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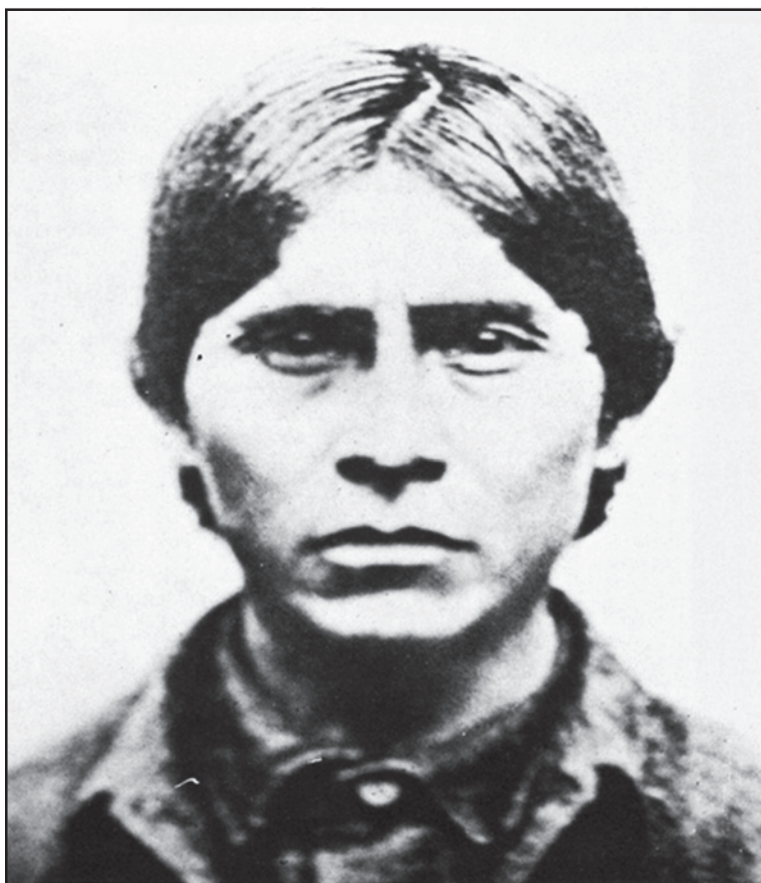
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The Apache Kid

Arizona's Notorious Outlaw

He was reported to be the fiercest Apache, next to Geronimo, but the story of the Apache Kid is one of the more tragic tales of the Indian wars. The Kid was a respected scout for the U.S. Army under the tutelage of super scout Al Sieber, but ended up being hunted by the very troops he fought alongside.

Kid was born a Pinal Apache about 1860 at Wheatfields, just north of present day Globe, Arizona. As a member of what the U.S. government called the SI band, Kid developed important skills as a youth and learned scouting and tracking techniques from Togodechuz, his grandfather. By the 1870s he was often in the Globe area, doing odd jobs for miners and soldiers. His Apache name was pretty much unpronounceable, so townfolk took to calling him "Kid." It wasn't until much later that newspapers began calling him "The Apache Kid." Al Sieber befriended Kid at some time during this period. Sieber seemed to consider him



almost like a son and Kid basically just followed Sieber around wherever he went. Kid picked up a considerable amount of scouting lore from Sieber.

In 1881, Kid enlisted in the Indian Scouts, probably at

Hackberry, Arizona Territory, and showed such aptitude for the job he was made sergeant, eventually rising to the rank of first sergeant within two years. Kid took part in the Battle of Big Dry Wash in July 1882, the last big battle between Apaches and U.S. troops in the United States. In 1883 Kid accompanied General Crook in his great

expedition to the Sierra Madre in Mexico.

The Geronimo Campaign of 1885-1886 found Kid in Mexico early in 1885 with Sieber, and when the Chief of Scouts was recalled in the fall, Kid rode with him back to San Carlos. He re-enlisted with Lt. Crawford's call for one hundred scouts for Mexican duty, and went south again in late 1885. In the Mexican town of Huasabas, on the Bavispe River, Kid was involved in a drunken riot. The locals fined him twenty dollars, and the Army sent him back to San Carlos.

It was during Kid's eighth enlistment in the scouts, which began April 11, 1887, that he found himself in a situation that would lead to a court martial, imprisonment, a civil trial, a new sentence, escape, and life as a fugitive.

