

# TIGER PEN



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## Hurricane Maria Hit Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico is a Caribbean island and unincorporated U.S. territory with a landscape of mountains, waterfalls and the El Yunque tropical rain forest. Puerto Rico is a beautiful island but not to long ago it was hit by a hurricane that just destroyed everything and now the people over there have absolutely nothing except for the clothes on their back. This hurricanes name was Maria and was a category 3 hurricane. Puerto Rico is still feeling the affects. They are without supplies like food, water, clothes and stuff to keep themselves warm or clean. The whole island is without power and it may be months before they can get it back on, said Gov. Ricardo Rosselló on the CNN website. There are 13 confirmed deaths from the storm. Puerto Rico's situation isn't getting any better either as "flash flooding continues in portions of Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic due to persistent heavy rainfall from Maria's trailing rain bands," the hurricane center said.





## G.O.Y.A

How to manage your time when go to school and work during the week. One of the most common questions that I get asked as a teenager is "how do you manage to work and go to school every day of the week?" And to be honest there is no secret to it. The only thing I have to do is stay focused during class and actually do all my work so I could finish my homework and not take it home. I work part time but

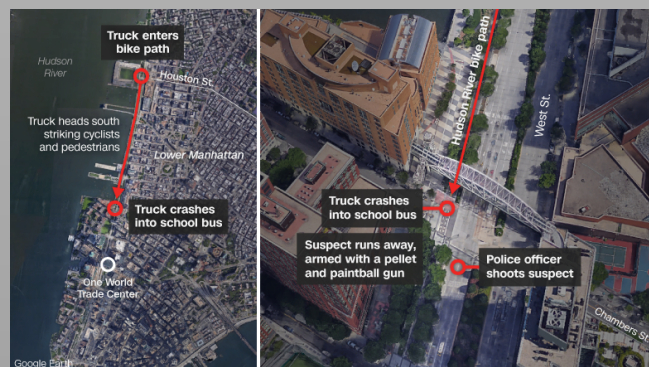
I work Mon-Wed 5-11pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am-5pm. During the weekdays I close the lobby everyday. And on the weekends I work in the morning on drive-through. I really don't have any time to go out or spend time with my family. Not having time for friends is kind of helpful just because if I don't go out I get my hours of sleep and I stay on track. On the other hand not having time for my family sucks because I don't know what is going on in my family until I get home and ask my mom how her day was. My family plays a really important role in my life so not having time for them sucks. Staying focused is the key to time management. Sometimes I do slack and I don't do all my work and I end up regretting it later in the week. Grown ups say that teenagers have it easy. But that is a lie because I work and I come to school full time. Teenagers have a busy life also, teenagers have to focus on graduating but some of us focus on bringing food to the table and graduating. It isn't just the adults doing the hard stuff. Teenagers have a life also. If you want to work and go to school just learn how to manage your time well and you will be successful. Also make time for yourself on your days off and go do homework with friends or family and try not to get distracted while doing your school work. These are some tips that will give you a successful life.



## crISIS Strikes the Big Apple

### Terrorist Strikes New York City Once Again

Nobody knows what is going on other than people getting ran over. A man was driving a pick up truck and ran over people that were in the bike lane. There is 8 dead and 15 injured at the moment. The man got caught and confessed that he was part of ISIS. Nobody knows what was going through his mind. All we know right now is that this was an act of terror.





# Would You Rather?

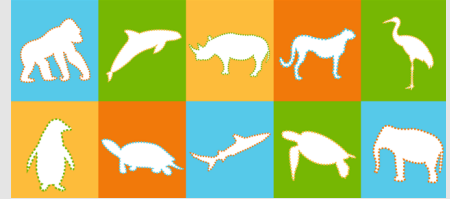
Know when you're going to die or how you're going to die ?



Die by burning or by drowning ?



Have super strength or be invisible ?



Be in a Marvel movie or in the DC movie ?



Live in a zoo or live in an aquarium ?



Always say what you think or never speak again ?



Be ugly but a genius or beautiful but dumb ?



Be a cat or a dog if you could turn into one or the other ?



Have fire powers or have ice powers ?



Fly to wherever you go or run to wherever you go ?

