

ON THIS DAY IN TRINIDAD

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50 Years Ago

Class officers for the new school term have been elected at Holy Trinity High School. Senior Class: Dwight Ready, president; Carol Bonino, vice president; Judy Raye, secretary; William Haddow, treasurer. Junior Class A: Robert Franch, president; Mary Mendine, vice president; Richard Gonzales, secretary; Barbara Plannisek, treasurer. Junior Class B: Norman Medina, president; Joy Nichols, vice president; Anna Marie Anselmo, secretary; Teresa Cordova, treasurer. Sophomore A: Johanna DeBella, president; Carmen Baca, vice president; Antoinette Griego, secretary; Saundra Lamden, treasurer. Sophomore B: George Latuda, president; Vickie Dionisio, vice president; Violet Veltri, secretary; David Griego, treasurer. Freshman A: Ronald Passarelli, president; Richard Reyes, vice president; Patricia Amador, secretary; Phyllis Maes, treasurer. Freshman B: Marilyn Guigli, president; John Pearce, vice president; Sheila Anselmo, secretary; Adolph Monarco, treasurer.

75 Years Ago

Paola Ciampa is today on trial for his life in the district court, charged with the murder of his

brother, Guiseppi Ciampa, and thus begins what promises to be the most sensational criminal trial of the September term. The crime of which Ciampa is accused is that of stabbing to death his brother, Guiseppi, at Forbes on the morning of July 17. Guiseppi was stabbed twenty times and left for dead on the road leading out of Forbes. It was one of the most horrible affairs ever reported in Las Animas County. A third brother was originally arrested in the crime, but investigation and testimony by another accomplice led to Paola's arrest. The work of selecting a jury took up the sessions today in court.

100 Years Ago

Las Animas County, the banner Republican county of the state, was given merited recognition at the Republican State convention at Colorado Springs recently when Thomas L. Jamison of this city was named as the candidate for State Auditor. Jamison, who attended the convention as a delegate from this county, expecting no such honor as was conferred upon him, was the choice of the convention for that important office. Entering the race for the nomination at the last minute, opposed by three other candidates, Jamison was favored by the balloting and accordingly placed on the ticket. The well-known Trinidad businessman, owner of Jamison-Conger Grain and Produce Company, will no doubt prove a tower of strength to the Republican ticket in the election this fall.

Capulin Volcano Run grows by leaps and bounds

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much as 10 minutes, but they dropped to 8th place and deeper in the onslaught of new talent. Michelle Hopper again led the Trinidad women with a time of 1:54.53, earning 8th place. Carol Bremmier and Juanita Peters finished 12th and 13th, respectively. Alice Fitzgerald found a way to success, switching from the half-marathon to the 10K and winning the women's crown, and 4th overall, with a time of 56:25.

The top three finishers in the 10K, in order, were Michael Flores of Amarillo (44.07), George Greco of Colorado Springs (44.57) and Ryan Walker of Raton (53.59). The 5K top finishers were John Montoya (23.18), Taylor Bacon (27.00), and Casey Yahn (28.58).

The event's other big story was the economic benefit it brought to the area. Seventy-one participants rented local lodgings, facilitated by organizers and the race website, www.capulinvolcanorun.com, which will also post photos and list complete results. Providing area lodging were The Mandala Center, Studio C, and M&M Motel, all in Des Moines; the Capulin RV Park; and Rainbow Ranch and Spahn Bison Ranch west of Folsom. Other runners stayed in Raton and Clayton.

Runners and organizers alike expect the race to double in size next year as the runners spread the word about the race's unique beauty and small town hominess. Folsom Falls Ranch provided 160 homemade break-



Photo by Tim Keller

Michelle Born stunned many by coming in 2nd place overall, passing and holding her lead over last year's winner, Kevin McClish.

fast burritos for the runners after the race and Tom & Inge Bobek of Spahn Ranch provided chili made from the ranch's bison meat. Each runner received a rich goody bag from the local Vital Roads organization and a custom-made glass race medallion on a ribbon, provided by Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy of Raton. Rainbow Ranch provided a pre-race spaghetti dinner for runners Saturday night.

