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Getting Lost in the Copper Corridor...

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Consider Your Surroundings Part 2

You have heard people say “be aware of your surroundings” often enough, but most people think about it in a very limited way. Certainly, it is wise to make a note of other people and potential threats. However, how many people think of using their surroundings to assist in their defense?

When one is outside, public buildings and businesses can offer a safe haven. Be aware of the time of day and what businesses remain open late. Darkness can be a friend as well as an enemy. If necessary, attract attention by walking in the middle of a

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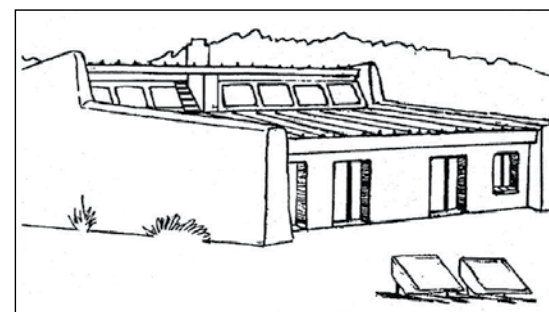
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From surgical techniques, to spinal or joint injections, to genetically produced bone-fusion materials, there has been a steady stream of new approaches hoping to solve the old problem of spine pain.

Soon, the real data comes out, and we find little evidence of benefit for the very treatments that were just recently promoted and widely utilized. And too often, these treatment don't only fail to help, they actually harm the patient.

In 2001, J.W. Scott, MD, wrote a short paper titled "Scott's Parabola: The Rise and Fall of a Surgical Technique". (The term "Parabola" is a reference to a "bell-shaped" curve which gradually, then steeply climbs, only to peak then sharply fall.) This can apply to all new therapies, including pharmaceuticals.

He pointed out how many new surgical techniques hold great promise initially, gain widespread acceptance only to fall into disuse after reports of negative outcomes. His paper comically described this popularity roller-coaster with terms like: "encouraging reports", "strong media pressure for universal acceptance", till it becomes "standard treatment."

As the downward fall happens, he continues with: "damaging survey reported", "condemned by several



SELF-HEALING

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authorities", "widely publicized medicolegal case" to "falls into disuse." He ends with "very old surgeons amaze their juniors with rollicking stories of the old days."

In the last few years, researchers have encouraged various medical specialties to find five treatments to eliminate from their practices that show little benefit and/or are clearly dangerous. Not surprisingly, most specialties feel it is the other guys that need to clean up their act!

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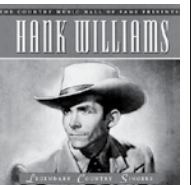
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In 1959, Dwight D. Eisenhower was in the last year of his presidency. The dictator Fulgencio Batista fled Cuba as communist revolutionaries led by Fidel Castro took control of the island nation 90 miles from the United States. Alaska and Hawaii would become states. A little known actor, Clint Eastwood appeared on a new television series, Rawhide. Teenagers were saddened by "The Day the Music Died" when Buddy Holley, Richie Valens and the "Big Bopper" J.P. Richardson were killed in a plane crash in Iowa.

In the prospering mining town of San Manuel the contracts with the unions and the San Manuel Copper Corporation were set to expire June 30. Competing unions, the United Steelworkers of America and the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, were still battling each other to represent the workers.

Early in the year, smelter workers petitioned the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and asked that their union, the United Steelworkers of America, be recognized as the bargaining agent for San Manuel rather than Mine Mill. Mine Mill had defeated the Steelworkers in the 1956 elections. The election was challenged by the Steelworkers but their protest was denied by the NLRB. Another unit of San Manuel Copper Corporation, the heavy equipment operators, joined with the smelter workers and asked that elections be held to determine which union would be the collective bargaining agent for the workers. There were 53 heavy equipment operators and 120 smelter workers requesting an election. Mine Mill represented 1,700 workers. A hearing was held in San Manuel attended by the Steel Workers, Mine Mill, San Manuel Copper representatives and members of the

NLRB. Transcripts from the meeting were sent to the NLRB in Washington, D.C. for the final decision.

