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# SANTA FE COUNTY

## Resolution 2013 - \_\_\_\_\_

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### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE INTERIM 2013-2014 (FY 2014) BUDGET

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WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), the governing body in and for the County of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, held an official meeting on May 28, 2013 for the study and review of a 2013-2014 (FY 2014) budget, with recognition of sources and uses of funds of said budget; and

WHEREAS, the meeting on May 28, 2013, was duly advertised in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act and the Federal Statements of Assurances pertaining to the requirements for revenue funds, and the budget was duly approved at the regular BCC meeting of May 28, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BCC hereby adopts the 2013-2014 (FY 2014) "Interim Budget" and respectfully requests approval from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Kathy Holian, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney

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**A. MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES**

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# ***Public Works***

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# **Monthly Public Works Report**

## **Apr 2013**



**Adam Leigland**  
Director

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**Daniel "Danny" Mayfield**  
*Commissioner, District 1*

**Virginia Vigil**  
*Commissioner, District 2*

**Robert A. Anaya**  
*Commissioner, District 3*



**Kathy Holian**  
*Commissioner, District 4*


**Liz Stefanics**  
*Commissioner, District 5*

**Katherine Miller**  
*County Manager*

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** *May 13, 2013*

**TO:** *Board of County Commissioners*

**VIA:** *Katherine Miller, County Manager* 

**FROM:** *Adam Leigland, Public Works Director*

**ITEM AND ISSUE:** PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2013

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### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Capital Project Delivery**

We are currently managing 87 capital projects. Notable milestones in our successful execution of this program are listed below.

The new Courthouse is 99% complete and, after many years, can finally come off the active list. Other projects nearing completion include the new cooling tower in the Public Safety Complex, the Edgewood Open Space, and the Santa Fe River Trail San Isidro Park Channel Restoration.

The Nambe Community Center Phase II, the Rio Quemado River Restoration, and the La Cienega Fire Station 2 Renovation designs kicked off.

Numerous projects are finishing the design stage and/or moving into the construction stage. These include the Cundiyo Parking Lot, Improvements at the Quill Wastewater Treatment Plant, the South Meadows Open Space, County Road 98 Widening Phase II, Vista Grande Library, and the La Cienega Fire Station 1 Renovation.

Meanwhile, notable projects in progress include the Caja del Rio Road Repair (60% complete), the Edgewood Fire Station (45%), the Arroyo Alamo West drainage study (10%), the NE/SE Connector Location Study (20%), and the Old Santa Fe Trail Bike Lane/Water Line design (60%). The latter two projects have recently had public meetings as required by the state funding source.

Staff continues to search for a suitable site for the Highway 14 Senior Center, a process that has proven surprisingly complicated. An ideal site has been identified near the junction with CR 42, but the surrounding homeowners are resisting.

Grant funds were just received for the Oscar Huber Grandstand Renovation Phase II in Madrid, and the La Cienega Water Line Extension and La Cienega Spring Monitoring projects, both Water Trust Board recipients. The WTB loans are expected to close on June 7, 2013. The Oscar Huber Grandstands

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Renovation project needs the original design updated to comply with new code requirements, which is in process now. We are finalizing the environmental assessment for the Glorieta water system project in preparation for issuing the IFB for construction.

Information on all active projects can be found in the attached Table 1: Capital Project Status Update.

We also submitted our "MS4" (stormwater management ) permit to the EPA this month, thus avoiding a potentially costly fine. The EPA will expand MS4 requirements and require a watershed-based approach starting in January 2014; it makes sense to partner with the City to meet these new requirements.

### **Operation and Maintenance**

Work order completion rates continue to be high, as seen at Table 2. April was an average month for the receipt of work orders in all categories, higher than February but slightly lower than January and March. Facility work completion remains our lowest for completion rates. This is mostly due to the large nature of the work orders, primarily in County-wide facilities. We are deploying tablet computers to the road maintenance districts, which should increase responsiveness to Cartegraph requests. If that concept works, we will look at doing something similar to other field crews.

We performed an emergency repair of Calle Debra in La Cienega. Beavers in the Santa Fe River undermined the road, and the road itself was very near imminent collapse. These beavers have been considered a problem for some time, but mostly for reasons of impairing river flows to downstream irrigators. Now, however, they are causing a safety hazard on County roads, raising the stakes. Solving the problem will require a coordinated effort from the County, the City, and the BLM.

