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TELEVISION TRIVIA

On the sign outside of the Dodge City jail were the words "U.S. Marshal's Office". What three words were written immediately below them?

("Dodge City, Kansas")

Miss Kitty owned and operated the Long Branch saloon. Did the building in which the saloon was located have a basement?

(yes)

(T/F) Kitty lived in the basement of the Long Branch Saloon.

(false ... her room was upstairs)

Did the dance hall girls in the Long Branch dance?

(as a rule ... no)

Which one of the following is not a whiskey seen of *GunsSmoke*: (a) Cygnet Whiskey. (b) Old Injun Whiskey. (c) Frisky Whiskey. (d) Old Baylor Whiskey.

(c ... Frisky Whiskey)

The wallpaper in Kitty's room is (a) passionate purple. (b) olive drab. (c) oarngish red. (d) pickle green. (e) center-of-a-hard-boiled egg yellow.

(c ... oarngish red)

Was there a piano in the Long Branch Saloon?

(yes)

A picture of what president hung in Doc's office?

(Lincoln)

What beverage was most often consumed in the Marshal's office?

(coffee)

When going in the front door of the Marshal's office from the front, does one step up or down?

(down)

What was the name of the graveyard just outside of Dodge where bad men were buried?
(Boot Hill)

What was the name of the Dodge City restaurant where our heroes normally eat?
(Delmonico's)

What is the name of Dodge City's best hotel?
(the Dodge House)

Besides Ma Smalley's boarding house, is the Dodge House the only hotel in Dodge City?
(no ... the Poppy Hotel is another)

Doc lived upstairs. What business was located downstairs?
(a harness shop)

How many rifles were there in the gun rack in Dillon's office?
(five)

If you wanted to know the time, which of the *Gunsmoke* characters would you ask?
(Doc ... he carried a pocket watch on a bob.)

The front windows in the Marshal's office have bars on them. How many bars are there in each window?
(six)

Were there curtains on the window in Dillon's office?
(yes)

With what primary building material was the Marshal's office constructed?
(bricks)

What was usually kept on the stove in the Marshal's office?
(a pot of coffee)

How many doors are there in Dillon's office?
(three)

Does the Marshal's office have a second story?
(yes ... outside scenes show that there is one.)

What was the name of the Dodge City hotel where Dillon killed his first man on network television?
(the Dodge House)

The name of the gunfighter that shot Dillon in the first episode of television's *Gunsmoke* was (a) Bodie Tatum. (b) Ab Butler. (c) Dolf Tremle. (d) Chauncy Demon. (e) Bo Harker. (f) Jud Nellis. (g) Brice Harp. (h) Dan Grap.
(c ... Dan Grap. All of these men were characters on *Gunsmoke*. Dan Grap, by the way, was also the first man Dillon killed on television.)

Rooms in the Dodge House are upstairs. To within three, how many stairs are there to the second floor?
(14 ... three to a landing and 11 more to the top.)

Were there any motels in Dodge?
(no ... the word *motel* is a contraction of *motor hotel*.)

(T/F) Dillon slept in his office.
(true)

What government document hangs over Dillon's bunk?
(the Declaration of Independence)

Did Matt or Chester ever use tobacco?
(No ... not on television.)

To where does the door behind Dillon's desk lead?
(to an alley)

Men who were convicted of murdering someone in Dodge were normally hanged in (a) Hays City. (b) Elkader. (c) Topeka. (d) Kansas City. (e) Lubbock, Texas.
(a ... Hays)

Was there a lamplighter in Dodge City?
(yes)

On both sides of the swinging door that lead into the Long Branch Saloon, there are pictures of a beer each with what two words written below?

(On Draught)

When coming through the front door of Dillon's office, there are pegs on the inside wall on which to hang your hat. How many pegs are there?

(two ... and Dillon always uses the top one)

On the boardwalk in front of Dillon's office, one could sit down on (a) wooden chairs. (b) a wooden bench. (c) sections of tree trunks. (d) all of the above. (e) none of the above.

(a ... wooden chairs. Dillon often reclined there with his hat over his eyes and snoozed.)

Was there a roof over the boardwalk in front of Dillon's office?

(yes)

How many cells were there in Dillon's office?

(two and later three)

When going into the room with the cells, on which side of the door were the keys hung?

(left)

How many windows are there in the front of Dillon's office?

(two)

How many bars are there on each window in front of Dillon's office?

(six)

How many bricks thick is the front wall in Dillon's office?

(One and a half)

Are there any trees growing inside Dodge City limits on *Guns smoke*?

(yes)

According to the sign at Dodge City's railroad station, what, to within five hundred feet, is Dodge City's elevation?

(2485 feet above sea level)

According to the sign at Dodge City's railroad station, what, to the nearest hundred, was the population of Dodge City in the days of *Gunsmoke*?

(996)

What bird was most seen on Front street?

(the chicken)

Other than cards, what game were the men of *Gunsmoke* fond of playing?

(checkers)

The first number to the combination to the safe in Dillon's office is 7. Is the knob to be turned three times to the right to this number or to the left?

(right)

Fill in the four missing words to the official oath taken by Deputy United States Marshals: "I, (name), do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute all lawful precepts directed to me by (1)___ the United States Marshal for (2)___ district of Kansas under the authority of (3)___ United States, make true returns, take only lawful fees, and well and truly and without malice and partialities perform (4)___ duties of office of Deputy United States Marshal during my continuance in office so help me God."

(all four of the words are *the*.)

In all the color episodes of *Gunsmoke*, the introduction had the major stars pictured sequentially in ovals as the *Gunsmoke* theme played in the background. Arrange the following names into the order that they were presented: (a) Amanda Blake as Kitty. (b) Buck Taylor as Newly or, earlier, Roger Ewing as Thad. (c) Milburn Stone as Doc. (d) James Arness as Matt. (e) Ken Curtis as Festus.

(caebd)

In the hour color episodes of *Gunsmoke*, what portion of the Marshal's office was shown at the half hour break between the network and local commercials?

(the rifle rack - with the word *Gunsmoke*.)

Dodge City Businesses:

Gunsmoke's Dodge City had numerous businesses within the city limits. Match the names of the following establishments. An answer can apply more than once.

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1. The Tonsorial ... | (a) Saloon |
| 2. The Oasis... | (b) Hay and Grain |
| 3. The Cattleman's ... | (c) Furniture Warehouse
and Undertaker. |
| 4. The Long Branch ... | (d) Times |
| 5. Dodge City ...(4 answers) | (e) Freight Office |
| 6. Percy Crump ... | (f) Parlor |
| 7. Lodge | (g) Association |
| 8. The Bull's Head | (h) Hotel |
| 9. Kiskaden's ... | (i) Hall |
| 10. Delmonico's ... | (j) Boarding House. |
| 11. Bodkin's ... | (k) Beef and Hide
Brokerage |
| 12. The Dodge House ... | (l) Restaurant |
| 13. Ma Smalley's ... | (m) Bank |
| 14. Sawyer's ... | (n) Wood Yard. |
| 15. The Poppy... | (o) Stage Line |
| 16. Dolen's ... | (p) Billiards |
| 17. G. Adams ... | (q) Surgeon and G.P. |
| 18. The Lady Gay ... | (r) Cafe |
| 19. The M&M ... | (s) Post Office |
| 20. Boss ... | |
| 21. The Carpenter's ... | |

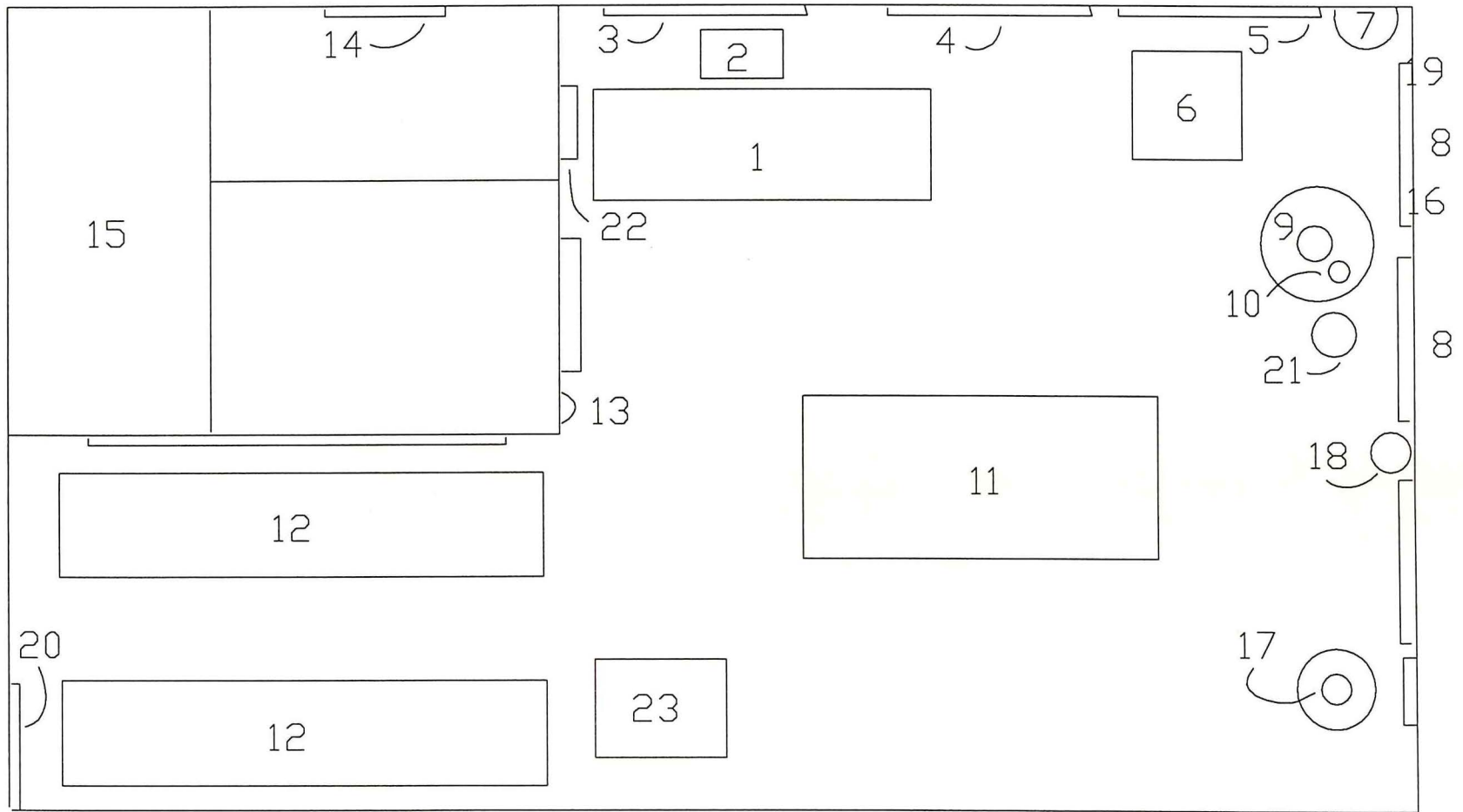
(1f (a barbershop),2a,3g,4a,5bdmr,6c,7i,8a,9e,10l,11m,12h,13j,14n,15h,16k,17q,18a,19o,20p,21r)

More Dodge City Businesses:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Apex ... | (a) Church. |
| 2. United States ... | (b) Saloon |
| 3. The First Baptist ... | (c) Freight Office |
| 4. The Trailblazer ... | (d) Marshal's Office |
| 5. The Texas Trail ... | (e) Cooperative |
| 6. El Dorado ... | (f) Railroad |
| 7. Tivoli ... | (g) Palace |
| 8. The Sante Fe ... | (h) Carriage and |
| 9. The Kansas North Platt ... | Wagon Works |
| 10. Walker's ... | (i) Attorney |
| 11 Ford Co. Cattleman's ... | (j) Asylum |
| 12. Heenan's ... | (k) Bank of Dodge |
| 13. Franklin Poore ... | (l) Land Office |
| 14. McGraw's ... | (m) Meats and Poultry |
| 15. T. Reese ... | (n) Dressmaker |
| 16. First Merchant ... | (o) Hardware & Supplies |
| 17. Prudence ... | (p) Tannery |
| 18. Ford County ... | |
| 19. Kansas ... | |
| 20. Jensen's ... | |
| 21. Foster's ... | |
| 22. Flamingo ... | |
| 23. Hubert's ... | |

(1c,2d,3a-there was also the First Church of Dodge ,4b,5b,6b,7b,11e,12c,13i,14 ,15n,16k,17n,18j-this was not really within Dodge City limits,19l,20o,21m,22b,23p)

Dillon's Office- match the items with the numbers.



- | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Matt's desk | f. Key rack | k. Coffee pot | p. Map | u. Front door |
| b. Bed | g. Hat post | l. Shaving Mirror | q. Bulliten board | v. File cabinate |
| c. Table | h. Jail | m. Pitcher | r. Safe | w. Gun rack |
| d. Chair | i. Front window | n. Back door | s. Lamp | |
| e. Jail Window | j. Stove | o. Side door | t. Water Bucket | |

(1a,2d,3p,4o,5q,6r,7s,8i,9j,10k,11c,12b,13f,14e,15h,16l,17m,18g,19u,20n,21t,22w,23v)

AWARDS:

(T/F) *Gunsmoke* won an Emmy its first year of television broadcast.
(false)

(T/F) James Arness won two Emmies for "Best continuing performance by an actor in a leading role in a dramatic or comedy series".
(false ... Arness has never won an Emmy.)

How many times did *Gunsmoke* win an Emmy for "Best dramatic series with continuing characters"?
(once in 1958 for 1957 at the 10th Annual Awards.)

Did Dennis Weaver ever win an Emmy for his portrayal of Chester on *Gunsmoke*?
(yes ... for "Best supporting actor in a dramatic series" at the 1958-59 awards.)

Did Ken Curtis ever win an Emmy for his portrayal of Festus on *Gunsmoke*?
(no)

Did Milburn Stone ever win an Emmy for his portrayal of Doc on *Gunsmoke*?
(yes ... for "Best supporting actor in a dramatic series" at the 1967-68 awards.)

Did Amanda Blake ever win an Emmy for her portrayal of Kitty on *Gunsmoke*?
(no)

Mike Pozen was awarded an Emmy for "Best editing of a film for television" for work he did on a 1957 *Gunsmoke*. The name of the award winning episode was "How to Kill ... (a) Time". (b) Your Best Friend". (c) a Woman". (d) a Killer". (e) Matt Dillon". (f) a Prairie Chicken".
(b ... a woman)

(T/F) *Gunsmoke* won two Emmies in the category of "Best western".
(false ... this was an Emmy category at one time, but was never won by *Gunsmoke*.)

(T/F) *Gunsmoke* has won more Emmies than any other weekly television series.
(false)

In 1983, the 54,107 members of the Screen Actor's Guild were asked to name their favorite television shows of all time. Did *Gunsmoke* make the top ten?
(yes ... it was number ten.)

The producer of *Gunsmoke's* earliest episodes, Charles Marquis Warren, also produced some of the episodes of *Rawhide*.
(true)

The author who penned the largest number of *Gunsmoke* scripts for both radio and television, John Meston, never wrote an hour long *Gunsmoke* script.
(false ... he didn't, however, write the scripts to any of the color episodes.)

PARODIES:

The following are the result of parodies of *Gunsmoke* in *Mad Magazine* and a classic episode of the television western *Maverick*. In the left column are people and places as they were called in *Gunsmoke*. In each case, three parody names are given. Specify the one that was *not* used in either *Mad Magazine* or *Maverick*:

column...	a	b	c
1. <i>Gunsmoke</i>	<i>Gunshy</i>	<i>Pistolsmoke</i>	<i>Gunsmoked</i>
2. Matt	Mort	Madd	Milk
3. Dillon	Dillpickle	Dooley	Dillinger
4. Kitty	Pussy	Kiddie	Amy
5. Doc	Doc Snucky	Doc Tock	Doc
6. Dodge City	Elwood	DeSoto City	Duck City
7. Chester	Chesnut	Chesterfield	Clyde Defendorf

(answers: X=*Maverick* and MM=*Mad Magazine*: 1b(X-a,MM-c); 2c(X-a,MM-c); 3a(X-b,MMc); 4a(X-c,MM-b); 5b(X-a,MM-c); 6c(X-a,MM-b); 6b(X-c,MM-a).)

