

# de Stolfe Journal

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Forever West



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## Editorial

Robert-George de Stolfe

Here I am 14 years later with another issue of the de Stolfe Journal! As I mentioned in the last issue a couple of years ago, I moved to Flagstaff, Arizona where I go to school at the same university, Northern Arizona University (NAU), where I went for those three extended studies trips. In addition to the two Associate degrees I have (which don't mean much), I am pursuing a Bachelors of Science in Arts Management. I hope to one day run then later own a gallery. I will keep you updated as time and networking

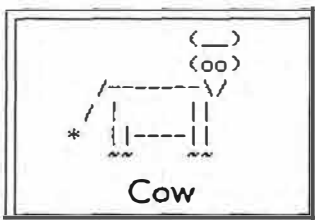


progresses. As the title of this issue *Forever West* suggests, There is a sense of permanence. This should suggest that I am planning to stay out here, even after I finish school. At some point in the future, I plan to have a ranch and eventually settle. As for the journal, the subject will stay mostly about western life, culture, cowboy stuff, et cetera. I hope you like this issue, and the ones to come!

Check out my web site

<http://dana.ucc.nau.edu/~rd23> or

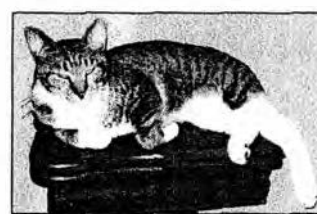
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Cow



Gator



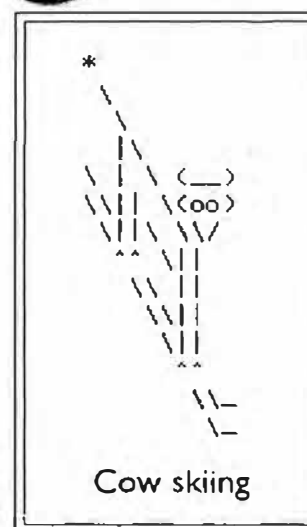
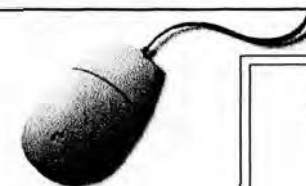
Jackson Van Gogh

## RG's Favorite Songs (in alphabetical order by artist, album, & song)

Song	Album	Artist
<i>Derelect</i>	"Odelay"	Beck
<i>Devil's Haircut</i>	"Odelay"	Beck
<i>Like the Rain</i>	"The Greatest Hits"	Clint Black
<i>Rapture</i>	"Mega Hits Disco" vol 11	Blondie
<i>Cowgirl</i>	"Big Love"	Tracy Byrd
<i>Give Me One Reason</i>	"New Beginning"	Tracy Chapman
<i>She's got It All</i>	"I Will Stand"	Kenny Chesney
<i>Gangsta's Paradise</i>	"1996 Grammy Nominees"	Coolio
<i>Dancin'</i>	"Baja Sessions"	Chris Isaak
<i>Changed Your Mind</i>	"Forever Blue"	Chris Isaak
<i>Shadows in the Mirror</i>	"Forever Blue"	Chris Isaak
<i>A Fifth of Beethoven</i>	"Saturday Night Fever" Soundtrack	Walter Murphy
<i>Indian Outlaw</i>	"not a moment too soon"	Tim McGraw
<i>McKenzie Brothers</i>	"Sex & Violins"	Rednex
<i>Bullwinkle, part II</i>	"Pulp Fiction" Soundtrack	The Centurians
<i>Comanche</i>	"Pulp Fiction" Soundtrack	The Revels
<i>Misirlou</i>	"Pulp Fiction" Soundtrack	Dick Dale & His Deltones
<i>Surf Rider</i>	"Pulp Fiction" Soundtrack	The Lively Ones
<i>Nothing</i>	"Gone"	Dwight Yoakam
Anything by Chris Ledoux but especially:		
<i>Billy the Kid</i>	"Haywire"	Chris Ledoux
<i>Stampede</i>	"Stampede"	Chris Ledoux
<i>Western Skies*</i>	"Whatcha Gonna do with a Cowboy"	Chris Ledoux
*personal theme song (see page 5)		

