

The background of the cover is a photograph of a red brick wall. Several tall, thin stems of a plant with small, bright red flowers are in the foreground, reaching upwards against a clear blue sky. The overall composition is vertical and uses a low-angle perspective.

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**Favorites Issue**

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## On The Cover

*The type of plant on the cover is called an Ocotillo. Since it is spring, the plants are full bloom. In this case, they have bright red flowers on the top tips of the cactus. I'll include more information in the next issue about this plant and about the other plants I photographed at this location.*

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# Candid Comments



**Producer, RG de Stolfe**

In a previous issue earlier this year, I stated in the Candid Comments, “I am still seeking employment with no specific offers of any employment... I am hoping to have better news about this by the next issue.” Weeeeeell... I have news about that! One of the “waiting on”s I needed to hear back about was with Duluth Trading Company. On January 19, I drove by a building in construction near my apartments. This sign (below) was out front. I had to go somewhere right then. But on my way back later, I swung around and stopped to look at the sign (and take a photo of it). I emailed the company to get more information about jobs. A few days later, I applied not really knowing what would come of it. I found out a little later that they were having a job fair in February. So I waited until then and went to the job fair on February 22. Since this job was not related to my education, I really had no pressure whatsoever to try to impress anyone.

After all, I was just looking for a job to make some money again. Well, I talked with them for a little while, and before I left, they offered me a job on the spot! Praise God! (Of course, this was pending a standard background check.) Well, the background check went fine, and I completed the rest of the paper work online. I started orientation on March 20 (first day of spring) and the training was the next day for several weeks. By late April, the building was done and we were able to get in and set up the store, which took another week. We soft opened in early May and had the grand opening on May 10 with a flannel ribbon cutting with the Lubbock mayor. Later in the day were a couple of lumberjack shows. After that, the job is in its regular activity. Read more about the company on page 5.



# Word for Life

## Spreading the Good News *[An encore repost from the January 2018 issue]*

We went to In-N-Out for lunch one day we were in Las Vegas in March [2017]. I had heard about the rumors of them putting scriptures on the packaging. So, I needed to see it for myself. Sure enough, there they were, on the cups, burger trays, and fry envelopes. There also could have been other scriptures on other packaging I did not have. I had also seen on Facebook posts about satanic comments on the packaging. But those were clearly Photoshopped manipulations meant to disrepute this California based company!

So here are the scriptures on the packaging of the food I had (see the photo to the right):

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Proverbs 24:16

For a righteous man may fall seven times  
And rise again,  
But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

So, what can we learn from this? For one, not to be afraid to spread the Good News! These scriptures are not particularly hidden on the packaging. We cannot afford in this time we are currently living in to hide who we are in Christ, nor does God want us to keep it private! The “world” will always say that you should never talk about religion with other people. Except that their understanding is flawed! A relationship with God is NOT a religion! It never was and it will never be. That was an invention by man, not God.



Therefore, speak forth! Speak boldly! Speak loudly! People cannot be saved by His believers mumbling, complaining, or worse from not speaking at all! God wants ALL to come to the knowledge of Christ. Many will still reject God’s offer of salvation, usually from believing lies they accepted about God. However, they will still be accountable to God for their lives, no matter what they believe. In the Judgement Day, their belief holds zero weight to God’s Word and will be judged by God’s Word. That is why we need to speak forth the truth of God’s Word so we can do our job. Once we tell people about the Good News, the responsibility then transfers from us to the individual to decide what to do next. Hell is a real place, and it is no party that many falsely believe! The facts about Hell can scare even the believer! Imagine what a non believer would think (if they would believe it all)! Let’s make a difference that truly saves people’s lives!

### John 3:16 NKJV

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

This internationally known scripture is simple: God loved man. God did not want man to be eternally separated. God sent Jesus to save man.

### Proverbs 24:16 NKJV

For a righteous man may fall seven times  
And rise again,  
But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

This tells us that no, we are not going to be perfect, but that we have God’s grace to try again and again. However, the wicked will perish by their own invention or by causes they cannot control..

### Revelation 3:20 NKJV

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

This goes along with John 3:16. Jesus is the ONLY door to salvation. Invite Him and He will save you and spend eternity with you.

# More About the Company

## Duluth Trading Company

If you know anything about this company—and I had never heard of them—they are quite unique! Most people remember them for their quirky, funny, and outrageous—even edgy—commercials. Also, most people who have bought their clothes have raved about their quality and durability. Duluth Trading Company is a brand that makes work clothes and a bunch of other stuff. They are based in Belleville, Wisconsin (southwest of Madison). However, the company originally started in Duluth, Minnesota with the original owner. It was bought and sold a couple of times and is currently based in Wisconsin. (Read more on their [history page](#).)

They started in 1989 mainly as a catalog company, but they did not open a retail store until 2010! Their stores were concentrated in the Midwest as you would expect. But now with less than 10 years of having retail stores,

they now have over 30 stores with more to open this year. This is quite an expansion, for at the end of 2016, they only had 16 stores. The company went public in 2015. Also, 2017 proved to be a huge expansion year. Besides the Midwest, they either now have or will be opening stores in Alaska, Oregon, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Colorado, and Texas. The Portland, Colorado Springs, Lubbock, and Denton stores are now open. Another one in Arlington will open later.

As for the Lubbock store, it is right next to my apartment complex and next to Northern Tools on West Loop 289. I've been watching the building being built over the last few months. This store is a completely new concept store not built anywhere else designed for the mid market.



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**ANGRY BEAVER'S BROOD**

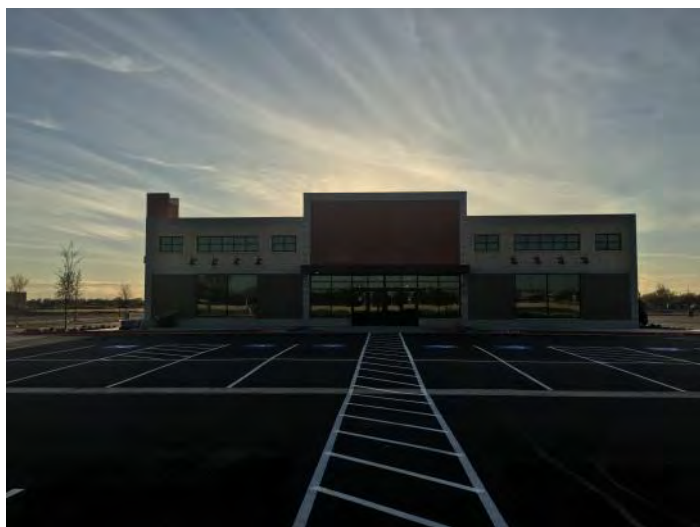
**GET A PAIR**

The advertisement features a cartoon illustration of a man with a beard and a cap, wearing a white shirt and brown work pants, standing next to a large, angry-looking beaver. The background is a solid brown color. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The phrase 'GET A PAIR' is enclosed in a dark grey rounded rectangle.

