

*“Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split...”* Matthew 27:51



*“He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.”* Matthew 28:6

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## April Calendar


- 4.1.15—Don't Be A Fool Day
- 4.3.15—Good Friday
- 4.4.15—Passover (sundown 4.3.15)
- 4.5.15—Easter Sunday
- 4.15.15—Tax Day
- 4.22.15—Secretary's Day
- 4.22.15—Earth Day
- 4.24.15—Arbor Day
- 5.1.15—May Day
- 5.3.15—Hug Your Cat Day
- 5.5.15—Cinco de Mayo




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## Word for Life

### Hebrews 4:15-16

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Many people only show to church for Christmas and for Easter, almost as if it's their ritualistic duty. Christians call these people the Christmas-Easterers (or other similar terms). That is why churches during these two days are double their regular capacity. But, sadly, the churches are much more bare the next Sunday, if not even less in number of people than before. If people

REALLY understood what Christmas—and especially Resurrection Sunday—meant, they would be at church every time people met! Let's talk about some of this past week's events as they happened nearly 2000 years ago.

If you saw the film *Passion of the Christ* 10 year ago (and yes, it's been THAT long ago-2004!), you remember how gruesome many scenes were! And the truth about it is that the film wasn't nearly as gruesome as what the real torture was! This scripture in Hebrews tells us but ONE reason why Jesus suffered through all that painful array of events. Notice: Jesus "...was in all points tempted as we are..." and because of that, He can "sympathize with our weaknesses..." The difference is that Jesus

did not sin and made atonement with God for our sins in order to wash us completely clean, "as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). However, to obtain that cleanness, we need to "come boldly to the throne of grace... [to] obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Too many people out of self pride think it untasteful to ask for help—especially financial help—but that provision of help is exactly why Jesus suffered and ultimately died and resurrected so that we can have the real power of divine help, especially when we need it the most! If we don't ask, we are declaring to God that Jesus' suffering and death don't matter and have no effect on our lives! That is a dangerous position to needlessly put ourselves in! We do not want to open that door of death and destruction!

# Saddle Break Reads

## Facebook Posts—March

*Note: These are only a curated selection of my favorite posts I made on Facebook.*

### March 2

Dedication today for new restaurants in Colorado (Taco Bueno). The Lubbock stores closed for lack of enough business.

### March 2

Wow! That was just crazy! Tim became disqualified! That was a shock! He did great work none the less. [This was the finale of Ellen's Design Challenge on HGTV.]

### March 5

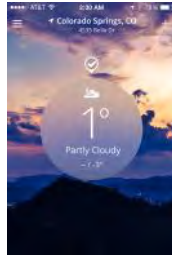
Still positive! (For now.)

### March 8

Happy daylight savings time!

### March 11

... honey peanut butter cookies! I made them with super high quality honey from South Dakota. In the past, I often liked making them for St. Patrick's Day.



### March 13

For tomorrow. Guess why? ;-] And by the way, that is NOT the price I paid!



### March 13

Sure seems like we were having relentless cold and precip, then suddenly it just stopped. Seems like it does this every spring, very cold for a while, then just suddenly warm for a while.

### March 14

Pie for  $\pi$  day! 3.141592653 (In this case, apple lattice from the bakery.)



### March 14

Just heard a new term: nerd nook! It's similar to a man cave except that it's more geeky and for more geeky activities.

### March 16

Really? Upper 70s in March?! Well, it is just for today, then back to more mild seasonal temps.

### March 17

What a difference from yesterday!



### March 20

Came to see some chicks, but they said they came in Wednesday and were gone almost instantly! Oh well. — at Big R Stores.

### March 23

In just over a week, a particular day every year is set aside for people to have stark raving stupidity. I am suggesting instead that April 1 should be "Don't Be A Fool Day". In other words, don't be a stupid moron who likes/wants to play pranks on other people just for your own laughs! A person like that greatly degrades himself more than the person being pranked! Also, it shows that you can not be trusted!

### March 25

Some words of wisdom: Photoshop can do some amazing things, but it cannot lie for you! (This is to those who think they can Photoshop themselves as someone better than they actually are!)

### March 25

What?!



## St Patrick's Day Treat

Just for St. Patrick's Day, I decided to get some of this cheese. It is Kerrygold and imported from Ireland.

