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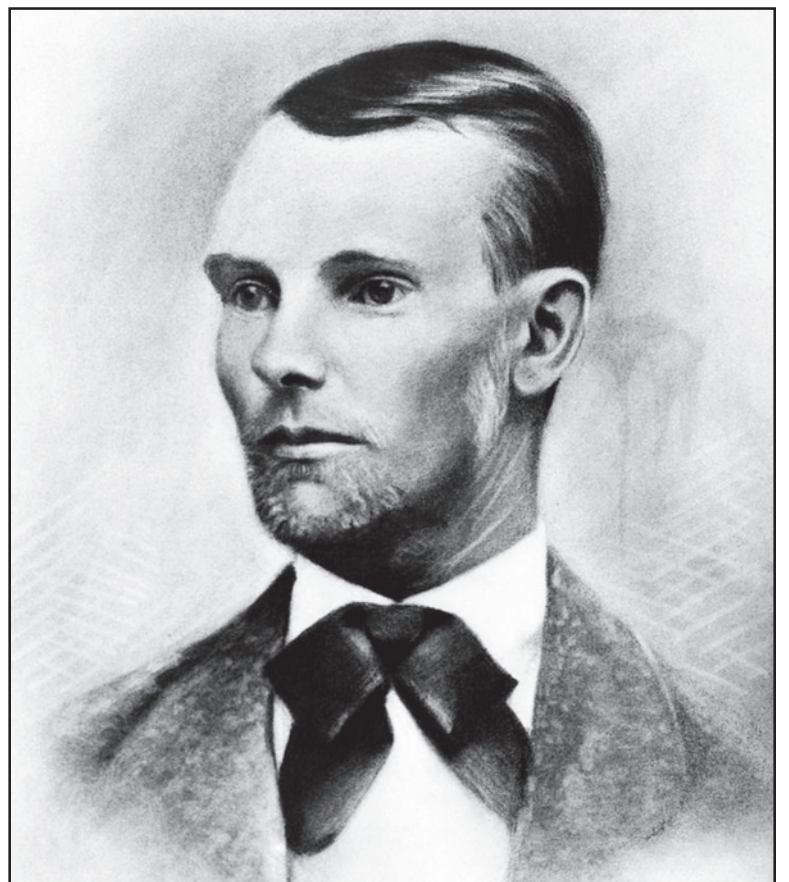
THE KILLING OF JESSE JAMES

In the fall of 1881, the notorious outlaw Jesse James was on the run, with a \$10,000 reward on his head. He moved with his family to St. Joseph, Missouri, to hide out. The huge reward proved to be too much for two of Jesse's gang to pass up. While Jesse stood on a chair in his home to straighten a picture, Bob and Charlie Ford drew their guns. Bob Ford shot Jesse in the back of the head. The Ford brothers attempted to collect the reward, but instead found themselves charged with murder. They were sentenced to hang, but were pardoned by the governor of Missouri. Within two years, both Ford brothers would be dead: Charlie Ford committed suicide and Bob was killed in a bar room brawl in Creede,

Colorado. The following excerpt is reprinted from an article in the April 4, 1882, edition of the Kansas City Times.

ST. JOSEPH, MO. April 4—About ten o'clock this morning a hurried report was made in this city that Jesse James had been shot and killed at his home in the south part of the city, where he had been residing for the past six months, under the assumed name of Howard. In a few minutes an immense throng was on its way to the place designated, and on arrival there, found the report verified, and Jesse James dead, he having been assassinated by two members

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Jesse James

The History of Arizona Arizona's Military Posts in 1866

By Thomas Edwin Farish

General McDowell, in his annual report to the Secretary of War for the year 1866, speaks in high commendation of the Arizona volunteers. This report on conditions in Arizona was:

"The regular troops in this district consist of the first and third battalions of the fourteenth infantry, four companies of the first United States cavalry, and one company of the second United States artillery. Until very recently there were also several companies and fragments of companies

In the early part of the 1900s writer/historian Thomas Edwin Farish was commissioned by the Arizona Territorial Legislature to write a history of Arizona. This was a mammoth undertaking in its day and took several years to complete. The original volumes of the book were published in 1915-1918.

