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On the way to Leadville.

Finally! Some Change

New Job

At the time of this writing, I am in Leadville, Colorado. Earlier in May, I sent a News Flash announcing that I was chosen for a summer museum job that would start at the end of May. Well, I am here along with nearly half of what I own (no, not really!) Read more about the job on page 5.

Upcoming Features

Because of my new job, I will have a whole different set of stories, photos, and such to include in my next several issues. So, stay tuned for that.

If you are not on Facebook, you are greatly missing out on my postings of photos and videos of my nearly daily activities here in Leadville!

Necessary Clarifications

I want to clarify some things that you might be confused about.

- In the December issue, I reported about the RG to England Fundraiser. That was a trip I considered that would take place in June 2014 where I would go to England for three weeks for a museum study. I cancelled that trip purely out of the insane and unrealistic cost of making that trip happen.
- Not highly reported was a plan for me to attend the Texas Association of Museums meeting that was in Lubbock in early April this year. I greatly wanted to go, but a failure to meet overburdened bills and cover all necessary trip expenses, despite a particular source of financial provision, caused me to cancel the trip and forgo the meeting.
- Last summer, I cryptically reported about an event that happened that just could not be avoided, and that was about the voluntary repossession of my truck. I had that particular truck for over 4 years and was nearly two thirds paid off. However, no income meant no ability to make my monthly payments. Therefore, my punishment was to give up the truck. It has been nearly a year now, and yes, I still have no transportation, even though I am in Leadville. So, I just walk everywhere I can.



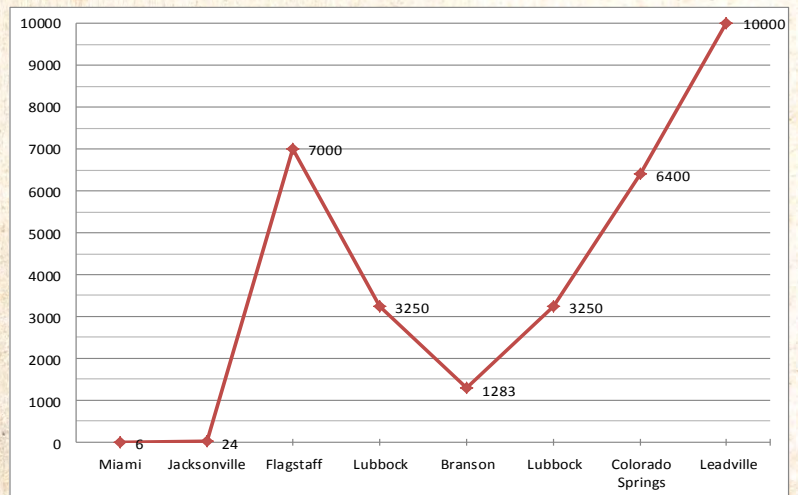
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Just for fun, I plotted out the approximate elevations of significant places where I lived for at least three weeks or longer and without any other place to live. Looks like I've been all up and down the altitude scale!



Philippians 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”

Philippians 4:6-7

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:19

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:23

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

Saddle Break Reads

NEW SUMMER JOB!

At the point you are receiving this issue, I started a new summer job! I sent out the News Flash announcement a month ago. My summer job is at a historical building museum in Leadville, Colorado. Read more about it on page 5.

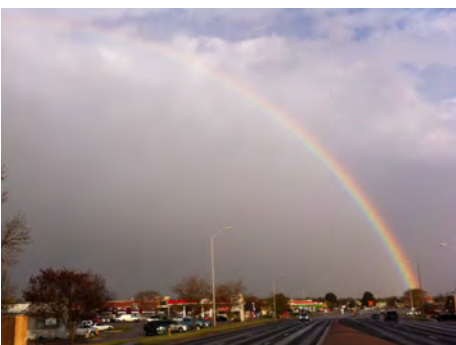
Mid Spring Snow

The photo below shows the snow we got on May 11, 2014. This snow fell well over a week later than the last show we got last year. (See the May 2013 issue.) Even at the point of this writing, the temps are much colder than last year. At the least, it suppresses the wildfire danger!



Just a Little Rain

On May 15, I was walking to the store during a light rain. As I was crossing the street, I saw this wonderful double rainbow!



Summer Youth Classes

I will be going to Lubbock in mid July to again teach for the Summer Youth Classes at the National Ranching Heritage Center. Except this year, I am also teaching a class at the International Cultural Center. The two institutions are doing a joint session of summer classes where I'll be at the NRHC for a class in the morning and at the ICC for a class in the afternoon. Even though I am in Leadville, it was an existing obligation. More info about these classes in future issues.

New M&M's

Recently on Facebook, I saw a photo for some new M&M's. I thought it was a joke like so many of the photos that float around on Facebook until I went to the store. During checkout, I saw them! And like every other idiot during checkout, made that impulse buy because it was "a good deal". They did taste good, especially the M&M's chocolate bar (which had Minis mixed in the chocolate).



