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### Fracking will endanger lives, environment

The column about **fracking** was honest in that it mentioned **Denton, Texas**, at all ("Good oversight, not banning best for **fracking**," Dec. 18). This was a region organized for **fracking**, with families moving in and buying or building houses close to the hydraulic fracturing process. They were sure this process would meet all the assurances made by the oil companies that it was a dependable source of gas and would lead to good jobs for years to come.

It did not happen quickly, but it happened. Children, especially, began to cough and develop symptoms of serious allergies and asthma. Adults had these symptoms as well, but parents became more and more anxious about their children.

Then they noticed a peculiar taste to their water. I remember a television newscast where a father drew a cup of water and assured us it would ignite if he took a match to it.

Michael MacDowell, in his article, did admit 59 percent of the people of Denton voted against **fracking**. Texas, being Texas, has decided to go ahead with **fracking**.

New York has decided against **fracking** in their state. They are close enough to Pennsylvania to know the serious outcome that has happened in that state.

Canada has despoiled one of its largest rivers and the area for miles around, but cannot convince its own nation to take its product across its beautiful mountains to the ocean on the West, or across its large cities to the ocean on the East. Why not? Because they do not want to take a chance of a huge oil spill in their own country, so they want to come down the middle of the United States.

President Obama, I hope you will tell them to take it out the North Sea, but not through the U.S.

Carol Verploegh, Las Cruces

### More Third World services for poor, mentally ill

In case you want to take a bus someplace in Doña Ana County, guess where you have to go? You get a ride or hitchhike out to Chucky's Gas Station in Doña Ana to wait for your bus. You sit outside in a plastic chair in dusty, cold environment and wait for your bus to arrive.

Incoming visitors to Las Cruces can find a way into Las Cruces (there is a pay phone there). You could call cab, after all it is only 10 miles from town.

This is deplorable! What happened with our new bus terminal? Why can't we do more for the poor people and the mentally ill? City and county government, step up and do something about this now.

Ron Gurley, Las Cruces

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