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OBITUARY

Mary Maldonado

Mary Maldonado, 85, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015.

She was born May 25, 1931, in Solomon, Arizona, the daughter of the late Julian and Adelina Peru. Mary was one of nine children. On Jan. 26, 1947, she married Rafael Maldonado in Solomon, Arizona. They later settled in Oracle where they raised their four children.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, cooking, and spending time with her family and friends.

Mary is survived by her children,

Yolanda (Pablo) Medina and Daniel (Tessie) Maldonado; 14 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; her sisters, Rosa Jimenez and Celia Gonzales; and her brothers, Raymundo, Raul and Francisco Peru.

She was preceded in death by her dearest husband Rafael; her sons, Ralph and Louie; her parents, Julian and Adelina; her sisters, Consuelo and Andrea; and her brother Julian.

Mary was greatly loved by family and friends and will be missed, but



not forgotten. Funeral services were held Nov. 20, 2015 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Mammoth. Father Walter

Balduck officiated. Interment followed at Oracle Cemetery.

Vistoso Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Data Points Not Definitions

By Linda Lyon
 Special to Copper Area News

Much discussion is underway about what the 2015 AZMerit test results mean. I'm guessing they don't mean our students are failing, that our schools are less effective, or that our teachers don't care. Rather, they reflect the raising of the bar and should direct us, not define us. Better scores could after all, mean better-educated students or just an over-the-top focus on test taking. Likewise, higher teacher salaries could indicate more experienced, higher quality teachers or it could mean that the

district must pay more to attract teachers to their location. The bottom line is that we must not give data points more power than they deserve.

As the Pinal County Chair to the Arizona School Boards Association, I've been to all but one of the districts attending board meetings, meeting key players and touring the campuses. What I saw across the board, were caring professionals who want all their students to succeed. Yes, some of our districts have been more successful with testing than others. Districts with the lowest poverty rates and percentage of students on the free and reduced lunch program,

generally did best. More proof that socio-economic status is the greatest indicator of success in school. With few exceptions, the larger districts also did better. Likely reasons include more flexibility in the application of resources and the ability to attract more skilled leadership and teaching talent. This is not to say that smaller, more rural districts don't have very talented people. I know they do. But, school leaders, like any others, generally work their way up to larger districts and with experience, often comes the ability to produce better results.

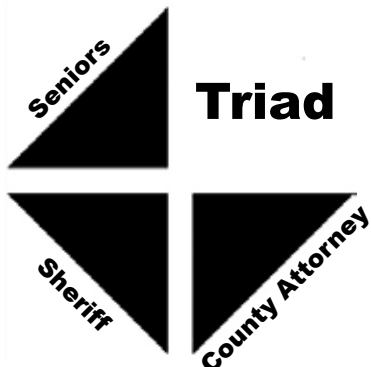
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Congratulations to Tamara from Mountain Vista School collecting food for the food drive sponsored by Family First.

Christmas 2015: A Child is Born!

As we look back on the year 2015, it has been a year of change! Is it just me or does the world seem a little more anxious, on edge, uncertain? As our world changes and life changes, we sometimes look back to a time a little slower, simpler, maybe an easier time? Maybe a time when we thought we had all the answers! At this time of year I always think back when I was a child and the fall brought cooler weather, the leaves changed and fell to the ground. As the

weather changed it became colder, wetter, with the rains falling; then a miracle happened, it got colder and the rain tuned to snow! Everything became covered with a coat of white, crystal, frozen snow! Everything was new again!

Here at Family First this past year we have seen something more amazing! We have seen families in the midst of crisis, of change, living without a hope - and then it happens - a child is born! For

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"Buffalo Bill" as he was known or William F. Cody, was one of the more colorful real life characters in the history of the Old West. Buffalo Bill was a pony express rider, buffalo hunter, scout, entrepreneur, Indian fighter, actor, and showman. At any given time 3 or 4 different larger than life tales were being serialized in the national newspapers and magazines. After the massacre of Custer's troops at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, Cody was pulled offstage by military forces to serve his nation as a scout. Cody quickly led the cavalry soldiers in an ambush of Cheyenne warriors and still wearing his stage costume of a black and red velvet vaquero outfit - Cody waved the bloody scalp, the first

taken in revenge of Custer, above his head. His wild west shows played to sold out shows across the world, including royal audiences in Europe before kings and queens.