## Cool Web Sites

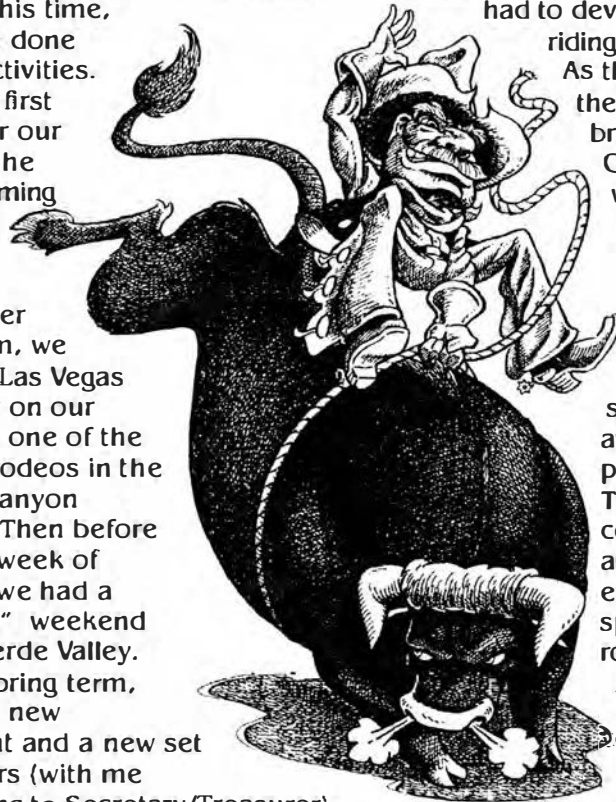
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NAU Homepage	<a href="http://www.nau.edu">http://www.nau.edu</a>
Garfield	<a href="http://www.garfield.com">http://www.garfield.com</a>
Country Music	<a href="http://www.country.com">http://www.country.com</a>
Free eMail	<a href="http://www.hotmail.com">http://www.hotmail.com</a>
West History	<a href="http://www.truewest.com">http://www.truewest.com</a>
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Columbia House	<a href="http://www.columbiahouse.com">http://www.columbiahouse.com</a>
Clint Eastwood	<a href="http://www.man-with-no-name.com">http://www.man-with-no-name.com</a>
Playcow!	<a href="http://members.tripod.com/~JBarton">http://members.tripod.com/~JBarton</a>
Mardi Gras	<a href="http://www.mardigrasneworleans.com">http://www.mardigrasneworleans.com</a>
Prorodeo	<a href="http://www.prorodeo.com/default.html">http://www.prorodeo.com/default.html</a>
"The Wrangler"	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/1616">http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/1616</a>
Kelley Blue Book	<a href="http://www.achevishowcase.com/kelley.html">http://www.achevishowcase.com/kelley.html</a>
WOW Program	<a href="http://www.nau.edu/cee/WOW">http://www.nau.edu/cee/WOW</a>
Doc Holliday	<a href="http://www.frontiernet.net/~sandidge/doc.html">http://www.frontiernet.net/~sandidge/doc.html</a>



Cow skiing

## Rodeo Club

In the time I have lived here in Flagstaff (almost two years), I have been involved with the NAU Rodeo Club/Team. This club has been the most influential and beneficial thing I have been involved with since moving here. I am currently Secretary/Treasurer and hope to be during the 1998-99 school year. During this time, we have done many activities. We won first place for our float in the Homecoming parade in Fall 1996. Then later that term, we went to Las Vegas to cheer on our riders at one of the district rodeos in the Grand Canyon region. Then before the last week of school, we had a "spirited" weekend in the Verde Valley. In the Spring term, we got a new president and a new set of officers (with me advancing to Secretary/Treasurer). During the 1997-98 year so far, I feel very comfortable and feel as if I am accepted in this club. Everyone seems to be happy with my work.



## Rodeo Events

Professional rodeo evolved from a working life-style, and the cowboys who compete in today's events carry on the rugged tradition established by their 19th century predecessors. Life on the cattle trails produced a breed that became a living legend—the American Cowboy. To succeed in the early West, cowboys had to develop their roping and riding abilities to a high level. As they honed these skills, their competitive spirits broadened as well. Challenges to determine who could rope the quickest calf or ride the wildest horse became common practice at day's end. Roping and riding contests were often staged in the nearest available corral or pasture. These friendly competitive matches among ranch hands evolved into the modern sport of professional rodeo. Today, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's (PRCA) rodeos evokes images of the early West with its contests between untamed horses and cattle and that independent breed—the American Cowboy.

