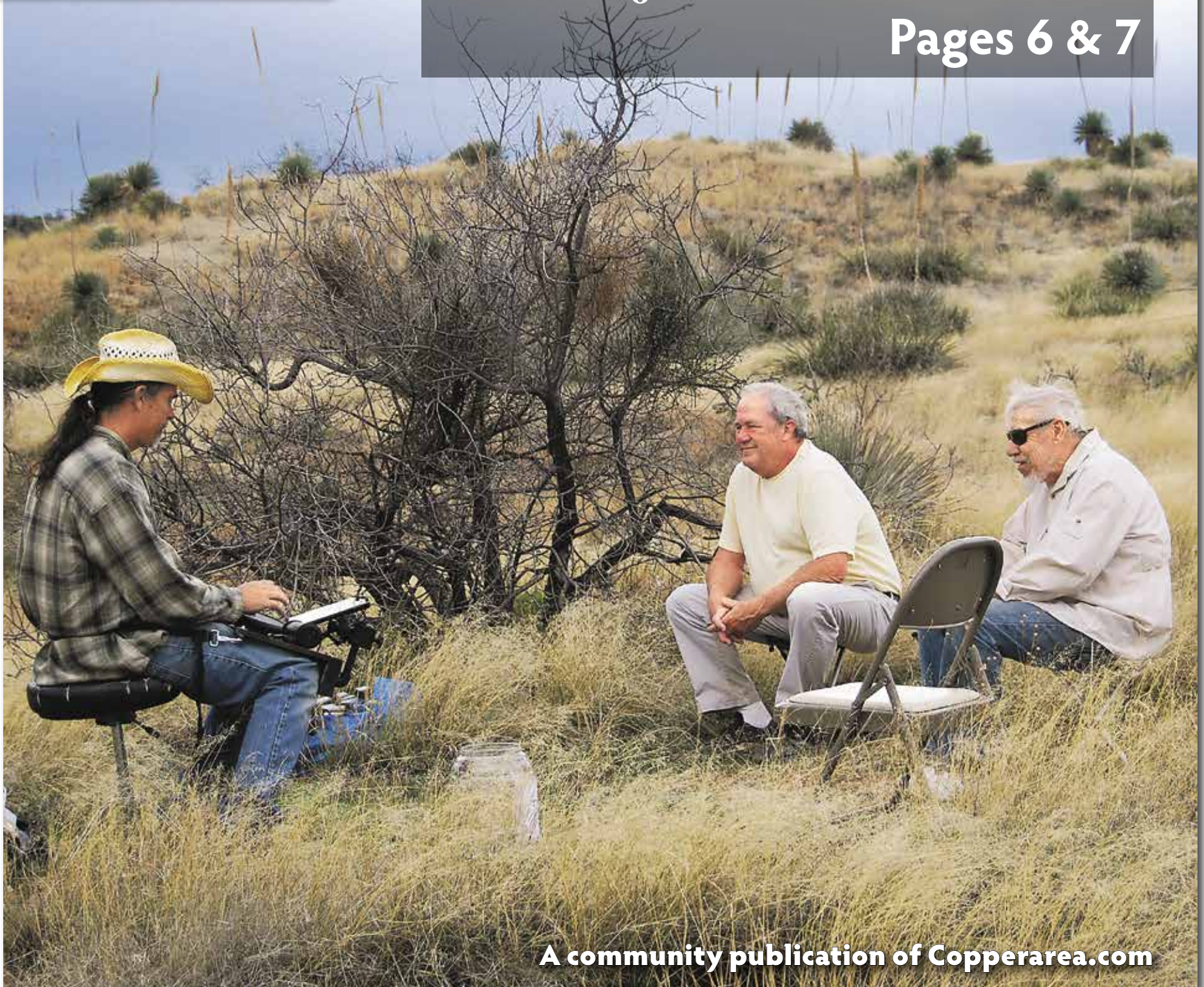


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Others Share Experiences with UFOs

An article was published in the *Oracle Town Crier* February, 2016 discussing an experience I had in 1965 when I saw 3 UFOs with a friend of mine. Since the article was published, an epilogue to the story happened and is included here. Since the story appeared, other Oracle residents, who prefer to remain anonymous, have come forward to share some of their stories. Due to their request I have changed a few facts to keep their identify hidden. I will share with you several of those stories now.

