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Melvin Curtis Whitten

Melvin Curtis Whitten, age 74, passed away Sunday, July 26, 2015 at his residence in Crockett, Texas.

Mr. Whitten was born March 10, 1941 to parents, Willie P. and Bernice Smith Whitten in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He worked as a pipefitter for 23 years for Magma Copper Company. Melvin was a hard worker and loved NASCAR.

Mr. Whitten is survived by sons, Donald Whitten of Oracle, Terry Whitten of Oracle and John Whitten

and wife, Alicia, of Crockett; grandchildren, David Whitten and wife, Alina of Oracle, Kenny Whitten of Oracle, Jason Whitten and wife, Amanda, of Oracle, Courtney Whitten of Oracle, Amanda Castro of Oracle, Damon Whitten of Crockett and Mackayla Whitten of Oracle; eight great-grandchildren and beloved dog, Shawn.

He was preceded in death by parents, Willie P. Whitten and Bernice Smith;

and wife, Priscilla Whitten.

Funeral services for Mr. Melvin Curtis Whitten were held Thursday, July 30, 2015 in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with his brother-in-law, Jack Sims officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park in Crockett.



Sun Life prepares for annual Health Center Week celebration

PINAL COUNTY - AUGUST 9-15, 2015 - Sun Life Family Health Center is celebrating National Health Center Week 2015 (NHCW). It is a weeklong campaign (August 9-15) to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's Health Centers, the largest and most successful system of primary healthcare.

One of the bright spots in America's health care system, health centers started 50 years ago as a pilot project during President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. Today, they have compiled a significant record of success that includes:

- Reducing income and ethnic health disparities nationwide, even in the poorest and most challenged

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- Reducing infant mortality rates
- Producing \$24 billion in annual health system savings
- Reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and unnecessary visits to the ER
- Maintaining high patient satisfaction levels

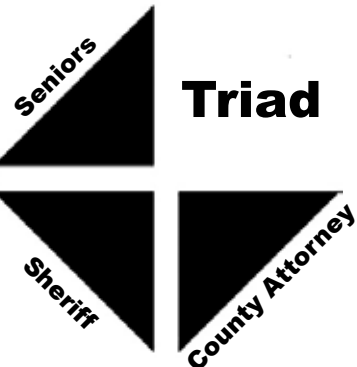
Health centers serve more than 23 million people nationwide - that's one in 15 Americans, including 7 million children and 260,000 veterans. Health centers are also increasingly becoming the trusted provider of choice for many families, whether they are insured or not.

Evidence shows patients choose health centers because they are convenient, affordable, and offer

a range of services from a team of caring professionals. Studies also show the quality of care at a health center is as good or even better than private practices.

"Every day in our waiting rooms I witness the value of having a patient-centered medical home," said Sun Life CEO Travis Robinette. "When people have a place to go for regular care, they use it and stay healthier. We provide a range of services including- primary care services, pediatrics, OB-GYN, lab, x-ray, pharmacy, dentistry, diabetes education, and even behavioral health services. Our patients not only get the care they need within one organization, but they are treated as

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Oracle TRIAD Coalition

First Wednesday, 3 p.m. • Oracle Fire Department

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TRIAD is a cooperative project composed of seniors, Pinal County Attorney's Office, Pinal County Sheriff's Department, Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, and other community partners who are dedicated to preventing the victimization of seniors, improving their quality of life and reducing consequences associated with abuse and misuse of prescription medications and alcohol. Community members are welcome. Call Jim Stephens to sign up for volunteer opportunities, 520-483-8193.

SCIP, APS to study resolving inadequate electric capacity problems in Oracle, Mammoth

By James J. Hodl
Oracle Towne Crier

Initial steps that could lead to a resolution of the inadequate electric power infrastructure around the southern Pinal County towns of Oracle and Mammoth were reportedly taken at a closed door meeting of interested parties held July 30 at the Oracle Fire Station.

Attendees included representatives of the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP), the current provider of electricity to Oracle and Mammoth; and Arizona Power Service (APS) and Trico Electric, two other area electricity providers. Also present were Mammoth Mayor Don Jones, members of the Oracle business

community, Pinal County Supervisor Pete Rios, and Blanca Varela, an aide to U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick.

Issues concerning the inadequate power capacity provided by SCIP and their effect on the economy of the Oracle-Mammoth area were thoroughly debated at the meeting.

SCIP argued that it was originally geared to provide power to the copper mines that once dotted the area and, beginning in the 1950s, local missile silos built to defend the U.S. in case of an atomic attack by the former Soviet Union; but not to be a consumer power company. Unlike many other Arizona electric utilities, SCIP is run by the U.S. government through the

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individuals, with dignity and respect. This is what health care should be, and what we celebrate during National Health Center Week."

