



# The Texas Star



## Newsletter for the Texican Rangers

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### Hello Texican Rangers



On behalf of the Texican Ranger officers, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In less than 3 weeks we will re-open the range for 2020! January 7th, 2020 will be the first workday of the year. One of the big items we need to take care of is the removal of all the oak limbs that have fallen this winter. Burly Bill Brocius will bring his Mule and trailer to make this task easier. Thank you, BBB.

Also, on the tasks list is some mowing, weed eating, and setting the targets. So please bring a weed eater and some gloves.

The first matches for 2020 will be Saturday, January 11th and Sunday 12th 2020.

For the January, February, and March matches we will shoot 6 stages per day. Please bring extra ammo to cover the extra stage. After Comancheria Days we will go back to 5 stages with a bonus stage that can be shot after the match.

Scoring for the first three months of shoots will be based on 6 stages. For the

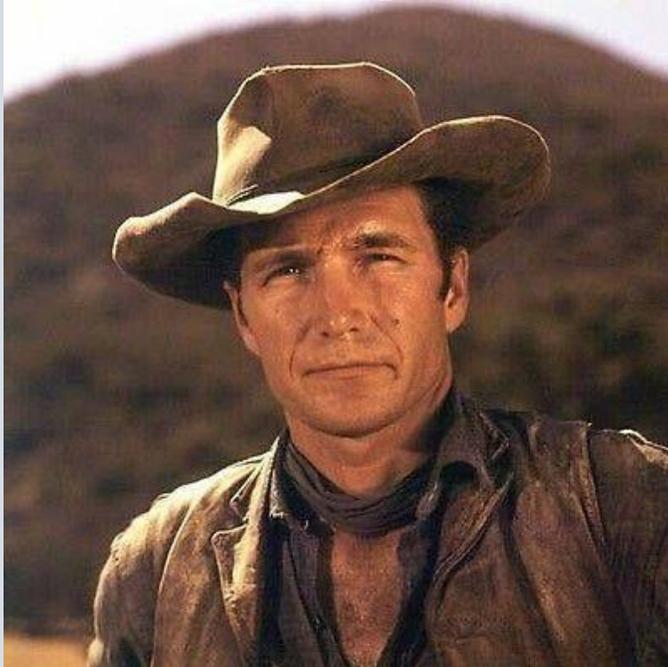
Rangers end of year category awards we will remove a stage from these first 6 matches so that they will match the 5 stage matches shot in May to September. So, for the first match, Saturday January 11th, we will delete Stage 6 for the year-end results. For the second match, Sunday January 12th we will delete Stage 5 for the year-end results. See me in January if you have any questions.

Comancheria Days plans are progressing! As of this date we have 130 shooters and 31 wild bunch shooters. Shooter's prizes, buckles and side match awards are ordered! We are off to a good start!

See you in January.

A.D.  
President

## What happened to Eric Fleming By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



I was always a big fan of the TV show *Rawhide*. I often wondered why the Trail Boss, Eric Fleming, didn't make any more westerns. So, I researched to find out what happened to him.

At the age of eight, Fleming hopped on a freight train to Chicago to escape his abusive father. Following hospitalization for gang fight injuries, he returned to California where he lived with his mother and worked at Paramount as a laborer. Fleming joined the Merchant Marine, and then he served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific in WW II, where he was a Master Carpenter in the Seabees.

While in the Seabees, he bet a fellow Navy man that he could lift a 200-pound weight over his head. He couldn't. The weight smashed his face, severely maiming his forehead, nose and jaw. After extensive reconstructive surgery, Fleming had a new face. He joked it was better than his first mug. Those were some skilled plastic surgeons. They

sculpted a leading man.

With his new face, Fleming did not immediately leap into acting. He was working construction on the Paramount set when he made another bet, albeit a less damaging one. Still, he lost again. Fleming wagered \$100 that he could act better than a professional actor. He couldn't. But losing that hundred bucks lit a fire under him, and he enrolled in acting classes. That got him his break.