(T/F) In the *Maverick* parody of *Gunsmoke*, James Garner played a parody of Quint Asper's character.

(false)

The *Mad Magazine* parody of *Gunsmoke* was published in the anthology (a) *The Brothers Mad*. (b) *Utterly Mad*. (c) *The Mad Reader*. (c) *The Organization Mad*.

(c ... *The Organization Mad*)

The *Mad Magazine* parody of *Gunsmoke* parodied the Long Branch Saloon as (a) The Last Straw Saloon. (b) The Short Branch Saloon. (c) The Long Twig Saloon.

(a ... the Last Straw)

In the *Mad Magazine* parody of *Gunsmoke*, what were used as grave stones in the Boot Hill cemetery?

(inverted boots)

The **Mad Magazine** parody of *Gunsmoke* had a psychopathic killer shooting Blacksmith Sam because he put what kind of shoes on his horse?

(blue suede)

Fill in the missing words in the Marshal's Boot Hill monologue in the **Mad Magazine** parody of *Gunsmoke*:

"This here is Boot Hill. Many men are buried here. Some 'cause they were good, some 'cause they were bad. But all because they were (a)_____ (one word) by George. My name's Madd Dillinger. I'm DeSoto City's U.S. Marshal. I'm responsible for puttin' most of these men here on Boot Hill. Yuh see, I'm also DeSoto City's (b)_____ _____ (two words). Every week, I come here t' Boot Hill, take off my hat, look down an remember a story from the old days in DeSoto City. I look down and remember the story 'cause I got (c)_____ _____ (two words) hid right here in my sweatband".

(a ... dead; b ... grave digger; c the script)

Johnny Carson parodied *Gunsmoke* on the *Tonight Show*. Which *Gunsmoke* character did Carson play?

(Matt)

BROADCAST HISTORY:

To within a year, when was the first episode of *Gunsmoke* aired on television?
(1955 on September 10th)

Who produced *Gunsmoke* both on television and radio?
(Norman MacDonnel)

What famous movie actor introduced the first television episode of *Gunsmoke*?
(John Wayne)

What famous actor was initially approached to play the part of Matt Dillon but declined because he didn't want to get tied down to the rigors of a weekly schedule?
(John Wayne)

Who were the only two *Gunsmoke* regulars to appear in both the first and the last seasons of *Gunsmoke*?
(Milburn Stone as Doc and, of course, James Arness as Matt)

To within one, how many years was *Gunsmoke* on network television?
(twenty)

To within one, what year was *Gunsmoke* expanded from a half to a full hour?
(1961)

Name three shows that ran longer than *Gunsmoke*.

(*Meet the Press* (started Nov. 20, 1947 and still going strong, *Search for Tomorrow* (Sept. 3, 1961 to present), *Love of Life* (Sept. 9, 1951 to present), *The Today Show* (Jan. 14, 1952 to present), *The Guiding Light* (June 30, 1952 to present), *The Ed Sullivan Show* (23 years), *The Tonight Show* (Sept. 27, 1954 to present), *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color* (22 and a half years), *Captain Kangaroo* (21 and a half years), *As the World Turns* (April 2, 1956 to present), *Edge of Night* (April 2, 1956 to the present), *Ted Mack and the Original Amerture Hour* (20 and a half years), *The Secret Storm* (20 and a half years) and *American Bandstand* (Oct. 7, 1957 to present). *Gunsmoke* ran for 20 years.

GUNSMOKE ON TV IN THE 50's



Arness as Dillon and Weaver as Chester



Milburn Stone as Doc



Arness, Amanda Blake as Kitty and Milburn Stone

Gunsmoke was cancelled in the late 60's but was reinstated by CBS's Board Chairman. This man, who regained executive power again at CBS in the 1980's, is named (a) William. S. Paley. (b) Gene Autry. (c) Grant Tinker. (d) Nevel S. Urick. (e) Steven Boncho.

(a ... Paley. His decision was based on an open Monday night slot and a like for the program.)

What *Gunsmoke* regular became part owner of the series?

(James Arness)

Of the main *Gunsmoke* characters, whom, in real life, died first?

(Milburn Stone)

(T/F) Ronald Reagan played a cattle baron on a 1956 *Gunsmoke* episode.

(false)

(T/F) *The Rifleman* was a spin-off of *Gunsmoke*.

(false)

In what year was the highest rated *Gunsmoke* episode aired?

(1960 on February 13th)

The highest rated *Gunsmoke* ever aired concerned (a) Chester's shifty Uncle Pheeters. (b) two cattle drives competing to get first to Dodge and a murdered swimming cow. (c) the blackmail of a Dodge City banker by a fat lazy cowboy. (d) Dillon's evil twin brother, Mort.

(b ... the swimming cow)

(T/F) In terms of yearly ranking, *Gunsmoke* is by far the most successful weekly prime time drama in the history of television.

(true)

Gunsmoke is the longest running and most successful of all westerns in the history of television. What western series was number two?

(*Bonanza*)

Gunsmoke was one of the first of an avalanche of television westerns. At the peak, how many prime time westerns were on the air: (a) 10. (b) 20. (c) 30.

(thirty)

(T/F) *Gunsmoke* trivia questions have appeared as prizes in boxes of Cracker Jacks.

(true)

(T/F) Stricter television censorship practices resulted in less violence on later *Gunsmokes*.

(true)

The show that drove *Gunsmoke* out of the top ten on Saturday nights and eventually resulted in its move to Monday nights was (a) *Saturday Night at the Movies*. (b) *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*. (c) *The Monkees*. (d) *Dirty Sally*.

(a ... *Saturday Night at the Movies*)

(T/F) Before the decision to move *Gunsmoke* to Monday nights, the show had been officially cancelled. Indeed, the cast had already held their farewell party.

(true ... the night after the party, CBS decided to continue the show.)

(T/F) *Gunsmoke* is the only prime time network television program to be resurrected after it was cancelled.

(false ... *Star Trek* and *Cagney and Lacey* are examples of two others.)

(T/F) Mike Dann, former vice president of marketing at CBS, says *Gunsmoke* had probably the best demographics in the history of television.

(false ... Dann said *Gunsmoke* had probably the worst demographics in television. Most viewers were older and outside the age limit normally targeted by advertisers. *Gunsmoke*'s audience, however, was so large that "who cared if they all wore dentures?")

After *Gunsmoke* was taken off the air in 1975, Jack Gould, who wrote for the *New York Times*, described *Gunsmoke* as follows: "It's very professional, workmanlike (and) (a) routine junk." (b) etched in the fabric of American entertainment". (c) every boy's dream". (d) entertaining".

(a ... routine junk)

In his book *CBS, Reflections in a Bloodshot Eye*, author Robert Metz says that, after two decades on television, *Gunsmoke* "inspires (a) disgust". (b) awe". (c) young cowboys". (d) CBS executives".

(b ... awe)

In an early episode of *Gunsmoke*, Doc shot a man in cold blood who refused to let Doc's buggy through to see a sick person. In another episode, Festus murders a man who raped his cousin. In yet another episode, a kindly ranch woman stabs the sickly man who killed her husband. What plot twist was used in each case so that the murderer didn't even have to stand trial let alone hang?(the man who was murdered turned out to have a dead-or-alive price on his head.)

(T/F) In the last season of *Gunsmoke*, the streets of Dodge City were paved.

(false)

Which of the following is not the name of a street in *Gunsmoke's* Dodge City: (a) Front. (b) Bridge. (c) River. (d) Kansa. (e) South.

(d ... Kansa. The Dodge Road was the main road out of town.)

To within twenty, how many television episodes of *Gunsmoke* are there?

(633)

Are there more hour or half hour episodes of *Gunsmoke*?

(400 hour episodes and 233 half hour episodes)

Gunsmoke's broadcast history can be divided into four eras: radio, televisions half hour episodes, televisions hour black and white episodes and the color hour episodes. Name one year in each of these eras.

(1952-61,1955-61,1961-65,1965-75)

(T/F) The black and white hour episodes lay doormat for over twenty years before they were first placed into syndication.

(true ... the Christian Broadcast Network picked up 32 of these episodes and began to broadcast them in 1986.)

When *Gunsmoke* was expanded to an hour, old half hour *Gunsmoke* shows were rebroadcast by CBS in prime time under what name?

(*Marshal Dillon*)

Did the ratings of the rebroadcast half hour shows ever make the top twenty most watched shows?

(yes. *Marshal Dillon* was rated #18 in the 61-62 season)

In 1985, *The Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN)* aired 39 never-before-syndicated *Gunsmoke* episodes. Why had these episodes not been seen since their original network airings in 1962-65?

(They were black and white hour episodes. Stations preferred the color hour episodes.)

(T/F) Ted Turner of Superstation WTBS has given top priority to colorization of old black and white *Gunsmoke* episodes.

(false)

(T/F) In the book *TV's Greatest Hits*, Tim Brooks and Earle Marsh rank *Gunsmoke* as most popular show in television history "by a wide margin".

(true)

(T/F) In many of the currently syndicated *Gunsmoke's*, violent scenes are censored.

(true)

A weekly series that spun off from *Gunsmoke* was (a) *Bonanza*. (b) *Branded*. (c) *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. (d) *Wanted: Dead or Alive*. (e) *Dirty Sally*

(*Dirty Sally* was initially a two part *Gunsmoke* episode. The short lived series, *Dirty Sally*, ran from January 11, 1974 through July 19th of the same year. Jeanette Nolan played Sally and Dack Rambo, of later *Dallas* and soap opera fame, played her young ex-gunfighter companion.)

Although there were shootings at other locations, most of the *Gunsmokes* were filmed at the *CBS Studio Center* in (a) Oklahoma. (b) Kansas. (c) California. (d) New York.

(c ... California)

THE MEN AND WOMAN OF GUNSMOKE

To within three, how many seasons did each of the following regulars appear on *Gunsmoke*:

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) James Arness | (j) Milburn Stone |
| (b) Amanda Blake | (k) Dennis Weaver |
| (c) Ken Curtis | (l) Burt Reynolds |
| (d) Glenn Strange | (m) Roger Ewing |
| (e) Buck Taylor | (n) Dabbs Greer |
| (f) Hank Patterson | (o) Sarah Selby |
| (g) Roy Roberts | (p) Ted Jordan |
| (h) Woody Chamblis | (q) Charles Wagenheim |
| (i) Fran Ryan | |

(answers: a20, b19, c11, d12, e8, f18, g10, h9, i1, j20, k9, l3, m2, n5, o13, p11, q8)

Match the actors in the previous question with the roles they played:

- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| (A) Doc | (J) Mr. Jonus |
| (B) Kitty | (K) Chester |
| (C) Festus | (L) Quint |
| (D) Newly | (M) Nathan Burke |
| (E) Thad | (N) Sam |
| (F) Halligan | (O) Miss Hannah |
| (G) Hank | (P) Lathrope |
| (H) Matt | |

(answers: Aj, Bb, Cc, De, Em, Fq, Gf, Ha, Jn, Kk, Ll, Mp, Oi, Ph)

Of the *Gunsmoke* characters of Matt, Chester, Festus, Newly, Kitty and Doc, all but one was right handed. Which one was left handed?

(Buck Taylor as Newly was left handed)

STARRING JAMES ARNESS AS MATT DILLON

Was the character of Matt Dillon fictional?

(yes)

Did Dillon ever shoot anyone down in cold blood?

(yes ... only in the early episodes and then only when there was no other option)

Did Dillon ever tell a lie?

(Yes. many times. He even lied about his age to get his first deputy's job.)

How does Dillon like his steak cooked?

(rare of course)

Where did Dillon sleep when in Dodge City.

(On a cot in the Marshal's Office. So did Chester.)

Did anyone ever outdraw Dillon in a fair fight?

(yes, quite a few times...even on the first television episode)

In early episodes of *Gunsmoke*, to what remote place did Dillon go to think, reflect and ponder?

(Boot Hill, Dodge City's cemetery)

The early episodes of *Gunsmoke* begin with Dillon on a Dodge City street in a showdown with a bad man. Who fires first?

(The bad man)

(T/F) A church is visible behind this bad man Dillon shot every week.

(true)

(T/F) The man Dillon shoots in the opening scenes of early *Gunsmokes* was never identified.

(true)

The only *Gunsmoke* introduction not showing Dillon in a showdown shows him riding on a running horse. Where is he in such a hurry to get to?

(This scene is taken from a *Gunsmoke* two-part episode entitled *Nitro*. Dillon is riding to save actor David Canary from blowing himself up while extracting nitro from dynamite. He doesn't make it by the way. Canary played ranch hand Candy on *Bonanza* for a number of years and, interestingly, claims to be descended from the old west's Calamity Jane whose real name was Martha Jane Canary.)

Gunsmoke half hour black and white episodes were aired over CBS and are currently syndicated under the name *Marshal Dillon*. Are the same introductions used as were used for the original episodes?

(no... Dillon is in a show down, but it's different than the ones used on *Gunsmoke*. For one thing, we see Dillon first from the front. Different theme music is also used.)

When Matt captured a wanted outlaw, what percentage of the reward was he given?

(zero)

Dillon was a United States Marshal. Was this position elected or appointed?

(appointed)

The agency for which Dillon worked was (a) the United States Department of Justice. (b) the Governor for the state of Kansas. (c) The United States War Department. (d) The Attorney General's Office. (e) The Post Office. (f) The Department of Education. (c, the U.S. War Dept.)

(T/F) Dillon did not have jurisdiction over Indian affairs.

(true...this was the responsibility of the Army)

How many notches has Matt Dillon carved in his gun?

(one...as a reminder that he killed a friend)

Dillon's favorite phrase to yell at fleeing bad guys was (a) "Stop in the name of the law".

(b) "Hold it". (c) "Give it up". (d) "Please stop running".

(b ... "Hold it".)

When making a point, Dillon commonly prefaced his statement with the phrase (a) "Mark my words". (b) "Listen to me". (c) "You can count on this". (d) "I'm going to make a point here".

(b ... listen to me)

(T/F) Dillon wore a two-gun holster.

(false)

Did Dillon know by heart the official oath to be taken by those he swore in as Deputy United States Marshals?

(yes)

Match the following *GunsSmoke* characters to what they called Dillon:

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| (1) Chester | (a) Matt |
| (2) Festus | (b) Marshall |
| (3) Newly | (c) Mr. Dillon |
| (4) Kitty | (d) Matthew |
| (5) Doc | |

(answers: 1c, 2d, 3b, 4a, 5a)

Kitty's nick name for Dillon was (a) pizza man. (b) cowboy. (c) stud. (d) Nick.

(b ... cowboy)

Did Dillon ever dance with Kitty?

(yes)

Did Dillon ever say "I need you Kitty."

(yes)

Before Dillon, the Marshal in Dodge City was (a) Hack Prine. (b) Tom Remington. (c) Wyatt Earp. (d) Joshua Stryker. (e) John Meston.

(d, Stryker)

(T/F) The marshal of Dodge City before Dillon was sentenced to Kansas State Prison because he shot a man. Dillon's eyewitness testimony of the shooting was responsible for the conviction.

(true)

(T/F) As a young man, Dillon helped clean up Larado with the help of Chauncy Deman and Billy Carter.

(true)

Dillon once received a wire from the President of the United States in regard to the safe passage of an Indian Chief and his party to Washington. Who was the President?

(Grant)

Did Dillon always get his man?

(no...usually but not always)

(T/F) Dillon kissed Mike.

(true ... played by Micheal Learned who later became Ma on *The Waltons*.)

Did Dillon ever kill a friend on purpose?

