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Arizona Trivia

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This Week's
Question:

What famous
Arizona resident was
famous for relating
"The Rest of the
Story" for many years
on radio stations
across America?
(10 Letters)

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Lawman Bill Tilghman

The Greatest of Them All



Bill Tilghman was a man who believed in fair play and hard work. He was once described by his second wife, Zoe, as "a temperate man who never took a drink." Known throughout the West as a dead shot, a hard worker, and a man that didn't quit when it got rough, Tilghman was admired by his contemporaries, lionized by the press and avoided by those who rode on the wrong side of the law.

Tilghman was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1854. His father served as a sharpshooter in the Union Army during the War Between the States and came back partially blinded. As time passed, the elder Tilghman's vision improved and the family moved from one frontier outpost to another as he plied his trade as a sutler for the army.

Tilghman, armed with his father's army-issue Sharps rifle, left his home in Dodge City to become a buffalo hunter. Over the next several years, he partnered with several young men to kill over seven thousand buffalo, almost doubling Buffalo Bill Cody's record.

Tilghman met and fell in love with Flora Kendall. He went off to scout for the army and she married another man. Her husband was killed in a horse-related accident, and the pregnant Flora moved back to Dodge with her family. Tilghman found out about this and returned and married her. They partnered with Neal Brown and bought a ranch on Bluff Creek, outside Dodge City. The baby, James, was born, but he was sickly and died as an infant.

Many of Tilghman's buffalo hunting friends went

As a teenager, Bill

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The Captivity of the Oatman Girls

CHAPTER 3: The Two Girls - Their Thoughts of Home and Friends

By R. B. Stratton

"Soon after," continues Olive, "we camped. A fire was struck by means of flints and wild cotton, which they carried for the purpose. The cattle were allowed to range upon the rock-feed, which abounded; and even with this unnatural provision, they were secure against being impelled by hunger far from camp, as they scarcely had strength to move. Then came the solid dough, made of water and flour, baked stone-hard in the hot

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*.

ashes, and then soaked in bean soup; then the smoking of pipes by some, while others lounged lazily about the camp, filled up the hour of our tarrying here. Food was offered me, but how could I eat to prolong a life I now loathed. I felt neither sensations of hunger nor a desire to live. Could I have done it, I should probably have ended my life during moments of half-delirious, crushing anguish, that some of the time rolled upon me

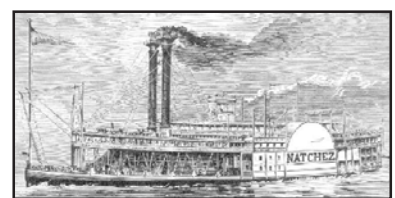
with a force sufficient to divide soul from body. But I was narrowly watched by those worse than fiends, to whom every expression of my grief was occasion for merry-making. I dwelt upon these awful realities, yet, at times, such I could not think them to be, until my thoughts would become confused. Mangled as I knew they were, I longed to go back and take one look,

(See Captivity on Page 5)

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egg-sucking this-and-that." Both knew the fastest boat would attract the most cotton shipping business. When both captains published denials of a rumored 1,200-mile race from New Orleans to St. Louis, few people believed them.

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Jim Harvey

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Bill Tilghman

Lawman

(From Page 1)

on to become some of the most legendary figures in the West. Men such as Bat and Jim Masterson and Wyatt, Morgan, and Virgil Earp headquartered around Dodge City and eventually they all drifted towards law enforcement.

Bat Masterson became Sheriff of Ford County, Kansas in 1878. He named Bill Tilghman his Under-Sheriff. Tilghman served in this role

until 1884, when he took the higher paying position of Marshal of Dodge City.

By the late 1880s, the Texas herds ceased being driven up the Chisholm Trail to Dodge and the town became somewhat more calm and civilized. Tilghman could claim part of the responsibility for this, though he probably was more the steadying influence that allowed for the real taming of Dodge: the arrival of wives and ministers.

1889 saw the entire Tilghman clan at the land rush at Guthrie, Oklahoma

Territory. Tilghman, with friend Jim Masterson, cleared squatters off the main street with mules on either side dragging logs chained together down the middle. Tilghman riding at the front with a twelve gauge probably helped move people.

His fame as a lawman now established, Tilghman was asked by Marshal Bill Grimes to be a Deputy U.S. Marshal. Deputies were paid no salary—they were paid a couple of dollars for each warrant served, six cents a mile for travel, and rewards. The average deputy marshal in the 1880s and '90s made about \$500 per year.

