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Howdy Texican Rangers



Well, Comancheria Days 2022 is in the books. We had 190 cowboys and cowgirls shoot the match. We received many compliments on the stages (great job AD Texas), banquet venue (thank you Shooting Iron Miller), gravel road (thank you Sheriff Robert Love), range preparation (great job Doc Holliman), and many thanks to all the Texican Rangers that helped prepare the range for this event. We had 40 clean shooters!

Oklahoma Dee was our overall man and overall match winner. Missouri Mae was our overall lady champion.

We are now looking forward to the Texas State Rifle Association State Match the last weekend of July. Should be another great match! Look forward to seeing y'all at our next monthly match and our Wild Bunch match on the 30th of April.

Alamo Andy
President, Texican Rangers

Guns that Won the West

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



.38 S&W was a very popular caliber for concealed carry. Top Left: Harrington & Richardson .38 Safety Hammerless, Top Right: S&W Model 2 .38 Single Action. Bottom Left: Harrington & Richardson Automatic Ejector (Large frame) in .38 S&W. Bottom Center: Iver Johnson Automatic Safety Hammerless .38. Bottom Right: S&W .38 Double Action (2nd Change)

A lot of firearms have claimed the title of ‘The Gun That Won the West;’ the Colt Peacemaker, the Winchester rifle, even the one I consider the rightful holder of that title, the single or double-barrel shotgun.

While all of these weapons played their roles and we can argue their claims until we’re blue in the face, these were not weapons carried on a day to day basis by average citizens. They were carried mostly by outdoorsmen; cowboys, prospectors, Army scouts and lawmen. But most people were not of that ilk; shopkeepers, bankers, blacksmiths and all the myriad folks that make a society work would have looked mighty out of place with a full-sized belt pistol.

This is not to say they went unarmed, though many of them did. Those that did were simply more discreet about it. Derringers abounded, most

having a single or double barrel, and there were a few 4-shooters as well. But the market seems to have been dominated by compact small-caliber revolvers.

From the 1870s through the end of the century there was no shortage of concealed-carry revolvers, and while their larger siblings grabbed all the glory, these were the guns of everyday folk.

Colt, Remington and others offered quite a few variations on the theme, and these were, for the most part, solid-frame, single-action revolvers that either loaded via a gate (like the Peacemaker) or by removing the cylinder; in either case, reloading was a somewhat awkward process, and not generally a fast one.



S&W had a different solution - they introduced their top-break, auto-ejecting #3 revolver, and by the mid-1870s introduced pocket versions of these guns in .32 and .38 S&W.

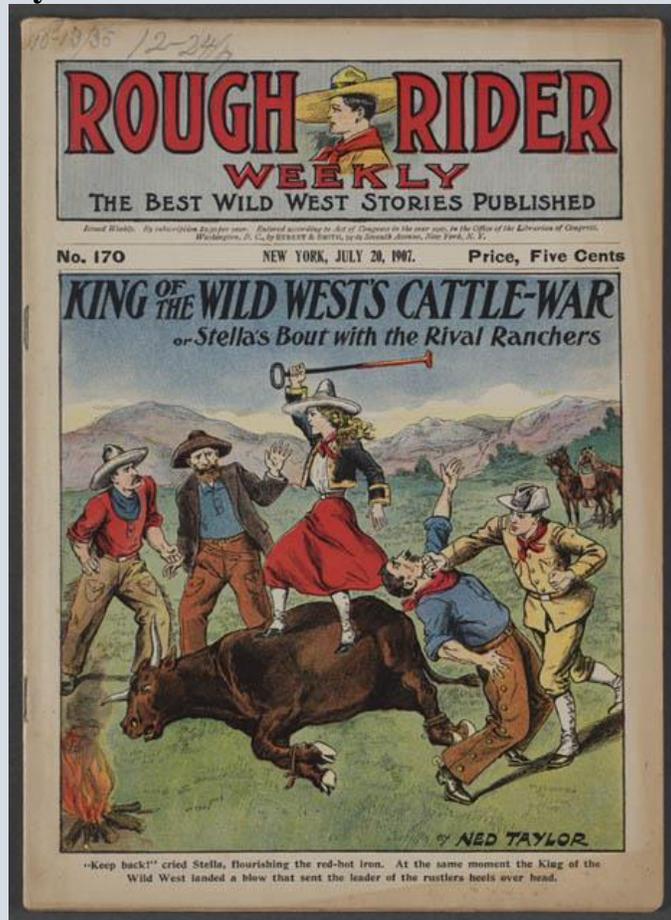
Like their Schofield revolver, these compact guns ejected their shells automatically when the mechanism was opened, and thus could be reloaded much, much faster than solid-frame gate-loading guns. While it is true that top-breaks are weapons that are weaker than solid-frame guns, this did not

prevent them from being chambered in potent calibers like .44-40, and many of these guns work as well today as they did 150 years ago, so ‘weak’ is a relative term.

