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## A WAR IN LINCOLN COUNTY

### Rival Cattle Barons Shoot It Out in New Mexico

The so-called Lincoln County War began in 1878 and dragged on until 1881. At that time Lincoln County covered nearly one-fifth of the entire New Mexico Territory. It was the largest county in the United States. This particular war arose from conflicts between rival New Mexico cattle barons.

The trouble in Lincoln County had its origins in the aftermath of the Civil War. A man named Lawrence G. Murphy served with the New Mexico Volunteers. After the war he opened a store in Lincoln. He soon controlled the economic life of the county. He owned the area's only store. He farmed and raised cattle. He arranged for most of the wagon trains that traveled to Lincoln. He set the prices of goods, prices that were way too high for average citizens.



James Dolan and Alexander McSween

So powerful was Murphy that he determined who owned land and who could find jobs. He even determined who could stay in the county. However, poor health forced him to seek treatment in Santa Fe. In 1876 he had to sell his business interests in Lincoln.

The two men who bought out Murphy were James Dolan and John H.

Riley. These men wanted to control the economic life of Lincoln just as Murphy had.

These men and their allies were known as "The House".

In 1877, their control was challenged by Alexander McSween, a Lincoln attorney, and John Tunstall, an English entrepreneur, who were backed by the day's biggest cattle baron, John Chisum. Chisum's em-

ployees and supporters were known as "The Regulators", and followers of The House violently resisted them. The battle was fought not only in courtrooms, but also through gunfights, murders, and cattle rustlings. The war attracted desperados from all parts of New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and Mexico.

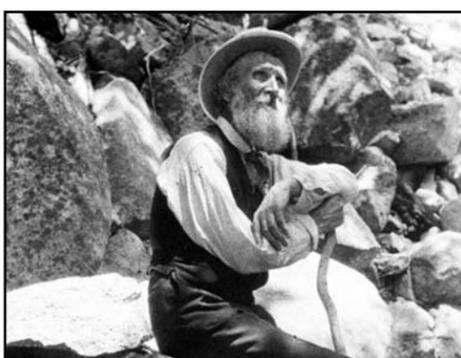
In the fall of 1877, Tunstall hired William Boney, better known as "Billy the Kid" as a cattle guard. Violence broke out soon after. The House proprietors Dolan and Riley obtained a court order to seize some of Tunstall's horses as payment for an outstanding debt. When Tunstall refused to surrender the horses the Lincoln County sheriff, William Brady, formed a posse led by deputy William Morton to seize the horses. After protesting the presence of the posse on his land, Tunstall

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### In Their Own Words

## John Muir: The Wonders of Yosemite

Appropriately enough, more of California's geographical features are named for John Muir than any other person. These include Muir Pass in Kings Canyon Park, Muir Gorge in Yosemite, the John Muir trail in the High Sierra, and Muir Grove in Sequoia National Park. Muir's adventures began when he dropped out of the University of Wisconsin to experience the natural world



he had been studying in his geology and botany classes at school.

These following excerpt comes from one of his books, The Mountains of Califor-

nia, published in 1894.

Arriving by the Panama steamer, I stopped one day in San Francisco and then inquired for the nearest way out of town. "But where do you want to go?" asked the man to whom I had applied for this important information. "To any place that is wild," I said. This reply startled him. He seemed to fear I might be

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## The White Buffalo

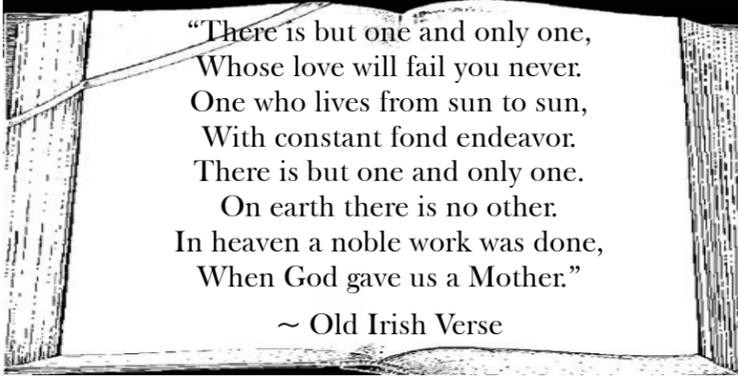
Jim Caspion and Sam Tillman were neighbors in eastern Kansas in 1871. When they heard that buffalo hides were fetching \$3.50 a piece in Leavenworth and Kansas City, they decided to become buffalo hunters.

