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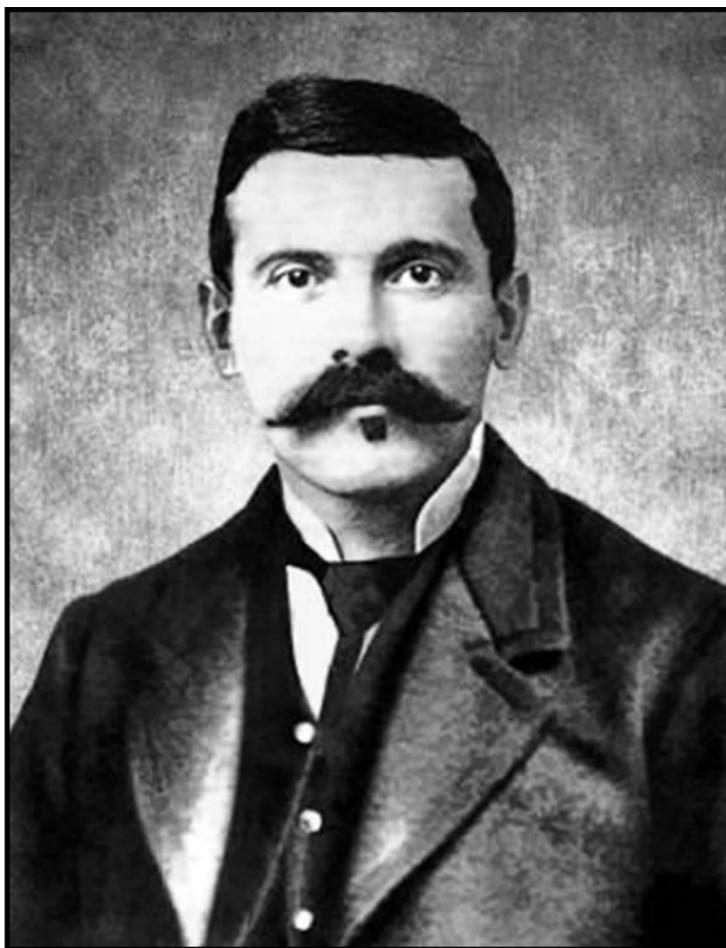
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Did Doc Holliday Gut a Texas Gambler With a Bowie Knife?

Some Historians Cast Doubt on the Incident



John Henry "Doc" Holliday as a young man

By Richard W. Kimball

S ometime during the late 1870s, a Georgia dentist named John Henry Holliday moved West for his health. He had developed tuberculosis and his doctor suggested the dry air of the Western frontier might be helpful. Holliday had a degree in dentistry from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery and was able to set up a practice in Texas. However, he soon discovered that his true calling lay elsewhere. He loved to gamble. He eventually became known as Doc Holliday, a pale and sickly-looking young man, but one who would never back away from a fight.

His good friend, Wyatt Earp, often told stories about Doc Holliday's life in Texas, especially the one about the famed dentist's fight with a man named Ed Bailey. The

story goes like this: According to Earp, Doc Holliday killed Bailey with a Bowie knife in John Shannsey's Saloon. This occurred sometime during the fall of 1877 near Fort Griffin, Texas. Bailey had been caught "monkeying around" with the cards in the discard pile. Holliday warned him several times to stop looking through the cards, but was ignored. It may have been Bailey's fault anyway. He was a local town bully and used to having his own way. He was not intimidated by the pale and sickly man who sat across from him at the other end of the table. He kept playing around with the discards to intimidate Holliday.

They were playing poker in a community near Fort Griffin, Texas. Bailey, heedless of Holliday's warnings, continued to look through the

(See Incident on Page 4)

SCALPED!

A Young Boy Loses His Hair to the Sioux



A warrior takes a scalp

By Richard W. Kimball

I n 1864, a group of nine wagons, under the command of Richard Barret, carrying a load of freight to Fort Union in New Mexico territory, was attacked by a large party of Indians not far from Fort Zarah on the Kansas plains. Approximately 120 Brulé Sioux warriors, under the leadership of Chief Little Thunder, overwhelmed the defenders of

the small wagon train from both sides. [Some writers claim the Indians were led by Chief Little Turtle, but preliminary research does not indicate a Sioux leader with that name.] The teamsters had little chance to defend themselves during the attack. The Indians killed ten men outright and wounded at least five others. Some Indians ran up and scalped

