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OBITUARIES

Tony C. Gonzales

Tony C. Gonzales, 79, passed away on March 24, 2016 in Tucson, Arizona. Tony was born April 2, 1936 to Antonio Gonzales and Candid Cervantez. He was the fifth of eight children; three girls and 5 boys.

In humble surroundings, Tony would always strive to achieve and better himself with hard work. He worked for Nick Rayes flooring where he learned to lay carpet and hard floors. He then went to work for the mining industry for 39 years, retiring as a Journeyman



Electrician. In between this he served his country in the Armed Services.

He always generously helped others starting with helping to build a home for his parents, a house which still stands today and in his family. He would help others, family or friends when there was a need. He never asked questions as to what they needed nor expected a pay back.

Tony was an avid reader of Holy Scripture and most everything else. He believed we should be informed of issues around us. He said it was out duty as citizens and Christians to be

informed, lest we be deceived. He led a rich fulfilling life which only became better when he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior in 1982. He was baptized and attended Calvary Shadows Assembly of God and then the Oracle Assembly of God.

Tony had a great sense of humor and always made everyone laugh. We had the privilege of knowing a wonderful man in our midst and we consider ourselves very lucky to have had a person of his caliber in our lives.

Tony certainly was a special man whom we loved and will miss as long as we live.

Jo-Ann Aldridge

Jo-Ann Aldridge entered eternal life on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Her spirit is carried on by her husband, children, grandchildren, siblings and an extended family of relations and friends who she held dearly in her heart.

Jo-Ann was born on March 3, 1942 to Donald and Ruth Stevenson in Tucson, Arizona. She was raised in Tiger and Oracle, Arizona, under the love and careful watch of her big brothers, Tom and Dan Stevenson. Her beloved sisters joined her family as Tom married Peg and Dan married Kathryn. Jo-Ann's joy multiplied as nieces and nephews were born to love and adore.

Jo-Ann graduated from San Manuel High School and luckily for hundreds of young children, she graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in education. Jo-Ann's teaching career spanned over 30 years from Williams, AZ to Idaho, and ended with over 20 years serving the kindergarten families in her hometown of Oracle. Her compassion came through in her teaching and in the witness of former students who continued to greet, hug and thank her for her dedication to them.

While in Idaho, Jo-Ann met her husband of 43 years, David Aldridge. There, in Swan Valley, ID they had a son, Justin, and daughter, Allison. They returned to Oracle, Arizona in 1979 where they raised their two children and much later added son-in-law, Andrew Hendrix, and daughter-in-law, Jennifer (Hammack) to their tight knit family.

In 2004, upon Jo-Ann's retirement from the Oracle

School District, her first granddaughter, Elena Hendrix, was born, followed four years later by Mylee Hendrix, and a year later by Ruby Aldridge. Jo-Ann's love and devotion was amplified in her grandchildren who she doted on for the last eleven years of her life.

Retirement allowed Jo-Ann and Dave to go on several adventures together. Passionate about enjoying all of God's gifts, the couple traveled as often as possible. Destinations such as Alaska, Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, Canada, Yellowstone, the Smokey Mountains, Glacier and Yosemite brought them great joy.

Jo-Ann's love for others showed through in her loyalty to her Oracle Union Church family, her gym family, and her continued devotion to the preschool children of Oracle School District. Her love wasn't reserved just for those she knew, it was given freely to strangers out and about, to the doctors and nurses who cared for her, to friends of friends, and all mankind.

While Jo-Ann will be greatly missed, her legacy of love lives on in the lives of those she touched. A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, March 26th at 2 p.m. at the Oracle Piano Society's Oracle Center for the Arts. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Casa de La Luz Hospice, Oracle Union Church or the Oracle Schools Foundation.



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OBITUARIES

Nelda Gean Hedrick

Nelda Gean Hedrick was born July 7, 1939 in Rising Star, Texas to Nelson and Maxine McKinnerney. She passed away Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the age of 76.

She grew up in Odessa, Texas with her sisters Patricia Ann and Lydia Jane. On May 29, 1955, at the age of 15 she was married to her sweetheart Jerry Hedrick. The newlyweds lived in Odessa until November of the same year when Jerry took a job with Magma Copper Company and they moved to Arizona. Jerry and Nelda had three children, Farrah, Jerry Jr. and Samantha. After moving throughout the Tri-Community, they settled in Oracle, Arizona where Jerry built their home at the top of what is now Water Tank Road.

A pivotal time in Nelda's life occurred at a women's meeting in 1970. Nelda received prayer and was filled with the Holy Spirit. Her life was completely transformed from that moment; she was on fire for God. Jerry remembers Nelda praising the Lord and raising her hands in worship while doing dishes; he knew there was something different about her. The family opened the doors of their home for prayer meetings, which grew into the church that is now Living Word Chapel. Jerry and Nelda moved to

Ark City, Kansas in 1991 where they pastored Harvest Fellowship for fourteen years.

They retired in 2005 and moved to Clinton, Arkansas, although they never retired from serving their King. In 2015 Nelda and Jerry celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Nelda lived her entire life to honor her Lord and Savior. She never missed an opportunity to minister to someone in need; she never walked away from you without making sure you knew Jesus. She led a life of continuous prayer and daily prayed for friends and family by name. Countless individuals have been touched by her compassion, wisdom, prayer and faithfulness. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Hedrick, Sr., son Jerry (Radonna) Hedrick, Jr., daughters Farrah (Russell) Dever and Samantha (Vicente) Hedrick Lozano and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nelda: A powerful woman of God.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the Living Word Chapel, 3941 W. Highway 77, Oracle, Arizona.