The *Territorial News* is publishing excerpts of these volumes over the next several issues. This is an extensive work and, unfortunately, we are not able to publish the complete text on these pages. Every attempt is made to do justice to the author and preserve the integrity of his work in the selections we publish.

of Arizona volunteers. The latter have been ordered to be



The parade ground at old Camp Grant in 1870

mustered out on the expiration of their year's term

of service, and most, if not all, have by this time been discharged. They were the most effective troops for the service in that country that we have had, and have done more than all the others together. In fact, it is not too much to say that they only within the last year have inflicted

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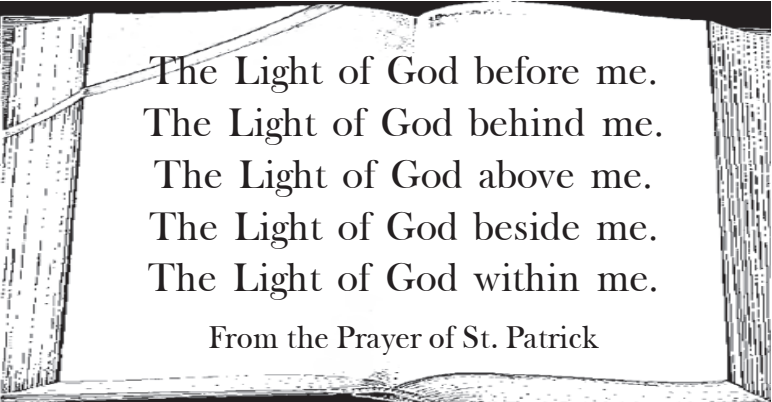
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Elizabeth Bacon Custer

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ARIZONA TRIVIA

This Week's Question: In preparation for the 1969 moon landing, astronauts trained at which location in Arizona because of its similarity to the moonscape? (12 Letters)

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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

From prehistoric times well into the 20th Century, Arizona's American Indian housewives used brooms to sweep their floors. The brooms were made of yucca spines or wild grass tied in bundles.

In 1862 during the Civil War, Confederate troops from Texas occupied Tucson for a few weeks. Then they were driven out by a Union army from California which had remained loyal to the U.S. At that time, Arizona was part of New Mexico Territory.

Edward Schiefflin was the prospector who discovered silver southeast of Tucson in 1877. His discovery led to the founding of Tombstone which became Arizona's best known Wild West town. A man who saw Schiefflin that year said "he was about the queerest specimen of humanity every

seen. His long, untrimmed beard was a mass of unkempt knots and mats. His clothing was worn out and covered with patches of deerskin, corduroy and flannel, and his old slouch hat was so patched with rabbit skins that very little of the original felt remained."

In 1887, John Hance began offering sightseers mule rides to the bottom of the Grand Canyon north of Williams. He also operated tourist accommodations on the canyon's south rim.

An 1893 drought stopped the grass from growing all over Arizona. Creeks and springs dried up and cattle by the thousands died. The death toll was greatest in Arizona's southern parts where at least half of the steers, cows, bulls and calves perished.

1906 was the year President Teddy Roosevelt designated the Petrified Forest near Holbrook as a national monument. He did so to stop destruction caused by commercial jewelers, souvenir hunters, and the sale of crushed petrified wood as industrial grinding powder.

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Pinkerton's company of detectives received a boost in recognition in 1861 when Allan discovered a plot to assassinate President-elect Abraham Lincoln. After the incident, Pinkerton's agency became an intelligence organization for General George B. McClellan during the Civil War. Unfortunately for the Union, Pinkerton's numbers about Confederate troop strength were vastly overstated, and this misinformation contributed to the severe mismanagement of the Peninsula Campaign by McClellan. When McClellan was relieved of his command,

Pinkerton's position went with him.

The Pinkerton Agency was more successful west of the Mississippi, where railroads and banks employed agents to pursue outlaws and gunfighters. Allan Pinkerton was the originator of the modern-day "rogue's gallery," in which critical information about major criminals is gathered, filed, and distributed. Personal data, physical traits, known acquaintances, and suspected hangouts for known lawbreakers were gathered by Pinkerton agents and combined into the agency's rapidly growing information system. By the 1870s, Pinkerton's had the largest collection of mug shots in the world. As criminals and crimes made the newspapers, field agents diligently clipped and sent in every story with added notations that went into each outlaw's growing file.