There was a cattle inspector in the 1970s who was quite nervous about going out in the open range around Oracle, Arizona. He would be out in the open range checking on cattle from time to time and would find vultures circling around a particular location. When he'd arrive at the location he'd find cattle mutilated, but not for their meat. Their rectums, mouths and around their eyes would be eviscerated in a precise manner, but no other bodily harm was visible. They had been killed, but not for their meat and there was, to him, no logical reason why anyone would do something like that. He had no idea when he went out if those vultures would announce yet another cow had been slaughtered

for no apparent reason. In checking UFO information on the internet this phenomenon has occurred in many places, not just Oracle, and is believed to be from extraterrestrials.

In February or March of 2015, the Ranch you have so often heard about in my stories had 6 large orange orbs or lights hovering over my property and was observed by another anonymous individual. They were in a straight line of sorts with a slight perpendicular tilt. Suddenly the orange light on the left shifted above the line and placed itself to the extreme right of the line. Each orange orb on the left shifted to the right until all the lights had shifted in this fashion and at that point disappeared. Their location could not be gained by any individual who would be on foot or horseback. Somehow this story didn't surprise me when I heard about it because there had been a UFO sighting on my property on February 2010 while I had an exchange student living with me. It just made me realize there are stories happening here and around Oracle that are not being shared by me and others for fear of ridicule.

As Brigadier General Stephen Lovekin, Esq. stated in a 2013 interview, installation of abject fear



AND SO IT GOES AT THE RANCH

By Sigrid Settle
 Special to the Crier

by the government with threats to you and your family keep this information quiet: <http://bit.ly/21Xwrhx>. But as he stated, fear degenerates the human soul and now it's time to move away from this fear. I have come out with my story and others have approached me with theirs as well. I thank them for sharing what they did with me and welcome any and all information that others would like to share as well. It turns out Oracle is a happening place, let's share our colorful heritage with others.

And so it goes at the Ranch and beyond ...

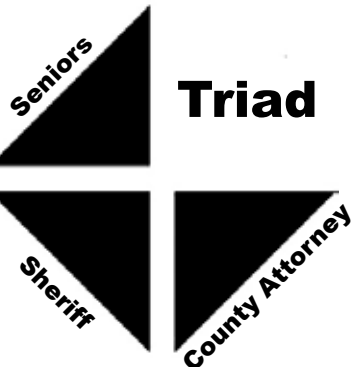
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Every year about this time in my driveway, a small sprout pops up. This little cluster of leaves soon grows into a bush. The next thing you know, there is a beautiful bush full of purple flowers! It will blossom and blossom till it gets tired! I don't know? It will then dry up and die. The next year comes and it starts all over again the beauty and wonder of the cycle of life!

At Family First we celebrate that wonder every day! A young mother, sometimes a mom and dad together come into the center, they need a pregnancy test. They don't know how it happened?! A seed was planted, a child is born! The next 9 months are busy for our new expecting couple, Family First is there to help along the way with prenatal care classes, baby items, and getting them ready for the new life on the way! After the new child is born, parenting classes, diapers, and clothes. A family is born, children are raised, a beautiful bush of purple flower, and so it starts again!

It is at this time of year we celebrate that wonder of life, the life given to us by God! God

sent His Son Jesus to be that seed that died, went into the ground and like our small bush, came back to life! This life is everlasting.

Take time to celebrate the life God has given to us all this spring, celebrate the wonder of it all! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." John 3:16

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Copper Corridor to have access to recycling bins

FLORENCE -- Supervisor Pete Rios is pleased to announce that residents in the Copper Corridor will be able to recycle items at the following locations.