Screenshot from the [Duluth Trading Company website](#)

# More About the Company

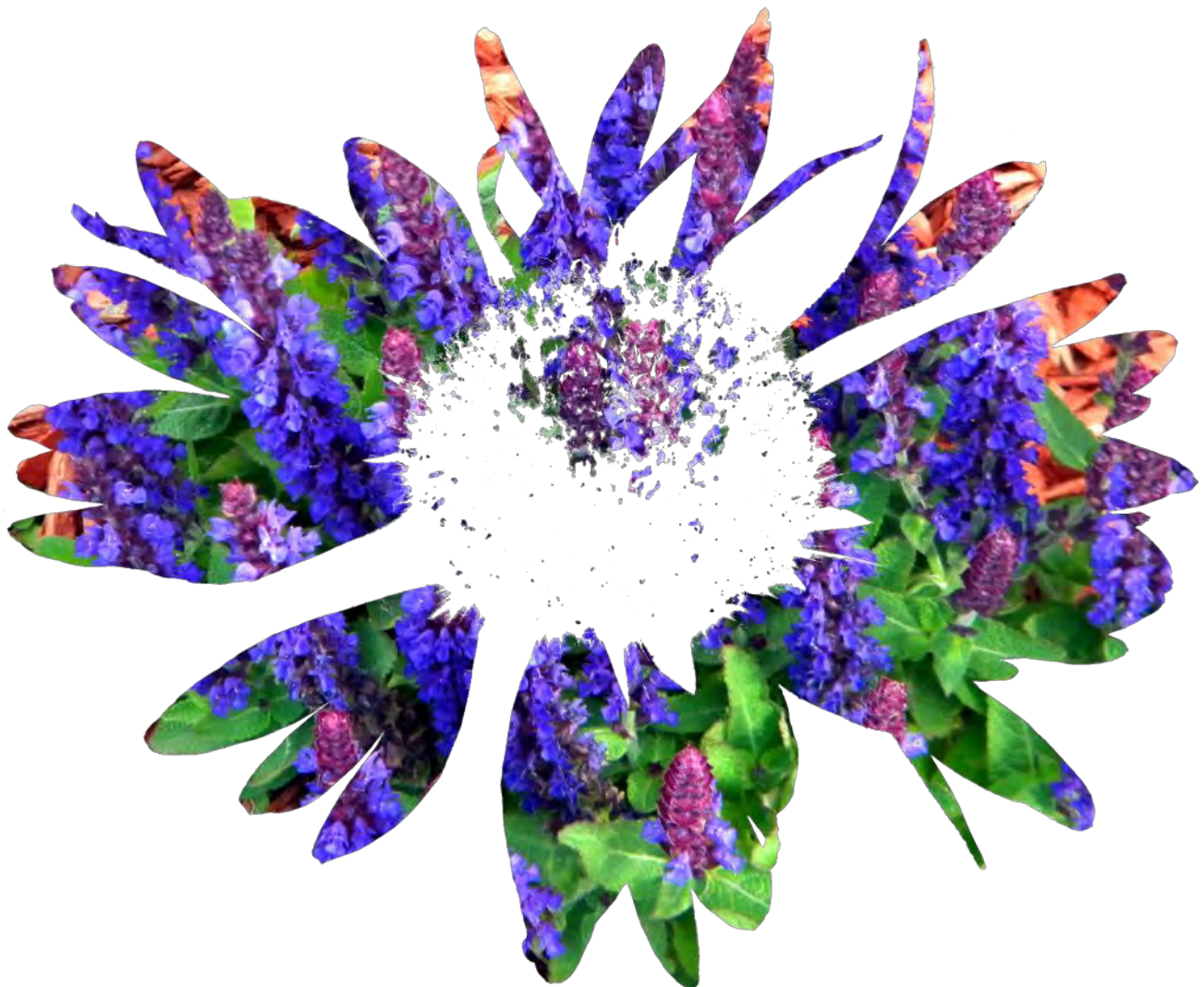
Duluth Trading Company—Building photos just before opening



# About This Issue

I've wanted to do an issue like this for a long time! This issue is about my favorite random stuff from all the Candid issues I've published since the first one in July 2012, including the many special issues. I combed through every issue and pulled out one or two things (or none) I liked in them. This results in a very random collection of things about a wide variety of topics. However, I did basically leave out articles and anything else that was really expansive because of limited space (or more accurately, so that this issue wasn't a hundred pages!), but I did include the small and quirky things I liked, up to a full page in size. For the most part, each piece is directly

copied out of each respective issue then pasted into this issue. The format and arrangement can vary from the original, but the content is basically left the same as when it was presented originally. Also, I did not bother to specify what issue each piece was originally in (unlike what I did with 30 year anniversary issue of March 2016). I did not think specifying the original issues was necessary. I do like this concept enough that I plan to have other themed compilations in the future (also, they are much easier and faster to put together than with creating new content!) Enjoy!



# The Punxsutawney Spirit.

—To day is groundhog day, and up to the time of going to press the beast has not seen its shadow.

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Header and news snippet from The Punxsutawney Spirit. newspaper, February 2, 1887. Page 5.

## Teddy Bear Picnic

From 2002 through to the end in 2009, I submitted my teddy bear for the annual exhibition, Teddy Bear Picnic. This exhibition opened in December and continued through January at the Museum of Texas Tech University during these years, and I only missed the first year (2001) because I couldn't get my bear shipped in time. The exhibition name and theme changed somewhat per year, but the main focus was on the bear and its individual history, along with the development of the Teddy Bear. One year in 2005, I decided to write the history from the viewpoint of my bear. Here's what he said:



### *My Memoirs*

*By Mr. Bear*

*I vaguely recall when I was made, but I think it was by Miriam Ingram Johnson who is the grand aunt to the boy who kept me. I spent the last thirty years with a boy who loved me very much. Very often he let me sit in his red Radio Flyer wagon and pulled me around, though I fell over a lot. For a long time, I would sit on the bed during the day and sleep in the bed at night. It was quite the life! Anymore, I only go out to reunions and for an occasional visit by my boy.*

February 28 [2016, From Facebook post]  
But OPEN on February 29, 2016. ;-}



February 10 [2016, From Facebook post]  
For those outside of Lubbock, here is the current gas price.



# Christmas Treats!

This year, I wanted to make a variety of cookies to give to neighbors and a few other people. I was ambitious and did a cookie blitz of four different varieties of cookies. The day before, I made the doughs, shaped them, then kept them in the fridge overnight. Three of the cookies were slice and bake, while the other one was a roll and coat. I found all of the recipes from the internet, either by a search or from an email. The varieties I made are:

- Chocolate Crinkles
- Cinnamon Swirl
- Coffee Spice
- Chocolate Chip Shortbread

In total, I made over 13 dozen cookies! Most of them were smaller than I usually make cookies, which would be double the size shown.



Cinnamon Swirl



Chocolate Chip Shortbread



Coffee Spice



Chocolate Crinkles

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## Bees Loving Russian Sage

In the front yard of one of my job locations were a bunch of mature, flowering Russian Sage plants (even bushes). The honey bees were all over these plants, buzzing around endlessly for hours! They had no interest in anything but the flowers. I could practically get as close as I wanted, and the bees didn't care!



