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## Are you going to Uncle Buck's street?

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# The High Chaparral Newsletter

August 2014 Penny McQueen, Editor

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### Upcoming Events

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## Rudy Ramos in Nanyehi

Are you in the Tulsa, OK area?

Chaparral's Rudy Ramos appears at The Joint, Hard Rock Tulsa.

AUG. 21, 22 and 23 in "Nanyehi-Beloved Woman of the Cherokee".

Rudy plays Peace Chief Attakullakulla and is singing a song, "Love Doesn't Come in Colors." He's very excited about this show and hopes to see some of the HC family there.

Tickets for adults are \$15. There is a \$5 discount for Cherokee Nation citizens and for children 12 and under. These tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 918 384-ROCK.

The producer of "Nanyehi" says of Rudy "What a beautiful soul! We are tickled to death to feature Rudy in the show!"

As anyone who's seen Rudy perform on stage or screen knows, he brings a depth of talent, intensity and honesty to this role. Don't miss the chance to see him in Tulsa, August 21-23.

<http://tickets.hardrockcasinotulsa.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=200>

## DVDs - SELLING OUT!

Season 4 of The High Chaparral is SOLD OUT and we don't plan on ordering more for a few months.

You can still order the first 3 seasons of The High Chaparral but better hurry while all is still available!

**Seasons 1-3 in stock.**



August

WESTERN LEGENDS  
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21 - Kanab, UT  
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Summers

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## ***Come Home To The High Chaparral***

### **High Chaparral Reunion**

**March 19-22. 2015**

Since 2003, fans and artists have gathered every two years to celebrate the ground-breaking, highly acclaimed NBC Western, The High Chaparral . Loyal fans, who have kept the beloved characters alive in their hearts and minds for 40 years, will once again host a reunion for cast, crew, guest stars and production staff.

Taking place in March 2015, this not-to-be-missed event provides the thrilling opportunity to meet the artists who brought the Cannons, Montoyas and Bunkhouse Boys to life! Meet Henry Darrow (Manolito Montoya, Don Collier (Sam Butler), Rudy Ramos (Wind),—along with a long list of guest stars, production and crew members.



Is this your first Reunion or you're traveling alone? We have a special program to make it easy for you. If you wish we'll match you up with another fan who's attended in the past so you can ask questions and have a buddy before you arrive.

Register TODAY at [www.thehighchaparralreunion.com](http://www.thehighchaparralreunion.com), and Come Home To The High Chaparral!

[Download your FREE e-book, 'How To Attend The High Chaparral Reunion!'](#)



## Linda Cristal Tribute

See what you're missing on Facebook? Linda Cristal's son Gregory and daughter-in-law Carol Fink Wexler made a wonderful tribute video and shared it with The High Chaparral Facebook group, plus lots more photos of Linda. This beautiful photo of Linda is just one family photo that's been shared recently.

Join the conversation on Facebook so you don't miss a thing! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thehighchaparral>





## Happy Birthday Henry Darrow

Send Manolito Montoya your birthday greetings but act NOW!

Post a note to be included in a GIANT BIRTHDAY CARD on Facebook [HERE](#).

Make arrangements to send him a card by emailing [henrydarrowbook@gmail.com](mailto:henrydarrowbook@gmail.com).

Since Henry will be 81 on 15 September there's an effort underway to get 81 copies of his [biography](#) in 81 libraries. Do your part by sending a letter to your local library to request they get his book, 'Lightning in the Bottle.' You can download a sample [LETTER](#) to send off and get 81 by Manolito's 81st.



**"I DO NOT CHASE WOMEN.  
I BECKON THEM AND THEY FOLLOW."**



**MANOLITO IS WAITING TO BECKON TO YOU.  
DON'T LET SOME OTHER GIRL GET THE KISS  
THAT IS MEANT JUST FOR YOU.  
SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE HIGH CHAPARRAL REUNION.**

Come home to The High Chaparral! Sign up TODAY and meet Henry Darrow (Manolito Montoya), Sam Butler (Don Collier), Wind (Rudy Ramos), Kent McCray (producer), Susan McCray (casting), Neul Summers (stuntman and cast), Western Clippings publisher Boyd Magers, plus many more cast, crew and fans.

Last year some events sold out - don't be disappointed, register TODAY! <http://thehighchaparralreunion.com/>

## Cam Gets His Way

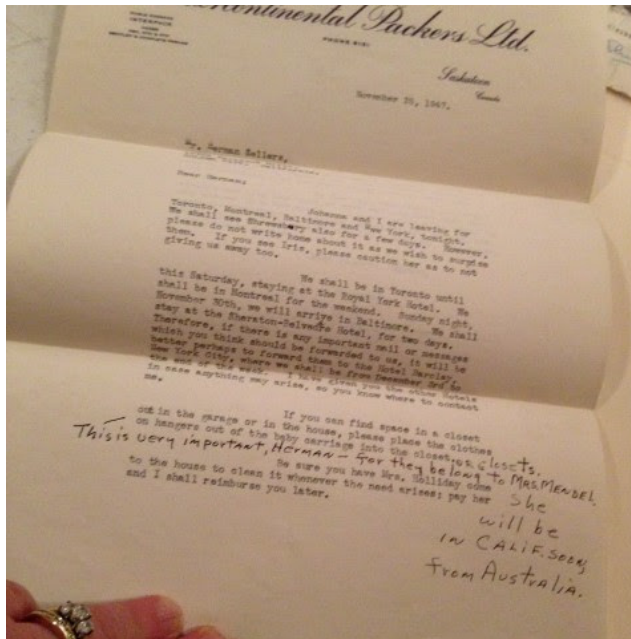
Twenty years after his passing, Cameron Mitchell still lives in the hearts of his many fans across the globe, especially in Shrewsbury, Penn., where he grew up. In fact, on Aug 12, 2014, the Shrewsbury City Council voted to re-name a road in his honor. "Cameron Mitchell Way" will run near the park and ball fields where Cameron used to play in his younger years. Cameron always boasted that he had an unsigned contract from the Detroit Tigers, who were trying to draft him to play baseball there.



Bryan Sellers of Glen Rock, Penn., is leading the local effort to keep Cam's memory in view because his Uncle Herman Sellers was childhood friends with Cameron. The two men ended up in Hollywood after World War II and Cameron asked Herman take care of his personal matters when Cam was visiting family in Canada or on the road for a film. Bryan has since inherited most of the correspondence and photos between the two.

Cameron's nephew Marc was at the meeting when the vote took place and left with a smile on his face. "I feel excited and relieved that the whole process has come to a favorable close," Marc said. "I think Uncle Cam would be especially pleased with having the entrance way to the Shrewsbury playground bear his name, since he spent so much time there in his youth playing baseball and tennis. When he came back to York when my grandfather died in 1969, my father drove Cam and his wife on a nostalgic ride through Shrewsbury.

When we visited the playground, I heard Uncle Cam, from my position in the back seat, tell my father that he would like to be buried there...that's how much the playground of his youth meant to him."



Nephew Roark was overwhelmed by the news. "...An honor to the recipient. A great joy to relatives. A utilitarian and practical kudo that helps people navigate in the real world," he said. "...It might be a small stretch of road in a small town in Pennsylvania, but it is also near the homestead where Cameron grew up, played baseball, and lived out his early years. This, huge importance to his family and fans. I'd sooner have that small patch of rural road, near the old Boy's Scout cabin, tennis courts, and baseball diamond, than a freeway in LA. But even that is a bit mind-boggling. Who would have ever thought? Certainly not his family. Many thanks to Bryan Sellers and everyone else who made this happen. And you know what? I think Uncle Cam would have preferred to be remembered in this way, at this time, and exactly in this place."

The new street sign will be unveiled in a ceremony in October.

Sellers is also spearheading York County efforts to have a Cameron Mitchell Day declared as well as a scholarship fund in his name. "The Cameron Mitchell Scholarship Sponsored by The High Chaparral Reunion, with Special Recognition for Helena Hartenstein" will kick off its fundraising Sept 27 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glen Rock, Penn., with a public screening of the movie, "How to Marry a Millionaire." In addition to Cam, the movie stars Marilyn Monroe,

the late Lauren Bacall, and Betty Grable. All donations will go toward a scholarship for York County high school seniors who wish to pursue a college degree in theater, film, journalism or media arts. The event is sponsored by the Glen Rock Historic Preservation Society.

Stay tuned for your opportunity to be part of Cam's scholarship program along with The High Chaparral Reunion!



## Camille Mitchell on Cameron Mitchell Way

I know Dad would be so honored and moved by "Cameron Mitchell Way" in the hometown he loved so much. He often told me how leaving there as a teenager to pursue his dream in New York City was like going to the moon - it seemed so far away. And that he cried himself to sleep every night for two years, he was so homesick, working as a busboy by day and as an usher at night in a third-rate movie house all the while just trying to get an audition. But his dream came true! Yay!





# HC, Me and Daddy

by Susan McNeill

Recently, I happily rediscovered "The High Chaparral" and that moment was something very special to me and my daddy.

My father, Henry, will be turning ninety this October and for the first time in his life, he is not in the best health. He's truly a tough ole guy.

A while back, I was spending the afternoon at my parents' place and Daddy and I were talking about things we did when I was little. He worked so hard during the day that all he wanted to do when he got home was take a bath, eat supper, then watch TV. I'd pile up beside him in his big recliner and watch until time to go to bed.

His shows of choice were generally of the Western variety. The only books I ever saw him read were Louis L'Amour or Zane Grey paperbacks he carried around in his telephone company truck. I suppose that wild life appealed to him, even though he had long ago put away his rambling ways as a young man.

We watched countless hours of "Bonanza", "The Big Valley", "Gunsmoke", and his favorite, "The High Chaparral". He liked all the open range and realism of it. You see, we didn't just watch the show. Things would happen on screen about the way people treated each other, family situations, all sorts of topics and being a kid, I never shut up asking questions. I was just a little girl and sometimes when things got a bit risqué (for that time I guess) Daddy would cover my eyes and say, "Oops! That's big boy and girl stuff!" which is pretty funny now given what is acceptable on television.



I remember one night pondering out loud about how cute Manolito was and he said, "He's a bad boy, sugar. You just like his fancy pants." Daddy certainly tried even then to head off my trend of liking handsome bad boys. Then when the subject of the "cute blond boy" came up, he hugged me up and said, "I just don't like all these boys because you're my girl." I'll never forget it.

Of course, real boys eventually came along to replace the TV crushes and there was no more chair time, but every now and then on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon when there was nothing else to do I'd still pile up in that chair and we'd watch reruns of westerns and cowboys and I'd still talk about how cute they were. When all of that came up again on that afternoon, I opened up my laptop, looked on YouTube, and found the episodes. The internet is a mystery to my Daddy who thinks it's in a building in New York, but we sat there for hours watching and rewatching "The High Chaparral." This time, I was a grown up and our conversations were about social issues and the like even though I managed to throw in how I still thought Manolito was as hot as can be and Daddy said he didn't like that because I was still his girl and that fancy pants bad boy was out of luck. It's funny how all those wonderful writers and actors who had no idea who WE were, created something that is still so special to us. What a nice thing. I'm not sure how many more moments like that my Daddy and I will have, but that one was precious. I'm fifty-one now even though for that afternoon I was once again a little girl watching "The High Chaparral" with my Daddy thanks to all that hard work so many talented people put in to create that lovely show.



## Cast Appearances

Meet the High Chaparral's cast at these upcoming appearances.

### **WESTERN LEGENDS ROUNDUP**

See Don Collier and Neil Summers plus many other great western stars at this major western event  
Kanab, UT  
August 21 – August 23, 2014

### **Solsberry Hometown Fair**

Solsberry, IN  
Saturday, Sept 20  
[www.doncollier.com](http://www.doncollier.com)

### **Dr. Buck's Wild Western Festival**

October 24–25  
Glendale, AZ  
Don Collier & Neil Summers

### **The High Chaparral Reunion**

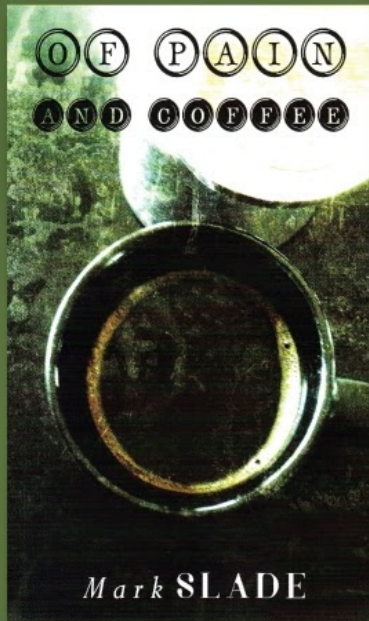
March 19–22, 2015  
Tucson, AZ  
Don Collier, Henry Darrow, Rudy Ramos, Neil Summers, Kent & Susan McCray and more!

### **Memphis Film Festival, dates TBD**





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## Linda Fans on Facebook

Facebook: [Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon](#)

Every time I tried writing this article I found myself running into a road block. That road block was me. I had wanted to focus solely on Linda Cristal and her fans but I realized that in order to share how the Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon Fan group began, I had to be willing to share some of my own personal story because both are intertwined. It is not easy to open your life and heart before strangers but it is when you know you are sharing it with friends and family of The High



Chaparral. (Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon: <https://www.Facebook.com/groups/422983351128067/>)

I am not a writer so please bear with me. Let me first share that I didn't grow up watching The High Chaparral as I was only three years old on September 10, 1967 when it first aired. My beloved husband Ray, introduced me to The High Chaparral Ranch at Old Tucson in 1986 on a date, but it left me wondering what was this so called "High Chaparral" that he loved. Then in 2004 Hallmark aired a few episodes and I able to watch my very first episode. For me, it was "love at first episode!" and I fell in love with all the characters on the series. I was especially drawn to John and Victoria Cannon characters and their story. Sadly, only a few episodes were shown before going off air again. I'll never forget the day I saw the advertisement that on September 15, 2012, INSP was going to be showing an all day marathon! I was finally going to get to see The High Chaparral and its beloved characters that had captured my heart nine years ago.

I believe God leads people into our lives for a reason. It was by no coincidence I found The High Chaparral Reunion page which eventually lead me to other High Chaparral groups and eventually to The High Chaparral Reunion itself. Not too long after, I was hit with news that I needed tests done for health reasons. It shook me to the core. I became paralyzed with fear and being human, I refuse to tell my family or face it head on and therefore refused to take the necessary tests. One day while visiting The High Chaparral Reunion Facebook page, Penny McQueen placed linked interviews by Ginny Shook and Tina Sweet with Linda Cristal. As I began to read these interviews, I cannot begin to tell you what happened to me, but thru God's grace, I was touched and inspired by Linda's words!

"But you don't fight it. You never fight the enemy. You befriend him. You keep him close to you. It was all willpower. So I took the heat as an acceptance as what life is about. " and " .....I accept it. Don't fight it. Don't fight the enemy – its trouble. " -Linda Cristal ([http://www.highchaparralnewsletter.com/Archives/June\\_15\\_2007.htm](http://www.highchaparralnewsletter.com/Archives/June_15_2007.htm))

"Never Look Back" and "Go Forward" Linda Cristal advised in the interviews.

Linda's words hit me hard and spoke to my heart! I wept as the wall of fear that paralyzed me came crashing down like a tidal wave and for the first time in months I could pray! I was still scared but I could now "Go Forward" and I was living again!