The District 1 Supervisor said that containers will be located at Mammoth Public Works Yard, 104 North Main Street, the Waste Management Landfill, 8195 North Highway 77, in Dudleyville and the Oracle Transfer

Station on American Avenue in Oracle. The County is currently working on a recycle site in Kearny, a location should be named soon.

"Many of you noticed that back in January, Right-A-Way disposal removed the recycle bins located throughout the area," Supervisor Rios stated. "This was due to misuse - household trash was being dumped into the bins. After

working alongside with our Public Works Department it has been determined that the county has limited funds to provide recycle pick-up to local citizens."

You may dispose your recyclables during hours of operation at the following locations: Mammoth Public Works Yard Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM, the Dudleyville Landfill is open Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM and the Oracle Transfer Station Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

"People are recycling more than ever and we are glad citizens are doing their part to reduce the amount of trash being disposed in our local landfills," Supervisor Rios said. "I must emphasize to PLEASE follow guidelines when recycling and only dispose of recyclables in these dumpsters."

Items that can be recycled include primarily glass bottles and jars, steel and tin cans; cardboard; paper products; newspaper; plastic containers; aluminum cans and foil.

A full list of acceptable items may be picked at Supervisor Rios Mammoth office (118 Catalina Avenue) or by visiting the Right Away Disposal website: www.rightawaydisposal.com.



Do you recycle? Supervisor Pete Rios says that now you can recycle in Oracle by taking recyclables to the Oracle Transfer Station. Recycling dumpsters were removed in late January from sites around the Copper Corridor.

Maintenance work on SR 77 north of Oracle Junction

Northbound State Route 77 north of Oracle Junction (milepost 110) will have a right lane closure Thursday (March 10) from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to allow Arizona Department of Transportation crews to conduct maintenance work.

Message boards will guide drivers through the work zone.

Drivers are advised to plan ahead to avoid the closure or allow extra travel time if traveling during the scheduled closure period.

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Cholesterol is a simple four ring molecule composed of carbon atoms and hydrogen atoms plus a couple of oxygens. It is one of the most fundamental molecules in our bodies. Cholesterol is the base molecule for most of our hormones.

Hormones are messengers. They that deliver signals for changes throughout our bodies. They turn on many processes that are necessary for our bodies to work. This messenger type delivery system is a distinction from nerves that act as electrical signals in our bodies.

It is amazing how specific these hormone messengers are considering how similar they all look. The difference between a female hormone (estrogen) and a male hormone (testosterone) is only one carbon atom. But, as you know, their effects are vastly different.

Cholesterol itself has gotten a bad image over the past hundred years because of its association with hardening of the arteries.

Plaque that forms inside the arterial walls are composed partly of cholesterol. Therefore, many people associate large amounts of cholesterol in the blood stream with massive plaque development.

Actually, plaque development only occurs when the blood vessels are inflamed. Without inflammation of the vessel walls, cholesterol can flow smoothly through blood vessels without harm.

Inflammation of blood vessel walls can be caused by many toxic materials including large amounts of sugar, unnatural chemicals like pesticides, as well as trans and saturated fatty acids.

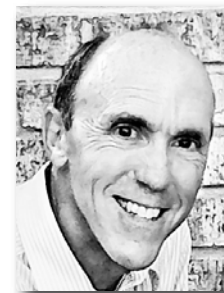
When cholesterol gets targeted as a potential risk for hardening of the arteries that might lead to heart attacks and strokes by compromising blood flow, it is often pulled out using "statin" drugs.

Unfortunately, statins, like any concentrated, pharmaceutical drug, have undesirable side effects. Most commonly,

statin drugs can cause uncomfortable muscle cramps. One way around these side effects is to consider its plant counterpart. Red Yeast Rice has the statin qualities of reducing cholesterol without their side effects. It accomplishes this through its synergistic relationship with all the other constituents of the plant that buffer its interaction with the body.

