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*To Brent Finke:*

*possibly my most enthusiastic fan!*

## About the author

Born in the Midwest, I grew up among the cornfields. I spent my high school and college years in the Deep South and lots of my adult life in Europe. An IT certification or two helped me travel the US for several years. My bachelor's degree in English and a CELTA qualification for teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) enabled me to live and work in Europe for several years, too.

I've been into photography since 1984 and have been writing since before that. I'm the author of the *A Travel for Taste* cookbook series, available on [Amazon](#) in print and digital form, and several other books as well.

Among my many activities each week, I publish a post on my food and travel blog at [www.ATravelForTaste.com](http://www.ATravelForTaste.com). In addition, I produce a free monthly podcast for learners of English at [www.SlowAmericanEnglish.net](http://www.SlowAmericanEnglish.net).

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--Karren Doll Tolliver

“In photography there is a reality so subtle  
that it becomes more real than reality.”

– *Alfred Stieglitz*

## Preface

At the end of each weekly post on my food and travel blog, *A Travel for Taste*, I post an unrelated photograph that I personally like and want to share with my audience.

I started the blog in 2005 as an email blast to friends and family from overseas. These posts evolved into a blog a few years later. In the beginning, the blog was mainly text, but I eventually added photos.

Then, in 2010, I posted a picture at the end on the spur of the moment with the comment, "I'll leave you with this for no good reason". You'll see that as the first photo in this book.

I had no plan at the time to include a Photo for No Apparent Reason (PFNAR) in every post. However, readers began to comment about how much they liked the idea and looked forward to seeing what I presented each week. So I made it a regular feature.

Although it's been tempting, I've managed to keep from posting any commentary about the PFNARs online. No date, title or background has ever been given on the blog. However, many people have requested information or suggested I publish the pictures as a group. Well, here they are! Along with a copy of each PFNAR from the year 2017, I give you dates, locations and a little backstory on each one.

You'll notice a "**BC Pfnar sez**" comment with many of the photos. A reader who calls himself BC Pfnar (not his real name) sends me these comments, and I've included some of them here, sometimes with my own response.. I hope you think they're as funny as I do. And, yes, I know who he is, but I'm not telling.

Stay tuned for more PFNAR books in the future.

## **Acknowledgements**

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To those who appear in these photos, I thank you. To those who helped make these photos possible, I also thank you. I thank everyone who had anything to do with the creation of the subjects of the photos, too. The world is an elegant place.

...and now for the 2017 Photos for No Apparent Reason:



**Photo date and location:**

18 July 2010

Bamberg, Germany

**Blog post date and title:**

18 July 2010

*Bamberg Zaubert, Germany, Dirndls and Traditions (Europe 2010 - 18 July)*

This was the original PFNAR, posted back in 2010. It wasn't called PFNAR at the time, though. Instead, I introduced it at the end of the blog post with the line, "I'll leave you with this for no good reason".

I didn't have the intention of establishing a regular ending-photo feature at the time, but once I included this one, I posted an unrelated photo at the end of almost every post since.

I took this picture, as often happens, without knowing anything about the subject. Then I did research, as also often happens, after the fact. In this case, the stone pig perches atop a stone wall of what is now Kam Fok Chinese restaurant on Promenade Straße near the main bus station in Bamberg, Germany, where I lived for a few years. Originally, though, I believe the stone pig signified a butcher shop.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Bow to me, puny humans! I am the God of Bacon!"



**Photo date and location:**

18 December 2016

Lutz, Florida, USA

**Blog post date and title:**

12 January 2017

*Things to Do in Tampa Bay: Florida Aquarium*

Here's an example of one of my many hobbies: quilling. Quilling (not quilting with a 't') is paper art that originated in the Renaissance. In quilling, strips of paper are rolled around a needle-like tool into coils and then pinched into various shapes. Check out the flattened coil shape that is the "chamber" on the gun. That's a marquise shape. This quilling work also involves gluing the paper strips on edge onto the backing.

I made this specimen for a gun-enthusiast friend. However, it's the only kind of firearm I want in my own house.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Wait! No! Don't pull the trigger! Ouch! Paper cut! Paper cut! Damn it! Told you not to pull the trigger."



