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What People Earn

In PARADE's annual salary roundup, find out if you deserve more and peek into the pockets of people across the country. Plus, we reveal bright spots in the job market and examine how salaries are changing in the midst of financial turmoil.

In A Class By Himself

After four decades on the big screen, Michael Caine is still in a class by himself. The 76-year-old actor talks about the challenges of his latest film, *Is Anybody There?*, and reveals the secrets of his long marriage.

THE FINE PRINT

Public Notice

The Las Animas County Board of Commissioners shall convene a work session meeting at 6 p.m. today in the Commissioners' Chambers, Room 201, of the Las Animas County Courthouse, 200 East First Street, for discussion and public comment on prospective ballot measures being considered by any agency or district at the Consolidated Election to be held in November.

Representatives of any agency or district considering the placement of any ballot measures are asked to be in attendance at the work session meeting.

Tourism Board

The Trinidad Tourism Board will meet for a work session at 9 a.m. today in the conference room at City Hall.

Quilt Club meeting

The Bound Together Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. today at the Fairgrounds. For more information, call (719) 846-3855.

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RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 4/8/09. Johns priority #15 4/10/1864. Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, .14 acre ft.; Inflow, 88.87 acre ft.; Evaporation, 13.73 acre ft.; Content, 2,5150 acre ft.; Elevation, 6,187.30; Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Highland 3/1/1909.

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Last week the Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners Gary Hill, left, Chairman Jim Montoya, and Jim Vigil, all testified in front of the House Agriculture committee, against the Piñon Canyon expansion plan. The committee voted 11-2 to move House Bill 09-1317 over to the House floor where after the third reading on Tuesday the house by a vote of 47-17 passed the "Landowners and School Protection Act." The bill will limit the Army's proposed expansion of the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. It will now move on to the Senate Agriculture Committee. The bill must pass both the House and Senate before it can become law. The Senate sponsor of the bill is Sen. Ken Kester, R-Dist. 2, and Sen. Jim Isgar, D-Dist. 6, helped co-sponsor this bill.

House approves limiting Piñon Canyon expansion

DENVER (AP) — The House approved a plan Wednesday that would bar the state Land Board from selling or leasing property to the U.S. Army for expansion in Pinon Canyon.

The measure is an attempt to stop the Army from expanding its Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site in southeastern Colorado by protecting state land now used to fund Colorado's schools.

The bill heads to the Senate. It

drew strong opposition from lawmakers who say the military needs more space to train soldiers to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Rep. Sal Pace, a Pueblo Democrat who co-sponsored the legislation, called its passage "a victory for the private property rights of farmers and ranchers in southeastern Colorado."

"Prohibiting the state sale of school lands will prevent any further

unwanted eminent domain grab of private lands, which would destroy an important and treasured way of life in southern Colorado," Pace said.

Rep. Wes McKinley, a Democrat from Walsh, said area ranchers currently raise more than 400,000 head of cattle.

The legislation also directs the Colorado Attorney General's office to fight any attempt by the Army to condemn any state land.



Photo by Tim Keller

Brittany Rouse works with a young dun colt in the round pen.

Brittany Rouse brings out the best in New Mexico colts

By **TIM KELLER**
The Chronicle-News

"I've got kids, buddy. You can't be tougher than that." Brittany Rouse is circling the round pen talking to a young dun colt. It's an ongoing conversation in which moments of steely firmness punctuate generous doses of maternal love. The colt has 30 days with Rouse.

"When somebody sends a horse," says Rouse's husband, Don, "when they get it back they can ride it, it'll get into the trailer, it can have a rope swung on it. It's a good-to-go horse."

The colts come to Brittany from all

over northeastern New Mexico. Though she's smack in the middle of that huge expanse, she couldn't be farther from anywhere. She and Don run the 40,000-acre Cabra Springs portion of the Conchas Ranch, part of the million-acre Singleton Ranches which span most of the land between Las Vegas and Santa Rosa, from Highway 84 to Highway 104.

To deliver a colt, you drive 30 miles of dirt road from Santa Rosa. ("With a little moisture, a parked car will slide off our road," laughs Brittany, "but when it gets a lot of moisture, you can usually slog it through.") Or you can

come in from Roy or Las Vegas for a more remote and convoluted path that includes gates but only 17 miles of dirt road. In the past two years colts have come from Ft. Sumner, Puerto de Luna, Tucumcari, Clayton, and Santa Rosa.

"I've got some potential from Santa Fe that I haven't pursued as much as they've wanted me to pursue," Brittany says. "I don't want to keep more than two, or three, because you just don't get to give them the attention that they need if you start getting too many."

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Growing pains, visionary issues continue to strike city council

By **MICHAEL GARRETT**
The Chronicle-News

Trinidad City Council continues to grapple with some unresolved issues of trying to envision the big picture for a growing city while not stumbling over some remaining fiscal, financial and bureaucratic roadblocks at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Some of the town's natives like developer Tim Peters are getting a bit restless and ruffled that city officials aren't seeing the same growth and prosperity vision that he is seeing for Trinidad. TLAC Chamber of Commerce President Dave Grove also reminded council that the chamber's and TLAC Economic Development's shop local and support local businesses in times of harrowing economic changes need to be stressed and encouraged.

Peters is planning on developing a big swap meet operation on his north Main Street vacant lot property and wonders why the city's planning and zoning board are starting to erect bureaucratic obstacles to developing a business operation that he says will help stimulate the local economy during a time when the natural gas industry continues to remain virtually dormant.

Peters envisions a swap meet that will include baked goods, arts and crafts, collectibles buying and selling and most everything else associated with a classic swap meet type operation.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A slight chance of snow showers before 7 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57. Windy, with a west northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tonight: A slight chance of rain showers before 10 p.m., then a slight chance of snow showers between 10 p.m. and midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy, with a north northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph.

Tomorrow Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Easter deadlines

The Chronicle-News will be closed on Good Friday, April 10 in observance of Easter. We will publish a Friday, April 10 edition.

We will also have early Easter deadlines: All classified and display ads will be due by 10 a.m. today for the Monday, April 13 edition.

LOTTO NUMBERS

Here are Wednesday's Cash 5, Lotto and Powerball numbers.
Cash 5: 20-22-25-26-31
Lotto: 7-11-27-30-34-42
Powerball: 14-21-50-57-58;
Powerball: 7; Power Play: 3

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