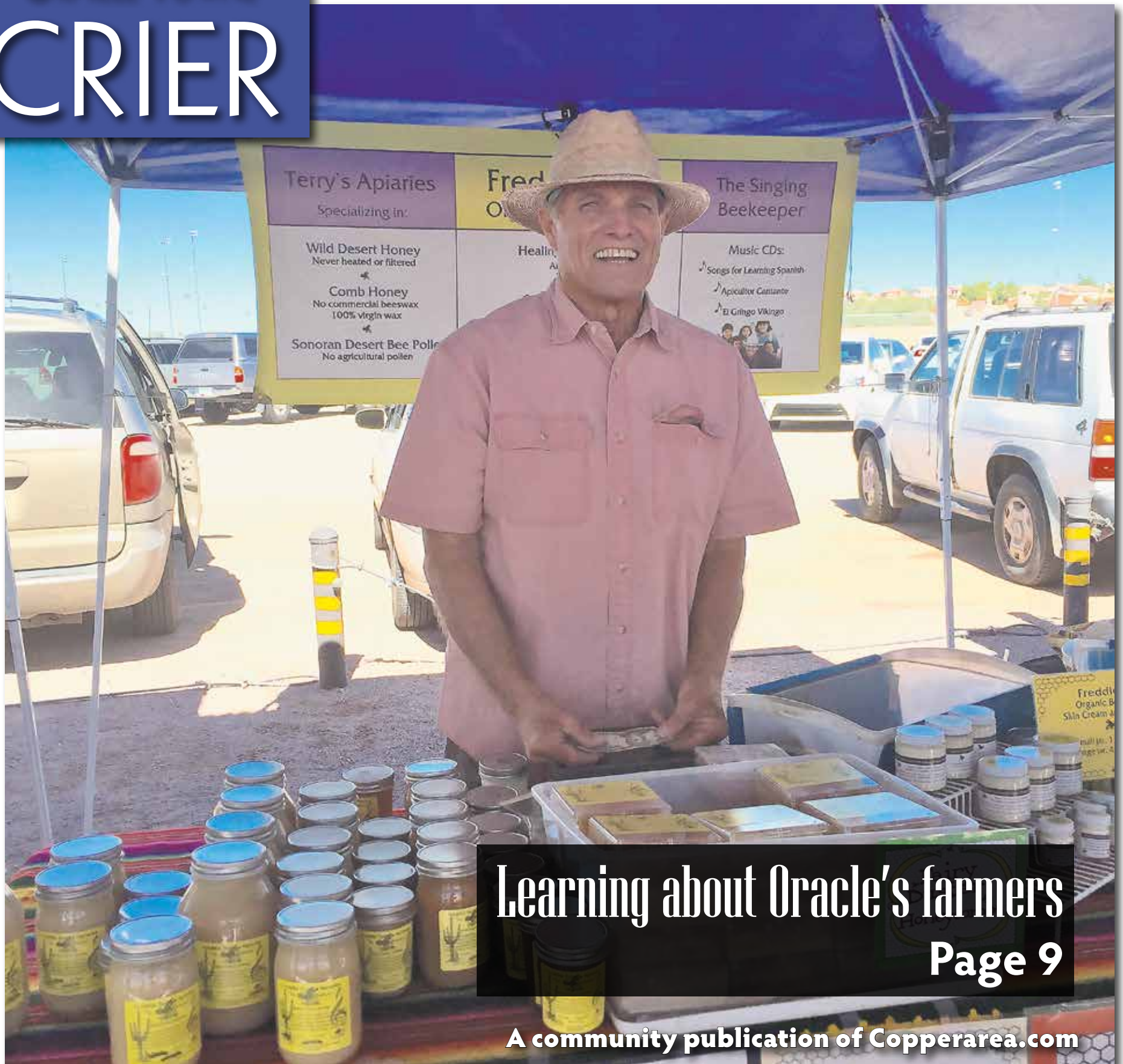


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## OBITUARIES

# Gerold 'Jerry' Vincent Flick

A celebration of life (open house) will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 at the Oracle Community Center, 685 E. American Avenue, Oracle, AZ for Gerold "Jerry" Vincent Flick, 70, who died unexpectedly on Sept. 27, 2016 in Oracle, AZ.

