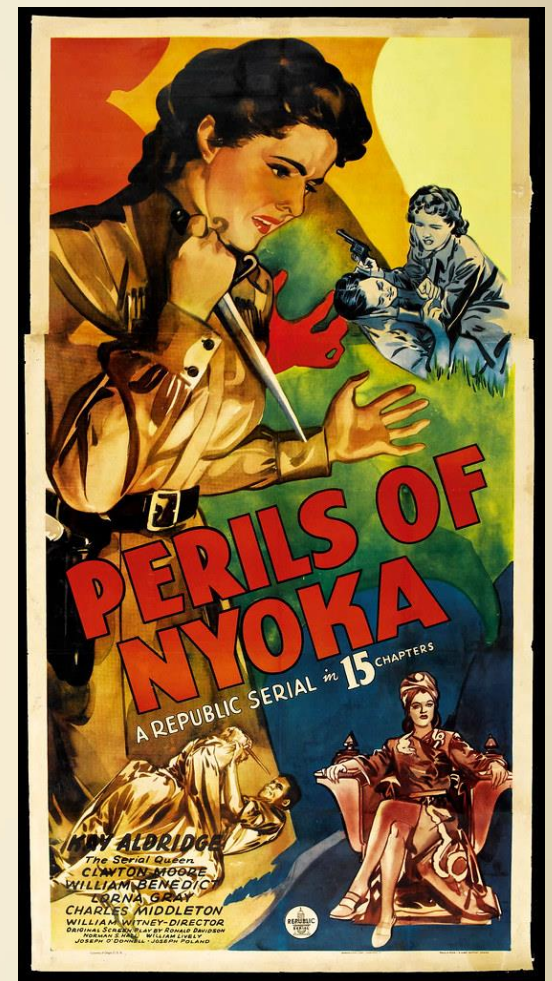


1942 Perils of Nyoka Movie Serials Filmed at Iverson Movie Ranch



Introduction

- This presentation will cover the following items:
 - A brief history of movie serials, aka “**Cliffhangers**”
 - The movie history of “**Nyoka Cliff**” at Iverson Movie Ranch
 - A listing of the main characters, and plot summary, of the 15 chapter 1942 movie serial “**Perils of Nyoka**”
 - Viewing of two 16 minute chapters, **Monster’s Clutch** and **Tuareg Vengeance**, (which just happens to include the classic cliffhanger on Nyoka Cliff)

Movie Serial History

- Movie serials date back to the silent era, with *The Perils of Pauline* (1914), *The Exploits of Elaine*, and *The Hazards of Helen* (119 12 minute episodes from 1914-17).
- *Flash Gordon* was a 1936 movie serial with 13 episodes, featuring Buster Crabbe on the Planet Mongo. It was reissued as *Rocketship* in 1949.



1936 Flash Gordon



1914 The Perils of Pauline

Movie Serial History

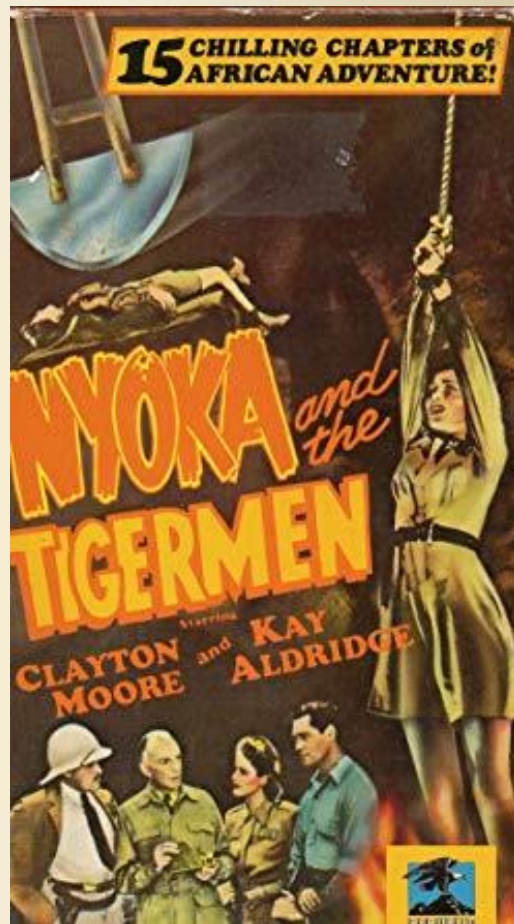
- The movie serial or chapter play, was a popular motion picture form during the 1930's to 1950's.
- Each chapter was screened at a movie theater for one week, and ended with a **cliffhanger**, in which characters found themselves in perilous situations with little apparent chance of escape.
- Viewers had to return each week to see the cliffhangers resolved and to follow the continuing story. Movie serials were especially popular with children, and for many youths in the first half of the 20th century, a typical Saturday matinee at the movies included at least one chapter of a serial, along with animated cartoons, newsreels, and two feature films.