Renee A. Rios

Renee A. Rios, 80, of Oracle, AZ, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister.

Born Feb. 23, 1936 in Waite Park, Minnesota, she was the daughter of the late Ferdinand and Mary Ruhmann.

She was the wife of the late Ynocente D. Rios, of Oracle, AZ. They were married for 52 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Evelyn Radillo and husband Robert; three sons, Paul Rios of Thousand Oaks, CA, Phillip Rios and wife, Crystal of Tucson, AZ, and Mark Rios and his wife, Vivian of Castle Rock, CO; a sister, Patricia Hanson of Apple Valley, CA; 10 grandchildren, Christina, Robert, Steven, Sabrina, Tiffany, Jennifer, Jessica, Brian, Breeana, and Jared; and 12 great-

grandchildren, Christopher, Isaiah, Kaylee, Tommy, Madelynn, Cooper, Eli, Mason, Logan, Caleb, Cameron and Emma.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 12, 2016, at St. Helens Mission Church in Oracle, AZ with Msgr. Ambrose Nwohu officiating. Interment and graveside services followed at the Mountain View Cemetery in Hayden.

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Wednesday, May 11, 2016 - Jovert - Tucson High Magnet School Steel Band - 7:30pm. Produced by Khrist Dodge Entertainment. Jovert, the Tucson High Magnet School Steel Band, is coming to the DesertView Performing Arts Center for a one-show extravaganza. Playing a mix of international music, movie-themed songs, and original compositions written by their director, Khrist Dodge, these multi-talented teenagers will fill the room with their energy, enthusiasm, and phenomenal musicianship. Get ready to dance the night away! \$25 in advance, \$30 door.



Saturday, May 14, 2016 - Neon Circus - A Tribute to Brooks & Dunn - 7:30pm. Produced by TAD Management. Carrying on in true Brooks & Dunn style, **Neon Circus** welcomes you to a live authentic tribute to country music's most legendary duo. Spanning a 20-year career and selling over 30 million albums, every country music lover has a Brooks & Dunn album in their collection. Neon Circus features authentic performances of Brooks & Dunn's number 1 hits such as "My Maria," "Only in America," "Neon Moon," "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone" and many more!



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Friday, July 22, 2016 - Gregory Wolfe - Rod Stewart Tribute - 7:30pm. Produced by TAD Management.

Gregory Wolfe has been singing from a very early age, but it wasn't until his late 20's when he realized that he looked and sounded just like Rod Stewart. Since then his show has gone from strength to strength and he has since taken his act world wide, from Singapore to South Carolina, from Bangkok to Berlin. Gregory's entertained them all over the globe! This incredible evening packed with the hits of Rod Stewart will live in your memory for a very long time. \$30 in advance, \$35 door.



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Speakeasy piano jazz-inspired classics set for Oracle Piano Society concert

A lively musical celebration of the Roaring Twenties, showcasing jazz- and ragtime-inspired piano classics of William Albright and George Gershwin will syncopate the stage at the Oracle Center for the Arts on Sunday, May 1.

Themed a “Speakeasy Rent Party,” Dr. Stephen Cook, Oracle Piano Society founder and artistic director, plans to energize the society’s Baldwin concert grand with classical works inspired by ragtime, Harlem stride, and boogie-woogie — including Gershwin’s first major classical work Rhapsody in Blue.

The concert begins at 3 p.m. with jazz-age decor festooning the Center, located at 700 E. Kingston St. in

Oracle. Snacks will be served Speakeasy-style, and party guests are invited to wear 1920s garb.

Tickets, at \$30 per person in advance, are available at 623-295-9677 or by visiting www.oraclepianosociety.org. Free student tickets are also available.

In 1920s prohibition era Harlem, low-income tenants who were unable to afford their housing costs would host monthly parties with dancing, music, and libation. Money raised would help them pay their rent — and the idea of “rent parties” carried on, leading to the spread of Harlem style piano playing.

Dr. Cook, an Arizona native, has performed concerts

nationwide as well as abroad. He is passionate about classical piano, community involvement, and development of musical events that emphasize both artistic fusion and alternative performance formats.

A portion of funds raised at the concert will help the Oracle Piano Society, a not-for-profit founded three years ago, make mortgage payments on the facility it recently purchased. In addition to a performance hall with theater seats, it has a spacious lobby that will double as an art gallery. The society is also considering lectures, a film series, theatrical performances and musical story-time for young children as future activities in the art center.

OBITUARY

Waltraut Ingeborg Schröder-Hartman

Waltraut Ingeborg Schröder-Hartman, “Violet”, age 86, passed away on March 31, 2016 after surgery on a broken leg. Violet was a very outspoken woman, a spice of life. She loved music, reading, sewing, crocheting afghans and gardening. In her later life, she spent time feeding and watching the birds in the yard. Violet loved to talk about the adventures in her life.

Violet was born May 19, 1929 in Berlin, Germany. As a young girl, Violet, with her brother Junter, lived through the turmoil of World War II. Violet’s mother was an opera singer; her father a military police officer. Often, to escape

the chaos of the bombings, the Russian control of Berlin and the Berlin Airlift, Violet and her brother were sent to various areas of the country. This would include a Catholic monastery for schooling in Switzerland or their uncle’s farm in the country. Violet’s father was killed during the war, her mother and brother had survived the good and the bad of the war. Violet was very athletic. She loved skiing; most of all, swimming was her joy. In fact, her children could not figure out how she could bob in one place without moving her arms.