**Photo date and location:**

1990s

Odessa, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

19 January 2017

*Munich's Tollwood Festivals – Summer and Winter Celebrations of Culture, Art and Environment*

This is perhaps the oldest PFNAR of 2017 and one of the most interesting, both in subject and process.

I took it at a hot-air balloon event on what was then Starkey Ranch in Odessa, Florida. (Starkey Ranch has since been subdivided into housing developments.)

I was there with the Tampa Bay Camera Club (TBCC still gives me fond memories – it's where I learned my photography skills). I still remember arriving at the pasture before daybreak and the sense of excitement as I wended through the slowly-inflating balloons.

I shot the event on slide film, something barely in existence now. I did that on purpose so I could use the slides for this Polaroid transfer process. In a P-transfer, a slide is copied onto Polaroid film (also now barely available) via a slide printing machine. Before the Polaroid develops, the film is peeled apart and placed face down on watercolor art paper. In a few minutes, the image transfers to the art paper, giving it this painterly effect and very artsy framing.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“Ouch! Dammit George! Stand up and stop leaning on me!”

EARTHILING SIDE

**Photo date and location:**

22 April 2015

Munich, Germany

**Blog post date and title:**

26 January 2017

*Bavaria's Blutenburg Castle West of Munich, Germany*

This was stenciled on the pavement in the parking lot at the Blutenburg Castle, topic of this blog post. I looked up the website (.DE signifies a website in Germany). It's the German translation of a movie in English narrated by Joaquin Phoenix. You can see the English version at [Earthlings.com](http://Earthlings.com). Be warned: it's a documentary about cruelty to animals in the food, pet, clothing and such industries and contains very disturbing images.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“Definitely no intelligent life there...”



**Photo date and location:**

Summer 2009

Langensendelbach, Germany

**Blog post date and title:**

2 February 2017

*Crackers from Scratch at the Rolling Pin Kitchen Emporium in Brandon, Florida*

Years ago, I saw a small sidebar article in a travel magazine about a bowmaker in Germany, located near where my German friends lived. The next time I visited them I asked if we could go there. They, bless her awesome hearts, made a phone call and set it up. They drove me to a little dorf called Langensendelbach and I met Herr Gruenke and his two sons that day. I spoke even less German at the time than I do now, so our conversation was very basic, but I managed to get some very good photos, including this one. All these Germans, the Gruenkes and my friends, were really mystified as to why I wanted to do these pictures, especially when I told them it wasn't for anything in particular, just that I wanted to visit there. In any case, I see on the web that Herr Gruenke and sons are still producing top-notch bows and looking good!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“I just want to reach into the photo and make them all in a straight line and even! Damn OCD...”



OPTICAL  
60 WATTS  
130 VOLTS  
570 LUMENS  
SN 130 VOLTS  
37-12-22

**Photo date and location:**

5 February 2017

Lutz, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

9 February 2017

*Timelapse Video of Lily Opening*

A burnt-out lightbulb stuck in the plantation blinds in my Florida apartment for some backlighting, *et voilà!*

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“Oh my gosh! What a bright idea!”



**Photo date and location:**

23 June 2015

Egmont Key, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

15 February 2017

*Things to Do in Tampa Bay: Dali Museum in St. Petersburg*

While touring the island of Egmont Key in Florida with my photo buddy Paula, I spotted this wee vole who'd met his maker before I showed up. Aww...

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"You dirty rat, you. See what happens when you mess with the boss?"



If you slip me deaf  
I'll rip your head off.

**Photo date and location:**

15 February 2017

St. Petersburg, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

23 February 2017

*Quaint, Old Florida Atmosphere and Antique Shops in Micanopy*

While having coffee with friends at one of my favorite places (Mazzaro's Italian Market in St. Pete, FL), I noticed this – whatever it is – peeking out from behind a pillar near the coffee-roasting station. Though I don't know for sure what this figure represents, it reminds me of *Carnevale* (Mardi Gras) celebrations in Europe and goes right along with Mazzaro's many murals (wrote *a blog post* about that, too!).

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“Peek-a-boo, I see you, fair Mardi Gras geisha something or other...”