From 1893-5, the scourge of the Oklahoma and Indian Territories was the Doolin-Dalton gang. Tilghman, ex-French Foreign Legionnaire Chris Madsen, and Heck Thomas, who came to be known as the Three Guardsmen, were assigned to capture the gang dead or alive. After a robbery in Southwest City, Missouri, where a prominent politician was killed, the “alive” was deleted from the judge’s orders.

On January 15, 1895, Bill Tilghman single-handedly captured Bill Doolin in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The award, \$5000, was one of the largest ever offered.

In August, Doolin escaped. Unfortunately, the reward was for “capture and conviction” and Tilghman never got a penny for his efforts. Heck Thomas later killed Doolin near Lawson, Oklahoma Territory, and Tilghman, Thomas and Madsen eventually killed or captured the rest of the gang.

In 1900, Tilghman was elected Sheriff of Lincoln County, Oklahoma. His wife Flora died that year.

Three years later, he married twenty-two year old Zoe Stratton. He was 49.

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The Oatman Girls

Captivity

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one long, last, farewell look in the faces of my parents and those dear brothers. Could I but go back and press the hands of those dear ones, though cold in death, I would then consent to go on! There was Lucy, about seventeen years of age, a dear girl of a sweet, mild spirit, never angry. She had been a mother to me when our parents were absent or sick. She had borne the peculiar burden falling upon the oldest of a family of children, with evenness of temper and womanly fortitude. ‘Why,’ my heart inquired, ‘should she be thus cut off and I left?’ Lorenzo I supposed dead, for I saw him fall to the ground by the first blow that was struck, and afterward saw them take from him hat and shoes, and drag him to the brink of the hill by the feet. Supposing they would dash him upon the rocks below, I turned away, unable to witness more!

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“The reader can perhaps imagine the nature of my thoughts while standing at that camp-fire, with my sister clinging to me in convulsive sobs and groans. From fear of the Indians, whose frowns

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Bill Tilghman

Lawman

(From Page 4)

robber and gubernatorial hopeful Al Jennings and “The Passing of the Oklahoma Outlaws.”

Tilghman held special, statewide deputy commissions from each of the early governors of the new state of Oklahoma. He was called out several times to quell KKK and Indian uprisings. President Teddy Roosevelt also asked him to go to Mexico to capture and bring back a

railroad embezzler. He accomplished that task with ease.

He was elected to the Oklahoma Senate in 1910, resigning after a year to accept a two-year appointment as Chief of Police of Oklahoma City.

Tilghman spent the years between 1913 and 1924 running the Champion Stock Farm in Chandler (he purchased former Kentucky Derby winner Chant to start his thoroughbred breeding program) and traveling with his Oklahoma Outlaws movie.

The discovery of oil in the 1920s led to prosperity and violence in many “boomtowns” like Cromwell in Seminole County, Oklahoma. Robbery and hijacking were common, liquor joints operated openly in spite of prohibition, and gambling and prostitution went unchecked.

Governor Trapp asked Tilghman to go to Cromwell in the spring of 1924 to tame “the wickedest town in Oklahoma.” No one knew, including his wife, that he was dying of cancer and in dire pain. He accepted the challenge.

Most of the businesses in Cromwell were related to drinking, gambling and prurient concerns. Layabouts hung around outside of pool halls and bars. Naked prostitutes lounged in windows and doorways. Murders went unsolved; bodies often lay in the street for hours. A man named Killian reputedly ran organized crime, though he was just a puppet for unknown Oklahoma City crime bosses. Even the local federal prohibition agent, Wiley Lynn, was generally accepted to be on the take. The Amerada oil derricks and tanks gave the rough and tumble town a perpetual smell of oil.

Tilghman spent about six months as town marshal and made inroads into cleaning up the place. He had little or no help from the county sheriff and federal agent Lynn was a hindrance. He released more than one Tilghman arrestee before the seventy-year old marshal found out.

On Halloween night, 1924, Tilghman was having coffee with a couple associates at Ma Murphy’s Cafe (adjacent to her reputed brothel) when a shot rang out.

Tilghman, whose cancer had made wearing a gunbelt

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The Oatman Girls

Captivity

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threats, mingled with hellish jests, were constantly glaring upon us, she struggled to repress and prevent any outburst of the grief that seemed to tear her little heart. And when her feelings became uncontrollable, she would hide her head in my arms, and most piteously sob aloud, but she was immediately hushed by the brandishing of a war-club over her head.

