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Voters fill out a ballot for the midterm election on Nov. 8, 2022, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. MEG POTTER/SUN-NEWS

## Crowded field gets ready for primaries in race for Sheriff

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Perhaps the most intriguing Primary Election race specific to Doña Ana County voters is a crowded field for Sheriff.

There are 11 candidates involved in the primary election according to the Secretary of State website. There are four Republican candidates and seven Democrat candidates seeking to replace current Sheriff Kim Stewart, who has served two terms.

The Sun-News asked each candidate the same two questions ahead of the election asking why interest in the position is so high during this election cycle and what kind of experience they bring

to the position. All but one candidate responded.

The answers are presented as the candidates submitted them to the newspaper.

### Democrat candidates

### Why do you think there is this kind of interest in the position during this particular election cycle?

**Eugene Alvarez:** In simple terms it's a open seat. Sheriff Stewart is termed out in December. I strongly believe she did a good job but did have conflict with the County Manager Fernando Macias, which also affected the last administration with Sheriff Vigil and Julia Brown.

**James Frieze:** This is puzzling to me and many people that I have spoken with in the communities of Doña Ana County, as some candidates have never been supervisors, have never served in law enforcement, or have worked for multiple agencies, and it should concern the voters.

**Jon Day:** I think the level of interest in the sheriff's race reflects where our community is right now. People across Doña Ana County care deeply about public safety, accountability, and the future direction of the Sheriff's Office. When residents see challenges like crime, drug trafficking, juvenile violence, staffing shortages, and concerns about trust in government, they pay

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## Iran suspends talks over Lebanon attacks



People gather at the site of an Israeli strike that hit near a hospital in Tyre, southern Lebanon, on June 1. KAWNAT HAJU/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## Fresh military strikes had tested ceasefire

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Iran halted indirect talks with the United States over Israel's intensifying attacks on Lebanon, according to Iranian media reports, signaling a possible breakdown in diplomatic efforts to end the 3-month-old war.

The Iranian semi-official Tasnim news agency said on June 1 that Tehran's negotiating team would stop communicating with Washington through mediators over Israel's military campaign against Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The White House did not immediately

comment on reports of a breakdown in talks, and Iranian officials also did not publicly confirm that negotiations had been halted.

The development comes as a ceasefire between the two countries was being tested by fresh strikes over the weekend. U.S. Central Command said it carried out "self-defense" airstrikes on Iranian radar and drone sites after Tehran shot down an American drone. Iran said it targeted an air base used by American forces.

In an early morning social media post on June 1, President Donald Trump said

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Pope Leo's document called on the world's 1.4 billion Catholics and society at large to engage with AI fearlessly, critically and creatively. YARA NARDI/REUTERS

## Pope Leo's encyclical about AI wins praise

Pontiff says technology must benefit humanity

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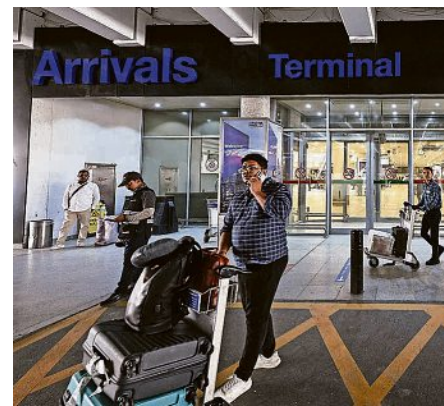
What are humans worth when the work and thoughts they produce threaten to be replicated by technological algorithms? And what is artificial intelligence worth if in the end it does not benefit humanity?

With his first major document as head of the Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV has produced a "tremendously significant" and ultimately hopeful treatise addressing the moral questions posed by AI while stressing the need to put humans first as the rapidly developing technology progresses, church observers said.

The eagerly awaited encyclical from the first U.S.-born pope, titled "Magnifica Humanitas" (Magnificent Humanity), waxed joyfully on the glory of humanity, urged that AI benefit the common good, called on policymakers to protect workers' rights and to keep children safe amid AI's proliferation and pressed for strict regulation of AI systems to halt the spread of misinformation, conflict and war.

"Pope Leo's encyclical asks the right questions of an industry that has so far been better at building first and considering the consequences later," said Marco Trombetti, CEO and co-founder

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Passengers arrive at Kuwait International Airport in Kuwait City on June 1. The airport has resumed flights following repairs completed after Iranian attacks. ASSER AL-ZAYYAT/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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