(yes...when they resisted arrest. one old friend was even hired to kill Dillon. Matt got him first)

(T/F) The folk-rock legend, Bob Dylan, whose real name is Bob Zimmerman, took his name from *Gunsmoke's* lead character in the late 50's.

(false...he took his name from the poet Dylan Thomas)

Did Dillon ever wear a black hat?

(yes...a few times on the early episodes)

Does Dillon shoot pool?

(yes)

Did Dillon ever resign as Marshal?

(yes...and more than once)

(T/F) It was James Arness as Matt Dillon rather than Clint Eastwood as Dirty Harry who first muttered the phrase "Make my day".

(false)

Does Dillon ever use a posse?

(yes...although he has stated that they sometimes get in the way)

Did Dillon ever get shot?
(yes ... a number of times)

(T/F) The character of Matt Dillon was similar to that of the real life character of Wyatt Earp in the sense that both were Marshals of Dodge City, Kansas.
(true)

Did Dillon ever shoot anyone with other than a six gun?
(yes...a rifle for example)

Did Dillon ever stab anyone with other than a knife?
(yes...a pitchfork for example)

Was Dillon ever a deputy U.S. Marshal?
(yes...to Marshal Mark Handlin, Marshal Josh Stryker and to Adam Kimbro. He was a deputy Marshal in Dodge, Hays City and San Antonio. Later, Kimbro was Dillon's deputy. He died with his badge on.)

Was Dillon ever a full time sheriff?
(yes)

In what sport did Dillon participate during his time in the army?
(prizefighting)

Dillon once fought the former heavyweight bare knuckle boxing champion of the world. Did Dillon win?
(yes)

For the first decade of its airing, the first part of Dillon's anatomy to appear on the television screen each week was his (a) face. (b) head. (c) rear end. (d) feet. (e) back.
(c, the right cheek of his rear end)

As a youth, Dillon cowboied for (a) the 3-Bar. (b) the Double- Cross. (c) the Skewed S. (d) the Lazy S.
(a ... the 3-Bar)

Does Dillon know Morse code?
(no)

Could Dillon communicate to the Sioux Indians in their own language?

(yes)

Could Dillon communicate to the Cheyenne Indians in their own language?

(yes)

Could Dillon communicate to the Commanchie Indians in their own language?

(yes)

Could Dillon communicate to the Cleveland Indians in their own language?

(no ... baseball was not yet popular.)

(T/F) In order to always have the edge in a gun fight, Dillon is always careful to wear coats that do not cover his holster.

(false)

(T/F) Dillon only drank beer because whisky slowed down his draw.

(false)

(T/F) For purposes of costume continuity, Dillon always wore the same salmon colored shirt and off white Levis.

(false ... usually but not always. The mostly continuing wardrobe of a yellow buck skin vest, light tan Levis and a tan hat were used to minimize wardrobe continuity problems from shoot to shoot.)

Where did Dillon shave?

(in his office)

Did Arness ever appear in an episode of *Gunsmoke* naked from the waist up?

(no ... he was always covered by a shirt or blanket)

Did Dillon ever wear pajamas?

(yes ... he was shown wearing them in a show. More typically, Dillon was shown sleeping in his clothes or long johns.)

What are the fewest words ever spoken by Dillon in an episode of *Gunsmoke*?

(one ... at the end of the show he queried "Festus?")

(T/F) Possibly motivated by *The Fugitive* television series, Dillon was known to use the alias Matt Kimble.

(true)

What does Dillon do when he crosses over the border to Mexico?

(takes off his badge)

James Arness

To within three years, when was James Arness born?

(1923)

Arness was the only regular cast member on *Gunsmoke* to have been born in the same state that *Gunsmoke* was centered.

(false ... he was born in Minneapolis, Minn.)

Was *Gunsmoke* James Arness' first western?

(no)

After *Gunsmoke* was on the air for a few years, Arness was given the executive title of (a) property master. (b) grip operator. (c) executive producer. (d) associate director. (e) talent consultant.

(d, associate director)

Prior to *Gunsmoke*, James Arness played the title character in the original version of a classic monster movie. What was this movie's name?

(*The Thing*)

(T/F) Arness also played the title role in the remake of this monster movie.

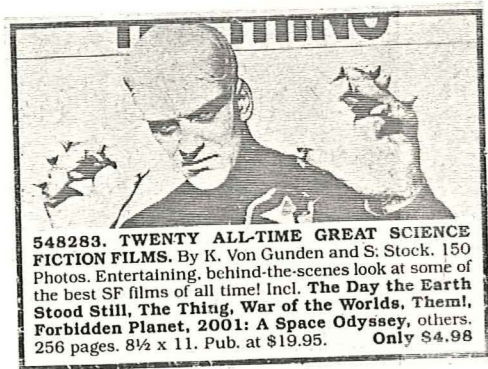
(false)

Arness was in a 1954 monster movie whose title was a pronoun. What was the movie?

(*Them!*)

...and another one bites the dust,

James
Arness



Arness as *The Thing*

James Arness' first role in a television anthology series was in an episode entitled *The Chase* on (a) *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*. (b) *The Twilight Zone*. (c) *The Loretta Young Show*. (d) *Lux Video Theater*. (e) *One Step Beyond*.

(d, *Lux Video Theater*)

(T/F) Peter Graves, star of the television series *Mission Impossible* and the movie *Airplane* is James Arness' brother.

(true)

(T/F) Prior to *Gunsmoke*, Arness had established himself as a major Hollywood personality.

(false)

(T/F) One of the reasons that Arness was chosen for the lead in *Gunsmoke* was because he bore a resemblance to John Wayne.

(true)

Arguably the best director of the movie western was John Ford. Did Arness ever work in a western under Ford's direction?

(yes ... *Wagonmaster* in 1950)

Did Arness ever act in a motion picture that won an academy award?

(yes ... Arness was in *The Farmer's Daughter* in 1947 which won a best actress oscar for Loretta Young.)

(T/F) John Wayne recommended Arness for the lead role in *Gunsmoke*.

(true)

(T/F) James Arness once worked for John Wayne's production company.

(true)

(T/F) At the time he signed to star in *Gunsmoke*, James Arness' agent was (a) Bill Fring.

(b) William Conrad. (c) Conrad Williams. (d) Al Biggs. (e) Kurt Frings.

(e, Frings)

(T/F) Arness' agent when he signed to do *Gunsmoke* also has represented Liz Taylor.

(true)

(T/F) The night before he was scheduled to show for wardrobe fittings for the *Gunsmoke* series, CBS was told that Arness had changed his mind and wouldn't be working in the series.

(true... but William Dozier, who was then west coast director of programming for CBS, called Arness and eventually persuaded him to accept the television role of Matt Dillon).

(T/F) In 1976, James Arness made Mr. Blackwell's list of America's ten worst dressed men.

(false)

Arness starred in the 1956 film *The Traveling Saleslady* with (a) Clint Eastwood. (b) Ginger Rogers. (c) Carol Channing. (d) All of the above.

(d...all of the above)

Did James Arness ever appear in a motion picture with John Wayne?

(yes...*Big Jim McClain*)

(T/F) Arness appeared in an episode of *The Lone Ranger* in 1950.

(true)

The first product James Arness endorsed for compensation was (a) life insurance. (b) dog food. (c) a soft drink. (d) cigarettes. (e) chewing tobacco. (f) beer.

(a, life insurance)

In what decade was Arness' first commercial product endorsement made?

(the '80's)

To within three inches, how tall is Arness?

(6' 6")

After *Gunsmoke*, Arness starred in the television western (a) *How the West Was Won*. (b) *The Virginian*. (c) *Alias Smith and Jones*. (d) *The Campbells*. (e) *Six Shooter*.

(a, *How the West Was Won*)

This series was later extended into a series entitled *The Macahans*. In this series, Arness played the character of (a) Matt Macahan, ex U.S. Marshall. (b) Buzz Macahan, aged Sheriff of Elkader Kansas. (c) Zeb Macahan, ex- Calvary scout. (d) Frank Macahan, farmer and rancher.

(c ... Zeb the scout)

(T/F) Arness is one of the few Hollywood types who has been happily married to the same woman for over thirty years.

(false ... he became divorced from his wife in 1963.)

(T/F) Schedules of later *Gunsmokes* were arranged so that Arness only had to work an average of three days a week.

(true - but Arness appeared in every *Gunsmoke* episode.)

(T/F) James Arness' brother starred in a short lived syndicated television western set in Australia.

(true ... *Whiplash* in 1961)

(T/F) When Arness tired of his ranch and couldn't sell it, CBS took it off his hands.

(true)

Arness has a pronounced limp that has worsened over time. The cause of the limp is (a) a horse fell on his leg during the shooting of an 1959 episode of *Gunsmoke*. (b) a machine gun wound aquired at Anzio in World War II. (c) a genetic defect.

(b ... machine gun wound. The limp was so pronounced during the filming of *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*, that a double was hired to walk for Arness in many scenes. Shooting was done from the back.)

(T/F) In the early '70's, Arness developed a phobia about being seen while he ate. His *Gunsmoke* contract stated explicitly that he was not to be filmed while eating.

(totally false)

(T/F) James Arness' favorite food is shrimp pizza.

(false)

To within three million, what was James Arness' estimated net worth when *Gunsmoke* went off the air in 1975?

(20 million)

What is James Arness' nationality?

(Swedish)

To within three, in what year did Arness pick up his first part in a film?

(1943)

(T/F) The antics of Arness at media events are legendary.

(false ... Arness says "Aloneness is absolutely essential to my life. I can't see how people don't need it occasionally. I feel a need for it regularly". Arness had a reputation as a recluse.)

(T/F) Arness has no children.

(false ... sadly, his daughter committed suicide in 1975.)

In 1987, Arness starred as Jim Bowie in a television movie remake of what famous John Wayne film?

(*The Alamo: Thirteen Days to Glory.*)

The television remake of the John Wayne film received good reviews and finished the week in the top twenty of most watched television programs.

(false ... *USA Today* called the movie "hokey". The movie tied for number 32 out of a field of 66 in the Nielson ratings for the week of Jan. 26, 1987.)

(T/F) After doing one remake of a John Wayne film, Arness swore he would not do another.

(false ... Arness starred in the made for TV movie *Red River*, originally a 1948 Wayne film. The film first aired on April 10th 1988 amid poor reviews. **TV Guide** called it a "pale original" although "James Arness is capable enough" in the Duke's original role of Tom Dunson.)

WITH MILBURN STONE AS DOC

What is Doc's last name?

(Adams)

What is Doc's first name?

(Galen. He was named after Dr. Claudius Galen who lived around 1200 B.C.)

(T/F) Besides Dillon, Doc was the only regular character to appear both in the first and last seasons of *Gunsmoke*.

(true)

Did Doc perform medical surgery?

(yes...digging out bullets for example)

What did Doc use for anesthesia?

(whisky)

Did Doc have a veterinary practice?

(yes...he was not above doctoring animals)

Did Doc chew tobacco?

(no)

Besides a watch and a bob, what did Doc normally wear between his chin and his waist that neither Matt, Chester, Festus nor Kitty wore?

(a tie)

(T/F) Doc's normally dressed in a suited vest.

(true)

On what side did Doc fight during the Civil War?

(Union...in the 3rd Illinois Calvary)

(T/F) In the 1820's, Doc worked for the Hudson Bay Trapping Co.

(true)

Which of Doc's senses was clearly weaker than any other of *Gunsmoke's* main male characters?

(his eyes...he wore glasses. Kitty later needed reading glasses)

When facing each other, Doc and Matt stood nose to (a) navel. (b) shoulder. (c) chin. (d) mouth. (e) nose.

(b ... shoulder)

How does Doc get his pills?

(he makes them)

Doc lives upstairs. To within two, how many stairs must he climb to get there?

(thirteen...the same number for a hanging gallows)

Doc's eyes are (a) barnyard brown. (b) steel blue. (c) olive. (d) normally bloodshot. (e) green.

(b for blue)

What book did Doc always carry in his little black bag?

(*The Bible*)

(T/F) Doc was once addicted to opium.

(false)

How many horizontal wrinkles does Doc have on his forehead?

(the same as Milburn Stone ... three)

What did Doc have on the lower part of his face that neither Matt, Chester or Newly chose to have?

(a moustache)

Doc continually teased Matt about (a) his easy job as Marshal. (b) his height. (c) his sickly horse. (d) his slow draw.

(a ... his easy job)

The name of Doc's horse was (a) Mr. Ed. (b) Marshal. (c) Popcorn. (d) Festus.

(c ... Popcorn)

(T/F) Doc's medical schooling was paid for by his wealthy parents.
(false ... he was put through with the private money of another doctor: Dr. E. Hudkins.)

To within one year, how long did it take Doc to go through medical school?
(eight years)

When Milburn Stone had health problems, how was his absence on *Gunsmoke* explained?
(He went back east to Baltimore for further schooling. He was replaced in Dodge by a Dr. Chapman played by veteran actor Pat Hingle.)

A common *Gunsmoke* scene: Doc and Dillon kneel over a dying man. The man dies. Doc checks his pulse. How does he tell Dillon that the man is dead?
(he looks at him and shakes his head slowly.)

Milburn Stone

(T/F) *Gunsmoke* was set in Dodge City Kansas. Milburn Stone was the only regular in *Gunsmoke* to have been born in the state of Kansas.
(true)

(T/F) Milburn Stone's favorite food is shrimp pizza.
(false)

(T/F) Milburn Stone was born in the nineteenth century.
(false ... 1904)

(T/F) Milburn Stone was absent from the *Gunsmoke* set during the balance of a season due to a bout with colon cancer.
(false...it was a heart attack)

After *Gunsmoke* ended, Milburn Stone retired to his ranch in Sante Fe and (a) farmed. (b) raised livestock. (c) wrote his autobiography. (d) became a vegetable.
(a ... raised livestock.)

(T/F) Milburn Stone passed away the day twenty five years after *Gunsmoke* premiered on television.

(false ... he died on June 12, 1980. *Gunsmoke* premiered on September 10, 1955.)

(T/F) Milburn Stone has appeared in movies with Roy Rogers.

(true ... in the 1940 film *Colorado*)

AMANDA BLAKE AS KITTY

What was Kitty's last name?

(Russell)

Kitty was a nick name that was short for what?

(Kathlene)

What was the name of the saloon in which Kitty worked?

(The Long Branch)

Was Kitty the owner of the saloon in which she worked?

(yes)

(T/F) Carrying parasols was fashionable. On the boardwalk, Kitty often did.

(true)

What does Kitty have on her right cheek that most humans don't?

(a mole)

Match the manner in which some of *GunsSmoke's* main characters addressed Kitty:

- | | |
|-------------|------------------|
| (1) Matt | (a) Miss Kitty |
| (2) Doc | (b) Kitty |
| (3) Chester | (c) Miss Russell |
| (4) Festus | |

(1b,2b,3a,4a)

Did Kitty wear earrings?

(yes)

Did Kitty use glasses to read?

(yes)

(T/F) Kitty is a master card cheat.

(true...but she only uses her skill for good causes of course)



Amanda Blake receives the American Cancer Society's Courage Award, presented by Ronald Reagan (March 1984).

Kitty was raised in (a) St. Louis. (b) New Orleans. (c) New York. (d) Springfield Ill.
(e) Topeka, Kansas.
(b, New Orleans)

(T/F) Kitty was named after her mother's favorite cat.
(false)

(T/F) Kitty's mother died when she was a little girl.
(true ... she was raised by a lady named Panacea Sikes.)

What color are Kitty's eyes?
(The same as Amanda Blake's ... blue)

Was Kitty a citizen of the United States?
(yes)

Kitty first met Matt in what type of business establishment?
(a cafe)

Kitty described her relationship with Matt as (a) "Plutonic". (b) "the longest nonpermanent relationship in history". (c) "astorically acceptable". (d) "like eating peanuts without salt".
(b)

Kitty was the owner of the Long Branch saloon. When she first came to Dodge, how much money did she have? (a) \$40. (b) \$1000. (c) \$5000. (d) \$25,231.15.
(a ... \$40)

When she first came to Dodge, why did Kitty choose to stay?
(Infatuation with Dillon)

Amanda Blake

Who was older, Amanda Blake or James Arness?