I made my doctors appointments as I went in for my tests I took a verse with me that Penny McQueen shared with me. Philippians 1:21 "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." It was agonizing waiting for the results. Guess what? All but one test came back normal! No Cancer! I have RA and the beginnings of Hypoglycemia, but that is something I can deal with! Falling to my knees I thanked God for sending The High Chaparral new friends, Penny McQueen, Ginny Shook, BG's and most of all Linda Cristal, in my path. I had no idea how or if I would ever be able to thank Ms. Cristal for helping me get my life back. I checked to see if she was still alive and if she had a Facebook page. Much to my joy, Linda was and is alive, but to my disappointment I found that she had retired from Facebook the year before. To make a long story short, when Ginny Shook encouraged fans who wanted to create group sites for cast members who didn't have one, I felt led to create the Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon Fan group. It was the only way I knew how to say "Thank You" to her and to honor her amazing legacy.

Linda Cristal /Victoria Cannon Fan Facebook group was started and officially opened to fans on March 12, 2013. It began with a big bang and grew beyond imagination.

I not only got to send Linda Cristal a "Thank you" letter thru Tina Sweet but something even more awesome happened! Jordan Wexler, Linda's youngest son, had her re-establish an Official Linda Cristal Facebook! What an awesome God! Linda's Fan group has been very blessed and privileged to have our beloved Linda Cristal join us! How amazing is that! Her son Jordan Wexler and most recently Linda's eldest son, Gregory Wexler's wife, Carol Fink Wexler, have joined the group as well! (Linda Cristal Official Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/linda.cristal.77>)

My Co-Administrators and I have spent many hours finding photos, videos, articles and so much more on Linda's amazing career. Dedicated Fans pour their love and hearts into finding photos and posting comments keeping the group fun and exciting. We have over 700 fans and growing every month. Join the Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon Fan group and all the other The High Chaparral groups and make new friends that will become just like family. God Bless You!

Administrator ~Ana Amos

Co-Adminstrators: Cynthia Jamison, Carla Phillips, Piero Valle



**Ernest Gang**

August 12 at 5:41pm



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Chris Stowe, Rayma Shrader, Tina Sweet and 14 others like this.



**Mary Anne** Wow great looking woman

August 12 at 6:25pm · Like · 2



**Jeff Wolfe** Beautiful.

August 13 at 1:41am · Like · 1

**This is the Real High Chaparral**



vintage Swedish article, translated by  
Isabell Larsson

Alan Schulman, famous TV-man that produced "Timmen", visited the city of Tucson in the US where the TV-show "The High Chaparral" is being shot. In this article, specially written for Bildjournalen, he tells about life in the old town. The reality in the town is just as exciting as the events at the High Chaparral.

I'm sat down having my morning coffee at the Desert Inn, an elegant hotel in Tucson, Arizona. The cafeteria is filled with a bunch of noisy people.

Suddenly a familiar face appears in the crowd, smiling and in a cowboy outfit. It's *Manolito!* The next second the rest of them are there as well, *Big John Cannon*, handsome but a bit grumpy in the morning, *Billy Blue*, moody as usual, and the charming *Buck Cannon*. I'm sure you all recognize the names of the main cast in TV's "The High Chaparral"? As it turns out, they all live in the same hotel as me...

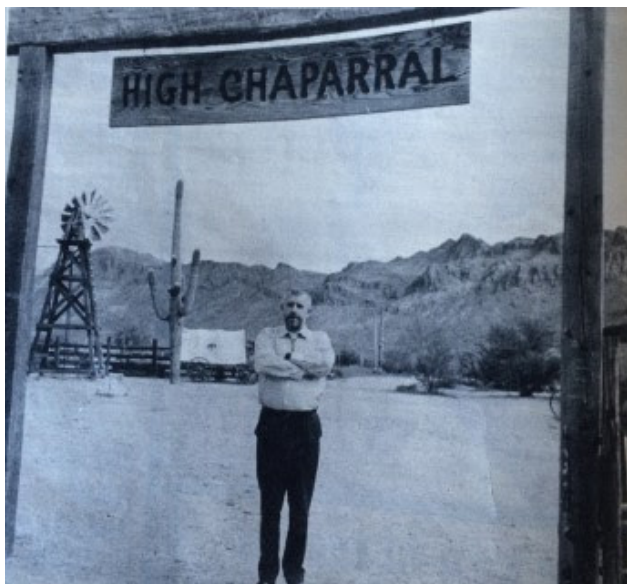
To the people in Tucson The High Chaparral is more than just a TV show, it is very much reality. Every year, from May to September, Tucson is where NBC is shooting all of the outdoor scenes for The High Chaparral. The show has gotten a lot of praise for the life like environment portrayal, and Tucson is a genuine Wild West-city, or *Old Tucson* more likely, the film studio that was built in 1940 a bit outside of "real" Tucson.

Old Tucson is a well built reconstruction of a town from the Wild West, and it's been the host to hundreds of western films. When you walk down the main street you can feel the atmosphere of the films. It has all the essentials; small shops, the saloon with swing doors where uncle Buck usually quenches his thirst with whiskey, a barber shop, the robbery safe bank and the sheriffs office, where you can get in behind the bars and feel like a real Arizona villain.

From Old Tucsons main street I look up and see a very familiar gateway, over there is The High Chaparral!

Behind the gateway I can see Big John Cannons ranch with the reservoir and the waterpump. From a distance everything looks just like you imagined it. But when you walk up to it, be prepared to be disappointed. The whole ranch is just a backdrop! If you open the front door it's just wilderness behind it. (All indoor scenes are shot in a studio in Hollywood).

I was lucky, there was a big "rodeo parade" going on, the annual La Fiesta de los Vaqueros, in Tucson when I was there. The guests of honor were the people from The High Chaparral! They also had the honorary seats during the three day rodeo that followed (a rodeo is one of those shows where tough, bold cowboys are



riding untamed horses and bulls, competing about who can stay on the longest).

I was in luck again, because I got to sit next to Manolito (Henry Darrow) and Billy Blue (Mark Slade). I noticed they both seemed to love burgers, hot dogs and cotton candy. Both of them ate tons of it!

Manolito and Billy Blue were well aware of the fact that they are very popular in Sweden, and they have talked about Sweden with Buck (Cameron Mitchell) since he was here 10 years ago.

I love Sweden! Buck says. I shot some scenes for an American film at *Filmstaden* in Råsunda [*Filmstaden is, just like Old Tucson, a tiny town built for films*] and had the pleasure of meeting Ingmar Bergman pretty much every day. And the Swedish girls! It is no overstatement to say that they are the worlds most beautiful girls! Give them and Bergman my best regards!



A lot of tourists come to Tucson every year because of The High Chaparral. Before, the city was most famous for its university, but it has gotten some competition now. Tourists can also go to one of the worlds most interesting desert museums or look at the memorials from the Spanish Colonization (Tucson was established in 1695 by the Spanish), and in the border city of Nogales, Mexico, you can do some exciting shopping. The biggest and the most tender cowboy steaks are to be found at the restaurant Pinnacle Peak, where ties are forbidden. If you are wearing a tie, the waiter just simply cuts it off! It will be hung from the ceiling as a trophy.

But before everything else, Tucson is a dream for everyone that loves horses. There are 1000 horses in the city!

So, if you are going to the US, don't miss out on going to Tucson, Arizona. But try to come here during the summer, then you might get to meet Manolito, Billy Blue and the boys!



**Picture 1:**

Alan Schulman, famous for producing the TV-show "Timmen", visited The High Chaparral in Tucson, Arizona and writes about his meeting with Manolito & co in his article. Here he is standing under the gateway to the High Chaparral.

**Picture 2:**

Billy Blue (Mark Slade) and Manolito (Henry Darrow) with some of the High Chaparrals hired hands. The gateway is one of many in Tucson.

**Picture 3.**

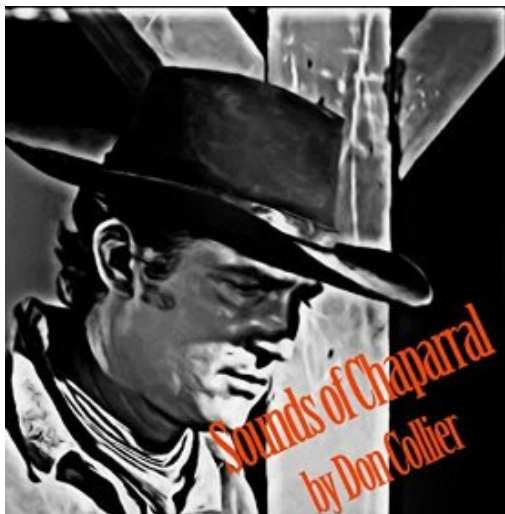
Buck Cannon (Cameron Mitchell) sits down, waving to the people along the street. It is a Wild West-parade in Tucson. The most popular parade float is the one from the High Chaparral.



## Sounds of Chaparral

In 2013 High Chaparral fans from across the world submitted short stories, poems, songs and essays to a contest. The prize? Having their work recorded by Don Collier, iconic actor and High Chaparral's ranch foreman Sam Butler.

As the entries poured in two things were clear – Chaparral fans are talented and even after all these years they still love their favorite TV western! Only one recording was planned but there were so many excellent submissions Don chose instead to record four of his favorite plus a well-known cowboy poem and release a CD back to the fans who'd worked so hard. The result is [Sounds of Chaparral](#), available on Amazon for \$4.95 or \$.99 per track



The special digital edition contains a bonus track of 'Cowboy's Prayer'. You can listen to samples on [Amazon](#) and purchase immediately for download.

Unlike many actors, the scope of Don Collier's career ranges widely . . . from movies and television, to commercials, spokesman, personal appearances and more. With over 200 television and feature film roles his work is well known and admired internationally.

Don's portrayal of ranch foreman Sam Butler in the highly acclaimed television western, The High Chaparral, still stands as one of his greatest characterizations and he draws devoted fans to events from all over the world. Don starred as U.S. Deputy Marshal Will Foreman in the NBC series, Outlaws, acted in a host of TV and movie roles and among his long list of advertising parts is The Hubba Bubba Gumfighter and the "Big bubbles, no troubles" tagline. He's worked with John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Anthony Quinn, Dean Martin, Tom Selleck, James Arness, and even Elvis Presley.

[Sounds of Chaparral on Amazon](#)

## The Last Word... Would You Rather Have the Illness or the Cure?

*WJ St.Germain*

Connect with Wendy on Facebook and read her past Newsletter articles at <https://www.facebook.com/WJSTGERMAINWRITER> - be sure to LIKE her new Facebook page!

While researching if any 'old' remedies might help alleviate the annual bout of flu, I made some interesting discoveries about Old West cure-alls. In fact, there were so many amazing 'remedies' that I've filed enough for a second article. Some are hilarious, others downright dangerous. A few have a shred of logic behind them. While I think they make for good reading, I DO NOT recommend you try any of them – if the likelihood occurs that you are tempted to (and if so, you might ask yourself if you've had enough to drink for one day).

In keeping with the flavor of the newsletter, we will start with one that uses the chaparral. It's for those who suffered from boils. You must first catch a chaparral (aka the roadrunner). It must be a chaparral; apparently chickens, ducks and other birds don't work. Kill the bird and eat it. I presume the bird is first cooked. After all, everyone knows how dangerous eating raw chicken is and the danger is present in all fowl. We can assume people had worked that out\*. Once you've eaten the chaparral, the boils should soon disappear. And if they don't, well you won't need dinner.

*\* Back in the days of Henry VIII's banquets, peacocks were carefully skinned before cooking. Before serving, the raw, feathered skin was carefully replaced over the bird for presentation purposes. Anyone who ate meat in contact with the raw flesh paid for it.*

The next is a cold remedy which also protects from others catching your cold. Eat a raw onion sandwich then wash your hair. I'm not sure what would happen if you washed your hair first. Maybe you'd render the onion void. For years, people have believed that onions attract bacteria, which by the way is untrue. We can assume they thought the onion acted like a sponge, soaking up the germs. As for washing the hair (I'm surprised it wasn't with an onion), who knows? It would at least get rid of the onion smell on your hands. I can see how this remedy prevents your nearest and dearest from catching your cold. After all, how close would you be hanging around someone with raw onion breath?



Got something in your eye? No worries. Just pour warm milk into it. That way you will have something else in your eye to worry about. Make sure the milk isn't too hot or it will burn - in case that never occurred to you. I don't expect poached eye would feel too good. But it would certainly help you to forget the speck that originally blew into it.

Speaking of hair, is yours bald or thinning, making you feel less attractive to others? If so, help is at hand. Just smear fresh cow manure all over your head working it in well. Remember, it must be fresh otherwise you will be smearing resident dung beetles on your head and they might not appreciate that. We guarantee that your family and friends will soon notice you. So will the flies and any stray dung beetles that are still looking for a home.

Got an earache? I suspect this is the brainchild of someone's great-granny. Have a smoker blow tobacco smoke into your ear five times a day while saying, 'Hurt, hurt, go away, go into a bale of hay.' I recommend burning said hay because if you fed it to the stock they would end up swallowing the hurt and we don't know what that might lead to.



Lice were a problem for some people. There was a remedy for that which does have a ring of truth to it (well, the ant part anyway). Simply put your clothes on an anthill and wash your head with kerosene. It doesn't say if you have to wash your head at the ant nest or at home so you'll have to wing it. Since ants are territorial, especially about insects that approach their nest, they will attack and eat the lice. I guess if you've got lice on your body - after all, it's only your head we are advised to douse in kerosene - you may have to lie naked on the anthill once they've cleaned up your clothes. That should be fun. By the way, while you've got a head full of kerosene, be sure to stay away from smokers and open flames lest your head catch fire. This includes avoiding anyone chanting 'hurt, hurt go away.'

But lice weren't the only problem in the Old West. Hangovers were everywhere. We have two interesting options to try. The first is easy enough, cut a lemon into wedges and rub the fleshy side of the wedge under your armpits until they are nicely covered with lemon juice (and other bits). The armpits will soak up the juice, rehydrating the body. Apparently just drinking a glass of water didn't occur to any of these guys.

The second cure required rabbits but unlike the poor chaparral, they come to no harm. Instead, and this isn't the tricky bit, you must collect enough fresh droppings to fill about half a cup.

Then you seep the droppings in boiling water and (here's the hard part) drink the resulting solution. But take care; the droppings must be as fresh as possible. Otherwise... well, they don't say. Maybe it won't taste as nice.

Now a remedy for something I suffer with from time to time, a 'crick' in the neck. I am advised to go down to the pig pen (assuming there's one handy) and find out where the pigs' favorite scratching post is. Then position your neck in the most rubbed area of the post and rub away till the crick is gone. Of course unless you are some kind of contortionist, you will end up one giant crick after doing this. Oh and your neck will probably be full of splinters and hog hair but maybe I can find a remedy for that another time.

Got 'rhumatics'? Have a cat sit on the affected area. This one makes sense since the body heat of the cat would relieve pain. It would probably work best on stiff knees since you are more likely to convince a cat to sit there for a while. Arthritic shoulders or ankles may pose more of a problem if the cat is uncooperative.

Bleeding need to be stopped? Simple. Cover the area with a spiderweb. I suggest that you be sure to remove the spider first. Oh and this works for nosebleeds too. You just stuff the whole web up your nose. Don't ask me how you get it back out, though.

Our skin matters to us so I include a remedy for facial blemishes. We know that Manuka honey has antibacterial properties and it has been successful in healing some wounds. But we will assume that in the Old West, any old honey would have been used. Ladies smeared it all over their faces and waited... they didn't say how long. Then wash it off. But be sure to leave enough honey in the hive for the bees, otherwise they will detect the scent of their honey and come looking for you. In no time you will be walking around with a face full of bees. It's probably not a very good look.

Here's another all purpose cure for any sort of facial blemishes and also a disinfectant for countertops, dishes, laundry and so on. You'll need access to a baby for this one because, 'while still fresh and warm' (fresh!), you must wash your face with a urine soaked diaper. It's possible that the trace amounts of ammonia found in urine was the reason why people had faith in this treatment. However, you will find much more bacteria in a soggy diaper than disinfectant.

