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**Find the bug
in this photo.**



Candid Comments from the Producer



Life Happens and Priorities Shift or Ebb & Flow

Well, okay. I am just stupidly late with getting out this issue and the next issue! With a full time job now and various things to regularly keep up with, I've had to back burner these newsletters pretty regularly! That is why you are just now getting the April-May issue even though it should have come out months ago! No apologies... I suspected this would happen, I just did not figure to be this far delayed. I could have just skipped the issues, but I would like to keep the issue numbering consistent with the month counts so that you know issue 5 is May and issue 8 is August, for example.

This issue is almost fully focused on my Facebook posts and the happenings of the trip to Las Vegas in April. If I were to try to include anything more for this issue, it wouldn't come out until fall as a 100 pager! The benefit of this narrow focus is that you get a much more

detailed account of the trip instead of some vague text and a few glossed over photos. In a lot of ways, this issue accompanies my collection of travel writings, like My Key West trip in 1988 (in September 2013 issue), my bus trip in 1994 (in May 2013 issue), my train trip in 1995 (in June 2013 issue), my car trip of 2000-2001 (in January 2016 issue), my Road Trip to the 2010 TAM Meeting (in the March 2014 issue), and my bus trip to Lubbock in 2013 (in January 2014 issue). I give detailed accounts of the travel and lots of photo details. However, I purposely left off most of the photo descriptions—mainly because lack of time—but I do give reference to most of them in the main text. I dedicated a page to each topic and that is why there are 30+ pages in this issue! There is just a lot to see when you travel, and especially when you travel to Las Vegas!



Here it is! A yellow lady bug.

On the Cover

In the Bellagio in Las Vegas, look up in the lobby and you'll see a large expanse of blown glass disks on the ceiling. This art glass was created by Dale Chihuly. I saw his work at an exhibition in 1995 called *Dale Chihuly: On Site* at the Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art.



Contents Page Image

I was driving home one day and passed by a local nursery. I saw this flowering cholla (*choi-yah*) and drove a large circle back around to get to it and photograph it!



Word for Life

John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I [Jesus] have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

While living in this world, too many people think that you must fight other people who you think are giving you problems. Wrong! Dead wrong! The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus said he came to give life and give life more abundantly.

If you are in a situation where you think another person is the cause of your problems, think again! The real enemy is Satan, also known as the ex arc angel Lucifer and his demons (the one third of the fallen angels from Heaven) and if you don't recognize this fact, you are then directly controlled by him and doing exactly what he wants, which includes killing (with

your tongue), stealing (your own life), and destroying (your future)! Is this what you want? To kill, steal, and destroy?

The negative effects of doing these actions go way beyond yourself! Instead, choose life by correctly identifying who the real enemy is and slaughter that enemy instead, in Jesus' Name! That is how you effectively deal with a problem. To do it any other way will put you in a dire situation and make defeating the real enemy that much more difficult! Instead, speak life!

Deuteronomy 30:19

"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; "

Saddle Break Notes

Facebook Posts— March 2016

These are only a curated selection of my posts made on Facebook.

March 10

Interesting observation. I was walking yesterday evening and noticed a hole in the ground. Yes, the harvester ants have come up out of their slumber! We must be close to spring!

March 13

Harvester ants!

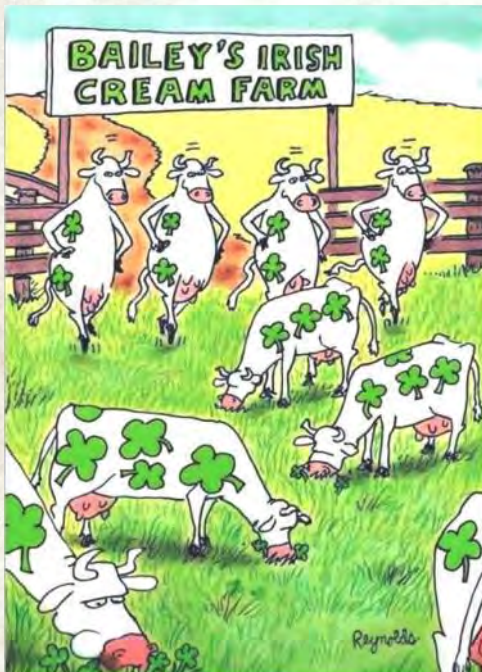


March 14

Happy Pi Day! Go to this site to learn more about pi. www.piday.org (You should have learned about pi in high school! If you don't at least recall seeing pi before in school, shame on you for not paying attention in math class!)

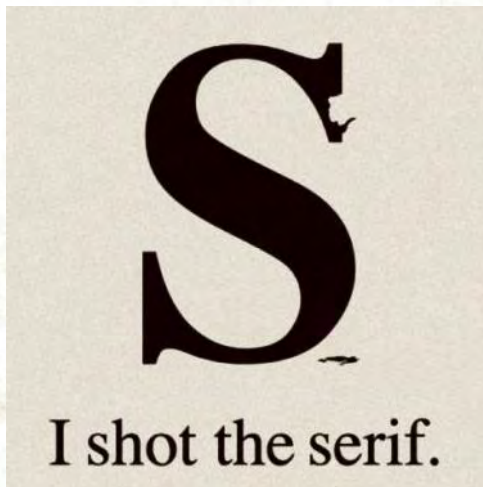
March 17

Okay, now this is funny!



March 17

(A little graphic design humor.)



March 19

Wide Open Country

Not sure what to think of this. Something about it just seems so wrong, but it does look cool.



March 22

McDonald's Burger Showdown

What the heck! Thought I'd submit something.

[See more on page x.]



March 23

God likes to be praised, and I have to brag on God for today. I had a major God appointment today. As many of you know, my truck was repossessed in 2013, and so I have not had a vehicle since then. Out of the blue today, I got a call from a particular auto dealer I contacted months ago then shoved off as unresponsive. Long story short, less than 7 hours later I went from not even thinking about a vehicle to purchasing a car! For some of you, that might be like big deal. But if you are familiar with my history over the last several years, you know how very much a bid deal this is! That's why I call it a God appointment.

March 27

Okay, this is funny!



March 28

All I can say is, "OUCH!"!



March 31

Very unusual! I picked up my tags at the dealership for my new used car today (and that seems fast to only be a week!). I wanted to thank the salesman I worked with to buy the vehicle. But, I found out that he is no longer there and moved to elsewhere in Texas. What's unusual is that he just started working there a few days before I bought the vehicle! I literally might have been his only sale! He was also new to the auto sales business. Between that and the fact he called me out of the blue last week makes this situation unusual!

Saddle Break Notes

Facebook Posts— April 2016

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April 1
Still applies. (1 Year Ago)

April 1, 2015
Today is "Don't Be A Fool Day". In other words, don't be a stupid moron who likes/wants to play pranks on other people just to get a laugh! Acting like that degrades yourself and shows that you can not be trusted! Don't be an idiot!

April 2
Well, well, well... A little more insight into Wolverine! (April 1st prank by the Library and Archives Canada.)
Library and Archives Canada's major acquisition of the declassified journals and military records of Canadian supersoldier James "Logan" Howlett
<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2016/acquisition-records-supersoldier-james-howlett.aspx>

April 5
Apparently, the current buzzword being said by all electoral candidates at this point in the election process is "liars"!



April 5
Saw lots of hot chicks at the watering tank tonight!!



April 9
On my way! More to come later.

April 9, Santa Fe, NM
Not quite downtown, but generally in the town.

checked in to Days Inn Gallup-East.
April 9, Gallup, NM
Well, have a place to bed down for the night. It's one hour earlier... Time to kill before

ATTESTATION PAPER
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your surname?	Howlett
2. What is your present address?	James
3. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what County were you born?	Child Lake, Alta.
4. What is the name of your mother's last?	Not applicable
5. What is the address of your present abode?	Not applicable
6. What is the nationality of your present abode?	Not applicable
7. What is the date of your birth?	April 5, 1962
8. What is your Trade or Calling?	Woodman
9. Are you married?	No.
10. Are you willing to be enlisted or re-enlisted into the Expeditionary Force?	Yes.
11. Do you ever belong to the Army, Navy, Air Force, or other military force?	No.
12. Do you understand the duties and terms of your enlistment?	Yes.
13. Are you willing to be attached to the Canadian Expeditionary Force?	Yes.
14. Have you ever been discharged from any branch of His Majesty's Forces or another military service?	No.
15. If so, what was the nature of the discharge?	Not applicable
16. Have you ever offered to receive any branch of His Majesty's Forces and have refused?	No.
17. If so, what was the reason?	Not applicable.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.
I, James Howlett, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me in good faith and that I am not under any obligation to make the same. I have read the conditions of the Expeditionary Force and I hereby agree to serve in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and to be attached to any branch of the Expeditionary Force. I have read the conditions of the Expeditionary Force and I hereby agree to serve in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and to be attached to any branch of the Expeditionary Force. I have read the conditions of the Expeditionary Force and I hereby agree to serve in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and to be attached to any branch of the Expeditionary Force.

Signed: James Howlett (Signature of Enrollee)
Witness: James Howlett (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.
I, James Howlett, do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and true to the Queen and to the Constitution of Canada, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Commandants and Officers set over me.

