Oracle plays host to start of annual marathon

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Santa to visit the Oracle Fire Station

On Friday, Dec. 12, Santa Claus will be at the Oracle Fire Station to visit with the kids. He will be arriving by helicopter which has been generously donated by LifeNet EMS. Santa will be landing at the Mountain Vista School football field around 2 p.m. where he will greet students as he transfers to a fire engine for a ride around town before his arrival at the Oracle Fire station around 4:30 p.m. At the fire station the kids can visit with Santa and receive a bag of goodies. Santa will be at the station until 7:30 p.m. before heading back to the North Pole. The entire community is welcome to stop by and visit with Santa.

Santa will be ready to listen to children's Christmas wishes Friday at the Oracle Fire Station.

Andrea Justice | Copper Area News
Family First Pregnancy Care Center Announces Workshop

Having recently paused for the Thanksgiving holiday, we want to express our deep gratitude to all the people who have donated canned and dry food for the food bank in November. A special thanks to our volunteers who faithfully work in both centers. We also thank those who helped make 2014 our most successful year with your time, donations, and prayers. Merry Christmas to all and Blessings in the New Year!

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In Catalina–Next to the Rec Center

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

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

Wednesday, December 17 - A Classic Country Christmas - 7:30 pm Produced by Lonely Street Productions. Saturday, January 3, 2015 - Gather up the family and get set to two-step round the Christmas tree as you enjoy the yuletide twang of A Classic Country Christmas! The knee-slapin’ production includes perennial holiday hits made famous by Kenny Rogers, Faith Hill, Randy Travis, Loretta Lynn, and more. Join Million Dollar Quartet star/national touring artist Michael Goodman and the “The Sweetheart of Branson” Kaci Bays as they share classics like "Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree," "Hard Candy Christmas" and "Christmas in Dixie." You won’t want to miss this evening of family holiday fun! $25 inclusive $30 door

Class of ’65-Top Hits From the Year 1965 - 4:00 pm & 7:30pm. Produced by Lonely Street Productions. In this recurring series which highlights the best of Billboard’s Top 100 from fifty years ago, this Class of ’65 show features such chart-toppers as “Downtown,” “I Can’t Help Myself,” Sugar Pie Honey Bunch,” “The Birds and the Bees,” “I Got You Babe,” “For Your Love,” “What’s New Pussycat,” “King of the Road” and more! $25 inclusive $30 door

Santa made a stop at Family First Children and Parents Christmas Party which was held at Living Word Chapel.

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Who Was Buckskin Frank Leslie?

At Appamattox, General Robert E. Lee handed his sword of surrender to George Armstrong Custer. General Phillip Sheridan purchased the table upon which Lee and Grant had signed the documents outlining the terms of surrender and ended the Civil War. Sheridan presented the table as a gift to Custer for his beautiful wife, Elizabeth “Libby” Bacon Custer. Custer strapped the table to the back of his horse and proudly marched back home.

To celebrate the end of the bloody conflict which had nearly torn the United States apart, President Lincoln held a formal party at the White House where Abraham Lincoln shook the hand of all the war heroes in attendance, personally thanking them for their role in preserving the Union. There is no record of Lincoln’s impression of George Armstrong Custer; the vainglorious military officer who coveted Lincoln’s elected position. However, the president was quite captivated by Custer’s beautiful, effervescent wife. The president lingered to speak with Libby Custer. It must have painted quite a picture, the tall and lean president; a giant, homely, man bending over to speak with the tiny blushing bride, as beautiful as a ballerina.

“Madam,” the president said, “I hear that your husband leads every battle charge, racing out in front of the troops, atop the back of his stallion; and letting loose with a war whoop and a holler.”

“Yes, sir, he does. He leads every charge.” Libby Custer replied, her adoring eyes stealing a glance at her new groom. “And I hope he always will.”

“You ma’am,” Lincoln said as he held Libby’s tiny hand inside his own gigantic paw. “You will make a lovely widow.”

Libby Custer did make a lovely widow and transformed herself into a national celebrity in the process. She wrote books about life with her famous and tragic husband. Some of these, such as Boots and Saddles went on to become bestsellers and frontier classics. Libby went on tour and spoke regularly to packed auditoriums.

She was not the only one promoting the Custer legacy. Anheueser Busch commissioned a large lithograph of the battle at the Little Bighorn, with Custer in the center, his sword drawn and gun blazing with his long golden locks waving in the furious breeze. This giant lithograph was given away free as a promotional item and hung in bars and saloons all across the United States. In fact, the lithograph became the second most reproduced print in the United States, trailing only the picture of George Washington which hung in every schoolroom.

