



Food For Thought

Habanero's Grill



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LABOR DAY

We've come a long way from the origins of Labor Day in the late 1800's. Factory workers earned about \$1 a week and worked 10 hour days 6 or 7 days a week. Labor unions were the only way to go if you were a worker. Today nearly 1/3 of the work force does some or all of their work from home. People can sell widgets on the internet or do remote work from home. We have the highest unemployment we've had in decades and yet there's still more opportunity here than anywhere in the world. When it's all said and done though it's often the hourly wage earner that gets forgotten. Whether it's the kid that bags our groceries or rolls our burritos we often enjoy life's little pleasures because someone is working hard to make a few bucks. Despite the fact that we seem to live in an age of customer "DIS"service there are still good folks out there that go out of there way to make us happy. Those are the people we owe a special thanks to on Labor Day.

From our little corner of the world I want to thank all our employees who in many cases could find a job that pays more or is a little easier but they stay and like it because they like serving you, the best customers in town. We hope you have a great Labor Day.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH GREEN CHILE STEW

Green Chile Stew is to New Mexico mothers what chicken soup is to Jewish mothers. It is the cure all and while seemingly easy there are infinite varieties that make it delicious. At the risk of getting dozens of recommendations on the "right" way to make it, here's our version of the classic Green Chile Stew.

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 1/2 pounds pork butt or chicken, cut in 1-inch cubes
 1 1/2 cups diced onion
 1 tablespoon minced garlic
 6 cups chicken broth
 1 pound red or white potatoes, cut in 1/2 to 3/4-inch cubes
 2 to 3 teaspoons salt, to taste
 3 cups roasted, peeled, chopped Hatch chiles
 3 tablespoons diced red bell pepper
 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro, to taste

Heat the oil in a 6-quart pot over high heat and brown the meat in batches. Set aside. In the same oil, saute the onions until golden. Add the garlic and saute 1 minute. Return the meat to the pan along with any juices that may have accumulated. Add the broth, potatoes, salt and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for one hour, until the potatoes are tender. Add the green chile and the red bell pepper, and cook 15 to 20 minutes more. Add the cilantro, stir and serve.



It's a good time

For a burrito party whether you're tailgating for football, having the boys over to watch or just cheering on your favorite team to the playoffs

Our party packs are the perfect food for your next gathering. You get 10 burritos, chips and salsa for \$49.99. Forget the finger food, get a real meal. This is prime sports season for a prime burrito dinner. Over the past month we've served two football teams, one tennis team, one volleyball team, three car dealers and a whole lot of hungry employees at office meetings. This month we're offering FREE cookies or brownies with every party pack ordered. Check out our entire catering menu on our website or call today at The Rim 699-4681 or West Ave 499-0099. You'll be glad you did.

WYM?

As I try to keep up communication with my kids ranging from 12 to 19 I realize I have to learn a whole new language. I'm starting to figure it out but maybe you can help me. When I text them back with **What do You Mean** I get no response. Let me know if you can figure this out.

Dad ygbk y hom @ 9?? **YSK** I dnt hv hmwrk ^5 RU W/NE1? Just rob NISM nta **IMHO HEZ A LUZR** hez frnds with Greg **NHOH** wer @\$ now b hom soon **WELL GT HOME AEAP AND BRNG ME A JOE plz** **OBTW U GT A PKG 2DAY** wkewl sys **TY**
 O btw tyclo
 ok

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Student Discount Cards NOW AVAILABLE

It all started three years ago with our UTSA Roadrunner card. We now have student discount cards for all local area students – both high school and college. If you're a student and you eat at Habs more than once a month you'll save big with these cards. They're only \$15 and they entitle you to \$2 off every meal you eat (over \$5) between now and the end of school. We only sell them until Sept. 19 so get them while you can.

IN HONOR OF THE TRAGEDY OF 9-11-01

As time goes by it gets easy to forget what happened three years ago in our country. We can't forget all the sacrifices our police and fire men and women do to protect and serve us. In their honor, **all police and fire employees in uniform can eat for FREE on Sept. 11.**

Thank you from Habanero's for all you do

"Throughout the history of mankind there have always been murderers and tyrants and while it may seem momentarily they have the upper hand, they have always fallen, Always"

Mahatma Gandhi

How 'bout our World Champion Softball Girls?

In the past few years we've had some outstanding little league teams accomplish great things. A few years back a team from McAlister Park won the state title for the first time in a long time. Then last year our boys were in the final four teams in the world. This year the girls from Northside Suburban Little League won it all. They are the World Champions in the Little League Senior Division. The girls represented schools from all over the North side of town. It should be fun to watch over the next few years as they scatter out to schools like Clark, Churchill, Jay, O'Conner and more. Congratulations girls – You made us proud!!

ARE YOU A GOLD OR PLATINUM MEMBER YET?