We've commenced our annual road striping program. We stripe on average 60 miles of road per year.

The solid waste team hauled 819 tons to Caja del Rio Landfill in April, which is slightly below average.

We received numerous accolades from Santa Fe County constituents for our operation and maintenance activities, including a letter to the editor in the Santa Fe New Mexican and an email from a resident of La Barbara Road.

### **Utilities**

We have been working with the US Bureau of Reclamation to expand the scope of the Aamodt EIS to include the Chupadero/Rio en Medio area. This area was originally excluded from the larger service area back in 2006, but it was decided during the EIS kick-off process to include it back in. Also related to Aamodt, the engineer authorized by Resolution 2012-147 has been hired.

We met with the board of the Eldorado Water and Sanitation District and made a presentation sponsored by SERA/Green Cafe to the Eldorado community, both on the possibility of hooking Eldorado up to the County utility once the water line to Canoncito is completed. There seems to be increased interest in this direction compared to a year ago.

~~We were successful in gaining the State Penitentiary as a water customer, with a BDD water connection replaced three deep wells. This will be a significant revenue source for the County (estimated ) and will eliminate a large draw on the aquifer, thus helping the springs in La Cienega.~~

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

None; for information only.

**Table 1: SANTA FE COUNTY  
Capital Project Status Update (As of 5/14/2013 6:55:38 AM)**

PW Project#	Project Name	Nature of Procurement	% Complete	District	Project Budget	Current Contract Amount	Estimated Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Project Manager
1	1860 Purchase Adult Detention Kitchen Equipment	Other	100	1 2 3 4 5	\$275,000.00		3/1/2013	5/1/2013	Joseph Martinez
2	0796 Judicial Complex	Construction	99	1 2 3 4 5	\$62,000,000.00	\$44,283,926.38	1/5/2009	2/18/2013	Paul Olafson
3	1473 Design Quill Plant Improvements 1	Design	98	3	\$200,000.00	\$20,300.00	8/24/2012	12/14/2012	Paul Olafson
4	7716 South Meadows Open Space	Design	95	2	\$58,000.00	\$58,000.00	6/4/2012	5/31/2013	Colleen Baker
5	0150 Upgrade Public Safety Complex Cooling Tower	Construction	85	1 2 3 4 5		\$95,341.22	3/15/2013	5/31/2013	Joseph Martinez
6	1870 Upgrade Youth Development Perimeter Fencing Phase II	Construction	80	1 2 3 4 5	\$84,480.35		10/29/2012	1/11/2013	Joseph Martinez
7	7715 Edgewood Open Space	Construction	77	3	\$767,196.00	\$708,662.15	1/15/2013	7/12/2013	Scott Rivers
