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The novel Doc is set in Dodge City in 1878, taking place three years before the gunfight at the O.K. Corral. Doc can also be considered a fictional biography, spanning the life of the man made famous in the novels and movies of the Old West.

However, Russell says that the novel is about something else.

"What it's really about is my desire to strip away all the mythology and slander of the notorious gambler and dentist Doc Holliday," and to earn that Doc be sympathized with and revered. I think he de -


The novel is a departure from her previous works, which have focused on historical events and figures. Doc is set in the late 19th century, during the Wild West era, and explores the life of the notorious gambler who became famous for his role in the gunfight at the O.K. Corral.

While the book is fiction, it is based on historical fact and includes research from previously unexplored sources. Russell spent years researching the life of Doc Holliday, visiting archives and interviewing experts in the field.

The book is a tribute to the life of a man who was much more than a gunman. Russell wanted to create a story that was true to history and presented a fresh perspective on the life of the famous Western outlaw.

The book has received critical acclaim from readers and critics alike, with many praising the author’s research and writing style. It has also been featured in numerous publications and has been translated into multiple languages.

Doc Holliday is being turned into an HBO series.

Mary Doris Russell, whose novel on Doc Holliday is set to hit bookstores next month, will have her work turned into an HBO series. The announcement was made by the network on August 16, 2015.

The series, titled Doc Holliday, will be based on Russell’s novel and is set to begin production in January 2016. The show will be directed by George Miller, who has won an Academy Award for his work on the Mad Max series.

The story follows the life of the famous Western outlaw, who was known for his gambling, drinking, and gunfights. The series will explore the life of Doc Holliday from his early days as a gambler to his later years as a dentist.

"Doc Holliday is a fascinating figure in American history, and we are thrilled to bring his story to life on television," said Scott Stuber, co-chair of HBO Originals. "Mary Doris Russell has written a compelling and nuanced portrait of this iconic character, and we look forward to working with her to bring this story to audiences around the world."
The Tombstone Small Animal Shelter offers the cheapest adoption rates in southern Arizona but the no-kill shelter, which is operated entirely by volunteers, is facing financial woes. Elaine Perry, president of the shelter, blames the depressed economy for the lack of donations. She also says that people are surrendering animals more often than adopting because they can no longer afford the cost of pet care.

Furthermore, the shelter does not receive any funding from the state because it is a non-profit organization. All funding is received from donations, which typically come from individuals. Perry attributed most of the donations to the fact that they are one of the few no-kill shelters operating in southern Arizona. However, even that recognition is not enough to make ends meet. The shelter needs to do what we can,” says Perry. “You don’t always see the results of your work.”

To make up for being a smaller organization, Perry and other volunteers bring animals to Purina in Sierra Vista every Saturday in hopes that someone will adopt them. Perry says on average about half of the animals she brings will be adopted that day. Also, she does not know what will happen if the shelter runs out of money. “Just carry on and don’t quit,” says Perry. “You don’t always see the results of your work.”

Sagging economy once again keeps holiday gift buying under wraps

By Andrew Schaeffer

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In terms of holiday spending, it has not yet started to look like Christ -mas. “People don’t generally do their Christmas shopping in Tombstone,” says Robert Cloughley, owner of Cochise Trading Co. “The town never really says a peak around the holidays.”

Tourists around town have seen the same trend and have accepted it as just something that goes along with living and doing business in Tombstone. “People tend to go malls for shopping,” says Susan Carreira, owner of Casa Pueli. “If they want unique gifts, they’ll go to Tombstone.”

Carreira said that business owners should not hope for a quick turn around in comparison to other stores. “I don’t think any stores will see better sales during this holiday season than usual,” he said. “I think all stores are in the same boat.”

For the time being, Cloughley said he hopes to bring in more locals to buy his store’s jewelry, expanding his clientele beyond the tourists who come to town for their vacations, they’re always thinking ahead and buying gifts for their families, and locals alike gifts that celebrate Tombstone’s Mexican heritage for the holiday season.

But unlike Tombstone’s shelter, the Humane Society is doing fine financially. “We’re pretty self-sustaining,” said Lyndsay Brown, public relations/media Relations lead at Humane Society. “Thanks to the club of donors and donors we’re able to do what we can.”

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Correction

The Nov. 8, 2011 “Chamber of Commerce” (Vol. 11, No. 4) should have clarified that the chamber of commerce is an independent, 501(c)(6) non-profit organization that solicits donations to help fund its activities. The chamber’s 2010-11 budget exceeded $100,000 but its net income was close to zero, according to its annual report filed on June 30, 2011. In the same issue, “Uncer - tainties” (Vol. 11, No. 4) should have included that the master plan is to be presented at a future meeting of the city council and will be available for review online at the city’s website.
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Barnes made note of the conjunction “has” and “will” and that a business owner must sign their name prior to the ordinance’s passing.

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