A large version of this lithograph hung behind the bar in the Oriental Saloon in Tombstone, Arizona Territory. In the spring of 1880, a train pulled into the depot and Buckskin Frank Leslie disembarked. He strolled across the street and entered the nearest saloon, The Oriental. Buckskin Frank walked through the doors with long blonde hair, drooping moustache, and he was wearing a buckskin fringed jacket with yellow braided cavalry pants. He was a dead ringer for the General Custer in the giant lithograph. People looked at Buckskin and then looked at the painting and then looked back again.

Buckskin Frank Leslie was hired on the spot as a bartender.

Buckskin Frank walked about atop two inch heels on his boots and always wore fully loaded twin holsters on his hips. He claimed a dangerous and violent past, serving as a scout for General Miles, and as a soldier for Al Sieber during the Apache

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Understanding Heavy Metals

Of the over 100 elements that have been discovered on this planet, humans have toxic interactions with about 20. These are often referred to as heavy metals. Technically speaking a heavy metal is defined as an element that has a specific gravity that is at least five times that of water. Water has a specific gravity of one.

Not all heavy metals are toxic to humans. And, not all metals that are toxic are heavy. Therefore, for this article I will trim the list down to the most common elements considered to be toxic. This list will include aluminum which has a specific gravity of only 2.7 and is therefore not truly heavy, but is none-the-less a concern for humans.

This list of potentially toxic metals will include aluminum, arsenic, cadmium, iron, lead, mercury and uranium. Others of interest include antimony, bismuth, chromium, cobalt, copper, gallium, gold, manganese, nickel, platinum, silver, tellurium, thallium, tin, vanadium and zinc. Like iron, many of these other heavy metals have useful functions in the body. However, in large amounts they can become toxic.

Toxicity is often a matter of the degree of exposure a person experiences coupled with their individual susceptibility. Mercury offers a good illustration of this. First of all, it is a known neuro-toxin. Second, its exposure has been forced upon us through our food sources (fish) and our medical practices (amalgam fillings and vaccines). Third, genetics plays a major role in how rapidly we can rid ourselves of mercury, and other heavy metals. An accumulation of mercury that manifests in neuro-degeneration may lead to a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis or some other similar neurological illness.

Some people have an abundance of protein with sulfur molecules on them that pull out mercury at each exposure. Those that do not have these sulfur molecules run the risk of accumulating enough mercury to cause nerve damage.

For those individuals that do not have naturally occurring sulfur molecules in them, there are supplements that can assist in eliminating the mercury before it reaches toxic levels. Cysteine is a fundamental amino acid that carries a sulfur group with it and is therefore useful in pulling out many heavy metals.

Other methods of ridding the body of heavy metals include chelation treatments; either oral, suppository or intravenous. I have noticed recently that an increasing number of the population around here have tested high for uranium. I suspected water as the source of this toxin, so I had it tested. The tap water supplying Oracle does in fact test high for uranium, as well as arsenic. Neither of these particular heavy metals is pulled out well with sulfur molecules or conventional chelation methods. Arsenic is best dealt with by supporting the liver’s inherent efforts to detoxify the body. Milk thistle is a useful herb to strengthen the liver. It is interesting that a good molecule to pull out uranium is hydroxyapatite. This is a metabolite of bone that is best known for reversing osteoporosis.

Another heavy metal, cadmium, is commonly picked up as one of the thousands of chemicals in modern cigarettes. It can be pulled out of the body with the help of chlorella.

Testing yourself for heavy metals is easy. A simple and accurate way is to analyze a sample of your urine.
Tucson Marathon
starting line in Oracle

Members of the Oracle Women’s Network and other Oracle volunteers staff an aid station at the Tucson Holualoa Marathon Sunday, Dec. 7.

John Hernandez | Copper Area News

Comfort Foods

It is no secret that a major part of the American social scene revolves around food.

Thanksgiving has come and gone. It acts as the official inauguration of the Holiday Season including Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year’s Eve and more. Special meals and sweets are consumed during this time of festivities and some of us find it difficult to maintain our ideal body shape and size.

Many friends will indulge in overeating with the promise to “go on a diet” right after the New Year.

Handwriting analysis can be a useful indicator of who might be most at risk for gaining weight, not just during the holidays, but throughout the year.

Persons whose writing style is formed with a wide ductus usually act in response to sensual stimulus. This includes eating and drinking as well as music appreciation, an eye for visual arts and the likes. The wide-line writer has trouble resisting temptation and will take another helping of their favorite food items. They are the gourmets among us. They savor the taste and then store it in their memory.

Wine connoisseurs in particular are gifted with a rare talent of recalling flavor, body and aroma of certain vintages.

If the writing ductus is wide and includes heavy pen pressure, we might be looking at an eating disorder in some writers and gluttony in others.

