

Passing of 'Bonanza' actor conjures up memories

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There goes the map, smouldering outwards in grainy black and white from Virginia City to Carson City and beyond, to the shores of Lake Tahoe, and here come the Cartwrights, galloping towards the front of the TV screen on their magnificent steeds: Hoss, Adam, Pa and Little Joe, role models all, carriers of the Wide-Brimmed Hat Of Truth in a shabby and exhausted world.

Readers of a certain age may now be explaining the previous paragraph to younger people, but many of us remember the sheer gut-wrenching excitement of Bonanza on a Friday night (I'm sure it was Friday) as the Cartwright family fought on the side of good in the dusty 19th century Wild West.

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