# STANDOUT TIGER

**"I NEVER THOUGHT I  
WOULD BE SELECTED AS  
STANDOUT TIGER"**

## LUIS ANGEL

**ONE OF THE MOST QUIETEST STUDENTS  
MAY HAVE THE LARGEST IMPACT**

Luis Anagel is a sophomore at our school. Chances are you've seen Luis around school or passed by him. However, chances also are that you have not spoken to him. If this is your case with Luis, I have to say you are missing out. Need evidence of how awesome Luis is? Luis is most recent Standout Tiger and was unanimously selected! That means every single staff member at Nuestros was in agreement with Luis as the Standout Tiger. This was the first time this has happened in nearly two years.

Luis was very, very "shocked" upon learning he was the newest Standout Tiger. It was "pretty cool," said Luis, continuing that his selection was "pretty impressive" and he "never thought [he would be selected]." Once teacher, whom has never had Luis in a class, agreed with his nomination as Standout Tiger,

saying "I don't even know the kid, and I want him in my class." Another teacher proclaimed Luis to be "better than all of us [teachers] combined!" while another teacher said "Luis for President!" The teacher that nominated Luis, put his awesomeness simply: I nominate Luis Angel because he is Luis Angel. Enough said."

Luis felt part of his success at Nuestros was due to the teachers and his motto towards school: always put school first and put the most effort in[to] school. That is sound and simple advice from an amazing student and an outstanding individual.

Once an editor for the Tiger Pen, Luis is also a novice, freelance photographer, and is a member of TAAS, The Albuquerque Astronomy Society, where himself and other individuals gaze at the stars on the weekends.

Luis thanked his supportive and encouraging teachers, as well as his family for instilling a hardworking mindset on him early in his life. "They encourage me," said Luis of his family and Luis always looks to his family, particularly his supportive mother, for help and advice.

Congratulations, Luis on being unanimously selected as the new Standout Tiger.







# ARE YOU POOR? THEN READ THIS

## OCTOBER 17TH WAS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

### Poverty Still Prevalent, Damaging

Happy International Day for the Eradication of Poverty! Chances are, you didn't know this day exists; I didn't. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP), which has occurred on October 17th for the past 25 years, is a recognized day from the United Nations. Food, or lack thereof, is the focus of the day. IDEP "recognizes the knowledge and courage of families living in poverty throughout the world, the importance of reaching out to the poorest and building an alliance with citizens from all backgrounds to end poverty," as stated in the United Nations resolution establishing this day.

### N.M. at bottom in child poverty

The top and bottom states in percentage of children in poverty:

Top 5 states	% in poverty	Bottom 5 states	% in poverty
1 Utah	13%	46 S. Carolina	27%
2 Maryland	13%	47 Alabama	28%
3 N. Hampshire	13%	47 Louisiana	28%
4 Wyoming	13%	49 Mississippi	29%
5 Minnesota	15%	<b>50 New Mexico 30%</b>	

SOURCE: NATION KIDS COUNT DATA

Currently, nearly half of the world's population is considered to be living in poverty, while 1.3 billion of those people live in extreme poverty, living off of \$2.50 and \$1.50 a day, respectively. Consider this: you probably spend more than that on one meal! Imagine spending less than \$3 on food for an entire day. Not only would this be an extremely small amount of food, but the quality of the food would be, at best, poor. Of the population that is living in poverty, 1 billion children in the world are living in poverty. According to UNICEF, a United Nations children's fund, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty. More than 750

million people lack adequate access to clean drinking water. Inadequate drinking water can cause many health issues, including diarrhea, which itself is responsible for nearly 2,300 deaths a day.

World statistics are often quickly overlooked. Statistics closer to home are more likely to impact you.

Most recent statistics confirm New Mexico is the second poorest state in the nation, ranking ahead only of Mississippi. The poverty rate is slightly above 20%, while the child poverty rate in New Mexico is approaching 30%. That means, one in five people in New Mexico are considered to live in poverty, while more than one in five children are impoverished. The current poverty line for a family of four is less than \$23,000 a year. Essentially, that is one parent with a full time job making between \$11 or \$12 an hour.