Signed: James Howlett (Signature of Enrollee)
Witness: James Howlett (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.
The Enrollee aforementioned was examined by me and I find that he is qualified to be enlisted in the Army Act.
The above conditions were explained to the Enrollee in my presence.
I have taken care that he understands such conditions, and that he agrees to such conditions and does so freely without compulsion, and that he will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Commandants and Officers set over me.

Signed: James Howlett (Signature of Enrollee)
Witness: James Howlett (Signature of Witness)

Witnessed on: Ottawa, ON the 18th day of November 1964

Signed: James Howlett (Signature of Enrollee)
Witness: James Howlett (Signature of Witness)

sleeping. Tomorrow, explore Gallup and the El Rancho hotel before heading to Flagstaff.

April 10
Here at the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest.

April 10, Joseph City, AZ
Just finished three hours at the park. No cell service earlier.

April 10
Stop for dinner and on the way later towards Las Vegas.

eating dinner at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store.

April 10, Flagstaff, AZ
Time for some good food.

April 10, Flagstaff, AZ [Twin Arrows]

checked in to Motel 6.
April 11, Las Vegas, NV
Now here for a few days. (Not at Motel 6 but for tonight.)

checked in to Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada.

April 11, Las Vegas, NV
Pre convention stuff.

April 12
Guess where I was earlier?



checked in to Ghirardelli At the Linc.
April 12, Las Vegas, NV
Yum!!

Saddle Break Notes

eating dinner at Paradise Buffet & Cafe.

April 13, Las Vegas, NV
Lots of good buffet food!

eating lunch at Southwest Diner.

April 14 · Boulder City, NV
Let's see how this place is.

checked in to Desert View Watchtower.

April 15
Snowing here at the watch tower!

checked in to Grand Canyon National Park.

April 15 · Grand Canyon Village, AZ

eating dinner at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store.

April 16
Back home now. The trip is done. Having some dinner, then time to unpack and rest.

April 20

Last Saturday just for fun, I stopped at the cemetery where Billy the Kid is buried. The photos show what is there. The little plot has a large stone fence around it.

April 20

These two photos are in the Painted Desert in Arizona (in two different spots). The one was in 1994 and the other one was last week in 2016. The cooler is the same exact one in both photos!

April 21

Hey! Vato...



eating chicken at Slim Chickens.

April 21
First time here. Looks good!

April 21

Happy 90th birthday to Queen Elizabeth of England! (You only turn 90 once!)
Shown is PG Tips pyramid bag tea, Walker's mini chocolate chip shortbread rounds, Sarson's malt vinegar, Walker's shortbread in animal shapes, and Walker's chocolate shortbread Scottie dogs.



April 21 at 10:52pm
Tonight's Pink Moon.



eating lunch at Slim Chickens.

April 23
Second time here... So good!

April 25

Okay, this is really funny! Many layers of jokes, and Jackson's hair looks really good for Prince too!



www.instagram.com/p/BErww0ko4bCHQIPi3CHWvg...

"They should put Prince on the \$20 bill and call it \$19.99... "The bill formerly known as a twenty." #prince #1999

April 30

If you have never seen this series of skits on SNL, they are really cool! While they are in all French with reasonably good accents, you can still get the idea of the story line.

Enjoy!

<http://dailypicksandflicks.com/2014/04/06/snl-french-dance-skit-les-jeunes-de-paris-video/>

I think this was the best one of the group of them over the past few years.



Saddle Break Notes

Facebook Posts— May 2016

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May 1
Happy May Day y'all!

The word mayday (as used in needing help, sending an SOS) is an English corruption of the real word, which is a French phrase venez m'aider, meaning come help me!

May 4
May the 4th be with you!



May the fourth be with you!

May 5
Revenge of the Fifth!

May 6
Rediscovered! Chocolate cake in a mug!



celebrating Mother's Day
May 8



May 15
Okay, I have to admit... I'm cold tonight here in Lubbock! Need the blankets! (But tomorrow's high is supposed to be 90! Weird.)

May 17
It shore does feel a lot like winter right now in Lubbock! What's up with that? Especially in mid spring!

checked in to Texas Tech Escondido Theatre.

May 21
Last chance for the required training.

May 22
My name is RG, and I approve this message.



My name is RG, and I approve this message.

shared a memory.

May 24
I wrote this in the early morning in the far west side of Lubbock in 2012 after sleeping in my truck (because I had nowhere else to go and couldn't yet go to Colorado). These are the observances of that morning.

May 24, 2012 · Wolfforth

In the cool of the night

By RG de Stolfe

5.24.12

A toad hunkers flat

When you get too close

A rock is the act

Especially when poking it so

A cotton tail comes out

From under the shed

And hops all about

With haste and dread

Out in the fields

Crickets chureep

with melodic appeals

And repeating cheeps

In the cool of the night

Under the sky so dark

With many stars

Shining so stark

I rest in wait

For the time to draw near

To load up and see

Lubbock in my rear view mirr!

updated his cover photo.

May 24

Rg de Stolfe Your challenge is to find the bug in this photo! (I did not notice it until tonight! I took the photo two weeks ago!)



added a new photo.

May 25

Bitstrips



These were fun while it existed! Bitmoji is not as good an app by comparison.

May 30

No matter who you like or don't like this election year, you cannot deny that this is still funny!

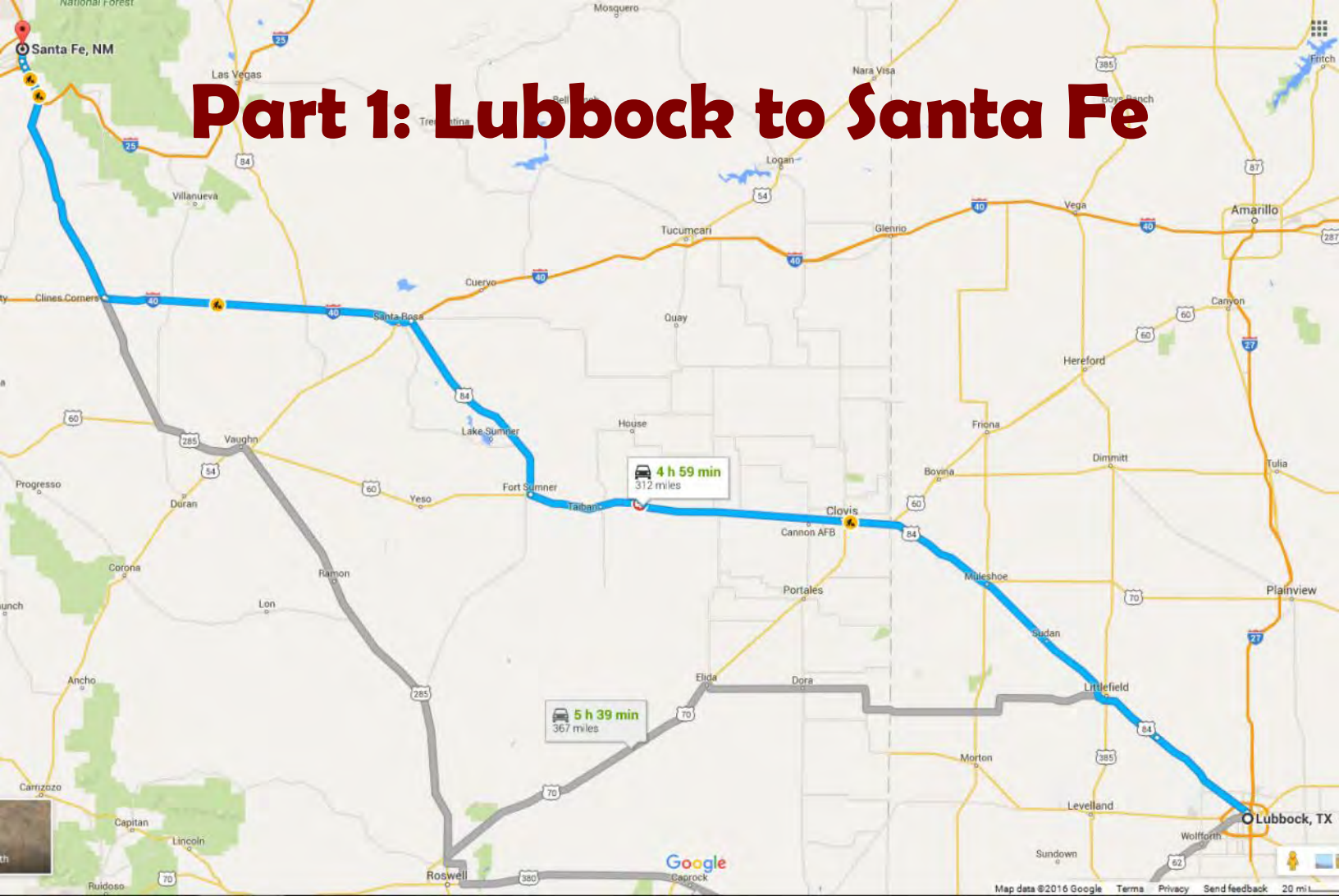
Brian Deegan 38 added a new video. May 27



May 31

An important point for ALL people to understand with utmost clarity: intolerance of any kind swings BOTH ways and is destructive on BOTH ends!

