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RG loves DJ Meow Mix!
Kchka kchka kchka scratch scratch...
ScreeeeeeeeEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE EE EE EE EE...
POW! boom Boom BOOM...

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On the Cover

January for me was a slim photo month. I did not take very many photos. But a large number of photos I did take were of the squirrels outside my window. So, the cover photo this month is of one of the squirrels in the back yard. I've seen as many as five squirrels at once, but usually I only see one or two of them.

Revelation 7:17

"...the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Let's be real and honest here, this world sucks and pain, heartache, torture, and extreme sadness are everywhere and affect everyone. That means we are 100% certain to be sad, angry, depressed, frustrated, explosive, and numb, among other emotions. We cannot beat ourselves up because we are human. Quite often other people will

sometimes act like crap and treat us like crap! Some people will just be venting, while others genuinely need help to correct how badly they treat other people. We cannot be mad at ourselves for how others treat us!

This is why God says in Revelation that He "will wipe away every tear" from our eyes because pain happens, and it is often unbearable!

That is why we want to stand on Psalm 23:6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life..."

Saddle Break Reads

Facebook Posts—January

January 1
Happy New Year!

January 1
[Posted my results after completing an online quiz about "Which southern state should you actually live in"]
I got Texas. One way or another, I'll be back in short order this year!

January 4
[Posted my results after completing an online quiz about "Which US city do you belong in"]
Austin. Not sure I would have picked that one specifically, especially with the weird culture there (and I'm not referring to UT.).

January 7
The snow today looks just like flocking. It has that shaved sawdust look about it (which also means that the snow is very cold and dry).

January 7
The snow right now looks like and is as light as cotton candy!

January 9
Here is a Colorado Experience video about Pioneer Jews by Rocky Mountain PBS that includes Temple Israel where I worked this past summer. (I'm not in the video, but I was there while the TI portions were recorded.)
[See more info about this on page 2.]

January 12
Shared Kangaroo Coffee's photo.
Went here this afternoon for my free coffee!
The whole day was a heavy winter wonderland! (Although the snow is quite light-easy to shovel -but the fog was dense!)

January 20
[Posted results after completing a questionnaire "Can you guess what these British phrase mean." I got 12/15.]
Hurrah and loud cheer!

February 2
Happy Ground Hog Day! Now, everyone understand that we have 6 weeks of winter no matter what the weather does and no matter whether or not Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow!

Note: These are not all of my posts I make in a month. This is just a curated selection of them out of all the ones I post.

SNL 40 years

Saturday Night Live started 40 years ago on October 11, 1975. To commemorate their past 40 years on air, a three hour live special will be on Sunday, February 15, 2015 on NBC. The special will include a reunion of various past cast members, hosts, and musical guests. Should be interesting!

February Calendar

- 2.2.15—Groundhog Day
- 2.14.15—Valentine's Day
- 2.16.15—President's Day
- 2.17.15—Mardi Gras
- 2.18.14—Ash Wednesday
- 3.8.15—Daylight Savings Time Starts

Sorry, Wrong Password

In a report by several major news networks about a month ago, people are using highly predictable and lazy passwords. These are popular passwords of 2014 that hackers are likely to try. If you have any variation of these passwords, CHANGE THEM IMMEDIATELY!

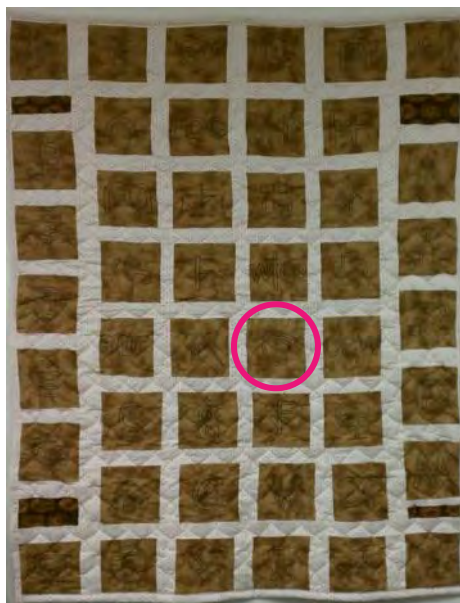
- 111111
- 123456
- password
- qwerty
- baseball
- football
- batman
- abc123

Most modern passwords require a letter, a number, and a special character. Also, upper and lower case letters.