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Jesse James

Killing
(From Page 1)

of the gang, Charles and Robert Ford, of Ray county, both of whom immediately surrendered themselves to the authorities.

The home where the great outlaw was killed is a frame building, a story and a half high, sitting in a little grove of fruit trees on one of the round ridges back of the World's hotel. It commands a view of the approaches for a long distance.

The wife of the outlaw first insisted that the name of the dead man was Howard, but later

youths, apparently between 15 and 20 years of age. This morning after breakfast Robert Ford and Jesse went into the sitting room to some work about moving a stove, and Charles was assisting her in the kitchen washing dishes. After she heard a shot and rushing in she found her


the other running around by the front way. They both returned again and then started to the city to deliver themselves up and

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for Jesse James. They first came to the marshal's office, but finding him out, went direct to the sheriff and gave themselves into custody.

Soon after the shooting the reporters were informed by Coroner Hedens that a man had been shot and killed on Thirteenth and Lafayette streets. Reaching the place indicated, and on approaching the door leading into the front room, a man was found lying on the floor cold in death, with blood oozing from his wounds.

From the few who had gathered around the door, more from curiosity than anything else, it was inquired what was the cause of the shooting. None of them knew, but said we could find out more from the man's wife, who was in the rear room. Walking into the room and passing around the dead man's body, we opened the door leading into the kitchen, where we found the



Zerelda Mimms James, Jesse's widow

husband laying on the floor shot to death, while on a chair lay his pistol, belt and cartridges, which he had removed while at work with the stove. The Ford boys both ran from the house, one jumping over the rear fence,

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WIFE AND TWO LITTLE CHILDREN

a boy and a girl. When she discovered us with notebook in hand, she began to scream and said: Please do not put this in the paper! At first she refused to say anything about the shooting, but after some time she said the boys that had killed her husband had been living with them for some time, and that their names were Johnson, but no relation. Charles, she said was

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A trio of red-coated bartenders worked the bar, which featured a dumb-waiter used to send liquor upstairs. Behind the bar was a nine-foot-tall painting of Fatima, a popular belly dancer of the era. The painting became scarred through the years with no less than 6 bullet holes.

It cost a quarter to get into the main room, which was flanked by six balcony alcoves on either side. Each alcove and the girl inside could be hired for \$25. This gave birth to the popular saying "bird in a gilded cage."

The orchestra pit boasted a large grand piano, and the burlesque shows featured national acts such as Lotta Crabtree, Eddie Foy,



and others who were brave enough to face frontier audiences. During a performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin in June 1882, a drunken cowboy in the audience shot the bloodhound that was supposedly chasing one of the characters around the stage.

Below the stage were

dressing rooms, a wine cellar, and a poker table where seats were a minimum \$1000 buy in. This house game may have been the longest running in Western history. Play continued nonstop for eight years, five months, and three days. Some of Americas' most famous business men such as, Adolph Busch and George Randolph Hearst, played along side Diamond Jim Brady, Bat Masterson, Dick Clark, Doc Holliday, and a host of other famous gamblers of the old west.

Many infamous happenings occurred in the barroom, which is indicated by the many bullet holes, but one of the most notorious was the brutal killing of the lovely lady of the evening, Margarita. She was sitting on the lap of

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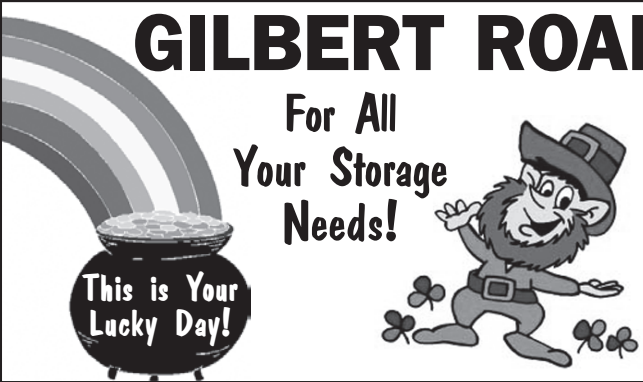


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March 12, 1888
Under the terms of a treaty signed today by Secretary of State Charles Bayard and the

Chinese minister, Chinese laborers are excluded from entering the United States for 20 years.