Although local solutions, health centers need sustained federal investment to meet the growing demand for their services and help more Americans gain access

to affordable healthcare. To learn more about health centers and the #Access is the Answer campaign please visit the following links:

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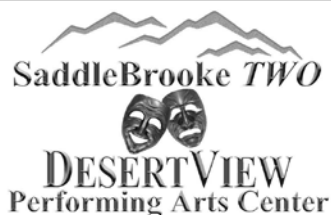
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Saturday, August 29, 2015 - Remember the King - Robert Shaw - 7:30pm. Produced by Lonely Street Productions. Every August Elvis fans all over the world gather to honor the memory of their favorite legend on the anniversary of his passing, and **Robert Shaw and The Lonely Street Band** are proud to play a part in that tradition. The King of Rock and Roll has come to be defined by three distinct eras of his career: The young rockabilly days, the black-leather clad rocker of the '68 Comeback Special, and the years spent headlining Las Vegas and touring the United States. This one-of-a-kind concert production celebrates the best-known tunes from those three phases of Elvis' career with authentic costumes and top-notch musicians. \$25 inclusive \$30 door.



Thursday, September 3, 2015 - Teen Idols - 7:30pm. TAD Management Summer Concerts 2015. There is nothing that can stir old memories like revisiting the music of your teen years. Tonight we take you back to relive those memories through the sounds and sights of all your favorite Teen Idols. Sit back and reminisce to the music of Bobby Vee, Frankie Avalon, Paul Anka, Pat Boone, Ricky Nelson, Dion, and more. \$25 inclusive \$30 door.



Thursday, October 1, 2015 - Cory McCloskey - Love Boat - 7:30pm. Produced by TAD Management. Fox TV's Cory McCloskey brings his critically-acclaimed "Cruise Ship Variety Show" to the stage in this entertaining show featuring some of the best Cruise Ship entertainers in the business along with Cory's versatile and inimitable style! \$25 inclusive \$30 door.



Saturday, October 31, 2015 - Randy Linder's Tribute to Creedance Clearwater Revival - 7:30pm. Produced by TAD Management. Randy Linder and his band have entertained audiences from California to New York with the beloved hits that came from CCR and a few of John Fogerty's solo hits. Randy's authenticity shines through with the visual resemblance, the voice, the lead guitar style and even the rockin' blues harp played by John Fogerty in some of those early CCR hits. You will walk away from this show with a renewed interest in a singer/songwriter who played a huge roll in shaping American music culture. \$30 inclusive \$35 door. Inquire about our Mix & Match Package.



Saturday, November 14, 2015 - Manhattan Dolls - Sentimental Journey - 7:30pm. Produced by Lonely Street Productions. Sentimental Journey blends beautiful ballads with your favorite toe-tapping tunes, and of course, in classic USO fashion, takes some time to honor our brave men and women in the military. From boogie-woogie to the blues, Sentimental Journey celebrates the best the Great American Songbook has to offer. \$30 inclusive \$35 door. Inquire about our Mix & Match Package.



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Families First Has School Supplies Drive

Seems like summer is still here and yet the buses will be rolling and children will be filing into the schools all around the state. So that brings to mind the children will be needing backpacks, pencils, paper, notebooks, crayons, rulers, glue, scissors, pencil cases, Kleenex, anti-bacterial lotion, erasers and ink pens. We have the perfect solution!

Family First is sponsoring a School Supplies Drive the whole month of August. You can drop off your donations at 1575 W. American Ave., Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9- 4:30 and receive a tax receipt.

We can also take checks, cash, debit or credit as a donation. All donations will be for the Oracle School District.

Don't forget you can bring your infants and toddlers every Wednesday at 10 a.m. for Story Time. This is a great opportunity for your little ones to learn and get preschool prepared, learning colors, numbers and socializing with others. Call us at 520-896-9545 with any questions.



Community Church of Saddlebrooke donated over 1,000 diapers to the Family Diaper Bank. Thank you for your support of the Family Diaper Bank. Pictured from right are Cathy Scot, Missions Liaison, and Clare Grochocki, Center Director.



Ten for Teens program at Family First is pleased to announce six teens who completed over 30 hours of learning office skills and giving back to the community by volunteering. Students pictured: Makaila Clark, Bella Benavidez, Nathaniel Benavidez, Makayla Walls and Tianni Whitman. Not pictured is Madison Harper.



