passion for helping people get well using food as medicine. He operates one of the world's largest natural health websites: [www.DrAxe.com](http://www.DrAxe.com). He has hosted two previous fundraising programs based on his bestselling books *Eat Dirt* and *Keto Diet*. In *The Collagen Diet*, Dr. Axe highlights the health benefits of collagen, a protein made in the body but which diminishes with age. Because it's also absent from the typical western diet, many Americans suffer with the consequences of a collagen deficit: achy joints, sagging skin and inflammation, a precursor to chronic disease. Dr. Axe shows viewers how to get more collagen in their diets and effective ways to support the body's ability to make it. Collagen is the most abundant protein in the body. Beyond

skin it's found in nails, bone, cartilage, tendons, muscles, the gut lining, the discs that cushion vertebrae, blood vessels, and the outer layer of organs. Because it's woven into so many tissues, it plays a vital role in countless aspects of health. In fact, new research is showing that collagen may help regenerate new tissue, aid in gut repair, boost the immune system, and even increase lifespan.

### **Healthy Minds with Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein**

*Sundays at 130pm ended 7/5 (30min)*

One in five people has a diagnosable mental disorder. For many families, the fear and shame associated with a diagnosis of mental illness can lead to isolation and suffering in silence. HEALTHY MINDS the Emmy nominated, award-winning series, once again, aims to educate the public about psychiatric conditions which affect so many people. The series humanizes mental health conditions through inspiring personal stories and interviews with leading researchers and experts, who provide the latest information about diagnosis and treatment. As Dr. Borenstein explains, "Everyone is touched by psychiatric conditions, either themselves or a loved one. Our goal is to share cutting edge information from experts along with personal experiences from people who have overcome psychiatric conditions. Now, more than ever, it is important to reduce stigma and encourage people who have a psychiatric condition not to suffer in silence but to seek help. I want people to know that with help, there is hope."

### **Growing Bolder**

*Saturdays at 130pm except 8/30 & 9/6 (30min)*

GROWING BOLDER targets people who believe, "it's not about age, it's about attitude. "The new lifestyle series finds and celebrates the men and women who smash stereotypes, promote lifelong learning and act as role models for active lifestyle and healthy aging. The co-hosts, veteran journalists Marc Middleton and Bill Shafer, bring a wealth of broadcast experience to GROWING BOLDER. In each episode, they introduce inspirational, optimistic and life-affirming segments about athletes, cancer survivors, musicians, actors, politicians, health experts, as well as ordinary people - all of whom share a common goal of growing bolder, not older.

### **Ageless Living**

*Sundays at 1pm except 8/30 & 9/6 (30min)*

Fast-paced and provocative, SECOND OPINION focuses on health literacy in an engaging, entertaining and accessible way. The long-running series engages a panel of medical professionals and lay people in honest, in-depth discussions about complex health issues and life-changing medical decisions. Host Dr. Peter Salgo, who maintains a full-time practice at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City, presents intriguing, real-life medical cases to professionals representing a variety of specialties. As the experts grapple with the diagnosis and treatment options, viewers gain an understanding of doctors' decision-making process. This season, topics include: psoriasis, chronic pain management, medical radiation, pituitary gland tumor, living with Alzheimer's, pneumonia, autism and more.

## **CULTURE**

### **New Mexico Colores!**

*Sundays at 10pm except 8/30 & 9/6; Mondays at 4am except 9/1 & 9/7 (30min)*

¡COLORES! is a weekly art series with stories devoted to the creative spirit. The series features local and national stories about film, visual and performing arts, theater, photography, literature, painting, sculpture, poetry and dance.

### **NEWSMAKERS**

*Thursdays at 7pm except 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24; Fridays at 1am except 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 8/21, 8/28, 9/3, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25; Saturdays at 5pm except 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19 & 9/26; Sundays at 11am except 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 & 9/27 (30min)*

NEWSMAKERS: the region's in-depth source for news from New Mexico and Texas. Every week, Newsmakers features the people, issues, and events that shape our community. Shows in September will focus on our region's role in the future of energy; the new Las Cruces Convention Center; and how New Mexico State University is engaging the scientists of the future by reaching out to area students.

7/23

Black Lives Matter: Dr. Patrick Turner & Kimberly York

This week, Newsmakers features Dr. Patrick Turner, Director of First Year Initiatives at NMSU and Kimberly York, Interim Director, Black Programs at NMSU.

7/30

New Graduates Face Tough Labor Market; Naida Zucker

This week, Newsmakers looks at how new graduates are facing a tough labor market and we visit with Naida Zucker a retired zoologist and biology professor who now is a local artist.

8/6

Changes to the CWA could impact Gila River; Eagle Ranch Heart of the Desert

This week, Newsmakers looks at changes to the CWA that could impact the Gila river and we visit Eagle Ranch Heart of the Desert which is known for being the largest pistachio producing grove in the state of New Mexico.

8/13

Henry Fountain: Climate Reporter, New York Times

This week, Newsmakers features Henry Fountain, Climate Reporter for the New York Times to discuss his latest article on the Mega drought and Climate Change.

### **Election 2020 – NM State Representative District 52**

*Thursday 9/17 at 7pm, Friday 9/18 at 1am, Saturday 9/19 at 5pm & Sunday 9/20 at 11am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Representative District 52 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Kathy Brook from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features candidates Democrat Doreen Gallegos and Republican John Foreman.

**Election 2020 – NM State Representative District 53**

*Thursday 9/17 at 730pm, Friday 9/18 at 130am, Saturday 9/19 at 530pm & Sunday 9/20 at 1130am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Representative District 53 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Kathy Brook from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features the candidate Republican Ricky Little. Democrat Willie Madrid declined the invitation.

**Election 2020 – NM State Senate District 31**

*Thursday 9/24 at 7pm, Friday 9/25 at 1am, Saturday 9/26 at 5pm & Sunday 9/27 at 11am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Senate District 31 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Eileen VanWie from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features Democratic candidate Joseph Cervantes. We were unable to reach Republican candidate John Roberts.

**Election 2020 – NM State Senate District 34**

*Thursday 9/24 at 730pm, Friday 9/25 at 130am, Saturday 9/26 at 530pm & Sunday 9/27 at 1130am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Senate District 34 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Eileen VanWie from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features Democrat Darren Kugler and Republican Ron Griggs.

**Issues & Answers: Police Oversight #128**

*Thursday 7/2 at 7pm, Friday 7/3 at 1am, Saturday 7/4 at 5pm & Sunday 7/5 at 11am (1hr)*  
New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas and Third Judicial District Attorney Mark D'Antonio discuss the legal issues surrounding police oversight. Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Las Cruces District 4 City Councilor Johana Bencomo talk about municipal policy efforts to improve police oversight.

**Issues & Answers: Police Reform #127**

*Saturday 8/22 at 5pm & Sunday 8/23 at 11am (1hr)*  
Doña Ana County Sheriff Kim Stewart and New Mexico State University Police Chief Stephen Lopez talk about the movement for police reform. This series is a partnership between KRWG Public Media, NAACP of Doña Ana County, and the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico.

**Issues & Answers: Equity in Education #129**

*Saturday 8/22 at 5pm & Sunday 8/23 at 11am*

Dulcinea Lara of New Mexico State University, The National Education Association-New Mexico's Andrew Montoya, and Michelle Valverde of the Learning Action Buffet in Las Cruces talk about efforts to ensure equity in New Mexico public schools.

### **FRONTERAS: A CHANGING AMERICA**

*Thursdays at 730pm except except 7/2, 7/9, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24; Fridays at 130am except 7/3, 7/10, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25; Saturdays at 530pm except 7/4, 7/11, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19 & 9/26; Sundays at 1130am except 7/5, 7/12, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 & 9/27 (30min)*

KRWG-TV's weekly program profiles the people and examines the issues in the region's Hispanic communities.

7/23

COVID-19 Impact on Oil & Gas Industry - Jon Goldstein

COVID-19 has impacted all our lives and has devastated New Mexico's state budget due to the drastic fall in oil and gas prices. Some environmental groups have said this is a moment when the country can take steps to seal abandoned oil and gas wells across the country, and they say depending on funding, out of work oil and gas workers can help accomplish this. Joining us to learn more is Jon Goldstein, Director of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs for the Environmental Defense Fund.

7/30

New survey highlights COVID-19 impact on Latino Families - Dr. Gabriel Sanchez

A new survey highlights the impact COVID-19 has had on Latino Families Economic Well-Being in New Mexico. The survey was conducted on behalf of several non-profit groups in the state by Latino Decisions, an independent political opinion research and data organization. Joining us today to discuss the survey is Dr. Gabriel Sanchez, A principal with Latino Decision. Dr. Sanchez is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of New Mexico, where he also serves as the Executive Director for UNM's Center for social policy and is also the Co-Founder of the university's Native American Budget and Policy Institute.

8/6

Spencer Herrera, Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez, Levi Romero, New Book Editors

A new book shares personal essays viewing New Mexico through the eyes of Chicano and indigenous writers who share personal stories that may display unique identities but offer a shared love of their homeland of New Mexico. The Book titled "Querencia: Reflections on the New Mexico Homeland" edited by Dr. Spencer Herrera, assistant professor in Spanish at NMSU, Dr. Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez, Professor of English at Arizona State University, and Levi Romero, New Mexico's first Poet Laureate and Assistant Professor of Chicana and Chicano studies at the University of New Mexico.

8/13

Jean Guerrero: Author, "Hatemonger"

A new book shares an investigation into White House Advisor Stephen Miller and his impact on Trump Administration Policy. Award-winning investigative border Journalist

Jean Guerrero shares Miller's biography and how he rose to become an influential advisor to President Trump. The book investigates the administration's tough policies and rhetoric against immigrants, asylum seekers, and those on the left. The book, "Hatemonger: Stephen Miller, Donald Trump, and the White Nationalist Agenda" is out now. It is written by award-winning investigative journalist Jean Guerrero who joins us.

9/10

Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, Controversial Historical Figures

This week, Fronteras features Chicana historian and writer, Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva. We discuss controversial historical figures, including the debate surrounding statues of Don Juan de Oñate in the border region.

9/17

Dr. Leandro Mena, New HIV Prevention Strategy

In El Paso and in the surrounding borderland region, a new initiative is underway to help reduce new HIV infections called "Vamos Bien con PrEP." Joining us to talk about the program and how it can be used to prevent HIV infections in the borderland region is Dr. Leandro Mena who is an STD/HIV Clinician and Public Health Advocate.

9/24

Dr. Mary Feldblum, Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign

Today we discuss healthcare, an issue that impacts us all. In New Mexico, a grassroots coalition is working to establish the New Mexico Health Security Plan. It's a plan they say can shift private insurance to a supplementary roll. The group says this proposed health plan can automatically cover most New Mexicans. Here to share more on this campaign and plan is Dr. Mary Feldblum, Executive Director of the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign.

## **NEW MEXICO IN FOCUS**

*Sundays at Noon; except 8/6 (60min)*

7/5

**Host:**

Gene Grant

### **In Focus Interviews:**

***"American Experience: The Vote" / Local Leaders on Women Winning Voting Rights (New!)***

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guests:

Dr. Sylvia Ramos Cruz, women's suffrage historian

Martha Burk, political psychologist and author of "Your Voice, Your Vote"

Pamelya Herndon, attorney and CEO of the KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change

Meredith R. Machen, director, League of Women Voters of New Mexico

***Testing New Mexicans for COVID-19 (May 8)***

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guests:

Sec. Kathyleen Kunkel, New Mexico Department of Health

***COVID-19 in El Paso (May 22)***

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Bob Moore, president and CEO, ElPasoMatters.org

Lauren Villagran, reporter, *El Paso Times*

***COVID-19 Survival and Recovery on the Navajo Nation (May 15)***

Correspondent:

Antonia Gonzales

Guests:

Lewis Joe, Navajo citizen, COVID-19 survivor

Sunnie Clahchischiligi, Navajo journalist and UNM doctoral student

**The Line Opinion Panel**

**The Line Look Back (March 13)**

Panelists:

Merritt Allen, Vox Optima

Andy Lyman, reporter, New Mexico Political Report

Sophie Martin, attorney

Dan McKay, reporter, *Albuquerque Journal*

**The Line Look Back (March 27)**

Panelists:

Tom Garrity, The Garrity Group PR

Laura Sanchez, attorney

New Mexico in Focus begins its 14<sup>th</sup> season with a look back at the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic since it first hit the state in March, and a look forward from the time women won the right to vote 100 years ago.

As part of an online preview screening this week of the PBS program “American Experience: The Vote,” correspondent Megan Kamerick led a conversation about the history of women’s suffrage in New Mexico. Kamerick is hosting a new podcast series on the topic. NMiF excerpts a portion of that discussion. More information on both the national program (airing July 6 and 7 on NMPBS) and the local podcast can be found [here](#).

For the rest of the show, NMiF highlights noteworthy segments from the past four months, including a May 8 conversation with Sec. Kathyleen Kunkel of the Department of Health on the state's efforts to ramp up and maintain COVID-19 testing. Two months later, similar questions remain about whom to test and how often.

Throughout the pandemic, correspondent Laura Paskus has been interviewing journalists around the state as they cover COVID-19 in their communities. On May 22, she spoke with two veteran border journalists, Bob Moore of the website El Paso Matters and Lauren Villagran of the *El Paso Times*, about the impact of the virus in El Paso, which is in the midst of a major outbreak just across New Mexico's southern border.

Correspondent Antonia Gonzales has been examining the pandemic's effect on Native communities, which have been among the hardest hit by the virus. On May 15, she spoke with journalist Sunnie Clahchischiligi and Lewis Joe, a Navajo COVID-19 survivor.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panelists have been discussing and debating public health reactions to the pandemic crisis since the first case hit the state in March. Key excerpts from panel conversations on March 13 and March 27 are shown.

7/11

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Our Land Anniversary*

Correspondent:

Gene Grant

Guest:

Laura Paskus

*Our Land: The Gila*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Norm Gaume, former director, Interstate Stream Commission

Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, director, Interstate Stream Commission

*Voting Study*

Correspondent: Gwyneth Doland

Guest:

Gabe Sanchez, UNM political science professor; co-director, Institute of Policy, Evaluation and Applied Research (IPEAR)

*Mask Mandate*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guests:

Cody Westfall, Simply Diego's pet store

Dr. Samuel Roll, UNM professor emeritus

**Line Panelists:**

Dede Feldman, former state senator

Dan Foley, former state representative

Dave Mulryan, founder, Everybody Votes

This week on New Mexico in Focus, host Gene Grant celebrates the third anniversary of the show's monthly series Our Land with environmental journalist Laura Paskus, who talks about the state's outlook and attitudes toward the environment. Paskus also presents a new Our Land segment that looks at the apparent death of the Gila River diversion plans.

Correspondent Gwyneth Doland gets an update from UNM professor of political science Gabe Sanchez on new research about issues with the June primary election and how we fix it for November.

A mandatory mask order means New Mexicans who don't wear face coverings in public risk a fine and a misdemeanor criminal charge. With many law enforcement agencies saying they likely won't write tickets, retail employees are left to enforce the law by reminding customers to mask-up in order to shop at their business – which can cause potentially violent situations with those who refuse. Correspondent Megan Kamerick talked with retail worker Cody Westfall about his experience with a customer and psychologist Dr. Samuel Roll about this phenomenon.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss the rise in COVID-19 cases and look at new public health orders that include face mask enforcements and an indefinite suspension of Phase 2 of re-openings. The Line also looks at legislation signed by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham that makes low-interest loans available to help small businesses hurt by the coronavirus pandemic — and how it fits alongside controversial federal loan programs.

7/19

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*The New Mexico GOP on COVID-19*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Steve Pearce, chairman, Republican Party of New Mexico

*COVID-19 Impacts and Herd Immunity*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest: Steven Bradfute, Ph.D., research assistant professor, UNM Center for Global Health and Department of Internal Medicine

*Native American Mascots*

Correspondent:

Antonia Gonzales

Guests:

Suzan Shown Harjo, DC area Native rights advocate

Rhonda LeValdo, journalist and instructor at Haskell Indian Nations University, Kansas

Sunnie Clahchischiligi, UNM doctoral student and sports writer

**Line Panelists:**

Tom Garrity, The Garrity Group PR

Inez Russell Gomez, editorial page editor, *Santa Fe New Mexican*

Laura Sanchez, attorney

This week on New Mexico in Focus, senior producer Matt Grubs talks to former U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, who now chairs the New Mexico Republican Party. The GOP has accused Governor Lujan Grisham of being too restrictive in her efforts to slow the growth of COVID-19.

Correspondent Megan Kamerick interviews Dr. Steven Bradfute, research assistant professor of UNM's Center for Global Health and Department of Internal Medicine, on the long-term impacts of COVID-19 for survivors and the idea of "herd immunity."

After decades of Native American advocates fighting the racial slur in the name of the Washington, DC, football team, the NFL team announced it will retire the name and logo and end its use of the R-word. The Black Lives Matter movement is credited for raising awareness of Indian mascots in the wake of racial justice rallies brought on by the police killing of George Floyd. Correspondent Antonia Gonzales hears from Native writers and advocates who say work on the issue is not over.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel look at new restrictions put into place this week as a result of the rise in COVID-19 cases, including a return to shutting down indoor dining in restaurants throughout New Mexico. And what will public schooling really look like this fall?

The Line also looks at District Attorney Raul Torrez' recent decision to refile charges against Steven Baca, the man accused of shooting protester Scott Williams at a protest over an Oñate statue near downtown Albuquerque last month.

