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## Local Band 'TRES MARIAS' Wins WR-Rockband Music Contest 2011



ToC band 'Tres Marias', Steve Maria Albuquerque, Juan Maria Rodriguez, Don Diego Maria de la Vega, Steve Maria Montana del Piojo. HERALD photo Martin v. Haddt

By Johnny O.C. HERALD Reporter  
After four weeks of online voting by rockfans around the world, the Truth or Consequences Desert Punk Rock band 'Tres Marias' could win the very important WR-Rockband contest 2011 in good old Germany. It was very close at the end of the contest but they did it. One day Steve, Steve, Don Diego and Juan decided to leave their little farm in

Hagen street in Truth or Consequences and they moved to Hagen in Germany to realize their dream. They started from nothing and now they are on top. We are very proud that sons of our little city are so successful abroad and we always supported them. At a big party on Halloween at the end of October the mayor Lori S. Montgomery will hand them the key of the city and the four boys have to

sign the Golden book. Then we will celebrate the biggest party, Truth or Consequences has ever seen. It will be bigger than the boring balloon fiesta in Albuquerque. There will be live music, barbecue, gallons of beer and hookers. The highlight of the party will be the live performance of 'Tres Marias'. The preparations for the biggest event 2011 will begin very soon.



New Mexico Municipal League Lead Counsel Randy Van Vleck

## Full House Confers Over Dog Ordinance at Workshop

By Kathleen Sloan HERALD Reporter  
The special workshop held by Truth or Consequences city commissioners on Wednesday, July 6 was attended by about 150 people. Nearly 20 residents spoke in the first hour, which was given over to public comment. For two hours following, city commissioners compared and pondered how to modify the existing dog ordinance, incorporating the will of the people. Special guest, New Mexico

Municipal League Lead Counsel Randy Van Vleck, gave significant legal guidance. The public comment emphasized the indifference and malice of dog owners who got away with offenses and repeat offenses because of "the lack of enforcement." The outrage was focused on dog owners. The outrage was split equally. First, those owners who allow their dogs to become dangerous by letting them escape their confines or even train them to be vicious. Second, those owners

who neglect or abuse their dogs. Letting them bark and disturb the peace was another big issue. The phrase, "they just don't care," became a refrain followed by the pursuit of how to make them feel pain for indifference to their dog's behavior and care. Van Vleck said the City of Truth or Consequences' current ordinance seeks civil remedies - "destroying the dog, which is considered personal property." He said the city "has the right to

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## Billboards, Entry Signage Ahead for Elephant Butte Mayor Kent Commends Friends of EBLSP On Yet Another Spectacular Fireworks Show

By Tony A. Archuleta HERALD Reporter  
"Come Play With Us" or "Resort To This!?" These are among the choices the Elephant Butte City Council members pondered Wednesday, July 6, as they weighed in on the message and image to be conveyed to motorists along I-25 via a pair of billboards north and south of the city.



Preliminary Billboard Proposal by Sites Southwest Inc.

City Manager Alan Briley said the city recently assumed ownership of the two billboards from the Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce, one near Exit 83 leading to directly to the city and the second one near the Las Palomas exit just south of Truth or Consequences. Briley said the current messages

on the billboards neither reflect the enormity of Elephant Butte Lake nor the character of the city itself. With about two seconds of "read time," the city manager said the billboards should quickly impart the impression of the city as a

family-oriented resort. The council quickly decided on "Resort To This!" as the slogan and a photo of the signature butte as the defining image, although they spent considerable time thrashing out various font styles

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## Claim NM Copper Corp. is 'Hoarding'

By Kathleen Sloan HERALD Reporter  
"Beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure, and the limit of the right to use of water." -NM Statute 72-1-2. The Percha Animas Watershed Association (PAWA) is now circulating a petition via e-mail that asks the Office of the State Engi-

neer (OSE) John D'Antonio to exercise "trusteeship" of over 6,400 acre feet per year claimed to be a water right by the New Mexico Copper Corporation. The NMCC has plans to reopen the Copper Flat Mine, which is about five miles from Hillsboro. It will take about two more years to work through the federal and state permitting processes. Both the federal and state governments must give permits because some of the mine's land is Bureau of

Land Management or federal land and some of it is privately held. What is conspicuously missing from the permitting processes is OSE oversight of the claimed 6,402 acre-feet, said Hillsboro resident Max Yeh, who helped author the petition. In early June, NMCC held what Yeh describes as "PR-style meetings" in Hillsboro, Caballo and Truth or Consequences. Hillsboro residents found the

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**GIRLS STATE DAY** - Elephant Butte Mayor Eunice Kent (left) on Wednesday, July 6, proclaims "Girls State Day," in recognition of Karah Tooley and Nikki Marr (not shown) attending Girls State for one week in June at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, their achievements while attending and representing Unit 44 Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion and the City of Elephant Butte." Also shown are American Legion Auxiliary reps Arlea Hadley (center), Girls State chairwoman and Linda Nenko, deputy Poppy chairwoman.



HERALD photo TONY A. ARCHULETA

TEMP: Mon., June 4 - 98/69 ▶ Tues., June 5 - 99/72 ▶ Wed., June 6 - 99/80 ▶ Thur., June 7 - 100/76 ▶ Fri., June 8 - 102/78 ▶ Sat., June 9 - 102/76 ▶ Sun., June 10 - 100/76 PRECIP: none

E.B. LAKE: 4,317.85 feet above sea level at dam (4,340.13 a year ago) • Surface Temp. 77.8 • Storage 251,848 acre feet (493,014 AF) • Surface Acres 8,812 (13,021) CABALLO: 4,143.68 (4,148.97) • Acre Feet 39,947 (60,768) Source: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation/Elephant Butte Field Division

### WEEKLY WEATHER WATCH 8-DAY FORECAST

WEDNESDAY JULY 13	THURSDAY JULY 14	FRIDAY JULY 15	SATURDAY JULY 16	SUNDAY JULY 17	MONDAY JULY 18	TUESDAY JULY 19	WEDNESDAY JULY 20
30%	10%	20%					
92/70 SSW Breeze: 6 mph Sunrise: 6:10 am/Set: 8:20 pm	92/70 Partly Cloudy SSW Breeze: 8 mph Sunrise: 6:10 am/Set: 8:19 pm	96/73 Partly Cloudy SSW Breeze: 8 mph Sunrise: 6:11 am/Set: 8:19 pm	96/71 Partly Cloudy 5 Breezes: 9 mph Sunrise: 6:11 am/Set: 8:18 pm	95/71 Partly Cloudy 5 Wind: 10 mph Sunrise: 6:12 am/Set: 8:18 pm	95/71 Sunny 3 Wind: 11 mph Sunrise: 6:13 am/Set: 8:17 pm	96/72 Mostly Sunny SSW Wind: 11 mph Sunrise: 6:13 am/Set: 8:17 pm	96/72 Sunny SW Wind: 10 mph Sunrise: 6:14 am/Set: 8:16 pm

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