While this was going on, the Mine Mill union at the Ray open pit mine, owned by Kennecott Copper Corporation, filed a petition requesting an election to challenge the current bargaining agent at the mine, United Steel workers of America. In May preliminary negotiations between Mine Mill and San Manuel Copper Corporation began. Other unions seeking new contracts with the company were: Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; Electrical Workers; Teamsters; Boilermakers; Painters; and Machinists. No word on the union elections had arrived from the NLRB in Washington.

Negotiations continued into June. On June 19, 1959, the



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San Manuel Miner reported that “concern was expressed in San Manuel, Mammoth and Oracle regarding the number of families that are moving out of the area and the labor negotiations have been blamed.” Rumors were going around that an election had been ordered by the NLRB and that a strike had been called for. Mine Mill Local President Nick Key said that no meeting had been called for the taking of a strike vote among his union. Key said that “such a meeting would probably be called later.”

As the contract deadline of midnight June 30 approached, it was announced that Mine Mill would take a strike vote on the morning of the 30th. A circular handed out to union members said that Mine Mill was seeking a 32-hour work week, a substantial wage increase, a cost of living escalator clause, higher pay rates for many of the job classifications, increased health benefits, sick leave and elimination of the no strike clause. In 1958, San Manuel Copper was the second largest copper producer in Arizona. Arizona copper miners had an average work week of 39.76 hours and earned on average \$95.49 a week. The steel industry in the United States was preparing for contract negotiations nationwide and union members were keeping an eye on the progress of the steelworkers.

On June 30, an industry-wide strike vote was taken by Mine Mill. The same week, the NLRB rejected the Steel Workers petition requesting an election be held to determine union representation in contract negotiations. Results of the strike vote were unavailable although the Miner newspaper said that in San Manuel over 80 percent of the union members voted to approve a strike. A Federal mediator Steve Halligan met with Mine Mill and company representatives. Mine Mill agreed to give the company three days notice before striking. San Manuel employees continued to work as negotiations continued.

Negotiations continued into August when Mine Mill notified its workers at San Manuel and Superior to be prepared to man picket lines on Aug. 11. The union bulletin said, “Up to this point, the company has not made one single solitary concrete offer on any particular issue.” The company disputed this although admitted that negotiations were slow and economic matters had not been discussed. Mine Mill Local 937 President Nick Key flew to Denver to present a resolution to the Wage Policy Committee of Mine Mill. Special mass meetings were to be held at the Oaks in Oracle for Key to give a presentation to San Manuel union members. Presentations were also planned for the Magma workers in Superior.

Mine Mill named as picket Captains at the San Manuel Mine: Eugene Curtis, Ray Cuadras, Fred Sanchez, Harold Werth, R.L. Williams and Ray Rivers. Assigned to the Mill were: Emilio Sanchez, Andy P. Lopez, Gayle Steele, Bill Cooper, and Jim Henderson. Picket Captains at the Smelter were: Charles Burchfield, Joe Herrera, Howard McCowan, A. Fairbee and Gary Brunson.

On Aug. 11 at 8 a.m., Mine Mill went on strike nationwide, closing the San Manuel and Kennecott Ray mine operations. The Steel Workers had gone on strike nationwide in the steel and copper industry. The copper industry strike involved mines from Montana to

the Mexican border. In San Manuel, picket lines were set up at the entrance to the mine property on the Tiger County Road and at the gate to the mill and smelter site. Hundreds of people, some curious about seeing their first picket lines, others wanting to learn what was going on and workers who had reported for their shift stood well back of the picket lines while observing. Negotiations ceased and the first strike ever in San Manuel had begun.

