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Getting Lost in the Copper Corridor...

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Strategy

Personal protection skill requires a student to have a greater understanding of self-defense than merely practicing martial art techniques. Competence in martial arts will not be sufficient if your training is narrow in scope and relies on assumed outcomes.

Conflict creates chaos. Chaos creates confusion. Confusion creates doubt. Doubt leads to incompetence. Incompetence creates fear. Fear leads to defeat.

In the actual world (the “real” one is what you imagine it

is) you are responsible for the choices you make. We are not talking about a bout or contest with rules and time outs. Deciding to take a stand and fight is a decision that should be thought out with your emotions under control. Fighting with no reasonable goal, no moral high ground, and no plan, will often have no clear meaning and it may not end well. It will certainly not be fun!

Personal protection demands adaptability. “Change”, it has been said, is the only constant. One must not only expect it, one must embrace it. Factors such as gender, physical size, strength, age and health are commonly understood, but what other factors must also be considered? The list should include a realistic assessment of risk. What are you defending? At what cost? Against what odds? What is the desired outcome? What is your plan?

For the sake of brevity, most martial artists know that there are generally four immediate strategic options available when facing aggressive behavior. One can block

or check, one can parry or redirect, one can retreat, or one can attack first. I remind my students that retreat is not always an option, especially if they are not alone. How can you abandon your family or someone too weak to defend themselves?

Attacking first is morally and legally risky. Is he all bluster and really not a threat? After successfully meeting the threat, what is the end game? When is this conflict over? When can you walk away? When should you walk away?

Having no strategic insight is not wise and can lead to poor decision making. Isn't aggressive behavior and fighting always emotional? Clear thinking and emotion control can create the strong and resilient character necessary for strategic planning. It is easier said than done. *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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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pinal Nugget a Gem!

We write to express our appreciation for the Pinal Nugget, especially for the historical perspective offered by John Hernandez on the 1959 copper strike. For many Tri Community residents the centrality of labor struggles to what the region has become is easily passed over as

times and demographics change. Mr. Hernandez work helps us understand who we are, where we came from as a community and the spirit that may help inform our future.
/s/ **Kaz and Frank Pierson**
Oracle, AZ

'Bat Night' at Oracle State Park to feature research ecologist

Research ecologist and wildlife manager for Arizona Game and Fish, Joel Diamond, Ph.D., will catch local bats and share facts and lore about the flying mammals in an early evening program at Oracle State Park Center for Environmental Education on Saturday, July 25.

The popular "Bat Night" program includes identifying the "net-detained" bats before they are let go, and plenty of opportunity for questions. It's scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m., just as it's getting dark, and is free with park admission at the main entrance on Mt. Lemmon Rd., Oracle.

Additional details and registration information is at www.azStateParks.com/Parks/ORAC.

The park, open Saturdays and Sundays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., is home to the historic Kannally ranch house, a Mediterranean-Revival style house built in 1929. Visitors

may tour at their leisure anytime during park hours or visit the website for summertime docent-led house tour dates and times. Thirty paintings by rancher and self-taught cowboy artist Lee Kannally are on exhibit, along with a wildlife slide show of animals visiting the waterhole.

At 4,500 feet elevation, the park's 15 miles of scenic nature trails welcome summertime hikers, bikers, and equestrians, while the cool ranch house patios offer exceptional views for those bringing their picnic lunch and beverages.

Designated an International Dark Sky Park last year, the OSP American Avenue entrance is open seven days a week for anyone with a telescope who wishes to view the night skies.

Information about upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities such as trail clearing, is available at the park office 520-896-2425.

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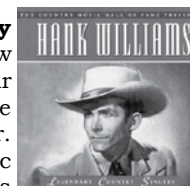
Thursday, July 2, 2015 - The Magic of Manilow & Midler 7:30pm. TAD Management Summer Concerts 2015.

Terry Davies & Sherie Rae Parker join forces on the same stage once more in this spectacular show, paying homage to Barry Manilow and Bette Midler! Sherie has starred in major productions such as "Legends In Concert," "American Superstars," "Stars In Concert" and the musical comedy, "A Really Big Shew." Terry and Sherie team up to create a magical experience featuring the music and magic of Manilow and Midler!
\$25 inclusive \$30 door.