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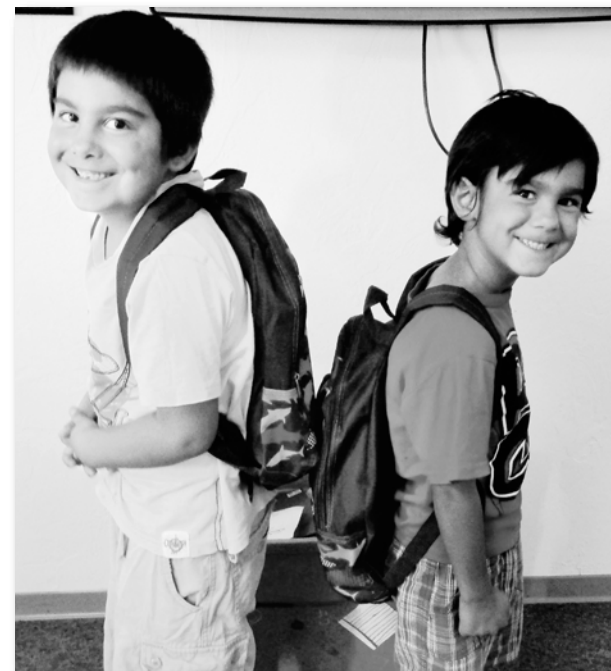
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A couple of preschoolers are ready for school with backpacks donated to Family First's School Supplies Drive by Vista United Methodist Church.

The Truth About Chiggers

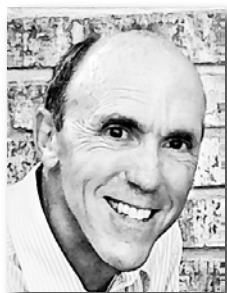
Though we are thankful for the Monsoons, along with the much needed moisture and consequent vegetation come the bugs. Some of the more bothersome ones of this season include mosquitos, kissing bugs and chiggers.

Chiggers will be our topic of discussion today. These little critters are extremely small mites. In fact, the term chiggers refers to the larval stage of the harvest mite. They are related to ticks and spiders. They hatch in grassy areas and by the time they are only 1/50th of an inch in size they are in search of food. They instinctively climb to the top of tall blades of grass and await passing animals on which to feast.

Once a larval mite jumps onto a host animal (including humans) they will latch onto the skin with their mouths and secrete saliva that breaks down skin cells to ingest. They do not burrow into the skin nor do they ingest blood. Their meal of choice is skin.

The irritation that we feel is our own reaction to the saliva. Our bodies have an inflammatory response that swells the skin tissue and creates a cavity within which the mites reside while they eat. This inflammation also results in intense itching. Though the bugs may get rubbed or washed off before they finish their usual three to four day meal, the inflammation will occur as soon as the saliva is injected and the resulting welt and itch may last from seven to ten days.

The itch can sometimes be relieved with creams and oils that bring down the



HEALTH ISSUES

By Dr. Michael Miles
Special to the Crier

inflammation. I am not fond of steroid creams, but they may help diffuse the inflammation and swelling quickly.

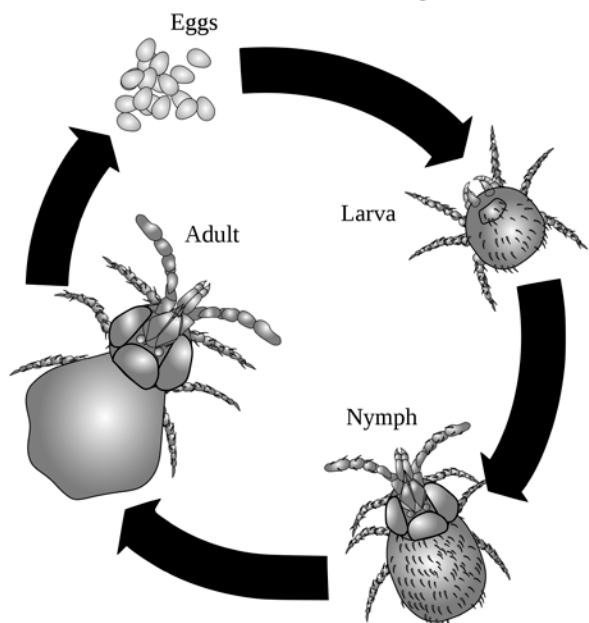
This situation is another case where the best treatment is prevention. In other words, do not come in contact with these little mite larva. Avoid brushing through grassy areas during this time of year. Trim down the grassy areas around your house. If you will be maneuvering in and around such areas wear long sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into high boots. Insect repellents can be helpful as well. Immediately upon returning from a suspicious area thoroughly wash yourself with soap and water. Particular areas of the body that are attractive sites for mites include the belt line, under the arms and in and around the groin.

