Hardball Diplomacy

Coverup?
Suspect in Moriarty Teen Rapes Was Accused Six Years Ago

A Letter from Victoria

A Look at the Oscar Nominated Animated Shorts
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Moments: Jo Whaley
9 am, Free, New Mexico History Museum, 113 Lincoln Ave, Santa Fe, (505) 476-5288, nmhistorymuseum.org
Join Santa Fe photographer Jo Whaley in her talk discussing the theme “Moments.” Since 2013 she has worked with the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple and their theater photographing the scenic-style painted backdrops that range back as far as 1911. She is working on a project which is described as one part documentary, one part artistic.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Selma
1 pm, Free, South Broadway Cultural Center, 1025 Broadway Blvd SW, 848-1320, southbroadwaytickets.com
In a time when human rights are under attack, it is best to remember the past. “Selma” is a dramatized capsule of those months in 1965 when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a campaign to secure equal voting rights.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Billie Holiday: Singin’ the Blues
2 pm, Free, Kimo Theatre, 423 Central Ave NW, 766-3544, kimotickets.com
Join the Kimo Theatre in celebrating their 90th anniversary with The Chautauqua Stories and Songs Series — named for various traveling shows that were common during the late 19th and early 20th centuries that focused on bringing music, classic plays and a variety of music to rural areas. The first in this series focuses on blues singer Billie Holiday and her life as Brenda Hollingsworth-Marley stars as Holiday.
In the Editor:
I will not be a candidate for mayor of Albuquerque in 2017. My decision not to run for mayor leaves no doubt about the difficulty and emotionally draining nature of the job. As a younger man, I grew up in the city’s belly, in the mayor’s seat for over 20 years. But because I have been a mayor of that city for over 20 years, I know what will be the blizzard. I will not be another brash campaign.

You may wonder why I would run for a job if I was not able to make the necessary contributions to run a successful campaign. After all, I’m a 67-year-old who is in need of money. I need to pay my bills, I need to hire a staff, I need to purchase books and travel to the meetings. I cannot raise the necessary money to run a viable campaign.

Pete Dinelli

In the Editor:
Wow! As I read Joe Monahan’s column of the Feb. 1-7 edition, I could readily relate to most of it. I moved to Albuquerque last Sept. 26, so I am part of what appears to be a very small number of those thinking the city has turned around in the past three years. It seemed as if almost all the time I am outside in public parking lots going to and from businesses. I fear someone walking up to me, threatening me with a gun, and taking my valuable or worse, my life.

No. 2, I can’t believe how easily the city has turned around in almost all other aspects and other duties of education … [as the way to balance budget perpetual], it is as if someone anyone think any school systems can attract and retain great teachers and classes? No one would want to take home a pay decrease everywhere.

Perhaps this is also happening with anyone who works in New Mexico government. It seems to be a very matter of way to manage and retain “the best and the brightest.”

As I try to keep up with the activities at the Roundhouse, it gives a new New Mexico citizen the impression that a majority of legislators think they are the best, even though some who have been poorly educated in civic responsibilities, those in power continue to make the same mistakes as they once did. Or I am being too optimistic and it has been run in the recent past.

Kevin Wendt

Prepare for the worldwide bacon shortage

The roundhouse

Trump Watch

Beyond ridicule

South Park’s creators say they’ll no longer do any more Donald Trump, and his face’s no longer funny. The Atlantic magazine reports, “How do you mock someone who so clearly mocks himself? How do you punctuate those layers of self-revelation? How do you – even when it’s true – reveal its underlying absurdities?”

How, as The Economist noted, do you take a tweet like this – “Sorry losers and haters, but my IQ is one of the highest and you all know it! Please don’t feed us your fake news! It’s not your fault – and it’s even more ridiculous!”

Worldwide Oprah

Does the trolling of Donald Trump know no limits? No, Isabella Lovin, Sweden’s deputy prime minister, as well as its climate minister, has published a photo on Facebook that shows her signing a new law surrounded by female colleagues. The image has drawn complaints with Trump’s signing a photo in which no woman was present. Later, “I misspoke one word.” Except, according to The Washington Post, she doesn’t appear to have misspoke at all. She seems to have believed that the Bowling Green massacre was a real thing. How do we know? Because she cited the same remissenest attack in separate interviews with two other outlets – the Los Angeles Times and TMZ. Or, perhaps she was referring to last fall’s “Bowling Green terrorists,” complaining “I misspoke one word.” Except, according to The Washington Post, she doesn’t appear to have misspoke at all. She seems to have believed that the Bowling Green massacre was a real thing. How do we know? Because she cited the same remissenest attack in separate interviews with two other outlets – the Los Angeles Times and TMZ. Or, perhaps she was referring to last fall’s “Bowling Green terrorists,” complaining “I misspoke one word.”