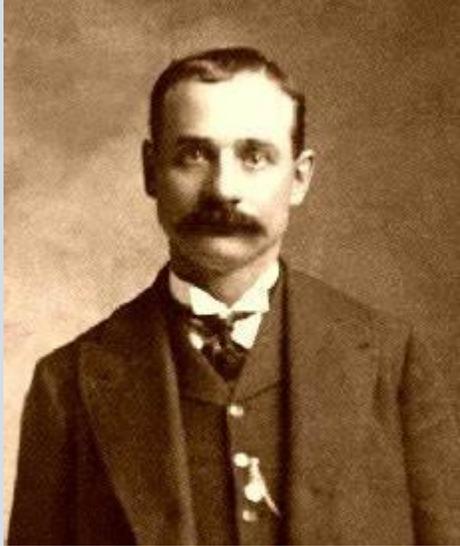
From 1946 to 1957, Fleming appeared on stage in Chicago and New York with featured roles in numerous plays on Broadway including *"My Three Angels," "Stalag 17,"* and *"No Time For Sergeants."* Fleming's television career began in the early 1950's with live performances on *"Hallmark Summer Theatre," "The Web," "Suspense," "Kraft Television Theatre,"* and many other dramatic series. In 1954, he starred in Paramount's film *"Conquest of Space,"* followed by *"Queen of Outer Space"* for Allied Artists. In 1958, Fleming became the star of CBS-TV's long-running western *"Rawhide"* as the trail boss Gil Favor. He remained with the top-rated show for seven of its eight seasons. It is thought that he left this successful show because he felt that he was being upstaged by younger co-star Clint Eastwood.

Fleming left *Rawhide* in 1966 to seek out film work. He acted in *"The Glass Bottom Boat"* in 1965, and he was hired by MGM-TV to film the two-part adventure program *"High Jungle"* in Peru. This was no cozy studio lot, rather a harrowing, on-location shoot deep in the Amazonian river basin. His costar Nico Minardos kept a heartbreaking diary of the ordeal. "Eric has been living in semi-retirement in Hawaii, and it was the role of the other adventurer that was to mark his comeback in Hollywood," he wrote. "Deadly snakes, hordes of mosquitoes, ants two inches long and around the clock humidity that made it impossible to keep your clothes dry, were a constant menace." The production pushed into "the most inaccessible regions of Peru." The two

were filming a scene inside a hand-carved canoe. Gathering rainclouds had the cast and crew scrambling to get the shot. "Nico, now or never!" Fleming said. Those were his last words. Fleming left the small vessel in roaring rapids and drowned. His body was lost in the turbulent water and was not recovered until three days later. The movie was never released by Warner Brothers. He was 41 years old.

## **Kid Curry's Outlaw Christmas**

**A true story re-told by Sam Travers**



Kid Curry, of the Wild Bunch, was mean; to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that.

Christmas morning, 1894, Landusky, Montana. Jew Jake's (real name) Place was part dry-goods store part saloon and oddly enough, about to be a part of Christmas history.

This was an odd fellow, Jew Jake! Easy to recognize as he had one leg standing, and the other missing. In the space vacated by the latter leg was propped a Winchester rifle, it was a bit slow going in a three-legged race, but this volatile leg had silenced at least two troublemakers, which made it a barkeeper's best friend. In essence we can say, with clear conscience and easy heart, Jake was not a lady's man nor was he a great dancer. But Harry Logan (alias Kid Curry) held no interest in women

nor dancing that cold Christmas day, so it is at Jake's that we find him, and not in search of canned beans or candy canes.

The Kid had been doing an exceptional job of wrapping any and all of his Holiday cheer in whiskey. He had been laboring on it most of the day until whatever fragment of goodwill he began with was now completely invisible to any human eye that might be reckless enough to wander in his direction. Kid Curry was in a very black mood and no amount of red or green, nor crystal white could sway him out of it. Black was his, and he wore it like garland! Unfortunately, he had a mind to decorate the town.

At some point he grew restless, staring into a glass no longer satisfied him, the need to share was upon him, so out he went to do a little last-minute holiday shooting!

In this he showed no prejudice, no one home received more bullets than another! Windows were his favorite! He even shot the blacksmith sign! He treated all, as equals...there were holes everywhere.

Others, who had been in possession of that same special brand of holiday cheer decided they too would join in, after all there was much town left and Kid was only one mean man. It was indeed the charitable thing to do! They proceeded to ventilate the little town until they got bored, or cold or possibly just got thirsty. Then it was back to Jew Jakes for refreshments. Neither the libations nor the bullets worked to fill the blackness Curry held so dear, no matter how regularly or skillfully applied. The void not only remained, but grew in size and hunger, needing tending once again.

