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15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

- Jeremiah 51:15



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**Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist**

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

The Most Important Thing

So, the Cherokee Middle School, Yellow Jackets of Kingston traveled to Sunbright to play their middle school Tigers.

The Yellow Jackets are undefeated and are hoping to win the state championship for the 4th year in a row. They are a very fast and talented team.

It hasn't rained in a month bit, wouldn't you know it started raining before the game there and Mimi was freezing.

So, she and Pap went to the Dollar Store there and had to get some warm clothes. They didn't match so Mimi looked like a giant bag of Skittles. By the way, even though it rained in Sunbright, it was 2 more days before we got rain on our crunchy grass at home.



Any-woof, the Tigers gave their all but the Yellow Jackets were a loaded team full of talent, and the Tigers just couldn't handle them. The Yellow Jackets emptied their bench and every one of their players got to play.

But, the best thing happened after the game. Both teams knelt on one knee and gave Glory to **God** for allowing them to play each other and thanks that no one was injured.

That was the best thing to see. These kids are not only being taught great sportsmanship, but how to be great men. They are learning about their **Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ**. That is the **MOST** important thing of all.

For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

Peggy L. Durham has applied for a permit to sell beer OFF premises at the location known as:

Corner Market - 5018 Nashville Hwy, Deer Lodge, TN 37726

Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 23rd day of September 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Office of the County Clerk.

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Senior Citizens Building at 6:00 PM.

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Tue 24 **85°/66°** 

Wed 25 **82°/62°** 

Thu 26 **81°/60°** 

Fri 27 **80°/61°** 

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**Tom Redmon
Columnist**

We Still Have Time to Save Our Country

Are you concerned about how our country has gone the past few years? Do you want to continue on the route that we are on, or do you want to see our country change?

This might be the last election cycle that we have a chance to save our country.

To me it seems pretty obvious but to some out there, who I admit are good people but are confused about one political party. To them I must say this; neither party is like it was back in the 1940s, 1950s and even the 1960s. Because our culture has changed our political parties have also changed. Harry Truman, and Dwight David Eisenhower wouldn't even recognize our country today. Mr. Truman inherited the Second World War and I believe he loved America. He didn't like communism and he didn't like people who didn't stand up for what is right. Eisenhower was the leading military leader in WWII and he was against a large national debt. He was high on patriotism and for a strong border. He wouldn't like the America of today.

Folks I would like to ask you a few questions. Are we better off today then we were in 2020 when President Trump left office? Did we pay less or more for gasoline in 2020 then we do today in 2024? What about food, do you pay more today for a loaf of bread then you did in 2020? Has inflation eaten up all your money when you have to choose between medication or gas for your car?

What about crime? Do you experience more fear today than you did in 2020? Do you like open borders that the present administration has allowed? Don't believe them when they blame Trump for all of our problems we have today. Biden and Harris have allowed millions of illegals to come across our southern border, and we don't know if they are criminals or terrorists. Will these illegals rise up against us one day and try to take over our country or parts of it? Harris has wanted to defund the police when we should be getting more law officers to protect us.

What about our constitution? Have you noticed that they don't like the Supreme Court? Our forefathers did a great job in giving us three branches of government and this arrangement has worked good for over 240 years, but here in 2024 Biden and Harris want to change the Judicial Branch of Government because they went against the way they want to rule. All of a sudden, they want to add judicial judges because too many of the nine are conservatives and they don't make the decisions they agree

SAVE OUR COUNTRY



with. Too bad, Mr. Biden you have messed this country up too much already. Stick to running the Executive Branch better and maybe our country won't go under.