No more FM

Aerojet has agreed to sell its FM radio spectrum in favor of digital radio programming delivered over the internet.

The New York Times reports that Denmark, Britain and Switzerland are also consulting on dropping FM radio programming – even though it will likely have ramifications on advertisers trying to reach automobile drivers.

Bye-bye debit card

Wells Fargo, the first U.S. bank to abandon debit cards in favor of a smartphone app customers can use to tap their phones for cash. Starting this fall in the spring, Wells Fargo customers will use eight-digit access codes along with their PIN to access the bank's machines. Design research that indicates that debits cards are appealing as long with digital ATM access. J.P. Morgan and Chase are also signaling they will move to cardless ATMs.

Mr. Bulls.

An Irish betting website has put the odds of Donald Trump being impeached within six months of the election at 5-1. But the old-school don’t think the president is a long shot, odds, or about a 63 percent chance, that Trump will be impeached. According to an online website FastCompany.com reports that wagons are even being made on what your impeachment day, that will begin in the House of Representatives. The odds are 7-2 in 2018, and they get less likely as time passes.

domestic sentiment was pushing him to secure American borders. What had been planned for weeks was cut short after 25 minutes. Singer Bruno Springsteen announced he was going to Abbottsford, where he signed copies of his albums, opened his Melbourne show by saying, “Welcome to America. Here comes far more than his love for country. It was a good news letter for him.”

The New York Times reported. “Wonderful Picture! Hope you sent it to the man on the other side of the ocean,” writes one. How, as The Economist noted, do you take a tweet like this – “Sorry losers and haters, but my IQ is one of the highest and you all know it! Please don’t feed us your fake news! It’s not your fault – and it’s even more ridiculous!”

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Fye Fomenters Fermentation

BY STEVE “MO” FYE | Freeabq@freeabq.com

There has been a resurgence of interest in fermented foods, both in restaurants and by home cooks. Fermentation takes time, but the actual time spent in actual preparation is negligible. The tasty result is a great, as even home dishwashers can sanitize the contents with water heated up to 190 F. The best, as even home dishwashers can sanitize the contents with water heated up to 190 F. rinse or toast any flavorings before use. Brewering stores sell sanitization chemicals that are cheap and easy to use.

Hand washing and sanitizing in a bleach-water solution is also an option, but might interest with the fermentation. Running everything through a dishwasher is the best, as even home dishwashers can sanitize with water heated up to 190 F.

New Mexico Community College and will eat pretty much anything pickled or fermented. Steve “Mo” Fye is an Instructional Tech in the Culinary Arts program at Central New Mexico Community College and will eat pretty much anything pickled or fermented.

Yield: about 3 quarts

Ingredients

- 1 large head green cabbage
- 2% by weight non-sodium salt
- 3 tablespoons canning vinegar, to taste
- 1-2 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons whole peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon juniper berries

Remove outer leaves of cabbage head and rinse well. Cut the core out and cut cabbage heads into wedges. Using a large, sharp knife, slice the cabbage very thin, or use a food processor to shred the cabbage.

Remove the shredded cabbage in a bowl with the salt and stirring. Press the cabbage in the canning jar. From diveising head wrap and signature do not have a ceramic or glass seal.

Fill the headspace with sterilized water and either cap or cover with more film. Place the vessel in a dry place at room temperature (60 to 70°F). Fermentation rate will vary with temperature.

Cook the ginger in the galing jar. Fromasting head wrap and signature go in the canning jar, making sure to cover the kraut by using food wrap film or food-grade paraffin. Sanitize all equipment and supplies.

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El Pinto foods (10504 4th st. NW, Albuquerque) has announced a $7 million expansion for its North Valley manufacturing facility. The locally-owned restaurant is bringing 8 million square feet to the area by 2018 and plans to add 500 jobs to the area. The California-based company plans to invest $20 million over the next five years to repurpose the space into housing, greenhouses, seed drying rooms and a cottonseed milling plant.

