Brawley woman juggles life, publishes poetry

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of topics including poetry, love and music.
Cardoza has been writing since high school and said her sister’s poetry was the first she ever read.

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Cardoza cites Bob Dylan as a major source of inspiration. When she discovered self-publishing company Xlibris, it seemed like the best thing to do since it doesn’t require her to relinquish rights to her work, she said.

“This was just such a success … to see my work materialize was life-changing so from here on out, I’m going to just start writing books,” she said.

Cardoza comes from a family of hard workers, she said.
She works as a delivery driver for Domino’s and is studying to receive her master’s in social science from San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus. When she isn’t studying or working, she’s helping care for her nephew and volunteering at CASA where she’s a child advocate for three children.

“It’s a very interesting experience. It’s very rewarding. These are children who encounter a lot of unfortunate circumstances and at a very young age, they’re very resilient,” she said. “It motivates me to not only help them but to be a better person.”

All these day-to-day experiences help Cardoza find poetry subject matter.

“People ask me a lot on what inspires me and, as weird as it may sound, everything and nothing, and sometimes at the same time,” she said. “A lot of personal experiences that I’ve gone through definitely impact what I write, how I write and when I write.”

“Lawless Lines” excerpt

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