Wednesday, July 15, 2015 - A Salute to Hank Williams & Early Country Classics - 7:30pm. Produced by Lonely Street Productions. Starring Alex Mack.

Very few artists leave such an indelible mark on the world that their work transcends categorization and generations. One name that belongs on this very short list is Hank Williams, Sr. While he was "country" through and through, his iconic catalog has stood the test of time and provided an endless source of inspiration for generations of musicians to follow.
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The 1959 Copper Strike: Local Event

In San Manuel, a petition was being circulated to decertify the Mine Mill union as the bargaining representative. Albert Reule an underground miner and former member of Mine Mill was circulating the petition which he claimed had 300 signatures of the 510 needed to obtain a hearing by the NLRB. A Mine-Mill bulletin said that certain business establishments in San Manuel were instigating this “scab” movement. Reule told the Miner newspaper that he had started the petition on his own and was not representing any businesses, competing union or the company. Union workers were gathering in groups at the San Manuel shopping center. Additional Pinal County deputies were called in to

prevent any potential violence.

Two Mine-Mill members, Fred Sanchez and E.L. Cooper, were arrested over the weekend for an alleged assault after a complaint was filed by a third party. Another Mine-Mill worker and union negotiator Floyd Zufelt was cited for a misdemeanor for writing obscenities on the first page of Reule’s petition. Fred Sanchez, now 88 years old and living in Mammoth, told the Pinal Nugget his version of the alleged assault. Fred said that he and Cooper had been having a few beers in the Triple X bar in San Manuel. There were two men in the bar “raising hell about the union.” The two men then got into an argument with Cooper and Sanchez and tried to pick a fight. Fred and Cooper knocked both of the men down and then left the bar. At 2 a.m., the police came to Fred’s home, woke him up and arrested him. Nothing ever came of the charges.

Fred Sanchez started working in San Manuel in 1955 with Stearns-Roger surveying the railroad from San Manuel to Winkelman. He then went to work for the mine. He said the General Foreman was a man named Ashby. “I saw some of the injustices and knew we needed a union,” he said.

Fred later became President of Mine Mill. He said that the Steelworkers were “horrible.” They were always trying to raid the Mine Mill membership. “They were always accusing the union of being communist dominated,” he said.

The Steelworkers called Mine Mill the “Mexican Union.” At the time, the majority of Mine Mill membership was Mexican-Americans. The Steelworkers would tell the



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By John Hernandez
Pinal Nugget

workers that they should join a “true American union.” Fred believed the Steelworkers were working with the company and causing a lot of the tension.

A group of concerned mothers from San Manuel, Mammoth and Oracle had also written a letter to Mine Mill President Nick Key. The letter protested the strike and reported hardships and suffering of families as a result of the strike. It urged Key “to do everything in your power to bring the strike to an immediate close so that our husbands, fathers and sons can return to work.” Copies were “turned over” to wives of employees in Mammoth, San Manuel and Oracle. Some mothers were gathering signatures for the letter at the shopping center in San Manuel. The Miner reported “that it had relatively few signers” and that “one signer asked that her name be removed from the letter because she feared retaliation upon her husband.”

As this was going on Kennecott announced that they had reached an agreement with the Steelworkers union and it had been ratified by its members. This would not effect the local situation at Hayden and Ray as Mine Mill was still on strike and the Steelworkers would not cross the picket lines. The Miner reported, “The 22.3 cent hourly package in the USW-Kennecott agreement is, however, expected to provide some basis for more fruitful negotiations with Mine-Mill, the predominant union in Arizona copper camps.”

In December, the Relief Society of St. Bartholomew’s Catholic Church in San Manuel announced that many families in the community were in dire straits. Their relief fund was down to only a few dollars. They had provided \$1,500 to help needy families of all faiths. The relief took the form of checks to local grocers, utilities, medicines and school lunches. The church had provided 1,354 school lunches. They issued an appeal for contributions to continue the relief work. The Relief Society had raised funds through personal contributions, tamale and rummage sales, and Catholic Youth Organizations (CYO) dances. Other religious, civic and fraternal groups were doing relief work and urged those people still working to join with them in helping those in need.

