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# Letters to the editor, Feb. 2, 2015

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## Establish enforceable rules to safeguard open Internet

I am very concerned about Big Telecom giants forcing websites into a slow lane on the Internet. The Federal Communications Commission just announced it will make a final decision on this in a matter of weeks. Reclassifying Internet services under Title II of the Communications Act is the only way to guarantee that the Internet is maintained as an open playing field. Any decision-maker who does not

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support reclassification should be held to account.

Sens. Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall and Rep. Ben Ray Luján should support the people by ensuring that Internet services are reclassified under Title II of the Communications Act.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler should do the right thing and put an end to this reckless slow-lane plan. We've already waited too long for common sense to prevail and to establish clear, enforceable rules to safeguard the open Internet.

**Sanjiv Manifest**

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## Burns needed

Jan Boyer's concern about a controlled burn in the Pecos Wilderness (Letters, Jan. 22, 2015) is misguided. Ours is a fire-dependent environment, and Aldo Leopold knew it.

As an inveterate forester in New Mexico and Arizona, Leopold's understanding of the role of fire evolved. Four years after penning the quotation Boyer cites, Leopold explains that soil erosion had been exacerbated by a combination of overgrazing and fire suppression (cf. Leopold's 1924 article "Grass, Brush, Timber, and Fire in Southern Arizona"). With respect to a similarly fire-suppressed landscape, Leopold also concluded, "The greater part of the loosened material is ... in transit toward the reservoir, rather than already dumped into it. Blockading the detritus in transit is therefore just as important as desilting the [water] storage sites."

It appears that the father of the environmental movement would likely approve the U.S. Forest Service's plan, especially if stormwater-control measures are applied.

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## Imposing beliefs

The archbishop's objection to assisted suicide ("Appeals court to hear S.F. woman's right-to-die case," Jan. 24) is another of the many examples of the Roman Catholic Church trying to impose its beliefs upon the rest of us. This from a church whose own widespread sins have cost it hundreds of millions of dollars. When it comes to that, "let he who is without sin throw the first stone." This is the church that for years hid and protected the archbishop's predecessor, who had relationships with women and had to resign. Personally, I am sick and tired of the archbishop and his "holier than thou" mouthings.

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## Prayer breakfast?

I just read about the "Archbishop's annual prayer breakfast with legislators" ("Bishops: restrict late term abortions," Jan. 23). Wait ... what? While that may follow the letter of the law, it certainly doesn't adhere to the intent of that same pesky constitution that some folks carry around in their pockets.

"But it's a tradition," someone's bound to say. Yeah, well, so was slavery. Our Legislature is not exempt from separation of church and state.

Can't we please evolve just a little bit?

**Jenni St.Clair**

## **Preserve sites**

There is more to New Mexico than our natural and archaeological resources when it comes to National Park Service areas. How about our arts and colonial history that surpasses that of most other states? Let's designate the D.H. Lawrence Ranch, the Georgia O'Keeffe House and the Palace of the Governors to become national historic sites or monuments.

And while we are at it, let's have our congressional delegation have the Department of the Interior via the National Park Service restore our historic Southwest Region — which it abolished 20 years ago — and reopen its regional office building. It is historic not only for its construction by the Civilian Conservation Corps but more importantly for the aggregation of personnel who preserved the cultural resources of not only New Mexico but also the rest of the Southwestern states that the office managed for more than 50 years.

**José Cisneros**

Santa Fe


## **PNM service?**

My friend Bill told me that when he moved to Santa Fe, he wondered why the electric company was called the Public Service Company. Then he thought about how the billy goat services the nanny goat. Is that how we the public are being treated by this utility?

**Peggy Frank**

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