**Photo date and location:**

3 April 2015

Kunst Pavillon, Munich, Germany

**Blog post date and title:**

2 March 2017

*My Latest Book and Quirky Cafe Karibo in Fernandina Beach, Florida*

This is a picture of a painting I saw while touring the *Kunst Pavillon*, or Art Pavilion, in Munich. I just loved the rebellious nature of this Easter bunny! The thought of his being stoned didn't occur to me until BC Pfnar gave me his take on it! The Art Pavilion has an inscription above the door: *Kunst ist kein Luxus*, which means 'Art is not a luxury', which I happen to agree with.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

Like Cheech and Chong: 'Duuuuuuude... "Where should I hide these? They're soooooo coooool."



**Photo date and location:**

15 February 2017

Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

9 March 2017

*Gravesite of Bo Diddley in Bronson, Florida*

I shot this heart-shaped balloon nodding against the ceiling of the atrium in the St. Petersburg, Florida, Museum of Fine Arts. It was way too high for anyone to reach or retrieve. It looked lonely up there, and sad, because someone had been given it ("I love you!") and now it was lost to them. I guess it's better to have loved and lost...

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"I love you more than I had string for."



**Photo date and location:**

25 November 2016

Amelia Island, Florida

***Blog post date and title:***

16 March 2017

*St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Art in Tampa Bay, Florida*

One of my most dramatic shots – I took it while on a boat tour around Amelia Island, Florida, which left from the town of Fernandina Beach. Once I downloaded the hi-res photo from my camera, I applied an HDR process to it in Photoshop. I have shot HDR in-camera, but the tour boat was moving too fast for this one. I also flipped this image 180 degrees during processing.

Incidentally, Fernandina Beach hosts a Black Friday Pajama Party every year on the day after Thanksgiving. It's so fun! All the merchants and about 99% of the townspeople wear their pajamas, slippers and robes to shop the historic downtown district early that day. Festivities include outdoor concerts, cookies and OJ from the merchants and no end to interesting costumery.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Run, Forrest, run!"

Me: "Lieutenant Dan!!!"

# ગમતી ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મ

સત્તા દરેક ગુજરાતી પરિવારને સંબોધી રહ્યો છું. જેમણે ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મ થિયેટરમાં જઈને જોવાનું ગમે છે. એવા અનેક ગુજરાતી વિવિધ શહેરો અને નગરોમાં રહેતાં ગુજરાતી પરિવારો 'ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મ' ફોન કરીને પોતાના પત્રો, સૂચનો મોકલે છે. આપ સહુએ 'ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મ' લખીને મોકલ્યા હતા ને હજી સતત મોકલતા રહ્યા છો. હું વાચકમિત્રોને મારું હાર્દિક આમંત્રણ છે - તમને ગમતી ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મ લખી મોકલો. ભૂતકાળમાં તમે જે ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મ જોઈ હોય, તે વિષયો કે ગીતો તમને ગમ્યા હોય - યાદ હોય તે વિષે અમને લખો. ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મોમાં કઈ ફિલ્મ તમને બહુ ગમી હતી? કેમ ગમી હતી?

**Photo date and location:**

19 April 2016

Lutz, Florida

***Blog post date and title:***

23 March 2017

*Junkyard Photography Excursion in Tampa Bay, Florida*

This newspaper was used as packing material when I bought some little clay oil lamps from the local Indian supermarket. You can see the terra cotta marks from the clay lamps on the newspaper. I did an image search online and the script is possibly Tamil, a language of India. If anyone knows for sure, please let me know!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"It's all Greek to me!"



**Photo date and location:**

25 November 2015

Fernandina Beach, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

30 March 2017

*Oven-Roasted Brussels Sprouts Appetizer / Side Dish Instructions*

I snapped this shot at a local tiki bar – what Florida town doesn't have at least one? This is a gas tiki torch, and it's also unusual in that it's bigger than most and not mounted on a bamboo stake. He looks happy, though.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

Schrödinger's tiki torch: since there is no switch, is it on, or is it off?



