### Community News

#### Housing project close to launch

**LEVI HILL**

A new 24-unit subdivision slated for Hobbs as gaining ground and could be open for business before the end of the year.

The Hobbs City Commission approved the preliminary sketch plan for the proposed subdivision at its regular meeting on Jan. 22. The subdivision, which is slated for a 7.5-acre site south of Highland Middle School, will be called Highland Heights and the 12-duplex townhomes will be known as Silver Court Townhomes.

The project first passed the city’s planning board last year and then had to go before the commission as part of the planning process, said city planner Kevin Robinson. “They will have to go back to the planning board with a preliminary engineering report and all of that stuff,” Robinson said. “Once the infrastructure structure is in they will have to do a final engineering report and then they can start building.”

Ed Dorbandt, the project’s attorney said the subdivision is moving slower than anticipated, but should break ground with a crew of months and then take 78 months to complete.

“We are submitting the final subdivision plat this coming week,” he said. “We have gotten the approval with some minor changes we have been working on for a couple of weeks. We probably won’t begin build- ing for a month or so, possibly even longer.”

He said the Las Cruces-based company wanted to break ground by the middle of January, but ran into inquiries problems plaiting to and submitting plat documents. “It is nothing we can’t overcome,” he said. “We were hoping to be started on the ground work middle of January, but still a couple of weeks away.”

The project will cost several million dollars, but Dorbandt didn’t give a specific number. It will feature 12 duplexes.

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### Oil Prices

West Texas intermediate

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### Suspect accused of murder

**ALMA QINAS-POSADAS**

A 19-year-old man is dead and another man is behind bars following a shooting Sunday afternoon.

According to a press release from the Hobbs Police Department, officers responded to the 1000 block of North Rincon at about 6:45 p.m. in reference to shots fired.

The press release stated officers found Stephan De Moss, the victim of the shooting, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound and was transported to the Hobbs Regional Medical Center where he died of his injuries.

Police arrested Emilio Romero, 25, in connection with the shooting and charged him with first degree murder.

The alleged shooter lived with a woman who claimed to have a three-year relationship with the man, according to police reports.

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Immigrants take the U.S. oath of citizenship through naturalization cere- monies throughout New Mexico. State Senator Bill Puckett is among the legislators who are pledging to get a wide-ranging immigration bill through the Senate by June even as they point to pitfalls ahead.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Side by side, leading Democratic and Republican senators sat Wednesday for the unveiling of sweeping immigration reform legislation, offering a possible path to citizenship for millions of people in the U.S. illegally.

The senators acknowledged difficulties that have doomed such efforts in the past, but they suggested that November's elections with guns blazing by President Barack Obama and other Democrats — could make this time different.

Rampage shooting

The complaint stated the vehicle and Romero was involved in a shooting that occurred in the parking lot at Zia Plaza.

Incentives to lure teachers and police could be a key part of the legislation. The senators acknowledged that there are many issues on which they see the United States and Mexico are at odds, but they said that the senators were working together to create a framework that could move forward.

The senators acknowledged that there are differences in how the legislation would be implemented in different states, but they said that they were working towards a compromise that would be acceptable to both sides.

The legislation would include provisions to allow people to apply for citizenship, to increase border security, and to provide a pathway to legal status for people who are in the United States illegally.

The senators also acknowledged that there are concerns about the costs of implementing the legislation, but they said that they were working with the administration to ensure that the costs are reasonable.

The senators were optimistic about the prospects for getting the legislation through Congress, but they said that there would be challenges to overcome. They said that they would continue to work on the legislation and to build support for it in the months ahead.

The senators were grateful to the American people for their support and for the work that they have done to make this possible.

The senators were hopeful about the future and about the potential for a new era of cooperation and collaboration on immigration issues.

They said that they were committed to working with the administration and with their colleagues in Congress to ensure that the legislation is implemented in a way that is fair and just for all Americans.