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Bottom line; cholesterol is not the enemy.....inflammation is. Here again the best course of action is prevention. Eat a diet strong in non-inflammatory foods (like vegetables) and avoid saturated fats (fats that are solid at room temperature). And, if inflammation is present, control



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Oracle State Park celebrates

By **John Hernandez**
Copper Area News

On Sunday, March 5, Oracle State Park celebrated its connections to nature with some special events.

Mike Weasner of the Oracle Dark Sky Committee

and a volunteer at the park gave a workshop on Astrophotography. Mike is an amateur astronomer and photographer. The workshop was an introduction to taking nighttime photographs of the sky using a camera alone, with or without a tri-pod or using a telescope.

Later in the evening Mike spoke about Oracle State

Park being a designated International Dark Sky Park and thanked Circle K for installing new LED light fixtures at their store near the entrance to Oracle. He displayed a certificate that will be presented to them for their cooperation and support in helping the park become an International Dark Skies Park.

There were kids' activities including a desert animal skull display and how to make a sundial and a star clock. Friends of Oracle State Park were there with cookies, brownies and other treats. The Oracle Dark Sky Committee had an educational booth set up.

In the evening everyone was invited to take a walk on the Nature Trail and view the new educational signage with their "Signs and Sounds." At each sign station musicians were playing live music. The new signs along the one mile trail highlight the wildlife, vegetation, geology and water resources of the park. The volunteer musicians playing at the Kannally House entrance and along the trail were



One of the kids' activities a desert animal skull display.

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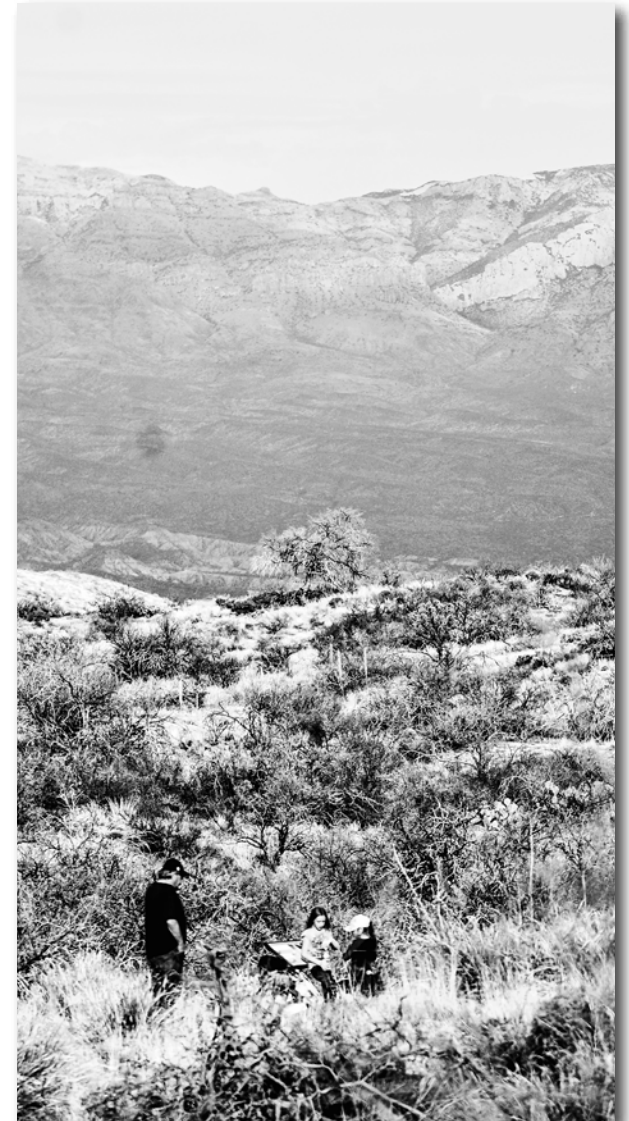
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A family hikes in the park.