Shortly thereafter S&W introduced top-break double-action revolvers, and then hammerless variants of those. Other companies quickly jumped on that bandwagon, though none in my opinion equaled the quality of the S&W guns. Between the cheap solid-frames and top-breaks, pretty much anyone could afford a pocket-revolver that would work at least long enough to save their life (provided they could shoot).

About 100 years ago, you could buy a 10 pound sack of flour from the hardware store and get a complementary pocket pistol at no charge.

Frederick Jackson Turner's Frontier Thesis By Unknown



In the United States, the concept of the frontier first became significant in 1893 when Frederick Jackson Turner used the term as a model for understanding American culture in his essay, “The Significance of the Frontier in American History,” read before the American Historical Association in Chicago during the World’s Columbian Exhibition (Chicago World's Fair). In his Frontier Thesis, Turner defined the concept of the frontier as “the meeting point between savagery and civilization,” and argued that this point was the foundation for American identity and politics.

Turner's interpretation of American expansion was that Americans had moved west in waves, and the frontier was the tip of those movements, always the furthest point from civilization. Turner claimed that at the frontier, American pioneers were transformed by their interaction with Native Americans and the wilderness to become rugged individuals who prized their freedom and individualism.

As the frontier continued to move west it continued to transform the pioneering Americans who went there, and in turn transform the nation. Turner argued that nationalism, democracy (because of increased individualism), and a rejection of

European ideals were a result of the frontier. Thus, Turner concluded that America was only unique because of its interaction with the frontier and the West as it developed during expansion, “to the frontier the American intellect owes its striking characteristics.”

The heroes of Turner’s thesis are the farmers, those who come right after the hunter/trapper pathfinders. In his eyes they are the first step toward civilization, and when they arrive, the boundary of the frontier moves westward. In a broad sense, the notion of the frontier was the edge of the settled country where unlimited free land was available and thus, unlimited opportunity.

While Turner did not create the myth of the frontier, he gave voice to it, and his frontier thesis was a major contribution to the general acceptance of the myth by scholars in the twentieth century. The focus on the West, and particularly the idealized concept of the frontier, placed those areas as foundational for American identity. Rather than looking to the Eastern city, such as Boston or Philadelphia, as the epitome of American ideals and values, the focus of American history and identity was on the farmers who were slowly but steadily moving farther west, searching for land and a modest income. Turner’s influence can be seen in nearly every single work of Western history to follow, either dealt with directly or indirectly, particularly each time a scholar uses the word frontier.

There are two ‘Wests’ – the historical West in which farmers, ranchers, miners, prostitutes and criminals pursued their happiness, and the mythic West that took deep root in the American imagination. Western novels (dime novels, pulp fiction), mainstream literature (Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales), newspapers, and plays portrayed the West as both a barren landscape full of savages and a romanticized idealistic way of living for rugged men.

Being a frontiersman in the so-called Wild West, a cowboy, rancher or gold miner were idealized within American mystery. Mark Twain colorfully related that accounts of gold strikes in the popular press had supported the feverish expansion of the mining frontier and provoked mining “stampedes” during the 1860s and

1870s: "Every few days news would come of the discovery of a brand-new mining region: immediately the papers would teem with accounts of its richness, and away the surplus population would scamper to take possession..."

Similarly the life of the hardy cowboy driving dusty herds of longhorns northward from Texas to the cattle markets Abilene and Dodge City, Kansas, was romanticized by the eastern press. This transformed the cattle industry until the late 1870s. The former image of cowboys as ne'er-do-well and drifter changed significantly. They were now glorified as men of rough-hewn integrity and self-reliant strength.

Walt Disney's Davy Crockett, The First Mini Series

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



David Crockett (August 17, 1786 – March 6, 1836) was an American folk hero, frontiersman, soldier, and politician. He is commonly referred to in popular culture by the epithet "King of the Wild Frontier." He represented Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives and served in the Texas Revolution.

He was a folk hero. It was not surprising that Walt Disney wanted to tell his story. This is about the trail blazing way he chose to do it.