For those who couldn't access said diapers, another popular treatment for disinfecting laundry involved hanging freshly washed clothes outside public toilets to absorb the scents. This must be what heralded the invention of perfume. But all of this begs the question, what do you wash the urine soaked diapers in?

For those with little access to water, a dishwashing suggestion proclaims the cleanliness of a dog's mouth, advising us to let our canine friends lick the plates clean. Given the stuff I've seen my dog put in his mouth, I think I'd probably lick my own plates.

Finally, problems with stuttering? Whack the stutterer in the mouth with a chicken gizzard. Why? My guess is, not wanting to endure it again the person simply gives up speaking altogether.



### Did You Know?

It is possible that while they may not have known the science behind it, the person who came up with the rabbit poo tea cure for hangovers observed that rabbits produce two kinds of dropping; pellets, which are nutrient poor waste, and cecotropes (also called 'night faeces'). The cecotropes contain nutrients that were not absorbed the first time they passed through the rabbit's digestive system so they must be eaten by the rabbit before the nutrients can be absorbed. This is why you must not be too fastidious about cleaning your rabbit's living areas. Without noticing there was a difference between them (though it's pretty obvious), the observer



may have thought that if eating them kept the rabbit healthy, maybe it would do the same for humans with hangovers. Yes, okay, that's where we really stretch the imagination.



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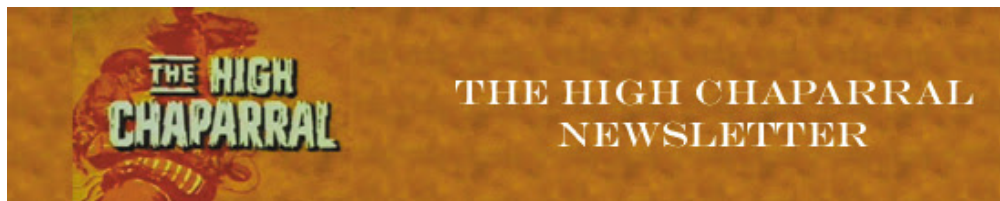
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## Rudy Ramos in Nanyehi

Are you in the Tulsa, OK area?

Chaparral's Rudy Ramos appears at The Joint, Hard Rock Tulsa.

AUG. 21, 22 and 23 in "Nanyehi-Beloved Woman of the Cherokee".

Rudy plays Peace Chief Attakullakulla and is singing a song, "Love Doesn't Come in Colors." He's very excited about this show and hopes to see some of the HC family there.

Tickets for adults are \$15. There is a \$5 discount for Cherokee Nation citizens and for children 12 and under. These tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 918 384-ROCK.

The producer of "Nanyehi".says of Rudy "What a beautiful soul! We are tickled to death to feature Rudy in the show!"

As anyone who's seen Rudy perform on stage or screen knows, he brings a depth of talent, intensity and honesty to this role. Don't miss the chance to see him in Tulsa, August 21-23.

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**March 19-22. 2015**

Since 2003, fans and artists have gathered every two years to celebrate the ground-breaking, highly acclaimed NBC Western, The High Chaparral . Loyal fans, who have kept the beloved characters alive in their hearts and minds for 40 years, will once again host a reunion for cast, crew, guest stars and production staff.

Taking place in March 2015, this not-to-be-missed event provides the thrilling opportunity to meet the artists who brought the Cannons, Montoyas and Bunkhouse Boys to life! Meet Henry Darrow (Manolito Montoya, Don Collier (Sam Butler), Rudy Ramos (Wind),—along with a long list of guest stars, production and crew members.



Is this your first Reunion or you're traveling alone? We have a special program to make it easy for you. If you wish we'll match you up with another fan who's attended in the past so you can ask questions and have a buddy before you arrive.

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## Linda Cristal Tribute

See what you're missing on Facebook? Linda Cristal's son Gregory and daughter-in-law Carol Fink Wexler made a wonderful tribute video and shared it with The High Chaparral Facebook group, plus lots more photos of Linda. This beautiful photo of Linda is just one family photo that's been shared recently.

Join the conversation on Facebook so you don't miss a thing! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thehighchaparral>





## Happy Birthday Henry Darrow

Send Manolito Montoya your birthday greetings but act NOW!

Post a note to be included in a GIANT BIRTHDAY CARD on Facebook [HERE](#).

Make arrangements to send him a card by emailing [henrydarrowbook@gmail.com](mailto:henrydarrowbook@gmail.com).

Since Henry will be 81 on 15 September there's an effort underway to get 81 copies of his [biography](#) in 81 libraries. Do your part by sending a letter to your local library to request they get his book, 'Lightning in the Bottle.' You can download a sample [LETTER](#) to send off and get 81 by Manolito's 81st.



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## Cam Gets His Way

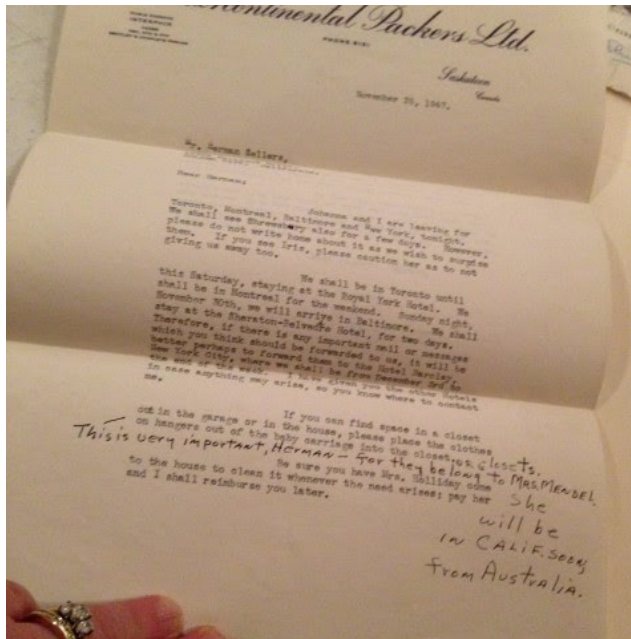
Twenty years after his passing, Cameron Mitchell still lives in the hearts of his many fans across the globe, especially in Shrewsbury, Penn., where he grew up. In fact, on Aug 12, 2014, the Shrewsbury City Council voted to re-name a road in his honor. "Cameron Mitchell Way" will run near the park and ball fields where Cameron used to play in his younger years. Cameron always boasted that he had an unsigned contract from the Detroit Tigers, who were trying to draft him to play baseball there.



Bryan Sellers of Glen Rock, Penn., is leading the local effort to keep Cam's memory in view because his Uncle Herman Sellers was childhood friends with Cameron. The two men ended up in Hollywood after World War II and Cameron asked Herman take care of his personal matters when Cam was visiting family in Canada or on the road for a film. Bryan has since inherited most of the correspondence and photos between the two.

Cameron's nephew Marc was at the meeting when the vote took place and left with a smile on his face. "I feel excited and relieved that the whole process has come to a favorable close," Marc said. "I think Uncle Cam would be especially pleased with having the entrance way to the Shrewsbury playground bear his name, since he spent so much time there in his youth playing baseball and tennis. When he came back to York when my grandfather died in 1969, my father drove Cam and his wife on a nostalgic ride through Shrewsbury.

When we visited the playground, I heard Uncle Cam, from my position in the back seat, tell my father that he would like to be buried there...that's how much the playground of his youth meant to him."



Nephew Roark was overwhelmed by the news. "...An honor to the recipient. A great joy to relatives. A utilitarian and practical kudo that helps people navigate in the real world," he said. "...It might be a small stretch of road in a small town in Pennsylvania, but it is also near the homestead where Cameron grew up, played baseball, and lived out his early years. This, huge importance to his family and fans. I'd sooner have that small patch of rural road, near the old Boy's Scout cabin, tennis courts, and baseball diamond, than a freeway in LA. But even that is a bit mind-boggling. Who would have ever thought? Certainly not his family. Many thanks to Bryan Sellers and everyone else who made this happen. And you know what? I think Uncle Cam would have preferred to be remembered in this way, at this time, and exactly in this place."

The new street sign will be unveiled in a ceremony in October.

Sellers is also spearheading York County efforts to have a Cameron Mitchell Day declared as well as a scholarship fund in his name. "The Cameron Mitchell Scholarship Sponsored by The High Chaparral Reunion, with Special Recognition for Helena Hartenstein" will kick off its fundraising Sept 27 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glen Rock, Penn., with a public screening of the movie, "How to Marry a Millionaire." In addition to Cam, the movie stars Marilyn Monroe,

the late Lauren Bacall, and Betty Grable. All donations will go toward a scholarship for York County high school seniors who wish to pursue a college degree in theater, film, journalism or media arts. The event is sponsored by the Glen Rock Historic Preservation Society.

Stay tuned for your opportunity to be part of Cam's scholarship program along with The High Chaparral Reunion!



## Camille Mitchell on Cameron Mitchell Way

I know Dad would be so honored and moved by "Cameron Mitchell Way" in the hometown he loved so much. He often told me how leaving there as a teenager to pursue his dream in New York City was like going to the moon - it seemed so far away. And that he cried himself to sleep every night for two years, he was so homesick, working as a busboy by day and as an usher at night in a third-rate movie house all the while just trying to get an audition. But his dream came true! Yay!



# HC, Me and Daddy

by Susan McNeill

Recently, I happily rediscovered "The High Chaparral" and that moment was something very special to me and my daddy.

My father, Henry, will be turning ninety this October and for the first time in his life, he is not in the best health. He's truly a tough ole guy.

A while back, I was spending the afternoon at my parents' place and Daddy and I were talking about things we did when I was little. He worked so hard during the day that all he wanted to do when he got home was take a bath, eat supper, then watch TV. I'd pile up beside him in his big recliner and watch until time to go to bed.

His shows of choice were generally of the Western variety. The only books I ever saw him read were Louis L'Amour or Zane Grey paperbacks he carried around in his telephone company truck. I suppose that wild life appealed to him, even though he had long ago put away his rambling ways as a young man.

We watched countless hours of "Bonanza", "The Big Valley", "Gunsmoke", and his favorite, "The High Chaparral". He liked all the open range and realism of it. You see, we didn't just watch the show. Things would happen on screen about the way people treated each other, family situations, all sorts of topics and being a kid, I never shut up asking questions. I was just a little girl and sometimes when things got a bit risqué (for that time I guess) Daddy would cover my eyes and say, "Oops! That's big boy and girl stuff!" which is pretty funny now given what is acceptable on television.





I remember one night pondering out loud about how cute Manolito was and he said, "He's a bad boy, sugar. You just like his fancy pants." Daddy certainly tried even then to head off my trend of liking handsome bad boys. Then when the subject of the "cute blond boy" came up, he hugged me up and said, "I just don't like all these boys because you're my girl." I'll never forget it.

Of course, real boys eventually came along to replace the TV crushes and there was no more chair time, but every now and then on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon when there was nothing else to do I'd still pile up in that chair and we'd watch reruns of westerns and cowboys and I'd still talk about how cute they were. When all of that came up again on that afternoon, I opened up my laptop, looked on YouTube, and found the episodes. The internet is a mystery to my Daddy who thinks it's in a building in New York, but we sat there for hours watching and rewatching "The High Chaparral." This time, I was a grown up and our conversations were about social issues and the like even though I managed to throw in how I still thought Manolito was as hot as can be and Daddy said he didn't like that because I was still his girl and that fancy pants bad boy was out of luck. It's funny how all those wonderful writers and actors who had no idea who WE were, created something that is still so special to us. What a nice thing. I'm not sure how many more moments like that my Daddy and I will have, but that one was precious. I'm fifty-one now even though for that afternoon I was once again a little girl watching "The High Chaparral" with my Daddy thanks to all that hard work so many talented people put in to create that lovely show.



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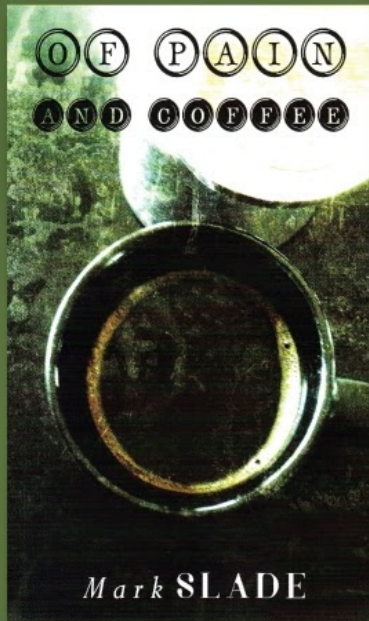
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## Linda Fans on Facebook

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Every time I tried writing this article I found myself running into a road block. That road block was me. I had wanted to focus solely on Linda Cristal and her fans but I realized that in order to share how the Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon Fan group began, I had to be willing to share some of my own personal story because both are intertwined. It is not easy to open your life and heart before strangers but it is when you know you are sharing it with friends and family of The High



Chaparral. (Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon: <https://www.Facebook.com/groups/422983351128067/>)

I am not a writer so please bear with me. Let me first share that I didn't grow up watching The High Chaparral as I was only three years old on September 10, 1967 when it first aired. My beloved husband Ray, introduced me to The High Chaparral Ranch at Old Tucson in 1986 on a date, but it left me wondering what was this so called "High Chaparral" that he loved. Then in 2004 Hallmark aired a few episodes and I able to watch my very first episode. For me, it was "love at first episode!" and I fell in love with all the characters on the series. I was especially drawn to John and Victoria Cannon characters and their story. Sadly, only a few episodes were shown before going off air again. I'll never forget the day I saw the advertisement that on September 15, 2012, INSP was going to be showing an all day marathon! I was finally going to get to see The High Chaparral and its beloved characters that had captured my heart nine years ago.

I believe God leads people into our lives for a reason. It was by no coincidence I found The High Chaparral Reunion page which eventually lead me to other High Chaparral groups and eventually to The High Chaparral Reunion itself. Not too long after, I was hit with news that I needed tests done for health reasons. It shook me to the core. I became paralyzed with fear and being human, I refuse to tell my family or face it head on and therefore refused to take the necessary tests. One day while visiting The High Chaparral Reunion Facebook page, Penny McQueen placed linked interviews by Ginny Shook and Tina Sweet with Linda Cristal. As I began to read these interviews, I cannot begin to tell you what happened to me, but thru God's grace, I was touched and inspired by Linda's words!

"But you don't fight it. You never fight the enemy. You befriend him. You keep him close to you. It was all willpower. So I took the heat as an acceptance as what life is about. " and " .....I accept it. Don't fight it. Don't fight the enemy – its trouble. " -Linda Cristal ([http://www.highchaparralnewsletter.com/Archives/June\\_15\\_2007.htm](http://www.highchaparralnewsletter.com/Archives/June_15_2007.htm))

"Never Look Back" and "Go Forward" Linda Cristal advised in the interviews.

Linda's words hit me hard and spoke to my heart! I wept as the wall of fear that paralyzed me came crashing down like a tidal wave and for the first time in months I could pray! I was still scared but I could now "Go Forward" and I was living again!

I made my doctors appointments as I went in for my tests I took a verse with me that Penny McQueen shared with me. Philippians 1:21 "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." It was agonizing waiting for the results. Guess what? All but one test came back normal! No Cancer! I have RA and the beginnings of Hypoglycemia, but that is something I can deal with! Falling to my knees I thanked God for sending The High Chaparral new friends, Penny McQueen, Ginny Shook, BG's and most of all Linda Cristal, in my path. I had no idea how or if I would ever be able to thank Ms. Cristal for helping me get my life back. I checked to see if she was still alive and if she had a Facebook page. Much to my joy, Linda was and is alive, but to my disappointment I found that she had retired from Facebook the year before. To make a long story short, when Ginny Shook encouraged fans who wanted to create group sites for cast members who didn't have one, I felt led to create the Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon Fan group. It was the only way I knew how to say "Thank You" to her and to honor her amazing legacy.