On Dec. 18, after four months of being on strike,



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Mine-Mill settled with the companies and the union members ratified the contract bringing the first strike in San Manuel to an end just in time for Christmas. It was reported that workers would receive an eight and a half cent per hour raise with another eight and a half cent increase in the second year of the contract. The contract provided for one extra holiday during the year plus if you worked on a holiday, you would receive double time and a half pay. Changes in health and welfare plans were also included in the contract.

On Dec. 17, nearly all the defendants in the Mine-Mill Communist Conspiracy Trial were found guilty of defrauding the government and sentenced to prison and or/fined. Jack Marcotti, Regional Director in Arizona and Asbury Howard, International Vice-President of Mine Mill would have their charges dismissed. Asbury Howard was an African American and was an activist in union activity and the civil rights movement in the Deep South. The guilty defendants appealed their cases.

Fred Sanchez got to meet Asbury Howard and civil rights activist Ralph Abernathy while Mine Mill President. In 1965, the Mine Mill union was sending representatives to the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama. Fred volunteered to go but the International Union President Clark told him "things are really bad over there and we can't risk losing you." Mine Mill was known for its social activism among unions.

Fred remembered seeing the movie Salt of the Earth, he believes in Superior. He said of the movie and the strike and people it was based on: "It was heartbreaking to see what they went through and you can't help but be proud of the women that held it together." Fred said a similar thing happened in Superior where the women there

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Fred Sanchez and his 'First Lady' Nora.

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The Ballad of Pearl Hart

The last days of the wild west unofficially came to an end on May 29, 1899 when the Globe - Florence stagecoach was held up by a pair of bandits. This holdup was notable for two reasons. The first reason was that this was the very last stagecoach robbery in the history of the American west. The

second reason this hold up was noteworthy was that one of the bandits was a woman - a woman named Pearl Hart.

Pearl Hart was born as Pearl Taylor in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada in the year of 1878. After her career of infamy, a school chum wrote to the Arizona Historical Society and

described the teenage girl he had known years before. "She was a pretty girl and had a wonderful figure and voice; could imitate a croaking frog, an owl, a hawk, could sing like a mockingbird... was litesome, blithe and witty; gushing with fun and jollity; also a wonderful dancer, and very attractive. Everybody admired her and was proud of her acquaintance; but she possessed one detrimental fault which brought her many troubles. She was too amorous; accepted too many dates with handsome young men, which finally caused her undoing."

That undoing began in the shape of a young man named William Hart who married Pearl when she was just 16. William Hart was not willing to work except to earn just enough to slake his thirst for alcohol. Rather than starve, Pearl Hart hopped a train south of the border and eventually ended up in Phoenix, Arizona. While a resident of Phoenix, she made the acquaintance of a dance hall musician and tin horn gambler named Dan Bandman. Bandman taught Pearl how to drink, smoke, and even how to use opium. Their relationship was interrupted when Dan enlisted into the Spanish American War.

For awhile, Pearl made her living in Mammoth, Arizona, cooking for miners in a tent pitched along the shores of the San Pedro River but soon she made her way



Mountain View Hotel, a historical view.



EVERY MAN'S MUSINGS

By Gary Every
Special to the Nugget

north to Globe, Arizona. It was while in Globe that she met her future partner in crime - a German named Joe Boot. When Dan Bandman reappeared on the scene, asking for money, Joe Boot helped Pearl drive her former lover away. Together, Joe and Pearl, worked a small mining claim but unfortunately the ore was worthless. One day, a letter arrived from back East announcing that Pearl's mother was gravely ill and that if Pearl wished one last visit she had better hightail it back home soon. Desperate, Pearl and Joe came up with a desperate plan.