7/26

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Paint for Peace*

Correspondent:

Gene Grant

Guest:

Victoria Van Dame, Paint for Peace initiator; executive director, OT Circus

Skelley Greer, Paint for Peace artist

Izzi, Paint for Peace artist

Logan, Paint for Peace artist

*Gwen Samuels*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest:

Gwen Samuels, retired teacher, artist and COVID-19 survivor

*Water Loan*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Mike Hamman, chief engineer, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

Page Pegram, Rio Grande Basin Manager, NM Interstate Stream Commission

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Julie Ann Grimm, editor, Santa Fe Reporter

Sophie Martin, attorney

H. Diane Snyder, former state senator

This week on New Mexico in Focus, correspondent Megan Kamerick talks with artist and quilter Gwen Triay Samuels who had to take a break from helping people experiencing homelessness to battle the coronavirus. Now, as she recovers, she is making face masks for those in need as a way of showing thanks for surviving COVID-19.

Host Gene Grant talks to members of Paint for Peace, an art initiative to turn boarded-up Central Avenue storefronts in Albuquerque's downtown into murals. After vandals broke windows following peaceful protests early last month, shop owners used boards to replace glass and protect against future damage. Artists turned them into canvases to display artwork promoting peace and transforming the area.

The Rio Grande is experiencing one of its all-time lows this year. Correspondent Laura Paskus talks with officials about a surprise agreement between New Mexico, Texas and Colorado to release water from the El Vado Reservoir to help farmers along the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. That as the states sue each other in federal court over long-term management of the same water.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel look at President Trump and Attorney General William Barr's announcement that they intend to send 35 federal agents to Albuquerque under "Operation Legend," designed to put federal law enforcers into America's most violent cities to fight crime. Supporters welcome the assistance, while others worry it will result in a surge in violence similar to that in Portland, Oregon.

The panel also looks at the restaurant open/close shuffle that started with a lawsuit against Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's administration filed by the New Mexico Restaurant Association and several restaurants from around the state. The governor had reinstated the ban on indoor dining after a rise in COVID-19 infections. That ban, blocked by a Carlsbad state judge on Monday, was reimposed the same day by the New Mexico Supreme Court.

8/2

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Working and Parenting During COVID-19 Pandemic*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest:

Bridget Montoya, full-time nurse and single mother

*Young Activists and the Black Lives Matter Movement*

Correspondent:

Gene Grant

Guest:

Zoey Craft, Fight For Our Lives

Janelle Astorga Ramos, Learning Alliance of New Mexico

Tatiana Sarif, Fight For Our Lives

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Serge Martinez, professor, UNM School of Law

Kristelle Siarza, Siarza Social Digital

Steve Terrell, retired reporter, Santa Fe New Mexican

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

With the school year quickly approaching and coronavirus cases surging, New Mexico schools are going to be fully online until at least September 8th. Correspondent Megan Kamerick talks with single mother Bridget Montoya, who is also a nurse working with COVID-19 patients, about balancing her work schedule with her children's education and safety.

Host Gene Grant talks to the new face of the Black Lives Matter movement in New Mexico: young organizers and activists. Organizers and activists from Learning Alliance of New Mexico and Fight For Our Lives discuss the message behind the movement and what specific reforms and changes they are seeking.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel look further into pushback against Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and her administration's public health orders, particularly from some New Mexico mayors who object to closing indoor dining in restaurants. Eighteen mayors signed a letter protesting the governor's recent op-ed threatening to remove elected officials if they didn't comply with mandates.

The Line panel also looks more closely at the purpose of Operation Legend, the initiative that will send 35 federal law enforcement agents to Albuquerque to fight crime. Some state and local leaders are concerned that sending officers to New Mexico is just an attempt by the Trump administration to politicize the issue of public safety, while others welcome the added help. For the final topic, The Line takes on the implications for candidates endorsed by Cowboys for Trump after the racist comments made recently by that group's leader.

8/8

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*The Governor on Bringing New Mexicans Through COVID Crisis*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham

*Covering COVID-19 in the Carlsbad Area*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guest:

Jessica Onsurez, editor, *Carlsbad Current Argus*

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Dede Feldman, former state senator

Dan Foley, former state representative

Giovanna Rossi, president, Collective Action Strategies

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has been shepherding New Mexico through the COVID-19 crisis since the first case hit the state in March. NMiF senior producer Matt Grubs talks to her about trying to balance life and livelihood as she deals with the devastating effects of the pandemic on New Mexicans.

Correspondent Laura Paskus is back with a new installment in her ongoing series of conversations with journalists covering COVID-19 in their communities. This week she welcomes Jessica Onsurez, editor of the *Carlsbad Current Argus*, to talk about covering the virus in a part of New Mexico where case prevalence continues to rise amid resistance to the governor's public health orders.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel give their insights and opinions on how the governor has been handling the COVID crisis so far and look at what the future might hold concerning education and the economy. The Line panel also analyzes the recent New Mexico Supreme Court ruling that affirmed the governor's power to issue sizable fines to enforce public health orders. For the final topic, The Line looks at efforts to do away with qualified immunity. That's the legal doctrine designed to protect public employees from crippling lawsuits, but some say it comes at a too-high cost of civil rights.

8/16

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Our Land: Gold King Mine Spill Revisited*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Talon Newton, hydrogeologist, NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources

Susan Palko-Schraa, Animas River homeowner

Karletta Chief, Environmental Science Department, University of Arizona

*Regeneron Science Talent Search Winner*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guest:

Lillian Petersen, grand prize winner, Regeneron Science Talent Search

*Online Indian Market*

Correspondent:

Antonia Gonzales

Guests:

Kim Peone, executive director, Southwestern Association for American Indian Arts

Karl Duncan, executive director, Poeh Cultural Center

Eugene Tapahe, fine art photographer

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Merritt Allen, Vox Optima

Dede Feldman, former state senator

Tom Garrity, The Garrity Group PR

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

In the August installment of *Our Land*, environmental correspondent Laura Paskus revisits the Gold King Mine spill and the destructive impact of the toxic orange plume that went flowing down the Animas and San Juan rivers five years ago. The waste that was released when crews tried to reopen the abandoned mine killed fish and coated river banks with heavy metals. Paskus reports with help from a grant by The Water Desk, an independent journalism initiative based at the University of Colorado Boulder's Center for Environmental Journalism.

Laura Paskus also interviews Lillian Petersen, an extraordinary young woman who just won the Regeneron Science Talent Search prize of a quarter of a million dollars. The Los Alamos High School student's winning project, which predicts harvests early in the growing year for every country in Africa, has also won the attention of the International Food Policy Research Institute.

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on the economy across New Mexico, including on tourism and the arts in tribal communities. Many Native artists rely on summer art shows to sell their works, and one of the biggest festivals is Indian Market – going online this summer because of the pandemic. Correspondent Antonia Gonzales talks about how the Native American art world is attracting virtual visitors.

August 12 was “back to school” – virtually – for APS students. Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss what the start of a new school year looks like during a pandemic,

and also examine how an August tourist season plays out during COVID. The Line wraps up their panel discussion with a look at the tussle between the New Mexico GOP and the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.

8/23

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Voting by Mail*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Peggy Carabajal, Valencia County Clerk

Maggie Toulouse Oliver, New Mexico Secretary of State

*La Jornada*

Correspondent:

Gwyneth Doland

Guest:

Alicia Manzano, Mayor's Liaison for Strategic Partnerships, City of Albuquerque

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Serge Martinez, Professor, UNM School of Law

Edmund E. Perea, attorney and public safety analyst

H. Diane Snyder, former state senator

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

As the nation celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women winning the right to vote, Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and Valencia County Peggy Carabajal are working to ensure New Mexicans will have confidence in the November election. NMiF's senior producer Matt Grubs talks with them about the national controversy over the role the U.S. mail will play in November's election. It's part of the Your NM Government Project, a partnership with KUNM Radio and the Santa Fe Reporter newspaper.

Controversial statues, such as those of confederate leaders or, especially here in New Mexico, of Spanish conquistadors, have sparked protests for years - and especially now. In Albuquerque, the issue came to a head back in June after a protest at *La Jornada*, a sculpture in Old Town that features conquistador Juan de Oñate, turned violent. The city ended up pulling that statue down temporarily in the hope of avoiding more demonstrations. NMiF correspondent Gwyneth Doland got an update this week on

Albuquerque's new approach and how they are seeking input on what to do with *La Jornada* going forward.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel respond to the interview on voting and give their insights and opinions on the expected avalanche of mail-in ballots for the November elections. They also discuss holding major events, like the State Fair and the burning of Zozobra, virtually. They wrap up their turn at the virtual Line table with a discussion on the benchmarks in the COVID fight here in New Mexico, and what it might mean for reopenings, especially of schools.

8/30

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Keeping Track of USPS Boxes*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest:

Russ Biggs, software developer

*Fire Threatens Watersheds*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Buck Wickham, operations section chief, Southwest Area Incident Management Team

Terrance Gallegos, deputy fire staff officer, Santa Fe National Forest

*Evictions*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guests:

Chuck Sheldon, CEO and president, T&C Management Company; former president, Apartment Association of New Mexico

Serge Martinez, professor, UNM School of Law's Economic Justice Clinic

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Lonna Atkeson, UNM Political Science professor

Dan Boyd, capitol bureau chief, *Albuquerque Journal*

Laura Sanchez, attorney

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Reports of missing mail collection boxes around the country have prompted an Albuquerque-based software designer to help develop an application that uses communities to keep track of where mailboxes are and are not across the United States. NMIF correspondent Megan Kamerick talked to Russ Biggs about how the web app works and how people can help.

In the mountains above Santa Fe, the Medio Fire has been burning since August 17, threatening the Rio Nambe, Rio Capulin, and Rio en Medio watersheds. Firefighters have made headway on the fire, which is burning outside the normal range of New Mexico's fire season, at the same time they're grappling with the need to protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19. Correspondent Laura Paskus talks with Buck Wickham, operations section chief for the Southwest Area Incident Management Team, and Terrance Gallegos, deputy fire staff officer for the Santa Fe National Forest.

Evictions based on a temporary inability to pay rent are in no one's best interest. During the COVID-19 pandemic, however, many people find themselves unemployed and unable to pay full rent when it's due. For some, that can lead to an eviction notice, which can lead to worse housing conditions or homelessness. Correspondent Megan Kamerick talks with a property owner/manager and a tenants' rights advocate about resolving tenant/landlord issues and preventing evictions.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss the Republican and Democratic National Conventions and look at how convention themes influence local campaigns. The Line panelists also look at new public health orders that are sure please restaurant owners across New Mexico.

9/6

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Coping With COVID Pandemic During Labor Day Weekend*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Dr. David R. Scrase, Cabinet Secretary for Human Services Department

New Mexico and Climate Change

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guests:

Laura Paskus, environmental reporter and author, *At the Precipice: New Mexico's Changing Climate*

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Justine Fox-Young, former NM state representative

Serge Martinez, professor, UNM School of Law's Economic Justice Clinic

Kristelle Siarza, Siarza Social Digital

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Dr. David Scrase, cabinet secretary for the Human Services Department, knows that as the Labor Day weekend approaches, New Mexicans will want to gather and may be tempted to flout public health rules on masking and social distancing. NMiF producer Matt Grubs talks to Scrase about what he and the pandemic response team are doing to prevent a spike in COVID cases.

Our Land producer and NMiF correspondent Laura Paskus, who is also an environmental reporter, has authored a new book. *At the Precipice: New Mexico's Changing Climate* looks at the state's fragile place in a warming natural world.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss mounting tension between Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and the Public Regulation Commission, as the PRC gets evicted from its headquarters in downtown Santa Fe. The Line also looks at the UNM Lobo football team's reaction to comments made by former Lobo Brian Urlacher regarding the shooting of Jacob Blake, and how attitudes toward race and justice are playing out in New Mexico. The panel also discusses the progress of Operation Legend in Albuquerque, which sent dozens of federal agents into the city to fight violent crime alongside local law enforcement.

9/13

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Our Land: Tribes Speak Out About River Compacts*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Daryl Vigil, Jicarilla Apache Nation water administrator

Rep. Derrick Lente, (D) Pueblo of Sandia

*Rethinking Redistricting*

Correspondent:  
Gwyneth Doland

Guests:

Lilly Irvin-Vitela, New Mexico First president and executive director

Rob Black, New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry president and CEO

### **The Line Opinion Panel:**

Dede Feldman, former state senator

Dan Foley, former state representative

Cathryn McGill, NM Black Leadership Council

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Correspondent Gwyneth Doland takes an in-depth look at redistricting as she talks with Lilly Irvin-Vitela of New Mexico First and Rob Black of the New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry about how a citizen's task force is working to redraw district maps to shift power into voters' hands. This report is part of the Your New Mexico Government Project.

Our Land correspondent Laura Paskus talks with tribal representatives about infusing Native voices into discussions about water compacts along the Colorado River and Rio Grande. As states in the West grapple with climate change, extended drought and over-appropriated rivers, sovereign nations are pushing for greater inclusion.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel get political this week to talk about voting, debates, and polls. The *Albuquerque Journal* recently published polls on the presidential, senate, and congressional races here in New Mexico and The Line looks at the results. Panelists also get into a debate about whether political debates provide any new insights to voters, and they examine ways to ensure votes are cast and counted during a pandemic crisis.

9/27

**Host:**

Gene Grant

### **In Focus Interviews:**

Guests:

Dr. Thom Allena, Community & Organizational Psychologist

Laquonte Barry, Black New Mexico Movement Organizer

Sean Cardinalli, Truth to Power New Mexico

Dr. Finnie Coleman, American Literacy Studies Associate Professor, UNM Department of English

Reed Easterwood, Lawyer & Activist

Wayne Lindstrom, V.P. of the Western U.S., RI International, Inc.

Kate Lynnes, Mental Healthcare Advocate  
Alfred Mathewson, Professor Emeritus, UNM Law School  
Marshal Ray, Criminal Defense & Civil Rights Lawyer  
Peter Simonson, Executive Director, ACLU New Mexico  
Steve Torres, APD Forward  
Renetta Torres, Activist  
Frazier Wilson, Clinical Social Worker

### **The Line Opinion Panel:**

(No Line panel this week)

*This week features a New Mexico in Focus Special: Policing in 2020 and Beyond.*

New Mexico is dealing with difficult times, from economic struggles, to a worldwide pandemic and civil and political unrest. The COVID-19 outbreak has laid bare many systemic failures here in New Mexico, often revolving around the issue of racial inequality. This week on a New Mexico in Focus special, we lean into these challenges with candid conversations about just one such example, reforming policing.

Here in Albuquerque, the issue has been front and center for years, as the city entered into a Court Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) with the department of Justice back in 2014 after a series of high-profile police shootings.

True reform of the Albuquerque Police Department starts with asking the tough questions and being willing to have difficult conversations. That's what we intend to do this week, by breaking the issue down into four distinct discussions:

- 1) DOJ Consent Decree – Where do we stand today? Have we made any progress in the last 6 years?
- 2) Black Lives Matter Movement – Recent protests have kept the issue of police brutality in the headlines, but are they enough to move the needle on true reform?
- 3) Legal issues – The state has now created a civil right commission to study the issue of qualified immunity, which makes it hard to bring legal action against corrupt officers and their employers. But will it lead to any real changes?
- 4) Behavioral Health – Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller wants to create a new Department of Community Safety, which would shift some emergency calls to behavioral health specialists, homeless advocates and social workers instead of armed officers. But will it work, and does it address the need for culture change in the APD?

These are by no means the definitive conversations on these issues, but it is a start. We will be following up in future episodes with more voices and more discussions.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Democracy Now**

*M-F at 1pm (60min)*

Democracy Now! is an award-winning, independent, noncommercial, nationally-distributed public television news hour. Produced each weekday, Democracy Now! is available for public television stations free of charge.

### **Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide**

*Saturday, 8/29 at 8am; Sunday 8/30 at 12pm; Thursday 9/3 at 7pm; Friday 9/4 at 1am; Saturday 9/5 at 1030am & Sunday 9/6 at 3pm (2hrs)*

Join the acclaimed personal finance expert for essential advice on planning for and thriving in retirement. With empathy, straight talk and humor, Suze provides information about key steps for anyone trying to achieve their "ultimate retirement."

## **POLITICS / LOCAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### **PBS Newshour & NPR Convention Coverage (Republican & Democratic)**

*Monday-Friday 8/17-20 & 8/24-8/27 at 6pm; Tuesday 8/18-8/21; 8/25-8/28 (~4hrs)*

Coverage of the 2020 Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

### **Frontline: COVID's Hidden Toll**

*Tuesday 7/21 at 9pm, Wednesday 7/22 at 3am (60min)*

How the COVID crisis has hit vulnerable immigrants and undocumented workers. Stories from the pandemic's invisible victims, including crucial farm and meat-packing workers who lack protections and have been getting sick.

### **Frontline: Love, Life & The Virus**

*Tuesday 8/11 at 9pm, Wednesday 8/12 at 3am, Tuesday 8/25 at 9pm (60min), Wednesday 8/26 at 330am (30min)*

A mother's fight to survive COVID and see her newborn baby. How the coronavirus hit one immigrant family, their struggle to be reunited, and the community that rallied around them.

### **Frontline: United States of Conspiracy**

*Tuesday 7/28 at 9pm, Wednesday 7/29 at 3am (60min)*

How trafficking in conspiracy theories went from the fringes of U.S. politics into the White House. The alliance of conspiracy entrepreneur Alex Jones, Trump advisor Roger Stone, and the president, and their role in the battle over truth and lies.

## **Open Mind**

*Sundays at 1030am except 9/6 (30min)*

A half hour weekly public affairs broadcast, THE OPEN MIND is a thoughtful excursion into the world of ideas, exploring issues of national and public concern with the most compelling minds of our times. Hosted by Alexander Heffner.

## **NEWSMAKERS**

*Thursdays at 7pm except 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24; Fridays at 1am except 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 8/21, 8/28, 9/3, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25; Saturdays at 5pm except 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19 & 9/26; Sundays at 11am except 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 & 9/27 (30min)*

NEWSMAKERS: the region's in-depth source for news from New Mexico and Texas. Every week, Newsmakers features the people, issues, and events that shape our community. Shows in September will focus on our region's role in the future of energy; the new Las Cruces Convention Center; and how New Mexico State University is engaging the scientists of the future by reaching out to area students.

