

# 2017 New Mexico Boys' State



## Message from the Director

*Steven Navarrete*

Citizens:

As you can see, the program moves very quickly. You all have accomplished quite a bit thus far.

Don't lose focus as you still have plenty more to do. Gather that second wind and buckle down, for the State process has just begun.

Now is also the time to start working on those connections you have made

with your fellow citizens. Stay involved in the campaign process and your candidates of your choice.

I really want to thank those that have been serving you this week: NM Boys' State Wait Staff, National Guard, and of course, the tremendous staff along with the ENMU staff.

Remember: You are the future and the future looks bright!! Continue your hard

work and efforts while here at Boys' State.

Thank you!



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## County Election Results

### DeCastro

County Commissioner  
Maverick Grimm (F)  
Isaac Gonzalez (F)  
Julio Licon (N)

County Clerk—Justin Fraley (F)

County Treasurer—Derek Capitan (F)

County Assessor—Connor Roe (F)

County Sheriff—August Rannow (F)

Magistrate Judge—Joseph Davis (F)

District Attorney—Andrew Angel (F)

District Judge—Richard Jensen (N)

Probate Judge—Antonio Silva (F)

Public Education Commission  
Efren Bocanegra (N)  
Richard Chavez (N)

Senator

Benjamin Shelton (F)  
David Romero (F)  
Maximino Manzanares (F)

Representative

Ryan Ortiz (N)  
Lorenzo Ortiz (F)  
Lucas Donahue (F)  
Cameron Kuykendall (N)  
Carl Lewis (N)

### DeLeon

County Commissioner  
Thanooxay Sithithapanya (N)  
Jericho Parker (F)  
Garrett White (F)

County Clerk—Zachary Abeita

County Treasurer—James Esquibel (F)

County Assessor—Joshua Sandoval (N)

County Sheriff—Sebastian Garcia (F)

Magistrate Judge—Garrett Evans (F)

District Attorney—Orion Dolly-Pirrie (N)

District Judge—Escher Bowers (N)

Probate Judge—Adam Foltz (F)

Public Education Commission  
Jonah Graff (F)  
Joseph Platero (N)

Senator

Davis Little (F)  
Xavier Gutierrez (F)  
Tristan Slagle (N)

Representative

Isaiah Trujillo (N)  
Markus Parrish (F)  
Salomon Chavez (F)  
Keith Wilder (N)  
Christopher Scroggins (N)



Flag Retirement Ceremony

# ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon  
- Vincent Maestas

Today in Armijo, as crime rises, a diamond in the rough also rises.

I am happy to announce that all things seem to be well with our uranium mine and it should be only a matter of time before our economy is up with the best.

Our trade for water will help us all survive, so hooray!

Vote Vincent Maestas  
for your  
Attorney General.

### Schedule Highlights

*Tuesday:*

- 1:45—House/Senate organize
- 3:00—Recreation
- 5:00—Polls Open-State Primary Election

*Wednesday:*

- 8:40—Great Debate
- 11:45—Polls Open-State General Election
- 3:00—Recreation
- 6:00—Inauguration Ceremonies  
(Remember to shower & wear long pants, this is a formal event)

*Thursday:*

- 11:45—Polls Open-Boys' Nation Senators
- 1:45—Gov State of the State Address
- 3:00—Recreation
- 6:30—Boys' State Band Concert
- 7:30—Governors Final Address
- 7:30—Americanism Poster Presentation
- 8:15—Law Enforcement Presentation

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VOTE FOR  
**ANDREW ANGEL**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
"Be a key witness to change"

# Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

- Eric Howe

Today the city of Castillo had a very special guest visit. This morning while the city was forming up, a dog ran up to say hello.

"I thought it was a cat at first" says City Clerk Alexander Ferenczhalmy.

"I thought it was a giat rat!" replied Mr. Frank Chavez.

The dog has been named Lucille for now as she does not have a name tag. The

City has decided to adopt the dog as an unofficial mascot.

For weather, western Castillo is expecting to have dust storms and eastern Castillo is expected to have a black hole appear.



# Trujillo

City of Integrity

## County of DeLeon

- Escher Bowers

Today the political rivalries that began during yesterday's campaigning came to an end, at least for the time being after this morning's election. As this reporter resides in the city of Trujillo that is the political situation that I shall be reporting upon. Jonah Graff, Jericho Parker, Christopher Scroggins and Davis Little are Trujillo's City council.

This reporter has been hearing a lot of complaints about the illegality of hats indoors. The city of Trujillo even considered changing the laws to make it impossible for city police to hold someone for such an offense. This was; however, deemed impossible and in fact a motion was passed to act against repeat offenders

which, in essence, accomplished quite the opposite goal. While it is unlikely that anyone shall be caught assaulting an officer or fighting twice it is highly probable that a person shall wear their hat on multiple occasions. People have hats for protecting themselves from the sun and thus they have the hat with them and the easiest way to store that hat is on the head even during moments when the hat is not necessary; additionally, of course, for many a hat is an important aspect of their appearance and denying them of that is denying them of an aspect of their individuality and as such is oppressive. This reporter has an informant who has asked to remain anonymous but who was

able to provide a statement which is as follows "It is unjust and oppressive, they are profiling us and we don't like it."