(Arness ... born in 1925. Blake was born in Buffalo New York on February 20, 1927.)

Prior to *Gunsmoke*, Amanda Blake played characters in which two of the following anthology series: (a) *Tea Time Theater of Hollywood Stars*. (b) *The Twilight Zone*. (c) *The Pepsi Cola Hour*. (d) *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*. (e) *Schlitz Playhouse of Stars*. (f) *The Loretta Young Show*.

(d and e)

In 1976, only a few years after she quit *Gunsmoke*, Amanda Blake was diagnosed as having mouth cancer. The diagnosis prompted her to give up cigarettes. Prior to that, how many packs of cigarettes did she smoke per day?

(two)

For her successful bout with cancer, Amanda Blake was awarded the American Cancer Society's Courage Award in March of 1983. Who was the famous actor who presented her with the award.

(Ronald Reagan)

In her acceptance speech for the Cancer Society's award, Amanda Blake said "To me, the big C doesn't stand for cancer. It stands for (what?)"

(cure)

(T/F) Amanda Blake's husband sued her for divorce in April 1985 and died in May of the same year.

(true)

Micheal Learned, the mom in *The Waltons*, is Amanda Blake's sister.

(false)

(T/F) According to Amanda Blake, the social interaction among the *Gunsmoke* caste stopped when the show did.

(false ... Blake said in 1987 "I see Jim about once a year and Dennis and Buck. We keep track of one another".)

Amanda Blake's hobby is (a) eating. (b) jogging. (c) caring for animals. (d) watching old *Gunsmoke* reruns.

(c ... caring for animals)

(T/F) Amanda Blake's favorite food is shrimp pizza.

(false)

Was Amanda Blake a brunette, blonde or red head?

(red head)

Since 1964, Amanda Blake has played no other acting role other than Kitty.

(false)

(T/F) As a result of *Gunsmoke*, *Return to Dodge*, Amanda Blake's acting career was rejuvenated after over a decade of near obscurity.

(false ... **The National Enquirer** reported in 1988 that Blake was broke, living in a rented house in Woodland Hills, CA and earning money by appearing at supermarket openings.)

DENNIS WEAVER AS CHESTER

What is Chester's last name?

(Goode)

(T/F) Chester was Dillon's deputy.

(false ... he was never deputized)

Which of Chester's legs was stiff?

(the right one)

Did Chester ever go to church on Sundays?

(yes)

Does Chester know Morse code?

(no)

Where did Chester sleep when he was in Dodge City?

(In a cot in the Marshal's Office. So did Dillon.)

Did Chester carry a gun?

(not generally)

(T/F) Chester was known for shooting himself in the foot.

(false)

Chester had a hard time sleeping after the sun came up because his feet began to do what?

(sweat)

(T/F) One of Chester's chores was to wash the pillow cases used in the jail.

(false...they didn't use pillow cases)

In response to the grumps, to what *Gunsmoke* regular did Chester mutter the phrase "What's the matter? Somebody pull you through a knothole?"(Doc)

The following song was sung by Chester in part or in whole on a number of *Gunsmoke* episodes. What is the missing word that goes in the blank:

Run _____ run, the dog's gonna get you.

Run _____ run, you gotta get away.

Run _____ run, the dog's gonna get you.

Run _____ run, you gotta get away.

The _____ ran.

The _____ flew.

The _____ tore its tail in two.

(rabbit)

Here's another ditty that Chester occasionally sang. What are the two missing rhyming words:

You can look all over Kansas.

In every Kansas _____.

You'll not find another pair

Like her eyes of _____.

(town and brown)

When Dennis Weaver left *Gunsmoke*, he was replaced by Festus. Did Chester and Festus ever appear in the same episode of *Gunsmoke*?

(yes...and both got star billing in the credits)

Which two of the following musical instruments did Chester play on *Gunsmoke*: (a) banjo. (b) guitar. (c) harmonica. (d) trombone. (e) bugle. (f) tissue-paper-on-a-comb.

(b ... guitar and f, the comb)

(T/F) One of Chester's hobbies was knitting.

(false)

Did Chester regularly wear a gun?

(no)

What did Chester wear over his shirt that neither Matt, Newly or Festus wore and why did he wear them?

(suspenders to keep his pants up)

One of Chester's favorite toys was a three foot long piece of rope with a knot in the end. What trick did he do with it?

(He would hold the unknotted end in one hand and let the knot dangle. Then, with a quick upward jerk of his hand, the knotted end would jump up. Chester would guide its fall so that the rope tied itself into a loop knot.)

Did Dennis Weaver use a brace to keek his leg stiff?

(no)

Doc teased Chester about (a) his stiff leg. (b) his fat brother, Mangus. (c) the lousy coffee that Chester made. (d) all of the above.

(c ... the lousy coffee)

(T/F) Chester's brother owned a livery store in Waco, Texas.

(false ... Chester's brother hated cities.)

What was Chester's middle initial?

(Chester *B.* Goode... not unlike the Chuck Berry hit, *Johnny B. Good.*)

(T/F) Chester appeared on *Gunsmoke* before Dillon did.

(true ... on the first *Gunsmoke* episode aired in 1955, Chester appears on the screen before Dillon does. The other main characters appear in the following order: Matt, Kitty, Doc and Howie, the clerk at the Dodge House. The first dramatic actor to appear on *Gunsmoke* was Paul Richards.)

Dennis Weaver

To within three inches, how tall is Dennis Weaver?

(6' 2 1/2")

(T/F) Weaver is a vegetarian.

(true)

(T/F) Like Ronald Reagan, Dennis Weaver is a past President of the Screen Actor's Guild.

(true)

To within three, what year was Dennis Weaver born?

(1925)

The first three letters of the name of the state where Dennis Weaver was born are Miss. In what state was he born?

(Joplin, Missouri)

Dennis Weaver starred in what famous director's first television film?

(Steven Spielberg)

The name of this thriller about a man being pursued by a rusted psychotic eighteen wheeler was titled (a) *Duel*. (b) *If*. (c) *Showdown*. (d) *Convoy Blues*. (e) *A Can of Worms*.

(a, *Duel*)

Weaver played what type of drug addict in a 1983 made-for-TV movie.

(*Cocaine: One Man's Seduction* was the title.)

(T/F) Weaver played the title role in the 1980 movie *The Ordeal of Doctor Mudd*. The movie concerned one of the ancestor of television newsman and commentator, Roger Mudd.

(true ... the Dr. Mudd that assisted John Wilkes Booth after Booth shot Lincoln. Roger Mudd spent much time in clearing his ancestor's name nearly one hundred years after the assassination.)

Did Dennis Weaver ever direct an episode of *Gunsmoke*?

(yes)

Did Dennis Weaver ever star in an episode of the *Twilight Zone*?

(yes)

(T/F) Dennis Weaver appeared in the first *Godzilla* movie.

(false)

(T/F) Dennis Weaver appeared prior to *Gunsmoke* in a color *Dragnet* movie.

(true)

Name two of the four television series in which Dennis Weaver played the title role.

(*McCloud*, *Stone*, *Kentucky Jones* and *Buck James*)

Name one of the four television series in which Dennis Weaver starred which were not named after the character he played.

(*Gentle Ben*, *Emerald Point NAS*, the mini series *Centennial* and, of course, *Gunsmoke*)

(T/F) Dennis Weaver's series *Gentle Ben*, which ran for two years, premiered 12 years to the day from *Gunsmoke's* premier.

(true)

(T/F) On *Gentle Ben*, Weaver played a character similar to that he played on *Gunsmoke*: the assistant of a game warden in the everglades.

(false ... Weaver was the game warden)

Gentle Ben was (a) a game warden. (b) a lovable old man. (c) a gorilla. (d) a bear. (e) an animal trainer. (f) a humane private investigator.

(d ... a bear played in the series by Bruno the Bear)

(T/F) In order to capitalize on the popularity of *Gunsmoke*, the character Dennis Weaver played on *Gentle Ben* also had the first name of Chester.

(false ... his character's name was Mark Wedloe)

Dennis Weaver left *Gunsmoke* to play a veterinarian in what television series?

(*Kentucky Jones* ... it ran for one season)

(T/F) When Weaver left *Gunsmoke*, his character was never mentioned again.
(false)

(T/F) In the series for which he left *Gunsmoke*, Dennis Weaver played a widower with a son named Dwight Eisenhower.
(true ... his Chinese adopted son's full name was Dwight Eisenhower (Ike) Wong.)

(T/F) In order to woo *Gunsmoke* fans, this series ran opposite of *Gunsmoke* on Saturday nights.
(False... both ran on Saturday nights. *Jones*, however, began at 8:30 and *Gunsmoke* at 10:00).

(T/F) After he left *Gunsmoke*, Weaver's agent contacted the series and asked if he could come back as a guest star.
(according to *Gunsmoke* producer John Mantley...true. Weaver's spokesman declined to comment.)

In what series did Dennis Weaver star as a detective with his real life son, Bobby?
(*Stone*)

On what short lived prime time soap did Dennis Weaver play a Rear Admiral named Thomas Mallery?
(*Emerald Point NAS*, which ran for five and one half months.)

(T/F) Dennis Weaver has played the guitar and sang on *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*.
(true ... in the fall of 1987))

(T/F) Thirty one years from the premier of *Gunsmoke*, to the day, Dennis Weaver was awarded a star on Hollywood's walk of fame.
(true)

(T/F) Dennis Weaver shunned his Chester character. Indeed, since he has left the series, Weaver has refused to recreate the character in public.
(false ... During the ceremony for his star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, for example, after a prolonged kiss from Amanda Blake, Weaver broke into his Chester character and blurted "Now I know what you mean Mr. Dillon!")

In the movie *The Great Man's Whiskers*, Weaver played what famous nineteenth century American politician.

(Abraham Lincoln)

Weaver played the lead in the television series *McCloud*. What was McCloud's first name?

(Sam)

Dennis Weaver's character in *Buck James* was modeled after the real life Texas surgeon (a) Archie "Doc" LaPudd. (b) James "Red" Duke. (c) Bert "the Burp" Lumberger. (d) John "Flusher" Bottoms. (e) Hector "Gulp" Gleason.

(b ... Duke. They are said to have a striking resemblance.)

(T/F) Since Weaver chose to leave *Gunsmoke*, he not exchanged a single word with James Arness.

(false ... Weaver considers Arness as his buddy. Arness says that Weaver's "complex, multifaceted personality" makes him a versatile actor.)

(T/F) Mike Farrell, who played B.J. Honeycutt in *M*A*S*H*, has had a feud with Weaver since they worked on the 1986 made-for-TV movie *Pearls Before Swine*.

(false ... Farrell says in *TV Guide* that "(Weaver's) so easy to work with ... For some reason, whenever you are with him you are always laughing". *Pearls Before Swine* is not a movie.)

(T/F) With *Rhoda's* Valarie Harper, Dennis Weaver founded the charitable organization *Love is Feeding Everyone (LIFE)*.

(true ... Harper claims he has stood in the rain throwing sacks of potatoes into the cars of poor people.)

In 1987, Weaver made a television film *Bluffing It* where he played a factory foreman. In the role, what was Weaver bluffing ?

(Reading and writing. He played a functional illiterate.)

What role did Dennis Weaver take upon the death of John Wayne? (a) *Rooster Cogburn*. (b) *Big Jim McClain* (c) the spokesman for the Great Western Bank.

(c ... The bank found that Weaver was ranked more believable by Americans than was Dinah Shore or Betty White who were both making commercials for the competition.)

To within 5 years, how old was Weaver when he claims he first wanted to be an actor?
 (3 ... at a church Christmas show in Missouri. He recited "Little Jack Horner", blew his lines but enjoyed the resulting applause.)

(T/F) Weaver was sickly when he was a young man.
 (false ... he was runner-up for the 1948 Olympic track team.)

(T/F) Weaver was poor as a boy.
 (true ... his childhood was during the depression. His family even resorted to migrant fruit-pickers.)

Match the following name to their relationship to Dennis Weaver:

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|-----------|------------|
| (1) Rusty | (a) mother |
| (2) Gerry | (b) wife |
| (3) Lenna | (c) son |

(1c,2b,3a)

(T/F) Weaver was a jitterbug champion in junior college.
 (true ... with his wife Gerry.)

(T/F) Dennis Weaver's favorite food is shrimp pizza.
 (false)

(T/F) Weaver said "Television game shows are mind candy. Not only do I refuse to appear on them, I refuse to watch them".
 (false ... Weaver has appeared on game shows including Peter Marshall's *Blitz*.)

Dennis Weaver is a member of what church? (a) Southern Baptist. (b) Methodist. (c) Assembly of God. (d) the Self-Realization Fellowship.
 (d ... the Self Realization Fellowship; a cult who claims to take their teachings from Krishna, Christ, Abraham, Mohammed and Zoroaster.)

KEN CURTIS AS FESTUS

(T/F) Chester and Festus were cousins.

(false ... but Festus does have a second cousin once removed named Catfish.)

Spell Festus' last name.

(Haggin ... it's misspelled in most television anthologies)

Festus had a male twin brother named (a) Bob. (b) Harry. (c) Hack. (d) Fester. (e) Howard. (f) Fergen. (g) Maude.

(f for Fergen. Festus did have a male cousin named Maude)

Did Festus' twin ever appear on an episode of *Gunsmoke*?

(no ... he was dead a few months before Festus ever met Matt.)

(T/F) When Festus was born, his Uncle Felgren shot himself in the foot.

(true)

Did Festus know when he was born?

(no)

(T/F) Festus was named after a person in the Bible.

(true ... a judge named in the Book of Acts.)

Where did Festus live?

(In a small room in the stable)

Was Festus ever married?

(no)

Festus met Matt Dillon while both were tracking Festus' Uncle (a) Bobby the Kid Haggin. (b) Ringo Haggin. (c) Jesse James Haggin. (d) Hack Haggin. (e) Howard Haggin. (f) Black Jack Haggin.

(f, Black Jack Haggin)

Festus' uncle, played by veteran actor Denver Pyle, was wanted for (a) murder. (b) bank robbery. (c) rape. (d) a stage coach hold up. (e) nepotism.

(a, murder)

To within two, what television year did Festus first meet Matt Dillon?

(1962)

On his first appearance on *Gunsmoke*, was Ken Curtis billed in the credits as one of the regulars along with Doc and Kitty?

(no)

(T/F) In the first few *Gunsmoke* episodes, Festus did not speak with his later famous drawl.

(false)

(T/F)]In the first few *Gunsmoke* episodes, Festus did not have his later famous squint.

(true)

Which eye did Festus squint?

(his right)

(T/F) At times, Dillon deputized Festus.

(true)

For what reason could Dillon trust Festus to not read official government mail?

(Festus couldn't read)

Festus did not own a horse. How did he generally travel?

(On his mule)

Festus named his rifle (a) Ol' Nellie Bell. (b) Ruth. (c) Connie. (d) Efram. (e) Ol' Bessie. (f) Ol' Paint.

(e, Ol' Bessie)

Immediately prior to moving to Dodge, Festus made his living as (a) a bounty hunter. (b) a cowboy. (c) a wolfer. (d) a whiskey drummer. (e) a sheriff. (f) an army scout.

(c, a wolfer - he also previously worked laying track for the rail road and panned gold.)

Did Ken Curtis ever get killed on a *Gunsmoke* episode?

(yes ... prior to Festus, Curtis played a cowboy who got shot by a jayhawker)

What sound characterizes Festus' walk?

(The sound of spurs)

Nearly every spring, Festus (a) went trapping. (b) fell in love. (c) got a summer cold. (d) tried to learn to read.

(a ... went trapping)

Like the Hatfield's and the McCoys, the Haggin's had a feud with a family named the (a) McCains. (b) Dooley's. (c) Juniors. (d) Everlies. (e) Youngs. (f) Porters.

(b ... Dooley's)

What dish similar to lobster did Festus enjoy?

(crawdads or crayfish)

With what did Festus clean his teeth?

