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Candid Comments from the Producer



Trying to Catch Up

Hello all! This is RG. As I said in the last issue, I am just stupidly behind on getting out these issues! This time, it is so much so that I decided just to make this a quad issue and be done with it instead of getting out issues that are continually several months behind! After this issue, I will plan to get issues out for the next three months left of the year, but then a change. Starting in 2017, I am just going to have to resort to occasional special issues throughout the year instead of regular monthly issues. As you can see, this past year has been nearly impossible to get them out at all, let alone on time, and they just get bigger to compensate.

Well, a lot has happened over the past four months, June through September. This issue will attempt to include the highlights and mix in some other fun and entertaining things typical of the issues over the past year plus. For time, I have left out MUCH just to get the issue done. The biggest feature in this issue has to do with cotton farming. Did you know cotton comes

from a plant? (Don't laugh! Some people have no idea where cotton comes from! If you tell them that you grow cotton, they might laugh at you like you are an idiot!) It is true, cotton is a plant based material and this part of Texas is full of it. I decided this year that I would photo document the process of cotton growing, and eventually harvesting. I started in mid June while the plants were really small and photographed the same field most every week. I have an extensive section dedicated to the many weeks of cotton growing. The next two issues will document the last stages of growing then harvesting the cotton. In addition, Lubbock is home to the Bayer Museum of Agriculture which has an extensive part of the museum dedicated to cotton to give you all of the information you could stand about cotton.

I have a bunch of other things to include, but that will have to wait until the next issue. So for this issue, enjoy!

On the Cover

In the Texas Panhandle/West Texas, cotton is king, and is the bulk of the agriculture in this region. See page xx for my coverage of the 2016 cotton crop.



Contents Page

I bought a jalapeño plant from Costco. At first, I thought the plant wasn't going to make it. But it did (thanks to some lady bugs) and produced a jalapeño harvest!



Word for Life

John 15:15 (NKJV)

"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

Jesus gave us a promise in John 15:15 that whatever He hears from the Father, He tells us, His children. We live in a time where people have become more disconnected to God and to each other worse than ever before. Even with social media, we are more alone and more separated than we have ever been! We have neighbors, but we have no idea who they are. We have jobs and coworkers, but we have no clue what's going on in the company. We

have an abundance of news and information, but we are starving for knowledge and understanding! See the problem here?

Selfishness and entitlement has become a particularly bad problem. While many don't think they are, their actions scream loudly that "I am selfish, and you owe me!" This is often disguised as a particular cause or theoretical ideal to correct something they think is wrong, often with very little or no factual basis.

The best way to battle this is with the Love of God! We must love other people and do good for other people. We will not please everyone, but to do nothing, or worse to fuel the anger, only leads to more hatred and strife.

Saddle Break Notes

Summer Youth Classes

As with past years, I taught classes for the Summer Youth Classes. This year, several things were different. Normally, the classes are in mid July. But this year, the classes were in early June, June 6-10, 2016. Also, for the past two years, I taught two classes, one at the National Ranching Heritage Center and one at the International Cultural Center. But this year, I only taught one class at the NRHC. However, the class was a double class, which worked much better for the projects. I taught the class Ranch Art, where we did drawing, painting, photography, and leatherworking. Also, the number of classes are much less than from ten years ago. They were set up as cohorts of either a single double class or two regular classes for each grade range. I had a lot of fun setting up these classes, and the longer format made the projects much better to do.

Summer Olympics 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Results

Place	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	 United States	46	37	38	121
2	 China	26	18	26	70
3	 Great Britain	27	23	17	67
4	 Russia	19	18	19	56
5	 Germany	17	10	15	42
6	 France	10	18	14	42

Garfield Birthday: 6.19.16, 38



Facebook Group

As you know, Facebook has various group that you can join and receive posts in your feed. One such group I am a part of is called Traces of Texas. This group shares old photos (and occasionally some current stuff) of anything Texas. I submitted to the moderator two photos that he posted shortly later for each. I included these photos I bought on eBay in recent previous issues of the de Stolfe Journal Candid.

Traces of Texas
5 hrs · 🌐

Traces of Texas reader RG de Stolfe was kind enough to send in this circa 1930 image of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe railroad depot in Lubbock, Lubbock was once part of a route between Brownwood and Clovis and included other towns like Sweetwater, Snyder, Post, Slaton, and Muleshoe. Lubbock was truly a (wheel) spoke, or hub, for several small spurs went off in all directions out of Lubbock to other nearby small towns like Bledsoe, Seagraves, Lasmesa, Crosbyton, Floydada, and Amarillo.

Thank you, RG. Nice photo and great history!



Traces of Texas
Yesterday at 11:30 AM · 🌐

Traces of Texas reader RG de Stolfe was nice enough to send in this razor-sharp photo of young Eldon Cox driving a team near Carthage, Texas in 1927. I wonder where his child safety seat is? ;)

Thank you, RG. I love it!



Saddle Break Notes

Facebook Posts— June 2016

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

June 3
Happy Doughnut Day!

checked in to West Texas Church at the Barn.

June 5
Third day of VBS.

June 5
Glad to see that my jalapeño plant recovered from dryness (from the store) and aphids. It is flowering again and the lady bugs took care of the aphids along with pollinating the flowers!



June 13
By reference from a friend, I recently acquired this awesome couch!



June 14
I just noticed my first jalapeño peppers growing! The plant is loaded with flowers. I guess that means an abundant harvest to come!

attending Summer Stampede Western Art Show at National Ranching Heritage Center.

June 18
Time for a fun evening!

shared Garfield's photo.
June 19
Happy birthday to Garfield! He is 38 today!

June 19
Happy Father's Day to all the men out there. Even if you do not have a child of your own, that doesn't mean that some child doesn't see you as a father type of figure. Enjoy the day no matter what you do.

June 19
Today is Juneteenth.

June 20
Yea! Summertime... Sum, sum, sum, sum, sum, sum, summertime...



June 20
No one did this four years ago! Well, there's still tonight!
Rg de Stolfe
June 20, 2012 · Colorado Springs, CO
Happy longest day of the year! Here's an idea... Everyone report when the sun visibly goes down in your area by posting the time and your location.

June 20
Tonight's Strawberry Moon at 11:00 PM in Lubbock, Texas. (Where do they get the names for all these full moons??!)



June 22
See if you can spot the jalapeños.



June 26
Shark Week!

June 27
The Creators Project | VICE
Not uncommon for artists to reuse a canvas, have multiple reworks of a painting, or to start over, even with a different image. But now, we can see what the old masters did!



June 29
Profound thought from a year ago!
1 Year Ago
June 29, 2015 · Leadville, CO
A thought. Steampunk is about people who are representing people 100 years* ago looking ahead 100 years*. While hipsters are people of today representing ideas of 100 years* ago! Baffles the mind! Baffled yet?
*100 years or earlier.

June 30
Interesting and original commentary!
Donald Trump and the resurrection of the American cowboy
washingtontimes.com|By Eric Bolling
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jun/28/donald-trump-and-resurrection-american-cowboy/>



Donald Trump and the resurrection of the American cowboy
The candidate offers much-needed hope for reclaiming the masculinity of America - a country arguably founded because of masculine fortitude and grit.
WASHINGTONTIMES.COM | BY ERIC BOLLING

Saddle Break Notes

Facebook Posts— July 2016

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July 1
Happy Canada Day!