On that infamous day, Henry Bacon was sitting atop the stagecoach as the driver. He had a Colt .45 revolver on him but it was not loaded as he did not expect to use it. The days of Indian raids and stagecoach robberies were long gone. In fact, the Florence - Globe line was one of the few stagecoaches which had not yet been replaced by the railroad. There were three passengers enduring the jolts of the rugged mountain road - a traveling salesman, a tenderfoot "with his hair parted in the middle", and a Chinaman. As the driver approached the sharp turn at Cane Springs he applied the brakes to slow down. As he did, two unmasked bandits leapt out from the bushes - both holding weapons.

The driver stopped and the passengers exited. Although dressed as a man it was obvious by the swell of her bosom that the smaller of the two thieves was a woman. While Joe Boot held a shotgun on the stagecoach passengers, Pearl searched the victims and put the money in a burlap sack. The salesman was carrying \$380 dollars in cash, the tenderfoot \$36, and the

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Pearl Hart dressed in women's clothing.
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Can you guess where in the Copper Corridor the cover photo was taken? If you guessed Oracle, then you would be correct. This is the famous (infamous?) Jail Tree in Oracle. It is believed (and is included on the plaque at the base of the tree) that Pearl Hart was once tied to that tree. The tree is located on American Avenue directly across the street from the First Baptist Church which was once the Mountain View Hotel. 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.

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Memories of Superior: Ray and Evelyn Ramirez

By Yolanda Najera-Ewing
Pinal Nugget

His eyes shone and his smile widened as memories rushed back and he spoke wistfully of the Superior of his youth. He told of the sparkling, crystal clear water that flowed year round in Queen Creek as it made its way through the middle of town. He remembered chasing the wild burros that roamed freely in and around Superior. His mind wandered over the eighty some years Ray Ramirez, Sr. has spent in his home town.

A native of Superior, he was born in the family home on Pinal Ave. across the street from his future wife, Evelyn San Emeterio, also born on Pinal Ave. Ray had four siblings and Evelyn was one of seven sisters. The 1930's in Superior had

their problems and were not as carefree as one would think. All of the children were attending Roosevelt School on the corner of Porphyry St. and Lobb Ave. Evelyn remembers the local sheriff coming to their homes to take all of them to Harding School on the west end of Main Street as that was the school Mexican children attended. Juanita (Jennie) Escalante Ramirez, Ray's mother, refused to have the children taken to Harding School when they were already attending the closer Roosevelt School. Schools were not the only places that were segregated in Superior. The Uptown Theater on Main Street and the Magma Club on the east end of town were also segregated. Each had days when Mexicans could attend and when "Americans" could attend. This was the darker side of the beautiful Superior

Ray remembers.

Ray and his family did live for a time on a ranch at Hewitt Station. He fondly remembers jostling into town with his father, Miguel, in the family's Model A Ford. He would attend school while his father went to work. Ray played baseball and football in school. "Sports were tough then. We played on a dirt and rock field. Sometimes during the games you could see the red hot, lava-like slag being poured down the hill in the background," he remembered. Ray also remembers his first hot shower vividly. The shower was next to their house and used gravity flow for the hot water. He and his siblings slept outdoors in the summer due to the absence of any type of cooling. His family supplemented their food supply with a vegetable garden watered by a well. In 1934, the Ramirez family moved back to Superior.

Back in the 30's and 40's, Pinal Ave. was an unpaved, dirt street without sidewalks; but it was, nonetheless, a bustling avenue. At that time, Pinal boasted having the mine cooperative, Mitchell's dry goods store, La Estrella grocery, El Capucili variety store, a pool hall, a swimming pool, a bowling alley and a mortuary among other businesses. Just off Pinal was the Azteca grocery store, El Porvenir Tortilla Factory and a movie theater. Not to be left behind, Main St. had the Magma Hotel, a barber shop, two pharmacies, Banks and Smokey's hardware stores, a bank, Wing's super market, restaurants, the Uptown Movie Theater, the United States Post Office, Daniel's clothing store, Mitchell's clothing store, Vaughn's clothing store, Bellamak clothing store, BBB Grocery,



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ramirez

Ruben's and Porter's furniture stores and a couple of beauty salons. The Magma Club was built in the late twenties, and it too had a swimming pool. However, Ray remembers his favorite place to swim was a swimming hole behind the Magma Club which he and his friends had dubbed, El Pierdon.