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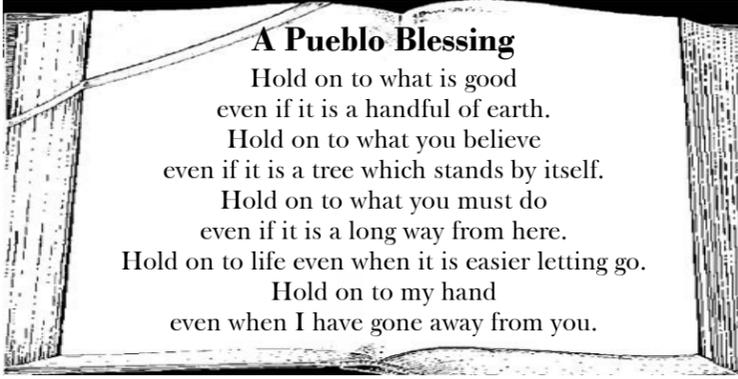
Government Moves Against Mormons

D uring the late 1840s, persecuted and abhorred for their practice of polygamy, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saint, better known as the Mormons, fled westward and established the center of a new civilization in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. Through cooperative enterprise and extensive irrigation, they won a handsome living from the arid

soil of the region.

Within a decade, the frontier had caught up with them. Now, however, as prior occupants of the land, the Mormons held the strings of power, and they made the most of their advantage. When Utah was made a territory in 1850, their leader, Brigham Young, was named governor. Resisting federal

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This Week's Question: The world's tallest Kachina doll is located in what Arizona town? (8 Letters)

Last Issue's Question: What is the name of the Native American tribe whose reservation is located within the boundaries the Grand Canyon?

Answer: Havasupai

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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

On the Navajo Reservation where Monument Valley and Canyon de Chelly are, paleontologists have found the tracks of spiders, scorpions and beetles preserved in sandstone more than 260 million years old.

A sailing ship, Spanish or English from the 1500s or the 1700s, is buried by wind blown desert sand near the Colorado River north of Yuma, according to old stories told in southwest Arizo-

na. People have speculated the ship came up the river from the Gulf of California and was stranded when the Colorado's channel shifted. Or it may have been deliberately grounded because of mutiny or other trouble. A man who claimed to have seen the ship in 1882 said the hull was about 80 feet long and 18 feet wide, and the bow and stern were higher than the deck.

John 'Pie' Allen got his

nickname in the late 1850s when he baked dried apple pies he sold to Arizona gold miners. Later on, he became a member of the territorial legislature and mayor of Tucson.

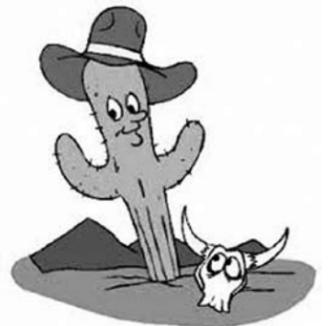
In 1864, mail bound for California from Arizona was carried by pack mules. The postman rode along on another mule.

1879 was the year a merchant named Lorenzo Hubbell opened a trading post on the Navajo Reservation at a place called Ganado. He encouraged Navajo weavers to sell their blankets as rugs.

Two men stole gold valued at \$5,000 12 miles south of Globe in 1882. The sheriff tracked them down; they were arrested, dragged out of jail by a lynch mob and hung from a tree. Nearly all the stolen gold was recovered.

A new dance called the waltz was introduced to northern Arizona during the late 1890s. Old fashioned, conservative people complained that it was immoral because dancers were too close together. At some towns like Snowflake, the young at heart waltzed in secret to avoid criticism.

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In September 1847, advancing American troops, led by General Winfield Scott, had to pass Chapultepec to reach Mexico City. Five thousand Mexican troops stood ready at Chapultepec to stop them. The following excerpt is taken from the personal memoirs of future president Ulysses S. Grant, who was a second lieutenant at the time.

During the night of the 11th batteries were established which could play

upon the fortifications of Chapultepec. The bombardment commenced early on the morning of the 12th, but



Ulysses S. Grant

there was no further engagement during this day than that of the artillery. General Scott assigned the capture of Chapultepec to General Pillow, but did not leave the details to his judgment. Two assaulting columns, two hundred and fifty men each, composed of volunteers for

the occasion, were formed. They were commanded by Captains McKinzie and Casey respectively. The assault was successful but bloody.

(General) Worth's command gradually advanced to the front. . . Later in the day in reconnoitering I found a church off to the south of the road, which looked to me as if the belfry would command the ground back of the garita San Cosme. I got an officer of the voltigeurs (sharpshooters), with a mountain howitzer and men to work it, to go with me. The road being in possession of the enemy, we had to take the field to the south to reach the church. This took us over several ditches breast deep in water and grown up with water plants. These ditches, however, were not over eight or ten

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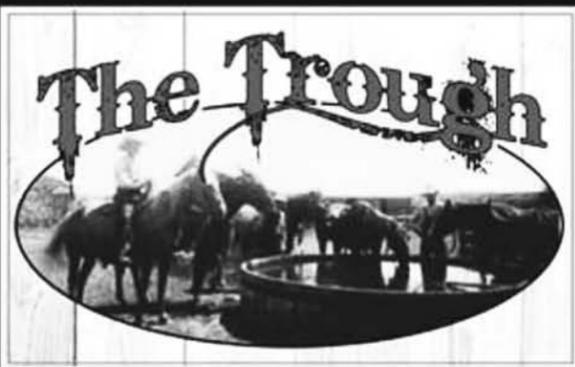
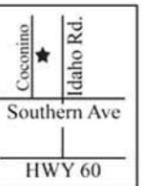
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Doc Holliday