Part 1: Lubbock to Santa Fe

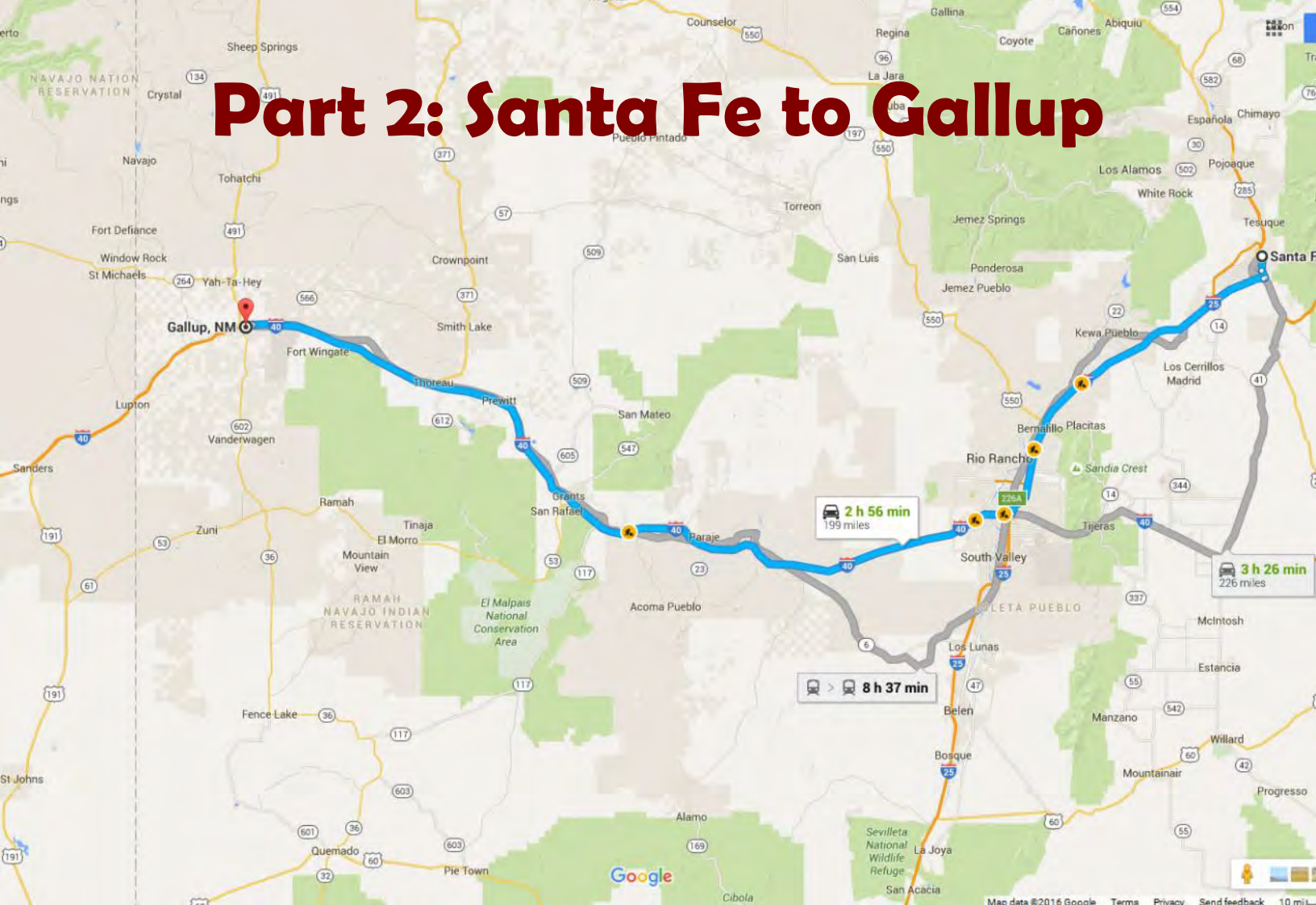


Saturday, April 9, 2016.

Because it was Saturday, I ended up waking late after I dismissed the alarm on my phone, so it did not sound again. I started out already an hour behind when I wanted to leave. Then, I found out that the water in my complex was turned off due to a leak somewhere. Okay, well I did have a little water that I heated up and took a wash cloth bath. Turned out okay. I loaded up. By this point, the water was back on, but I was already too far behind to take the time to take a real shower. So, I quickly stopped at the McDonald's by my apartment and started on Clovis highway to New Mexico. I pretty much kept going until I got to Fort Sumner and stopped briefly at the Billy the Kid "museum" for a bathroom break. Then, I stopped briefly again in Santa Rosa for gas. By this point, the sausage biscuit I ate from McDonald's decided it didn't like me and made me feel cruddy. I continued along I-40 to Cline's Corners then up to Santa Fe. It took me around six hours by the time I got there. I parked my car at a friend's wife's stepfather's house in Santa Fe after catching up with dad. Then, I moved my stuff from my car to dad's rental car and we were off. By this point, I knew I needed to eat something more than just the sausage biscuit and coffee from a few hours earlier. We stopped at Firehouse for a quick lunch. This leg of the trip was about 319 miles from my apartment to the house where my car sat for the time I was gone.



Part 2: Santa Fe to Gallup

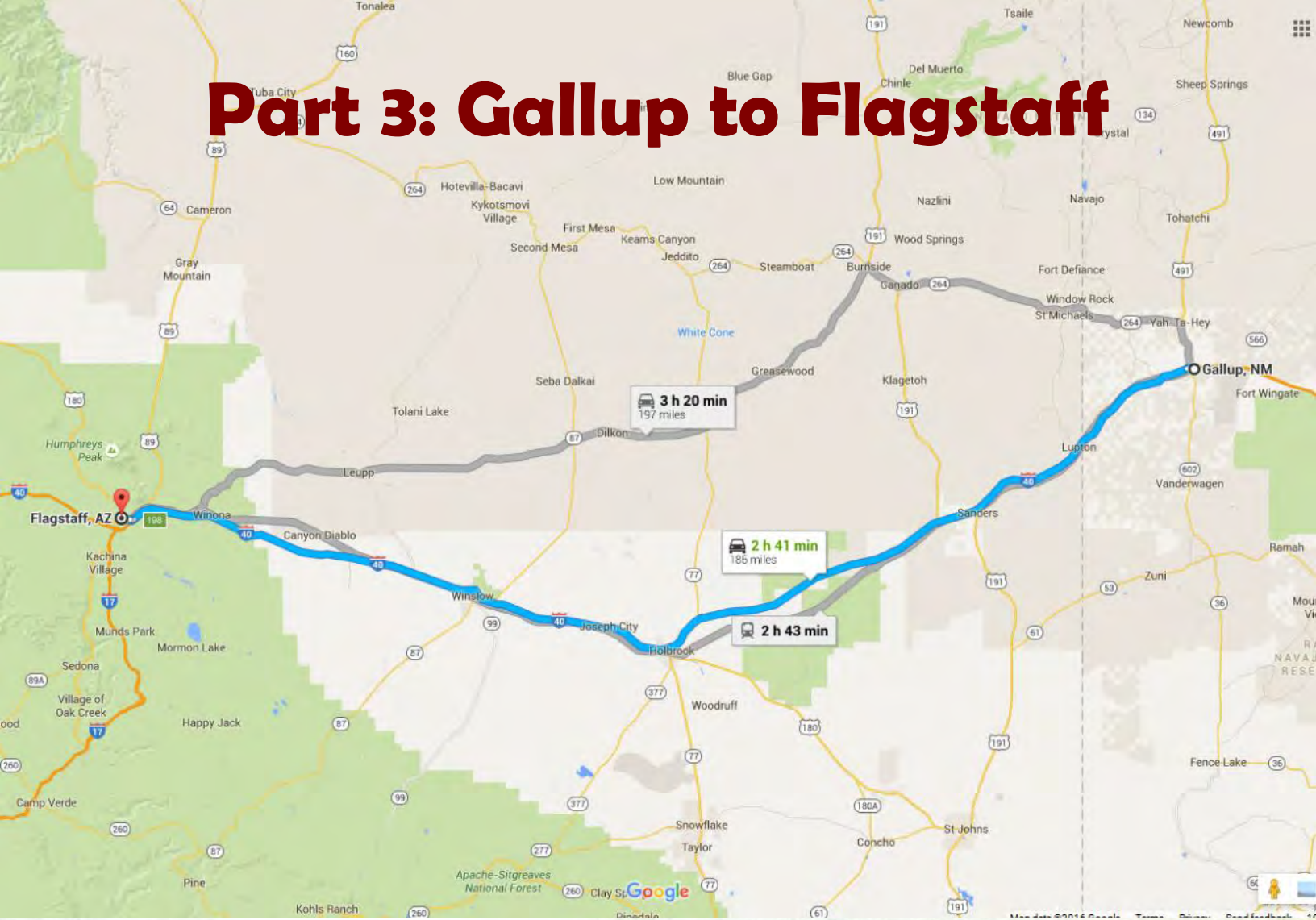


Saturday, April 9, 2016.