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connections to nature

Mary Bast – Native American flute; David Frank – violin; Ric Volante – Mandolin; Drumension – electronic drums; and David Tamminga – guitar.

An evening of star gazing was also planned but the cloudy weather did not cooperate.

The park is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Full Oracle State Park event information is always posted on the state parks website: www.azStateParks.com/Parks/ORAC. Park admission is \$7 per car at the main gate on Mt. Lemmon Rd. in Oracle.

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Mike Weasner with certificate for Circle K.
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Ric Volante on the Mandolin. John Hernandez | Crier



Mary Bast on the Native American flute.
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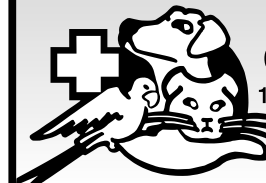
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March Madness

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6. Lending letters
9. Secondary school
13. Balance in the sky
14. Sheepish sound
15. Darlings
16. Continental divide
17. Caustic soda
18. Binary digits code
19. *Requirement to play in March Madness
21. Unhitch
23. Baseball bat wood
24. Fail to mention
25. Bad-mouth
28. "_____ and turn"
30. Colonnade
35. "Oh, my!"
37. "_____ good example"
39. Socially acceptable behaviors

40. *Major bball outfitter
41. Sea swallows
43. Constricting snakes
44. *_____ and shoot, without dribbling
46. Exertion
47. Wise one
48. Newspaper VIP
50. Florida Keys and such
52. *March Madness winner's reward
53. TV's "_____. O"
55. Male child
57. *Winningest coach
60. *One region
64. BBQ spot
65. Be in debt
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71. Secretary station

72. Armageddon

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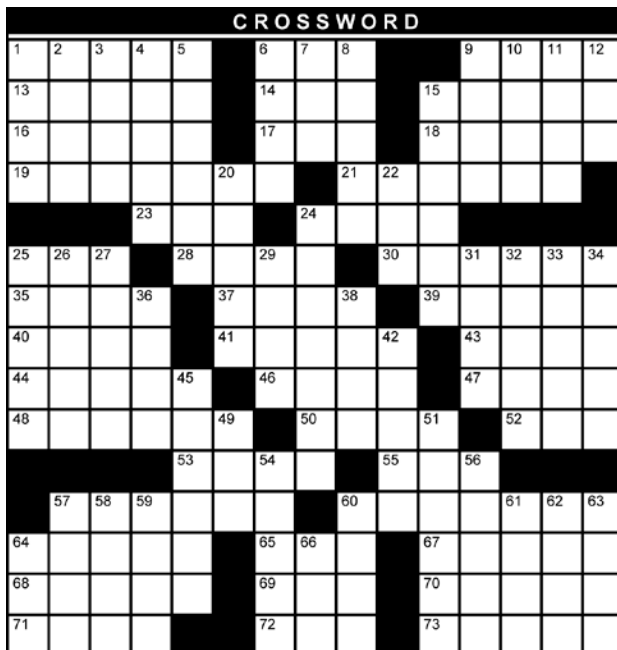
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4. _____-_____la refrain
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6. Up to the task
7. Foot the bill
8. Sleep in one's eye
9. Acapulco money
10. "_____'em" in pool
11. Huron's neighbor
12. Tire measurement
15. *Occasional Cinderella team from OH
20. Uncredited author?
22. Not a thing
24. Emu relative
25. *March Madness, a.k.a. "The Big _____"
26. Homer's famous poem
27. Female principle, Hinduism

29. *1 or 16, e.g.

31. Lots

32. Response to pain
33. Candidate's concern
34. A useful part
36. Religious offshoot
38. Tolstoy's Karenina
42. Styluses
45. *Show off
49. Beluga yield
51. Equestrian gear
54. Annoy a bedfellow
56. Inhabit
57. *College athletes don't earn one
58. Singer "on the dock of the bay"
59. Sound on a farm
60. Fix
61. Archaic exclamation of surprise
62. Ditto
63. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
64. Bachelor's dwelling
66. Like a dim star



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The panda produces a badly punctuated wildlife manual and tosses it over his shoulder. "I'm a panda," he says at the door. "Look it up."