## "Western Skies"

*Whatcha Gonna Do  
with a Cowboy*  
Chris Ledoux

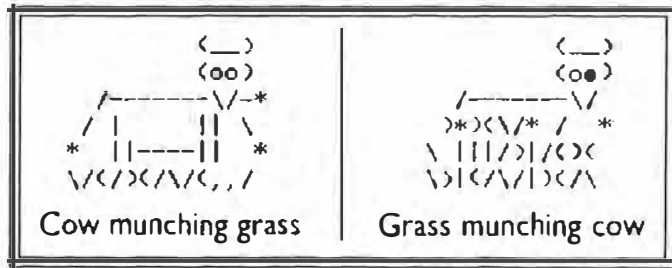
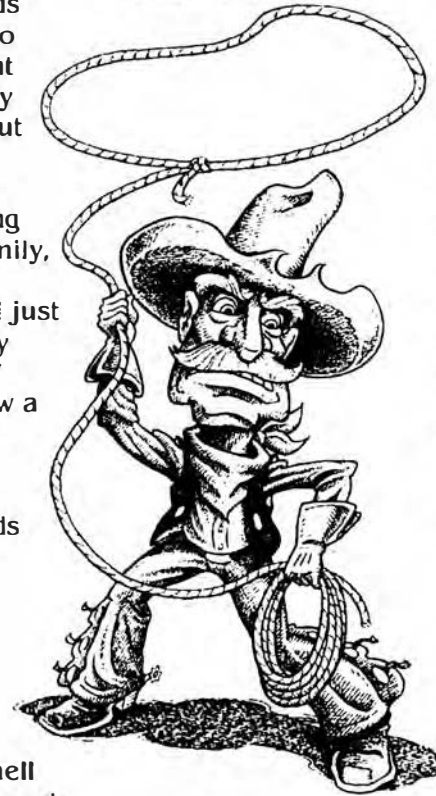
"My Nashville friends think I'm strange to make my home out on the range. They think its nothing but a God-forsaken land."  
"Why don't you bring your guitar and family, move on down to Tennessee. Well, I just smile because they don't understand."  
"But If they ever saw a sunrise on a mountain mornin' and watch those cotton-candy clouds go by. And they'd know why I live beneath these western skies."

"I've got peace of mind and elbow room. I love to smell the sage in bloom, and catch a rainbow on my fishin' line." "We got county fairs and rodeos and a better place for my kids to grow; just turn them loose in the western summertime."

"And if you ever held your woman on a summer's evenin' while the prairie moon was blazin' in her eyes. Then you'd know why I live beneath these western skies. You

ain't lived until you watch those northern lights. Sit around the campfire and hear the coyotes call at night. Makes you feel all right."

"Yeee-haw!"  
"So guess I'll stay right where I'm at, wear my boots and cowboy hat."  
"But, I'll come and see you once in a while."  
"I'll bring my guitar and sing some songs. And sorry if I don't stay too long. I love Tennessee, but you know it just ain't my style."  
"I gotta be where I can see those Rocky mountains. Ride my horse and watch an eagle fly. I gotta live my life and write my songs beneath these western skies."  
"And when I die, you can bury me beneath these western skies."  
"Yippee-yiii!"