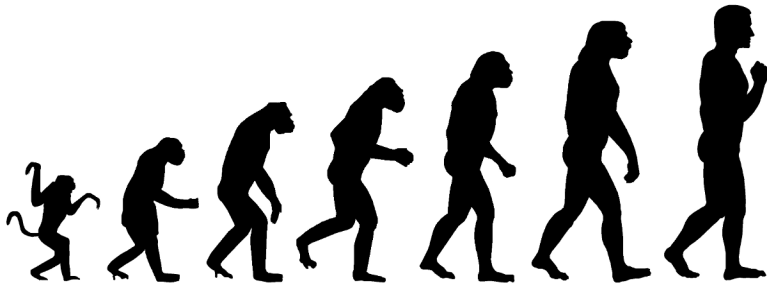
To go to a lower metric, Albuquerque itself is a pretty impoverished city. 20% of the population in Albuquerque, is considered to be living in poverty. Over 550,000 people live in Albuquerque, which means around 110,000 people living in this city live within the poverty line.

Why am I writing this? Why should you care?

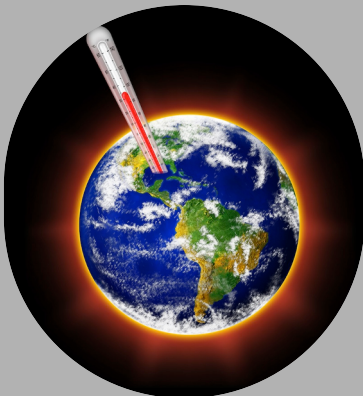
Well either directly or indirectly, poverty affects you. I have family members that are considered to be living in poverty. I have seen how they struggle, the stress that develops because they were struggling, and the health impact the stress, worrying, and, honestly, the jealousy that develops while witnessing other people doing well. When I was growing up, we had what we called a "poor week." This was the week after my mom paid rent and all the bills at the beginning of the month, which meant we would be poor for the week. The other three weeks of the month were not much better. During our "poor week" we would eat nothing but beans, potatoes, and tortillas; nothing else. This was a period in our lives soon after my parents divorced and we were forced to live in a one-income household. (continued on page 7)

# CHANGING NEW MEXICO SCIENCE STANDARDS

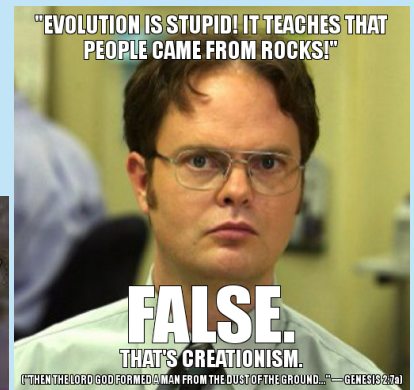
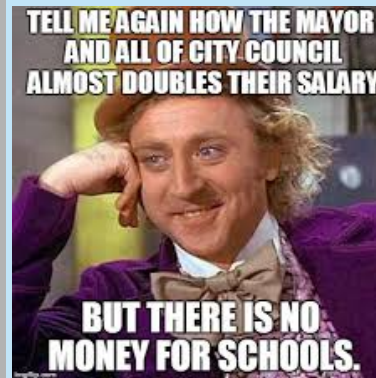
New Mexico's science standards are being changed quite a bit for the generations below us. After a public outcry, Public Education Secretary Christopher Ruszkowski announced Tuesday several changes to the states standards that work with the public. The Public Education Department says final standards will restore references to the 4.6 billion-year age of the Earth, the rise in global temperatures over the past century and the process of evolution due to genetic variation.



The public doesn't want evolution, global warming, and the age of Earth to be taught because of religious purposes. Some people who are Christian/Catholic believe that their kids should not be taught things such as evolution, and how old the Earth is because in the Bible it says completely different things which interferes with people's religion. These kind of science standards have been put into use in over 18 states. The public has just over 30 days to weigh in on the proposal, and the department will hold a hearing on the changes on October 16 in Santa Fe.



## Its a Meme Thing







Though most people know, many people choose to ignore the prevalence of poverty in the world. Millions of people live in conditions similar to the above photo.