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Servings: 4

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Industrial Hemp in the Roundhouse

Industrial hemp is on the schedule for several committees at the New Mexico State Legislature this week. One bill has made it through two committees and is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor. Senate Bill 6, titled Industrial Hemp Research Act, first gives permission to qualified entities to grow hemp by changing the definition of marijuana to include hemp as a controlled substance. Language was added into the law right above the provision that addresses the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Care Act, allowing for the cultivation of industrial hemp by qualified entities. The four bills in the house right now are moving through committees and are not being met with much opposition so far. House Bill 144, which is identical to Senate Bill 6, House Bill 154 and House Bill 188 all passed the Agriculture, Water & Wildlife committee and all three are on the schedule for the Labor and Development committee.

Melissa Wood is a card-carrying medical marijuana patient whose quality of life has improved with cannabis. Melissa Wood is a ‘card-carrying medical marijuana patient whose quality of life has improve[d] with cannabis.’

BY MELISSA WOOD  |  melissa@freeabq.com

Strain Review: Shocker

BY MELISSA WOOD

Getting medicines as a medical marijuana patient is not always an easy task. When you take a pain reliever like ibuprofen, the results are relatively predictable and almost always the same. A particular strain of cannabis may affect an individual differently from day to day depending on their pain levels, hydration, amount of sleep, etc. There continues to be an overall perception is based on where you step out where you are in the album. This is going to be the track you hear on the radio, the one that might end up in a commercial. It’s also good, I love the arpeggio, one that might end up in a commercial a t-shirt with those words, and some weird alchemy into your drink, leaving the listener with a sense of peace and positivity. It loops seamlessly upward into sunlight and giddiness, “Family, India,” please feel free to send me a phonetic guide. “Oczy Mlody,” please feel free to send me a phonetic guide.

Dispensary: Pur Life
Testing: 13% THC

Dosing: 1/4 to 1/2 of 24g is a good start.

Smell: Sweet & musky
Tasting: Heavenly
Dispensary: Pur Life
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The good news is, “Oczy Mlody” is still The Flaming Lips. It’s spacy and dark, when it isn’t busy being bright and effervescent. The vocals echo, there are drones and static. The vocals echo, there are drones and static. There continues to be an overall feeling that someone has slipped some acid into your drink, and you’re mere minutes from sliding into a neighboring reality. “One Night While Hunting for Fairies and Witches and Zebras to Kill.” I want a t-shirt with those words, and some sort of fabulous can art on it. Things continue to get weirder and more disjointed as things proceed. “Listening to Frogs With Demon Eyes” is almost eight minutes long, and, you guessed it, has a bunch of nighttime frog croaks bookending either side of the song itself. The concept is based on where you step out where you are in the album.

“The Castle” is the ‘Yo-yod’ of this album, it’s listenable and melodic, though a little spacy. It’s going to be the track you hear on the radio, the one someone murders at karaoke, the one that might end up in a commercial. It’s also good, I love the arpeggio, major chord melody builds, I like the majestic imperiousness of the delivery, 31.5 feet.

Things finish out with “We A Family,” a taping flight directly upward into sunlight and giddiness, leaving the listener with a sense of peace and positivity. It loops seamlessly back to the first track, making it difficult, over time, to figure out where you are in the album. Maybe there isn’t a start or finish, that perception is based on a step back into the curve as it spins. The Flaming Lips aren’t coming through here, or anywhere near here anytime soon. Their tour is East Coast and Midwest currently. Keep your fingers crossed that they come west at some point. Bradley T. Schuman is a pop culture nerd and loves the Flaming Lips. He partners with Ke$ha, Nick Cave, and Erykah Badu. They picked the album title and art, with the warbling, grooves talk of a consciousness of records before being hopelessly eaten by the tides that you can’t spend in bed.
Local Auditions in One Place

Do you dream of spotlight and cheering fans? Then maybe it’s time to take those dreams and make them a reality. And all it starts with picking up a copy of ABQ Free Press Weekly, where we make it easy to find all the local auditions for stage and screen. See? The first step is simple. The rest? That’s up to you.