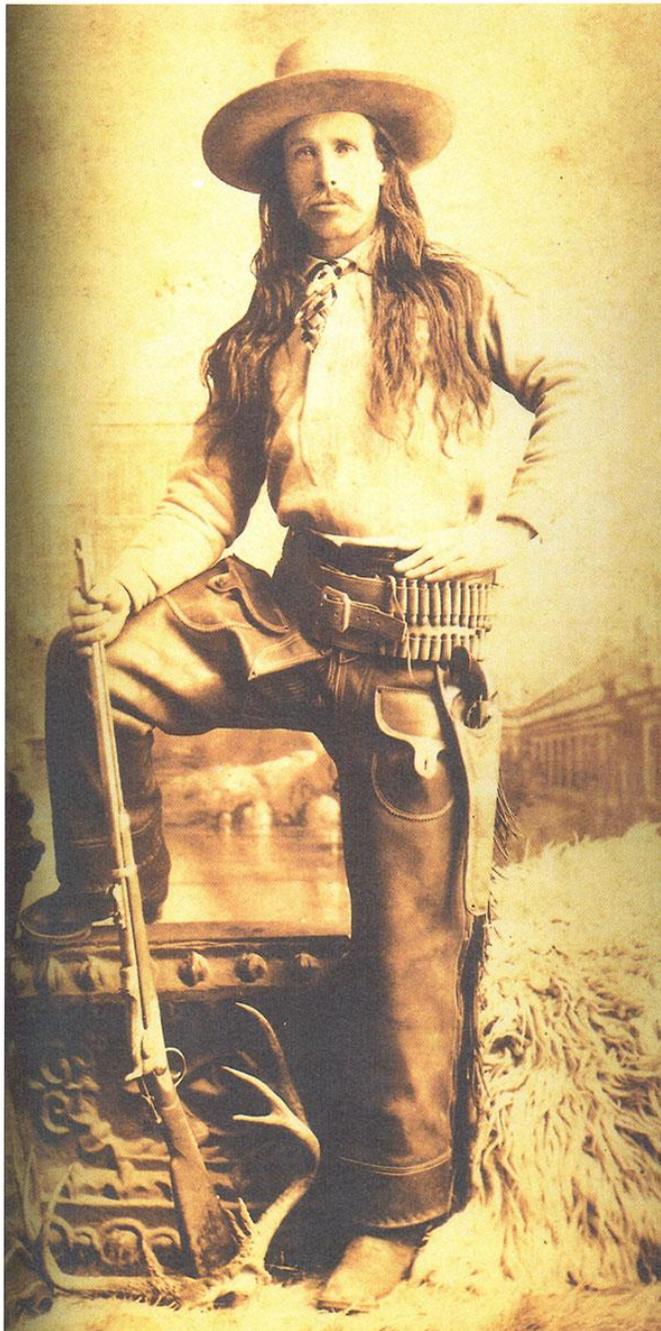
Enter into Jew Jake's, one Pike Landusky, town father, and a man who should have stayed home. For months Pike had been looking to deliver a certain caliber Christmas card to Curry, a little note of displeasure for the seduction of his stepdaughter by Lonnie Logan brother of Harry. Pike and the Kid were sworn blood enemies; murky eyes met as brown teeth clenched, dirty fists swelledää the saloon held its collective breath, ducked under tables and hid their candy canes. Kid struck first, then Pike, and so forth and so on and round about until Pike found himself back to the floor and face to a six-shooter. He did try to reach for his gun, but never had a chance. Six in the face beats one in the coat every time.

Lonny stole the first wagon he could find, Kid jumped aboard and ere they drove out of sight.....he shot what was left of the town to shoot that Christmas night!

One can only imagine that after word of this incident got around, Kid Curry was not invited to a lot of Christmas parties. The same probably held true for Lonnie.

## Commodore Perry Owens, Outlaw that became a Lawman

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Commodore Perry Owens drifted down to Texas in the early 1870s then on to Indian Territory where he took a job on the Hilliard Rogers ranch near today's Bartlesville. Over the next few years he worked as a cowhand driving cattle from Texas to the cow towns of Kansas. He also worked as a buffalo hunter for the Atlantic and Pacific in Kansas honing his skills as an expert shot.