Temporary Address

I will be in Leadville from Late May to late September. I have a temporary address for while I am here:

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Just to Note

Since I am in Leadville for my new summer job, I thought it interesting to note that Leadville is within the little strip of land that went up into Colorado and Wyoming of the Texas Annex in 1845 (like I reported in the February-March Issue). So, I am back in Texas... sort of.



www.facebook.com/rg.destolfe



www.twitter.com/rgdestolfe



www.pinterest.com/cowboyrg



<http://myworld.ebay.com/cowboyrg>



www.foap.com/market/tags/cowboyrg



www.etsy.com/shop/CowsChewinCud

New Temporary Summer Job!

I searched through the job postings on the American Alliance of Museums website. (AAM is the nationwide museum organization. Refer to their [website](#) to read more about it.) One job posted there was for a summer job of four months in Leadville, Colorado. Well, two things, I wasn't particularly looking for summer jobs and I wasn't looking for museum jobs in Colorado, but in Texas only. Between AAM and TAM, I applied to many, many museum jobs, but most never gave me a courtesy that they even acknowledged my application (and yes, they did get it). This posting was for a person to help redo their website and some docent functions (and some other misc stuff). What made me really consider the position is that it includes housing! The housing is a "curator's quarters" in the back of the building. (The quarters is not original, but there was a covered, enclosed porch previously before the fire.) Well, I applied on April 14, 2014. A couple of weeks later, the director contacted me to establish an in person interview date. Apparently, I had already passed a round or two of eliminations. On Friday, May 2, dad and I went to Leadville so I could meet the director. We ended up staying several hours while the director showed us the town, the building, the cemetery, and had lunch. In my mind, I was thinking that this was a very good sign! On Sunday, May 4, he called and offered me the job! Of course, I quickly accepted!

The historic building is called Temple Israel and is known as the oldest synagogue west of the Mississippi River, established in 1884. The building opened for this summer on May 29 and continues until September 29, 2014. So, I got there a couple of days before to get settled.

The Temple Israel Foundation maintains the building along with the cemetery that was established in 1880 (about four years before the building). The rather large Jewish population in Leadville at the time (300 of 30,000 residents) worshipped here from 1884 until it was dissolved in the 1930s from waning attendance. After that, the building eventually had other uses like a single family house, mechanic shop, apartments, and used by the Episcopal Church across the street. In addition, the building was stripped and remodeled several times for the various uses. The restoration of what is seen today was finished in 2009, then made open for visitors in 2012.

While no longer an active synagogue, the building contains a small museum of artifacts and text panels along with the restored building (besides the safety, egress, and handicap upgrades they were required to do to meet building codes).

While I have this job for the summer, I am still on an active search for permanent museum employment, specifically at some sort of museum somewhere in Texas.



This building is in what is called the Carpenter Gothic style. Leadville has several buildings in this style that resembles gothic with pointed arches, the two towers, and long, narrow windows. The Episcopal Church across the street has a striking similar style, but the Temple was purpose built.



1894



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Just for Laughs

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

At the police station, Bubba explained to the police officer why his cousins shot him.

"Well," Bubba began, "We wuz havin' a good time drinking, when my cousin Ray picked up his shotgun and said, 'Hey, der ya fellows wanna go hunting?'"

"And then what happened?" the officer interrupted.

"From what I remember," Bubba said, "I stood up and said, 'Sure, I'm game.'"

- 3 rednecks are walking towards their car. One yells, "Shotgun" and the others duck.
- If you tied buttered toast to the back of a cat and dropped it from a height, what would happen?
- Why are Braille dots on the keypads of drive-up ATMs?
- *Headline:* Enraged Cow Injures Farmer with Ax

- If someone in Lowe's offers assistance and they don't even work there, you might live in Texas.
- If you've had a long conversation with someone on the phone who dialed the wrong number, you might live in Texas.
- If you know several people who hit a deer more than once, you might live in Texas.
- If you measure distance in hours, you might live in Texas.
- If the speed limit is 55 and you're going 80 and everyone's passing you, you might live in Houston, Texas!
- If you really understand these jokes, you definitely live in Texas.

When Cops Are Off Duty

I constantly look at people's waists and ankles. My wife knows what I'm doing but it's awkward when I do this to our waiters our waitresses and they think I'm checking them out. B.E.

[I] put a seatbelt across my groceries on the front seat... just like my duty bag. M.V.

Do you ever sign a receipt for dinner or a store purchase, and automatically add your badge number? Cashiers are like 'What this number?' J.M.

I will be off duty at the store and wave at kids and smile. Their parents look at me alike I'm a perv... A.W.

I always unbuckle my seatbelt about 30 seconds before I bring my truck to a stop. R.D.

Stand to the side of the door, foot in front of any door that might open out... R.S.

When I retired, it took me forever to start using my gun hand for anything. After years and years of having it drilled into my head to keep my gun hand free at all times, it was hard to remember I no longer carried a gun. S.R.

My husband needs to sit with his back toward a wall so whenever we are in the middle of the restaurant I have to stop and ask him what side he wants and I stand there til he decides. V.L.