Evelyn smiled and remembered going to the movies with a quarter in her pocket. The movie ticket was a dime which left fifteen cents for a soda and a candy bar or popcorn. School back then still offered more than the bare necessities. In addition to the core subjects, students could avail themselves of wood shop, auto shop, art and music. Students

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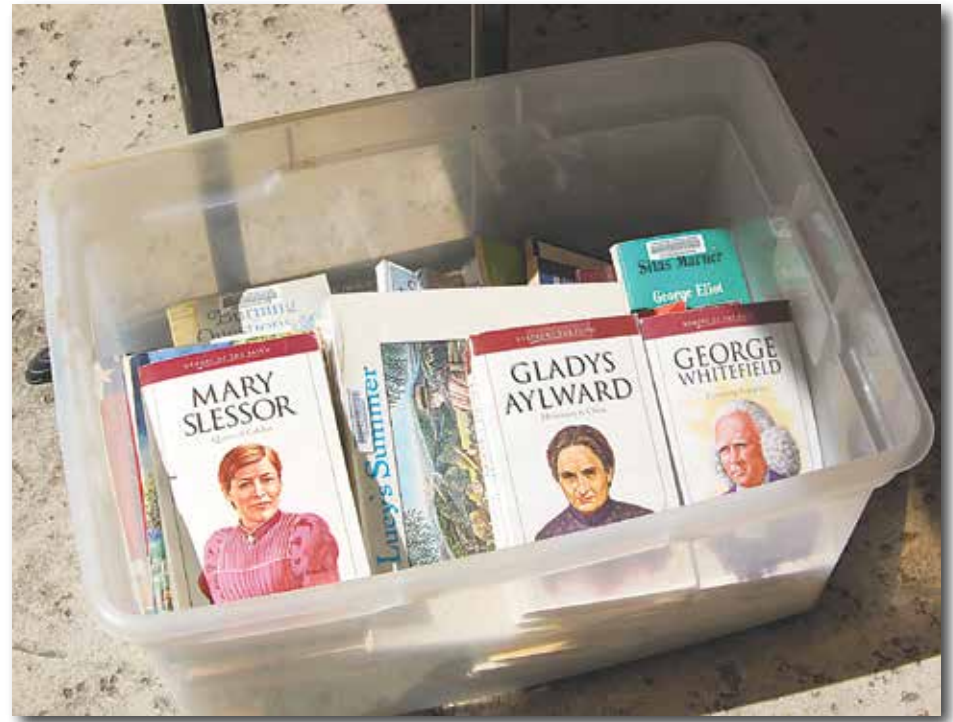
Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, located at 14240 N. Oracle Road in Catalina, hosts a monthly food collection to support area food banks, including the Tri Community Food Bank in Mammoth. Church Elder Elizabeth Houle recently had the opportunity to visit the food bank as well as a stop at Kids' Closet also in Mammoth.

She was very impressed with the book selection for the children who visit the Closet. Each child is invited to select two books with each visit to the Closet. Elizabeth decided to turn the June food collection into something a bit larger. Called "Feed the Mind and Body" program, she requested food and books suitable for

the youngsters in age groups up to 8th grade.

Not only did the congregation bring in food, but they also donated 265 books, both new and modestly used.

Cornerstone Christian Academy, with the assistance of MSPC member Julie Wiens, provided a large portion of the books that went to Kids' Closet. During the last fiscal period, 5,464 books went home with 1,823 kids. Children are selected by school administrators, based on need, and visit the closet for a seasonal wardrobe that includes pants, shirts, underwear, shoes, hygiene items and, of course, the books. Winter wardrobes include a windbreaker, knitted hat and warmer clothing.