• In response to a shortage of coal in Kansas, the Garden City Herald reports that "several young society gents were seen on their way to the residence of their best girls last night carrying a bucket of coal."

March 19, 1888
Three guards from Arizona's Vulture Mine are robbed and murdered en route to Phoenix; bars of gold are

reported missing.

• With all the newspapers being published in the region, the Indian Territory Press Association organizes.

March 24, 1888
Ella Watson, a 26-year-old prostitute, files claim number 2003, for property located about a mile from Jim Averill's spread in Wyoming. Construction begins on a log cabin bordello, and a large corral. Soon, she and Averill will dabble in stolen cattle.

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any considerable injury on the hostile Apaches. The regular troops, used to a different kind of warfare, unused to the kind of life necessary to obtain any results against the Indians in Arizona, seem to acquire very slowly the experience necessary to enable them to be effective for offensive operations.

There has been a good deal of uneasiness within the year at several points along the river, particularly at La

Paz, the mouth of Bill Williams's fork, Hardyville, and El Dorado Canyon, and it has been impossible to furnish the protection asked for, except to a limited extent. The hostility existing between the River Indians and certain bands of the Pi-Utes and Chemehuevis has caused alarm to the white inhabitants who have been and are, friendly to the Mohaves. The killing of the head chief, Waba Yuma, of the Hualapais, by some whites on the road from Hardyville to Prescott, has also unsettled the good relations heretofore existing

with those Indians.

The hostilities on the road from Camp Cady to Fort Mojave with the Pi-Utes seem to have extended their effects to the Indians of that or kindred tribes further to the north and there have been offensive movements against the important mining settlements at El Dorado canyon. This has given alarm to those engaged in the enterprise of opening a line of trade by way of the Colorado river to Utah, and they fear their boat with its supplies may be in danger. At their repeated and earnest request I have ordered a guard of ten men to be detached from Fort Mojave to be stationed for sixty days in El Dorado canyon. This, I since learn, will take every man, not on special duty, away from the post, the others being absent escorting cattle to Fort Whipple.

The Indians, who have heretofore been quiet on the road from La Paz to Prescott, and have confined themselves to limits prescribed by the military commander and Indian Superintendent, were found in large numbers beyond their limits in Skull Valley. It is claimed they were there with hostile intent, and that they attacked a private train under escort of some



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Libbie Custer

Military Wife

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Libbie first encountered George Custer when he spent two years at an academy in Monroe. As Custer strolled past Judge Bacon's house, Libbie was swinging on the gate of the white picket fence. "Hello, you Custer boy!" she said with a smile. She then ran into the house—and into 15-year-old George's heart.

Several years later, another chance encounter nearly derailed any future romance. From October 1861 until February 1862, Lieutenant Custer spent a sick leave in Monroe at the home of his half-sister. One day, he became drunk with some old schoolmates, and as he staggered to his sister's house, he passed the Bacon home. Libbie, a girl of strong religious convictions, observed the inebriated young officer with stern disapproval. Custer's sister apparently elicited a pledge from him to stop indulging in liquor or tobacco, and he kept his word.

At age 18, Libbie was formally introduced to Custer while she was a student at Boyd's Seminary. Subsequently, Custer courted Libbie, besieging her with letters.

Custer's successes during the Civil War resulted in swift promotion to general. In September 1863, he

returned to Monroe and proposed to Libbie. Despite Judge Bacon's reservations, Libbie accepted.

Following the wedding and a brief honeymoon, Libbie accompanied her husband to brigade headquarters. It was not customary for women to be at duty posts, but Libbie's

and more than 200 of his men were slain in 1876 at the Battle of the Little Big Horn. Libbie was only 34, but she never remarried. She promoted Custer's reputation through lectures and books, including *Boots and Saddles* (1885), *Tenting on the Plains* (1887), and *Following the Guidon* (1890).