The Employment Security Commission now known as the Department of Economic Security (DES) set up offices in the community center so workers laid off by the strike could apply for unemployment benefits. Extra deputies were assigned to the area by the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

After eight weeks of strike, the Tri-Community, Ray-Sonora, Hayden-Winkelman and Superior were all

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School garden creates positive impact on students

By **Kathie Griffin**

Coordinator

SaddleBrooke Master Gardeners

This school year kindergarten and first grade students at Mountain Vista Elementary School in Oracle, AZ learned about life science, scientific processes, health and wellness, and teamwork through creating a school garden and growing their own vegetables, herbs, and flowers. The project was a collaboration between three teachers, Julie Formo, Windy Messing, and Chantel Sloan and the University of Arizona Pinal County Cooperative Extension. Representing Extension were Everett Rhodes, Extension Agent, Jim Jepsen, School and Community Garden Coordinator, and volunteers from the SaddleBrooke Master Gardeners led by Laurie Bryant.

An after school garden club was formed and over 30 students signed up to participate once a week.

Throughout the year students worked with teachers and Master Gardeners to plant and grow vegetables and herbs, compost, and develop a worm farm. They learned about bees, butterflies, insects and their relationship to the garden. Students used scientific tools such as magnifiers, rulers, and thermometers to help them observe, measure, and test. They learned about soil composition, composting, mulching, and weeding all while working as a team.

But the most fun was harvesting and eating! How often can you get a five or six year old to eat a Spinach, Kale, and Lettuce Salad, with a side of radishes and cherry tomatoes and then come back for second and third helpings?

One parent said that after eating "real"

carrots from the garden her son no longer wanted those little smooth carrots that come in a plastic package. He wanted the real deal! These are positive impacts that can have a long-term effects on health and wellness.

The school garden will continue next school year with some returning students who will act as mentors to new students who elect to

join this wonderful after school program. The project was recently given a thumbs up by the Oracle School Board. With the first year in the rearview mirror, the SaddleBrooke Master Gardeners are already developing lesson plans and projects for the upcoming year to make this an even bigger and better learning experience for these beautiful children.



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“It’s important to us that we are good neighbors and work collaboratively to improve the communities in which we live and work,” said Andrew Taplin, project director for Resolution Copper. “We greatly appreciate the support of the local communities and will continue to be actively involved and supportive of community groups and programs throughout 2015.”

- Resolution Copper provided corporate sponsorship to the **Superior Little League** to assist with field and equipment needs.
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feeling the economic hardship. Businesses suffered while over 100 families in the Tri-Community made applications for surplus food provided by the Pinal County Welfare Department. Church relief programs were set up to help the families. Wage earners left their families behind so their kids could attend school while they searched for jobs. Some families moved away to other parts of the state and country.

Tension in the community was growing. In September, five supervisors were prohibited by Mine Mill picket workers from going into the mine to work. The supervisors did not attempt to push their way through the pickets after being told they would not be permitted to enter the mine property. No physical force was used by the picket workers in preventing the supervisors from going to work. The five supervisors were Frank Svob, Matt Besch, Bob Miller, Joe Cuestas and Nemesio Gutierrez. The picketers contended that the supervisors were doing work that should be done by union members. The San Manuel Copper Corporation filed for an injunction and a judge issued a restraining order prohibiting the blocking of company

personnel from entering company property. The same week, General Manager Frank Buchella sent out a letter to all employees saying that the copper company was prepared to "sit down and mutually resolve realistically" any or all of the issues in dispute. "The company did not break off negotiations," Buchella wrote. "San Manuel will do everything in its power to settle the strike and resume operations. However, we have no intentions of making an agreement which would inevitably put us out of business permanently." The following week three members of Mine Mill were charged with beating Donald Montgomery behind Roy's Tavern in Mammoth. Charged in the beating were Floyd Zufelt, Jesus Monje and Ray Goines. It was alleged that Montgomery, a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, was called a "scab" and exited Roy's with one of the men and a fight ensued. The other two men jumped in and Montgomery was severely beaten and kicked. Montgomery spent two days in the hospital. Justice of the Peace Bill Swink set a bond of \$800 on each of the accused.