On an October morning they rode off with a hired man and a wagon load of supplies. The hours passed without any sign of buffalo. After a midday rest, the men resumed their search, but in order to cover more ground, they decided

to split up. They took one precaution. Caspion and Tillman realized they were in Indian country, so they agreed to stay in sight of one another. Also, in that way they could signal each other if buffalo were sighted.

By late afternoon the hunters still had not found any buffalo. Caspion, about to give up, decided to take one last look over a long ridge up ahead. Reaching the ridge and looking over

(See Chase on Page 8)



“There is but one and only one,  
Whose love will fail you never.  
One who lives from sun to sun,  
With constant fond endeavor.  
There is but one and only one.  
On earth there is no other.  
In heaven a noble work was done,  
When God gave us a Mother.”

~ Old Irish Verse

### Captain's Bar Presents

#### ARIZONA TRIVIA

This Week's Question: What English landmark was shipped stone-by-stone and reconstructed in Lake Havasu City? (12 Letters)

Last Issue's Question: The largest open pit copper mine in the United States is in Arizona. What town sits adjacent to the mine?  
Answer: Morenci

*Congratulations! You got the right answer!*

Leo Achin, Gloria Chaney, Sid Clarke, Larry Damer, Doyle Ekey, Jeanne Finch, Kevin Gartley, Robert Lidgett, Jim Luce, Roger Ringer, William Smith, Nancy Swanson.

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## Arizona - Web of Time

### Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

The Hualapai Indians of northwest Arizona at Peach Springs near the Grand Canyon once kept their feet warm in winter by wearing big horn mountain sheep pelt overshoes. Small bags made of bobcat fur were used as mittens. Blankets were strips of rabbit and badger fur sewn together.

outlaws arrested by the sheriff and waiting for trial were chained to a tree because there was no jail.

The 1876 road to Tucson from the west was so rough a stagecoach passenger who wanted to sleep had to wrap a blanket around his head to protect it from the jolting.

At Wickenburg in 1865,

There was talk in 1889

of building a railroad through the Grand Canyon, but it all came to nothing when the man promoting the idea drowned trying to survey a route by boat on the Colorado River.

It wasn't until 1898 that electric lights began to replace kerosene lamps in the small northern Arizona mountain town of Williams on the Santa Fe line south of the Grand Canyon. Some enterprising residents installed a boiler, steam engine and electric generator in a building on a street that became part of U.S. Route 66 a quarter of a century later. Then they strung power lines to the most progressive parts of town.

Favorite Arizona cowboy songs of the early 20th Century were the Chuckwagon Cook, Hell Among the Yearlings, Sweet Sal in the Piney Woods, and one called Billy Venniarro which was about a young cowboy who died trying to save his sweetheart from attacking Apaches.

In 1910 ex-president Teddy Roosevelt spoke at Flagstaff on his way by train via Williams to the Grand Canyon. His audience included black soldiers, members of the Army's 10th Cavalry who'd served with him and his Rough Riders in Cuba 12 years earlier during the Spanish-American War. The soldiers had ridden horseback 130 miles from Fort Apache east of Flagstaff to hear Roosevelt recall how they'd charged up San Juan Hill.

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Because a policy established in 1820 barred blacks from serving in the regular army, many of them fought for the Union Army in volunteer regiments such as

the Seventy-third Regiment of U.S. Colored Troops, Hunter's Regiment, the First Kansas Colored, and the



Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Regiments of Massachusetts. By the end of the Civil War, more than 180,000 black men had fought for the Union Army, and more than 38,000 of these soldiers died in the war.

