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**Gabe Vasquez Says He Is Committed To Working With All Members Of Congress To Ensure All New Mexicans Have Access To Affordable And High-Quality Health Care.** He is committed to working with all members of Congress to create high-quality, good-paying jobs, lowering inflation, ensuring all New Mexicans have access to affordable and high-quality health care, and conserving New Mexico's public lands, wildlife, and natural resources. [Gabe Vasquez for Congress, accessed [7/10/24](#)]

**2022: Vasquez Argued That The 'American Dream' Included Affordable Health Care.** "Vasquez incorporated Spanish into his opening and closing statements, telling the story of his grandfather's immigration to the United States and his own working class upbringing, and argued for a version of 'the American dream' that included affordable healthcare, working for fair wages and 'the freedom to make your own decisions about your own body,' a reference to debates over abortion." [Las Cruces Sun News, [10/22/22](#)]

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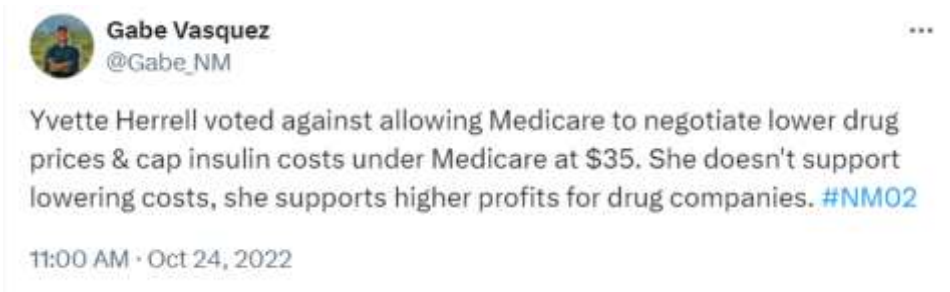
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**Gabe Vasquez Supported A Public Option Where Americans Could Choose Between Private Insurance Or A Government Run Plan.** "Patel and Vasquez each support universal healthcare, and have cited the high costs of healthcare as a problem, but disagree about their preferred policy solution. Patel supports a single-payer system where the federal government is the sole source of health insurance for Americans, sometimes referred to as 'Medicare for all.' Vasquez supports a public option, under which Americans could choose between private insurance or a government-run insurance plan." [Las Cruces Sun News, [6/2/22](#)]

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**Gabe Vasquez Criticized Yvette Herrell For Voting Against Capping The Price Of Insulin At \$35.** “Yvette Herrell voted against allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices & cap insulin costs under Medicare at \$35. She doesn't support lowering costs, she supports higher profits for drug companies. #NM02” [Gabe Vasquez, Twitter, [10/24/22](#)]



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## (NM-02) Message #2 Backup

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**Vasquez Claimed He Voted For Increases To Police Funding In 3 Consecutive Budgets On The Las Cruces City Council.** “When KUNM contacted Vasquez's campaign asking for comment on his stance on police, he said via email, ‘I oppose defunding the police’. He said that during his time on the City Council at Las Cruces he voted to pass three budgets, each of which included an increase in police funding.” [KUNM, [10/19/22](#)]

**Vasquez Voted In Favor Of The Las Cruces FY 2021 Budget Bill.** According to the Las Cruces City Council meeting minutes from June 2020, Vasquez seconded a motion to approve resolution 20-155 to adopt the FY 2020-2021 budget bill. Vasquez voted in favor of the bill, which passed 7-0. [City of Las Cruces, City Council Meeting Minutes, [6/19/20](#)]

- **The Las Cruces FY 2021 Budget Allocated \$26.5 Million To Police, An Increase Of \$1.5 Million From The Previous Year.** “According to the budget archives for the City of Las Cruces, the FY 2021 budget allocated \$26,508,761 to police funding, an increase of \$1,536,347.00 from the 2020’s projected police spending.” [City of Las Cruces, FY 2021 Budget Book, accessed [7/11/24](#)]

**Vasquez Voted In Favor Of The Las Cruces FY 2020 Budget Bill.** “Las Cruces city councilors on Monday OK'd a \$410.3 million spending plan for the coming year that includes 11 new employee positions. Within that amount, a key city pool of spending — the general fund — will see 2.5% increase in spending compared to the current year, which ends June 30. Spending is slated to increase from \$93.1 million to \$95.4 million in the 2019-20 year, according to city documents.[...] Voting for the budget were Eakman, Mayor Ken Miyagishima, Mayor Pro Tem Gill Sorg, City Councilor Yvonne Flores, City Councilor Greg Smith (who attended by phone), City Councilor Gabe Vasquez and City Councilor Kasandra Gandara.” [Las Cruces Sun News, [5/22/19](#)]

