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Greater bonneted bat

Mammal

I am a greater bonneted bat, also known as a western mastiff bat. Formally, I would be *Eumops perotis*.

Hats off to me. Prince Charles has nothing on me. My ears protrude forward about 1 1/2 inches. They give a bonnetlike appearance to my head, hence my name. I also have a small tail, just a bit over half an inch in length.

I'm No. 1! The largest bat in the United States, my wingspan is almost 2 feet! I am 5 to 7 inches long. My fur is generally dark gray or brownish-gray; the hair is nearly white at the base.

Water, I need water! Because of my wingspan, I find it difficult to take off from land, preferring instead to perch high up and drop into flight. But this means I can't land to get a drink. When I get thirsty, I need a pond at least 100 feet long to skim across. These are becoming harder and harder to find. Consequently, we are no longer found in lots of places that we used to be and are thought to be declining in numbers.

A mystery. We have been found throughout the Southwest, but very little is known about us, as we roost on cliff faces and forage high up in the air.



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Gila monster

Reptile

Just call me: Gila monster

Picking me out of a crowd: I average 16 to 18 inches in length and have bumpy, beaded skin that is orange and black with bands on my tail. My tail does not detach and regenerate as with some other lizards.

Preferred hangouts: My kind ranges throughout the Sonoran Desert. I like to live in canyons, foothills and desert areas.

Favorite foods: I am partial to reptile and bird eggs and also will snack on baby rodents and nesting birds. I store fat in my tale for lean times and winter.

Life and death in the desert: I can live 20 to 30 years - I vote for 30! I will reach maturity at about 10 years of age. Females lay three to eight eggs at nesting time. I am endangered by few predators, other than people.

Don't bother me: My bite is worse than my bark because I am venomous. My bite will cause great pain, but, to inject venom, I must hold on with my jaws. Just leave me alone, and we'll get along fine.