Fortunately, it was on sale, otherwise it would be much too pricey! Of the several types available, this white cheddar was pretty good and a little earthy.



## Solar Eclipse

On March 20, the people of Northern Europe mainly witnessed a solar eclipse. The US would not see it, but the Faroe Islands saw the full eclipse while Scotland, Ireland, and central England would see at least a 90% eclipse. A much larger area surrounding these areas saw a bite out of the sun.

[www.telegraph.co.uk/news/science/science-news/11484521/Solar-eclipse-2015-live.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/science/science-news/11484521/Solar-eclipse-2015-live.html)



## Bacon Knows Eggs!

A new web video features Kevin Bacon talking about the nutritional value of eggs. The video is full of puns, awkward moments, and double entendres! Funny! Take a look: <http://bit.ly/1B9bLTz>



# Saddle Break Reads

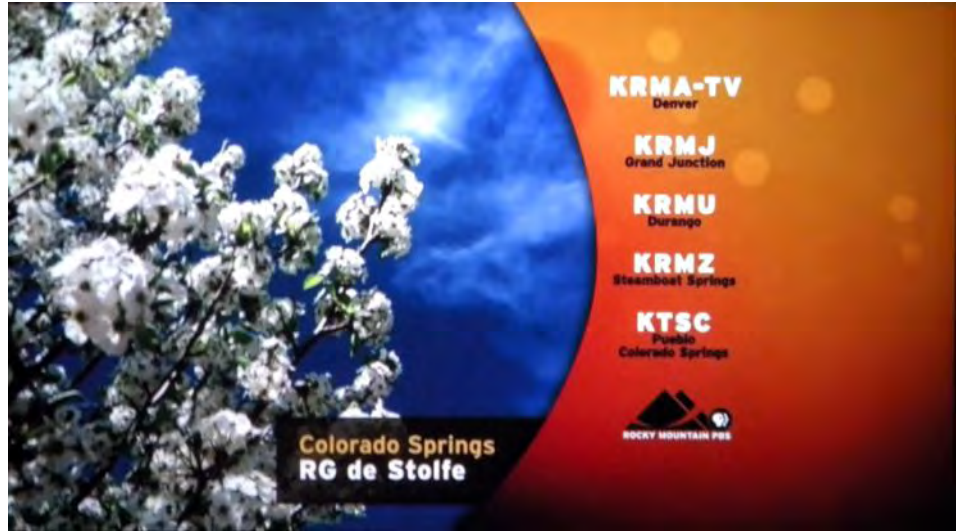
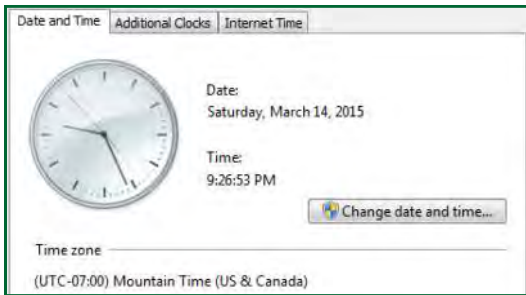
## Pi on Pie



In a rare occurrence of number alignment, March 14 was pi day! So, I celebrated by getting a pie. Pi is a Greek letter that is also used in math. It is a pure number that has no repeating sequence:  $\pi = 3.1415926535897...$

Usually, you can generalize March 14 (3.14) for pi day, but this year 10 digits line up! Hence, **3.14.15 9:26:53** (AM and PM)

I ate some pie to that! (Apple in this case. And no, apple is not my favorite pie.)