## Mes Poissons

*Over the past few years, I've had some fish in my one gallon fish tank. And yes, I named them!*



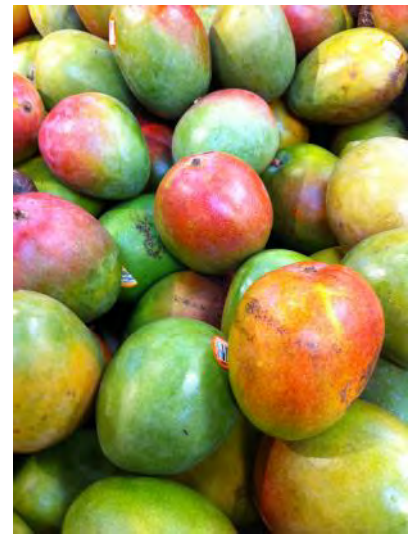
This was my first Betta. His name was Jake. He was a red and blue Siamese fighting fish. I had him for about two years.



This is my next betta. His name was Red (duh) or sometimes Fishy, an all red Siamese fighting fish. I had him for over a year. While I had this betta, I also kept two different snails at different times, a black shelled snail and a yellow shelled snail. The snails were very active, then had periods of no movement at all! Each lasted two to three weeks.



At another time while I had Red, I had a plecostomus, a suckerfish, I called Shimmy. He was very active to keep the tank clean. I noticed that Shimmy liked to "play" with Red. One day, I found Shimmy at the bottom of the tank. I guess Red had enough!



*Left to right, top to bottom.  
Artichokes, Mangos  
Portobello Mushrooms, Bananas  
Radishes, Granny Smith & Jazz Apples  
Red, Orange, & Yellow Bell Peppers, Red Chili Peppers*

# Top 5 Favorite Iced Teas\* of National Restaurant Chains

Having lived in the South all of my life, I have come to like iced tea over the past 30 years. Most of the time, I've had it as sweet tea until when I moved to Flagstaff, Arizona where at the time, they didn't know about sweet and unsweet teas. They just had iced tea. Well, I've developed a taste for iced tea from different restaurants over the years and decided to compile a list of my top five favorites. Now, just to be clear, these are national chains, and I have not included my own homemade tea, since it is automatically number one. :-} When I drink iced tea, anymore I make it 3/4 unsweet and 1/4 sweet. They put plenty enough sugar in the sweet tea to easily stretch the unsweet into tasting sweet!

A few notes. Purified water makes a huge difference in the taste of tea (and coffee), even though I've had people swear that they can't tell a difference! In the Springs, I can sort of get away with using tap water, but I still like using purified water even here. In addition, make sure all your utensils, pots, and whatever you use to make iced tea are clean, which affects the taste.

*\*\*Note\*\* This post was from April 2013. So, this is the list from that time. As of 2018, this list and the making method below are somewhat different. (I think I have found another article to write!)*

## Top 5 Favorite Iced Teas [as of 2013]

1. Chick-fil-a! (All over US)
  2. Rosa's Café (Texas & California)
  3. Cracker Barrel (all over US)
  4. Culver's (Midwest and few other states)
  5. (tie) Sonic (all over US) & Rudy's BBQ (SW states)
- HM: Steak Express (Texas Chain)

*\*Actual brewed tea in refillable dispensers, not syrup from concentrate with water added from a fountain type dispenser.*

## RG's Iced Tea Method

Lately, this is how I've been making iced tea. First, I put about two quarts of purified water in a three quart pot. I heat the water until it's just about boiling, but not actually at a full boil. I then add three family Luzianne decaf tea bags and let sit for say an hour (or however long. It can vary for me; sometimes it's only fifteen minutes.) I add the sugar, usually about a half cup (that's more than enough.) I make sure that the sugar is fully dissolved. As the last step, I add ice I bought from the store until it is almost full. This will make a mess, because when the ice hits the hot or warm tea, it explodes, and with all the ice it'll make some noise. (But whatever, just clean it up later with a wet rag.) I like to use the large chunks of ice that won't break apart. You know the parts of bag ice you really hate to mess with? It'll just melt anyway, so it works great! Stir up the whole mess until most of the ice has melted. At this point, I pour myself a cup over more ice (you know, the parts of bag ice that's a joy to deal with!) and put the rest in a jug to drink over the next couple of days.

## My Trucks



*1992 GMC Sierra 1500 extended cab, 8 cylinder. This was my first truck that I got in Flagstaff in 1999 until 2006.*



*1997 GMC Sierra 1500 regular cab, 6 cylinder. I got this truck in Lubbock in 2007 until I traded it in 2009 for the truck below.*



*2008 GMC Sierra 1500 regular cab, 6 cylinder. I got this truck also in Lubbock in 2009 when I traded in the above truck.*

# My Desert Rose

To catch you up on some other flora-fauna interests, I first bought a plant in February 2010 from United Supermarket in Lubbock that they had as a Valentine's Day promo. I thought the plant was interesting with it's unusual shaped leaves so I bought it (although paying way too much for it!). The plant was called Desert Rose (*Kalanchoe thyrsiflora*, although I recently understand that the correct name is actually *Kalanchoe luciae*. Whatever.) See photo 1. Well, I liked the plant so much that after some searching (and another year), I went to Lowe's in the Spring 2011 and finally found and bought a six pack of them! See photo 2. Okay, so eventually I transplanted all of them into separate clay pots by the summer 2012, having to use bamboo sticks to hold them up since they were getting long and lanky. Some of them starting growing offshoots in the same pot. See photo 3. By mid 2013, I started noticing that they were getting kinda weird looking because

they were starting to grow really high. Eventually, I figured out that they were going to flower. Having no idea what the flower of a Desert Rose looked like, I figured it would be some nice bright, colorful flower like a lot of other succulents. Since the Kalachoe flowers you can get at the store have lots of different colors, I figured this would be similar. Well, the buds finally started to form and eventually the flowers appeared. To be honest, it was a huge let down! Take a look at photo 4 and you will see what I mean. They were these itty bitty yellow stamens and white petals on a base much bigger than the flower. There were many of these flowers in clusters, but I was expecting something overall much flashier, I guess. In any case, flowers or not, I still like the plant but wish it would get more of the red color it should have on the leaves.

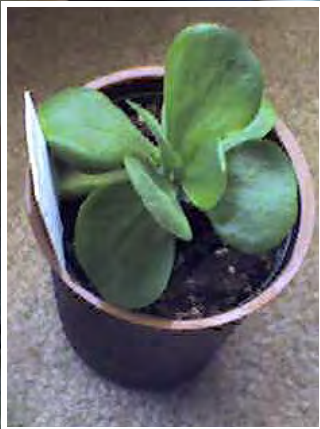


Photo 1



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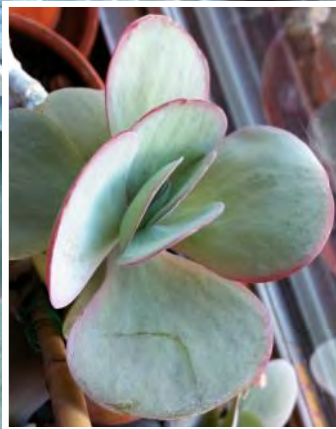


Photo 3



Photo 4

## Squirrel Life

Little squirrel  
Sitting on the ground  
Chomping on birdseed  
Then romping all around

Racing up a tree  
Then back down  
Chased by another squirrel  
Running all around

Then back up the tree the squirrel goes  
To hang upside down  
Gnawing on dried corn cobs  
Until dropping to the ground.





