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The Last Gunfight Clay Allison Killed the Deputy

By Richard W. Kimball

The notorious Allison brothers had just brought a herd of cattle out of New Mexico north into Colorado. After spending several weeks on the trail, they were both mighty thirsty. They were looking forward to having a little fun in the small Colorado town of Las Animas. Deputy Sheriff Charles Faber stopped them on the street just as they were about to enter the Olympic Dance Hall. "Gentlemen," he said, "you need to turn in your guns. Turn 'em in or leave town." Las Animas had an ordinance prohibiting the carrying of firearms within the town limits. The two dusty cowboys laughed as they pushed their way past the deputy and into the saloon. Unfortunately, the deputy didn't know the murderous reputation of Clay



Clay Allison

Allison on that cold night in December. If he had known, he might have done things differently.

The Allison boys had arrived in Las Animas on December 21, 1876. After booking a

room at the Vandiver Hotel, they casually walked down the street to find a saloon. Sheriff John Spiers already knew of their arrival. He had other civic matters to attend to, so he sent Deputy Faber to remind the Allison boys that they needed to turn in their pistols if they wanted to stay in town.

After Faber was re-

buffed, he turned on his heels and went to the Americana Hotel across the street. He asked the desk clerk to let him borrow the double-barreled 10 gauge shotgun that was always stowed beneath the counter. With the firearm in hand, he turned and was about ready to return to the Olympic when he noticed two husky men chatting in the lobby. Faber went over to them showing his badge. The deputy introduced himself and explained that he needed a couple of brave men to be deputized so they could serve as backup. When the two men agreed to help, Faber went on and told them what he had in mind. After a bit more discussion, the two men were deputized. The hotel's desk clerk supplied them with holsters and pistols from a rack of firearms in a back room where the hotel kept them under lock and key. Deputy Faber, with his newly appointed special deputy reinforcements, walked

(See Allison on Page 4)

In Their Own Words

A Deadly Lottery

After Texas won its independence from Mexico in 1836, Mexican president Santa Anna vowed he would retake the region at all costs. Santa Anna told one American diplomat that he "would war for ever for the reconquest of Texas, and that if he died in his senses his last words should be an exhortation to his countrymen never to abandon the effort to reconquer the country." Mexico invaded in 1842, capturing San Antonio. Fighting continued until the middle of 1843.

Eyewitness Thomas Jef-



Thomas Jefferson Green

erson Green was among a group of Texan volunteers who ignored orders and attacked the Mexican town of Mier, where the troops were defeated and taken prisoner. On the order of Santa Anna,

176 Texans were marched to Salado and made to pay an enormous price. This excerpt is from Green's account of the incident.

Soon after they arrived, our men received the melancholy intelligence that they were to be decimated, and each tenth man shot.

It was now too late to resist this horrible order. Our men were closely ironed [chained] and drawn up in front of all their guards, who were in readiness to fire. Could they have known it

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Crazy Horse

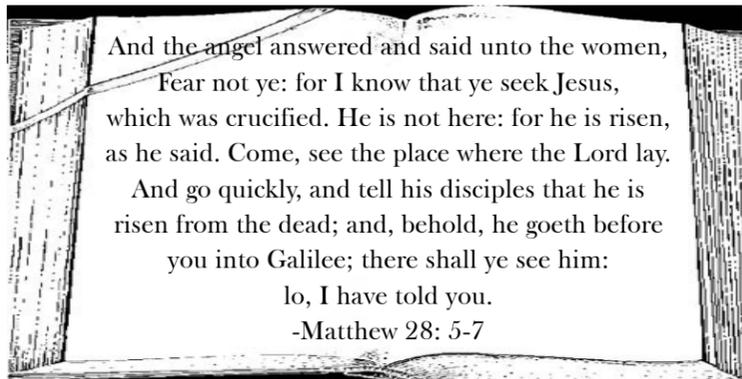
Courageous. Daring. Aggressive. Oglala Sioux War Chief Crazy Horse fought his peoples' enemies and defended their lifestyle with fierce heroism.