Born in San Diego, California to Calvin and Lurline Flick, he lived most of his life in Southern Arizona. Jerry was a graduate of Hayden High School (1964), a University of Arizona Alumni, a United States Air Force Veteran, and

spent the majority of his career working in the copper industry in Southern Arizona.

Jerry was a devoted family man and great provider who held high morals and values. He was his family's biggest fan and could often be found coaching or cheering at family events. He was an avid outdoorsman who was happiest when he was hunting, fishing and/or camping. In his spare time he enjoyed sports, gardening, and wood working.

Jerry is survived by his children, Nickie (Les) White, Jason Waln, Julie (Billy) Morrison, Karisa (Michael)

Szczygiel, and Kylie Flick. He is also survived by his sisters Carol (Kit) Wright, Joyce (Ken) Morris, Rhonda (Larry) Ball and his brother Kevin (Deb) Wright, as well as, his 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, the Wounded Warrior Project, or Pets for Vets in his memory.



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At age 11, he was involved in a train accident that required a prolonged recovery, during which he first discovered the power of drawing and reading as a means of escape and transformation. After years of odd jobs and wandering, James was allowed entrance to Wichita State University, having never attended high school, based on his drawing and painting mastery and intellectual ability. He graduated with an MFA and, soon after, met wife, Mary Anne. In 1968, the couple moved to the artist community called Rancho Linda Vista outside of Tucson and began his teaching career at the University of Arizona.

Davis inspired, challenged and influenced generations of artists. During this early period, the couple had their only son, Turner.

Davis' rise in the art world as an important international luminary included a long list of museum exhibitions, inclusion in major publications, and gallery presentation in Europe, Canada, and the United States. During their 50-plus years of marriage, James and Mary Anne traveled the world and spent many summers on the ocean in Nova Scotia, Canada.

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Reclaimed (treated) sewage water is used for agricultural irrigation, and in some cities for home consumption. However, these basic treatments are designed to remove microbes and industrial contaminants, not pharmaceuticals drugs. Samples heading into drinking water pipes have been found to contain all or some of the following: the painkiller codeine, an anticonvulsant drug, the remnants of a drug to reduce chest pains and caffeine.

Methamphetamines and other hormone disrupting chemicals are also not removed in this process. Discharge of this tainted water is now found to be damaging growth and development of marine life in local streams near Baltimore. Mercury from electric utilities, incinerators, dental offices and industrial manufacturing is also high in fresh water.

Microbeads, small plastic beads found in some face scrubs and body washes, escape filtration and are returned to freshwater systems and eventually to the fish we eat. The bottom line is what you flush down the toilet or sink can end up on your plate.

Flagstaff, AZ has been in a battle regarding the use of reclaimed water for



## SELF-HEALING

By John Huntington  
Special to the Nugget

snow-making at the Sunrise sky resort. This is to be done on a mountain that local natives have long considered sacred, and studies show little difference in city income between thick and thin snow years.

A deal to trade Colorado River water for reclaimed water to irrigate fields on the Gila River Indian Community has been the source of a months-long battle between the Pii Paash, who are concerned about health effects this use could have, and the larger Gila River Indian Community. Beyond the drugs and chemicals often in this water, studies now show that the high concentrations of salt or salt ions in reclaimed water can be damaging to wildlife and plants.

The media can sway our opinions in issues of this sort, and we need to keep in mind they survive only with corporate

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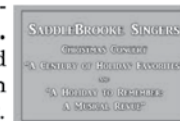
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Dubbed "a major artist" by the *Miami Herald* and a "quiet maverick" by the *Daily Telegraph*, pianist Alexander Korsantia has been praised for the "clarity of his technique, richly varied tone and dynamic phrasing" (*Baltimore Sun*), and a "piano technique where difficulties simply do not exist" (*Calgary Sun*). The *Boston Globe*

found his interpretation of "Pictures of an Exhibition" to be "a performance that could annihilate all others one has heard." Korsantia has been heralded and received many awards throughout his international concerts.