- **ARE YOU IN THE TOP 5%???**
- **DO YOU EAT AT HABANERO'S TWICE A MONTH???**
- **DO YOU LIKE SAVING MONEY??**

If you answered yes to two of these you should join the MVP Gold or Platinum club. You get a 10% bonus on all of your purchases plus \$20 - \$50 in FREE food. If you're interested ask the manager on duty to give you all the details. Remember: If you spend \$20/ month at Habanero's and you're not a member, you're throwing money away.

Santikos Movie Trivia

September is not traditionally known as a great movie month. With that being said there are a few that might be worth seeing. For those that like video games and lots of blood you'll want to see *Resident Evil the afterlife*. If you're looking for a good date movie you'll like *Going the Distance* with Drew Barrymore. If you like suspense movies you'll enjoy *Buried*. For the kids you'll want to go see *Alpha and Omega*: it's a fun twist on the old nerd and hot chick fall in love story. And finally the sequel that's been 23 years in waiting: *Wall Street – Money Never Sleeps*. Since Oliver Stone directed the original back in '87 this should be pretty good.

This month's trivia is related to sequels. *Wall Street* got me thinking what's the longest time between movie and sequel. (not a remake but a sequel or prequel). Both movies must have hit the big screen. Send your best answers to

burritoguy@habanerosgrill.com for a chance to win dinner for two at your favorite burrito joint and two free movie tickets. Congratulations to last month's winner: **Stacy Halstead** it's good to know if our elected officials can't govern they can act.

The Road to Success

"The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, you will make it to a place called Success." ~ Anonymous

Honor Roll

It was a month full of freebies for our top guests in August. Special thanks to **Joseph Kubon, Tina Mason, Robert Martinez, Martha Gutierrez and Russel Hanselman** who kept us busy with catering. Props to the other top guests of the month including **Laine Jennings, Billy Monder, Wes Harlee, Daniel Mahoney, Valera Popovich, Edward T Davis, William Clark, Jim Tiemann, Jerry Squier and Johnny Haddock**. You guys are awesome !!!

It's a great time to cash in some points for that pre-game party. 1500 pts gets you a free party for 10

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If you were born in September you share a birthday with...

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| 1 Conway Twitty | 11 Bear Bryant | 21 Bill Murray |
| 2 Lennox Lewis | 12 Jesse Owens | 22 Tommy Lasorda |
| 3 Michael Kraft | 13 Milton Hershey | 23 Bruce Springstein |
| 4 Tom Watson | 14 Ivan Pavlov | 24 Jim Henson |
| 5 Raquel Welch | 15 Tommy Lee Jones | 25 Heather Locklear |
| 6 Jane Curtin | 16 Elizabeth Kraft | 26 Olivia Newton John |
| 7 Buddy Holly | 17 Mark Brunell | 27 Confucius |
| 8 Patsy Cline | 18 Lance Armstrong | 28 Gwyneth Paltrow |
| 9 Col Sanders | 19 Trisha Yearwood | 29 Gene Autry |
| 10 Arnold Palmer | 20 Sophia Loren | 30 Johnny Mathis |

The depressing thing about tennis is that no matter how good I get, I'll never be as good as a wall.

Go Charger Tennis

Just a few comments

“Deliciousness awaits”
“Gluten Free and reduce the salt”
“...more Senior Citizen specials”
“ ..quit being skimpy on the good stuff”
“I always recommend Habs”
“Pimp sauce”

These are a few of the comments from our latest survey. Please go to our webpage and take a minute to tell us about your latest meal. I promise I read and share them all with the staff. Thanks to those who took the time!

A Few Chile Facts in Honor of the Hatch Chile Festival

- * One fresh medium-sized green chile pod has as much Vitamin C as six oranges
- * Hot chile peppers burn calories by triggering a thermodynamic burn in the body, which speeds up the metabolism. (Part of the new Habanero Diet plan sweeping the nation)
- * Capsaicinoids, the chemical that make chile peppers hot, are used in muscle patches for sore and aching muscles.
- * One teaspoon of dried red chile powder has the daily requirements of Vitamin A. (Good for eyes, skin and excellent anti-oxidant)
- * Chile peppers are relatives of tomatoes, potatoes, and eggplants, all belonging to the nightshade family.
- * There are 26 known species of chile pepper, five of which are domesticated.

No Excuses Kids

off the mark by Mark Parisi
www.offthemark.com



Habanero's News

Don't forget Charger Corner- Come check out Charger corner at the West Ave Habs. We'll have the latest sports headlines posted and anyone that comes by on game day for a pre or post game meal can put their receipts in the "Sports Rebate Program". Habanero's will give a portion of all these receipts back to help the sports programs at Churchill.

Looking for burrito rollers – Need to pay a few bills while in school or looking for some "fun" money. We're always looking for good folks ready to work. You can even get an application by going to our web site. Fill it out online, print it out and bring it in. Just remember, the hardest shifts to fill are day shifts and the hardest people to find are leaders. No experience is necessary but you need to be ready to work hard and have fun.

Rock – Paper – Scissors – If you fashion yourself as a RPS expert than join us on Wednesdays this month for a chance to get double points. Anyone that wins twice in the month will be entered into our Rock Paper Scissors championship next month. Stay tuned for some great prizes.

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