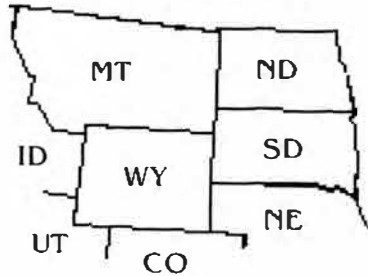


# The Cowboy "Tribes" (by region)

## Buckaroo



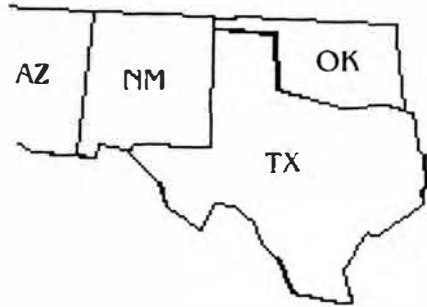
## Cowboy



## Vaquero

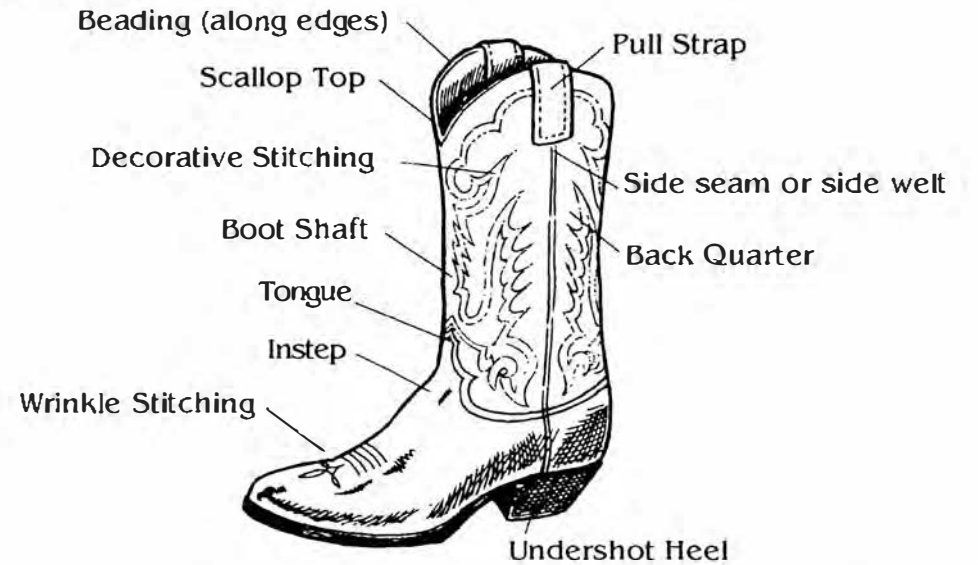


## Cowpuncher

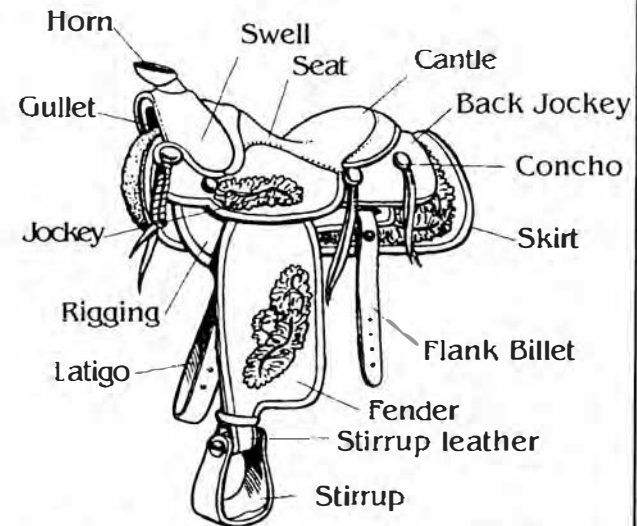


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<p>Cow drinking jolt</p>	<p>Cow eating psychedelic mushrooms</p>	<p>Psychedelic mushrooms &amp; jolt</p>

# Cowboy Boot

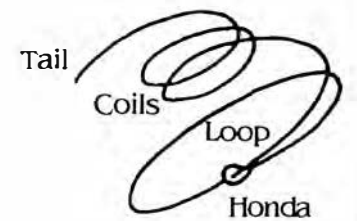


# Western Saddle



from *The Country Western Guide to Life*

# Cowboy's Rope

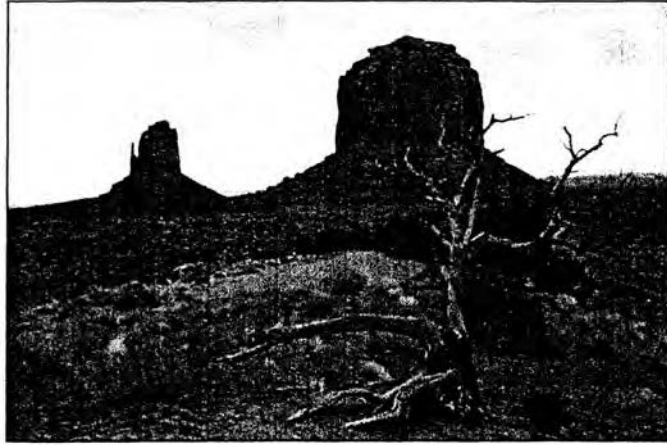


# Hondas



from *The Cowboy Life*

## Monument Valley, Arizona

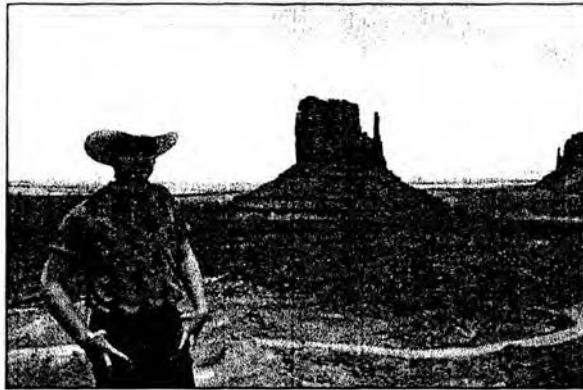


*John Wayne's Boot*

*Panoramic view of Monument Valley*



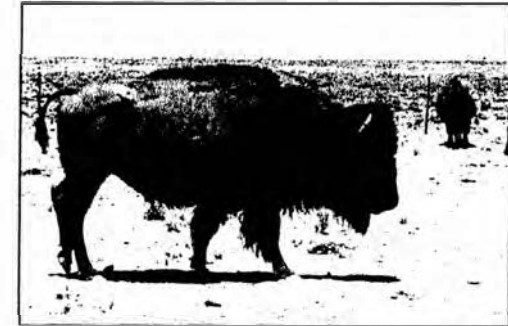
For my birthday this past July, I decided to go on a tour of Monument Valley. The pics shown here were all taken with a digital camera.