William F. Cody was a frequent visitor to the Mountain View Hotel in Oracle. Eventually he invested in the area, owning Campo Bonito and the High Jinks Mine. It was in the winter of 1912 that Cody portrayed Santa Claus for the Oracle schoolchildren. Santa Claus was a role the veteran actor was well suited for. He had long flowing white hair and a white beard which trailed neatly trimmed from his chin. His natural charisma put a twinkle in his eye and most of the children were in awe of both his legendary and historical personas.

The scene is described in *Pipe Dreams, Stories of Buffalo Bill* and included in *Paradise Found* by Kathy Alexander.

"Children and parents came from all directions through

the mountain passes and trails, some on horses, some on burros, in wagons and all sorts of conveyances...

Promptly at noon, the arrival of Santa Claus in Campo Bonito was announced and he appeared by the Christmas

tree. The words of Santa Claus, although spoken in kindly tones, were strange to all present and not until afterwards was it learned that the greetings of Santa Claus were in the tongue of the Sioux Indians and told of the Sioux conception of the Great Spirit that sent Santa Claus to gladden the hearts of the children of the world. After the many gifts had been dispensed, sports were in order and the balance of the afternoon was taken up in foot races for the little boys and girls, in burro races, shooting matches, etc... Col. Cody has won fame in many lines but the little children of the Catalina mountains will always remember him as a dear old Santa who gave them lots of toys... and love and good cheer among the rugged canyons and defiles of the Catalinas."

It was Oracle's most famous Christmas.



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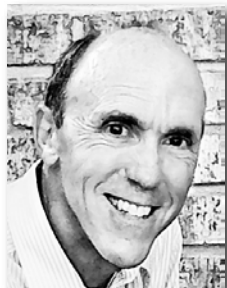
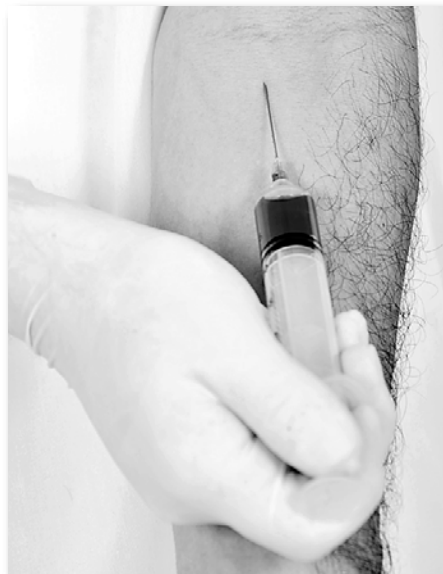
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A typical report is laid out according to the most influential organs involved in a group of tests. For example, there may be 3-5 electrolytes (minerals) that are grouped together to help evaluate the kidneys. These include sodium,