50 tulpen  
€ 12,50

**Photo date and location:**

2004

Amsterdam, Netherlands

**Blog post date and title:**

6 April 2017

*Matzo Brei: Jewish Passover Breakfast Dish Instructions*

These tulips were on display in the famous flower market in Amsterdam. In 2004 I made a three-month backpacking sojourn across Europe. Amsterdam was my first stop. I was shooting black-and-white film negatives at the time and printed this in my darkroom with the intention to hand-color it. I colored one copy which sold at an art show somewhere along the line. I haven't the heart to digitally color this one!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

Marx Brothers tulips



# KONG

**Photo date and location:**

15 March 2017

Wesley Chapel, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

13 April 2017

*Happy Easter, Happy Spring!*

Selfie (actually taken by my husband) at one of those cardboard movie theater displays. This one was at the Cobb Grove 16 near where we lived at the time. We had actually just seen *Kong: Skull Island* that afternoon. It had its critics, but I liked it.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“WHEN was the last time you cleaned those nails, young man!?”

**No  
Loitering  
Please**



**Time Limit:  
30 MINUTES**

While Consuming Food

Your Cooperation Is Appreciated

©2009 McDonald's, Florida P/N 130241

**Photo date and location:**

9 April 2017

Tampa, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

20 April 2017

*Goin' Out West*

Ducking into a Mickey D's for a restroom break along Dale Mabry Highway in Tampa one day, I noticed this sign. Hm.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Eat that Big Mac faster, son. I'm a-watchin'!"

TRASH



THAN YOU

**Photo date and location:**

4 April 2017

Lutz, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

27 April 2017

*First Denver Outing as a Colorado Resident – Trains, Planes and Capitol Buildings*

Shot in a UPS Store lobby in Lutz, Florida. I've since noticed, in another UPS Store in Colorado, one that said TRASH – THANK YO. Must be a thing.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Who has more trash than you? I do! I do!"

You should have taken a marker and written "I have more" above the word "trash".



**Photo date and location:**

29 April 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

4 May 2017

*Denver's Casa Bonita – Family Restaurant or Roadside Attraction?*

One of the ubiquitous Canada geese in Colorado. He got very angry and charged me when I extended my zoom lens to take his picture!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Oh! WTH! Cold water! Cold water!"