7/23

Black Lives Matter: Dr. Patrick Turner & Kimberly York

This week, Newsmakers features Dr. Patrick Turner, Director of First Year Initiatives at NMSU and Kimberly York, Interim Director, Black Programs at NMSU.

7/30

New Graduates Face Tough Labor Market; Naida Zucker

This week, Newsmakers looks at how new graduates are facing a tough labor market and we visit with Naida Zucker a retired zoologist and biology professor who now is a local artist.

8/6

Changes to the CWA could impact Gila River; Eagle Ranch Heart of the Desert

This week, Newsmakers looks at changes to the CWA that could impact the Gila river and we visit Eagle Ranch Heart of the Desert which is known for being the largest pistachio producing grove in the state of New Mexico.

8/13

Henry Fountain: Climate Reporter, New York Times

This week, Newsmakers features Henry Fountain, Climate Reporter for the New York Times to discuss his latest article on the Mega drought and Climate Change.

## **Election 2020 – NM State Representative District 52**

*Thursday 9/17 at 7pm, Friday 9/18 at 1am, Saturday 9/19 at 5pm & Sunday 9/20 at 11am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Representative District 52 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Kathy Brook from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features candidates Democrat Doreen Gallegos and Republican John Foreman.

### **Election 2020 – NM State Representative District 53**

*Thursday 9/17 at 730pm, Friday 9/18 at 130am, Saturday 9/19 at 530pm & Sunday 9/20 at 1130am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Representative District 53 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Kathy Brook from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features the candidate Republican Ricky Little. Democrat Willie Madrid declined the invitation.

### **Election 2020 – NM State Senate District 31**

*Thursday 9/24 at 7pm, Friday 9/25 at 1am, Saturday 9/26 at 5pm & Sunday 9/27 at 11am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Senate District 31 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Eileen VanWie from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features Democratic candidate Joseph Cervantes. We were unable to reach Republican candidate John Roberts.

### **Election 2020 – NM State Senate District 34**

*Thursday 9/24 at 730pm, Friday 9/25 at 130am, Saturday 9/26 at 530pm & Sunday 9/27 at 1130am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Senate District 34 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Eileen VanWie from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features Democrat Darren Kugler and Republican Ron Griggs.

### **Issues & Answers: Police Oversight #128**

*Thursday 7/2 at 7pm, Friday 7/3 at 1am, Saturday 7/4 at 5pm & Sunday 7/5 at 11am (1hr)*

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas and Third Judicial District Attorney Mark D'Antonio discuss the legal issues surrounding police oversight. Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Las Cruces District 4 City Councilor Johana Bencomo talk about municipal policy efforts to improve police oversight.

### **Issues & Answers: Police Reform #127**

*Saturday 8/22 at 5pm & Sunday 8/23 at 11am (1hr)*

Doña Ana County Sheriff Kim Stewart and New Mexico State University Police Chief Stephen Lopez talk about the movement for police reform. This series is a partnership between KRWG Public Media, NAACP of Doña Ana County, and the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico.

### **Issues & Answers: Equity in Education #129**

*Saturday 8/22 at 5pm & Sunday 8/23 at 11am*

Dulcinea Lara of New Mexico State University, The National Education Association-New Mexico's Andrew Montoya, and Michelle Valverde of the Learning Action Buffet in Las Cruces talk about efforts to ensure equity in New Mexico public schools.

## **FRONTERAS: A CHANGING AMERICA**

*Thursdays at 730pm except 7/2, 7/9, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24; Fridays at 130am except 7/3, 7/10, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25; Saturdays at 530pm except 7/4, 7/11, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19 & 9/26; Sundays at 1130am except 7/5, 7/12, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 & 9/27 (30min)*

KRWG-TV's weekly program profiles the people and examines the issues in the region's Hispanic communities.

7/23

COVID-19 Impact on Oil & Gas Industry - Jon Goldstein

COVID-19 has impacted all our lives and has devastated New Mexico's state budget due to the drastic fall in oil and gas prices. Some environmental groups have said this is a moment when the country can take steps to seal abandoned oil and gas wells across the country, and they say depending on funding, out of work oil and gas workers can help accomplish this. Joining us to learn more is Jon Goldstein, Director of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs for the Environmental Defense Fund.

7/30

New survey highlights COVID-19 impact on Latino Families - Dr. Gabriel Sanchez

A new survey highlights the impact COVID-19 has had on Latino Families Economic Well-Being in New Mexico. The survey was conducted on behalf of several non-profit groups in the state by Latino Decisions, an independent political opinion research and data organization. Joining us today to discuss the survey is Dr. Gabriel Sanchez, A principal with Latino Decision. Dr. Sanchez is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of New Mexico, where he also serves as the Executive Director for UNM's Center for social policy and is also the Co-Founder of the university's Native American Budget and Policy Institute.

8/6

Spencer Herrera, Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez, Levi Romero, New Book Editors

A new book shares personal essays viewing New Mexico through the eyes of Chicano and indigenous writers who share personal stories that may display unique identities but offer a shared love of their homeland of New Mexico. The Book titled "Querencia: Reflections on the New Mexico Homeland" edited by Dr. Spencer Herrera, assistant professor in Spanish at NMSU, Dr. Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez, Professor of English at Arizona State University, and Levi Romero, New Mexico's first Poet Laureate and Assistant Professor of Chicana and Chicano studies at the University of New Mexico.

8/13

Jean Guerrero: Author, "Hatemonger"

A new book shares an investigation into White House Advisor Stephen Miller and his impact on Trump Administration Policy. Award-winning investigative border Journalist Jean Guerrero shares Miller's biography and how he rose to become an influential advisor to President Trump. The book investigates the administration's tough policies and rhetoric against immigrants, asylum seekers, and those on the left. The book, "Hatemonger: Stephen Miller, Donald Trump, and the White Nationalist Agenda" is out now. It is written by award-winning investigative journalist Jean Guerrero who joins us.

9/10

Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, Controversial Historical Figures

This week, Fronteras features Chicana historian and writer, Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva. We discuss controversial historical figures, including the debate surrounding statues of Don Juan de Oñate in the border region.

9/17

Dr. Leandro Mena, New HIV Prevention Strategy

In El Paso and in the surrounding borderland region, a new initiative is underway to help reduce new HIV infections called “Vamos Bien con PrEP.” Joining us to talk about the program and how it can be used to prevent HIV infections in the borderland region is Dr. Leandro Mena who is an STD/HIV Clinician and Public Health Advocate.

9/24

Dr. Mary Feldblum, Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign

Today we discuss healthcare, an issue that impacts us all. In New Mexico, a grassroots coalition is working to establish the New Mexico Health Security Plan. It’s a plan they say can shift private insurance to a supplementary roll. The group says this proposed health plan can automatically cover most New Mexicans. Here to share more on this campaign and plan is Dr. Mary Feldblum, Executive Director of the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign.

## **NEW MEXICO IN FOCUS**

*Sundays at Noon; except 8/6 (60min)*

7/5

**Host:**

Gene Grant

### **In Focus Interviews:**

***“American Experience: The Vote” / Local Leaders on Women Winning Voting Rights (New!)***

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guests:

Dr. Sylvia Ramos Cruz, women’s suffrage historian

Martha Burk, political psychologist and author of “Your Voice, Your Vote”

Pamelya Herndon, attorney and CEO of the KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change

Meredith R. Machen, director, League of Women Voters of New Mexico

***Testing New Mexicans for COVID-19 (May 8)***

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guests:

Sec. Kathyleen Kunkel, New Mexico Department of Health

***COVID-19 in El Paso (May 22)***

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Bob Moore, president and CEO, ElPasoMatters.org

Lauren Villagran, reporter, *El Paso Times*

***COVID-19 Survival and Recovery on the Navajo Nation (May 15)***

Correspondent:

Antonia Gonzales

Guests:

Lewis Joe, Navajo citizen, COVID-19 survivor

Sunnie Clahchischiligi, Navajo journalist and UNM doctoral student

**The Line Opinion Panel**

**The Line Look Back (March 13)**

Panelists:

Merritt Allen, Vox Optima

Andy Lyman, reporter, New Mexico Political Report

Sophie Martin, attorney

Dan McKay, reporter, *Albuquerque Journal*

**The Line Look Back (March 27)**

Panelists:

Tom Garrity, The Garrity Group PR

Laura Sanchez, attorney

New Mexico in Focus begins its 14<sup>th</sup> season with a look back at the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic since it first hit the state in March, and a look forward from the time women won the right to vote 100 years ago.

As part of an online preview screening this week of the PBS program “American Experience: The Vote,” correspondent Megan Kamerick led a conversation about the history of women’s suffrage in New Mexico. Kamerick is hosting a new podcast series on the topic. NMiF excerpts a portion of that discussion. More information on both the national program (airing July 6 and 7 on NMPBS) and the local podcast can be found [here](#).

For the rest of the show, NMiF highlights noteworthy segments from the past four months, including a May 8 conversation with Sec. Kathyleen Kunkel of the Department of Health on the state’s efforts to ramp up and maintain COVID-19 testing. Two months later, similar questions remain about whom to test and how often.

Throughout the pandemic, correspondent Laura Paskus has been interviewing journalists around the state as they cover COVID-19 in their communities. On May 22, she spoke with two veteran border journalists, Bob Moore of the website *El Paso Matters* and Lauren Villagran of the *El Paso Times*, about the impact of the virus in El Paso, which is in the midst of a major outbreak just across New Mexico's southern border.

Correspondent Antonia Gonzales has been examining the pandemic's effect on Native communities, which have been among the hardest hit by the virus. On May 15, she spoke with journalist Sunnie Clahchischiligi and Lewis Joe, a Navajo COVID-19 survivor.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panelists have been discussing and debating public health reactions to the pandemic crisis since the first case hit the state in March. Key excerpts from panel conversations on March 13 and March 27 are shown.

7/11

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Our Land Anniversary*

Correspondent:

Gene Grant

Guest:

Laura Paskus

*Our Land: The Gila*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Norm Gaume, former director, Interstate Stream Commission

Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, director, Interstate Stream Commission

*Voting Study*

Correspondent: Gwyneth Doland

Guest:

Gabe Sanchez, UNM political science professor; co-director, Institute of Policy, Evaluation and Applied Research (IPEAR)

*Mask Mandate*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guests:

Cody Westfall, Simply Diego's pet store

Dr. Samuel Roll, UNM professor emeritus

**Line Panelists:**

Dede Feldman, former state senator  
Dan Foley, former state representative  
Dave Mulryan, founder, Everybody Votes

This week on New Mexico in Focus, host Gene Grant celebrates the third anniversary of the show's monthly series Our Land with environmental journalist Laura Paskus, who talks about the state's outlook and attitudes toward the environment. Paskus also presents a new Our Land segment that looks at the apparent death of the Gila River diversion plans.

Correspondent Gwyneth Doland gets an update from UNM professor of political science Gabe Sanchez on new research about issues with the June primary election and how we fix it for November.

A mandatory mask order means New Mexicans who don't wear face coverings in public risk a fine and a misdemeanor criminal charge. With many law enforcement agencies saying they likely won't write tickets, retail employees are left to enforce the law by reminding customers to mask-up in order to shop at their business – which can cause potentially violent situations with those who refuse. Correspondent Megan Kamerick talked with retail worker Cody Westfall about his experience with a customer and psychologist Dr. Samuel Roll about this phenomenon.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss the rise in COVID-19 cases and look at new public health orders that include face mask enforcements and an indefinite suspension of Phase 2 of re-openings. The Line also looks at legislation signed by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham that makes low-interest loans available to help small businesses hurt by the coronavirus pandemic — and how it fits alongside controversial federal loan programs.

7/19

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*The New Mexico GOP on COVID-19*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Steve Pearce, chairman, Republican Party of New Mexico

*COVID-19 Impacts and Herd Immunity*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest: Steven Bradfute, Ph.D., research assistant professor, UNM Center for Global Health and Department of Internal Medicine

*Native American Mascots*

Correspondent:

Antonia Gonzales

Guests:

Suzan Shown Harjo, DC area Native rights advocate

Rhonda LeValdo, journalist and instructor at Haskell Indian Nations University, Kansas

Sunnie Clahchischiligi, UNM doctoral student and sports writer

**Line Panelists:**

Tom Garrity, The Garrity Group PR

Inez Russell Gomez, editorial page editor, *Santa Fe New Mexican*

Laura Sanchez, attorney

This week on New Mexico in Focus, senior producer Matt Grubs talks to former U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, who now chairs the New Mexico Republican Party. The GOP has accused Governor Lujan Grisham of being too restrictive in her efforts to slow the growth of COVID-19.

Correspondent Megan Kamerick interviews Dr. Steven Bradfute, research assistant professor of UNM's Center for Global Health and Department of Internal Medicine, on the long-term impacts of COVID-19 for survivors and the idea of "herd immunity."

After decades of Native American advocates fighting the racial slur in the name of the Washington, DC, football team, the NFL team announced it will retire the name and logo and end its use of the R-word. The Black Lives Matter movement is credited for raising awareness of Indian mascots in the wake of racial justice rallies brought on by the police killing of George Floyd. Correspondent Antonia Gonzales hears from Native writers and advocates who say work on the issue is not over.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel look at new restrictions put into place this week as a result of the rise in COVID-19 cases, including a return to shutting down indoor dining in restaurants throughout New Mexico. And what will public schooling really look like this fall?

The Line also looks at District Attorney Raul Torrez' recent decision to refile charges against Steven Baca, the man accused of shooting protester Scott Williams at a protest over an Oñate statue near downtown Albuquerque last month.

7/26

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Paint for Peace*

Correspondent:

Gene Grant

Guest:

Victoria Van Dame, Paint for Peace initiator; executive director, OT Circus

Skelley Greer, Paint for Peace artist

Izzi, Paint for Peace artist

Logan, Paint for Peace artist

*Gwen Samuels*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest:

Gwen Samuels, retired teacher, artist and COVID-19 survivor

*Water Loan*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Mike Hamman, chief engineer, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

Page Pegram, Rio Grande Basin Manager, NM Interstate Stream Commission

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Julie Ann Grimm, editor, Santa Fe Reporter

Sophie Martin, attorney

H. Diane Snyder, former state senator

This week on New Mexico in Focus, correspondent Megan Kamerick talks with artist and quilter Gwen Triay Samuels who had to take a break from helping people experiencing homelessness to battle the coronavirus. Now, as she recovers, she is making face masks for those in need as a way of showing thanks for surviving COVID-19.

Host Gene Grant talks to members of Paint for Peace, an art initiative to turn boarded-up Central Avenue storefronts in Albuquerque's downtown into murals. After vandals broke windows following peaceful protests early last month, shop owners used boards to replace glass and protect against future damage. Artists turned them into canvases to display artwork promoting peace and transforming the area.

The Rio Grande is experiencing one of its all-time lows this year. Correspondent Laura Paskus talks with officials about a surprise agreement between New Mexico, Texas and Colorado to release water from the El Vado Reservoir to help farmers along the Middle

Rio Grande Conservancy District. That as the states sue each other in federal court over long-term management of the same water.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel look at President Trump and Attorney General William Barr's announcement that they intend to send 35 federal agents to Albuquerque under "Operation Legend," designed to put federal law enforcers into America's most violent cities to fight crime. Supporters welcome the assistance, while others worry it will result in a surge in violence similar to that in Portland, Oregon.

The panel also looks at the restaurant open/close shuffle that started with a lawsuit against Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's administration filed by the New Mexico Restaurant Association and several restaurants from around the state. The governor had reinstated the ban on indoor dining after a rise in COVID-19 infections. That ban, blocked by a Carlsbad state judge on Monday, was reimposed the same day by the New Mexico Supreme Court.

8/2

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Working and Parenting During COVID-19 Pandemic*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest:

Bridget Montoya, full-time nurse and single mother

*Young Activists and the Black Lives Matter Movement*

Correspondent:

Gene Grant

Guest:

Zoey Craft, Fight For Our Lives

Janelle Astorga Ramos, Learning Alliance of New Mexico

Tatiana Sarif, Fight For Our Lives

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Serge Martinez, professor, UNM School of Law

Kristelle Siarza, Siarza Social Digital

Steve Terrell, retired reporter, Santa Fe New Mexican

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

With the school year quickly approaching and coronavirus cases surging, New Mexico schools are going to be fully online until at least September 8th. Correspondent Megan Kamerick talks with single mother Bridget Montoya, who is also a nurse working with COVID-19 patients, about balancing her work schedule with her children's education and safety.

Host Gene Grant talks to the new face of the Black Lives Matter movement in New Mexico: young organizers and activists. Organizers and activists from Learning Alliance of New Mexico and Fight For Our Lives discuss the message behind the movement and what specific reforms and changes they are seeking.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel look further into pushback against Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and her administration's public health orders, particularly from some New Mexico mayors who object to closing indoor dining in restaurants. Eighteen mayors signed a letter protesting the governor's recent op-ed threatening to remove elected officials if they didn't comply with mandates.

The Line panel also looks more closely at the purpose of Operation Legend, the initiative that will send 35 federal law enforcement agents to Albuquerque to fight crime. Some state and local leaders are concerned that sending officers to New Mexico is just an attempt by the Trump administration to politicize the issue of public safety, while others welcome the added help. For the final topic, The Line takes on the implications for candidates endorsed by Cowboys for Trump after the racist comments made recently by that group's leader.