We determined that since we had enough time, we would stop and stay the night in Gallup, New Mexico which would only be about another three hours of driving. For me, I have never been on this particular stretch of I-25 between Santa Fe and Albuquerque. We took I-40 to Gallup. The interstate parallels Route 66 most of the way from Albuquerque to California. (Route 66 originally went from Chicago to Los Angeles.) Many of the little towns we would pass between Albuquerque, New Mexico and Kingman, Arizona were popular stops of old Route 66. We crossed over the Continental Divide about 30 minutes before arriving in Gallup. Then, we arrived in Gallup about 3 hours later after leaving the Firehouse in Santa Fe. We got off the highway and drove up

and down the old Route 66 main road in Gallup to find a motel. After we found a motel, Days Inn in east Gallup, we went and found a Dairy Queen for some ice cream. Besides being an old Route 66 town, Gallup is also a very active train town with trains running about every 15 minutes. When the train barreled through, the road and buildings shake. (Think of that old I Love Lucy episode when they were in a motel when a train came by!) These same tracks and trains eventually go through Flagstaff as well, with the same frequency. North of Gallup is a natural range of mountains where the strata are at an about 30 degree angle from level. I am certain that this area is the basis for the Cadillac Range in *Cars*.

Part 3: Gallup to Flagstaff



Sunday, April 10, 2016.

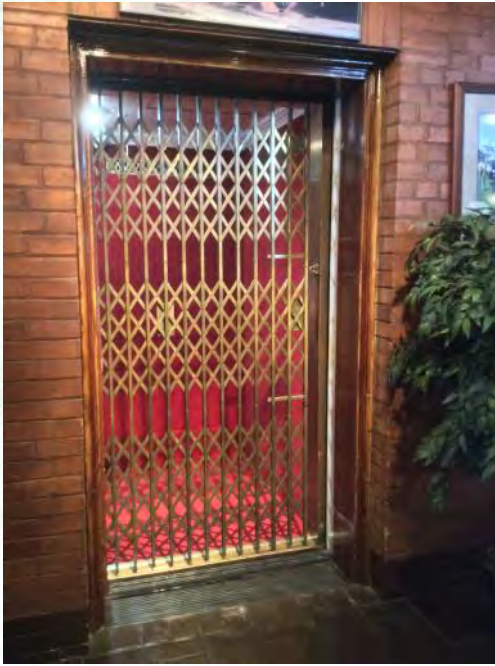
The next morning, we got up, got cleaned up, and had the continental breakfast. I wanted dad to see the famous western style hotel in Gallup that many early movie and television stars stayed at called El Rancho. We took a little time and toured the lobby of the hotel and saw the John Wayne room. The hotel was full of signed photos and various vintage furniture and equipment (see next page for photos). After a couple more stops, we were on our way again. We arrived in Arizona about 30 minutes later. Then in another 30 minutes, we arrived at the Painted Desert National Park and Petrified Forest. Since dad had a special pass, we got in free and spent three hours touring the park and taking photos (see following pages for photos). We exited through the south entrance of the park and took a road that led us to Holbrook after we stopped at a souvenir place for petrified wood to purchase. Holbrook is home to a motel that has rooms shaped like tipis, called the Wigwam Motel. We did not stop at them, but did drive by them. After we got back on I-40, we only stopped one time before arriving in Flagstaff. That stop was a brief stop to take photos at Twin Arrows. We climbed in elevation and it had gotten cloudy. The wind was cold and blowing heavily while I went to take photos.



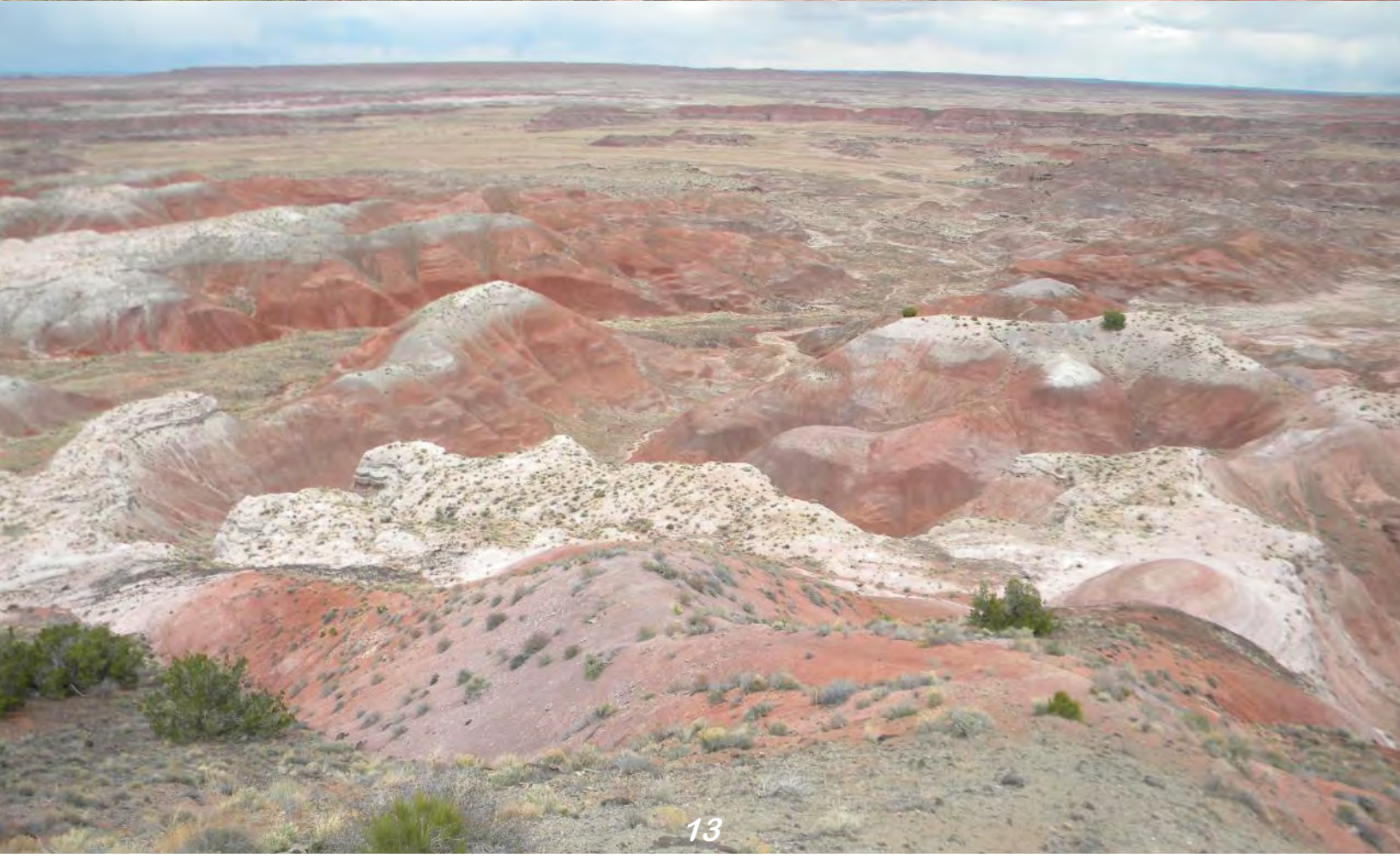
El Rancho Hotel



El Rancho Hotel



Painted Desert



Petrified Forest



Petrified Forest-Newspaper Rock



Twin Arrows



Twin Arrows was a little trading post east of Flagstaff that was along Route 66. Here is a little blurb I found about it.

“The Twin Arrows Trading post, originally Padre Canyon Trading Post, was built on the 1937 Route 66 alignment. It came into its own in 1955 when the Troxell Family turned it into an experience that would put the property into history books as an icon of Route 66. Two telephone poles were put into the ground, “tips and feathers” added, and Twin Arrows was born. Over the years the curio shop and Valentine Diner were added, along with a gas station with above ground tanks that are still visible today.”



[Circa 1954] Twin Arrows Trading Post, Arizona

Another source stated that the trading post, café, and gas station closed in 1998. As a side note, I was living in Flagstaff at the time (moved there in 1996 and visited Flagstaff in 1994, 1995, and 1996) and don't recall that I ever saw the place, let alone stop there (unfortunately).

The café is apparently a Valentine dining car. Here's a blurb. “These were prefabricated restaurants designed and built by Arthur Valentine out of Wichita, Kansas and sold from the late 1930's to the late 1960's. Valentine started out as an owner and operator of pre-fab lunchrooms in the early 1930's and this got him thinking about a more transportable version. Some of Valentine's first dining cars were made before the end of the '30's, but he didn't really get his operation going until material shortages eased after WWII. He then began offering an 8-10 seat restaurant that could be bought from a catalog for \$5000 and paid off in monthly installments of \$40. Arriving virtually complete with grill, tables, and stools, it was said the Valentine Diner could be set on a concrete slab and made operational in mere hours.”



Part 4: Flagstaff to Las Vegas



Sunday, April 10, 2016.

By the time we get to Flagstaff, we knew we wanted to eat since we hadn't really eaten anything since breakfast in Gallup at the motel. So we settled on eating at Cracker Barrel just off I-40 (the same Cracker Barrel I ate at many, many times when I lived in Flagstaff). We knew that we wanted to arrive in Las Vegas by that night sometime. We had a leisurely dinner, went to Walmart, got gas, and left after a couple of hours.