July 2
For a leap year, it would be the same except for a half day adjustment to account for the extra day.
1 Year Ago
July 2, 2015
If you were to take 365 and divide it in half, today would be the day right in the middle of the year marking the exact halfway point of the year!

July 2
Funny thing... I was in a store and saw a sign that I thought said pasta and marijuana! Then I looked at it again and it actually said pasta and marinara! I guess that's what the Colorado state of mind does to you if you're there long enough!

July 2
Didn't know wheat was harvested in the late spring, but here it is from a field not far from me.



July 3
A new little project I'm doing is to photograph weekly the progress of the cotton fields. These photos represent the past three weeks. As you can see, the cotton was planted, sprouted, and start the long many month journey going from seed to plant to flowers to cotton bolls. The seeds needed to be in the ground by late May to have enough time to grow before harvesting in the fall.

July 3
The previous photos were from the last few weeks. Here are some photos from the same general areas as of today. The cotton is well defined and growing.

Rg de Stolfe shared a post — celebrating Independence Day.



Cue the band and fire up the grill, it's the 4th of July!

July 4
Top13
Most of the dogs don't care, but the cats be like, "WHAT did you do to me??! I will kill you in your sleep!"
<http://www.top13.net/funny-animals-before-and-after-a-bath/>



23 Funny Animals Before And After a Bath
A compilation of incredibly funny pictures of animals before and after being bathed to prove our point and give you all the laughs and sighs for the day.
TOP13 NET | BY VANESSA YEORES

July 9
First ripe jalapeño!

July 9
Yup, that's how they work!

Cats don't beg for food. They sit patiently while you decide to do the right thing.



July 9
I like the two on the bottom left!

If horses took selfies!!



July 10
Here's this week's progress of the cotton. It's a slow and steady process! Several more months to go!

July 10
First harvest of my jalapeños. The greenish one was a premature harvest (broke off) from when the pot blew over last week from the storm. All the peppers are rather small, but there are a bunch of them.

July 13
Well, today was National French Fry day! Had no idea! But, no matter. I did stuff myself with french fries from Slim Chickens today during lunch!

July 14
Joyeux La Fête Nationale to our friends in France today!

shared American Association for State and Local History's post.

July 16
Interesting article about "authenticity" in creating diorama exhibits, specifically the historical ones, and using artifacts in period based rooms and structures. Without direct period photographic evidence, the arrangement and content becomes an educated guess, rather than "exactly" how it was. ([Article Here](#))

July 17
Here's this week's view of the cotton fields. The little buggers are growing. Eventually, they will bud out and flower.

July 17
Yeah! National Ice Cream Day!

Saddle Break Notes

feeling thankful.

July 18

Thank you to all who posted a birthday wish to me yesterday (and any belated ones I get this week)! I had a good, quiet birthday. I am now 44 and plenty enough happy with it!

July 18

My jalapeño harvest so far. There is at least double this still on the plant.

July 21

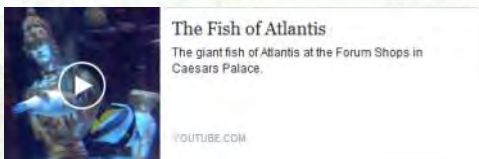
Here is the bulk of my jalapeño harvest! Cool, huh!



July 23

YouTube

Hey y'all, here is a new video I just finished. Enjoy!



July 23

This annual day has helped recognize the importance and history of cowboys and ranching in the United States. This recognized event started in 2005 and is the fourth Saturday every July. www.nationaldayofthecowboy.com

July 24

This week's progress of growth in the cotton fields.

July 25

Woohoo! Been on Facebook for seven years! Facebook might have already been in existence for five years before I joined, but so what?

July 25

Wow! A lot of rain all of a sudden!

July 25

Just a thought... Is it possible that the Republicans generally reject Trump and that the Democrats generally reject Hillary? If that were the case, then both parties are in dire need of

major reform! (or else, let's just create a third party to give more weight to the whole process!)

July 26

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, lucifer, demons and if you don't recognize that fact, you are directly controlled by him and doing exactly what he wants, including killing (with your tongue), stealing (your own life), and destroying (your future)! Is that what you want? The negative effects go way beyond yourself! Instead choose life by correctly identifying the real enemy and trash that enemy instead, in Jesus' Name!

July 27

Chuck Norris is a well respected person for decades. Many well respected, well known people, in addition to Norris, are telling us facts we need to wake up and pay attention to! You might not like Trump, and you don't have to like him to still vote for him and for level headed, rational changes for the better to the United States! A vote for Hillary (or not voting at all) just to spite voting for Trump is a vote for absolute, 100% guaranteed death of the United States as we know it. DO NOT BE DECEIVED by the lies! If you are ready for an Arab takeover of the US and absolute chaos, then by all means, vote for Hillary.



Chuck Norris: Clinton presidency would 'destroy what is left of our republic'

Chuck Norris is encouraging voters of all stripes to rally behind Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, because a "no" vote for Mr. Trump is a vote...
WASHINGTONTIMES.COM | BY JESSICA CHASMAR

July 28

Perot '92!

July 29

Today is National Lasagna Day! This would probably be Garfield's favorite day!

July 29

Has anyone else noticed that Trump-Pence sounds a lot like "trumpets"? The symbolism of this could go all over the place! A trumpet is

sounded just before an army goes into battle... a trumpet potentially could be sounded as a whistleblower to expose corruption and wrongdoing...

Revelation 4:1, "After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." "

July 29

It is mind blowing what people think the United States Constitution says! So much of it people just make up to fit their beliefs! If you have never read it--at least the Bill of Rights--look at it now:

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_transcript.html

July 30

Here is another example of the Carpenter Gothic building style that was common in the later 1800s. This is a Lubbock example of the same architectural style as the museum I worked at in Leadville (and other buildings in Leadville). Across the street from that building is an Episcopal church that looks very similar to this building.



July 30

I found this video in my email archives...

Watch this short video. Don't we all often feel and act just like the ducklings being tossed around helplessly at every chance gust of wind? Matthew 14:24

But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. James 1:5-7

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

July 31

This week's cotton plants. Lots of flowers and the start of bolls. This particular field I'm photographing has some nice cotton plants!

Ranching and Farming

Cotton Farming in Lubbock and West Texas

Since I am back in Lubbock, I had the idea to photograph weekly the growing of the cotton in the fields around Lubbock from plant to harvest. While cotton grows pretty much all around Lubbock, I needed to find a spot that I knew I'd be near on a regular basis. So, I found a spot with good cotton that is about one mile from my church along a county road that I'd go down every week. So, every week after church, I stopped in this area and took photos and video with my iPad. I have most weeks from about mid June on. The cotton itself is usually planted in April and May and takes a few weeks before you would see any green. I started with a field probably two or three weeks after it sprouted. Cotton itself takes months to go from sprout to harvest and that amount of time is

very consistent year to year. Once the cotton is planted, the main thing the farmer has to do is maintain the fields. That usually involves weeding the perimeter and watering as needed, particularly in the beginning weeks. As you will see in the photos, the seeds sprout, grow into a plant, flower, boll, and finally the bolls pop open with the white cotton. After most of the bolls pop open, the plants are sprayed with a defoliant to basically kill the plant and let it dry out. Then, the farmer will use strippers to strip the cotton along the rows into large truck sized hoppers. More about all that process in the coming months. Here are the photos of the fields from June 19 most every week on.