- **The Las Cruces FY 2020 Budget Allocated \$27.9 Million To Police, An Increase Of \$2 Million From The Previous Year.** “According to the Las Cruces FY 2020 Budget Book, that year’s budget allocated \$27,934,498 to the police department, an increase of \$2,078,948.00 from the 2019 adopted budget.” [City of Las Cruces, FY 2020 Budget Book, accessed [7/11/24](#); FY 2019 Budget Book, accessed [7/11/24](#)]

**Vasquez Voted For The Las Cruces FY 2019 Budget Bill.** “Las Cruces city councilors OK'd a new spending plan Monday with a seeming conundrum: Spending would be cut, but the number of city positions would increase. [...] Councilor's OK'd a \$390.8 million budget for 2018-19 for all aspects of city operations, including the city's main general fund, debt repayment and services that are meant to be financially self-sufficient, like utilities. [...] Councilors voted 6-1 to OK the overall budget, a component of which is capital projects. [...] [Mayor Pro Tem] Sorg voted against the overall budget and against the CIP.” [Las Cruces Sun News, [5/21/18](#)]

- **The Las Cruces FY 2019 Budget Allocated \$25.8 Million To Police, An Increase Of \$1.7 Million From The Previous Year.** “According to the FY 2019 adopted budget for the City of Las Cruces, \$25,855,550 was allocated to police funding, an increase of \$1,709,404.00 from 2018’s projected police spending.” [City Of Las Cruces, FY 2019 Budget Book, accessed [7/11/24](#)]

### **As A Member Of The Border Security Task Force Gabe Vasquez Worked With Democrats And Republicans In Congress To Secure Nearly \$300 Million For Border Security**

**March 2024: Gabe Vasquez Joined The Democrats For Border Security Task Force.** “Today, March 12, 2024, U.S. Representative Gabe Vasquez (D-N.M.-02) joined the Democrats for Border Security Task Force to affirm his commitment to addressing the challenges the United States faces at the border. Vasquez represents the third-longest border district and has extensive experience with border security.” [Rep. Gabe Vasquez, Press Release, [3/12/24](#)]

**March 2024: Gabe Vasquez Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 Further Consolidated Appropriations.** In March 2024, Vasquez voted for: “Granger, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H Res 1102) that would provide for the House to concur in the Senate amendment to the legislative vehicle (HR 2882) with an amendment that would provide \$1.2 trillion in total budget authority for the Defense, Financial Services, Homeland Security, Legislative Branch, Labor-HHS-Education and State Foreign Operations spending bills. It would provide \$825 billion for the Defense department; \$26.1 billion for Financial Services and general government; \$89.8 billion for the Homeland Security Department; \$224.7 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Departments; \$6.7 billion for legislative branch; and \$58.3 billion for the State Department. It would provide \$300 million for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and \$500 million for Israel defense programs. Among its policy provisions, it would extend the National Flood Insurance Program through Sept. 30, 2024; prohibit the use of funding in fiscal years 2024 or 2025 to make any payment to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency; and increase the number of Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention beds from 34,000 to 41,500.” The motion was agreed by a vote of 286-134. [H. Res. 1102, [Vote #102](#), 3/22/24; CQ, [3/22/24](#)]

- **The Fiscal 2024 Further Consolidated Appropriations Contained Six Appropriations Bills And Helped The Country Avert A Government Shutdown.** “Congress averted a government shutdown by passing the final appropriations bills for FY24 over the weekend. The ‘minibus,’ as it’s called, included the six remaining appropriations bills and accounted for nearly 75% of the federal budget. The passage of this legislation marked the end of the very long, drawn-out fight over FY24 funding almost six months into the fiscal year.” [Council

for Opportunity in Education, [3/23/24](#)]

- **The Fiscal 2024 Further Consolidated Appropriations Contained Spending Bills For Defense, Financial Services And General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health And Human Services And Education, Legislative Branch, And State And Foreign Operations.** “On March 23, the U.S. Congress passed its second ‘minibus’ appropriations package (H.R. 2882) containing the final Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Defense, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, Legislative Branch, and State and Foreign Operations spending bills. The enactment of this legislation comes two weeks after passage of the other six spending bills and several hours after the March 22 funding deadline set for the included appropriations. With all 12 spending bills now enacted, the federal government is funded through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024, ending September 31, 2024.” [National Association of Counties, [3/25/24](#)]