Linda Cristal /Victoria Cannon Fan Facebook group was started and officially opened to fans on March 12, 2013. It began with a big bang and grew beyond imagination.

I not only got to send Linda Cristal a "Thank you" letter thru Tina Sweet but something even more awesome happened! Jordan Wexler, Linda's youngest son, had her re-establish an Official Linda Cristal Facebook! What an awesome God! Linda's Fan group has been very blessed and privileged to have our beloved Linda Cristal join us! How amazing is that! Her son Jordan Wexler and most recently Linda's eldest son, Gregory Wexler's wife, Carol Fink Wexler, have joined the group as well! (Linda Cristal Official Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/linda.cristal.77>)

My Co-Administrators and I have spent many hours finding photos, videos, articles and so much more on Linda's amazing career. Dedicated Fans pour their love and hearts into finding photos and posting comments keeping the group fun and exciting. We have over 700 fans and growing every month. Join the Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon Fan group and all the other The High Chaparral groups and make new friends that will become just like family. God Bless You!

Administrator ~Ana Amos

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**This is the Real High Chaparral**



vintage Swedish article, translated by  
Isabell Larsson

Alan Schulman, famous TV-man that produced "Timmen", visited the city of Tucson in the US where the TV-show "The High Chaparral" is being shot. In this article, specially written for Bildjournalen, he tells about life in the old town. The reality in the town is just as exciting as the events at the High Chaparral.

I'm sat down having my morning coffee at the Desert Inn, an elegant hotel in Tucson, Arizona. The cafeteria is filled with a bunch of noisy people.

Suddenly a familiar face appears in the crowd, smiling and in a cowboy outfit. It's *Manolito!* The next second the rest of them are there as well, *Big John Cannon*, handsome but a bit grumpy in the morning, *Billy Blue*, moody as usual, and the charming *Buck Cannon*. I'm sure you all recognize the names of the main cast in TV's "The High Chaparral"? As it turns out, they all live in the same hotel as me...

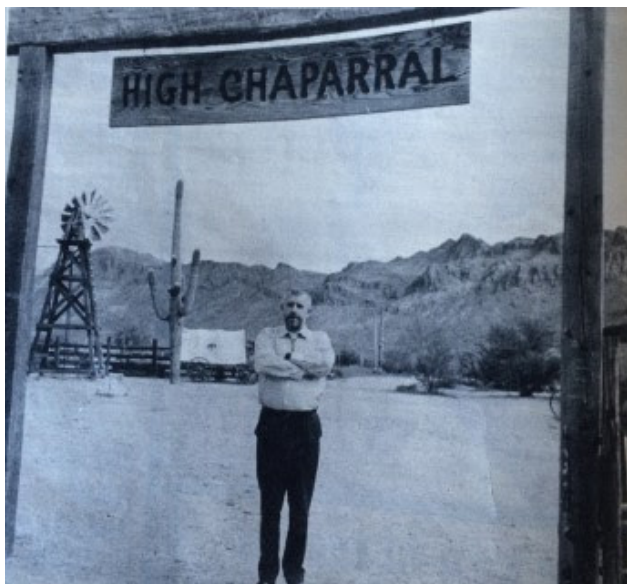
To the people in Tucson The High Chaparral is more than just a TV show, it is very much reality. Every year, from May to September, Tucson is where NBC is shooting all of the outdoor scenes for The High Chaparral. The show has gotten a lot of praise for the life like environment portrayal, and Tucson is a genuine Wild West-city, or *Old Tucson* more likely, the film studio that was built in 1940 a bit outside of "real" Tucson.

Old Tucson is a well built reconstruction of a town from the Wild West, and it's been the host to hundreds of western films. When you walk down the main street you can feel the atmosphere of the films. It has all the essentials; small shops, the saloon with swing doors where uncle Buck usually quenches his thirst with whiskey, a barber shop, the robbery safe bank and the sheriffs office, where you can get in behind the bars and feel like a real Arizona villain.

From Old Tucsons main street I look up and see a very familiar gateway, over there is The High Chaparral!

Behind the gateway I can see Big John Cannons ranch with the reservoir and the waterpump. From a distance everything looks just like you imagined it. But when you walk up to it, be prepared to be disappointed. The whole ranch is just a backdrop! If you open the front door it's just wilderness behind it. (All indoor scenes are shot in a studio in Hollywood).

I was lucky, there was a big "rodeo parade" going on, the annual La Fiesta de los Vaqueros, in Tucson when I was there. The guests of honor were the people from The High Chaparral! They also had the honorary seats during the three day rodeo that followed (a rodeo is one of those shows where tough, bold cowboys are





riding untamed horses and bulls, competing about who can stay on the longest).

I was in luck again, because I got to sit next to Manolito (Henry Darrow) and Billy Blue (Mark Slade). I noticed they both seemed to love burgers, hot dogs and cotton candy. Both of them ate tons of it!

Manolito and Billy Blue were well aware of the fact that they are very popular in Sweden, and they have talked about Sweden with Buck (Cameron Mitchell) since he was here 10 years ago.

I love Sweden! Buck says. I shot some scenes for an American film at *Filmstaden* in Råsunda [*Filmstaden is, just like Old Tucson, a tiny town built for films*] and had the pleasure of meeting Ingmar Bergman pretty much every day. And the Swedish girls! It is no overstatement to say that they are the worlds most beautiful girls! Give them and Bergman my best regards!



A lot of tourists come to Tucson every year because of The High Chaparral. Before, the city was most famous for its university, but it has gotten some competition now. Tourists can also go to one of the worlds most interesting desert museums or look at the memorials from the Spanish Colonization (Tucson was established in 1695 by the Spanish), and in the border city of Nogales, Mexico, you can do some exciting shopping. The biggest and the most tender cowboy steaks are to be found at the restaurant Pinnacle Peak, where ties are forbidden. If you are wearing a tie, the waiter just simply cuts it off! It will be hung from the ceiling as a trophy.

But before everything else, Tucson is a dream for everyone that loves horses. There are 1000 horses in the city!

So, if you are going to the US, don't miss out on going to Tucson, Arizona. But try to come here during the summer, then you might get to meet Manolito, Billy Blue and the boys!



**Picture 1:**

Alan Schulman, famous for producing the TV-show "Timmen", visited The High Chaparral in Tucson, Arizona and writes about his meeting with Manolito & co in his article. Here he is standing under the gateway to the High Chaparral.

**Picture 2:**

Billy Blue (Mark Slade) and Manolito (Henry Darrow) with some of the High Chaparrals hired hands. The gateway is one of many in Tucson.

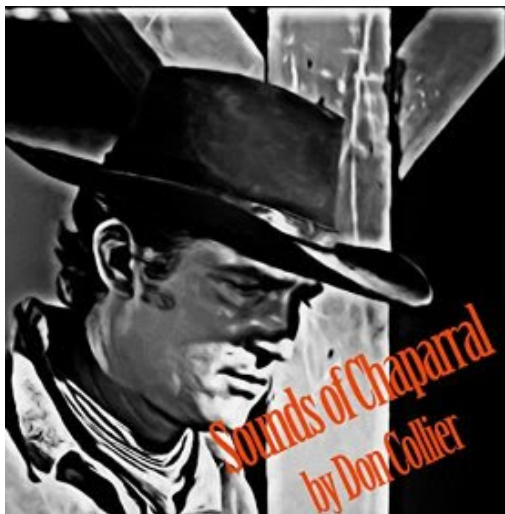
**Picture 3.**

Buck Cannon (Cameron Mitchell) sits down, waving to the people along the street. It is a Wild West-parade in Tucson. The most popular parade float is the one from the High Chaparral.

## Sounds of Chaparral

In 2013 High Chaparral fans from across the world submitted short stories, poems, songs and essays to a contest. The prize? Having their work recorded by Don Collier, iconic actor and High Chaparral's ranch foreman Sam Butler.

As the entries poured in two things were clear – Chaparral fans are talented and even after all these years they still love their favorite TV western! Only one recording was planned but there were so many excellent submissions Don chose instead to record four of his favorite plus a well-known cowboy poem and release a CD back to the fans who'd worked so hard. The result is [Sounds of Chaparral](#), available on Amazon for \$4.95 or \$.99 per track



The special digital edition contains a bonus track of 'Cowboy's Prayer'. You can listen to samples on [Amazon](#) and purchase immediately for download.

Unlike many actors, the scope of Don Collier's career ranges widely . . . from movies and television, to commercials, spokesman, personal appearances and more. With over 200 television and feature film roles his work is well known and admired internationally.

Don's portrayal of ranch foreman Sam Butler in the highly acclaimed television western, The High Chaparral, still stands as one of his greatest characterizations and he draws devoted fans to events from all over the world. Don starred as U.S. Deputy Marshal Will Foreman in the NBC series, Outlaws, acted in a host of TV and movie roles and among his long list of advertising parts is The Hubba Bubba Gumfighter and the "Big bubbles, no troubles" tagline. He's worked with John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Anthony Quinn, Dean Martin, Tom Selleck, James Arness, and even Elvis Presley.

[Sounds of Chaparral on Amazon](#)

## The Last Word... Would You Rather Have the Illness or the Cure?

*WJ St.Germain*

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While researching if any 'old' remedies might help alleviate the annual bout of flu, I made some interesting discoveries about Old West cure-alls. In fact, there were so many amazing 'remedies' that I've filed enough for a second article. Some are hilarious, others downright dangerous. A few have a shred of logic behind them. While I think they make for good reading, I DO NOT recommend you try any of them – if the likelihood occurs that you are tempted to (and if so, you might ask yourself if you've had enough to drink for one day).

In keeping with the flavor of the newsletter, we will start with one that uses the chaparral. It's for those who suffered from boils. You must first catch a chaparral (aka the roadrunner). It must be a chaparral; apparently chickens, ducks and other birds don't work. Kill the bird and eat it. I presume the bird is first cooked. After all, everyone knows how dangerous eating raw chicken is and the danger is present in all fowl. We can assume people had worked that out\*. Once you've eaten the chaparral, the boils should soon disappear. And if they don't, well you won't need dinner.

*\* Back in the days of Henry VIII's banquets, peacocks were carefully skinned before cooking. Before serving, the raw, feathered skin was carefully replaced over the bird for presentation purposes. Anyone who ate meat in contact with the raw flesh paid for it.*

The next is a cold remedy which also protects from others catching your cold. Eat a raw onion sandwich then wash your hair. I'm not sure what would happen if you washed your hair first. Maybe you'd render the onion void. For years, people have believed that onions attract bacteria, which by the way is untrue. We can assume they thought the onion acted like a sponge, soaking up the germs. As for washing the hair (I'm surprised it wasn't with an onion), who knows? It would at least get rid of the onion smell on your hands. I can see how this remedy prevents your nearest and dearest from catching your cold. After all, how close would you be hanging around someone with raw onion breath?



Got something in your eye? No worries. Just pour warm milk into it. That way you will have something else in your eye to worry about. Make sure the milk isn't too hot or it will burn - in case that never occurred to you. I don't expect poached eye would feel too good. But it would certainly help you to forget the speck that originally blew into it.

Speaking of hair, is yours bald or thinning, making you feel less attractive to others? If so, help is at hand. Just smear fresh cow manure all over your head working it in well. Remember, it must be fresh otherwise you will be smearing resident dung beetles on your head and they might not appreciate that. We guarantee that your family and friends will soon notice you. So will the flies and any stray dung beetles that are still looking for a home.

Got an earache? I suspect this is the brainchild of someone's great-granny. Have a smoker blow tobacco smoke into your ear five times a day while saying, 'Hurt, hurt, go away, go into a bale of hay.' I recommend burning said hay because if you fed it to the stock they would end up swallowing the hurt and we don't know what that might lead to.



Lice were a problem for some people. There was a remedy for that which does have a ring of truth to it (well, the ant part anyway). Simply put your clothes on an anthill and wash your head with kerosene. It doesn't say if you have to wash your head at the ant nest or at home so you'll have to wing it. Since ants are territorial, especially about insects that approach their nest, they will attack and eat the lice. I guess if you've got lice on your body - after all, it's only your head we are advised to douse in kerosene - you may have to lie naked on the anthill once they've cleaned up your clothes. That should be fun. By the way, while you've got a head full of kerosene, be sure to stay away from smokers and open flames lest your head catch fire. This includes avoiding anyone chanting 'hurt, hurt go away.'

But lice weren't the only problem in the Old West. Hangovers were everywhere. We have two interesting options to try. The first is easy enough, cut a lemon into wedges and rub the fleshy side of the wedge under your armpits until they are nicely covered with lemon juice (and other bits). The armpits will soak up the juice, rehydrating the body. Apparently just drinking a glass of water didn't occur to any of these guys.

The second cure required rabbits but unlike the poor chaparral, they come to no harm. Instead, and this isn't the tricky bit, you must collect enough fresh droppings to fill about half a cup.



Then you seep the droppings in boiling water and (here's the hard part) drink the resulting solution. But take care; the droppings must be as fresh as possible. Otherwise... well, they don't say. Maybe it won't taste as nice.

Now a remedy for something I suffer with from time to time, a 'crick' in the neck. I am advised to go down to the pig pen (assuming there's one handy) and find out where the pigs' favorite scratching post is. Then position your neck in the most rubbed area of the post and rub away till the crick is gone. Of course unless you are some kind of contortionist, you will end up one giant crick after doing this. Oh and your neck will probably be full of splinters and hog hair but maybe I can find a remedy for that another time.

Got 'rhumatics'? Have a cat sit on the affected area. This one makes sense since the body heat of the cat would relieve pain. It would probably work best on stiff knees since you are more likely to convince a cat to sit there for a while. Arthritic shoulders or ankles may pose more of a problem if the cat is uncooperative.

Bleeding need to be stopped? Simple. Cover the area with a spiderweb. I suggest that you be sure to remove the spider first. Oh and this works for nosebleeds too. You just stuff the whole web up your nose. Don't ask me how you get it back out, though.

Our skin matters to us so I include a remedy for facial blemishes. We know that Manuka honey has antibacterial properties and it has been successful in healing some wounds. But we will assume that in the Old West, any old honey would have been used. Ladies smeared it all over their faces and waited... they didn't say how long. Then wash it off. But be sure to leave enough honey in the hive for the bees, otherwise they will detect the scent of their honey and come looking for you. In no time you will be walking around with a face full of bees. It's probably not a very good look.

Here's another all purpose cure for any sort of facial blemishes and also a disinfectant for countertops, dishes, laundry and so on. You'll need access to a baby for this one because, 'while still fresh and warm' (fresh!), you must wash your face with a urine soaked diaper. It's possible that the trace amounts of ammonia found in urine was the reason why people had faith in this treatment. However, you will find much more bacteria in a soggy diaper than disinfectant.

For those who couldn't access said diapers, another popular treatment for disinfecting laundry involved hanging freshly washed clothes outside public toilets to absorb the scents. This must be what heralded the invention of perfume. But all of this begs the question, what do you wash the urine soaked diapers in?

For those with little access to water, a dishwashing suggestion proclaims the cleanliness of a dog's mouth, advising us to let our canine friends lick the plates clean. Given the stuff I've seen my dog put in his mouth, I think I'd probably lick my own plates.

Finally, problems with stuttering? Whack the stutterer in the mouth with a chicken gizzard. Why? My guess is, not wanting to endure it again the person simply gives up speaking altogether.



### Did You Know?

It is possible that while they may not have known the science behind it, the person who came up with the rabbit poo tea cure for hangovers observed that rabbits produce two kinds of dropping; pellets, which are nutrient poor waste, and cecotropes (also called 'night faeces'). The cecotropes contain nutrients that were not absorbed the first time they passed through the rabbit's digestive system so they must be eaten by the rabbit before the nutrients can be absorbed. This is why you must not be too fastidious about cleaning your rabbit's living areas. Without noticing there was a difference between them (though it's pretty obvious), the observer



may have thought that if eating them kept the rabbit healthy, maybe it would do the same for humans with hangovers. Yes, okay, that's where we really stretch the imagination.