(his index finger)

Why did Festus occasionally stick his head into a horse trough?

(to cool the blood in his head on hot days)

When Festus greases and combs his hair, the part is (a) on the right side. (b) on the left side. (c) down the middle.

(c ... down the middle)

An Indian name given Festus was (a) man with squinty eye. (b) great white hunter. (c) man afraid of razor. (d) buffalo breath.

(c ... man afraid of razor)

Here is a list of the first names of some Haggin people to which Festus is related. Which three of them are his aunts?

Homer	Heathcliff	Henry
Blackjack	Theodore	Maude
Mayblossom	Frank	

(Theodore, Frank and Henry. ... their dad wanted boys. Maude was a male.)

What was the name of Festus' mule?

(Ruth)

Did Festus know Morse code?

(no ... he couldn't even read)

(T/F) Festus had a passion for pickles.

(false)

Excited about a new born baby in Dodge, Festus did not choose to use his carpentry skills to make a rocking horse. What, rather, did he make?

(a rocking mule)

Before Doc pulled one, how many teeth did Festus have (to within three)?

(thirty six)

Festus' best friend as a boy was named (a) Cousin Firt. (b) Cleavus. (c) Gerty Haggin.

(d) Astin the Kid.

(b ... Cleavus)

Festus Speak

Some of the most colorful language in television spewed forth from the mouth of Festus, like "Ain't no way to git it did than to go out and do her". Match the following similes and metaphors given birth from the mind of a Haggin:

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|---|---|
| (1) Hoppin' around like... | (a) a weak kitten. |
| (2) Plain as... | (b) belly to backbone. |
| (3) I couldn't whup... | (c) a mule. |
| (4) You couldn't burst... | (d) a flea on a hot skillet |
| (5) These spurs will carve you from... | (e) a beetle bug. |
| (6) If that don't put you... | (f) last year's haystack. |
| (7) The onliest thing you get
from stradlin' the fence is... | (g) a clod in your shoe. |
| (8) This here (stew) will grow
hair on ... | (h) a bird's egg with a balpene hammer. |
| (9) He'll catch fire faster than... | (i) a sore backside. |
| (10) Tighter than the feathers on a... | (j) the wrong possum. |
| (11) You went and treed yourself... | (k) a prairie chicken's rump. |
| (12) Safer than chitlins... | (l) my saddle. |
| (13) My tail bone's gonna take
root to ... | (m) a city folk's supper plate. |
| (14) Knee high to ... | (n) the pimple on your nose. |
| (15) Hot enough to fry ... | (o) your elbows. |
| (16) Smoother than ... | (p) the nose on a newborn calf. |
| (17) Got more friends than ... | (q) a dog's got hairs on his back. |
| (18) (He) draws trouble like ... | (r) a horseshoe. |
| (19) (I) feel better than ... | (s) a summer melon draws flies. |
| (20) Sit there like ... | (t) a boll weevil on a corn cob. |
| | (u) a barn rooster on a prime hoot. |

Answers:(1d,2n,3a,4h,5b,6g,7i,8o,9f,10k,11j,12m,13l,14f,15r,16n,17q,18s,19u,20t)

More Festus Speak

Match the following gems from the mouth of Festus:

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| (1) I'll be ... | (a) a jug full of red ants. |
| (2) I'll get after you like ... | (b) any one thing. |
| (3) He ain't got the gumption to
pound sand for ... | (c) ugly on an ape. |
| (4) I'll get onto you like... | (d) the clear blue sky. |
| (5) How'd you like to be gatherin'
eggs and find her in... | (e) a rat hole. |
| (6) The more a fellers got on his
mind, the less time he's got
to think on... | (f) the nest |
| (7) You catch a Haggin in a lie
and a streak of lightening
will hit you from... | (g) a lop eared mule. |
| (8) Sore as a... | (h) a boil. |
| (9) Hotter than... | (i) thunder after lightnin' |
| (10) Bleedin' like... | (j) the liberty bell. |
| (11) I thumped him 'till his
ears rang like... | (k) frogs hair. |
| (12) Fine as... | (l) a parson's Sunday parlor. |
| (13) Quiet as... | (m) a stuck hog. |
| (14) Crookeder than ... | (n) a wet sack on a slab. |
| (15) Naked as ... | (o) a dog's hind leg. |
| (16) Flatter than ... | (p) a teased rattle snake. |
| (17) Quiet as ... | (q) a picked prairie chicken. |
| (18) Like a sidewinder
in the hands of ... | (r) a cottontail. |
| (19) You've grown tall as ... | (s) a mouse tip toeing on cotton. |
| (20) Meaner than ... | (t) a sunflower. |

Answers:(1g,2i,3e,4c,5f,6b,7d,8h,9a,10m,11j,12k,13l,14o,15q,16n,17s,18r,19t,20p)

Even More Festus Speak

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| 1. You look like ... | (a) a particle. |
| 2. You learn a thing a day, ... | (b) wet. |
| 3. That don't hurt ... | (c) a sow's bed. |
| 4. If you don't call, then
you don't see ... | (d) you git bit.
(e) a sunfish who flopped
himself out of the creek |
| 5. Folks that believe in signs
don't never get themselves.. | (f) scrambling eggs in a hat. |
| 6. I made a bigger mess than ... | (g) you store up smart |
| 7. Ain't you startin' to itch
before ... | (h) the brim of his hat.
(i) a wagon load full of cobs. |
| 8. He can't see past ... | (j) an old toad |
| 9. Easier than ... | (k) a June morning. |
| 10. Pooch up like ... | (l) a grass hopper in a hen house. |
| 11. Rougher than ... | (m) a gagged gopher |
| 12. No more chance than ... | (n) a snake though a ringer. |
| 13. Flatter than... | (o) a preacher's kids on a cold
January night. |
| 14. I loved that boy like ... | (p) an undertaker's brief at a \$5
funeral. |
| 15. Tighter than | (q) the hand. |
| 16. Quieter than ... | |
| 17. Sincere as ... | |

(1e,2g,3a,4q,5b,6c,7d,8h,9f,10j,11i,12l,13n,14k,15o,16m,17p)

Festus' Dictionary

The following are words used by Festus. Match them on the right with their meaning.

One of the answers is used twice:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) slovering droops | (a) mouth |
| (2) scutter | (b) the central point |
| (3) featherfoot | (c) handsome |
| (4) slackjaw | (d) a cattle disease |
| (5) tater trap | (e) a phony doctor |
| (6) quack - quack | (f) relieve from duty |
| (7) looksome | (g) walk |
| (8) nub | (h) grab |
| (9) amble | (i) spiritual |
| (10) palaver | (j) ill tempered |
| (11) soulsome | (k) talk |
| (12) glom | (l) overly sensitive |
| (13) spell | (m) listen |
| (14) squeemy | (n) bag |
| (15) passle | (o) introducing |
| (16) poke | (p) old man |
| (17) grump head | (q) sneak |
| (18) bent ear | (r) vast quantities |
| (19) twistee | (s) tornado |
| (20) howdyin' | (t) hit |
| (21) pooch | (u) puff up |
| (22) whomp | (v) throat |
| (23) slippery gee-jaw | (w) snicker |
| (24) snigger | (x) lie |
| (25) goosler | (y) complex |
| (26) palotsome | (z) trouble |
| (27) complexicated | (aa) delicious |
| (28) there's a pot a brewin' | (bb) whisky |
| (29) wobble water | (cc) a small amount |
| (30) smidgen | |

Answers:(1d,2p,3q,4k,5a,6e,7c,8b,9g,10k,11i,12h,13f,14l,15r,16n,17j,18m,19s,20o,21u,22t,23x,24w,25v,26aa,27y,28z,29bb,30cc)

Ken Curtis

(T/F) Ken Curtis at one time sang with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra.

(true ... he was the crooner on *Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses* and also sang the WWII patriotic song *This Is Worth Fighting For* with the Shep Fields Orchestra.)

(T/F) Prior to the role of Festus, *Gunsmoke* was Ken Curtis' first western.

(False. He appeared, for example, in a 1960 episode of *Have Gun - Will Travel* and, as a Festus-like character in an episode of *Death Valley Days*.)

Prior to playing Festus, Ken Curtis also played both a cowboy and an Indian on previous episodes of *Gunsmoke*.

(true)

(T/F) Ken Curtis had a supporting role in the popular movie *Mr. Roberts*

(true)

In the '80's, Ken Curtis starred as Hoyt Coryell, ranch hand, on a television series named after the ranch. What was the name of the series?

(*The Yellow Rose*)

Curtis also starred as a sky diver in what television series?

(*Ripcord*, 1961-63)

(T/F) Ken Curtis is listed by Guinness as holding the world's record for downing an eighteen ounce stein of beer.

(false ... although he has downed a beer with one swallow more than once on *Gunsmoke*.)

(T/F) Ken Curtis' favorite food is shrimp pizza.

(false)

Is Ken Curtis older than James Arness?

(yes ... he was born on July 2, 1916 in Lamar, Colorado. Arness was born in 1923.)

(T/F) Ken Curtis was a member of *The Sons of the Pioneers*, a singing group formed to back Roy Rogers.

(true)

ROGER EWING AS THAD

Thad was short for what?

(Thadious)

What was Thad's last name?

(Greenwood... his full name was Clayton Thadeous Greenwood.)

(T/F) Thad liked to wrestle Hogs.

(false)

Before Dodge, Thad's parents earned a living by (a) cutting hair. (b) running a store. (c) making candles. (d) farming.

(b ... store. Both, however, were dead when he was in Dodge.)

Thad came to Dodge from what state?

(Oklahoma)

Why did Thad come to Dodge?

(to find the man who killed his father)

(T/F) Thad's Dad was a sheriff at one time.

(true)

Thad appeared as a regular on *Gunsmoke* for only three years. Name one of them.

(1965-67)

BURT REYNOLDS AS QUINT

What was Quint's last name?

(Asper)

Quint was a half breed. From what tribe did his Indian blood come?

(Comanche)

(T/F) Because he was half Indian, Quint was not allowed to drink within Dodge City limits.

(false)

To what state did Quint go when he left Dodge?

(California)

Reynolds is probably most famous for his movies, but was a regular in three other television series other than *Gunsmoke*. Name one of them.

(*Riverboat, Hawk and Dan August*)

To within two, how many years did Burt Reynolds play Quint on *Gunsmoke*?

(three season ... from 1962 through 1965)

... AND THE OTHER HARD LIVING CITIZENS OF DODGE

The bartender at the Long Branch Saloon was (a) Sam. (b) Freddy. (c) Clem. (d) Red. (e) Rudy. (f) Claude. (g) all of the above.

(g ... different episodes had different bartenders, but Sam worked the most. Claude replaced Sam in the last season of *Gunsmoke*.)

Who ran the Long Branch when Kitty left Dodge?

(Miss Hannah)

When Amanda Blake left *Gunsmoke*, the actress that replaced her was (a) Fran Ryan. (b) Della Potts. (c) Bette Davis. (d) Terry Barnyard.

(a ... Fran Ryan)

Prior to *Gunsmoke*, the actress that replaced Kitty was a regular on which two of the following television series: (a) *Don't Call Me Charlie*. (b) *The Doris Day Show*. (c) *Flipper*. (d) *The Flying Nun*. (e) *The Fugitive*. (f) *Green Acres*. (g) *The Life of Riley*. (b and f. She was Aggie Thompson during the 1968 version of *the Doris Day Show*.)

(T/F) Fran Ryan was used to replacing actresses on network television. During the 1969-70 television series, she played Doris Ziffel on *Green Acres*, a role previously played by Barbara Pepper.)

(true)

Who was the black clothed sober faced undertaker in Dodge City?

(Percy Crump played by actor John Harper (born in Ohio in 1928. Crump also made furniture)

Prior to Percy Crump, the Dodge City undertaker was (a) William Grimm. (b) Elias Foley. (c) Fraser Elias. (d) Bob Golubski. (e) Robert D. Box.

(b ... Elias Foley)

The owner and president of the bank in Dodge City was Mister (a) Blake. (b) Bodkins. (c) Beneski. (d) Benjamin. (e) Greenbaum.

(B for Harry Bodkin)

The actor who played the owner of the Dodge City Bank from 1965 through 1975 was (a) Roy Roberts. (b) Burt Reynolds. (c) Roger Carmel. (d) Christopher Murney. (e) Al Peters.

(a ... Roberts, who died in 1975)

(T/F) The Dodge City Bank in early *Gunsmokes* was named after its owner.

(true ... Bodkin's Bank)

In early *Gunsmokes*, George Selk played the proprietor of Dodge City's livery stable. What was the name of this character?

(Moss Grimmick)

(T/F) Another livery stable worker on *Gunsmoke* was Hank, a character played by a man with the same name.

(true ... Hank Patterson (1888-1975) appeared in *Gunsmoke* off and on from 1957 through 1975. He also played Fred Ziffel on *Green Acres*. His wife was Doris Ziffel played by Fran Ryan who replaced Miss Kitty as Miss Hannah during the last season of *Gunsmoke*. Got that?)

Who ran the boarding house in Dodge City?

(Ma Smalley played by actress Sarah Shelby)

What was the first name of the Dodge City's telegraph operator played by Charles Seer?

(Barney)

Glenn Strange played the bartender at the Long Branch for a number of seasons. What was this character's first name?

(Sam)

What musical instrument did Glenn Strange play as the bartender?

(the fiddle)

Sam lost two brothers in the Civil War. On which side did each fight?

(one on both sides)

Prior to *Gunsmoke*, James Arness' acting efforts included the role of a monster. Glenn Strange also played a monster. Which one?

(Frankenstein's monster)

(T/F) Glenn Strange played a con in prison with Elvis in the movie *Jail House Rock*.
(true)

Did Glenn Strange ever appear in an episode of *Gunsmoke* that also featured Dennis Weaver as Chester?
(yes)

(T/F) Glenn Strange hosted the radio series *The Inner Sanctum*
(false)

(T/F) Glenn Strange played Butch Cavandish, the leader of the notorious Hole in the Wall Gang on the original television episodes of *The Lone Ranger*.
(true)

(T/F) When Glenn Strange left *Gunsmoke*, the actor who replaced him at the bar of the Long Branch was Robert Brubaker.
(true)

Was Glenn Strange older than Milburn Stone?
(yes ... Strange was born on August 16, 1899 in Weed, NM and Stone was born in 1904. Strange died on Sept. 20, 1973.)

From 1955 through 1960, the owner of the general store in Dodge City was played by Dabs Greer. His character was named Mr. (a) Jonus. (b) Ledbetter. (c) Wong. (d) Frank. (e) O'Brian.
(a .Wilbur Jonus)

Dabs Greer was a regular on the short lived television series *Hank*. What role did he play on *Little House on the Prairie*?
(the pastor, Rev. Robert Alden)

Ted Jordon played the agent for Dodge City's Kiskadden Freight for a number of years.

What was the name of the character?

(Nathan Burke)

Who was the storekeeper on *Gunsmoke* from 1966 through 1975?

(Mr. Lathrop)

GUNSMOKE: RETURN TO DODGE

Thirteen years after *Gunsmoke* was taken off of the air, it returned in a television movie *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*. Kitty has left Dodge City and returned to the city of her youth. What is the city's name?

(New Orleans)

Matt has quit the law and taken what manly occupation?

(trapping)

Who was the Marshal?

(Newly)

In what part of the body did Dillon get stabbed in *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*?

(the back)

Did Kitty get shot in *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*?

(no)

What fast food chain was the primary sponsor of the first airing of *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*?

(McDonald's)

(T/F) *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* was shot outside of the United States.

(true ... it was filmed in Calgary, Alberta Canada)

(T/F) Arness was twice as old when he starred in *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* than he was in the first television *Gunsmoke*.

(true ... 64 and 32 respectively)

Did Dennis Weaver appear as Chester in *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*?

(no ... Weaver was asked but "other projects came along and I was unavailable". This was probably in reference to his new series *Buck James* which premiered on ABC one day after the first airing of *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*.)

