One More Special Effect and Working With Groups of Pictures

1. Last time we selected an object or person out of a photo and then changed the background around them. Another effect we can use is a zoom effect. We will use it to give the object in the picture the illusion of motion. To take a look at an example of what we are going to do, open hunter-demo.jpg.
2. Pick out one of your pictures that you would like to do the effect on.
3. Use the Intelligent Scissors tool to select the object in the picture.
4. After you have selected the object, click on Select and Inverse to select the background rather than the object itself.
5. Now click on Filter, Blur, and Motion Blur.
6. Make sure the preview box is checked.
7. Under Blur Type choose Zoom.
8. Under Blur Parameters drag the Length slider to the right. Notice how the changes affect your photograph. The longer the blur length, the more "motion" the photo will appear to have.
9. Once you like the way it looks, click ok. Save this picture as zoomblur.jpg
10. Sometimes you might want to take a number of pictures and put them together into a single picture. For example, the pictures you took of a series of events would be nice to pull together into a single image that would show the entire process.
11. Open all of the pictures you want to use to show the process.
12. Open a new image by clicking on File and New. We can select a predefined image size by using the Preset drop-down box. Select 1024 x 768 and click ok.
13. You will now see a blank image in the currently selected background color. If it's not white change it to white using the bucket fill tool from the Gimp tool palette.
14. Now select your first picture, do any cropping or editing you want. Then copy it to the clipboard by clicking Edit and Copy.
15. Select your blank background picture and click Edit and Paste to paste the picture into your group picture.
16. Your picture probably fills most or all of the space on the background. We need to scale it to make it smaller so that we can fit more pictures into the group. To do this, click on the Floating Selection from the Layers palette. Right-click on it and select Scale Layer. Type 225 in the width box and click scale. This width will allow us to fit about 4 pictures in a row across in our larger picture.
17. Now use the move tool, the second from the right in the second row, to move the picture to the upper left hand corner of your picture.
18. After you have it placed where you want it, click anywhere else in the picture to anchor it in that spot.
19. Use the same process to add all of the additional pictures of the process to the single large picture. Leave some space between the pictures so that you can add captions.
20. After you have placed all the pictures where you want them. Use the text tool from the tool palette, last one in the third row, to give a title or caption to each of the pictures.

21. You can change the font and the size of the text in the options below the tool palette.
22. To place the text, simply click in the spot where you want the text and then type it into the Gimp Text Editor box that pops up. To start typing in a different spot, click there and begin typing. When you are finished click Close.
23. Use the cropping tool to crop off any extra space and give your group of pictures a nice finish.
24. Save the finished product and show me what you've done.
25. Use any remaining time to work with the skills you've learned today and in the past several days.
26. Next, take any type of pictures you'd like to work with. Think about what you want to do for a final picture. Remember the different tools we learned about, including: the clone tool, cropping, resizing, the intelligent scissors, warping, etc.