In 1945, when the war was over, Violet had a job with the

BBC Document Center. This is where records or papers were sorted to use during the Nuremberg Trials. Violet was, at this time, 17 years old. She worked for a Colonel in the U.S. Army. This is where she met a young, 19 year old, CLP Donald C. Hartman who also worked in the Document Center. Violet always said they were comrades; they fell in love.

Donald finished his tour of duty and was sent home to South Dakota.

It took a year of corresponding with the help of Donald’s sister, Loraine and Violet’s brother translating German to English. Violet and Donald had to get permission from their parents before Violet could come to America to be Donald’s bride. Donald’s grandfather became Violet’s sponsor. Thus she became a German War Bride.

Don and Vi lived on a farm that was bought with a G.I. loan. Now, Vi, age 19, became a farm wife, soon to be a mother of three children. First came Charlotte, then David and Clyde. In the summer of 1960, Don moved the family to Oracle. Vi was with child. Allen was born.

Violet lived in Oracle for 56 years. She worked with her husband to raise a family, helping at the 76 Union Gas Station pumping gas or doing paperwork. She became a private duty nurse at Deveron Gables Nursing Home in Tucson and several other agencies. Violet was a member of the Women’s Auxiliary and was also a big part in the makings of the Oracle Fire Department. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Violet loved the holidays with them, especially Easter. She lit up those young eyes with baskets full of goodies.

Violet is survived by four children, Charlotte (Ron) Strawn, David (Patricia) Hartman, Clyde Hartman and Allen Hartman; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren. Violet was preceded in death by her husband Donald C. Hartman, brother Junter Schroder, mother Martha Schröder and father Fredrick Schröder.





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The stomach is an area of the gastrointestinal tract (gastro means stomach) that stores eaten food for approximately two to four hours while it gets digested with enzymes secreted from the salivary glands and with enzymes found in the food itself.

Stomach acid further breaks down the protein in the food and prepares it for more enzymatic digestion in the small intestine. Stomach acid also is beneficial in killing any bacteria that has been ingested.

The stomach is lined with special cells that protect it against the acid. The esophagus leading into the stomach from the mouth does not have these special cells in its lining. That is why, when acid regurgitates up from the stomach, it burns the lining of the esophagus.

Because the esophagus travels beside the heart, this acid burn is often referred to as heartburn. This sharp “acid” pain is to be distinguished from the heavy “pressure” sensation felt when an actual heart attack occurs.

The term hiatal hernia is defined as the situation when the upper part of the stomach protrudes above the diaphragm which normally separates the stomach from the esophagus.

Without the diaphragm separating the stomach from the esophagus, acid can splash up the esophagus and cause burning pain and damage. If this phenomenon becomes chronic it will be labeled as GERD (Gastro-Esophageal Reflux Disease). The acid can sometimes splash high enough to irritate the vocal cords.

Though the commonly used antacids can be immediately effective in resolving the discomfort, they also are shutting down

an important defense system that would otherwise kill ingested bacteria.

A healthier quick fix for acid reflux is to reposition the stomach, with its acid, back through the hole in the diaphragm to restore the separation of the two different tissues. This can be accomplished by pushing the fingers up under the ribs in front and pulling down several times. This mechanically pulls the stomach down below the diaphragm.

Another method of doing this is to swallow several glasses of water, effectively placing a weight in the stomach. Then abruptly come down off a step or simply raise up on the toes and come down hard on the heels. This action pulls the stomach down below the diaphragm.

Though effective, these are often temporary solutions.

Some reasons given for causing hiatal hernias include too short of an esophagus, heavy lifting, hard coughing or sneezing, violent vomiting, pregnancy, strain with constipation, and obesity.

My theory about the extremely high incidence of hiatal hernia diagnoses is that the diaphragm becomes loose from lack of use, allowing the stomach to inch up past the normally tight hole through which the esophagus passes.

This lack of use of the diaphragm is the result of so many individuals suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). What I mean by this is that a lot of people experience very stressful situations that they subconsciously carry with them for very long periods of time – months, years.

A person in this state keeps their body on alert for impending danger. Some of

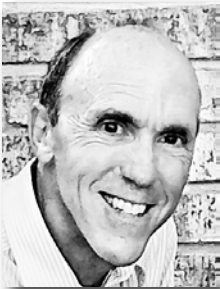
the normal adjustments a body makes are to slow down the digestive tract, constrict blood vessels, increase adrenal alertness and to breathe with shallow breaths.

This last adjustment means that a body uses the muscles between the ribs, normally used only with heavy exertion to bring in extra air, and stops the use of the diaphragm. The diaphragm then becomes weak, as any muscle would without exercise. This then results in a widening hole and a herniation of the stomach.

The permanent solution under this scenario becomes stress management.

This sometimes is facilitated through deep-breathing exercises. It is certainly not an easy transition from a subconscious state of stress to a more functionally normal balanced state. The hiatal hernia becomes just a symptom of an underlying condition that requires due diligence for an extended period of time to resolve.

If one can reestablish good diaphragmatic breathing habits and regain a balanced autonomic nervous system (fight-or-flight, sympathetic-parasympathetic nervous system) then that person can resolve the acid reflux of hiatal hernia. That person



HEALTH ISSUES

By Dr. Michael Miles
Special to the Crier

can also gain a great deal of energy that is unnecessarily being spent in the subconscious stressed state.

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'Mollie' Clark turns 100 years young

By John Hernandez
Oracle Towne Crier

Amalia "Mollie" Ruiz Clark celebrated her 100th birthday on March 18, 2016. Many friends and family showed up to help her celebrate at her home in Oracle.