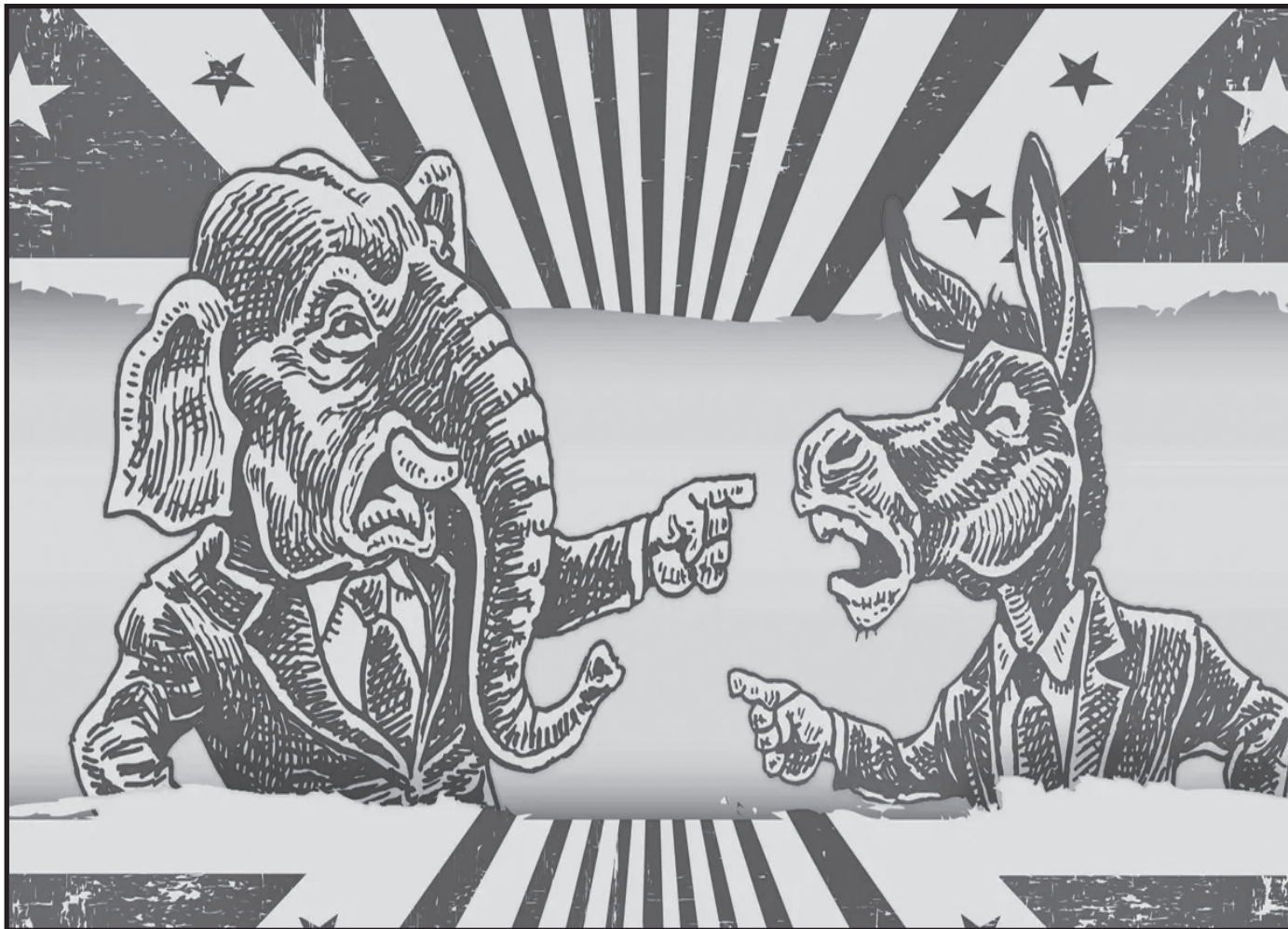
What about your guns? Do you want the government to take them away? Believe me this gang we have in there now would love to take them away, and outlaw your Christian faith, then they would control you the way socialist do. It really burns me up to see how you have messed this country up. Back in the 50s we had a government we could trust. We went

to the polls and voted and back then when we cast our vote we didn't worry because both parties loved our country, and certainly didn't want to destroy it the way some politicians do today. A former president right after he was sworn in went to some foreign countries and apologized to them and blamed America for the world's problems. Here is a country that gave more money and help to other nations in need than any other and this man blamed America. I'm sorry he ever came to our shores.

I know how Tennessee and Morgan County voted in the last election and I don't see them

going any other way this election so I'll just say go the conservative way and maybe we can save America a little longer.

I hope the people in the blue or swing states wake up and really study the Trump administration and the Biden administration and compare them. Let me tell you folks there is a big difference. Both might lie but the liberals are notorious liars.



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**Roger Beasley, 70
United States Army Veteran**



Roger leaves behind his wife of 45 years Amanda Robertta Beasley; son James Tobey Beasley; brothers Alfred, Hawk, and Oral Beasley; sisters Kay Dixon, Lou Beasley, and Bessie, grandchildren Christopher, Brenton, Woodrow, and Spook Ooten and a host of nieces, nephews and extended friends and family. Special "Thank You" to caregivers Adonya, Cody, and Adam for everything they done during this difficult time.

Roger Beasley, age 70, of Lansing passed away Sunday, September 15, 2024 at his home. He was born June 14, 1954.

Roger enjoyed logging, fishing and was a United States Army Veteran.

He is preceded in death by his parents James & Thelma Beasley; daughter Monica Marie Beasley; son Roger "Bubb" Beasley; brothers Johnny, Charlie, and Owen Beasley; sister Pluma Gilreath.

Rogers wishes is to be cremated and no services will be scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Roger Beasley.



Obituaries must come from a funeral home to be in the newspaper.