I read every license plate around me. I touch my computer screen at home...it's not a toughbook. A.C.

I'm retired almost 25 years and I still look at other drivers, I still look for bulges under sweaters, shirts, and jackets. I still look for one pants leg hanging longer than the other. R.Z.

<http://www.policeone.com/off-duty/articles/6198477-Facebook-Forum-10-funny-habits-that-follow-you-off-duty/>



1993



2013

Various Languages

Once again, I found something floating around on Facebook that was very interesting. The US maps to the right show languages spoken in each state.

- The first map shows the third most common language spoken besides English and Spanish.
- The second map shows the most common Indian language spoken. Note: the name of the language is also the name of the Indian tribe.
- The third map shows the most common Scandinavian language spoken. I had no idea there were so many Scandinavian people.

Footnotes

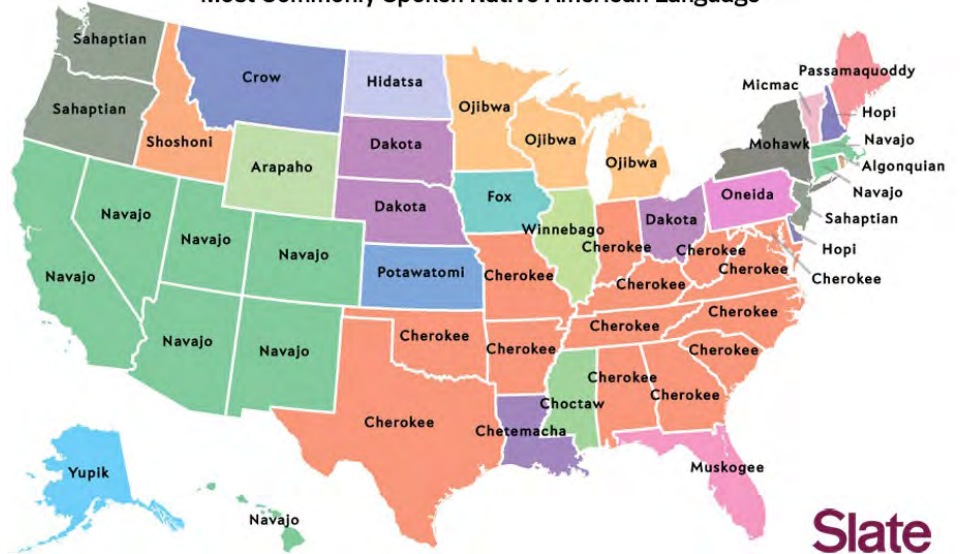
- Tagalog is a language of the people of the Philippines.
- Dakota is the language of the Dakota Indian tribe.
- Hmong is the language of an Asian ethnic group from the mountain regions of China, Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand.
- Sahaptian is the language of Indian tribes of the northwest US.
- The Winnebago language is the traditional language of the Ho-Chunk (or Winnebago) tribe of Indians. The language is closely related to Iowa, Missouri, and Oto Indians.
- Fox is an Algonquian language, spoken by around 1000 Fox, Sauk, and Kickapoo Indians in various Midwestern states and in northern Mexico.
- Chetemacha is an extinct language gaining resurgence of the Chitimacha Indian tribe in Louisiana.
- Oneida is an Iroquoian language spoken primarily by the Oneida people. There are an estimated 250 native speakers left with revitalization efforts in progress.
- Ojibwa, also known as Chippewa, is a North American Indian language of the Algonquian language family.
- The Mi'kmaq language (spelled and pronounced Micmac) is an Eastern Algonquian language spoken by nearly 11,000 Mi'kmaq Indians in Canada and the United States
- Mohawk is an Iroquoian language spoken by about 3,000 Mohawk Indians
- Danish is the language of Denmark.