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Christi Amonson and Larry Leung again solo with SASO in the

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fourth concert cycle on April 1, 2 and 3. Soprano Amonson sings Whitacre's Goodnight Moon. Leung performs He Zhanhao's Eternal Regret of Lin'An on a traditional Chinese guzheng. The program also features the winner of the annual Dorothy Vanek Youth Concerto competition sponsored by SASO and Bruckner's Te Deum featuring the SASO Chorus and soloists.

The SASO season concludes May 7 and 8 with Brahms' Academic Festival Overture, Barber's Violin Concerto with Australian-born soloist Emily Sun and Berlioz' Symphonie fantastique.

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Lerner also serves as music director of the Symphony Orchestra of Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil. He's conducted orchestras, operas, choruses and instrumental groups around the globe – including his native Brazil and in Bulgaria, China, the Czech Republic, Italy, Mexico, South Korea, Spain and Turkey. He's also a clinician and vocal coach.

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 - SASO also offers a two-concert mini-series in Green Valley for \$35, a savings of \$11. Those concerts are Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S. Camino del Sol. Individual tickets are \$23 in advance or at the door.
- Individual concert tickets go on sale Sept. 1 at www.sasomusic.org.

Philanthropist and musician Dorothy Vanek is the SASO season sponsor for the ninth consecutive year. Individual concert sponsors include Patricia Linder, Oct. 11 and May 8; Carole and Jerry Levine, Jan. 31; Beatrice Simpson, Feb. 6; Bob and Donna Langwig and Howard Reeve in memory of Dottie Reeve, April 2,

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On Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. SASO will present a free pre-season concert of opera arias and mariachi music at the Fox Tucson Theatre downtown. The Mexican Independence Day concert features vocalists from the Oaxaca Opera Festival and Mariachi Sol Azteca. The event is sponsored by the Mexican Consulate in Tucson and the Instituto Cultural Mexicano de Tucson. SASO is the orchestra of the Oaxaca festival established in 2013. Maestro Lerner is the founding music director. In August SASO musicians and singers from throughout Mexico present two one-act operas and two gala performances of arias. Lerner previously led SASO on two tours of China.

SASO released its first professional recording – Celebration! – showcasing the diverse musical range of six Tucson composers. The 75-minute CD is on sale now at www.sasomusic.org for \$18.50 including shipping.

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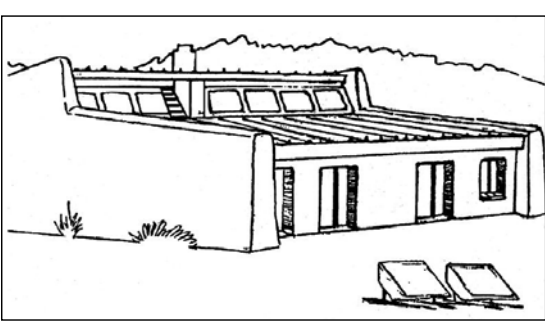
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RAMIREZ

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played all the sports students do now, but baseball was a favorite. Superior and the surrounding towns all had semi-pro baseball teams that traveled the area and played each other.

One of Evelyn's strongest memories was being called out of class for the announcement that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor and the country was at war. "I never thought that we really suffered from the war. Food was rationed, and we used stamps to get it, but it wasn't that bad." Evelyn's mother and father, Maria and Manuel, supplemented the family's commodities by raising chickens and rabbits. "One Sunday we would have chicken for dinner and the next it would be rabbit," she remembered." The family also economized by buying in bulk as there was nine of them. Tortillas were a staple item, and the girls took turns making them every day.

Ray and Evelyn were still in school when he falsified his age and went to war for two and a half years. Ray was a member of the occupying forces in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. "It was nothing but a smoke stack here and a smoke stack there," said Ray shaking his head as he remembered.

He remained in Japan for a year. The couple was married in 1949, and Ray was recalled to serve in Korea with the Army Corps of Engineers before their first son, Ray Jr., was born. Ray Sr. noted that many Magma Company workers were recalled at the same time. His young son was two years old by the time Ray returned from war for the second time. Evelyn and Ray had a second son, Arthur, who died in 2013. After his service to his country, Ray Sr. returned to his job at Magma Copper where he stayed for an additional 40 years, retiring in 1984. "I started working with nothing but a cap on my head," said Ray in amazement, "We had no hard hats, no safety shoes, no safety glasses, nothing."