After another couple of hours, we arrived in Kingman with no other stops. This was where we would get off I-40 and head northwest to the Hoover Dam. We got there after about an hour and was hoping to see the dam as we drove over, knowing that we would not be on the dam proper but on the new road they built in the mid to late 2000s. It was anticlimactic, both because we could not see over the concrete side guards, but also because it was already dark.

Just under another hour later, we arrived in Las Vegas proper. While on the road, we made a reservation for a Motel 6 near the Strip instead of staying at a hotel outside of Vegas between there and the dam. We got settled and just relaxed for a little while.

Monday, April 11 through Thursday, April 14, 2016

Monday was technically a prep day for the convention, but dad likes to get there on that day to help if needed. The CinemaCon event is mainly Tuesday and Wednesday and part of Thursday. Later on Monday, mom's plane arrived at the McCarran International Airport (which is technically not Las Vegas but Paradise) and we went to pick her up. Through this point, mom had no idea that I would be there! Dad and I kept it a secret even to the point of talking about "have a nice trip" when I talked to her on the phone. After a little confusion about where to pick her up, we finally parked, and I got out to find her. After some searching and some moving around, I finally saw her and kept a distance until she was close enough. Then I hooked back around and quietly caught up and simply said, "How was the flight?" After a double take, she squealed and gave me a hug. He went back to the room (after we got presettled with it earlier at Circus Circus) then went to get dinner. We knew that we wanted to take her to In-N-Out Burger. We got filled up with burgers and fries then went over to Fremont Street. We were there long enough to walk one end to the other and back and to watch the of the Experience shows at the top of the hour. If you have never been to the modern Fremont Street or seen the Fremont Street Experience, what you can definitely understand is sensory overload! I'm not just talking about sights and sounds, but also the crowdedness, vigorous activity all around you—left, right, in front, in back, above you—the lights, the high volume of sounds, emotional impacts, just about every possible thing you can imagine is there (including people of near nakedness and at least five Elvises of varying ages and decades).

CinemaCon in Caesars Palace

Dad has been to CinemaCon most every year for most of the last ten years. My only time to go was in 2012, which I reported in various articles in the 2012 issues of the *Candid*. Mom has never been. Depending on how a person registered will depend on what features of the convention you have access to. Some parts of the convention some people never see because they are just there for a certain part of it. To attend the actual full convention is in the four digits and are people who can well afford it. They get full film previews, discussion sessions with actors and producers, special evening events, among various other features. Another part of the convention is with the trades shows, of which there are two. The first one is for concessions and features every aspect of food,

display, etc relating to theater experience. (And by the way, you can easily make a meal just of all the samples!) The other trade show, which is really more important, is the actual sound and video components of watching a film, in addition to the theater design. Dad gets to go by way of one of these vendors, a company that dad worked for, for a period of time when he was still in Miami/South Florida.

While there are several similar conventions to this, this one is by far the biggest and best (and being in Las Vegas doesn't hurt either!) Attendees literally come from all over the world, and many of these companies do work in various parts of the world, including this company we came by.



Fish of Atlantis, Caesars Palace



Bellagio Flowers



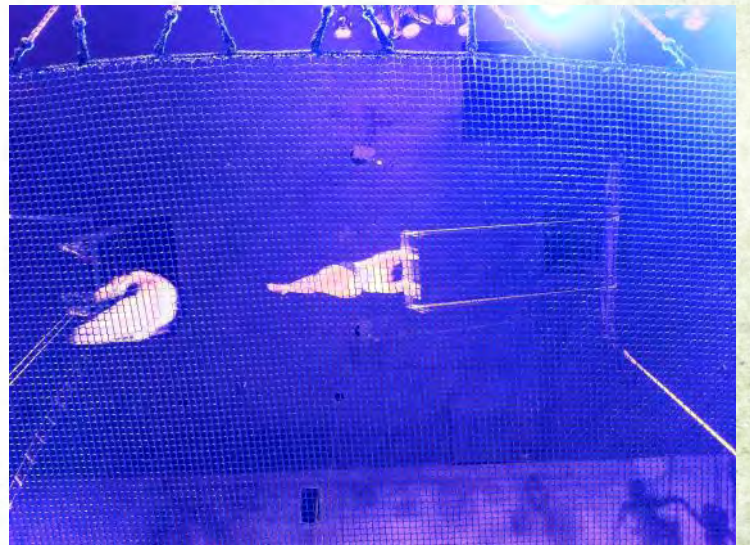
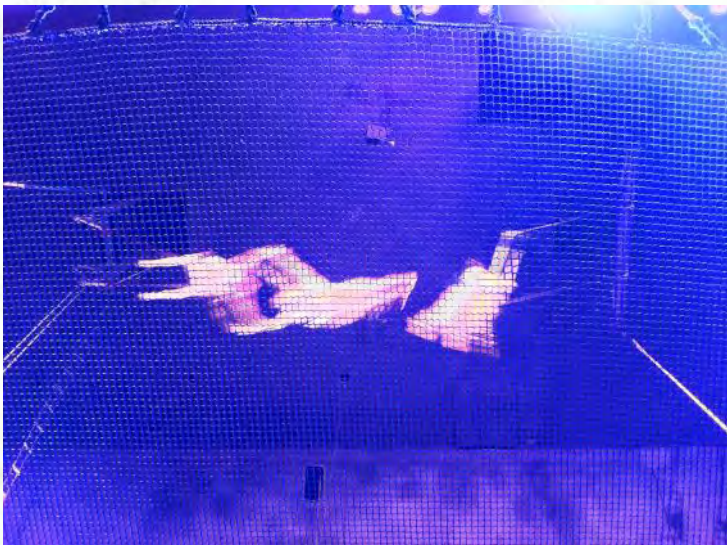
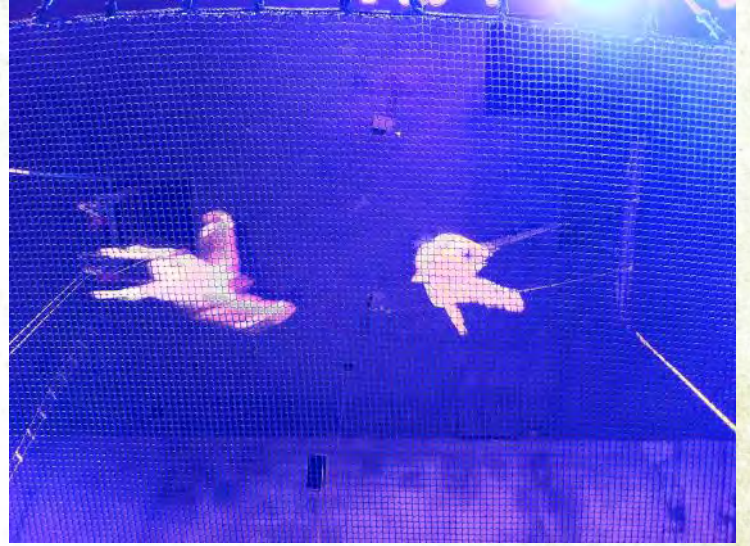
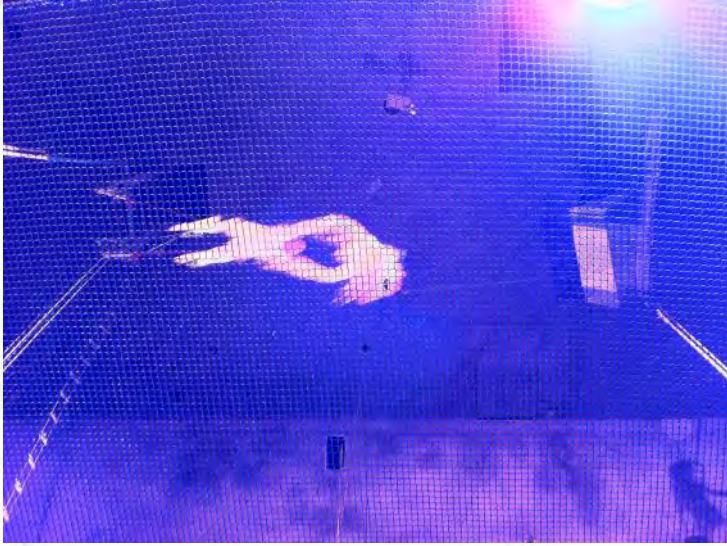
Bellagio Mosaics