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Cameron Mitchell Scholarship Fundraiser

The High Chaparral Reunion is proud to announce the first in a series of fundraising

events in honor of Cameron Mitchell—over very own Uncle Buck Cannon—and we're a part of it!

Bryan Sellers, who is leading the grassroots efforts in York County, Penn., to recognize the famous native son, says "How to Marry a Millionaire" will be shown at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glen Rock, Penn., on Sept. 27. Donations will be accepted at the door, and all monies raised will be applied to the Cameron Mitchell Scholarship Sponsored by The High Chaparral Reunion, with Special Recognition for Helena Hartenstein. (Ms. Hartenstein was Cameron's high school teacher who encouraged his acting career and even gave him money to go to New York.)

The Reunion's special events section has been working behind the scenes with Bryan and his team for several months to move this effort forward. The evening will include personal appearances by Cameron's nephews, Marc and Roark, along with Cam photos and memorabilia. There will also be food and door prizes.

The Cameron Mitchell Scholarship sponsored by The High Chaparral Reunion, with Special Recognition for Helena Hartenstein will be administered by the Southern York County School District Foundation overseen by Dr. Wayne McCullough. Special thanks to the Glen Rock Historic Preservation Society for sponsoring this event and the Zion Lutheran Church for allowing the hosting!.

The High Chaparral Reunion special events team, headed by Reunion CEO/Producer Penny McQueen and coordinated by Marianne Rittner-Holmes, will continue to work with the local York, PA team so stay tuned for information on how you can help to make Cameron's scholarship a reality. It will benefit high school seniors in his home area who wish to pursue college studies in theater, film, media arts, and/or journalism.

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The 4th season has a copy of the Bill Claxton 'director's cut' of the pilot of The High Chaparral. Transferred from the original 16mm film this fascinating artifact is old and faded but still a treasure for fans as it contains never broadcast scenes.

The 4th season of High Chaparral introduced Wind (played by Rudy Ramos) and includes the two part tribute to Frank Silvera's Don Sebastian Montoya - New Lion of Sonora.

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I started the High Chaparral Facebook Group ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/thehighchaparral/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/thehighchaparral/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) back in 2008. There had been (and still is) a Yahoo Group called the HCDG (High Chaparral Discussion Group) but it didn't allow for sharing photos or video clips. It was time to try another type of social media and try my hand at running my own group. I wanted to share my love of the show, cast and crew with others. Penny McQueen was taking over the running of the High Chaparral Reunion and we needed a new home to attract more High Chaparral Fans to this great event - we knew you were out there. And of course, we wanted to meet you and share our love of the best television Western of all time with new fans.

Little did I know that six years later we would be almost 2,600 strong. And the other High Chaparral fans have become even more than friends...you are all family. Thank goodness we don't have to buy each other birthday presents. Just your participation is enough of a gift.

Every member is precious. Just ask Don Collier (Sam Butler) who contributes regularly, sometimes just to say Hi or to remind you to come to the High Chaparral Reunion. And Kiva Hoy is also great about sharing stories about Bobby (Joe Butler). Susan McCray posts now and then and so does Linda Cristal (Victoria). They are all part of our family, too.

Please join us for all the latest news on what the cast and crew are up to, discussions on the episodes, the sharing of photos and video clips of the show. There is always room for another family member.

Administrators for The High Chaparral Facebook page are Ginny Shook and Penny McQueen.

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Uncle Buck's Cam-a-Lot

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By Lydia Hopson

In late 2012 Sondra Hill and I had become friends thanks to two Facebook pages, Henry Darrow Friends and the "High Chaparral" page. We were connected by our love of the "High Chaparral" show and like most "High Chaparral" fans, we each had our favorite character, Uncle Buck for her, Manolito for me. Quickly, we became fast friends and messaged each other several times a day.

Sondra said she had thought about making a FB page for Cameron Mitchell ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/353090374814199/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/353090374814199/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) and our conversation over the next few days went from "I have thought about .." to "Let's do it."

She told me what she wanted on the page and I went to work. It didn't take long and soon Sondra was messaging me that she loved it. I was delighted that after thinking about it for so long she finally had what she wanted, a Facebook page for Buck. It didn't take long for fans, and friends from the other "High Chaparral" pages to join and we watched happily as membership numbers climbed.

A few months later, I created the Buffalo Gals ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/547964738580305/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/547964738580305/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) page which took up a lot of my time and though still an administrator on the Cameron Mitchell page I don't spend as much time there as I did in the beginning. I have noticed that since it began, the page has changed from one about "Uncle Buck" to one that celebrates all of Cameron's work.

Members post any photos of Cameron they can get their hands on, movie stills, pictures that ran in newspapers or magazine articles, stills from the "High Chaparral", memories of those who met him or worked with him, you name it, it is posted there. There are "Cam alerts" advising page members of any show or movie to be seen on television in which Mitchell has a starring or guest starring appearance. It is easy to see that Mitchell's fans range far and wide and they are just as dedicated now as ever.

Membership of the page includes at least two of Mitchell's family, a nephew and the wife of another nephew. They have shared pictures of many personal family items. Group members always appreciate something of this nature. It brings them closer to the man they admire so much.

Even more exciting is the effort by Bryan Sellars, Mitchell's former business manager, to honor Mitchell in his home town by naming a street or even the baseball park in honor of him.

"We should honor the legacy of a man who, arguably, could be the finest actor to ever come out of York County," said an editorial in the York Daily Record recently and added "Among those efforts: Raising money for a scholarship to go to a promising student at Susquehannock High School who is planning to study the arts in college. The scholarship would also honor Helena Hartenstein, who taught language at the former New Freedom High School and inspired and encouraged Mr. Mitchell to take up acting. One of the fundraising ideas is a screening of one of Mr. Mitchell's films — the classic comedy "How to Marry a Millionaire" is under consideration.

"That would be more than fitting," the editorial went on to say. "It would also be more than fitting to rename a street in Mr. Mitchell's honor in Shrewsbury and perhaps attach his name to the town baseball field. Mr. Mitchell was a standout baseball player in high school and turned down an offer from the Detroit Tigers so he could go to New York

and pursue acting."

If this happens you can be sure the Cameron Mitchell page will be one of the first to know and shouting the honor from the rooftops.

Sondra is still as dedicated to the page as she ever was and wants very much for fans to participate.

"I want it to be very fan-based," she said. "I want Cam's fans to know it is their page."

With 813 members now and more added every week, it is certain the page will continue to grow and to celebrate the life of a man that means very much to "High Chaparral" fans. So if you are a Cameron Mitchell fan join the group and grow with them. You won't find any place that acclaims him with more love.

Administrators for the Cameron Mitchell Facebook page are: Sondra Hill, Debra Cox, Lydia Tilbury Hopson and Marianne Rittner-Holmes.

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Blue Heaven

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by Sharmon Loggains

It was with great anticipation, as was the case with any TV show having cowboys, Native Americans, and especially horses that my dad and I watched the 2 hour movie of a new Western that premiered in September of 1967 on NBC. We were already big followers of Bonanza and I had grown up watching the likes of Gene Autry and Roy Rogers with my older brother. I'll always remember when John Cannon, starring Leif Erikson, called out "Blue! Blue" to a yet-unseen and out of pocket son, and then he appeared, walking hand in hand with his newfound sweetheart, Sarah. From the first time I saw the blonde headed, bashful young cowboy that had eyes that rivaled the color of a clear summer sky, I was -well- pretty smitten, let's just say!

Many years have gone by, and even after the show had passed into what I thought was a fond memory, I held on to my admiration of Mark Slade's portrayal of the shy but impetuous Billy Blue Cannon. When Hallmark syndicated the show, it was the first time in over 30 years since I had last seen The High Chaparral and was thrilled to have all of those great memories come alive again.

I began to follow the website, "The High Chaparral" and joined up on the High Chaparral Newsletter. I also found the Yahoo Discussion Group by the same name, and for some time, this is where I would go for my High Chaparral 'high.' These websites provided both past and current information about all things Chaparral and I was glad that there remained such enthusiasm for the show. Then I discovered on one of those sites that the High Chaparral had a Facebook group page, as well as one for the HC Reunion.

The first Facebook 'character' page that I joined was the Cameron Mitchell group page with administrators Sondra Hill and Lydia Hopson. Lydia and I began to message one another about our mutual drive to write, talking about High Chaparral fan fiction stories and the like. One night, it occurred to me that there were pages beginning to appear for the other characters, but, as of yet, there was no "Blue" group. Since I was still such a 'true Blue' fan, I thought, "Why can't I start one?" And working fast before the same idea occurred to someone else; I did just that, naming it the "Mark Slade/Blue Cannon fan page." ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bluecannonfanpage/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bluecannonfanpage/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) The group description is: For friends and lovers of

Billy Blue Cannon of the High Chaparral TV series." That was sometime in March of 2013, and as of today, there are 509 members!

The group is a family friendly one open to anyone who wants to join, whether they join in on the fun and post photos with great captions as some of the members enjoy doing, or just read along. I hope that it is a group that Mark Slade and his family, friends and fans can be proud of. Please come on board and be a part of (to quote Nancy Thomas' fan fiction title) our "Blue heaven."

The Administrator of the Mark Slade Facebook page is Sharmon Loggains

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Buffalo Gals

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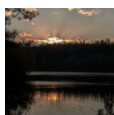
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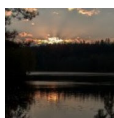
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Cameron Mitchell Scholarship Fundraiser

The High Chaparral Reunion is proud to announce the first in a series of fundraising events in honor of Cameron Mitchell—over very own Uncle Buck Cannon—and we're a part of it!

Bryan Sellers, who is leading the grassroots efforts in York County, Penn., to recognize the famous native son, says "How to Marry a Millionaire" will be shown at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glen Rock, Penn., on Sept. 27. Donations will be accepted at the door, and all monies raised will be applied to the Cameron Mitchell Scholarship Sponsored by The High Chaparral Reunion, with Special Recognition for Helena Hartenstein. (Ms. Hartenstein was Cameron's high school teacher who encouraged his acting career and even gave him money to go to New York.)

The Reunion's special events section has been working behind the scenes with Bryan and his team for several months to move this effort forward. The evening will include personal appearances by Cameron's nephews, Marc and Roark, along with Cam photos and memorabilia. There will also be food and door prizes.

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The High Chaparral Reunion special events team, headed by Reunion CEO/Producer Penny McQueen and coordinated by Marianne Rittner-Holmes, will continue to work with the local York, PA team so stay tuned for information on how you can help to make Cameron's scholarship a reality. It will benefit high school seniors in his home area who wish to pursue college studies in theater, film, media arts, and/or journalism.

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#### DVDs - SELLING OUT!

We're down to 4 sets of the 4th season of The High Chaparral on DVD and don't plan to order more for a few months, so if you're been planning to get HC on DVD get your full set now at

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The 4th season of High Chaparral introduced Wind (played by Rudy Ramos) and includes the two part tribute to Frank Silvera's Don Sebastian Montoya - New Lion of Sonora.

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Taking place in March 2015, this not-to-be-missed event provides the thrilling opportunity to meet the artists who brought the Cannons, Montoyas and Bunkhouse Boys to life! Meet Henry Darrow (Manolito Montoya, Don Collier (Sam Butler), Rudy Ramos (Wind),—along with a long list of guest stars, production and crew members.

Is this your first Reunion or you're traveling alone? We have a special program to make it easy for you. If you wish we'll match you up with another fan who's attended in the past so you can ask questions and have a buddy before you arrive.

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Little did I know that six years later we would be almost 2,600 strong. And the other High Chaparral fans have become even more than friends...you are all family. Thank goodness we don't have to buy each other birthday presents. Just your participation is enough of a gift.

Every member is precious. Just ask Don Collier (Sam Butler) who contributes regularly, sometimes just to say Hi or to remind you to come to the High Chaparral Reunion. And Kiva Hoy is also great about sharing stories about Bobby (Joe Butler). Susan McCray posts now and then and so does Linda Cristal (Victoria). They are all part of our family, too.

Please join us for all the latest news on what the cast and crew are up to, discussions



on the episodes, the sharing of photos and video clips of the show. There is always room for another family member.

Administrators for The High Chaparral Facebook page are Ginny Shook and Penny McQueen.

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In late 2012 Sondra Hill and I had become friends thanks to two Facebook pages, Henry Darrow Friends and the "High Chaparral" page. We were connected by our love of the "High Chaparral" show and like most "High Chaparral" fans, we each had our favorite character, Uncle Buck for her, Manolito for me. Quickly, we became fast friends and messaged each other several times a day.

Sondra said she had thought about making a FB page for Cameron Mitchell ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/353090374814199/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/353090374814199/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) and our conversation over the next few days went from "I have thought about .." to "Let's do it."

She told me what she wanted on the page and I went to work. It didn't take long and soon Sondra was messaging me that she loved it. I was delighted that after thinking about it for so long she finally had what she wanted, a Facebook page for Buck. It didn't take long for fans, and friends from the other "High Chaparral" pages to join and we watched happily as membership numbers climbed.

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Members post any photos of Cameron they can get their hands on, movie stills, pictures that ran in newspapers or magazine articles, stills from the "High Chaparral", memories of those who met him or worked with him, you name it, it is posted there. There are "Cam alerts" advising page members of any show or movie to be seen on television in which Mitchell has a starring or guest starring appearance. It is easy to see that Mitchell's fans range far and wide and they are just as dedicated now as ever.

Membership of the page includes at least two of Mitchell's family, a nephew and the wife of another nephew. They have shared pictures of many personal family items. Group members always appreciate something of this nature. It brings them closer to the man they admire so much.

Even more exciting is the effort by Bryan Sellars, Mitchell's former business manager, to honor Mitchell in his home town by naming a street or even the baseball park in honor of him.

"We should honor the legacy of a man who, arguably, could be the finest actor to ever come out of York County," said an editorial in the York Daily Record recently and added "Among those efforts: Raising money for a scholarship to go to a promising student at Susquehannock High School who is planning to study the arts in college. The scholarship would also honor Helena Hartenstein, who taught language at the

former New Freedom High School and inspired and encouraged Mr. Mitchell to take up acting. One of the fundraising ideas is a screening of one of Mr. Mitchell's films — the classic comedy "How to Marry a Millionaire" is under consideration.

"That would be more than fitting," the editorial went on to say. "It would also be more than fitting to rename a street in Mr. Mitchell's honor in Shrewsbury and perhaps attach his name to the town baseball field. Mr. Mitchell was a standout baseball player in high school and turned down an offer from the Detroit Tigers so he could go to New York and pursue acting."

If this happens you can be sure the Cameron Mitchell page will be one of the first to know and shouting the honor from the rooftops.

Sondra is still as dedicated to the page as she ever was and wants very much for fans to participate.

"I want it to be very fan-based," she said. "I want Cam's fans to know it is their page."

With 813 members now and more added every week, it is certain the page will continue to grow and to celebrate the life of a man that means very much to "High Chaparral" fans. So if you are a Cameron Mitchell fan join the group and grow with them. You won't find any place that acclaims him with more love.

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by Sharmon Loggains

It was with great anticipation, as was the case with any TV show having cowboys, Native Americans, and especially horses that my dad and I watched the 2 hour movie of a new Western that premiered in September of 1967 on NBC. We were already big followers of Bonanza and I had grown up watching the likes of Gene Autry and Roy Rogers with my older brother. I'll always remember when John Cannon, starring Leif Erikson, called out "Blue! Blue" to a yet-unseen and out of pocket son, and then he appeared, walking hand in hand with his newfound sweetheart, Sarah. From the first time I saw the blonde headed, bashful young cowboy that had eyes that rivaled the color of a clear summer sky, I was -well- pretty smitten, let's just say!