After the war, Congress began to consider the formation of black regular army units in 1866. Opinions var-

ied on this idea. Some objected, claiming that blacks could not perform military duties as well as whites, that they were unwanted in the North, and that in the South they would be a nagging reminder of the Union's victory over the Confederacy.

In spite of the opposition, Congress voted to enlist six black regiments for two reasons. First, given their strong record of participation in the Civil War, several members of Congress voted to create the black regiments out of a sense of fairness. Second, Congress realized that blacks were less likely than whites to desert, because they had fewer opportunities in civilian life. Therefore, on July 28, 1866, Congress passed an act establishing the Ninth and Tenth

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# Lincoln County War

## Conflict

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was shot and killed by Morton. Billy the Kid vowed revenge.

Billy joined the Regulators, whose aim was to hunt for William Morton. The Regulators found Morton somewhere in the countryside. Morton surrendered after a five mile running

gunfight on the condition that Morton and his fellow deputy sheriff, Frank Baker, would be returned alive to Lincoln. On February 18, 1878, the third day of the journey back to Lincoln, Billy the Kid and another Regulator killed the prisoners along with one of their fellow Regulators who apparently tried to stop them.

On April 1, 1878, Billy and several other Regula-

tors ambushed Sheriff Brady, who was searching for the killers of his deputies. Sheriff Brady was killed and another deputy was mortally wounded. Billy now shifted his allegiance to his former employer's ally, the lawyer McSween. However, a new sheriff allied with The House faction, George Peppin, laid siege to McSween's adobe home in the center of Lincoln while Billy, McSween and several comrades were inside. The Kid and several others were able to flee the area, but McSween was gunned down while trying to escape.

In September 1878, President Rutherford B. Hayes removed Governor Samuel Axtell from office and appointed Lew Wallace as New Mexico's new governor. Wallace was famous for having served in both the war with Mexico and the Civil War. A writer, Wallace became even more famous for his novel "Ben Hur".

At first Governor Wallace felt that conditions in Lincoln County might call for martial (military) law. The president, however, advised lawbreakers to return to peace. Wallace offered amnesty to persons involved in the Lincoln County War, open to anyone who had not been charged with or convicted of a crime.

Susan McSween, Alexander McSween's widow, hired Huston Chapman as her attorney after her husband was killed. Chapman

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# George Catlin

## Painter, Author Traveler

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Several years later, in 1830, Catlin traveled to St. Louis and befriended the famous explorer William Clark. By 1832 he had set off on the first of many trips to the lands of western Indians. With a trader as an interpreter, he introduced himself to the tribes he met. Then, once the Indians knew he was friendly, he brought out his paints and pencils and began depicting what he saw.

Although other non-Indian artists had painted western Indians, Catlin was the first to visit their homelands in an



**Jú-ah-kís-gaw, Woman With Her Child in a Cradle by George Catlin**

effort to create an accurate visual record of their way of life.

The Indians of the West were nearly as fascinated with Catlin as he was with them. Before meeting them, they had never seen a real-

istic portrait. They painted their own pictures using vegetable dyes and leaves, but these materials could not produce the highly detailed works Catlin could create with commercial paints and brushes. He wrote of the Mandan Indians' stunned reaction to his paintings: "Many of the gaping multitude commenced yelping; some were stamping off in the jarring dance. . . hundreds covered their mouths."

From 1832 to 1840, Catlin made more than 500 paintings of Indians. He spent many more years traveling throughout the United States and Europe with Catlin's Indian Gallery. This touring exhibition featured his paintings and displays of some eight tons of Indian clothing and artifacts he had collected during his travels.

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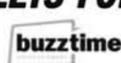
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# Wonders of Yosemite

Muir

(From Page 1)

crazy and therefore the sooner I was out of town the better, so he directed me to the Oakland ferry.

So on the first of April, 1868, I set out afoot for Yosemite. It was the bloom-time of the year over the lowlands and coast ranges; the landscapes of the Santa Clara Valley were fairly drenched with sunshine, all the air was quivering with the songs of the meadow larks, and the hills were so covered with flowers that they seemed to be painted. Slow indeed was my progress through these glorious gardens, the first of the California flora I had seen. Cattle and cultivation were making few scars as yet, and I wandered enchant-



Yosemite Valley

ed in long wavering curves, knowing by my pocket map that Yosemite Valley lay to the east and that I should surely find it.