Most likely born in either 1840 or 1841, Crazy Horse was first called Curly or Light-Haired Boy. His mother, Rattling Blanket Woman, was a sister of Spotted Tail, who became a magnificent warrior chief in his own right. His father, also named Crazy Horse, was a respected medicine

man of the Hunkpatila band of the Oglala Sioux. As was the custom, Curly's name changed over the years. When he was about 10 years old, the elder Crazy Horse changed the boy's name to His Horse On Sight (also translated as Horse Stands In Sight) after his son's role in the capture of some wild horses in the Sand Hills of Nebraska.

On September 3, 1855, the boy was not in camp when a large column led by

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Captain's Bar Presents

ARIZONA TRIVIA

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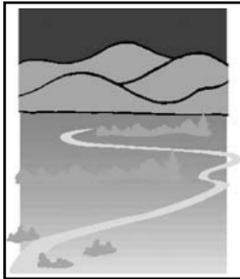
Last Issue's Question: Arizona's early growth was fueled by what are known as the Five C's, including cotton, copper, cattle, and citrus. What is the fifth "C"?
 Answer: Climate

Congratulations! You got the right answer!

Gloria Chaney, Sid Clarke, Larry Damer, Kevin Gartley, Robert Lidgett, Gary Swanson, Richard Valley.

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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

There's a stone tree millions of years old in Arizona's Petrified Forest that has created a bridge 100 feet long over a deep gully. An 1886 cowboy from the Hashknife Ranch won a \$10 bet when he rode his pony from one end of the ancient tree to the other.

1821 was the year Mexico became independent of Spain and claimed the region now called Arizona at a time when Tuc-

son was surrounded by adobe brick walls 10 to 12 feet high to keep attacking Apaches out.

German-born Henry Wickenburg discovered the Vulture Mine, one of Arizona's great gold producers, in 1863 northwest of where Phoenix is today. A year later, a town was named for him on the Hassayampa River where Yavapai Indian farmers once raised corn and pumpkins.

1879 residents of a Gila County mining town which has long since disappeared, decorated the community Christmas tree with bottles of whiskey, dynamite fuses, cigars and twists of dried tobacco.

When the first steam-powered passenger trains began crossing northern Arizona from California and New Mexico in 1883, they passed through Holbrook, Winslow, Flagstaff, Williams and Kingman. Their average speed was 20 miles an hour and they were operated by the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, later the Santa Fe.

The 1903 Williams town council voted to reinstate an ordinance making it illegal to let cattle, horses, mules, goats, sheep and pigs run loose on the streets. The ordinance had been repealed by intimidated council members the previous year because of protests from angry residents that restricting livestock was a violation of owner rights.

At Globe in 1910 cowboys called wild burros 'jas-sonks' and said they were so fearless and full of fight they sometimes killed mountain lions.

It took an entire day for 1917 tourists to drive 150 dirt road miles from Flagstaff to Monument Valley on the Navajo Reservation. Most made the trip in Model T Fords and they carried oil, gasoline and water containers strapped to one running board and bedrolls to the other. Ropes were wrapped around tires and rims to provide traction through deep sand.

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Charles Siringo

Lawman & Wild West Author

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Slight and gray-eyed, Siringo was the Texas-born son of immigrants—an Italian father and an Irish mother. He got his first taste of man hunting at the age of 22, while working as a cowboy. His prey, Billy the Kid, was five years younger, but already a noted outlaw. Siringo tracked the adolescent killer across New Mexico, but he had to give up the pursuit when he was separated from his traveling money at a gaming table.

After 15 years as a cowhand in the Southwest

and two dull years as a grocer in Kansas, Siringo journeyed to Chicago in search of bigger money. There he met a blind phrenologist who fingered his scull and concluded that he was “cut out to be a detective.” Siringo became a Pinkerton man in 1886 and soon proved to be an almost unshakable bloodhound. He trailed desperadoes through

blizzards on the northern plains and through scorching days in the desert. Once he paddled an Indian dug-out canoe in stormy Alaskan waters to catch up with two gold thieves.