8	0789 Cundiyo Parking Lot	Design	70	1	\$9,557.63	\$8,557.63	2/18/2013	5/31/2013	Chuck Vigil
9	7708 Santa Fe River Greenway: Frenchy's Field to Siler Rd.	Design	65	2	\$56,280.38	\$56,280.38	3/1/2009	6/30/2013	Colleen Baker
10	7732 Agua Fria Monument Signs	Design	65	2	\$10,272.00	\$10,272.00	2/11/2013	8/1/2013	Colleen Baker
11	7801 Santa Fe River Greenway: San Isidro Park River Channel Restoration	Construction	63	2		\$1,432,512.05	11/1/2012	8/15/2013	Scott Rivers
12	0133 Upgrade Edgewood Senior Center Garden	Construction	60	3	\$42,000.00	\$36,816.07	5/31/2013	7/31/2013	Scott Rivers
13	0768 Esperanza Building Furnishings	Construction	60	2	\$55,855.90		7/31/2012	4/30/2013	David Padilla
14	0798 Design Old Santa Fe Trail Multimodal and Water Transmission Line TL2N	Design	60	4	\$277,236.46	\$277,236.46	3/5/2013	5/31/2013	Chuck Vigil
15	6166 Caja Del Rio Road - Construction	Construction	60	2	\$4,100,000.00	\$3,800,366.47	9/4/2012	9/27/2013	Chuck Vigil / Paul K
16	6166 Caja Del Rio - Project Management, CA & Inspection Services	Construction	60	2	\$343,872.97	\$343,872.97	8/1/2012	10/25/2013	Chuck Vigil / Paul Kavanaugh
17	7120 Santa Fe River Greenway: Wayside Exhibit Planning, Design, Fabrication	Other	60	2	\$60,131.50	\$60,131.50	7/1/2012	7/15/2013	Colleen Baker
18	7708 Santa Fe River Greenway Engineering Design Services	Design	60	2	\$412,725.85	\$199,265.15	10/3/2012	12/20/2013	Colleen Baker
19	8005 Edgewood Fire Station	Construction	45	3	\$3,370,259.00	\$3,119,151.69	9/17/2012	8/1/2013	Ron Sandoval
20	0533 Espanola Basin Water Conservation Grant	Other	35	1 2 3 4 5		\$77,447.88	3/1/2012	9/30/2013	Joseph Gutierrez
21	0753 Design Ken & Patty Adams Senior Center District Attorney Complex Energy & Accessibility Improvements	Design	30	5	\$120,000.00	\$46,225.00	10/17/2012	6/30/2013	Ron Sandoval
22	7123 Design Water Transmission Line TL6S	Design	30	1 2 3 4 5		\$78,262.84	12/14/2012	6/30/2013	Paul Olafson
23	1449 Design Water Transmission Line TL6S	Design	25	4 5		\$333,080.30	2/17/2012	10/30/2013	Paul Olafson
24	1473 Quill Plant South Field Effluent Distribution Valve Replacement Phase 2	Construction	20	3			4/12/2013	7/15/2013	Paul Olafson
25	6181 NE-SE Connectors Location Study	Plan	20	5	\$500,000.00	\$420,000.00	2/4/2013	5/30/2014	Chuck Vigil / Paul Kavanaugh
26	7706 Mt. Chelchihull	Acquisition	20	3	\$988,499.00		8/1/2012	12/27/2013	Colleen Baker
27	0132 Upgrade Human Resources Building Design CR62/Caja del Oro Waterline Extension	Construction	15	1 2 3 4 5	\$100,000.00		5/31/2013	6/30/2013	Joseph Martinez
28	1430 Design	Design	15	2	\$212,636.00		4/5/2013	6/28/2013	Paul Olafson