Looking eastward from the summit of the Pacheco Pass one shining morning, a landscape was displayed that after all my wanderings still appears as the most beauti-

ful I have ever beheld. At my feet lay the Great Central Valley of California, level and flowery, like a lake of pure sunshine, forty or fifty miles wide, five hundred miles long, one rich furred garden of Compositae [asters or daisies]. And from the eastern boundary of this vast golden flower-bed rose the mighty Sierra, miles in height, and so gloriously colored and so radiant, it seemed not clothed with light, but wholly composed of it, like the wall of some celestial city.

Along the top and extending a good way down, was a rich pearl-gray belt of snow; below it a belt of blue and dark purple, marking the extension of the forests; and stretching along the base of the range a broad belt of rose-purple; all these colors, from the blue sky to the yellow valley smoothly blending as they do in a rainbow, making a wall of light ineffably fine.

Then it seemed to me that the Sierra should be called, not the Nevada or Snowy Range, but the Range of Light. And after ten years of wandering in the heart of it,

(See Muir on Page 10)

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# Buffalo Soldiers

## Army

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Cavalries and the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first Infantry Divisions, which were later reorganized into the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantry Regiments.

Scores of blacks rushed to enlist for five-year terms at thirteen dollars per month. The men came from throughout the country. Their ages ranged from eighteen to thirty-four, and many of them were former slaves.

They initially began patrolling the Great Plains in April 1867. Their main duties included removing tribes considered to be dangerous and mapping the unsettled western frontier for white settlers seeking land. Additionally, the soldiers helped to remove settlers from unassigned land and protect law-abiding citizens from Native Americans attempting to either reclaim or remain on the land that the federal government had taken away from them.

Although the all-black regiments' main duties did not involve fighting, there were many instances when they engaged the enemy. A notable battle occurred on August 1, 1867, when the Tenth Cavalry became involved in a skirmish with the Cheyennes after a panic-stricken railroad worker rode into their post near Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He explained that Cheyenne warriors had attacked the workers' camp and killed seven men.

Under the command of Captain George Armes, thirty-four black soldiers

mounted their horses and raced toward the camp. While riding, the troops found themselves surrounded by Cheyenne braves and a gunfight broke out. The Cheyennes had superior position and the soldiers were trapped. After approximately six hours of fighting the soldiers were low on ammunition. Realizing that they needed to escape in order to survive, Captain Armes gave the command and the soldiers broke through the circle, fleeing with nearly

three hundred Cheyenne warriors in pursuit. The men rode hard for fifteen miles before they were met by reinforcements who assisted them in driving the Cheyennes away.

While the Tenth Cavalry survived the battle, thirteen soldiers were wounded and two were killed. Sergeant William Christy of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and Private Thomas Smith of South Carolina became

(See Army on Page 12)

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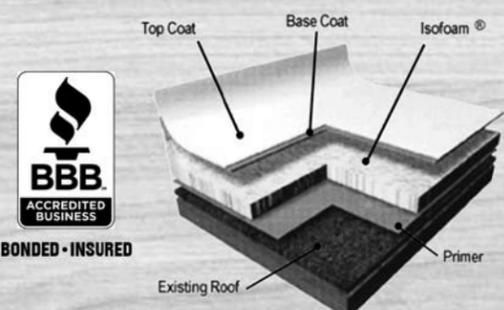
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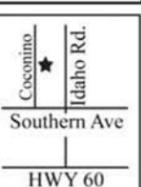
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# The White Buffalo

Chase

(From Page 1)

the crest, Caspion saw hundreds, perhaps thousands of buffalo. They were grazing peacefully in a wide valley, perhaps twenty-five miles across. As his eyes scanned the scene, he focused on one spot. On the outside of the herd was a milk-white buffalo. The whiteness of its robe contrasted sharply with the dun tints of the other animals around it.