He arrived in Holbrook in 1881, about the same time as the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad. Soon after arriving he took a job guarding the stage station at Navajo Springs from horse thieves who preyed upon the area. He had several brushes with local Navajos over disputed stock and it was said they came to view him as an invisible ghost because their bullets never seem to hit, while his "magic" guns never missed. Owens' experience as a buffalo hunter on the Kansas plains had turned him into an expert marksman.

Owens homesteaded at the Z Bar ranch some ten miles south of the springs where he raised purebred horses. The place became known as Commodore Springs.

Owens was described as a simple, charismatic man of few words and when he did speak it was with a slow drawl. He was a handsome man, standing five feet, ten inches, with light blue eyes and a slight, sinewy frame. According to old timers he cut a romantic swath on his fine sorrel horse catching the eyes of the pretty ladies around Concho and St. Johns.

Owens also had a reputation for integrity. One newspaper was quoted as saying: "Mr. Owens is a quiet, unassuming man, strictly honorable and upright in his dealings with all men and is immensely popular." He took few men into his confidence and had few intimate friends.

An early acquaintance described him as "kind and courteous, but very quiet, a perfect gentleman." Another said he was the most superstitious man he'd ever known. A man of action, not given to introspection, he was extremely cool under pressure; the type oft described as a "good man to ride the river with."

A cowhand named Dick Grigsby told a story that Owens was making biscuits one morning inside his two-room shack when two Navajo horse thieves began firing rounds into his abode from opposite directions. Owens calmly picked up his rifle walked to the door, shot both raiders, waited quietly for a few minutes, then proceeded to finish cooking his biscuits.

At the time of Owens arrival in Apache County there were serious problems of civil strife and lawlessness. Among the causes were issues along ethnic and religious lines as a number of groups competed for political and economic power. Mexicans, Mormons, non-Mormons and Navajo all jockeyed for position in the Little Colorado River Valley. Cattlemen competed with sheepmen for grazing rights. The Pleasant Valley War

partisans, including Andy Blevins (Cooper). He was not a household name among famous bad men of West but a ruthless killer just the same. Texans and Mexicans harbored deep resentment towards each other dating back to the Battle of the Alamo. There was also contention between the Mormons and Mexicans in St. Johns and the Little Colorado River Valley. The Navajo troubles were mostly over rustling, along with conflicting claims to water and grazing rights. And lastly, the Aztec Land and Cattle Company was trying to rid the country of nesters.

Maintaining law and order in Apache County was not a job for the meek or the timid.

### **Tombstone Mary, Secretary Regulator/Life #19524**



Thank you to everyone who signed their waivers and paid their dues by mail. This helps speed up the January match check-in.

Everyone must sign a new 2020 waiver before they can shoot a match. If you did not mail your waiver, I will have a copy at the January match for you to complete.

Please remember that all guests on the range must sign a waiver.

If I can help in anyway or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Secretary

Tombstone Mary

### **Proposed rule change:**

Eliminate the automatic **Stage DQ** penalty for leaving the loading table with a cocked rifle.

In such instances, the shooter will be directed to point the rifle safely into the back berm, bring the hammer to full cock if it is in the half-cock/safety position, then pull the trigger.

If no round is fired, the shooter will be directed to finish staging firearms in order to start the stage (**No Call**).

If a round fires when the shooter pulls the trigger, the shooter will be assessed a **Stage DQ** and directed to proceed to the unloading table.

