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Lovely drive from Clayton to Española.

Pronghorns



Eagle Nest

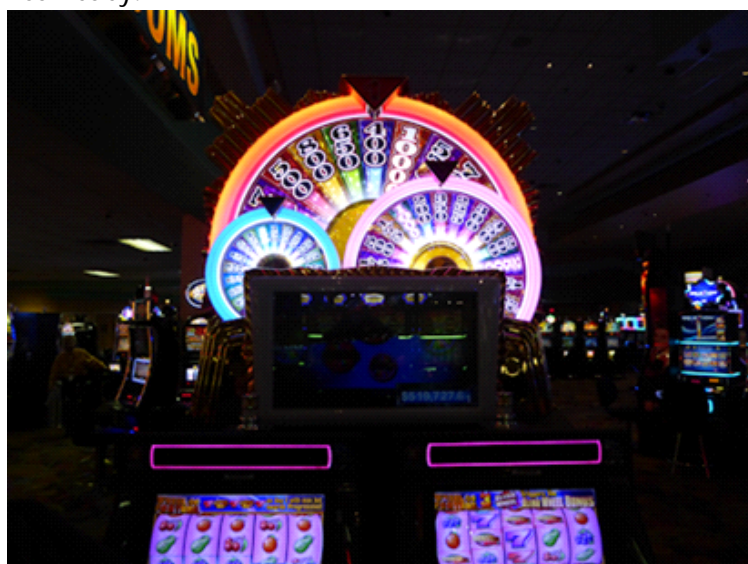


Yeah sure, but...

Yes, here we go: The Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo is on US-68 north of Española. The Ohkay people were previously known as the San Juan Pueblo but they de-Spanishized in 2005.



Their casino has 700 slot machines which should make it easy to pick a winner. We chose "Wheel of Fortune – Ultra 5 Reels". If you match certain icons when you play, you get a video visit from Vanna White and get to spin the big wheel! Yeah baby!



### Now the statistics

Casino – Ohkay Owingeh

Décor – 4/5 – fairly new, reasonably clean

Smoke – 2/5 – eyes smarting, stuffy nose

Hospitality – ? – no one talked to us or looked at us

Winnings – bust

Time – 7 minutes

Alright. So this was possibly, just possibly, a really, really bad idea.

But visiting the Puye Ruins at the Santa Clara Pueblo was a good idea. So that's what we did next. We had been on the caves tour (lower level) before, but today we went to the top of the mesa. The early Santa Clarans stored corn, beans

and squash on the mesa and lived there in the summer. Our guide was Rashonda.



Rashonda was full of interesting information. For example we learned that the Santa Clarans traded with Spanish explorers from Central America before Columbus landed. Musta been back when Ben Franklin was president.







Sightseeing was good today. And we liked Rashonda better than Vanna.

Final note to Ralph and Steve – skunks do not drive, they are pedestrians.

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