In *Following the Guidon* (a guidon is a military flag), Libbie wrote about what life was like for the wives of military officers stationed on frontier posts. In one passage, she offers a delicate description of those few flowers that existed in the western wilderness:

"We rarely had flowers to brighten our houses. Sometimes in the underbrush, where the sole trees we had—the cottonwoods—grew, we found clematis, and the joy of draping our pictures or mantles with this graceful vine, covered with its soft

tufts of fluffy gray, was something to be remembered. For a brief time in the early summer the plains were aflame with wild flowers of the most brilliant dyes; but the hot summer scorched them, as well as the grass, out of existence.

"As ferns only grew in rather damp and shady places, it can be imagined that we never saw them. I had given to me some pressed ferns in the United States once, and pasted them on one of our windows when we reached the arid sun-baked plains. They seemed like a bit of fairy-land, and looking at them while they lasted transported us to cool nooks on a pretty brook overhung with thick foliage. Flowers are in such common use nowadays that few tables are without them. Perhaps only a cheap little basket of ferns and foliage plants, or a bowl of wild daisies, but that flowerless land seems like the desert of Sahara as I look back at it as it was after early summer was past."

Libbie Custer died in New York City on April 4, 1933.



presence notably improved behavior around headquarters, and other officer's wives began to join their husbands.

After the war, Libbie continued to live with George wherever he was stationed, and she often accompanied him on campaigns. When they were apart, he sent long letters to her. In 1867, Custer was court-martialed after leaving his regiment in the field to race 150 miles in 55 hours to see Libbie.

The 36-year-old Custer

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Arizona volunteers. The result was an engagement, in which a large number of Indians were killed and wounded; it remains to be seen whether enough to subdue the tribe, or only to reflate it.

The Arizona volunteers, heretofore stationed in Skull Valley, having been mustered out of service, their place has been supplied by the company of the fourteenth infantry, from Date Creek, and the stations at the latter place and at Wickenburg have been abandoned.

The post of Camp Lincoln, on the Upper Verde, has proved so favorable for operations against the Apaches that it will be maintained by a company of the fourteenth infantry, though the force, both in quality for this kind of service, and quantity, will not replace the volunteers whose places they take.

The post at Fort Whipple, near Prescott, will be kept up for the present.

The post at Fort McDowell, on the Lower Verde, now occupied by three companies of the fourteenth infantry and one company of

the first cavalry, has, together with the post of Camp Lincoln, inflicted so severe a chastisement in repeated combats with the Apaches, that they have compelled them to beg for peace. This, heretofore, has been offered them on condition they would go to the place reserved for Indian prisoners at Fort Goodwin. But they represent that they are at enmity with the Fort Goodwin bands, and cannot live with them.

I am not sure they are sincere in their desire for

peace; but as they may be, and as I have now lost the force most competent to further chastise them, I have given instructions to grant them peace on the terms proposed to them by the late excellent commander of Fort McDowell, which will provide for their coming in as prisoners, in the vicinity of that station, and there plant and keep the peace with the whites and their allies, the Gila Indians, the Pimas