**PASSED** by vote of the Territorial Governors.

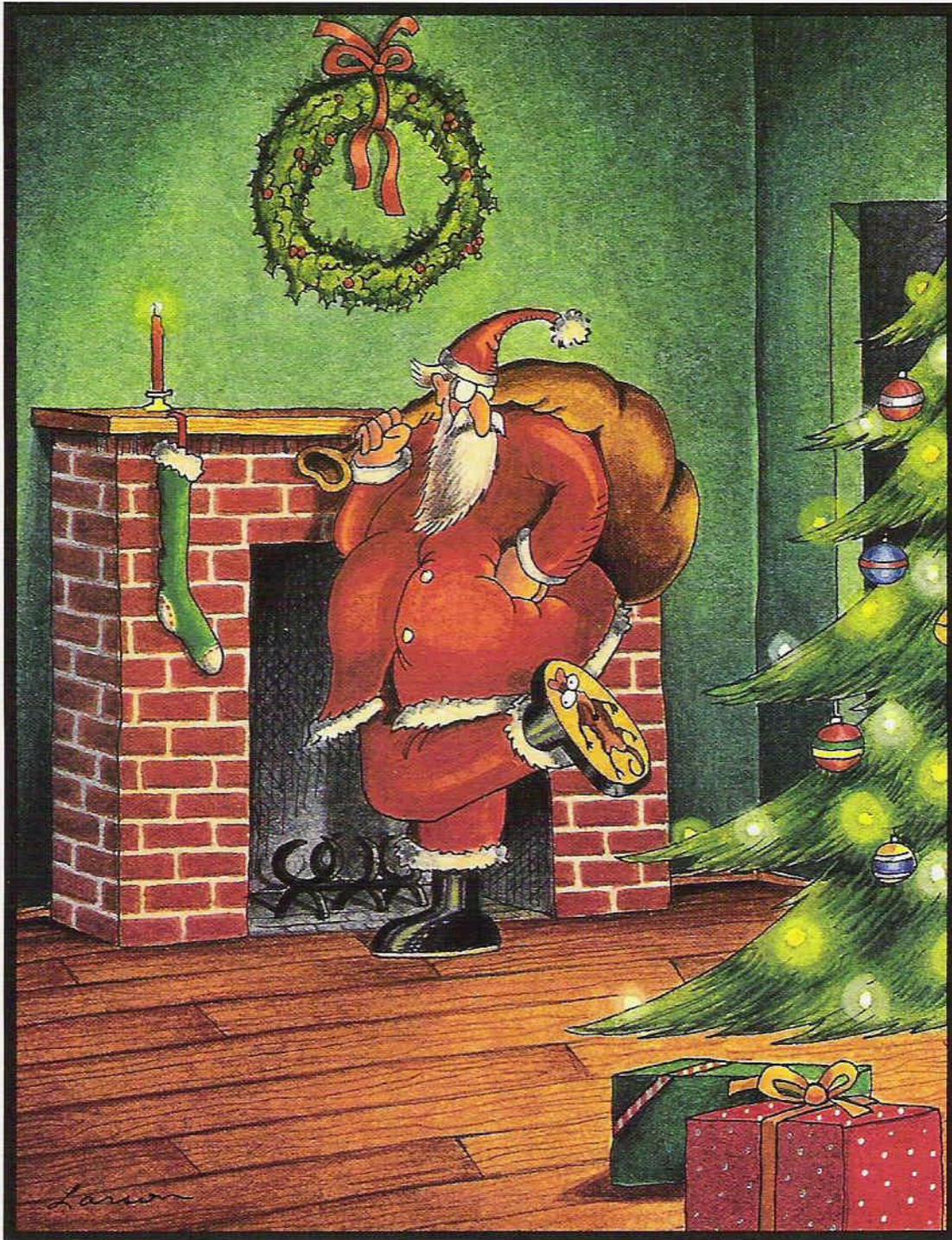
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NO -- 68 (24.6%)

