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Simon Peter was like that first driver. In Matthew 26:34, when Jesus said Peter

would disown Him, Peter replied, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you."

Peter wasn't afraid. He had stuck to Jesus through the lean times, when they were sometimes just a step ahead of the guards sent by the Chief Priests. Now, after the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, with people shouting Hosanna, there was no way he would abandon his Lord.

But he did. And so might we.

The way to avoid that is to be like Hank, and stay close to the rock.

We're the Church of Christ, meeting at 2425 El Paseo in Oracle. Visit us Sundays for Bible study at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.



PASTOR'S CORNER

By Fred Patterson
 Special to the Crier

DIAPER BAG

Family First schedules diaper drive, extravaganza

April showers bring May flowers! Sounds like a great opportunity to shower blessings on the Family Diaper Bank through participating in the April Diaper Drive. We are collecting diapers, wipes and bed liners the whole month for Pinal County. Your donation can be in cash, check, debit or diapers for the infants, elderly and the disabled for our communities.

Easter is April 20 and at Family First we are celebrating with an Extravaganza! Calling all Moms, Dads and children to have fun coloring eggs, games, and Easter Baskets on Friday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We need for you to call and let us know you are coming 520-896-9545.

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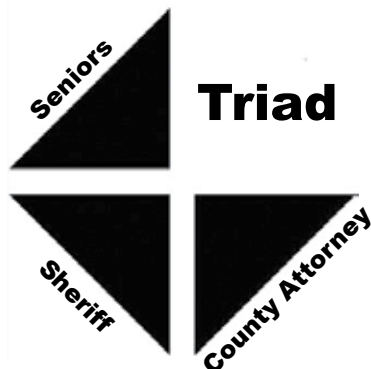
Oracle TRIAD Coalition

NEEDED: Volunteer Director of the Oracle TRIAD

A TRIAD is an organization of volunteers serving the needs of seniors in the community who are 50+. This position is also a volunteer who will be responsible for coordinating and creating committees to better serve the needs of the community. This position will be expected to participate in community events, coordinate and recruit interested volunteers, interface with community resources, and the Pinal County Attorney and Sheriff's Office. Must have good communication skills, and be computer literate. Looking for someone who is compassionate, patient, and a self starter.

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Cellulite – Differences in physiology make it more prevalent in women

Spring is here with its rising temperatures that are often accompanied by rising hemlines. This extra reveal leads some to be self critical of their dimpling skin.

Cellulite is the cosmetic condition that manifests in this uneven surface on the skin. It is the result of lifestyle choices coupled with physiology that is distinctively female. Ninety to ninety-eight percent of all cellulite is found in women.

Basically, women have a row of standing fat cell chambers just below the surface of the skin that get distorted with excess fat. Along with this, there is a weakening of the connective tissue that holds them in place. Men have a criss-cross mesh of connective tissue that holds their narrower layer of fat even firmer in place.

The combination of thin surface layer, weakened connective tissue and enlarged fat cells cause the skin of women to buckle and dip in an uneven fashion. Even if an uneven surface is not seen, one can test these structures by pinching the skin to reveal what is called a “mattress phenomenon” (pitting, bulging and deformation of the skin). Ninety percent of women will develop this effect.

The skin may be tender. However, this condition is not the result of an infection or inflammation. It is the result of excess accumulation of fat and the weakening of the tissues that hold these fat cells in place.

Therefore, the most reasonable approach to addressing this phenomenon is to exercise regularly and regulate the amounts and types of fat that are eaten.

Once cellulite is evident it is harder to reverse. There are many remedies on the market with varying success. Massage is helpful in conjunction with topical applications of herbs or essential oils.

There are some herbs that reportedly strengthen connective tissue. Others that increase one’s metabolism to help burn off excess fat. There are

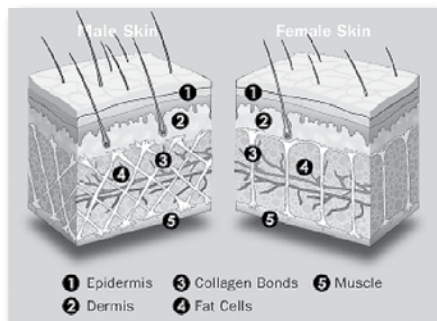
laser treatments that help break up fat and stimulate the collagen tissue production.

Neither liposuction nor extreme diet regimes have proven to be effective at removing cellulite. It is far more helpful to eat responsibly, exercise, balance one’s hormones, reduce stress and avoid constant exposure to toxins (e.g. cigarettes and processed foods).



