

And Then Some

SFR staffers offer off-the-beaten-track bests.

Best Small Group of Thoughtful, Committed Citizens that Can Change New Mexico

Think New Mexico

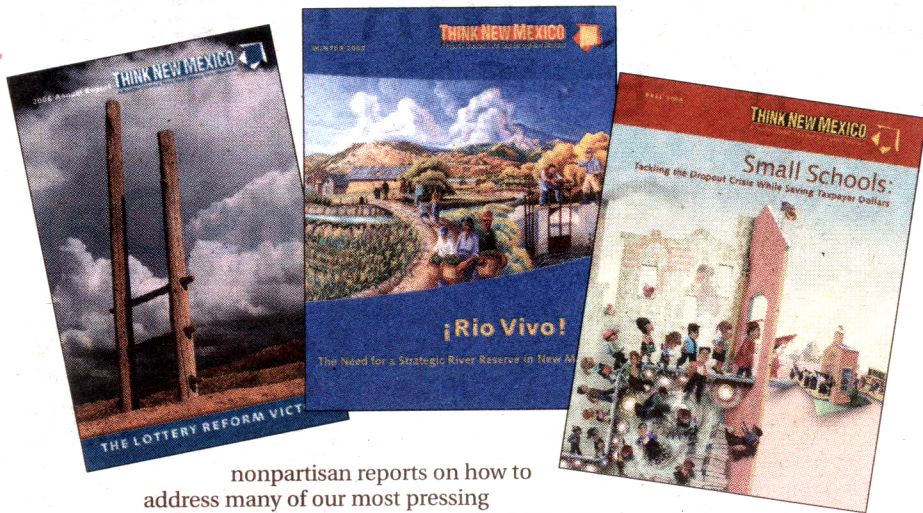
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Are you glad New Mexico's kids have access to full-day kindergarten? Stoked that Gov. Bill Richardson recently signed into law a bill that slashes title insurance costs? Grateful we've got a state Strategic River Reserve of water rights to ensure our streams and rivers continue to flow? Pumped that the state lottery decided maintaining scholarships is more important than its cushy level of operating and administrative expenses?

Even if you don't give a damn about any of those things, I bet you're pretty happy that you no longer have to pay tax on food, right?

But have you ever called up Think New Mexico and said "thank you"? I didn't think so.

It was the "results-oriented" nonprofit think tank that initiated and lobbied for all of the above and that continues to crank out in-depth, independent studies and



nonpartisan reports on how to address many of our most pressing problems. In 2009, its 10th anniversary year, Think New Mexico is pushing for pre-kindergarten education reform and addressing drop-out rates and educational budgeting through a plan for smaller, more efficient public schools. Next time you notice a piece of groundbreaking policy or legislation with a social justice bent, take a closer look: Odds are good Think New Mexico got it off the groufíd. **(Zane Fischer)**