Rub downs with a towel will help dislodge chiggers that are clinging on. Don't forget to wash the clothes. Many people suggest that a diet with generous portions of garlic in it helps to repel insects like these mites and mosquitos. Garlic has many beneficial qualities and as such can only be a worthy consideration.

This is a beautiful time of year. I hope that you can enjoy it in comfort and in health.

Dr. Michael Miles' Clinic is located at 15601 N. Oracle Rd. in Catalina behind Golf Cars of Arizona. You can learn more about the Catalina Clinic and Dr. Miles by visiting the website: www.catalinaclinic.com. To contact Dr. Miles or make an appointment at the clinic call 520-825-8100.

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The Wizard Crystal Fart Meets Cactus Ed

A beautiful woman strolled into the Oracle Inn bar. She was a total bombshell. She was long and lean with heather in her hair and honey in her hips. Women like that didn't just walk into the Oracle Inn unaccompanied on a regular basis. In that big empty bar she sat down just a couple stools away from me. We exchanged small talk about the weather and local events which in turn led to conversation about our small town's monthly newspaper. She loved the little newspaper and I wrote for the newspaper. She smiled at a joke I made. She had a beautiful smile. Things were going well.

Not only was I getting to flirt with a beautiful woman but I was getting to talk about books and literature too. Naturally, the conversation led to Oracle's most famous literary resident - Ed Abbey. Cactus Ed had spearheaded the militant arm of America's environmental movement in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s with books like *Desert Solitaire*, *Good News*, *Brave Cowboy*, and Abbey's ode to environmental sabotage *The Monkey Wrench Gang*. Abbey had been America's most political nature writer since Henry David Thoreau.

"I met Ed Abbey once." I told her.

Really," she replied.

So I told her the story. I had been a young man attending the University of Arizona and used to hang out at the Market Spot Café with a cup of coffee, pen and paper, writing away. There were other regulars at the coffee shop including professors, bums, nerds, and a certain hippy gypsy who used to sit in the corner and read Tarot Cards for bits of small change. He would lay out the cards and reveal them one by one, doing a song and dance, hand rolling his own cigarettes with rings on every finger. Business in Tarot cards was usually bustling. Sometimes an entire gaggle of sorority girls would sit at the table and have their fortunes read one by one. He would adjust his lion's mane of hair, preening, as he predicted a beautiful young woman was about to have a passionate affair with a

much older man." The girls would giggle and squeal.

There was one stormy winter day when business was slow, so slow that me and the fortune teller were the only ones in the coffee shop.

"Would you like your cards read?" he asked.

"Sure, what the heck," I replied.

"You must be a powerful wizard," he said, before he even turned over a single card. "I can sense the magic."

No fooling. He really said that. I pondered my reply.

"You must be quite the sorcerer yourself," I said. "Or you never could have detected me."

He reached across the table to shake my hand, the crystal pendants dangling from his neck clattered and rattled. He told me his real name but it didn't matter. I had already given him a nickname - the Wizard Crystal Fart. He read my cards and told me my fortune. It was all bad news and looking back on it, everything he prophesied has come true. That was when Ed Abbey, the great writer himself walked into the café.

All that jewelry the Wizard Crystal Fart was wearing he had made himself and you could buy it for a price. One year the Wizard Crystal Fart had been commissioned to make a very special jewelry piece for a very special birthday. Friends of Ed Abbey's had hired the Wizard Crystal Fart to custom make a silver monkey wrench pendant, a magic eco-warrior talisman for the prophet. Abbey supposedly wore the pendant all the time and according to legend, when his body was laid to rest in the middle of a remote piece of wilderness, he was wearing the silver monkey wrench then too. While Abbey was paying for his coffee at the register, the wizard introduced himself and informed Abbey that he had been the one who had fashioned the monkey wrench pendant given to Abbey as a birthday gift. Abbey smiled and used two fingers to pull the monkey wrench and silver chain out from under his shirt.

Celebrity awestruck, the Wizard Crystal Fart gushed.



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"I am such a huge fan," he blurted out, so excited he stammered.

"Thank you." Cactus Ed said.

"In fact," the wizard replied, "I am reading one of your books right now." The title of the book suddenly escaped him. "It is the novel about Phoenix and Tucson after the apocalypse... you know Tucson and Phoenix..."

He was trying to think of Good News a book about an unexplained apocalypse in the near future and the fate of the two Arizona cities in the new world. Abbey smiled politely and waited for his exuberant fan to collect his thoughts.