Saddle Break Reads

Brand Quilt

In the July 2014 issue, I showed a photo of my brand in the floor. Then, in the OctNovDec 2014 issue, I expanded on what the brand in the floor meant. I mentioned that the brand was part of a fundraiser for expanding the building of my cowboy church in Lubbock. The brands were in the floor of the new lobby. Another project I started but never completed before I left Lubbock was to make a brand book of all the brands in the floor. Before I left, I surrendered all of the paperwork and the scrapbook materials for someone else to finish. I don't know what happened with the brand book, but another person in the church took the brands I gave her and made a quilt. The photos below show the quilt and my particular brand in the quilt (circled). It turned out pretty good!



Colorado Experience Video

While I was working at Temple Israel, a PBS Colorado film crew came in late June to record footage as part of a new documentary about Jews in Colorado. The episode about Colorado Jews was on Colorado PBS stations on January 9, 2015. While I am not in the footage, they showed nearly five minutes of the program relating to Jews in Leadville. The screen shots below show the title screen and of the interior of Temple Israel from the loft with Bill Korn, the president of the foundation (and my boss when I worked there). The video is now online: <http://video.rmpbs.org/video/2365399438>



Southern Women Channel

I mentioned this in the last issue, but it is worth repeating! There is a YouTube channel called Southern Women Channel. While southern women create these videos, it is very relevant and funny for anyone to watch, especially those from the South. There are five ladies of varying ages who are part of this series of videos. Here are the series:

- The Dixie Download (4)
- Sh%t Southern Women Say (4)
- Sh%t Southern Women NEVER Say (1)
- Mama Made Me Do It (2)
- Southern Fried Shape Up (1)

www.youtube.com/user/SouthernWomenChannel



Klingenberg Farm

Derek Klingenberg owns a farm in Kansas. A few years ago, he started making funny music video parodies with a farm theme and posted them on YouTube. I reported about him in the July 2014 issue about using a trombone to lure cows. Recently, he used a drone with a video camera high above a field to record a special idea. He drove his truck around and dumped feed on the ground in the shape of a smiley face! It took a little finessing, but the cows eventually found all the feed and made a near perfect smiley face!

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2015/01/30/382676811/watch-forget-crop-circles-this-farmer-is-making-art-with-his-cows>



Names of God

El Shaddai—Lord God Almighty

El Elyon—The Most High God

Adonai—Lord, Master

Yahweh—Lord, Jehovah

El Olam—The Everlasting God

Elohim—God

Jehovah Nissi—The Lord My Banner

Jehovah Raah—The Lord My Shepherd

Jehovah Rapha—The Lord Who Heals

Jehovah Shammah—The Lord Is There

Jehovah Tsidkenu—The Lord Our
Righteousness

Jehovah Mekoddishkem—The Lord Who
Sanctifies You

Jehovah Jireh—The Lord Will Provide

Jehovah Shalom—The Lord Is Peace

Jehovah Sabaoth—The Lord Of Hosts

I Am

Waco Magnolia Fixer Upper

If you ever watch HGTV (and I talked about this channel in the August 2013 issue), you may have seen over the past year a new show called Fixer Upper. This show is based in Waco, Texas and features a married couple who basically remodels houses. Their names are Chip and Joanna Gaines and they own a business called Magnolia. Chip does the construction and remodeling while Joanna does the architectural design and final decorating of the house. They both initially do the real estate showing to the clients. As a couple, they are very personable and reflect real life instead of a stylized version of themselves for tv. While Joanna typically tends to be professional and even semiformal, Chip counterbalances that with his casualness and often downright rowdy actions! This show is great fun to watch and embodies the general Texas way!

www.hgtv.com/shows/fixer-upper

When Working at a Museum

Like with any job anywhere, many details of a job are good, bad, nice, crappy, happy, sad, etc, etc, etc. There is a blog that talks about these various issues from the viewpoint of an employee working at a museum. Since museums are a specific realm of work, some of these details are only familiar to those who work in a museum. The particular thoughts and expressions are quite dynamic with the use of text interspersed with images and animated graphics to reflect the feel, mood, or expression that goes along with the statement. Some of them are quite funny!