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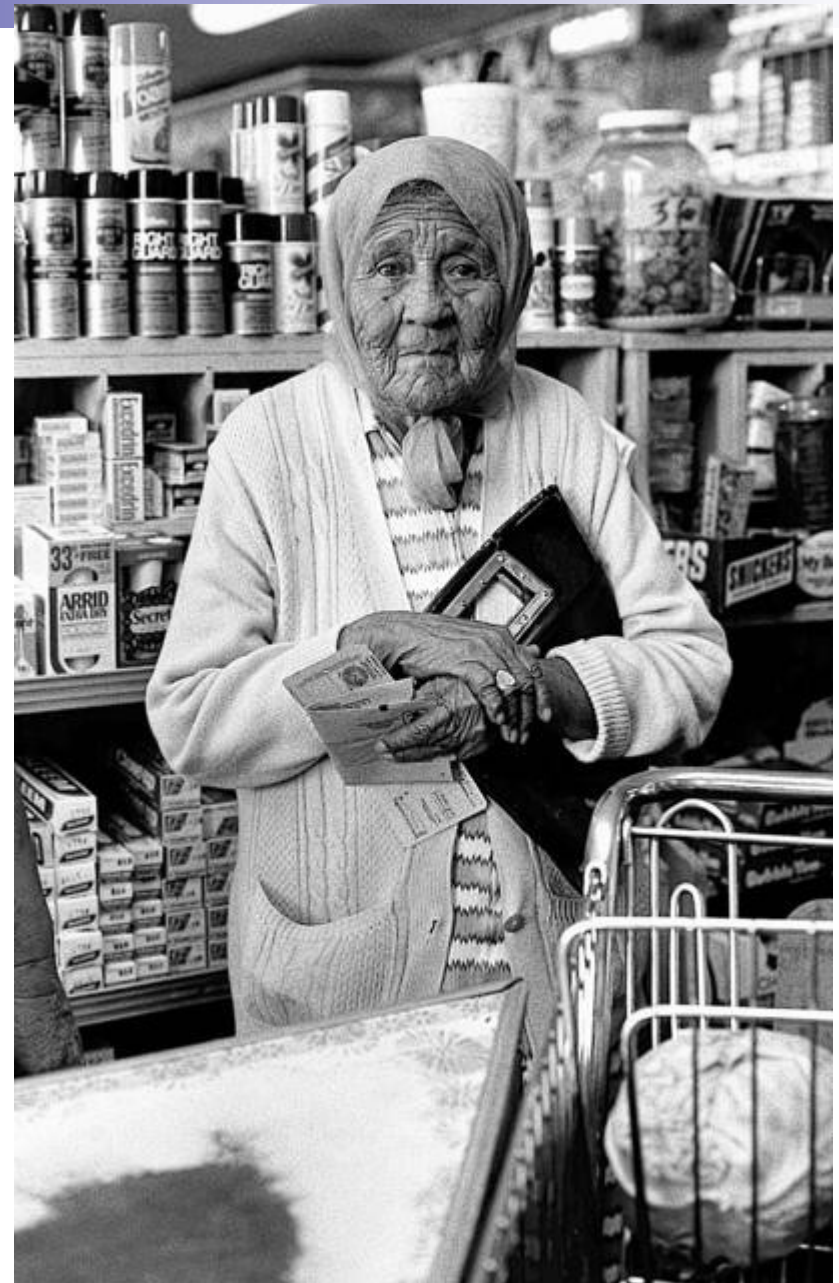
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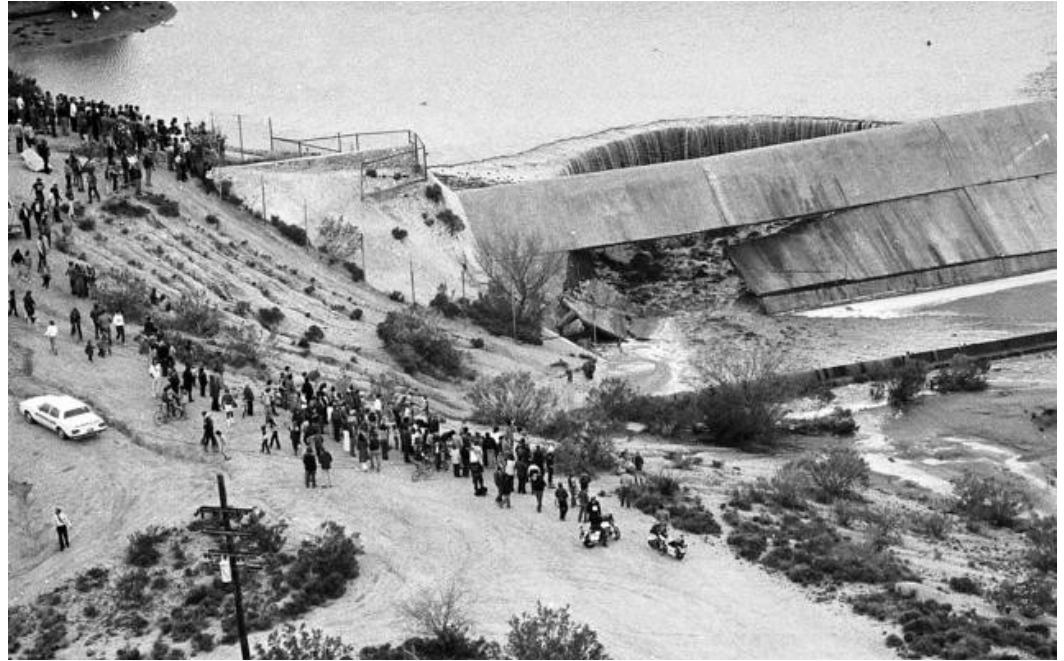
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It began as a trickle. But within hours, on April 6, 1983, the flow of water was more than the dam at Lakeside Lake could stand. The flow gradually increased as the concrete spillway crumbled. Water 2 feet deep filled Pantano Wash from bank to bank. Although not much could be done to save the East Side lake's fish population, attempts were made to relocate at least some of the hundreds of ducks that called the lake home.



I'm surprised that 100s of ducks would need people to relocate them. Unless they were pet ducks dumped off at the lake by irresponsible owners or injured, wouldn't they relocate themselves with wing power?

To read about the history of Lakeside Dam, read the Tales from the Morgue blog at [go.azstarnet.com /morguetales](http://go.azstarnet.com/morguetales)

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About this blog

Elaine Raines has been the librarian at the Arizona Daily Star for almost 30 years. While she does not claim to be a historian, she does have access to a treasure trove of great historical information.


"Tales from the Morgue" is a way to share some of that information with readers.

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Beach Boys get a mixed review

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Elaine Raines

It was either a great night for rockin' and swayin' to the sounds of the beach or an example of a "sorry state of decline" for an aging surfer group. For the 11,000 concertgoers at the April 23, 1978 performance by the Beach Boys, it was a matter of opinion. The Star reported on both perspectives the following day.