Mollie was born in Tucson, Arizona on March 18, 1916. She was the oldest of nine children born to immigrants from Sonora, Mexico. She was raised in Christmas, Arizona where she met her husband Thomas Clark Sr., they were married in 1934 at St. Helen's Parish in Oracle. They lived in Tiger, Arizona until 1954 when the Tiger mine was closed. The Clarks moved their 900 square foot house from Tiger to Oracle.

Mollie raised three children. She has six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She grew up in a traditional Mexican family where much of the family activity was centered on the kitchen. She learned to cook from her mother and learned the recipes, the flavors and smells of traditional Sonoran cooking. In 1977, she had her cookbook published. Amalia's Special Mexican Dishes which was well received by the public. With the success of her book, she began teaching cooking classes in department stores and gourmet shops in Colorado, California and Arizona. The book is in its 6th printing and has been updated to include new easy to make recipes. It is still available at www.gilariverdesigns.com.

Happy Birthday, Mollie!



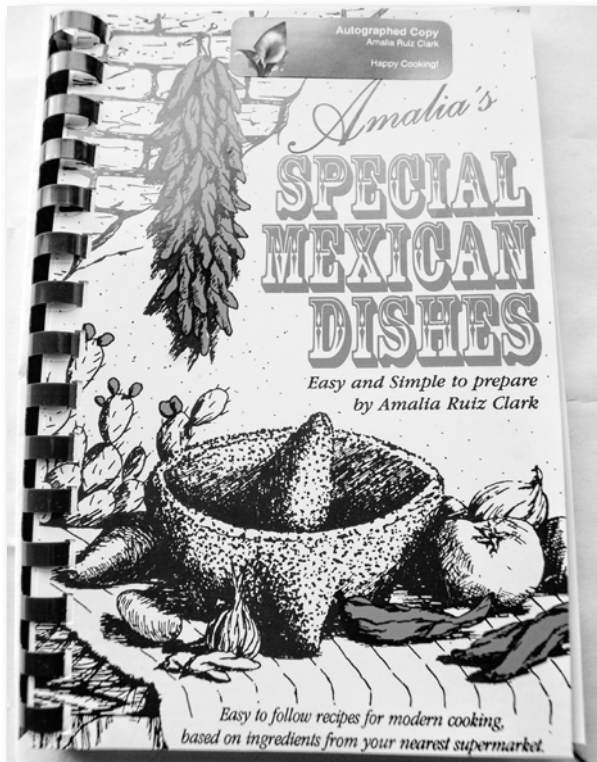
Mollie Clark in her beautiful garden.

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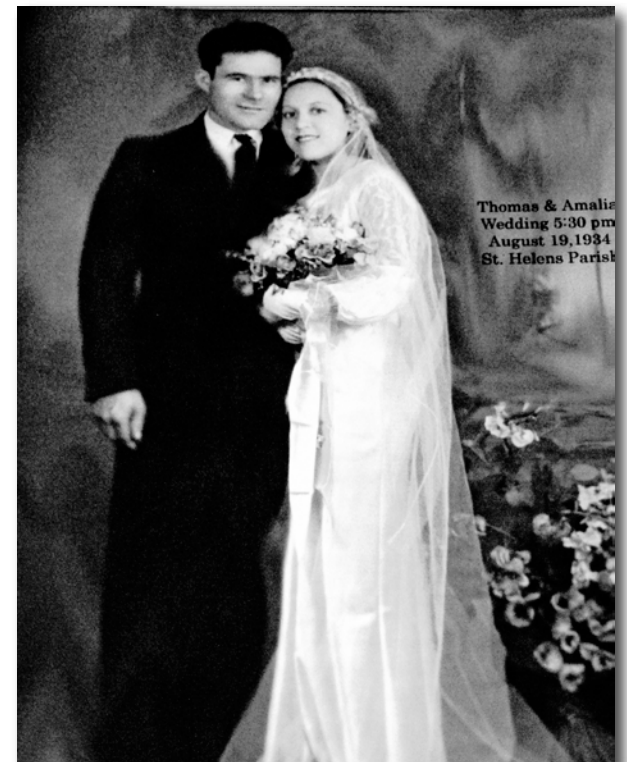


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Mollie's cookbook is now in its sixth printing.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark Sr. on their wedding day.



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Oracle Fire Department turns 50

By John Hernandez
Copper Area News

The Oracle Fire District will be celebrating 50 years of serving the Oracle Community on Saturday April 30, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fire Chief Larry Southard and Assistant Chief Robert Jennings have extended an open invitation to the public.

“We are looking forward to sharing our history with you, as well as celebrating the continuing vision of our work, training and service today. Please come and bring your friends and family!”

Some of the activities that have been planned are:

- Self-guided tours of the fire house
- Climb inside fire trucks and talk to firefighters about their jobs
- Volunteers and staff will be available to answer questions
- Special display of firehouse scrapbooks full of historic newspaper clippings
- Free hot dogs, chips and water
- Free give-aways while supplies last...fun!
- From 2 – 3 p.m. the presentation of the Don Hartman Award will take place. The award, named in honor of Don Hartman the first Oracle Fire Chief and an important contributor to the organization of the Oracle Fire District, will be given to the Firefighter of the Year.