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Saturday, April 5—7:30pm

Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra—Rimsky-Korsakov: Dapriccio Espagnol. Liszt: Piano Concerto No. 1, Perverz Mody, piano. Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet. Plus the winner of SASO’s Dorothy Vanek Youth Concerto Competition. \$21 inclusive, \$23 door



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Wednesday, April 23—7:30pm

The U of A School of Music Presents Triology: Award Winning Guitarists. Grace Sheppard, won first place in the Guitar Foundation of America at the age of 14. Grace is a Freshman at Catalina Foothills High School.. **Renato Serrano** has performed concerts with Orquesta del Certament Andres Segovia (Spain,) and Classical Orchestra of University of Santiago (Chile.) **Augustus Woodrow,** 18, won first prize at the 2013 Indiana International Guitar Competition, Senior Youth Division. \$22 inclusive \$25 door



Sunday, April 27—3:00pm

Tucson Concert Band. Tucson Concert Band has been performing for Southern Arizona audiences for forty-six years. This non-profit volunteer community concert band is conducted by Lorelei Conrad and provides concerts to the greater Tucson area throughout the year. \$20 inclusive \$23 door



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Alberto Rios: Arizona's First Poet Laureate

In August of 2013, Arizona became the 46th state in the union to appoint a poet laureate when Governor Jan Brewer selected Alberto Rios to be the state's inaugural poet laureate. On Oct. 10 of that year, I had the honor to host Mr. Rios for his first public reading as Poet Laureate of the great state of Arizona. The reading was held at the Sedona Public Library and Sedona is a poetry kind of town. The night of the reading as the crowd arrived early, (crowds in Sedona never arrive early) it was obvious there was a buzz in the air. The library was forced to put out more and more chairs in the big auditorium as people kept arriving. The local newspaper sent a photographer and newspaper reporter to cover the event. I stood at the podium and addressed the crowd.

"Hola, Bienvenidos amigos y amigas."

I addressed the crowd in Spanish to begin the show because Alberto Rios is a native of Nogales, a town which is split by the international border. His poetry has earned national acclaim and frequently deals with themes of being both Mexican and American. Much of his poetry uses both languages. Rios says that he is often asked which language he spoke first English or Spanish. He laughs and says that as a child, distinctions such as language are adult terms. A child says the word which gets them the cookie. They do not worry about whether that word is galeta or cookie, Spanish or English, they only worry about speaking the word that will get them the cookie. Maybe

as the child grows older, and more sophisticated they begin to learn which words will work on which people. He remembered being a child in elementary school and having a teacher address him and his friends. The teacher told them, "Your boy's Spanish has a lot of Yaqui words mixed in." Again, Rios points out, as children they were not concerned about the label of the language they were speaking – they were merely trying to communicate. Rios ponders for a moment, and then states. As infants we learn to speak by hearing others form words and ideas – so I suppose my first language was listening.

Rios holds up a piece of melted metal and tells a story about a fire in the Nogales train depot. This chunk of slag was once a boxcar which was melted in the fire, he remembered being young and being transfixed by the roaring fire, so hot it even had the ability to melt



EVERY MAN'S MUSINGS

By Gary Every
Special to the Crier

metal.

Rios addresses the audience in a soft, gentle voice that is strong and confident at the same time. He speaks at a slow and mellow pace, gesturing with his hands, his stories often building to a hilarious conclusion which leaves the entire audience laughing. He paces as he walks, speaking about why he does not write more about border "issues" such as smuggling, crime and drugs. Rios states plainly that there is no need for him to write about such things, that many people are already speaking about them. He prefers to write poetry about the places where no one



Alberto Rios, Poet Laureate

is looking. If the border region is so terrible, afflicted with all these issues and problems, then why do so many people choose to live there – both sides of the border are crowded places. This is what he likes his poetry to

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Sierra Oaks School to close in May; administrator says 'great journey'

By John Hernandez
Copper Area News

The Sierra Oaks Community School in Oracle will be closing its doors at the end of this school year. The closure is due to budget challenges that cannot be overcome.

Administrator Lynn Eggleston said, "Small schools are not making it and the state is making it harder for small schools to stay open." The economy played a big role in the dwindling of enrollment over the years with families moving out of the area. This year's enrollment was 32 students.

Sierra Oaks is a public charter school that opened its doors in 2002. "It has been 12 years of a great journey,"

said Lynn. "Sierra Oaks offered a safe haven for kids in the community where they could be themselves and felt comfortable." "I feel confident that wherever our students go they will be successful." Lynn said she would like to thank the community for its support. "When I think of all the families and kids that have graduated and come back to say hi and thank us, it will be hard to let go of the kids, staff and families."