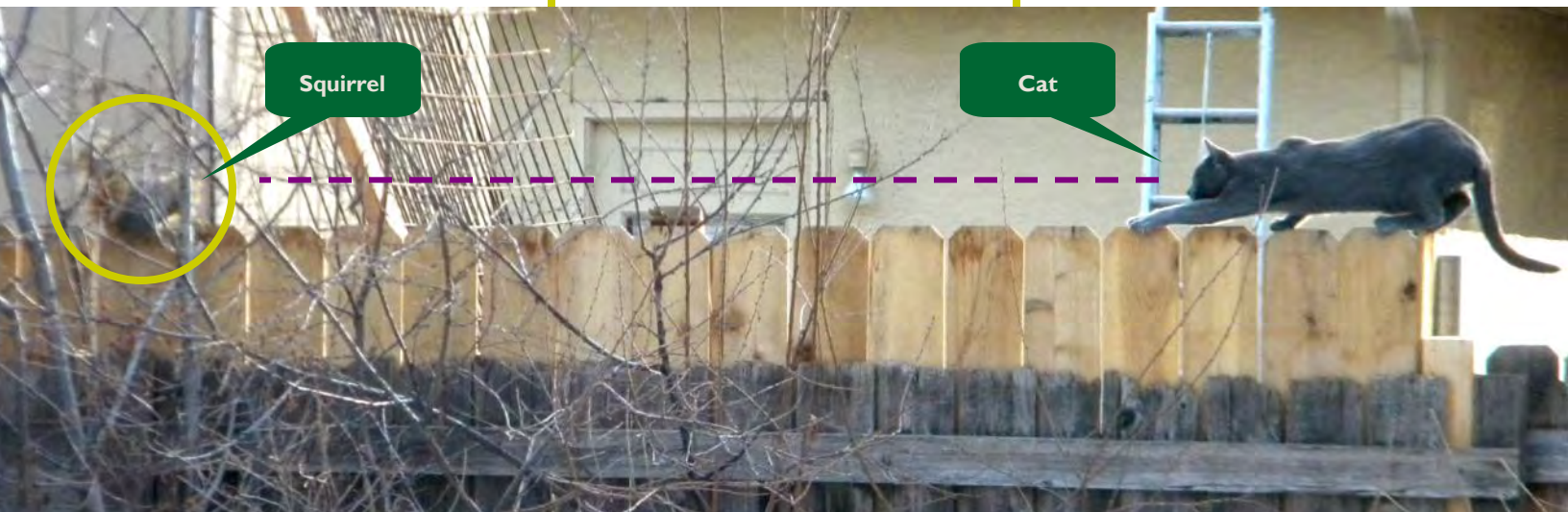
## Chosen Spring Photo

I took the photo to the right in April 2014. I submitted it to Rocky Mountain PBS for consideration for their identity screens. After a few weeks, I found out it was chosen! Every season, they choose images people submit to represent Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall in Colorado. Then, they make them into station ID screens which rotate throughout the season. The spring ones will probably run April through June until summer. These are white crabapple flowers.



## The One That Got Away

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



# Graphic Design Work

Starting on January 1, I reestablished my graphic design work with a site called [Freelancer.com](http://Freelancer.com). I first started with this site in 2011 after Lubbock Circular/5 Star Promotional Products job ended (where I worked from April 2010 through May 2011). I originally worked on projects from July through November in 2011, but I just wasn't getting any earnings. I did win one contest, but that was it. I let over three years go by, and I decided to try my hand at it again. So that you understand, Freelancer is an international outsourcing site based in Australia where anyone in the world can post a project and have anyone in the world do the work. The types of work people can do ranges from graphic design, logo creation, website design, coding, writing, app creation, branding, and so on. I keep my work strictly limited to graphic design to keep my focus on my strengths. They have two main features: projects and contests. The projects are based on bids and the "employer" looks over the bids and chooses someone. However, this method is sharply under representing, and I have never had success with the bidding process. However, the other feature is the contests. A contest holder posts what they want and how much they will award the winner they choose. Then, designers will submit finished work for the contest holder to look at. They can give each submission a star rating of one through five or outright reject the work (or not rate it at all). It is a little backwards because you are making finished work that might or might not ever provide income. However, it does at least provide me a large volume of fictional examples of the kind of work I can do. There are a lot more details about the site and the process that I'm leaving out, but this gives you a very basic idea of what the site is and how it works.

Here are a few of my winning contests in 2015. I've won over \$400 from over 5 contests, with the first one in the first week!



This contest was for a client in Virginia who sells sheds and other similar constructions. This was a two sided insert sheet.



This contest was for a client in Louisiana who has a moving company. I made a door card for houses and a phonebook ad in a comic style.



This contest was for a client in Atlanta who trains dogs. This was an ad to be in a pet magazine. This was the first contest I won this year.