“While in this camp, awaiting the finished meal, and just after twilight, the full moon arose and looked in upon our rock-girt gorge with a majesty and serenity that seemed to mock our changeful doom. Indeed a more beautiful moonrise I never saw. The sky was clear, the wind had hushed its roar, and laid by its fury; the larger and more brilliant of the starry throng stood out clear above, despite the superior light of the moon, which had blushed the lesser ones into obscurity.

“As that moon mounted the cloudless east, yet tinged with the last stray beauties of twilight, and sent its first mild glories along the surrounding peaks, the scene of illumined heights, and dark, cavernous, shade-clad hill-sides and gorges, was grand, and to a mind unfettered with woe would have lent the inspiration of song. I looked upon those gorges and vales, with their deeps of gloom, and then upon the moon-kissed ridges that formed boundaries of light to limit their shadows! I thought the former a fit exponent of my heart’s realizations, and the whole an impressive illustration of the contrast between my present and the recent past. That moon, ordinarily so welcome, and that seemed supernaturally empowered to clothe the barren heights with a richer than nature’s verdure robes, and so cheering to us only a few evenings previous

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Bill Tilghman

Lawman

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intolerable, drew his Colt .32 automatic from a vest pocket and went into the street to investigate. A drunken Wiley Lynn stood there, gun in hand. Tilghman grabbed Lynn’s gun hand while jamming his own automatic into Lynn’s ribs. He yelled for help in disarming Lynn. Two shots rang out and Tilghman slumped against a wall. A bystander yelled: “Wiley Lynn has shot the Marshal!” as Lynn jumped into a car and sped off.

William Matthew Tilghman died twenty minutes later on a sofa in a used furniture store next to Ma Murphy’s. He had been hit twice in the left lung and bled to death internally.

After his death, Tilghman’s body lay in state at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

One month later, the town of Cromwell was torched. No family homes were set afire, but every flophouse, bar, pool hall and brothel was leveled. It is said that the fire was set by one of Tilghman’s admirers as retribution for the lawman’s murder

Organized crime bosses reputedly promised Lynn the best jury, witnesses and counsel that money could buy. He was found not guilty after key witnesses never showed up to testify.

As the West became more civilized, family matters superseded vices, and churches and schools became meaningful institutions, there was no longer a need for “shoot ‘em up” sheriffs. Bill Tilghman was the last of these great frontier lawmen. Teddy Roosevelt said, “Tilghman would charge Hell with a bucket.”

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In 1932, Charles A. Whitlow, Sr. started a youth

rodeo to raise money for the children's milk fund. This event, now grown into an important Arizona rodeo called the Junior Parada, still raises money for children's causes. The Parada is held during the weekend following Thanksgiving and includes a parade and junior rodeo for youth ages five to eighteen. In the 1960s, photographer Louise L. Serpa regularly captured the action at the Junior Parada. She was the first female photographer

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The western environment of Florence drew those interested in ranching and the rodeo. Well-known individuals such as Rex Allen, Ken Curtis (Festus in *Gunsmoke*), and Gene Autry have been supporters of the Parada. Tragically, cowboy movie star Tom Mix lost his life in a car crash just south of Florence.

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Rescue

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assemble themselves into a large circle with an open end facing the soldiers. Lieutenant Updyke watched helplessly as two Indians led his wife into the center of the circle and began to torture her by poking arrows into her flesh causing her to scream in pain. Gordon, who had alerted the fort about the impending Indian attack, asked Updyke why he didn't order a charge to save her.

Without hesitating, the lieutenant replied. "I cannot do it," he said. "No. It would be a foolish sacrifice of my men. They would all be killed."

At that point, Gordon decided to act alone. He turned his horse and rode slowly down the hill to the center of the encircling Indian warriors.

According to the notes in Blanchard's manuscript, "Both Indians and soldiers gazed at his determined approach, spellbound by that unique combination of curiosity and admiration which sometimes enthralls great bodies of men with its hypnotic power. Not a sound

was heard. Even the breeze died away. The setting sun brought out in queer relief the slowly advancing horseman. The lengthening shadows of horse and rider seemed to grow in size like an avenging demon."

Gordon rode slowly until



he was about 100 yards away from Mrs. Updyke and her two captors. Then the spell was broken when Gordon spurred his horse into a run and shot the two Indians holding the weeping woman. He reached down and swept her up on the horse's back and wheeled the animal around and began a gallop towards the watching cavalymen. He moved to the rear of his horse and placed Mrs. Updyke into the saddle. Then, turning himself around, he faced the Indians as they rode away, his back against the woman's back.