Sunday, June 19, 2016



Sunday, June 26, 2016



Ranching and Farming

Sunday, July 3, 2016



Sunday, July 10, 2016



Sunday, July 17, 2016

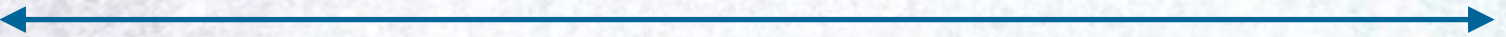


Ranching and Farming

Sunday, July 24, 2016



Sunday, July 31, 2016



Ranching and Farming

Sunday, August 7, 2016



Sunday, August 14, 2016



Sunday, August 28, 2016



Ranching and Farming

Sunday, September 11, 2016



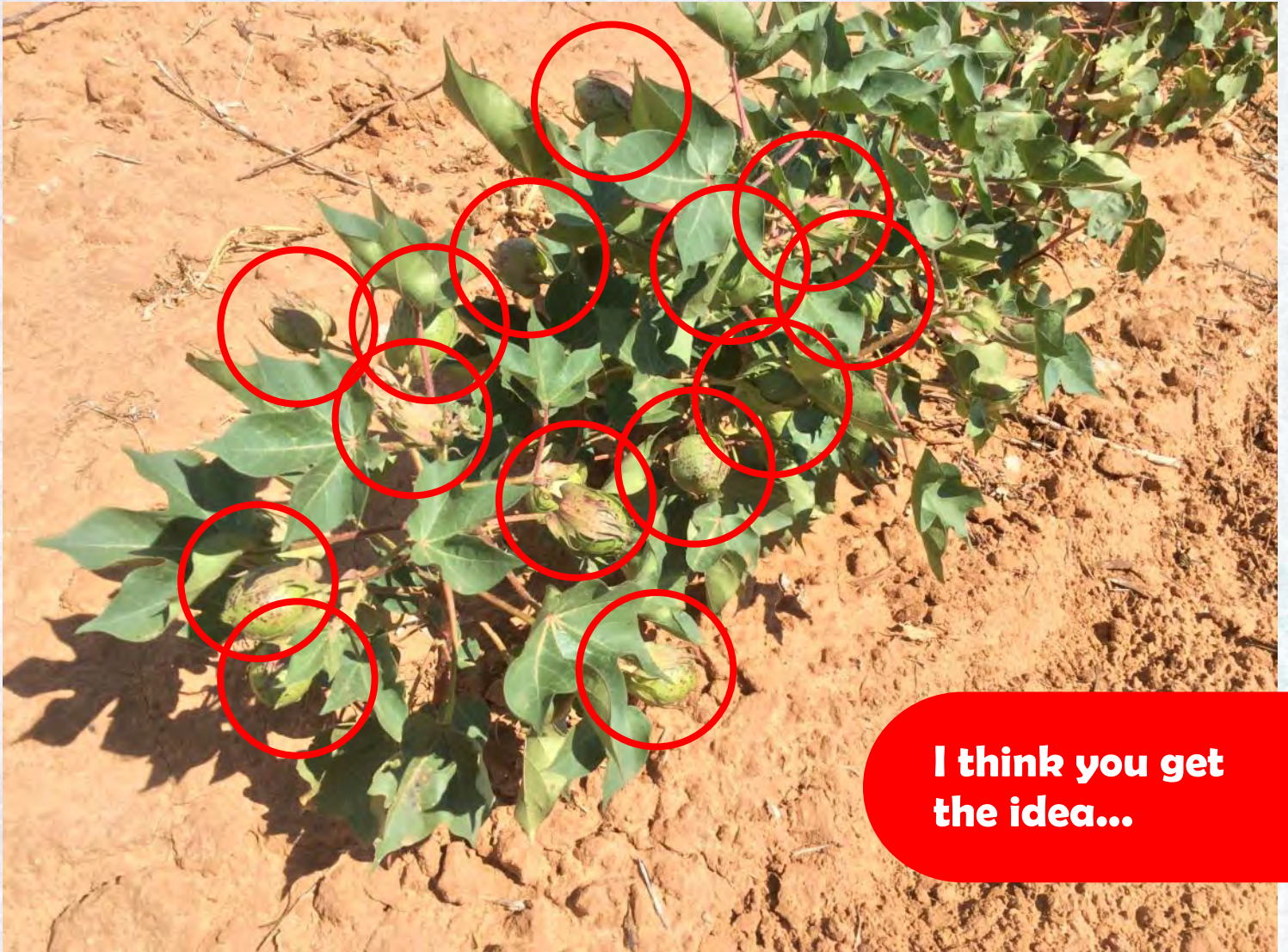
Sunday, September 18, 2016



Sunday, September 25, 2016



Ranching and Farming



These photos go from the planting stage to the bolling stage. As you can see above, the plants are full of large green bolls. That is where the cotton is but is immature at this point. A matter of weeks after this point is when the bolls will be mature enough to then crack open showing the cotton. Once the entire plant does this and indeed the entire field, the fields will be ready for additional steps. I will cover the following weeks and steps in the next issue.





The Texas Report



2016 marks 180 years since Texas declared independence from Mexico in 1836. However, many events over a period of time became the history of the Republic of Texas until 1845 when discussions about the United States annexing Texas would bring the Republic period to a close. Just the topic of Texian independence from Mexico is lengthy and interconnected to a series of events from prior years. I shall not even attempt to go into that discussion! Do a Google search for "Texas Independence" for a long list of results. (Some results are accurate and some results should be ignored!) The most accurate resource is with the Texas State Historical Association. They are the repository of all things Texan. <https://www.tshaonline.org>

Most people outside of Texas will usually at least relate the Alamo with Texas, even if they really have no idea what it is and why it was important to Texans. First, the Alamo's real name is: San Antonio de Valero Mission. Yes, the structure was a Spanish Catholic mission, one of five in the area, established by the Franciscan Father Antonio de San Buenaventura y Olivares in the early 1700s. The structure and location of the Alamo now is not the first building nor the first location. It had moved several times until settling on where it is now. The importance of the building has to do with the Battle of the Alamo in relation to Texas Independence from Mexico. That is a discussion for another time!



Top: This image is the earliest known photograph, a daguerreotype, of the Alamo from 1849. The building still shows the destruction from the battle.

Right: This drawing from 1850 shows the Alamo still in it's destructed state.

Below: This photo shows the Alamo after it was rebuilt. The rebuilding is what gave the old mission the now characteristic shape. The original building was likely a little different in style.



Recent Photo Acquisitions

Here are some more old photos I bought on eBay over the past year. eBay has a huge selection of various old photos of a large time range. I focus on early 20th century and earlier for my collection.



Here is another photo from the Grant's Ranch of Phoenix, Arizona (the other photos were in the January 2016 issue.) The back of the photo had written "Phoenix, AZ c-1950 Grant's Ranch cowboy roping steer".



I'll have more old photos like these in the next issue.



I have no information about the other photos on this page. I bought them because they had some sort of interest about them.