This contest was for a client in Saint Martin, Caribbean who provides helicopter tours of the islands. This was a two sided rack card.



# Famous Animals

*I simply don't have the room to give any real descriptions for these animals! Therefore, do your own exploring by clicking the respective links to the animals' official pages to learn more about each animal and why so famous.*

## Teddy Bear the Porcupine

Born in May 2003 and lives in Dallas. (and LOVES corn!)

[www.facebook.com/TeddyPorcupine](http://www.facebook.com/TeddyPorcupine)



## Punxsutawney Phil The Groundhog (Day)

A real groundhog with a real name, of Groundhog Day fame!

[www.groundhog.org](http://www.groundhog.org)



## Venus Two Faced Cat

A rescue cat with a natural split face!

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

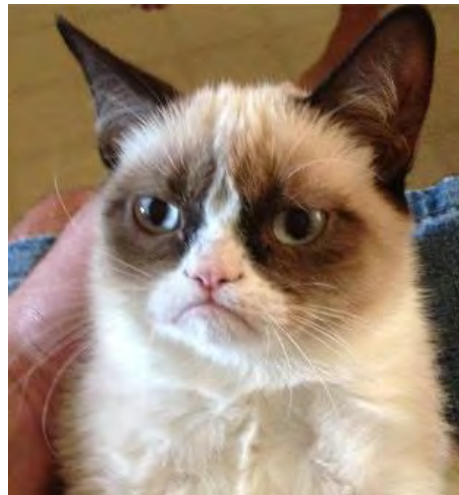
[VenusTheAmazingChimeraCat](http://www.facebook.com/VenusTheAmazingChimeraCat)



## Grumpy Cat® (Tartar Sauce)

Born with an under bite causing the frown like expression. Was in a TV movie.

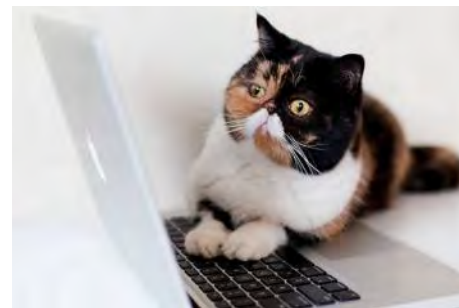
[www.facebook.com/TheOfficialGrumpyCat](http://www.facebook.com/TheOfficialGrumpyCat)



## Pudge the Cat

This exotic shorthair cat has a variation of mustache. Also, she's female!

[www.facebook.com/pudgethecac](http://www.facebook.com/pudgethecac)



## Shrek (Merino sheep)

This Merino sheep in New Zealand escaped shearing for 6 years! Once found, Shrek was sheared and the fleece auctioned for charity (weighted 60 pounds!).

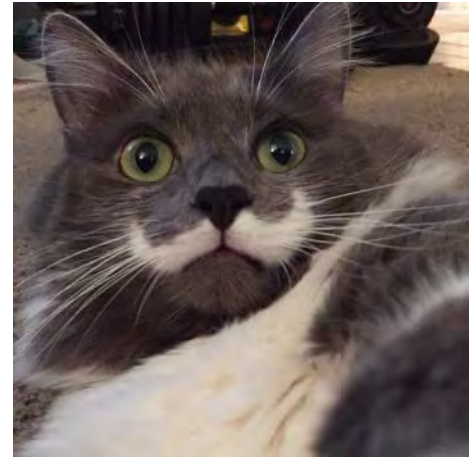
[www.earthporm.com/shrek-sheep-escaped-shearing-6-years](http://www.earthporm.com/shrek-sheep-escaped-shearing-6-years)



## Hamilton the Hipster Cat

A rescue cat born with a very stylish moustache!

[www.facebook.com/HamiltonTheHipsterCat](http://www.facebook.com/HamiltonTheHipsterCat)



## Biddy the Hedgehog

Isn't he cute! He lives in Oregon.

<https://instagram.com/biddythehedgehog>



## Sherbert The Fat Cat

This is basically a happy, fat cat. Although Sherbert only has three legs.

[www.facebook.com/SherbertTheFatCat](http://www.facebook.com/SherbertTheFatCat)



# Cat Videos

You know you should be working, but you check Facebook and before long, you've spent 20 minutes watching cat videos! Here are some popular cat videos you can find floating around in various places on the internet.