The Oracle Piano Society Gala will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30, starting at 3 p.m. at the Oracle Center for the Arts, 700 E. Kingston St. in Oracle. Concert, reception and dinner will be \$150, including a \$40 tax deduction. For the concert and reception alone, \$50 or \$20 at the student rate. Tickets may be obtained from EVENT-BRITE, oraclepianosociety.org or by calling 623-295-9677.



Alexander Korsantia will perform Oct. 30 in Oracle.

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interconnected system of same, county wide.

The photo contest rules, in brief are as follows: By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of the contest. Anyone who has a passion for Pinal County and its wide open spaces and trails may participate. Entry will be a photo of outdoor landscapes taken somewhere in Pinal County and must be submitted to the Pinal

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Calcium is a mineral with many uses in the body. It, of course, adds structural strength to bones and enamel. Also, calcium is part of the electrolyte exchange that propagates nerve signals and muscle contractions and expansions.

As with any of the minerals we use, calcium gets absorbed from our diet. It comes into our bodies attached, or "chelated," to a protein for the most part. The protein is like a big truck loaded down with the mineral. The way I say it is that some truck drivers know where they're going and some don't. That is to say, the calcium is more "bio-available."

There is one form of calcium that is derived from bone metabolites and is directed straight to the bones (hydroxyapatite). Other forms, prepared in a laboratory, are more affected by their carrier proteins. For instance, calcium citrate (using citric acid as the carrier protein) has a fairly good reputation for being "bio-available," meaning available for the body to use in the bones or muscles or nerves. Calcium carbonate (TUMS)

is not quite as good. Malic acid (calcium malate), as well as orotate, is also a fairly good carrier protein. Milk has limited value as a calcium source.

The body maintains tight parameters for how much calcium is in the body. The thyroid is the organ that regulates this. If calcium concentration drops, the para-thyroid hormone goes out looking for more. It does this by pulling in more from the food passing through the gut, blocking the excretion of calcium through the kidneys, and eventually pulling it out of the bones. If there is too much calcium on board, calcitonin is released from the thyroid to channel the excess out.

Estrogen plays a major role in managing the calcium levels in the bones. If estrogen is present, it blocks the para-thyroid hormone from pulling calcium out of the bones. This is why post-menopausal women are at higher risk for developing osteopenia and osteoporosis.

A key component to maintaining strong bones is weight bearing exercise. This places a demand on the bones which triggers the body to channel calcium in

that direction.

Vitamin D also plays a big role in the absorption of calcium. It is an interesting phenomenon these days that the majority of people are low in Vitamin D. It is absorbed from the sun. It is important for the absorption of calcium into the bones and to fight cancer. Theoretically, we need only 20 minutes of sun on our skin to maintain optimal Vitamin D in our systems. But, for some reason, this is apparently not happening. Therefore, supplementation is essential. Vitamin D is actually not even a vitamin. It is a fat soluble hormone. As such it is possible to absorb a harmful amount of it if we overdue the supplementation.

Calcium depletion can result in muscle cramping and tingling in the extremities due to nerve disruption. It also causes bones to become weak and misalign. Chiropractic adjustments can help tremendously with bone anomalies.

Due to the importance of calcium and the uncertainty of its presence in our bodies, it has become popular to supplement on a daily basis. A typical dose is 1200




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# Dateline: Oracle, Arizona – The Attempted Migrant Child Bus Blockade: Truth and Consequences

**A Guest Editorial  
By Frank Pierson**

A chapter of the Oracle Have a Heart campaign to welcome refugee children/youth to Oracle is now closed. The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement no longer has a need for the Urgent and Compelling Program space at Sycamore Canyon Academy (SCA). Over 250 individuals, mostly from Central America, have come and gone. The safe haven of SCA fulfilled its responsibilities honorably and competently. This federal mission

in Oracle, Arizona was accomplished.

