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‘WATER’ YOU WAITING FOR?



Las Cruces native Domingo Cadena, 14, searches for toads on the Rio Grande by Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park as water seeps into the river bed for the first time this year on May 27. Las Cruces native Domingo Cadena, 14, searches for toads on the Rio Grande by Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park.

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Rio Grande a destination for New Mexico, Texas

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For generations the Rio Grande watered life in southern New Mexico and Doña Ana County, sustaining its people and landscapes. • With a influence over the people and culture of the West older than the establishment of the United States, the Rio Grande continues to play a pivotal role in its economy and culture. • Las Cruces eagerly await the return of water to the Rio Grande each year, as after winter waterflow is restored to the dry river bed for the local irrigation season.

What to see today:

La Llorona Park

Featuring a family-friendly playground and trails along the river banks, La Llorona Park in Las Cruces is a jewel of the community.

Located at 3440 W. Picacho Avenue, the park is named for the famous legend of the weeping mother who drowned her own children. Families will soak along the bank near Picacho Bridge during New Mexico's hottest days, and when the water is flowing, the river is ripe for boating and kayaking.

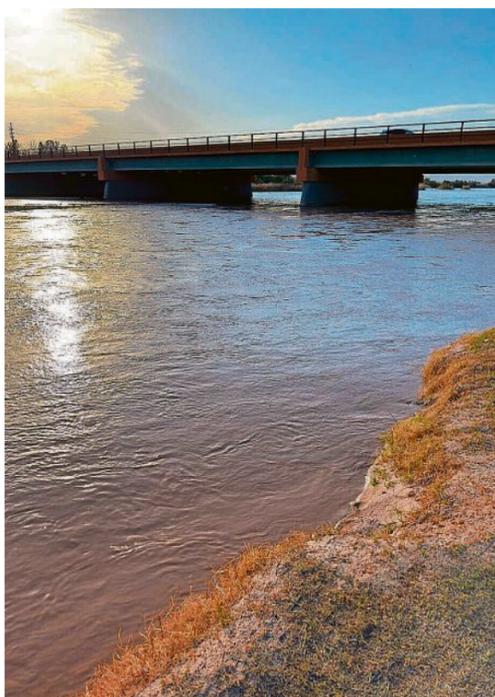
With 4.5 miles of trail - part of the 500-mile Rio Grande Trail that stretches from Colorado to Texas - recreational paths are an easy hike to view the river.

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park

Spanning about 305 acres along the Rio Grande, the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park protects the historical, cultural and ecological importance of the Rio Grande.

A little under 2 miles from the historic town of Mesilla, the state park offers day-use facilities (no overnight camping is allowed) and 2.3 miles of hiking trails. Picnic areas and a visitor's center with exhibits are open to the public from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

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Water flows in the Rio Grande for the first time during the 2023 season at La Llorona Park May 13, 2023. LEAH ROMERO/SUN-NEWS

Trump criticizes top U.S. allies over war

Israel didn't force timing of attacks, president says

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President Donald Trump slammed top U.S. allies, including the United Kingdom, as the war with Iran expands and warned Americans that they may have to deal with "a little high" oil prices as crude costs soared and the stock market tumbled.

"If we have a little high oil prices for a little while, but as soon as this ends those prices are gonna drop, I believe lower than even before," Trump said after taking questions from reporters in the Oval Office for the first time since the joint Israeli-U.S. strikes on Iran began.

U.S. and Israeli military forces attacked Iran on Feb. 28, killing Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khomeini. Officials from the United States and Israel said they have launched more than 1,200 strikes aimed at destroying Iran's ballistic missile and nuclear development programs.

Iran's counterattacks thus far have killed at least six U.S. service members and have led to several U.S. embassies closing in the region, including in

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2 suspects arrested following deadly shooting

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Two suspects were taken into custody following a shooting that resulted in the death of a 37-year-old man in the early morning hours of Feb. 28.

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office said the shooting occurred around 12:30 a.m. on the 8900 block of Ivory Wing Lane. The name of the deceased was not made public.

According to court records, Andres Martinez, 18, was taken into custody on Feb. 28. Martinez was charged with one count of first-degree murder in addition to tampering with evidence, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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