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This article is important for many reasons, but I feel it is just as important to talk about poverty; to talk about people being poor, not having access to simple things in life. It doesn't seem real until you experience

## "I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT; I STILL THINK ABOUT IT TO THIS DAY"

it or you see it. Mr. Ver Ploegh and I once took a student to Chili's for a quick bite before a basketball game. The amazement this student had while looking at the menu blew me away. Chili's is restaurant I have been to many times; so many times that it had become boring to me. However, as I saw this students' look of astonishment at the menu there, I couldn't believe it; it is something I still think about to this day. I feel I've "made it." I'm doing well enough in my life



This Chili's menu, though common for many people, contains plates of food that amaze some people. Many people never get to experience the simple pleasures, like eating at Chili's, while others take it for granted.



and career now that I feel like I can do more. I give money to people more often than I used to; I sometimes buy food for people; I've paid for groceries or gas for some people. The point being is that all of us can do more to help people that are less fortunate than some of us. I never have forgotten the many times my basketball coaches bought me food on road trips to California and Texas, knowing that I didn't have much money to buy food myself.

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# Our Next Mayor:

## Dan Lewis or Tim Keller?

Out of the eight people who were running for mayor only two are left, Dan Lewis and Tim Keller.



Dan Lewis was elected to City Councilor in 2009 and was re-elected in 2013; he represents District 5, the Northwest part of Albuquerque. He is also the Executive Vice President of Desert Fuels. Desert Fuels is one of the biggest and fastest-growing petroleum supply and management companies in the southwest of the United States. Dan was acknowledged as one of Albuquerque's Top CEOs in 2015 while he was serving as president of Desert Fuels. If elected mayor, Mr. Lewis guaranteed to help families out of poverty, help small businesses prosper, and to create high paying jobs; with this he also hopes to gain economic prosperity. A couple of ways in which he hopes to accomplish these things is by removing politics and self-interest from City Hall to make the city work for people, neighborhoods and small businesses, not the other way around. Mr. Lewis also voted against Albuquerque Rapid Transit, also known as ART. He believes it is unnecessary and is "wasting tens of millions of dollars-regardless what pot of taxpayer money it comes from." With that said, Lewis is pro-gun; saying he himself is a gun owner and believes people should be able to protect their families.



Tim Keller is a businessman and was elected two times to the State Senate in one of the most diverse districts in New Mexico. Keller is pro ART. He believes it will help people get to places quicker. Keller also believes in race and gender equality, believing that there should be 100% pay equality level among race and gender. He also believes that because Albuquerque has abundant sunshine and wind, we should be using clean energy; not only that "we should be an industry leader for the nation and the world. Our city should be an innovation center for emerging technologies that can help tackle climate change while providing a blueprint for communities everywhere to earn big returns on their clean energy investments." What he means is we have the potential to do so much good for the world and one big plan is not going to be enough, we need to come together as one to make the world suitable for future generations to come. If we lead we could possibly make a positive change to the world.

I personally believe Tim Keller is the mayor Albuquerque needs; who do you believe should be our next mayor?



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I've never forgotten the times when my friends' parents chipped in money so that I can buy clothes at a store I was with them at. I remember feeling embarrassed about not having nice clothes to wear on game days in middle school. I remember being jealous of my friends and their new clothes. I remember this stuff when I encounter people whom I know are struggling.

I think we all could do more to help people. We may not be able to end poverty or buy someone out of a bad financial situation, but we could do many things. We can donate our time and/or money to charities that fight poverty. We can buy some food or groceries for a person, so that they will have a little more extra money to enjoy themselves or use their extra money to buy a nice shirt for an important job interview. The things we

can do to help an individual or the masses are both numerous and endless.

Let's all try to do more and do a small (or large) part to eradicate or end poverty.

We do live in the wealthiest and most prosperous country in the history of the world.

The Catholic Church itself it estimated to be worth around \$15 billion, this does not include much of the value of the land the Church owns. In the United States alone, there are 7 million millionaires. Of the millionaires in the world, they control 75% of the wealth in the entire world, equivalent to around \$75 trillion. Yes, that is trillion with a 'T'!!

There is now enough money in the world to help others in many ways, yet money used to support programs and charities that help the poor are often misused.

Changes need to be

According to recent data, New Mexico remains one of the poorest nations in the country, yet most people don't encounter poverty first hand. Politicians constantly deny poverty, but results are often unmet and poverty continues to devastate New Mexico.



made in the world; everybody needs equal access. It's not just policies that need to change, but mindsets need to change. The ideals of the world need to be redirected and focused on the whole,

not the part; the community, not the individual; the prosper of many, not the success of a few. When our goals change for better, so to will the reduction of poverty and the gross distribution of wealth.