## Stalking Cat

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzzjgBAaWZw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzzjgBAaWZw)



## Standing Cat

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVV\\_HXtEbLo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVV_HXtEbLo)



## Cat Loves Water

<http://youtu.be/0iXHim3ToQ4>



## OMG Cat

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_S5cXbXe-4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_S5cXbXe-4)



## Kitten in Hamster Ball

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=go43XeW6Wg4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go43XeW6Wg4)



## “Drunk” Cat (sedated from dentist visit)

[http://youtu.be/aA3dHi\\_o7Yw](http://youtu.be/aA3dHi_o7Yw)



## Surprise Kitty

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Bmhjf0rKe8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Bmhjf0rKe8)



## Scottish Fold Munchkin

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VSR4\\_tAYvw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VSR4_tAYvw)



## Paddy Cake Cats

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3iFhLdWjqc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3iFhLdWjqc)



## Tetherball Cats

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5ugPy2ERkg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5ugPy2ERkg)



## Vacuum Cat

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrlkXEDGpIc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrlkXEDGpIc)



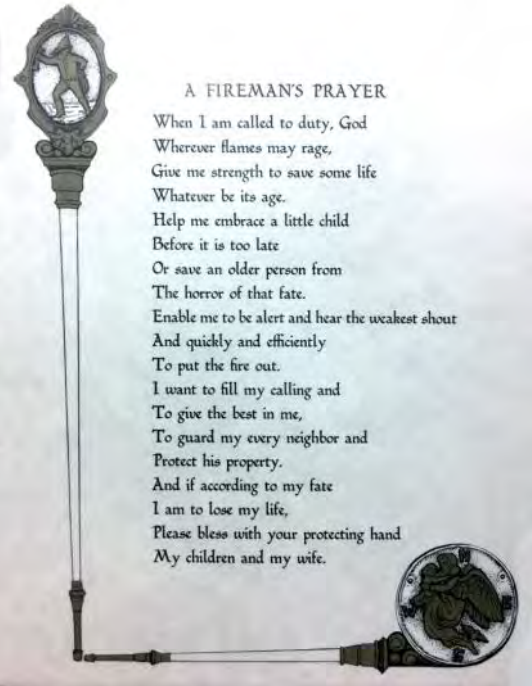
## Thriller Cat

[Thriller-cat-takes-internet-by-storm.html](http://Thriller-cat-takes-internet-by-storm.html)



# On the Wall of Firehouse Subs

I was at Firehouse Subs for lunch one day, and this poem was framed on the wall. It wasn't anything really noticeable compared to the hoses, old style flashing lights, long hooks, and axes, but it was in reading distance from the table and thought it was an interesting poem.



## A Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God  
 Wherever flames may rage,  
 Give me strength to save some life  
 Whatever be its age.  
 Help me embrace a little child  
 Before it is too late  
 Or save an older person from  
 The horror of that fate.  
 Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout  
 And quickly and efficiently  
 To put the fire out.  
 I want to fill my calling and  
 To give the best in me,  
 To guard my every neighbor and  
 Protect his property.  
 And if according to my fate  
 I am to lose my life,  
 Please bless with your protecting hand  
 My children and my wife.

# Pioneer Woman

Sometime last year, I started following a Facebook site called Pioneer Woman. I thought this was a site for this woman and her activities and cooking ideas. As it turns out, she has a cooking show on The Food Network for the past three+ years! So, I started recording her shows. She, husband, and four kids live on a ranch in eastern Oklahoma. Her name is Ree Drummond and has a show called Pioneer Woman. I've been watching the shows for a few weeks, and she is very relatable and has some awesome recipes! The program mixes the cooking aspects with family life and ranch activities. Check the schedule for your provider in your town for when the Pioneer Woman comes on The Food Network!

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/shows/the-pioneer-woman.html>  
<https://www.facebook.com/thepioneerwoman>



# Klingenberg Cow Art Roundup

This past winter, Derek Klingenberg became quite popular with his next crazy thing, cow art! He created several shapes in his field by feeding his cattle in particular patterns. Now that it is spring, the fields must go back to growing crops, thus ending the cow art until next winter. Here's a recap of the shapes.

