

Acceptance Vs. Resistance

hat do we mean by acceptance? More than just the absence of resistance, it is a coordinated effort between the attack and the defense. A series of upper and lower body movements that help expend and weaken the aggressive force being directed at us. This allows Aikido practitioners to use the attackers force and intention against them. One example of such force is a push, either with one or two hands. A push is a very common

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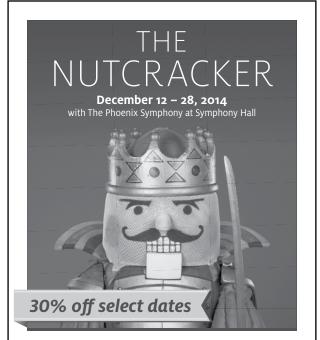
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attack that is often a prelude to further violence. If one is aware of their surroundings, turning the chest and deflecting the attackers extended arm will let the force of that aggressive action pass by. If, on the other hand, you defiantly present a "wall", the push will be successful. The attackers "intention" will be realized and emboldened.

Sometimes a clever response to a late reaction to the push might be deception. As the person has succeeded in making contact, you offer a brief resistance by bracing or "puffing" up the chest, hoping to trigger an even more vigorous second push that now allows you to control the outcome. In essence, the defender has purposely provoked an expected, predictable action that typifies any emotional outburst. The accompanying defensive technique is made easier when the attacker continues their aggression with reckless abandon. As I have mentioned before, Aikido students practice control of their emotions with an emphasis on



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By Steve Weber Special to the Nugget

Mr. Weber is the chief instructor at the Aikido Academy of Self-Defense located at 16134 N. Oracle Rd., in Catalina. He has more than 45 years of experience in the Martial Arts and has achieved skills in a variety of disciplines. He also teaches Tai-Chi on Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m.

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n the 1950's Konstantin Buteyko, a Russian doctor, developed a breath training method to treat "overbreathing" or hyperventilation, which he believed was a common cause of asthma, as well many other medical conditions.

The idea is that excessive breathing blows off too much carbon dioxide (CO2), which results in a change in blood acidity, actually makes oxygen less available to tissues, and alters the body's energy production.

Bronchospasm, or restriction of the airways, can also result. Think of it as the body seeking balance by reducing breath and helping CO2 again rise.

But what do most of us do when we feel lack of air from chest colds or asthma? We take shallow, rapid breaths through the mouth, blowing off even more CO2 and worsening the problem. Without the nose warming, filtering and "spiraling" the air deep into the lungs, we get further airway irritation and restriction. (Nasal breathing also creates nitric oxide, a vasodilator.) Shallow chest breathing throws fuel on the fire by reducing normal diaphragm movement, helping to create a "fight or flight" stress response.

The technique he developed has three core principles: nasal breathing, reduced breath rate or volume, and relaxation.

Reducing breath rate or volume is done to allow the easy rise of CO2, which you will feel as "air hunger" – the same feeling we get swimming underwater for some time. This sensation is kept mild, so you don't gulp air when ending the exercise. The goal is a long term shift in the O2/CO2 ratio and a retraining of breathing patterns.

Relaxation focuses less on the breath and more on just relaxing a bit more with



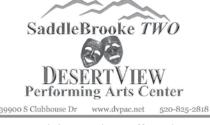
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each increasingly gentle breath. In all the techniques, it is vital to sit tall, allowing the breath to move into the lower rib cage and belly without strain.

Like so many things in life, Buteyko's three principles are parts of a whole, like spokes of one wheel. As you lower your breath rate and volume, you will tend to breathe through your nose and you will relax. As you relax, you will tend to breathe through the nose at a reduced volume and rate. When we are stressed, we are prone to rapidly mouth-breathe.

I'm sure you have experienced these connections of relaxation, breath slowing and even insight and appreciation. Maybe you saw a sunset so amazing you were stopped in your tracks, your brain finally quiet, and all your senses alive to the beauty of the world. You might have shared about it with friends, saying "it took my breath away".

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Friday, December 5 - 7:30 pm & December 7 - 4:00pm Sunday, SaddleBrooke Singers "Ring the Bells!"