8/8

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*The Governor on Bringing New Mexicans Through COVID Crisis*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham

*Covering COVID-19 in the Carlsbad Area*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guest:

Jessica Onsurez, editor, *Carlsbad Current Argus*

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Dede Feldman, former state senator

Dan Foley, former state representative

Giovanna Rossi, president, Collective Action Strategies

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has been shepherding New Mexico through the COVID-19 crisis since the first case hit the state in March. NMiF senior producer Matt Grubs talks to her about trying to balance life and livelihood as she deals with the devastating effects of the pandemic on New Mexicans.

Correspondent Laura Paskus is back with a new installment in her ongoing series of conversations with journalists covering COVID-19 in their communities. This week she welcomes Jessica Onsurez, editor of the *Carlsbad Current Argus*, to talk about covering the virus in a part of New Mexico where case prevalence continues to rise amid resistance to the governor's public health orders.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel give their insights and opinions on how the governor has been handling the COVID crisis so far and look at what the future might hold concerning education and the economy. The Line panel also analyzes the recent New Mexico Supreme Court ruling that affirmed the governor's power to issue sizable fines to enforce public health orders. For the final topic, The Line looks at efforts to do away with qualified immunity. That's the legal doctrine designed to protect public employees from crippling lawsuits, but some say it comes at a too-high cost of civil rights.

8/16

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Our Land: Gold King Mine Spill Revisited*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Talon Newton, hydrogeologist, NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources

Susan Palko-Schraa, Animas River homeowner

Karletta Chief, Environmental Science Department, University of Arizona

*Regeneron Science Talent Search Winner*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guest:  
Lillian Petersen, grand prize winner, Regeneron Science Talent Search

*Online Indian Market*

Correspondent:  
Antonia Gonzales

Guests:  
Kim Peone, executive director, Southwestern Association for American Indian Arts  
Karl Duncan, executive director, Poeh Cultural Center  
Eugene Tapahe, fine art photographer

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:  
Gene Grant  
Panelists:  
Merritt Allen, Vox Optima  
Dede Feldman, former state senator  
Tom Garrity, The Garrity Group PR

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

In the August installment of *Our Land*, environmental correspondent Laura Paskus revisits the Gold King Mine spill and the destructive impact of the toxic orange plume that went flowing down the Animas and San Juan rivers five years ago. The waste that was released when crews tried to reopen the abandoned mine killed fish and coated river banks with heavy metals. Paskus reports with help from a grant by The Water Desk, an independent journalism initiative based at the University of Colorado Boulder's Center for Environmental Journalism.

Laura Paskus also interviews Lillian Petersen, an extraordinary young woman who just won the Regeneron Science Talent Search prize of a quarter of a million dollars. The Los Alamos High School student's winning project, which predict harvests early in the growing year for every country in Africa, has also won the attention of the International Food Policy Research Institute.

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on the economy across New Mexico, including on tourism and the arts in tribal communities. Many Native artists rely on summer art shows to sell their works, and one of the biggest festivals is Indian Market – going online this summer because of the pandemic. Correspondent Antonia Gonzales talks about how the Native American art world is attracting virtual visitors.

August 12 was “back to school” – virtually – for APS students. Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss what the start of a new school year looks like during a pandemic, and also examine how an August tourist season plays out during COVID. The Line wraps up their panel discussion with a look at the tussle between the New Mexico GOP and the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.

8/23

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Voting by Mail*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Peggy Carabajal, Valencia County Clerk

Maggie Toulouse Oliver, New Mexico Secretary of State

*La Jornada*

Correspondent:

Gwyneth Doland

Guest:

Alicia Manzano, Mayor's Liaison for Strategic Partnerships, City of Albuquerque

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Serge Martinez, Professor, UNM School of Law

Edmund E. Perea, attorney and public safety analyst

H. Diane Snyder, former state senator

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

As the nation celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women winning the right to vote, Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and Valencia County Peggy Carabajal are working to ensure New Mexicans will have confidence in the November election. NMiF's senior producer Matt Grubs talks with them about the national controversy over the role the U.S. mail will play in November's election. It's part of the Your NM Government Project, a partnership with KUNM Radio and the Santa Fe Reporter newspaper.

Controversial statues, such as those of confederate leaders or, especially here in New Mexico, of Spanish conquistadors, have sparked protests for years - and especially now. In Albuquerque, the issue came to a head back in June after a protest at *La Jornada*, a sculpture in Old Town that features conquistador Juan de Oñate, turned violent. The city ended up pulling that statue down temporarily in the hope of avoiding more demonstrations. NMiF correspondent Gwyneth Doland got an update this week on Albuquerque's new approach and how they are seeking input on what to do with *La Jornada* going forward.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel respond to the interview on voting and give their insights and opinions on the expected avalanche of mail-in ballots for the November elections. They also discuss holding major events, like the State Fair and the burning of Zozobra, virtually. They wrap up their turn at the virtual Line table with a discussion on the benchmarks in the COVID fight here in New Mexico, and what it might mean for reopenings, especially of schools.

8/30

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Keeping Track of USPS Boxes*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest:

Russ Biggs, software developer

*Fire Threatens Watersheds*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Buck Wickham, operations section chief, Southwest Area Incident Management Team

Terrance Gallegos, deputy fire staff officer, Santa Fe National Forest

*Evictions*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guests:

Chuck Sheldon, CEO and president, T&C Management Company; former president, Apartment Association of New Mexico

Serge Martinez, professor, UNM School of Law's Economic Justice Clinic

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Lonna Atkeson, UNM Political Science professor

Dan Boyd, capitol bureau chief, *Albuquerque Journal*

Laura Sanchez, attorney

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Reports of missing mail collection boxes around the country have prompted an

Albuquerque-based software designer to help develop an application that uses communities to keep track of where mailboxes are and are not across the United States. NMIF correspondent Megan Kamerick talked to Russ Biggs about how the web app works and how people can help.

In the mountains above Santa Fe, the Medio Fire has been burning since August 17, threatening the Rio Nambe, Rio Capulin, and Rio en Medio watersheds. Firefighters have made headway on the fire, which is burning outside the normal range of New Mexico's fire season, at the same time they're grappling with the need to protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19. Correspondent Laura Paskus talks with Buck Wickham, operations section chief for the Southwest Area Incident Management Team, and Terrance Gallegos, deputy fire staff officer for the Santa Fe National Forest.

Evictions based on a temporary inability to pay rent are in no one's best interest. During the COVID-19 pandemic, however, many people find themselves unemployed and unable to pay full rent when it's due. For some, that can lead to an eviction notice, which can lead to worse housing conditions or homelessness. Correspondent Megan Kamerick talks with a property owner/manager and a tenants' rights advocate about resolving tenant/landlord issues and preventing evictions.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss the Republican and Democratic National Conventions and look at how convention themes influence local campaigns. The Line panelists also look at new public health orders that are sure please restaurant owners across New Mexico.

9/6

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Coping With COVID Pandemic During Labor Day Weekend*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Dr. David R. Scrase, Cabinet Secretary for Human Services Department

New Mexico and Climate Change

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guests:

Laura Paskus, environmental reporter and author, *At the Precipice: New Mexico's Changing Climate*

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Justine Fox-Young, former NM state representative

Serge Martinez, professor, UNM School of Law's Economic Justice Clinic

Kristelle Siarza, Siarza Social Digital

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Dr. David Scrase, cabinet secretary for the Human Services Department, knows that as the Labor Day weekend approaches, New Mexicans will want to gather and may be tempted to flout public health rules on masking and social distancing. NMiF producer Matt Grubs talks to Scrase about what he and the pandemic response team are doing to prevent a spike in COVID cases.

Our Land producer and NMiF correspondent Laura Paskus, who is also an environmental reporter, has authored a new book. *At the Precipice: New Mexico's Changing Climate* looks at the state's fragile place in a warming natural world.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss mounting tension between Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and the Public Regulation Commission, as the PRC gets evicted from its headquarters in downtown Santa Fe. The Line also looks at the UNM Lobo football team's reaction to comments made by former Lobo Brian Urlacher regarding the shooting of Jacob Blake, and how attitudes toward race and justice are playing out in New Mexico. The panel also discusses the progress of Operation Legend in Albuquerque, which sent dozens of federal agents into the city to fight violent crime alongside local law enforcement.

9/13

**Host:**

Gene Grant

### **In Focus Interviews:**

*Our Land: Tribes Speak Out About River Compacts*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Daryl Vigil, Jicarilla Apache Nation water administrator

Rep. Derrick Lente, (D) Pueblo of Sandia

*Rethinking Redistricting*

Correspondent:

Gwyneth Doland

Guests:

Lilly Irvin-Vitela, New Mexico First president and executive director

Rob Black, New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry president and CEO

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Dede Feldman, former state senator  
Dan Foley, former state representative  
Cathryn McGill, NM Black Leadership Council

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Correspondent Gwyneth Doland takes an in-depth look at redistricting as she talks with Lilly Irvin-Vitela of New Mexico First and Rob Black of the New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry about how a citizen’s task force is working to redraw district maps to shift power into voters’ hands. This report is part of the Your New Mexico Government Project.

Our Land correspondent Laura Paskus talks with tribal representatives about infusing Native voices into discussions about water compacts along the Colorado River and Rio Grande. As states in the West grapple with climate change, extended drought and over-appropriated rivers, sovereign nations are pushing for greater inclusion.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel get political this week to talk about voting, debates, and polls. The *Albuquerque Journal* recently published polls on the presidential, senate, and congressional races here in New Mexico and The Line looks at the results. Panelists also get into a debate about whether political debates provide any new insights to voters, and they examine ways to ensure votes are cast and counted during a pandemic crisis.

9/27

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

Guests:

Dr. Thom Allena, Community & Organizational Psychologist  
Laquonte Barry, Black New Mexico Movement Organizer  
Sean Cardinalli, Truth to Power New Mexico  
Dr. Finnie Coleman, American Literacy Studies Associate Professor, UNM Department of English  
Reed Easterwood, Lawyer & Activist  
Wayne Lindstrom, V.P. of the Western U.S., RI International, Inc.  
Kate Lynnes, Mental Healthcare Advocate  
Alfred Mathewson, Professor Emeritus, UNM Law School  
Marshal Ray, Criminal Defense & Civil Rights Lawyer  
Peter Simonson, Executive Director, ACLU New Mexico

Steve Torres, APD Forward  
Renetta Torres, Activist  
Frazier Wilson, Clinical Social Worker

### **The Line Opinion Panel:**

(No Line panel this week)

### ***This week features a New Mexico in Focus Special: Policing in 2020 and Beyond.***

New Mexico is dealing with difficult times, from economic struggles, to a worldwide pandemic and civil and political unrest. The COVID-19 outbreak has laid bare many systemic failures here in New Mexico, often revolving around the issue of racial inequality. This week on a New Mexico in Focus special, we lean into these challenges with candid conversations about just one such example, reforming policing.

Here in Albuquerque, the issue has been front and center for years, as the city entered into a Court Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) with the department of Justice back in 2014 after a series of high-profile police shootings.

True reform of the Albuquerque Police Department starts with asking the tough questions and being willing to have difficult conversations. That's what we intend to do this week, by breaking the issue down into four distinct discussions:

- 1) DOJ Consent Decree – Where do we stand today? Have we made any progress in the last 6 years?
- 2) Black Lives Matter Movement – Recent protests have kept the issue of police brutality in the headlines, but are they enough to move the needle on true reform?
- 3) Legal issues – The state has now created a civil right commission to study the issue of qualified immunity, which makes it hard to bring legal action against corrupt officers and their employers. But will it lead to any real changes?
- 4) Behavioral Health – Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller wants to create a new Department of Community Safety, which would shift some emergency calls to behavioral health specialists, homeless advocates and social workers instead of armed officers. But will it work, and does it address the need for culture change in the APD?

These are by no means the definitive conversations on these issues, but it is a start. We will be following up in future episodes with more voices and more discussions.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Democracy Now**

*M-F at 1pm (60min)*

Democracy Now! is an award-winning, independent, noncommercial, nationally-distributed public television news hour. Produced each weekday, Democracy Now! is available for public television stations free of charge.

### **Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide**

*Saturday, 8/29 at 8am; Sunday 8/30 at 12pm; Thursday 9/3 at 7pm; Friday 9/4 at 1am;*

*Saturday 9/5 at 1030am & Sunday 9/6 at 3pm (2hrs)*

Join the acclaimed personal finance expert for essential advice on planning for and thriving in retirement. With empathy, straight talk and humor, Suze provides information about key steps for anyone trying to achieve their "ultimate retirement."

## **EDUCATION**

### **Frontline: COVID's Hidden Toll**

*Tuesday 7/21 at 9pm, Wednesday 7/22 at 3am (60min)*

How the COVID crisis has hit vulnerable immigrants and undocumented workers. Stories from the pandemic's invisible victims, including crucial farm and meat-packing workers who lack protections and have been getting sick.

### **Frontline: Love, Life & The Virus**

*Tuesday 8/11 at 9pm, Wednesday 8/12 at 3am, Tuesday 8/25 at 9pm (60min), Wednesday 8/26 at 330am (30min)*

A mother's fight to survive COVID and see her newborn baby. How the coronavirus hit one immigrant family, their struggle to be reunited, and the community that rallied around them.

### **Frontline: United States of Conspiracy**

*Tuesday 7/28 at 9pm, Wednesday 7/29 at 3am (60min)*

How trafficking in conspiracy theories went from the fringes of U.S. politics into the White House. The alliance of conspiracy entrepreneur Alex Jones, Trump advisor Roger Stone, and the president, and their role in the battle over truth and lies.

### **New Mexico Colores!**

*Sundays at 10pm except 8/30 & 9/6; Mondays at 4am except 9/1 & 9/7 (30min)*

¡COLORES! is a weekly art series with stories devoted to the creative spirit. The series features local and national stories about film, visual and performing arts, theater, photography, literature, painting, sculpture, poetry and dance.

### **KRWG Airdate and Time: M-F at 430pm (30min)**

**Title: ARTHUR** – This series is based on Marc Brown's books. It shows how Arthur and his friends use effective, age-appropriate, problem-solving skills. Each episode consists of two independent stories focusing on themes and events central to children's lives.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 8am beginning 7/13 (30min)*

**Title: Hero Elementary**– If you're a kid with superpowers, you belong at Hero Elementary! It's where young heroes in training can learn how to master their less-than-perfected powers and practice day-saving action. But when their superpowers aren't enough for the job, they can always rely on an additional arsenal of powers: The Superpowers of Science! These kids may be superhuman, but it's science that makes humans truly super.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 1030am beginning 9/8 except 9/11 (30min)*

**Title: Elinor Wonder Why**– This animated series for preschoolers aims to encourage children to follow their curiosity, ask questions when they don't understand and find answers using science inquiry skills. The main character Elinor, the most observant and curious bunny rabbit in Animal Town, introduces kids ages 3-5 to science, nature and community through adventures with her friends Ari, a funny and imaginative bat, and Olive, a perceptive and warm elephant. As kids explore Animal Town, they meet all kinds of interesting, funny, and quirky characters, each with something to teach us about respecting others, the importance of diversity, caring for the environment, and working together to solve problems.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *Monday 9/8 & Friday 9/11 at 1030am (60min)*

**Title: Elinor Wonder Why Premiere**– This animated series for preschoolers aims to encourage children to follow their curiosity, ask questions when they don't understand and find answers using science inquiry skills. The main character Elinor, the most observant and curious bunny rabbit in Animal Town, introduces kids ages 3-5 to science, nature and community through adventures with her friends Ari, a funny and imaginative bat, and Olive, a perceptive and warm elephant. As kids explore Animal Town, they meet all kinds of interesting, funny, and quirky characters, each with something to teach us about respecting others, the importance of diversity, caring for the environment, and working together to solve problems.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 9am except 7/1-7/10, ended 9/4 (30min)*

**Title: Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum** – Inspired by the best-selling kids book series, *Ordinary People Change the World*, by New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer and illustrator Christopher Eliopoulos, **XAVIER RIDDLE AND THE SECRET MUSEUM** follows the adventures of Xavier, Yadina and Brad as they tackle everyday problems by doing something extraordinary: traveling back in time to learn from real-life inspirational figures like Marie Curie, Harriet Tubman and Jackie Robinson when they were kids. Each adventure will help young viewers make the connection between the skills that made these historical figures heroes and those same qualities within themselves, helping them discover that they, too, can change the world.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *Sundays at 730am (30min)*

**Title: Cyberchase:** Math rules in the animated adventure series **CYBERCHASE**. **CYBERCHASE** energizes kids ages eight to eleven with math power. Full of cyber-mysteries with eye-popping animation and a sly comic flair, the daily series features the

voices of Christopher Lloyd and Gilbert Gottfried. CYBERCHASE sends the message that math is fun - it's about problem solving and, boy, does it come in handy. When the dastardly villain Hacker (Lloyd) launches a mad mission to conquer the virtual universe, Motherboard calls upon three earth kids for help. They are Jackie, Matt and Inez - the culturally diverse heroes of CYBERCHASE - who, along with the wise-cracking cyber-bird Digit (Gottfried), travel from their real-world realm to the colorful virtual vistas of cyberspace, where they vanquish the bad guys in an all-out battle of wits. Each episode takes the kids on a thrilling adventure driven by a different math concept - from tackling time in ancient Egyptian tombs to cracking codes in creepy caves or making sense of numbers in a fractured fairy tale world.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *Sundays at 7am; Monday – Friday at 1230pm (30min)*

**Title: Cat in the Hat Knows All About That!** – Coming to television for the first time ever in an animated series, The Cat in the Hat whisks preschoolers off on a voyage of scientific discovery. "The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!" features six-year-olds Sally & Nick, best friends and next door neighbors, who are transported on magical journeys to all corners of the globe where the natural world becomes their playground. With the Cat as their guide, his two energetic helpers, the zany duo, Thing One and Thing Two and the enigmatic Fish along for the ride, every outing becomes an unpredictable adventure. In each episode, Sally and Nick head off with the Cat in his one-of-a-kind custom vehicle, the Thinga-ma-jigger, a quintessentially Seussian contraption that instantly transforms from plane to boat to submarine with just a flick of the jigger-ma-whizzer or a honk of the shrinkamadoodle. They go everywhere from the ocean bottom, to a rainforest, or to the centre of a beehive. The Cat in the Hat "knows a lot" but he doesn't know everything making him the perfect guide for learning and fun.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 7am ended 9/4; M-F at 9am beginning 9/7 (30min)*

**Title: CURIOUS GEORGE** - is an animated series based on the popular books by Margret and H.A. Rey. It airs daily on PBS KIDS aimed at preschool viewers (age's three to five); the goal of the series is to inspire children to explore science, engineering, and math in the world around them. And what better guide is there for this kind of exploration than the world's most curious monkey? George lives to find new things to discover, touch, spill, and chew. Everything is new to George and worth investigating. Of course, in George's hands — all four of them — investigation often leads to unintended consequences! Throughout George's adventures, he encounters and models basic concepts in each of the three content areas. (To learn more, read about the educational philosophy that drives the series.) While remaining true to the look and feel of the beloved books, the daily series expands George's world to include a host of colorful new characters and locales. Each episode features two animated stories followed by short live-action segments in which real kids investigate the ideas that George introduces in the stories. The series is narrated by Emmy award-winning actor William H. Macy. The CURIOUS GEORGE series also aims to show parents and caregivers how to foster the development of science and math literacy in children. In addition to programming, the series is supported by a substantial educational outreach campaign that develops relevant materials and distributes them to librarians, teachers, community centers, and families.