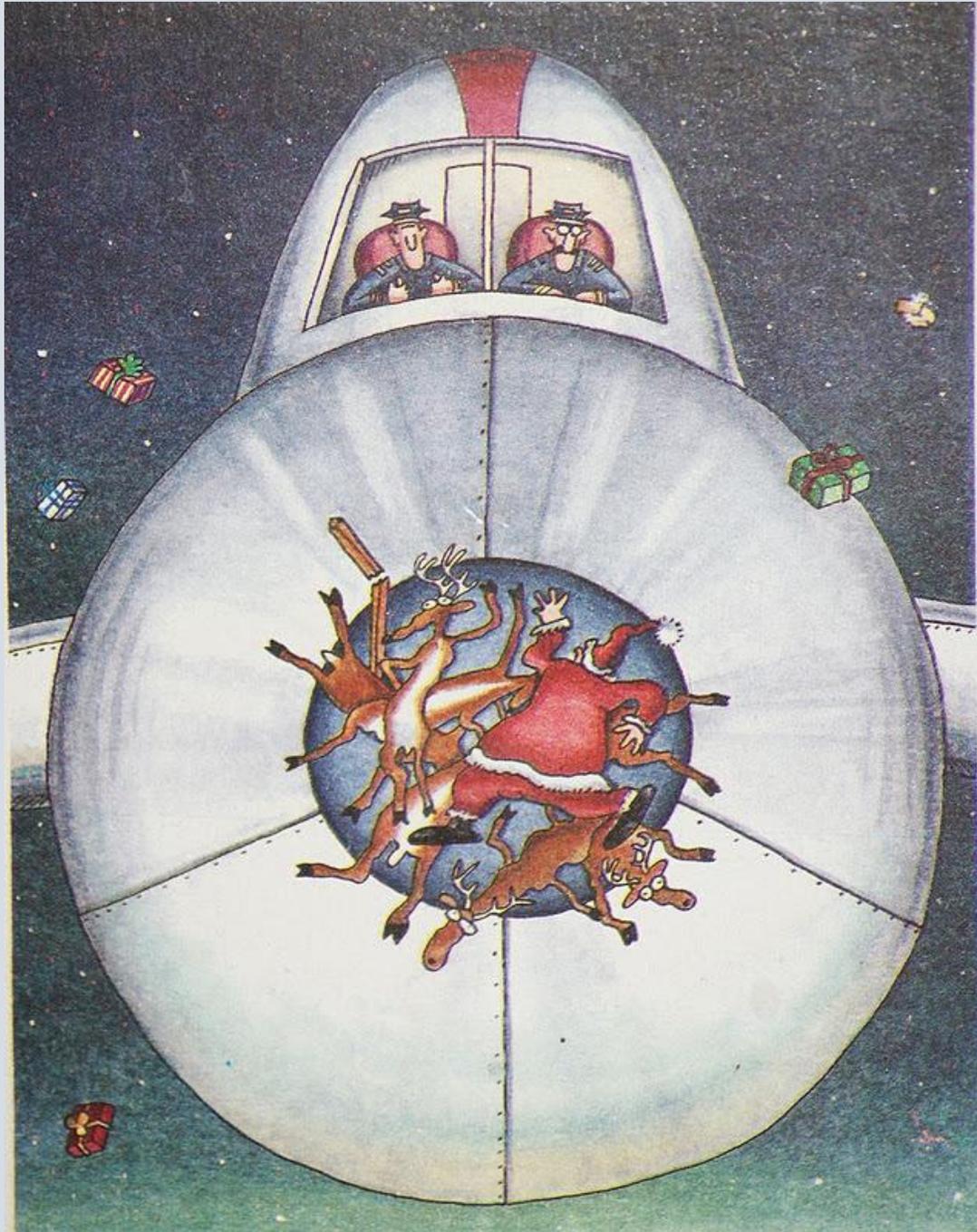
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PaleWolf Brunelle, #2495L

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'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not  
a creature was stirring ... not even a mouse.



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	105	FP	35	70
	125	RNFP	38	76
	125	FP	38	76
	130	RNFP	39	78
	158	RNFP	42	83
	158	FP	42	83
	158	SWC	42	83
.380	100	RNFP	35	69
.38-55	245	RNFP	64	127
.41	215	SWC	54	108
.44	180	RNFP	45	89
	240	SWC	57	114
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.45 COLT	160	RNFP	49	98
	180	RNFP	45	89
	200	RNFP	49	98
	250	RNFP	58	116
9MM	124	RN	38	76
	125	CN	38	76
40 S&W	180	FP	45	89
.45ACP	200	SWC	49	98
	200	RN	49	98
	230	RN	56	111
45-70	405	FPT	120	240