**Following Passage Of The Fiscal 2024 Further Consolidated Appropriations, DHS Announced \$300 Million In Funding To Support Communities Providing Services For Migrants.** “Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), announced \$300 million in grants through the Shelter and Services Program (SSP), which was authorized by Congress to support communities that are providing services to migrants. \$275 million will be distributed in the first allocation, and the remaining \$25 million will be allocated later in the year to accommodate evolving operational requirements. The initial funding will be available to 55 grant recipients for temporary shelter and other eligible costs associated with migrants awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceedings. Additionally, the Department is announcing \$340.9 million through the Shelter and Services Program-Competitive grant program to be allocated before the end of this Fiscal Year.” [Department of Homeland Security, Press Release, [4/12/24](#)]

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**HEADLINE: “Proposed Appropriations Bill Would Practically Double The Size Of The Border Patrol.”** [Marketplace, [3/22/24](#)]

**The Fiscal 2024 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act Provided Funding To Hire 22,000 More Border Patrol Agents.** “The House is set to vote on Friday on a \$1.2 trillion spending package just ahead of a deadline for a partial government shutdown. It includes funding for the departments of defense, state, labor, and health and human services. And for the Department of Homeland Security, it also includes a significant bump in funding for border security. It was just a couple of weeks ago that Congress failed to pass a bipartisan immigration and border security bill, so the almost \$62 billion in discretionary spending for DHS now kind of looks like a border security bill lite. ‘This is one of the most astounding immigration enforcement increases that we’ve seen,’ said David Bier, associate director of immigration studies at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank. ‘You’re talking about almost a 35% increase in the Border Patrol budget.’ Part of that is almost half a billion dollars to more or less double the size of the force by hiring 22,000 more Border Patrol agents.” [Marketplace, [3/22/24](#)]

**In The Congressional Record, Cuellar Claimed The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act “Adds The Largest Number Of Border Patrol Agents, 22,000.”** “Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, as the ranking member, I live at the border. I don't just go visit the border. I know the border. This is a strong border security bill that we passed in a bipartisan, commonsense way. This bill takes away all the poisonous riders and adds bipartisan riders. It adds the largest number of Border Patrol agents, 22,000 agents.” [Congressional Record Volume 170, Number 51, [3/22/24](#)]

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**Vasquez’s Bill Would Allocate More Than \$5 Billion To Increase Staffing And Technology To Combat The Flow Of Drugs, Contraband, And Weapons Being Smuggled Across The Border.** “The bill would allocate more than \$5 billion to increase staffing and technology that would detect illicit drugs, weapons and other contraband being smuggled across the border shared by the U.S. and Mexico.” [NBC News, [7/11/24](#)]

**Vasquez Said His Bipartisan Bill Would “Put A Huge Dent In What The Cartel Is Trying To Do In Moving These Drugs Into Our Country.”** “‘The opioid crisis continues to harm American families,’ Vasquez told NBC News over the phone Wednesday. ‘This bill would help put a huge dent in what the cartel is trying to do in moving these drugs into our country.’ Nearly 74,000 Americans died in 2022 because of an overdose of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.” [NBC News, [7/11/24](#)]

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**HEADLINE: “Vasquez Pushes Immigration, Border Security Package.”** [Roswell Daily Record, [11/5/23](#)]

**November 2023: Vasquez Unveiled A Series Of Bills Designed To Safeguard The U.S.-Mexico Border.** “With immigration advocates and frontline workers standing behind him, U.S. Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM-02) spoke at a press conference in Washington, D.C., to unveil a series of bills that he says will fix the nation’s broken immigration system and safeguard the U.S.-Mexico border. The nearly half-hour-long press conference in front of the U.S. Capitol came after Vasquez, earlier in the week, unveiled five bills during an event at the U.S. Port of Entry Santa Teresa. Immigration-related issues ranging from stiffer penalties for human trafficking, temporary status for some undocumented immigrants, increases in inspection technology, personnel at ports of entry, and looks to fix a guest worker program in the agriculture sectors.” [Roswell Daily Record, [11/5/23](#)]