Superior spent the 50's and the 60's as an authentic, southwest, boom town. While Magma Copper Company boomed, so did the town. Evelyn happily remembered a dance hall called, Las Dos Republicas, which was located behind what is now Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Dances and parties were held there every week. "We would go there and 'ventanillar,' that is, look through the windows," she offered. Both Evelyn and Ray spoke of a home town mariachi band

that performed for the dances and parties. Some of mariachi players were Trini Corrales, Umberto (Chapo) Zepeda, Wes Hyman, Pedro Najera and Raul Grijalva.

"The mine shut down in 1982, and there went the town," Ray sighed. He added, "It will never be the same. Things change. From 1945 to now, the changes have been unbelievable. Apache Junction didn't

even exist then." When asked why they have never left Superior the couple said that they have never considered leaving Superior that Superior is home. "I would never leave Superior. All our friends are here. We can sit and talk with all our friends. It would be so different to leave everything you know. I am rich in my friends and in having a place that's home!"

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PEARL HART

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Chinaman \$5. The bandits took it all plus the salesman's watch. As they prepared to leave Pearl returned a dollar to each man, providing "just enough to eat."

Pinal County Sheriff W. E. Truman was soon hot on the desperadoes' trail and traced them to a schoolhouse twenty miles north of Benson. The posse snuck up on the dangerous duo while they were sleeping. A newspaper named The Silver Belt described their capture.

"The officers came up, removed their armament and awoke them. The woman sprang up, fighting, but the man made no

resistance. His companion reproached him in vile and profane language for his lack of sand and said that if the posse had tried to capture her while she was awake, she would have made some holes in it."

While in jail Pearl became an instant celebrity. Again, the Silver Belt described the scene: "The woman is receiving much attention, an afternoon rarely going by without her having lots of callers and herself being photographed. The camera fiends have taken shots of her with all sorts of firearms and looking as much the desperado as they can make her."

The commotion in Florence was too much for Sheriff Truman to handle and soon Ms. Hart was shipped to the Pima County Jail in Tucson. A man named Ed Hogan, a notorious bicycle thief, who was serving a sentence for being drunk and disorderly, quickly befriended Pearl. Hogan had nearly finished up his sentence and was a trusty at the jail. He fell in love with the female bandit and she enlisted his aid in her escape. At night, Ed Hogan cut a hole in Pearl's plaster wall and she had escaped but not before leaving behind a note which declared her a fan of the campaign for woman's emancipation.

An editorial writer for the Arizona Star was impressed with her arguments. He wrote: "That laws should be enacted by the consent of the governed is a fundamental principle of our government... Woman is not given the right to consent to the enactment of the laws

which provide these penalties. Then why should she be made to suffer."

The big city newspapers back east soon made the "Lady Bandit" a celebrity and a bit of a Robin Hood hero. Arizona newspapers, the law enforcement figures who had been forced to deal with her replied that many of her troubles were of her own making and even her own family was forced to admit publicly that Pearl was quite an opium fiend. Pearl Hart and Ed Hogan ran off to Deming, New Mexico where she had attempted to set herself up as a sort of queen of thieves. She was soon recaptured.

On June 15, 1899, Pearl Hart and Joe Boot came up for trial. Joe pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 35 years in jail. Despite the hundreds of times Pearl had not only admitted but even boasted of her part in the crime - Pearl chose this moment to plead

