



We Give You the Run-Around

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O Lord, let me judge no man
Until I have run a kilometre in his Adidas!
—ancient Sumerian proverb

Cathy Quintana and co-workers from the Fort Marcy Recreational Complex turned religion into a virtue on Good Friday, planning a thirty-mile run to the Santuario at Chimayo. Cold weather caused several dropouts, but Cathy started at 4 a. m. and ran the whole way; icy socks and all. Rick Pong and a pal started even earlier from Rick's house, and did the distance, as well.

Lucy Huckabee ran the first fifteen miles with Cathy. Mary Nichols met them halfway, so to speak, and ran the remainder with Quintana. They took just over four hours to make the accelerated pilgrimage. As many as twenty other pilgrims were seen running at least part of the route. Large numbers of northern New Mexico Catholics walk annually on Good Friday to the little shrine whose earth, tradition holds, possesses curative powers. Toward the end, Cathy said, she needed some.

Jewish members of the Striders were welcome to accompany the devout, and at least one ran the last seven miles with the girls. Apparently nobody attempted to duplicate certain extreme Good Friday rituals of nineteen hundred fifty years ago.

Dale Goering again broke three hours at the Boston Marathon on Patroits' Day. Kenny reports that because of the cold rainy weather, there was a dearth of course monitors helping arrange a seeded start, and that turkeys and slower runners cost Dale maybe ten minutes at the start. George Linn, Our Founder, showed up from Colorado and finished just behind Dale. (Proving once again, if proof were needed, that age is almost as great a virtue as faith.)

The other club entrants, brothers Jimmy and David Macias, trotted through it together, still worn from the effort of qualifying, and finished cheerfully in about 3:25.

The May club business meeting will be Tuesday evening, the 8th, at Greg Ohlsen's house, 1217 Cerro Gordo. Come at 5:45 for a short run, or at 7 o'clock to make final plans and assignments

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for the first annual Corrida de los Niños. If we can get hamstrung race director Dave Giles upright by then, he'll report on prospects for the races for children and teenagers. May 19; one mile for pre-schoolers and elementary age kids and three miles for 12-through-17-year-olds in three age groups.

We could use about one more \$250 to \$300 sponsor, but otherwise things look neat, so turn out for the meeting and give Dave much needed support. Entry forms are well-distributed, and the art work on the tee shirts is spectacular. He was originally shooting for 300 entrants. We may have underestimated.

Not as many individual results from races to report this month. Presumably as many members competing, but nobody calling times in to Ye Ed. Several biggies coming up in the next two months, including our own Run-Around. So keep your eye on the schedules in newspapers and this newsletter. Don't forget to feed John Arnold any likely items for his new weekly runners' column in The New Mexican. And don't forget our own weekly fun runs continue at 6 p. m., each Wednesday, from the Plaza.

Dave Otto ran a near p.r. 43:16 at the TAC 10K championships in Albuquerque, last month. Dave usually works out solo, but frequently crosses paths with groups from the club early in the morning or late evening, and joins us for a few strides. He's been going to races almost every other weekend.

Sports equipment impressario and new member Tom Tiano finished third among 40-year-old men in the Jog Your Mind state library association 5K at Albuquerque. Jerry Dorbin may have been one of the few NMLA members in the race. He finished third among 50-year-olds in a p.r. 20:45; and modestly attributed the six-minute improvement in two weeks to the difference between the Cerrillos and Albuquerque courses.

Got some old running shoes you were about to discard? Some of us have been kidding among ourselves for years about what to do with them. Gil Duran of Gil's Runners Shoe World in Albuquerque has an idea. He's collecting them at his Lomas Avenue store, to give to the Girls' Ranch, and other needy youth institutions. So retire your Atlantae and Pegasi thirty miles earlier than you would have. But don't throw them away. Take them to Gil's Shoe World in Albuquerque.

Or, perhaps saving old shoes for charities would make another (¡another!) worthy project for the Striders to undertake?

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