1942 Perils of Nyoka

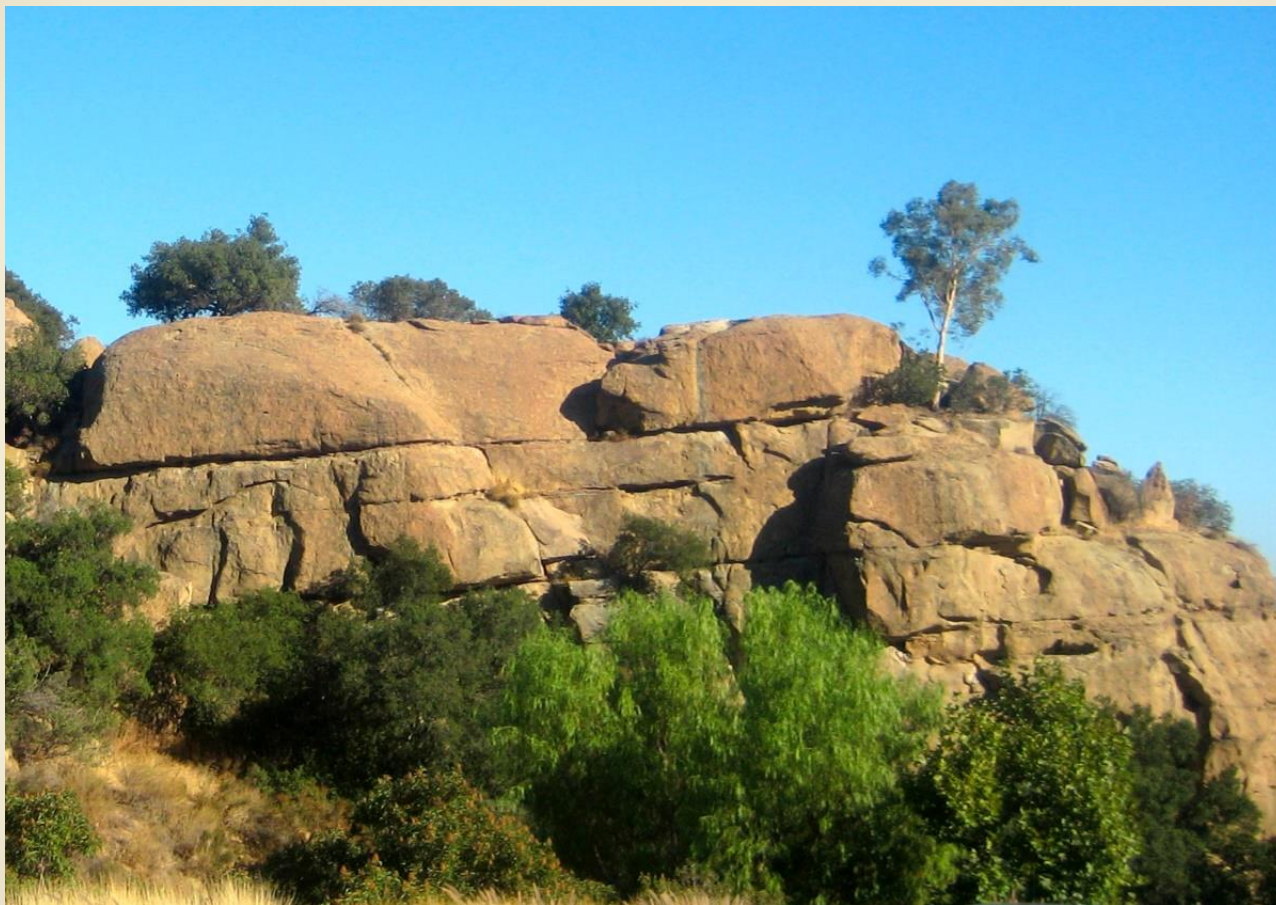
Movie Serial History

- Years after their first release, serials gained new life at "Saturday Matinees", theatrical showings on Saturday mornings aimed directly at children.
- **Perils of Nyoka**, released in 1942, was re-released in 1952, under the new title **Nyoka and the Tigermen**.
- Republic Pictures created 68 movie serials between 1936 and 1955. Titles include Dick Tracy (1937), The Lone Ranger (1938), Perils of Nyoka (1942), Captain America (1944), Radar Men from the Moon (1952) and Panther Girl of the Congo (1955).



