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Colorado couple shares the romance of hot air balloons **A5**

Quarter-horse fetching top dollar for Pierre owner

Hes Relentless, a quarter-horse owned partly by local attorney Tom Maher Sr., is training for the trials of the All American Futurity. (Courtesy of Christine Hudson)

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A quarter-horse that won its Pierre owner \$155,000 in the Heritage Place Futurity in Oklahoma City in June is paying off in another way for local attorney Tom Maher Sr.

Even as the stallion named Hes Relentless trains for his next big race at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico, the Pierre man has sold a one-half ownership in the horse to R.D. Hubbard, the owner of the track in Ruidoso.

Hes Relentless – officially the 2-year-old stallion has no apostrophe in his name – had the fastest time in the trials for the Oklahoma

“The intention is that Hes Relentless will be raced in three derbies next year at Ruidoso Downs, where the purses range from \$1 million to \$2 million,”

Tom Maher Sr., half owner of Hes Relentless

City event out of about 200 horses. Hes Relentless then took second in the June 1 futurity, bringing home \$155,000 for that run.

The horse is now training at Ruidoso Downs for the Aug. 15-16 trials of the All American Futurity, when racing watchers expect that about 270 horses will compete. Only the horses with the five fastest times each day will advance.

The All American Futurity will follow on Labor Day, when those 10 horses compete for \$2.6 million, \$1.3 million of which will go to the winner.

Maher, a Pierre attorney, said the price he received for a share in Hes Relentless was not quite as lucrative as a win would be in the

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Attraction to refraction

Bow fishing gaining popularity in state

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As Wylin Baker pulled up to the Oahe Dam stilling basin Thursday in his old silver Chevy, the sun was peeking out from behind a large cumulus cloud forming on the northwest horizon.

It had to be one of the nicest days to have a bad day fishing. But fortunately when he is bow fishing, the hunt is almost as fun as the catch.

Bow fishing involves modifying a bow with special equipment that allows anglers to shoot a fish and then reel the fish in along with the arrow.

Although the sport isn't new – some bow fishers have been at it for many years – it is becoming more mainstream, said Geno Adams, a fisheries program administrator with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks.

The boost in interest is partly due to its expo-

sure in the media, such as outdoor programs and in magazines.

“There’s some really hardcore bow fisherman in the state of South Dakota that take it pretty seriously,” he said.

Baker said bow fishing for him is more fun than pole fishing.

“There is a lot more sport to it, I think,” Baker said as he drew his 60-pound compound bow back.

He held it steady for just a second as he sighted his target – a small black shadow, maybe a foot below the smooth surface of the water.

Then he let it fly, but it’s a miss.

“That one is going out to sea,” he joked.

Even if the fish is nearly at the surface, the shots are never easy due to the water’s refraction.

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Pierre commission begins budget process

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Pierre Mayor Laurie Gill told commissioners she wants to increase the city’s unobligated reserves back to the levels they were before the 2011 flood caused widespread damage.

On Tuesday, the commissioners took another look at a rough 2014 city of Pierre budget.

Currently, the budget stands at just more than \$39 million in revenue with about \$45 million in expenses. However, electrical infrastructure was not included in the revenue totals, according to a budget document passed out at the meeting.

The city will be looking at the budget in the coming weeks and months and any of the numbers plugged in currently could change, Leon Schochenmaier, Pierre city administrator, said.

“This really is the official kickoff to the budget season this year,” Gill said.

Gill said that from 2006 to 2010, the city’s unobligated reserves hovered around \$11 million dollars, but after the flood, the city needed to dip into those to pay for repair and other costs incurred.

As of June, the year-to-date unobligated reserves sit at \$6,589,501.

“You see we have taken a hit because of the flood,” Gill said.

Commissioner Jamie Huizenga said although using the reserves was not ideal, it was a testament to the city’s conservative spending that it still had more than \$6 million left.

“We are in a position to weather a storm if we have to,” he said.

Gill said if the city had not had reserves, the repair and other work done after the flood would have taken much longer to complete.

Gill encouraged the commissioners as they moved forward in the budgeting process to

Laurie Gill

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Salad pegged in Iowa, Nebraska cyclospora outbreak

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Iowa and Nebraska health officials said Tuesday that a prepackaged salad mix is the source of a cyclospora outbreak that sickened more than 178 people in both states.

Cyclospora is a rare parasite that causes a lengthy gastrointestinal illness. Outbreaks of the same illness have been reported elsewhere in the U.S., but it’s not clear that illnesses in any other states are linked to prepackaged salad mix. Also, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it’s not clear whether all of the illnesses are linked to a single source.

The Centers for Disease Control says 372 cases of the cyclospora infection, which causes diarrhea and other flu-like symptoms, have been reported in 15 states:				
Arkansas	Georgia	Kansas	Nebraska	Ohio
Connecticut	Illinois	Minnesota	New Jersey	Texas
Florida	Iowa	Missouri	New York	Wisconsin

Nebraska officials said the salad mix included iceberg and romaine lettuce, along with red cabbage and carrots, and came through national distribution chains. A spokeswoman for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services said the agency was still trying to identify the specific brand or brands.

Local health departments are working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to identify exactly where the contamination originated in the food production chain and where the product was distributed.

The Centers for Disease Control says 372 cases of the cyclospora infection, which causes diarrhea and other

flu-like symptoms, have been reported in 15 states: Iowa, Texas, Nebraska, Florida, Wisconsin, Illinois, New York, Georgia, Missouri, Arkansas, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, New Jersey and Ohio.

The CDC said at least 21 people have been hospitalized and most of the reported illnesses occurred from mid-June to early July. The CDC and the Food and Drug Administration are investigating the cyclospora infections but have not yet pointed to a source.

“CDC is still actively pursuing all leads and hasn’t implicated any single food item as

the cause of the outbreak in all states,” said CDC spokeswoman Sharon Hoskins. “We’re still not sure if the cases in all of the states are linked to the same outbreak.”

Hoskins said that in some previous outbreaks of cyclospora, the cause was never discovered.

The FDA said Tuesday that it is following Iowa’s lead on the salad mix but is following other leads as well. An agency statement said investigators are trying to trace the paths of the food eaten by those who fell ill. That process is “labor

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