A brief history of the first year of the Oracle Fire District follows:

On Jan. 18, 1966 an election was held at St. Helen's Parish Hall to determine whether or not Oracle would become a volunteer fire district. The *San Manuel Miner* newspaper had been notifying residents where they could register to vote for the special election. Oracle residents were told the registration locations were the Oracle Post Office and the homes of Mrs. Thomas Clark, Mrs. Edwin Newman and Mrs. James T. Wilson. Only property owners were eligible to vote.

Leading up to the election, Don Hartman who had been operating the Oracle Fire Service had been promoting the idea along with other individuals and organizations like the Oracle Woman's Club. It was reported that 150 property owners had registered to vote. Ninety three people voted. The final results were 75 votes for and 18 against. The Oracle Volunteer Fire Department was now a reality. The next step was to organize the department and select a Fire Chief.

The *Miner* reported, “If any organization influenced the outcome of the election, it was the Oracle Woman's Club which fully favored a fire district. The club went all out to encourage a large turnout at the polls, and their efforts were rewarded with a solid ‘Yes’ vote.

“Following the election, there were reports of banners being waved throughout town proclaiming ‘Dora for Fire Chief.’ Presumably this drive was in behalf of Dora Varela, the lovely café owner in Oracle.”

The *Miner* went on to say that Dora Varela had been contacted and had said that she did not want to be the Fire Chief but “that just once she would like to get behind the wheel of that fire truck.”

A meeting was held on Feb. 14 at Trowbridge Hall for the purpose of electing officers for the new fire district.

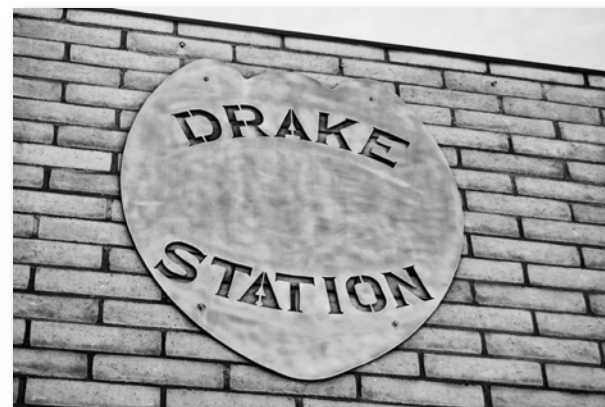
Pinal County Supervisor Jay Bateman was in attendance to help guide the proceedings and answer questions. Mike Smith operated as the temporary chairman to run the meeting. Around 50 citizens attended the event.

Don Hartman, who owned and operated the fire fighting equipment in Oracle, was elected the first Fire Chief for the Oracle Fire District. Jack Hanna was elected Secretary Treasurer. The first group of volunteer firemen was made up of 14 men. They were Bobby Barriga, Tony Canez, Bill Collett, Ed Newman, Jess Bemis, Jack Barrett, Earl Culp, Red Hildreth, Mike Smith, Tony Diaz, Clarence Johnson, Bob Boone, Don McCleod, and John Supanich.

During the last week of May 1966, the new fire district fought its first major fire. The brush fire was reportedly started by some young children. Before it was contained, 30 to 40 acres had been burned on the west edge of Oracle. A vehicle had been “scorched” and some trailers and a home were threatened. The *Miner* reported that Fire Chief Don Hartman and several firefighters had arrived with the fire truck and at one point “nearly had the blaze licked, but the truck broke down.” The volunteer firefighters, law enforcement and citizens of Oracle fought the fire for five hours.

“Some youngsters were the real heroes, however, as they stopped the blaze short of a couple of homes and trailers. The blaze had crept right next to a house trailer belonging to Chuck Anderson and up to the William Terrell home when the youngsters beat it back,” the newspaper said. The home of Bob Torkelson on Sunset Point was threatened but was not harmed.

The Oracle Fire Department approved its first budget in May. The budget was \$8,500 and included workmen's compensation - \$220.80; operation and maintenance - \$1,800; supplies and equipment - \$2,500; utilities and

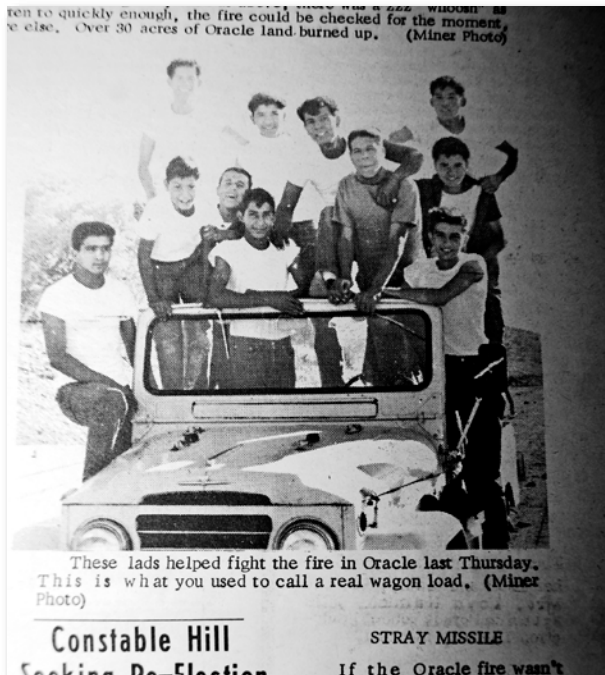


Oracle Fire District's current fire station was named in honor of the architect who designed it.

fire plugs - \$579.20; insurance - \$300; and building - \$3,000. To compare today's Fire District budget which allows for revenues of \$1,149, 889.00 and includes an operations budget of \$125,000 and maintenance and repairs - \$20,000 shows how things have changed over the years.