The historical building that houses the school is up for sale. It was once a doctor's office. It is located at 650 W. Linda Vista Rd. The school will be holding an auction of school items and equipment sometime in June. The last day for Sierra Oaks Community School will be May 22, 2014. On May 21 there will be a final performance by the students at the Oracle Community Center at 6 p.m.



Sierra Oaks School will close its doors May 22, 2014.



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Oracle art installation celebrates the Art of Peace

By John Hernandez
Copper Area News

A group of local artists have planned a community art project that is a fundraiser, learning and creative experience as well as an expression of peace. The public art installation will create an army of "Peace Warriors." The idea is for community members to come together and create a band of terracotta soldiers that will stand in a field overlooking and guarding the Catalina Mountains. These unfired terracotta soldiers will stand watch until they eventually, slowly melt back into the earth.

The concept for the terracotta soldiers was inspired by the discovery of the first Chinese Emperor Quin Shi Huang's burial ground. Quin Shi had a terracotta army of 8,000 life size sculptures plus terracotta horses, chariots and real weapons entombed with him at his death around 210 – 209 B.C.. The terracotta army was discovered in 1974 by farmers. Archaeologists then began excavating the site.

The idea of using the project as an expression of peace came from a woman who became known as the Peace Pilgrim. Mildred Norman Rider became known as Peace Pilgrim when she began walking across North America in 1953. She vowed to walk until mankind has learned the

way of peace. She walked until given shelter and fasted until given food while spreading her message of peace. She wandered from 1953 until 1981 when she died in an automobile accident while on her way to a speaking engagement. She touched many lives and hearts during her journey of over 25,000 miles trusting people to give her shelter and food. Most of the artists working in the project have a connection with the Peace Pilgrim in some way or knew someone who had a connection to her. For Carol Mahoney the connection began in a book store. ABC Books was a store in Denver, Colorado owned by Carol. Her mother Gerry Magnie worked there. Many customers came in the store and asked for books about or by the Peace Pilgrim. They finally ordered some and were so touched by the message in the book they organized an annual Peace Walk which was held every October. The Peace Pilgrim's message continues to inspire people around the world.

No experience is necessary to participate and artists of all levels are welcome. Everyone will be able to personalize their sculptured soldier starting with a clay impression of their own face. Each participant will be given a 25 pound bag of terracotta clay. Five Arizona sculptors will give a demonstration on how to build the figures and will help guide you along the way. The five sculptors are Sharon

Brady, Fox McGrew, Julie Stein, Carol Goldberg and Danielle Neibling. There will also be live music performed by John Magnie of the New Orleans band "Subdudes."

The fee for participating in the community art project is \$60. There is no charge for observers. The profit from the event will go towards the purchase of a large state of the art community kiln. The event will be held April 5 at the Wilson Barn, 2436 W. Linda Vista Road in Oracle. It is from 10:00 am to 3 pm. The schedule for the day follows:

- 10 am to 11 am: Participants will observe five artists each build a soldier figure to start the army. You will be able to ask questions and collect ideas while you prepare to make your soldier.
- 11 am to 3 pm: Everyone will build their soldiers and help place the army facing the mountains, photographing as we go.

If you can't make the event you can still donate as there will be some scholarships made available to local junior high and high school students interested in the project. For more information or to make a reservation contact Carol Mahoney at 520-827-1209 call/text or cmahoneyworks@icloud.com. Make checks payable to RLV OracleArt and mail to Carol Mahoney 1055 E. Paseo Encino, Oracle, AZ 85623-6205. You can also pay at the door with cash, check, or credit card. Join the Peace Army.

"This is the way of peace: Overcome evil with good, and falsehood with truth, and hatred with love." ...Peace Pilgrim

Oracle *Psalm 1:2*

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Rancho Linda Vista's Wilson Barn property will be home to a new army of Peace Warriors.

The Art of Peace

Photos by
John Hernandez



Many folks turned out to help create the army of Peaceful Warriors at the Rancho Linda Vista's Wilson Barn. The art installation will be officially opened during the Oracle Artists Studio Tour this weekend.