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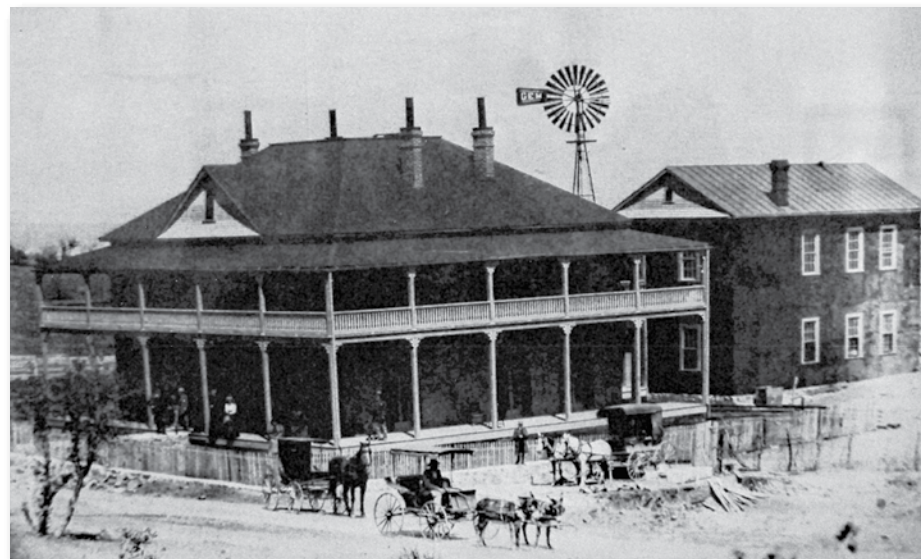
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her innocence. The jury came back with a verdict of not guilty. Judge F. M. Dean was outraged by this verdict and had the bailiff immediately arrest Pearl Hart and roasted the jury for their dereliction of duty. She was immediately tried again on the charge of stealing the stagecoach driver's pistol. This time the jury gave her 5 years in prison.

She was sent to the Territorial prison in Yuma and it was said that on her journey to her new residence she puffed cigars constantly, emitting a stream of smoke which matched that of the locomotive she was riding. The celebrity circus continued. The guards "lost interest in watching the other prisoners and gravitated towards her cell with a hilarious enthusiasm that was harmful to discipline." There were also "visiting newspapermen and the camera fiends who always begged the warden to let her pose in the jail yard with a six shooter or a Winchester." On December 19, 1902, two years before her sentence was up, Pearl Hart was pardoned by Territorial Governor Brodie. The governor explained the pardon by stating that the Yuma Prison "lacked accommodations for women prisoners." Nearly half a century later, historian Bert Fireman uncovered the true story for the Arizona Republic. Pearl Hart was pardoned when the prison doctor confirmed that the female prisoner was pregnant. Rather than allow the scandal of a baby being both conceived and born in prison, Pearl Hart was pardoned on the governor's sole condition that she leave Arizona for good.

After her release from prison Pearl Hart disappears from certainty in the historical record. Some claim that she appeared on the vaudeville stage in a play about her exploits as the lady bandit in a show bankrolled by William Randolph Hearst. Others state that she may have briefly appeared in the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show. There were rumors that she ran a gang of pickpockets in Kansas City,

while others place her in this fine metropolis but believe she only ran a cigar store while there. There was even one anecdote about a tour guide leading a group through the old Pima County Jail when at the end of the tour a little old lady came up and confessed. "Thanks for showing me where I stayed for awhile. I'm Pearl Hart." Then she walked away.

The last theories about Pearl Hart's whereabouts come from some old time Arizona pioneers who believe that she settled down as a ranchers wife on a homestead outside Globe, not far from Cane Springs and the site of the stagecoach robbery which provided her moment of celebrity infamy. The woman who some believe might have been Pearl Hart passed away on December 30, 1955.

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helped hold the union together. Fred's wife Nora (Fred called her his First Lady) and members of the San Manuel Mine Mill Women's Auxiliary went to Superior to help with the strike there. She said, "They weren't scared; they remembered Salt of the Earth and when the women kept the union together there."

Fred knew Jack Marcotti. "Jack represented the worker the way they should be represented," he said. "He was a good person." Fred remembered some

of the union leaders he worked with and named some of them, Nick Key, Eddie Lomeli, Rodolfo Garcia, Frank Vetro, Charles Wilson "Charlie the Horse" they called him, Lou Cochran and Sylvain Schnaittacher.

After the strike was settled, the Miner reported that homes were rapidly being filled as workers returned to their jobs. In May 1960, it was reported that the unofficial results of the census said that the population of San Manuel was 4,663.

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