The Folsom Museum sponsors the annual Run Around the Rim as a fundraiser, with assistance from throughout the Volcano Triangle communities. EMTs were on hand with ambulances from Des Moines,

Grenville, and Clayton. Four Union County Sheriff's deputies assisted with traffic control, as did the NM Dept. of Transportation, which helped close the affected roads. Two Des Moines school buses shuttled runners to the starting line from the Folsom Schoolhouse. Capulin Volcano National Monument staffers opened early and did double duty much of the morning.

Over burritos and chili after the race Sunday morning, a constant refrain was the voices of runners saying they're going to bring their friends with them next year. Organizers have time to take a deep breath, and then they'll need to start getting ready.

THE FINE PRINT

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Extension Office

The CSU Extension office in LA County will be closed Wed-Fri (Sept 29-Oct1).

Long Ear Riders

Neighs & Brays free tack swap & sale Sat (Oct 2) @ LAC Fairgrounds in the 4H Pavilion. No charge for a space. Call 719-680-1669 for time & details.

Soup Kitchen

Seeking any & all donations (except clothing) for Indoor Flea Market to be held Sat, Oct 2 @ the Soup Kitchen, 308 W. Church St. For more information call Sandy Espinoza @ 719-680-1117.

Volleyball Tournament

Advocates Against Domestic Assault hosts fundraising event Oct 9-10 @ the Hoehne School. Registration is \$150 & must be in by Oct 6. Call Karrie or Stephanie @ 719-846-6665 for more information.

AI-Anon Family

Group meets @ 6 p.m. every Friday in the Presbyterian Church basement, 801 San Pedro. For info call: Sharone 719-846-9999. No fee charged to participate & all are welcome.

Trinidad AA

Meetings Sun-Thurs. Call 719-671-6066 or 719-546-1173 for details.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Celtic Art Show

Spanish Peaks Art Council hosting art show now to Sat, Oct 9 @ the SPACe Gallery, 132 Ryus St, LaVeta. For more information call 719-742-3074 or to see art samples email

SpanishPeaksArts.org. Gallery hours are Tues-Sat 10-3 & Sun 12-3.

Mitchell Museum

Plein Air Painters of America exhibition of fine art through the end of the month @The A.R. Mitchell Museum, 150 E. Main St, Trinidad. Call (719) 846-4224 for more information. Museum Hours: Tue-Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4, \$3/Regular Admission, Members / FREE, Sundays / FREE.

Literacy Walkathon

Hoehne School sponsoring 1st Annual event 10:30-Noon Wed (Oct 6) @ Butero Field, Hoehne School Campus. \$5/Entry Fee/No Pets. For more information call 719-846-4457.

Call for Artists

"Crittter" Art Show / Nov 1-30 @ the Corazon Gallery. All artists with "critter art" (real or imaginary) who want to show can pick up a prospectus at the gallery, 149 E. Main St. or call 719-859-7702 for more information.

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My Two CENTS

Becoming a parent is a huge responsibility. One that, let's face it, most often occurs by accident. It seems that some people put more thought into buying a cell phone than they do whether or not to have children. If you believe the rhetoric, being a parent is the toughest job you are ever going to love. Parts of that statement are correct. Parenting is the toughest challenge you are ever going to face. Most people love being parents ... at least some of the time. But honestly there are times that are not easy, fun or something you would wish on your worst enemy. Please do not dispatch a posse to lynch me for exposing the coveted parental



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Tag - you're it

secret that there are parts of parenting that flat out stinks.

If you don't believe me, ask anyone who has a baby with colic, a pre-pubescent girl on shopping trip for clothes and shoes or waited up all night for a teen to come home. There will be times when your child won't be where they are supposed to be and you fear the worst. Then there are days when you feel like hanging a sign around their necks that reads, "Free to a good home." But I digress...

For me, parenting is sometimes an opportunity to see the wonder in the environment, holidays and new experiences through a fresh set of eyes. Experts would call that, "Getting in touch with your inner child." You can play with toys, run through sprinklers, make mud pies and play in the rain again. I suppose you could do those things without having kids. But under the scrutiny of your neighbors you may get a knock on your door one day and be whisked away for a quiet getaway in a padded suite.