The Wizard Crystal Fart continued, "You know which book I am talking about, the world after the apocalypse... its about Tucson and Phoenix... Phoenix and Tucson... it's a tale of two cities."

Abbey laughed. "I am afraid that I did not write that one."

Abbey sat at our table for awhile and we discussed books and literature a little bit. Mostly we talked about wonderful places to go hiking. Over the years I have visited many of the places Abbey revealed that afternoon, beautiful secret oasis well hidden in the wilderness.

"And that was the time I met Ed Abbey." I boasted to the beautiful bombshell at The Oracle Inn bar.

"He is a great writer," she agreed, "But he is also a heartless bastard. I haven't been able to read any of his books ever since I slept with him."

"I know what you mean" I said. "Me too."

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The many improvements to GLOW! 2014 worked to create an even more enjoyable, intimate experience and will be implemented again this year.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go online to <http://bit.ly/1DGwDto>.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In May of this year joint fact finding meetings were held with TRIAD, OWN (Oracle Women's Network), Catalina Community Services, United Way of Pinal County and pastors/representatives from four of the seven listed churches in Oracle. The purpose of these meetings was to identify services that are available in our community but, perhaps more importantly, services that are not publicized or available that we hope can be addressed.

In order to make the information available to as many interested individuals as possible, we are creating a ORACLE RESOURCE BOOKLET. Attached is a Resource Information Form we ask that you fill out if you wish to be included in the booklet.

To make this a truly all-inclusive Community Resource Booklet we encourage all individuals of Oracle who have a business, organization, service, etc. that wish to be listed in the booklet to please fill out the Resource Information Form. Some examples include services like piano lessons, horseback riding lessons, dance lessons, massage therapy, handyman services, yard work, house cleaning, baby sitting, providing transportation, running errands, etc.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form so that all of Oracle may benefit. After completing the form please mail it to:

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ORACLE COMMUNITY RESOURCE INFORMATION

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TRIAD, OWN, (Oracle Women's Network) Oracle Pastors/churches, IMPACT of Southern Arizona, (formerly Catalina Community Services) and interested citizens of Oracle are working in conjunction to gather data, which will be published to be utilized by/for the citizens of Oracle. If you wish to list your service/business in the resource booklet please complete the following form. (Please write/print legibly so we get your correct information)

Name: _____ Tel# _____ email: _____

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I give my permission to have the above information included in the Oracle Community Resource Booklet for Oracle area distribution.

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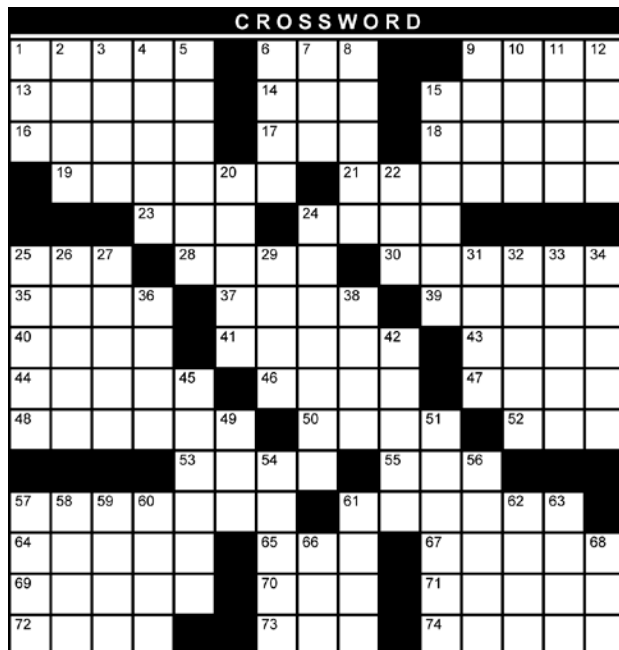
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9. Rum cake
13. Church bell sounds
14. Anger
15. Give a green light
16. Dogma
17. ____ Aviv
18. Cancer sign?
19. *Higher education result
21. *L in LMC
23. "Yakety _____"
24. W.'s advisor
25. Tube in old TV
28. *Classroom pests
30. Catching sight of something
35. "Jack and the Beanstalk" instrument
37. ____ Scotia
39. Ownership document

40. Sixth month of civil year
41. *Classroom ball
43. It's a long story
44. Fat or wax
46. Kindred
47. Resembling wings
48. Destiny
50. Volcano in Sicily
52. Japanese capital
53. *You work with it in shop class
55. *Where most of American History occurred
57. *Difference between public and private school
61. *"_____ and (#34 Down)"
64. Saw logs
65. Like arctic air
67. *Digital text
69. *He's in the class play
70. *Driver's Ed classroom
71. Kitchen appliance