## Valentine's Day Heart

A heart of cattle for Valentine's Day (February)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3CBLGhocH4&feature=youtu.be>



## Smiley Face

The first cow art, a smiley face. (late January)  
[www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2015/01/30/382676811/watch-forget-crop-circles-this-farmer-is-making-art-with-his-cows](http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2015/01/30/382676811/watch-forget-crop-circles-this-farmer-is-making-art-with-his-cows)



## Cow Pi

Klingenberg made a huge cow pi! (early March)  
[www.facebook.com/Klingenbergstudios](http://www.facebook.com/Klingenbergstudios)



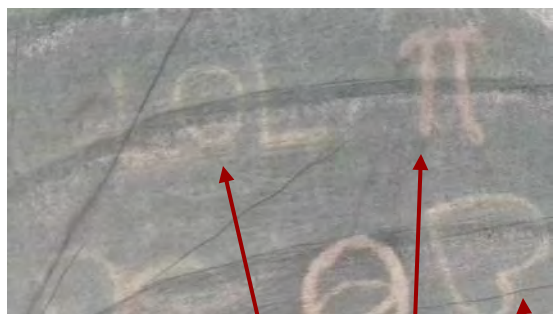
## Drone

Here is a still shot of the drone with a camera that Klingenberg uses.



## Winter 2015 Cow Art

Still shot with the drone of the field.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG-du48rsqU>



Glasses: with Harry Smith (partial)  
 German TV network: Galileo logo  
 Cow pi  
 Heart

(Smiley Face is no longer visible)



## Reading My eMail

*For those who need an overt declaration, this is a parody.*

Most days, I open my email and find a wealth of information and opportunity! First, I get countless offers of romantic evenings and offers of marriage! I have endless Russian brides of which to choose, or I can pick of one or more offers of single evening romantic rendez-vous with ladies of various ethnics and locations so I can let off steam and aggravation. I even have emails offering various enhancers and other products to boost metabolism and drive for those romantic get-togethers! I get emails from various dating services that explicitly tell me that I will find my absolute perfect partner after filling out some questionnaires on their website!

Apparently, I had long lost relatives in Africa whose representatives are informing me of huge inheritances. Similarly, a king from Kenya is also trying to reach me of

my royal inheritance awaiting my return. In a sort of opposite manner, I have others in Africa and Asia asking me for vital financial donations either so a family member can survive a rare disease or to help pay for fleeing from a vicious tyrant in a neighboring village.

I get emails for all variety of offers, coupons, and specials of things that I just finished searching for! Talk about fast results of my searches! Apparently, I can get insanely cheap deals for satellite TV, home security systems, oil changes, tax filing, new vehicles, and legal help! So many emails offer help for weight loss, quick, low interest loans, and dating services.

Who needs to ride around to find what you need, when you get emails that magically appear with everything you could possibly want and need! WOW! We are so lucky to live in a world with internet! How did we ever get along without it!!

*Again, if you didn't get this the first time, this was a PARODY.*

## March Bakings



*Another batch of Black and White Cookies.*



*One of two separate batches of honey peanut butter cookies, first for St Patrick's Day, then another later just for the heck of it.*

## More Terms and Phrases of the New Millennium

*Here's an overflow of new millennium terms from the January issue, and a few more.*

### Acts of Terror

Since 2001, the calculated use of violence (or threat of violence) against civilians in order to attain goals that are political or religious or ideological in nature; done through intimidation or coercion or instilling fear.

### Hot Mess

Circa late 2000s, thoughts or appearances that are in a state of disarray but maintains an undeniable attractiveness or beauty.

### YOLO

Circa 2010s, "you only live once", popularized by the 2011 song "The Motto" by Canadian rapper Drake. (Also, the most annoying abbreviation!)

### Digital Short

Since 2005, specifically "SNL Digital Short", these are typically several minute videos taken with consumer grade digital video cameras and edited by computer. A regular SNL staple in between live comedy sketches.

### Cyber Attack/Cyber Warfare

Since 2000, type of offensive maneuver employed by individuals or organizations that targets computer information systems, infrastructures, computer networks, and/or personal computers by various means of malicious acts usually to steal, alter, or destroy a specified target by hacking into a susceptible system.