*This fantastic photo is a promotional photo by the N.E.A. on October 17, 1931. I'm not yet sure what the N.E.A. is since the New Deal didn't start until 1933. But either way, these are cowboys who went to New York City for the finals rodeo in Madison Square Garden. (Until moved to Oklahoma City then later to Las Vegas, the finals rodeo was in Madison Square Garden in New York City!) What is interesting about this photo is that they are standing in a stock car of the New York City Rail Road! Also, guess which ones are Texan. (clue: big hats!) Read the press release that was on the back (to the right).*

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WHO SAYS BROADWAY?--Cowboys here for Rodeo, after sleepless night on rolling stampede special train from Texas, rest up after snorting, bucking, bellowing, squealing animal cargo is dumped out in West Side New York Central yards for the Garden corrals. Left to right: Tom Johnson, Jr., Texas; Joe Perkins, Arizona; Bob Walden, New Mexico; Hugh Bennett, Texas; Elmer Hepler, Oregon and Joe Welsh, Arizona. They'll be ropin', ridin' and 'rasslin' throughout October at world finals in cowboy sports.

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## Relaxing Trip to Tyler, Texas

In mid to later May [2012], I spent the weekend among friends on an East Texas getaway. I started out going to Cisco to meet up with my friend Matt. We then travelled to Tyler to meet up with his twin brother Milton. While there, we did a variety of activities, but the main part of the trip was to spend a night on Lake Palestine. The next day, we met up with Matt's and Milton's other brother and dad. We first visited the Texas Parks and Wildlife's Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. (More info and photos in below story.) Later, we rented a cabin on Lake Palestine. While there, some fished for catfish, some canoed, and I spent some time taking photos of a region in Texas I have not been to. The weekend was fun and relaxing and a major blessing before leaving Texas! As I've said to some, it's like a last Texas hurrah!



Cabin right on Lake Palestine.



River off the lake around the camp grounds.



Sunset on Lake Palestine looking from cabin.



Fishing on Lake Palestine just outside the cabin.

January 1, 2017

This is a test to see if I can remember how to do cursive writing. Even as a kid, I hated cursive! And frankly, I still hate cursive! I never use it except for signatures and don't plan to!

R. G.

**Find the  
bug in this  
photo.  
(Answer on  
page 36)**



# Coffee . Café . Caffe . кофе . Kaffee . καφές

English

French

Italian

Russian

German

Greek

In previous issues, I brought you statistics of who drinks the most coffee and who produces the most coffee beans. Now, see how to make drinks with coffee! This list shows the common coffee drinks using espresso. Espresso, is a type of brewed coffee that is strong and condensed using a special brewer that uses pressure to heat the water and quickly push that water through finely ground beans.

You can buy this poster (an older version) and other variations of this poster (of coffee drinks) as produced by [www.orbitvisual.com](http://www.orbitvisual.com).



# Guess the Language / Devinez La Langue

Guess what language each sentence is below.  
 Devinez quelle langue chaque phrase est ci-dessous.

## English / Anglais

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
 John 3:16

1. Защото Бог толкова възлюби света, че даде Своя Единороден Син, за да не погине ни един, който вярва в Него, но да има вечен живот.  
 Йоан 3:16

2. Ἐπεὶ ὁ Θεὸς ἠγάπησεν τὸν κόσμον, ἵνα τὸν υἱὸν τὸν μονογενῆ ἑἴσωκεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον, ὃς ἐγέννηται ἐκ τοῦ Πατρὸς ὁμοούσιος ὁμογενῆ ὁμοῦσι.

3. परमेश्वर इ दुनिया स इतना पियेम करत रहा कि अपने एकलौता पूत क दइ दिहेस, जइसे कि ओहमाँ बिसवास करइवाला कउनो मनई क नास न होइ, ओका अनन्त जीवन मिल जाइ।  
 यूहन्ना 3:16

4. Því svo elskaði Guð heiminn, að hann gaf son sinn eingetinn, til þess að hver sem á hann trúir glattist ekki, heldur hafi eilíft líf.  
 Jóhannesarguðspjall 3:16

5. ହିଁ, ପରମେଶ୍ୱର ଏ ପୃଥିବୀକୁ ଏତେ ପ୍ରେମ କଲେ ଯେ ସେ ତାହାଙ୍କ ଏକମାତ୍ର ପୁତ୍ରଙ୍କୁ ଦାନ କଲେ। ପରମେଶ୍ୱର ତାହାଙ୍କ ପୁତ୍ରଙ୍କୁ ଦାନ କଲେ ଯେପରି ତାହାଙ୍କ ପୁତ୍ରଙ୍କୁ ବିଶ୍ୱାସ କରୁଥିବା ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି, ବିନାଶ ହେବେ ନାହିଁ, କିନ୍ତୁ ଅନନ୍ତ ଜୀବନ ପାଇବେ।  
 ଯୋହନ ଲିଖିତ ସୁସମାଚାର 3:16

6. Koia ano te aroha o te Atua ki te ao, homai ana e ia tana Tama kotahi, kia kahore ai e ngaro te tangata e whakaponono ana ki a ia, engari kia whiwhi ai ki te ora tonu.  
 John 3:16

7. 因为上帝爱世人，甚至将祂独一的儿子赐给他们，叫一切信祂的人不至灭亡，反得永生。  
 约翰福音 3:16

8. เพราะว่พระเจ้าทรงรักโลกจนได้ประทานพระบุตรองค์เดียวของพระองค์ เพื่อทุกคนที่เชื่อในพระบุตรนั้นจะไม่พินาศแต่มีชีวิตนิรันดร์  
 ยอห์น 3:16

9. Fiindcă atât de mult a iubit Dumnezeu lumea, că a dat pe singurul Lui Fiu, pentruca oricine crede în El, să nu piară, ci să aibă viața vecinică.  
 Ioan 3:16

10. Nc'e Ty'oots'om t'ma" waa na m'aa" na candya' ts'oom nn'a" tsjoomnancue, jo' chii Ja na fiennco na cwiluiindyo Jnaa" tquiaa" na tuiindyo cha ticwii cwii ts'a" na nntseyiu' fi'e"ndyo tixocatsuufie. M'aa" na ticantycwii na wando'.  
 Juan 3:16

11. Οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν κόσμον ὥστε τὸν [α]ιὸν τὸν μονογενῆ ἕδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλὰ ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον.  
 KATA IOANNHN 3:16

12. God wen get so plenny love an aloha fo da peopo inside da world, dat he wen send me, his one an ony Boy, so dat everybody dat trus me no get cut off from God, but get da real kine life dat stay to da max foeva.  
 John 3:16

13. हो, परमेश्वरले संसारलाई यति साह्रो प्रेम गर्नुभयो, कि उहाँले आफ्ना एकमात्र पुत्रलाई दिनु भयो। परमेश्वरले आफ्ना पुत्रलाई दिनु भयो त्यस द्वारा उहाँमाथि विश्वास गर्ने कोहीपनि नाश हुने छैन, तर अनन्त जीवन प्राप्त गर्नेछ।  
 यूहन्ना 3:16