1952 Nyoka and the Tigermen

Nyoka Cliff at Iverson Movie Ranch - Movie History



2/27/2022

Perils of Nyoka Cliffhangers - Chatsworth

Nyoka Cliff at Iverson Movie Ranch - Movie History



1923 Three Ages - Buster Keaton

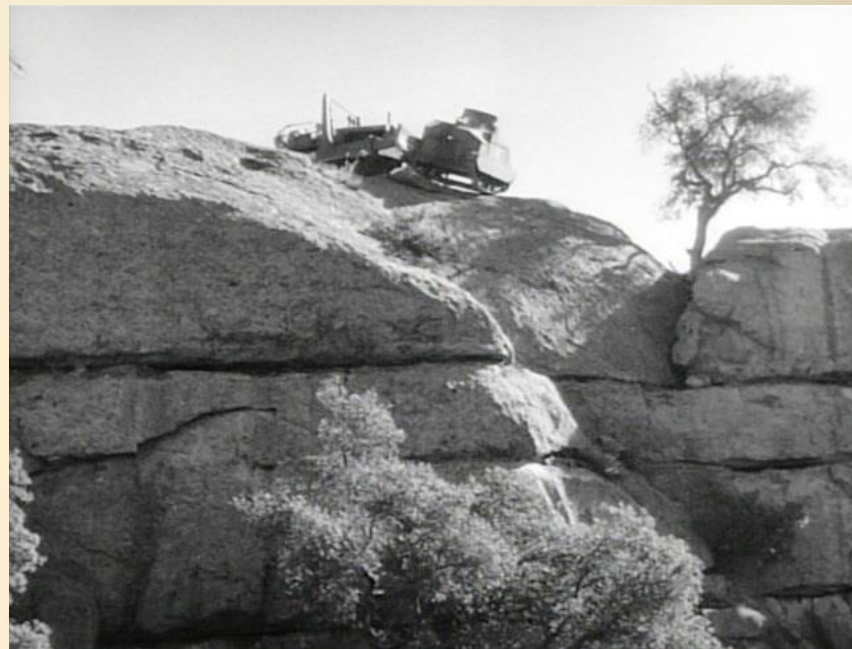


1937 Wee Willie Winkie – Shirley Temple

Nyoka Cliff at Iverson Movie Ranch - Movie History



1942 Perils of Nyoka - Kay Aldridge & Clayton Moore
Gorilla vs Nyoka at Nyoka Cliff

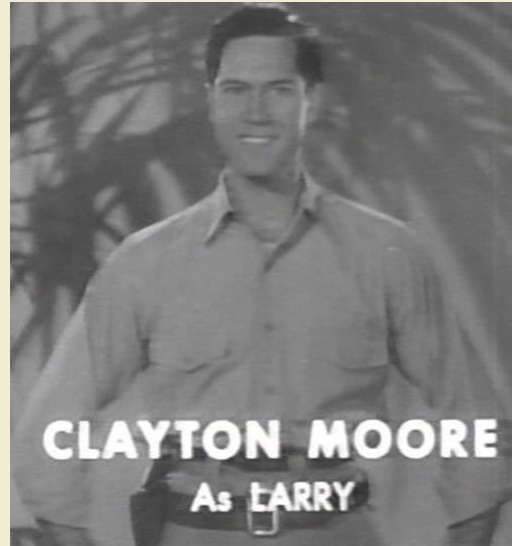


1944 Fighting Seabees – John Wayne
Bulldozer vs Tank

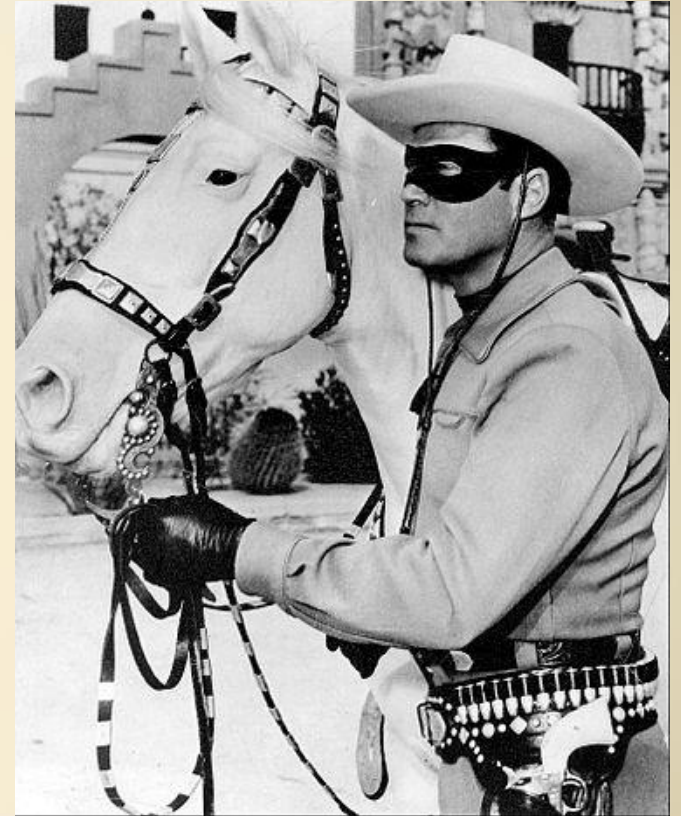
Perils of Nyoka Plot Summary

- Short version - Nyoka (Kay Aldridge) versus evil Vultura in competition to find the Golden Tablets of Hippocrates. Classic serial with heroic dog, and evil man in gorilla suit in campy fun quest.
- Longer version - In exchange for helping a small group of scientists and archaeologists find the long lost Tablets of Hippocrates, rumored to provide the location of a hidden treasure of gold and jewels (plus the cure for cancer), Nyoka Gordon requests their help in finding her father, equally long lost in the same area of northern Africa as the Tablets.