Psalm 123:1

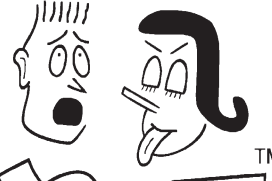
**Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.**



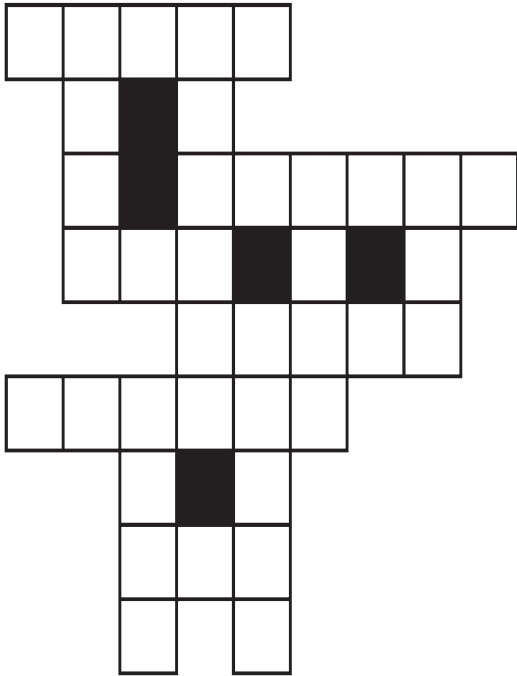
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By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!



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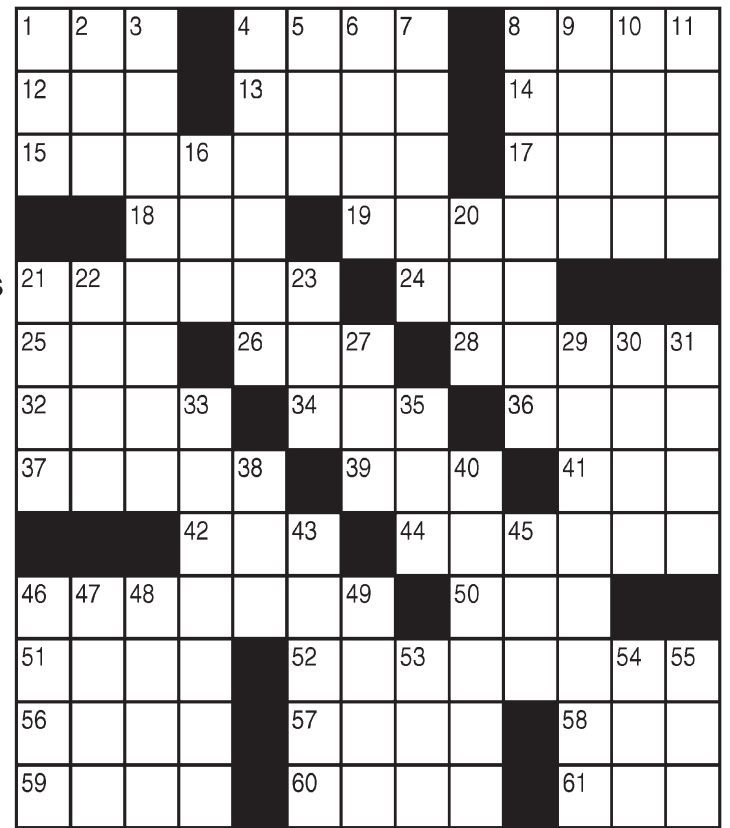
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Peron of Argentina
- 4 Siestas
- 8 First light
- 12 Bud
- 13 — Major
- 14 Actor Morales
- 15 German shepherd
- 17 Teen hangout
- 18 Resistance unit
- 19 Church top-per
- 21 British party
- 24 Louvre treasures
- 25 Khan title
- 26 The "G" of LGBTQ
- 28 Doesn't buy



- 32 Clothing store section
- 34 Gender
- 36 Stratagem
- 37 Green sauce
- 39 Teeny
- 41 Shriver of tennis
- 42 Rainbow shape
- 44 A Karamazov brother
- 46 Stew flavorer
- 50 Chi follower
- 51 Genesis brother
- 52 Music school concerts

- 7 Dasher's boss
- 8 Agriculture goddess
- 9 Pronto
- 10 Humpty's perch
- 11 Egyptian river
- 16 Sashimi fish
- 20 Goof up
- 21 Pack (down)
- 22 Curved molding
- 23 Airline to Sweden
- 27 Evergreen type
- 29 Wedding
- 30 Despot
- 31 Big rig
- 33 Bought time
- 35 Deleted
- 38 Tram load
- 40 Realm
- 43 Ersatz chocolate
- 45 Follower (Suff.)
- 46 Wild party
- 47 "Peek- —!"
- 48 Holler
- 49 Disaster aid gp.
- 53 Scoundrel
- 54 Long. crosser
- 55 CIA operative

DOWN

- 1 Clean air org.
- 2 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
- 3 Losers
- 4 Eggnog sprinkling
- 5 "Entourage" agent
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- Which group had a hit with "Dancing Machine"?
- Who released "Knock Three Times"?
- Which group released "Bad to Me"?
- Name the group that released "I Can't Get Next to You."
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Maybe I didn't treat you quite as good as I should have, Maybe I didn't love you quite as often as I could have."