Most Commonly Spoken Language Other than English or Spanish



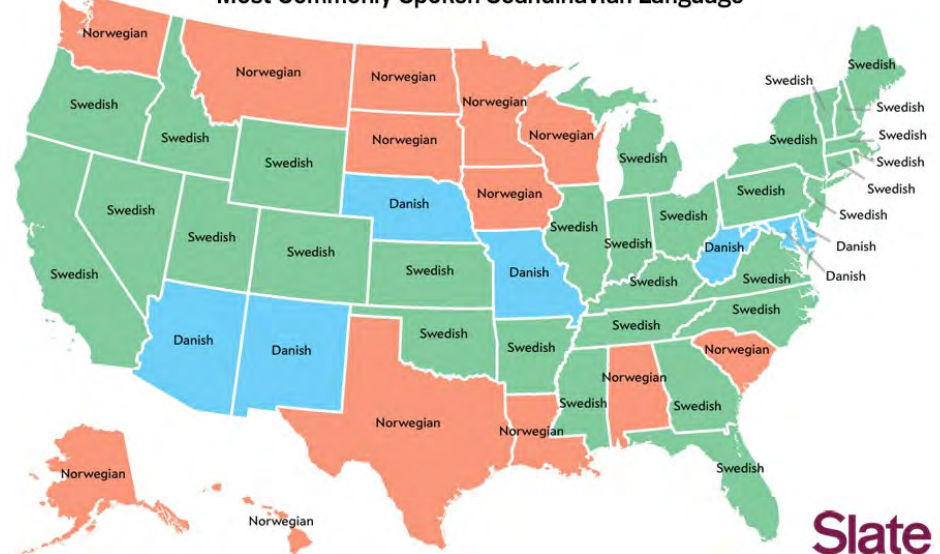
Slate

Most Commonly Spoken Native American Language



Slate

Most Commonly Spoken Scandinavian Language

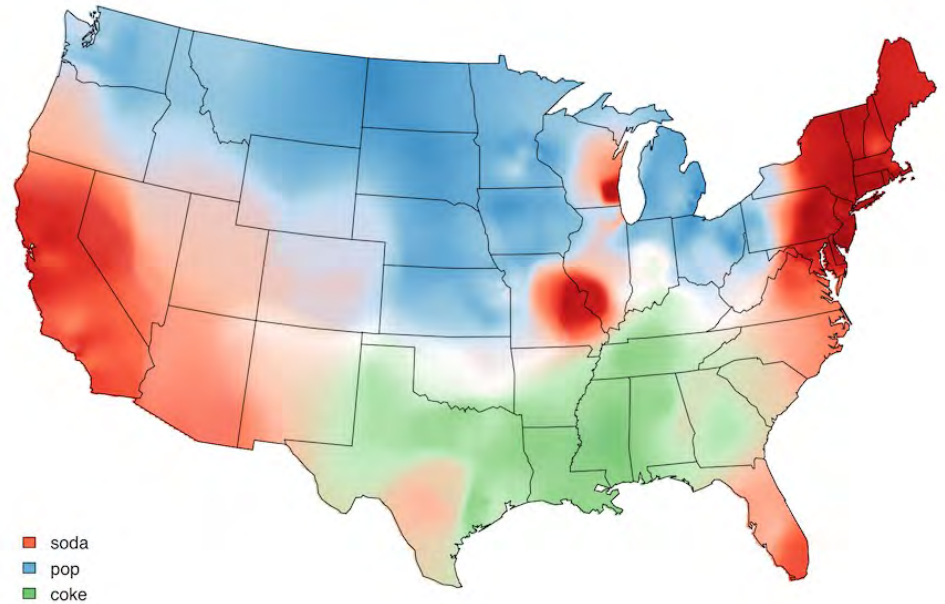


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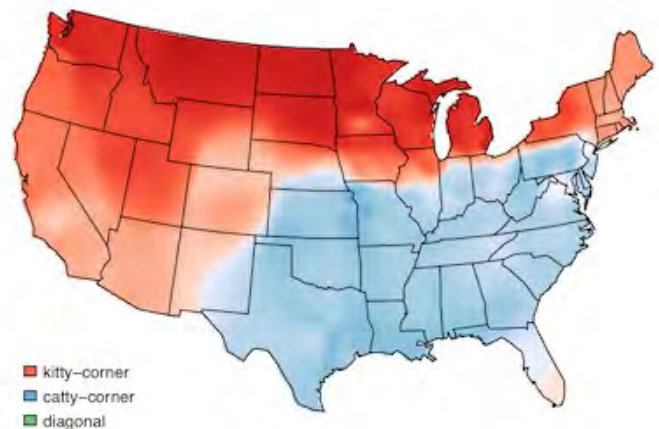
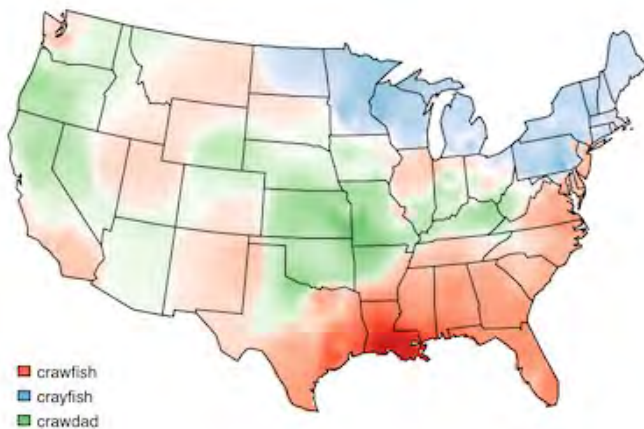
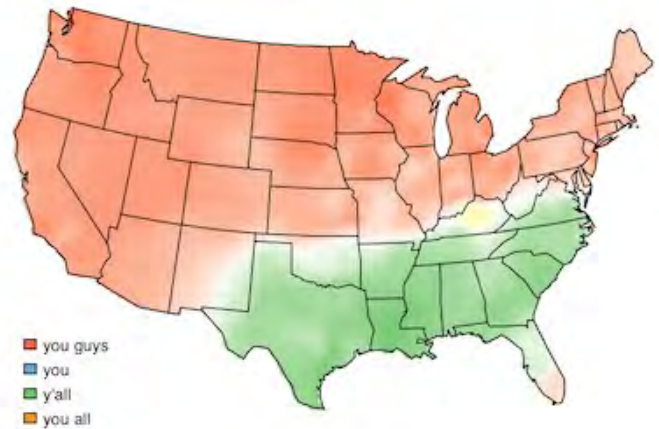
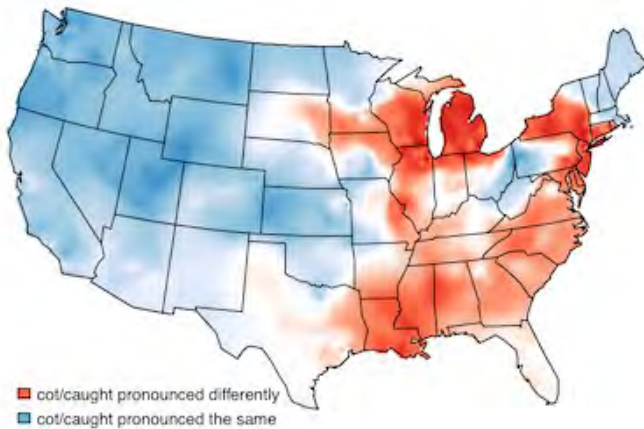
Soda, Pop, or Coke?

