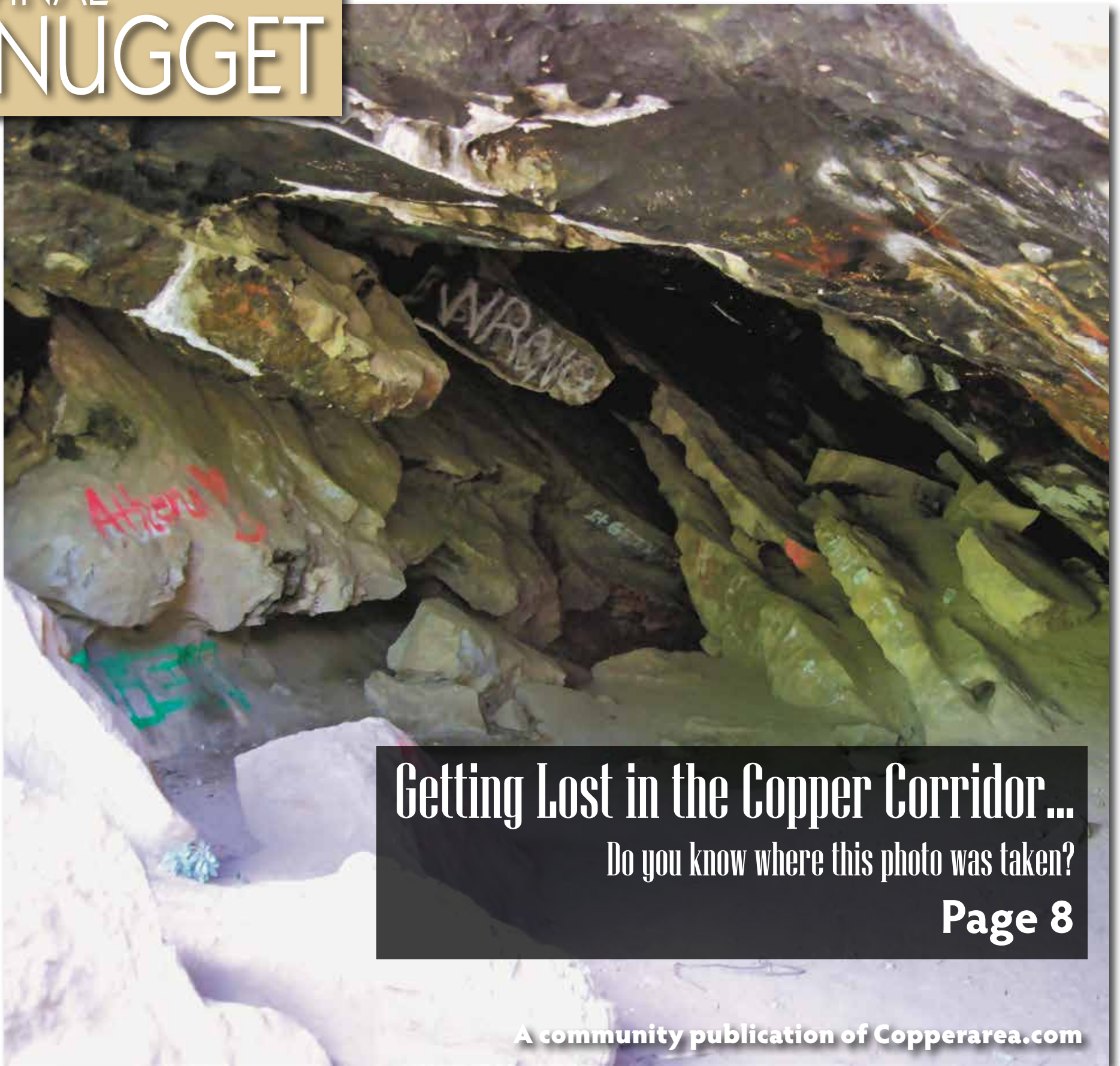


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The Quest for Martial Knowledge

When one starts anything new, excitement is often coupled with apprehension. Training in the Martial Arts has that same effect on beginners. What you imagine the class will be and what actually occurs when you step on the mats for the first time, can be somewhat disorienting. With rare exceptions, it does not compare to anything you have done before. The new types of class formalities, the wearing of uniforms and the introduction into a strict disciplined environment will alter any preconceived

notions one has about this kind of training. The journey is much more than just a physical one and the Quest for Martial Knowledge will really be one of self discovery. Students may join for one reason, but they stay on for a variety of other reasons.

It has been said that there are "Four Stages of Learning". The first stage of learning is called, "Unconscious Incompetence" – you don't even know what you don't know. The second stage of learning is called, "Conscious Incompetence" – this is the realization of just how much you don't know. The third stage of learning is called, "Conscious Competence" – you know what you know, but it takes effort to access the information. The fourth and final stage of learning is called, "Unconscious Competence" – you are fluent in the subject matter and have immediate access to the information. This four stage guide for understanding the quest for knowledge is in my opinion, incomplete. It is incomplete because one can never know all there is to know about anything.

Training with so many Master practitioners has made me realize that the Quest for Knowledge is ongoing and unending. Closing one door just requires opening another. We are never done and to ever think we are, is, in the world of martial arts,

foolish, lazy and dangerous. This process is permanent and perpetual. We should be pleased to pursue it. Like a modern Knight, the Quest itself is what should drive you.

