

What's in the news about Ben and the 3rd Congressional District this morning.

[Rep. Luján Chalks Up Victory for Labs](#) (ABQ Journal)

Rep. Ben Ray Luján, D-N.M, is headed home for a monthlong recess, having passed his first bill through the U.S. House — a measure to secure permanent funding for research parks at national laboratories, including Los Alamos National Laboratory.

[Research parks could help predict ecological impacts](#) (SF New Mexican)

Beyond the computer models, experiments and studies, there's a critical component that keeps science and technology moving ahead in this world — it's called money. You need it to buy equipment and supplies, and also to pay salaries for researche ..

[America can't afford health care status quo](#) (Santa Fe New Mexican, Op-ed)

When I was a member of the Public Regulation Commission, I was approached by a husband and wife who were trying to grow their family. They had one young son, but were trying to have another child. They had health insurance, and they both had good jobs.