On the same site as the maps on the last page are these maps. These maps visually show by colors and color intensity the results of the particular survey.

- The map to the right shows the results of people who use the words soda, pop, and coke for soft drinks.
- The next map show how people pronounce the words cot and caught.
- The next map shows clear divisions of the word uses of you guys, you, y'all, and you all. Apparently, you all is localized to Kentucky (in yellow).
- This map shows the distribution of the word that describes a tiny lobster type of sea creature.
- The last map shows the clear dividing results of the word to describe the opposite side of the street.



Source: <http://www4.ncsu.edu/~jakatz2/project-dialect.html>



Comics Section

TOONERVILLE FOLKS



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Krazy Kat, 1916



Hawkshaw the Detective, 1918

Hawkshaw the Detective

The Curious Adventure of Sandy Maghee and the Stolen Baggpipes.



HAWKSHAW, MEET CORPORAL SANDY MAGHEE, OF MY OLD REGIMENT!



PALS, HERE'S DER CAPTAIN O' A SHIP WOT'S GOIN' TO TAKE US AWAY FROM THIS ISLAND!

YES, MATES, AN' WE CANE NEAR LOSIN' OUR BEARIN'S, BUT WE SAW A MERMAID ON A REEF ONE MOON-LIGHT NIGHT AN' SHE POINTED OUT OUR COURSE, AS SURE AS I'M HERE!

HELLO, OLD SKEET - WOT'RE YOUSE DOWN-STUFFIN' US?



IT WUZ IN THE DAY O' BISCAT - THE THIRD NIGHT THE GHOST APPEAR'D AGIN, AN' I KNOW'D THE SHIP WUZ DOOM'D -

SAY PALS - LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH THAT SUPERSTITIOUS OLD MACKEREL O' A SEA, CAPTAIN - COME OUT IN THE NEXT ROOM!

B-R-R



I WANT SUPERSTITIOUS, BUT I DON'T LIKE GHOSTS, BAKIN'!

GIT ME DOWN THAT BAG-PIPE WOT WE FOUND - AN' FETCH A HUNK O' RUBBER HOSE AN' A BICYCLE PUMP -



NOW THEN - PUSH THIS FELLER OVER NEAR THE OLD CAPTAIN!

SOME CLASS TO THAT DUMMIE, PROFESSOR!

ONCE I SEEN A GHOST WALKIN' THE DECK!



WELL, I'LL BE HANG'D IF IT ISN'T CORPORAL SANDY MAGHEE, OF MY OLD REGIMENT -! SCRAPPY AS EVER!!

HOOT MON! I'LL GI' THE MON AS STOLE ME BAG-PIPE A THIRSHIN' AS SURE AS I'M AN AULD SOLDIER!



WEEEL, COLONEL, HOW BE YE? AS FER MESEL, I WUZ SHIPWRECKED ON THIS ISLAND EIGHT MONTHS AGO, AN' YESHEDA, WHILE ASLEEP UNDER A TREE, ME BONNY BAG-PIPE WUZ STOLEN - BUT HOW COME YOU HERE?

I'M HERE WITH HAWKSHAW, KEEPIN' TABS ON A VILLAIN CALLED THE BARON! HE LIVES OVER THERE WITH HIS GANG, BUT THERE'S SO RESPERATE WE DON'T DARE TACKLE 'EM IN THE OPEN!



HOOT MON! I'LL GO RIGHT IN AN' CARRY ON WY' EM! WE'LL SEE IF THEY DINNA COME TO REASON, LAD!

COME BACK, SANDY! THEY'LL FINISH YOU!! YOU DON'T KNOW THEM!! - NO USE!! - HE'S THE SAME OLD SANDY - BRAVE AS A LION, BUT WONT LISTEN TO REASON!