HEALTH ISSUES

By Dr. Michael Miles
Special to the Crier

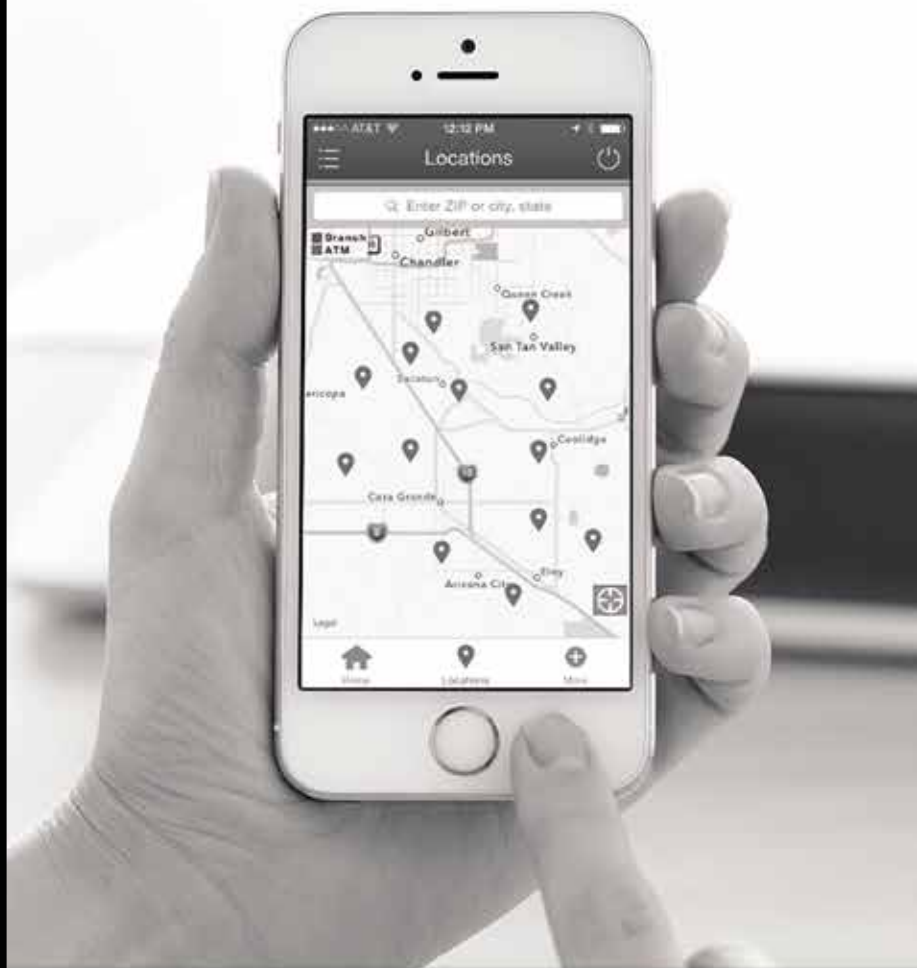
potassium, and chloride. All tests are listed with a reference range next to them that indicates what that lab believes should be the normal values for those tests. For example, the reference range for your hematocrit might read 40-50%. This means that for most individuals their red blood cells will comprise 40-50% of their overall blood volume (women might be a little less). If your percentage is less than the reference range you might look for anemia or blood loss. If it is larger than 50% it might mean that your body is compensating for low oxygen by making more red blood cells in order to deliver enough oxygen to survive. This is often the case with smokers.

The usual areas of interest that the typical blood test covers are red and white blood cells (RBC, WBC), differentiation of WBC's (neutrophils, lymphocytes, etc.), kidney function, liver

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Unexpected Humor from an Airline?

I just returned from a visit to Chicago but found, upon opening my luggage, that I had lost a recently purchased book that I purchased during my visit. It appeared the book had been taken from my luggage sometime during the handling process, although nothing else had been taken except the book. It was with a bit of embarrassment that I wrote to the airline describing the book and informing them someone had absconded with it. And why be embarrassed about the book? Because it was a book that held within it a digital

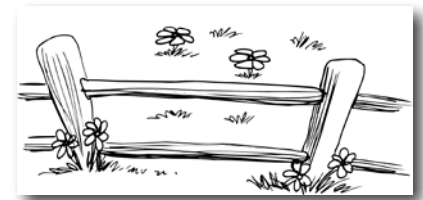
replica of 10 separate farts that can be emitted when digestion takes a certain unexpected turn. It also included detailed descriptions of those 10 farts.

I decided to pursue reporting this incident because where there's smoke there may be fire so to speak. I told them I didn't need a reply, I just wanted to report the incident so they would be aware of a potential problem that my book may have made apparent; although somehow I thought someone needed a good laugh and decided taking the book would allow them

to share some jovial moments with their friends. I told the airline I didn't need a reply or any remuneration, but I was surprised to find the following in an email received from an airline representative. They said they couldn't reimburse for the book (which I did not ask for in the email) but the following was included in that email:

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I probably laughed harder reading this person's reply than I did reading the



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Triangle L Ranch offers holiday market

By **John Hernandez**
Copper Area News

The Holiday Market at the Triangle L Ranch is now open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the next two Saturdays, Dec. 12 and 19.

The market has artwork and handmade items for sale. The featured artists are Sharon Holnback - ironworks, glass (new and recovered), and light; Karen Medley - clayworks; Suzie Daigenault - bee houses and etched copper; Anna Marie Dickinson - paintings; Diana Newell - hand-crafted wooden serving boards. Other artists' work will be on display for sale.