Kid's troubles stemmed from an incident that occurred in December 1886. Former SA band member Rip killed Kid's grandfather, SI band chief Togodechuz. After brooding over this event for several months, Kid left his duty station without

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The Captivity of the Oatman Girls

CHAPTER 3:

Lorenzo is attacked by wolves

By R. B. Stratton

"Thus I cogitated, and wept, and sighed, until sleep kindly shut out the harrowing thoughts. I must have slept for three hours, for when I woke the sun was behind the western hills. I felt refreshed, though suffering still from thirst.

"The road crosses the bend in the river twice; to avoid this, I made my way over the bluff spur that turns the road and river to the north. I succeeded after much effort in sustaining myself upon my

On August 9, 1850, the Oatman family left Independence, Missouri, headed for a new life in California. They would never reach their destination. On the trail in Arizona, an Indian party attacked the family. The only survivors were sisters Olive and Mary Ann and their brother Lorenzo. Lorenzo was left for dead and the sisters were taken captive. In 1857, R. B. Stratton wrote a book titled *The Captivity of the Oatman Girls Among the Apache and Mohave Indians*.

The *Territorial News* is serializing the book in its entirety. Look for a new installment in every issue of the *Territorial News*.

feet, with a cane. I walked slowly on, and gained strength and courage that inspired within some hope of my escape. I traveled on, only taking rest two or three times during that evening and whole night. I made in all about fifteen miles by the next day-break.

"About eleven o'clock of the next day I came to a pool of standing water; I was nearly exhausted when I reached it

and lay me down by it, and drank freely, though the water was warm and muddy. I had no sooner slaked my thirst than I fell asleep and slept for some time. I awoke partially delirious, believing that my brain was trying to jump out of my head, while my hands were pressed to my head to keep it together, and prevent the exit of my excited brain.

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The Rough Riders

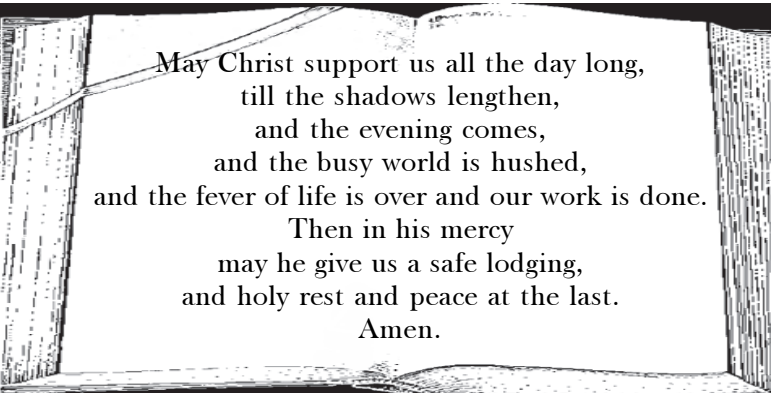
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Wood would serve as colonel of a regiment to be raised in the Southwest, he would accept appointment

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The Arizona Trail

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Spain established a military garrison at Tubac in 1752 to prevent an uprising among the O'odham Indians.

It was Spain's first army outpost in what was Arizona. Tubac still exists and the town there has become known because of its art colony.

In the Dragoon Mountains of southern Arizona marble once was mined. And there are many other old mines dating back to the 1800s where gold, zinc, lead and silver were found.

Flagstaff was the "liveliest" town in Arizona, people who visited there said in 1881. The population included railroad construction workers, gamblers, and residents who were called "fast" people. The total population was 2,000. And there was a dance hall that stayed open from Saturday night until Monday morning. There were gunfights in the streets.

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1890 northern Arizona residents ate bear meat. It was provided by a man called Bear Howard who did his hunting in Oak Creek Canyon. It is said he was six feet eight inches tall and lived to be 93.