Davy Crockett was a five-part serial which aired on ABC from 1954–1955 in one-hour episodes, on the Disneyland series.

The TV series was a way for Disney to make money to pay for the development of his theme parks. The series starred Fess Parker as real-life frontiersman Davy Crockett and Buddy Ebsen as his friend, George Russell.

The first three episodes of the serial were edited together as the theatrical film *Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier* (1955) and rebroadcast in color in the 1960s, when the Disney program went to NBC. This series and film are known for the catchy theme song, "The Ballad of Davy Crockett." It was filmed in color at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at the Mountain Farm Museum adjacent to the Oconaluftee Visitor Center, near Qualla Reservation's entrance; and at Janss Conejo Ranch, California.

The final two episodes were edited together as the theatrical film *Davy Crockett and the River Pirates* (1956). It was filmed in Cave-In-Rock, Illinois.

No one had ever done a miniseries before. No one knew what a miniseries was. Disney pioneered it. They tried to repeat their success with several other similar themed shows but none proved as popular as Davy Crockett, but they laid the groundwork for others to follow.

Disney treated Fess Parker rather poorly. The Walt Disney Company acknowledged that the broad public popularity of the first three segments came as a surprise, but Disney capitalized on its success by licensing the sale of various types of Crockett paraphernalia, including coonskin caps and bubble gum cards. Fess Parker later noted that his contract called for a percentage of the merchandising sales from Disney's company, but this was voided by his contract being with Walt Disney personally, rather than the company itself, costing him millions of dollars from the runaway bonanza of Crockett merchandising.

Fess didn't learn from his mistake and lost a lot of money when later playing Daniel Boone on TV for so many years. He was supposed to receive a percentage of the show's profit. Unfortunately clever accountants could always make a show, even a successful one as not having profits. He retired from acting almost penniless.

I don't know about you, but I remember wearing my coonskin cap and fringed leather jacket. I was a big fan of the Davy Crockett shows. They made a big impression on me and I can say that Davey Crockett was my first hero.

Shooting Iron Miller, Secretary Regulator/Life



Thanks to all who participated in Comancheria Days 2022, whether you were a shooter, volunteer, vendor or spectator. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we enjoyed hosting the match. Next year our annual shoot will be April 27 – 29, 2022. We moved out the date to the 5th weekend in April since Easter falls on the 2nd weekend next year.

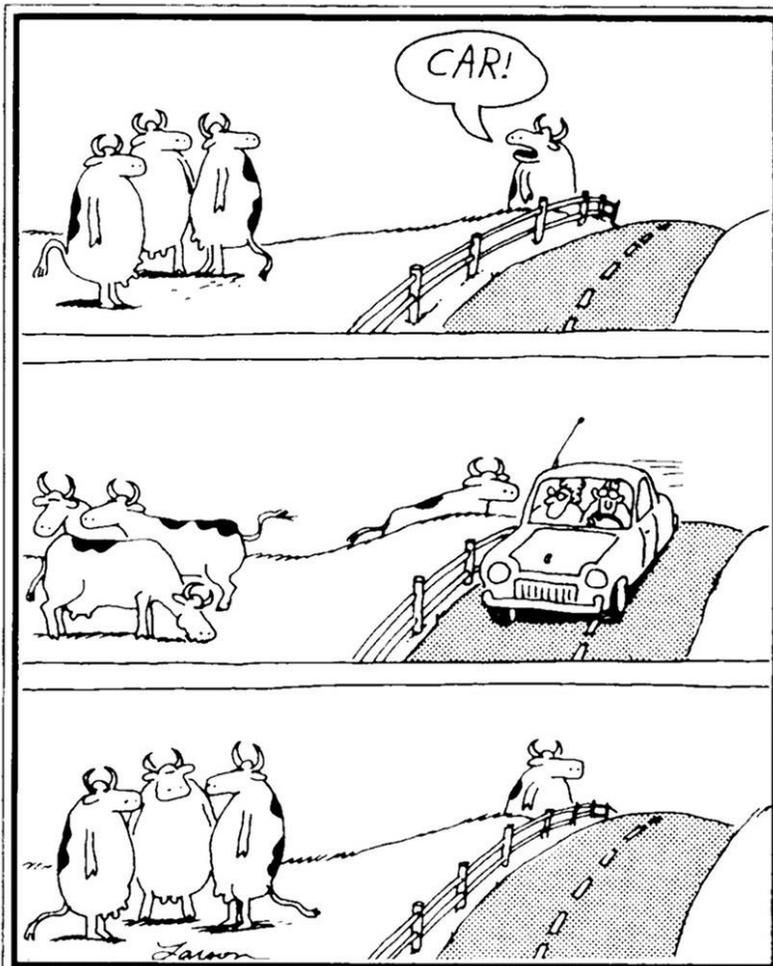
I've worked with several people preparing for the banquet each year, but I would like to take a moment to thank two people in particular that not only helped out this year for the banquet, but for the past several years. Skyhawk