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Sponsored by Friends of Oracle State Park officers, the free event is open to FOSP members with a special invitation to others in the greater community who love the Park and want to learn how we can work together to support the ongoing commitments of FOSP – funding for public events at the Park, ranch house preservation, and environmental education. Information about weekend activities at the Park will be posted as well.

There will be no admission charge and no park entrance fee for the event, but an e-mail RSVP/reservation to FriendsOracleStatePark@gmail.com is requested.

Those attending are encouraged to bring a dessert to share “pot-luck style.” They



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Mine Mill and the 1960s: The Times Are A-changing

The year 1962 started off with a lay off of 50 miners in January. The company said the layoffs were necessary because the major portion of the mine's primary development program for the second production level had been completed. Fred Sanchez, Mine Mill Local President was notified of the reduction by Dave Ridinger, mine personnel manager. Sanchez said that Mine Mill had attempted to work out plans with the company that would keep the 50 miners working in other capacities for the company but the company turned down the two proposed plans.

On February 21, the Steelworkers filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board seeking to represent 1,400 production and maintenance employees at San Manuel Copper Corporation. The workers were currently represented by Mine Mill. Attorneys for both unions and the company met in San Manuel on March 19. Briefs were ordered to be submitted to the NLRB for review and a decision. It was also announced in March that 26 more employees had been laid off at the mine. The San Manuel Copper Corporation changed its name to Magma Copper Corporation, San Manuel Division.

In early April it was announced that the NLRB

had set an election for April 26 for the workers at San Manuel to determine what union would represent them or if they wanted a union at all. The choices on the ballot would be Steelworkers, Mine Mill or no union. Both unions had been battling each other the past six months with hand bills and rhetoric. As election day approached, the Steelworkers International Representative Lloyd Dayton argued that "Since their expulsion from CIO, Mine Mill has lost over 150 local unions with a loss of about 100,000 members. Since their expulsion, nine of their officers have been indicted by the federal government on perjury charges for falsely filing non-communist affidavits under the requirements of the Taft-Hartley Law."

Seven of those nine Mine Mill officers convicted of perjury had their cases overturned on appeal and were granted new court hearings in March of 1962.

Mine Mill Local 937 President Fred Sanchez said "We have been here since 1956 and Steelworkers were on the ballot at that time. They were defeated and Mine Mill became the bargaining agent." He went on to talk about the "tremendous wages comparable to any in the industry" that had been obtained by Mine Mill. He charged that the Steelworkers had been trying to take the bargaining

rights away from Mine Mill for the past four years and the only gain would be a division of workers and families. Sanchez pointed out that the current contract gives employees two and a half years of security with a substantial wage increase second to none.

The May 4, 1962 edition headline of the *San Manuel Miner* read MINE-MILL REMAINS AGENT FOR SAN MANUEL EMPLOYEES. The newspaper went on to report that Mine Mill won the election in a vote of 631 to 565. The ballots were counted at the community center. As they were waiting for the election results "some bantering between the two groups started, which may have gone out of control, but it soon subsided". "The victors tended to strut a bit, but the meeting ended without incident". During the election, observers at the plant for the Steelworkers were F.D. Rogers, Joe Herrera and E. Baker; for Mine Mill C.F. Hubbard, R. Hogg and H. Murray. Company observers were J. Grobel and D. Armstrong. At the mine, Steelworkers observers were E.R. Bonner; C. Arbiza; and C. Camarillo; for Mine Mill, Abe Yanez, L. Houser and H. Apodaca; for the company, R. Westerfield and J. Herndon.

On May 5 it was announced that the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) in Washington D.C. had declared the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter workers a Communist infiltrated organization. "This decision will have far reaching effects on the union" said J.W. Cherry, resident officer in Arizona for the NLRB. He also said it would not invalidate the contract between the company and the Mine Mill union. Cherry



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explained that Mine Mill would no longer be able to file petitions with the NLRB to conduct representation elections should they wish to unionize other groups of workers. They will not be able to file charges of unfair practices against anyone under the Taft-Hartley Act. If the findings of the SACB are upheld by the courts after Mine Mill appeals, all of the certifications of election filed by the union will be withdrawn.

Clark Kennedy, Deputy Attorney General for Arizona said that the hearings from which the rulings came concerned mostly people in the Denver area where Mine Mill headquarters is located. "Mine Mill leaders in Arizona were not included

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Cemetery Memories of the Lost Mine with the Iron Door

I needed a photograph of a grave in the Oracle cemetery. Not just any grave but the grave of an old time prospector, a man named James McAvoy, who had come to Arizona from Ireland, all because of a legend he had heard of a lost mine, the mine with the iron door. Over centuries, many men have come to Arizona from all across the world to look for the lost mine. James McAvoy came to Arizona because of stories he had heard as a child in Dublin. I take pictures of the tombstone with the inscription "Prospector and Friend."

A truck pulls into the cemetery with "Joe Cool" Snoopy license plates. An older man gets out of the car and begins to walk the steep hills of the Oracle cemetery. The Oracle cemetery is one of my favorite in the state. Well decorated and interesting graves are scattered in a disorderly fashion across the rugged hillsides. The graves are well attended with flowers, statuary, and personal items. The gravesite of James McAvoy is no exception, with plastic flowers surrounding the tombstone. It is nice to know that this Irishman so far from home still has friends here. The man walks by and watches me take some photos.

