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Former President of FOG to Speak at March LWVCNM Meeting

Kip Purcell, former president of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (FOG), will be the guest speaker at the March 12 Sunshine Month meeting of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico. The meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. at the MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menaul N.E.

He will discuss "Is Government Information

a Public Good, a Public Resource Subject to User Fees or the Government's Intellectual Property? Does It Matter?"

New Mexico's Inspection of Public Records Act declares that "all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of public officers and employees," and that "provid[ing] persons with such information is an essential function of a representative government and an integral part of the routine duties of public officers and employees."



Kip Purcell

But other statutes, as well as proposed amendments to IPRA, shift the costs of open government to the persons who request records, and even treat government information as a profit cen-

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Laugh with League at Play

We hope you and your friends and family will join other League members in celebrating a belated 95th League birthday on Sunday, March 22 with laughter.

We have 50 great seats reserved for the matinee performance (usually beginning at 2 p.m.) of Landmark Musical's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," followed by a reception and cake in the upstairs foyer of the Rodey Theatre. The play is a fundraiser for LWVCNM.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is a classic musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Inspired by the farces of ancient Rome, the

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March Calendar

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| March 5 | Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. |
| March 10 | Evening Unit, 5:30 p.m. |
| March 12 | Luncheon Unit, 11:45 a.m. |
| March 14 | Newcomer's Brunch, 10:30 a.m. |
| March 15 | Voter deadline; Annual meeting reports due |
| March 18 | Westside Unit, 5 p.m. |
| March 22 | Celebration of League's 95th birthday with play at Rodey |
| March 23 | Northeast Heights Unit, 10 a.m. |

**League of Women Voters of
Central New Mexico
Board Meeting**

**1st Thursday of each month
Offices of Sutin, Thayer & Browne,
6565 Americas Parkway NE**

Program Committees

Education Group

Judith Binder

All League members are invited to all unit meetings, committee and board meetings.

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Newcomer's Brunch

**Newcomers, save the date:
Saturday, March 14
Newcomer's Brunch
at Marilyn Fifield's home
8502 Aztec NE
from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Memorial

Lois Reed, a long-time CNM member, passed away last month. Lois was a leader of the Monzano del Sol unit meetings. Out condolences go out to her family.

Education Group

The Education Group meets at the home of Judith Binder on the second Thursday of each month after the luncheon.

President's Corner

By Andrea Targhetta

Announcing the 2015 LWVNM Convention

As many of you already know the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico will be hosting this year's biannual state convention in May. LWV members from all over the state will be attending. New Mexico has four League organizations -- Greater Las Cruces, Los Alamos, Santa Fe County and CNM. There are also members who live far from these Leagues and they comprise the Members At Large (MALs).

LWVNM as a whole gets together to go over any new positions, policies, elect officers and directors, adopt a program for study and adopt a balanced budget for the next two years. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know what your state League is doing, how your local League fits in and find out what is in store for the coming year. We also hear from local professionals on issues which concern us.

This is a chance to meet other cities' League members and get to know them. We will have a casual evening reception Friday, May 15 for all at the home of Carol Tucker Trelease where we can have a drink, eat some snacks, talk to other Leaguers and get to know them on a personal level. It's a great time to relax and enjoy the camaraderie. All members are invited!

The convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on University Boulevard near I-25 and I-40. Information on how to reserve a room, if you wish, is in this *Voter*. Registration information is also listed in this *Voter* and is currently ongoing. We ask that you register as soon as you can so we can determine how many members are coming. There is much to do.

The opening lunch, the cash bar before the banquet and the evening banquet are all open so invite as many guests as you wish. We encourage bringing family, friends and neighbors as there will be great speakers. So far we have Linda Wassenich, LWVUS board member and New Mexico liaison, who will discuss voting and election issues from her national perspective.

The evening banquet keynote speaker will be Martha Burk, political psychologist, activist and syndicated columnist. She also serves as money editor for *Ms. Magazine*. Martha authored *Cult of Power: Sex Discrimination in Corporate America and What Can Be Done About It*, and more recently *Your Money and Your Life: The High Stakes for Women Voters in '08 and Beyond*.

A silent auction fundraiser for the state will be held during this convention and everyone is urged to bring items

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March Unit Meetings

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ter. Purcell will explore the various ways in which New Mexico law and New Mexico legislators have sought to fund government transparency, and the current struggle for the soul of IPRA in an information age.

Purcell grew up in Socorro, majored in English at the University of Virginia, graduated from Harvard Law School in 1984 and clerked for Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1984 to 1985.