Incident

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used cards. When he thumbed through the discards a third time, the dentist had had enough. The rules of the game distinctly prohibited such action. Holliday leaned over the table and raked away all the money in the pot. He was within his rights to do so, according to the rules of Western Poker, but Bailey didn't see it that way. He viewed his opponent's action as a direct challenge. Bailey reached down underneath the table and pulled his six-gun out of its holster. But before he could pull the trigger, Holliday slashed a big Bowie knife across his stomach. As his guts spilled out to the floor, Bailey dropped his pistol and clutched his middle. He was dead within minutes.



Mary Katherine Horony
 aka "Big Nose Kate"

Witnesses? Of course, there were witnesses. The saloon was full of men who could testify that Holliday acted in self-defense. Un-

be weeks away. Bailey's friends, however, decided to get a vigilante group together and try Doc with a little "frontier justice." One man, carrying a stout rope, was seen walking down the street toward the hotel.

Earlier, Doc Holliday met Mary Katherine Horony, a dance hall girl who sometimes supplemented her income as a prostitute. Holliday had apparently been smitten by the woman, who most folks knew as Big Nose Kate. In fact, he spent a torrid whiskey-fueled afternoon with her. That chance meeting, it seemed later, proved to be a fortunate one for the gambler dentist. Kate's nose, of course, was her most prominent feature. She was born in Hungary and well-educated in Europe schools, but enjoyed the independence

fortunately, the town had no jail and the lawman who arrested the sickly gambler could only detain him in a hotel room until a circuit judge arrived and that could

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Margaret was born to ditchdigger John Tobin and his wife, Johanna, in Hannibal, Missouri, on July 18, 1867. After turning eighteen, young Maggie moved to Leadville, Colorado, where she got a job stitching carpets for a dry-goods firm. There she met James J. Brown, known as J.J., a mining superintendent for the Ixex Mining Company. They married on September 1, 1886, and had two children, Lawrence and Catherine.

While her children were young, Margaret was involved in the early feminist movement in Leadville

and the establishment of the Colorado Chapter of the National American Women's Suffrage Association. She also worked in soup kitchens to assist families of Lead-



ville miners. When the Sherman Silver Act was repealed in 1893, Leadville was thrust into a deep depression and the unemployment rate was 90 percent. J.J. was convinced that Ixex's Little Jonny Mine might become a producer of gold rather than silver. He

devised a timber-and-hay bale method to hold back the dolomite sand that had prevented them from reaching the gold at the lower depths of the mine. By October 29, 1893, the Little Jonny was shipping 135 tons of ore per day, and Brown was awarded 12,500 shares of stock and a seat on the board. Over the years he became one of the most successful mining men in the country.

Rich beyond their wildest dreams, the Browns moved to Denver's exclusive Capitol Hill, where Maggie began a quest to impress Denver society. She became a founding member of the Denver Woman's Club, part of a network of clubs which advocated literacy, education, suffrage, and human rights in Colorado and throughout

(See *Titanic* on Page 11)

150 Years Ago in the Old West

July 1, 1869

Camp Wichita in Indian Territory, present Oklahoma, is renamed Fort Sill in honor of General Joshua W. Sill.

July 3, 1869

Lieutenant A. B. Curtiss reports four Indians killed by the 8th Cavalry at Hell Canyon, Arizona.

July 6, 1869

Lieutenant William McCleave reports that cavalymen killed nine Indians and wounded 10 in Arizona.

July 13, 1869

Anti-Chinese riots are reported in San Francisco.

July 26, 1869

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Scalped!

Attack

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the dead and dying. Others took cargo from the wagons and threw it out on the ground. Some of the freight destroyed included sacks of flour that were bound for the fort in New Mexico.

The previous evening, Capt. O.F. Dunlop and Company H, 135th Kansas Cavalry were camped on a hill about four or five miles away. Capt. Dunlop was meeting with Kiowa

and Arapaho Indians that had come into the Army camp professing friendship. The Army captain treated them suspiciously and was relieved when they left early in the morning. He was dismayed a few hours later when he heard war whoops coming from the vicinity of the small wagon train. When Dunlop peered through his telescope, he was surprised to see such a large force of

Indians. He estimated that there were at least 800 warriors attacking the wagons.

The Army troops were supposed to protect the wagon train from Indian depredation, but for reasons unknown, were encamped miles away. That left the teamsters with no choice but to defend themselves as best

Indians were gone and had scattered in all directions. Some of the soldiers said afterward that they saw Kicking Bird and Little Heart of the Kiowa tribe participating in the attack also.