## Parting Shots Unbelievable Facts

1. Russia has a larger surface area than Pluto.
2. Saudi Arabia imports camels from Australia.
3. Hippo milk is pink.
4. Cookie Monster's real name is Sid.
5. Carrots were originally purple.
6. Vending machines are twice as likely to kill you than a shark is.
7. Armadillos nearly always give birth to identical quadruplets.
8. The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland.
9. Will Smith is now older than Uncle Phil was at the beginning of The Fresh Prince.
10. Pluto never made a full orbit around the sun from the time it was discovered to when it was declassified as a planet.
11. Honey never spoils.
12. There are more public libraries than McDonald's in the U.S.
13. An octopus has three hearts.
14. You can't hum while holding your nose.
15. It rains diamonds on Saturn and Jupiter.
16. "Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.
17. Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.
18. Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails!
19. Coca-Cola would be green if coloring weren't added to it.
20. More people are killed each year from bees than from snakes.
21. More people are allergic to cow's milk than any other food.
22. Earth is the only planet not named after a god.
23. Dolphins sleep with one eye open!
24. It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
25. A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.
26. A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
27. Outside the USA, Ireland is the largest software producing country in the world.
28. The lifespan of a squirrel is about nine years.
29. Human birth control pills work on gorillas.
30. Gorillas sleep as much as fourteen hours per day.
31. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.
32. Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.
33. Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.



## Texican Rangers Regulators

Tombstone Mary	2003
A.D. Texaz	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

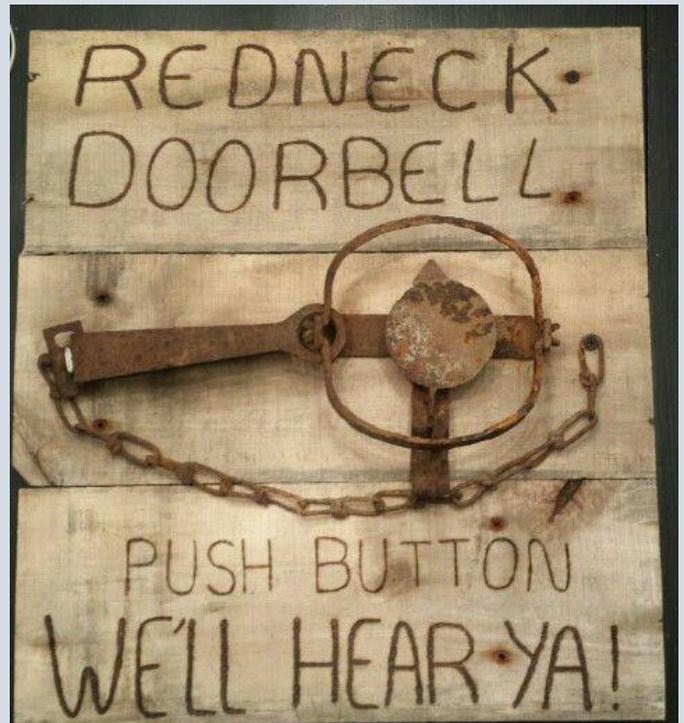


## December Birthdays

Asup Sleeve	12/1
Krazy Kat	12/2
Shotgun Jim	12/2
Dutch Van Horn	12/3
Minnesota Clay	12/9
Long John Beard	12/12
General Burleson	12/14
Half-Hitch Holley	12/14
Sauk Valley Sam	12/15
Badlands Bruce	12/25
Waterloo	12/30
Preacher Kid	12/31

## January Birthdays

Blacky Vela	1/7
Panhandle Cowgirl	1/11
Hawkeye	1/12
Skyhawk Hans	1/12
Brazos Bo	1/19
Three Fingered Dutchman	1/21
Big John Mesquite	1/23
Paisley	1/29



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## TEXICAN RANGERS 2019

January 12	Monthly Match
January 13	Monthly Match
February 9	Monthly Match
February 10	Monthly Match
March 9	Monthly Match
March 10	Monthly Match
April 11 – 14	Comancheria Days
May 11	Monthly Match
May 12	Monthly Match
June 8	Monthly Match
June 9	Monthly Match
June 29	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range
July 13	Monthly Match
July 14	Monthly Match
August 10	Monthly Match
August 11	Monthly Match
August 31	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range (Cancelled)
September 14	Shindig
September 15	Monthly Match
October 12	Monthly Match & Final 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 8-10  
Feb 18-24  
Mar 21-24  
April 11-14  
April 25-27  
June 13-23  
Oct 19-20  
  
Oct 18-20

2019  
Jail Break  
Winter Range  
Trailhead  
Comancheria Days  
SASS Southwest Regional Land Run  
End of Trail  
SASS Texas State Black Powder  
Championship  
SASS Texas State Wild Bunch  
Championship

**Photo Album**  
**A Look Back at 2019**