## No Bull, Buffalo Are Still Around



This summer, Wayne (a friend of mine) and I decided to go scouting for buffalo at a local game preserve. We really weren't sure if we would get to see any. Although, as you can tell by these pics, we actually were able to drive right through the herd! We plan to go searching again during the winter months when the ground is covered with snow.



Las Vegas

Phoenix

SALAD

New Orleans



## To Have A Friend

Robert-George de Stolfe

To have a friend  
Means being very fortunate  
To have someone to intimately  
Share your life with  
Without judgement

To have a friend  
Means having mutual respect  
And admiration through  
Honesty and support

To have a friend  
Means love and companionship  
From a close friendship  
That continues to develop

To have a friend  
Means support with caring  
And space with understanding

To have a friend  
Means having a friend forever  
Regardless of changing circumstances

To have a friend  
Means devoting to  
The endurance of  
Keeping the two souls content

## Success

Robert-George de Stolfe

Success is measured by  
the quality of life's  
development

Success is measured by  
career, relationship, and  
personal goals set by  
the desire to achieve  
happiness

Success is only reached  
once the development  
of the goals has led to  
personal satisfaction  
and unexpected,  
pleasant progression



## A Pattern of Love

Robert-George de Stolfe

The fog of the unknown  
Thick'ns and clears  
As explorations continue  
Throughout the years

While the emotions b'gin to  
focus  
Some scary fears are made  
Despite the fact that they're  
bogus  
Eventually the fears will fade

Once the souls fin'ly realize  
And Want'a be together  
Their lives begin to harm'nize  
Reinforcin' love for each other

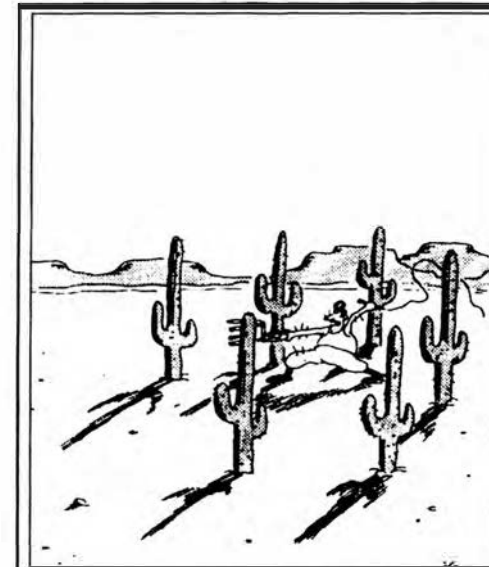
They want'a surrender control  
And unlock their potential  
desire  
By givin' each other their soul  
Creatin' a force stronger'n fire

Each soul needs to be a friend  
And always be mutually true  
Their energy should easily  
blend  
To create a bright, unique hue

## Far Side & Vignettes



Lattè, Jed?



André LaFleur: Cactus Tamer



Fish Rides

## Garfield Books

Here's a continuation list of the Garfield books in existence. Check out the Garfield website at [Http://www.Garfield.com](http://www.Garfield.com)

- 25 Hits the Big Time
- 26 Pulls His Weight
- 27 Dishes it Out
- 28 Life in the Fat Lane
- 29 Tons of Fun
- 30 Bigger & Better
- 31 Hams it Up

8 Garfield treasures include only the Sunday comics in color. There are many, many books and other Garfield stuff you can buy, call 1-888-294-9930 (Garfield customer service) to order a free catalog. I think just looking through the catalog is cool!

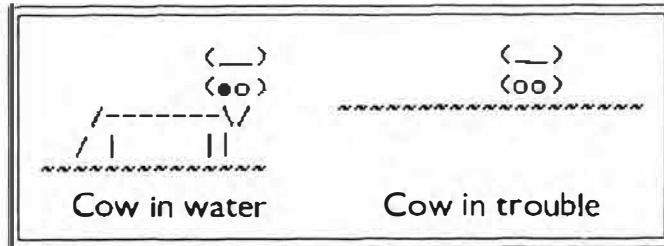
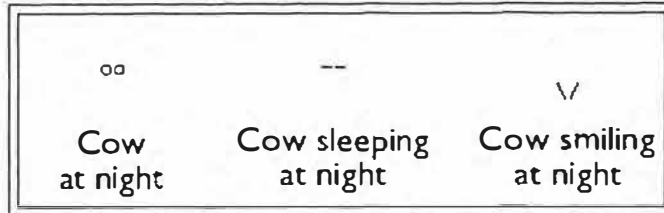