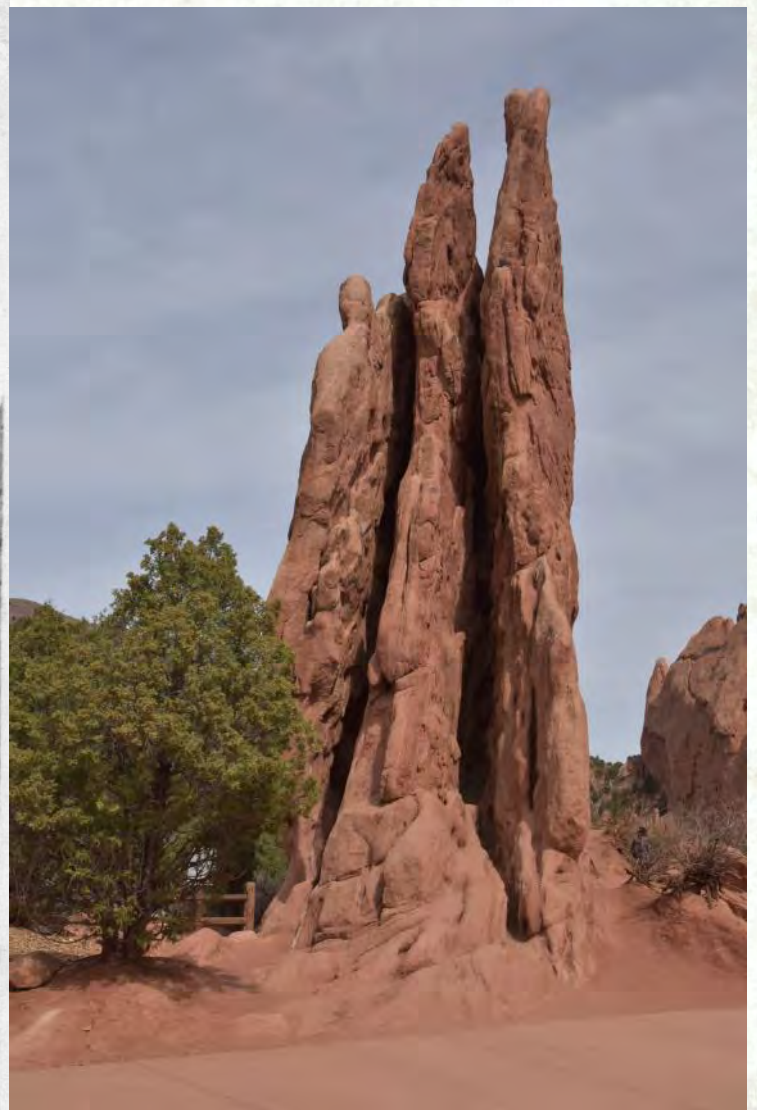
Recent Photo Acquisitions

One photo I bought happened to be an early 1900s photo inside the Garden of the Gods park in Colorado Springs. The back of the photo had written that the formation was called The Three Sisters, and the date of the photo was April 2, 1924. Since the park is still there, of course, I wanted to find where the formation was so I could get a photograph of what it looks like today. Since I am not in Colorado Springs anymore, dad took the photo.

Right: This map from Google show the location of the rock formation in the Garden of the Gods Park.

Below: This is the old photo of tourists in 1924.

Below right: Here is what the formation looks like as of 2016 from approximately the same spot (but a little more to the right). You can't drive up to it like in the other photo, but they do have the paved paths to walk to it.



The 1924 photo to the left shows the rock formation called The Three sisters. If you look closely, you'll notice that the cars and ground are covered in snow, in addition to the people bundled up in heavy coats. Don't you know that those cars had to be cold to drive in in the winter!

Recent Photo Acquisitions

When I came across this photo somewhere on the internet, I had to include it! This is the same “Three Sisters” rock formation (on the far left) as the photos on the last page. This photo shows three people horseback at the formation next to the Three Sisters formation. I have no idea of the time period, but it seems older, perhaps late 1890s.



This interesting photo is of two girls (sisters?) in a pen of ducks and chickens, almost all of them look white (there is one brown or gray duck near the middle). The back of the photo looks to have “Myrtle Jada(?) in Golden”, I am guessing in Golden Colorado. I have no idea of the time, but probably in the early 1900s.

RG's YouTube Channel

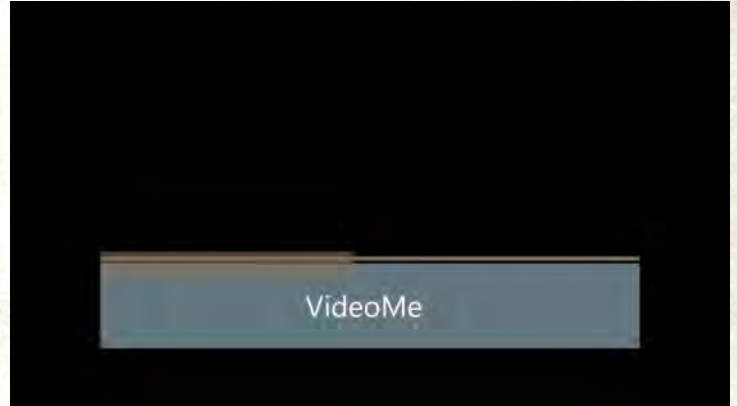
Over the recent couple of years since getting my iPad Mini, I finally had an outlet to take videos. So, I started taking various videos of any variety of subjects. Using a free app for Windows called Movie Maker, I created some video mashups editing bits of video and putting it to music and finishing with graphics and transitions. No doubt, I had lots of fun

putting them together! Each of the longer videos only took me about 3 or 4 hours to go from the raw video clips to the finished video. Then, I needed to export the video into Mpeg4. After that, I uploaded it to YouTube for anyone to see. Take a look at my channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxqM8QWWaVPwzLa0ccZ46Cw>



Symposium Synopsis. My second video mashup of recent videos. 3:47.



VideoMe. My first edited video mashup or various video shorts. 5:12.



The Fish of Atlantis. The giant fish of Atlantis at the Forum Shops in Caesars Palace, Las Vegas. 3:31.



The Golden Aspens of the Colorado Rockies. Quite simply, the golden aspens of Colorado in all its glory. 4:35.