SAY! WHINE'S THE R-R-R-ROW HERE-R-R-?

SHIVER ME TOPLIGHTS! THAT 'UN IN THERE'S THE GHOST O' RED BOWLINE, SURE!

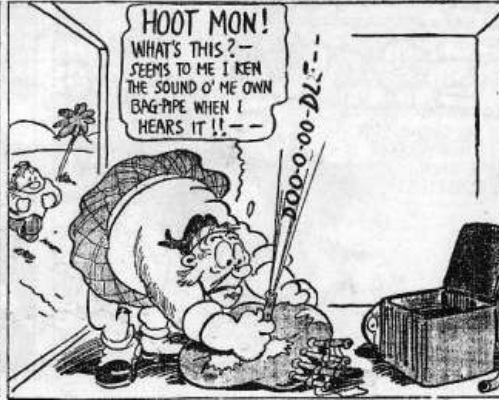
A GHOST!



OHO! SO I PRESUME YOU'RE THIS BARON, EH? WEEEL, YER ABOUT TO MAKE THE ACQUAINTANCE O' SANDY MAGHEE, O' THE HIGHLANDERS!



DOO-OO-DLE-REE-E-E-



HOOT MON! WHAT'S THIS? - SEEMS TO ME I'VE KEEN THE SOUND O' ME OWN BAG-PIPE WHEN I HEARS IT!! -

DOO-OO-DLE-REE-E-E-



SO YE PLAY'D A BONNY JOKE ON YER AULD COMRADE, EH, COLONEL? -

LISTEN, SANDY - I DON'T KNOW ANTHING ABOUT IT - HONEST!

Well... There You Go

A group of antelope is called a herd.
 A group of ants is called an army or a colony.
 A group of apes is called a shrewdness.
 A group of baboons is called a troop.
 A group of badgers is called a cete.
 A group of bass is called a shoal.
 A group of bears is called a sleuth or a sloth.
 A group of beavers is called a colony.
 A group of bees is called a swarm, grist or hive.
 A group of birds is called a flock, flight or volery.
 A group of boars is called a sounder.
 A group of buffalo is called a herd.
 A group of bucks is called a brace or clash.
 A group of caterpillar is called an army.
 A group of cats is called a clowder or clutter.
 A group of cattle is called a herd or drove.
 A group of chickens is called a brood or peep.
 A group of chicks is called a clutch or chattering.
 A group of cobras is called a quiver.
 A group of colts is called a rag.
 A group of cows is called a kine.
 Twelve cows is called a flink.
 A group of coyotes is called a band.
 A group of cranes is called a sedge or siege.
 A group of crocodiles is called a float.
 A group of crows is called a murder.
 A group of cubs is called a litter.
 A group of deer is called a herd.
 A group of dogs is called a pack.
 A group of donkeys is called a herd or pace.

A group of doves is called a dule.
 A group of ducks is called a brace, paddling or team.
 A group of eagles is called a convocation.
 A group of elephants is called a herd or a parade.
 A group of seals is called a pod.
 A group of elk is called a gang.
 A group of emus is called a mob.
 A group of falcons is called a cast.
 A group of ferrets is called a business.
 A group of finches is called a charm.
 A group of foxes is called a skulk or leash.
 A group of frogs is called an army or colony.
 A group of geese is called a flock, gaggle or skein.
 A group of gnats is called a cloud or horde.
 A group of goldfish is called a troubling.
 A group of gorillas is called a band.
 A group of greyhounds is called a leash.
 A group of hares is called a down or husk.
 A group of hawks is called a cast or kettle.
 A group of hens is called a brood.
 A group of herons is called a hedge.
 A group of hogs is called a drift or parcel.
 A group of horses is called a team, pair or harras.
 A group of hounds is called a pack, mute or cry.
 A group of kittens is called a kindle or litter.
 A group of larks is called a exaltation.
 A group of leopards is called a leep or leap .
 A group of lions is called a pride.
 A group of magpies is called a tiding.
 A group of mallards is called a sord.

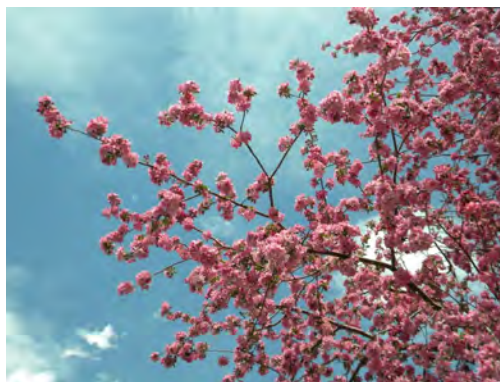
A group of martens is called a richness.
 A group of moles is called a labor.
 A group of mules is called a barren or span .
 A group of owls is called a parliament.
 A group of parrots is called a company.
 A group of partridges is called a covey.
 A group of peacocks is called a muster or ostentation.
 A group of pheasants is called a nest or bouquet.
 A group of plovers is called a congregation.
 A group of ponies is called a string.
 A group of rattlesnakes is called a rhumba.
 A group of ravens is called an unkindness.
 A group of rhinos is called a crash.
 A group of rooks is called a building or clamor.
 A group of snakes is called a nest.
 A group of snipes is called a walk or wisp.
 A group of sparrows is called a host.
 A group of trout is called a dray.
 A group of squirrels is called a dray.
 A group of starlings is called a murmuration.
 A group of storks is called a mustering.
 A group of swine is called a sounder or drift.
 A group of teals is called a spring.
 A group of toads is called a knot.
 A group of trout is called a hover.
 A group of turkeys is called a rafter.
 A group of turtledoves is called a pitying.
 A group of turtles is called a bale.
 A group of woodcocks is called a fall.
 A group of woodpeckers is called a descent .
<http://home.comcast.net/~rav.ammerman/groups.html>