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Captivity

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could not. They were now near enough for me to almost reach them, smelling, snuffing, and growling as if holding a meeting to see which should be first to plunge his sharp teeth in my flesh, and first to gorge his lank stomach upon my almost bloodless carcass. I was excited with fear, and immediately sprang to my feet and raised a yell; and as I rose, struck the one nearest me with my hand. He started back, and the rest gave way a little. This was the first utterance I had made since the massacre. These unprincipled gormandizers, on seeing me get up and hurl a stone at them, ran off a short distance, then turned and faced me; when they set up one of the most hideous, doleful howlings that I ever heard from any source. As it rang out for several minutes upon the still evening air, and echoed from crag to crag, it sent the most awful sensations of dread and loneliness thrilling through my whole frame. 'A fit requiem for the dead,' thought I. I tried to scatter them, but they seemed bent upon supplying their stomachs by dividing my body between them, and thus completing the work left unfinished by their brothers, the Apaches.

"I had come now to think enough of the chance for my life, to covet it as a boon worth preserving. But I had serious fears when I saw with what boldness and tenacity they kept upon my track, as I armed myself with a few rocks and pushed on. The excitement of this scene fully roused me, and developed physical strength that I had not been able before to command. The sun had now reached the horizon, and the first shades of lonely night lay upon the distant gorges and hillsides. I kept myself supplied with rocks, occasionally hurling one at

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The Apache Kid

Outlaw

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permission one night when officers Captain Francis Pierce and Sieber were both away on business. He was accompanied by four of his scouts.

After they had engaged in a *tiswin* (fermented corn alcohol) drinking ceremony, they traveled south to Aravaipa Canyon. Upon reaching the camp of the SA band, Kid shot and killed Rip. This was an act of retribution, which was accepted by the Apaches.

Kid and his scouts then returned to his camp, where they joined the others in drinking *tiswin*. The drunk lasted several days, and finally,



mounted SI band members, some with rifles, accompanied them. All of these Apaches watched attentively as Captain Pierce ordered Kid and his scouts to turn in their rifles and gun belts. They complied. Then Pierce ordered them to go to the guardhouse. For reasons unknown, Antonio Diaz, the interpreter, speaking in Apache, threatened that if they did not obey they would be sent to Florida. This alarmed the SI band members, who fired several shots with one hitting Sieber in the foot. Kid and his companions fled.

A few weeks later Kid and his band peacefully surrendered. A court martial followed where the scouts were found guilty of desertion and mutiny and were sentenced to death. Army General Nelson Miles got the sentence reduced to ten years in prison on the premise that the Kid and the others did not fully understand the seriousness of their deed, as they were acting according to Apache custom.

After a year in prison, their verdicts had been overturned and Kid and the four scouts were back in San Carlos. Their legal troubles, however, were far from over.

By the middle of October 1889, Sheriff Glenn Reynolds of Gila County had arrest warrants for the freed Apaches. Another trial ensued and the scouts were sentenced to seven years in the Territorial Prison at Yuma, which was notorious for it's brutal living conditions.

Kid and several other convicts were placed on a stagecoach to Yuma and the Territorial Prison. The journey was to have been a two-day trip by stage from Globe to Casa Grande and from there by rail to Yuma. The sheriff chose a deputy, W. A. "Hunkeydory" Holmes, as guard, and Gene Middleton, the stagecoach owner, as driver. All three were armed.

On the second day, the coach had to make a steep ascent over a ridge, and all the prisoners were put out to walk. At this point, the prisoners overpowered the sheriff and Holmes. Holmes died of a heart attack, and the sheriff was killed with Holmes' rifle. Middleton was also shot and wounded, but survived. The prisoners unlocked their shackles with keys taken from the dead bodies and disappeared into a developing snowstorm. Middleton later said Kid had prevented another of the Apaches from

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The Oatman Girls

Captivity

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the more insolent of this second tribe of savages. They seemed determined, however, to force an acquaintance. At times they would set up one of their wild concerts, and grow furious as if newly enraged at my escape. Then they would huddle about, fairly besetting my steps. I was much frightened, but knew of only one course to take. After becoming weary and faint with hunger and thirst, some time after dark I feared I should faint, and before morning be devoured by them.