**Photo date and location:**

6 May 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

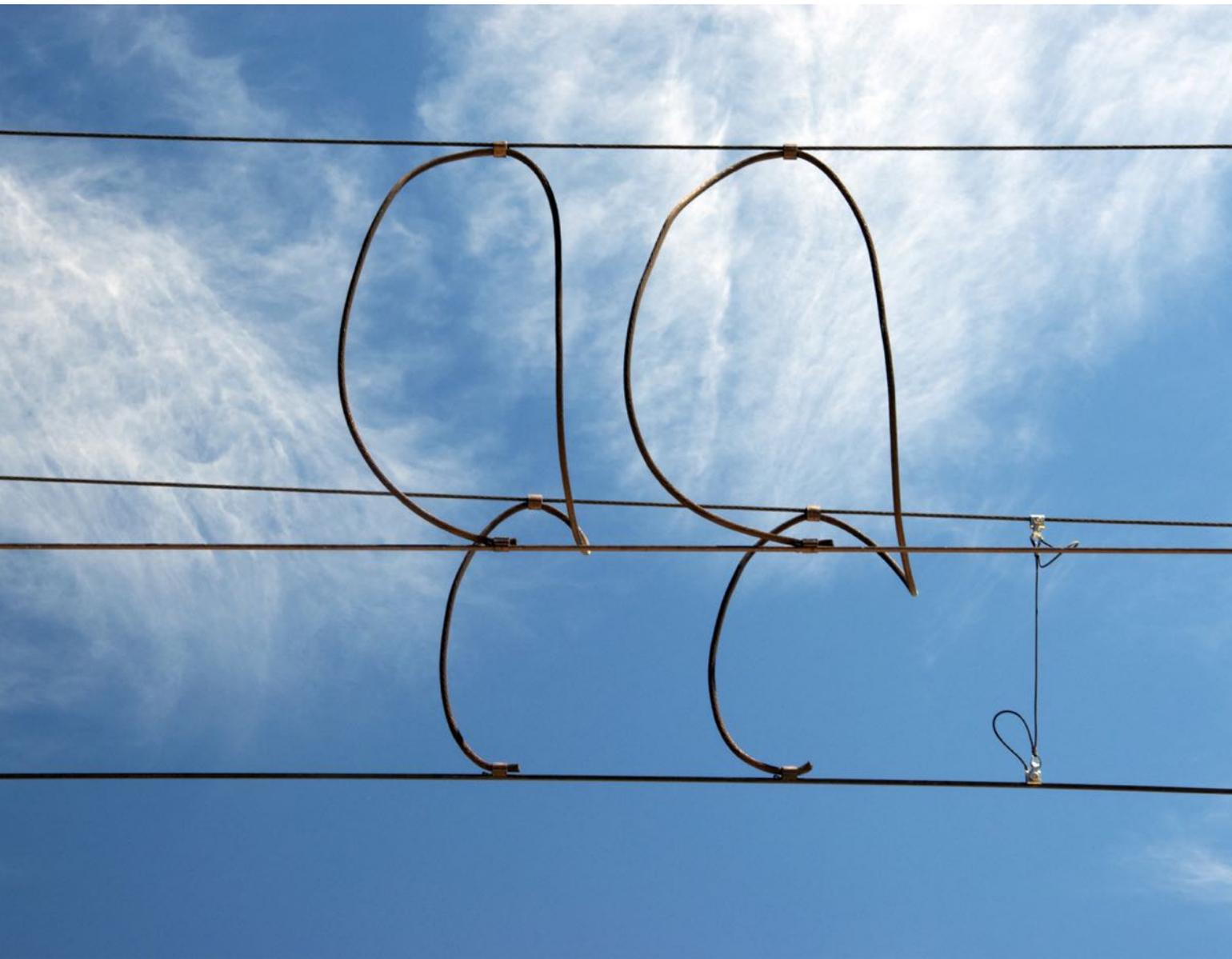
11 May 2017

*How to Make Salsa Verde, Mexico's Green Salsa with Tomatillos*

I love dogs and especially dogs that drive! Unintentionally, I have a series of dogs "driving" photos! This one was lounging in the van outside my local supermarket.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Somebody here report a stray person?"



**Photo date and location:**

13 May 2017

Westminster, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

18 May 2017

*Lowrider Cars: Rolling Works of Art at the Longmont Museum in Colorado*

These wires are connections above the commuter tracks at the station where I catch the train into downtown Denver. I like their abstract and somehow alphabetical appearance.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“So, if we connect this cable to this cable here; and this cable to this cable here; then loop around and connect the other cable to this other cable; I think that should just...about...do it. Yep. All connected.”

A wooden crate made of light-colored wood, possibly pine, with a metal latch on the top edge. The text "BUFFALO TONGUES" is printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the front panel. The crate is sitting on a light-colored tiled floor. The text is located on the front panel of the crate, spanning across two horizontal planks of wood.

**BUFFALO TONGUES**

**Photo date and location:**

11 May 2017

Longmont, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

25 May 2017

*Cheese Importers in Longmont: French Bistro in Colorado*

This crate was part of an Old-West exhibit in the Longmont, Colorado, Museum. It was there I learned that buffalo tongues were considered a delicacy and that, sometimes, the animal was killed just for its tongue. Geez.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Hey! Stop that cat! It's got the buffalo tongues!"



*Operated By  
United Van Lines  
Fenton, MO  
USDOT# 077949*

**Photo date and location:**

7 April 2017

Lutz, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

1 June 2017

Denver Botanic Garden and Spring Plant Sale

This little jewel belonged to the moving-van driver that picked up our furniture in Florida and delivered it to our new home in Colorado. Snowflake is her name; supervising moves is her game!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Yep, keep goin', Mac. A little to the left... A little more... You got it... Straight back."



**ATTENTION**

Stay off  
the buffalo

**Photo date and location:**

28 May 2017

Golden, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

8 June 2017

*Civic Center EATS – a Benefit Gathering of Food Trucks in Denver*

I snapped this one while visiting Buffalo Bill's gravesite in Golden, Colorado. Seems everywhere I go, they don't want anyone touching the buffalo!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“Stay off the buffalo or he might shuffle off....TO BUFFALO!”