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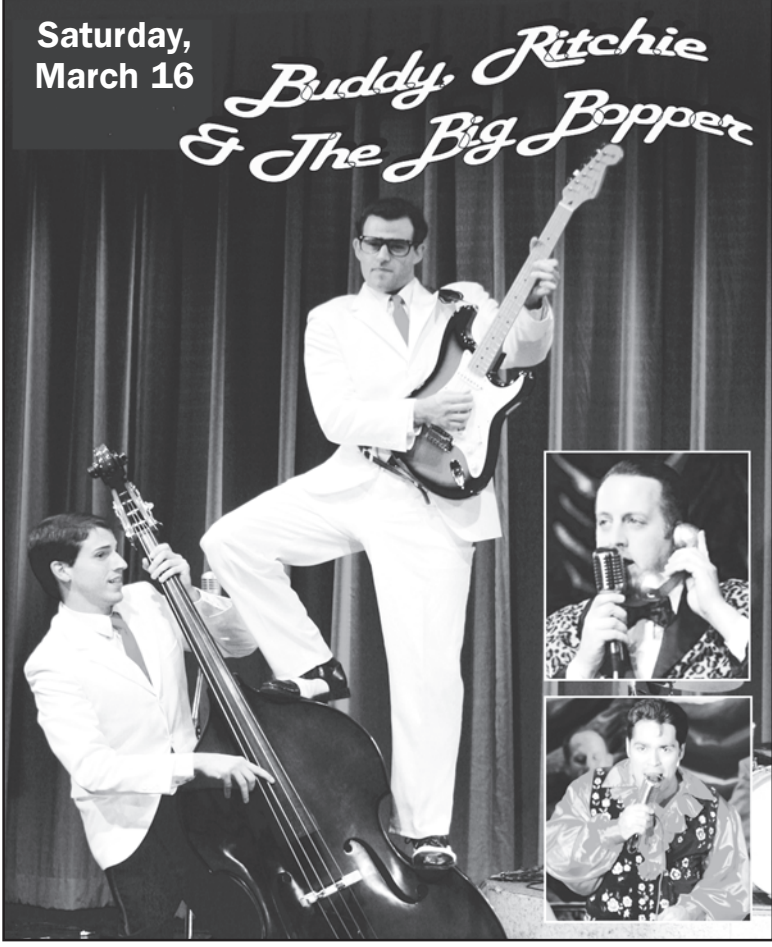


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and Maricopas.

The post of Fort Grant, (two companies of the fourteenth infantry) at the mouth of the San Pedro, has been recently destroyed by the floods of the river, and the station has been removed to the site of old Fort Breckenridge. I hope soon to change it to the heart of the Apache country, where the climate may prove healthy, and there is an abundance of wood and grass, as well as pure mountain water.

The post of Fort Goodwin, occupied by three companies of the fourteenth infantry, is the place I have assigned for such of the Apaches as have surrendered themselves, and claim to wish to live in peace with the whites. At times several hundred have been on the reservation, but the difficulty

of at all times having supplies for them has made it necessary to relax the rule for their constant presence, that they might lay in a store of mescal, etc., for food. This may have been taken advantage of in some instances to escape and

San Pedro, above Fort Grant, has been abandoned.

The camp on the upper San Pedro, near Barbecoma, is still maintained as a protection for the settlements, as are also the stations at Fort Bowie and Tucson. The companies stationed at Fort Mason, (so called) on the upper Santa Cruz near Calabasas, have been temporarily removed (by the district commander, on account of sickness) to the vicinity of old Fort Buchanan, whether to any good purpose remains to be seen.

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The Pinkertons

Detectives

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near Wagner, Montana, detectives bottlenecked their escape route and cut them off from their familiar Wyoming digs. The gang was forced south to Fort Worth, where many of them and their accomplices either died fighting or surrendered. Among the bandits' fatalities were Harvey and Lonny Logan, Bill Carver, Tom Ketcham, "Flatnose" Curry, "Deaf Charlie" Hanks and Ben Kilpatrick. Butch Cassidy and Harry Longabaugh, the

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Breakfast with Joe

I meet Joe for our Saturday morning breakfast at the Little Mesa Caf . “St. Pat’s day is just around the corner,” I tell him. “I’m thinking corned beef hash and eggs this morning.” I give my order to Lori. Joe orders the same with coffee and juice.

“I’ll have to see what I have in the closet that’s green,” says Joe. My favorite green shirt has seen some wear and my wife has threatened to loose it for years. Must wear green on St. Patty’s day. I need all the good luck I can get.

When I was a kid my aunt took me to a St. Patrick’s festival at our church and I won a button that said “Kiss Me I’m Irish.” My aunt had me wear that button all day...All those kisses! Wish I’d been older!”

“How old were you?” I

asked.
“Oh, nine or ten,” Joe answers. “Wonder what ever happened to that button. Sure worked then!”