"I knew James McAvoy," the man says. "He was a nice man. He lived in a cave." The legend of the mine with the iron door dates back to when the Jesuit missionaries were



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exploring the northernmost reaches of New Spain's frontier. The missionaries established a church at the base of mountains they named Santa Catalina de Cuitabagu. Santa Catalina because the mountains were discovered on the feast day for Saint Catalina and Cuitabagu for the "fierce" people who already lived there and had previously named the place "Cuitabgagu" or, "Spring where the mesquite beans grow." The Jesuits established a rich gold mine in the mountains, rumored to be in the vicinity of the Canada del Oro or "Canyon of Gold" with the

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A Shooting Affray in Mammoth City

John Dewitt Burgess was born near Exeter, England in 1847. His family immigrated to the United States while Dewitt was an infant. At the age of 15, John ran away and joined the Union Army. He would see combat in the Civil War being wounded twice and taken prisoner in 1864. He was sent to the notorious Andersonville prison until his release after the war. Burgess enjoyed army life and would find himself fighting in the Indian Wars. In 1868 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 7th Calvary he participated in the battle of the Washita. He resigned his com-

mission shortly afterwards.

In 1875 Burgess was given an appointment as a storekeeper on the Verde Indian reservation where he later helped move the Tonto Apaches and Mojaves to the San Carlos Indian reservation. He would become the agency clerk at San Carlos until 1876 when he assisted in moving the Chiricahuas from Bowie to San Carlos. He was named Chief Scout at San Carlos and served there until 1882. He then went into the mining business. While pursuing mining interests in the Table Mountain area he found himself in the town of Mammoth along the lower San Pedro River. He would become involved in what one newspaper called "a shooting affray on the San Pedro."

On April 14, 1885, Burgess had come down from his mining camp at Table Mountain to the growing town of Mammoth, sometimes referred to by the newspapers as Mammoth City. Burgess had received a letter from William Oates, Superintendent of San Carlos Copper Company telling him to meet him at the Williams Ranch. Upon arriving at the ranch, Burgess found that Oates had left. Burgess went in to town and entered the Duboise Saloon. There he saw a friend of his, Daniel Sullivan being accosted by three drunken toughs, Kelly, O'Brien and "Mitch" who were trying to pick a fight with Sullivan. Burgess interfered and was able to get his friend out of the bar.

Burgess and Sullivan walked up the street to another bar to have a drink and talk. Just as they bellied up to the bar, Kelly, O'Brien and Mitch walked in and began arguing again with Burgess and Sullivan. Burgess ordered a round of drinks for his friend, himself and the three thugs. When the drinks arrived, Burgess and Sullivan snuck out of the bar while the three men were occupied getting their drinks. This time they went to the Williams ranch.

After an hour, Burgess decided to head back to his mining camp. He saddled his horse and strapped on his pistol and told Sullivan

that he guessed those "three fighters" were gone and he would stop in the saloon and pay for the drinks he had ordered.

When Burgess entered the saloon, he was grabbed by the arm and forced against the bar where he now faced the three toughs drunker and angrier than they had been. They began calling him names and threatened to assault him.

O'Brien got in his face and brushed up against him pushing his chest against Burgess while making threats. Burgess placed his left hand on O'Brien's chest and shoved him back at the same time reaching for his gun with his right hand. One newspaper report said Burgess had struck O'Brien on the side of his face with a glass from the bar. The three men then attacked him. Burgess drew his pistol in an attempt to intimidate them and clear the way for him to make it to the door of the saloon. Kelly swung at Burgess and Burgess returned the blow by striking Kelly with his pistol. O'Brien then grabbed Burgess' gun hand and they began struggling over the pistol. Mitch struck a hard blow to the side of Burgess' head knocking Burgess and O'Brien through the doorway where they still wrestled for the gun. Kelly came through the doorway when



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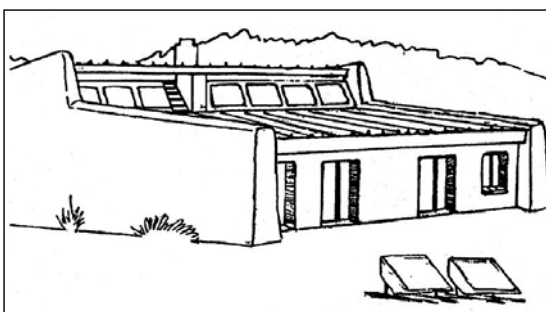


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Resolution Copper employs local workers to reclaim over 11 acres of historical mining land

Resolution Copper is proud to announce a contract award to two local contractors, Odonetto Construction from Globe and Albo Trucking from Superior. During the next four months, 24 to 26 workers from the Copper Triangle, including San Carlos Apache Reservation, will reclaim approximately 11.5 acres of historical mining land.

The project is located on Resolution Copper's West Plant property, in an area historically known as the "Lower Smelter Pond." Following the completion of the brush removal last year, Resolution Copper will complete reclamation by replacing previously contaminated soil with clean soil and vegetation.