Screen

**MALE**
- Open audition, 8-10 – Ben Tingle* 
Auditions in Santa Fe Send headshot and resume to rsmotthews@gmail.com
- Alcuín, 30s-40s – Felipe Must in fluent in Cuban-accent Spanish
- “That’s Luck” 
Shoots in Texas Send headshot and resume to alexmougnas@gmail.com
- Adobe Theater 8-10 – Various Hyde Park 
Send resume and headshot to abshowinfo@gmail.com 
PAD positions available
- Adobe, 40s – Frankie Unedited feature filming in March/April 2017
- Visit lathamcasting.com
- Adobe, 50s – Andrea Untitled sci-fi feature filming in Albuquerque, 2017 
- Send headshot and resume to thefilmoffice@nmsm.edu

**FEMALE**
- Open audition, 16y – Salon Modiste 
- Send resume and headshot to thefilmoffice@nmsm.edu
- Adobe Theater 9813 4th Street NW in Albuquerque
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**Stage**

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Swinging for the Fences
Santa Fe Man Ships Donated Baseball Gear to Cuban Kids

BY TOM SHARPE

At the Casa del Caribe, a center of Cuban art and galleries and cultural institutions.

An assortment of schools, artists’ cooperatives, mansions prior to the 1959 revolution and is now a neighborhood in Santiago of what had been private residences. When I got to Cuba, I took the trunk to a leafy spot where it was waiting for a “baseball mule” to deliver it. Meeks already has several more trunks full of baseball equipment, ready to go to Cuba, just not knowing when.

Get Involved

If you’d like to get involved with Tom Meeks’ baseball diplomacy outreach, contact him at playball1949@gmail.com or (505) 479-2717.

M del “Paco” Meeks always loved baseball, but growing up on a family farm in central Texas, his chores kept him from playing the sport.

Now, the Santa Fe retiree is on a mission to bring baseball equipment to Cuban kids.

Like other Americans who have visited the once-shunned Caribbean island, Meeks was struck by the sight of Cuban boys playing their national pastime with makeshift bats and balls, without gloves or other gear.

“You can give them a glove – that’s great,” he said. “But they haven’t got a bat. They haven’t got a ball. They haven’t got a helmet to put on their heads. They haven’t got any safety equipment.”

I recently had a chance to visit Cuba. Travel by scheduled air service made possible under an executive order by former President Barack Obama.

Meeks’ gear to reach Cuba. The tour director had organized the trip. Meeks first visited Cuba in 2014 and made two more trips in the next two years, each time taking more baseball equipment. After his third trip in December 2015, friends suggested he start a nonprofit to solicit donations. So he incorporated Play Ball Cuba and set up a website at playballcuba.com.

But so far, the only contributions have come from a woman on his first tour and his volunteer board of directors, Gerry Fairbrother and Hugh Wyatt Dangler of Santa Fe.

“Tennis as a ‘Teamsters truck driver at age 36, Meeks went to the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in English with a minor in Spanish. He traveled to South America to take advanced Spanish classes and developed an interest in the work of Cuban independence martyr Jose Marti and the life of Cuban revolutionary hero Ernesto “Che” Guevara.

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“I’ve spent $2,000 plus setting up the nonprofit,” he said. “I could have gone down there again for that. … I’m good at repairing the gloves. Not so good at raising money.”

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Tom Sharpe is a freelance journalist in Santa Fe.
**Modern Art.** working for more than
are on display.

**Hemorrhagic stroke.**

**Adolph Gottlieb in his studio with Esther.**

**Joseph Hillman is a freelance reporter.**

**Choreographer Aparna Sindhoor says**

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Fredericks wrote: “I have formed the opinion that the video images accurately depict that Hawkes is carrying an object in her right hand. I have also formed the opinion that the object she is carrying is consistent with the size, shape, and reflective values of the gun that was seized from the sidewalk next to her body at the time of the shooting.” The Hawkses family, which is suing the city, disagrees.

Open primaries

The New Mexico Supreme Court has shut the door – at least for now – on open primaries in the state. The court ruled on Feb. 6 that only people registered as Republicans or Democrats can vote in their party’s primaries. But the court said the Legislature could change the law and allow for open primaries. “Our holding in this case should in no way be interpreted as forestalling the possibility of a different primary system adopted by the Legislature – ‘open primary, for example – could also be constitution- al,” Justice Edmond Chavez wrote in the court’s unanimous opinion. Under legislation introduced by Sen. Cisco McSorley, an Albuquerque Democrat, the tax on beer produced in the state would jump to $3.08 a gallon from the current 41 cents. Producers would be subject to the increased tax once they will more than 3,000 barrels of beer in the state. A craft beer industry spokesman said the 15% beer mark is a point at breweries that are large enough for them to begin exporting their beer out of state and bring new money here. The proposed tax increase was brought about by an economic expansion, the spokesman said.