Fourteen-year-old Robert McGee, who has been described as a tall, gangly youth, was shot in the back

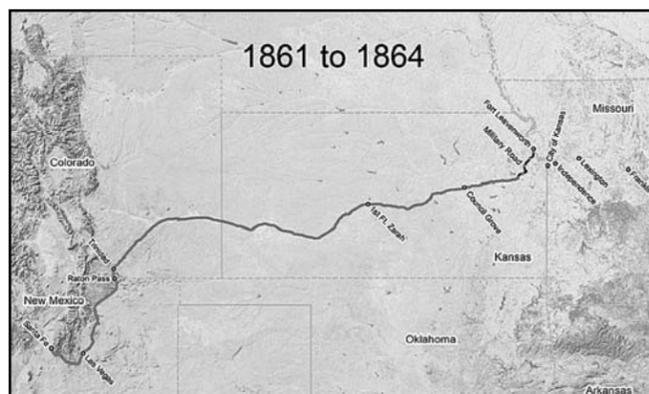
and left for dead. He and another boy, whose name is not known, were working as teamster assistants when the wagon train was attacked. Their job was to feed and water the oxen. McGee feigned death as

a warrior leaped from a horse to slice off his scalp. The other boy was not scalped but was seriously wounded.

After the attack on the Barret wagon train was over, Capt. Dunlop sent a burial party to retrieve the bodies of the dead teamsters. An article printed in the San Francisco Chronicle reported that "when they undertook to put McGee underground, however, they found a lively corpse, despite the fact that he was scalped and had 14 wounds, any one of which would have terminated the life of the average man, besides four minor injuries."

The two youths who survived the Indian attack on the wagon train were both rushed to Fort Larned. The unnamed boy, unfortunately, died soon after arriving at the fort, but McGee surprised doctors by making a complete

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The Santa Fe Trail

they could. They had little chance of survival, however. They had only one firearm other than their bullwhips to defend themselves with. Most of the white men were shot down without mercy. Capt. Dunlop mounted his men and made a half-hearted attempt to rescue the teamsters, but it was too little, too late, and too far. By the time the soldiers reached the scene of the slaughter, the

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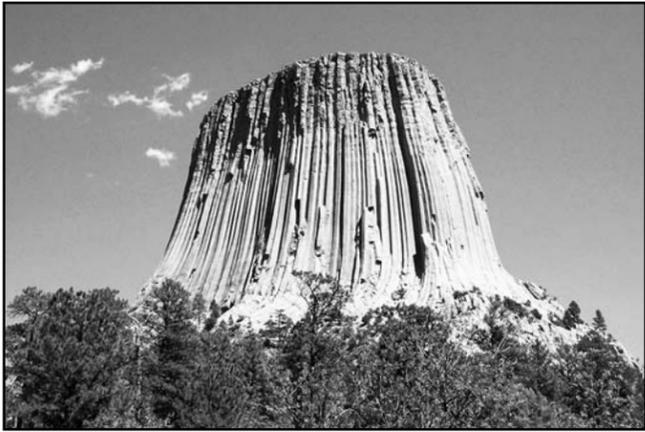
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Indian tribes called it Mato Tipila, meaning "Bear

Lodge." Their legends about it vary only slightly.

Sioux lore says three maidens gathering wildflowers were ambushed by huge bears and scrambled to the top of a rock to escape. Each time the bears leaped

for them, the Great Spirit raised the rock. The bears' giant claws ripped into the stone as they slid down the face of the growing mass. Eventually, the attackers all died from falling off the mound, which had become a small mountain.

The Kiowas say seven sisters sought refuge on the rock, that the hill rose into the sky, and the sisters be-

came stars, later called the Pleiades. The Cheyennes say it was brothers, not sisters, and one of the boys possessed such an incredible singing voice it made the earth move. In all the stories, the frustrated bears slid harmlessly away, leaving telltale grooves in the tower's sides.

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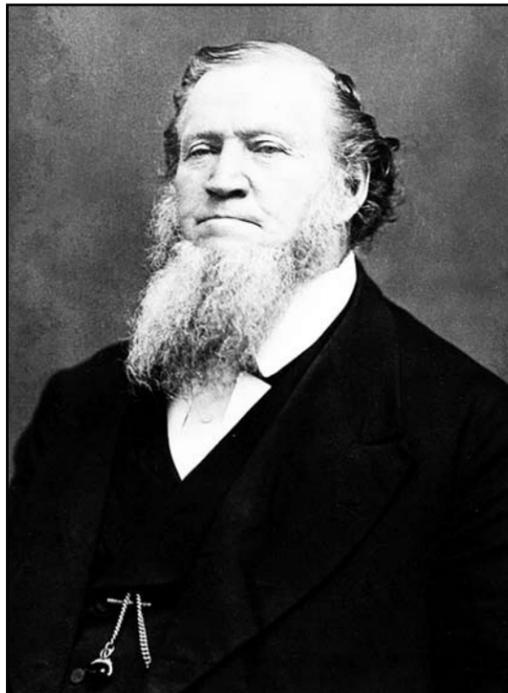
U.S. Government Moves
Against the Mormons

Showdown

(From Page 1)

authority at every turn, he administered the territory as a Mormon kingdom. Most unforgivable of all, he undeniably had dozens of wives.