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## Capital Project Status Update (As of 5/14/2013 6:55:38 AM)

Line	Project Description	Phase	Start Date	End Date	Estimate	Actual	Staff	Contractor
29	Rio Quemado Watershed Restoration	Design	11/15/2013	5/8/2013	\$96,681.75	\$96,681.75	1	Colleen Baker
30	Design Army Junction Water Transmission Line	Design	10/30/2013	5/4/2012	\$411,368.96		4 5	Paul Olafson
31	Adult Detention Facility Plumbing Upgrades	Construction	3/29/2013	12/15/2012	\$161,400.00		1 2 3 4 5	Joseph Martinez
32	Upgrade ADF Security Cameras	Construction	6/30/2013	2/15/2013	\$170,000.00		1 2 3 4 5	Joseph Martinez
33	Upgrade Adult Detention Facility Perimeter Lighting	Construction	8/30/2013	5/31/2013	\$400,000.00		1 2 3 4 5	Joseph Martinez
34	Upgrade Adult Detention Light Fixtures	Construction	8/30/2013	2/15/2013	\$85,000.00		1 2 3 4 5	Joseph Martinez
35	Youth Development Program Plumbing Upgrades	Construction	6/30/2013	5/31/2013	\$250,000.00		1 2 3 4 5	Joseph Martinez
36	Upgrade Youth Development Program Control Panel	Construction	8/30/2013	5/31/2012	\$110,000.00		1 2 3 4 5	Joseph Martinez
37	Youth Development Center Shower Upgrade & Repair	Construction	6/30/2013	5/31/2013	\$70,000.00		1 2 3 4 5	Joseph Martinez
38	CR 54 Los Pinos Road All Weather Structure Design	Design	12/31/2013	6/24/2013	\$95,000.00		3	Chuck Vigil / Paul Kavanaugh
39	CR98 Road Widening Phase II - Eng During Construction Svcs	Construction	4/30/2014	8/5/2013	\$15,270.30	\$15,270.30	1	Chuck Vigil
40	CR98 Road Widening Phase II - PR, Inspection and QA Services	Construction	4/30/2014	7/15/2013	\$156,987.27	\$156,987.27	5	Chuck Vigil
41	Herrada Road Paving Design	Design	12/27/2013	6/24/2013	\$100,000.00		5	Chuck Vigil
42	Arroyo Hondo Trail	Design	2/28/2014	12/13/2012	\$470,572.00	\$123,788.22	5	Colleen Baker
43	Santa Fe River Greenway Acquisition	Acquisition	11/1/2014	10/9/2012	\$531,756.83	\$531,756.83	2	Colleen Baker
44	Construct Giorfeta MDWCA Water System Improvements	Construction	10/27/2013	7/15/2012	\$424,759.00		4	Paul Olafson
45	Design and Relocate Utilities Field Staff	Construction			\$20,000.00			Scott Rivers/Agnes Leyba-Cruz
46	Arroyo Alamo West Drainage Study - FY14	Design	11/29/2013	7/29/2013	\$15,000.00		1	Chuck Vigil
47	CR 98 Road Widening Phase II - Construction Services	Construction	4/30/2014	8/5/2013			1	Chuck Vigil
48	Jacana - Northern Santa Fe County Solid Waste Convergence Center	Design	12/27/2013	4/29/2013	\$50,000.00		1	Chuck Vigil
49	Highway 14 Senior/Community Center	Plan			\$350,000.00		3	Agnes Leyba-Cruz / Teresa Casados
50	El Rancho and Pojoaque Court Renovation	Construction	6/29/2013	11/15/2012	\$60,500.00	\$55,664.65	1	Scott Rivers
51	Romero Park	Design	8/23/2013	4/29/2013	\$175,000.00		2	Colleen Baker
52	Pojoaque Sports Field	Design	1/10/2014	5/13/2013	\$50,000.00		1	Colleen Baker
53	Northern SFC Recreation Complex	Plan			\$180,000.00		1	Colleen Baker
54	Narbe Community Center, Park and Headstart Site Improvements	Design	3/28/2014	5/27/2013	\$20,000.00		1	Colleen Baker
55	Headstart and Renovate La Cienega Fire Station No. 2	Design	9/20/2013	5/27/2013	\$30,000.00		3	Ron Sandoval
56	Design Valle Vista Force Main	Design	8/30/2013	4/30/2013	\$11,399.00		5	Paul Olafson
57	Upgrade ADF Perimeter Fence II	Construction	6/14/2013	4/15/2013	\$311,325.59		1 2 3 4 5	Joseph Martinez
58	Torcido Loop Paving/Drainage Design	Design	5/31/2013	6/10/2013	\$95,000.00		3	Chuck Vigil