Bad roads

Deteriorating roads and bridges cost New Mexico drivers $2.3 billion annually in time wasted in traffic jams and car repair bills, according to a report by TRB’s National Highway Traffic Safety and Highway Research Organization. The report says 25 percent of the state’s roads are structurally deficient and that six percent of its bridges are structurally deficient. In Albuquerque, 34 percent of major roads are in poor condition. Those bad roads could be a reason that that hit-and-run traffic fatalities increased by a third in the state last year – the highest number of fatalities since the previous year. It’s estimated that the state has a $3.1 billion shortfall for needed transportation projects, the group said.
Tara Smith/MCT

In 2011, our client came forward with very serious allegations against him. Ms. Murdock confirmed the charges we had heard from our client — that he had raped the alleged victim on several occasions. Ms. Murdock said they are investigating the allegations. The next step is to file criminal complaints with the district attorney. Ms. Murdock, the district attorney, is currently investigating the case. She said that Damien Hyatt has been arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

The investigation is ongoing. We will continue to represent our client vigorously as we work to clear his name. We will not comment further on the case at this time.

Emily A. Greenwell, Citron for Alternatives to Radiological bitmap

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Our goal is to ensure the continuation of this new fire and aid in the safety of those who continue to face these harsh conditions during winter months. We cannot do this on our own, but it is one small step we can take to show our support.

The protests

Many activists and students will be marching from the abandoned WIPP site to the federal courthouse. This protest is organized by the Albuquerque Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and the New Mexico Environmental Defense Council.

“In 2011, our client came forward with very serious allegations against him. She [Tina Hyatt] should not have been spared. She was the suspected victim, and we followed all of our standard hiring practices. The case against Damien Hyatt, his wife, and others who were involved has never been brought to trial. It’s possible that they may be guilty of a crime, but it’s hard to say what that crime is.”

The event, “WIPP Re-Opens: Danger-Less Awareness,” will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Albuquerque Public Safety and Justice Center, 202 Harvard Drive SE.

The event is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Edison Institute for Urban Studies, 1201 S. Parker Road.

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Fear-mongering Donald Trump: Destroyer of American Values

BY DAVID MARSH

Donald Trump, like George W. Bush, aspires to the preposterous of a “wartime” leader. His ostensible targets are “radical Islamic terrorists,” but so far he’s done little harm to them and has done terrible collateral damage to America’s global reputation and its Constitution.

It is bad enough that Trump would have Americans cringe behind a $20 billion wall on the Mexican border, but it’s worse that his exaggerated fears have closed America to refugees, immigrants and even visitors from a list of Muslim-majority countries.

If Trump intends to persist in his unprecedented, unexplained aggression, he might want to consider two things. First, we are not amid a new Cold War. There are no new superpowers, just a collection of bad third world military leaders, Napoleon Bonaparte. “Two armies,” said Napoleon, “are two bodies which meet and try to frighten each other.”

While it is frightful to watch this seat-of-the-pants “strategy” in action, a closer look at Trump’s pants will reveal the stains of an extremely frightened individual.

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By BILL HUME

Donald Trump has nominated Neil M. Gorsuch for the U.S. Supreme Court, and the left is rising up in high dudgeon: A conservative is an anachronism for deep resentment.

While perfectly understandable and generally expected, it is both a tactical and a strategic mistake.

That’s because Gorsuch will end up confirmed regardless of whether Democrats lose gracefully through the procedure from a prior, more respectful era or they get steamrollered – along with yet more of the sorely depleteddecorum and functionality of the Senate. Plus, in contrast to more than a few of his fellow Cabinet nominations, Gorsuch is generally qualified by training and experience for the post.

Kendrick’s strategic mistake will do far more than reflect the critical stant that the Senate’s majority refuses to even grant a hearing to President Obama’s nominees, Merrick B. Garland. That abdication of constitutional duty and Senate tradition – the point of Senate political expediency, will long stand as a mark of constitutional malfeasance in U.S. Senate history.

However, to attempt a repeat in the name of payback, Democrats would stoop to the same conduct they seek to avenge – thereby further legitimizing it. Democrats are not going to make the Republicans,voided against Gar- land, speak truth to power. The only result will be to blow another gaping hole in the important veneer of decorum that used to make the U.S. Senate a functioning deliberative body.