72. "The _____ Not Taken"
73. Lamb's mother
74. Iron Mike

DOWN

1. Pertinent
2. Got ready to drive
3. Healthy
4. Lament for the dead
5. Stellar
6. Place or location
7. "We _____ the World"
8. *Usually in orchestra but not marching band
9. Foggy view?
10. *_____ mater
11. Uncouth one
12. Wrong
15. As good as it can be
20. Augmenting
22. "_____ Got the World on a String"
24. Canceled
25. *Marker's predecessor
26. *r in a math formula, pl.
27. Golf bunkers
29. Kind of soda pop
31. Leaning Tower city
32. *The "boot" in Geography class
33. Aquarium scum
34. *"(#61 Across) and _____"
36. "_____ and proper"
38. Not much
42. Boredom
45. More dewy
49. Also
51. Declare with confidence
54. Chilled
56. Cornered
57. Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
58. To a remarkable degree, British
59. I, to a Greek
60. Walked on
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Handwriting and Imagination

Imagination is the art of visualizing that which has not yet materialized.

Imagination is also the ability to feel or experience an idea or sensation.

Fiction writers take us on a mental journey and open doors for our own capacity to experiment with new ideas. Non-fiction works also tend to coax our mind into forming pictures about the subject had hand.

On the downside, imagination can wreak havoc in the paranoid personality. Imagination will amplify doubts and suspicions. Associates are often falsely accused of bad intentions or deeds. This is a painful result of imagination in the fearful individual.

A recent study on dieting was focused on a group of people who had trouble losing weight. It found that when this group of dieters thought about their favorite food, they were actually savoring its taste in anticipation. The craving becomes a sensual experience, making it difficult to eat smaller portions.

The handwriting of people in this group would show heavy pen pressure and often wide ductus. These writers have an acute memory of flavor in relation to the food they are craving. Individuals who write with a heavy hand come by their weight loss through enormous will power vs. those whose writing appears very lightly on the paper. The light-line writer eats when he is hungry. The heavy line writer eats because he anticipates texture and flavor. He savors his meals. He is a gourmet.

Oenophiles have the ability to fully recall the bouquet of a wine and pair it with a vintage previously tasted. A rare gift enjoyed by a very small number of connoisseurs.

For many years now we have heard about pediatric cancer patients undergoing hypnosis to stimulate their use of visualization techniques in order to combat cancer disease. These techniques have been refined and are being taught to adult cancer patients under the term 'Mindful Meditation.' Instead of simply using pharmacological products in the battle against cancer, doctors and psychologists are encouraging patients to use their own imagination and visualization to activate self-healing and/or maintain optimal health.

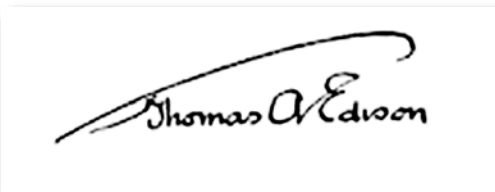
Sport teams in many countries are using similar mind oriented methods to hone and perfect practice techniques in order to attain optimal outcomes.

Imagination can be found in the form of closed loops in handwriting analysis, but it is not limited to such formations. The absence of loops does by no means exclude imagination which may be considered both a primary and an evaluated trait.

The signature of Ray Bradbury shows both heavy pen pressure and wide ductus. The mind is able to conjure up events not seen or lived through in real life, but experienced on a sensory level nevertheless.

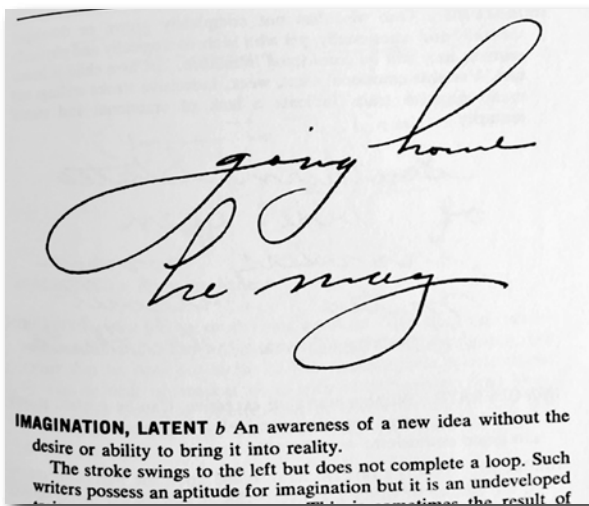
Ray Bradbury was one of the most famous authors of the 20th century in fantasy and science fiction genre. Among his works are 'Fahrenheit 451' and 'The Martian Chronicles.' He lent his expertise as consultant to screenplays such as 'Moby Dick' and 'It Came in from Outer Space.'