The Oracle Have A Heart campaign was conceived as a response to a group who planted themselves in the pathway of the anticipated arrival of a bus bearing migrant children from Mexico and Central America.

What happened in Oracle shouldn't stay in Oracle. What happened in Oracle on July 15, 2014 in our small town should figure prominently in the battle that pits the principal instigator of the attempted Oracle bus blockade - Republican Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu - against

his Democratic opponent, Tom O'Halleran, in Congressional District 1.

A bit of background. Oracle is a community of about 4,000 persons 35 miles north of Tucson. Founded by ranchers and miners, it has evolved into a notably diverse place whose inhabitants reflect the full spectrum of ideological difference. Liberals live cheek by jowl with conservatives, artists with survivalists, Latinos with Anglos, re-

tirees with young working families. Oracle voters split roughly 50 - 50 Democrat, Republican.

Unincorporated Oracle is governed by Pinal County from 45 miles away in Florence, AZ. Law enforcement is provided by the Pinal County Sheriff's Department. The local justice of the peace is elected primarily by voters in the retirement communities of SaddleBrooke and SaddleBrooke Ranch over ten miles distant and socio-economically worlds apart.

Absent a town government, community life revolves around churches (there is no mosque or synagogue), the K-8 School District, the Fire District, multiple non profits, a small business community, art/craft networks, extended families and informal social networks.

Into this mix, news of the arrival of unaccompanied minors from Central America dropped like a political cluster bomb. A public official - Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu - pushed the button of reaction. "The migrants are coming", he declared to a local Tea Party leader at a political fundraiser, "organize an opposition." Soon to follow were a series of actions that led to the attempted

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**Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu, right, with Oracle's Frank Pierson at the blockade.**

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## BLOCKADE

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blockade.

The combustible blockade politics were a long time in coming, stretching back into the mid nineties when Operation Gatekeeper, a federal attempt to choke off the flow of immigrants through Tijuana, pushed migratory pathways from Mexico through the Arizona border.

As the flow shifted eastward, hundreds of thousands of individuals and families sought entry through the Arizona desert. With growing numbers came a growing backlash. Organizations - notably The Minutemen - formed in response. Their activities included active patrols in largely uninhabited regions garnering reams of publicity and a movement that offered opportunities to aspiring politicians.

Chief among the political beneficiaries was Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio who burnished his toughest sheriff in America swagger with immigrant roundups and aggressive (illegal) ethnic profiling by his deputies. Arpaio's popularity grew with his anti-immigrant posture.

As the Minutemen fractured amidst scandal and leadership disarray their disposition to stop what they called "an invasion of illegals" gathered steam independent of their dysfunctional organizing. A growing demand for border fencing, state legislation denying benefits to illegal aliens, pressure on the federal government to involve local law enforcement in the arrest and detention of illegals mounted. In 2009, when moderate Democratic Governor Janet Napolitano was appointed to head The US Department of Homeland Security by incoming President Barack Obama, laws targeting illegals proliferated without the inevitable Napolitano veto. Arizona became the locus of the nation's harshest anti-immigrant legislation. The Tea Party burst into view in the 2010 electoral cycle with immigration figuring prominently in the Arizona iteration.

Paul Babeu ran for Sheriff of Pinal County in the same year Barack Obama was elected President - 2008. His campaign - in part modeled after the much older Arpaio - seized upon the threat posed by immigrants as the primary driver of his electioneering. Younger and slicker, Babeu fit nicely into the populist mode of anti immigrant, "constitutional" sheriffs. With the in-migration of Republicans, Pinal County reached a political tipping point trending Republican just as Babeu was emerging as a candidate. He caught the wave and rode it. His opponent - the incumbent by appointment Chris Vasquez who was backed by a Democratic Party suffused with petty corruption - was soundly trounced.