Late in the evening they called a halt, for a moment stood closely huddled in the road behind me, as if wondering what blood-clad ghost from some other sphere could be treading this unfriendly soil. They were soon away, to my glad surprise; and ere midnight the last echo of their wild yells had died upon the distant hills to the north. I traveled nearly all night. The cool night much relieved the pain in my head, but compelled me to keep up beyond my strength, to prevent suffering from cold. I have no remembrance of aught from about two to four

o'clock of that night, until about nine of the next day, save the wild, troublous dreams that disturbed my sleep. I dreamed of Indians, of bloodshed, of my sisters, that they were being put to death by slow tortures, that I was with them, and my turn was coming soon. When I came to myself I had hardly strength

to move a muscle; it was a long time before I could get up. I concluded I must perish, and meditated seriously the eating of the flesh from my arm to satisfy my hunger and prevent starvation. I knew I had not sufficient of life to last to Pimole at this rate, and

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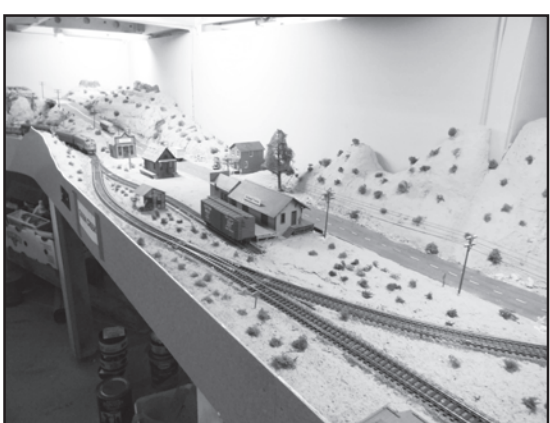


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See the Model Train Exhibit at the Gilbert Historical Museum

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If you're a model train enthusiast, come and check out the display at the Gilbert Historical Museum. As with most Model Train displays, the museum's Model Train Exhibit is a work in progress. The museum partnered with a local model train club a few years ago and work continues every week. The exhibit, depicting the railroad as it was around WWII, shows the trains' route to and from Gilbert in those days. Imagine yourself inside a passenger car looking out the window at downtown Gilbert as it was back in the day!

The Gilbert Model Railroad Club is a group of railroad enthusiasts who are modeling (HO Scale) middle Arizona during the mid 1950s era. The layout

is located in the basement of the Gilbert Historical Museum and includes part of the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe railroads serving Arizona. Key focus areas include Gilbert, Arizona, and the surrounding area, Phoenix rail yards, passenger service and notable industries. Also Arizona mines serviced by the Southern Pacific and other surrounding communities including, Glendale, Mesa, Tempe, Chandler, etc.

The Gilbert Model Railroad Club meets at the museum to work on the display on most Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; the club welcomes those that are interested in railroading and/or membership of the Club. Visit www.gmrctrains.com for more information.

The train exhibit is not always open due to limited access, but if you are interested in seeing the exhibit, just ask the front desk volunteers and they will open it for you!

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Julia Ward Howe also tried to establish a Mother's Day in America. Howe is better known as the author of the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." In 1872, she began promoting the idea of a "Mother's Day for Peace" to be celebrated on June 2, honoring peace, motherhood and womanhood. A stamp was issued in honor of Julia Ward Howe in 1988 — no mention of Mothers Day, though.

Anna Jarvis, daughter of Anna Reeves Jarvis, who had moved from Grafton, West Virginia, to Philadelphia, in 1890, was the power behind the official establishment of Mother's Day. In 1912 West Virginia became the first state to adopt an official Mother's Day. On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution of the U.S. Congress designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, emphasizing women's role in the family.

Derby Day

I meet Joe for our Saturday morning breakfast at the Little Mesa Cafe. Life is good. It's Derby day.

"Who do you like today," I ask. "Don't know yet," he answers. "Got to have a bet on the Derby though, its tradition." We decide we'll meet up at the local OTB and go from there. Not many betting events are like the Kentucky Derby. Happens

every year about this time. Golfers move their tee times to make it to the clubhouse in time for the race. The Derby is often referred to as the most exciting two minutes in sports. The "Run for the Roses," the first leg of the Triple Crown of horse racing, the 140th running of the Kentucky Derby.

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People are funny. Talk to any ten persons and they all have their own formula for gambling. When betting the Derby some pick postpositions, some riders,

(See Derby Day on Page 12)

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Joe Six Pack

Derby Day

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some owners, some numbers out of a hat, and some still actually buy a form and do the math.