"To date, we have spent more than two-thirds of a \$50 million budget," said Casey McKeon, Superior resident and environmental manager for Resolution Copper. "It is our commitment to the community, that we will continue to cleanup and reclaim the historic Magma Mine tailings area to a more natural state."

Work begins Monday, Aug. 17, and will take place Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Resolution Copper will monitor the noise and air quality throughout the duration of the project.

Residents who have questions about the reclamation work can call the Resolution Copper community line at 520.689.3409.

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Can you guess where in the Copper Corridor the cover photo was taken? If you guessed Mt. Lemmon, then you would be correct. Peppersauce Cave (32°31'28"N 110°42'26"W) is a limestone cave found in the Santa Catalina Mountains on the back side of Mount Lemmon near Oracle. According to Wikipedia, Peppersauce is frequented by about 23,000 visitors every year and contains approximately one mile of mapped passages. The cave was introduced to the world in February 1948 by the Desert Magazine. It received international attention in 1951 when it was featured in the National Geographic. The cave is open to the public. There are no guided tours, no parking lot and no lighting. There is a sign (heavily graffitied) that shows a map of the cave, but only about half the accessible area from the entrance to the Big Room. To get to Peppersauce Cave, head to Oracle and drive north east on Old Mt. Lemmon Highway. The road is paved most of the way, up to the 3C Ranch. After that the road is dirt and is subject to washing out during rainy times. Peppersauce Campground will be on your left and you will reach that before Peppersauce Cave. (Information taken from <http://bit.ly/1JfGztt>.) Do you have stories about Peppersauce Cave? Share them with us online at www.Facebook.com/CopperArea and www.Facebook.com/CopperTownNews. The Nugget has been taking our readers on a journey through the Copper Corridor, helping you to 'Get Lost.' We hope you continue to travel with us.

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Mammoth, Superior, Miami to host traditional September Fiestas

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The Fiestas Patrias commemorates the Grito de Dolores (the Cry of Dolores), which was the event that marks the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence from Spain.

On September 16, 1810, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla a Roman Catholic priest in the small town of Dolores ordered the church

bells rung and when the parishioners were gathered, he encouraged them to revolt. Four days later the town of Guanajuato was taken by a makeshift army led by Hidalgo beginning the revolt that would lead to independence. Hidalgo was captured in July and executed.

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At Right: Members of the Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra traveled to Mexico to join with singers to present the Oaxaca Opera Festival for the third consecutive year. One highlight was Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, performed in the historic Teatro Macedonia Alcala, which opened in 1909.



SASO musicians present highlights from Oaxaca Opera Festival on Sept. 15

TUCSON, AZ – Twenty-five musicians from the Tucson-based Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra returned recently from Oaxaca, Mexico, where they performed in the Oaxaca Opera Festival for the third consecutive year.

The full orchestra will perform highlights of the festival on Sept. 15 in a special Mexican Independence Day concert featuring vocalists from the festival and Mariachi Sol Azteca. Sponsored by the Mexican Consulate in Tucson and the Instituto Cultural Mexicano de Tucson, the concert is free at 7 p.m. at the Fox Tucson Theatre, 17 W Congress.

The SASO musicians, together with several players from Oaxaca and one from Brazil, made up the Festival Orchestra. They were joined by about 100 singers in four performances of operas and operatic arias.

SASO Music Director Linus Lerner is artistic director of the festival and co-founder with Maribel Sanchez of Oaxaca, general director. An internationally known vocal coach, Lerner auditioned and coached the singers who came from many parts of Mexico, plus Brazil and Italy. They were attracted by the opportunity of expert training and to perform opera with a live orchestra in the historic Teatro Macedonia Alcala, which opened in 1909. Lerner said, "The Teatro Alcala resembles a mix of Carnegie Hall of New York and Teatro La Scala of Milan." Oaxaca is about 300 miles southeast of Mexico City.

The first two editions of the festival, in 2013 and 2014, featured concert performances of arias from many composers including Mozart, Donizetti, Verdi, Bizet and Puccini.

This year, the format of the festival was expanded to include fully staged performances of two operas – Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi" and Mozart's "Le nozze di Figaro" (The Marriage of Figaro) – plus two concerts featuring a diverse range of opera arias. Both operas were sung in the original Italian, with surtitles in Spanish projected above the stage. In the Marriage of Figaro, an actor gave humorous commentary in Spanish at several points during the opera, making sure the audience followed the many twists and turns of the plot.

All four concerts were presented at no charge. This was possible because of generous contributions from Tucson supporters Dorothy Vanek, Irving Olson and Tim Secomb, as well as contributors in Oaxaca. The SASO musicians donated their services and the singers paid a small fee to participate.

Secomb, principal viola and personnel manager of SASO who has played in all three Opera Festivals in Oaxaca, said, "Before every event, crowds of concertgoers stretched down the street from the theatre. The performances were given to capacity crowds and some people had to be turned away. Some farmers from surrounding villages were in the audience. Many had never experienced a classical opera performance before. Every

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of people of Mexican heritage. In the Town of Mammoth and the Tri-Community, the celebration has been an annual event. At one time the Fiesta Patrias was a huge event in Mammoth. According to a San Manuel Miner newspaper in 1962, the event was a three day celebration and they were expecting 15,000 visitors to attend. There was a large parade, sky divers, music, dances, food, entertainment, baseball and softball games. Delegates from the Mexican Consulate attended as did many local politicians. People from around the state and Mexico would attend.