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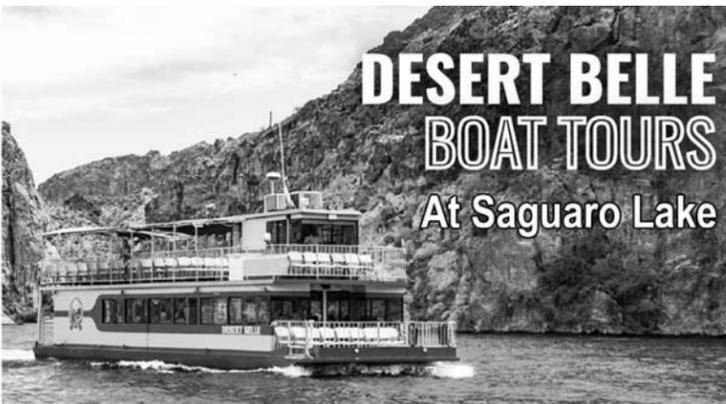


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The Last Gunfight

Allison

(From Page 1)

back across the street and entered the dance hall. He cocked both hammers of the shotgun as he went through the door.

The Allison brothers by now already had plenty to drink. Clay was downing his third shot of whiskey; his brother John was whirling a buxom woman across the dance floor in a drunken em-

brace. They had both become rather boisterous. A few of the dance hall customers complained to the bartender that the two cowboys were becoming too rowdy. They were even stomping on the toes of some of the women on the dance floor.

Deputy Faber didn't ask either of the Allison brothers to surrender their firearms this time. In fact, he didn't say a word when he burst through the door with his companions brandishing

guns. "Look out!" someone shouted. A woman screamed. Faber immediately brought the shotgun to his shoulder, pointed it at John and pulled the trigger. A blast of buckshot tore through John Allison's chest and arm. Frightened dance hall patrons yelled and screamed. Men and women ran frantically for the doors or ducked under tables.

Clay Allison, who was at the bar with his back to the door, quickly turned around yanking out his pistol. He saw Faber holding the double-barreled shotgun with smoke still curling out one of its barrels. Clay shot back. His bullet hit Faber solidly in the chest. As the deputy fell to the floor, the shotgun's second barrel discharged and another blast of buckshot was sent into John's thigh. Although his first shot was a mortal one, Clay shot the deputy three more times.

After Faber's first shotgun blast at John Allison, his two special deputies turned tail and ran from the dance hall. Clay saw them leave and raced through the door after them. He was able to fire only one shot, but it missed the mark and they got away. He went back inside to check on his brother. "Somebody get a doctor!" he cried

(See Allison on Page 10)



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There's a \$350 charge to sing a song with Micky Dolenz. In addition to meeting Micky, you also get one autographed 8x10 photo of Micky, one item of yours signed, and a photo of yourself with Micky. If your not a singer you can still meet Micky Dolenz and get all the photos and autograph for only \$125. The party starts at 8:00 p.m. and goes till 10:30 p.m. For more information

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Roosters' own Trey Le-trash will host karaoke before (7:00 p.m.) and after Micky's appearance. Once again, even if you don't purchase one of the packages you can still come and watch the fun for free! There's no cover charge!

Roosters Country is also getting ready to stage their 5th Annual Spring Golf Tournament on Sunday, May 19, at Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa. It's a four-player scramble and the cost is \$60 per person. This is a fun event and golfers of all skill levels are welcome. It's a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start with a 7:00 a.m. check-in. The fee includes golf and cart, the after party at Roosters Country, food, raffle, 50/50 raffle, fun holes of golf, contests and more! Proceeds from the

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Crazy Horse

War Chief

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U.S. Army General William S. Harney launched an attack. Harney's assault on the Sioux encampment left 86 dead. Many of the casualties were women and children. Harney also marched off with 70 female captives. Stunned at the slaughter of his friends and relatives, the young man became a staunch foe of the white man.

In 1858 the young brave rode with a war party against an Arapaho village in central Wyoming. He fought so courageously that upon the war party's triumphant return his father

honored him by passing on to him the name Crazy Horse. The name Crazy Horse was actually quite common among the Sioux, but the fearless brave made the name his own over the next two decades. His name came to symbolize the proud courage of the Native Americans of the last days of the Old West.



Crazy Horse had a mystical side and he joined a medicine society called the Thunder Cult, where he regularly sought visions. On one such vision quest Crazy Horse had a vision of a rider in a storm on horseback, with long unbraided hair, a small stone in his ear, zigzag lightning decorating his cheek, and hail dotting his body. Although a warrior, he bore no scalps. People clutched at the rider, but could not hold him. The storm faded and a red-backed hawk flew over the rider's head. When Crazy Horse later related the dream to his father, the medicine man interpreted it as a sign of his son's future greatness in battle. His visions seemed to instill a confidence and dedication to go along with his innate warrior's instincts.