Caspion signaled Tillman to join him, and then dismounted. He slowly moved to the crest of

crest he glanced back to see where Tillman was, and at that moment forgot about the white buffalo.

Sam Tillman was riding for his life. About fifty Cheyenne warriors on horseback were after Tillman, riding in the opposite direction.

The chase was a short one.

The Indians shot Tillman's horse, then closed in on him. Moments later, with

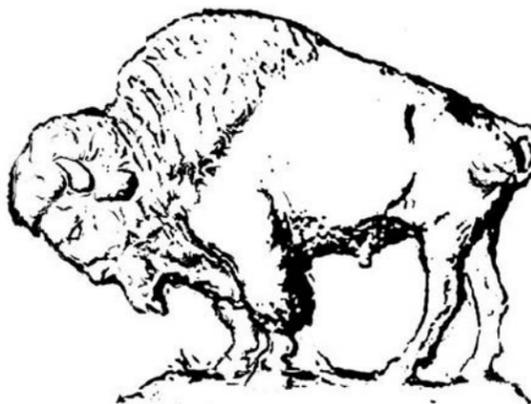
Tillman's scalp borne aloft on a lance, the Indians turned and started toward Caspion. They were about a mile away.

By then Caspion was atop his horse. He was scanning the countryside. He could not ride to the right or left without giving the Indians the advantage of being able to cut him off. So he headed his horse straight for the buffalo herd.

As Caspion bore down on the buffalo, they stampeded. Within a minute the rider and horse were swallowed up by the mass of beasts, and they were in a rush sweeping across the plain. The last thing Caspion saw over his shoulder, before the dust shut everything from view, was the party of Cheyenne warriors coming over the crest of the hill.

Crowding, jostling, holding on for dear life,

(See Chase on Page 11)



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# Lincoln County War

**Conflict**

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was murdered on February 18, 1879.

On March 6, 1879, Governor Wallace arrived in Lincoln with a cavalry escort. He remained in Lincoln about six weeks. He talked with most of those who had been involved in the Lincoln County War. He even had a private meeting with Billy the Kid. Wallace hoped that the Kid would testify at the trial of the two men arrested for Chapman's murder. This, however, never came to pass. The two men escaped from jail.

Wallace returned to Santa Fe. Billy the Kid turned to a lawless life. Eighteen months after their meeting, Billy was arrested in San Miguel County. Moved to Santa Fe for

safekeeping, Billy asked the governor for help. Wal-



**Billy the Kid**

lace, however, ignored all three of the outlaw's ap-

peals. Transferred to Mesilla, Billy the Kid stood trial for killing Sheriff Brady. It was now April 8, 1881. The court found Billy guilty. It sentenced him to hang in Lincoln on Friday, May 14, 1881.

Billy was jailed in Lincoln, but he was never hanged. On April 28 he managed to kill his two guards and escape. He shot J.W. Bell with Bell's own pistol. He then grabbed a shotgun and gunned down Robert Olinger as Olinger tried to run.

From then on, Billy was a hunted man. Rewards were offered for his capture. Pat Garrett, then sheriff of Lincoln, and a friend of Billy's, caught up with the Kid in Fort Sumner on July 13, 1881. Just after midnight on July 14, Garrett shot and killed Billy the Kid. His death ended the Lincoln County War.

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# Wonders of Yosemite

Muir

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rejoicing in its glorious floods of light, the white beams of the morning streaming through the passes, the noonday radiance on the crystal rocks, the flush of the alpenglow, and the irised spray of countless waterfalls, it still seems above all others the Range of Light.

In general views no mark of man is visible upon it, nor anything to suggest the wonderful depth and grandeur of its sculpture.

Nevertheless the whole range five hundred miles long is furrowed with canyons 2,000 to 5,000 feet deep, in which once flowed majestic glaciers, and in which now flow and sing the bright rejoicing rivers.