14. כי אלוהים אהב כל כך את העולם עד שהקריב את בנו היחיד, כדי שכל המאמין בו לא יאבד כי אם יחיה לנצח.  
 הבשורה על-פי יוחנן 3:16



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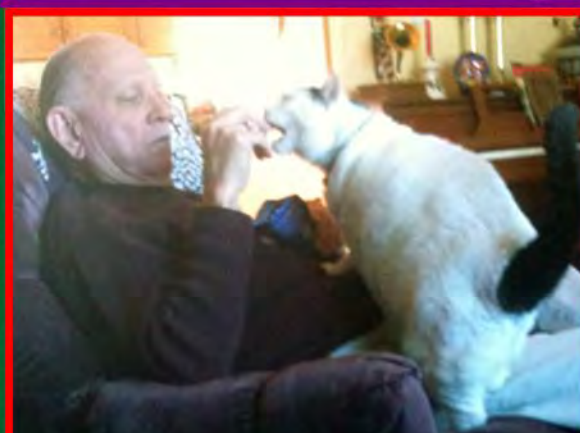
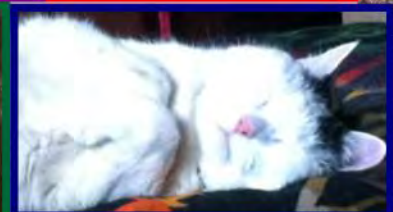
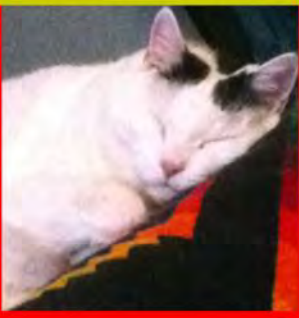
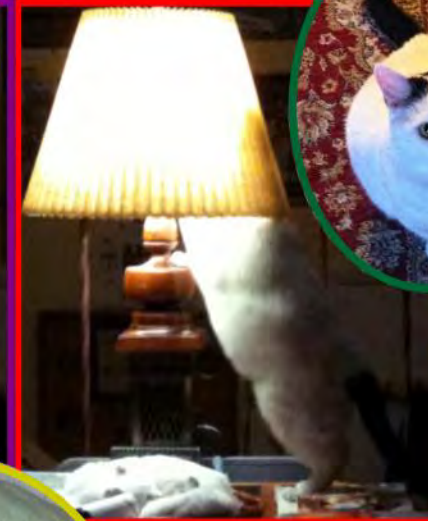
# Boobies!

## Blue Footed Boobies (*Sula nebouxi*)

The blue footed booby is a marine bird in the family Sulidae, which includes ten species of long winged seabirds. Blue footed boobies belong to the genus *Sula*, which comprises six species of boobies. It is easily recognizable by its distinctive bright blue feet. Males display their feet in an elaborate mating ritual by lifting their feet up and down while strutting before the female. The female is slightly larger than the male and can measure up to 90 cm (36 in) long with a wingspan of up to 1.5 m (4.9 ft). The natural breeding habitats of the blue-footed booby are the tropical and subtropical islands of the Pacific Ocean. It can be found from the Gulf of California down along the western coasts of Central and South America down to Peru. Approximately half of all breeding pairs nest on the Galápagos Islands. Its diet mainly consists of fish, which it obtains by diving and sometimes swimming underwater in search of its prey.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue-footed\\_booby](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue-footed_booby)

RIP Panda 8.6.2014



# Wild, Strange, and Wacky Signs of the World

I found these photos from a Google search. I wanted to add some humor to this special issue besides the information about a stupid, annual celebration of fools! Some of these, you really have to question, "What's up with that??"

(I'm leaving the specific locations of these signs anonymous.)

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*Umm... am I a low information person and did not get the notice of the change to international time?*



*Uh, hunh. Dang straight!*



*Seriously? Molest??*



*Odd.*



*Inventive!*



*I think I'll stay away from this park!*



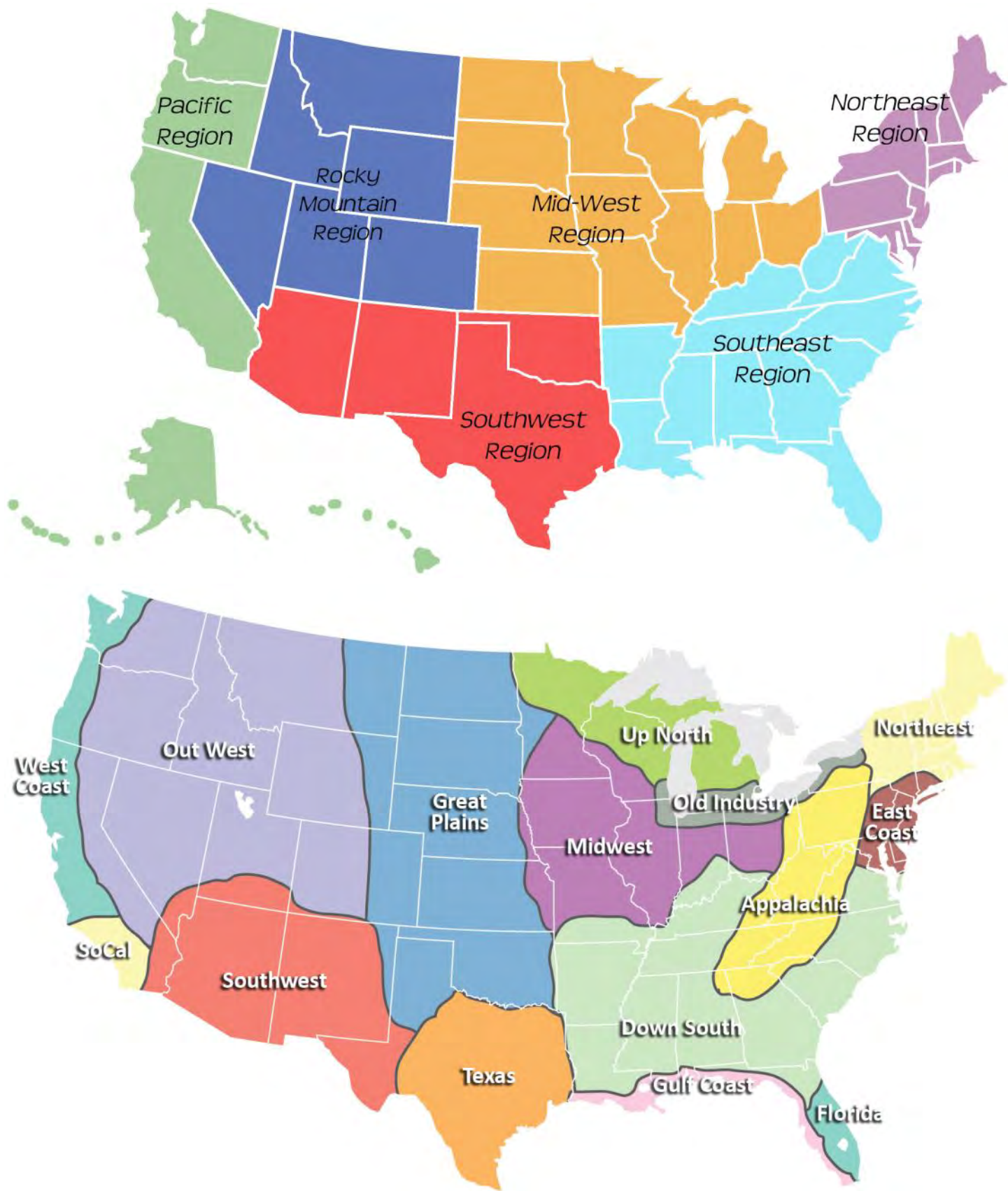
*Uh, exactly how should I interpret this sign?*