Fire plugs were being installed at Holy Cross, Sunset Point, old school, old and new Los Robles additions and Oracle Village Estates. Chief Hartman called for more volunteer firefighters. It was decided at an April meeting that each volunteer would be paid \$3 per meeting, drill and fire.

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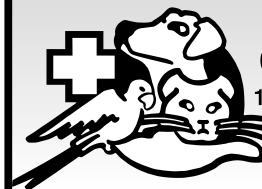
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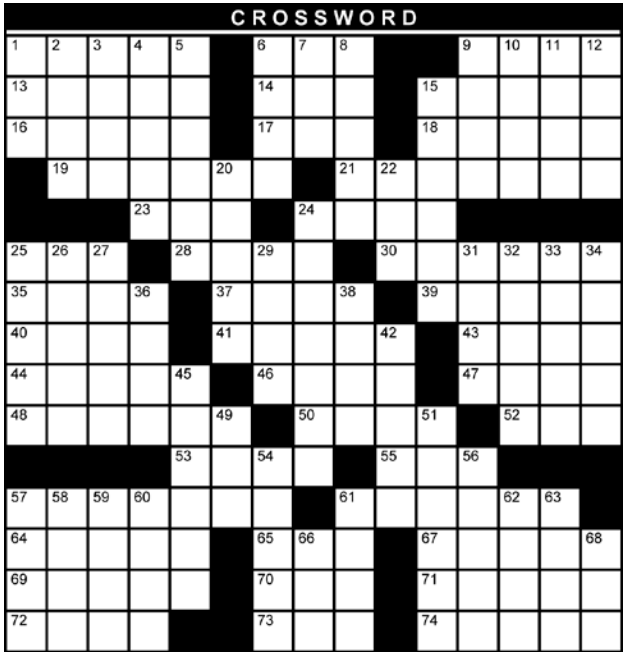
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Says Who?

- ACROSS**
- 1. Urn contents
 - 6. Mischief-maker
 - 9. Yahoo
 - 13. Turf, as opposed to surf
 - 14. Bygone bird
 - 15. Slow, musically speaking
 - 16. *"I'll knock you off your broom!" he said
 - 17. Barley bristle
 - 18. Type of flu
 - 19. *"My precious!"
 - 21. *"I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore"
 - 23. _____ Francisco
 - 24. Hindu woman's dress
 - 25. Apple's opponent, 2016
 - 28. *"Never let the fear of striking out get in your way"
 - 30. *"Et tu, Brute?"
 - 35. Not to be broken?
 - 37. Finish a road
39. Chef's headgear
40. Seed covering
41. *"Sign your name across my heart," sang Terrence _____ D'arby
43. Botticelli's Venus, e.g.
44. Tsar's edict
46. *"Hang down your head, Tom Dooley," sang The Kingston _____
47. It propels some boats
48. Abscond
50. Month of Purim
52. Disk operating system
53. Inlaid furniture decoration
55. Witness
57. *"May the Force be with you"
61. Slanting character
64. Roundish
65. *"If you can't change your fate, change your attitude," said Amy _____

67. _____ of Pergamum, Ancient Greece
69. Short for pinafore
70. Santa's helper
71. Leaning
72. Middle of March
73. *"If you want to be happy, be," said _____ Tolstoy
74. Not o'er
- DOWN**
1. Mary Kay's last name
2. Rudolph, e.g.
3. *Bette Midler: "Did you ever know that you're my _____"
4. _____ Grey and James _____ Jones
5. U.S.' first manned space station
6. Mosque V.I.P.
7. Yard work
8. Shoots-eating bear
9. Prefix in levorotary
10. *The Fonz: "Sit _____!"
11. Home to Bryce Canyon
12. *"They're grrreat!" he exclaimed
15. Cowboy's rope catcher
20. Unsuitable
22. Middle-earth creature
24. More than one
25. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
26. Dr. Preston _____ of "Grey's Anatomy"
27. Relating to #62 Down
29. *"Ai, caramba!"
31. Ages and ages
32. Small group of soldiers
33. A in AV
34. Rods and _____
36. *"The cold never bothered me anyway"
38. Children's author Blyton
42. Breakfast side
45. Personify
49. Afghan monetary unit
51. *"Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall"
54. The Eagles' "_____ California"
56. Make one ecstatically happy
57. Arizona Indian
58. Like a devoted fan
59. "Master of _____" on Netflix
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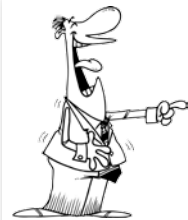
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In my younger years, I had a fear of flying and would not travel by air for about four years. This was not so much an emotion as it was a mental condition. I do not remember what changed that, but suspect that air travel became a necessity rather than a choice.

I felt another kind of fright on one occasion when showing a home to a prospective client. The homeowner was not present when we entered the property and we were greeted by a huge dog that was really happy to see us. I was almost knocked over when he jumped me and I suddenly was overwhelmed by a paralyzing fear that literally induced a change in body chemistry from head to toe.

I had heard it said that animals will be able to smell fear. Well, here we were and I was petrified. This was an awkward moment. The situation was relieved by the fact that my client was the owner of two large pets herself and had no trouble dealing with this particular dog.

Not long thereafter, my husband and I adopted a little dog weighing no less than 13 lbs. No matter, from that time on I knew

that any other dog would be able to smell the scent of mine on my clothes, and thus the fear evaporated.

Another time I was holding an open house for sale on the outskirts of town. The area included mostly horse properties with acreage and neighbors lived far away from each other.