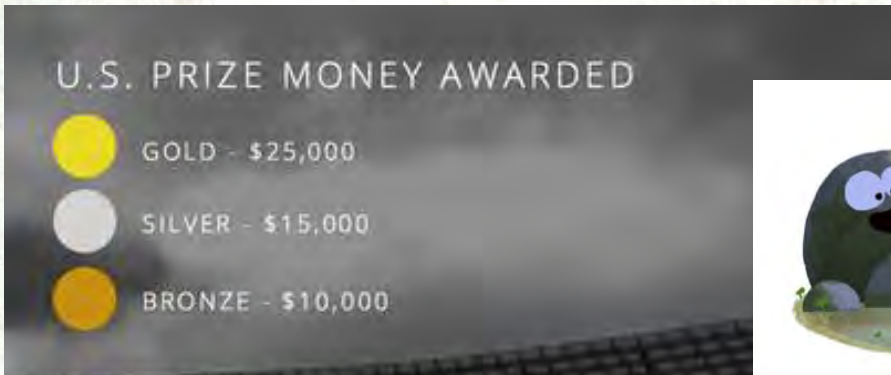
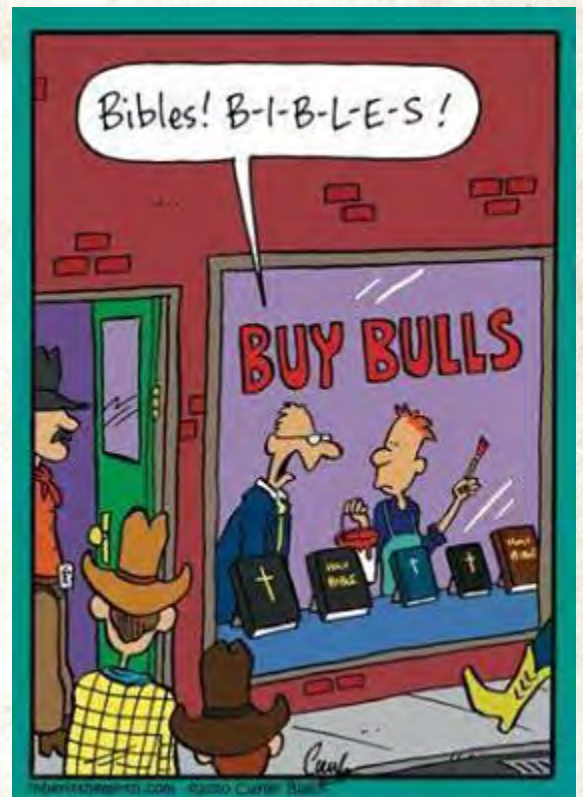
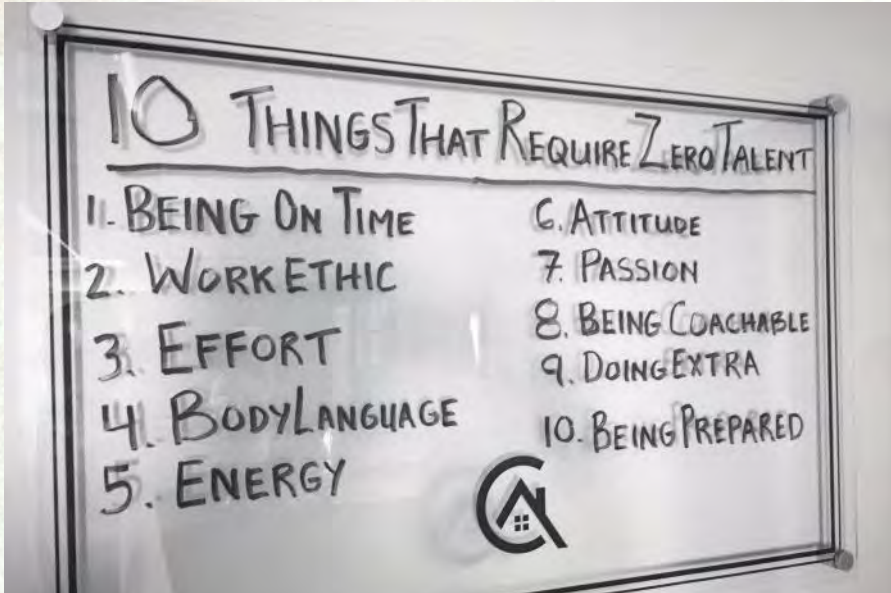


Squirrel Party. A short video of squirrels having fun. 0:42.



Pizza To Plate. My first edited video with my iPad Mini about making pizza and a calzone at a pizza place in Leadville. 1:09.

Miscellany



Google's Strawberry Moon animation on 6.20.16



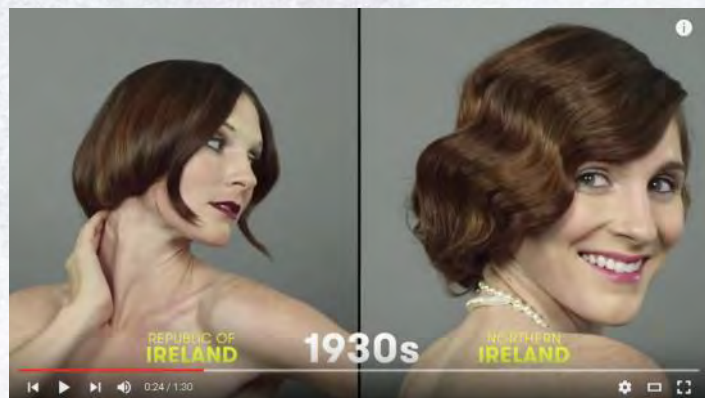
This is a screen shot of a smartphone app for the National Ranching Heritage Center. The app contains a bunch of cool stuff! You will just have to download it to see what!

100 Years of Beauty—More Videos

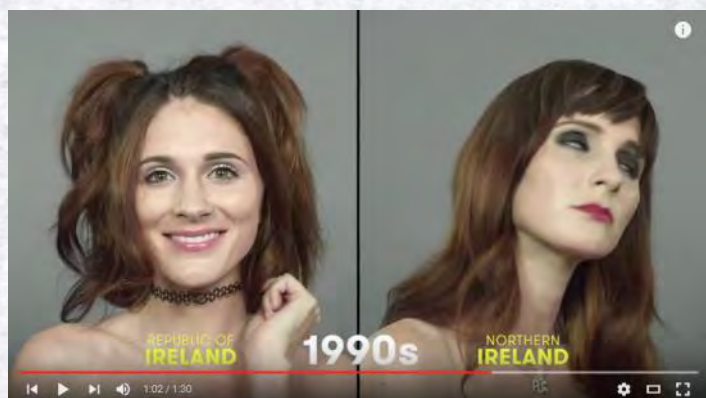
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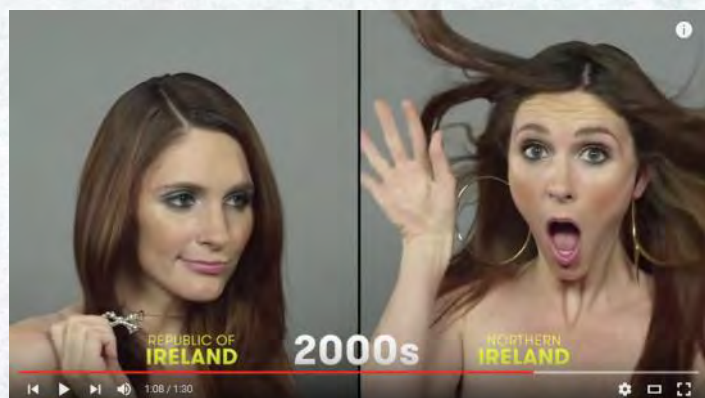
Ireland—1910s



Ireland—1930s



Ireland—1990s



Ireland—2000s



Syria—1910s



Syria—1930s



Syria—1950s



Syria—2000s

100 Years of Beauty—More Videos

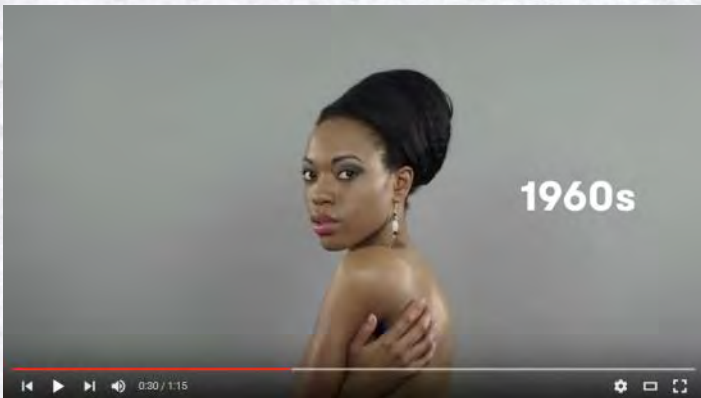
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Kenya—1910s