The waiter turns to the relevant entry and, sure enough, finds an explanation.

"Panda. Large black-and-white bear-like mammal, native to China. Eats, shoots and leaves."

Isaac Asimov on 'A Woman's Role'

Prolific science fiction writer, professor of biochemistry at Boston University, and father of robotics, Isaac Asimov stands out as an individual of superior intelligence. A person of considerable ego who charms through his witty self-deprecating style: "I mean, I personally don't want anyone around me who's a genius; I can just barely stand myself."

Isaac Asimov was born in Petrovichi, Smolensk Oblast, Russia.

Short stories include *The Last Question*, *Night fall*, *The Bicentennial Man* among others. Movies include *I, Robot*, *Bicentennial Man*, *Nightfall*, *Probe*, *Gandahar*.

Asimov was recognized by the 111th congress in 2010. The following passage appears in the text of the bill: "Whereas the second week in April each year is designated as National Robotics Week, recognized the accomplishments of Isaac Asimov, who immigrated to America, taught science, wrote science books for children and adults, first used the term robotics, developed the Three Laws of Robotics, and died in April, 1992."

Asimov's lectures on science were filled with humorous remarks that kept audiences in stitches. He was giving a talk at Newark College of Engineering in 1974 about the Future of Humanity in which he addressed the need for population control. The current number was just under 4 billion and he calculated that at the rate of a two percent increase worldwide, the population of the Earth was going to be seven billion* by the year 2000. "The death rate will go up, and we will die off through violence, through disease, through famine. The Earth's population needs to be reduced.

"The only thing mankind has to decide is whether to let it be done in the old inhumane method that nature has always used, or to invent a new humane method of our own. That is the only choice that faces us; whether to lower the population catastrophically by a raised death rate, or to lower it humanely by a lowered birth rate. And we all make the choice. And I have a suspicion that we won't make the right choice, which is the tragedy of humanity right now.

"But supposing we do? Supposing we imagine that we have entered the 21st century, and that we have survived? Then



HANDWRITING ROCKS!

By Skylar Khan
Special to the Crier

the question is: what kind of a world will we have survived into? What will the twenty-first century world be? If we survive, if there is a civilization, if there is a technology.

"Well, in the first place it's going to be a low birth rate world, because the population will be too high at the beginning of the 21st century, and it may take a century to lower the population to some reasonable value."

In his lecture he opines about the role of women and population control from a man's point of view.

"But there are other things to remember. If we do have a very low birth rate, then what are we going to do with women?"

"Seriously! When the germ theory finally came in and people learned how to arrange it so that women could have babies in reasonable safety, the world discovered to their surprise that women had a longer life expectancy than men. This had never been understood before, because throughout history women had, on the average, lived years and years less than men had. With all the dangers men faced, the hard work in the field, the hunting accidents, the killings in war, everything else, women died faster for one reason and one reason only: childbirth. Every woman had one baby after another until one of them killed her. Usually, it didn't take long.

"Well then, why do women do this? Because they are carefully told that being a wife and mother is the most glorious thing in the world, the one thing they're fit for, the most noble activity they can possibly have, and...and this is told to them until

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they believe it. And if they don't believe it, there's a lot of trouble made for them.

"But notice the difference: once you want women not to have children, you're going to have to give them something else to do! It is absolutely impossible to tell a woman that she can't have children, and at the same time that she can't do anything else either except maybe wash an occasional dish. Because if you tell a woman that, she'll figure out some way to have a baby!

"Well then, we are going to have to pretend...when I say "we", I mean men...we're going to have to pretend that women

are people.