Besides shopping for holiday gifts, you can enjoy live music and food. Julie and Quentin Branch will be serving hot food. Baked goods will be available and the Oracle Pie Lady will be selling her famous pies, whole or by the slice. The Art Park paths will be open for everyone to enjoy a nature walk with art. Come to the market, relax, shop and enjoy the music, food and art.



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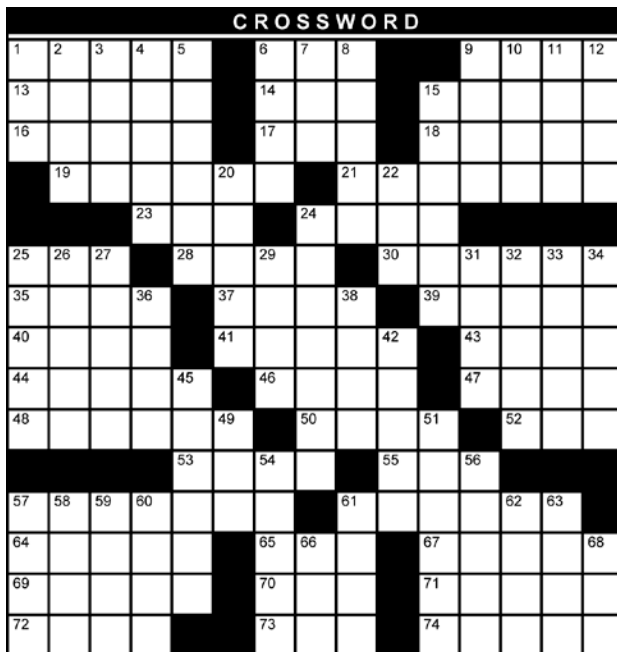
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6. T-cell killer
9. Many focuses
13. Finno-_____ language
14. Cassius Clay
15. Noted Impressionist
16. Russian pancakes
17. And not
18. Oxygen-containing compound
19. *Spiked holiday libation
21. *a.k.a. Timothy Cratchit
23. Not a regular teacher
24. Animal waste
25. _____ y pimienta
28. *Hanukkah dreidel has Hebrew letter on each one
30. 1/100th of a ruble
35. "_____ to perfection"
37. Habitual twitches
39. Wood turning device
40. Back of neck

41. Like the north face?
43. Inmate's weapon
44. Nashville player
46. Edible tubes
47. Prima donna's numbers
48. Not digital
50. Wide river valley
52. Break a commandment
53. No parking _____
55. *Done during Christmas dinner
57. *Pan-African celebration
61. *Festival of _____
64. Relating to birth
65. Knot-tying words
67. Shoelace bunny ears
69. Skip the big wedding
70. Jean-Claude _____ Damme
71. Bar, legally
72. Familiar deciduous trees
73. Hurricane center

74. Easily irritated

DOWN

1. Chicago baseballer
2. Check out
3. Place for mutinous sailor
4. Saturn's feature, pl.
5. Just one of acini
6. *Done to ornaments
7. International Labor Organization
8. Taste for fine objects of art
9. Like Jimi Hendrix' Lady
10. "Put a lid _____!"
11. Ghana monetary unit
12. Found on a list
15. Golden Horde member
20. Newspaper notices
22. Octopus' fluid
24. Do like Pinocchio
25. *One "chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf"
26. "Encore!"
27. Former Greek coin
29. Flighty person
31. Aaron Rodgers' move
32. Community spirit
33. Popular cook-off dish
34. *Macaulay Culkin's character
36. *Look for a good one on Black Friday
38. "_____ good example"
42. Mushroom caps
45. Hose attachment
49. India's smallest state
51. Aerie baby
54. Like Forrest Gump or C-3PO?
56. Not these
57. Wounded _____ Massacre
58. Hit this when tired?
59. Tiny piece of anything
60. Takes a siesta
61. Like TV's famous ranger
62. *Marines' holiday donees
63. Dick and Jane's dog
66. *Boxing _____
68. Melissa McCarthy's 2015 role