2014 Gardening Season

While I am in Leadville for my new job, I did not want to leave the planting beds barren. While many of the plants from last year came back and are growing, I still had some blank spots. Here are some spring flowers from this year. Below: Basket of Gold.

Far right: Senetti (purple and pink) along with dusty miller and alyssum.

Right: crabapple tree with pink flowers.
 Below: Lilac flowers.
 Below right: Primrose.



When in Montana... *(You know, like when in Rome...)*

A Bit Nippy Out: 20 degrees below zero or colder.

A Couple Three: A nonsensical phrase meaning "a few." As in, "A couple three years ago it snowed on the Fourth of July."

Absaroka: In 1939, a group of business and political leaders tried to break off parts of Montana, Wyoming, and North Dakota to form a new state, which would have been called Absaroka and become the 49th state. It is also the name of a mountain range that runs between Montana and Wyoming. Absaroka also refers to a mountain range near the eastern boundary of Yellowstone National Park.

Apple Picker: Someone from the state of Washington.

Borrow Pit (or *Barrow Pit*): A ditch along the side of a road.

Cadywompus: Screwed up, out of line, off kilter, and/or twisted beyond all recognition.

Can Openers: Spurs.

Chicken Foot: A road that forks off into three different directions.

Chinook: The name given to a wind or weather system where warm winds from the southwest meet the Rocky Mountains and then blow across the plains. A strong Chinook is said to cause a foot or more of snow to vanish in a day. Loosely translated, the word means "snow eater".

Critter: A small living creature; an animal.

Curtain Crawlers: Children. Also known as Ankle Biters, Fuzz Pickers, Rug Rats, or Free Ranch Hands.

Fence Wrecker: A destructive horse.

Hammer Head: A bad horse.

Hay Burner: A horse.

Jockey Box: Glove compartment.

Meadow Maggots: Sheep. Also known as "prairie maggots."

Montana Justice: Swift and strict punishment enforced by local residents (typically outside the law) performed against someone who has committed a particularly egregious and/or illegal act.

Montana Shoeshine: What you get when you step in a pile of cow shit.

Montanabahn: Interstate 90 in Montana. During daylight hours from 1995 to 1999 there was no posted speed limit. Drivers were urged to use "reasonable and prudent" judgment while driving, but you could drive as fast as you wanted.

Nice Speakin' Atcha: Goodbye.

Outfit: A pick-up truck. Women who have just moved to Montana have found themselves offended because of this term when taking their truck in for service if the mechanic says, "Lady, you have a problem with your outfit." Also, the term "truck" will also commonly refer to a semi truck and NOT a pick-up truck.

Prairie Maggots: Sheep. Also known as "meadow maggots."

Plumb: Perfect.

Prairie Goat: A pronghorn antelope, which is neither a goat nor an antelope. Also see Speed Goat.

Prune Picker: Someone from California who is reviled. They are sometimes also referred to as See also "bunny hugger."

Rattler: A rattlesnake.

Shit Kickers: Cowboy boots.

Skeeters: Mosquitoes, also known as B-52s.

Slow Elk: A cow.

Smarter Than a Cow: A good horse.

Spud Muncher: Someone from Idaho.

Speed Goat: A pronghorn antelope, which is neither a goat nor an antelope. Also see Prairie Goat.

Spread: A ranch--which is never, ever referred to as a farm.

Two Bits: Twenty-five cents, or due to inflation, \$25 dollars.

Yammerin: Talking. As in, "Drink your whiskey and quit your yammerin."

You Betcha: A phrase commonly heard in Montana, which can mean either (1) "yes," (2) "I agree," (3) "you're wrong, but I won't embarrass you by telling you're wrong, and/or," (4) "I didn't hear what you said but I will respond nonetheless."

<http://www.toddklassy.com/montana-blog/2012/12/21/montana-terminology>

Westerner Quotes



Actor
November 4, 1879 - August 15, 1935

Will Rogers

"Don't let yesterday use up too much of today."

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

"The farmer has to be an optimist or he wouldn't still be a farmer."

Charles Russell

"A pioneer destroys things and calls it civilization."

"Spending that many hours in the saddle gave a man plenty of time to think. That's why so many cowboys fancied themselves Philosophers."



Artist and Cowboy
March 19, 1864 - October 24, 1926

Cooking for The Fun of It!