These materials offer activities designed to support and extend the learning objectives of the series.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 930am ended 4/3 (30min)*

**Title: Let's Go Luna!** - LET'S GO LUNA! is an informative, whimsical and visual animated series about a group of three children who learn about differences and similarities in their global community with the help of their friend, Luna the Moon. The children move around the world with their parents' traveling "Cirque-du-Soleil"-type circus and, at each stop, Luna helps them experience the language, music, and all around daily life of the local region through character driven hilarious fun adventures. Each child -- Leo, Carmen and Andy -- carries a special enthusiasm of food, music and art that Luna enriches through stories and visits to fantastic locations. Each day ends with Luna magically appearing back in the sky, while the kids return to their parents' circus, their heads swimming with the wonderful experience of global culture.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 1130am ended 4/3 (30min)*

**Title: Pinkalicious & Peterrific** - Pinkalicious imagines creative possibilities everywhere she looks. Aimed at kids 3-5, PINKALICIOUS & PETERIFIC encourages viewers to engage in the creative arts and self-expression, including music, dance, theater and visual arts. Get creative with Pinkalicious, Peter and all their friends in Pinkville!

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *Saturdays at 730am ended 5/2 (30min)*

**Title: Twice as Good** - Twice as Good stars' adorable twin sisters Delaney and Hadley as they show kids and parents that cooking with kids is fun. With creative, and tasty dishes, the girls show other children how they can cook in their own home (with adult supervision, of course!). Twice as Good also contains colorful pop-ups and recipes on screen to help follow along at home.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *Saturdays at 730am beginning 5/9 (30min)*

**Title: Kid Stew** - Created by best-selling author James Patterson, KID STEW is a fast-paced, irreverent series that's by kids, about kids and for kids. The show holds young viewers' attention with jokes, original music videos and fun sketches by its cast of relatable pre-teens - including Armando, Blake, Caroline, David, Luke, Madison, Milena, Nicholas, Satine, new cast members Josiah and Samantha, and their mascot dog Ozzie - all the while encouraging kids to explore books, science, history, music and creative expression.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *Fridays at 1030am ended 4/3; Saturdays at 630am (30min)*

**Title: Clifford the Big Red Dog** - Based on the popular Scholastic book series by Norman Bridwell about the lovable oversized canine with his head in the clouds but four paws planted firmly on the ground, Clifford presents a larger-than-life view of the world. With his loving human, Emily Elizabeth, and dog pals, Cleo and T-Bone, Clifford inhabits a colorful island community, inviting viewers on a fun-filled journey through childhood, navigating the dips and curves along the way. CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG emphasizes good citizenship and the importance of community. Each episode

concludes with a component of Clifford's Big Ideas - 10 different attributes children learn to embrace - which leaves them with something to think about and practice in their lives.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 830am except 7/1-7/10; M-F at 3pm ended 7/1; M-F at 7am beginning 9/7 (30min)*

**Title: Molly of Denali** - This series follows the adventures of Molly, a feisty and resourceful Alaska Native girl, as she helps her parents run the Denali Trading Post in their Alaskan village. Viewers are introduced to the rich history and modern-day experience of family life in the heart of the Alaskan tundra through the eyes of Molly, her parents, and her friends. Designed to help kids develop skills around informational text such as using a map and following an instruction manual, this is the first nationally distributed children's series in the U.S. to feature an Alaska Native lead character.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 10am except 7/1-7/13; M-TH at 1030am except 7/1-7/10 ended 9/3 (30min)*

**Title: DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood** is a new, beautifully-textured animated series from PBS KIDS for preschoolers aged 2-4, based on the legacy of Fred Rogers. Its cast are the children of his original and much-loved Neighborhood of Make-Believe characters. A young Daniel Tiger is joined by his friends' O the Owl, Katerina Kittycat, Prince Wednesday and Miss Elaina. Together, through imagination, creativity and music they learn the key social skills necessary for school and for life.

Every Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood episode offers a parenting strategy. The clip below is from an episode about first experiences—a visit to the doctor and a 'look around' visit to school. The parenting strategy being modeled shows that by talking to children in advance about what to expect, parents can ease any apprehension they may be feeling. As in all Daniel stories, the strategy is offered as a musical 'jingle' – in this case “When we do something new, let's talk about what we'll do!”

Building on the landmark PBS series Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, **Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood** is a new series for a new generation of children. Launching in fall 2012 on PBS KIDS, the series tells engaging stories about the life of a preschooler and is accompanied by cross-platform games and activities for the very youngest children, together with online resources for parents and teachers. Daniel was developed by **The Fred Rogers Company**, and brings together a group of today's leading creators of children's media and educational technology. The series tells its engaging stories using musical strategies grounded in Fred Rogers' landmark curriculum: its songs give parents and children a concrete way to practice important school-readiness skills together.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *Saturday at 6am; M-F at 12pm (30min)*

**Title: DINOSAUR TRAIN** - "Dinosaur Train" is an animated series for 3-to-6 year olds. The series features a curious young T-rex named Buddy who, together with his adopted Pteranodon family, takes the Dinosaur Train to meet, explore, and have adventures with all kinds of dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *Saturdays at 7am (30min)*

**Title:** **MISTER ROGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD** – The soothing voice of Mr. Rogers continues to comfort children telling them that there will always be someone to take care of them and helping them feel good about themselves. Ages 2-5.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 730am ended 5/29; Sundays at 6am ended 9/6 (30min)*

**Title:** **Nature Cat**– NATURE CAT follows Fred, a house cat who dreams of exploring the great outdoors. In each episode, once his family leaves for the day, Fred transforms into Nature Cat, "backyard explorer extraordinaire." Nature Cat can't wait to get outside for a day of backyard nature excursions and bravery, but there's one problem: He's still a house cat with no instincts for nature. Like many of today's kids, Nature Cat is eager and enthusiastic about outside activities, but is at times intimidated by them. With the help of his animal friends, Nature Cat embarks on action-packed adventures that include exciting missions full of nature investigation, "aha" discovery moments and humor, all while inspiring children to go outside and "play the show."

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 4pm (30min)*

**Title:** **ODD SQUAD** – ODD SQUAD is a PBS KIDS live-action media property designed to help kids ages 5-8 learn math. The show focuses on two young agents, Olive and Otto, who are part of the Odd Squad, an agency whose mission is to come to the rescue whenever something unusual happens. A math concept is embedded in each of their cases, as Olive and Otto work together to problem-solve and save the day in each episode. ODD SQUAD is created by Tim McKeon (Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends, Adventure Time, The Electric Company) and Adam Peltzman (The Electric Company, The Backyardigans, Wallykazam!) and produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment and The Fred Rogers Company.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 11am except 7/1-7/10, 7/13, 7/15 & 7/17 (30min)*

**Title:** **SESAME STREET** – SESAME STREET has garnered more than 100 awards, including 101 Emmys, two Peabodys, four Parents' Choice Awards and an Action for Children's Television Special Achievement Award. The series delivers academic and social education that prepares kids for grade school. Since its premiere, the show's base curriculum has been set by academic research on preschoolers. Encore episodes focus on music and art and how these tools can be used to develop the whole child - the cognitive, social, emotional and physical attributes. In addition, "Elmo's World," which looks at the world through the eyes of a three-year-old, continues as a featured segment. Themes include birthdays, pets, teeth, families, games and more. Ages 2-5.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *7/13, 7/15 & 7/17 at 11am (60min)*

**Title:** **SESAME STREET: When You Wish Upon A Pickle** -

When a mysterious wish machine is delivered to Sesame Street, Elmo, Abby and Bert find their wishes come true. Before long, the gang learns they need to be careful what they wish for -- especially when they find out it'll only grant one wish per customer! Join the fun -- along with guest stars Amanda Seyfried and Blake Lively -- in this SESAME STREET special.

**KRWG Airdate and Time:** *M-F at 730am (30min)*

**Title: Wild Kratts** - "Wild Kratts" joins the adventures of Chris and Martin Kratt as they encounter incredible wild animals, combining science education with fun and adventure as the duo travels to animal habitats around the globe. Each adventure explores an age-appropriate science concept central to an animal's life and showcases a never-before-seen wildlife moment, all wrapped up in engaging stories of adventure, mystery, rescue, and the Kratt brothers' brand of laugh-out-loud-comedy that kids love. Real-life Chris and Martin introduce each "Wild Kratts" episode with a live action segment that imagines what it would be like to experience a never-before-seen wildlife moment, and asks, "What if...?" The Kratt brothers transition into animation and the adventure begins, bringing early-elementary school children into the secret lives of extraordinary creatures, many of which have never been animated before -- including Tiger quolls, Draco lizards, and Caracals!

**APS Learning at Home (Kinder/1<sup>st</sup>, ESL, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>)**

*Monday-Friday from 8am-12pm ended 7/10 (4hrs)*

These supplemental learning videos feature APS educators in short segments, supporting a variety of subjects and grade levels, including English language arts, math, visual and performing arts, physical education, and more. These segments will also include a Sign interpreter in the lower left portion of the screen, making them accessible to the hearing impaired. Bilingual lessons are also available.

## **NEWSMAKERS**

*Thursdays at 7pm except 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24; Fridays at 1am except 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 8/21, 8/28, 9/3, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25; Saturdays at 5pm except 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19 & 9/26; Sundays at 11am except 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 & 9/27 (30min)*

NEWSMAKERS: the region's in-depth source for news from New Mexico and Texas. Every week, Newsmakers features the people, issues, and events that shape our community. Shows in September will focus on our region's role in the future of energy; the new Las Cruces Convention Center; and how New Mexico State University is engaging the scientists of the future by reaching out to area students.

7/23

Black Lives Matter: Dr. Patrick Turner & Kimberly York

This week, Newsmakers features Dr. Patrick Turner, Director of First Year Initiatives at NMSU and Kimberly York, Interim Director, Black Programs at NMSU.

7/30

New Graduates Face Tough Labor Market; Naida Zucker

This week, Newsmakers looks at how new graduates are facing a tough labor market and we visit with Naida Zucker a retired zoologist and biology professor who now is a local artist.

8/6

Changes to the CWA could impact Gila River; Eagle Ranch Heart of the Desert  
This week, Newsmakers looks at changes to the CWA that could impact the Gila river and we visit Eagle Ranch Heart of the Desert which is known for being the largest pistachio producing grove in the state of New Mexico.

8/13

Henry Fountain: Climate Reporter, New York Times  
This week, Newsmakers features Henry Fountain, Climate Reporter for the New York Times to discuss his latest article on the Mega drought and Climate Change.

### **Election 2020 – NM State Representative District 52**

*Thursday 9/17 at 7pm, Friday 9/18 at 1am, Saturday 9/19 at 5pm & Sunday 9/20 at 11am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Representative District 52 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Kathy Brook from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features candidates Democrat Doreen Gallegos and Republican John Foreman.

### **Election 2020 – NM State Representative District 53**

*Thursday 9/17 at 730pm, Friday 9/18 at 130am, Saturday 9/19 at 530pm & Sunday 9/20 at 1130am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Representative District 53 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Kathy Brook from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features the candidate Republican Ricky Little. Democrat Willie Madrid declined the invitation.

### **Election 2020 – NM State Senate District 31**

*Thursday 9/24 at 7pm, Friday 9/25 at 1am, Saturday 9/26 at 5pm & Sunday 9/27 at 11am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Senate District 31 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Eileen VanWie from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features Democratic candidate Joseph Cervantes. We were unable to reach Republican candidate John Roberts.

### **Election 2020 – NM State Senate District 34**

*Thursday 9/24 at 730pm, Friday 9/25 at 130am, Saturday 9/26 at 530pm & Sunday 9/27 at 1130am (30mn)*

Election 2020: State Senate District 34 with moderators Fred Martino from KRWG and Eileen VanWie from the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico. The show features Democrat Darren Kugler and Republican Ron Griggs.

### **Issues & Answers: Police Oversight #128**

*Thursday 7/2 at 7pm, Friday 7/3 at 1am, Saturday 7/4 at 5pm & Sunday 7/5 at 11am (1hr)*

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas and Third Judicial District Attorney Mark D'Antonio discuss the legal issues surrounding police oversight. Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Las Cruces District 4 City Councilor Johana Bencomo talk about municipal policy efforts to improve police oversight.

**Issues & Answers: Police Reform #127**

*Saturday 8/22 at 5pm & Sunday 8/23 at 11am (1hr)*

Doña Ana County Sheriff Kim Stewart and New Mexico State University Police Chief Stephen Lopez talk about the movement for police reform. This series is a partnership between KRWG Public Media, NAACP of Doña Ana County, and the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico.

**Issues & Answers: Equity in Education #129**

*Saturday 8/22 at 5pm & Sunday 8/23 at 11am*

Dulcinea Lara of New Mexico State University, The National Education Association-New Mexico's Andrew Montoya, and Michelle Valverde of the Learning Action Buffet in Las Cruces talk about efforts to ensure equity in New Mexico public schools.

**FRONTERAS: A CHANGING AMERICA**

*Thursdays at 730pm except 7/2, 7/9, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24; Fridays at 130am except 7/3, 7/10, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25; Saturdays at 530pm except 7/4, 7/11, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19 & 9/26; Sundays at 1130am except 7/5, 7/12, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 & 9/27 (30min)*

KRWG-TV's weekly program profiles the people and examines the issues in the region's Hispanic communities.

7/23

COVID-19 Impact on Oil & Gas Industry - Jon Goldstein

COVID-19 has impacted all our lives and has devastated New Mexico's state budget due to the drastic fall in oil and gas prices. Some environmental groups have said this is a moment when the country can take steps to seal abandoned oil and gas wells across the country, and they say depending on funding, out of work oil and gas workers can help accomplish this. Joining us to learn more is Jon Goldstein, Director of Regulatory & Legislative Affairs for the Environmental Defense Fund.

7/30

New survey highlights COVID-19 impact on Latino Families - Dr. Gabriel Sanchez

A new survey highlights the impact COVID-19 has had on Latino Families Economic Well-Being in New Mexico. The survey was conducted on behalf of several non-profit groups in the state by Latino Decisions, an independent political opinion research and data organization. Joining us today to discuss the survey is Dr. Gabriel Sanchez, A principal with Latino Decision. Dr. Sanchez is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of New Mexico, where he also serves as the Executive Director for UNM's Center for social policy and is also the Co-Founder of the university's Native American Budget and Policy Institute.

8/6

Spencer Herrera, Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez, Levi Romero, New Book Editors

A new book shares personal essays viewing New Mexico through the eyes of Chicano and indigenous writers who share personal stories that may display unique identities but offer a shared love of their homeland of New Mexico. The Book titled “Querencia: Reflections on the New Mexico Homeland” edited by Dr. Spencer Herrera, assistant professor in Spanish at NMSU, Dr. Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez, Professor of English at Arizona State University, and Levi Romero, New Mexico’s first Poet Laureate and Assistant Professor of Chicana and Chicano studies at the University of New Mexico.

8/13

Jean Guerrero: Author, "Hatemonger"

A new book shares an investigation into White House Advisor Stephen Miller and his impact on Trump Administration Policy. Award-winning investigative border Journalist Jean Guerrero shares Miller’s biography and how he rose to become an influential advisor to President Trump. The book investigates the administration’s tough policies and rhetoric against immigrants, asylum seekers, and those on the left. The book, "Hatemonger: Stephen Miller, Donald Trump, and the White Nationalist Agenda" is out now. It is written by award-winning investigative journalist Jean Guerrero who joins us.

9/10

Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, Controversial Historical Figures

This week, Fronteras features Chicana historian and writer, Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva. We discuss controversial historical figures, including the debate surrounding statues of Don Juan de Oñate in the border region.

9/17

Dr. Leandro Mena, New HIV Prevention Strategy

In El Paso and in the surrounding borderland region, a new initiative is underway to help reduce new HIV infections called “Vamos Bien con PrEP.” Joining us to talk about the program and how it can be used to prevent HIV infections in the borderland region is Dr. Leandro Mena who is an STD/HIV Clinician and Public Health Advocate.

9/24

Dr. Mary Feldblum, Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign

Today we discuss healthcare, an issue that impacts us all. In New Mexico, a grassroots coalition is working to establish the New Mexico Health Security Plan. It’s a plan they say can shift private insurance to a supplementary roll. The group says this proposed health plan can automatically cover most New Mexicans. Here to share more on this campaign and plan is Dr. Mary Feldblum, Executive Director of the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign.