Free meals are offered as a reliable way to attract consumers. Free lunches, although we are told there is no such thing, are offered by tax attorneys and other professionals trying to lure the public into listening to their sales pitch and buying their services. And let’s not forget the people who jokingly refer to “having lunch at Costco” where food samples are abundant throughout the store, especially during the holiday season.

The fine line writer whose pen or pencil barely touches the paper is not likely to overindulge in general. This type of person will eat food for sustenance rather than for taste. Such individuals are able to move through life without carrying the burden of emotional memory. They forgive and forget trespasses and usually they do not hold grudges. They are not weighed-down by bad eating habits or overly negative feelings.

On the other hand, writers whose ductus is wide and heavy not only indulge in the pleasure of consummation but they also retain an enormous array of memories associated with their experience of enjoyment, pain and hurt. If such persons feel they have been wronged, they will not be able to shake off their resentment or dislike because of the buried feelings that may resurface at any time, at the slightest provocation.

The norm would be found in individuals whose handwriting shows the pen pressure and ductus to be in between heavy and light extremes. This would be a person who is thought to get some measure of pleasure from food and drink, who indulges once in a while, but who is usually able to control their intake as well as their emotional expressions.

A good example of this might be viewed in the signature below.

Ductus and pen pressure are rated to be somewhere between heavy and light. Ductus remains consistently pasty and threaded throughout the name. The fact that the person was a franchisor of ice cream stores does not surprise, but rather confirms his penchant for sweet things.

The initial large D is thought to be representative of imagination and

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adj.
1 capable of being touched
2 evident; real; existing

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The Holidays

ACROSS
1. It’s played with a ball
2. “What’s Up, ___?”
starring Barbra Streisand
3. Hurry up!
4. D-Day beach
5. Greek R
6. Swap meet deal?
7. Thai restaurant chicken
8. Down Under runner
9. “Moonlight Sonata,” e.g.
10. Bread type
11. Sleep in a convenient place
12. French lake
13. Used during Hanukkah
14. “Season of four Sundays before Christmas
15. Legal excuse
16. Shoemaker’s tool
17. The “____” by Dostoyevsky
18. Capital of Tunisia
19. “___ good example”
20. “Pérignon’s honorific
21. Swarm
22. De Niro’s 1976 ride
23. Kind of Holiday list
24. Down Under runner
25. “_____ farewell, auf Wiedersehen, good night”
26. In bed
27. “Cinema Paradiso” roll
28. The relative magnitudes of two quantities
29. Intense anger
30. Material used by one of three little pigs
31. Hahn or von Bismark
32. Eyes or optics
33. Used in hunting
34. Series of reps, pl.
35. To make lame
36. Thai restaurant chicken staple
37. Make reference to
38. *Disgruntled TV elf
39. *It’s under the tree?
40. *Kind of Holiday list
41. *A traditional holiday main course
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7. Unit of electrical resistance
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Solution to last month’s puzzle

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10. Squanto
11. Est
12. Chum
13. Sam
14. Hula
15. Apple
16. New
17. Carps
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19. Utah
20. Koala
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Big changes for the Oracle School District

By Dennis Blauser
Superintendent

The Oracle School District is very excited about several key projects designed to provide a higher quality, more positive learning environment for its students. The Oracle School District administration and governing board has worked hard to maximize its limited financial resources. Through careful planning, the district has been able to move forward with several projects that will both increase efficiency and create a more attractive educational facility that students, parents and staff can be proud of. One of the biggest changes was moving the pre-school and kindergarten to the Mountain Vista Campus which included the creation of a beautiful new pre-school facility. This move, which included a new early childhood curriculum, saves the district upwards of $30,000 per year and allows for a more seamless pre-kindergarten through eighth grade academic experience for students.

By the end of December, the district will have completed several key concrete improvements. Expanded student seating at the outdoor basketball facility will be accomplished by terracing off a badly eroded hillside and installing concrete multi-purpose bleachers. A full sized volleyball court, partially funded by donations, will provide more activities for the fifth through eighth grade students. The district will also be installing a concrete “trike track” for its pre-school students. Here is an example of what parents think about the district’s progress. Parent Teacher Organization officer and longtime district advocate Brenda Garcia could not be more happy with the aggressive and positive changes. Garcia had this to say about the changes, “As a parent I am thrilled that the district and governing board is being so proactive in moving our small district forward. Our kids need and deserve nice facilities.”

Additionally, the Oracle School District has made a concentrated effort to shift its precious water resources to areas that are directly used by the students. Grass in non-student use areas is being replaced by low water landscaping allowing for big improvements in Mountain Vista’s athletic field facilities. A two year irrigation project is now complete which means that all of the playing fields will be green and ready for use by the physical education department and athletic teams this spring. Also happening this spring will be the grand opening of the volunteer funded and constructed restroom and concession facility centrally located in the athletic field complex. All of these exciting changes would not be possible without our dedicated and hardworking staff that is never afraid to dream big.