Directed by Linda Griffin, the SaddleBrooke Singers present their annual concert this year entitled "Ring the Bells!" This large chorale, made up of all SaddleBrooke residents, will present a program of songs guaranteed to put you in the spirit of the season and under the spell of your long-lost Holiday memories. The program will include songs of both the secular and sacred varieties; some that will dig deep into your hearts and some that will get your toes tappin'. \$18 inclusive \$20 door

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 - A Swingin' Christmas!-7:30pm. Produced by Lonely Street Productions. The Holidays wouldn't be complete without our favorite tunes being crooned by Dean Martin, Bing Crosby, The Andrew Sisters, Andy Williams, Nat King Cole and all the legendary artists. Set in the style of a classic television Christmas Special, this concert will put you "In The Mood" with such Yuletide gems as "Happy Holidays," ""White Christmas" and many more. Featuring a six-piece swing band and an all-star cast of vocalists, A Patrons of the Arts Event. \$25 inclusive \$30 door



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hearts with tears in their eyes as they were given back the memories along with the gift of Christmas. Join us as we remember Christmas with child-like joy as we welcome Tucson Dance Academy back with two performances this season! \$25 inclusive \$30 door.

Wednesday, December 17 - A Classic Country Christmas - 7:30 pm Produced by Lonely Street Productions. Saturday, January 3, 2015 -

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Copper Queen Engineer Recounts Developing 'Apache Camp' Mine, Now

Apache Camp, Aug. 12, 1911

"Mr. Douglas and Mr. Sherman came out yesterday and said we should continue with the work." They had started a drift and struck 8% (copper) ore in four feet and so continued for 20 feet averaging 7-8%."

Sawyer also said that the company had decided to extend the railroad to Tucson (from Bisbee). From Fairbanks (AZ) to Tucson it would cost \$2,700,000. Sawyer speculate that if things worked out well at Apache Camp they "may have a spur" to that site, but also said that it would be expensive and hard to

In addition, "Gene" Sawyer said that "Mr. D. [Douglas] had asked if he wanted a vacation. He had recounted that Mrs. D. in Santa Rosa, California, at the time had mentioned in her last



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wire that she thought Mr. Sawyer needed some time off. Sawyer told his mother that he saw no way that he could get away with the work starting up again.

ARTICLE -Arizona Daily Star, August, 1911 "TO CONTINUE MINE WORK AT CAMP APACHE: Copper Oueen Company is Well Enough Satisfied with Results Thus Far obtained to Spend More Money

"Work on the Reid [an added claim]-Leatherwood-Geeseman mines in the Catalinas is to be continued. The owners and the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company which holds an option on these properties have agreed to the extension desired.

"E.H.Sawyer, manager at Camp Apache is at present in Tucson and yesterday told a representative of the Star that satisfactory arrangements had been made between the company and the owners and that work would be continued. He has recommended to his company that this be done and the fact that this recommendation is being followed shows that enough is thought of the property by his superiors to continue the expenditure of money upon its development.

"Speaking of the Catalina property yesterday Mr. Sawyer said: 'I understand that from time to time there have been reports that we have made some big strikes in our work and that the fact that I have never announced any such strikes gave rise to the impression that we were concealing them. Such has not been the case. We are working to develop the mine. There have been no big or important strikes to announce. We meet from time to time with encouraging results and these have been such that I felt warranted to advise that the work be continued. That some officials of the company feel the same way is indicated by the fact that we are to continue. What the reasons for asking for extension were I do not know. That does not come into

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the province of my duty. There are undoubtedly good reasons

"Mr. Sawyer added that the same force of men now employed at Camp Apache would be continued and that work would proceed with the development as it had been. Beyond that nothing further could be said. "Sinking and drifting is going on and if the property bears the indication of a mine with further work it will undoubtedly be taken over.'

[By the way. this kind of rumor plus assurance has appeared again 2014 regarding the Oracle Mining Co's dealings with Oracle Ridge Mines.-EJA]

Apache Camp, Aug. 25, 1911

"I have been pretty busy lately getting things under way again since we decided to continue. I had things worked down to the last morsel of supplies such a wood, gasoline, lubricants, etc., so that if we guit there wouldn't be much loss in supplies left on hand. Also our store was practically empty and for a few days the camp was pretty low on grub until the freight wagons got in

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Apache Camp Sept. 4, 1911

"We are still getting heavy rains here, on last night being about the worst yet. Practically a cloud burst. This is probably about the last. The climate up here in the mts. is a little more temperate than it is down in the valley..."