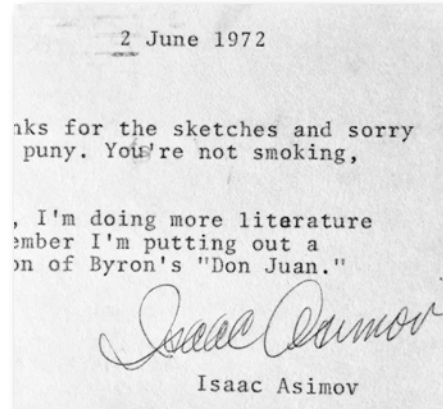
"And you know, pretending is a good thing because if you pretend long enough, you'll forget you're pretending you'll begin to believe it."

You think!?

According to Carl Sagan, Isaac Asimov was the greatest explainer of the age. However, his words and wisdom are as relevant today as then, probably even more so.

A Graphoanalytic study of Asimov's signature and handwriting reveals witty intellect, a deep understanding of human

nature, and complete self-confidence.



The signature of Isaac Asimov penned at age 52 shows extreme rhythm and speed which allows him to produce comprehensive volumes in a short period of time. Interruptions are most unwelcome and to be avoided at all cost.

The way he forms the capital letter I indicates that there was a better relationship between him and his mother and rejection of the father figure.

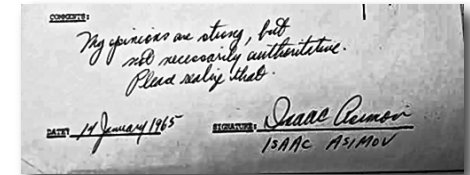
Imagination is seen in the large loops of the capital letters as well as in the letters a and s. There are secrets within secrets to be protected until time of publication or disclosure. Or never.

His mind alters reality to suit his theories. Thus he mentally creates worlds, robots, space travel strategies that are literally out of this world, as exhibited in letters a in his script.

The i-dot is placed to the right over the v at the end of the name. He has not neglected this detail, however his mind is already racing into the future and that is where the point is being made.

The names are penned in a connected way which adds logic to abstract concepts

and makes his theories utterly convincing. In addition, he believes himself to be right and competent. He can be self-deprecating and over-confident at the same time: "Those people who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do."



The handwritten comment says, "My opinions are strong, but not necessarily authoritative." Please realize that was penned at age 45 and the message itself is representative of his unique character and personality.

The script reveals rhythm and speed, rigidity and resentment; traits that are all part of analytical mental processing and supportive of a statement he once made about not being a speed reader, but a speed understander.

The letter t gives evidence of high aspirations and excellent work ethic, combined with enthusiasm that cannot fail but excite and motivate students and others around him.

The tied knot at the end of words but and that represents persistence. In his own words: "You must keep sending work out. You must never let a manuscript do nothing but eat its head off in a drawer. You send that work out again and again, while you are working on another one. If you have talent, you will receive some measure of success—but only if you persist." A statement that continues to be standard advice to any writer of any genre.

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Other March activities include:
 • Sunday, March 13: Mineralogy talk with Wolfgang Mueller, mineralogist, begins at noon. He'll include information on rocks associated with regional mining operations and lapidary uses. Reservation suggested.
 • Saturday, March 19: Six-mile guided hike begins at 8 a.m. with Gaston Meloche. Hike includes the Wildlife Corridor Trail, National Scenic Arizona Trail, and Manzanita Trail. Reservation required by contacting Gaston: VHC.Gaston@gmail.com or 520-638-5404 no

later than 4 p.m. the day before the hike.
 • Saturday, March 26: "Wildlife in the Santa Catalina Mountains" presentation by the Sky Island Alliance begins 1 p.m. in the ranch house. Photos from wildlife cameras in the area of black bear, jaguar, mountain lion and other animals will be shown. Reservation suggested.
 • Sunday, March 27: Tohono O'odham basketweaving demonstration begins 1 p.m. on the ranch house patio as part of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Awareness Month. Elizabeth Jose of the Tohono O'odham Nation