Through the late 1850s and early 1860s, Crazy Horse's reputation as a warrior grew as did his fame among his people. The vast majority of his exploits were raids against other Plains tribes and there are no written records, but because of his fighting ability, Crazy Horse was installed as an Ogle Tanka Un (Shirt

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Fearing retaliation, the Nez Perces went into hiding in White Bird Canyon. After beating back an army detachment, Chief Joseph decided to lead his band of 150 warriors

and 550 women, children, and older men across the Bitterroot Mountains and northward to a haven in Canada. As troops under General Oliver O. Howard took the field against Chief Joseph, the public, remembering the Custer massacre, called for revenge. But the 1,700-mile retreat of the Nez Perces, in which they fought the Army to a standstill, won wide admiration. At last, however, they were

trapped by Colonel Nelson A. Miles' troops only forty miles from Canada. Chief Joseph surrendered after being promised that his people would be sent back to Idaho. Instead, the government shipped them to Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma), where many died. Howard and Miles protested, and the Nez Perces went to a reservation in Washington Territory.



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Deadly Lottery

Execution

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previously they would have again charged their guards, and made them pay dearly for the last breach of faith. It was now too late! A manly gloom and a proud defiance filled all faces. They had but one resort, and that was to invoke their country's vengeance upon their murderers, consign their souls to God, and die like men.

The decimator, Colonel Domingo Huerta, had arrived at Salado ahead of our men. The "Redcap" company were to be the executioners; those men whose lives had been so humanely spared by our men at this place on the 11th of February.

The decimation took place by the drawing of black and white beans from a small earthen mug. The white ones signified life and the black death. One hundred and fifty-nine white beans were placed in the bottom of the mug with seventeen black ones upon the top of them. The beans were not stirred, and had so slight

a shake that it was perfectly clear that they had not been mixed together. Such was [the Mexicans'] anxiety to execute Captain Cameron, and perhaps the balance of the officers, that first Cameron, and afterward other officers, were made to draw a bean each from the mug in this condition.

Cameron said, with his usual coolness: "Well, boys, we have to draw; let's be at it." He then thrust his hand into the mug and drew out a white bean. Next came Colonel Wilson, then Captain Ryan, and then Judge Gibson, all of whom drew white beans. Next came Captain Eastland, who drew the first black one, and then the balance of the men. The knocking off the irons from the unfortunates alone told who they were.

They all drew their beans with that manly dignity and firmness which showed them superior to their condition. None showed change of countenance; and as the black beans failed to depress so did the white beans fail to elate. Some of lighter temper jested over the tragedy. One would say: "Boys, this beats raffling all to pieces"; another would say: "This is the tallest gambling scrape I ever was in."

Major Cocke, when he first drew the fatal bean,

held it up before his forefinger and thumb, and with a smile of contempt said: "Boys, I told you so; I never failed in my life to draw a prize."

Soon after, the fated men were placed in a separate courtyard, where about dark they were executed. Several of our men were permitted to visit the unfortunates to receive their dying requests.

Just previous to the firing they were bound together with cords, and their eyes being bandaged they were set upon a log near the wall with their backs to the executioners. They all begged the officer to shoot them in front and at a short distance. This he refused; and, to make his cruelty as refined as possible, he fired at several paces.

During the martyrdom of these patriots the main body of our men were separated from them by a stone wall some fifteen feet high. The next morning, as they marched on the road to Mexico, they passed the bodies of their dead comrades, whose bones now lie upon the plains of Salado, a perishing remembrance of exalted patriotism.

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Crazy Horse

War Chief

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Wearer or war leader) in 1865. Almost immediately, he assumed a prominent role under Sitting Bull in the harassing of a 2,000-man column of soldiers led by Colonel Nelson Cole and Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Walker. A year later, he played an even larger role in Red Cloud's War, which was a massive campaign against army possession of the Bozeman Trail.

On December 21, 1866, Crazy Horse led the Oglala contingent of a war party comprising 1,000 warriors, including members of the Cheyenne and Miniconjou tribes in an ambush of U.S. troops stationed at Fort Phil Kearny that became known as the Fetterman massacre. Crazy Horse led a decoy party that drew the U.S. soldiers out of Fort Kearny while the main body of warriors hid around the Lodge Trail Ridge. Captain William J. Fetterman took the bait and marched out with 80 men to pursue the decoy group. Once out of the protection of the fort, the army force was set upon by the main body of the Sioux war party. All 81 soldiers were killed. Before the Battle of the Little Bighorn, the Fetterman Massacre was the army's worst defeat in the West.