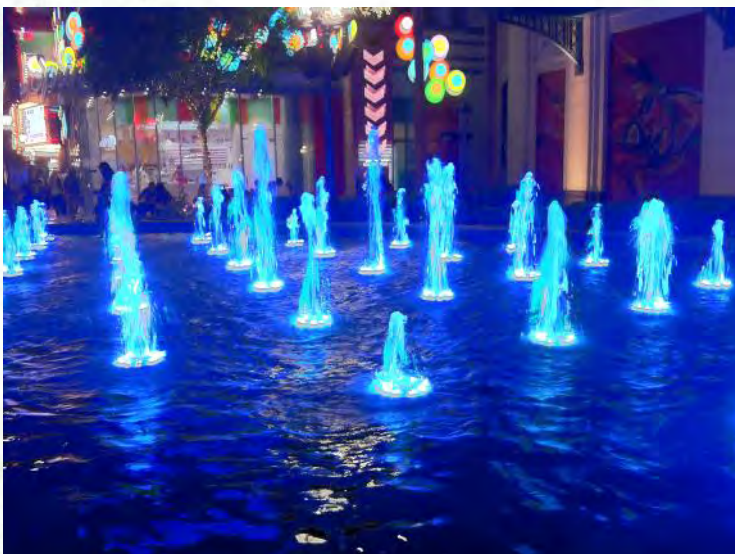
Bellagio Miscellany



Circus Circus Act—Trapeze



Las Vegas Miscellany



Las Vegas Miscellany





Part 5: On the Way Back

Thursday, April 14, 2016

This morning, we would have a part day in Las Vegas and a part day traveling. The convention trade show would continue until early afternoon, then would start tearing down. Dad took mom to the airport in the early morning, then dad and I checked out of the hotel and went back to the convention. We took one last walk around the trade shows, then helped tear down our booth. By mid afternoon, we were finally on the way out of Las Vegas! A little of Las Vegas can go a long way! However, we took a route that ended up taking a little longer than it should have than if we went the other route. Well, whatever. We arrived in Boulder City just west of the Hoover Dam after about an hour. We drove around and settled on a particular restaurant that turned out to be really good! The restaurant is called Southwest Diner in Boulder City and all of the food was homemade! Was really good! After about an hour, we left and continued on. We pretty much took the same route back as we took to go to Las Vegas. We stopped at this truck stop east a ways from Kingman. There, they had these little cactus garden planters. You could either get one already assembled or get one you put together yourself. It was obvious that these were standard Arizona tourist products! Of course, I got the kit but have yet to put it together because all of my cactus are heavily spined! Either way, they are still in good shape and I water them once a month, one ounce of water per cactus according to the kit instructions! We arrived after dark to Flagstaff and stayed the night at Travel Lodge

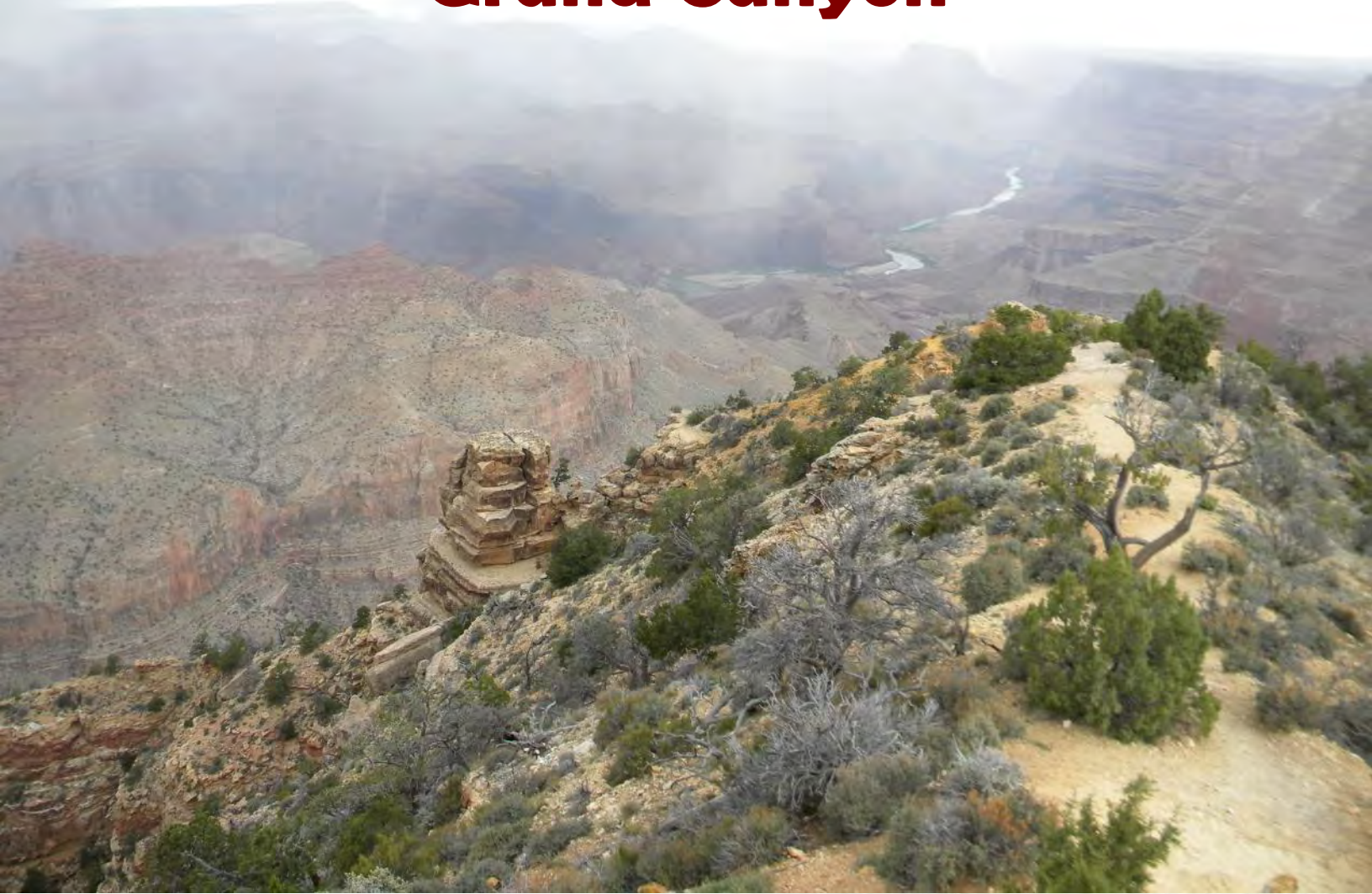
Friday, April 15, 2016

We ate breakfast at the Travel Lodge then left by mid morning to go to the Grand Canyon. I had not been to the Grand Canyon in nearly 20 years and dad had not been in much longer. It took quite a while to drive up there. It is a lot farther than you would think from a map! The park was free because of a special pass dad has. As we were getting up there, the weather looked as though it was turning rainy and possibly bad. Sure enough, by the time we got to the first stop, the Desert View Watch Tower, the canyon was getting foggy and it was cloudy and starting to rain, or rather it was snowing! After all, this was early spring still and at a higher elevation. We walked around, but dad wanted to leave and come back some other trip when the view would be clear. We drove back a little ways and stopped at a little Navajo stop where there was this little canyon, Road 6140. You can park and walk a little ways to see a really beautiful canyon, possibly called Dead Indian Canyon (in looking at Google Maps), that is part of the Little Colorado River. From there, we stopped at the Cameron Trading Post in Cameron. I first went there over 20 years ago and went there a few times when I lived in Flagstaff. It always was a touristy place, but is even more so now. We went back to Flagstaff and was hungry, so we stopped at a Chick-fil-a. There never was one when I last lived there in 2001. After a little bit, we drove pretty much straight back to New Mexico, stopping in Gallup for gas and a frosty at Wendy's. We were originally going to go back to Santa Fe so I could get my car and dad would drive back to the Springs. But instead, we stopped in north Albuquerque at a Motel 6 for the night.

Saturday, April 16, 2016

We left the Motel 6 at about 8:30 AM and got back to my car in Santa Fe less than an hour later. About 15 minutes later, I got my car and went on my way as dad went on his way. Since we did not eat breakfast, I was pretty hungry. So about an hour later, I got into Clines Corners and thought I might get breakfast at the café there. But instead, I decided to leave and go to Santa Rosa, about another hour later. By this point it was closer to lunch time, but I stopped at a McDonald's and had pancakes now that they served breakfast all day. A little later, I got into Fort Sumner and decided to finally stop at the Billy the Kid grave. Once I finally got to it (it was a few miles away from the highway), I spent about 30 minutes. From there, I basically drove straight home except for a stop for gas in Clovis. I got home a little after 5:00 PM.

Grand Canyon



Little Canyon on Navajo Rez



Billy the Kid Grave



This is a pamphlet I created recently to summarize the Temple Israel history in the format of the old newspapers in Leadville of the 1880s and

Temple Israel Chronicle.

1890s. The director wrote the text and the ads were from the old papers and most of the photos were of the time period.

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Leadville

Leadville holds a unique place in Colorado history. The largest and most productive of the high Rockies mining towns, it was, during its glory days, the richest and second largest city in the state. While its prominence lasted not even a decade, the abundance and variety of its mineral deposits allowed it to survive the silver panic and depression of 1893. The subsequent development during the First World War of the vast Climax molybdenum mine on nearby Fremont Pass supported the community through the 20th Century until as late as the 1980s.

Located about 80 miles west of Denver, the Leadville area was first visited by prospectors in

1860 who found gold in California Gulch, a tributary of the upper Arkansas River. Failing to find the mother lode, the diggings were abandoned until the discovery, in 1876, of seemingly endless reserves of silver and other metals. The rush was on and Leadville erupted full blown into a modern, exciting city of some 30,000 fortune seekers. Although it was justly famous for its saloons, gambling halls, and bordellos, Leadville also offered all the accoutrements of a proper community including schools, churches, civic and fraternal organizations, a large commercial district, volunteer fire brigades, police, courts, and the various other tentacles of government.