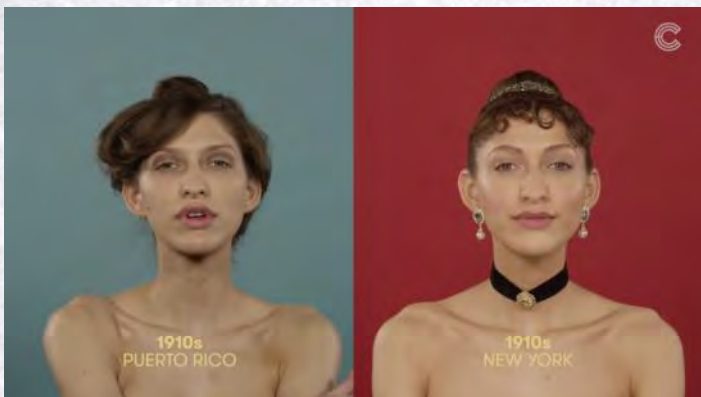
Kenya—1930s



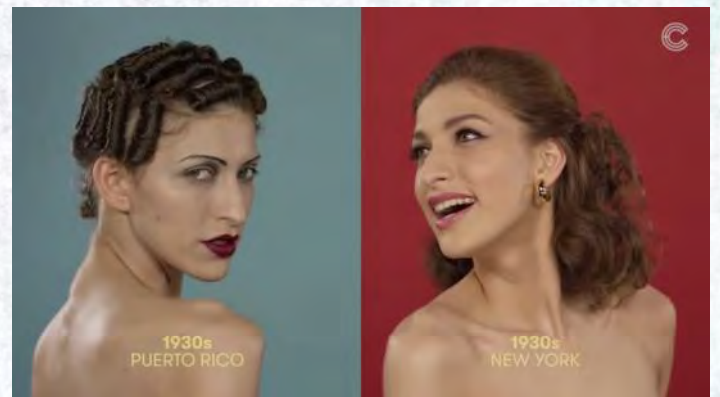
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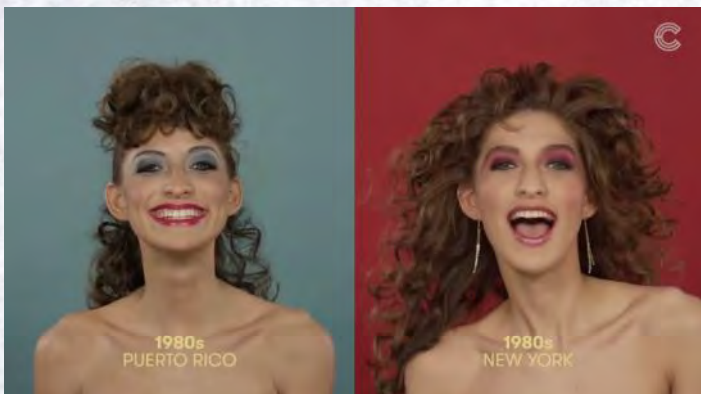
Kenya—1970s



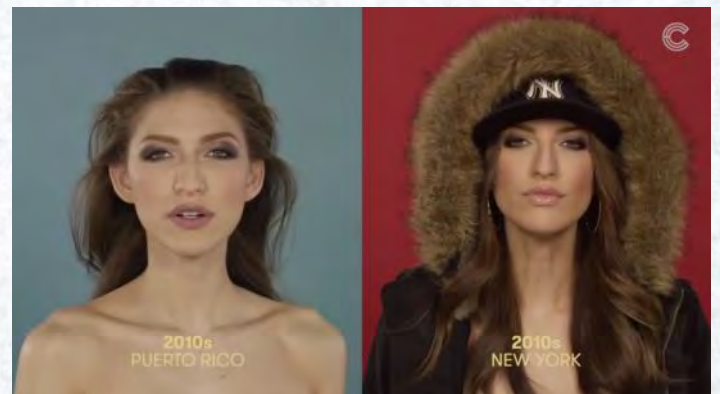
Puerto Rico/New York—1910s



Puerto Rico/New York—1930s



Puerto Rico/New York—1980s



Puerto Rico/New York—2010s

100 Years of Beauty—More Videos

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Hawai'i—1940s



Hawai'i—1950s



Hawai'i—1970s

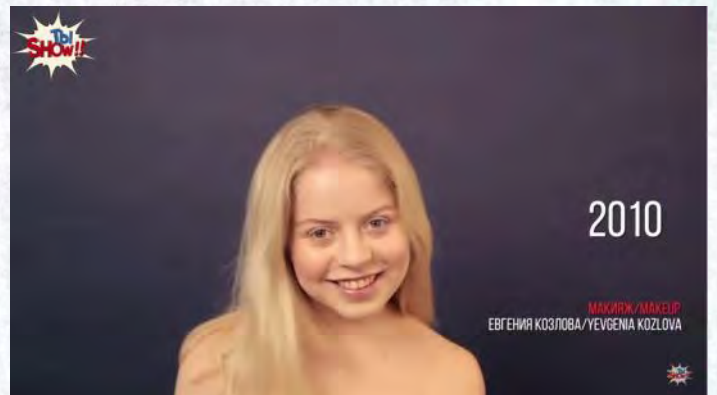


Hawai'i—2010s

100 Years of Future Beauty

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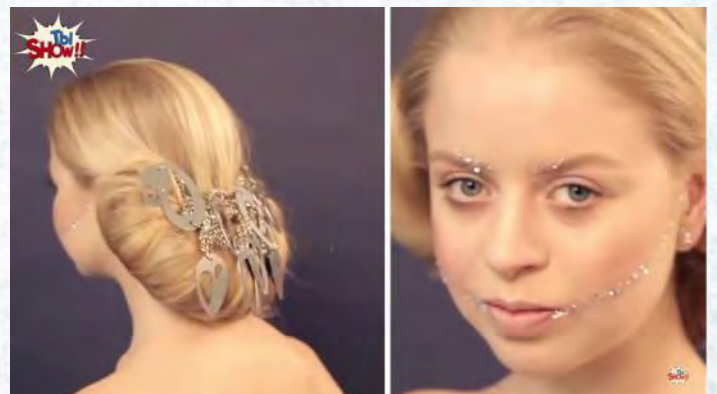
Currently, hundreds of “100 years of…” videos exist on YouTube. Another one by a different group is this one called ТыSHOW from Russia. I don't know of any other by this channel, but it is 100 Years of Future Beauty. Of course, like anyone who tries to predict the future, it is pure guessing. None the less, this video was entertaining and creative. Enjoy!