Now, my wife picks horses by their name. She very scientifically looks at the names of the horses in the paper and picks the ones she likes best. She also looks at the horses on their way to the post to confirm her choice, but it's the name. Now I've got to tell you that lifetime, with her five-dollar bet, she is ahead. "Pick out a name," she says, "its always the name!" This year she picks "We Miss Artie" and don't ask me why! (Finished tenth)

I go buy a racing form. A friend stops by saying he

likes eleven of the horses in the race. Joe tells him he should buy a horse.

So here I am, 19 horses in the race, looking for the winner. It's almost race time. I seldom bet the favorite in the Derby. I pick "Dance With Fate" at 15-1 to win. I'm figuring the name fits me and my life and, what the heck, it works for my wife! Joe bets "Wicked Strong," mostly because I think he's feeling wicked today. Great weather, track is fast and Joe is looking to add a last minute bet, trying to remember the names of the horses in case my wife is right again.

"And they're off!" Everybody is on their feet, yelling for their horse.

The favorite, "California Chrome," comes in first, followed by

"Commanding Curve" and "Danza." Commanding Curve I never saw coming, like the pitch I could never hit playing ball. Danza—never bet on an actor. Dance With Fate finished sixth, better than my twelfth place pick last year.

The race is over. I'm standing in a sea of commotion, people celebrating and reviewing the race, with another loosing ticket in my hand. Time has stopped. I've been in this situation before. I consider taking my ticket to the window anyway, to let the teller swipe it, just in case.

I sip my mint julep and reflect. Says Joe, "Oh well, sometimes you get the bear and sometimes the bear gets you." Should've bet the favorite!!!

The Rough Riders

Volunteers

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as the lieutenant colonel.

As soon as recruiting was authorized, cowboys, miners, freighters, and troopers of the territorial militia hastened to enlist. New Mexico provided the largest contingent, nearly forty percent of the eleven hundred volunteers. Approximately ten percent were Easterners, derisively dubbed the "Fifth Avenue Boys," and the states of Texas, Colorado, and the territories of Arizona and Oklahoma provided the remainder.

Colonel Wood went at once to San Antonio, Texas, where he prepared a training camp and mustered in the recruits. When Roosevelt arrived in May he found the boys "working like beavers" and added that he had "never seen such riding." Officially this was the First Regiment of United States Volunteers; but soon the newspapers were referring to the regiment as

"rough riders." Because of Roosevelt's renown for spectacular deeds, his name instead of that of Colonel Wood soon was coupled with the "Rough Riders."

Early in June the men and horses boarded trains for Tampa, Florida, where they were to embark for Cuba on a transport ship; but unfortunately the ship could not accommodate the regiment's horses. They had to be left behind, excepting those of the officers. Undaunted, the Rough Riders fought as "dismounted cavalry" at Las Guasimas and charged on foot up San Juan Hill near Santiago. Roosevelt boasted, "I waved my hat and we went up the hill with a rush." Actually, those eager beavers attacked recklessly, against needless odds, as if they were trying to win the war by themselves before other troopers could catch up with them. As a result, they incurred heavy casualties, about seven times as great as those of other volunteer regiments. Admittedly, they did accomplish their objectives, thereby contributing materially to the quick victory that summer.

During the campaign Leonard Wood was promoted to the rank of general, and Roosevelt was advanced to his place as commanding officer; therefore it was in fact Colonel Roosevelt's regiment when it was mustered out in New York in September.

Nearly a year later, in June of 1899, several hundred of the young veterans met in Las Vegas, New Mexico, for their first annual encampment and reunion. Roosevelt, then governor of New York, rode in his service uniform at the head of the parade.



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The Apache Kid

Outlaw

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“finishing” him by bashing his head with a rock.

It was at this time that Kid acquired the “Apache” moniker by the press, probably to make him sound more dangerous. A bounty was placed on the Apache Kid’s head, but he was never apprehended. No one seems to know exactly what did happen to him, but many, including his own people, began to fear him greatly. Over the next few years the Apache Kid was accused of various crimes and thought to have led a small band of renegade Apache followers. It is said that they raided ranches and freight lines throughout New Mexico, Arizona, and Northern Mexico, hiding out in the Sierra Madre Mountains. It seemed like every murder, ambush, and rape in Arizona Territory was blamed on him, and rewards totaling \$5,000 were offered on the Apache Kid, dead or alive. It is impossible to determine how many of the crimes he is blamed for were actually committed by Kid.