Solution to last month's puzzle



Grammatical Humor:
What do you call Santa's Elves?
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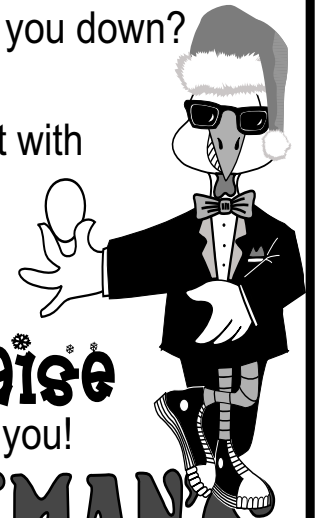
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Out of Body Experiences

Like the tales of many local residents about how they found Oracle, Peter Van Keuren's story is another one of lucky discovery, rather than focused planning.

In the pursuit of eclectic endeavors, Van Keuren found himself visiting the Triangle L Ranch one day in January 1975. He so much liked the community that he moved up here and has lived in town ever since.

Van Keuren states that this is the smallest town he has ever lived in, and he loves the welcoming and inclusive spirit of the Oracle community.

During our conversation, we discovered a shared interest in certain paranormal phenomena.

He tells of his extraordinary out of body experience (OOBE) as having taken place at night around the age of 28.

As a teenager, Van Keuren had been observed sleepwalking a couple of times by his parents. They would gently guide him back to bed without waking him up, and then tell him about it the next morning. He has no recollection of these events, except for what he was told.

However, the OOBE was different and he remembers it clearly. Sometime during the late hours before midnight, he found himself standing in front of the bedroom dresser. There was no mirror over the dresser. He looked down and saw his hands on the dresser and the thought occurred to him that he must be sleepwalking again.

As he turned around to head back to bed, he was startled to see his body lying there asleep. At that moment, he felt a strong grip in the back of his neck and he was flung toward the bed and slammed back

into his body, with a jolt.

This was a very frightening experience to say the least. He was not able to sleep all night after that. He does not remember any voice or other sounds associated with this experience.

According to Van Keuren's subsequent research into out of body experiences told by other individuals, there appears to be a 'silver cord' connecting the spiritual body to the physical body. This ethereal cord is said to be fairly thick and subject to emotions when the spiritual body is in close proximity to the physical body. It may extend up to about 20-40 feet in length, or greater if persons are in control of their emotions. Theoretically, the silver cord can stretch to infinity. However, if the 'silver cord' detaches or is somehow cut, the physical body dies.

Apparently there are some individuals who claim to manipulate an OOBE at will. This facility is reported to be achieved through control of one's emotions. Research data tells us that OOBEs usually occur spontaneously, for no known rhyme or reason that we can understand.

The interesting thing about Van Keuren's experience is the fact that he did not indulge in any opiates or alcohol prior to the event, nor were there any particular stressors in his life at that time. He only remembers being quite tired when going to bed that night.

It has turned out to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience that never repeated itself throughout his whole life.

He further mentions that there are persons who find themselves in co-location, being in two different locations at the same time. This is faintly reminiscent

of the mind control experiments conducted in the USSR during the last century for purposes of espionage.

In his spare time, Van Keuren attends meetings of the ManKind Project in Tucson, mentoring new members. The ManKind Project supports a global network of over 1,000 peer-facilitated men's groups serving close to 10,000 men each week. Its 'New Warrior Training Adventure' has been described by many participants as the most powerful men's training available.

The MKP empowers men to missions of service, supporting men to make a difference in the lives of others – men, women, and children around the world.

Van Keuren continues to talk about an important document called 'A Letter to Louise,' a biblical affirmation of homosexuality, as an informative narrative for anyone seeking explanations and answers on the subject.

Van Keuren spoke modestly about his family roots when asked about his Dutch origin.

