

## Wamastero Gtreet NAMASTE ROAD

If you've ever dipped your toes in the yoga realm before, you've inescapably come across the traditional I-bow-to-you gesture at the end of a class known as "namasté" (nah-mahstay). Nama means bow, and te means you, and the word comes from the ancient Indian language, Sanskrit. But how did such a unique name with ageold vibes make its way to an Albuquerque road?

Head to the west side of town, and you'll find this 0.38-mile street just north of St. Pius X High School in Coors Village. The two-lane road stretches northwest from Coors Boulevard to its ending point, a cul-de-sac about 0.4 miles away from the Rio Grande. According to Brennon Williams, planning director of the City's Planning Department, the street name (or odomyn) came about in a 2000-2001 platting action through

Surv Tek, a local surveying and consult ing company in New Mexico.

The road is tucked away in a mostly residential area, with moderate traf. fic flow thanks to the various streets that intersect it, including Tres Gracias Drive, Summer Hill Lane, and Oxbow North Trail. —XAF

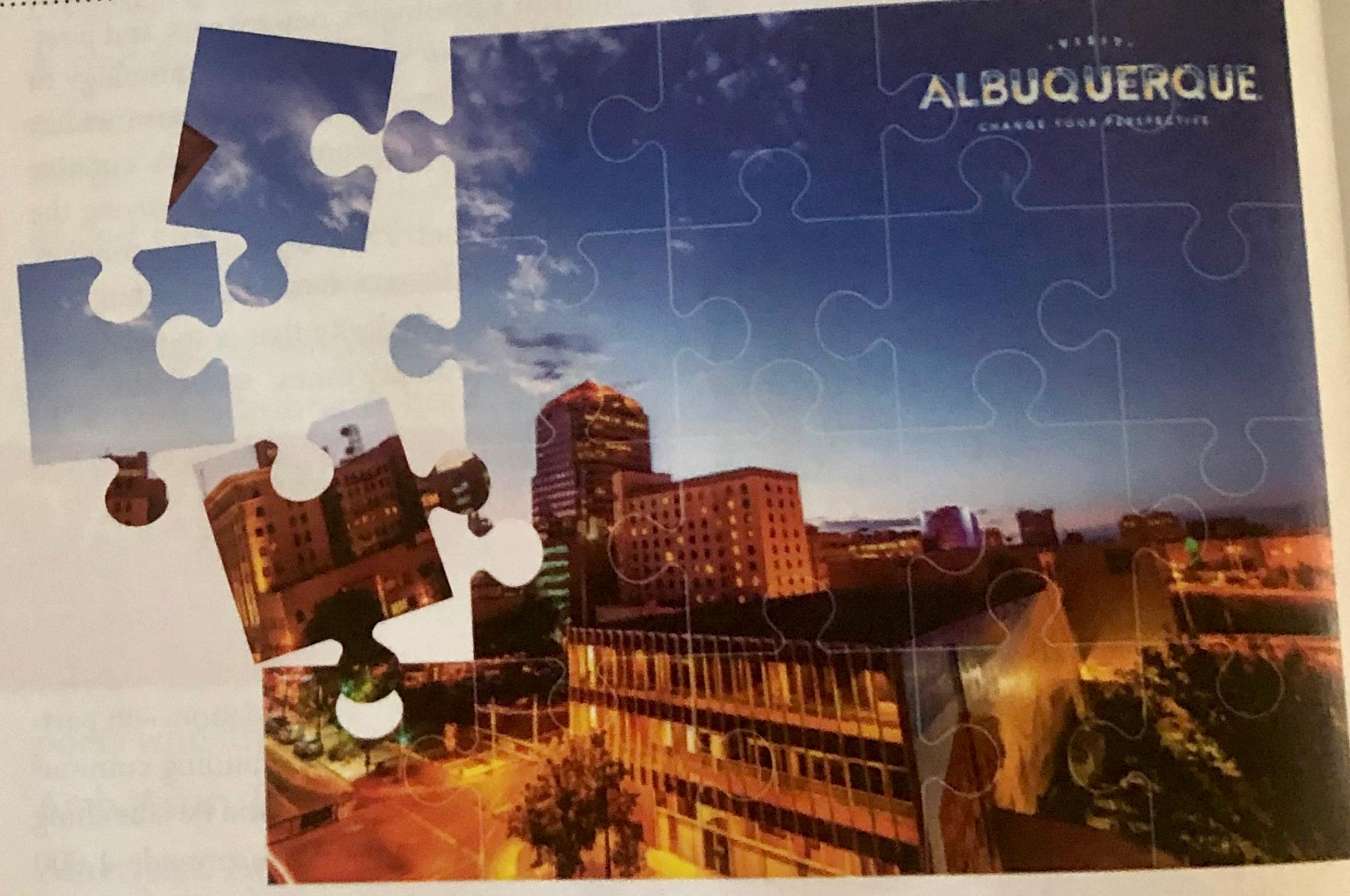
## AND THE MSSING PIECE

When the city shut down due to COVID-19, Visit ABQ stepped up its game. As a Domestic Marketing Organization, also known as a DMO, Visit Albuquerque is responsible for letting the outside world know just how special our city is.