will do a weaving project to show basket making techniques. This free program is made possible with the support of Friends of Oracle State Park.
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Although a man of the last century, Isaac Asimov lamented on a subject very close to his heart that is relevant today more than ever: "I received the fundamentals of my education in school, but that was not enough. My real education, the superstructure, the details, the true architecture, I got out of the public library. For an impoverished child whose family could not afford to buy books, the library was the

open door to wonder and achievement, and I can never be sufficiently grateful that I had the wit to charge through that door and make the most of it. Now, when I read constantly about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that the door is closing and that American society has found one more way to destroy itself."
 Isaac Asimov died April 6, 1992 with AIDS that

was traced back to a blood transfusion in 1983 when he underwent a surgical procedure. The doctors at the time were adamantly opposed to public disclosure of the illness. His wife later revealed this fact in a biographical book about Asimov called *It's Been a Good Life*.
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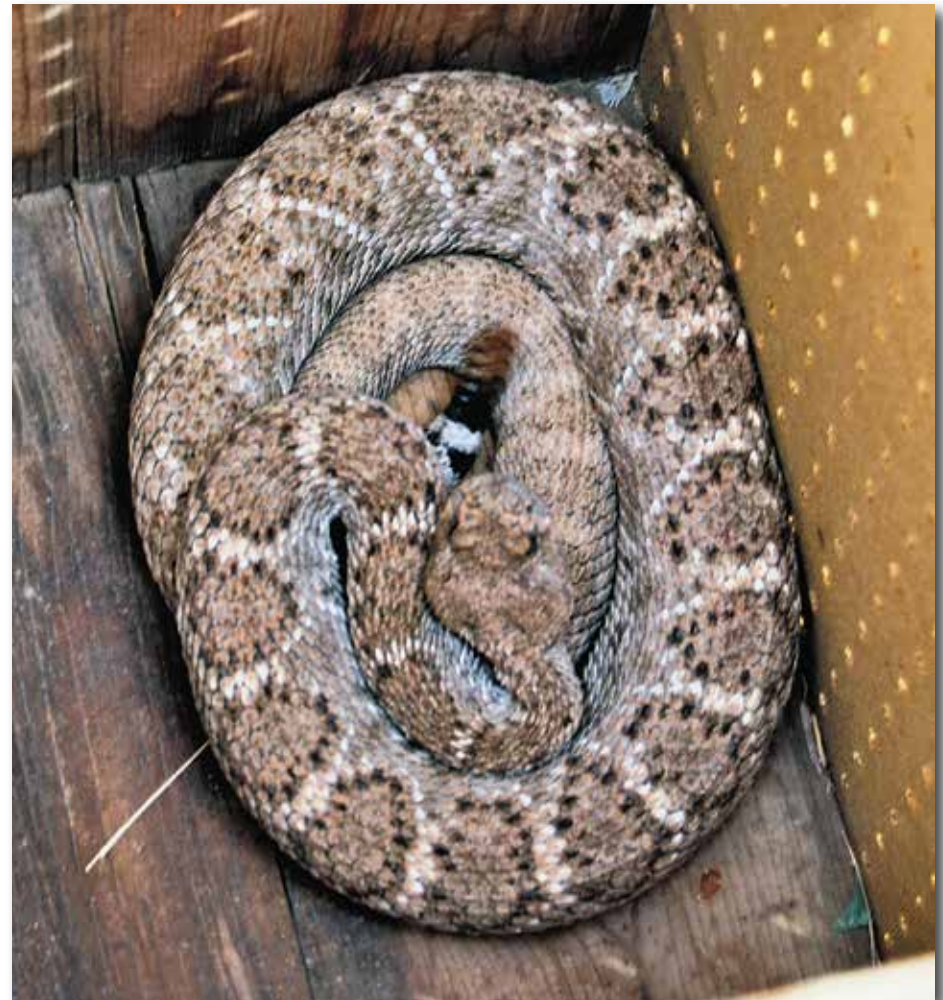
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