In the generations before mine, finding a mate and having a family was priority number one. My grandmother was married when she was fourteen or fifteen. That was not unusual at that time. Most families pulled their kids out of school between the 5th and 8th grade so the child could go to work.

People say that today's youth are growing up too fast. I don't agree. In fact, I believe the opposite is true. Today's generation doesn't seem to grow up at all. They don't want to work. If they read, the most popular choice is a graphic fantasy novel. Which is a thick comic book, Video games, texting and surfing the web are their activities of choice. Teens are still having babies but look to others to take care of them. I have a couple nieces that have four and five kids and each child has a different father.

The state of our young people has become so desperate that proper parenting advertisements dominate the airways and Internet. In these ads parents are reminded to set boundaries for their children and take time to play

with them, The concepts are so basic and yet are elusive to many families.

Children light up when their parents join their games. If you haven't made a habit of spending time with your kids when they were young it isn't too late. Granted, older kids are going to be resistant to the idea at first but once they see you are sincere, they'll come around.

One of the most popular family games that can be played at nearly any age is hide-and-seek. With babies hide-and-seek is the same as pee-a-boo. My grandson, Justin, is only three but he loves hide-and-seek. Because he is a little afraid of the dark, he was taught this game during the day. If it is dark when they play he hides either with his mom or one of my other kids. My kids would wring my neck for saying this (like that has ever stopped me,) but I think they have as much fun as Justin does.

My kids, who are all in their twenties, are more than happy to play with Justin's toys, watch cartoons, splash in puddles and have water fights with him. They color with Justin, mold Play Doh and bury their hands and feet in Moon Sand. My "kids" know Mickey Mouse's Hot Dog Dance and practice their Spanish with Handy Manny, Dora and Diego. At Christmas and birthday parties they grapple to put Justin's new toys together. In truth this means the assembler will get to play with ... I mean ... test the toys first.

Of course Justin isn't always the center of my kids play. Sometimes it is

my brother, Robert, who comes to play. Just yesterday I watched Robert, Jonathan, Rosemary and Joanna race away on horses. At times they slowed to a walk as a group only for one of them to take off full bore with the others in pursuit. Their laughter echoed through the valley. Even when I could no longer see them, I could still hear them.

When I think about it, the gift of laughter was one of the greatest assets my parents gave to us. One of my parents' elderly neighbors, Ann, said that she used to love how laughter spilled out of our windows. She said that it "gladdened her heart and lifted her spirits. In New York, the land of over the top attitude and where outsiders are scrutinized under a cloak of suspicion, our levity sometimes seemed to be a source of annoyance for our adult neighbors. But every kid on the block gravitated to our house.

Bottom line, when the laughter stops, reality sets in. It is hard not to crumble under that load. Next time you're hit smack dab in the face with one of life's curve balls, take a walk in the rain, pull out the coloring book and crayons, do the Hot Dog Dance, play hide-and-seek, arm yourself with a good squirt gun and water balloons and suddenly your load will seem a bit lighter. Granted, we have to face our problems and deal with them, but play keeps us from being consumed by them.

Your feedback is always welcomed at nikkirkar@yahoo.com.

On October 10, 2010, a half year after my mom's passing, I will be running 26.2 miles at the Chicago Marathon for the American Brain Tumor Association charity team. Every dollar donated on my mother's behalf goes toward brain tumor research. Not only that, but the marathon's sponsor, Bank of America, matches every dollar donated; so contributions are doubly impactful. My family greatly appreciates all of the contributions people have generously provided during her illness and upon her death. Over \$3,500 has already been raised on my mother's behalf to hopefully arrive at an eventual cure or improved treatment for other victims of brain tumors! Although my charity pledge goal has been reached, during this short time before the marathon, I'm doing one more drive just to assure that I'm doing as much as I can to rid the world of this horrible phenomenon. Any amount would be appreciated, and every dollar raised is a step closer to helping future patients and their families. To contribute, or to just read about the charity team's efforts, visit <http://hope.abta.org/goto/milesformomma> -26.2 for Jamie Sue. You're also welcome to mail a check to Path to Progress Marathon Team, Re: Jamie Sue Gagliardi, American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road Suite 146, Des Plaines, IL 60018.
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