The most famous and

accessible of the canyon valleys, and also the one that presents their most striking and sublime features on the grandest scale, is the Yosemite, situated in the basin of the Merced River at an elevation of 4,000 feet above the level of the sea. It is about seven miles long, half a mile to a mile wide, and nearly a mile deep in the solid granite flank of the range. The walls are made up of rocks, mountains in size, partly separated from each other by side canyons, and they are so sheer in front, and so compactly and harmoniously arranged on a level floor, that the Valley, comprehensively seen, looks like an immense hall or temple lighted from above.

But no temple made with hands can compare with Yosemite. Every rock in its walls seems to glow

with life. Some lean back in majestic repose; others, absolutely sheer or nearly so for thousands of feet, advance beyond their companions in thoughtful attitudes, giving welcome to storms and calms alike, seemingly aware, yet heedless, of everything going on about them. Awful in stern, immovable majesty, how softly these rocks are adorned, and how fine and reassuring the company they keep: their feet among the beautiful groves and meadows, their brows in the sky, a thousand flowers leaning confidently against their feet, bathed in floods of water, floods of light, while the snow and waterfalls, the winds and avalanches and clouds shine and sing and wreathe about them as the years go by, and myriads of small winged creatures--birds, bees, butterflies--give glad animation and help to make all the air into music.

Down through the middle of the Valley flows the crystal Merced, River of Mercy, peacefully quiet, reflecting lilies and trees and the onlooking rocks; things frail and fleeting and types of endurance meeting here and blending in countless forms, as if into this one mountain mansion Nature had gathered her choicest treasures, to draw her lovers into close and confiding communion with her.

Though Muir lived in and traveled through the wilderness for most of his life, he was more than a frontiersman. In 1892 he organized the Sierra Club, and his lobbying efforts helped secure Yosemite's protection as the first National Park.

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# The White Buffalo

Chase

(From Page 8)

Caspion gave his horse his head.

The animal held his own among the pushing and shoving buffalo. The dust was so thick Caspion could see nothing. He held his head low. The dust was choking.

After about a mile the buffalo slowed down, but they kept moving at a rapid pace over the plain. The sun soon set, but Caspion could not see the sun. He could only tell by the feel of the ground that the buffalo had moved out of the valley and were now in rough and hilly country, he believed at least twenty-five miles from where the stampede had started.

Then, suddenly, the leaders of the herd divided at a steep bluff. Most turned left, but some followed a small valley, which went to the right. Caspion's horse was forced to turn with the buffalo heading into the valley. After passing through a narrow opening, the valley widened and the buffalo began to thin out. The dust was not so thick. Caspion realized it was dark. A bright moon was coming up. It made the ride seem almost unreal. Then Caspion saw the white buffalo ahead of him, running with the other buffalo about one hundred yards away. They came to a place where a deep ravine, worn by water, cut close against the side of the bluff. The ani-

mals nearest the bluff kept their footing, but those near the edge were crowded off into space.

As his horse passed the spot safely, Caspion could hear the thuds as the buffalo hit the floor of the ravine twenty feet below, and the painful bellowing of buffalo in the ravine could be heard above the thundering hoofs of the others that passed the spot safely.

Caspion could not see the white buffalo.

When the valley widened, Caspion regained control of his horse. The horse was exhausted, almost ruined, and gave in easily as Caspion slowly reined to a stop outside the dwindling flow of buffalo.

He dismounted, tied his horse and lay down.

(See Chase on Page 14)

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# Buffalo Soldiers

## Army

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the first black casualties of the Indian Wars.

While the Tenth Cavalry lost two men, they gained something significant from the battle—the nickname “Buffalo Soldiers.” There are two popular theories explaining why the Cheyennes referred to the black troops as Buffalo Soldiers. One flattering theory contends that

the Native Americans, who honored the buffalo because it fought ferociously when cornered, were impressed with the bravery and skills that the black soldiers exemplified while surrounded. Thus, the Cheyenne warriors likened them to the buffalo. A second theory posits that the Cheyennes referred to them as “Buffalo Soldiers” because they wore long buffalo skin coats to stay warm during the harsh plains winters.

Regardless of which theory is true, Native Americans used it as a term of respect and the soldiers embraced the name. While the name was initially given to the Tenth Cavalry, it was later used to refer to all of the black divisions.

