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Lucas Loredo, a Texan whose family escaped Castro’s regime in 1960, visits Cuba in an effort to heal a painful feud. On the Cumberland Plateau, Lisa Coffman trails an infamous historical fugitive. Daniel Blue Tyx takes a Tornado bus more than fifteen hundred miles—from McAllen, Texas, to Faison, North Carolina—meeting migrant workers who work seasonal agricultural jobs. Holly Haworth shares the story of her father’s journey from Tennessee to Hawaii to become a paniolo, or cowboy—and the impact it had on her childhood. And Justin Nobel drives the Gulf Coast, exploring the cycle of devastating storms followed by destruction and development.

Elsewhere in the issue, Osayi Endolyn reports on African-American farmers in Florida. John T. Edge, the Oxford American’s Local Fare columnist since 1998, considers the brand Beauregard Dixie Vodka and examines the implications of marketing that uses iconography of the Old South. And John O’Connor profiles Elbert “Big Man” Howard, one of only two surviving founding members of the Black Panther Party.

Plus: Sarah Viren on Florida’s “literary moment”; Noah Gallagher Shannon on Atlanta skateboarder Grant Taylor; five poems by Dean Young; short stories by Becky Hagenston and Caroline Beimford; a new “Cooking with Chris” column by Chris Offutt; and Renee Simms’s memoir of her father’s life, told through the lens of his ownership of real estate as a black man.

In addition to exceptional writing, the issue features artworks and photographs by Allison Janae Hamilton, Leo Twiggs, Wadsworth Jarrell, Samantha French, and many others. The cover photograph is “De las montañas” (2014) by Meg Griffiths.

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