After 1894, reports of his crimes came to an end. Some sources claimed he died at this time while others argue that he crossed into Mexico where he joined a few remnants of Geronimo’s band who were never captured.

Although there are many questions regarding his death,

a gravesite memorial can be found in the San Mateo Mountains in New Mexico. The story is that it is the place where the Apache Kid was killed, after having been hunted down by local ranchers angered by his relentless raids. Reportedly, to mark the site of the Kid’s undoing, the

vengeful posse blazed a tree, the hacked remains of which you can see to this day. The grave is one mile northwest of Apache Kid Peak at Cyclone Saddle. However, since there is no way of knowing if the account is accurate, the true fate of the Apache Kid may never be known.

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Punishment was

generally ruthless and arbitrary. Men who committed minor infractions, such as sleeping through roll call, might be fined a month's pay or spend up to a month in the guardhouse or both. General Custer incarcerated such offenders in a special prison of his own design—a 15-foot-deep hole in the ground covered with boards. A soldier found guilty of drunkenness or insubordination might have to march all day carrying a 30 or 40-pound log—he might even be strung up by his wrists or thumbs. A deserter could be compelled to wear a 25-pound ball and chain around his ankle for months.

For all that, a man subjected to such disciplinary measures might count himself lucky. Army regulations at the time recommended the death penalty for at least 12 crimes, including striking an officer and sleeping on guard duty.

Heavy penalties and the lack of legal recourse were largely responsible for a desertion rate that approximated one third of all the soldiers recruited during the Indian wars. When the government made a survey of some captured deserters, most of them said they had fled "tyrannical superiors."

the Az. Kid By Bud Acton

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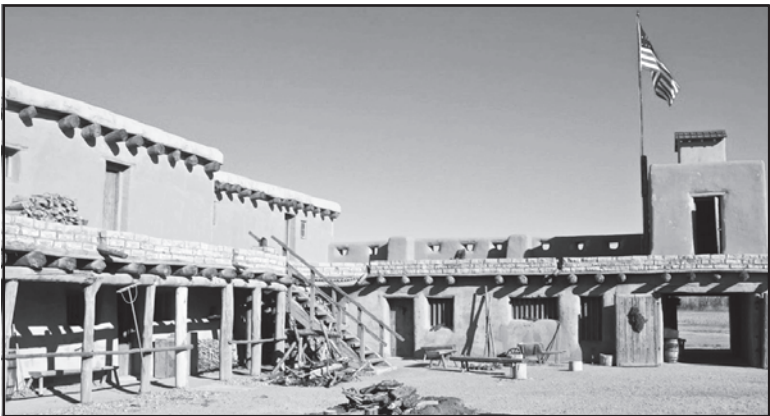
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Bent's Old Fort has been restored and is now a National Historic Site. The park is located about eight miles east of La Junta, Colorado.

Bent's Old Fort

Outpost

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the fort's crew.

Many whites sought shelter there, too. They feasted of game shot by Kit Carson or Tom Fitzpatrick, the post's hunters for a time, or—as one visitor wrote—on the “slap-jacks and pumpkin pies” of the cook, Charlotte, “a fair lady of colour.”

Traffic at the fort bustled. First, there were several two-man teams sent out by the post to trade with the Indians. They were equipped with beads and abalone shells, brass wire, hoop iron for arrowheads, blankets, axes, and kettles. Then, famous mountain men would come in for supplies, often gambling their pelts away while their squaws strutted about “in all the pride of beads and fanfaron, jingling with bells and bugles.” Old Bill Williams, a free trapper, would order drinks for all after riding in, “his body bent over his saddle-horn. . .keen gray eyes peering from under the slouched brim of a...felt hat, black and shining with grease. . .His feet were thrust into a pair of Mexican stirrups, made of wood, and as big as coal-scuttles; and iron spurs of incredible proportions, with tinkling drops attached to the rowels.”

Occasionally the fort was a haven for sick travelers—a government man ill with scurvy or a pioneer woman

suffering a miscarriage. On their way to Santa Fe long caravans stopped there and were resupplied with flour, sugar, coffee, cloth, tobacco, weapons, and whisky.