Skillet Chocolate Chip Cookie

(from Martha Bakes as seen May 17, 2014)

6 tablespoons	butter
1/2 cup	brown sugar
1/2 cup	sugar
1	egg
1 teaspoon	vanilla
Dash	cinnamon
1 cup	flour
1/2 teaspoon	baking soda
1/2 teaspoon	salt
1 cup	chocolate chips

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Butter a 10" cast iron skillet (or something similar).
3. Cream butter and sugars together, then blend in egg, vanilla, and cinnamon. Add the flour, baking soda, and salt and mix well. Add in the chocolate chips and mix.
4. Pour batter in skillet, then bake until golden brown (about 10-15 minutes or so).
5. Let cool for about 5 minutes, then serve warm with ice cream.

Dark Chocolate Spelt Brownies

(from Martha Bakes as seen May 17, 2014)

6 ounces	bittersweet chocolate (bar or could use chips)
1 stick (1/2 cup)	butter
3/4 cup	brown sugar
3/4 cup	sugar
1/2 teaspoon	salt
1/4 cup	Dutched cocoa powder
3	eggs
3/4 cups	spelt flour

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Take an 8x8 metal pan and butter the corners, then lay crisscrossed sheets of parchment paper and butter the paper.
3. In a double boiler, melt the chocolate and butter, then add in the sugars and salt and take off from heat.
4. Add in the cocoa and the eggs and mix well. Then add in the spelt flour a 1/4 cup at a time.
5. Pour in the pan and bake about 35 minutes.
6. Let cool completely then cut and eat.

Oatmeal Muffins

(from America's Test Kitchen as seen May 17, 2014)

Batter

2 tablespoons	butter
2 cups	whole rolled oats (the "old fashioned" kind)
1 3/4 cups	flour
1 1/2 teaspoons	salt
3/4 teaspoon	baking powder
1/4 teaspoon	baking soda
1 1/3 cups	light brown sugar
6 tablespoons	melted butter
1 3/4 cups	milk
2	eggs

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. In a pan, toast the rolled oats in the butter.
3. Then grind the oats in a food processor. Add in the flour, salt, powder, and soda and mix.
4. Then add in the brown sugar and melted butter. Mix. Mix together the milk and eggs until smooth.
5. Mix in half of the flour mixture with a whisk and add the rest. Let the batter sit for 20 minutes.

Topping

1/2 cup	whole rolled oats (the "old fashioned" kind)
1/3 cup	flour
1/3 cup	pecans, chopped
1/3 cup	brown sugar
1 1/4 teaspoons	cinnamon
Dash	salt
4 tablespoons	melted butter

For topping, mix all these ingredients together.

6. Using an ice cream scoop or a 1/2 cup, put into a buttered muffin pan (or possibly use muffin liners). The muffins will be near full. Then add about 2 tablespoons of the crump topping on top of the batter.
7. Bake for 18-25 minutes in the middle rack, rotating once.
8. Let cool and eat.

Quick House Dressing and Salad

Olive Oil, Balsamic Vinegar, Ground Pepper, Lemon Juice

Simply mix these ingredients together and pour over a salad of your favorite greens, tomatoes, red onion, and cucumbers.

Where The Deer And Antelope Play

In my reading up about Leadville for my new job, I came across an interesting part of the book.

C.O. (Bob) Swartz and some companions were young miners living in a cabin just outside Leadville. They called their cabin the “Junk Lane Hotel”. During the hard winter of 1884-1885, they hashed out some music and some lyrics to a song, being a musical bunch. Later in a letter Bob wrote to his parents on February 15, 1885, he included lyrics of the song they wrote.

Colorado Home

1. Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam,
And the deer and the antelope play;
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And the sky is not cloudy all day.

Refrain:

A home, a home,
Where the deer and the antelope play;
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And the sky is not cloudy all day.

2. Oh, give me the hill and ring of the drill,
In the rich silver ore in the ground;
And give me the gulch where the miners can sluice,
And the bright yellow gold can be found.

On our way back from my interview in Leadville on May 2, we came across several herds of antelope near the road. In total, we probably saw about four dozen or more antelope.



Refrain:

3. Oh, give me the gleam of the swift mountain stream,
And the place where no hurricanes blow;
And give me the park with the prairie dog bark,
And the mountains all covered with snow.

Refrain:

4. Oh, give me the mines where the prospector finds
The gold in its own native land;
With the hot springs below, where the sick people go
And camp on the banks of the Grand.

Refrain:

5. Oh, show me the camp where the prospectors tramp,
And business is always alive;
Where dance halls come first and faro banks burst,
And every saloon is a dive.

Refrain:

6. Oh, give me my steed and the gun that I need
To shoot game for my own cabin home;
And give me the light of the campfire at night
And the wild Rocky Mountains to roam.



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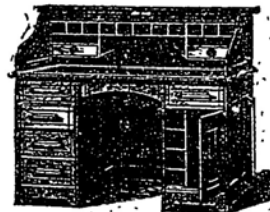
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