1978 Star file photo
Beach Boys Brian Wilson, Al Jardine and Mike Love, from left.

According to the Star review, the group played a "rag-tag 90 minutes marked by confusion, indifference and sloppy musicianship." Drummer Dennis Wilson even disappeared from the McKale stage several times and a replacement had to fill in for him.

The old-favorites were fine in their time, but the review went on "two or three chords can only be

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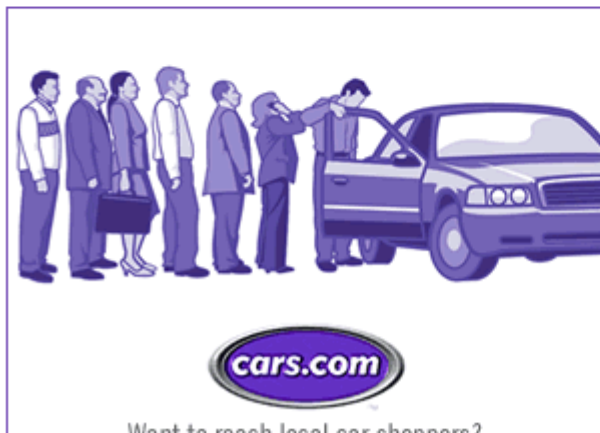
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Tucson Time Capsule : Beach Boys' drummer jailed

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The charges were quickly dropped, but not before Dennis Wilson spent time at the Pima County jail early in the morning of April 24, 1978. The Beach Boys' drummer was arrested after their performance at McKale Center the night before. The mother of a 16-year-old Sabino High School junior alerted police that her daughter had been with Wilson in his hotel room. Empty beer bottles were found in his room during the police search. Wilson was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The case was dropped when the family refused to press charges. For more photos and information on the concert, read *Tales From the Morgue* online at go.azstarnet.com/morguetales.

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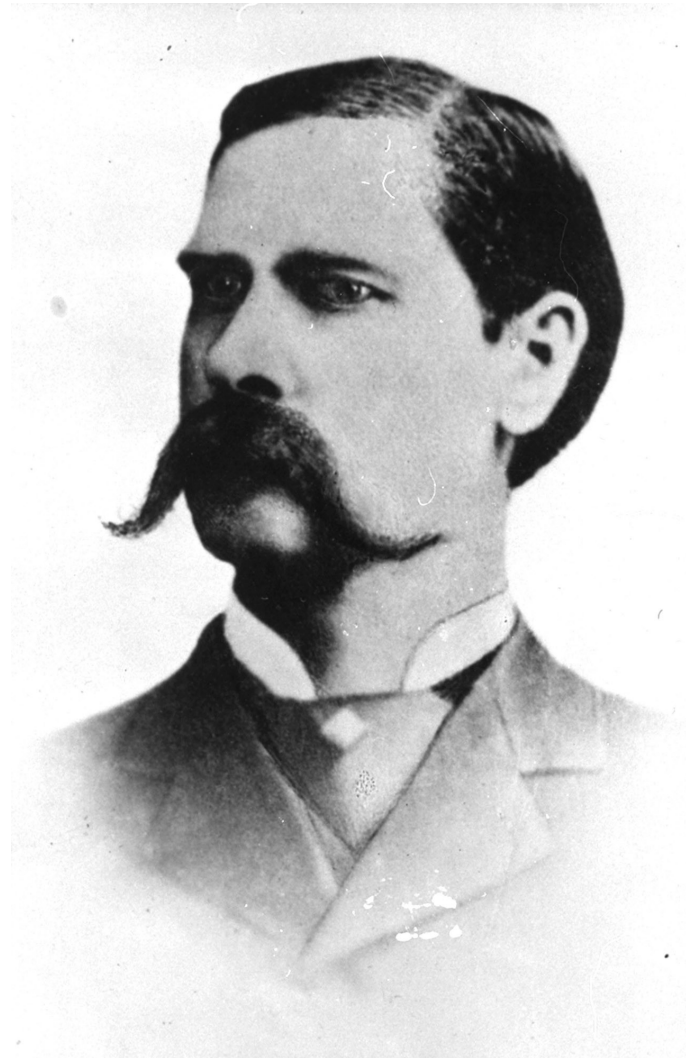


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