Many years have gone by, and even after the show had passed into what I thought was a fond memory, I held on to my admiration of Mark Slade's portrayal of the shy but impetuous Billy Blue Cannon. When Hallmark syndicated the show, it was the first time in over 30 years since I had last seen The High Chaparral and was thrilled to have all of those great memories come alive again.

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with administrators Sondra Hill and Lydia Hopson. Lydia and I began to message one another about our mutual drive to write, talking about High Chaparral fan fiction stories and the like. One night, it occurred to me that there were pages beginning to appear for the other characters, but, as of yet, there was no "Blue" group. Since I was still such a 'true Blue' fan, I thought, "Why can't I start one?" And working fast before the same idea occurred to someone else; I did just that, naming it the "Mark Slade/Blue Cannon fan page." ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bluecannonfanpage/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bluecannonfanpage/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) The group description is: For friends and lovers of Billy Blue Cannon of the High Chaparral TV series." That was sometime in March of 2013, and as of today, there are 509 members!

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AUG. 21, 22 and 23 in "Nanyehi-Beloved Woman of the Cherokee".

Rudy plays Peace Chief Attakullakulla and is singing a song, "Love Doesn't Come in Colors." He's very excited about this show and hopes to see some of the HC family there.

Tickets for adults are \$15. There is a \$5 discount for Cherokee Nation citizens and for children 12 and under. These tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 918 384-ROCK.

The producer of "Nanyehi".says of Rudy "What a beautiful soul! We are tickled to death to feature Rudy in the show!"

As anyone who's seen Rudy perform on stage or screen knows, he brings a depth of talent, intensity and honesty to this role. Don't miss the chance to see him in Tulsa, August 21-23.

<http://tickets.hardrockcasinotulsa.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=200>

DVDs - SELLING OUT!

Season 4 of The High Chaparral is SOLD OUT and we don't plan on ordering more for a few months.

You can still order the first 3 seasons of The High Chaparral but better hurry while all is still available!

Seasons 1-3 in stock.

<http://thehighchaparralreunion.com/merchandise.shtml>

Come Home To The High Chaparral

High Chaparral Reunion

March 19-22. 2015

Since 2003, fans and artists have gathered every two years to celebrate the ground-breaking, highly acclaimed NBC Western, The High Chaparral . Loyal fans, who have kept the beloved characters alive in their hearts and minds for 40 years, will once again host a reunion for cast, crew, guest stars and production staff.

Taking place in March 2015, this not-to-be-missed event provides the thrilling opportunity to meet the artists who brought the Cannons, Montoyas and Bunkhouse Boys to life! Meet Henry Darrow (Manolito Montoya, Don Collier (Sam Butler), Rudy Ramos (Wind),—along with a long list of guest stars, production and crew members.

Is this your first Reunion or you're traveling alone? We have a special program to make it easy for you. If you wish we'll match you up with another fan who's attended in the past so you can ask questions and have a buddy before you arrive.

Register TODAY at [www.thehighchaparralreunion.com](http://www.thehighchaparralreunion.com), and Come Home To The High Chaparral!

Download your FREE e-book, 'How To Attend The High Chaparral Reunion!'

Linda Cristal Tribute

See what you're missing on Facebook? Linda Cristal's son Gregory and daughter-in-law Carol Fink Wexler made a wonderful tribute video and shared it with The High Chaparral Facebook group, plus lots more photos of Linda. This beautiful photo of Linda is just one family photo that's been shared recently.

Join the conversation on Facebook so you don't miss a thing!  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thehighchaparral>

Happy Birthday Henry Darrow

Send Manolito Montoya your birthday greetings but act NOW!

Post a note to be included in a GIANT BIRTHDAY CARD on Facebook [HERE](#).

Make arrangements to send him a card by emailing [henrydarrowbook@gmail.com](mailto:henrydarrowbook@gmail.com).



Since Henry will be 81 on 15 September there's an effort underway to get 81 copies of his biography in 81 libraries. Do your part by sending a letter to your local library to request they get his book, *Lightning in the Bottle*. You can download a sample LETTER to send off and get 81 by Manolito's 81st.

Come home to The High Chaparral! Sign up TODAY and meet Henry Darrow (Manolito Montoya), Sam Butler (Don Collier), Wind (Rudy Ramos), Kent McCray (producer), Susan McCray (casting), Neul Summers (stuntman and cast), Western Clippings publisher Boyd Magers, plus many more cast, crew and fans.

Last year some events sold out - don't be disappointed, register TODAY! <http://thehighchaparralreunion.com/>

### Cam Gets His Way

Twenty years after his passing, Cameron Mitchell still lives in the hearts of his many fans across the globe, especially in Shrewsbury, Penn., where he grew up. In fact, on Aug 12, 2014, the Shrewsbury City Council voted to re-name a road in his honor. "Cameron Mitchell Way" will run near the park and ball fields where Cameron used to play in his younger years. Cameron always boasted that he had an unsigned contract from the Detroit Tigers, who were trying to draft him to play baseball there.

Bryan Sellers of Glen Rock, Penn., is leading the local effort to keep Cam's memory in view because his Uncle Herman Sellers was childhood friends with Cameron. The two men ended up in Hollywood after World War II and Cameron asked Herman take care of his personal matters when Cam was visiting family in Canada or on the road for a film. Bryan has since inherited most of the correspondence and photos between the two.

Cameron's nephew Marc was at the meeting when the vote took place and left with a smile on his face. "I feel excited and relieved that the whole process has come to a favorable close," Marc said. "I think Uncle Cam would be especially pleased with having the entrance way to the Shrewsbury playground bear his name, since he spent so much time there in his youth playing baseball and tennis. When he came back to York when my grandfather died in 1969, my father drove Cam and his wife on a nostalgic ride through Shrewsbury. When we visited the playground, I heard Uncle Cam, from my position in the back seat, tell my father that he would like to be buried

there...that's how much the playground of his youth meant to him.”

Nephew Roark was overwhelmed by the news. “...An honor to the recipient. A great joy to relatives. A utilitarian and practical kudo that helps people navigate in the real world,” he said. “...It might be a small stretch of road in a small town in Pennsylvania, but it is also near the homestead where Cameron grew up, played baseball, and lived out his early years. This, huge importance to his family and fans. I'd sooner have that small patch of rural road, near the old Boy's Scout cabin, tennis courts, and baseball diamond, than a freeway in LA. But even that is a bit mind-boggling. Who would have ever thought? Certainly not his family. Many thanks to Bryan Sellers and everyone else who made this happen. And you know what? I think Uncle Cam would have preferred to be remembered in this way, at this time, and exactly in this place.”

The new street sign will be unveiled in a ceremony in October.

Sellers is also spearheading York County efforts to have a Cameron Mitchell Day declared as well as a scholarship fund in his name. “The Cameron Mitchell Scholarship Sponsored by The High Chaparral Reunion, with Special Recognition for Helena Hartenstein” will kick off its fundraising Sept 27 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glen Rock, Penn., with a public screening of the movie, “How to Marry a Millionaire.” In addition to Cam, the movie stars Marilyn Monroe, the late Lauren Bacall, and Betty Grable. All donations will go toward a scholarship for York County high school seniors who wish to pursue a college degree in theater, film, journalism or media arts. The event is sponsored by the Glen Rock Historic Preservation Society.

Stay tuned for your opportunity to be part of Cam's scholarship program along with The High Chaparral Reunion!

Camille Mitchell on Cameron Mitchell Way

I know Dad would be so honored and moved by "Cameron Mitchell Way" in the hometown he loved so much. He often told me how leaving there as a teenager to pursue his dream in New York City was like going to the moon - it seemed so far away. And that he cried himself to sleep every night for two years, he was so homesick, working as a busboy by day and as an usher at night in a third-rate movie house all the while just trying to get an audition. But his dream came true! Yay!

HC, Me and Daddy

by Susan McNeill

Recently, I happily rediscovered "The High Chaparral" and that moment was something very special to me and my daddy.

My father, Henry, will be turning ninety this October and for the first time in his life, he is not in the best health. He's truly a tough ole guy.

A while back, I was spending the afternoon at my parents' place and Daddy and I were talking about things we did when I was little. He worked so hard during the day that all he wanted to do when he got home was take a bath, eat supper, then watch TV. I'd pile up beside him in his big recliner and watch until time to go to bed.

His shows of choice were generally of the Western variety. The only books I ever saw him read were Louis L'Amour or Zane Grey paperbacks he carried around in his telephone company truck. I suppose that wild life appealed to him, even though he had long ago put away his rambling ways as a young man.

We watched countless hours of "Bonanza", "The Big Valley", "Gunsmoke", and his favorite, "The High Chaparral". He liked all the open range and realism of it. You see, we didn't just watch the show. Things would happen on screen about the way people treated each other, family situations, all sorts of topics and being a kid, I never shut up asking questions. I was just a little girl and sometimes when things got a bit risqué (for that time I guess) Daddy would cover my eyes and say, "Oops! That's big boy and girl stuff!" which is pretty funny now given what is acceptable on television.

I remember one night pondering out loud about how cute Manolito was and he said, "He's a bad boy, sugar. You just like his fancy pants." Daddy certainly tried even then to head off my trend of liking handsome bad boys. Then when the subject of the "cute blond boy" came up, he hugged me up and said, "I just don't like all these boys because you're my girl." I'll never forget it.

Of course, real boys eventually came along to replace the TV crushes and there was no more chair time, but every now and then on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon when there was nothing else to do I'd still pile up in that chair and we'd watch reruns of westerns and cowboys and I'd still talk about how cute they were. When all of that

came up again on that afternoon, I opened up my laptop, looked on YouTube, and found the episodes. The internet is a mystery to my Daddy who thinks it's in a building in New York, but we sat there for hours watching and rewatching "The High Chaparral." This time, I was a grown up and our conversations were about social issues and the like even though I managed to throw in how I still thought Manolito was as hot as can be and Daddy said he didn't like that because I was still his girl and that fancy pants bad boy was out of luck. It's funny how all those wonderful writers and actors who had no idea who WE were, created something that is still so special to us. What a nice thing. I'm not sure how many more moments like that my Daddy and I will have, but that one was precious. I'm fifty-one now even though for that afternoon I was once again a little girl watching "The High Chaparral" with my Daddy thanks to all that hard work so many talented people put in to create that lovely show.

### Cast Appearances

Meet the High Chaparral's cast at these upcoming appearances.

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Solsberry, IN

Saturday, Sept 20

[www.doncollier.com](http://www.doncollier.com)

Dr. Buck's Wild Western Festival

October 24-25

Glendale, AZ

Don Collier & Neil Summers

The High Chaparral Reunion

March 19-22, 2015

Tucson, AZ

Don Collier, Henry Darrow, Rudy Ramos, Neil Summers, Kent & Susan McCray and more!



Memphis Film Festival, dates TBD

Linda Fans on Facebook

Facebook: Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon

Every time I tried writing this article I found myself running into a road block. That road block was me. I had wanted to focus solely on Linda Cristal and her fans but I realized that in order to share how the Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon Fan group began, I had to be willing to share some of my own personal story because both are intertwined. It is not easy to open your life and heart before strangers but it is when you know you are sharing it with friends and family of The High Chaparral. (Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon: <https://www.Facebook.com/groups/422983351128067/>)

I am not a writer so please bear with me. Let me first share that I didn't grow up watching The High Chaparral as I was only three years old on September 10, 1967 when it first aired. My beloved husband Ray, introduced me to The High Chaparral Ranch at Old Tucson in 1986 on a date, but it left me wondering what was this so called "High Chaparral" that he loved. Then in 2004 Hallmark aired a few episodes and I able to watch my very first episode. For me, it was "love at first episode!" and I fell in love with all the characters on the series. I was especially drawn to John and Victoria Cannon characters and their story. Sadly, only a few episodes were shown before going off air again. I'll never forget the day I saw the advertisement that on September 15, 2012, INSP was going to be showing an all day marathon! I was finally going to get to see The High Chaparral and its beloved characters that had captured my heart nine years ago.

I believe God leads people into our lives for a reason. It was by no coincidence I found The High Chaparral Reunion page which eventually lead me to other High Chaparral groups and eventually to The High Chaparral Reunion itself. Not too long after, I was hit with news that I needed tests done for health reasons. It shook me to the core. I became paralyzed with fear and being human, I refuse to tell my family or face it head on and therefore refused to take the necessary tests. One day while visiting The High Chaparral Reunion Facebook page, Penny McQueen placed linked interviews by Ginny Shook and Tina Sweet with Linda Cristal. As I began to read these interviews, I cannot begin to tell you what happened to me, but thru God's grace, I was touched and inspired by Linda's words!

"But you don't fight it. You never fight the enemy. You befriend him. You keep him close to you. It was all willpower. So I took the heat as an acceptance as what life is about. " and " .....I accept it. Don't fight it. Don't fight the enemy – its trouble. " -Linda Cristal

([http://www.highchaparralnewsletter.com/Archives/June\\_15\\_2007.htm](http://www.highchaparralnewsletter.com/Archives/June_15_2007.htm))

"Never Look Back" and "Go Forward" Linda Cristal advised in the interviews.

Linda's words hit me hard and spoke to my heart! I wept as the wall of fear that paralyzed me came crashing down like a tidal wave and for the first time in months I could pray! I was still scared but I could now "Go Forward" and I was living again!

I made my doctors appointments as I went in for my tests I took a verse with me that Penny McQueen shared with me. Philippians 1:21 "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." It was agonizing waiting for the results. Guess what? All but one test came back normal! No Cancer! I have RA and the beginnings of Hypoglycemia, but that is something I can deal with! Falling to my knees I thanked God for sending The High Chaparral new friends, Penny McQueen, Ginny Shook, BG's and most of all Linda Cristal, in my path. I had no idea how or if I would ever be able to thank Ms. Cristal for helping me get my life back. I checked to see if she was still alive and if she had a Facebook page. Much to my joy, Linda was and is alive, but to my disappointment I found that she had retired from Facebook the year before.

To make a long story short, when Ginny Shook encouraged fans who wanted to create group sites for cast members who didn't have one, I felt led to create the Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon Fan group. It was the only way I knew how to say "Thank You" to her and to honor her amazing legacy. Linda Cristal /Victoria Cannon Fan Facebook group was started and officially opened to fans on March 12, 2013. It began with a big bang and grew beyond imagination.

I not only got to send Linda Cristal a "Thank you" letter thru Tina Sweet but something even more awesome happened! Jordan Wexler, Linda's youngest son, had her re-establish an Official Linda Cristal Facebook! What an awesome God! Linda's Fan group has been very blessed and privileged to have our beloved Linda Cristal join us! How amazing is that! Her son Jordan Wexler and most recently Linda's eldest son, Gregory Wexler's wife, Carol Fink Wexler, have joined the group as well! (Linda Cristal Official Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/linda.cristal.77>)

My Co-Administrators and I have spent many hours finding photos, videos, articles and so much more on Linda's amazing career. Dedicated Fans pour their love and hearts into finding photos and posting comments keeping the group fun and exciting. We have over 700 fans and growing every month. Join the Linda Cristal/Victoria Cannon Fan group and all the other The High Chaparral groups and make new friends that will become just like family. God Bless You!

Administrator ~Ana Amos

Co-Adminstrators: Cynthia Jamison, Carla Phillips, Piero Valle

This is the Real High Chaparral

Alan Schulman, famous TV-man that produced "Timmen", visited the city of Tucson in the US where the TV-show "The High Chaparral" is being shot. In this article, specially written for Bildjournalen, he tells about life in the old town. The reality in the town is just as exciting as the events at the High Chaparral.