In 1985 he returned to New Mexico to join the law firm of Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, where he is currently a director and firm counsel. He served as president of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government from 2007 to 2011 and continues to sit on FOG's executive committee. FOG recently honored him with a William S. Dixon First Amendment Freedom Award. In 2009, ACLU of New Mexico named him Cooperating Attorney of the Year for his ultimately unsuccessful appellate defense of a judgment inval-

idating the City of Albuquerque's photo i.d. law for municipal elections.

The luncheon meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. at the MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menaul N.E. Reservations for the lunch must be made by 10 a.m. on March 9. Please specify if you want a vegetarian meal.

Evening Unit at the Erna Ferguson Library, Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. Olin Bray will talk about privacy and computer security issues.

Westside Unit at the Loma Colorado Library in Rio Rancho, 1755 Loma Colorado Blvd NE., Wednesday, March 18 at 5 p.m. Dick Mason, the state advocate for the LWV, will provide a wrap up of the 2015 legislative session. This is a great opportunity to learn how the League was involved in the 60-day session and what legislation was passed.

Northeast Heights Unit at La Vida Llena, 10501 Lagrima del Oro NE, Monday, March 23 at 10 a.m. David Duggan from Sandia National Laboratories will talk about privacy and computer security.

Laugh with League

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musical tells the bawdy story of a slave, named Pseudolus, and his attempts to win his freedom by helping his young master woo the girl next door. It is described by Landmark Musicals as a "genuine, roll-in-the-aisles" farce.

The musical's original 1962 Broadway run won several Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Author (Musical). A Funny Thing has enjoyed several Broadway and West End revivals and was made into a successful film starring the original lead of the musical, Zero Mostel.

Reserve your seat now by mailing a check to the LWVCNM office (2315 San Pedro NE, F-6, ABQ, NM 87110) for \$30 per person with a notation that the check is for play tickets. You may also elect to go online and look for a button to use Pay Pal to get your tickets. Be sure to leave us the names of your guests.

Please RSVP no later than March 10. Your

actual tickets will be available before the performance at the LWV table just outside Rodey Theatre. Tickets for the event may NOT be purchased at the door, so be sure to order your tickets now. The number of tickets is limited (and best in the house), so please be sure to make your reservation early.



League Day at the Legislature drew some 100 people. This picture is in the Round House where League members met with legislators. The first day featured a Legislative Reception. On the second day there was a League Information Event in the New Mexico Land Office.

Book Report: *Military Internet Complex & Organized Cybercrime*

Editor's Note: Book Review -- This review of an important public policy book is a regular feature in the Voter. by Olin Bray, author of *ebook Political Incompetence: What's Wrong With Our System and How To Fix It*

@War: The Rise of the Military-Internet Complex by Shane Harris, 2014, Eamon Dolan Book, New York, hardcover, 263 pages.

Spam Nation: The Inside Story of Organized Cybercrime from Global Epidemic to Your Front Door by Brian Krebs, 2014, Sourcebooks Inc, Naperville, IL, hardcover, 252 pages.

Many people are concerned about privacy, especially about the collection and use of personal data by governments. However, the real problem is the technologies (computer and communications) that allow this data collection and analysis by anyone, not just governments but also criminal organizations and even legitimate businesses. These two books address three distinct areas (cyberwar, cyberespionage, and cybercrime), all of which affect privacy.

The first book describes the first two areas: cyberwar -- the physical destruction or damage of infrastructure such as the power grid or communications networks; and cyber espionage -- electronically breaking into systems, ideally unobserved, and getting information of value such government secrets or intellectual property. The second book describes cybercrime, which technically is very similar to cyberespionage, but which is done by large, well-funded and organized criminal organizations rather than governments and is directed at economic gain rather than government secrets. Targets of the former are governments and defense contractors and of the latter are primarily companies.

Harris's book describes what is happening in cyberwar and cyberespionage, although it is hard to verify most of his details. While he provides some details of what the Chinese and other countries are doing, his primary focus is on the U.S. government and its development of defensive and offensive tools and on the success of some of those tools in the war on terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a reporter he provides a lot of facts and details, but less analysis of what they mean and what trade-offs must be made. For example, NSA probably has the greatest expertise in both cyber defense and offense, so it is a logical place for Cyber Command, our Cyberwar offensive and defensive organization and the director of NSA is also the commander of that new command. However,

do you really want an intelligence agency to also be an offensive military command? Currently, the NSA director must be a military officer so you can combine them. However, the NSA Report (reviewed in the September 2014 *Voter*) by Richard Clark et al recommends that the director should be a civilian (like the CIA Director and the Director of National Intelligence). This would require that Cyber Command be split off. Also how should the government and industry share data about cyber attacks and defenses since many of the same organizations are using the same tools to penetrate both government and industry systems? When one organization is attacked, how should it warn other potential targets of the attack and potential defenses? Every organization (especially small ones) cannot and should not have to develop its own defenses independently.