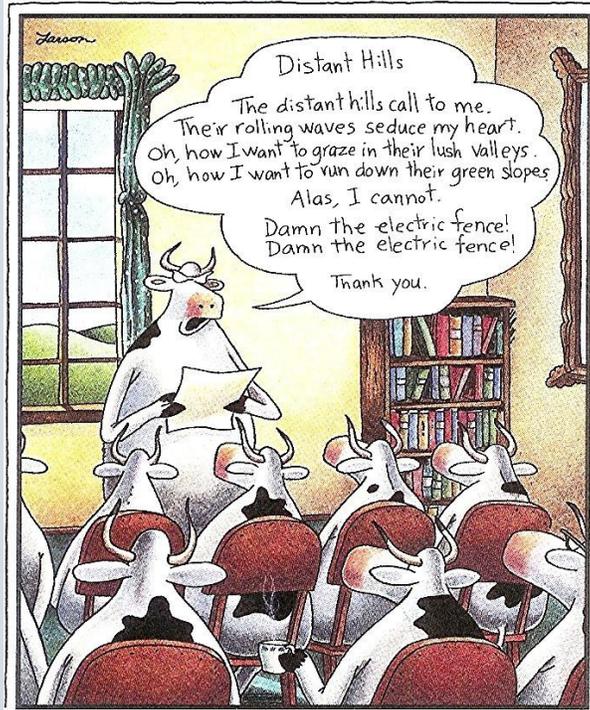
Hans and his wife Char have worked tirelessly for many years now, as we've planned our annual banquet. They've worked on floor layout, moved decorations, raffle/shooter prizes, stretch raffle tickets, silhouettes and much more from the ranch to the facility and back. They have worked on decorations prior to the event on their own time. They set-up and tore down tables and chairs more than they care to admit, and swept and mopped floors, but they have always been there for me, and my never ending requests and changes, and without complaint. I want to personally thank them for all they do and ask that you do the same the next time you run into them.

Remember we are hosting the TSRA 2022 CAS Texas State Championship July 29 – 31, 2022. I will post the application on our website when it becomes available. We hope you will consider joining us!

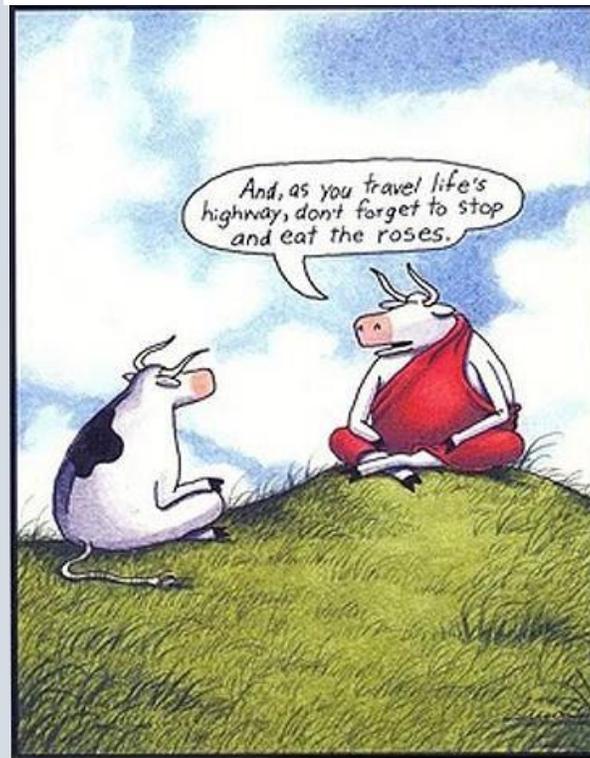
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Cow philosophy