Tucson Oct. 29, 1911

"I came in town day before yesterday on a number of business errands and to get a new storekeeper. I think I have pretty good man and we are going in to camp today. This time I walked in [down the mountain on the Tucson side, apparently] just for a stunt and it didn't really bother me very much. I left camp at 7:15 and reached the hotel at 5:15 stopping about an hour to rest and eat lunch at noon.

"Among other things I bought a new saddle. I think my old one was not a very good one and was hurting Leo's [the new horse] back. ... I am going back by way of Oracle. I will get a horse there and go to the camp this afternoon. Things are running smoothly there.

Oracle Bisbee, Arizona, Nov. 3, 1911

"Everything is going well but we are all pretty busy. I have a new storekeeper I am breaking in and I think he is going to be a good man. I will be glad if he is, to get rid of a good deal of bother which the store is giving me now. One of our boilers has been leaking and acting badly for some time and we have a boiler maker here for a while to do some repairing on it."

"I don't understand the question about ore, that is I don't understand just what you mean. The ore carried about 4.5% [copper] on average. Besides that most of it has about 2.00 a ton in gold and silver. If the question was regarding the quantity of ore, that is what we are determining. We gave about 30,000 tons "in sight" as that expression is generally used. That wouldn't make much of a mine, but it is still holding on and there is lots of room ahead for it to expand."

Apache Camp, Nov. 13, 1911

"A number of things are coming up which I will have to attend to and I will probably have to make a trip to town pretty soon. We have no blacksmith now and are getting along the best we can with a fellow who isn't a blacksmith but willing to try. I saw Co. Getchell about a week ago and he told me about missing you in Bangor and his phone talk with Pap. I understand Co. Cody is at his camp now with a party of friends and that they plan a visit."

SANTA RITA HOTEL TUCSON, ARIZ, Nov. 22, 1911

"I have been having a very busy week and now I am in town again still looking for a blacksmith....I finally located one well recommended here in town and a man who said he had had a great deal of experience at sharpening machine drills, so I took him out with me. He turned out to be an utter failure. He simply couldn't do the work and he must have known it before I went out and I can't understand why a man will talk that way. We have lots of cases of the same thing. A man will come along claiming to be an old machine man. We will put him to work and find that he probably never ran a machine before. I might be possible for a man to run a bluff on a machine for a short time, but I can't imagine what the blacksmith expected to do. I came in from camp yesterday and if I can't find a real blacksmith today I will telephone to Bisbee for one and go back to camp tomorrow.

"I guess it is 25 miles across the mountains from [Apache] camp to Tucson. It is 35 [joke?] of the damnedest miles you ever saw. They haven't got over it here in Tucson yet and Shelton, the man with whom I have most of my business here in town says if he ever did a thing like that he would write a book. It didn't phase [sic: faze] me a bit and I could do it every day. For the last four or five months, I have been coming and going that way regularly on horse. My trip last week I came in that way and when I had finished my business, I rode to Oracle 42 miles [apparently via Oracle Road] and then in to camp from there the next day.

"My reason for traveling this way is I don't save time but save money and get lots of exercise. There is not much travel between Tucson and Oracle and to go by way of Oracle, I have to ride 20 miles [from camp to Oracle] anyway and usually have to wait there overnight for an auto and then pay \$15.00 to get to Tucson. I takes four hours to ride to Oracle and two hours to make Tucson by auto. I was hardly ever lucky enough to get on

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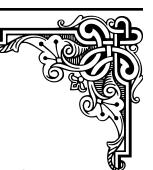