## The Cowboys

Cowboys are a whole souled, large-hearted, generous class of fellows who it's a genuine pleasure to ride with, eat with, and associate with. Nine-tenths of the hostile things said of them came from people who never intimately knew a single one of them. A year spent on the hurricane deck of a cow-pony is one of the most useful and valuable pieces of experience a person can possible have. Time spent on a frontier cattle ranch will teach self-reliance and endurance of hardships and suffering; will give confidence and grit. It

will develop hidden energy to a degree that can't be accomplished by any other experiences known. Many successful people started as "cow punchers" to which they owe their strength of character and the ability to overcome great obstacles. The association with nature by studying its broad terrains, the days and nights of solitary riding and camping on the prairie, and the study of one's self tends to forge honesty and nobleness. If everyone could have the chance of a year or two of this kind of study, there will be a lot more honest and humble people.

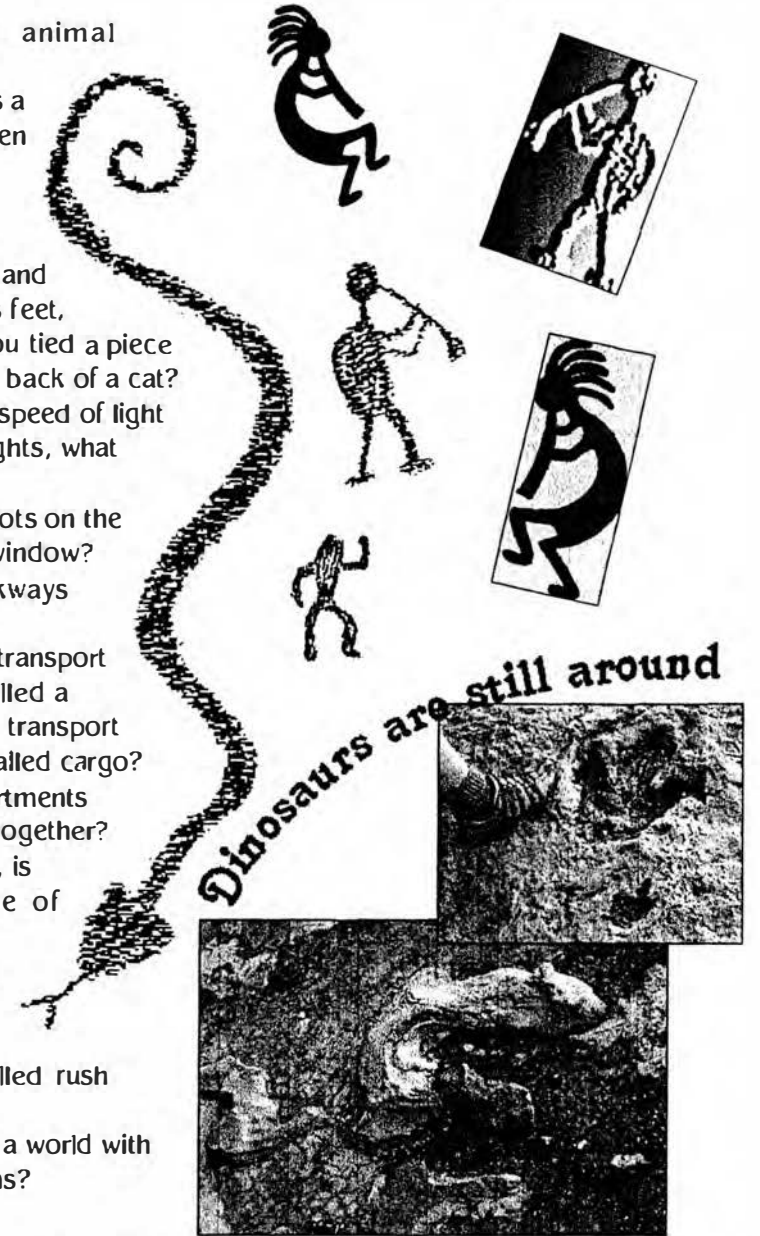
adapted (reworded) from: *Arizona Weekly Champion*, November 20, 1886



## Hypothetical Questions

- Do vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- If 7-11 is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, then why are there locks on the doors?
- If buttered toast always lands butter side down, and a cat always lands on its feet, what would happen if you tied a piece of buttered toast to the back of a cat?
- If you are driving at the speed of light and turn on your headlights, what happens?
- Why do the put braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up window?
- Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
- Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- If con is opposite to pro, is congress the opposite of progress?
- Why are there interstate highways in Hawai'i?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical questions?