Here is the blog:

www.whenuyouworkatmuseum.com.

Note: some of the blog entries can be quite blunt and direct in its language and innuendos.

Squirrels

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 hand upside down

Gnawing on dried corn cobs

Until dropping to the ground.



Comic Cats

Throughout the twentieth century, print and video have provided many comics and cartoons for people to like. First, we need some clarification.

Comic: causing laughter or amusement.

Comic Strip: of or relating to comic strips, comic section of a newspaper, comics.

Cartoon: a film or television show made by photographing a series of drawings, an animated film or television show, a series of drawings that tell a story.

The funnies have provided a wide range of characters for well over 100 years. Among those characters are cats. Some cats are basically human and look like a cat, while other cats are more cat like with occasional human type features.

Here is a short list of some of the popular cats over the past 100 years, in the comics and in cartoons (with some both in print and video). Note: many cats exist as secondary or tertiary characters. However, I'm focusing mainly on cats that are primary characters.

Garfield

[My personal favorite!]

June 19, 1978 to present

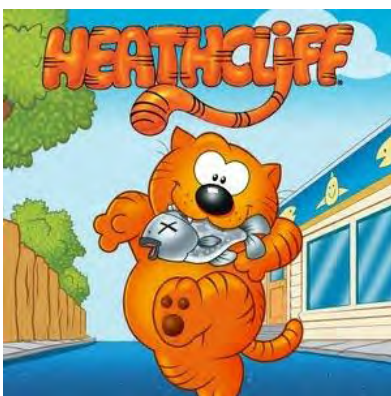
www.garfield.com



Heathcliff

September 3, 1973 to present

www.heathcliffcomics.com



Krazy Kat

October 28, 1913 to June 25, 1944

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krazy_Kat



Tom of Tom & Jerry

1940 to present (of various forms)

www.tomandjerryonline.com



Top Cat

September 27, 1961 to

April 18, 1962

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Top_Cat



Sylvester

1945-

Sufferin' succotash!
Sylvester chases Tweety Bird on Looney Tunes.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sylvester_%28Looney_Tunes%29



Felix the Cat

1919-

www.felixthecat.com



Simon's Cat

YouTube: March 4, 2008 to present

www.simonscat.com



Kliban Cats

Book: *Cat* published 1975

www.eatmousies.com



Puss in Boots

CGI cat from *Shrek 2* (2004), *Shrek the Third* (2007), *Puss In Boots* (2011), and *The Adventures of Puss in Boots* (2015)

www.facebook.com/Pussinboots



Grumpy Cat

Okay, so this is an actual cat, but he has become quite popular in just a short time.

Actual name is Tardar Sauce. Was born on April 4, 2012 in Morristown, Arizona and started becoming popular in September 2012. www.grumpycats.com



Terms and Phrases of the New Millennium

With the turn of the new millennium now 15 years ago, society progresses just as it does every decade. Along with the progression comes new lingo and expressions that are often shaped by technology, events, and style changes. Here is a curated list of terms and expressions from the past 15 years. (Note: while some of these might have existed before, they were widely used in this new millennium.)

Hangin' Chad

Circa 2000, the holes of card ballots where the holes were incompletely punched resulting in a hanging chad, where one or more corners were still attached.

Homeland Security

Circa 2003, a response to the attacks on 9-11-2001 where many US government agencies were reorganized to form the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Fiscal Cliff

Circa 2012-2013, a situation that came into existence in January 2013 where a series of previously enacted laws would come into effect simultaneously, increasing taxes while decreasing spending.

Government Shutdown

Circa 2013, name for the process the Executive Branch must enact when Congress creates a "funding gap" by choosing not to or failing to pass legislation funding government operations and agencies.

Furlough

2010, 2011, 2013, a temporary leave of some employees due to special needs of a company, which may be due to economic conditions at the specific employer or in the economy as a whole.