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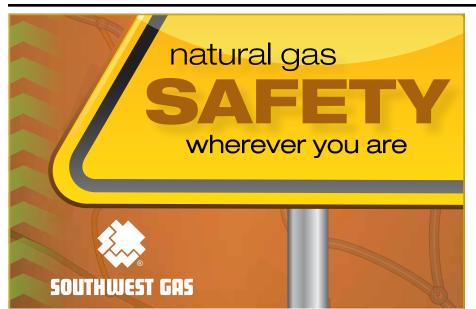
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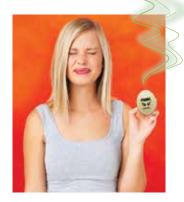
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By Andrea Justice Pinal Nugget

If searching for that one-of-a-kind Christmas gift, look no further than the Pickle Barrel Trading Post in downtown Globe, Ariz. Located at 404 S. Broad Street, the Pickle Barrel is a cultural gift and antique store that carries everything from rare purple glass to authentic Native American arts and crafts.

Owners Jim and Kelly Moss consider the store a labor of love. "We opened in September 2003 and have continued to expand and grow," said Moss. Rooms have been added on and redone to fit an ideal shopping experience. Over the past decade, the building has been beautifully restored from a 1905 commercial warehouse that once housed Old Dominion Copper Mine's drilling equipment to a well decorated modern collection of gifts. "The building is 8,000 square feet," said Moss. "I think it's the variety of our merchandise that stands us apart, and even the guys like our shop."

Store worker Jordon Montgomery detailed some of the odds and ends of the Pickle Barrel, describing what makes their items so unique. "The sign outside says, 'You won't believe what's inside!' and that pretty much sums it up," said Montgomery. "We do a little of everything. It's hard to come in and not find something that grabs your attention." Antiques, yard art, Southwest gifts, purses, belts and more decorate the extensive space. "We have a rock room and kids room with select toy items for children," said Montgomery. "There is also an assortment of crafting materials which includes Tandy leather and a variety of beads." Other items include El Paso blankets, a variety of Native American pottery, Kachina dolls, and Burden baskets that are hand-crafted by three local artists. "We try and stick with our local artists," said Montgomery. "We carry a lot of books and cds all done by local artists too."

If looking for jewelry this holiday season, the Pickle Barrel has several displays showing off some of the areas precious

GETTING LOST IN THE COPPER CORRIDOR



Can you guess where in the Copper Corridor this photo was taken? If you guessed Globe, then you would be right. The hand painted ornaments on the cover illustrate Arizona's beauty. They can be found at the Pickle Barrel Trading Post at 404 S. Broad St. in Globe, Ariz. Read more about the Pickle Barrel in the story above. 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.

at Pickle Barrel Trading Post

minerals and gemstones. "We are known for our Sleeping Beauty jewelry," said Montgomery. "But we also have a large case of beaded jewelry from San Carlos and Whiteriver as well." All of the jewelry is hand-made and makes a perfect gift for that person who is hard to shop for. As the sun shines in the warehouse it's hard to miss the beautiful copper splashes that adorn the walls. The Pickle Barrel houses a large variety of copper items which include hand-made copper ornaments.

The Christmas lights are hung inside and a display of hand-painted Christmas ornaments illustrating Arizona's beauty decorate a cactus tree. "These ornaments are really unique," said Moss. "I'm sure they will stand out on any Christmas tree."

The Pickle Barrel Trading Post is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on items, sign up for the monthly newsletter, or to take a virtual tour of the building visit www. picklebarreltradingpost.com. The newsletter details monthly sales and has over 10,000 subscribers.



Pickle Barrel store employees are pictured holding up some great gift ideas for this holiday season.

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An assortment of unique yard art is on display and for Sale at the Pickle Barrel Trading Post.

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The Magma Arizona Railroad

By John Hernandez Pinal Nugget

In early 1914 the Magma Copper Company after studying different methods for transporting copper concentrate to the new smelter in Hayden decided that hauling by railroad would be the most economical. The mine had been hauling concentrate by wagon to Webster located on the Southern Pacific

Railroad line. The ore would be transferred to the Phoenix and Eastern Railroad where it would then be hauled to Hayden. Webster which would later become known as Magma Junction and then Magma was 31 miles from Superior. Hauling by wagon required a team of between 20 and 32 mules pulling three ore wagons and cost the company \$10 a ton.