Soon after President James Buchanan assumed office in 1857, he decided to replace Young with a non-Mormon governor, Alfred Cumming, a former Indian agent. And when the Mormons made it clear



Brigham Young

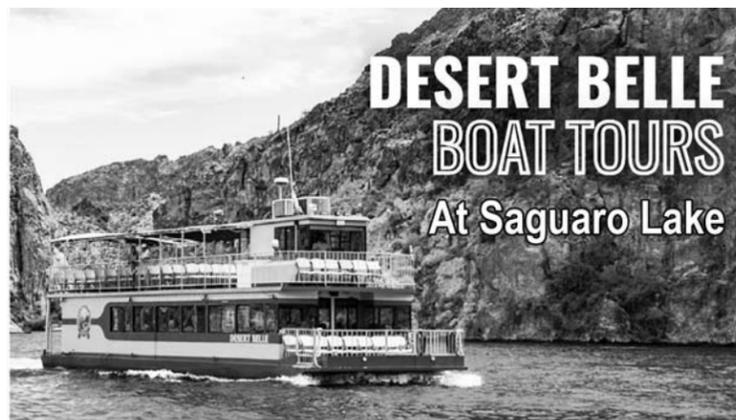
that they intended to prevent the Army to Utah. Cumming from assuming office, the President ordered

departure from Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, headed toward Utah to back Cumming with guns. The march west, covering 1,200 miles and lasting almost four months, became a horror when winter overtook the troops. Worse, Brigham Young, describing the U. S. government as "a stink in our nostrils," directed his Mormon militia to harass the advancing column by laying waste to the countryside, blockading roads, and even destroying government supply

trains. These guerilla tactics were so successful that when the Army reached the vicinity of Salt Lake in November it was exhausted.

Not until spring, when fresh supplies and new horses and mules arrived, was the Army in a position to meet the Mormon challenge. But by then a compromise had been reached. Cumming would enter Salt Lake City and be accepted as governor, but the Army would remain behind. Satisfied with this arrangement, President Buchanan pardoned all insurgents. As tempers cooled, Young agreed to let the Army into Salt Lake City—and straight out the other side again.

So, without a shot being fired, the Mormon War came to an end. However, one basic conflict—the practice of polygamy so abhorred by Easterners—remained unresolved. It was finally outlawed by federal act in 1882.



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Between escapades, the Wild West outlaws fled to hideouts to plan their next move. The Hole-in-the-Wall in Johnson County, Wyoming, was one of the major hideaways.

The Hole-In-The-Wall refers to both the fertile valley where gang members pastured stolen livestock, and to the narrow trail up over the Red Wall—the only way into the valley from the east.

In the late 1800s, civilization in any direction was a day's ride away, and few lawmen were up to the chase. Besides, they knew the outlaws guarded the trail.

Through the years, the Hole-In-The-Wall was home to gunmen such as Jesse James, the Logan brothers, and George 'Flat Nose' Currie. Toward the end of the century Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch joined the Hole-

in-the-Wall Gang, making this one of the foremost outlaw headquarters along the outlaw trail.

Historians claim as many as 30 or 40 bandits hung out in six log cabins here, although the cabin foundations have slowly been covered as the years passed. The Willow Creek Ranch dates to 1882 when it was founded by Kenneth MacDonald, an immigrant sheep rancher.

The area's small ranchers, such as MacDonald, aided the outlaws because they didn't want any trouble, and besides, the bad guys rustled from large cattle barons and robbed trains with well-filled strong boxes. There's no record that Cassidy ever killed anyone, and many tales about his cunning and kind-

ness persist.

Today, a rugged dirt road leads from ranch headquarters to the former hideout. Only a few chunks of foundation remain. Guests can picnic beneath the old cottonwoods and soak their feet in Buffalo Creek, where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid undoubtedly cooled their heels after out-running the posse.

Nearby, a 1/2-mile trail winds upward to the top of the Red Wall. A slab of white rock, shaped like an arrow, marks the narrow trail over which the outlaws drove their rustled livestock. It's a steep hike over loose rocks, but worth it. Looking down across the grassy green valley, visitors see firsthand why the outlaws chose this fertile, protected place.

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Doc Holliday

Incident

(From Page 4)

of her lifestyle in the American West. Eventually, she became the only woman who ever had any kind of relationship with Doc Holliday.

