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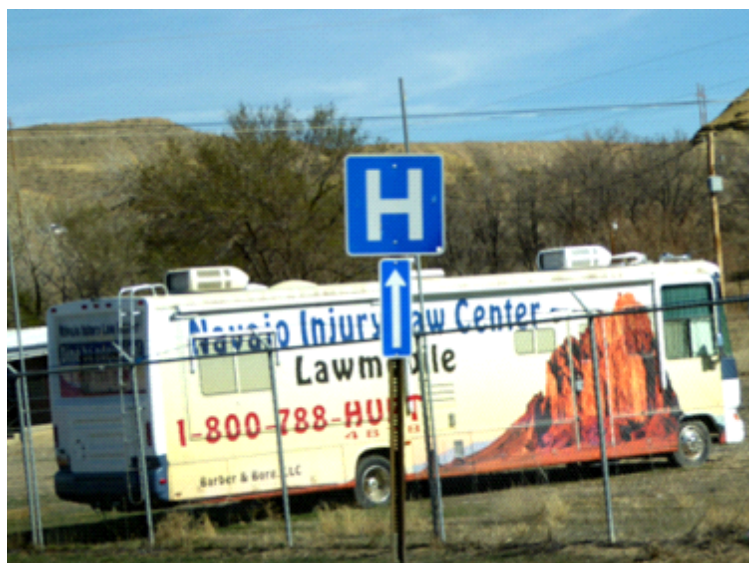
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We took the money we won from the Navajos and raced across their reservation to Colorado, as fast as we could, to give it to the Utes.











The Ute Mountain Utes are one of three Ute tribal groupings with their own reservation, two of which have casinos. Mountain Utes used to make money from their unique pottery. We drank our coffee at home every morning from Ute mugs we picked up in our travels. Now the pottery shop is closed, our mugs are worn out, and we support the Utes in a different way.



Our Navajo winnings were gratefully accepted. We wandered among the 750 slot machines trying to find *Survivor* and recapture our winning ways. We finally inquired of an official looking lady who took us to an official looking man who gave us an official sounding answer. No.

Aimlessly, we poured our metaphorical quarters into *Jurassic Park* (creepy Casinosaurus videos), *Wheel of Fortune Jackpot Paradise* (spinning palm trees – no wheel, no fortune, no jackpot, no paradise), *Liger Loot* (this one's for you, Lauren), *Money Rain* (bizarre screens of flipping US dollar bill portraits) and, lastly, *Pirate Queen*. Ah, she stole our hearts and then our loot. Well, she left us 17 \u003373 ?.

### Tally

Casino – Ute Mountain

D cor – 4/5 – neat, clean, ordinary

Smoke – 3/5 – typical

Hospitality – 4/5 – amiable but official

Winnings – (\$99.83)

Time – 33 minutes

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