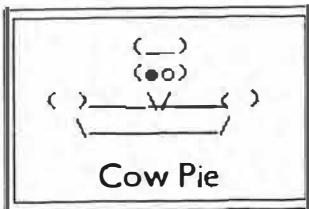
## Return of the Kokopelli



## My Very First Time

The sky was dark  
 The moon was high  
 All alone just she and I  
 Her hair was soft  
 Her eyes were blue  
 I knew just what  
 She wanted to do  
 Her skin so soft  
 Her legs so fine  
 I ran my fingers  
 Down her spine  
 I didn't know how  
 But I tried my best  
 I started by placing  
 My hands on her breast  
 I remember my fear  
 My fast beating heart  
 But slowly she spread  
 Her legs apart  
 And when I did it  
 I felt no shame  
 All at once  
 The white stuff came  
 At last it's finished  
 It's all over now  
 My first time ever...  
 At milking a cow!

I know what you were thinking!!! Get your mind out of the gutter!!!! You're sick.



## Fortune Cookies

Some fortunes I got over the past year

- You may be called upon to help a friend
- Work on ideas that are creative and can bring fine results
- Your loyalties are clear when it comes to friends
- Your happiness is intertwined with your outlook on life
- Personal achievement will be your key to happiness
- You'd rather be approached than do the approaching
- Your love life will be happy and harmonious
- An admirer is concealing affection for you
- You will find comfort in a new relationship
- You are enterprising—take advantage of it
- You are apt to give too much thought to appearance
- You are only starting on your path to success

- You will set your sights high, and enjoy striving for the impossible
- Your emotional nature is strong and sensitive
- A little madness, a little kindness, makes for happiness
- Life to you is a dashing and bold adventure
- Your life will be happy and peaceful
- Allow yourself time—you will reach success
- When in doubt, let your instincts guide you
- Where your treasure is, there will be your heart be also
- There is a prospect of a thrilling time ahead for you
- You know what you want—get to work to make it materialize
- Art is your fate: don't debate
- You can always trust your friends
- You are open and honest in your philosophy of love
- You are a person of imaginative, yet honest intentions

## Course

### Evaluations

- “ This class was a religious experience for me... I had to take everything on faith.”
- “ The class is worthwhile because I need it for my degree.”
- “ In class I learned that I can fudge answers and get away with it.”
- “ The syllabus is more important than you are.”
- “ He teaches like Speedy Gonzales on a caffeine high.”
- “ The TA steadily improved throughout the course... I think he started drinking and it really loosened him up.”
- “ Information was presented like a ruptured fire hose—spraying in all directions—no way to stop it.”

## You might be a college student if...

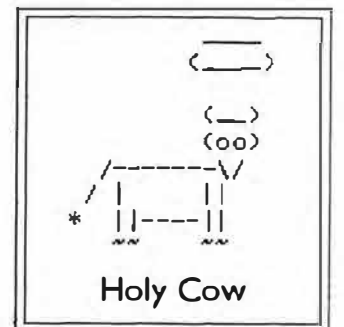
- If you've ever price shopped for ramen noodles
- If you've ever seen two consecutive sunrises without sleeping
- If your underwear supply dictates when to do laundry
- If you can pack all your possessions into the back of a pick-up
- If you consider pizza a major food group
- When a blender is your first major appliance
- When you're not a dork if you wear your backpack on both shoulders
- When your second major appliance is a coffee maker
- When you spend a lot of your time reading forwarded email

## Minimum Wage

### History

(1938-1997)

Date	Minimum Wage
10-24-38	\$.25/hour
10-24-39	\$.30
10-24-45	\$.75
1-25-50	\$1.00
3-1-56	\$1.15
9-3-61	\$1.15
9-3-63	\$1.25
2-1-67	\$1.40
2-1-68	\$1.60
5-1-74	\$2.00
1-1-75	\$2.10
1-1-76	\$2.30
1-1-78	\$2.65
1-1-79	\$2.90
1-1-80	\$3.10
1-1-81	\$3.35
4-1-90	\$3.80
4-1-91	\$4.25
10-1-96	\$4.75
9-1-97	\$5.15