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59	7006	La Bajada Ranch Remediation and Reroofing	Construction	5	3	\$70,000.00		2/27/2013	4/29/2013	Paul Olafson
60	7707	Rabbit Road Trailhead	Construction	5	4	\$66,238.12		7/1/2013	8/14/2013	Scott Rivers
61	7707	Santa Fe Rail Trail Segments 2-3	Construction	5	4, 5	\$1,269,857.00		7/1/2013	1/31/2014	Colleen Baker
62	1473	Replace Pumps at Quill Wastewater Treatment Plant	Construction	2	3	\$85,000.00		6/3/2013	7/5/2013	Paul Olafson
63	1473	Upgrade West Lagoon Liner at Quill Treatment Plant	Construction	2	3	\$205,026.00		5/20/2013	9/13/2013	Paul Olafson
64	7707	Santa Fe Rail Trail Segment 4	Construction	2	5	\$440,901.00		7/1/2013	1/31/2014	Scott Rivers
65		Upgrade Drainage at Rio en Medio	Design	0	1			5/1/2013	6/30/2013	Ron Sandoval
66	0150	Public Safety Complex Upgrade Design	Design	0	1 2 3 4 5	\$100,000.00		7/1/2013	12/31/2013	Paul Olafson
67	0732	Romero Park	Construction	0	2	\$1,000,000.00		4/21/2014	9/5/2014	Scott Rivers
68	0739	Vista Grande Library Addition / Construction	Construction	0	5	\$1,470,000.00		4/30/2013	9/30/2013	Ron Sandoval
69	0751	Oscar Huber Grandstand Phase II	Construction	0	3	\$304,000.00		6/28/2013	12/16/2013	David Padilla
70	0751	Oscar Huber Grandstand Phase II	Design	0	3	\$28,000.00		7/1/2013	8/30/2013	David Padilla
71	0834	Design Hondo Fire Station Addition	Design	0	4	\$180,000.00		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	Paul Olafson
72	0840	Remodel La Cienega Fire Station No. 1	Construction	0	5	\$650,000.00		6/3/2013	9/30/2013	Ron Sandoval
73	1860	Adult Detention Facility Construction Design	Design	0	1 2 3 4 5	\$30,000.00		2/28/2013	4/30/2013	
74	1860	Adult Detention, Fire Upgrades	Construction	0	1 2 3 4 5	\$196,955.00		11/30/2012	2/28/2013	Moises Gallegos
75	7006	La Bajada Ranch Planning & Programming	Plan	0	3	\$120,000.00		9/28/2012	3/29/2013	Beth Mills
76	7121	Stanley Wellness Center	Design	0	3	\$50,000.00	\$43,678.82	11/6/2012	7/1/2013	Scott Rivers
77	7121	Stanley Wellness Center	Construction	0	3	\$1,150,000.00		5/7/2013	11/15/2013	Scott Rivers
78	7123	District Attorney Complex Energy & Accessibility Improvements	Construction	0	1 2 3 4 5	\$800,000.00		6/14/2013	9/27/2013	Paul Olafson
79	7124	Admin Building Computer & Communications Room	Construction	0	1 2 3 4 5	\$275,000.00		5/31/2013	8/30/2013	Erik Aaboe
80	7124	Admin Building Computer & Communications Room	Design	0	1 2 3 4 5	\$35,000.00		4/30/2013	7/31/2013	Erik Aaboe / Frank Jaramillo
81	7705	Los Potreros Open Space	Construction	0	1	\$210,000.00		2/3/2014	3/31/2014	Colleen Baker
82	7716	South Meadows Open Space	Construction	0	2	\$400,361.00		7/1/2013	11/1/2013	Scott Rivers
83	7723	Nambe Community Center, Park and Headstart Site Improvements	Construction	0	1	\$192,704.00		12/23/2013	7/18/2014	Scott Rivers
84	1458	La Cienega / Changuilla Monitoring	Construction	0	3	\$150,000.00		5/6/2013	2/3/2014	Karen Torres
85	1477	Chupadero MDWCA Well Assessment	Other	0	1	\$80,000.00		8/15/2012	4/26/2013	Karen Torres
86	1870	Youth Development Center Perimeter Lighting	Construction	0	1 2 3 4 5	\$200,000.00		5/31/2013	6/30/2013	
87	2219	Old Judicial Complex Redevelopment Study	Plan	0	1 2 3 4 5			11/13/2012	4/30/2012	Paul Olafson

**TABLE 2: WORK ORDER PRODUCTION RATES**

April 2013

		4/1/2013 to 4/30/13			YEAR TO DATE		
COMM. DIST.	REQUESTS	ISSUED	CLOSED	COMM. DIST.	REQUESTS	ISSUED	CLOSED
1		9	9	1	87	87	86
2		21	21	2	43	43	39
3		8	8	3	69	69	68
4		8	8	4	31	31	31
5		23	23	5	68	68	68
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>		<b>298</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>292</b>
			100.00%			100.00%	97.99%

**TRAFFIC**

		4/1/2013 to 4/30/13			YEAR TO DATE		
COMM. DIST.	REQUESTS	ISSUED	CLOSED	COMM. DIST.	REQUESTS	ISSUED	CLOSED
1	20	20	20	1	39	39	39
2	12	12	12	2	29	29	29
3	6	6	6	3	15	15	15
4	1	1	1	4	1	1	1
5	11	11	11	5	21	21	21
County-wide	34	33	33	County-wide	77	76	76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>		<b>182</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>181</b>
		98.81%	98.81%			99.45%	99.45%

**BUILDING SERVICES**





# Coming Attractions

Project	What	When
On-Call Road Construction Contract	Award of contract for simplified acquisition of road construction services	May 28, 2013, BCC
Traffic Calming Policy	Resolution creating a process for requesting traffic calming on County roads	June 26, 2013, BCC
ECIA Maintenance Agreement	Agreement with Eldorado Community Improvement Association on maintenance of multi-use trails	June 26, 2013, BCC
HR Building Renovation	Construction bid opening	June 13, 2013
New Judicial Complex	Judges move in	June 15, 2013
Caja del Rio Road Upgrades	Early project completion	July 15, 2013
Nambe Community Center Improvements Phase II	Award of design contract	May 31, 2013
Edgewood Open Space	Construction completion	July 12, 2013