Jewish Community

We know that a very few Jews were amongst the early 1860s prospectors and that they were in Leadville by 1877 for the silver boom. Early religious services were held in private homes and meeting rooms, but by 1879 the Jewish community was large enough to utilize the Schoenberg Opera House for Rosh Hashanah that year and to inaugurate a local chapter of B'nai B'rith (their charter was revoked two years later for "being neglectful of its obligations"). That year also saw the establishment of both the Hebrew Benevolent Society and the Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society which allowed for the unfortunately necessary acquisition of the Hebrew Cemetery in January of 1880.

As the city continued to mature and prosper, Jews stereotypically were attracted to Harrison Avenue, the main commercial street, where they enjoyed notable success as merchants specializing in dry goods and dominating the wholesale liquor business which was vital to the boisterous mining town. By 1884 the Jews of Leadville, numbering some 300 individuals (1-2% of the population), were sufficiently established to allow for the construction of the reform Temple Israel which included a Hebrew school.

As the decade of the '80s progressed, the Jewish demographic began to tilt away from the early German reform majority towards a more eastern European component and by 1892 the congregation had split with the orthodox



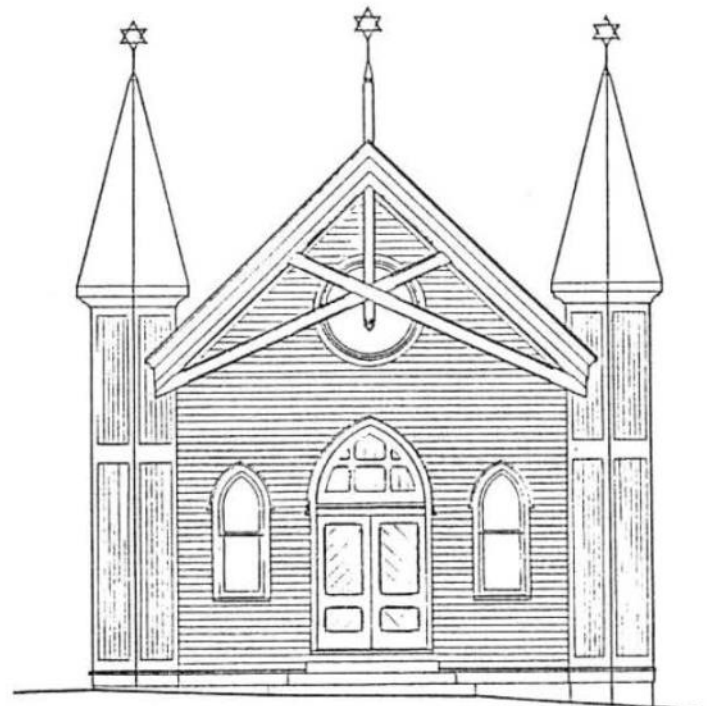
An 1887 artist's rendering of Harrison Avenue's 100 block. Several Jewish owned businesses are visible including the Schoenberg owned Cheap Joe's, M. Mankuss' tailoring shop, and Ben Loeb's Concert Hall.

Sam Jacobs, Tailor.

As we see the summer season is about over we will make Suits for \$25, and Pants for \$7. Fit guaranteed.

Hats cleaned \$2.00 Coat and Vest Bound and Cleaned, \$3.00. 214 HARRISON AVE.

The Herald Democrat, July 21, 1894 (Sam Jacobs)



This architectural drawing presents some of the details necessary to restore the synagogue building back to its look of the late 1800s.

hiving off to form Kneseth Israel in a previously Presbyterian church which they acquired in 1893.

Jewish life was not confined to strictly religious events and members of the community were active in many civic organizations and activities including the Turn Verein, the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, various social, sporting, and charitable events including the annual Purim Masquerade Ball which had a 17 year run from 1879 until 1895 and was well attended by many of the city's leading non Jewish personalities.

As the mining industry moved from the prospecting phase to one of fairly steady production,

the population of Leadville passed its peak and by the late 1880s had declined by about half. The Jewish population followed this curve and several of the leading merchants, amongst many others, decamped for brighter prospects elsewhere. This trend continued through the Great War and by the late 1920s the Jewish community was almost entirely depleted. The Temple Israel was shuttered no later than 1914, Kneseth Israel was gone by 1920, and the ultimate notices of Jewish life revolved around funerals during the 1920s. The last of Leadville's "old time" Jews, Minette Miller who was born there in 1894, passed in 1981.



OAK STREET, formerly Upper Chestnut Street

Carbonate Chronicle, January 3, 1880 (Londoner & Eckles)

A GREAT RUSH
— AT THE —
MANHATTAN CLOTHING HOUSE

The above Clothing Establishment, was today by order, with thousands of people eager to get their clothing at a comparatively price and work, hundreds of customers had to leave the store who could not be reached on. Tomorrow the well give the public one more week of our great slaughter sale, which will positively close on Saturday evening, August 11, 1891.

The MANHATTAN CLOTHING HOUSE
A. PECHNER, Manager

The Herald Democrat, August 18, 1891 (A. Pechner)

For the Next Few Days
WE WILL SELL OUR
♦♦♦ Trilby Hearts, Long Chains, Medallion Pins, ♦♦♦
AT COST!
COHN'S, 417 Harrison Ave.

The Herald Democrat, October 5, 1895 (Cohn)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 322 I.O.B.B.

BANQUET AT HOTEL WINDSOR,
Sunday evening, November 9, 1879.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS;
I. H. KAMAK, L. LINDAUER, A. BAER



OYSTERS

Raw, select Stewed in Milk Fried

FISH

Fillet of Sole, Sauté au Gratin
Lake Erie White à la Jélée

PIÈCES FROID

Cutlets de Frangipani, with French Peas
Sweet Breads Larded with Champignon Sauce
Arcade d' Volaille, Sauce à la Jardinière
Vol au Vent of Game à la Dauphin
Croquette of Rice à la Royal
Breast of Prairie Chicken Sauté à la Cheveller
Tenderloin of Beef Larded with Mushrooms
Loin of Buffalo, Cranberry Jelly

ORNAMENTAL DISHES

Boned Turkey à la Withard
Buffalo Tongue à la Harafine
Westphalia Ham Garnished with Jelly
Veux Sauté Boned à la Martel

SALADS

Chicken à la Mayonnaise d'Russia
Salade à la Alma with Herbs
American Salad

VEGETABLES

Baked Potatoes Lima Beans French Peas
Asparagus Cream Corn

ORNAMENTAL PIECES

Fruit Cake Pound Cake Lady Cake
Citron Cake

PASTRY

Golden Cake French Kisses Jelly Roll
Wafer Jumbles Boston Cream Puffs
Queen Drops Small Pound Cakes
Spiced Nuts

CREAMS AND JELLIES

Madeira Wine Jelly Brandy Jelly
Lemon Jelly
Strawberry Ice Cream Roman Punch Frozen
Charlotte de Russe

FRUITS

Apples Grapes Figs Nuts
Black Tea Green Tea
Mocha Coffee Champagne Chocolate

This was the menu for a banquet in 1879 for B'nai B'rith Leadville.

Individuals

Amongst the nearly 800 Jewish individuals that we have able to identify in Leadville before 1914, certainly the most recognizable names are those of David May and the Guggenheims. May, founder of the department store empire, was a recent immigrant from Germany who came to Leadville as young man in 1877. By the time he left in the late '80s, he had come to prominence not just as a successful businessman but also as civic leader having been the county treasurer and the vice president of the congregation (and chair of the Temple Israel building committee). He also achieved domestic bliss with his neighbor, Rosa Schoenberg, whose brothers were dry goods merchants in addition to their fling with the opera house. The Guggenheims represent another aspect of Leadville's economy. Never full time residents of the city, they arrived in 1880 in the form of the patriarch, Meyer, who bought into a flooded mine and provided the capital (usually unavailable to the original prospectors) to reopen it as a source of enormous wealth

which ultimately became the Copper Trust and one of America's great Gilded Age fortunes.

More typical were such people as the Monheimer brothers, perhaps the city's leading clothing/dry goods merchants. Joseph was so well regarded that he became both a county commissioner and the president of the congregation. While perhaps the brightest light, they were joined by at least 35 other Jewish surnames (multiple members of a family were often in the same business) in this line of enterprise. The liquor trade, including bars and wholesale, attracted some 26 different surnames including Baer, Janowitz, Shayer, and Schloss. Then there were the tailors (15 surnames), grocers and confectioners (11 names), clerks (14), tobacco and cigar dealers (9), jewelers and pawnbrokers (16), and so on. The mining and smelting works attracted some 21 Jews, although not usually as laborers and not usually for very long.

Then there was Ben Loeb. Another new immigrant, he opened one of the city's most prominent sporting houses as

an adjunct to his Variety Theatre and quickly became notorious throughout the state. Much remarked upon locally, he would present his ladies on wagons during the many parades Leadville enjoyed whilst distributing trade tokens "good for one of those things" worth a nominal 5 cents. The good old days. A frequent visitor to the police blotter, the previously popular Loeb died broke in 1912. His brother, in Texas, refused to pay for the very sparsely attended funeral and we have neither a tombstone nor a documented location for the grave in the cemetery.