As is common, the owners of this particular property left for the duration of the open house. No one came to see it and it was a rather boring afternoon and I considered it a waste of my time.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, I was overcome by an irrational fear. Dread took over body and mind to the point where I locked all the doors to the property.

Shortly thereafter the door bell rang. I went to the front door and peeked through the small glass. Parked outside was an old rickety red automobile, but I could not see the person by the door. I shouted that I was unable to unlock the door, but the person wanted to come in and see the house.

At this point, a serious engagement took place between my better self and my indoctrinated mind. My mind was telling me that I am here to try and sell a house, that this is my job and the reason for my presence. And that my behavior is not professional.

So I finally opened the door with shaking hands. The man who entered was of ordinary height and looks, perhaps a trace meaner than some, in his forties or fifties.

There was some conversation and after walking through the kitchen and living room, we wound up in the indoor swimming pool area. I made it a point to keep the pool between us and rattled down data about the specifics of the property.

Suddenly a palpable change of atmosphere took place. I could feel malevolence, and my mind was racing to find an out, so to speak, a solution to this predicament that I had put myself into by overruling the original premonition that had me lock the doors in the first place. I was really desperate and felt like a trapped animal. For all I knew, he might have removed the directional signs leading to the property.

Luck was on my side. Suddenly voices emanated from the kitchen area. The children had become tired and the family returned home early—saving my skin. I never told anyone about the incident and just decided to never hold open houses again in desolated areas. However, we soon learned of other Realtors who had been cornered, then one was killed, and soon thereafter another one was also murdered.

Discussion throughout the community ensued about trusting one's intuition, locking doors when feeling uncomfortable, as a first defense, and maybe choosing to carry a weapon.

A month ago, I experienced another kind



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fear, this time of my own choosing. I had heard about the Arizona Zipline Adventures in Oracle and was immediately intrigued by the prospect of trying it out.

The drive to the Zipline is very beautiful as the road winds upward through pristine rolling hills. I plan to go back there again soon for lunch with a breathtaking view. The owners have built a beautiful receiving hall and porch where the entourage of 'Zippers' can lounge around, eat, picnic and just enjoy themselves in the shade.

I showed up on the grand opening weekend

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Skylar Khan conquering her fears – at the Arizona Zipline Adventures.

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Oracle Artist Studio Tour to honor Michael Collett

By John Hernandez
Copper Area News

The Oracle Artist Studio Tour will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The tour has been condensed this year to 18 locations to make it easier for visitors to find and see all the wonderful art work. There will be 43 artists and artisans exhibiting their work this year.

This will be the 24th year that the tour has been in existence. The tour will be dedicated this year to the memory of one of its founders, Michael Collett who passed away last year.

Many of us who lived in Oracle remember Michael fondly. He grew up in the area. His family owned and operated Pat & Mike's in Oracle. Michael was a photographer and quite a number of Tri-Community residents have photographs of their children, wedding pictures, portraits, etc. in their homes that Michael used his talent to produce. I know of this personally as Michael photographed my daughter's wedding at the 3C Ranch and did portraits of my kids growing up. Rest in Peace, Mike.

Michael Collett's wife, Jenny Kilb is one of the artists on the tour and has shared their story of

the beginning of the Oracle Artists Studio Tour. It follows below:

Michael Collett 1951 – 2015

Some time in the early 90s, Michael Collett and his wife, Jenny Kilb, realized a need for a showcase for artists in Oracle, other than Rancho Linda Vista. The result was the Oracle Artist Studio Tour, which has gone through a few names and organizers. One of the major goals was to draw more artists to live and work in Oracle, and offering them more visibility. This goal has obviously succeeded.

Michael, a 40 year resident of Oracle, starting as a child behind the counter of his parent's business, became a portrait and fine art photographer, a man who knew everyone in the region, and liked everyone he knew. So, his wife being shy, he became the driving force behind the tour, personally contacting the artists and signing them up for this scary new adventure. Eventually he taught his wife how not to be shy, and how to talk to and enjoy people.

In the first few years of the tour, Michael and Jenny did all the work, with a bit of help now and then. Today the Tour has internet and committees, and at least three times the number of artists. Michael would be so pleased to see how his dream has grown.

You can pick up a self guiding map and list of artists at the Welcome Center at the Tri-Community Visitor Center at 1470 W. American. The Studio Tour map/brochure and community information is also available at www.visittricomunity.org. To view a slide show of artwork by participating artists visit www.oraclestudiotour.com.



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and asked about where to buy the ticket to zip and was told that people usually reserve their spot, but there would be a new group in an hour, unless I was ready right now to join the earlier group.

I felt that waiting around might increase a slight feeling of unease and jumped at the opportunity to zip right now. We were a group of five, and the owner came over and exchanged my harness gear to a smaller one because of my height and helped me put it on.

The introductory weekend price included the short zip line and the very long one. Regular tours however include five different ziplines, building up from the short one to the 1,500 foot line. First, we traveled the short zipline that allowed us to get familiarized, and then we were driven by van to the five-story tower from which one experiences a “death defying” flight over beautiful desertscape at 60-75 miles per hour.

People in my group were very kind and respectful of my age (I declared 75 because I did not know if there was a cut off age), and one man actually carried my gear to the top! One lady mentioned butterflies, but I did not see any. After a few more comments, I realized that she was talking about butterflies in her stomach.