*Yeah! This is moose territory! Stay out of the way!*

The first time I included these maps in the Christmas 2016 issue, I did not give any description as to what they were for I only included them as a reference to say Merry Christmas in different regions of the country. Now, with Christmas aside, these two maps represent two different understandings of the regions of the United States. The

top map is the generally accepted regions of the country as used by weathermen in national newscasts. The bottom map removes the state line barriers and refers to the regions as more cultural divisions regardless of the states themselves, which make a whole lot more sense! (Note: Hawai'i and Alaska are each their own cultural identity.)





*While on our way back from my in person interview in Leadville, we came across several herds of antelope near the road. Here are a couple of groups of them. In total, we probably saw about four dozen or more antelope. In addition, we had to stop on the road at one point on the way to Leadville to let about a dozen deer cross the road then jump over the fence!*

# 45



## Donald John Trump

Term: Current: Started January 20, 2017  
Party: Republican  
State: New York  
VP: Mike Pence  
Lived: Born 1946 (70)  
Faith: Presbyterian



"No! You may not see a menu."

No! You may not see a menu.

Does this temporary fix make me a redneck?



## Blessed Heart Ranch

I mentioned briefly on page 12 of the July 2014 issue that the brand in this photo is mine, the Rafter Heart. I also mentioned that I would give more info about it later. Well, it's now later! The brand is called Rafter Heart for the Blessed Heart Ranch. I registered this brand in Lubbock County on July 11, 2008 with the County Clerk. They have a very large book called a brand book where I needed to fill out the information. Because I had to specify it, the brand is for the left hip of cattle and horses. All brands expired on August 30, 2011. So, I renewed the brand for another 10 years on February 29, 2012. (I had six months to renew, and I certainly waited until the very last day, even on a leap year!) The general idea of the Blessed Heart is that the heart is man and the "blessed", or rafter, refers to God's covering and protection. Since I went to a cowboy church, they put brands in the floor during an expansion as a fundraiser. The floor is stained and sealed concrete.



## Where's the Bug?

Somewhere in the photo to the right is a bug.

What is it, and where is it?

Hint: It's NOT an ant.

The answer is on page 36.



# Les Croissants Classiques | The Classic Croissants

un croissant

a croissant



Let's not talk about the clothes.



Here's a once in a blue moon fistful of cash I had for a short time a few years ago.

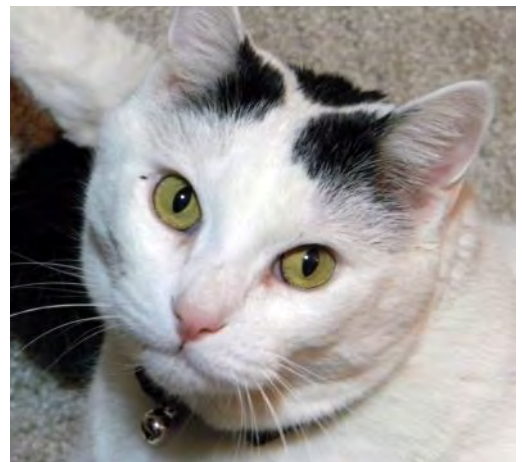


Any idea what this item is I sold on eBay?? :-}  
And yes, the Post Office took it with no problem!



A few weeks ago [in August 2014], I painted this plate of Panda at a paint your own pottery place [in Leadville].

Here is the plate and the source photo.



# 10 Years Since Graduating Tech [15 years in Dec 2018]

This year has been a year of several milestone anniversaries. The next milestone is that of my graduation from Texas Tech University and the Museum Science program. My graduation was ten years ago on December 20, 2003. The day was relatively cool and clear. The graduation went well, but was very long. Mom and Dad drove out from Florida and stayed several days. After the ceremony, we went the Grad School reception, then we went photo taking, as so many do after a graduation. Here are several.

*I wrote this on Facebook on December 16, 2013:*

“Ten years ago around this time, I graduated with my Master degree in Museum Science from Texas Tech University. Sadly, having a Master degree has proven to be useless in obtaining a museum job, even ten years later! :-[”



*Top left: This sculpture is in the middle of campus. It is of Will Rogers on Soapsuds.*

*Top right: This photo was in the rotunda of Holden Hall, the original location of the museum. The murals are modern day (mid century) frescoes painted by Peter Hurd.*

*Bottom left: This is the seal of Texas Tech University at the very front of campus.*

*Bottom right: In the middle of campus.*

Here’s my photo of the cans of soup I bought [made to look like the Andy Warhol paintings]. Campbell’s made 5 label designs that I have been able to identify. Here are four of them. The image on the phone is the image Target use to promote the products.