Inventors and tinkerers alike make use of imagination.



Thomas A. Edison signature (Google)

Thomas Edison's handwriting has consistently been rhythmic and small. Imagination is not wasted. It is consciously directed to the desired goal. In his own words: "To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk."



Imagination exaggerated (IGAS Encyclopedic Dictionary)

The g, y and h loops are extremely large in comparison to the middle zone of the handwriting. The writer's imagination is overly active, both in the physical/material world as well as in the philosophic/spiritual realms. In this particular script, there is evidence of rhythm and showmanship and it would not surprise us to learn that the writer is successfully engaged in the entertainment industry.

Imagination/visualization is part of most artistic endeavors, be it in the two dimensional form or in three

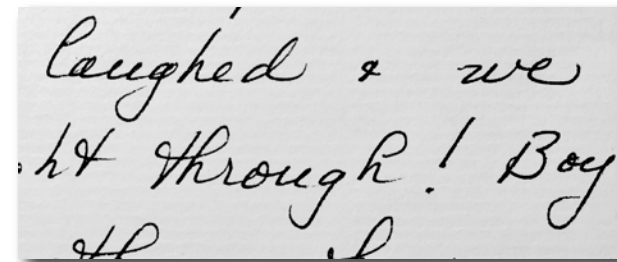


HANDWRITING ROCKS!

By Skylar Khan
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dimensional works.

"I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free." –Michelangelo



Latent Imagination

Some individuals may have a talent that is not being applied. The same goes for imagination that may be present, but it is not addressed.

Latent imagination is detected in the form of incomplete loops, such as the letter g in 'laughed' and 'through' in the above illustration. The person's ideas are not applied to complete a project or solve a problem. The individual does not live up to her potential, and intentions die in their inception. Promises are not kept. Projects remain unfinished.

However, under other circumstances or due to life changes, this same writer may be compelled to make good use of her creativity and live up to her full potential.

Following are the lyrics to 'Imagine' by John Lennon and the Plastic Ono Band. The Beatles' music has endured over several generations and continues to influence people everywhere.

*Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today...
Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for*

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Ray Bradbury signature (Google)



Group in SaddleBrooke offers new 'sport' to try

By Rita Fletcher
Special to the Crier

Team effort? Check!
Contact sport? Check!
Coach? Check!
Fumbles? Sometimes!
Victory? Always!
Fun? Check!

The sport of Square Dancing is indeed a true team effort. A team of eight executes a variety of calls given to them as they dance and sing along. Mistakes sometimes happen but the fun is correcting them, as a team with a laugh, to quickly get back in the game. No mistakes are like a score of 100 percent; everyone gets a "well done." It happens more times than not, and the pride felt by each team member is like winning a trophy and a blue ribbon.

If you want to give square dancing a try, do! It is not what you may think, like when you first learned a few steps back in grade school. Modern square dancing is an active walk-about to upbeat music with friends. We are

lucky to have a resident who is a professional caller. Many have learned and now enjoy this social experience while staying physically fit and mentally challenged.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in the SaddleBrooke Mountain View Ball Room, 38759S. Mountain View Blvd. Tucson AZ for a FREE introduction to square dancing that you can do without any previous experience. Come see what the excitement is about. Dress is casual. Singles are partnered up. You do not need to live in SaddleBrooke to attend. For more information, contact Bonnie and Larry Kraber at 825 2678, or lbkraber@msn.com. Or go online to www.giveusawhirl.com and www.saddlebrookesquares.com.

Directions: From Oracle Rd. (Hwy. 77), turn into SaddleBrooke on SaddleBrooke Blvd. Go two miles. Turn right onto Mountain View Blvd. (this is the third right turn; there is also another SaddleBrooke sign at the corner as well). Go about one mile and turn Left into the parking lot at the main entrance into the Mountain View Club House.