Big Nose Kate was in the saloon when Doc was arrested. She immediately left the building through a side door. Once outside the saloon, she started a small fire in a pile of hay at the back of the building and then led two horses around to the front of the hotel where Holliday had been taken. While most of the townsmen were battling the fire behind Shannsey's saloon, Kate burst into the hotel room with a pistol in each hand. The man who was guarding Holliday didn't wait around for an explanation. He left the room immediately and was never seen again. Kate led Holliday to the horses tied up at the front of the hotel. They both mounted up and rode out of town.

For many writers, this story is absolute fiction. That's mainly because none of the frontier newspapers at the time carried a story about the Holliday-Bailey incident at Fort Griffin. Wyatt Earp, and to a lesser extent, Bat Masterson, liked to tell stories like this on occasion. The true story may never be known. It could just as well be a compilation of several events stitched together for the amusement of anyone who bothered to listen.

Holliday might have been arrested in Fort Griffin for illegal gaming, that is, for unlawful drinking and gambling, not for killing someone. But when the "Tin Hat Brigade" of local vigilantes threatened to hang him, Holliday and Kate made their escape, and high-tailed it into the back country. They traveled north on stolen horses until they reached Dodge City.

After arrival in Dodge City, Kate and Doc found lodging at Deacon Cox's Boarding House. Doc signed the register as: "Dr. and Mrs. J.H. Holliday." Kate's

action in getting him out of Fort Griffin impressed him and he set out to make his newly found female friend happy. He stopped his gambling and put up his dentist's shingle seeking new patients. For her part, Big Nose Kate agreed to stop hanging around saloons and give up prostitution. It didn't last. Kate didn't like the boredom of being a respectable lady and soon went back to the saloons where there was always something exciting happening every day. Doc, too, missed the challenges of the poker tables and soon went back to his old ways. The two star-crossed lovers broke up, but it was just the beginning. They did the same thing many times during Doc's lifetime relationship with Kate.

The story of Holliday and Bailey first saw the light of day in a newspaper article published in the San Francisco *Enquirer* in 1905, nine years after Holliday died. Earp had told

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Titanic

(From Page 5)

the United States. She raised funds to build the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception as well as St. Joseph's Hospital. Despite all her good works, Maggie found it difficult to ingratiate herself into Denver's high society. Denver lore is filled with her futile attempts; parties to which no one came, squabbles with gossip writer Polly Pry, snubs from the top families. In 1909, when J.J. tired of almost twenty years of social charades, the couple separated. Maggie Brown then spent her time either touring abroad or at a rented Newport, Rhode Island, cottage.



evening of April 10, 1912. The pride of the White Star Line was every bit as luxurious as advertised. Just before midnight on April 14, she retired with a book from the

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she helped women and children into the lifeboats. She

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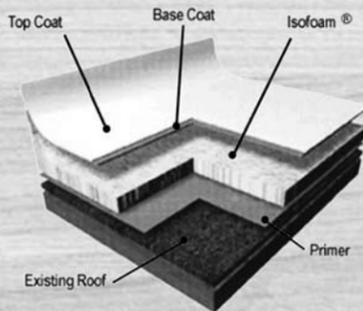
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Scalped!

Attack

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recovery. In fact, he went on to live a full life for many years afterward.

Years later, McGee embellished and refined his scalping ordeal to the delight of his listeners. Once he remembered the incident this way: "When the Indians brought me before Chief Little Turtle (who was most likely Little Thunder), he told them that he wanted to kill me himself. The first thing he did was to shoot me in the back with a pis-

tol. Then he shot me with two arrows to fasten my body to the ground. Afterward he poked me several

find and kill. The newspapers reported that he cut notches in the gunstock of his rifle every time he killed a Sioux Indian. When he cut the tenth notch, his murder spree ended and so did his insanity.

McGee apparently lived off his notoriety as a scalping survivor. At first, he would tell his tale in saloons for a drink or two of whiskey. Eventually, he began giving lectures about his ordeal. In 1893, he was featured at a theater in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as "the greatest living



Scalping victim Robert McGee

Indian scout." He had a "large collection of Indian curiosities" to show those who paid an additional 10 cents. In 1864, his case was brought before President Abraham Lincoln, who authorized McGee to draw rations and clothing at any military facility. It was also alleged that Congress introduced a bill to pay McGee as much as \$10,000 for his suffering, from Sioux annuities.

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Chapultepec

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feet in width. The howitzer was taken to pieces and carried by the men to its destination. When I knocked for admission a priest came to the door, who, while extremely polite, declined to admit us. With the little Spanish then at my command, I explained to him that he might save property by opening the door, and he certainly would save himself from becoming a prisoner, for a time at least; and besides, I intended to go in whether he consented or not. He began to see his duty in the same light that I did, and opened the door, though he did not look as if it gave him special pleasure to do so. The gun was carried to the belfry and put together. We were not more than two or three hundred yards from San Cosme. The shots from our little gun dropped in upon the enemy and created some confusion. Why they did not send out a small party and capture us, I do not know. We had no infantry or other defenses besides our one gun.