Handwriting

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elaboration of past events. Emphasis is on security rather than optimism.

The angled lead-in stroke of the second D shows that he is on guard against intrusion and/or exploitation. However, the tiny break between D and u is a sign of intuition, a useful trait to rely on during unexpected incidences. Both lower zone loops of the letters g and y are proportionately reduced in height. The person will confine his innermost thoughts to a mere handful of trusted friends and colleagues.

The ductus and line quality itself reveals to us that the man has developed strong likes and dislikes with an appreciation for the better things life has to offer. It might be said that those who seek a favor from this man should ask only after he has enjoyed a good meal and not on an empty stomach.

Individuals who have developed an appreciation for creature comforts tend to be more generous than those who deny themselves every conceivable pleasure in order to maintain structure and discipline.

So let us enjoy all aspects of the holiday festivities. Remember, an extra helping now and then is good for the soul. We never know what tomorrow brings. To quote Eleanor Roosevelt “The freedom of man, I contend, is the freedom to eat.”

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wars. He also claimed to have killed fourteen men. The only problem is that the only evidence was Buckskin Frank’s own bragadocio — nothing can be proven or disproven. We do know for certain that Buckskin Frank Leslie was skilled at handling his revolvers.

The handsome bartender soon began a romance with the beautiful Mary Killeen. The couple moved to town and quickly became the center of attention in Martinez. Buckskin Frank was “drying out” from a period of heavy drinking and wanted to make a fresh start.

When Buckskin Frank wanted to get romantic, he would use his guns to outline her fine feminine form, drawing the silhouette with bullets. This practice caused confusion among the town’s residents, who were not sure if they were being attacked or approached affectionately.

Conflicting testimony causes confusion about what happened next but the end result was that Mike Killeen was dead and Mrs. Mary Killeen became Mrs. Leslie. The romance would not last.

Buckskin Frank was “drying out” from a period of heavy drinking and wanted to make a fresh start. In July of 1889, Buckskin Frank was “drying out” from a drinking problem, staying at a ranch in the Swisshine Mountains with a pretty blonde named Molly Williams. Buckskin Frank became jealous of attention Molly was giving to a young ranch hand named James Neal and shot them both. Molly died, and while Buckskin Frank believed he had killed James Neal, the young man survived two bullet wounds to testify at the trial. Buckskin Frank was found guilty and sentenced to 25 years in Yuma Territorial Prison.

In 1893, Buckskin Frank was given a pardon and left for California where he spent the next several decades tending bar. In 1924, the manager of a San Francisco pool hall reported the sudden departure of an employee believed to have been Buckskin Frank along with a stolen revolver. The pool hall manager gave the serial number of the stolen gun to the police. Three years later the skeleton of an old man was found in a remote canyon outside the town of Martinez beside a rusted revolver which bore the same serial number.
The Tri-Community Food Bank. Great Job! Thank you for sponsoring a food drive at Mountain Vista School for Family First. We are so proud of Tamara Cano for her dedication.

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Family First is so proud of Tamara Cano for sponsoring a food drive at Mountain Vista School for the Tri-Community Food Bank. Great Job and thank you for all the food that was donated.

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Holiday Gifts and Art Market in Oracle

By John Hernandez
Oracle Towne Crier

In a white cottage that was brought to Oracle from the old mining town of Tiger, a group of artists have set up their unique handcrafted art and wares for the shopping public. The charming cottage has been fixed up and the four rooms are filled with original artwork from 12 Oracle artists. Everything from holiday theme cards, jewelry, ornaments, garden art, ceramics, paintings and much more are available at reasonable prices. Many items are priced under $15.

The Holiday Gifts and Art Market will be open 15 days in December for your shopping pleasure. They are open Wednesdays through Sundays on Dec. 10-14, 17-21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The 12 participating artists are Jill Caid, Susie Cochran, Anna Marie Martin, Alicia Bristow, Allison Griffin, Sharon Holnback, Laurel Roth, Elvia Schwenke, Carolann Small, Judy Walsh, Susan Daigneault and Val Bembenek.

The Holiday Gifts and Art Market is located at 35 W. American Ave. just west of St. Helen’s Catholic Church.

Artists Val Bembenek and Susie Cochran at the cottage.

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Minding their manners at MVS

The first quarter of the 2014-15 school year has passed and it is time to announce the Pride of Our Pride winners. Mrs. Dedrick’s 4th grade class was the best of the best this quarter, keeping 37 of 43 paws. Way to use your pleases and thank yous, kids! Keep up the fantastic work.

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