The office of a U.S. Supreme Court justice, however, is not just another confirmation procedure still subject to the constraints of a filibuster – but the Senate majority has made clear it will sweep away that procedural safeguard if necessary. If they previously did on the filibuster against Warren’s nomination.

The U.S. Senate developed rules and procedures not just for centuries of existence that long served to keep its deliberations on a high plane and in a manner that is the envy of legislative bodies of its members. The strength and relevance of our laws has steadily eroded over the three presi- dencies. The Senate majority will turn there is little of the ability or inclination to engage in deliberative business.

It’s worth noting that there’s an aspect of Gorsuch’s background that would make him significantly more attractive than he might otherwise be to New Mexico’s man was born and raised, at least as much as the Republican majority will be happier for his record of constitutional malfeasance in U.S. Senate history.

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Planned Parenthood clinics across the nation will be the target of protests this weekend. The health care organization advised against a counter protest, so let your money talk at the Planned Parenthood fundraiser this event on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be held at ArtGallery West (491 Old Edith Blvd, SE, Albuquerque). Live entertainment is planned and donated items will be raffled with all proceeds go to Planned Parenthood.

Shane Wallin
2 P.M. at the Museum of Ancient Art, 2000 Mountain Rd NW, 242-2400, mmoaa.org

The Temporary Tattoos
7:30 P.M. at the Plaza Muebles
pending, 2000 Central Ave SW, 242-0630, yenenn.com

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On A Tank of Gas: The Chocolate Tour

BY MORIAH CARTY | moriah.carty@gmail.com

Whether or not you celebrate the red and pink holiday, chocolate is always appropriate, so let’s find ourselves some happiness in the form of chocolate.

Now maybe you’re scouting for someone special, or maybe you just want a day to pig out on chocolate – either way, the abundance of sugar is undeniable.

The Chocolate Tour

Albuquerque to Joliesse Chocolates: 8 miles

6851 8th St NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

When you enter Joliesse, the sweet aroma of chocolate and hot coffee awakens you.

The medley of sweets on the menu seems overwhelming, but give it time. The glass container of perfectly shaped and colored sweets is spectacular.

Joliesse is a family-owned business. If you’re lucky, you may be able to catch someone making chocolate of some kind in the back.

I know it’s hard to leave, but the day is young and more chocolate needs to be had.

Make your way to Paseo del Norte and head north. After a while, you’ll turn left on Montgomery Boulevard. The next stop on the tour is in the Glennmore Village Shopping Center.

Joliesse Chocolates to Theobroma Chocolatier: 12.1 miles

12811 Montgomery Blvd NE, Albuquerque

Chocolate seems to have been discovered on pottery shards.] Whether you’re a dark, chocolate or milk chocolate, or even a white chocolate person, the upcoming stops will certainly satisfy your uncontrollable salivation.

First on the menu is Joliesse Chocolates, a North Valley special.

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Theobroma Chocolatier to Kakawa Chocolate House: 62.8 miles

1050 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe

If you’re shopping for yourself – nothing wrong with that, it’s actually a good way to benefit from the sales – pick up some oversized chocolate aspirins, or some chocolate molded vehicles.

Unfortunately, they don’t have a seating area, so you have to take your chocolates on the road.

We’re heading to Santa Fe for the last bit of sugar indulgence.

Make your way to I-40, head west and merge to north I-25. If you’re a local, you know the way.

Kakawa Chocolate House: 84.4 miles

Once you’re chocolate’d out, head home for some real food.

Late settle, sample whatever calls out to you.

Across

1. Legal eagle org.
2. Small amount
3. Dance steps
4. Help
5. Name
6. Babies’ food collectors
7. Scarf material
8. — song from “The Graduate”
9. Celtic language
10. Movie
11. Concept of self
12. George
13. Paper alarm
14. Negative alternative
15. Slippery road hazard
16. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
17. Get in shape
18. Slippery road hazard
19. Help
20. Slippery road hazard
21. Lady Macbeth, e.g.
22. Protest
23. Get in shape
24. Plane
25. Piano keys
26. British general in American
27. Con

Poet Pound

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Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Level: DIFFICULT

Solution on page 21

Calling All Pets

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Send it to

petphotos@freeabq.com

Include your name, phone number, and your pet’s name, and we’ll try to reserve their spot in the pet parade.
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