## **NEW MEXICO IN FOCUS**

*Sundays at Noon; except 8/6 (60min)*

7/5

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

***“American Experience: The Vote” / Local Leaders on Women Winning Voting Rights (New!)***

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guests:

Dr. Sylvia Ramos Cruz, women’s suffrage historian

Martha Burk, political psychologist and author of “Your Voice, Your Vote”

Pamelya Herndon, attorney and CEO of the KWH Law Center for Social Justice and Change

Meredith R. Machen, director, League of Women Voters of New Mexico

***Testing New Mexicans for COVID-19 (May 8)***

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guests:

Sec. Kathyleen Kunkel, New Mexico Department of Health

***COVID-19 in El Paso (May 22)***

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Bob Moore, president and CEO, ElPasoMatters.org

Lauren Villagran, reporter, *El Paso Times*

***COVID-19 Survival and Recovery on the Navajo Nation (May 15)***

Correspondent:

Antonia Gonzales

Guests:

Lewis Joe, Navajo citizen, COVID-19 survivor

Sunnie Clahchischiligi, Navajo journalist and UNM doctoral student

**The Line Opinion Panel**

**The Line Look Back (March 13)**

Panelists:

Merritt Allen, Vox Optima

Andy Lyman, reporter, New Mexico Political Report

Sophie Martin, attorney

Dan McKay, reporter, *Albuquerque Journal*

**The Line Look Back (March 27)**

Panelists:

Tom Garrity, The Garrity Group PR

Laura Sanchez, attorney

New Mexico in Focus begins its 14<sup>th</sup> season with a look back at the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic since it first hit the state in March, and a look forward from the time women won the right to vote 100 years ago.

As part of an online preview screening this week of the PBS program “American Experience: The Vote,” correspondent Megan Kamerick led a conversation about the history of women’s suffrage in New Mexico. Kamerick is hosting a new podcast series on the topic. NMiF excerpts a portion of that discussion. More information on both the national program (airing July 6 and 7 on NMPBS) and the local podcast can be found [here](#).

For the rest of the show, NMiF highlights noteworthy segments from the past four months, including a May 8 conversation with Sec. Kathyleen Kunkel of the Department of Health on the state’s efforts to ramp up and maintain COVID-19 testing. Two months later, similar questions remain about whom to test and how often.

Throughout the pandemic, correspondent Laura Paskus has been interviewing journalists around the state as they cover COVID-19 in their communities. On May 22, she spoke with two veteran border journalists, Bob Moore of the website El Paso Matters and Lauren Villagran of the *El Paso Times*, about the impact of the virus in El Paso, which is in the midst of a major outbreak just across New Mexico’s southern border.

Correspondent Antonia Gonzales has been examining the pandemic’s effect on Native communities, which have been among the hardest hit by the virus. On May 15, she spoke with journalist Sunnie Clahchischiligi and Lewis Joe, a Navajo COVID-19 survivor.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panelists have been discussing and debating public health reactions to the pandemic crisis since the first case hit the state in March. Key excerpts from panel conversations on March 13 and March 27 are shown.

7/11

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Our Land Anniversary*

Correspondent:

Gene Grant

Guest:

Laura Paskus

*Our Land: The Gila*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Norm Gaume, former director, Interstate Stream Commission

Rolf Schmidt-Petersen, director, Interstate Stream Commission

### *Voting Study*

Correspondent: Gwyneth Doland

Guest:

Gabe Sanchez, UNM political science professor; co-director, Institute of Policy, Evaluation and Applied Research (IPEAR)

### *Mask Mandate*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guests:

Cody Westfall, Simply Diego's pet store

Dr. Samuel Roll, UNM professor emeritus

### **Line Panelists:**

Dede Feldman, former state senator

Dan Foley, former state representative

Dave Mulryan, founder, Everybody Votes

This week on New Mexico in Focus, host Gene Grant celebrates the third anniversary of the show's monthly series Our Land with environmental journalist Laura Paskus, who talks about the state's outlook and attitudes toward the environment. Paskus also presents a new Our Land segment that looks at the apparent death of the Gila River diversion plans.

Correspondent Gwyneth Doland gets an update from UNM professor of political science Gabe Sanchez on new research about issues with the June primary election and how we fix it for November.

A mandatory mask order means New Mexicans who don't wear face coverings in public risk a fine and a misdemeanor criminal charge. With many law enforcement agencies saying they likely won't write tickets, retail employees are left to enforce the law by reminding customers to mask-up in order to shop at their business – which can cause potentially violent situations with those who refuse. Correspondent Megan Kamerick talked with retail worker Cody Westfall about his experience with a customer and psychologist Dr. Samuel Roll about this phenomenon.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss the rise in COVID-19 cases and look at new public health orders that include face mask enforcements and an indefinite suspension of Phase 2 of re-openings. The Line also looks at legislation signed by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham that makes low-interest loans available to help small businesses

hurt by the coronavirus pandemic — and how it fits alongside controversial federal loan programs.

7/19

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*The New Mexico GOP on COVID-19*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Steve Pearce, chairman, Republican Party of New Mexico

*COVID-19 Impacts and Herd Immunity*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest: Steven Bradfute, Ph.D., research assistant professor, UNM Center for Global Health and Department of Internal Medicine

*Native American Mascots*

Correspondent:

Antonia Gonzales

Guests:

Suzan Shown Harjo, DC area Native rights advocate

Rhonda LeValdo, journalist and instructor at Haskell Indian Nations University, Kansas

Sunnie Clahchischiligi, UNM doctoral student and sports writer

**Line Panelists:**

Tom Garrity, The Garrity Group PR

Inez Russell Gomez, editorial page editor, *Santa Fe New Mexican*

Laura Sanchez, attorney

This week on New Mexico in Focus, senior producer Matt Grubs talks to former U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, who now chairs the New Mexico Republican Party. The GOP has accused Governor Lujan Grisham of being too restrictive in her efforts to slow the growth of COVID-19.

Correspondent Megan Kamerick interviews Dr. Steven Bradfute, research assistant professor of UNM's Center for Global Health and Department of Internal Medicine, on the long-term impacts of COVID-19 for survivors and the idea of "herd immunity."

After decades of Native American advocates fighting the racial slur in the name of the Washington, DC, football team, the NFL team announced it will retire the name and logo and end its use of the R-word. The Black Lives Matter movement is credited for raising

awareness of Indian mascots in the wake of racial justice rallies brought on by the police killing of George Floyd. Correspondent Antonia Gonzales hears from Native writers and advocates who say work on the issue is not over.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel look at new restrictions put into place this week as a result of the rise in COVID-19 cases, including a return to shutting down indoor dining in restaurants throughout New Mexico. And what will public schooling really look like this fall?

The Line also looks at District Attorney Raul Torrez' recent decision to refile charges against Steven Baca, the man accused of shooting protester Scott Williams at a protest over an Oñate statue near downtown Albuquerque last month.

7/26

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Paint for Peace*

Correspondent:

Gene Grant

Guest:

Victoria Van Dame, Paint for Peace initiator; executive director, OT Circus

Skelley Greer, Paint for Peace artist

Izzi, Paint for Peace artist

Logan, Paint for Peace artist

*Gwen Samuels*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest:

Gwen Samuels, retired teacher, artist and COVID-19 survivor

*Water Loan*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Mike Hamman, chief engineer, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

Page Pegram, Rio Grande Basin Manager, NM Interstate Stream Commission

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Julie Ann Grimm, editor, Santa Fe Reporter

Sophie Martin, attorney  
H. Diane Snyder, former state senator

This week on New Mexico in Focus, correspondent Megan Kamerick talks with artist and quilter Gwen Triay Samuels who had to take a break from helping people experiencing homelessness to battle the coronavirus. Now, as she recovers, she is making face masks for those in need as a way of showing thanks for surviving COVID-19.

Host Gene Grant talks to members of Paint for Peace, an art initiative to turn boarded-up Central Avenue storefronts in Albuquerque's downtown into murals. After vandals broke windows following peaceful protests early last month, shop owners used boards to replace glass and protect against future damage. Artists turned them into canvases to display artwork promoting peace and transforming the area.

The Rio Grande is experiencing one of its all-time lows this year. Correspondent Laura Paskus talks with officials about a surprise agreement between New Mexico, Texas and Colorado to release water from the El Vado Reservoir to help farmers along the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. That as the states sue each other in federal court over long-term management of the same water.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel look at President Trump and Attorney General William Barr's announcement that they intend to send 35 federal agents to Albuquerque under "Operation Legend," designed to put federal law enforcers into America's most violent cities to fight crime. Supporters welcome the assistance, while others worry it will result in a surge in violence similar to that in Portland, Oregon.

The panel also looks at the restaurant open/close shuffle that started with a lawsuit against Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's administration filed by the New Mexico Restaurant Association and several restaurants from around the state. The governor had reinstated the ban on indoor dining after a rise in COVID-19 infections. That ban, blocked by a Carlsbad state judge on Monday, was reimposed the same day by the New Mexico Supreme Court.

8/2

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Working and Parenting During COVID-19 Pandemic*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest:

Bridget Montoya, full-time nurse and single mother

*Young Activists and the Black Lives Matter Movement*

Correspondent:

Gene Grant

Guest:

Zoey Craft, Fight For Our Lives

Janelle Astorga Ramos, Learning Alliance of New Mexico

Tatiana Sarif, Fight For Our Lives

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Serge Martinez, professor, UNM School of Law

Kristelle Siarza, Siarza Social Digital

Steve Terrell, retired reporter, Santa Fe New Mexican

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

With the school year quickly approaching and coronavirus cases surging, New Mexico schools are going to be fully online until at least September 8th. Correspondent Megan Kamerick talks with single mother Bridget Montoya, who is also a nurse working with COVID-19 patients, about balancing her work schedule with her children's education and safety.

Host Gene Grant talks to the new face of the Black Lives Matter movement in New Mexico: young organizers and activists. Organizers and activists from Learning Alliance of New Mexico and Fight For Our Lives discuss the message behind the movement and what specific reforms and changes they are seeking.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel look further into pushback against Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and her administration's public health orders, particularly from some New Mexico mayors who object to closing indoor dining in restaurants. Eighteen mayors signed a letter protesting the governor's recent op-ed threatening to remove elected officials if they didn't comply with mandates.

The Line panel also looks more closely at the purpose of Operation Legend, the initiative that will send 35 federal law enforcement agents to Albuquerque to fight crime. Some state and local leaders are concerned that sending officers to New Mexico is just an attempt by the Trump administration to politicize the issue of public safety, while others welcome the added help. For the final topic, The Line takes on the implications for candidates endorsed by Cowboys for Trump after the racist comments made recently by that group's leader.

8/8

**Host:**

Gene Grant

## **In Focus Interviews:**

### *The Governor on Bringing New Mexicans Through COVID Crisis*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham

### *Covering COVID-19 in the Carlsbad Area*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guest:

Jessica Onsurez, editor, *Carlsbad Current Argus*

## **The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Dede Feldman, former state senator

Dan Foley, former state representative

Giovanna Rossi, president, Collective Action Strategies

### *This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has been shepherding New Mexico through the COVID-19 crisis since the first case hit the state in March. NMiF senior producer Matt Grubs talks to her about trying to balance life and livelihood as she deals with the devastating effects of the pandemic on New Mexicans.

Correspondent Laura Paskus is back with a new installment in her ongoing series of conversations with journalists covering COVID-19 in their communities. This week she welcomes Jessica Onsurez, editor of the *Carlsbad Current Argus*, to talk about covering the virus in a part of New Mexico where case prevalence continues to rise amid resistance to the governor's public health orders.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel give their insights and opinions on how the governor has been handling the COVID crisis so far and look at what the future might hold concerning education and the economy. The Line panel also analyzes the recent New Mexico Supreme Court ruling that affirmed the governor's power to issue sizable fines to enforce public health orders. For the final topic, The Line looks at efforts to do away with qualified immunity. That's the legal doctrine designed to protect public employees from crippling lawsuits, but some say it comes at a too-high cost of civil rights.

8/16

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Our Land: Gold King Mine Spill Revisited*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Talon Newton, hydrogeologist, NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources

Susan Palko-Schraa, Animas River homeowner

Karletta Chief, Environmental Science Department, University of Arizona

*Regeneron Science Talent Search Winner*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guest:

Lillian Petersen, grand prize winner, Regeneron Science Talent Search

*Online Indian Market*

Correspondent:

Antonia Gonzales

Guests:

Kim Peone, executive director, Southwestern Association for American Indian Arts

Karl Duncan, executive director, Poeh Cultural Center

Eugene Tapahe, fine art photographer

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Merritt Allen, Vox Optima

Dede Feldman, former state senator

Tom Garrity, The Garrity Group PR

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

In the August installment of *Our Land*, environmental correspondent Laura Paskus revisits the Gold King Mine spill and the destructive impact of the toxic orange plume that went flowing down the Animas and San Juan rivers five years ago. The waste that was released when crews tried to reopen the abandoned mine killed fish and coated river banks with heavy metals. Paskus reports with help from a grant by The Water Desk, an independent journalism initiative based at the University of Colorado Boulder's Center for Environmental Journalism.

Laura Paskus also interviews Lillian Petersen, an extraordinary young woman who just won the Regeneron Science Talent Search prize of a quarter of a million dollars. The Los Alamos High School student's winning project, which predict harvests early in the growing year for every country in Africa, has also won the attention of the International Food Policy Research Institute.

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on the economy across New Mexico, including on tourism and the arts in tribal communities. Many Native artists rely on summer art shows to sell their works, and one of the biggest festivals is Indian Market – going online this summer because of the pandemic. Correspondent Antonia Gonzales talks about how the Native American art world is attracting virtual visitors.

August 12 was “back to school” – virtually – for APS students. Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss what the start of a new school year looks like during a pandemic, and also examine how an August tourist season plays out during COVID. The Line wraps up their panel discussion with a look at the tussle between the New Mexico GOP and the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.

8/23

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Voting by Mail*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Peggy Carabajal, Valencia County Clerk

Maggie Toulouse Oliver, New Mexico Secretary of State

*La Jornada*

Correspondent:

Gwyneth Doland

Guest:

Alicia Manzano, Mayor's Liaison for Strategic Partnerships, City of Albuquerque

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Serge Martinez, Professor, UNM School of Law

Edmund E. Perea, attorney and public safety analyst

H. Diane Snyder, former state senator

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

As the nation celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women winning the right to vote, Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and Valencia County Peggy Carabajal are working to ensure New Mexicans will have confidence in the November election. NMiF's senior producer Matt Grubs talks with them about the national controversy over the role the U.S. mail will play in November's election. It's part of the Your NM Government Project, a partnership with KUNM Radio and the Santa Fe Reporter newspaper.

Controversial statues, such as those of confederate leaders or, especially here in New Mexico, of Spanish conquistadors, have sparked protests for years - and especially now. In Albuquerque, the issue came to a head back in June after a protest at *La Jornada*, a sculpture in Old Town that features conquistador Juan de Oñate, turned violent. The city ended up pulling that statue down temporarily in the hope of avoiding more demonstrations. NMiF correspondent Gwyneth Doland got an update this week on Albuquerque's new approach and how they are seeking input on what to do with *La Jornada* going forward.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel respond to the interview on voting and give their insights and opinions on the expected avalanche of mail-in ballots for the November elections. They also discuss holding major events, like the State Fair and the burning of Zozobra, virtually. They wrap up their turn at the virtual Line table with a discussion on the benchmarks in the COVID fight here in New Mexico, and what it might mean for reopenings, especially of schools.

8/30

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

*Keeping Track of USPS Boxes*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guest:

Russ Biggs, software developer

*Fire Threatens Watersheds*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Buck Wickham, operations section chief, Southwest Area Incident Management Team

Terrance Gallegos, deputy fire staff officer, Santa Fe National Forest

*Evictions*

Correspondent:

Megan Kamerick

Guests:

Chuck Sheldon, CEO and president, T&C Management Company; former president, Apartment Association of New Mexico

Serge Martinez, professor, UNM School of Law's Economic Justice Clinic

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Lonna Atkeson, UNM Political Science professor

Dan Boyd, capitol bureau chief, *Albuquerque Journal*

Laura Sanchez, attorney

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Reports of missing mail collection boxes around the country have prompted an Albuquerque-based software designer to help develop an application that uses communities to keep track of where mailboxes are and are not across the United States. NMIF correspondent Megan Kamerick talked to Russ Biggs about how the web app works and how people can help.

In the mountains above Santa Fe, the Medio Fire has been burning since August 17, threatening the Rio Nambé, Rio Capulin, and Rio en Medio watersheds. Firefighters have made headway on the fire, which is burning outside the normal range of New Mexico's fire season, at the same time they're grappling with the need to protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19. Correspondent Laura Paskus talks with Buck Wickham, operations section chief for the Southwest Area Incident Management Team, and Terrance Gallegos, deputy fire staff officer for the Santa Fe National Forest.

Evictions based on a temporary inability to pay rent are in no one's best interest. During the COVID-19 pandemic, however, many people find themselves unemployed and unable to pay full rent when it's due. For some, that can lead to an eviction notice, which can lead to worse housing conditions or homelessness. Correspondent Megan Kamerick talks with a property owner/manager and a tenants' rights advocate about resolving tenant/landlord issues and preventing evictions.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss the Republican and Democratic National Conventions and look at how convention themes influence local campaigns. The Line panelists also look at new public health orders that are sure please restaurant owners across New Mexico.