Krebs's book describes the current world of organized cybercrime, again primarily with a reporter's emphasis on details. Cybercrime has evolved from individual hackers or small informal groups, who did relatively little economic damage, to large, well-funded, well-organized criminal groups who have made cybercrime and a parallel criminal internet a massive business. *Spam Nation* describes this new criminal world, some of the individual and organizational players, and some of the efforts to counter it. For example, finding and taking down major criminal ISPs (Internet Service Providers) which provide their criminal customers with critical services such as anonymous access to hide their identities, stolen credit card numbers and identities, software vulnerabilities and addresses of computers with their vulnerabilities identified, and hacking tools to break into them, and access to and use of networks of millions of hacked computers that they control (botnets). Often the owners of these systems don't even realized they have been hacked,

Personal privacy and computer security are complicated issues. They are vulnerable to any of these evolving technology tools, regardless of who is using them -- governments (your own or another government), criminal organizations, or companies. Companies collect, analyze, and use massive amounts of data on their customers and potential customers. Many people would be appalled if the government had that data on them. Many European countries have far stronger privacy laws than the US. Interestingly, they have a different perspective. They are far less

Convention is Coming!

The 2015 League of Women Voters of New Mexico convention is being hosted by LWVCNM.

It will start with a reception at the home of Carol Trelease on Friday, May 15, followed by registration and turn in of silent auction items from 9 a.m. to noon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1901 University Boulevard Northeast in Albuquerque on Saturday, May 16. The same day there will be a luncheon at noon and a general session from 1-5 p.m.

Dinner that evening will start with an open bar reception from 6-7 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Keynote speaker at the dinner will be Martha Burk, political psychologist and syndicated columnist. She is a nationally recognized authority on women's issues. She has been featured on PBS:

New Mexico In Focus.

"Martha Burk reminds us there is still work to do. She shows us a road to gender equality that goes straight through the voting booth," said Susan Scanlon, chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations. Martha Burk is author of *Your Voice Your Vote*.

Invite your friends and family to the LWV State convention banquet to hear Martha Burk, our speaker. Bring guests.

Sunday, May 17 will start with registration at 8 a.m. with a general session from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

See the registration form on the back page of this *Voter*. Call 1-877-227-6963 to make hotel reservations.



LWVCNM on Television

Damon P. Martinez, United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, was the speaker for the Feb. 12 Luncheon Unit of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico. Here he is speaking in front of the group, while being filmed by a cameraman from a local television station. (Photo by Brenda McKenna)

Book Report

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concerned about privacy with respect to data the government has, but very concerned about data private companies have, while in the US the focus is the opposite. However, the real privacy issues are, or should be, about the data, not who has a copy of it. For example, should organizations be required to encrypt key personal data so hackers can't use it even if they can get to it?

President's Corner

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in good condition. Any articles not bid upon must go home with the owner. All proceeds will be contributed to LWVNM.

We need voting delegates. Your voice is important and each delegate votes independently. We also welcome any member who wants to attend the convention just as an observer. It's a great event to keep in touch with what is going on. Please call me if you wish to be a delegate to the convention. All registration fees for delegates will be paid by your local league. Come join other League members and take part in this once-every-other-year event.

2015 LWVNM Convention Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Check One Only:

Delegate _____ State Board _____ MAL Rep. _____ Observer _____

Registration Fee:

Only Observers will pay the registration fee; delegates from local Leagues, the State Board, and the MAL representative will have their registrations paid by their local Board.

Early registration (if postmarked by April 20, 2015) \$65.00 _____

(opening luncheon buffet¹ is included with registration, as well as a Sunday morning buffet of pastries, assorted fruit, coffee/tea)

After April 20, 2015 registration increases to \$70.00

Saturday Banquet² @ \$35.00

Select meal choice: Pork chop _____ Squash ravioli _____

Guest Meals: _____ Number guests Opening lunch @ \$25.00 ea. _____

_____ Number guests Banquet @ \$35.00 ea. _____

Guest meal choice: Pork chop _____ Squash ravioli _____

(Add lines for additional guests)

Post-convention meeting of new LWVNM Board:

_____ Board Member box lunch @ \$20.00 _____

Select sandwich: Veggie wrap _____ Roast beef _____ Turkey _____

AND Select either Cookie _____ Whole fruit _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Membership Report

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