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1. Torah expert
6. Chain letters
9. Barred bed
13. Shoelace tip
14. *First gardening mo.?
15. Unit of money in Poland
16. Abdul or Zahn
17. White House Dwight
18. Big dipper
19. *Climber support
21. *Tiny garden shovel
23. Afflict
24. Lick
25. "Be quiet!"
28. "Ta-ta!" in Italy
30. *Cross between varieties
35. Church sound
37. Mojito, _____ drink
39. Wintry mix

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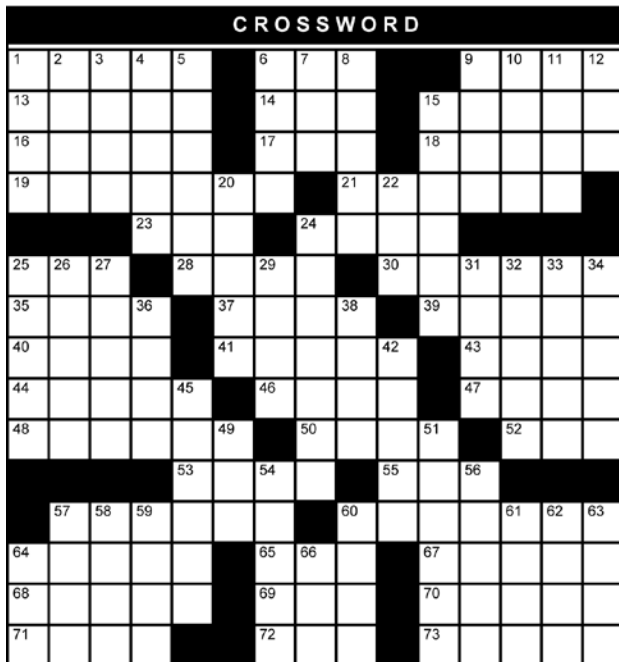
40. Norse capital
41. Brightest star in Cygnus
43. Approximately, two words
44. Japanese port
46. Slash mark
47. Drawn tight
48. House cat, e.g.
50. Greek H's
52. *Special Hawaiian flowers form this garland
53. Getting warm
55. "Street" in Italy
57. Hang a banner, e.g.
60. *Refuse turned fertilizer
64. Ancient assembly area
65. Unagi
67. Like outside-of-mainstream art
68. Relating to aquarium

scum

69. Shag rug
70. "Spaghetti Western" maker Sergio _____
71. Short of "history"
72. Sophomore's grade
73. Dog-_____ book

DOWN

1. Feeling great delight
2. Lab culture
3. *Like many Gentians or Delphiniums
4. Swan of "Twilight"
5. Emphatic, in print
6. Honoree's spot
7. *Short for nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium
8. Thin mountain ridge
9. Old-fashioned bathtub foot
10. *What gardener did to riding lawn mower
11. It will, contraction
12. "So long!"
15. Plural of #15 Across
20. Homeric epic
22. Rally repeater
24. Club enforcer
25. Tina Fey/Amy Poehler schtick, e.g.
26. "Siddhartha" author
27. Conforming to dietary laws for Muslims
29. Greek god of war
31. Soak some ink
32. Opposite of urban
33. Question in dispute
34. Hindu garment
36. Mischievous Norse deity
38. *What Venus Flytrap eats
42. Opera house exclamation
45. *One-time plant
49. Poetic "always"
51. "He fights like a lion," e.g.
54. Warn or arouse
56. Sleeper's woe
57. Wrinkly fruit
58. Wooden pegs
59. Short for brotherhood
60. Family group
61. *The corpse flower is famous for its bad one
62. Cosine's buddy
63. _____ up a golf ball, past tense
64. "I see!"
66. *Potato bud



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Oaks Festival T-shirts for sale



Sierra Oaks Community School will be selling this year's Oaks Festival T-shirts. This year's Oaks Festival theme is "Horsing Around". The art work for the T-Shirt was done by two Sierra Oaks Community School artists, Ricky Tuka of San Manuel (left) and Gilbert Medina of Oracle. The shirts are on sale now for \$15. They will also be available on April 26 at the Oaks Festival in front of the Oracle Community Center. Look for the Sierra Oaks School booth. You can come by the school located at 650 W. Linda Vista Road in Oracle to purchase a shirt or call 520-896-3100.

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Mt. Vista School sponsors Burgers and Books

By John Hernandez
Copper Area News

Mountain Vista School teachers and the PTO joined together to sponsor a "Burgers and Books" event on Monday, March 24. The event along with the book fair raised money for the Mt. Vista School Library. Besides the good food, as part of the reading awareness program the kids were read to by local

volunteers including someone from the sheriff's office, an athlete, a nurse, and a firefighter.