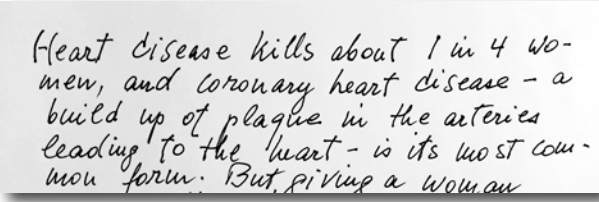
My companions zipped in pairs and I was the last one to go. Standing there, on the five-story platform and tethered to the steel wire, I suddenly felt a dreadful fear come over me. My mind was arguing with my better self about this plan and hinted that it could still be aborted.

However, I had made the decision to zip earlier on and had come too far to bail out now. I was basically challenging myself and argued with the fearful part that if former president Bush at age 90 can jump out of a plane then surely I can zip down a line, safely tucked into a harness. This internal conversation took up some time and I must compliment the platform attendant for her patience and professionalism.

Ultimately, she asked me if I might feel more comfortable stepping off the slightly lower ledge of the platform. Absurd as it may seem in retrospect, it did make sense to me at the time and I agreed. As I lifted my foot to step down, I was air born and zipping down as fast as my body weight would carry me.

It was a most exhilarating experience, albeit too short, and at the end very liberating!

As the saying goes: Fear is only temporary, regret lasts forever.



Fear can be discerned in the handwriting specimen as follows:

Fear of the future is seen in the backward bent downstrokes of the letter H in ‘Heart’ and the t in ‘about.’

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The Tonto National Forest (TNF) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental effects from: (1) approval of a plan of operations submitted by Resolution Copper Mining, LLC (Resolution Copper), for mining operations on Forest Service lands associated with a proposed large-scale mine; (2) the exchange of land between Resolution Copper and the United States; and (3) amendments to the Tonto National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Resolution Copper proposes mining and ore processing activities, which would take place near the town of Superior, Arizona on a mixture of private, state and Forest Service lands. Copper concentrate would be pumped approximately 22 miles southwest along an existing railroad corridor for additional processing near Magma, Arizona. Tailings disposal is proposed to take place approximately 5 miles northwest of Superior, on 4,400 acres of Forest Service land.

The congressionally authorized land exchange will transfer to Resolution Copper 2,422 acres of federal land around Oak Flat, located east of Superior. In return, Resolution Copper will transfer parcels of private land located throughout Arizona to the United States and, if requested, the town of Superior.

A Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register and is available online at: <http://www.ResolutionMineEIS.us/>. The notice and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Tonto National Forest, 2324 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006.

Public open house meetings will be held as follows. Each meeting will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.; a presentation will take place at 5:30, followed by a brief question and answer period:

1. March 31, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Queen Valley Recreation Hall, 1478 East Queen Valley Drive, Queen Valley, Arizona.
2. April 4, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Superior High School, Multi-purpose room, 100 Mary Drive, Superior, Arizona.
3. April 5, 2016, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Elks Lodge, 1775 East Maple Street, Globe, Arizona.
4. April 6, 2016, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Southwest Regional Library, 775 North Greenfield Road, Gilbert, Arizona.

Additional information regarding the project can be obtained from Mark Nelson, Project Manager; (602) 225- 5222; mrNelson@fs.fed.us.

The proposed project is subject to the Project-Level Predecisional Administrative Review Process under Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 218, Subparts A and B.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Specific written comments (36 CFR Part 218.2) on the proposed project will be accepted for 60 calendar days following publication of the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in the Federal Register. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. The publication date in the Federal Register is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2). If you are including references, citations, or additional information to be considered for this project, please provide a copy, specify exactly how the material relates to the project, and also indicate the part of the material (page or figure numbers) you would like us to consider.

Specific written comments may be submitted via mail to Resolution EIS Comments, P.O. Box 34468, Phoenix, AZ 85067-4468, by fax to 866-546-5718, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays) to: Mr. Neil Bosworth, Forest Supervisor, Tonto National Forest, 2324 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006. Verbal comments may be provided via voicemail at 866-546-5718, or in person at one of the public meetings. Electronic comments including attachments may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html) to comments@ResolutionMineEIS.us. Electronic comments may also be submitted via the project website (www.ResolutionMineEIS.us/comments).

Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR Part 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR Part 218.2) about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are defined by 36 CFR Part 218.25 (a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR Part 218.25 (a)(4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection and will be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

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The original fire station was at 1010 Mt. Lemmon Highway. It is still being used as a garage and storage area. In 1976 the new station at 1475 W. American Avenue was built. It was called Drake Station, named for the architect that designed the fire house, Cecil Drake. The fire house is now known as Station One but the shield saying Drake Station was reinstalled on the front of the

new addition to honor the past and keep the history of the Oracle Fire Department alive.

A number of Oracle's residents have been fire chiefs beginning with Don Hartman who cycled in and out of the position for more than 26 years. Some say his "spirit" still can be felt at the station. The other fire chiefs were Bill Collett, C. Newman, J. Roberts, J. Gatlin, Ron Strawn,

Manny Navarro, Alan Hartman, Clyde Hartman and Albert Ortiz. The current Fire Chief is Larry Southard. Larry was the first hired (non elected) Fire Chief in 2013.

Over the years, there have been many changes in the equipment, training, district boundaries, finances, and faces of the department but the heart of the Oracle Fire Department is still those men and women that care about others and are willing to risk their safety to protect and serve the town of Oracle. The community of Oracle has also supported the Oracle Fire Department from the beginning.

The *San Manuel Miner/Oracle Towne Crier* staff would like to thank all the members past and present of the Oracle Fire Department and their many volunteers for their dedication to protecting the community of Oracle and the surrounding areas.

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