(T/F) William Conrad, who played Matt Dillon on the radio, premiered his new television series immediately after the premier of *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*.

(true: *Jake and the Fat Man* premiered at 10:00 on Saturday September 26, 1987 immediately after *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* which began at 8:00. Interestingly, *USA Today* ran an ad for the evenings programming featuring busts of Arness and Conrad.)

(T/F) On what network was *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* aired?

(the same as was the television series: *CBS*)

(T/F) The script for *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* was commissioned before Arness was asked to again play the role of Dillon.

(true)

Ken Curtis who played Festus did not appear in *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*. Why?

(He wanted too much money - reportedly twice what Amanda Blake was receiving.)

One of the *Star Trek* movies was entitled *The Wrath of Khan* and concerned a character introduced on a television episode of *Star Trek*. If *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* had been similarly named, its title would be *The Wrath of* (a) *Dolf Trimble*. (b) *Mannon*. (c) *Kitty*. (b... *Mannon* played in 1969 and in 1978 by Steve Forrest.)

Milburn Stone who played Doc did not act in *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*. Why?

(He was dead. Stone did appear in *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* in flashbacks.)

(T/F) To the time of airing, *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* was the most expensive movie ever made for television.

(true ... 3.5 million dollars)

In the closing credits, *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* was dedicated to all but one of the following people. Which one was not included? (a) Milburn Stone. (b) Glenn Strange. (c) James Nusser. (d) Woodrow Chamblis. (e) Charles Warren. (f) Charles Waggenheim. (g) Charles Seel. (h) Roy Barcroft.

(e ... Charles Warren)

The review by Susan Paynter in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* said "*Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* proves that the TV western is not dead, (a) it's alive and well and living in Dodge City". (b) it's comatose". (c) it's just smells that way."

(b ... comatose. She also said that "the pace of the movie is slightly slower than wind erosion" and that "there are more wrinkles here than a Fresno Raisin Festival".)

TV Guide reviews of *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* was (a) complementary. (b) discouraging. (c) nonexistent.

(c ... a copy of the film was not available to them.)

Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge, *Jake and the Fat Man* (with former Matt Dillon, William Conrad) and *Buck James* (with television *Gunsmoke's* former Chester, Dennis Weaver) all premiered the week of September 21, 1987. The Nielson's rated 68 shows that week. Two of the above shows tied at 27 and the third was ranked #49 in viewership. Which one ranked 49th?

(*Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* and *Buck James* tied for 27th while *Jake and the Fat Man* came in 49th.)

(T/F) Amanda Blake's initial scene in the Long Branch in *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* did not go well because she choked up over the absence of Milburn Stone.

(true)

(T/F) *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* was directed and produced by men who were previously not involved with *Gunsmoke*.

(false ... the movie was produced by John Mantley and directed by Vincent McEveety who previously directed 35 episodes of *Gunsmoke*. His brother Bernard McEveety directed 38 episodes.)

(T/F) Judith Crist in *TV Guide* named *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge* as one of the ten best made-for-television movies of 1987.

(false)

Was the traditional *Gunsmoke* theme used as the theme of *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*?

(no)

THE GUEST STARS

ROLES NOT PLAYED ON GUNSMOKE:

Many famous actors played a number of guest roles on *Gunsmoke*. Below are listed a number of such people. Choose, in each case, the role that they did *not* play on *Gunsmoke*:

1. Pernell Roberts (Adam in *Bonanza* and the lead in *Trapper John MD*)
 - (a) drummer.
 - (b) reformed gunfighter.
 - (c) unreformed gunfighter.
2. Dan Blocker (Hoss on *Bonanza*)
 - (a) horse thief.
 - (b) calvary officer.
 - (c) psychopathic killer.
3. Alan Hale (the Skipper on *Gilligan's Island*)
 - (a) horse racer.
 - (b) bare knuckle boxing champ.
 - (c) eastern banker.
 - (d) buffalo hunter.
4. Charles Bronson (many movies, including the *Death Wish* series)
 - (a) psychopathic killer.
 - (b) all around swell guy.
 - (c) trail boss.
5. Ed Asner (he was *Lou Grant* in the *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*)
 - (a) range detective.
 - (b) drunken soldier.
 - (c) newsman.
6. Buddy Ebsen (he was *Barnaby Jones* and Jed Clampett on *The Beverly Hillbillies*)
 - (a) farmer
 - (b) hillbilly
 - (c) loving grandfather
7. Howard McNear (Floyd the Barber on *The Andy Griffith Show* and Doc on radio's *Gunsmoke*)
 - (a) assayer
 - (b) barber
 - (c) storekeeper

8. Edgar Buchanan (Uncle Joe in *Petticoat Junction*)
 - (a) prospector
 - (b) town drunk
 - (c) bank robber
9. Daniel J. Travanti (Captain Frank Furillo on *Hill Street Blues*)
 - (a) sheriff
 - (b) bank robber
 - (c) storekeeper
10. John Voight (star of *Midnight Cowboy* and *Runaway Train*)
 - (a) wolfer
 - (b) emigrant
 - (c) town drunk
11. Leonard Nimoy (Mr. Spock on *Star Trek*)
 - (a) outlaw
 - (b) gambler
 - (c) emigrant
 - (d) cowboy hand
12. Forrest Tucker (Sgt. O'Rourke on *F Troop*)
 - (a) soldier
 - (b) writer
 - (c) cattle baron
13. Jack Albertson (the man on *Chico and the Man*)
 - (a) con man
 - (b) pool hustler
 - (c) cowboy
 - (d) drunk
14. William Shallert (the father on *The Patty Duke Show* and the teacher on *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*)
 - (a) hillbilly
 - (b) banker
 - (c) trooper
15. Micheal Learned (Ma in *The Waltons* and the lead in *The Nurse*)
 - (a) mother of six kids
 - (b) Matt Dillon's lover
 - (c) saloon girl

16. Richard Anderson (Boss of *The Six Million Dollar Man*)
- (a) raider
 - (b) inventor
 - (c) Indian
17. Slim Pickens (*Dr. Strangelove* and many others)
- (a) hill outlaw
 - (b) bank robber
 - (c) bounty hunter
18. Wayne Rogers (Trapper John in *M.A.S.H.*)
- (a) a framed cowboy
 - (b) a cowboy with questionable honesty
 - (c) a cowboy without a horse
19. Strother Martin (the warden in *Cool Hand Luke* and a host of *Saturday Night Live*).
- (a) prospector
 - (b) buffalo hunter
 - (c) prizefighter
20. Harrison Ford (*Star Wars* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*)
- (a) raider
 - (b) hired hand
 - (c) railroad fireman
21. Gregory Sierra (*Barney Miller*)
- (a) writer
 - (b) Indian
 - (c) white slave trader

(answers: 1a,2c,3c,4c,5c,6b,7b,8a,9a,10c,11c,12b,13c,14c,15a,16b,17b,18c,19c,20c,21a)

Three Way Match:

In the left hand column below are listed 20 famous actors and actresses. Match their role on *Gunsmoke* and the television series for which they're famous. An answer can be used more than once. All of the answers are used at least once.

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| 1. Jack Lord | A. lover | a. <i>All in the Family</i> |
| 2. Morey Amsterdam | B. farmer | b. <i>Wagon Train</i> |
| 3. Jack Klugman | C. doctor | c. <i>Quincy</i> |
| 4. Werner Klemperer | D. gunfighter | d. <i>The Rifleman</i> |
| 5. Robert Vaughn | E. storekeeper | e. <i>Gomer Pyle USMC</i> |
| 6. Harry Morgan | F. town drunk | f. <i>The Man From UNCLE</i> |
| 7. Chuck Connors | G. vengeful parent | g. <i>Hill Street Blues</i> |
| 8. Paul Fix | H. photographer | h. <i>Mission Impossible</i> |
| 9. Carrol O'Conner | I. gang leader | i. <i>Lassie</i> |
| 10. Frank Sutton | J. hidecutter | j. <i>Hawaii-Five-O</i> |
| 11. Dick York | K. a gutsy bum | k. <i>M.A.S.H.</i> |
| 12. Michael Conrad | L. saloon girl | l. <i>The Nightstalker</i> |
| 13. Darrin McGavin | M. rainmaker | m. <i>Bewitched</i> |
| 14. Martin Landau | N. evil twins | n. <i>The Dick Van Dyke Show</i> |
| 15. Edgar Buchanan | O. boxing bully | o. <i>Little House on the Prarie</i> |
| 16. June Lockart | P. Festus' relative | p. <i>Hogan's Heroes</i> |
| 17. Karen Grassle | Q. sidekick of a psychopath | q. <i>Petticoat Junction</i> |
| 18. David Canary | R. writer | r. <i>All My Children</i> |
| 19. John Astin | S. bad man drifter | s. <i>The Addams Family</i> |
| 20. Micheal Burns | | t. <i>The Virginian</i> |
| 21. James Drury | | |

(answers: 1Nj, 2Fn, 3Qc, 4Rp, 5Af, 6Bk, 7Od, 8Cd, 9Ba, 10Se, 11Am, 12Sg, 13Dl, 14Ih, 15Fq, 16Fi, 17Lo, 18Kr, 19Ps, 20Jb, 21St)

More Three Way Match:

In the left hand column below are listed 20 famous actors and actresses. Match their role on *Gunsmoke* and the television series or movie for which they're famous. An answer can be used more than once. All of the answers are used at least once.

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| 1. Sebastian Cabot | A.gunfighter | a. <i>McHale's Navy</i> |
| 2. Bette Davis | B.barfly | b.Walking Tall |
| 3. Leslie Nielson | C.whiskey drummer | c. <i>Perry Mason</i> |
| 4. Ed Begley | D.outlaw | d. <i>Wild Bill</i> |
| 5. Michael J. Pollard | E.outlaw's daughter | <i>Hickock</i> |
| 6. Joe Flynn | F.farmer | e. <i>Star Trek</i> |
| 7. William Talman | G.a half breed son | f.True Grit |
| 8. Andy Devine | of a squaw | g. <i>I Spy</i> |
| 9. Joe Don Baker | H.outlaw | h. <i>Happy Days</i> |
| 10. William Shatner | I.hill daughter | i. <i>Andy Griffith</i> |
| 11. Kim Darby | J.gunfighter | <i>Show</i> |
| 12. George Lindsay | K.outlaw's brother | j. <i>The Blue</i> |
| 13. Robert Culp | L.horseraiser | <i>Knight</i> |
| 14. George Kennedy | M.outlaw's little | k.Taxi Driver |
| 15. Ron Howard | brother | l. <i>Hill St.Blues</i> |
| 16. Jodie Foster | N.preacher | m. <i>Gilligen's</i> |
| 17. J.D. Cannon | O.photographer | <i>Island</i> |
| 18. Keil Martin | P.avenging wife | n. <i>McCloud</i> |
| 19. Jan Michael Vincent | Q.rainmaker | o. <i>Airwolf</i> |
| 20. Jim Backus | R.confused man | p. <i>Family Affair</i> |
| 21. Joan Van Arc | S.miner | q.The Petrified |
| 22. DeForrest Kelley | T.ex-Marshal's | Forest |
| | daughter | r. <i>Police Squad</i> |
| | U.dead man's brother | s.Twelve Angry |
| | | Men |
| | | t.Bonnie and |
| | | Clyde |
| | | u. <i>Dallas</i> |

(answers: 1Op, 2Pq, 3Dr, 4Qs, 5Rt, 6Ca, 7Jc, 8Bd-retired feed & grain store owner, 9Fb, 10De, 11Ef, 12Di (twice), 13Dg, 14Sj, 15Gh, 16Ik, 17An, 18Ll, 19K, 20Nm, 21Tu)

Still Even More Three Way Match:

In the left hand column below are listed 20 famous actors and actresses. Match their role on *Guns n' Smokes* and the television series or movie for which they're famous. An answer can be used more than once. All of the answers are used at least once.

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| 1.Kurt Russel | A.bronco buster | a. <i>The High Chaparral</i> |
| 2.Gary Bucey | B.drunk | b. <i>Little House on the Prairie</i> |
| 3.Cammeron Mitchell | C.little boy | c. <i>Superman: The Movie</i> |
| 4.Charlotte Stewart | D.farmer's kid | d. <i>Lethal Weapon</i> |
| 5.Ned Beatty | E.school marm | e. <i>Fantasy Island</i> |
| 6.Johnnie Whitaker | F.hider | f. <i>Family Affair</i> |
| 7.James Whitmore | G.young sheriff | g. <i>Phyllis</i> |
| 8.Nick Nolte | H.immigrant | h. <i>Close Encounters</i> |
| 9.Charles Haid | I.narration | i. <i>Cannon</i> |
| 10.Lisa Geretsen | J.bank robber | j. <i>Alice</i> |
| 11.Richard Dreyfuss | K.outlaw | k. <i>The Rockford Files</i> |
| 12.William Conrad | L.pregnant woman | l.The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman |
| 13.Stuart Morgan | M.ranches daughter | m. <i>The Bob Newhart Show</i> |
| 14.Vic Tayback | N.woman on a train | n. <i>Dennis the Menace</i> |
| 15.Herbert Anderson | O.man about to die | o..Escape From New York |
| 16.Cicely Tyson | P.trapper | p.Give 'em Hell Harry |
| 17.Loretta Swit | | q. <i>Hill Street Blues</i> |
| 18.Suzanne Pleshett | | r. <i>M.A.S.H.</i> |
| 19.Ricardo Montalban | | s. <i>The Waltons</i> |
| 20.Will Geer | | |

(answers: 1Do, 2Ad, 3 a, 4Eb, 5Fc, 6Df, 7Kp, 8 ,9Kq, 10Mg, 11Hh, 12Ii, 13 ,14Kj, 15On, 16Ll, 17Nr, 18Mm, 19ForKe, 20P)

(T/F) Mini series actor and former *Dr. Kildare*, had his first major television role on *Gunsmoke*.

(true)

(T/F) Gerald McRaney, the older brother in *Simon & Simon* has the distinction of playing the last character to have a face-to-face shoot out with Matt Dillon in the *Gunsmoke* series.

(true)

(T/F) So many major stars appeared on episodes of *Gunsmoke* that, in the index of **The Complete Directory of Prime Time TV Stars** by Tim Brooks, *Gunsmoke* has more citations than any other prime time drama.

(false ... it's second to *Dallas*)

Bette Davis guest starred as a vengeful wife on a memorable episode of *Gunsmoke*. Which of the *Gunsmoke* regulars shot her at the end of the show?

(Kitty)

Ricardo Montalban played Khan in the Star Trek movie *The Wrath of Khan*. The Khan character had initially appeared on a television episode of *Star Trek*. Montalban also created a memorable character on *Gunsmoke*. If the role is ever recreated in a made-for-television *Gunsmoke* movie, an appropriate title might be *The Wrath of* (a) *Ricardo*. (b) *Chato* (c) *Quantrill*.

(a ... Chato)

Which one of the following father and son actors have both appeared on episodes of *Gunsmoke*:

(a) John and David (*Kung Fu*) Caradine.

(b) Henry and Peter (*Easy Rider*) Fonda.

(c) Kirk and Micheal Douglas

(a ... John as an old farmer married to an ex-dance hall girl and David as the rowdy friend of a man trying to go straight.)

Reincarnations of Gunsmoke

Listed below are some successful television series and some of their continuing characters. In each case, one of the actors or actresses listed did *not* play one or more roles on *Gunsmoke*. Choose the corresponding character.