Budget Sequester

2013, automatic spending cuts in particular categories of federal outlays.

Housing Bubble

An economic bubble affecting many parts of the United States housing market in over half of American states. Housing prices peaked in early 2006, started to decline in 2006 and 2007, and reached new lows in 2012.

Autocorrect

2000s+, an automatic data validation function found in word processors such as and text editing devices like iPod, iPhone, and iPad. The main purpose is as a spell checker to automatically correct common spelling or typing errors.

Selfie

Later 2000s+, a self-portrait photograph, typically taken with a camera phone. Most selfies are taken with a camera held at arm's length or pointed at a mirror.

Tween

a child who is between ages 10 and 12 years old, often the awkward age where they are too old to be kids, but still too young to be a teen.

Man Cave

2000s +a male sanctuary, such as a specially equipped garage, spare bedroom, media room, den, or basement. It is a metaphor describing a room inside the house where guys can do as they please. Women have no say about what is included in a man's personal space.

Bromance

A combination of the words bro/brother and romance. A type of relationship that develops between straight guys who spent a lot of time together, especially with common interest activities and simple hanging out.

Polar Vortex

2010s, a large pocket of very cold air, typically the coldest air in the Northern Hemisphere, which sits over the polar region during the winter season.

Pineapple Express

a non-technical term for a meteorological phenomenon characterized by a strong and persistent flow of atmospheric moisture, including heavy precipitation from the waters near the Hawai'ian islands and extending to any location along the Pacific coast of North America. Basically, an atmospheric river of narrow corridors of enhanced water vapor transport at mid-latitudes.

Super Storm

Late 2000s+, an expression for a rare combination of undesirable weather circumstances occurring concurrently in an unusually powerful storm.

Unsee

Used to describe seeing something so horrific that it is like seared into your retinas to where you cannot forget it. Also, an expression made after seeing something you wished you hadn't seen.

Baby bump

Simply a term used to describe a pregnant woman after the point where it's obvious she is pregnant, the actual rounded area on a pregnant woman.

Drone

A flying vehicle or machine of variable sizes that is unmanned and typically radio controlled. In the commercial realm, drones are often used with video cameras to gain a perspective not easily achievable by any other means and is often safer than some sort of manned contraption.

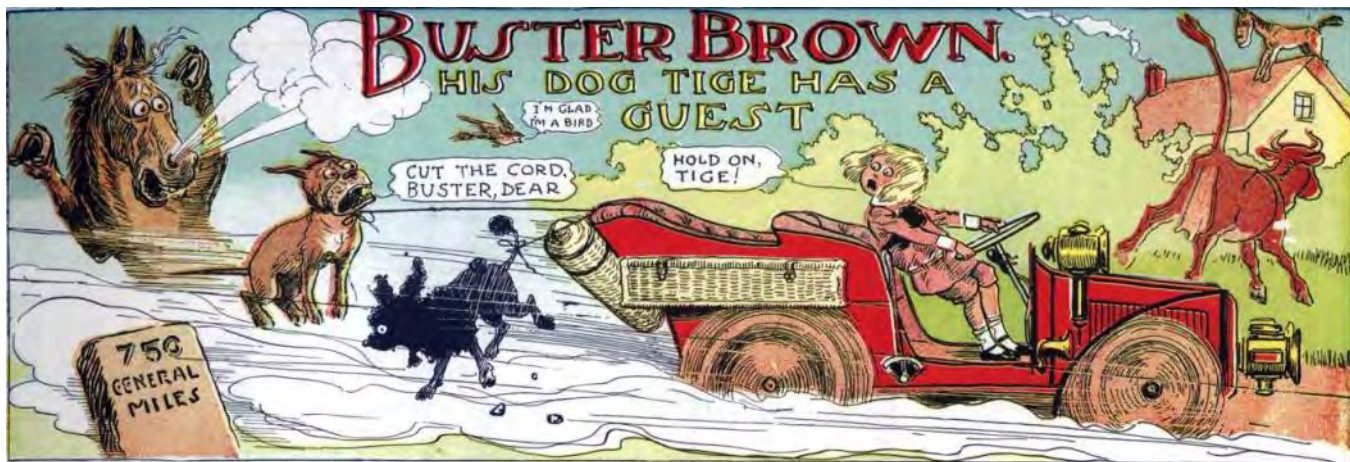
Spoiler alert

a term to describe when crucial elements of a movie or event are about to be revealed separately from a movie or event presented in actual time. Typically, someone saw a movie or watched an event then later told about it to someone who has yet to see it.