He wanted to know if I remember what we were told in school about how



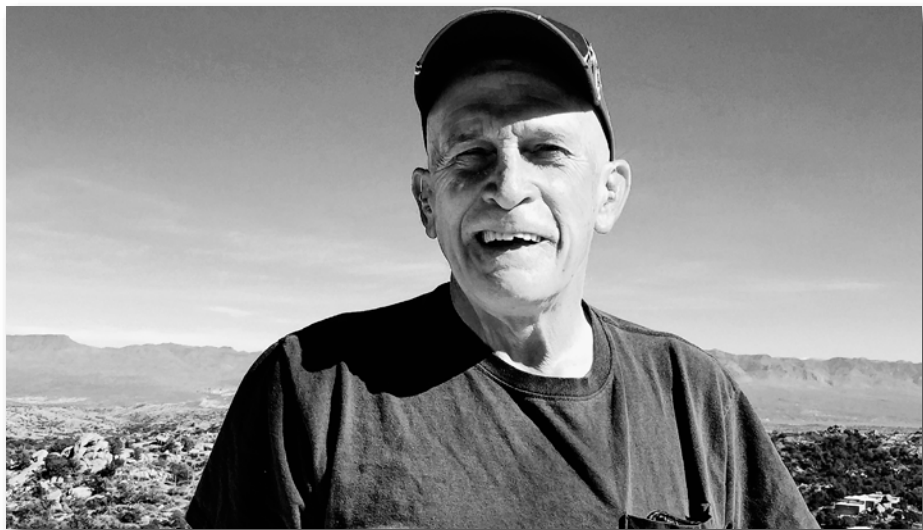
HANDWRITING ROCKS!

By Skylar Khan
Special to the Crier

Manhattan was purchased for twenty- four dollars worth of beads from the Natives. Being educated in Switzerland, and could not relate to that story myself.

He continued to explain that his family are descendants of the famous Mathis Jansen Van Keulen (notice the difference in the name where the letter l was later replaced by the letter r) who was co-founder of the Dutch East Indies Trading

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Peter Van Keuren



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Company.

Like England, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal, he continued to explain, his ancestry country of Holland also engaged in seafaring ways throughout the world. And how the Dutch East Indies Trading Company endeavored in 1621 together with a Royal Dutch provenance to establish a Dutch colony on our shores called New Amsterdam, a name later changed to New York by the British.

Famous Van Keulen and Dutch East Indies Trading Company owned the ship 'Half Moon' on which Henry Hudson first

went up the Hudson River.

Peter VanKeuren shared with me his signature for graphological analysis.

Peter's signature reveals to us that he has a well developed self-esteem as seen in the large capital letters. Peter can be objective, yet sensitive, as seen in the slant and the slightly looped t.

The open letter a in Van represents

good verbal communication skills.

Retraced letters P and R tell of habitual workmanship marked by precision.

In general, Peter uses print writing. This allows him to control deep feelings.

There is marked absence of any strange or unnecessary embellishments. Peter tells

it as it is.

In regards to the OOB, he states: "Like my father I grew up to believe that if I cannot see it, feel it, touch it or hear it, it does not exist. After having had my out of body experience, I have never looked at life the same way again."

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young couples who have no purpose, no direction in life, all of a sudden, there is a life changing miracle! New life! A child is born, a purpose, ready or not a young boy becomes a father, a young girl becomes a mother. There is a new child who depends on them for everything!

We are blessed to be a part of this miracle, seeing countless lives changed, along with the birth of a child, families are born! We are here to help young people transition into new roles, from a child, to an adult, to parents now responsible for raising a child! We are here to encourage, to help, to listen. Along with new life, hope is born!

At this Christmas season I am taken back to a small town, Bethlehem. Many years ago, hope was born to us all! Angels brought to us all this message: "Don't be

afraid, for behold I bring you good news, great joy, for all the people, today in Bethlehem there has been born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!" Good news for us all!

We thank God for all of you who have supported us this past year, you are part of the miracle, and you are part of the new lives, new families, and a new hope for this generation! May God the Father and our Savior Jesus Christ, bless you and your families during the holiday season and on into an exciting New Year, full of hope, new beginnings, new life! Thank you for supporting Family First.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

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Although funding didn't necessarily correlate to better test results, there can be no doubt that an insufficient budget makes all success harder to come by. It narrows options and promotes instability. Our educational professionals are great at making do with what they have, but making do isn't the same as thriving. And as much as we say we support public education, our actions just don't match our words. Only half of the County's district ballot measures passed this year and as the current teacher shortage shows, our teachers aren't paid nearly what they are worth. For those who would remind me that funding didn't necessarily correlate to better test results, why do you think the

richest amongst us send their children to expensive private schools. Maybe they understand that you often get what you pay for?