These are just a few of the points that arose in the recent court case presided over by yours truly on just this subject; which, in this case, resulted in the defendant who was charged with three counts of indoor hat wearing getting off on all charges. I think that it is ridiculous to harass so many people for this rule that as far as I can tell is unwritten, the general rules that we are all supposed to operate under never mentions headwear at all.

*Every man is free to rise as far as he's able or willing, but it's only the degree to which he **THINKS** that determines the degree to which he'll rise.*



**2017 Wait Staff**

Left to Right: Garrett Evans, Andrew Angel, Johnny Gentry, Connor Olson, Derek Capitan, Sebastian Garcia, Tristan Slagle, Orion Dolly-Pirrie

*No man may walk through the same river twice. The river will not be the same and neither will the man.*

# Cortez

City of Hope

## County of DeCastro

- Justin Fraley

The first official city council meeting for the city of Cortez consisted of different committees introducing possible ordinances. The council listened to the citizens ideas and considered what would be better for the community. Two of the proposals that were passed will significantly help Cortez.

The first passed proposal was the Protection and Citation Act. This allows the Chief of Police, Mr. Antonio Silva, to enlist one officer to walk through our city hallway after lights out to ensure the safety of our citizens and to keep the citizens on a tight schedule. Along with the

protection of the City, the act allows there to be a prison in place for the holding of criminals.

The second act passed gives our citizens civil liberties; allowing certain vices to become legal in city limits for an increase in tourism revenue.

While city sessions were being held, mayor Tafoya and councilman Riley went to other cities to discuss the issues that we are all facing. As they were in meetings in other cities, the remaining council members proposed two other ordinances that were passed. One in particular, the Hat Attire Act, has impacted multiple

citizens for the better. This recently passed act allows citizens of Cortez to wear their hats in our city's jurisdiction without the police issuing citations. Later, Mr. Tafoya and Mr. Riley returned explaining what was happening in our country and in DeLeon county.

Although the city as a whole is doing exceedingly well, there are troubling times in City Hall. Mayor Tafoya has been given three citations and has been proven guilty for one. Mayor Tafoya and his lawyer have filed an appeal. They are currently waiting for a court date.

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## Was It Worth It?

### American Legion Memorial Day Speech

This is a question, sometimes politically-loaded, that is often asked of family members and war buddies of our Fallen Heroes.

Marine Corps General John Kelly recently offered a unique perspective. A veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan himself, General Kelly lost his youngest son, First Lieutenant Robert Kelly, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province in 2010.

General Kelly was asked if the loss was worth it by a reporter with National Public Radio. He said:

*"I think what I tell families now is the only person really that has a right to answer that question 'was it worth it?' is the young man or woman that lost their life. And I believe what they would say is that they were doing what they wanted to do. They were where they wanted to be. It's not for us that survived to answer it. I think it's for those young people to answer. And I think they do answer it with their actions and obviously their lives."*

Who can deny the heartfelt wisdom and logic of General Kelly's words? But just as we should not presume to speak for the Fallen, we can make the country for which they have died a better place – one that honors their sacrifice and epitomizes the ideals enshrined in our Constitution.

In 2003 Army Private First Class Diego Rincon of Conyers, Georgia, wrote to his mother from Iraq: "Whether I make it or not, it's all part of the plan. It can't be changed, only completed. 'Mother' will be the last word I'll say. Your face will be the last picture that goes through my eyes...I just hope that you're proud of what I'm

doing and have faith in my decisions." PFC Rincon died soon after writing the letter.

General Kelly is right. 'Was it worth it?' is the wrong question for us to answer. Instead, we should commit ourselves to **"Make it Worth It."**

We should insist that America remain the land of the free. A land where patriotism trumps politics, where the American Flag is displayed proudly and frequently and where military veterans are society's true celebrities.

We must NEVER forget the families of our fallen. Long after the battlefield guns have been silenced and the bombs stop exploding, the children of our fallen warriors will still be missing a parent. Spouses will be without their life partners. Parents will continue to grieve for their heroic sons and daughters that died way too early.

While there is nothing unpatriotic about an auto race, a trip to the beach or a barbecue, we are here today to reflect on the true meaning of Memorial Day. Let us remember that tyrannical regimes have been toppled and genocides stopped because Americans sacrificed life and limb. Let us remember that terrorist plots were foiled and killers brought to justice because Americans were willing to pay a high price. Let us remember that without a U.S. military, the world would be a far more oppressive and darker place. Let us remember that freedom never had a greater friend than the American soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman.

Lydia Bixby, a Boston widow, was believed to have lost five sons in service to the Union during the Civil War. President Lincoln's letter to the grieving mother was read on-screen by the actor portraying General George

Marshall in the film *Saving Private Ryan*. The letter reads:

*Dear Madam,*

*I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon that altar of freedom.*

*Yours very sincerely and respectfully,*

**A. Lincoln**

To us, the sacrifice made by Mrs. Bixby – the loss of her sons in a war to preserve our great Union and end slavery – was certainly worth it. But the answer is infinitely more complex if it is *your* son, daughter, wife or husband that will be sacrificed on freedom's altar. Some veterans have said that it is more difficult to send your family to war than to go yourself.

So while the "Was-It-Worth-It" question can only truly be answered by those who made the sacrifice, it is up to all of us to **make it worth it.**

Thank you for being here. God Bless America and God Bless our Fallen Heroes.