Sheriff Babeu and his tough on illegal aliens posture became a fixture on Fox News national. His harsh rhetoric, photogenic style and alarmist rhetoric played well with the Fox audience. He became a national face of anti-immigrant politics and a national attraction for political money. His Facebook 'likes' mushroomed along with his visibility. He positioned himself on the front lines

of patriotic opposition to foreign invasion. His ad endorsing John McCain for Senator cemented his political bona fides as a political player with coattails.

So successful was Babeu that he jumped into the race for Congress in 2012 seeking to represent Arizona CD 1. His campaign crashed when he was outed as a homosexual by his lover who happened to be an illegal immigrant. He gave up the congressional run to bide his time while the controversy over his gay lover blew over. After a while it did.

Babeu continued to stoke his national image pursuing attention wherever and whenever he could find it. Turning over primary responsibility for running the Pinal County Sheriff's Department to his chief deputy Steve Henry, Babeu forged ahead with his plan to climb the ladder to higher office.

The Oracle invasion fit his profile of opportunity. Here was an event where he could play multiple roles - instigator, rhetorician, peacekeeper, all in the public eye - that seemed will suited to his ambitions.

Sounding the alarm of imminent invasion by dangerous Central American migrant youth - at the behest of the federal government no less - was a spotlight Babeu couldn't resist. The constitutional sheriff would highlight a crisis in his County that would further expose the threat posed by illegal aliens.

He played it for all it was worth. Stoking fears about the potential presence of MS 13 gang members and diseased, criminal youth.

Babeu's followers were even less nuanced in their threat claims than he was. Ron Thompson - himself a recent migrant to Oracle - declared unequivocally that in the arriving population of migrant youth were criminal elements and contagious disease. His clarion call was picked up by national rightwing media free of qualification or disclaimer.

As Thompson and other blockade organizers laid their plans, Babeu slipped sideways, still supportive but more distanced. The blockade, after all posed a risk, not only of breaking federal law but also of violent confrontation. Babeu reassigned several of his deputies to the crisis hot spot and repositioned himself as peace keeper and go between. "You have a right to protest," he declared to one and all while shuttling back and forth between groups, "but not to law breaking."

Babeu's role in averting potentially violent confrontation - many blockaders were armed and in some cases visibly so - was dwarfed by the decision by a large group of "counter protesters" to gather three miles from the blockade site. Their resolve to keep the opposing groups apart radically reduced prospects for escalating conflict. Their solidarity with refugee children/youth kickstarted a media presence highlighted by a heart image that informed a suddenly robust

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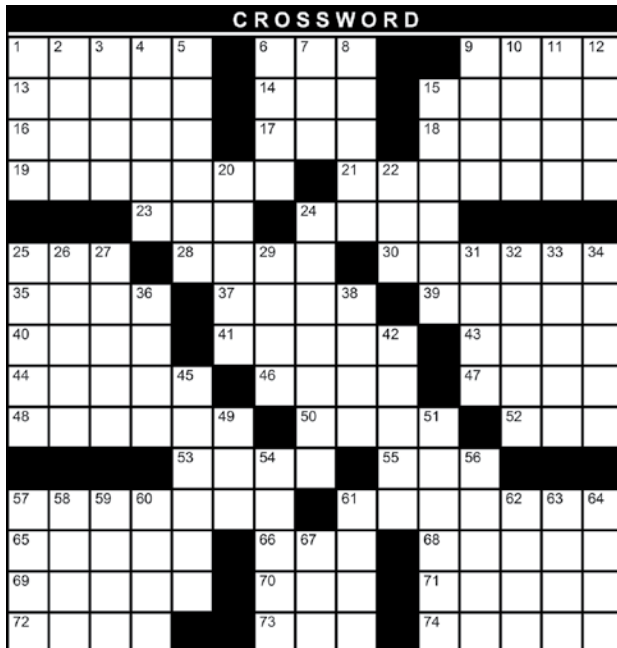
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55. H+, e.g.
57. Uto-Aztecan language
61. \*Dirt in a diamond
65. Pastoral poem
66. \_\_\_\_\_ de Triomphe
68. Plural of folium
69. Outlines