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Remember the movie “The Fugitive” with Harrison Ford? In the scene where Tommy Lee Jones is chasing him during the St. Patrick’s

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Jesse James

Killing

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THE WIFE’S FINAL CONFESSION

The marshal then took Mrs. Howard, as she called herself, into the room, and told her the name of her husband was not Howard, but James. She denied it at first, and when the marshal left her the reporter entered the room in company with three or four other gentlemen and one lady, who was present. Mrs. Howard, it is said your name is not Howard, but James, and you are the wife of Jesse James.

I can’t help what they say. I have told the truth.

The boys who killed your husband have come back and given themselves up, and they say that he is Jesse James and your husband.

My God, can it be that they have come back? She was told that they were standing outside the house near the fence, and should see them with her own eyes. Walking through the room by her dead husband she caught sight of the ones who had killed her husband, and screaming at the top of her voice she called them cowards, and asked them why they had killed the one who had always befriended

them. She then left the room, followed by the reporters, who told her that the boys were not mistaken, that it certainly must be Jesse. She uttered not a word, but the little seven-year-old boy who stood by her side said God Almighty may strike me down if it is not pa.

The boys said their names are Ford and not Johnson as you said, continued the reporter.

Do they say so, and what else do they say?

That they killed him to get the reward.

Even after they had shot my husband, who has been

trying to live a peaceable life, I protected them and withheld their names, but it is all true. My husband is Jesse James, and a kinder hearted, truer man to his family never lived.

The confession from the wife of the most notorious outlaw known to the annals of crime history created a profound sensation. The thought that Jesse James had lived among us for the past six months, and walked our streets daily, causes one to shudder with fear. When the wife had made her confession,

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Jesse James

Killing

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we asked her to tell about Jesse, Frank, and the Ford boys who had killed him. She said she would, but begged us to do all for her we could to keep them from dragging her husband's body all over the country. We promised to do this and also told her that she and her children should be taken care of.

MRS. JAMES STORY

Well, she said, the deed is done, and why should I keep quiet any longer? I will tell you the truth. Charles and Robert Ford are brothers, and reside in Ray county, near Richmond. They have been here some time with her husband, and little did I think they would ever kill him.

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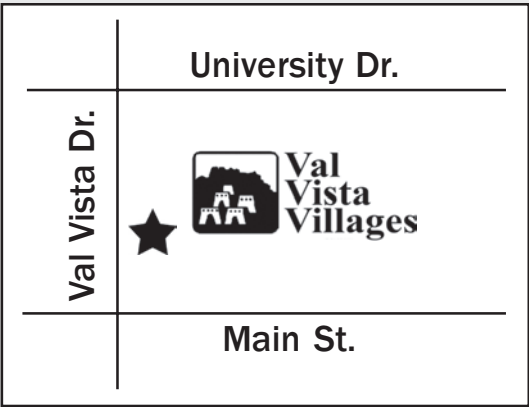
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Kiss Me, I'm Irish

Joe Six Pack

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Day parade in Chicago, they're at the Chicago River and it's dyed green. The cop asks, 'If they can dye it green for the parade, why can't they dye it blue the rest of the year?' What a great line."

Some Things Irish

• St. Patrick's Day is a day when everyone is Irish. No other nationality has such a claim. Many wear green for luck representing spring and the "Emerald Isle" with a shamrock on their lapels. Finding a four leaf clover is supposed to help one's judgment, bringing good fortune. Kissing the Blarney Stone, legend says, brings the kisser "persuasive eloquence" (blarney).

• St. Patrick is most known the world over for having driven the snakes from Ireland. Different tales tell of his standing upon a hill, using a wooden staff to drive the serpents into the sea, banishing them forever from the shores of Ireland.

• The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in New York City on March 17, 1762,

not in Ireland. In modern day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day has traditionally been a religious occasion. Falling during the Christian season of Lent, prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waved and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage; hence the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal corned beef & cabbage here in the U.S. In fact, up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17th. Beginning in

1995, the Irish government began a campaign to use St. Patrick's Day to showcase Ireland to the rest of the world. Each year close to one million people take part in Ireland's St. Patrick's Festival in Dublin.

This St. Patrick's Day I'll be wearing green. I'll probably raise a toast or two and sing a song. If I'm lucky my best gal will give me a kiss or two. Hey, I'm Irish....

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