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	105	FP	43	85
	125	RNFP	47	94
	125	FP	47	94
	130	RNFP	49	97
	158	RNFP	54	106
	158	FP	54	106
	158	SWC	54	106
.380	100	RNFP	42	83
.38-55	245	RNFP	82	162
.41	215	SWC	70	139
.44	180	RNFP	58	115
	240	SWC	75	149
.44-40	200	RNFP	64	127
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	61	121
	180	RNFP	58	115
	200	RNFP	64	127
	250	RNFP	76	152
9MM	124	RN	47	94
	125	CN	47	94
40 S&W	180	FP	58	115
.45ACP	200	SWC	64	127
	200	RN	64	127
	230	RN	73	144
45-70	405	FPT	75 (250)	300 (1K)
			150 (500)	

Parting Shots
Actual Test Question Answers

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. What ended in 1896? | 1895 |
| 2. Write an example of a risk? | This |
| 3. Briefly explain what hard water is. | Ice |
| 4. What do we call the science of classifying living things? | Racism |
| 5. Some atoms share electrons and become more stable. Describe a situation in which people share something and everyone benefits. | Communism |
| 6. Can a man still reproduce with only one testicle? | No girls don't find that attractive |
| 7. Find X. | There it is |
| 8. Explain how you found your answer in Problem 4? | Math |
| 9. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? | At the bottom |
| 10. To change centimeters to meters you _____? | Take out the letters centi |
| 11. The first cells were probably...? | Lonely |
| 12. Explain the phrase "free press". | When you mother irons your pants |
| 13. Name six animals that live in the Arctic? | 2 polar bears and 4 seals |
| 14. Bob has 36 candy bars. He eats 29. What does he have now? | Diabetes |
| 15. What is a six-sided polygon known as? | A Stop sign |
| 16. Name a quadrilateral? | Bill |
| 17. What is your favorite hue? | Jackman |
| 18. What is the highest frequency noise that a human can hear? | Mariah Carey |
| 19. The Ravi River flows in which state? | Liquid state |
| 20. Motivate your answer. | Go Answer! Go!! |
| 21. Write five words you can spell correctly? | Five, words, you, can and spell |
| 22. Why do we pay taxes? | So we don't get arrested |
| 23. When should a motorist use his bright beams? | When he wants to be a jerk |
| 24. Rod chose D as the correct answer. How did he get that answer? | Rod does math like my mother |
| 25. Is there anything your hero is frightened of? | Mom |

Texican Rangers Regulators

Tombstone Mary	2003
A.D.	2004
Dusty Lone Star	2008
Handlebar Bob	2010
Dusty Chambers	2010
Sheriff Robert Love	2012
Grouchy Spike	2013
Agarita Annie	2016
Joe Darter	2016
Nueces Slim	2016
Skinny	2016
Dirty Dog Dale	2017
Dutch Van Horn	2017
Shooting Iron Miller	2017



April Birthdays:

Bama Sue	4/2
Handlebar Bob	4/6
Engin Wrangler	4/17
Frank Longshot	4/17
Madam Ella Moon	4/18
Wild Bill McMasters	4/28
Brass Case	4/28

May Birthdays

Bluebonnet Nel	5/01
Marshall Willy	5/04
Texas Tony	5/08
Shootin' Steel	5/08
Bessie James	5/10
Snake Shot	5/13
Whiskey Kid	5/16
Frontier Faith	5/17
Sierra Cheyenne	5/29
Lucky Nickel	5/30



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TEXICAN RANGERS

2022

January 8	Monthly Match
January 9	Monthly Match
February 12	Monthly Match
February 13	Monthly Match
March 12	Monthly Match
March 13	Monthly Match
April 7-9	Comancheria Days
April 30	Wild Bunch/BAMM
May 14	Monthly Match
May 15	Monthly Match
June 11	Monthly Match
June 12	Monthly Match
July 9	Monthly Match
July 10	Monthly Match
July 29-31	TSRA 2022 CAS State Championship
August 13	Monthly Match
August 14	Monthly Match
September 10	Shindig
September 11	Monthly Match
October 8	Monthly Match/Tear Down
November/December	Range Closed

CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)
2nd Saturday	Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West)
2nd Sunday	Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)
2nd Weekend	Texican Rangers (Comfort)
3rd Saturday	Tejas Caballeros (TX Republic Ranch)
4th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4th Sunday (Long Range)	Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)

Feb 28 – Mar 6, 2022
March 17 - 20, 2022
March 23 – 26, 2022
April 7 - 9, 2022
October 8 – 16, 2022
November 4 – 6, 2022

2022

EOT (SASS World Championship)
SASS Texas State Championship Trailhead
SASS Southwest Regional
Comancheria Days
SASS National Championship – Land Run
SASS Texas State Wild Bunch
Championship

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