9/6

**Host:**

Gene Grant

## **In Focus Interviews:**

*Coping With COVID Pandemic During Labor Day Weekend*

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guest:

Dr. David R. Scrase, Cabinet Secretary for Human Services Department

New Mexico and Climate Change

Correspondent:

Matt Grubs

Guests:

Laura Paskus, environmental reporter and author, *At the Precipice: New Mexico's Changing Climate*

## **The Line Opinion Panel:**

Host:

Gene Grant

Panelists:

Justine Fox-Young, former NM state representative

Serge Martinez, professor, UNM School of Law's Economic Justice Clinic

Kristelle Siarza, Siarza Social Digital

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Dr. David Scrase, cabinet secretary for the Human Services Department, knows that as the Labor Day weekend approaches, New Mexicans will want to gather and may be tempted to flout public health rules on masking and social distancing. NMiF producer Matt Grubs talks to Scrase about what he and the pandemic response team are doing to prevent a spike in COVID cases.

Our Land producer and NMiF correspondent Laura Paskus, who is also an environmental reporter, has authored a new book. *At the Precipice: New Mexico's Changing Climate* looks at the state's fragile place in a warming natural world.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel discuss mounting tension between Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and the Public Regulation Commission, as the PRC gets evicted from its headquarters in downtown Santa Fe. The Line also looks at the UNM Lobo football team's reaction to comments made by former Lobo Brian Urlacher regarding the shooting of Jacob Blake, and how attitudes toward race and justice are playing out in New Mexico. The panel also discusses the progress of Operation Legend in Albuquerque, which sent dozens of federal agents into the city to fight violent crime alongside local law enforcement.

9/13

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:***Our Land: Tribes Speak Out About River Compacts*

Correspondent:

Laura Paskus

Guests:

Daryl Vigil, Jicarilla Apache Nation water administrator

Rep. Derrick Lente, (D) Pueblo of Sandia

*Rethinking Redistricting*

Correspondent:

Gwyneth Doland

Guests:

Lilly Irvin-Vitela, New Mexico First president and executive director

Rob Black, New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry president and CEO

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

Dede Feldman, former state senator

Dan Foley, former state representative

Cathryn McGill, NM Black Leadership Council

*This week on New Mexico in Focus:*

Correspondent Gwyneth Doland takes an in-depth look at redistricting as she talks with Lilly Irvin-Vitela of New Mexico First and Rob Black of the New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry about how a citizen's task force is working to redraw district maps to shift power into voters' hands. This report is part of the Your New Mexico Government Project.

Our Land correspondent Laura Paskus talks with tribal representatives about infusing Native voices into discussions about water compacts along the Colorado River and Rio Grande. As states in the West grapple with climate change, extended drought and over-appropriated rivers, sovereign nations are pushing for greater inclusion.

Gene Grant and The Line opinion panel get political this week to talk about voting, debates, and polls. The *Albuquerque Journal* recently published polls on the presidential, senate, and congressional races here in New Mexico and The Line looks at the results. Panelists also get into a debate about whether political debates provide any new insights to voters, and they examine ways to ensure votes are cast and counted during a pandemic crisis.

9/27

**Host:**

Gene Grant

**In Focus Interviews:**

## Guests:

Dr. Thom Allena, Community & Organizational Psychologist

Laquonte Barry, Black New Mexico Movement Organizer

Sean Cardinalli, Truth to Power New Mexico

Dr. Finnie Coleman, American Literacy Studies Associate Professor, UNM Department of English

Reed Easterwood, Lawyer & Activist

Wayne Lindstrom, V.P. of the Western U.S., RI International, Inc.

Kate Lynnes, Mental Healthcare Advocate

Alfred Mathewson, Professor Emeritus, UNM Law School

Marshal Ray, Criminal Defense & Civil Rights Lawyer

Peter Simonson, Executive Director, ACLU New Mexico

Steve Torres, APD Forward

Renetta Torres, Activist

Frazier Wilson, Clinical Social Worker

**The Line Opinion Panel:**

(No Line panel this week)

***This week features a New Mexico in Focus Special: Policing in 2020 and Beyond.***

New Mexico is dealing with difficult times, from economic struggles, to a worldwide pandemic and civil and political unrest. The COVID-19 outbreak has laid bare many systemic failures here in New Mexico, often revolving around the issue of racial inequality. This week on a New Mexico in Focus special, we lean into these challenges with candid conversations about just one such example, reforming policing.

Here in Albuquerque, the issue has been front and center for years, as the city entered into a Court Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) with the department of Justice back in 2014 after a series of high-profile police shootings.

True reform of the Albuquerque Police Department starts with asking the tough questions and being willing to have difficult conversations. That's what we intend to do this week, by breaking the issue down into four distinct discussions:

1) DOJ Consent Decree – Where do we stand today? Have we made any progress in the last 6 years?

2) Black Lives Matter Movement – Recent protests have kept the issue of police brutality in the headlines, but are they enough to move the needle on true reform?

3) Legal issues – The state has now created a civil right commission to study the issue of qualified immunity, which makes it hard to bring legal action against corrupt officers and their employers. But will it lead to any real changes?

4) Behavioral Health – Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller wants to create a new Department of Community Safety, which would shift some emergency calls to behavioral health specialists, homeless advocates and social workers instead of armed officers. But will it work, and does it address the need for culture change in the APD?

These are by no means the definitive conversations on these issues, but it is a start. We will be following up in future episodes with more voices and more discussions.

### **WATER / ENVIRONMENT**

#### **New Mexico Colores!**

*Sundays at 10pm except 8/30 & 9/6; Mondays at 4am except 9/1 & 9/7 (30min)*

¡COLORES! is a weekly art series with stories devoted to the creative spirit. The series features local and national stories about film, visual and performing arts, theater, photography, literature, painting, sculpture, poetry and dance.

**KRWG-FM Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**KRXG-FM Silver City, New Mexico**  
**Quarterly Program Topic Report**  
**Third Quarter, 2020**

***Through meetings with local community leaders, review of area newspapers and other publications, and production of daily newscasts (Monday-Friday), the staff of KRWG-FM/KRXG-FM has determined that the following issues are of primary importance to the citizens within our coverage area:***

**1. *Arts, Entertainment, and Culture*** – The mix of Hispanic/Native American/ and Anglo cultures provide many positive attributes to life in southern New Mexico. However, this same mix results in an on-going undercurrent of conflict among the cultures. Cultural and historical understanding is of on-going importance in this area. The area includes a diverse mix of arts and entertainment, including local musicians and performance venues and efforts to build a film industry.

**2. *Business, Economic Development, Environment*** - With an above-average unemployment rate and a below-average income level, the status of the business/agricultural community in southern New Mexico is an important issue. Concern over the constant issue of defense spending at the federal level is ongoing in this area due to the presence of several military and NASA installations. Dona Ana County is also actively seeking new businesses and a strong infrastructure exists near the Santa Teresa Border Crossing, which is also a source of news and related issues. Environmental concerns are often at odds with economic development pressures.

**3. *Local Public Affairs and Education***– Southern New Mexico has very intensive governance and political issues that are of constant interest to the citizens of the involved communities, which include a variety of elected and appointed officials. The area is also making efforts to improve education and has a variety of elected school boards.

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Stories placed in these three main categories are broadcast on local newscasts each weekday (Monday-Friday) at 645, 745, 845, 1644, 1744, and 1844.

Story descriptions and broadcast time(s) are listed on the upcoming pages by topic area.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time(s) Aired</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Duration</b>
7/7/20	8:45	Alamogordo Now	Alamogordo Daily News Reporter Nicole Maxwell talks about how July Fourth Entertainment was different this year, with a “reverse parade” during which the floats stay stationary while spectators drive by; the community fireworks display had a mishap when the finale was ignited all at the same time which caused a fire. The fire was extinguished quickly and there were no injuries	4:05
7/9/20	8:45	Desert Exposure	40 days and 40 nights makes a slow return as more activities resume in the region; Silver City Clay Festival mixes in-person and virtual events.	5:00
7/16/20	8:45	Bulletin on the Radio	Bulletin Editor Jess Williams previews this week’s issue, including stories on a local film done entirely in New Mexico and a former Las Cruces City councilor who wrote a book called “Thank You for Leading”	1:00
7/16/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Edmundo Resendez caught up with the Hard Road Trio to see how the band has been coping with the pandemic. The group has held a benefit concert in Las Cruces for years.	5:00
7/21/20	8:45	Alamogordo Now	Reporter Nicole Maxwell explains how the New MEXico Space History Museum in Alamogordo is adjusting during the pandemic by offering merchandise in the mall and remodeling during the closure.	1:45

7/24/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Emily Guerra speaks with Amanda Ekery, founder of El Paso Jazz Girls about their music and how they've adapted during the pandemic	5:00
7/27/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno interviews editors of the book "Querencia - Reflections on the New Mexico Homeland". The book is made up of personal stories sharing the history and culture of New Mexico.	5:30
7/31/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Emily Guerra talks with Lorelei Horse Stand Waiting about the non-profit she founded which focuses on Native American communities to address youth addictions and suicide prevention with cultural sensitivity	5:30
8/6/20	8:45	KRWG News	Desert Exposure Editor Elva Osterreich previews this month's issue with writing contest information, Grant County writers describe life during the pandemic in 40 words, and a diamond of drive-ins around the region.	5:00
8/14/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Emily Guerra speaks with Dona Ana Arts Council Executive Director Greg Smith about the relocation of the organization to Downtown Las Cruces.	4:45
8/17/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno interviews journalist Jean Guerrero who wrote "Hatemonger: Stephen Miller, Donald Trump, and the White Nationalist Agenda". The book explores Miller's influence on immigration policy.	5:30
8/21/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Emily Guerra speaks with CMI professor Ross Marks about upcoming screenings of student films about the pandemic at a local drive-in. Films will screen August 25 and Sept. 1.	4:50
8/27/20	8:45	The Bulletin on the Radio	Editor Jess Williams previews this week's issue with the addition of the events calendar as more events are being planned in the community, a new book by a former NMSU professor and Dona Ana Arts Council's planned move downtown.	2:30

9/10/20	8:45	Desert Exposure	Editor Elva Osterreich previews September's issue with stories on the Gila River Festival (online) and Deming and Luna County residents can win gift cards to visit local restaurants and other businesses - in Silver City, in place of the Taste of Downtown fundraiser, the group will offer coupon books for purchase.	4:50
9/24/20	6:45, 16:44	KRWG News	KC Counts talks with Charlie Minn about his new documentary called "915", which explores the timeline of the mass shooting at El Paso's Cielo Vista Walmart in August of 2019.	5:00

**2. Business, Economic Development and Environment - With an above-average unemployment rate and a below-average income level, the status of the business/agricultural community in southern New Mexico is an important issue. Concern over the constant issue of defense spending at the federal level is ongoing in this area due to the presence of several military and NASA installations. Dona Ana County is also actively seeking new businesses and a strong infrastructure exists near the Santa Teresa Border Crossing, which is also a source of news and related issues. Environmental concerns are often at odds with economic development pressures.**

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7/1/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Geoffrey Plant discusses current fire situations and has an update on the Gila River diversion project appeal as well as recycling making a return to Silver City.	3:30
7/1/20	7:45, 16:44	Peter Goodman Commentary	Goodman comments on Las Cruces City Council's consideration of a TIDD for an out-of-state developer	3:30
7/2/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the recent decision to end a diversion project for the Gila River - or at least, to NOT fund the next phase of the project.	3:30

7/6/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Anthony Moreno talked with Damien Willis of the Las Cruces Sun News about how the new health order is affecting businesses. It includes possible fines for businesses that do not comply; phase 2 reopening is on hold until at least July 15th.	5:15
7/8/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Silver City Daily News and Independent Reporter Geoffrey Plant updates us on the future of the NM CAP Entity as to how it might fit into the regional water picture in the future. In business, he updates us on changes made that have positively affected the financial health of Gila REgional Medical Center.	4:00
7/13/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	News on the new public health orders that take the state back a step in reopening the economy.	5:02
7/20/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Las Cruces Sun News Reporter Damien Willis has information on a new business offering decontamination services in Las Cruces.	2:00
7/22/20	16:44, 17:48, 18:44	KRWG News	Amazon has announced plans for a new facility in EL Paso that will bring 700 full-time jobs to the Sun City. Construction is already underway and should be operational sometime next year.	1:00
7/23/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the economy post COVID-19 and how local businesses could play a key role in recovery for the city.	4:25
7/23/20	6:45	KRWG News	Amazon announced a new facility for El Paso which will bring 700 full time jobs to the Sun City. Construction is underway in East El Paso. The facility is expected to start operating sometime next year.	1:00
7/27/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Las Cruces Sun News Reporter Damien Willis discusses the impending fallout from the end of the federal unemployment benefit and what New Mexicans should do moving forward; update on El Paso Electric Sale;	5:00

			Amazon's new fulfillment center being built in El Paso.	
7/27/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on recognition for Las Cruces businesses who institute COVID-safe practices.	:45
7/28/20	8:45	Alamogordo NOW	Reporter Jessica Onsurez (Alamogordo Daily News' News Director) updates stories on a proposed solar field for Chaparral which could bring 200 construction jobs, Public use of the Lincoln National Forest while spotted owl case is considered in court, and camp fires now allowed in the forest due to monsoon rains.	3:30
7/30/20	16:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno reports on the deadline for New Mexico's Outdoor Equity Fund grant applications (8/1)	1:15
8/3/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Las Cruces Sun News Reporter Damien Willis reports on the \$4.3 billion sale of El Paso Electric to an investment fund owned by J.P. Morgan; Gross receipts tax in Dona Ana County; update on the stalled federal relief bill.	5:30
8/3/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno talked with Angel Pena, Executive Director of Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project, about diversifying the \$400 Billion outdoor industry.	5:45
8/4/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the impact COVID 19 is having on restaurants locally after a recent yelp survey revealed that over 60% of restaurants that closed temporarily due to the pandemic, will not reopen.	4:45
8/10/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG news	NMSU hosts a town hall on news ways to foster the use of clean energy statewide. Madison Staten reports.	4:00
8/10/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Las Cruces Sun News Reporter Damien Willis updates business news regarding rescue loans offered by the State of New Mexico.	4:30

8/13/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Walt Rubel offers thoughts on economic recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.	3:30
8/13/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Fred Martino talks with New York Times Reporter Henry Fountain about the abnormally dry conditions in the Southwest and how it's being called a megadrought - what that means and what impact it could have on the region.	4:00
8/17/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Las Cruces Sun News Reporter Damien Willis offers updates on unemployment benefits, a company using robots to make tortillas and the positive trends in real estate in Las Cruces	5:30
8/17/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the recent breakdown in talks between a developer and the City of Las Cruces over a potential TIDD to develop the property of the former Las Cruces Country Club.	4:45
8/20/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Comments from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham during the Democratic National Convention focus on the environment.	1:00
8/20/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten covers American Wind Week. Key energy players discuss the future of renewable resources in New Mexico.	4:00
8/24/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Las Cruces Sun News Reporter Damien Willis follows a labor shortage for chile harvest season and the expansion of Sceye, which will come to New Mexico and offer improvements in broadband access	5:00
8/24/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Fred Martino reports on efforts in Congress to protest the Gila River. Legislation was introduced by Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich.	5:00
8/26/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the labor shortage due to COVID-19 and how the agriculture industry is adapting.	3:30

8/26/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Geoffrey Plant of the Silver City Daily Press has an update on the huge payout the former CEO of Gila Regional Medical Center will receive.	2:00
8/27/20	6:45	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the Legislative Finance Committee's discussion of economic recovery plans	3:45
8/28/20	7:45	KRWG News	Madison Staten covers issues related to progress at Spaceport America including delays and pending investigations.	3:30
8/31/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Las Cruces Sun News Reporter Damien Willis discusses the new public health order allowing indoor dining up to 25% capacity, houses of worship up to 40% and gatherings up to 10. Willis also has news on a new call center coming to Las Cruces bringing over 350 jobs.	5:15
9/1/20	8:45	Alamogordo Now	Jessica Onsurez, News Director at the Alamogordo Daily News, has stories on rapid responses to local businesses with outbreaks of COVID-19 and the reopening of the Mescalero Apache Casino at the Inn of the Mountain Gods after a closure due to a COVID-19 outbreak.	3:00
9/7/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Update on State Public Health orders with quarantine and job expansion happening for aerial company examining infrastructure.	4:20
9/14/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Las Cruces Sun News Reporter Damien Willis covers business stories including the closure of Las Cruces Barnett's Harley Davidson after 20 years, a fire at Nessa's Cafe and new businesses opening during the pandemic. Lucky Dog Billiards and Aggie Axes are both moving forward as much as they can under state public health restrictions.	5:00
9/17/20	8:45	Bulletin on the Radio	Editor Jess Williams previews this week's issue with a story on an aviation business bringing well-paying jobs to Las Cruces and coverage on business	3:50

			concerns over the minimum wage increase set to take effect in January 2021.	
9/21/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Governor revises public health order, unemployment benefits update, and new business delivers New Mexico goods.	4:54
9/28/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	The impact of border travel restrictions, federal money tapped for unemployment claims and county workers will get hazard pay.	4:30
9/29/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Las Cruces City Council considers commercial flight operations out of LC Intl Airport. It would require over \$3 million of investment on the part of the city for infrastructure improvements	4:45
9/30/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Reporter Geoffrey Plant has the latest news on the NM CAP entity and the Interstate Stream Commission regarding a plan to divert water from the Gila River.	2:00

**3. Government, Community Affairs and Education– Southern New Mexico has very intensive governance and political issues that are of constant interest to the citizens of the involved communities, which include a variety of elected and appointed officials. The area is also making efforts to improve education and has a variety of elected school boards.**