Future Beauty—2010s



Future Beauty—2020s



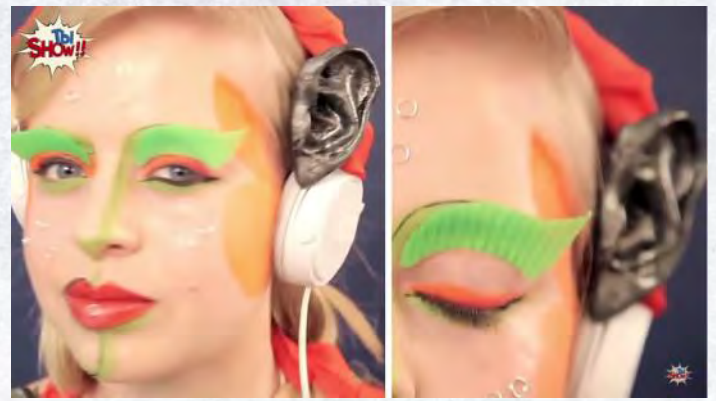
Future Beauty—2030s

100 Years of Future Beauty

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Future Beauty—2040s



Future Beauty—2050s



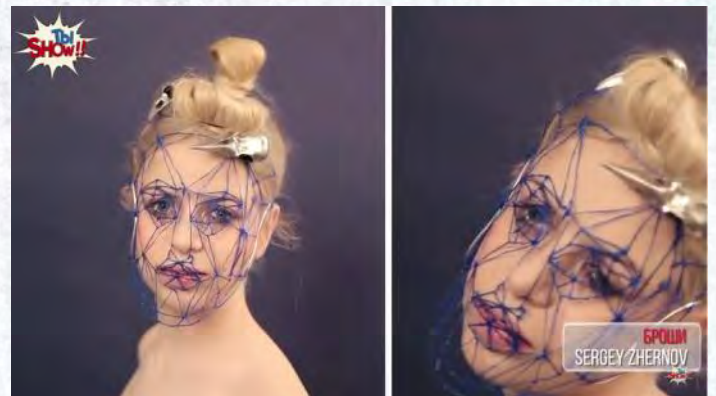
Future Beauty—2060s



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Future Beauty—2080s



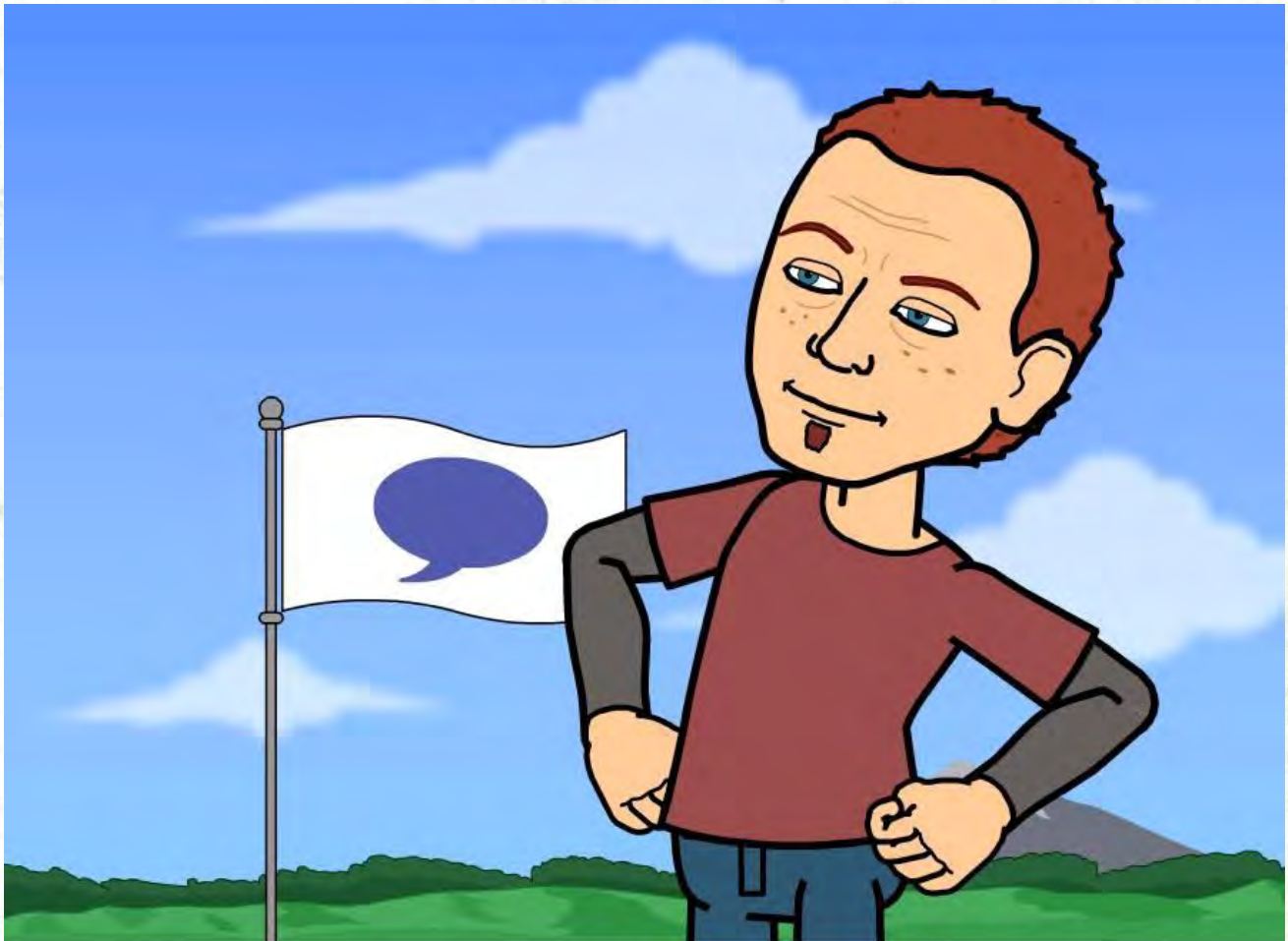
Future Beauty—2090s



Future Beauty—2100s



Future Beauty—2110s



My name is RG, and I approve this message.

Ba-nan-na!



McDonald's Burger Showdown

Back in March (yeah, it's taken me a while to include this!), McDonald's had a contest to "design" a Texas style burger. Well, McDonald's is not going to compete with Whataburger for a truly Texan burger, but I thought why not. I took what I knew about how Texans eat their burgers within the 15 years I've lived here and came up with this burger combination. I called it the Texas Standard, and it included two burgers on Texas toast with pepper jack cheese, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño slices, and mayonnaise. There were thousands of entries, and I didn't stand a chance to get enough votes to win. But it was fun to go through the process. I never did find my burger listed among the entries, and the only reason I have these photos is because I took screenshots! I am guessing that the winning burger would only be marketed in Texas (if at all) and probably only for a limited period of time.

Take a look at their website for statistics:

www.mcdburgershowdown.com



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March 22 · McDonald's Burger Showdown

What the heck! Thought I'd submit something.



McDonald's BURGER SHOWDOWN

One lucky burger will become the first official McDonald's burger for the great state of Texas. Build it. Name it. Share. And VOTE!

MCDBURGERSHOWDOWN.COM

Ranching and Farming



Coffee Farming: Roasting Coffee “Beans”

We now pick up where we left off from the February 2016 issue that talked about what coffee is and how the “beans” are harvested and processed. Once the seeds are either washed or unwashed and dried, the beans are in the green state and are ready for the next step to make them usable. That step is known as roasting. The “bean” must be roasted before they are usable to make coffee. The degree of roasting determines not only how dark the coffee is but also how acidic and how much caffeine it has. Contrary to popular belief, darker roasted coffee has LESS caffeine, “breakfast” roasts have much, much more.