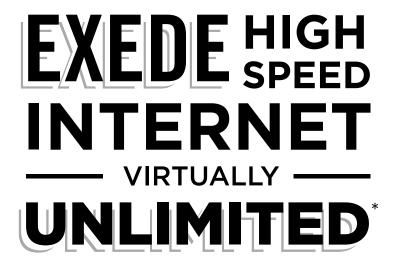
A young engineer, Edward Dentzer from Pennsylvania had convinced Magma Copper that a narrow gauge railroad would be the most economical means of transportation. On Oct. 20, 1914 the Magma-Arizona Railroad Company (MARCo) was officially incorporated. The first board of directors was W.L. Browning, manager of the Magma mine, E.H. Lundquist, superintendent, W.C. Holbarn, I.A. Ehinger and J.A. Garrott. The contract for the railroad line was awarded to the MacArthur Brothers Company. Dentzer would become superintendent of the railroad. Before he retired in 1944 he would be promoted to general manager, director and vice-president of the Magma-Arizona Railroad Company.

Construction at Webster began in November of 1914. The rail line would be completed to the concentrator near Superior in April 1915. An article in the Arizona Republican in June

1915 reported that the shipping costs had been lowered to \$3.50 a ton with the use of the train. The train used a saddle tank steam locomotive to haul concentrate, supplies, freight and passengers. For passenger service a large car designed to carry eight passengers and baggage was purchased. In 1916 the cost of traveling from Webster to Superior was \$2 one way or \$3.50 round trip. The railroad would later transport cattle from local ranches to market. A spur and loading dock was installed near the now ghost town of Reymert so the mine there could ship their ore by rail. In 1916 the tax valuation assessed by the state was \$213,890 or \$7,300 a mile.

In 1920 the mine in Superior had increased in size and production to the point that Magma

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By Bridgette Crosby Pinal Nugget

For the last 11 years, a local festival has captured hearts and spread Holiday cheer in San Tan Valley. Originally designed as a local event for residents to enjoy without having to leave town, non-profit groups, schools and small businesses were also invited to participate. Polarfest has since become San Tan

Created by then San Tan Valley resident Janet Anderson, the annual festival soon became popular for its wonderful variety of activities, vendors, food, fun and fundraising. After many years of coordination and planning, Anderson decided that it was time to hand the event over to new leaders or stop hosting the event

community leaders in San Tan Valley, stepped forward and took the helm. Ribeiro stated, "Janet mentioned that she was retiring and that there may not be a Polarfest this year, so Netty and I

Riggs and Ribeiro are leaving the event as original as possible, with a few additions and creative tweaks here and there. Since this is the first year the two have organized the event, both decided to keep the planning simple before making any major

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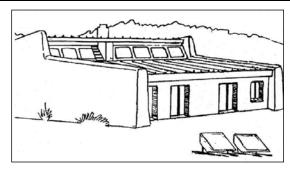
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POLARFEST

Polarfest will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Walker Butte Elementary School, 29697 N. Desert Willow Blvd. in San Tan Valley. There is still room for additional vendors and Ribeiro stated that new sponsors are always welcome.

Just prior to Polarfest, the San Tan Valley Chamber of Commerce will kick off the festivities during the sixth annual San Tan Valley Holiday Parade. The parade will begin at Johnson Ranch Golf Club at 10 a.m. and end at Polarfest.

To take part in the parade contact Angela

Smith, chamber president, at 480-788-7516 or email her at info@santanchamber.com.

Both events have developed a following in the community with families looking forward to them every year. People line the streets to watch the parade, then head to Polarfest for lunch and winter fun. In addition, local schools, non-profits and other foundations have come to Polarfest as a winter blessing.

Corrie Johnson, of St. Michael's Catholic Church, shared, "We love Polarfest! It is a wonderful event. Last year we were able to raise funds needed to help build our church."

Exciting new partners and vendors this year include:

- "Candy Land," a special section within Polarfest where the Florence Unified School District will introduce the their new Community Education Classes to San Tan
- · Santa and Mrs. Claus will be inside "Candy Land" awaiting children and families for free photos and prizes.
- San Tan Valley Farmers' Market and Bazaar, Lil Farmer Stand and Buttin' Fun Farms will be on hand with fresh local produce and animal friends.
- Candy Cane Train will be providing thrilling

and fun rides for kids and the young at heart. Bounce Extreme will be onsite with bounce

- · AzCare Rescue and Barkside Rescue will
- showcase adoptable dogs that need lovable
- The Pinal County Sheriff's Honor Guard and Memorial Committee will be serving lunch to raise funds for their organizations.