Although the event has dwindled in size the spirit of the celebration continues on. This year's Fiesta will be held on Saturday Sept. 19 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Mammoth. Blessed Sacrament

is located just off Hwy. 77. For more information, please contact the church at (520) 487-2451.

Superior's Fiestas are hosted by the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church over two days, Sept. 12 and 13. This is the 36th year for the church in Superior to host such an event. Planned are mariachis, folklorico dancers, car show and lots of good food and great fellowship. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is located at 11 Church Ave. (Main St. and Church Ave.) in Superior. For more information, please contact the church at (520) 689-2250 or visit www.stfrancissuperior.org.

Miami's Fiestas will be held on Sept. 12 on Sullivan St. in Miami. Sullivan St. is one block off Hwy. 60. For more information, please call 602-510-1809.

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the gun discharged and the bullet hit him striking a fatal wound. When the gun fired, O'Brien released his grip on Burgess and he was able to get away. Burgess covered the two toughs that were still standing. He then mounted his horse and rode away.

On May 9, the Silver Belt newspaper out of Globe City printed an article which said, "Sheriff Gabriel who came down from the San Pedro Wednesday, says the general impression in that section is that Captain Burgess was perfectly justifiable in shooting Kelly at the Mammoth Camp. The Captain will come down and give himself up during court week."

On May 21 in Florence, after a hearing in front of Judge John Miller, John D. Burgess was ac-

quitted of the killing of Kelly by reason of self defense. Burgess would go on to be well known in mining. In 1892 Burgess would become involved in another shooting affray, this time in Tucson. This time he wouldn't be so lucky.

On May 23, 1892, Captain Jack Burgess was the Superintendent of the Cañada del Oro Mines. At around 7 p.m. that evening one of his employees, an Apache given the name Kit Carson by the white man that had raised him, came to Burgess' house. He was drunk and in a foul mood. Captain Burgess chastised Kit, saying he had left work early to get drunk. Words were exchanged and Carson told Burgess that he had a shotgun in the stable and he would go get it and settle the

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CONCERTS

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performance received a warm and enthusiastic reception from the audience.”

Oaxaca has been officially designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is an important cultural center in Mexico. Speaking to the audiences, Lerner proposed that Oaxaca should also become a center for opera in Mexico, a suggestion that obviously pleased the concertgoers.

Secomb said, “Both operas that we performed are masterpieces in their own ways. Gianni Schicchi has a single act and lasts just over an hour. It tells the story of a group of conniving relatives who pretend to grieve after an old man’s death – but who are really just after a piece of his wealth. It is full of dark humor. Puccini’s music is rich and colorful, vividly painting the moods and actions of the opera. Mozart was a genius as a composer, and that genius is particularly evident in his operas.

The Marriage of Figaro is a wonderful piece of entertainment, as fresh and original as when it was written. The plot could be a modern soap opera, loaded with comedy and innuendo, yet with sensitive depictions of the main characters.”

Secomb added, “I think that the Oaxaca Opera Festival has a great future. It has so much going for it. There are many wonderful young singers in Mexico who are looking for opportunities to perform. We were constantly amazed by the strength and richness of their voices. This festival gives them a great opportunity to develop and to show off their talents. And Lerner is a natural opera conductor, with his deep understanding of the technique and art of singing, as well as orchestral conducting.

“In addition, Oaxaca is delightful and historic Spanish colonial city, famous for its historic central district, its outstanding cuisine, exception artisans and surrounding archeological sites such as Monte Alban. The people are relaxed and friendly. Oaxaca will be a wonderful destination for opera enthusiasts from anywhere in the world.

“Before we convened for rehearsals, I really wondered whether we were stretching too far with this year’s ambitious festival. Preparing four evenings worth of music is a very challenging task – and our rehearsal time was quite limited.

“An opera festival has a lot of moving parts. The musicians worked hard to get to Oaxaca and prepare our parts for all the performances. But many others worked equally hard, including the singers, vocal coaches, accompanists, stage directors and action coaches, surtitle presenters, lighting and scenery designers,” he said.

“Lerner provided amazing vision and leadership to make it all happen – and worked even harder than all the rest of us. With the foundation we’ve laid and the donors and audiences we’ve attracted, this festival really does have a great future.”

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matter.

Carson went to the stable and got the gun loaded with #6 shot and returned to Burgess’ house where he then called him out. Burgess left his house and approached Carson. When Burgess was about 10 feet away, Carson fired two shots knocking Burgess to the ground. Carson then fled but was arrested shortly afterwards. The shot from the gun penetrated his face, left arm and chest but were not deep enough to prove fatal, but Burgess would lose his right eye.

Carson on the night he was arrested was interviewed at the jail by a reporter. Carson said that the company had owed him money and the Captain refused to pay him. Carson insisted that the Captain pay him. They argued and Burgess became very abusive and then allegedly pulled out a pistol and pointed it at Carson. Carson told him he would go get his shotgun and make him take back what he had said. Carson returned with the shotgun and called Burgess out.

Kit Carson’s own words as reported in the Arizona Republican newspaper were: “When he got within ten feet of me, he shot at me. I covered him with my gun and told him to stop. He would not stop but came on, and I fired two shots at him. I then left. I am sorry that I did not kill him. I should have used buck shot then I would have killed the _____”.