### I get it/I get that

A phrase often said to state that a person understands a point, a reason, a purpose, a cause, etc that another person does or is making in a personal argument or case.

### Twinking

Circa 2013, a type of pseudo dance move where a woman (usually) moves in a sexually provocative manner involving thrusting hip movements in a low squatting stance. The term and the movement became very popular with the advent of the "new" Miley Cyrus, even though the term can be traced back nearly 20 years.

### My Bad

Since circa mid 2000s, a term for admitting a mistake, and apologizing for that mistake, without actually apologizing. Also, a combination of an apology and a dismissal. Basically, saying "oh yeah, I did that, but I don't care".

### Selfie Stick

Circa early 2010s, a monopod used to take selfie photos that positions a smartphone or camera beyond the normal range of the arm for a wider inclusion of the lens. (Note: this is currently a hotly used and debated item.)

### Nerd Nook

Relatively recent term. I cannot find an actual definition online, but basically a nerd nook is similar to a man cave except that the activities done in the space are more nerdy, geeky, etc like reading comic books, playing with action figures, playing video games, and other similarly related activities. An adult space for kid like activities.

# In Upcoming Issues

*The next issue is the April 2015 issue (4.4).  
Here's a preview of topics to come in future issues.*

## Having Urban Chickens

Anymore, you no longer need to be a farmer to have your own chickens. For that matter, you no longer need a farm! Maybe it's a trend, or maybe it'll last longer, like CDs. In any case, having fresh eggs never hurt and having chickens can be rewarding, fun, and entertaining. This is called "having urban chickens". (Really, it's more like suburban, but whatever.) If you are interested in having chickens at your house, the first thing you need to check is whether or not the area you live will allow them and to check what chicken ordinances exist. Chickens are generally not considered pets like cats, dogs, fish, birds, etc. You will need to check with your city or even your county (and in some cases, even your housing development/HOA) as to whether or not chickens are allowed.

Once you know that you are in the clear to have chickens (and assuming that you won't have complaints from neighbors), you need to educate yourself. Similar to having a pet for the first time, you need to know what chickens need and how to take care of them. To start off this series, here are some quick, basic facts about chickens.

### **Terms**

*Rooster/Cock—Adult male chicken, >1 year old*

*Hen—Adult female chicken, >1 year old*

*Chick/Biddy—A newly hatched chicken, or just recently hatched*

*Pullet—A chicken less than one year old (general term)*

*Cockerel—A male chicken less than one year old*

*Coop—A housing/protective structure for chickens*

*Nest Box—A box, usually padded with hay, for hens to lay eggs in*

*Roost—A perch above the ground where chickens can rest or sleep*

*Sexing—The separating of male and female chicks*

*Straight Run—A mix of males and females when purchasing chicks*

### **How long do chickens live?**

*An old chicken can live to about 20 years, but generally the average age will be around 8 years.*

### **How fussy is caring for chickens?**

*With the right setup, you can usually let them be on their own. You do have the daily task of making sure the coop and surrounding area is clean, provide food and water, and make sure the chickens are locked securely in their coop at night (to keep the chickens safe and keep out predators.)*

### **How many eggs will I get?**

*Hens lay eggs based on light exposure. In addition, the breed will determine how often eggs will appear. A young, healthy chicken can lay as often as one egg a day, especially during the summer. The best egg laying hen is during the first year. The older the chicken gets, the fewer eggs the hen will lay.*

**More topic specific information to come in future issues.**

## + International Styling Deux

If you liked the April 2014 International issue, how about another international issue for April 2015!

**Très magnifique! Superbe! C'est Bon!**

## + Mustache Mania

How about a broad survey of the many types and styles of mustaches!

## + Chicken Series

For the next unspecified number of issues, I will include sections about chickens. These sections will cover various topics and only a light degree of information. However, links to various websites will provide more in depth info as you would want it.

## + New Movies to Come

New movies come continuously as they are being made and wrapped up. Here's a list of movies to come.

## + Didga on the Move

I've reported before about the skateboarding cat called Didga. Soon, I will report about his current activities and travels.

## + Farming is Important

Farming and ranching are industries that are often ignored, but ones that we cannot afford to lose! Our entire ways of life critically depend on the success of farming and ranching (and not just for food)!