1. *Hill Street Blues*

- (a) Captain Furillo
- (b) John LaRue
- (c) Renko
- (d) Lt. Goldbume
- (e) Sarg. Esterhaus

2. *Bonanza*

- (a) Hoss
- (b) Little Joe
- (c) Adam

3. *M.A.S.H.*

- (a) Trapper John
- (b) Hot Lips
- (c) Klinger
- (d) Col. Potter

4. *Star Trek*

- (a) Capt. Kirk
- (b) Dr. McCoy
- (c) Scotty
- (d) Mr. Spock

5. *The Waltons*

- (a) Ma Walton
- (b) John Boy
- (c) Grandpa

6. *The Andy Griffith Show*

- (a) Floyd the Barber
- (b) Opie
- (c) Goober
- (d) Barney

7. *Gilligan's Island*

- (a) The Professor
- (b) The Captain
- (c) The Millionaire

(1d, 2b, 3c, 4c, 5d, 6e, 7a)

Almost Regulars

Some actors have performed numerous roles on *Gunsmoke*. The following have appeared on five or more episodes. Match them with the television series for which they are better known:

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| 1. Victor French | (a) <i>The Dukes of Hazard</i> |
| 2. Jack Elam | (b) <i>Dallas</i> |
| 3. Morgan Woodward | (c) <i>Sherif Lobo</i> |
| 4. Denver Pyle | (d) <i>Easy Street</i> |
| 5. Jim Davis | (e) <i>Little House on the Prairie</i> |
| 6. Claude Akins | (f) <i>M.A.S.H.</i> |
| 7. Royal Dano | (g) <i>How the West Was Won</i> |
| 8. Harry Morgan | |

(1e-over 20 episodes- he also directed; 2d-24 episodes; 3b-as Punk Anderson; 4a- as Uncle Jesse Duke; 5b - as Jock Ewing; 6c; 7g; 8f))

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

In what state, county, city and street is Matt Dillon's office located?

(Kansas, Ford, Dodge City and Front Street).

(T/F) The state, county, city and street on which Matt Dillon's office is located exist either now or historically.

(true).

What is the name of the closest major river to Dodge City?

(the Arkansas).

Was there a Long Branch Saloon in 19th century Dodge City?

(yes)

What was the major economic force in Dodge City during the days of Matt Dillon?

(cattle)

Which of the following is not a rifle or a hand gun (a) Sharps 50. (b) Patterson 40 (c) the Trevor 35.

(c ... the Trevor 35)

The tree most common to the Kansas prairie is the (a) oak. (b) cottonwood. (c) fir. (d) cherry.

(b, cottonwood)

During the Gunsmoke era, was Dodge City the capital of Kansas?

(no ... but it was the county seat for Ford County)

During the Gunsmoke era, was Kansas a state or a territory?

(state)

What is the Cimarron?

(a river flowing 692 miles from NE New Mexico through the Colorado and Kansas to the Arkansas river in NE Oklahoma)

Today's ZIP code for Dodge City is (a) 44125. (b) 49355. (c) 67801. (d) 98195.

(c,67801)

When a cowboy is drunk, he is (a) "whisky crazy". (b) "deep drunk". (c) "liquered up". (d) "smashed".

When a Texas cowboy refers to the Canadian, he means (a) a citizen of Canada. (b) a river. (c) a breed of steer. (d) a storm from the north. (b, river)

There was a military installation near Dodge City where most of the soldiers appearing in *Gunsmoke* were stationed. The existence of the installation is historically accurate and is on the map today. What was the name of this place? (Fort Dodge)

A *drummer* is (a) the boy who plays the tom tom in an Indian village. (b) a salesman. (c) a loud cowboy. (d) bloated steer. (e) ugly calf. (b, salesman)

A *jayhawker* is (a) a guerrilla raider of the Civil War period in Kansas. (b) a steer that strays from the herd. (c) a type of saddle made in Texas. (d) Kansas slang for a politician. (a, guerrilla)

On what animal would one use hobbles? (a horse)

A shod horse refers to (a) an ex-Indian pony. (b) a plow horse. (c) a dead horse that has decayed. (d) a horse with horse shoes. (e) an unbranded horse. (e) a tool used in carpentry and blacksmith shops. (d...a shoeless horse)

What kind of boot would a cowboy put on his horse? (a rifle boot)

According to the script of the *Gunsmoke's* first television episode, how many miles was it to Fort Dodge? (five)

Many a cowboy hat was made by Stetson. What is Stetson's first name?
(John with a middle initial of B. for Batterson)

(T/F) Milk in *Gunsmoke's* Dodge City was sold in much the way it was in the movie *Fiddler on the Roof*.
(true ... off of a milk cart)

What was the top man on a trail drive called?
(the trail boss)

(T/F) In the real Long Branch Saloon, Wyatt Earp and Batt Masterson called the bluff of the psychopathic killer, Clay Allison. Allison was branded a coward and was driven out of Dodge City.
(true)

(T/F) Kansas was named after an Indian tribe.
(true ... the Kansa or Kaw tribe. The word means south wind.)

In the days of *Gunsmoke*, one did not take beer home in six packs. In what would one normally take beer home in?
(buckets)

Kansas has two nick names. One of them is "the Sunflower State". The other, which is more representative of the *Gunsmoke* era, is (a) the *Gunsmoke* State. (b) the Cow Town State. (c) the Jayhawker State. (d) the State of Confusion.
(c ... Jayhawker)

During the 1860's, Kansas towns such as Dodge City, Abilene and Wichita were know as what kind of towns?
(cow towns)

(T/F) Before the days of *Gunsmoke*, Kansas was part of Missouri.
(true)

What was a *Pinkerton*?
(a detective of the old west. The term "private eye" originated from their advertisements.)

Dodge City is in Ford County. To within three, how many counties border on Ford County?

(six)

Many of the psychopathic killers on *Gunsmoke* were said to have once rode with Quantrill:

- (a) What famous outlaws truly rode with Quantrill and
- (b) What Kansas town did Quantrill raid and burn to the ground?

(William Clark Quantrill (1837-65) was the leader of a Confederate band of guerrillas who raided farms and towns in Kansas and Missouri. Both Frank and Jesse James rode with him before their bank robbing days. He was best known for leading a raid on Lawrence, Kansas on August 3, 1863 during which most of the town was burned. Over 150 people were killed. In *Gunsmoke*, the Dodge House clerk, Howie, was said to have been in Lawrence during this raid. Quantrill was fatally wounded during a raid in Kentucky.)

Did Quantrill regularly brush his teeth?

(Probably not ... that type of hygiene was not regularly practiced until after World War II.)

Who was the President of the United States when:

- (a) *Gunsmoke* premiered on radio?
- (b) *Gunsmoke* expanded from a half to a full hour?
- (c) *Gunsmoke* was first broadcast in color?
- (d) the last hour episode of *Gunsmoke* aired on CBS?
- (e) the TV movie, *Gunsmoke: Return to Dodge*, first aired on television?

(a-Truman, b-Kennedy, c-Nixon, d-Ford, e-Reagan)

Gunsmoke Word Match:

Faithful watchers of *Gunsmoke* will have little problem in matching the following words with their meanings:

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| (1) Slippery Elm | (a) a chewing tobacco |
| (2) Pecos Whisky | (b) a mock serenade given to newly weds |
| (3) shod | (c) characterized by its salty taste |
| (4) shivaree | (d) in reference to horses: shoed |
| (5) commancharos | (e) a condition of winter |
| (6) galloses | (f) a Mexican gang of bandits |
| (7) point | (g) where money was carried on a stagecoach |
| (8) eggout | (h) whiskey |
| (9) thick blood | (i) a sickness |
| (10) sarsaparilla | (j) suspenders |
| (11)surrey | (k) the position in front of the herd in a cattle drive |
| (12) lobo | (l) soda pop of the west |
| (13) strongbox | (m) a wolf |
| (14) Kansas sheep dip | (n) a type of buggy. |

(answers: 1a,2c,3d,4b,5f,6j,7k,8i,9e,10l,11n,12m,13g,14h)

(T/F) A true historical sheriff of Ford County was Bat Masterson. Is there any evidence that he killed anyone during his tenure?

(no)

(T/F) For the 1880's, *Gunsmoke* was an appropriate name since smokeless powder did not come into popular use until the middle of the 1990's. Indeed, gun smoke was so thick after the first shot, that it often impaired the accuracy of the second.

(true)

(T/F) There is no historical evidence that anyone ever got killed in the real Long Branch Saloon.

(false ... in 1879, for example, Cock-Eyed Frank Loving shot Levi Richardson in a fight over a woman.)

Wyatt Earp was assistant marshal of Dodge City under (a) Frank Basset. (b) Dick Richards. (c) Hector Gleason. (d) Al Lessless.

(a ... Frank Basset)

The name of the paper in Dodge City during the days of *Gunsmoke* was *The Dodge City* (a) *Shoot Out*. (b) *Times*. (c) *Gun*.

(b ... *Times*. Another paper was the *Ford County Globe*)

Besides the Long Branch, the Lady Gay is a saloon often mentioned in *Gunsmoke* episodes. Did the Lady Gay exist historically?

(yes)

Was there really a Boot Hill cemetery in Dodge?

(yes)

(T/F) True playing cards in the old west had no numbers in the corners.

(true ... *Gunsmoke* was accurate in this regard in early shows. Later, the prop cards, made by the United States Playing Card Company, looked just like the ones you'd buy today.)

What is the name of the bed that is dragged behind a horse normally used to transport sick or wounded people?

(a travois or travee)

One of the writers who glorified the west during the west's wild days was (a) Ned Buntline. (b) Tim Toms. (c) Mark Roberts.
(a ... Buntline)

GUNSMOKE ON THE RADIO

To within one year, when was the first *Gunsmoke* audition show made?

(1949 on June 11th)

The name of the *Gunsmoke* audition show, which was never aired, was titled (a) "Billy the Kid". (b) "Jaliscoe Pete". (c) "Mark Dillon Goes to Gouge Eye". (d) "Carmen". (e) "Matt Gets It".

(c, and yes, Dillon's first name was Mark in the audition show.)

(T/F) The first audition tape of *Gunsmoke* is lost.

(false)

(T/F) The actor who played Dillon in the audition tape was named Rye Billsbury. A second audition tape was made on July 15th on the same year with the same script this time starring Howard Culver as Dillon. Howard Culver also starred as a regular on television's *Gunsmoke* as Howie, the clerk at the Dodge House. He passed away in 1984.).

(true)

To within a year, when was the first radio broadcast of *Gunsmoke*?

(1952 on April 26th)

The name of the first episode of *Gunsmoke* On the radio was (a) "Chester's Hanging". (b) "Billy the Kid". (c) "Jayhawkers". (d) "Absalom".

(b ... "Billy the Kid". The other titles were also radio episodes.)

(T/F) *Variety* reviewed the first radio broadcast of *Gunsmoke* as "...without substance ... full of dead air."

(false. they said rather that the "series is presented with top thesping and scripting values that pull it way ahead of the pack of AM westerns.")

When *Gunsmoke* first aired on the radio, which of the following weekly radio plays did it bump from its time slot? (a) *Suspense*. (b) *The Jack Benny Show*. (c) *Lux Radio Theater*. (d) *The Shadow*. (e) *The Lone Ranger*. (f) *The Inner Sanctum*.

(a, *Suspense*, which, at times, featured Ronald Reagan)



The men and woman of *Gunsmoke* on the radio. From left to right, Howard McNear as Doc, William Conrad as Matt Dillon, Georgia Ellis as Kitty and Parley Baer as Chester.

Radio's *Gunsmoke* was sponsored a majority of the time by the makers of the cigarettes

(a) Lucky Strike. (b) L&M and Chesterfield. (c) Pall Malls. (d) Camels.

(b, L&M and Chesterfield cigarettes)

(T/F) Cigarette commercials on radio's *Gunsmoke* actually used the phrase "Just what the doctor ordered".

(true)

(T/F) The drama on radio's *Gunsmoke* was so realistic, that the head of the Chamber of Commerce in Dodge City wrote the program and asked during what period of history was Matt Dillon their United States Marshal.

(true)

As on early television, radio's *Gunsmoke* was centered around four main characters: Matt, Doc, Chester and Kitty. Did the actors who portrayed these radio roles ever appear on the television version of *Gunsmoke*?

(Yes ... Howard McNear, who played Doc on the radio, appeared more than once on television's *Gunsmoke*.)

(T/F) A television pilot of *Gunsmoke* was made using the radio actors in their radio roles ... but was rejected.

(true)

The producer of radio's *Gunsmoke*, who also produced the early television episodes of *Gunsmoke*, was (a) Norman Macdonnel. (b) Burt Lum. (c) Francis Holt. (d) John Meston. (e) Connie Mack.

(a, Macdonnel)

(T/F) Many of the early *Gunsmoke* radio plays were written by Rod Serling, the creator and host of the *Twilight Zone*.

(false)

(T/F) Many of the stories that were initially aired on radio were later redone on television.

(true)

(T/F) On the same day that *Gunsmoke* premiered on television, a radio episode was aired.

(true)

Was the television premier of *Gunsmoke* advertised on the radio version?

(yes)

(T/F) Ronald Reagan played the role of a cattle baron in a 1956 radio episode of *Gunsmoke*.

(false ... Reagan never appeared on either radio's or television's *Gunsmoke*.)

(T/F) Stan Laurel played a traveling circus clown on a 1954 *Gunsmoke* radio play.

(false)

(T/F) Many of the actors who played bit parts on the early *Gunsmoke* radio plays later became major television personalities.

(false)

What actor who later starred in the television *The Untouchables* was seriously considered for the radio role of Matt Dillon?

(Robert Stack)

What actor who later starred in the title role of the television series *Perry Mason* auditioned for the radio role of Matt Dillon?

(Raymond Burr)

Three of the following were the sound effects normally heard at the beginning of each *Gunsmoke* radio play. Choose the three and place them in order: (a) a body hitting the ground. (b) rain. (c) ricochet. (d) approaching footsteps. (e) approaching hoofbeats. (f) cattle. (g) a single gunshot. (h) two gunshots.

(e,g,c)

Fill in the blanks to the introduction given each week to radio's *Gunsmoke*: "Around Dodge City and the territory out west, there's just one way to handle the killers and the spoilers. And that's with a U.S. Marshal and the _____ (two words) *Gunsmoke*. *Gunsmoke*: the story of the violence that that moved west and _____ (two words) that moved with them."

("smell of" and "the man")

The first words muttered by Matt Dillon on the radio each week were in the show's introduction and were the same. Fill in the blanks of this weekly utterance: "I'm that man - Matt Dillon, United States Marshal. The first man they look for and the ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ (six words). It's a chancy job and it makes a man watchful and a little ____ (one word)."

("last one they want to see" and "lonely")

(T/F) The governor of the state of Kansas condemned *Gunsmoke* radio plays as "... overly violent (and) degrading to the history and traditions of the great state of Kansas".

(false ... He actually gave a short speech at a break in a *Gunsmoke* radio play praising the show. He was careful, however, to point out that modern Dodge City was nothing like that depicted on *Gunsmoke*.)

(T/F) To authenticate historical accuracy of scripts, history reference books were known to be brought to the *Gunsmoke* studio.

(true)

(T/F) *Gunsmoke* was the first western to be aired on the radio where at no time did the hero kiss his horse.

(false ... *Hawk Larabee* didn't either)

On what radio network did *Gunsmoke* air?

(CBS ... the same as on television)

The writer who wrote the largest number of early *Gunsmoke* scripts for radio was (a) John Meston. (b) Billy Wong. (c) Everett Dirkson. (d) Clyde Ware. (e) Paul Savage.
(a, Meston)

(T/F) On the radio, Dodge City had an opera house.

(true)

Did Dillon's office have curtains in the radio episodes?

(No ... Dillon once severely scolded Chester for hanging curtains and instructed he take them down.)

What was the name of the classiest hotel in Dodge City?

(The Dodge House)

The classiest hotel in Dodge City was located at the corner of the plaza and (a) Cowboy Lane. (b) Texas Street. (c) Arkansas Street. (d) Railroad Street. (d) Dust Lane.
(c ... Railroad Street)

To within 5, name one of the first two numbers to the combination in Dillon's safe.
(27 and 69 in that order)

The announcer for radio's *Gunsmoke's* also announced the television series. His name was (a) George Walsh. (b) Conrad Elias. (c) Never Brands. (d) Jud Nellis.
(a ... Walsh)

(T/F) All of the scripts for radio's *Gunsmoke* were written by men.
(false)

(T/F) One prolific writer of *Gunsmoke* radio scripts was confined to a wheelchair.
(true ... Marian Clark wrote over 60 half hour scripts.)