A politician thinks of the next election, a leader thinks of the next generation. Improving public education won't be a quick fix, nothing that truly matters is. We must have a good plan that serves everyone, provides the resources to make it work and then stay the course long enough to deliver. We can do it if we really want to. We just need an engaged citizenry that elects pro-public education officials and then holds them accountable. Then we won't need to focus on data, we will have real results.

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- **Awesome views** from large covered deck. 2000 doublewide on .34 acres. \$129,000
- **Charming home.** Views, fenced yard, large garage/workshop on 1.24 AC. \$99,900
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- **Fabulous views** from this 3.3 acre hilltop parcel. Homes only. \$95,000
- **49 ac commercial lot on American Ave.** in Oracle, excellent location with good traffic for a business. \$92,000.

San Manuel

- **Magnificent straw bale home** on 7 acres with views that seem to go forever. 32622 S. Redington Rd. For more information, call OLH 520-896-9099.
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- **3 bedroom 2 bath home** an excellent value with brand new carpet throughout, brick privacy wall, all windows were updated, worry free home with refrigerator, furnace, water heater and evap cooler all replaced within the last 5 years. Other features include nice cabinets and neutral color paint throughout the home. \$200k seller's concession at COE towards buyer's costs or upgrades. Call listing agent for details. \$64,900

Surrounding Area

- **3 bedroom, 2 bath on corner** lot, fenced \$16,900.
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- **3-lots to choose from.** Hill top views shared well, horse property, leveled off areas for home sites. Two lots \$50,000 each & one lot \$70,000.
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HEALTH ISSUES

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function (ALT, AST), cholesterol and sugar metabolism (glucose). Unless otherwise directed by specific symptoms, this group of tests is usually adequate to point out problem areas.

Some screening blood tests also include indicators of inflammation (sedimentation rate) to catch degenerative processes like arthritis, hardening of the arteries and autoimmune conditions. They may also include a hormone test (TSH) for the thyroid, as this particular gland is becoming more commonly associated with problems. This is an example of a feedback hormone such that if the result is high it is an indication that the thyroid is low functioning (hypo-thyroid) and if the Thyroid Stimulating Hormone is low the thyroid is high functioning or there is an outside source of thyroid hormone.

Occasionally a report will also include blood typing. This is a reflection of the unique makeup of your body's cells. All the cells in your body, including red blood cells, have several hundred different types of markers populating their walls. These markers determine how compatible the cells are with surrounding cells and chemicals. Blood typing identifies two (A/B/O and Rh factor) of the more than 400 markers on a cell.

It is a good idea to keep a copy of your blood tests for your home records. This will insure access to them in the future. Blood tests represent a snap shot in time. It is very helpful to compare the results of any instant in time with those of other times to get a better picture of what changes are occurring.

I hope you are enjoying these articles. Please let me know if there are areas of interest you would like me to comment on.

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p.m. where he will greet students as he transfers to a fire engine for a ride around town before his arrival at the Oracle Fire station around 4:30 p.m.

At the fire station the kids can visit with Santa and receive a bag of goodies. There will also be free hot chocolate and cookies.

Santa will be at the station until 7:30 before heading back to the North Pole. The entire community is welcome to stop by and visit with Mr. Claus.

If you don't get a chance to tell Santa in person about your Christmas wishes, please make sure to write him a letter.

Tri-Community children can mail their wishes to Santa in the special mailboxes that can be found throughout the area. In Mammoth, head over to La Casita Restaurant. In Oracle, the box is located at DeMarco's. San Manuel children can leave their letters at the box inside

Vantage West Credit Union.

Santa has also set up a special email address if you want to send your wishes to him electronically. The email address is santa@minersunbasin.com. And please when emailing include the town where you live so that your letter can be published in the right newspaper.

This year, Mr. Claus has given us permission to accept letters through our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/

CopperArea). Just send us a private message (PM) with your child's letter to Santa. Please be sure to include the town where you live so we can publish it in the right newspaper.

Hurry and get your letters in quickly so they can be forwarded to the North Pole in plenty of time for the big day. The deadline to mail letters in Santa's special mailbox is Dec. 18. Santa needs time to get all the requests fulfilled.

Letters will be published on Dec. 23 in the *Miner*.

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