(I crack myself up)



**Photo date and location:**

27 May 2017

Glenwood Springs, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

15 June 2017

*Memorial Day Rocky Mountain Road Trip via I-70 West of Denver*

I saw this squished cup and telltale wet spot under the tire of a car in the parking lot of the hotel I was staying in during the road trip named in the blog post title (see above). I thought it was unusual that the car happened to stop right on top the cup.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

Introducing New Lipton Cup-O-Tire!



**Photo date and location:**

27 May 2017

Glenwood Springs, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

22 June 2017

*Glenwood Springs, Colorado: Hot Springs and Old West*

A public-art trash container in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. The historical Old-West district is full of such quirky pieces.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“RAWWRRRR! Put your trash in my head! I love it! Yeah! Give me more!”



*Come in*

WE'RE

AWESOME

**Photo date and location:**

27 May 2017

Glenwood Springs, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

29 June 2017

*Colorado's Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park in the Rocky Mountains*

This charming sign was hanging in the door of a brew, taco and hotdog scarfing establishment called Slope and Hatch. You can see a picture of it in my Glenwood Springs, Colorado, post of 22 June 2017. It's an original, Old-West building: narrow and brick. The sign took me by surprise and made me laugh.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

The other side of the sign says: "Now leave, you suck"



**Kids Play  
Zone...  
Please NO POOP  
OR PEE in grass**

**Photo date and location:**

27 May 2017

Glenwood Springs, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

6 July 2017

*Historic Hotel Denver in Glenwood Springs, Colorado*

Again with the Glenwood Springs photos! I discovered this sign on the lawn in front of the historic-but-still-used train station. The lawn DID look nice and green...

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“No poop or pee in grass? Well thats just no fun..”

Me: “I’m just glad there was a dog on the sign.”



**Photo date and location:**

27 May 2017  
Avon, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

13 July 2017  
*Historic Georgetown Loop Railroad Steam Train in Silver Plume, Colorado*

While staying at the Ritz Carlton in Bachelor Gulch near Beaver Creek, Colorado, I was creeped out by the dark hallways. I placed my husband in front of one of the lighted spots and took the picture. Back at home, I duplicated his silhouette in Photoshop and placed a mirror-image of it on the opposite side of the hallway. My intention was to call to mind the twins in *The Shining*. Did it work?

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"You have reached the end of your journey. To pass you must answer this question: What is the wind speed velocity of a swallowtail?"



**PRIVATE  
PROPERTY**  
NO TRESPASSING

**WARNING**  
Zip Line Area  
**STOP**  
Authorized  
Personnel only  
**KEEP OUT**

**Photo date and location:**

27 May 2017

Glenwood Canyon, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

20 July 2017

*Buffalo Bill's Gravesite and Museum (Pahaska Teepee), Golden, CO*

I took this while at the No Name Colorado DOT rest area off I-70 in the Rockies. Oddly, 'No Name' is its actual name, which relates to nearby No Name Creek and No Name Canyon. There is also a No Name tunnel on I-70, which briefly appears in the movie *Vanishing Point*.

I love the irony of the obviously breached fence next to the 'No Trespassing' signage.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Screw that! I'm gonna go..." SMACK! "Holy crap I just kicked that guy into the river!"



NO ACCESS TO  
EMERALD  
USE HEMLOCK

**Photo date and location:**

3 June 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

27 July 2017

*A Visit to Olde Town Arvada Farmers Market, Colorado*

I spotted this sign amid road construction near where I live. Being new to the area, I wasn't yet familiar with Emerald Street and Hemlock Street. Therefore, it seemed to me like advice for Indiana Jones.

**BC Pfnar sez:** "Well, I guess that's one solution if your husband won't give you emeralds..."



**Photo date and location:**

15 June 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

3 August 2017

*Whistling Hare Small-Batch Distillery near Denver, CO*

I was startled to see this at the local mall, but I had to pause for the photo nonetheless. I still have no idea why there was a mannequin head wearing a Colorado Rockies baseball cap on the walker – or anywhere else, for that matter.