70. Pigeon sound
71. What tide did
72. Volcano in Sicily
73. \*\_\_\_\_\_ Griffey Jr. never won one
74. Woodwind mouthpieces

### DOWN

1. Light on one's feet
2. Geographical region
3. Between dawn and noon
4. Port city in Japan
5. Aeneas' story
6. "\_\_\_\_\_ Afraid of Virginia Wolf?"
7. Poetic "even"
8. Stew over something
9. Manufacturing facility
10. "Heat of the Moment" band
11. CAT or PET
12. \*\_\_\_\_\_ Stottlemire, two-time World Series champ
15. Stalin's order, e.g.
20. Lament for the dead
22. Cupid's \_\_\_\_\_
24. Iris cleanser
25. \*Like baseball's league
26. Accustom
27. Singer Ronstadt
29. \*Design element on World Series trophy, sing.
31. Bottom lines
32. More than one stylus
33. Not Doric nor Corinthian
34. \*a.k.a. inning
36. "\_\_\_\_\_ Candies" chocolatier
38. Larger-than-life
42. Mark on reputation
45. \*2015 champions
49. After taxes
51. Pleating iron
54. Archaic exclamation of regret
56. She turned to stone, Greek mythology
57. Cairo's waterway
58. Mine entrance
59. "Amazing Grace", e.g.
60. Arm part
61. Clickable picture
62. Hamburg river
63. Behaved like Pinocchio
64. Jay Pritchett and Mr. Brady, e.g.
67. Poor man's caviar



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# Oracle Farmers

**O**n a recent shopping trip to the Rillito Farmers Market in Tucson, I was pleasantly surprised by the sheer number and variety of vendors in the area of First Avenue, South of River Road. The market is well organized and the producers' tents are well placed along a concrete path. Ample parking is a welcome sight.

I was also impressed by the geographic diversity of the vendors, some traveling 70 to 80 miles to sell their precious wares.

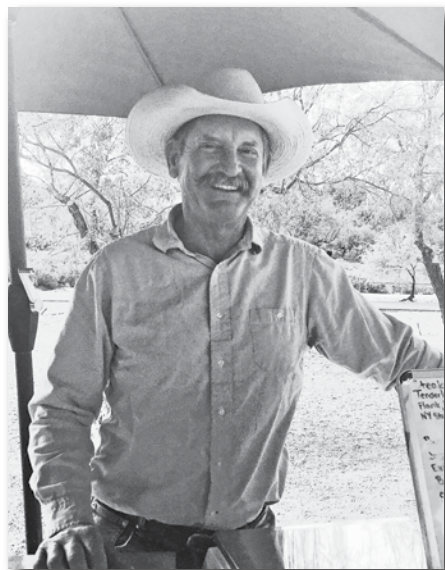
Most of all, I noticed that Oracle is well represented by its organic farmers at the Rillito Farmers Market on Sunday mornings.

As we strolled along the walkway, we first encountered Gregg Vinson, the Jojoba King.

Gregg Vinson, owner of the Jojoba Beef Company, is a well known personality both at the Rillito Farmers Market as well as the one at St. Philip's Plaza in Tucson. Gregg raises cattle on a ranch teeming with the jojoba plant.

For many years, Vinson's jojoba beef had been served as a fine-dine signature dish at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. Apparently, this particular beef is very much appreciated by local chefs for its unusual flavor and texture.

Gregg Vinson and son Gary run the A Diamond Ranch, a 22,000 acre sprawl of wilderness in the Sonoran Desert near Kearny. Their approximately 200 head herd is provided for with well water, as well as the Gila River during certain times of the year. Vinson keeps a close eye on the herd with regard to age, well being, and their offspring. Although well cared for, these animals live according to ancient lifestyle and have to fend for themselves... losing one occasionally to a mountain lion...



**Gregg Vinson, owner of the Jojoba Beef Company**

a loss to be expected by ranchers in the Wild West.