Degree of Roast/Temperature chart

#	Degree of Roast	Temp (°F)
1	Green Unroasted	75°
2	Starting to pale	270°
3	Early yellow	327°
4	Yellow-Tan	345°
5	Light Brown	370°
6	Brown	393°
7	1st Crack Begins	401°
8	1st Crack Under Way	415°
9	City Roast	426°
10	City+	435°
11	Full City	446°
12	Full City+	454°
13	Vienna (Light French)	465°
14	Full French	474°
15	Fully Carbonized	486°
16	Immanent Fire	497°



[Learn more here.](#)

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This infographic is very good to show the entire “growing to cup” process of making coffee. However, the layout of the graphic does not allow me to split the graphic in half. However, it should still be readable.

HOW COFFEE WORKS!

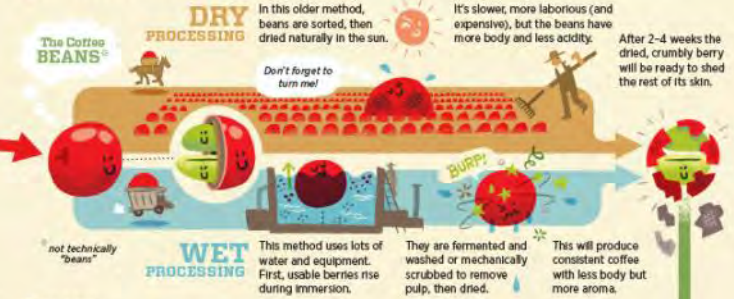
Each particle of pick-me-up in your morning coffee has traveled a great distance, not to mention been transformed and refined, to be there for your daily grind. Here's the life cycle of a typical bean:



10 Steps from Shrub to Mug!

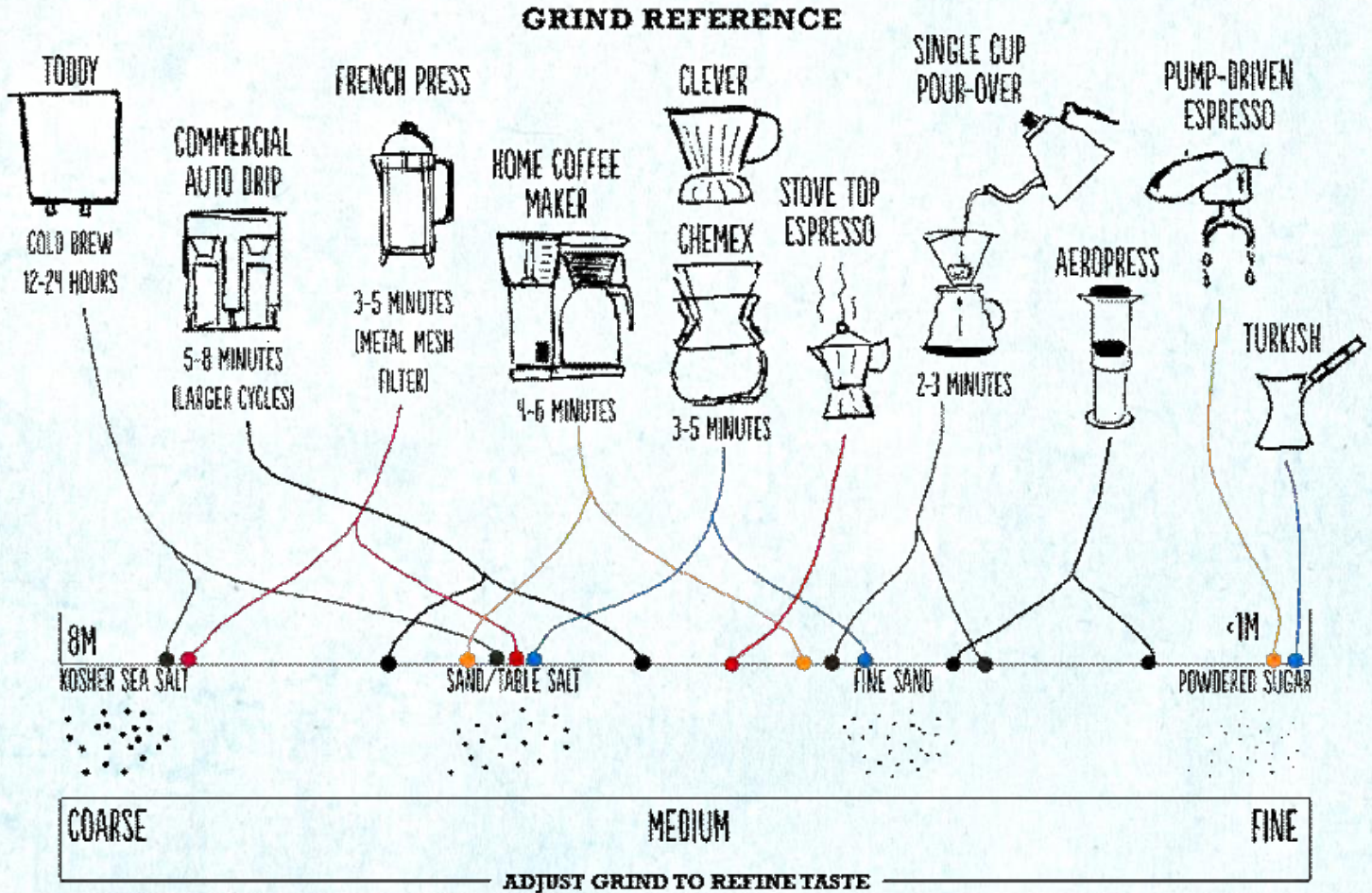
3 PROCESSING

In this important step, the outer covering and pulpy fruit are removed from the berry, leaving the seeds (aka the "beans"). There are two primary ways to do it:



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Once the coffee is roasted to the desired level, the next step is grinding just before making the coffee. Coffee is best ground just before brewing. The preground coffee you can get in the store is okay, but cannot maintain freshness in the days/weeks/months that it sits on the shelf. You are best to grind your own coffee beans to the specific grind for the particular methods you plan to use to brew. This chart below is great to explain the type of grind best for the brewing method. The grind goes from like a coarse salt to like a powdered sugar. In most cases, you'll want to grind it to somewhere in the middle.



Capybaras

What is a capybara (*kap-uh-bahr-uh*) you ask? Well, it is “the largest rodent in the world. Close relatives are guinea pigs and rock cavyies, and it is more distantly related to the agouti, chinchillas, and the coypu. Native to South America, the capybara inhabits savannas and dense forests and lives near bodies of water. It is a highly social species and can be found in groups as large as 100 individuals, but usually lives in groups of 10–20 individuals.” [Wikipedia](#).



Upcoming Issues

The next issue is the October 2016 issue (5.10). Here's a preview of topics to come in future issues.



Wind Turbine Facts

Undoubtedly, you have seen these big monsters in the air over the past 20 years as you would travel. I'll give you some basic facts about them.



Texas Jack

In past issues, I showed you the grave of John Baker Omohundro, but you know him better as Texas Jack. He died in 1880 and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Leadville, Colorado. I'll tell you more about him.



Carpenter Gothic

Lubbock has its own example of Carpenter Gothic architecture! I'll show what and more about this building.

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