**BC Pfnar sez:** “The newest addition to the Rockies line-up... his name is Walker.”



**Photo date and location:**

30 July 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

10 August 2017

*Free Tour of the State Capitol Building in Denver*

This sign is for an escape room business in my neighborhood. It's just the way my mind works, but it's funny to me that the escape room is open. Doesn't present much of a challenge, IMHO.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

Umm yeah... If its not open then how do you escape?

# Bittersweet

Need coffee?



are you BATMAN?



yes

no

LIAR

NEED COFFEE!

Cafe & Confections

**Photo date and location:**

22 July 2017

Louisville, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

17 August 2017

*City of Golden, Colorado, at the Base of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains*

On my way to a Sunday morning farmers market, I saw this outside a local cafe. I think they need one more arrow in the Boolean diagram...

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“Holy caffeine buzz, Batman!”



**Photo date and location:**

29 June 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

24 August 2017

*Total Eclipse Road Trip from Denver to Wyoming 2017*

This stopped me in my tracks as I was walking through a local outdoor equipment supply store. I felt more than saw Mr. Downey, Jr., looking at me before I got a good look at him!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“Apparently, even Ironman gets cold.”



**Photo date and location:**

28 May 2017

Silver Plume, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

7 September 2017

*Paper.Work Exhibit at the Arvada, CO, Center for the Arts and Humanities*

I spotted this from the Georgetown Loop Historic Railroad just as the old steam train left the depot at Silver Plume, CO. This switch was used as a safeguard in the case of a runaway train in the mountains there. I guess cleaning up a derailment near the station was preferable to trying to rescue people from the bottom of a canyon.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Boris! Over there is the derail lever! I will get that moose and squirrel this time!"



**Photo date and location:**

1 August 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

14 September 2017

*Fresh Roasted Hatch Chilis at The Chili Guys in Denver*

Pansies from my husband on my balcony. This particular bloom reminded me of the song, "Lonely Little Petunia in an Onion Patch" I heard often on Captain Kangaroo's TV show as a child. Ok, so it's not a petunia, but close enough.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"You pansy!" Bah dum bum.



**Photo date and location:**

7 April 2017

Lutz, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

21 September 2017

*A Taste of Colorado in Denver, Labor Day Weekend*

The garage-door opener motor housing at my former apartment. I just like that it looks like it has a face.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“Up and down, up and down. Every day. Never one single ‘Thank you, Genie!’”



**Photo date and location:**

27 May 2017

Glenwood Springs, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

28 September 2017

*Annual Mini Ha Ha Triathlon, Broomfield, CO*

This preserved frog specimen hangs in High Country Gems and Minerals, a geology/rock shop in Glenwood Springs. The proprietor introduced herself as 'Patty the Rock Star'. You can see this frog's buddy the preserved bat specimen as the PFNAR on the 16 November blog post.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

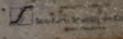
“Spider frog, spider frog, does whatever a spider frog does...”

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**Photo date and location:**

29 September 2017

Denver, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

5 October 2017

*Denver's German Oktoberfest Beer Party*

Walking around in the Ballpark neighborhood of Denver, so-named because Coors Field is nearby, I saw this crazy-old parking machine. I was surprised it was in such good shape (read, unvandalized). It's not in use anymore – there's a more modern, digital machine next to it – but it's still in place.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

Whole lot of folding, inserting and clearing going on in slots 1-50. Poor slots 51-100.

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**Photo date and location:**

6 October 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

12 October 2017

*Autumn Colors, Snow, and Picking my own Pumpkin at Rock Creek Farm*

This truism was displayed on a sign outside a burger joint in the nearby Flatiron Crossing Mall. It had me scrambling for my phone to take the picture.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

...and bacon will never break your heart.



**Photo date and location:**

15 June 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

19 October 2017

*Visiting Rocky Mountain National Park near Estes Park, Colorado*

My husband and I were enjoying an outdoor concert at Gordon Biersch brewery in the summer when the Ghostbusters invaded the courtyard! this picture isn't very good quality, but at least I have the image! Love that he has the ghost trap on his belt.

Their vehicle, Ecto2, was in the parking lot, too. Turns out the Colorado Ghostbusters is a charity group that raises money for various causes. They make appearances in parades, at 'cons and, of course, at outdoor concerts.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"I swear, it was right over there! It was huge! Big giant teeth, huge eyes and all covered in fur. Scariest field mouse I have ever seen!"