"Stick with the horse no matter what happens," he shouted to Mrs. Updyke. He pulled both of his pistols from his holsters.

As they sped away, back

to back, Gordon emptied his guns at the Indians in close pursuit. Mrs. Updyke could hear Indian bullets hitting the body of her protector as the horse galloped up the ridge.

Gordon's horse reached the top of the ridge just as more cavalry reinforcements arrived from the fort. With the drama over, Gordon slumped from the horse and fell dead to the ground. At that point, Lieutenant Updyke rushed up to embrace his wife, but she rebuffed him and fell to her knees to cradle the lifeless head of Gordon in her lap.

As General Phil Sheridan, commander of the reinforcements, watched the incredible rescue in silence, a trooper dropped off his horse and picked up Gordon's Scottish cap and handed it to the general.

The general dismounted and took off his own hat. He walked to where the sobbing Mrs. Updyke still held the lifeless body of Gordon. He took the cap and placed it tenderly back on the hero's head.

General Sheridan then looked long into the face of the dead man before saying, "Kirk Gordon, you are the bravest man who ever lived."

"I found him a loyal friend and good company. He was a dentist whom necessity had made a gambler; a gentleman whom disease had made a vagabond; a philosopher whom life had made a caustic wit; a long, lean blonde fellow nearly dead with consumption and at the same time the most skillful gambler and nerviest, speediest, deadliest man with a six-gun I ever knew." – Wyatt Earp speaking of Doc Holliday

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This One’s for Dad

Joe Six Pack

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with flowers and gifts was too commercial and not manly enough. The observance (Father’s Day) became an official national holiday in 1972. By this time Mother’s Day had already been a holiday for 58 years.

In the 1920s and 1930s, some people campaigned to scrap both Mother’s Day and Father’s Day and just have Parents’ Day – that never caught on. Be it Mom’s or the retailers, Mom was going to have her own day. I’m not going to argue, after all Mom’s the boss!

Breakfast with Joe

What possibly could be more humbling than being a father; the total wonderment of your newborn child or the wondering what happened when they become teenagers!!! “Whatever.”

Saturday morning. I meet Joe for our Saturday morning breakfast at the Little Mesa Cafe. Life is good. We talk about the week’s happenings. Our children are always a part of the conversation. Father’s Day is next weekend.

“Far as I’m concerned one of the best things about Father’s Day weekend is the U.S. Open,” Joe declares. “Before I had children I was king of my castle. I had children and that was the end of that! They figured out real early skip Dad and go straight to Mom! Mom said...and nothing was mine anymore! Chair, socks, tools, clicker, cookies....can’t find them.”

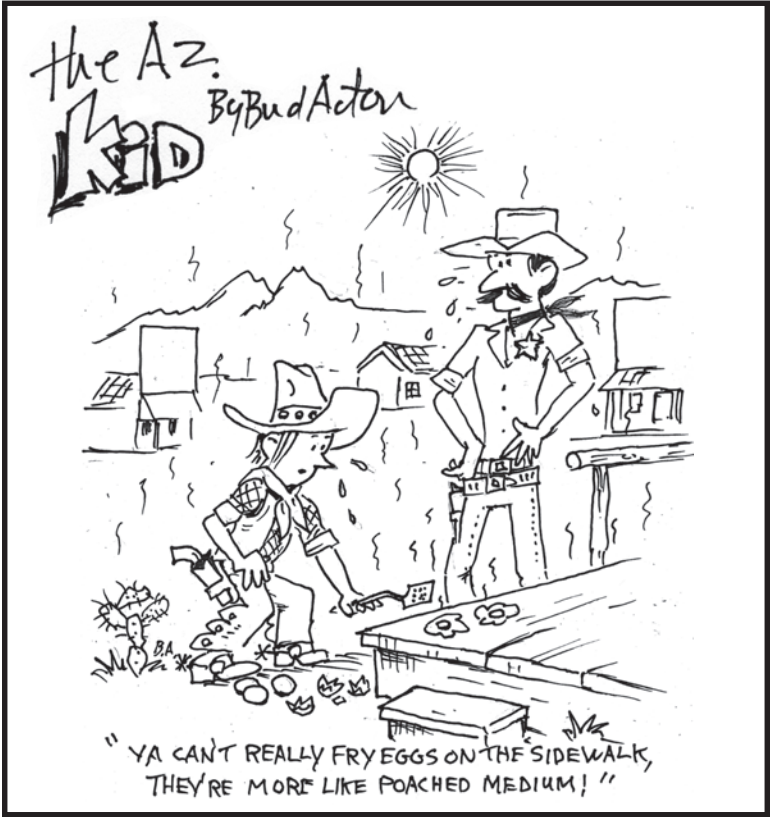
I get it. The Maytag repairman is not the loneliest job on earth. Being a Dad is. A whole lot of Dads out there know what I’m talking about. Dads don’t know anything! Why else do Dads constantly repeat themselves? Don’t, No and What’s the Matter with