In 1870, Crazy Horse married Black Buffalo Woman, already the wife of No Water. It was the custom to allow a woman to divorce her husband at any time. She did so by moving in with relatives or with another man, or by plac-

ing the husband's belongings outside their lodge. Although some compensation might be required to smooth over hurt feelings, the rejected husband was expected to accept his wife's decision for the good of the tribe. No Water was away from camp when Crazy Horse and Black Buffalo Woman eloped. No Water gathered a group of supporters and tracked down Crazy Horse and Black

Buffalo Woman. When he found them, he shot Crazy Horse in the shoulder. Several elders convinced Crazy Horse and No Water that no more blood should be shed and that as compensation for the shooting, No Water should give Crazy Horse three horses. At about the same time, Crazy Horse's younger half brother Little Hawk was killed while on

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The Last Gunfight

Allison

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when he saw the raw and ragged wound in his brother's chest. He then reached over and grabbed a handful of the dead deputy's hair. He dragged the corpse along the floor next to his brother. "Look here, John! This is the man who shot you! I killed him!"

As several men were carefully taking John Allison back to their room at the Vandiver Hotel, Clay pounded his fist on the dead deputy's head. "Look here, John! This is the damned S.O.B. that shot you down! Everything's going to be all right! You will be well soon!" Witnesses to the shooting said John's wounds were horrendous. One man said he didn't think John

would last through the night.

When Sheriff Spiers was informed about the shootout, he sent two deputies to the Vandiver Hotel with orders to arrest both brothers and

on the ground floor. Both Allison brothers were charged with murder.

The charge against John was later dropped by prosecutors when it became evident during the trial that John had not fired a shot. The murder charge against Clay was changed to manslaughter and would stand. Prosecuting lawyers said Deputy Faber was performing his official duties when he was shot and killed by Clay Allison. But as the trial progressed further, several witnesses came forward to testify that Deputy Faber was actually the one at fault. The deputy had fired a shotgun into the crowded dance hall without provocation. He had given no warning. Clay Allison, they said, had fired back in self-defense.



Clay Allison

bring them to the jail. John was placed in the jail infirmary on the second floor and Clay was locked up in a cell

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April 21, 1869

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Crazy Horse

War Chief

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a war expedition south of the Platte River. Sometime during 1871, Crazy Horse married his second wife, Black Shawl.

On June 17, 1876, Crazy Horse led a combined group of approximately 1,500 Sioux and Cheyenne in a surprise attack against General George Crook's force of 1,000 cavalry and infantry and 300 Crow and Shoshone warriors in the Battle of the Rosebud. The battle, although not substantial in terms of human loss, was important because it delayed Crook from joining up with the 7th Cavalry under George A. Custer, helping ensure Custer's defeat at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