However, under recent state guidelines, Visit Albuquerque has shifted focus from bringing people in to encouraging safe, socially-distant, local tourism. "We are using this time to support community and uplift local businesses," said Brenna Moore, communications manager.

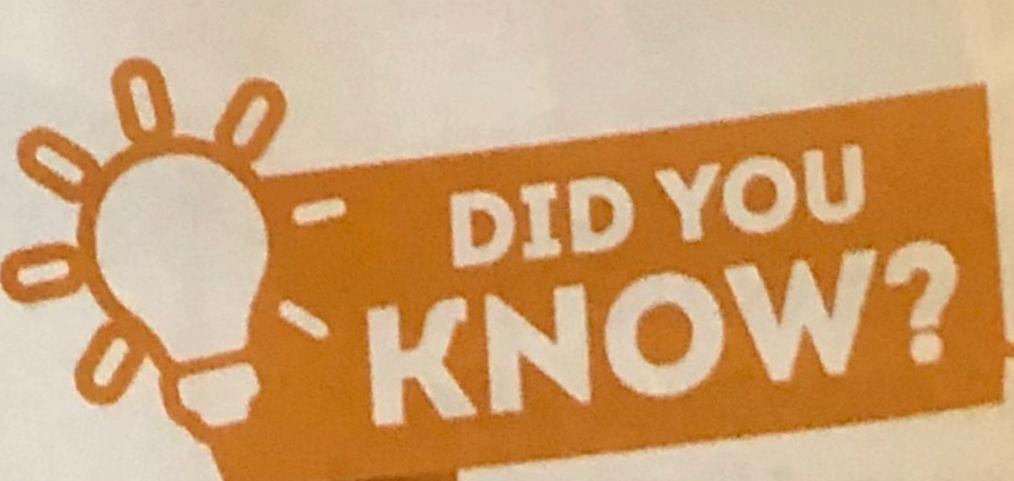
One of the ways Visit Albuquerque has been doing this is by creating digital puzzles from pictures submitted by locals. The company requested photos through a photo sourcing website called CrowdRiff and received "quite a few really great images. More than we expected," said communications coordinator Andrea Sisneros.

The puzzles are available on Visit Albuquerque's website and feature beautiful



perspectives on local hotspots such as the Balloon Fiesta, Old Town, Downtown, and Sandia Peak. The puzzler can even adjust the difficulty of the puzzle by altering the number of pieces involved.

Visit Albuquerque has also been providing other quarantine-friendly activities for those still wishing to explore what the city has to offer. Virtual paint-nights, a 360-degree drive through tour of the city, or information about which restaurants are serving outdoors are a uniquely quarantine-y way to explore our city. —RS



In August 1976, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center first opened its doors.