**Photo date and location:**

23 June 2015

Egmont Key, Florida

**Blog post date and title:**

26 October 2017

*Rocky Mountain Dockdogs Competition at Broomfield Days, CO*

This was an inadvertent repeat of the PFNAR of February 15. Sigh. I'm going to have to keep up with things better! Anyway, to keep you from flipping all the way back to 2/15: dead vole, Egmont Key, FL.



**Photo date and location:**

30 May 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

2 November 2017

*Unsinkable Molly Brown House Museum in Denver, CO*

Saw this banana peel in the parking lot of my local supermarket and had my husband take this picture of me “slipping” on it. (Pssst....I don't think BC Pfnar saw the banana peel!)

**BC Pfnar sez:**

*Who can turn the world on with her smile?*

*Who can take a nothing date and suddenly make it all seem worthwhile?*

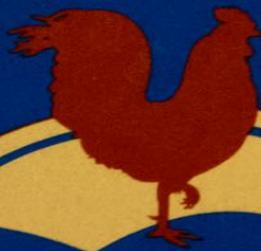
*Well it's you, girl, and you should know it*

*With each glance and every little movement you show it.*

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**Photo date and location:**

13 September 2017

Brighton, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

9 November 2017

*Coors Brewery Tour in Golden, Colorado*

Saw this label on a dip mix at Lulus Farm in Brighton, Colorado. I would love to meet the people involved in producing this product!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

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**Photo date and location:**

27 May 2017

Glenwood Springs, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

16 November 2017

*Pink Martini Concert at Red Rocks Amphitheater, Colorado*

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**BC Pfnar sez:**

"I DO NOT say blaaa blaaa blaaa!"



**Photo date and location:**

26 October 2017

Broomfield, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

21 November 2017

*Happy Thanksgiving! Enter the giveaway for the new APPSNAX book!*

Who hasn't seen one of these coat-hook "octopi" staring at them? This one and his ghostly friends caught me off-guard at a local restaurant – in the ladies' room!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Third time's a charm..."



**Photo date and location:**

30 September 2017

Westminster, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

30 November 2017

*Winner of the AppSnax Giveaway, plus Coyotes, Prairie Dogs and Colorado's Open Spaces*

You know, you see this on TV and in the movies all the time. I believe this is the first time I ever saw it in person, except for relatives' yards. This car was parked – more or less permanently – in the Westminster City Park. According to my cursory internet research, the license plate was still valid and registered to this particular car!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

Pinellas Park, Colorado (Confused? Look up Pinellas Park, Florida.)



**Photo date and location:**

27 November 2017

Westminster, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

7 December 2017

*Denver Holiday Parade of Lights*

I saw this at the Metzger Farm Open Space near my apartment after a windstorm the night before. Colorado thinks a public restroom is a portajohn within an enclosure. There are plenty of them, and then this happens.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Whhhheewwwww! DO NOT go in there!"



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**Photo date and location:**

13 June 2016

Denver, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

14 December 2017

*Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, CO: Inspiration for 'The Shining' - Part 1*

I shot this on a vacation to Denver in 2016 prior to moving to Colorado. It was at a 7-11 on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, I believe. Is it odd that it's not the only rolling-wienie picture I have?

**BC Pfnar sez:**

“Roller Dogs! Taste-tee!”



**Photo date and location:**

1 December 2017

Denver, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

21 December 2017

*Denver's German Christkindl (Christmas) Market 2017*

This is a sculpture in the lobby of Denver's downtown Hyatt Regency. I stayed there to photograph the Holiday Parade of Lights in December. This sculpture is a good example of Colorado's geology and outdoor focus.

**BC Pfnar sez:**

Those zombies are gettin' smart!



**Photo date and location:**

30 September 2017

Westminster, Colorado

**Blog post date and title:**

28 December 2017

*Happy New Year (Czech and German Style) from ATFT!*

Another example of Colorado's public art, this time at the Westminster City Park. On closer inspection, I saw that the metal pieces were cut out of Harley Davidson motorcycle exhaust pipes!

**BC Pfnar sez:**

"Krikey, there goes another one of those desert silverfish!"

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