After 11 weeks of the strike, eligible workers were collecting unemployment. A court ruling had stated that only union members were eligible for unemployment benefits. Families were signing up for

food commodities and in some extreme cases local groups were guaranteeing school lunches for children of strike bound residents. Mine Mill had contacted

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the Arizona Water Company and Arizona Corporation Commission regarding payment of delinquent water accounts for their members.

The Mine Mill Union sent the company a letter requesting that they negotiate local issues and then resume contract talks. After 84 days of strike and an exchange of letters between the union and company, negotiation talks resumed.

In November, it was announced that workers at Magma Copper in Superior had voted to accept the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers as bargaining agents but rejected affiliation of AFL-CIO craft unions. It was the first time in 46 years of Magma's history that organization by any union

had been accomplished at the Superior operation.

On Nov. 2, 1959, the case which had been brought in 1956 by the federal government against Mine Mill union leaders went to trial in Denver. With the copper industry on strike nationwide, the timing of the court trial of national union leaders was somewhat suspicious. Jack Marcotti, Arizona Regional Director and a negotiator for the union, was one of the defendants. Attorneys for Mine Mill were its General Counsel Nathan Witt, George Francis of Denver and General Telford Taylor who had prosecuted Nazi war criminals at the Nuremburg trials. General Taylor was a strong critic of Senator McCarthy and in the 1960s criticized American involvement in

Vietnam.

John R. Salter, Jr. a union activist was an Arizona State University graduate student in 1959 and was involved in coordinating a large scale relief effort in central Arizona to raise food and money for miner's families and defense funds for the union leaders on trial. Salter said of the times: "We were met by constant red baiting. I was tagged on the front page of the leading newspaper, *Arizona Republic*, as young Mr. S., the head of the Arizona state Communist Party. This occurred even though no branch of the Communist Party USA existed in Arizona at the time. The Goldwater atmosphere was almost strangling, the Birchers were growing rapidly, and Phoenix alone

had 100 Anti-Communist Leagues. As part of our intensive miners' relief/labor defense effort we were showing 'Salt of the Earth' in union halls, community centers, some Catholic parish halls, university settings, etc. and the FBI was working in an increasingly open fashion to try, generally without success, to get these places closed to us. We were attacked by thugs, and our homes and cars were broken into."

Salt of the Earth was a motion picture made in 1953 by a group of "black listed" filmmakers. These men had dared to stand up to Senator Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee. Despite pressure from the U.S. government and powerful men like Howard Hughes, they made the film, a fictional account of the 1950 strike by zinc miners of Local 890 of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers in Grant County, New Mexico. The strike against the Empire Zinc Company involved mostly Hispanic workers seeking equal pay with white workers, improved safety conditions and health care. This film remains the only film virtually banned in the United States. The U.S. government and Hollywood pressured commercial theaters not to show the movie. Actual participants in the strike and their families acted in the movie. The film dealt with prejudice against Mexican-American workers, labor issues, minority rights and the struggle of women to attain equality in their daily lives.

The *San Manuel Miner* reported in the Nov. 6,

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1959 issue that talks between the unions and company were resuming. They also said that word that a "splinter" group was organizing within Mine Mill had been received. Efforts of the *Miner* to track down members of this group were unsuccessful. The word was that supposedly a man

named Juan Chacon was organizing the splinter group. The San Manuel Copper Corporation reported that no one by that name was listed on the company's roster. Ironically, Juan Chacon was one of the main actors in the movie, *The Salt of the Earth*. He was also President of the Mine Mill

Local 890 in New Mexico. Perhaps someone had overheard someone who had seen the film talking about it and the rumors grew from there.

Please be sure to pick up next month's copy of the Nugget when the rest of the 1959 Strike Story is told.



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