Carson would be convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to ten years in the Yuma Territorial Prison. He would be pardoned by Governor Hughes in 1895 after serving three years.

Burgess would become involved in numerous mining ventures in the Tucson area, Florence, Table Mountain, and Sonora. Mexico. In 1909 he escorted William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill Cody), the famous scout and showman around the Old Hat Mining District in the Catalina Mountains. Burgess was the manager of the Campo Bonito mine near Oracle and got Buffalo Bill Cody interested enough to invest heavily in the mine. Cody and his partners would lose money in their mining ventures near Oracle. Burgess died in Tucson in 1918.

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LOST MINE WITH THE IRON DOOR

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local natives providing labor. Then one day the King of Spain expelled the Jesuit order from the New World and replaced the friars with Franciscans. As the Jesuits left they sealed off their rich mine with an iron door.

This is how the story appeared in print in the Arizona Weekly Star of Feb. 4, 1880.

"The principal gold mines were situated in these mountains and there was a place called Nueva Mia Ciudad, having a monster church with a number of golden bells that were used to summon the laborers from the fields and mines, and a short distance from the city, which was situated on a plateau was a mine of such fabulous richness that the miners used to cut gold out with a 'hacheta'. At the time of the Franciscans acquiring supremacy, the Jesuits fled, leaving the city destitute of population; before their flight they placed an iron door on the mine and secured it in such a manner that it would require a considerable time to unfasten it. There were only two entrances to this city and they also were closed and all traces were obliterated so as to throw the Franciscans off the road to this Nueva Mia City."

A massive earthquake in the 1800s led many to believe that the iron door had been buried and hidden beneath a landslide. Word spread across the world about the fabulous wealth

of the lost mine. Others beside McAvoy came from Europe, men such as Joe Charoleau from Switzerland for whom Charoleau's Gap is named. Charoleau had already squandered the family fortune looking for lost conquistador gold in Guatemala before arriving in Oracle where he ran a sawmill, which he mostly used to fund expeditions looking for the lost mine with the iron door.

The man in the cemetery introduces himself to me as Joe Sanchez, someone who has lived in Oracle for many decades. He smiles and tells that he used to work on the road that winds through Charoleau's Gap.

Author Harold Bell Wright was not looking for a mine at all that fateful evening in 1925 when he was sitting at the bar of the Oracle Inn and a German prospector came walking in. The prospector came in with a rather large gold nugget and told Wright that he believed he had discovered the lost mine with the iron door. The prospector revealed the legend but would not whisper a word about the location of his discovery. Wright wrote a bestselling novel titled "The Lost Mine with The Iron Door" and discovered gold of a different kind.

The most famous prospector to come searching for the lost Spanish mine was William Cody better known as Buffalo Bill.

Buffalo Bill set up at the High Jinks Mine and nearby Campo Bonito. I remember one beautiful spring day when I was hiking in Campo Bonito and discovered an old arraster where they had once crushed rocks to remove the ore before shipping the ore for processing. Near the arraster was a small tin which once held muscle salve. I imagine that after a day's labor crushing ore and grinding rocks one would need muscle salve. I found both halves of the tin, battered and beaten, white with blue paint and writing. The label identified the brand as Cloverine muscle salve but the interesting stuff was in the fine print. The can dated to 1914, years when Buffalo Bill was actively mining in Oracle but more important the can originated from Cody, Wyoming - the town founded by and named after William Cody.

Joe Sanchez points across the cemetery, "James McAvoy's partner, Henry Appel, is buried over there beside the grave of his sister."

Joe tells me a story. "I used to hike all over these mountain when I was young and my parents used to warn me that 'If you keep walking by yourself eventually you will find

the devil.' I was walking one day by myself out near the CDO when suddenly in the middle of the wilderness I began to hear music, beautiful music. I stopped dead in my tracks certain that I was about to meet the devil. The beautiful piano continued playing and I looked around but the devil never appeared. Instead I dared a peek up and over the edge of the arroyo where I saw a tiny shack perched on the edge of the canyon. There was Mrs. Appel playing the piano."

I asked, "Was she any good?"

"She was very good." Joe said. "She practiced all the time, there was nothing else to do in the middle of the wilderness."

Joe Sanchez sighed and said, "I will never forget one thing that James McAvoy said to me. He said, 'I have found fortunes and I have lost fortunes but the one thing I really treasure are my experiences and I am taking those with me to the grave.'"

As I take my photos of James McAvoy's tombstone I am glad that this old Irish prospector so far from home left behind enough friends and memories so that people still living in Oracle care enough to tend and decorate his grave.

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in the investigations. The ruling affects Mine Mill locals in Arizona and if they hold up under appeal and are found to be in violation of our Communist Control Act, they could face legal action."

The Steelworkers International representative Lloyd Dayton said the union would take whatever steps are necessary to set aside the April 26 election results. They were looking at legal action to get the election results reversed.

Fred Sanchez called it nothing more than "red baiting". He emphatically denied that his local is communist dominated or infiltrated by any officers, that it ever has been and insisted it never will be. "The decision by the board has no basis

in fact" he said. He maintained that the evidence the board relies on comes entirely from "this man Gardner, who was fired from Mine Mill, was an army deserter and proven to be an unreliable witness".