Date	Time(s) Aired	Title	Description	Duration
7/1/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno talked with Lt. Gov. Howie Morales about the administrations' request to throw out the Yazzie/Martinez education lawsuit and the plan to reopen the states schools in August.	5:30
7/2/20	7:45	KRWG News	Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham enacted a new Public Health Order requiring masks - enforcement with a	1:00

			fine of up to \$100. Lujan Grisham also reenacted a 14-day quarantine for visitors arriving by air or vehicle. The order is in effect until 7/15.	
7/2/20	6:45	KRWG News	Fred Martino talked with Mayor Ken Miyagishima and District 4 Councilor Johanna Bencomo about the idea of a citizen review board to resolve complaints against officers. Bencomo is in favor while Miyagishima is not.	5:30
7/3/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Emily Guerra interviewed LCPS Superintendent Dr. Karen Trujillo about back-to-school plans including transportation and the hybrid learning model.	5:00
7/3/20	8:45	EP Matters	Bob Moore, El Paso Matters CEO, previews a story on the crash that killed 7 young people in downtown El Paso. The border patrol has made some inconsistent statements regarding their chase policy. He also discussed the alarming rise in COVID-19 cases there.	5:00
7/6/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Fred Martino talked with New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas about funding, training and oversight for police departments statewide.	4:00
7/7/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	A portion of Senator Martin Heinrich's speech on the Senate floor about legislation he co-sponsored, the Justice in Policing Act.	5:15
7/7/20	6:45	KRWG News	Las Cruces City Council extended the Mayor's emergency proclamation to require masks. Business owners who do not comply by requiring masks in their establishments face a possible fine of \$100 per person present who is not wearing a mask - up to \$500 per incident.	1:00
7/8/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno speaks with Karmela Martinez of the Human Services Department regarding the federal extension for SNAP benefits to aid New	5:30

			Mexicans who experience food insecurity.	
7/8/20	7:45, 16:44	Peter Goodman Commentary	Goodman discusses protests against shutdowns and mask orders	4:15
7/9/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the budget crisis that awaits the new legislature in January.	3:15
7/10/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	Bob Moore, El Paso Matters CEO, has El Paso's top stories including a migrant run over by a Border Patrol Agent, Early voting ends today for runoff election, COVID-19 cases growing exponentially	5:00
7/14/20	8:45	Alamogordo NOW	Anthony Moreno talked with reporter Nicole Maxwell from the Alamogordo Daily News about plans for a new Middle School and the death of a long-time educator who was killed in a car crash in El Paso.	3:00
7/15/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Anthony Moreno talked with Dean Thompson, reporter and managing editor at the Silver City Daily Press and Independent about the district's reopening plans with virtual learning and restrictions on sports activities.	5:15
7/15/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Dona Ana County Commissioners approved a request by the County Manager to negotiate a contract with RI International of AZ to operate the county's triage center. Shannon Reynolds voted against the move.	1:30
7/15/20	7:45, 16:44	Peter Goodman Commentary	Goodman offers thoughts on the process of entering into a deal with RI International of AZ to operate Dona Ana County's triage center. The county did not issue a request for proposals and is paying RI Intl to create a plan - a potentially controversial and costly move.	3:00
7/15/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	The Las Cruces Public School Board moved to limit fall instruction to online-only and to change the name of Onate	1:00

			High School. The new name will be discussed at the next meeting	
7/16/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Las Cruces Public School board decided to change the name of Onate High School against public opinion. Madison Staten reports on the decision and its financial implications	2:30
7/17/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	District 33 State REpresentative Micaela Lara Cadens speaks with Emily Guerra about the regular legislative session's successes and failures.	4:45
7/17/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	El Paso Matters CEO Bob Moore covers El Paso's top stories including a woman found dying near the border fence, EPPD racial profiling data and COVID numbers.	5:00
7/20/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno talks with Dr. Gabriel Sanchez with Latino Decisions, which conducted a survey about how Latino families have been affected by COVID-19	4:15
7/20/20	8:45	Monday Business Watch	Damien Willis of the LAs Cruces Sun News discusses the recent Legislative Finance Committee meeting in Cloudcroft during which COVID-19 and the state budget was discussed	3:00
7/22/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Reporter Geoffrey Plant with the Silver City Daily Press and Independent reports on the first COVID death in GRant County, a woman in her 60's. He also discussed the public health order and how local leaders are responding to the mask mandate.	3:00
7/22/20	7:45, 16:44	Peter Goodman Commentary	Goodman discusses the lawsuit filed by the New Mexico Restaurant Association against the Governor's recent Public Health Order that allows only patio dining at restaurants.	3:45
7/22/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on Las Cruces City Councils discussion on hiring a company to serve as police auditor/oversight.	4:30

7/23/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the city's investigation into the financial situation surrounding the Las Cruces Country Music Festival. Two City employees were removed from their jobs and the city has yet to release any specific information regarding any possible malfeasance.	3:30
7/24/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on concerns over remote learning in New Mexico	3:45
7/24/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	Bob Moore reports on El Paso's top stories like City council's decision to not release COVID-19 cluster data, change of Robert E. Lee Elementary's name and the controversial Equestrian statue at the airport	5:00
7/28/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on a recent survey by the NEA of teachers in the Las Cruces area which found 48% had an underlying health condition.	4:15
7/29/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Anthony Moreno talked with Silver City Daily Press Managing Editor Dean Thompson about the call to change the logo at Cobre and the difficult choices student athletes will have to make regarding sports this upcoming year due to coronavirus	3:45
7/29/20	18:44	KRWG News	U.S. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan discussed legislation to protect renters and homeowners from homelessness as the federal \$600 weekly payment is set to end with no deal on a replacement	1:00
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7/30/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the Las Cruces Public School Board's decision to change the name of Ocate High School	3:15
7/30/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Fred Martino reports on KRWG's partnership with PBS Newshour Student	4:00

			Reporting Labs to offer an experience to a Las Cruces student, Xavier Dominguez	
7/31/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	EP Matters CEO Bob Moore covers El Paso's top stories including a recent severe shortage of ICU beds, El Paso's youngest COVID-19 victim and the upcoming anniversary of the mass shooting at the Cielo Vista Wal-mart one year ago.	5:00
7/31/20	7:45, 16:44	Desert Sage Commentary	Algernon D'Amassa calls for the dismantling of the Homeland Security Department as its agents are being used against American protestors	3:45
7/31/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the extension of the state's public health order.	2:00
8/4/20	17:48	KRWG News	The Dona Ana County Commission approved a contract with Recovery Innovations International for \$263,500 to operate the Crisis Triage Center, which has sat empty for 7 years. The county did not issue a request for proposals.	1:00
8/4/20	8:45	Alamogordo Now	Anthony Moreno talked with Alamogordo Daily News' News Director Jessica Onsurez, who has an update on major upgrades planned for the White Sands Airport.	2:30
8/5/20	6:45	KRWG News	The Dona Ana County Commission approved a contract with Recovery Innovations International for \$263,500 to operate the Crisis Triage Center, which has sat empty for 7 years. The county did not issue a request for proposals.	1:00
8/5/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the Las Cruces Public School Board's Decision to change the name of Ocate High School to Organ Mountain High School, despite one board member wanting to change her vote.	3:30
8/5/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Silver City's town council voted to adopt an ordinance for masks which carries a fine for violations. Silver City Daily Press	5:15

			and Independent Reporter Geoffrey Plant provides the details	
8/5/20	7:45, 16:44	Peter Goodman Commentary	Goodman remembers legendary Aggies Basketball Coach Lou Hensen, who passed away last Saturday at the age of 88.	3:30
8/6/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the devastating effect the pandemic has had on college sports.	3:15
8/7/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Emily Guerra speaks with Casa De Peregrinos Executive Director Lorenzo Alba to see how the emergency food provider has weathered the pandemic.	5:30
8/7/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	CEO Bob Moore covers top stories in El Paso. This week: Border PATrol tries to deport witness to crash that killed 7; COVID numbers increasing again; Donald Trump outraises Joe Biden in El Paso more than 4 to 1.	5:00
8/7/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten unpacks the Governor's latest COVID update including the newest health order including exemptions on quarantine rules for travelers.	1:30
8/10/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno talks with NM Lt. Governor Howie Morales about the Census after it was revealed last week that the deadline had moved up a month to the end of September.	5:45
8/11/20	8:45	Alamogordo Now	Alamogordo Daily News' News Director Jessica Onsurez reports on a real estate business with a COVID outbreak, water usage alert in Tularosa, and a fire in the Lincoln National Forest.	3:45
8/12/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Fred Martino talks with U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich about President Trump's Executive orders and the need for Congress to pass another coronavirus relief package.	5:15
8/12/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Silver City Daily Press and Independent Reporter Geoffrey Plant talks about	4:45

			remote learning and the logo change at Cobre stadium as well as a new mascot for the Redskins team in Silver City.	
8/12/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the Blue Mask Group, a Las Cruces organization striving to make safer masks for the community.	5:15
8/13/20	8:45	Bulletin on the Radio	Editor Jess Williams previews this week's issue with stories on pre-election coverage on the District 2 Congressional race, help for local businesses by offering a free feature each week, the economic path forward locally and statewide and masks specially designed for Aggie Pride Band members developed by an engineering student.	5:00
8/14/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the Governor's latest COVID update which outlined a new gating criteria for reopening: 7 days with new case average at 168 or below.	1:00
8/14/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	CEO Bob Moore covers El Paso's top stories including back to school concerns, discourse among City Council members and widespread sexual assault allegations in the city's music and arts scene.	5:00
8/18/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Members of the community are calling with stories about life during the pandemic. Today's story was from a listener who dresses up as a clown to cheer people up around town.	2:00
8/18/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on Las Cruces City Council's decision to increase the salary for the new City Manager to \$219,000.	3:45
8/18/20	8:45	Alamogordo NOW	Jessica Onsurez reports on the planned administration changes at NMSU - Alamogordo, the Women of the Century Project and the Dark Canyon Fire	4:15

8/19/20	7:45, 16:44	Peter Goodman Commentary	Peter Goodman comments on guardianship issues in the state which often divide families and the system, and add up to huge costs.	3:45
8/19/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Las Cruces Public School Board members elected to remove officers from some of its campuses. Madison Staten reports.	3:45
8/19/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Silver City Daily Press Editor Dean Thompson reports on a \$1.1 million budget shortfall for Silver City Schools. He says about \$800,000 will come from federal funds to help make up for it and outlined other measures the district is taking to cut costs. Thompson also says the Grant County Fair's public events have been canceled. The livestock auction is the only fair activity planned.	4:00
8/20/20	8:45	Bulletin on the Radio	Editor Jess Williams previews this week's issue including stories on the new Las Cruces City Manager, Ifo Pili, J. Paul Taylor 100th Birthday celebration, Fall planting with Jeff Anderson.	3:45
8/20/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel shares his thoughts on the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.	3:00
8/21/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	CEO Bob Moore covers El Paso's top stories - delayed COVID reporting from the state of Texas, tech challenges for rural schools and turmoil at the Public Defenders' Office after an op-ed calling for more COVID protections.	5:00
8/25/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno talked with state representative Angelica Rubio about emergency funding (\$13.3 million) from the CARES Act which will help low and moderate income New Mexicans with rent or mortgage payments.	5:30
8/25/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the City of Las Cruces' plan to add shade structures to the plaza downtown.	3:30

8/26/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Reporter Geoffrey Plant discusses the difficulty getting Grant County residents counted in the Census. This year's response rate is so far a little better than 10 years ago.	2:00
8/26/20	7:45, 16:44	Peter Goodman Commentary	Goodman offers a local viewpoint on the Democratic National Convention last week.	4:00
8/27/20	7:45	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the cancelled plans for development after scrutiny over the proposed TIDD for the developer.	3:15
8/28/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	CEP Bob Moore covers El Paso's top stories. This week: the death of a WWII Veteran of COVID-19, an improvement in COVID numbers recently and why the road to recovery might be longer for businesses along the border.	4:45
8/28/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Emily Guerra talks with La Academia Dolores Huerta head administrator Sylvy Galvan de Lucero about challenges COVID-19 has brought to the charter school including low enrollment.	5:00
8/31/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno talks with Dr. Beth O'Leary about the efforts to recognize the late African American historian and teacher Clearance Fielder in Las Cruces.	5:15
8/31/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten covers the call to state legislators on the finance committee to supply more resources to students in need.	4:45
9/2/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	The Las Cruces School Board met to discuss and learn more about the district's plan to reopen.	4:00
9/2/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Silver City Daily Press and Independent Reporter Geoffrey Plant covers GRant County stories including a local mask mandate and infrastructure projects at Gila Regional Medical Center.	4:30
9/3/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Fred Martino reports on the healthcare plans offered by President Donald	5:30

			Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden.	
9/3/20	8:45	The Bulletin on the Radio	Editor Jess Williams previews this week's issue with stories on a former NMSU grad working on a COVID vaccine, a local show on Las Cruces happenings and museum artifacts moving to different locations including the hearse that carried Pat Garrett.	3:45
9/3/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the history of sports figures entering the movement for social justice.	3:15
9/4/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	CEO Bob Moore covers extreme heat over the last 2 months and last decade, a woman who believes a delay in testing may have contributed to her husband's death from COVID-19 and the organization is named as a finalist for reporting by the Online News Association.	5:00
9/4/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Emily Guerra talks with Elizabeth Groginsky, the new cabinet secretary of the Early Childhood Education and Care Department about addressing the needs of families during the pandemic.	5:00
9/7/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Wallethub analyst Jill Gonzalez shares more on study that ranks New Mexico as having the most underprivileged children in the state.	4:20
9/8/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten interviews an 18 year old who was recently sworn in as the youngest ever member of the Horizon City Planning and Zoning Commission.	3:45
9/9/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the Las Cruces City Council meeting during which a consensus was reached on extraordinary pay for first responders' work during the pandemic	3:30
9/9/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Reporter Geoffrey Plant covers COVID-19 cases at the Grant County Detention Center and behavioral health services at the GIIA Regional Medical Center.	5:30

9/10/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the proposed changes to the Public Regulation Commission - whether members should be elected or appointed.	3:20
9/14/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Anthony Moreno talks with UTEP History Professor Dr. Yolanda Chavez Leyva, who has studied protests in the region which called for monuments to unsavory historical figures to be removed.	4:15
9/14/20	7:45, 16:44	Military Voices	StoryCorps interview with Jordan Wolle, WWII and Korean War Veteran.	5:00
9/15/20	8:45	Alamogordo Now	Jessica Onsurez of the Alamogordo Daily News covers memorial events for 9/11 and county commissioners' travel policy.	3:15
9/15/20	6:45, 18:44	Desert Sage Commentary	Algernon D'Amassa shares thoughts on the changes we have all had as a result of COVID-19.	3:15
9/15/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the contentious Las Cruces City Council meeting on the topic of minimum wage.	4:15
9/16/20	7:45, 16:44	Peter Goodman Commentary	Peter Goodman comments on the unrest and challenges in our country which have led to protests and policy proposals.	3:45
9/16/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Anthony Molreno talks with Dean Thompson, Managing Editor of the Silver City Daily PRes and Independent about the future of Cobre Schools with comments from students.	2:30
9/16/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the Las Cruces Public School District's decision to remain fully online through December after a vote from the School Board.	4:50
9/17/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the tight race for New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District between incumbent Xotchil Torres Small and Yvette Harrell.	3:30

9/18/20	6:45	KRWG News	Emily Guerra talks with Democratic candidate Karen Whitlock about why she is running.	4:24
9/18/20	7:45	KRWG News	Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham loosens some health restrictions and gives an update.	1:29
9/18/20	8:45	KRWG News	El Paso Matters CEO Bob Moore gives an update on the uptick of COVID-19 cases in the city since Labor Day.	4:58
9/21/20	6:45/18:44	KRWG News	New strategy for preventing HIV infections in borderland is explained.	5:03
9/21/20	7:45/16:44	KRWG News	Preview of a Military Voices Initiative interview with Fidel Sanchez, Vietnam Veteran.	4:54
9/22/20	6:45/	KRWG News	A preview of "The Choice" from Frontline.	4:50
9/22/20	7:45/16:44	KRWG News	Las Cruces City Council amends UTV ordinance.	3:36
9/22/20	8:45	Alamogordo NOW	School district sees a budget shortfall.	3:36
9/22/20	8:45	Science Digest	Progress in one cancer fight.	1:33
9/23/20	6:45/18:44	KRWG News	Las Cruces City Council hears calls from local business to decrease the hourly wage for tipped employees.	4:02
9/23/20	16:44	KRWG News	Commentary from Peter Goodman on use of the term "Socialism."	3:37
9/23/20	8:45	Silver City Report	WNMSU and COVID-19 and we hear about some confusion with absentee ballot request forms.	3:52
9/24/20	7:45, 16:44	Walt Rubel Commentary	Rubel comments on the deep distortions being promoted in political advertising.	3:30
9/25/20	8:45	El Paso Matters	El Paso sees 500 deaths from COVID-19, mental health a concern during the pandemic and El Paso Matters has a partnership to hire a higher education reporter.	5:00
9/25/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Emily Guerra speaks with District 38 State Representative Rebecca Dow on	4:45

			short and long-term goals including help for New Mexicans during COVID-19.	
9/25/20	7:45, 16:44	KRWG News	Fred Martino reports on the registration of college students to vote during the pandemic - the New Voter Project wants to get 2,000 voters registered.	2:00
9/28/20	7:45, 16:44	StoryCorps Military Voices	Vietnam Veteran Larry Flores is interviewed by his cousin Emily Guerra	5:00
9/28/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Dr. Mary Feldblum, of the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign, talks with Anthony Moreno about their efforts to pass legislation to create a state health plan in New Mexico.	5:30
9/29/20	8:45	Alamogordo Now	Jessica Onsurez, News Director at Alamogordo Daily News, reports on ballot application deadlines for absentee voting, CARES funding deadline, and the reopening of the Space History Museum.	3:00
9/30/20	6:45, 18:44	KRWG News	Madison Staten reports on the federal grant money the City of Las Cruces is receiving to keep businesses and city services operating amidst the pandemic.	4:00
9/30/20	8:45	Silver City Report	Reporter Geoffrey Plant has news on the local candidate forums the Silver City Daily Press will be holding in October	2:00