## Inner Peace

Robert-George de Stolfe

To achieve inner peace requires absolute honesty and self evaluation

To be true to your emotions and discover yourself through deep soul exploration

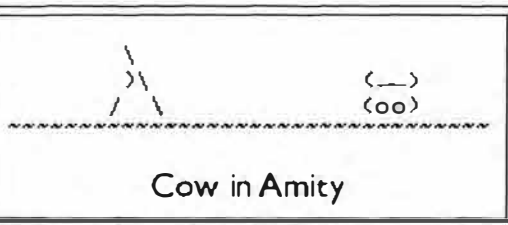
Your strengths will be revealed as will your weaknesses

Experiencing intense love, pain, joy, fear, excitement, and loss only help to mentally, physically, and spiritually forge you into a stronger soul

But don't let the judgements of other people keep you from believing in yourself for they don't know your past experiences

They don't know the struggle you have undergone that shaped your current character

They, like you, are just another ignorant soul going through life



Cow in Amity

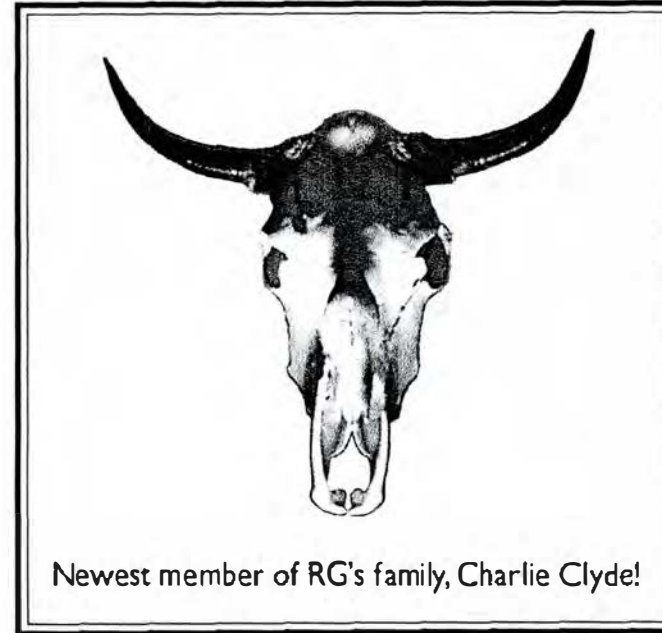
To: Abigail Jones  
Westport, Missouri

November 15, 1852

Dear ma,

I finally made it to Oregon! Jane and I are glad to be alive 'cause this has been a long trip. When I left Westport in March, I thought it would only take three or four months straight across the country to the Willamette Valley. Boy was I wrong! I had no idea of the problems we had. We followed the Platte River across Nebraska which was only about two feet. We shouldn't drink the water 'cause we both got dysentery which I'm glad we quickly got over. I'm glad we don't have any kids yet 'cause we saw a lot of children's graves of other families all over the trail, some even not far from where we left. Jane for some reason has been writing down the names and ages of all the kids we pass. Most of this trip wasn't bad though. One day we broke an axle on our wagon but I couldn't fix it and we didn't have a spare. I was 'fraid we'd be killed when we saw some indians running toward us. They actually helped us fix the axle and even gave us some meat since we were pretty low. I have no idea how they learned to fix wagons; probly from other earlier wagon-trains. A lot of the trip was boring and very repetitive. There sometimes wasn't a lot of food to hunt or gather and I'm glad we stocked fairly well when we left. I thank God that the broken wagon axle was the only major problem we had. I'm also glad that we got here before the winter snows of the Rockies 'cause I heard the trails are almost impassable during heavy snowfalls. The valley here is beautiful and cool. I know you didn't like my reasons to come out here but I'm glad 'cause Jane is expectin', I figure in the summer. I think we will have a good life here. I will write again soon with more news.

Daniel



Newest member of RG's family, Charlie Clyde!

## Mon Ordinateur

### Hardware

- Apple 7200 Power Macintosh with 32M RAM, 1.2G harddrive, and 8x CD ROM
- Apple Multiple Scan 15" display (color of course)
- External Iomega Zip Drive, & Hayes modem
- Apple Color Stylewriter 2500
- Altec Lansing multimedia speakers and woofers
- Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS)\*  
\*if power fails, my computer stays on (15 min)

### Software

- Adobe Pagemaker 6.5
- Clarisworks 4.0
- Encarta 97
- Yukon Trail, Carmen Sandiego, and other games
- Various Internet software
- Various multimedia applications

## Credits

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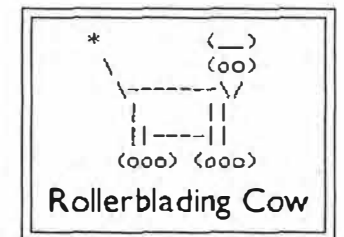
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