**FIGHT  
POVERTY  
NOW**



The best way to fight poverty is to empower people through access to quality education

— John Legend —

AZ QUOTES

# A FIRST AT NUESTROS

## Senior Alicia Mandujano Selected to All-District Soccer Team at Rio Grande High School

Last year, the Tiger Pen wrote a piece about then junior Alicia Mandujano. The article detailed Alicia's success as a student-athlete. Alicia was and still is a varsity soccer player at Rio Grande High School while she attends school here at Nuestros. In the article, Alicia opened up about her experiences as a student

at one school and an athlete at another school. Continuing on her success from last year, Alicia was recently named to the all-district team, representing Rio Grande. This is a HUGE honor and Alicia has been nothing but humble and modest about this prestigious award, which is why we are recognizing Alicia here.

Alicia has made Nuestros history by becoming the first student to attend this school to be selected to any athletic award in either the Charter School League or New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA). This follows the history she made last year as being the first and student to SUCCESSFULLY compete in APS athletics for an entire season.



Alicia is seen here fighting for a loose ball during her senior year playing soccer at Rio Grande. A three year varsity player, Alicia was selected to the all-district team this year.

Accomplishments like this do not occur often at Nuestros, which is why it is important for us as a school to recognize and congratulate Alicia. It is a huge honor and she should be honored, regardless of how shy she may be about it and should be looked at as a model student.

### Student Athletes: Hidden Gems of Nuestros

by Rick James

Now a junior, Nuestros Valores' academic and athletic star Alicia Mandujano has been playing varsity soccer at Rio Grande since her sophomore year. Often unnoticed, other than when wearing her jersey on gameday, Alicia has quietly become a standout at Nuestros Valores, being one of the few students to successfully attend NVCS and play a sport at another school. It may seem difficult to attend one school and play a sport at another, but Alicia has had no issues academically or athletically.

Academically, Alicia has maintained a near 4.0 GPA while playing at Rio and transferred from there mainly for the smaller classes and different environment of the school. Alicia said she likes the smaller community feel of the school and has thus far enjoyed her experience at Nuestros. In past cases with students from Nuestros that played a sport at another school, there were some on-the-field issues with their team. With Alicia, this has not been the case. There is no disconnection between Alicia and her teammates. "I see them at practice everyday" and "we do team bonding on the weekend," said Alicia.

Alicia is the rare case of a student at Nuestros that is able to maintain a high academic standard and seamlessly mesh with teammates from another school. (continued on next page)



Alicia is seen here playing defense against Atrisco Heritage.

### Student-Athletes (continued from previous page)

Alicia originally began playing soccer at Rio because her brother was the coach. As her brother continues to coach the team, Alicia has yet to have any issues with her brother, which can cause problems with other players. "There are no issues with my brother as the coach," said Alicia. Her brother treats her just the same as any other player, saying there definitely is no "favoritism" for her as the sister of the coach. Her brother and Alicia maintain the idea that she will not be treated differently and she must not act or expect different things. This is yet another attribute Alicia is able to display as a model student at Nuestros.

Alicia is not content with her current status, however. She has set high goals for herself for next season, which will be her last. She wants to become full time goalkeeper and wants to make all-district. This is definitely possible, not only due to Alicia's great athleticism, skill, and determination, but also because the Lady Ravens soccer team is a solid threat to compete for state, currently standing at 9-5-1.



Alicia needs to be recognized more for what she is doing. It takes a great deal of time, commitment, and energy to do what she has set out to do. Alicia has set a new standard for student-athletes at Nuestros and should be commended for it. If you are interested in playing a sport at another school, talk to Alicia. She will

2 Absences Per Month  
x 9 Months of School  
= Less Likely to Graduate  
from High School!

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### Missed a day of school?

Every class you miss, you need to make up one hour of work outside of class!

Zeros are grade killers!

Every missed assignment is a missed learning opportunity!

Tutoring available 5 days

In one of the Tiger Pen's issues last year, we showcased Alicia as an example of the ultimate student-athlete as she played varsity since her sophomore year while maintaining a near 4.0 GPA.



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