A large majority of Jews in Leadville were immigrants, often quite recent, and consequently we see relatively few members of the professional classes. Doctors, dentists, lawyers, publishers, teachers, and the like produced only some 12 names in our research. The learned professions were for the next generation.

**Ben Loeb's
CONCERT
SPORTING
—AND—
Novelty Hall**

BEN LOEB.....Manager
JOHN TUDOR.....Stage Manager
WM. GILLAM.....Leader of Orchester
JOHN KERNS...Leader of Brass Band

The place for the people. The popular resort. The best show in the city.

PROGRAMME

During this week;

**Two More New Stars,
VIM,
THE GYMNAST,
—AND—
LEE,
THE JUGGLER.**

Our entertainment will commence with a parlor minstrel scene, by

FIFTEEN BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADIES
And three of the handsomest men in town.

Grand Serenade in front of the theatre every evening at 8 o'clock.

Grand Matinee Every Sunday Afternoon at 2:30 Sharp.

Our Staff of Blondes and Brunettes Always in Attendance:

Allice Nolekamper, Winnie Nelson,
Blanche Hartman, Ella Lewis,
Kittie Friend, Mary Lewis,
Mollie High, Mand DeWall,
Ollie Myers, Mary Harrison,
Daisy Peters, Clara Belle,
Annie Stinson, Emma McGee,
Ruby Monorio, Georgie Green,
Nellie Lamberton,

A CHOICE STOCK OF

Wines, Liquors & Cigars
Constantly on hand.

First class novelties can secure a date at this house all the year around.

NO CHARGES — PATRONIZE THE BAR AND WALK IN.

The performance commences at 8 p.m sharp and closes in the morning.

Leadville Evening Chronicle,
January 26, 1888 (Ben Loeb)

**SAM MAYER,
Money Broker**

And Jeweler. One dollar to \$10,000 to loan at very low rate. Fine diamonds and unredemmed pledges for sale at a bargain.

Next Door to Texas House

The Herald Democrat,
March 9, 1888 (Sam Mayer)

POPULAR MERCHANT TAILOR.

S. FLAKS, 114 West Fourth Street.

Suits made to order; \$20 and upwards. Pants 25 and upwards. Overcoats \$35 and upwards. Best clothes for the least money. Large stock of piece goods.

The Herald Democrat,
December 14, 1886 (S. Flaks)

**L. D. Greenwald,
—DEALER IN—
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
DRESSES, DOLMANS, ETC.**

111 East Fifth Street, Cor Harrison Av

Leadville Daily Herald,
November 15, 1882 (Greenwald)



ENLARGED! IMPROVED!
Greater Facilities for Fine
Merchant Tailoring
—At—
ED. JACKSON'S
"The Tailor,"
104 & 106 EAST THIRD ST.
—[or]—
New Goods
Received Daily.
A Special Department for Cleaning and Repairing.

Leadville Daily Herald, October 7, 1884 (Ed Jackson)

Genealogical Notes

In addition to the usual census data, we enjoy access to a complete collection of city directories from 1879 through 1918, birth, marriage, and death (including cemetery plot maps) records including obituaries, several newspapers (on microfilm that is being digitized by History Colorado for the Internet), Sanford insurance maps, and a very large number of documents recorded in the Lake County Clerk's office.

Ben Loeb's
entertainment at City hall Monday
night will be a treat to the citizens of
the camp.

*Leadville Evening Chronicle,
October 12, 1889 (Ben Loeb)*

Our local library holds many of these resources and employs a full time historic librarian and an assistant who are both enormously knowledgeable and helpful. The Lake County Library also contains a significant collection of Leadville photographs. Furthermore, large relevant collections of documents and photographs can be found in the Denver Public Library Western History Collection, the History Colorado library, and the Beck Archives held by the Department of Judaic Studies at Denver University.

A. ISAACS, Clothing and Furnishing Goods
Second-hand Goods of all kinds
Dresses and suits. 117 to 123 Harrison Ave.
All kinds of Aisle Suits and more. Bring on a few garments for old but good quality Suits.

*The Herald Democrat,
January 2, 1895 (A. Isaacs)*

We have also been lucky to have attracted the attention of a variety of historians, professional and otherwise, who have researched and reported on various aspects of Leadville's past. For our purposes, the Griswald history of Lake County and the work of Dr. Jeanne Abrams, director of the Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society, have been especially helpful. While these secondary sources have looked broadly at Jewish life in Leadville, individuals such as David May, Leopold Guldman, and the Guggenheims have been the subject of monographs or, in the case of the latter, several books.

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PICKLED SMOKE BREASTS,
PICKLED SMOKE TONGUES,
PICKLED SMOKE ROLADES,
GOOSE, DUCK AND ALL KINDS OF GAL-
ECK SAUSAGES.

Agents for the Celebrated Denver
Kosher Sausage Factory of
P. Schlesinger.

PFEIFFER & SENGFELDER,

424 Harrison Avenue, Leadville, Colo.

PFEIFFER & SENGFELDER,
PROPRIETORS OF THE
CARBONATE BAKERY,

Cor. Harrison Ave. and Fifth Sts.,

Have always on hand a large and fresh supply of
Groceries, Bread, Pies, Cakes and the finest of Confectionery.

*Leadville Daily Herald, December
11, 1880 (Pfeiffer & Sengfelder)*

Furthermore, descendants of some of the pioneer Jewish families have contacted the Foundation with information, documents, photographs, and artifacts. A few have even contributed sections to our web site.

Altogether, we have benefited enormously from these ample resources and the generous people who have made them available.

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510 HARRISON AVE.

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Fine Pool and Billiard Tables. The best
Beer, Liquors, and Cigars always on hand.
Finest Cold Lunches served to order. A
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FAMILY TRADE,

Which is solicited, as I carry a fine line of the
best Imported Whiskies, Wines, and Brandy,
especially made and put up for family use.
Telephone connection.

L. JANOWITZ.

*The Herald Democrat,
December 22, 1889 (Janowitz)*

**OPEN FOR THE SEASON—64
MT. MASSIVE HOTEL,
SODA SPRINGS.**

During Which Time—**GRAND PICNIC AND BALL**—Will be
Given Every
THURSDAY—AFTERNOON AND—SUNDAY

The French Restaurant connected with the Hotel will be
open Day and Night for the accommodation of all. Finest
Resort in the State. Elegant Drives, Beautiful Scenery.

S. PHILIPPE, Prop.

*Leadville Daily Herald,
June 5, 1884 (S. Philippe)*



Cabinet Card photo of West Chestnut Street in Leadville, photo by Collier



Color postcard of the A.V. Smelter in California Gulch (Guggenheim)

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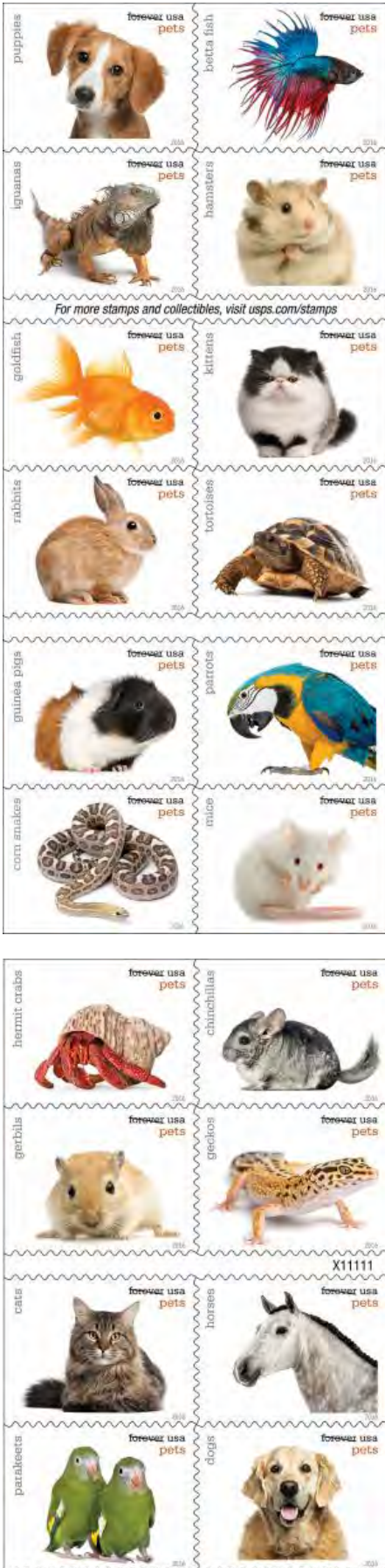
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Stamps

Sort of in tradition with my old journals, here is a recent release of stamps by the USPS., Pets! How many of these have you had?



Upcoming Issues

The next issue is the June-July 2016 issue (5.6 & 5.7).
Here's a preview of topics to come in future issues.

180 Years of Texas



Texas declared independence in 1836. Learn more about some of the events that happened in the process of independence.

High Cotton



Learn more about my recent photo documentary of the growing of cotton in Lubbock, where we are at this point of the summer.

Coffee!



We return to some topics in the early 2016 issues, including coffee! We pick up where we left off with this wonderful drink.

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