You? Just ask their kids! I’m telling you the term “WHATEVER” came from a teenage daughter to her father when he was explaining the rules. Me and Rodney, No Respect!

Joe: “Being a parent is a real job. Sometimes I think my Dad’s getting even with me and deservedly so. I love my kids, but there are times like not being able to find the clicker for the TV....kinda upset me. I never knew going in that

being a Dad involved never seeing a full bar of soap or a full tube of toothpaste again! And we don’t want to talk about hopefully enough toilet paper!! Nobody warned me! What’s up with that? No warning! I’m not warning my kids either. Let them find out on their own!” I did....”

Well, Joe does have his way of expressing himself. To all you long suffering and proud of it Fathers.... Happy Father’s Day!



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The Oatman Girls

Captivity

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while winding our way over that dusty road, had now suddenly put on a robe of sackcloth. All was still, save the chattering of our captors, and the sharp, irregular howling of the coyotes, who perform most of their odes in the night, and frequently made it hideous from twilight to twilight again.

“O how much crowded into that short hour spent at the first camp after leaving the scene of death and sleeping previous! Ignorant of the purposes of our own preservation, we could only wait in breathless anxiety the movements of our merciless lords. I then began to meditate upon leaving those parents, brothers and sisters; I looked up and saw the tin covered bows strung over the wagon, the cloth of which had been torn off by the Indians. I knew that it designated the spot where horror and affection lingered. I meditated upon the past, the present, and the future. The moon, gradually ascending the sky, was fast breaking in upon the deep-shade spots that at her first rising had contended with ridges of light spread about them. That moon had witnessed the night before my childish but sincerest vow, that I would never be taken alive by Indian savages, and was now laughing at the frailty of the resolution and the abruptness with which the fears to which it pointed had become reality! That moon had smiled on many, very many hours spent in lands far away in childish glee, romps and sports prolonged, near the home-hearth and grass-plotted door-yard, long after the cool evening breezes had fanned away the sultry air of the day.”

The very intonations of the voices that had swelled and echoed in those uncaring hours of glee came back to me now, to rehearse in the ears of a present, insupportable sorrow, the music of past, but happier days. This hour, this moon-lit hour, was one most dear and exclusive to the gushing forth of the heart’s unrestrained overflowings of happiness. Where are now those girls and boys? Where now are those who gathered about me, and over whose sun tanned but ruddy cheeks had stolen the unbidden tear at the hour of parting; or, with an artless simplicity, the heart’s ‘good-by’ was repeated o’er and o’er again ? Is this moon now bearing the same

unmingled smile to them as when it looked upon our mutual evening promenadings? Or has it put on the somber hues that seem to tinge its wonted brightness to me, heralding the color of our fate, and hinting of our sorrow?

“These, all these, and many more kindred reflections found way to, and strung the heart’s saddest notes. And as memory and present consciousness told me of those days and evenings gone, never to be repeated I became sick of life, and resolved upon stopping its currents with my own hands; and but for the yearning anxiety that bent over little Mary Ann, I should have only waited the opportunity to have executed my desperate purpose. The strolls to school, arm-in-arm with the now remembered, but abandoned partners of the blissful past, on the summer morn; the windings and wanderings upon

the distinctly remembered strawberry patches at sultry noon; the evening walks for the cows, when the setting sun and the coming on of cloudless, stormless, cool evenings, clothed all nature with unwonted loveliness; together with the sad present, that furnished so unexpected and tormenting a contrast with all before, would rush again upon me, bringing the breath of dark, suicidal thoughts to fire up the fast hour of a camp among the Indians”

But these harrowing meditations are suddenly interrupted; cattle are placed in order for traveling; five of the Indians are put in charge of the girls, and welcome or unwelcome they must away they knew not where.

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