I'm sat down having my morning coffee at the Desert Inn, an elegant hotel in Tucson, Arizona. The cafeteria is filled with a bunch of noisy people.

Suddenly a familiar face appears in the crowd, smiling and in a cowboy outfit. It's Manolito! The next second the rest of them are there as well, Big John Cannon, handsome but a bit grumpy in the morning, Billy Blue, moody as usual, and the charming Buck Cannon. I'm sure you all recognize the names of the main cast in TV's "The High Chaparral"? As it turns out, they all live in the same hotel as me...

To the people in Tucson The High Chaparral is more than just a TV show, it is very much reality. Every year, from May to September, Tucson is where NBC is shooting all of the outdoor scenes for The High Chaparral. The show has gotten a lot of praise for the life like environment portrayal, and Tucson is a genuine Wild West-city, or Old Tucson more likely, the film studio that was built in 1940 a bit outside of "real" Tucson.

Old Tucson is a well built reconstruction of a town from the Wild West, and it's been the host to hundreds of western films. When you walk down the main street you can feel the atmosphere of the films. It has all the essentials; small shops, the saloon with swing doors where uncle Buck usually quenches his thirst with whiskey, a barber shop, the robbery safe bank and the sheriffs office, where you can get in behind the bars and feel like a real Arizona villain.

From Old Tucsons main street I look up and see a very familiar gateway, over there is The High Chaparral!

Behind the gateway I can see Big John Cannons ranch with the reservoir and the waterpump. From a distance everything looks just like you imagined it. But when you walk up to it, be prepared to be disappointed. The whole ranch is just a backdrop! If you open the front door it's just wilderness behind it. (All indoor scenes are shot in a studio in Hollywood).

I was lucky, there was a big "rodeo parade" going on, the annual La Fiesta de los Vaqueros, in Tucson when I was there. The guests of honor were the people from The High Chaparral! They also had the honorary seats during the three day rodeo that followed (a rodeo is one of those shows where tough, bold cowboys are riding untamed horses and bulls, competing about who can stay on the longest).

I was in luck again, because I got to sit next to Manolito (Henry Darrow) and Billy Blue (Mark Slade). I noticed they both seemed to love burgers, hot dogs and cotton candy. Both of them ate tons of it!

Manolito and Billy Blue were well aware of the fact that they are very popular in Sweden, and they have talked about Sweden with Buck (Cameron Mitchell) since he was here 10 years ago.

I love Sweden! Buck says. I shot some scenes for an American film at Filmstaden in Råsunda [Filmstaden is, just like Old Tucson, a tiny town built for films] and had the pleasure of meeting Ingmar Bergman pretty much every day. And the Swedish girls! It is no overstatement to say that they are the worlds most beautiful girls! Give them and Bergman my best regards!

A lot of tourists come to Tucson every year because of The High Chaparral. Before, the city was most famous for its university, but it has gotten some competition now. Tourists can also go to one of the worlds most interesting desert museums or look at the memorials from the Spanish Colonization (Tucson was established in 1695 by the Spanish), and in the border city of Nogales, Mexico, you can do some exciting shopping. The biggest and the most tender cowboy steaks are to be found at the restaurant Pinnacle Peak, where ties are forbidden. If you are wearing a tie, the waiter just simply cuts it off! It will be hung from the ceiling as a trophy.

But before everything else, Tucson is a dream for everyone that loves horses. There are 1000 horses in the city!

So, if you are going to the US, don't miss out on going to Tucson, Arizona. But try to come here during the summer, then you might get to meet Manolito, Billy Blue and the boys!

Picture 1:

Alan Schulman, famous for producing the TV-show "Timmen", visited The High Chaparral in Tucson, Arizona and writes about his meeting with Manolito & co in his article. Here he is standing under the gateway to the High Chaparral.

Picture 2:

Billy Blue (Mark Slade) and Manolito (Henry Darrow) with some of the High Chaparrals hired hands. The gateway is one of many in Tucson.



Picture 3.

Buck Cannon (Cameron Mitchell) sits down, waving to the people along the street. It is a Wild West-parade in Tucson. The most popular parade float is the one from the High Chaparral.

### Sounds of Chaparral

In 2013 High Chaparral fans from across the world submitted short stories, poems, songs and essays to a contest. The prize? Having their work recorded by Don Collier, iconic actor and High Chaparral's ranch foreman Sam Butler.

As the entries poured in two things were clear – Chaparral fans are talented and even after all these years they still love their favorite TV western! Only one recording was planned but there were so many excellent submissions Don chose instead to record four of his favorite plus a well-known cowboy poem and release a CD back to the fans who'd worked so hard. The result is Sounds of Chaparral. available on Amazon for \$4.95 or \$.99 per track

The special digital edition contains a bonus track of 'Cowboy's Prayer'. You can listen to samples on Amazon and purchase immediately for download.

Unlike many actors, the scope of Don Collier's career ranges widely . . . from movies and television, to commercials, spokesman, personal appearances and more. With over 200 television and feature film roles his work is well known and admired internationally.

Don's portrayal of ranch foreman Sam Butler in the highly acclaimed television western, The High Chaparral, still stands as one of his greatest characterizations and he draws devoted fans to events from all over the world. Don starred as U.S. Deputy Marshal Will Foreman in the NBC series, Outlaws, acted in a host of TV and movie roles and among his long list of advertising parts is The Hubba Bubba Gumfighter and the "Big bubbles, no troubles" tagline. He's worked with John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Anthony Quinn, Dean Martin, Tom Selleck, James Arness, and even Elvis Presley.

### Sounds of Chaparral on Amazon

The Last Word...

Would You Rather Have the Illness or the Cure?  
WJ St.Germain

Connect with Wendy on Facebook and read her past Newsletter articles at <https://www.facebook.com/WJSTGERMAINWRITER> - be sure to LIKE her new Facebook page!

While researching if any 'old' remedies might help alleviate the annual bout of flu, I made some interesting discoveries about Old West cure-alls. In fact, there were so many amazing 'remedies' that I've filed enough for a second article. Some are hilarious, others downright dangerous. A few have a shred of logic behind them. While I think they make for good reading, I DO NOT recommend you try any of them – if the likelihood occurs that you are tempted to (and if so, you might ask yourself if you've had enough to drink for one day).

In keeping with the flavor of the newsletter, we will start with one that uses the chaparral. It's for those who suffered from boils. You must first catch a chaparral (aka the roadrunner). It must be a chaparral; apparently chickens, ducks and other birds don't work. Kill the bird and eat it. I presume the bird is first cooked. After all, everyone knows how dangerous eating raw chicken is and the danger is present in all fowl. We can assume people had worked that out\*. Once you've eaten the chaparral, the boils should soon disappear. And if they don't, well you won't need dinner.

\* Back in the days of Henry VIII's banquets, peacocks were carefully skinned before cooking. Before serving, the raw, feathered skin was carefully replaced over the bird for presentation purposes. Anyone who ate meat in contact with the raw flesh paid for it.

The next is a cold remedy which also protects from others catching your cold. Eat a raw onion sandwich then wash your hair. I'm not sure what would happen if you washed your hair first. Maybe you'd render the onion void. For years, people have believed that onions attract bacteria, which by the way is untrue. We can assume they thought the onion acted like a sponge, soaking up the germs. As for washing the hair (I'm surprised it wasn't with an onion), who knows? It would at least get rid of the onion smell on your hands. I can see how this remedy prevents your nearest and dearest from catching your cold. After all, how close would you be hanging around someone with raw onion breath?

Got something in your eye? No worries. Just pour warm milk into it. That way you will have something else in your eye to worry about. Make sure the milk isn't too hot or it will burn - in case that never occurred to you. I don't expect poached eye would feel too good. But it would certainly help you to forget the speck that originally blew into it.

Speaking of hair, is yours bald or thinning, making you feel less attractive to others? If so, help is at hand. Just smear fresh cow manure all over your head working it in well. Remember, it must be fresh otherwise you will be smearing resident dung beetles on your head and they might not appreciate that. We guarantee that your family and friends will soon notice you. So will the flies and any stray dung beetles that are still looking for a home.

Got an earache? I suspect this is the brainchild of someone's great-granny. Have a smoker blow tobacco smoke into your ear five times a day while saying, 'Hurt, hurt, go

away, go into a bale of hay.' I recommend burning said hay because if you fed it to the stock they would end up swallowing the hurt and we don't know what that might lead to.

Lice were a problem for some people. There was a remedy for that which does have a ring of truth to it (well, the ant part anyway). Simply put your clothes on an anthill and wash your head with kerosene. It doesn't say if you have to wash your head at the ant nest or at home so you'll have to wing it. Since ants are territorial, especially about insects that approach their nest, they will attack and eat the lice. I guess if you've got lice on your body - after all, it's only your head we are advised to douse in kerosene - you may have to lie naked on the anthill once they've cleaned up your clothes. That should be fun. By the way, while you've got a head full of kerosene, be sure to stay away from smokers and open flames lest your head catch fire. This includes avoiding anyone chanting 'hurt, hurt go away.'

But lice weren't the only problem in the Old West. Hangovers were everywhere. We have two interesting options to try. The first is easy enough, cut a lemon into wedges and rub the fleshy side of the wedge under your armpits until they are nicely covered with lemon juice (and other bits). The armpits will soak up the juice, rehydrating the body. Apparently just drinking a glass of water didn't occur to any of these guys.

The second cure required rabbits but unlike the poor chaparral, they come to no harm. Instead, and this isn't the tricky bit, you must collect enough fresh droppings to fill about half a cup. Then you seep the droppings in boiling water and (here's the hard part) drink the resulting solution. But take care; the droppings must be as fresh as possible. Otherwise... well, they don't say. Maybe it won't taste as nice.

Now a remedy for something I suffer with from time to time, a 'crick' in the neck. I am advised to go down to the pig pen (assuming there's one handy) and find out where the pigs' favorite scratching post is. Then position your neck in the most rubbed area of the post and rub away till the crick is gone. Of course unless you are some kind of contortionist, you will end up one giant crick after doing this. Oh and your neck will probably be full of splinters and hog hair but maybe I can find a remedy for that another time.

Got 'rhumatics'? Have a cat sit on the affected area. This one makes sense since the body heat of the cat would relieve pain. It would probably work best on stiff knees since you are more likely to convince a cat to sit there for a while. Arthritic shoulders or ankles may pose more of a problem if the cat is uncooperative.

Bleeding need to be stopped? Simple. Cover the area with a spiderweb. I suggest that you be sure to remove the spider first. Oh and this works for nosebleeds too. You just stuff the whole web up your nose. Don't ask me how you get it back out, though.

Our skin matters to us so I include a remedy for facial blemishes. We know that

Manuka honey has antibacterial properties and it has been successful in healing some wounds. But we will assume that in the Old West, any old honey would have been used. Ladies smeared it all over their faces and waited... they didn't say how long. Then wash it off. But be sure to leave enough honey in the hive for the bees, otherwise they will detect the scent of their honey and come looking for you. In no time you will be walking around with a face full of bees. It's probably not a very good look.

Here's another all purpose cure for any sort of facial blemishes and also a disinfectant for countertops, dishes, laundry and so on. You'll need access to a baby for this one because, 'while still fresh and warm' (fresh!), you must wash your face with a urine soaked diaper. It's possible that the trace amounts of ammonia found in urine was the reason why people had faith in this treatment. However, you will find much more bacteria in a soggy diaper than disinfectant.

For those who couldn't access said diapers, another popular treatment for disinfecting laundry involved hanging freshly washed clothes outside public toilets to absorb the scents. This must be what heralded the invention of perfume. But all of this begs the question, what do you wash the urine soaked diapers in?

For those with little access to water, a dishwashing suggestion proclaims the cleanliness of a dog's mouth, advising us to let our canine friends lick the plates clean. Given the stuff I've seen my dog put in his mouth, I think I'd probably lick my own plates.

Finally, problems with stuttering? Whack the stutterer in the mouth with a chicken gizzard. Why? My guess is, not wanting to endure it again the person simply gives up speaking altogether.

Did You Know?

It is possible that while they may not have known the science behind it, the person who came up with the rabbit poo tea cure for hangovers observed that rabbits produce two kinds of dropping; pellets, which are nutrient poor waste, and cecotropes (also called 'night faeces'). The cecotropes contain nutrients that were not absorbed the first time they passed through the rabbit's digestive system so they must be eaten by the rabbit before the nutrients can be absorbed. This is why you must not be too fastidious about cleaning your rabbit's living areas. Without noticing there was a difference between them (though it's pretty obvious), the observer may have thought that if eating them kept the rabbit healthy, maybe it would do the same for humans with hangovers. Yes, okay, that's where we really stretch the imagination.



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Cameron Mitchell Scholarship Fundraiser

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"We should honor the legacy of a man who, arguably, could be the finest actor to ever come out of York County," said an editorial in the York Daily Record recently and added "Among those efforts: Raising money for a scholarship to go to a promising student at Susquehannock High School who is planning to study the arts in college. The scholarship would also honor Helena Hartenstein, who taught language at the former New Freedom High School and inspired and encouraged Mr. Mitchell to take up acting. One of the fundraising ideas is a screening of one of Mr. Mitchell's films — the classic comedy "How to Marry a Millionaire" is under consideration.

"That would be more than fitting," the editorial went on to say. "It would also be more than fitting to rename a street in Mr. Mitchell's honor in



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If this happens you can be sure the Cameron Mitchell page will be one of the first to know and shouting the honor from the rooftops.

Sondra is still as dedicated to the page as she ever was and wants very much for fans to participate.

"I want it to be very fan-based," she said. "I want Cam's fans to know it is their page."

With 813 members now and more added every week, it is certain the page will continue to grow and to celebrate the life of a man that means very much to "High Chaparral" fans. So if you are a Cameron Mitchell fan join the group and grow with them. You won't find any place that acclaims him with more love.

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by Sharmon Loggains

It was with great anticipation, as was the case with any TV show having cowboys, Native Americans, and especially horses that my dad and I watched the 2 hour movie of a new Western that premiered in September of 1967 on NBC. We were already big followers of Bonanza and I had grown up watching the likes of Gene Autry and Roy Rogers with my older brother. I'll always remember when John Cannon, starring Leif Erikson, called out "Blue! Blue" to a yet-unseen and out of pocket son, and then he appeared, walking hand in hand with his newfound sweetheart, Sarah. From the first time I saw the blonde headed, bashful young cowboy that had eyes that rivaled the color of a clear summer sky, I was -well- pretty smitten, let's just say!

Many years have gone by, and even after the show had passed into what I thought was a fond memory, I held on to my admiration of Mark Slade's portrayal of the shy but impetuous Billy Blue Cannon. When Hallmark syndicated the show, it was the first time in over 30 years since I had last seen The High Chaparral and was thrilled to have all of those great memories come alive again.

I began to follow the website, "The High Chaparral" and joined up on the High Chaparral Newsletter. I also found the Yahoo Discussion Group by the same name, and for some time, this is where I would go for my High Chaparral 'high.' These websites provided both past and current information about all things Chaparral and I was glad that there remained such enthusiasm for the show. Then I discovered on one of those sites that the High Chaparral had a Facebook group page, as well as one for the HC Reunion.

The first Facebook 'character' page that I joined was the Cameron Mitchell group page with administrators Sondra Hill and Lydia Hopson. Lydia and I began to message one another about our mutual drive to write, talking about High Chaparral fan fiction stories and the like. One night, it occurred to me that there were pages beginning to appear for the other characters, but, as of yet, there was no "Blue" group. Since I was still such a 'true Blue' fan, I thought, "Why can't I start one?" And working fast before the same idea occurred to someone else; I did just that, naming it the "Mark Slade/Blue Cannon fan page." ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bluecannonfanpage/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bluecannonfanpage/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) The group description is: For friends and lovers of Billy Blue Cannon of the High Chaparral TV series." That was sometime in March of 2013, and as of today, there are 509 members!