In addition to New York steak and loin cuts, pre-packed portions of ground meat and different kinds of sausage are offered as well. The best part about his beef is the fact that we can be assured that it is grown on the range, far far away from commercial compounds.

Gregg Vinson is very much at home on the prairie with cattle and horses, as well as on the dance floor with wife Helen, owner of Oracle Land and Homes Realty.



The first name in Gregg's signature is well written, whereas the last name consists mainly of a capital V and an i-dot. He is a self-made man and not dominated by the family name or authority. The signature travels upward and remains in the spiritual philosophic area. Contemplation comes easy to a man under the stars and the big sky.

Next along the way, we find ourselves in front of the Vermillion Wormery.

Dr. Linda Leigh of the Vermillion Wormery offers worms as an antidote to trash: "Our earthworms transform organic garbage into the best possible food for your plants and the earth." Worm castings are also sold as a nutrient alternative for growing plants. Additionally, you can find potted organic herbs at her booth.

Leigh is one of the eight original Biosphereans who spent two years locked into Biosphere2 in Oracle. Biosphere2 was designed as a prototype self-sufficient globe in the research and preparation for space travel. It is currently being used for various research projects by the University of Arizona.

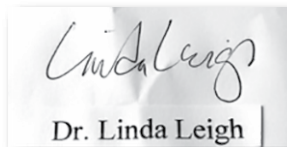
Among many other accomplishments, Leigh was instrumental in the development of the Ore Cart Trail in the Copper Corridor. This was an artistic undertaking to encourage tourism into the mining communities north of Tucson. The few new monuments I have visited in San Manuel, Mammoth and Oracle (amongst others) are awe inspiring and well worth a day trip!

In earlier years working as a researcher in Alaska, Dr. Leigh was charged by a brown bear in the Alaskan tundra and lived to tell the story!

Currently, her ambition is to develop a community garden in the town of Oracle. Participation and input is sought from local

people and others interested in the project.

Leigh's signature shows non-conformity and



creativity. The simplicity of the letters 'L' and the writing style in general are representative of



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On the way back toward our car, we passed Freddie Terry's Apiary booth. He has developed a faithful following of customers for his wild

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**Dr. Linda Leigh of the Vermillion Wormery**

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# BLOCKADE

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“Have a Heart” campaign.

Objectives for the blockade itself as it unfolded were straightforward - block the entry of migrant children, mimic the programmatic shutdown in Murietta, CA, gain media attention for a political cause in the same mode as the Minutemen of decades past.

While it remains unclear who in fact invited a cast of characters from as far away as California to join the blockade, or for that matter, who invited Russell Pearce, Adam Kwaman and other politicians closely identified with attempts to drive undocumented immigrants from Arizona, their presence shattered local prospects for a sober discussion of prudent community

response. Political polarization on immigrant issues driven by outsiders trumped immediate prospects for thoughtful community engagement within Oracle.

Speculation about who encouraged the influx of outsiders centers on Sheriff Babeu and one of the blockade leaders Ron Thompson. Thompson's trail of posts in cyberspace suggest he had the relationships in place to encourage the presence of the Arizona Militia and similar groups. Certainly Sheriff Babeu, well known in those circles, was a factor. Indeed, Babeu had regaled an audience of retirees with worst case scenarios - MS 13 gang members, disease, rampant criminality - the evening prior in the neighboring community of

SaddleBrooke.

Much to everyone's surprise, the rush of a vote seeking politician - Adam Kwaman - to get in front of a bus he believed to be full of migrant youth upset the blockaders' media play. National news that evening featured his very public misfire when the bus proved to be full of Marana school district students on their way to a nearby YMCA camp. More problematic still, the Babeu promised bus filled with refugee youth never showed up.

As prospects for confrontation receded with each passing hour, most of the blockaders drifted away. A few locals maintained a vigil under an awning to protect themselves from the summer sun. Hesitant to assume responsibility for an outcome that remained uncertain, their claimed objectives muddled. By the time of a “reenactment” staged for the cameras of filmmaker Joshua Okon, a blockade leader asserted that the aim of the group was information from the federal government about the refugee youth.