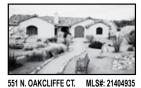
"Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy Polarfest. It Is a positive, local event that was born and bred in San Tan Valley. It's something we can truly call our own," stated Ribeiro.

For more information, visit www.polarfest.net or contact Ribeiro at 602-684-5489.

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This year brings many changes to the Electric Light Parade, which will now be known as the Winter Festival. Besides the name, the venue and the direction of the parade have also been changed. All activities will be held on Alden Street.in the center of town.

The more things change, the more they stay the same. There will still be the same good fellowship, great parade entries, tasty treats and

vendors.

At 3 p.m. there will be a few vendors with their hand crafted items for early stocking stuffers. The parade will line up in the Kearny Town Hall parking lot at Jamestown starting at 5 p.m., then, will travel up Tilbury to Alden where the floats and marchers will stop in front of the judges at the Pinal County Building and proceed to the parking area between the ARC and Kearny Drug. Clubs, organizations, school groups and individuals are encouraged to participate. Glow sticks are great for lighting and there are battery lit strings of lights for easy decoration.

The Junior Chamber members will have hot chocolate and cookies for sale and the Chamber will be selling posole and menudo.

If you have not received a parade application in the mail drop by the Chamber office, if the office door is closed there will be some on the rack by the door. There is no charge to enter. The forms need to be submitted by by Wed. Dec. 3 so that parade entry comments can be written up for the Master of Ceremonies.

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want to honor. There will be a booth set up during the parade to sell both items. This is a very sentimental tribute with the luminarios lighting up Alden Street. The Angel love lights proceeds go to a scholarship and luminarios proceeds will go to a charity of the Junior Chambers choice.

RAILROAD

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Copper Company made a decision to build their own smelter. In order to build the smelter a large amount of steel would have to be shipped to Superior. The narrow gauge railroad could not handle the heavy weight and amount of steel needed. It was decided that a standard size track be built. Construction on a line next to and running parallel to the small gauge line began in late 1921. The small gauge line was kept open to allow hauling of ore to continue while the other line was being built. The Toohy Brothers Construction Company built the new line. In 1923 the standard gauge line was completed and the old line was junked. The smelter would begin operating on March 31, 1924.

New locomotives, larger ore cars and equipment were purchased. Passenger and mail transportation would continue until 1938 when a better road between Mesa and Superior was completed allowing automobiles to take over. When diesel powered locomotives arrived in Arizona, Magma began phasing out the steam engines. The last steam engines, engine #5 and #7 were retired in 1967. Old Engine Number 5 appeared in the motion picture epic "How the West was Won" in 1962. Some scenes were shot around Superior.

In 1996 Broken Hills Proprietors (BHP) purchased the Magma Copper Company properties including the railroad. The operations of the railroad ceased in 1997. Resolution Copper Mining, LLC now owns the railroad and mine properties.

On Oct. 20, 2014, the Magma-Arizona Railroad Company marked its 100th anniversary of incorporation. The original Magma Arizona engine number 6 is on display at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale.

ORACLE RIDGE MINE

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without waiting at least two or three hours [for the auto at Oracle].

"So in the long run it is quicker and cheaper to ride through [from Camp] to Tucson which takes between 9 and 10 hours. It is a hard enough mountain trail and takes a good horse and that's what Leo is. The first five miles out of camp are what you would call uphill, from 5500 ft., the elevation of camp, to 9200 ft. Then there is a widening trail down into Sabino Canyon and out Sabino to the flat country and from there 15 miles to Tucson.