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- Immaculate home feels like new! Hilltop location, incredible mountain views & sunsets. 1867 sq ft. 3 bed, 2 bath, open floor plan. \$199,900
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- Double Lot 1.66 & 1.26 off Linda Vista. 2 Great parcels to choose from. Owner will carry with just 10% down. Build your dream home on one of these two lots. Paved road. Homes only area. Utilities at or near the lot line. \$85,000.
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- 1.36 ac. custom home lot with view, boulders, oaks and more. \$100,000.
- Premium lot with boulders, 1.04 acres of outstanding views, beautiful sunrises and sunsets. \$65,000.
- Great lot in center of Oracle. Ready to build on, utilities at lot line. \$25,000.
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- Stunning 360 degree views on one of the nicest 3 - 4 ac lots in Oracle. \$149,000.
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San Manuel

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- 9.88 ac. with lots of mature Mesquite trees, 1/2 interest in well, septic installed. \$48,000.
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Church hosts Alzheimer's workshop

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As verbal communication becomes more difficult

with friends and loved ones, you will learn new ways to connect, with tone of voice, facial expressions, body language and even attitude. Learn how to decode the verbal and behavioral messages of that special person.

More information is available at 800-272-3900.

Grant writing class to be held in Superior; another one planned for Oracle

By Mila Besich-Lira
Copper Area News

Are you interested in learning about where you can apply for federal grants? Do you want to learn more about how to prepare a winning grant proposal?

You can learn more about how to find grants and write grants on Monday, Aug. 25, 2015 at the Superior Chamber of Commerce office. The Chamber is located at 165 Main St. in Superior. The class will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants can bring their own computer or tablet but it is not required.

The class is hosted by the office of Congressional Representative Ann Kirkpatrick. Congressional staffer from her office Cathy Melvin will teach the class. She has many years of experience in finding and applying for both government and private foundation grants. The class is provided as a service from Rep. Kirkpatrick's office.

The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition (CCEDC) has assisted with coordinating this class. They are also planning on hosting the class in Oracle, however the date and times have not been selected.

To RSVP, please contact Cathy Melvin at cathy.Melvin@mail.house.gov or call 928-402-4318.

HANDWRITING

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*And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace...
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one
Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one*

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SCIP

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Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

Business people in turn complained that the aging SCIP electric lines and that SCIP has not conducted studies to anticipate future power needs as state-regulated utilities like APS are required to do, SCIP's electric lines are now at peak load capacity. This has resulted in SCIP recently telling real estate developers that it couldn't guarantee it could provide electrical service to any new homes. SCIP is thus retarding real estate and business development along with job creation in the area, and could be negatively impacting local real estate prices, they said.

After all concerns were aired, SCIP's representative said the utility would look into the situation and crunch some rough numbers to determine what it could do

to improve local electricity load capacity. APS likewise said it would look into the costs of taking over and upgrading all or part of the SCIP territory. Trico Electric declined to look into joining this bidding, saying that as a member-owned co-op utility its funding is limited to what users pay into it and thus couldn't come up with the dollars that might be required to annex and upgrade any or all of SCIP's territory.

Economic analyses for improvements will likely take into account whether improvements to lines are made above or below ground, and if they might be piggybacked with cable firms such as Century Link, which is boosting its presence in southern Pinal County.

SCIP and APS said they would present their figures for upgrading electrical

service and another meeting tentatively set for late August at a site to be named later.

APS already supplies electricity to the area around San Manuel, so any expansion into Oracle-Mammoth would be of short distance. Trico Electric serves a territory to the south and west of the SCIP territory, including SaddleBrooke Ranch.

In the interim, Valera promised that Rep. Kirkpatrick's staff would consider to study the situation, including

whether BIA might be open to either improvements to SCIP or allowing SCIP to be spun off into the ownership of another electric utility. About 15 years ago, negotiations were conducted through the offices of Sen. John McCain to transfer SCIP's service territory to another Arizona utility, only to be quashed by BIA on grounds it would reduce local Native American employment. This may no longer be an issue with the San Carlos Apache Tribe building a second casino in nearby Dudleyville.



Electrical Problems Plague Area

Approximately 20 people invited by the Oracle group met at the local fire station to gather information and discuss some of the limited, inadequacy power issues in the area. Representatives from San Carlos Irrigation Project (SCIP), Arizona Public Service (APS), and TRICO out of Marana were also present.

The group's goal is to try to ensure adequate power capacity for Oracle and Mammoth for their future growth and development. San Manuel is served by APS.

Enormous amounts of information, both historical and current was presented on a very convoluted, expensive and complex issue. I personally wish the Federal Rural Electrification Funds (REA) from the 1930's and 40's were still available.

This group will reconvene in approximately a month, after SCIP and APS run some rough cost numbers on the feasibility of improvements to the system. In the interim, Congress-



FROM THE SUPERVISOR

By Pete Rios

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woman Ann Kirkpatrick's staff will continue their research, as SCIP comes under the BIA and Federal Department of the Interior.



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