



HOBBS SCHOOLS PHOTO

Civil war re-enactment

Annabelle Walter waves to the audience during a recent Mills fifth-grade historical performance that centered on characters and events during the U.S. Civil War. Walter was portraying Clara Barton, a battlefield nurse during the era.

Education

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plant. What started as a formal conversation turned into an informal interview.

Wilson was impressed with Cano's enthusiasm and educational background, he said.

"She asked the right questions," Wilson said. "And seemed genuinely interested in what we do. We let her know there was a position for a lab assistant. We encouraged her to apply for it and she did. She was a very strong candidate for the position."

Not only did she apply, but Cano had an interview. Wu said Cano was a strong candidate due to the science hours she has completed.

"She's got 36 credited hours in science classes," Wu said " ... This is why they picked her right away."

Indeed, days after the tour Cano received word that she had been selected for the position. The job required her to start working right away.

"It was really unexpected," Cano said. "I wasn't thinking about a job because I have kids and their schedule is so out of whack and my classes are so crazy."

Cano plans to complete three more classes by December, work 22 hours a week at the plant and manage a household that includes her two children, Sienna, 5, and Preston, 7 and her husband, Ignacio.

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a job right out of college. And it's really hard, especially in the field that I am in, so I am grateful.'

Virginia Cano
Landed job as lab assistant

"It is hard to do what she does," Wu said of Cano's juggling act. "Her story and her success are very significant. And for her to get a job like this — I hope it inspires other students."

And securing the job alleviates Cano's fears of not being able to use her degree right away. Science careers are not easy to find and Cano appreciates that she will be working in a lab right away, she said.

"Everybody wants to get a job right out of college," Cano said. "And it's really hard, especially in the field that I am in, so I am grateful."

Cano plans to return to school in the future and complete her master's degree in forensic science.

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Mark the date

TODAY

Community Coffee

The Hobbs Police Department invites the public to a community coffee at 7 a.m. at HPD headquarters. Enter through the north doors.

Lovington guitar concert

The Piatigorsky Foundation presents in conjunction with the Maddox Foundation a free concert by guitar artist Jack Sanders at the Lovington High School's Pannel Auditorium on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m.

Tatum guitar concert

Guitar player Jack Sanders will play at Tatum Municipal school at 2 p.m.. The performance is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. The performance is sponsored by Piatigorsky Foundation and the Maddox Foundation.

Sandwich Sale

VFW Ladies Auxiliary will be selling BBQ sandwiches at 6 p.m. at 609 W. Alto. Plates are \$4. For more information, call 393-4053.

THURSDAY

Eunice Pharmacy groundbreaking

The new Eunice pharmacy groundbreaking will be across from the Post Office at the building site at 3:30 p.m.

Shopping, Champagne

Bloom will host a shopping event from 6-8 p.m. Twenty percent of all proceeds made during the event will benefit the Junior Service League of Hobbs. Bloom is located on the 3400 block of North Grimes. This event is open to the public.

The Line

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present the one act drama, "The Line," at 8 p.m. directed by Jonathan Bertschinger. "Line" is a 1967 one-act play by Israel Horovitz, his first play produced, an absurdist drama about five people — four men and one woman — waiting in line for an event. Each of the characters uses their wills in an attempt to be first in line, getting more and more vicious as the play continues. There is no charge to attend.

Republican meeting

November meeting of Lea County Republican Women at noon Republican Headquarters, 1776 N. Turner. Sandwich lunch \$5. State Rep. Shirley Tyler is the speaker.

AARP Driver Safety

The four hour AARP Driver Safety Classes will be held from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lovington Senior Center, 18 West Avenue F. The course is open to anyone 55 years old or older and is free to veterans and their spouses or widows. AARP members \$12, non-members \$14. To register or for more information, call 396-4161 or 396-3411.

Business After Hours

Beginning at 5 p.m., Lea County State Bank, located at 1017 N. Turner, will host November's Hobbs Chamber Business After Hours, and all member representatives are invited! Business After Hours is a monthly come-as-you-are, come-and-go event for the Hobbs Chamber's commercial, nonprofit and individual members. Do some business-to-business networking and just have fun! For more information, call the chamber at 397-3202.

NMJC Board meeting

The New Mexico Junior College Board will meet at 4 p.m. in the Zia Room at Pannell Library. This meeting is open to the public.

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Southwest Symphony

Southwest Symphony presents at 7 p.m. at Crosswinds Community Church at 7 p.m Hanneke Cassel, an exuberant and rhythmic, somehow both wild and innocent charismatic fiddler. She creates sounds on the cutting edge of acoustic music, while retaining the integrity and soul of the Scottish tradition. For information and ticket prices, call 738-1041.

Women's Network

The Lea County Women's Network hosts its November Monthly Luncheon at noon on the Mezzanine level of Zia Park Casino. Beverly Wilson is scheduled to speak about the new Legacy Pregnancy Resource Center. The luncheon is open to all women of Lea County. Cost for lunch is \$14. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Cortney Whitley at 318-9309.

GUIDELINES

READERS ARE WELCOME to submit items to the free Mark the Date calendar. The event should have a local connection, be open to the public and provide contact information. E-mail items to editor@hobbsnews.com.

Murder

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"I am satisfied to the extent that a difficult matter for Mr. Vaquez's family has been concluded with blame placed upon Randall Franklin for taking the life of Robert Vasquez," Henning said

According to a press release from the Hobbs Police Department, Franklin turned himself in on Nov. 3, 2011.

The victim was reportedly found in a vehicle

on the side of the road on the 700 block of North Marland on Oct. 26, 2011, at about 3:46 a.m.

When officers arrived, Vasquez was found unresponsive with an apparent gunshot wound. At the time he was found, the vehicle was locked and the engine was still running.

The defendant's family was not available for comment.

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Lawsuit claims teammates put urine in high school basketball player's hair gel

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — A former New Mexico high school basketball player fed up with bullying has filed a lawsuit against two former teammates who he said put urine in his hair gel.

In a lawsuit filed recently in New Mexico's 13th Judicial District, Rio Rancho High School senior Wake Gardner claimed that fellow basketball players Carlos Sanchez and Christopher Gutierrez played the prank against him last April after a series of bullying episodes.

The lawsuit said the boys also threw urine on his clothing and other gear inside his gym locker.

According to court papers, Gardner reported the prank to school officials after another player told him. Papers also showed that the two boys later were charged with aggravated battery, disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property.

Gardner, who filed the suit himself and isn't playing basketball during his senior year, told The Associated Press that he decided to file the lawsuit to take a larger stand against bullying. "It took be about two months to do the research and file the lawsuit myself," Gardner, 17, told the AP. "I can't afford an attorney."

He is suing both boys and their parents for "the malicious acts of their minor children," the lawsuit said. He is seeking unspecified punitive and statutory damages.

But Rita Sanchez, the mother of Carlos Sanchez, and Francine Jaramillo, mother of Gutierrez, said in interviews with the Albuquerque Journal that it was Gardner who bullied their sons and provoked their sons to respond.

Gutierrez was a sophomore and Sanchez was a freshman.

In an interview with the AP, Gardner said head basketball coach Wally Salata told him to keep the episode "in the family" and not tell a parent. "I think they were trying to cover it up," Gardner said.

Salata said Monday he does not allow bullying of any type in his program and that Gardner's aggressive personality on the court affected the player's interactions with his teammates.

Bruce Carver, Rio Rancho Public Schools athletic director, confirmed the episode occurred and said Sanchez and Gutierrez were "severely punished" academically and through the athletic program. He said he could not discuss details.

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