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Oracle Bisbee, Arizona, Dec. 17, 1911Even though it was his second winter at Camp Apache, Sawyer apparently hadn't counted on hard-freeze weather: "We have been having

a lot of trouble here in camp with our water pipes. We had a few very cold nights last week and everything froze up solid. Consequently all water has had to be carried about a quarter of a mile. We worked on the pipes and have finally succeeded in thawing them out. To avoid any more trouble we have a scheme which I expect to work pretty well. We have made a steam connection to the water pipe and on cold nights we will keep the water running and turn on enough steam to keep it warm all the way through. Yesterday it turned a lot warmer and last night we had about six inches of snow, more than we had at any time last winter. [and, for the first time in these letters, he manages to express appreciation of the view: "The snow covered mountains are a rather pretty sight. "

"Next Saturday I expect to go to Bisbee arrive there Sunday morning, spending Sunday and Monday.

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Oracle State Park gains international dark sky status

(Phoenix, AZ - November 10, 2014) - Between the cities of Phoenix and Tucson, Oracle State Park is a 4,000-acre dark sky oasis in the desert. Now the park's impressive night skies will be protected for future generations. The International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) has named Oracle State Park an International Dark Sky Park. Designated at the "Silver" quality level, the park is the first in the Arizona State Park system to receive the IDA recognition. Other communities in Arizona have also been designated including Flagstaff and Sedona.

Today the wonder of the night sky is threatened by the use of artificial light. The IDA works to raise public awareness of the value of the night sky and to garner allies in the efforts to protect the natural night sky. The IDA defines International Dark Sky park sites as "a park or other public land possessing exceptional starry skies and natural nocturnal habitat

where light pollution is mitigated and natural darkness is valuable as an important educational, cultural, scenic, and natural resources."

Light pollution comes from lighting that is aimed horizontally or upward, is unshielded, brighter than it needs to be, and/or shines beyond where and when it is needed. Light pollution not only impacts the science of astronomy (an important business in Arizona), but can cause documented negative impacts on wildlife, the environment and human health. Light pollution wastes over \$2 billion a year in unnecessary energy costs in the United States.

The IDA designates the quality of night skies in three tiers. Gold represents the highest award representing the darkest skies, followed by the Silver and Bronze designations. The Silver designation means there are three Point light sources and glary lights do not dominate nighttime scene. In addition, brighter sky phenomena can be regularly viewed, with fainter ones sometimes visible, and the Milky Way is visible in summer and winter.

Park Manager Steve Haas said, "The International Dark Sky Park Silver designation fits extremely well with the mission and goals of Oracle State Park as a Center for Environmental Education."

This coveted designation owes much to the efforts of the Oracle Dark Skies Committee (ODSC), whose members include Oracle-area residents, members of the Friends of Oracle State Park, and State Park Rangers. Michael Weasner, a retired former U.S. Air Force pilot and aerospace industry manager, chairs the group and spearheaded the effort to obtain the IDA recognition.

"Oracle is proud to have its State Park receive this important designation to help preserve Arizona's natural resources. The Oracle Dark Skies Committee worked hard to complete the necessary tasks and documentation in record time and is thrilled that Oracle State Park has received the designation," said Weasner.

The Arizona State Parks department plans to give high priority to dark skies at its 30 State Parks and Natural Areas, and applying lessons learned in the Oracle application toward the goal of many more IDA designations in Arizo-

Executive Director Bryan Martyn said, "Arizona State Parks' conservation efforts are an important part of the agency's mission. We are excited to have Oracle State Park designated as a dark sky park and hope to see many more parks added."

IDA established the International Dark Sky Places conservation program in 2001 to recognize excellent stewardship of the night sky. Designations are based on stringent outdoor lighting standards and innovative community outreach. Since the program began, eight Communities, 20 Parks and nine Reserves have received International Dark Sky designations. For more information about the International Dark Sky Places Program, visit http://www. darksky.org/international-dark-sky-places/ about-ids-places.

The International Dark Sky Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Tucson, Arizona, advocates for the protection of the nighttime environment and dark night skies by educating policymakers and the public about night sky conservation and promoting environmentally responsible outdoor lighting. More information about IDA and its mission may be found at http://www.darksky.org.

For more information about Oracle State Park call (520) 896-2425 or visit AZStateParks.com/ parks/ORAC. For information about all 27 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 or visit AZ-StateParks.com. Campsite reservations can be made online at AZStateParks.com or by calling the Reservation Call Center at (520) 586-2283. Open 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. Follow AZStateParks on Twitter and Facebook.



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