The group is a family friendly one open to anyone who wants to join, whether they join in on the fun and post photos with great captions as some of the members enjoy doing, or just read along. I hope that it is a group that Mark Slade and his family, friends and fans can be proud of. Please come on board and be a part of (to quote Nancy Thomas' fan fiction title) our "Blue heaven."

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I asked myself why not start a page with "High Chaparral" at its heart but make a place for fans to visit together to talk and share about, not only the show, but their lives as well?

Since its beginning in May 2013 the page has forged strong friendships and become a "place" where members come to vent, post pictures of family, be silly, share their day, their fears, share good news and bad, ask for prayer or advice and of course, they share "High Chaparral." The name for the page came from the song of the same name that "Buck" is often heard singing on the show.

The cadre have become sisters of the heart and when gathering for the first time at the High Chaparral Reunion in March 2014, BG members said it was like meeting friends you had known for years. Coming from all walks of life and all ages (the youngest members are 26) a strong bond has formed over tears and laughter. There are even a few brave men who have joined the ranks.

Since the Buffalo Gals page really belongs to its members, I got comments from some of them. They can best tell you about the group.

"I like it because it is like a haven where you can talk about anything, share laughs and cry with a bunch of amazing people, and at the same time our favorite cowboys are right there with us the whole time (in mind and heart)," said Isabell Larsson, a resident of Sweden.

"My life was changed by the forming of BG. I have become friends with fascinating and loving people from all over. I don't think I would have gone to the reunion without the encouragement and pull of the BGs. We truly have such a strong bond and I feel I can say anything and get help or comfort or a laugh ... anytime," was Susan Getty's description of what the group means to her. She joins in from Washington state.

Germaine Manzi, from New Jersey, had this to say, "It is a unique bonding experience. HC kind of brought us together but a sisterhood developed among all of us. Even though we're from all over and from different walks of life, we share life's ups and downs, we pick each other up, look after one another and genuinely seem to care about each other."

Terri Welborn, a Texan, used little elaboration to describe Buffalo Gals, "It is the family you get to pick and not what genetics stuck you with."

Another Texan, Mj Muller, had this to say, "It's a safe place. Everyone builds each other up. No one is critical or catty, no snarky remarks allowed. We are serious about 'if you can't say something nice don't say anything at all', although some of the teasing is the kind you can only get away with around close friends! I notice a lot of our bunch don't have a lot of opportunities to get out and socialize, but when they have a chance they can check in here and know we'll all be happy to hear from them. Some of the things going on in their lives amazes me! There are some very strong people dealing with some really tough stuff. They know they can check in here for some morale support when needed, and they're always ready to offer the same to someone else."

Sherrod Baden, from Georgia agrees. "This group is a place we can gather for friendship and support while sharing our love of all things Chaparral. It is a place of empowerment. We can be flirty, sassy, and a bit silly at times, but all in good fun. Some of my friends thought I was nuts to go to the reunion alone ... even sharing a room with someone I'd never met! But the interactions with the people here gave me the confidence to take that step outside my comfort zone and realize a lifelong dream!"

Susan Malchione Ross, from Pennsylvania, was that roommate. "I found it amazing even though the reunion was the first time we all met face to face ... it was as if we all knew each other forever," she said.

From the west coast, Sarah Ortega, along with Isabell, is one of the young members of the group. We always say she and Isabell were born in the wrong decade.

"The BG's really did give me a whole new family," Sarah told me "It's not only a place where we can share our love and craziness over all things HC but also our quirky humor and sisterhood. Yes, sisterhood, how many times have these great gals and guys circled the wagons? It always touches my heart to see how caring my BG's are. Even when I'm pressed for time, I like to take a quick peek at the BG page before and after work

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So that the men can't say we didn't give them a chance to speak, I asked Bill Atherton, also of Texas, what his feelings were about the Buffalo Gals page.

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Susan Malchione Ross, from Pennsylvania, was that roommate. "I found it amazing even though the reunion was the first time we all met face to face ... it was as if we all knew each other forever," she said.

From the west coast, Sarah Ortega, along with Isabell, is one of the young members of the group. We always say she and Isabell were born in the wrong decade.

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The High Chaparral Newsletter  
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Bryan Sellers, who is leading the grassroots efforts in York County, Penn., to recognize the famous native son, says "How to Marry a Millionaire" will be shown at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glen Rock, Penn., on Sept. 27. Donations will be accepted at the door, and all monies raised will be applied to the Cameron Mitchell Scholarship Sponsored by The High Chaparral Reunion, with Special Recognition for Helena Hartenstein. (Ms. Hartenstein was Cameron's high school teacher who encouraged his acting career and even gave him money to go to New York.)

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We're down to 4 sets of the 4th season of The High Chaparral on DVD and don't plan to order more for a few months, so if you're been planning to get HC on DVD get your full set now at

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Is this your first Reunion or you're traveling

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The High Chaparral Newsletter  
July 2014 Penny McQueen, Editor  
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Fundraiser

The High Chaparral Reunion is proud to announce the first in a series of fundraising events in honor of Cameron Mitchell—over very own Uncle Buck Cannon—and we're a part of it!

Bryan Sellers, who is leading the grassroots efforts in York County, Penn., to recognize the famous native son, says "How to Marry a Millionaire" will be shown at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glen Rock, Penn., on Sept. 27. Donations will be accepted at the door, and all monies

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The Reunion's special events section has been working behind the scenes with Bryan and his team for several months to move this effort forward. The evening will include personal appearances by Cameron's nephews, Marc and Roark, along with Cam photos and memorabilia. There will also be food and door prizes.

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The High Chaparral Reunion special events team, headed by Reunion CEO/Producer Penny McQueen and coordinated by Marianne Rittner-Holmes, will continue to work with the local York, PA team so stay tuned for information on how you can help to make Cameron's scholarship a reality. It will benefit high school seniors in his home area who wish to pursue college studies in theater, film, media arts, and/or journalism.

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#### DVDs - SELLING OUT!

We're down to 4 sets of the 4th season of The High Chaparral on DVD and don't plan to order more for a few months, so if you're been planning to get HC on DVD get your full set now at [http://thehighchaparralreunion.com/merchandise.shtml?mc\\_cid=](http://thehighchaparralreunion.com/merchandise.shtml?mc_cid=)

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The 4th season has a copy of the Bill Claxton 'director's cut' of the pilot of The High Chaparral. Transferred from the original 16mm film this fascinating artifact is old and faded but still a treasure for fans as it contains never broadcast scenes.

The 4th season of High Chaparral introduced Wind (played by Rudy Ramos) and includes the two part tribute to Frank Silvera's Don Sebastian Montoya - New Lion of Sonora.

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Come Home To The High Chaparral

High Chaparral Reunion

March 19-22. 2015

Since 2003, fans and artists have gathered every two years to celebrate the ground-breaking, highly acclaimed NBC Western, The High Chaparral . Loyal fans, who have kept the beloved characters alive in their hearts and minds for 40 years, will once again host a reunion for cast, crew, guest stars and production staff.

Taking place in March 2015, this not-to-be-missed event provides the thrilling opportunity to meet the artists who brought the Cannons, Montoyas and Bunkhouse Boys to life! Meet Henry Darrow (Manolito Montoya, Don Collier (Sam Butler), Rudy Ramos (Wind),—along with a long list of guest stars, production and crew members.

Is this your first Reunion or you're traveling alone? We have a special program to make it easy for you. If you wish we'll match you up with another fan who's attended in the past so you can ask questions and have a buddy before you arrive.

Register TODAY at  
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back in 2008. There had been (and still is) a Yahoo Group called the HCDG (High Chaparral Discussion Group) but it didn't allow for sharing photos or video clips. It was time to try another type of social media and try my hand at running my own group. I wanted to share my love of the show, cast and crew with others. Penny McQueen was taking over the running of the High Chaparral Reunion and we needed a new home to attract more High Chaparral Fans to this great event - we knew you were out there. And of course, we wanted to meet you and share our love of the best television Western of all time with new fans.

Little did I know that six years later we would be almost 2,600 strong. And the other High Chaparral fans

have become even more than friends...you are all family. Thank goodness we don't have to buy each other birthday presents. Just your participation is enough of a gift.

Every member is precious. Just ask Don Collier (Sam Butler) who contributes regularly, sometimes just to say Hi or to remind you to come to the High Chaparral Reunion. And Kiva Hoy is also great about sharing stories about Bobby (Joe Butler). Susan McCray posts now and then and so does Linda Cristal (Victoria). They are all part of our family, too.

Please join us for all the latest news on what the cast and crew are up to, discussions on the episodes, the sharing of photos and video clips of the show. There is always room for another family member.

Administrators for The High Chaparral Facebook page are Ginny Shook and Penny McQueen.

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Uncle Buck's Cam-a-Lot

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By Lydia Hopson

In late 2012 Sondra Hill and I had become friends thanks to two Facebook pages, Henry Darrow Friends and the "High Chaparral" page. We were connected by our love of the "High Chaparral" show and like most "High Chaparral" fans, we each had our favorite character, Uncle Buck for her, Manolito for me. Quickly, we became fast friends and messaged each other several times a day.

Sondra said she had thought about making a FB page for Cameron Mitchell ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/353090374814199/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/353090374814199/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID]))) and our conversation over the next few days went from "I have thought

about .." to "Let's do it."

She told me what she wanted on the page and I went to work. It didn't take long and soon Sondra was messaging me that she loved it. I was delighted that after thinking about it for so long she finally had what she wanted, a Facebook page for Buck. It didn't take long for fans, and friends from the other "High Chaparral" pages to join and we watched happily as membership numbers climbed.

A few months later, I created the Buffalo Gals ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/547964738580305/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/547964738580305/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) page which took up a lot of my time and though still an administrator on the Cameron Mitchell page I don't spend as much time there as I did in the beginning. I have noticed that since it began, the page has changed from one about "Uncle Buck" to one that celebrates all of Cameron's work.

Members post any photos of Cameron they can get their hands on, movie stills, pictures that ran in newspapers or magazine articles, stills from the "High Chaparral", memories of those who met him or worked with him, you name it, it is posted there. There are "Cam alerts" advising page members of any show or movie to be seen on television in which Mitchell has a starring or guest starring appearance. It is easy to see that Mitchell's fans range far and wide and they are just as dedicated now as ever.

Membership of the page includes at least two of Mitchell's family, a nephew and the wife of another nephew. They have shared pictures of many personal family items. Group members always appreciate something of this nature. It brings them closer to the man they admire so much.

Even more exciting is the effort by Bryan Sellars, Mitchell's former business manager, to honor Mitchell



in his home town by naming a street or even the baseball park in honor of him.

"We should honor the legacy of a man who, arguably, could be the finest actor to ever come out of York County," said an editorial in the York Daily Record recently and added "Among those efforts: Raising money for a scholarship to go to a promising student at Susquehannock High School who is planning to study the arts in college. The scholarship would also honor Helena Hartenstein, who taught language at the former New Freedom High School and inspired and encouraged Mr. Mitchell to take up acting. One of the fundraising ideas is a screening of one of Mr. Mitchell's films — the classic comedy "How to Marry a Millionaire" is under consideration.

"That would be more than fitting," the editorial went on to say. "It would also be more than fitting to rename a street in Mr. Mitchell's honor in Shrewsbury and perhaps attach his name to the town baseball field. Mr. Mitchell was a standout baseball player in high school and turned down an offer from the Detroit Tigers so he could go to New York and pursue acting."

If this happens you can be sure the Cameron Mitchell page will be one of the first to know and shouting the honor from the rooftops.

Sondra is still as dedicated to the page as she ever was and wants very much for fans to participate.

"I want it to be very fan-based," she said. "I want Cam's fans to know it is their page."

With 813 members now and more added every week, it is certain the page will continue to grow and to celebrate the life of a man that means very much to "High Chaparral" fans. So if you are a Cameron Mitchell fan join the group and grow with them. You won't find any place that acclaims him with

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by Sharmon Loggains

It was with great anticipation, as was the case with any TV show having cowboys, Native Americans, and especially horses that my dad and I watched the 2 hour movie of a new Western that premiered in September of 1967 on NBC. We were already big followers of Bonanza and I had grown up watching the likes of Gene Autry and Roy Rogers with my older brother. I'll always remember when John Cannon, starring Leif Erikson, called out "Blue! Blue" to a yet-unseen and out of pocket son, and then he appeared, walking hand in hand with his newfound sweetheart, Sarah. From the first time I saw the blonde headed, bashful young cowboy that had eyes that rivaled the color of a clear summer sky, I was -well- pretty smitten, let's just say!

Many years have gone by, and even after the show had passed into what I thought was a fond memory, I held on to my admiration of Mark Slade's portrayal of the shy but impetuous Billy Blue Cannon. When Hallmark syndicated the show, it was the first time in over 30 years since I had last seen The High Chaparral and was thrilled to have all of those great memories come alive again.

I began to follow the website, "The High Chaparral" and joined up on the High Chaparral Newsletter. I also found the Yahoo Discussion Group by the same name, and for some time, this is where I would go for my

High Chaparral 'high.' These websites provided both past and current information about all things Chaparral and I was glad that there remained such enthusiasm for the show. Then I discovered on one of those sites that the High Chaparral had a Facebook group page, as well as one for the HC Reunion.

The first Facebook 'character' page that I joined was the Cameron Mitchell group page with administrators Sondra Hill and Lydia Hopson. Lydia and I began to message one another about our mutual drive to write, talking about High Chaparral fan fiction stories and the like. One night, it occurred to me that there were pages beginning to appear for the other characters, but, as of yet, there was no "Blue" group. Since I was still such a 'true Blue' fan, I thought, "Why can't I start one?" And working fast before the same idea occurred to someone else; I did just that, naming it the "Mark Slade/Blue Cannon fan page." ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bluecannonfanpage/?mc\\_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc\\_eid=\[UNIQID\]](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bluecannonfanpage/?mc_cid=ea3f5a0f95&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) The group description is: For friends and lovers of Billy Blue Cannon of the High Chaparral TV series." That was sometime in March of 2013, and as of today, there are 509 members!

The group is a family friendly one open to anyone who wants to join, whether they join in on the fun and post photos with great captions as some of the members enjoy doing, or just read along. I hope that it is a group that Mark Slade and his family, friends and fans can be proud of. Please come on board and be a part of (to quote Nancy Thomas' fan fiction title) our "Blue heaven."

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I asked myself why not start a page with "High Chaparral" at its heart but make a place for fans to visit together to talk and share about, not only the show, but their lives as well?

Since its beginning in May 2013 the page has forged strong friendships and become a "place" where members come to vent, post pictures of family, be silly, share their day, their fears, share good news and bad, ask for prayer or advice and of course, they share "High Chaparral." The name for the page came from the song of the same name that "Buck" is often heard singing on the show.

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Since the Buffalo Gals page really belongs to its members, I got comments from some of them. They can best tell you about the group.

"I like it because it is like a haven where you can talk about anything, share laughs and cry with a bunch of amazing people, and at the same time our favorite cowboys are right there with us the whole time (in mind and heart)," said Isabell Larsson, a resident of Sweden.

"My life was changed by the forming of BG. I have become friends with fascinating and loving people from all over. I don't think I would have gone to the reunion without the encouragement and pull of the BGs. We truly have such a strong bond and I feel I can say anything and get help or comfort or a laugh ... anytime," was Susan Getty's description of what the group means to her. She joins in from Washington state.

Germaine Manzi, from New Jersey, had this to say, "It is a unique bonding experience. HC kind of brought us together but a sisterhood developed among all of us. Even though we're from all over and from different walks of life, we share life's ups and downs, we pick each other up, look after one another and genuinely seem to care about each other."

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