Explorer John C. Fremont used the fort as both a staging area and as a replenishment station for his expeditions. In the late 1840s, during the Mexican-American War, the fort became a staging area for Colonel Stephen Watts Kearny's “Army of the West”.

The war and increasing unrest among the local Arapaho, Apache, and Cheyenne tribes put an end to the fort's business. There have been two main theories about the destruction of the fort. In his book *Colorado* (1889), George Bancroft attributes the fort's demise to an attack

by local tribes; “Bent's fort was also captured subsequently and the inmates slaughtered.” This theory has since been largely discounted.

Historians believe it more likely that William Bent attempted to sell the fort to the U.S. Army. When he failed to extract a sum he felt the sale warranted, he mined the fort with gunpowder and explosive charges and “blew it to pieces” on August 21, 1849.

William Bent later became an Indian agent, while Charles went on to become civil governor of New Mexico. He was later killed in Taos by rebellious Indians.

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Captivity

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concluded it as well to lie there and die, as to put forth more of painful effort. “In the midst of these musings, too dreadful and full of horror to be described, I roused and started. About noon I was passing through a dark canyon, nearly overhung with dripping rocks; here I slaked my thirst, and was about turning a short corner, when two red-shirted Pimoles, mounted upon fine American horses, came in sight. They straightened in their stirrups, drew their bows, with arrows pointed at me. I raised my hand to my head and beckoned to them, and speaking in Spanish, begged them not to shoot. Quick as thought, when I spoke they dropped their bows, and rode up to me. I soon recognized one of them as an Indian with whom I had been acquainted at Pimole Village. They eyed me closely for a few minutes, when my acquaintance discovering through my disfigured features who it was, that I was one of the family that had gone on a little before, dismounted, laid hold of me, and embraced me with every expression of pity and condolence that could throb in an American heart. Taking me by the hand they asked me what could have happened. I told them as well as I could, and of the fate of the rest of the family. They took me one side under a tree, and laid me upon their blankets. They then took from their saddle a piece of their ash-baked bread, and a gourd of water. I ate the piece of bread, and have often thought of the mercy it was they had no more, for I might have easily killed myself by eating too much; my cravings were uncontrollable. They hung up the gourd of water in reach, and charged me to remain until they might return, promising to carry me to Pimole. After sleeping a

short time I awoke, and became fearful to trust myself with these Pimoles. They had gone on to the scene of the massacre; it was near night; I adjusted their blankets and laid them one side, and commenced the night’s travel refreshed, and not a little cheered. But I soon found my body racked with more pain, and oppressed with more weariness than ever. I kept up all night, most of the time traveling. It was the loneliest, most horrorstruck night of my life. “Glad was I to mark the first streaks of the fourth morning. Never did twilight shine so bright, or seem empowered to chase so much of darkness away. Cheered for a few moments, I hastened my steps, staggering as I went; I found

that I was compelled to rest oftener than usual, I plainly saw I could not hold out much longer. My head was becoming inflamed within and without, and in places on my scalp was putrid. About mid-forenoon, after frequent attempts to proceed, I crawled under a shrub and was soon asleep, I slept two or three hours undisturbed. ‘O my God!’ were the words with which I woke, ‘could I get something to eat, and someone to dress my wounds, I might yet live.’

Chapter 3:
Lorenzo meets the Wilders
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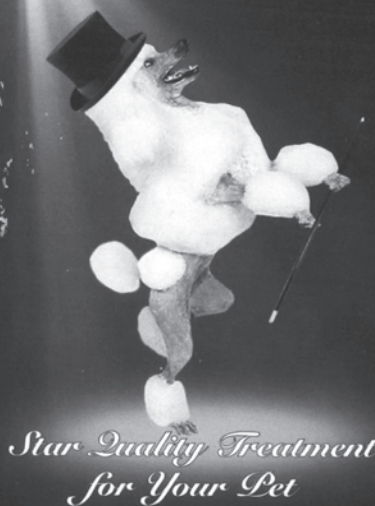
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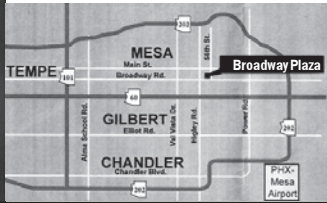
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