Cleanse / Detox

A concept that typically involves a period of time of limiting food intake to pressed juice, avoiding specific types of food, or drinking various concoctions of juices that supposedly rids your body of toxins. A means to supposedly flush out your body of harmful toxins.

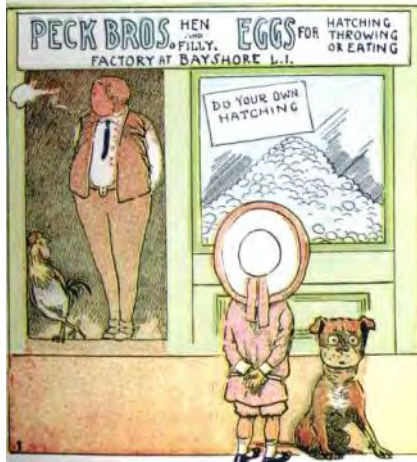
Vintage Comics



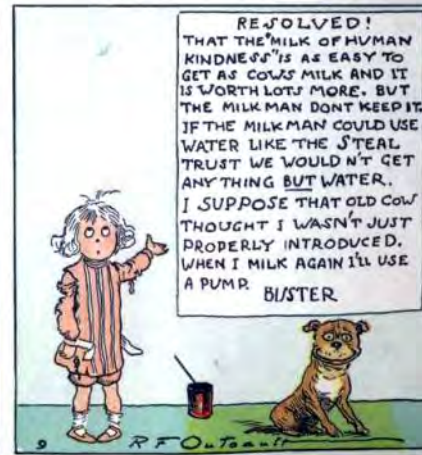
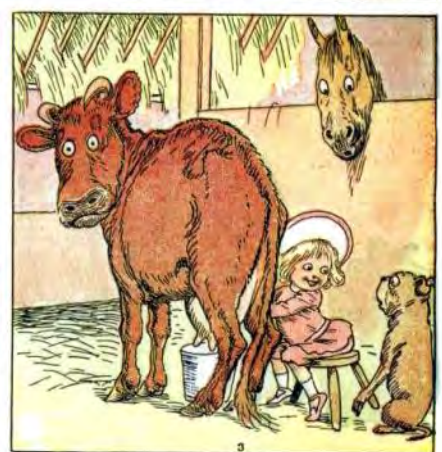
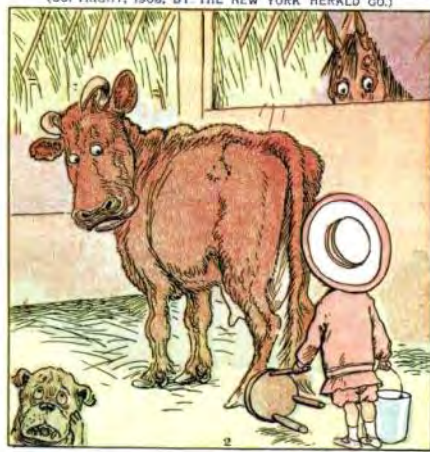
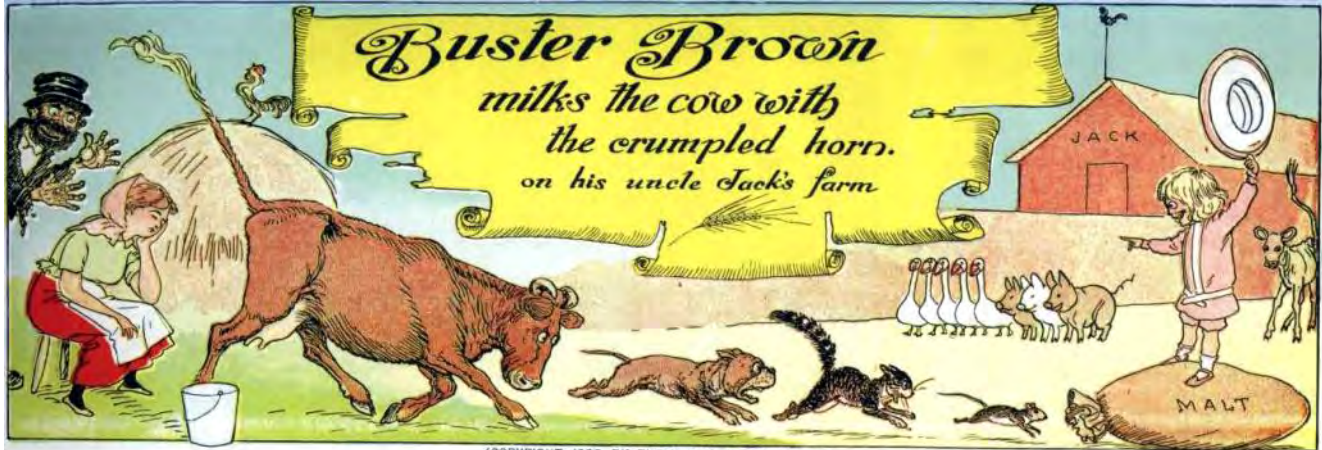
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Vintage Comics