The cyber trail of social media and other web based communications proved otherwise. There the founding objectives of the blockade were clear: Stop the bus or buses and derail the federal program permanently. Advance work noted in the same cyber trail promised a duplication of the Murietta outcome where the residency program was permanently quashed. The same communications thread also confirms that blockade organizers believed without qualification that MS 13 gangs, disease and criminality infested the youth coming to Oracle.

While confusion reigned at the blockade site, several websites trumpeted the short-lived success of the blockade declaring that the attempt to bring refugee children/youth to Oracle was smashed and federal plans to temporarily house migrant children there dashed.

Sheriff Babeu skated free with multiple media appearances, his mission accomplished.

Or was it?

Now Sheriff Babeu is running for Congress again in the same district as before. His triumph

in the Republican primary was a slam dunk. For many of those voters, his role in the attempted bus blockade is a feather in his cap. His coattails - or lack thereof - tell a different story. His hand picked successor, Steve Henry, was badly beaten in the Republican primary. His law enforcement partner, Lando Voyles, lost big in his battle to continue as Pinal County Attorney.

Now comes the general election. When a broader group of voters turn their attention to his candidacy how are they likely to view what he put Oracle through by instigating, promoting, and misleading the community regarding a non-existent threat? What will voters make of his willingness to risk public, potentially violent confrontation to enhance his visibility yet again? What will voters make of his willingness to create the conditions requiring a beefed up law enforcement presence at taxpayer expense purely to play to his own media attention needs?

Who knows? What is known is that how voters of CD 1 answer questions about Paul Babeu's role in the attempted Oracle bus blockade will help determine the outcome of his quest for higher office.

*About the author: My wife Mary Ellen Kazda and I moved to Oracle, AZ from Queens, NYC in March of 1979. We left the world of professional organizing with the IAF to head west. For a time we worked together building cabinets. I returned to full time organizing with IAF in March of 1990 after a stint as a civic participation consultant and community college class recruiter. Shortly after arriving in Oracle we became actively engaged in local community issues and organizations. Over the years we helped spearhead drives to close a nearby toxic waste dump, discourage massive housing developments proposed to ring the town, build the Oracle Community Center, organize an Oracle Town Hall Steering Committee, and strengthen community responses to catastrophic fire. One or both of us have served on virtually every non-profit board in town from the mental health clinic to the Oracle Historical Society.*



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For full contest rules, visit the Pinal Partnership Open Space & Trails Committee Photo Contest/Group Facebook page "Files" folder. The contest photo album can be found at <http://bit.ly/2dGH0Hz>.



A Pinal County landscape. The Kearny Lake with some unusual visitors, pelicans which flew in earlier this month.

# SELF-HEALING

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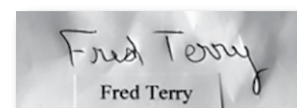
desert honey. Among others, he harvests and sells catclaw, mesquite, fairyduster and buckwheat honey. In addition, customers have a choice of sweet honeycombs, bees' wax candles and organic skin cream.

At local schools and across the border with Mexico, Freddy is also known as "The Singing Beekeeper." He has a vast repertoire of Spanish/English songs for children. Singing these songs together, accompanied by guitar music, makes for a unique method of teaching the two languages.

Terry played a prominent part in the movie "Beyond Honey" that premiered a couple of years ago locally at the Loft. This film covers beekeeping practices on three different continents: The Americas, Europe and Asia.

Beekeeping is an art and an obligation toward maintaining the health of a hive. Many bees in this country are trucked long distances from one commercial enterprise to another without regard for their wellbeing. Bee deaths and hive collapse have been associated with different insecticides and pesticides and bode badly for the future of bees, and by association, humans

beings. To quote Albert Einstein: "if the bee disappeared off the face of the Earth, man would only have four years left to live."



Terry's signature is simple and readable. The leftward slant indicates a reserved individual with a need for privacy. The pressure is associated with good energy and artistic talent that, in his case, finds expression in music.

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