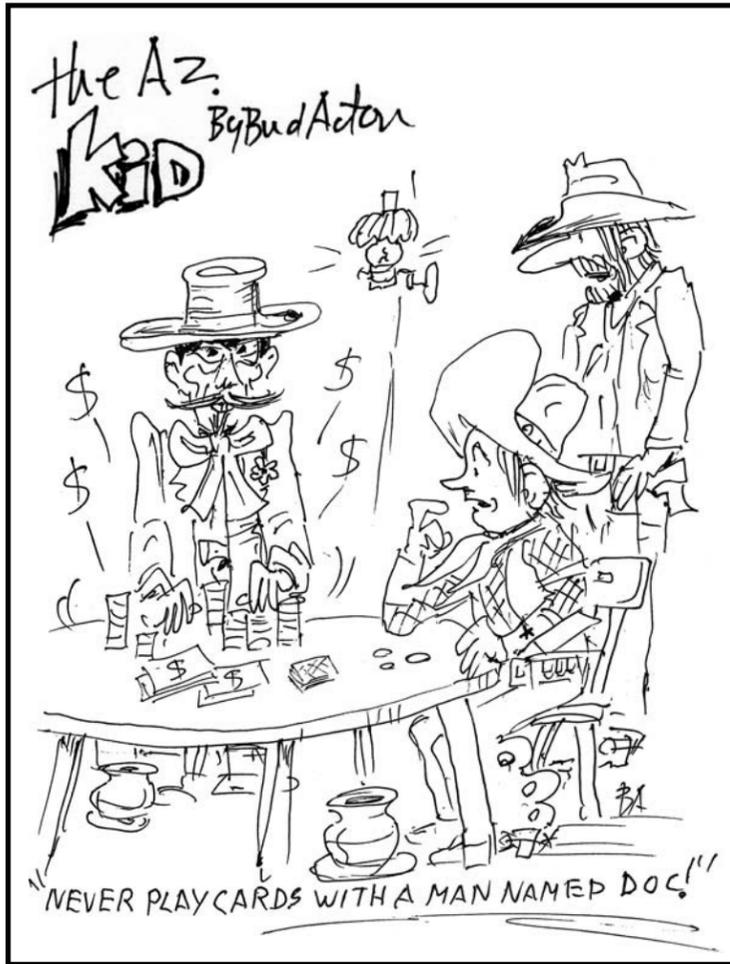
At 3:00 p.m. on June 26, 1876, Custer's 7th Cavalry attacked a large Sioux and Cheyenne encampment near the Little Bighorn River. Crazy Horse commanded a war party that repelled the first attack, led by Major Marcus Reno. After driving back Reno's force, Crazy Horse's war-

riors were free to pursue Custer. In the counterattack that destroyed Custer's 7th Cavalry to the last man, Crazy Horse flanked the Americans from the north and west as Hunkpapa Warriors led by Chief Gall charged from the south and east.

On January 8, 1877, Crazy Horse's warriors

fought their last battle, the Battle of Slim Buttes, against the U.S. Cavalry in Montana. The Indians' triumphs over the white man's army proved futile in the end as the buffalo—the Plains Indians major source of food—had all but disappeared from the prairies.

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Charles Siringo

Detective

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the infiltration of gangs. On one audacious mission, he rode into a bandit hideout at Powder Springs, Colorado, and introduced himself as Charles Carter, freelance gunman. Within a few days he had ingratiated himself with his hosts—Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch. Every time the new gang



He then surfaced in his lawman's role and began chasing Cassidy in turn. For four saddle-sore years, he dogged the gang from Wyoming to Arkansas and back again, covering some 25,000 miles in all. Siringo gave up the hunt only after the outlaws fled to South America,

Such exploits paid off handsomely in an indirect way, for Siringo wrote almost as hard as he

member got wind of a plan to rob a Union Pacific train, he would tip off railroad officials, who would change

the train schedule and foil the holdup. When Cassidy caught on and went after him, "Carter" vanished.

rode. He churned out seven books about his Western adventures, four of them dealing with Billy the Kid. But with pen in hand, Siringo sometimes lost perspective on his subjects, most notably when he recalled the murderous Kid as "a prince of a human being, who got off on the wrong foot." He also chronicled his experiences in *A Cowboy Detective*, published in 1912, and in *Riata and Spurs: The Story of a Lifetime Spent in the Saddle as Cowboy and Ranger* in 1927.

Siringo died in Altadena, California, in October 1928. Decades of adventures among numerous frontier notables, combined with an autobiographical urge, made Charlie Siringo one of the most important firsthand chroniclers of the West.



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Her reputation was well deserved. Born Maria Dolores Eliza Gilbert in Limerick, Ireland, in 1818, she adopted a new name to give credence to her Spanish dance act. By age 28, she had finished with two husbands and a host of lovers that included Franz Liszt and Alexander Dumas. As a dancer, she had shocked Paris by lifting a leg and tossing a perfumed garter to the crowd. In 1846, she was in the royal bed of Bavaria's King Ludwig I as the Countess of Landsfelt.

In May 1853, "the most widely known and thoroughly discussed woman of the decade" sailed into San Francisco Bay. At 6:00am she was greeted by 5,000 miners. One newspaper observed, "she is the very comet of her sex."

Staying with her 50 trunks of luggage at the Russ House Hotel, she rested for 5 days, delighting in the uproar. Said the *San Francisco Herald*: "She sways hearts and potentates and editors and public opinion... she is welcomed—so she permits herself to be seen, admired, sung, courted, and gone mad over here as elsewhere."