Jennifer Sanchez a nurse at Sun Life Family Health Center in Oracle read "If you give a pig a pancake" to different groups. Justin Smith was a former student at Mt. Vista. He plays soccer for CDO Roma Elite a soccer club out of Tucson. He has traveled to England

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Superintendent Blauer reads to kids while the Mt. Vista Cougar wonders where his cookie is.



The food servers cut up during a break from serving burgers.



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Oracle Listings - Homes

- **Beautiful 100 year old** oak trees surround this 2 bdrm, 3 ba block built home on .85 ac. **\$182,000.**
- **Very well maintained** 1.25 with 2bd/2ba, rock ramada, workshop, new roof. **\$89,000.**
- **3bd/2ba home on very private** 2.5 ac lot, home boarders National Forest, private well. **\$248,000.**
- **Mountain views 4 bed**, 2 1/2 bath, 2,404 sq. ft. plus a 1,244 sq.ft. basement, 34 x 27 detached garage on 6.85 ac. **\$449,900.**
- **3 bdrm, 2 bath**, slump block home with breakfast bar, fireplace, large fenced backyard and great views in Oracle Village Estates. **\$119,000.**
- **Dream home with every amenity** you could hope for, exquisite Oracle hilltop home. **\$550,000.**
- **3bd/2ba on .50 ac**, newly added bonus room, 10 ft. ceilings, flowing floorplan. **\$193,900.**
- **3bd, 2ba home on 2.7 acres**, 2 car garage, 30 ft of block wall, red wood deck, much more. **\$295,000.**
- **PRICE REDUCED! Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home** with a bonus room screened in back porch, walk in closet in master bedroom, new paint, new roof in 2013. **\$153,000.**
- **2bd, 1 ba fixer upper MH** or remove and add a new home. **\$49,900**

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- **1.36 ac. custom home** lot with view, boulders, oaks and more. **\$100,000.**
- **4 view lots**, nice views, custom home area, boulders and trees, owner may carry. **\$82,000.**
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- **Riverside home, horse property near Gila River**, Hilltop home on 2.75 acres with gorgeous mountain views. RV hookup, 2 bd, remodeled home, near Kearny. **\$153,000.**
- **20 ac. of flat usable land** on Florence Highway, 2 wells, completely fenced. **\$189,900.**
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- **3 bed , 2 bath, being remodeled**, new hickory kitchen cabinets, stainless steel - new appliances, new A/C, new carpet, a must see. Owner May Carry. **\$72,000.**
- **13 ac., San Pedro** with unique home among Mesquite Cottonwood. **\$275,000.**
- **3 bdrm home with updated** kitchen, laundry room, covered porches, fenced yard, new electric June 2012. **\$58,500.**
- **PRICED REDUCED! Hilltop views**, open floor plan, custom kitchen cabinets, wood floors, fireplace, bay windows, 5 bedrm, 2ba, fenced yard, 2 car carport, covered porch. **\$114,000.**
- **Great mountain views from this 3.75 ac.** south of Mammoth. **\$39,000.**

POET LAUREATE

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address, the struggle to live ordinary lives of purpose and noble meaning.

Rios tells another story to illustrate his point. A few years ago he was commissioned by Governor Brewer to dedicate a new border crossing in Rios' hometown of Nogales. Rios read his poem at a formal opening in front of a large audience which included Governor Brewer as well as then President of Mexico Vicente Fox. One by one the dignitaries were introduced and stepped up to the podium. Finally President Fox was introduced and people turned their heads from side to side, expecting him

to appear from either the right or the left of the stage. Vincente Fox chose to enter from the rear of the auditorium. He strolled through the crowd, a large man who appeared bigger atop the heels of his cowboy boots and big cowboy hat atop his head. As he walked towards the stage, Fox stopped to shake hands and greet people. President Vincente Fox walked with all the charisma of a rock star.

Then Rios read his poem, describing the shared landscape, the swirling together of cultures, and concluded his poem with the words "it is not the border which divides us – it is the border which unites us."

BURGERS AND BOOKS

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and competed in the regional tournament in Colorado with the

team. Superintendent Dennis Blauser also read a book "If You

Give a Cougar a Cookie" to the students.



Students and parents browse the Mountain Vista School Book Fair as volunteers tally up the sales.

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Robert joined the fire department as a Junior Firefighter when he was a young teenager. Through many years of dedicated involvement, hard work and many classes, Robert has worked his way up through the ranks from an entry-level firefighter, to Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief and now Assistant Fire Chief.

Chief Southard commends Robert for his many years with the department and is looking forward to working with him in the years to come.



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