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## **Two Of Vasquez’s Bills Would Crack Down On Human Trafficking And Provide Additional Border Security Funding**

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**Two Of Vasquez’s Bills Were Meant To Crack Down On Human Trafficking And Provide Additional Funding For Border Security.** “Two separate bills were also touted by Vasquez meant to crack down on human and drug trafficking while providing additional funding, technology and personnel along the border. Vasquez said one of the measures, the Stop Coyotes Oppression and Organized Trafficking and Ensuring Safety Act, or COYOTES Act, is meant to stem the tide of human trafficking.” [Roswell Daily Record, [11/5/23](#)]

**Vasquez Said On Of His Bills Would Dedicate \$200 Million To Expanding Non-Intrusive Screening Technology To Detect Illegal Drugs And Contraband On The Border To Help Stop The Flow Of Fentanyl.** “Vasquez said his bill would dedicate \$200 million to expanding the availability and use of non-intrusive screening technology meant to detect illegal drugs and other contraband people attempt to bring into the U.S. through ports of entry. In the coming months, that technology will be installed at the U.S. Port of Entry Santa Teresa. Vasquez says it has the potential to be a ‘game changer’ when it comes to improving security and interdicting drugs. He notes that most narcotics that enter the U.S, are found on individuals coming through ports of entry. ‘With this type of technology, we can capture the majority of fentanyl that’s coming into this country,’ Vasquez said.” [Roswell Daily Record, [11/5/23](#)]

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## **Vasquez’s Strengthening Our Workforce Act Would Help Provide A Pathway To Citizenship For Those Who Play By The Rules**

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**Gabe Vasquez’s Strengthening Our Workforce Act Would Help Provide A Pathway To Citizenship For Critical Migrant Workers.** “The first of the five bills is the ‘Strengthening Our Workforce Act’ which Vasquez said would support providing a pathway to permanent residency for critical migrant workers. ‘Our next generation of teachers, nurses, educators, and law enforcement officers deserve a pathway to citizenship,’ Vasquez said. The bill would allow migrants in ‘critical industries’ to apply for a two-year temporary provisional status. After that probationary period, they would then be eligible for immediate adjustment of status to permanent residents.” [KFOX 14, [10/30/23](#)]

### **(NM-02) Message #3 Backup**

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**Headline: “GOP Congressional Hopeful Wished Her State Had ‘Eliminated All Abortion’ In 2020.”** [HuffPost, [4/29/24](#)]

**Yvette Herrell: “I Wish We Could Have Eliminated All Abortion In The State.”** “In a newly discovered video, former Rep. Yvette Herrell (R-N.M.) said in 2020 that she wished her state had banned abortion entirely — a sharp contrast to her efforts to appear more measured on abortion issues ahead of the November election, when she is hoping to regain her old seat in Congress. ‘I wish we could have eliminated all abortion in the state,’ Herrell said during a virtual candidate forum hosted that year by her state’s Republican Party of Valencia County. ‘I wish we could have gotten even that to go through. But we couldn’t.’” [HuffPost, [4/29/24](#)]

## Herrell Has Repeatedly Supported Abortion Bans With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or The Life Of The Woman

**2021: Herrell Bragged That She Signed On To A Dozen Anti-Abortion Bills In Her First Month Of Congress.** “I believe in my heart that life begins at conception and that we have a moral responsibility to speak for those who can't speak for themselves. I'm proud to have signed onto a dozen #ProLife bills, resolutions, and letters in the 117th Congress so far.” [Rep. Yvette Herrell, Twitter, [1/22/21](#)]



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**HEADLINE: “U.S. Rep. Yvette Herrell Compares Abortion To Eugenics.”** [NM Political Report, [9/16/21](#)]

**Herrell Said That Abortion Was A Sad Legacy Of Eugenics Programs And That Planned Parenthood Campaigned To Eliminate Minority, Disabled, And “Unfit” Americans.** “Herrell defended her comment in a statement to NM Political Report. ‘Abortion is a sad legacy of the eugenics programs of the early 20th century, like Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger’s campaign to eliminate minority, disabled, and otherwise ‘unfit’ Americans. Fortunately, more and more Americans today proclaim the truth: that we are all created equal, and that every human life is precious.’” [NM Political Report, [9/16/21](#)]

**2021: Herrell Cheered On The Supreme Court’s Decision To Uphold Texas’s Draconian ‘Heartbeat’ Abortion Law.** “This is great news for the protection of innocent life!” [Yvette Herrell, Facebook, [9/2/21](#)]