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# Expand service to solve court parking

Reading all the hoopla on the lack of parking for the new courthouse, I read that some streets around the area could be designated for use as courthouse parking. Since the city of Santa Fe already has free shuttles to take visitors from the New Mexico Rail Runner Express to areas around the downtown, why not have free shuttles from one of the city lots (or close areas) designated as a courthouse shuttle and have handicapped access? Parking for courthouse business would be designated, and the courthouse could validate parking and shuttle tickets. This would be an easy fix. The shuttle would leave individuals at the front door and would pick them up at the same designated area. With the other suggestions, I cannot imagine a wheelchair-bound individual or other such handicapped person having to travel even one block to make a court appearance.

**Bob Guillen**  
Santa Fe

## Due credit

We want to express our appreciation to Robert Martinez, Mark Rodriguez, Mr. Gomez and the Santa Fe County Public Works Department road crew for their quick and responsive efforts. In early April, we informed Robert Martinez of dangerous road conditions that needed immediate attention. Within seven days, the county remedied the problem.

Too often, Santa Fe County is criticized.

We forget that the county is composed of hardworking people who truly care about Santa Fe. We, therefore, feel it is important to give credit where credit is due.

**Fina Mendoza Hidalgo**  
**Stephen Hidalgo**  
Santa Fe

## Flipped priorities

I am at a loss. When a member of the armed forces is killed in the line of duty, his or her family eventually gets a note of respect, sympathy and a flag from the United States government.

Recently, a professional basketball player announced he is gay. In short order, he gets a personal phone call from the president congratulating him for his courage.

In moments of frustration, Desi often cried out, "Lucy, you got some 'splainin' to do."

Seems to me priorities are just a bit upside down.

**Jack Till**  
Santa Fe

## A mix-up

In his letter, Key Jones says Exxon paid \$31 billion in income taxes last year ("Misinformed readers," May 1).

If you type in "taxes paid by Exxon" on Google, then click on "10 most profitable U.S. corporations paid average tax rate of," then scroll down to "Taxes of the

10 most profitable companies" and look under "Exxon," you will find this: Pre-tax earnings: \$73.3 billion, tax provision: \$31.1 billion, actual taxes paid to U.S. government: \$1.5 billion.

A tax provision is how much a company sets aside to pay taxes with; Jones got mixed up in thinking that's what Exxon paid.

**Steve Campbell**  
Santa Fe

## A food fight

Many thanks to our local politicians who are fighting for labeling of genetically modified foods. Please keep up this good fight!

Farmers are not required to label if:

- ◆ They alter the DNA of plants through the use of viruses and electricity to break through cell walls.
- ◆ They use cancer-causing pre-emergent and post-emergent herbicides.
- ◆ They use cancer-causing chemical fertilizers.
- ◆ They use cancer-causing pesticides.

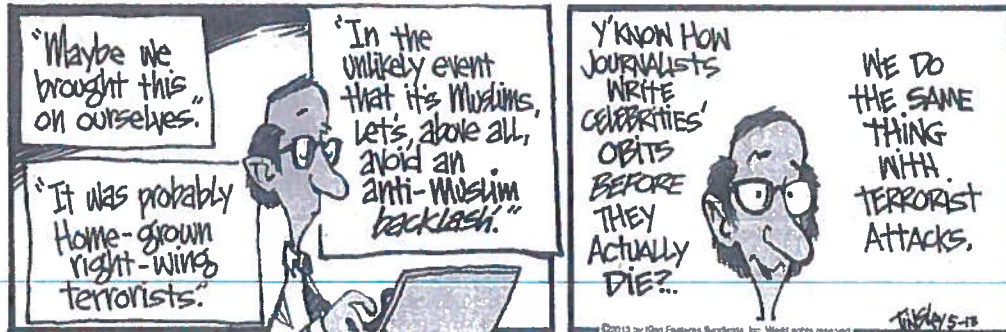
Farmers are required to create an "organic" label if:

- ◆ They do not use pesticides.
- ◆ They do not use herbicides.
- ◆ They do not use chemical fertilizers.

Let's work together until the reverse is true: All use of chemicals on food must be labeled!

**David Victor Lagasse**  
Santa Fe

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