"Mine Mill is a going concern and has been for 69 years because it is democratically run, because it gets results at the bargaining table and because it has a loyal and intelligent membership that can't be taken in by charges that have been discredited time after time. We intend to fight this case to the finish, and we expect to be a going concern long after it is over. We intend to win!"

Maclovio Barraza, District 2 Executive Board

Member for Mine Mill said "Mine-Mill has continuously been attacked by management since it was formed in 1893. We are not going to let anyone destroy the union on the basis of unfounded charges. The false charges will be thrown into the ashcan where they belong." "Mine Mill firmly supports the American form of government and we do not believe or advocate that Communism is the answer to the working classes' problems."

The Teamsters and the San Manuel Metal Trades Council, AFL-CIO which represented the Machinists, Boilermakers and Electricians unions were still in negotiations with Magma Copper. They had not signed the contract extension deal that Mine-Mill had negotiated with the company. In June their members voted to allow their unions to call a strike if necessary when the contract expired at the end of the month. Mine Mill said they would honor their contract and continue to work.

At the end of June the Teamsters and the San Manuel Trades Council signed contracts similar to the one Mine Mill had negotiated. The only difference was that the Trade Council negotiated a new medical plan option for their members only. The plan gave their members an option if they lived within 30 miles of San Manuel to choose their own doctor and hospital. This meant they could seek a doctor of medicine in Tucson if they wanted too. The monthly pension plan for all workers was now calculated at \$2.50 for each year worked. It had gone up from \$2.25.

In October Rodolfo "Rudy" Garcia, Mine Mill troubleshooter was assigned as the business agent for San Manuel Local 937. He was a veteran of union activities for over 10 years. He served in Superior during the first election in 1954. He supervised three more union elections and was the International Representative and business agent for Mine Mill Local 938 in Superior for four years. He had been in contact with the San Manuel local while assigned by the union to help former San Manuel resident Conrado Fuentes' widow return his body from Mexico where he had been killed in an auto-train accident. Working with the American Embassy, Garcia was able to return Mrs. Fuentes and her husband's body to the United States. He then worked with Magma and the Mine Mill Local to provide insurance for Mrs. Fuentes.

Rudy Garcia would become a prominent civil rights and labor rights leader in southern Arizona. He served on every mining union contract negotiations from 1956 - 1983. He worked with other labor unions in their struggles including working with Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta and the United Farm Workers Union. He was active in local politics becoming an important figure in breaking the Anglo-American barrier of the Tucson City Hall. He helped elect the first Hispanic member of the City Council Hector Morales in the late 1960s and Rubén Moreno in 1971. From then on Latinos have been continuously represented

on the Tucson City Council. He helped integrate the Tucson Unified School District Board when he actively supported the successful Hispanic candidate Raúl Grijalva, who now is a member of the United States Congress.

During the 1960s he helped organize and participated in demonstrations to pressure local restaurants to serve African-Americans. He was arrested in Hermosillo for passing out leaflets condemning the Mexican government's abusive treatment of University of Hermosillo student activists. Rudy entered the United States as an undocumented immigrant, born in Culiacan and raised in the border town of Naco, Sonora. He joined the United States Army in 1944 and became a naturalized citizen in 1946. In 2001 the Tucson City Council renamed Rodeo Park, Rudy Garcia Park in his honor. His daughter Isabel Garcia inspired by her father carries on his legacy of social activism. She is a lawyer and human rights activist in Tucson. She is a founder and co-chair of Coalicion de Derechos Humanos.

The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers found itself fighting a number of court cases in 1963. They were all related to the federal government's attempt to prove that the union was a communist infiltrated organization.

Abe Yanez was sworn in as the new President of Mine Mill Local 937. The newly installed officers celebrated at the Blue Front Inn in Mammoth on January 27. The other officials were:

George Benidez, First Vice-President; Alex Mendibles, Mine Mechanical & Construction Vice-President; Andy Lopez, Tucson Vice-President; Hank Murray, Mill Vice-President; William Bicknell, Smelter Vice-President; Ignacio Rea, Plant Vice-President; Frank Barraza, Railroad Vice-President; Jay Baredes, Townsite Vice-President; Armando Carillo, Financial Secretary; Joe Borbon, Recording Secretary; Isaías Chacon, Conductor; Arnulfo Garcia, Warden; and four Trustees: Joe Webber, Andy Webber, Frank Quijada and Walter Traabu.

The Mine Mill Women's Auxiliary officers were Madline Yanez, President; Esther Sanchez, Vice-President; Ruby Clifton, Recording Secretary; Natie Montano, Financial Secretary; Eva Benavidez, Warden; Eva Montijo, Warden; and Mary Horner, Delegate.

On February 2, a disagreement between the company and union resulted in a work stoppage at the mine which lasted through February 3. The issue was over the company's absenteeism rules. Mine Mill accused the company of charging absenteeism against employee seniority rights because of industrial injuries, extended injuries or illness. The stoppage was called after remarks were made by Mine Superintendent C.L. Pillar concerning accident prone workers. Local 937 charged that Pillar was saying that every man in the mine was subject to lose his seniority rights

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if he has had an accident. Pillar also allegedly told workers that all excused absences can be added up to demote employees or deprive them from bidding on jobs. Mine Mill claimed that “nearly every accident that occurs at the mine is the company’s negligence”. “Everyone that gets hurt is blamed and the accident is used to deny seniority”.