- Setting – In the Sahara Desert....

1942 Perils of Nyoka Characters – The Good



In 1949, Clayton Moore would star in the Lone Ranger television series



1942 Perils of Nyoka Characters – The Bad

- Vultura (Lorna Gray), and Satan, her gorilla bodyguard.
- They rode around in a chariot.



Next up is

Chapter 7, **Monster's Clutch**, 16 minutes

Perils of Nyoka,
Chapter 7, Monster's
Clutch (16 minutes)

- For all 15 chapters, go to YouTube, search “Perils of Nyoka Serial”
- YouTube direct link at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaTRzA5gr4XBxmo_ukoHRF6VAIBIn-t5e

Instead of waiting until next week,
lets see if Nyoka survives falling off of Nyoka Cliff.....

In Chapter 8, **Tuareg Vengeance**, 16 minutes

Sources/Acknowledgements

- Nyoka and the Tigermen DVD
- Photographs of Nyoka Cliff and Nyoka Movies courtesy Jerry England and Dennis Liff
- All 15 chapters of Perils of Nyoka are available on YouTube, search for “Perils of Nyoka Serial https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaTRzA5gr4XBxmo_ukoHRF6VAIBIn-t5e
- This presentation is available at chatsworthhistory.com, Digital Archives, Presentations
- Prepared by Ann & Ray Vincent, January 2020