The effect of this gun upon the troops about the gate of the city was so marked that General Worth saw it from his position. He was so pleased that he sent a staff officer, Lieutenant Pemberton. . .to bring me to him. He expressed his gratification at the services the howitzer in the church steeple was doing, saying

that every shot was effective, and ordered a captain of voltigeurs to report to me with another howitzer to be placed along with the one already rendering so much service. I could not tell the General that there was not room enough in the steeple for another gun, because he probably would have looked upon such a statement as a contradiction from a second lieutenant. I took the captain with me, but did not use the gun.

After two days of hard fighting, the Americans took Chapultepec, then discovered that Mexico City itself had few defenses. The

quick thinking of Ulysses Grant captured the attention of several superior officers, including Robert E. Lee, and earned him a promotion to captain.

The capture of Mexico City effectively ended the Mexican War. Despite pressure from his Cabinet to advance and conquer all of Mexico, President James Polk decided the political risks weren't worth the possible gain. The United States paid Mexico \$15 million for the 525,000 acres that now include parts of Arizona, California, western Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah.



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The "Unsinkable Molly Brown"

Titanic

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witnessed the Astors parting as the band played ragtime. While helping load the sixth lifeboat, she heard, "You are going, too," and was dropped into the boat, which in turn was lowered seventy feet to the frigid Atlantic.

Only twenty-eight people were aboard, though the lifeboat had a capacity for sixty-five. Maggie began to have problems with Quartermaster Robert Hitchens, one of two men on board, who refused to row out a distance from the *Titanic* as its stern rose into the air, throwing hundreds of people into the ocean. At 2:20 a.m. the ship stood vertical. The lights on board blinked off, and then on again, then off for good as the steamer slid beneath the black waters.

The arguments between Hitchens and Maggie turned ugly. Over a thousand people

were splashing about where the ship had gone down, and Maggie wanted to go back. Hitchens refused. After a while, the pitiful wails ceased.

Soon Maggie would have enough of the quartermaster as his fearful speculations on the lack of food and water sent a wave of panic through the lifeboat. She insisted the crew keep rowing, for warmth if nothing else. When Hitchens tried to prevent her from helping a soaked seaman aboard, she told him to back off or she would throw him in the ocean. She virtually took charge of the boat, told stories of the West to keep everyone's spirits up, and occasionally broke into songs that echoed across the chilly waves.

The *Carpathia* picked up the first lifeboats at 4:00 a.m. After an enforced rest, Brown helped nurse the other survivors. By the time the ship docked in New York on

April 19, she had initiated a fund for steerage-passenger relief and raised nearly \$10,000. "Tell my Denver friends I'm safe," she said to reporters. When one asked how she'd managed to survive, she quipped, "Typical Brown luck. I'm unsinkable."

She remained on the *Carpathia* until all *Titanic* survivors had met with friends, family, or medical/emergency assistance. In a letter to her daughter shortly after the sinking, she wrote: "After being brined, salted, and pickled in mid ocean I am now high and dry... I have had flowers, letters, telegrams-people until I am befuddled. They are petitioning Congress to give me a medal... If I must call a specialist to examine my head it is due to the title of Heroine of the *Titanic*."

To her attorney in Denver she wired: "Thanks for

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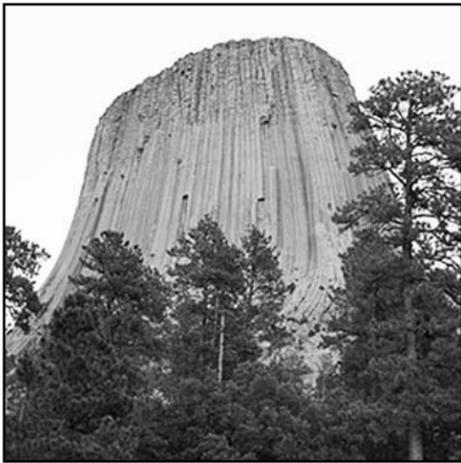
Devil's Tower

Monolith

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later, Colonel Richard I. Dodge led a U.S. Geological Survey party to the massive rock formation and coined the name Devils Tower.

Nearly a hundred years later, another dreamer made a pilgrimage to Wyoming. He was also capable of weaving fantastic stories. Steven Spielberg used the formation as a plot element and as a location for the climactic scenes in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third



Kind."

In recent years, climbing Devils Tower has increased in popularity. The first known ascent of Dev-

ils Tower was in 1893 by a couple of local ranchers. Today hundreds of climbers

scale the sheer rock walls of Devils Tower each summer. The Tower is sacred to several Native American Plains tribes, including the Lakota Sioux, Cheyenne and Kiowa. Because of this, many Indian leaders objected to climbers ascending the monument, considering this to be a desecration. The climbers argued that they had a right to climb the Tower, since it is on federal land. A compromise was eventually reached with a voluntary climbing ban during the month of June when the tribes are conducting ceremonies around the monument.