The Buffalo Soldiers distinguished themselves as valiant troops during the Indian Wars. The service of Sergeant Emanuel Stance shows the manner in which they fought. On May 20 and 21, 1870, Stance and nine fellow members of Company F of the Ninth Cavalry engaged a band of Apaches while on patrol near their post at Fort McKavett, Texas. At the time, an Apache band was moving toward the Texas panhandle with a herd of horses and two white children that they had taken captive. Stance and the other soldiers charged the Native Americans, who abandoned their horses and fled toward the mountains. A warrior sharing a horse with one of the kidnapped children pushed the child off into the brush to make his escape. The buffalo soldiers captured all nine of the horses that the Apaches left behind and the child eventually made his way to safety at the fort. The boy's older brother remained with the Apaches before later being reunited with his parents.

The following morning, overloaded by the extra horses, Stance and his detail decided to return the animals to the fort. As they traveled back, they witnessed a group of approximately twenty Native Americans en route to attack a group of soldiers

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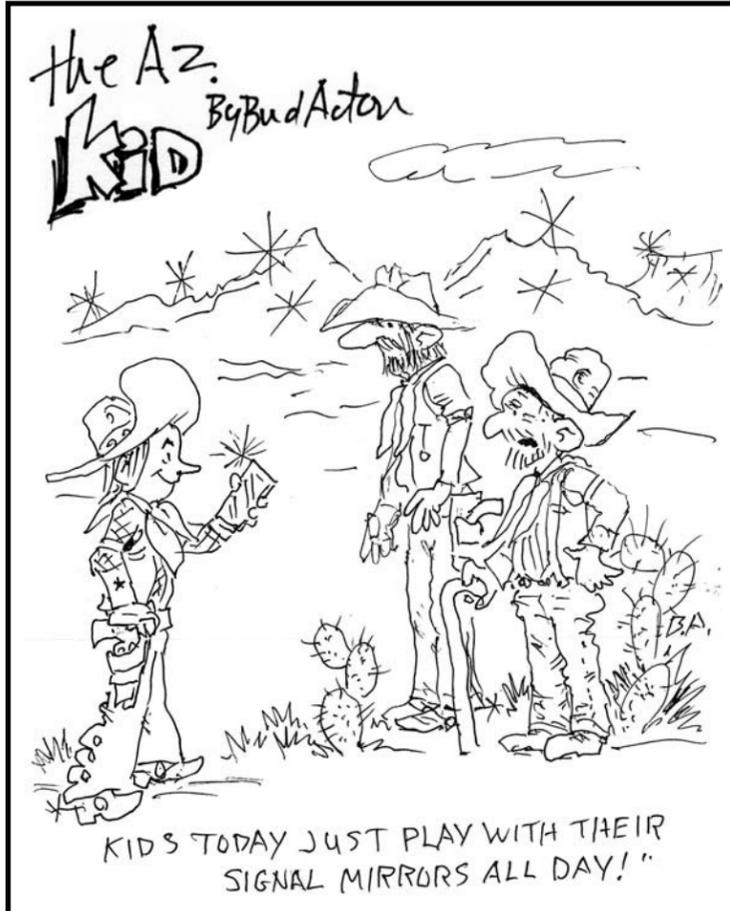
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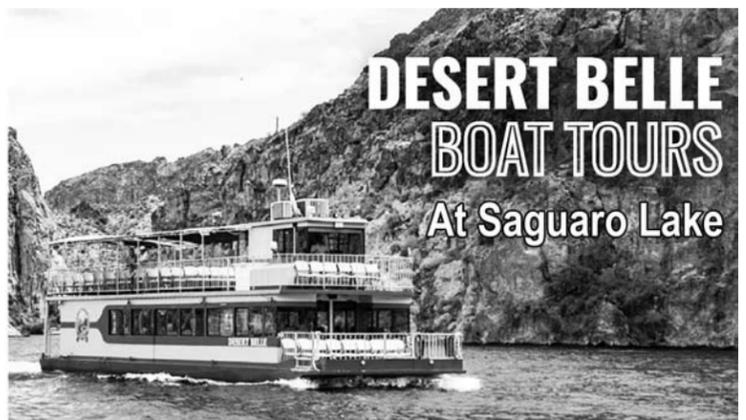
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# The White Buffalo

Chase

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Exhausted, he fell asleep, paying little attention to the fading roar of the herd, or even thinking about the Indians or the white buffalo.