Her debut was at the American Theatre, playing Lady Teazle in Sheridan's *The School for Scandal*. The second night, she danced *La Tarantula*, appearing in short skirts and flesh colored tights. Lola writhed like a madwoman, jumping and jiggling, flinging fake spiders to the floor and stomping on them.

In the midst of it all, she argued with her agent during a rehearsal, beat him up, and very publicly fired him. However, she also organized benefits for the Hebrew Benevolent Fund and the Fireman's Fund. When it was announced that she had raised \$30,000 for the Fireman's Fund, the infatuated firefighters threw their helmets on stage in

adoration. Before she left town, she threw a lavish party and married Irish journalist Patrick Purdy Hull, whom she had met on her long sea voyage.

After leaving San Francisco it was on to San Diego. The populace there was equally enraptured with Lola's spider dance. When a local editor suggested that possibly her audience had been paid to give such an enthusiastic response she challenged him to a duel. The editor declined.

Lola attempted to settle down with Hull in Grass Valley, California, but soon grew bored and left her husband in 1855 and sailed for Australia and new adventures.

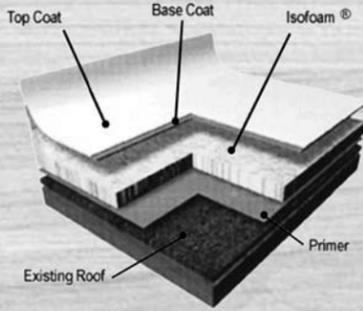
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War Chief

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On May 8, 1877, his people weakened by cold and hunger, Crazy Horse surrendered to U.S. troops and was assigned to the Nebraska reservation at Fort Robinson. While at Fort Robinson, Crazy Horse took Nellie Laravie, a young half-French, half-Indian daughter of a trader, as his third wife.

Crazy Horse

Crazy Horse was under constant watch as a potential escapee. After rumors that he was planning to flee, he was arrested on September 5, 1877. When he realized that he was to be confined in Fort Robinson's guardhouse, he resisted. During the scuffle, private William Gentiles, a 20-year army veteran who never rose above the rank of private, lunged at Crazy Horse with his bayonet, striking him near his left kidney. He

died during the night in the Adjutant's Office. His body was taken away by his parents and laid to rest somewhere in the Badlands. To this day, no one knows the final resting place of Crazy Horse.

Celebrated for his ferocity in battle, Crazy Horse was recognized among his own people as a visionary leader committed to preserving the traditions and values of the Sioux way of life. For more than two decades, Crazy Horse rode as a warrior in hundreds of raids against the enemies of his people. Crazy Horse is among the most respected and revered of all Native American war chiefs. He fought Crows, Shoshones, and the soldiers of the U.S. Army. He led his warriors with devastating skill in delivering the army its two worst defeats in the West.



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The Last Gunfight

Allison

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Since prosecutors could not produce anyone who could testify against Clay Allison's narrative, all charges were eventually dismissed. The court then released both Allison brothers and adjourned.

Amazingly, John Allison survived his wounds. A surgeon spent hours removing buckshot from his chest, arm and leg. According to some historians, the gunfight at the Olympic Dance Hall was the one that clinched Clay Allison's legend as one of the most dangerous gunfighters in the old West. The gun fight in the Las Animas dance hall was Clay Allison's last.

In the years afterward, he left his ranch in New Mexico and wandered from place to place throughout the West. He went from Dodge City to Hays City in Kansas. He was later seen in St. Louis, Mis-

souri, and finally ended up in Texas. He bought a ranch near Pecos and at least one neighbor said that "when he was sober, he was a quiet, pleasant, and affable man. But under the influence of liquor, he was very dangerous."

In July 1887, he died in a freak accident. While driving a ranch wagon full of supplies that he had just purchased in Pecos, a sack of animal feed fell off the vehicle. Clay reached down to pick it up but lost his balance and

fell to the ground. The front wagon wheel rolled over his head and fractured his skull. He died a few hours later. He was 47 years old.

Clay Allison was buried in the cemetery at Pecos Park. Two grave markers, one of wood and one of granite, are above his grave. One reads, "Clay Allison, Gentleman Gunfighter, 1840-1887. R.I.P." The other says, "Robert Clay Allison, 1840-1887, 'He Never Killed a Man that did not Need Killing.'"

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