(T/F) When canceled, *Gunsmoke* was the last network radio drama to originate from Hollywood.
(true)

To within one, what was the last year in which *Gunsmoke* was aired over network radio?
(1964 in June)

When performing in the last *Gunsmoke* radio play, were the actors aware that it was the last show?
(no)

Was there an announcement on the last radio *Gunsmoke* play that the show was being terminated?
(yes)

THE CHARACTERS:

Matt:

Did Dillon ever get shot on the radio?

(yes ... a number of times)

Dillon called wanted posters (a) circulars. (b) the rogues gallery. (c) paper outlaws. (d) graphiles.

(a, circulars)

What percent of the award did Dillon get when he captured a man with a price on his head?

(zero)

Did Dillon smoke or chew?

(On radio ... yes)

(T/F) Dillon only drank beer because he felt whisky would slow his reaction time.

(false)

William Conrad:

Radio's Matt Dillon played the title role in three television series. Name one of them.

(*Cannon* and *Nero Wolfe* and *Jake and the Fat Man*. He was the fat man.)

Has William Conrad ever sang professionally?

(yes ... Conrad made his singing debut in Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado* in 1984.)

William Conrad had a superbly deep resonant voice. For which of the following television shows was he the narrator? (a) *The Fugitive*. (b) *The Wild Wild World of Animals*. (c) *The Invaders*. (d) *Tales of the Unexpected*. (e) *Rocky and His Friends*. (f) *All of the above*.

(f, all of the above)

Did William Conrad direct any of the television episodes of *Gunsmoke*?

(yes)

One of the reasons that William Conrad was not selected for the television role of Matt Dillon was his large girth.

(true)

(T/F) Prior to *Gunsmoke*, William Conrad narrated the radio drama anthology *Escape* on which all the future *Gunsmoke* regulars (Georgia Ellis, Parley Baer and Howard McNear) worked.

(true)

Prior to *Gunsmoke*, William Conrad typically got what type of dramatic roles?

(the heavy or the villain)

(T/F) William Conrad was the narrator of the *Huckleberry Hound* cartoons.

(false)

(T/F) William Conrad starred as the lead in the television series *The Wild Wild West*.

(false ... that was Robert Conrad)

(T/F) William Conrad played the roll call police sargaent on the television series *Hill Street Blues*. He was famous for the phrase "Let's be careful out there".

(false ... that was Micheal Conrad)

Prior to his work on *Gunsmoke*, William Conrad narrated the short lived television series

(a) *Espionage*. (b) *Escape*. (c) *Animals Today*. (d) *Dragnet*.

(b ... *Escape*, which ran on television from January 5, 1950 through March 30, 1950 - a total of three months.)

(T/F) During rehearsals for radio's *Gunsmoke*, William Conrad typically cursed like a sailor.

(true)

(T/F) *TV Guide* awarded William Conrad a *J. Fred Muggs Award* in 1987 as a result of his vulgar mouth.

(true ... In a scene from *Jake and the Fatman*, Conrad uttered some vulgarities that had to be bleeped. CBS censors decided, however, that his lips could be read so the scene was cut. Hence the reward.)

Did William Conrad smoke?

(yes)

According to William Conrad, how many pages of script provided for a good comfortable half hour *Gunsmoke*?

(eleven)

Did William Conrad participate in the introduction live each week?

(No ... his portion was taped)

(T/F) William Conrad maintains that one of the major reasons for the success of radio's *Gunsmoke* was the charisma he contributed to the leading role.

(true)

(T/F) After radio's *Gunsmoke* was canceled, William Conrad took an executive position with the Desilu studios.

(false ... the position was with Warner Brothers.)

Did William Conrad ever act with Ronald Reagan in a radio drama?

(yes)

What line of products did Conrad represent in print and on television in the '80's.

(*First Alert* security equipment such as fire alarms)

Conrad began his career in the media as a California radio announcer in what decade?

(the 30's)

Conrad made his motion picture debut in 1947 in the film (a) *The Killers*. (b) *Shane*. (c) *Winchester 45*. (d) *High Noon*.

(a ... *The Killers*)

To within one thousand, in how many radio productions, including *Gunsmoke*, did Conrad participate?

(7500)

Conrad was the producer and/or director of the television series (a) *Bat Masterson*. (b) *Klondike*. (c) *General Electric True*. (d) all of the above. (e) none of the above.

(d ... all of the above)

(T/F) Conrad has done the voice of *The Lone Ranger*.

(true ... in Saturday morning cartoons)

Conrad was a co-star in what 1947 movie classic starring John Garfield about boxing?

(*Body and Soul* which was ineffectively remade in 1981.)

Doc:

(T/F) The character of Doc was initially conceived from and named after the ghoulish character in the Addams family cartoon.

(true)

(T/F) William Conrad gave Doc Adams his first name.

(true)

(T/F) On television, Doc's first name was Galen. On radio, his first name was Charles.

(true)

(T/F) Radio's Doc refused to perform autopsies because the government fee was too low.

(false ... he got excited over such opportunities to make a quick buck.)

On radio's *Gunsmove*, Doc's real name was not Adams. He changed it to Adams to hide from a bum murder rap. His real name was (a) Clayton Moore. (b) Ormeda Moore. (c) Les Moore. (d) William Moore. (e) Calvin Moore. (f) George Moore.

(e ... Calvin Moore)

Radio's Doc was a widower. His wife died (a) as an innocent bystander in a bank robbery. (b) of typhoid. (c) in a savage Indian attack. (d) in a train wreck.

(b ... typhoid)

When Doc's wife died, they were both living in (a) Boston. (b) Denver. (c) St. Louis. (d) New York City. (e) Seattle.

(c ... St. Louis)

Doc went to medical school in (a) Boston. (b) Denver. (c) St. Louis. (d) New York City. (e) Seattle.

(a ... Boston)

Howard McNear:

The actor who played Doc was better known for his portrayal of a country barber on what television situation comedy?

(Floyd the Barber on the *Andy Griffith Show*)

Is the actor who played radio's Doc still with us?

(no ... Howard McNear is dead.)

(T/F) William Conrad had strong personality clashes with Howard McNear that remained active even after McNear's death.

(false)

(T/F) Howard McNear was famous for his ad libs.

(false ... he liked to stick to the script.)

(T/F) Howard McNear played Floyd the barber on the *Andy Griffith Show* even after a stroke left him unable to walk.

(true ... the scenes were structured so that he was always sitting.)

(T/F) Howard McNear refused to take medication.

(false ... he carried around a bottle that contained all shapes and sizes of pills and would offer them to his friends for their ills.)

When Howard McNear died, who gave a eulogy at his funeral that drew laughs from those in attendance?

(William Conrad)

(T/F) Howard McNear irregularly attended a number of churches.

(true)

(T/F) Howard McNear commonly wore a moustache.

(true)

Chester:

Was Chester's character in the first aired radio episode of *Gunsmoke*?

(yes)

Chester was named after Chesterfield cigarettes which sponsored *Gunsmoke* on both television and radio.

(false ... Chester's name was established prior to the cigarette sponsorship.)

(T/F) Chester was known for shooting himself in the foot.

(false)

(T/F) On television, Chester's last name was Goode. What was his last name on the radio version of *Gunsmoke*?

(Proudfoot)

(T/F) Chester's middle name was (a) Deacon. (b) Mangus. (c) Trevor. (d) Wesley.

(d, Wesley)

What animal bi-product was Chester fond of putting in the grounds to improve the flavor of coffee?

(egg shells)

(T/F) One of Chester's hobbies was knitting.

(false)

What did Chester like mixed with his whiskey?

(sugar)

On television, Chester had a stiff leg. Did the radio character also have a stiff leg?

(no)

Did Chester drink or chew?

(on radio ... yes)

Was Chester a character in the first radio episode of *Gunsmoke*?

(yes)

Chester's father was named (a) Ned. (b) Wesley. (c) William. (d) Hack.
(b ... Wesley)

(T/F) Chester had ten siblings. Each had Wesley as a middle name.
(true)

(T/F) Unlike on television, radio's Chester was fat.
(true)

Radio's Chester was played by (a) Dennis Morgan. (b) Billy Sunday. (c) Carl Weathers.
(d) Parley Baer. (e) Howard Conrad. (f) Jerry Hoff.
(d, Baer)

In the first *Gunsmoke* script, Chester's character was referred to as "townsman". Who gave him the name of Chester?
(William Conrad)

Who created Chester's middle and last name?
(Parley Baer ... Chester's middle and last name were changed for television.)

(T/F) Chester's middle and last names on the radio were created by an ad lib.
(true)

Parley Baer:

(T/F) Parley Baer once played both Chester and Chester's father on the same radio play.
Parley Baer as (true)

Choose one of two television shows in which Parley Baer had a regular role: (a) *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*. (b) *The Dottie Mack Show*. (c) *The Partridge Family*. (d) *California Fever*. (e) *The Double Life of Henry Phylfe*. (f) *The Real McCoys*.
(a and e)

(T/F) Parley Baer was a guest star on the television series *The Golden Girls* on Saturday, October 11, 1986.

(false ... he was on *The Twilight Zone* that day. The episode was a complete flop, ranking number 62 of the 64 prime time shows rated that week.)

(T/F) Parley Baer typically picked up Howard McNear on the way to the studio to perform *Gunsmoke*.

(true)

(T/F) Parley Baer has retired from acting and presently owns a pear farm in Madrid Spain.

(false)

(T/F) Parley Baer is affectionately known to his close friends as *Stinky*.

(false)

(T/F) Parley Baer played Uncle Joe on the television series *Petticoat Junction*.

(false)

(T/F) Parley Baer occasionally played an insurance agent on *the Addams Family*.

(true)

(T/F) Mayor Stoner on *the Andy Griffith Show* was played by Parley Baer.

(true)

(T/F) Parley Baer played an orphaned southern child in *Gone With The Wind*.

(false)

(T/F) Parley Baer played Don Rickle's boss on *the Don Rickles Show*.

(true)

(T/F) In 1971, Parley Baer played the role of Simon Legree on the PBS production of "The Plot to Overthrow Christmas".

(true)

(T/F) Parley Baer has worked for Walt Disney.

(true ... he appeared in the 1966 Disney movie *The Ugly Dachshund*.)

Kitty:

(T/F) Kitty's character was not in the first few of the radio *Gunsmoke* episodes.
(true)

On early radio *Gunsmokes*, Kitty neither owned or worked at the Long Branch Saloon. The name of the saloon she worked at was (a) the Texas Trails. (b) the Bull's Head. (c) Good Time Charley's's. (d) the Happy Trails. (e) Lulu's. (f) Fat Henry's. (g) the Dodge City Saloon.
(a, the Texas Trails)

What sleezy occupation was Kitty implied to have?
(a prostitute)

How did Kitty break her toe? (a) playing touch football on Front Street with Chester. (b) dancing with a Texas cowboy. (c) kicking a spittoon.
(a ... dancing with a cowboy)

Georgia Ellis:

Georgia Ellis was a regular on which of the following television series: (a) *The George Burns Show*. (b) *Lassie*. (c) *Medallion Theater*. (d) *The Ruggles*. (e) *The Texan*. (f) *Tanafly*. (g) All of the above. (h) None of the above.
(h ... Ellis never made it big in television)

Before she played Kitty, what other role did Georgia Ellis play on *Gunsmoke*? (a) Bertha Bell, a woman mule skinner. (b) Belle Starr, a sharp shooter. (c) Yorky, a young farm boy. (d) Brandy, a saloon girl much like Kitty.
(d, Brandy)

Before Georgia Ellis, the role of Kitty was played for a short time by Patricia Loveless. Loveless was killed in an automobile accident half way through *Gunsmoke*'s first season on the radio.
(totally false)

THE MUSIC:

The name of the *Gunsmoke* theme is (a) 'Ol Trails. (b) *Melancholy Marshal*. (c) *Dodge City Serenade*. (d) *There's Blood on the Saddle*. (e) *Smoking Gun*.

(a ... 'Ol Trails or *Gunsmoke Trails*)

The *Gunsmoke* theme was written by (a) James Arness. (b) Rex Koury. (c) Ted Post. (d) John Meston.

(b ... Koury. Spencer is also listed as a writer.)

The publisher of the theme for *Gunsmoke* is (a) Herman Music Inc. (b) Dodge City Music Limited. (c) Koury Inc. (d) Cow Town Music Inc.

(a ... Herman)

Music published in the United States either uses BMI, ASCAP or SESAC to collect royalties. The theme for *Gunsmoke* uses which?

(ASCAP)

(T/F) The theme for *Gunsmoke* was initially conceived in late 1950 and developed over a period of a year.

(false ... the theme was written very quickly in order to meet a deadline.)

Is the *Gunsmoke* theme played in a major or a minor key?

(major)

In what key is the *Gunsmoke* theme played

(E flat)

(T/F) The theme to *Gunsmoke* was released on record and in sheet music form. These products were pitched on the radio.

(true)

(T/F) In the late 1950's, the *Gunsmoke* theme reached number nine on *Billboard's* top 100 pop song list.

(false)

(T/F) The version of the *Gunsmoke* theme that was released on record was performed by *Bill Paley and the Comets*.

(false ... Bill Paley was a cofounder and chair of CBS. Because he enjoyed *Gunsmoke*, he ordered the show returned to television after it had been canceled by CBS in the early 60's.)

(T/F) Chester would frequently whistle the *Gunsmoke* theme as he walked down Front Street.

(false)

(T/F) The same arrangement of the *Gunsmoke* theme was used the entire 23 years that *Gunsmoke* aired on radio and television.

(false)

On radio's early *Gunsmokes*, the music was performed live. What historical event popularized the use of canned (or prerecorded) music?

(the 1957 musicians strike)

Interior music in a radio play is that music played between scenes or to highlight a desired mood. Rex Koury wrote much of the interior music for radio's *Gunsmoke*. Had he ever written such music for a western prior to this?

(no)

(T/F) The theme for *Gunsmoke* was written on the same day as its first radio broadcast.

(true)

Which did Rex Koury write first: the interior music for *Gunsmoke* or the *Gunsmoke* theme?

(interior ... to get the feel what might make a good theme.)

To within one hour, how long does Koury claim that it took him to write the theme for *Gunsmoke*?

(ten minutes)

(T/F) Koury graduated with a BS in music from the University of Washington and went to work immediately after for CBS. *Gunsmoke* was his first assignment.

(false ... Koury had been writing music since the '30's.)

Was the interior music that Koury wrote for radio's *Gunsmoke* also used in the television version?

(yes)

(T/F) After *Gunsmoke*, Koury toured the country playing organ for what type of events?
(the showing of old silent movies)

(T/F) Koury worked his way through college as a silent film extra.

(false)

THE SPECIAL EFFECTS:

(T/F) *Gunsmoke* was the first radio drama to violate the rule that there be little dead air.

(true)

To within one, how many people performed the sound effects on a typical *Gunsmoke* radio play?

(two or three)

Gun shot sound effects made live in the studio on early *Gunsmoke*'s sounded wimpy. *Gunsmoke*'s sound effects men thus went to a vacant lot and recorded various firings of 45, 38, 32 and 22 caliber guns to use on the programs. Which of these was always used for Dillon's gun?

(the 45)

(T/F) Foot step sound effects were superbly done on radio's *Gunsmoke*. So well were they planned, that the same number of footsteps were used every time Dillon walked from the front of his office to the jail in back. The same was true for the trip from Dillon's desk to the stove.

(true ... but the number of steps used from the jail to the Long Branch were sometimes varied according to whether the show was on schedule or running late.)

What objects were used to make horse's hoof beat sound effects?

(coconuts)

(T/F) Care was taken to give different Dodge City saloons different background sound effects.

(true)

PLATE 5

(next page)

The two Matt Dillons live in the late 80's
(9/26/88), three decades after both the
radio and television premier of *Gunsmoke*.

William Conrad, of *Cannon* fame,
played Dillon on the radio.



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