As faint rays of light crept across the valley floor many hours later, Caspion awakened. Only a handful of buffalo remained in the valley. They were a mile or more away, grazing peacefully.

Caspion untied his horse, mounted and slowly walked the tired animal back over the trail he had been forced to follow the night before. When he came to the ravine, he looked over the edge. Scores of buffalo were lying at the bottom, many of them dead. Others were too badly hurt to move. Among those was the white buffalo.

The animal, a young bull, was leaning against a bank. It had a broken leg. Caspion climbed into the ravine, shot the white buffalo and skinned him. With his prize he decided not to retrace his steps until he could get help.

On reaching civilization, Caspion learned that the Indians had also killed his wagon driver who had been following with provisions. Caspion, with help, returned to the ravine to claim the other buffalo hides. But his real prize was the white robe.

For five years Caspion kept the robe, believing, as the Indians did, that its possession would bring good fortune. For a time it did. But about 1876 Caspion sold the robe for \$100 while on a drinking spree one night at Fort Lyon in the eastern part of present-day Colorado. Shortly afterward Caspion was killed by Comanches in New Mexico.

## A Couple of Jokes

One day in the West, a man walks into a saloon and says, "Give me a beer before the problems start!" The bartender gives him a beer. Again, the man orders a beer and again says, "Give me a beer before the problems start!" The bartender looks confused but gives him another beer. This goes on for a while, and after the fifth beer the bartender is totally confused and finally asks the man, "When are you going to pay for these beers?" The man answers, "Now the problems start!"

One day in the West, a dog stumbles into a saloon. One of his legs is all bloody and bandaged. The bartender, after watching the dog struggle mightily to get up onto a barstool, says to the dog, "What'll it be, stranger?"

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# Buffalo Soldiers

## Army

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guarding a small herd of government horses. Stance again ordered his detail to charge and the Native Americans retaliated, but to no avail. They soon fled leaving behind five horses, which Stance and his men captured. As they continued their journey to Fort McKavett, the Native Americans followed them and launched a final attack. Again, Stance and his men successfully drove them away, eventually returning to the fort with fifteen captured horses and all of his men uninjured. Stance's bravery did not go unnoticed. The skirmishes marked his fourth and fifth encounters with Native Americans and, in all the battles, he demonstrated courage under fire. He distinguished himself so well that his commanding officer, Captain Henry Carroll, praised his performance. On June 20, 1870, based on Carroll's recommendation, Stance became the first black soldier in the U.S. Regular Army to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

After the Indian Wars ended in the 1890s, the regiments continued to serve and participated in the Spanish-American War (including the Battle of San Juan Hill), where five more Medals of Honor were earned. They took part in the 1916 Mexican Expedition and in the Philippine-American War.

A little-known contribution of the Buffalo Soldiers involved eight troops of the 9th Cavalry Regiment and one company of the 24th Infantry Regiment who served in California's Sierra Nevada as some of the first national park rangers. U.S. Army regiments had been serving in the national parks since 1891, but until 1899 the soldiers serving were white. Beginning in 1899, and continuing in 1903 and 1904, African-American regiments served in Sequoia, Yosemite and General Grant (Kings Canyon) National Parks.

The Buffalo Soldiers played an integral role in paving the way for blacks seeking to enlist in the military. They endured racism and served in harsh conditions,



making it possible for blacks to be accepted as equals. While they were scarcely used late in their tenure, their skill, bravery, and valor led to the establishment of other successful black units, such as the Fifty-first Defense Battalion, the 761st Tank Battalion and the Tuskegee Army. They also paved the way for

the desegregation of the military. Although largely missing from history books, the Buffalo Soldiers have been commemorated with statues and museums in places such as Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Bliss, Texas; Junction City, Kansas; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.

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