A union spokesman said that “the crux of the matter is the company’s disqualification of senior workers and denial of seniority rights when bidding, and company demotion of workers because of their having been injured on the job, or off work because of sickness even though excused by Dr. Findlay (Chief Surgeon at Magma Hospital) or when excused from work by the foremen”. The union and company began talks concerning the absenteeism issues. In early March a partial settlement was announced by Rudy Garcia. He said that the absentee issue would be determined by an arbitration case scheduled for March. The grievance filed by George Chacon that had resulted in the work stoppage was decided in favor of Chacon and Mine Mill. The bad practices by Magma were ordered corrected.

In March Mine Mill President Abe Yanez and member Leroy Houser traveled to Phoenix to meet with the State Mine Inspector Roy V. Hersey. At the meeting they voiced their opposition to use of the explosive ammonium nitrate underground. They considered the explosive unsafe. It had been tried in the San Manuel mine a year earlier and they found that carbon monoxide was formed which was difficult to remove and was extremely dangerous to miners after a blast.

The company and the unions were focusing on mine safety. An underground and surface accident prevention course was being taught at the Mine Mill union offices in Mammoth and Tucson. Louis McGuire of the U.S. Bureau of Mines was teaching the courses. Mine Mill was the first labor organization to sponsor accident prevention training.

In June the Retail Clerk’s Union Local 727 out of Tucson was picketing Goodman’s Market in San Manuel, “to exert more pressure on Goodman” who was one of four grocers being struck on. The four grocers were Goodman’s, El Rancho, Food Giant and Safeway. The union was on strike because the grocers wanted to reduce their worker’s holiday benefits, sick leave benefits and have no restrictions on the amount of part time employees they could hire. The union wanted to limit part time employees to 50% of those employed.

Rodolfo Garcia, Business Agent for Mine Mill said they would honor the pickets as a matter of union policy. “We are going to recommend to our members and other workers that they honor the picket line.” The Miner reported that the employers had offered 7.5 cents an hour raise to all employees except carry out boys who were earning the minimum wage of \$1 per hour. Swede Heisler, Manager of the San Manuel Goodman’s #7 reported that all the stores employees were on the job. The pickets were from Tucson stores or the local union.

In July, Safety Certificates of Honor were presented to W.H. Cann, Chief Mine Electrician and L.B. Beneitone, Mine Rigger Foreman. The certificates were given by the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association of Washington, D.C. The Mine Electrical Division worked 828,872 man hours without a disabling injury from December 20, 1959 through July 18, 1962. The Mine Division Rigging crew worked 542,080 man hours without a disabling injury from July 26, 1956 through February 14, 1963.

During the summer Mine Mill had organized the Mine Mill Tri-Community Activities committee. Art Swanson was the Chairman. One of their first activities was the free showing of the Walt Disney movie “Little League Moochie” at the San Manuel High

School cafeteria. Like the other unions and fraternal organizations, Mine Mill sponsored Little League teams and community events.

Former Mine Mill President Fred Sanchez was invited by Oracle Elementary School to speak to the 8th grade class about trade unionism. Fred spoke on the history of Labor and the reasons for people joining unions. The 8th grade class was studying various phases of unionism and desired more current information relating to unions.

On December 2, Mine Mill sponsored a Civil Rights rally held at the VFW Hall in Superior. It was organized and well attended by members of Mine Mill Locals: Superior Local 938; San Manuel Local 937; Ray-Sonora Copper Workers Local 915; Hayden Smeltermen’s Union (AS&R) Local 836; Hayden Kennecott Local 939; and Miami Miners Union Local 586. In addition Mine Mill attendees came from: Copper Queen Miners Union Local 551, Bisbee; Morenci Miners Union Local 616; Banner Miners Union Local 929. Many members of the public also attended. Coming only ten days after the assassination of President Kennedy, the meeting must have been very moving.

The flyers advertising the meeting said ATTENTION: To all persons interested in the late President Kennedy’s Freedom Movement and Civil Rights legislation, come to the VFW Hall and hear John R. Salter, Jr, speak on these subjects. John Salter, Jr. was deeply involved at the time in the Civil rights Movement in the Deep South. He had been beaten, arrested, shot at and shot back during his work as a Civil Rights activist. He had organized and led non-violent protests of the Ku Klux Klan.

Salter said of the meeting, “Union attendance was heavy and I spoke far into the night, everything translated into Spanish, as members came and went. Public attendance was good. Mine Mill officials and rank and file members were deeply involved and active in making this a significant event.”

1963 had been a turbulent year for the country. Martin Luther King speaking about the Civil Rights Movement during his “I have a dream” speech in Washington, D.C. in August said “1963 is not an end but a beginning”. The issue of Civil Rights had become a mass movement. The segregationists in the country and the bigots in the Deep South were prepared to do what they could to stop the movement. Within days members of the Ku Klux Klan bombed a church in Birmingham, Alabama killing four little girls. Three months later President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. The country was divided and confused heading into 1964. It would become more so as the country would become more involved in the Civil rights struggle and in a place called Vietnam.

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