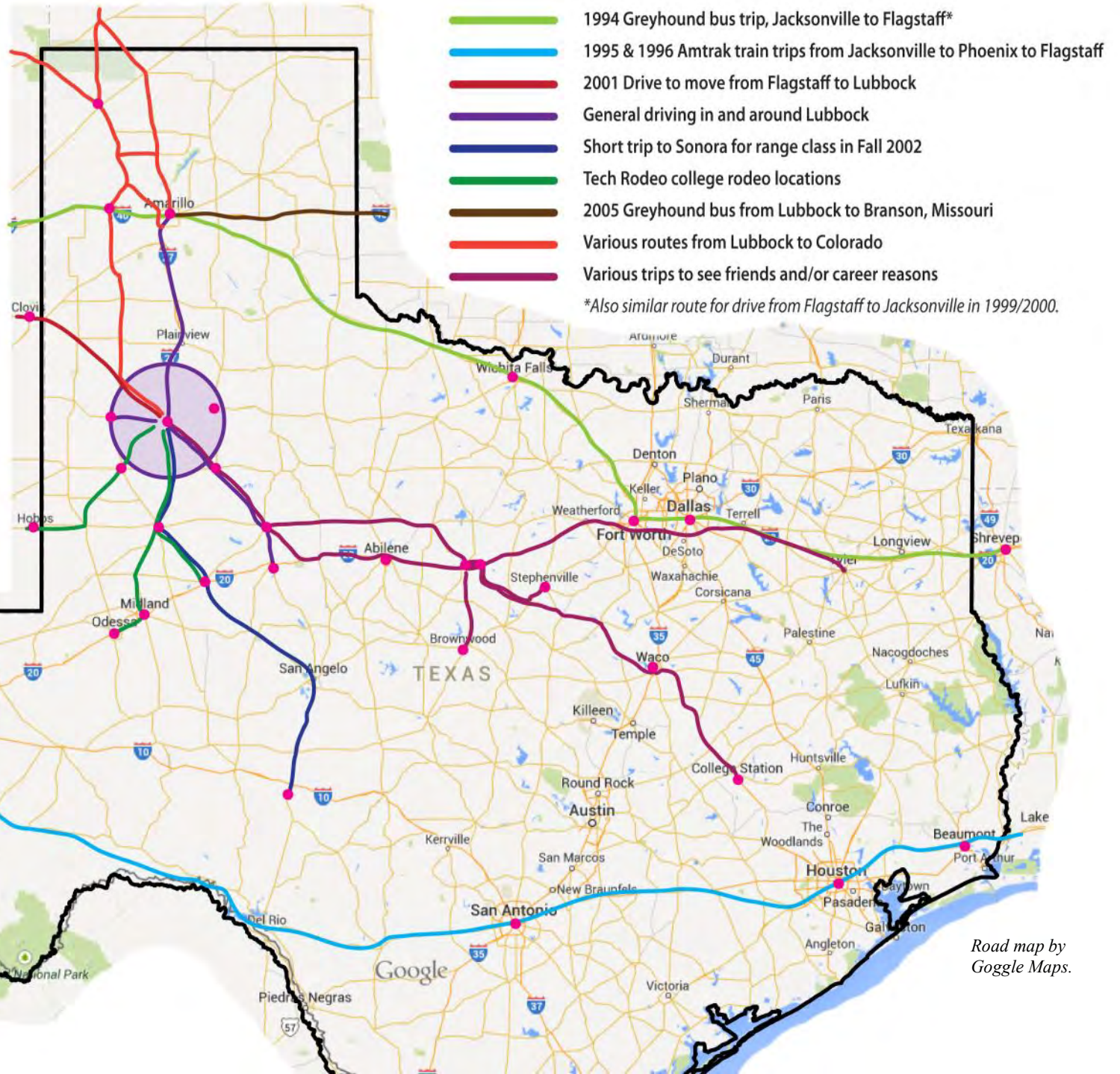


How’s this for some photo archives! This is sometime in the late 1970s with mom and me in the other photo, possibly in the Dakotas.

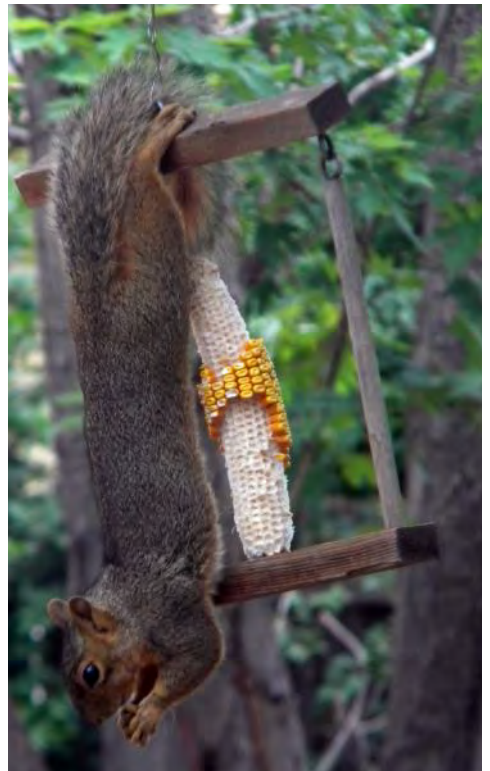


# Places in Texas I've Been

The February issue of the de Stolfe Journal Candid is mostly dedicated to Texas! Texas is the 2nd longest state I lived in, with Florida being the first for 24 years. In addition, Texas was the only state where I EVER felt at home. Florida wasn't it, Arizona wasn't it, and Colorado was never it. For the 11 years I lived in Lubbock, Texas specifically, I gained much about what Texas is. These pages are not meant to be comprehensive, but rather to highlight various points about the state and the people. If there's one thing I've clearly understood by being away for a time, it is that life is far too short not to be where you want to be and not to be where you have been the happiest, no matter the ups and downs of the past! I refuse to listen to the naysayers who never have anything positive to say about your plans and ideas, especially those of your own family! (and sadly.) I hope you like this issue! Most everything here is something I personally experienced.



Road map by Goggle Maps.



**YOU CAN'T SEE ME!**



*No squirrels or cats were harmed during this photo session.*

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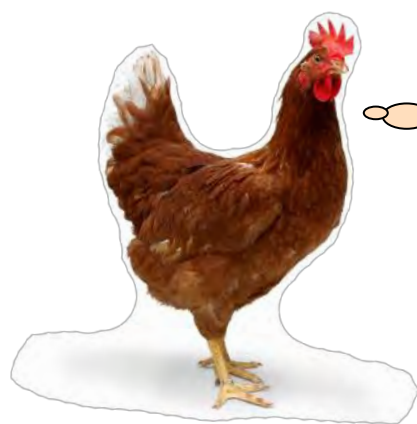
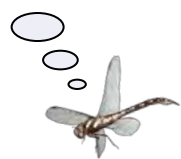


# A Typical Conversation on the Family Farm

Did you hear about Farmer Dan?



What's going on, guys?



Yeah! He flew the coo-coo's nest!



Hold it!  
He just milked one too many times!

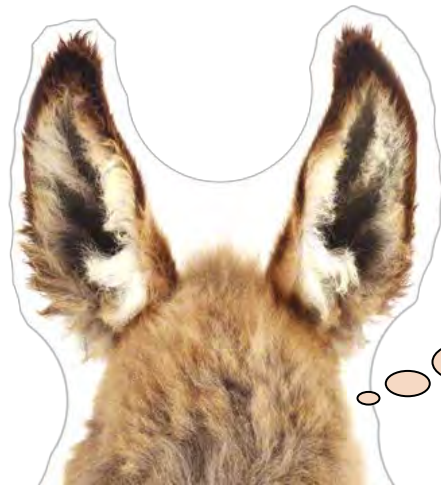


That's not what I heard!

Yeah, he ate too much bacon and the fat went to his head!



You guys are stupid!  
He just needed a vacation away from the farm!



I want a carrot.  
No, wait! A sugar cube!

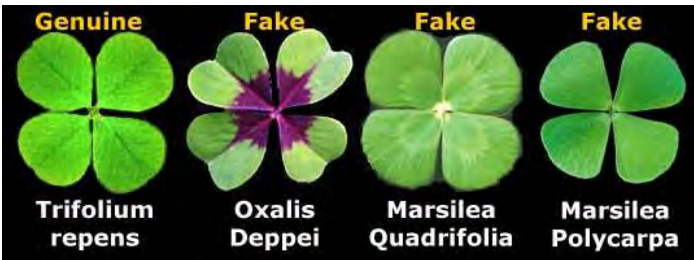


# Fake Four Leaf Clovers?

I did not know this, but did you know that there are real and there are fake four leaf clovers? I had no idea!

Here's a excerpt about this.