- **Texas’ “Heartbeat Bill” Was A Near-Total Ban On Abortions.** “Proponents of Texas’ new near-total ban on abortions call it the ‘heartbeat bill.’ The name references the point in time at around six weeks’ gestation when the embryo’s cardiac activity can first be detected by an ultrasound — which under the new law triggers a block on an abortion. But medical and reproductive health experts say the reference to a heartbeat at that stage of a pregnancy is medically inaccurate as an embryo does not have a developed heart at six weeks’ gestation.” [Texas Tribune, [9/2/21](#)]





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## **2021: Herrell Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act, A Personhood Bill That Would Ban Abortion And Severely Restrict IVF**

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**Herrell Co-Sponsored The “Life At Conception Act.”** Herrell co-sponsored the “Life At Conception Act,” which “declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being. Nothing in this bill shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.” [HR1011, [4/23/21](#)]

**The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions And Eliminating Medical Choices Including In Vitro Fertilization.** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

**The Life At Conception Act Would Criminalize All Abortions, Including In Cases Of Rape, Incest, Or Risk To The Pregnant Woman.** “The Life at Conception Act, co-sponsored by Hinson, would outlaw all abortions with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest or risk to the pregnant person. The bill in question does eliminate the possibility for criminal charges for individuals who receive an abortion, but it does not provide the same guarantees for others. [...] But the broad scope of the personhood law does have implications for criminalization of abortion.” [Gazette, [7/11/22](#)]

## 2013: Herrell Said She Was “Proud” To Have Co-Sponsored Legislation Calling For Felony Charges For Abortion In Cases Of Rape Or Incest

**HEADLINE: “Proposed New Mexico Law Would Send Rape Victims To Prison For Having Abortions.”**  
[Washington Post, [1/24/13](#)]

### **Herrell Co-Sponsored Legislation Calling For Felony Charges For Abortion In Cases Of Rape Or Incest.**

“Republican state lawmaker Cathrynn Brown says she's reworking legislation she introduced Wednesday calling for felony charges related to abortion in cases of rape and incest. Her proposal, House Bill 206, created a fire-storm of hate email and phone calls, she said. The bill reads: ‘Tampering with evidence shall include procuring or facilitating an abortion, or compelling or coercing another to obtain an abortion, of a fetus that is the result of criminal sexual penetration or incest with the intent to destroy evidence of the crime.’ [...] Nine House Republicans, all women, signed on as co-sponsors. They are Jane Powdrell-Culbert of Corrales; Dianne Hamilton of Silver City; Anna Crook of Clovis; Sharon Clahchischilliage of Kirtland; Yvette Herrell of Alamogordo.” The bill was never voted on in the New Mexico House. [Carlsbad Current-Argus, 1/24/13; HB 206, 2013 Regular Session, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

- **The Bill’s Author Later Said Her Bill Was Poorly Written And That Her Intent Was Not To Charge Incest Or Rape Victims With A Felony When They Terminated A Pregnancy.** “Brown, a Carlsbad resident and a board member of the Carlsbad Right to Life organization, conceded her bill was poorly written. She said her intent was not to charge incest or rape victims with a felony if they terminate their pregnancy. ‘I missed this one,’ she said, explaining that when she reviewed the draft of her bill, she missed the language problems that led to misinterpretation of her bill.” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, 1/24/13]

**Herrell Said She Believed The Bill Was “Against The Perpetrator” Who Coerced Or Forced A Woman To Have An Abortion And Did Not Target Women Themselves.** “Herrell said she believed the bill was against the perpetrator and not against the woman. ‘I co-sponsored the bill,’ she said. ‘I had a lot of Alamogordo people tell me that they will run against me and will not have my back. If a woman becomes pregnant through rape or incest and she wants to carry this baby to full term, then that’s fine. There was nothing against the woman. It was only against the perpetrator if the woman was coerced or forced to have an abortion. I just wanted to clear that up.’” [Alamogordo Daily News. 3/30/13]

**Herrell Said She Was Proud She Co-Sponsored The Bill.** “Herrell said she was proud that she co-sponsored the bill. ‘I think that if it's wrong for me to stand up for a Christian House member in something that we believe in to protect the unborn, then I don't want to be a state representative in Santa Fe,’ she said.” [Alamogordo Daily News. 3/30/13]