The "Unsinkable Molly Brown"

Titanic

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the kind thoughts. Water was fine and swimming good. Neptune was exceedingly kind to me and I am now high and dry."

On May 29, 1912, as chair of the Survivor's Committee Maggie presented a silver loving cup to Captain Rostron of the *Carpathia* and a medal to each *Carpathia* crew member. In later years she helped erect the *Titanic* memorial that stands in Washington, D.C.; visited the cemetery in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to place wreaths on the graves of victims; and continued to serve on the Survivor's Committee. She was particularly

upset that, as a woman, she was not allowed to testify at the *Titanic* hearings. In response she wrote her own version of the event which was published in newspapers in Denver, New York, and Paris.

Two weeks after the sinking, she was in Denver, holding court from a Brown Palace Hotel suite. When asked about J. Bruce Ismay (the president of the White Star Line who had saved himself), she said she had told him that if he were a resident of Leadville, he would be strung up from the nearest pine tree. Her heroics even managed to win her a luncheon invitation from Mrs. Crawford Hill, leader of the Sacred 36, the cream of Denver's society.

In her lifetime, Maggie was never known as "Molly"; the name was a Hollywood invention. The story began in the 1930s with the colorful pen of *Denver Post* reporter Gene Fowler, who created a folk tale, and sensationalist writer Carolyn Bancroft, who wrote a highly fictional account for a romance magazine. This story enjoyed various radio broadcasts during the 1940s and was the basis for the Broadway play, "The Unsinkable Molly Brown", which eventually became the MGM movie of the same name, starring Debbie Reynolds.

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Doc Holliday

Incident

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a reporter that “Holliday was playing poker with a well-liked local man named Ed Bailey. Holliday caught Bailey ‘monkeying around the dead wood,’ or the discard pile, which was against the rules.” According to Earp, “Holliday reminded Bailey to ‘play poker,’ which is a polite way to ask him to stop cheating. When Bailey made the same move again, Holliday took the pot without showing his hand, which was his right under the rules. Bailey immediately went for his pistol, but Holliday whipped out a knife from a breast pocket and ‘caught Bailey just below the brisket,’ or upper chest. Bailey died, and Holliday, new to town, was detained in his room at the Planter’s Hotel.”

In his best-selling bi-

ography about Wyatt Earp, author Stuart Lake wrote that Earp is quoted as saying, “Holliday’s girlfriend, Big Nose Kate Horony, devised a diversion. She procured a second pistol from a friend in town, removed a horse from its shed behind



the hotel, and then set fire to the shed. Everyone except Holliday and the lawmen guarding him ran to put out the fire, while she calmly walked in and tossed Holliday the second pistol.”

No contemporary records have been found of either Bailey’s death or of the shed fire. In addition, Lake said, Big Nose Kate

denied that Holliday killed “a man named Bailey over a poker game, nor was he arrested and locked up in another hotel room.” Kate laughed at the idea of “a 116-pound woman, standing off a deputy, ordering him to throw up his hands, disarming him, rescuing her lover, and hustling him to the waiting ponies.”

Ben Traywick, considered an expert on Earp, also doubts that Holliday killed anyone that day. “I could find no newspaper article or court record to support the story. There was some evidence that Holliday was being held in his hotel room under guard, but it was for ‘illegal gambling.’” As for Big Nose Kate, she did start a fire as a diversion to free Holliday. That part is true. But the story published about Bailey as printed in the San Francisco *Enquirer* was “likely fabricated by the writer.”

Scalped!

Attack

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reported that McGee was in “robust health.” A traveling photographer took a picture of McGee in 1890 which shows him in good health. What happened to him after that date or when McGee actually died cannot be determined.

What’s it like to be scalped while still alive? Josiah Wilbarger of Texas survived the grisly custom in 1833. He said it is a relatively painless procedure. “While no pain was perceptible,” Wilbarger said,

“the removing of my scalp sounded like the ominous roar and peal of distant thunder.”

In most cases, people who are scalped rarely survive, even if they make it through the initial ordeal. Infection is always lurking, especially if the scalping is so severe that the skull is exposed. Scalping is usually performed on someone who is already dead or soon will be. Occasionally, a report will surface about someone who was fully conscious and awake during the horrific act.

Wilbarger was working with a surveying party near

present-day Austin when attacked by Comanches. The Indians shot him several times with arrows, scalped him and left him lying on the ground. Wilbarger managed to crawl into a small stream where he washed his wound. Local resident Reuben Hornsby found him there the next day propped up against a tree. He was weak from loss of blood and was slipping in and out of consciousness when found. Amazingly, Wilbarger lived with no scalp for another 11 years. He died in 1845 after accidentally hitting his head on a low beam inside his cotton gin.

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