*"Real, genuine four leaf clovers come from the White Clover plant, trifolium repens, considered to be the original shamrock. You may find others selling leaves as four-leaf clovers that are not genuine. These are actually Pepperwort or Water Clover (Marsilea Quadrifolia and Marsilea Polycarpa) or Oxalis (Oxalis deppei or Oxalis tetraphylla) plants that produce all four leaves. Another way of identifying a real four leaf clover is that the fourth leaf is usually smaller than the other three leaves."*



*Snow farmer I made back in February 2004.*

# Food Pyramid for Texans



*Rough looking bandito, huh?*

# PETTING CHART FOR YOUR CAT



# PETTING CHART FOR YOUR DOG



# Notes from a Museum Professional Working in a Historical Building

When you are working at a museum that was historically used in a different capacity, you have a number of challenges that conflict with the “ideal” museum practices. Here are a few from personal experience.

- As a historical building, the director likes having the front door open during museum hours. This particular environment is very mild and relatively arid during the summer and temperatures do not fluctuate very much. Therefore, temperature and humidity are really not much of a problem. However, the flies and bees are another story!
- When the weather was a little cooler a few weeks back, flies and bees weren't a problem. However, after I planted flowers in the beds out front and the weather has warmed enough to not bother the bugs, the flies and bees find it necessary to buzz regularly into the museum. Once in the museum, they become trapped and therefore very angry! Fortunately, I just have to wait a few days, and I later find them dead. As for the bumble bees, they are the biggest little monsters you've ever seen, and for convenience, you just try to stay out of their way!

- Because this museum was restored to nearly what it looked like in its former use, some people feel inclined when they visit to touch or even handle certain objects in the museum as if they would be used in the former use. While the director doesn't have an issue with that for some of the objects, I don't know how I should handle it! For the most part, I just find that keeping quiet and smiling is all I really should do!
- The challenges of living literally right behind the museum (the museum and the apartment share a wall) is that there is a slight blur between home life and work life. I walk through one door and I'm at work. I walk through the same door in the other direction and I'm at “home”. While there's a hallway between the two doors, that really doesn't help too much for the distinction. Also, my kitchen doubles for museum use for the few times a year that it is needed.
- Because the museum is structured similarly to how it was in its former use—not set up as a formal museum—space is limited. Therefore when your collections space also doubles as a coat closet and as event storage and as storage for cleaning supplies, aaaaaaaarrrrrrrrrr, stomp, stomp, snap! (Brain snapping, by the way, not stuff snapping!)
- I find that most visitors are respectful and interested in the museum to varying degrees. But when someone is adamant that we must contact the city to have signs installed on the main road so that people can know about us and find us, and they spend ten minutes trying to tell us what we need to do to fix the problem.....



## The One That Got Away

Uh, oh! Watch out squirrel! The cat sees you! Just about to pounce, but then... rats!



A quadrangle of squirrels



November 6, 2013

A triangle of squirrels



November 12, 2013

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# pi

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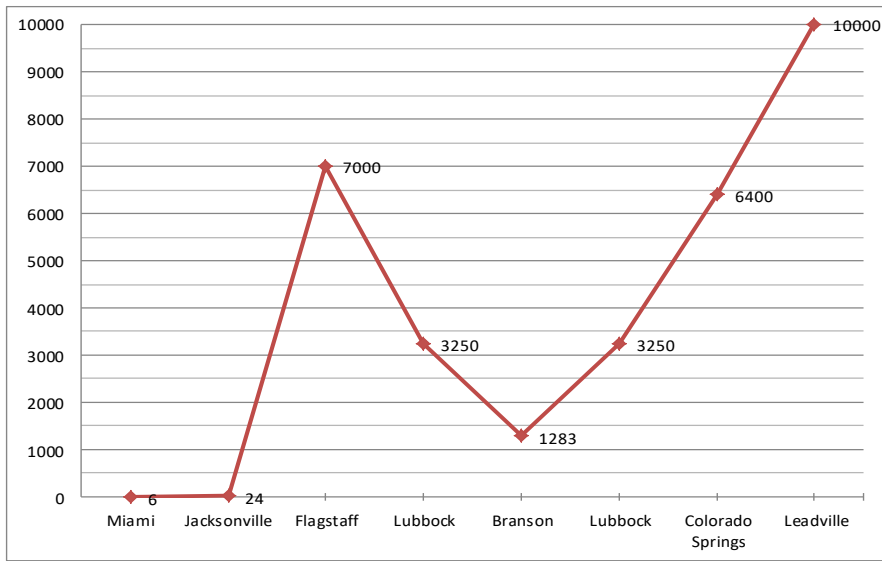
noun, plural: pis. Greek.

1. the 16th letter of the Greek alphabet ( $\Pi$ ,  $\pi$ ).
2. the consonant sound represented by this letter.
3. Mathematics.
  - the letter  $\pi$ , used as the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.
  - the ratio itself: 3.141592+.

Visit [www.piday.org](http://www.piday.org) for more information about pi and Pi Day.



Just for fun, I plotted out the approximate elevations of significant places where I lived for at least three weeks or longer and without any other place to live. Looks like I've been all up and down the altitude scale!



## Oh, Hail No!

On May 7, Colorado Springs had a hail storm not seen in a long time! It was 2"-3" or more of pea sized hail that looked like it snowed. Unfortunately, the hail shredded my flowers :-(- There was also a noticeable temperature drop after the hail until it melted.



*These were signs I saw along the road. (Most of them were at Raton Pass, except for the sheep sign.) They are Deer, Elk, Bear, Big Horn Sheep. The sheep sign was on the way to Leadville.*



# Upcoming Issues

Here are some topics I plan to feature in future issues, not necessarily the very next issue, but in some future issue.



From page 15: Here it is! A yellow lady bug.



From page 25: Find the Bug. The answer: a red ladybug!

## Guess the Language Results / Devinez Les résultats De La Langue

- |     |                    |                      |
|-----|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1.  | Bulgarian          | <i>Bulgaria</i>      |
| 2.  | Cherokee           | <i>United States</i> |
| 3.  | Awadhi             | <i>India</i>         |
| 4.  | Icelandic          | <i>Iceland</i>       |
| 5.  | Oriya              | <i>India</i>         |
| 6.  | Maori              | <i>New Zealand</i>   |
| 7.  | Chinese            | <i>China</i>         |
| 8.  | Thai               | <i>Thailand</i>      |
| 9.  | Cornilescu         | <i>Romania</i>       |
| 10. | Amuzgo de Guerrero | <i>Mexico</i>        |
| 11. | Greek              | <i>Greece</i>        |
| 12. | Hawai'i Pidgin     | <i>Hawai'i</i>       |
| 13. | Nepali             | <i>Nepal</i>         |
| 14. | Hebrew             | <i>Israel</i>        |

"Crocodile"

C U L8R Alligator!

After while  
Crocodile!

"Alligator"



## Weird Cats

These cats can get into some weird spots! Let's have a look at some of the strange places they like to hang out!



## Appalachia

In the early days of Texas, there were no Texans other than the native Mexicans living in the area. Many of the people who would be called Texan came from somewhere else. A large number came from Appalachia, which is basically the Appalachian mountain areas, or Blue Ridge Mountains.



## Boredom Happens

Do you know what happens when a graphic artist is bored? They take parts of historic paintings and superimpose them onto Google Street View, that's what! I'll include some of my favorite ones.

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