Vintage Comics



A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like A Medicine... *(Proverbs 17:22)*

In tune with the Southern Women Channel I mentioned on page 4, here's a list of things Southern women would never say!

Food

- What's a cast iron skillet?
- No thanks, I don't like BBQ.
- I don't eat fried food.
- I don't know how to cook grits.
- I didn't get any deviled egg plates at my wedding shower.
- I'm not serving dessert tonight.
- You want some unsweet tea?
- Go light on the mayonnaise, please.
- Don't feed that to the dog!
- Can you teach me how to make a casserole?
- Don't fry that!
- I don't like ranch dressing.
- I hate funeral food.
- This tastes just as good without butter.
- We don't need any cobbler for the potluck.
- I don't like bacon.

Personal

- I'm out of hairspray.
- I can be ready in five minutes.
- Who wears pearls to a football game?
- Is my hair is too big?
- I'm going without makeup today.
- I'm not peeing in the woods!
- I don't have any crazy people in my family.
- Less is more.
- I'm not buying a new Easter dress this year.
- Hats are tacky.
- Why would I dress up to go to a rodeo?

Miscellany

- When's church?
- I've never read the Bible.
- I'm not subjecting my child to Vacation Bible School.
- I've never seen *Steel Magnolias*. Is it good?
- I haven't seen this episode of *Designing Women*.
- Who's Dolly Parton?
- What's a deer stand?
- I don't care about football.
- Let's go to the Jersey shore!
- I can open my own door, thank you.
- I'm finished decorating my house.
- There's nothing to buy at Walmart.
- I wouldn't monogram that.
- We don't keep guns in this house.
- My husband is always right.
- Duct tape won't fix this!

In Upcoming Issues

The next issue is the February 2015 issue (4.2). Here's a preview of topics to come in future issues.

> Texas Bound

In the February Issue, I'm covering all things Texas! It's about time!



> Cowboy Cartoonists

In Texas and other western states, cowboy cartoonists have been around for most of the 20th century onward. I'll give a summary of the cowboy cartoons and their drawers.

> Cat Videos!

Meow, meow, meow, meow... We've all done it: watched cat videos online! I'll gather together a bunch of the funny ones I've seen so you can spend a couple of hours laughing away!

> Chickens

Chickens are much more than a bird with feathers that goes cluck and lays eggs and is wrapped in plastic and foam at the store! From the common white chicken to the exotic ones, I'll discuss the varied aspects of chickens.

> Farming as Sustenance

More than ever, farming and ranching are industries we cannot afford to lose! While agricultural ways of life are not favored by most people in the country, our entire ways of life critically depend on farming and ranching! More about this topic—possibly as a series—in future issues.

> International Styling II

If you liked the April 2014 International issue, sometime in the spring, I will have another international issue! C'est formidable!