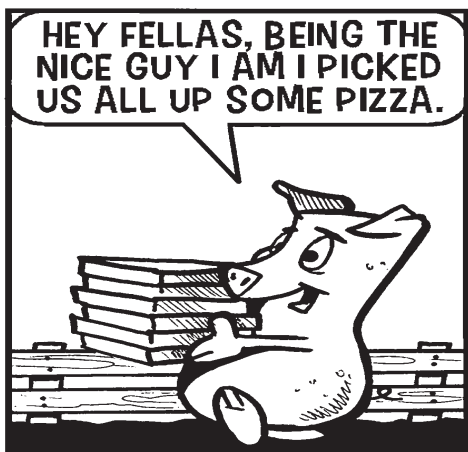
Answers

- The Jackson 5, in 1974. Michael helped popularize the robot dance with "Dancing Machine." The group netted a Grammy nom for Best R&B Performance for the song but lost to Rufus and Chaka Khan.
- Dawn, later known as Tony Orlando and Dawn, in 1970. Singing with the two Dawn ladies while on tour was supposed to be temporary, but was continued when all three liked the arrangement.
- Billy J. Kramer & The Dakotas, in 1963. The song was written for the group by Beatle John Lennon and recorded at the Abbey Road Studios.
- The Temptations, in 1969.
- "Always on My Mind," by Gwen McCrae in 1972. Brenda Lee released a cover three months later, followed by Elvis Presley the same year and Willie Nelson in 1982.

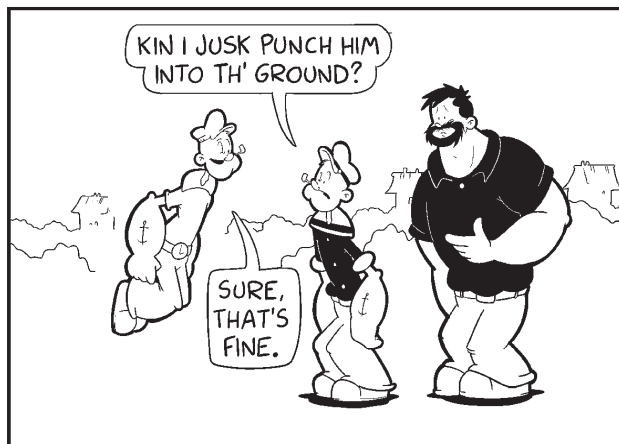
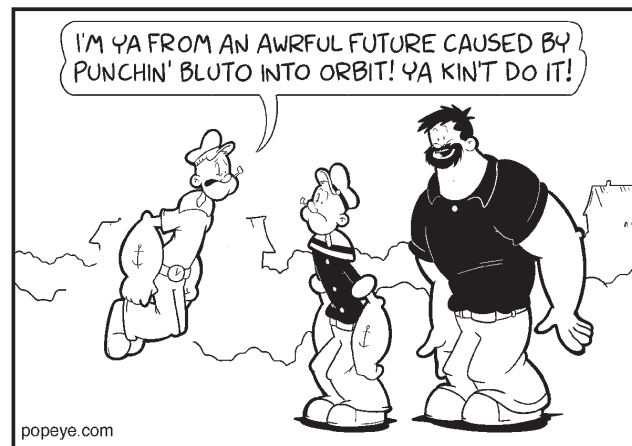
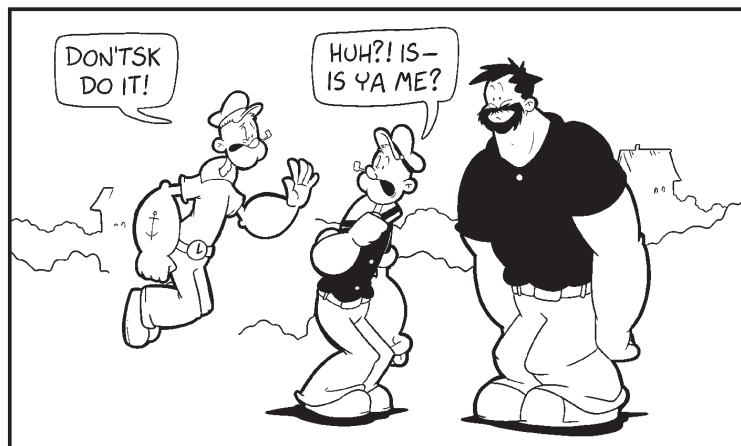
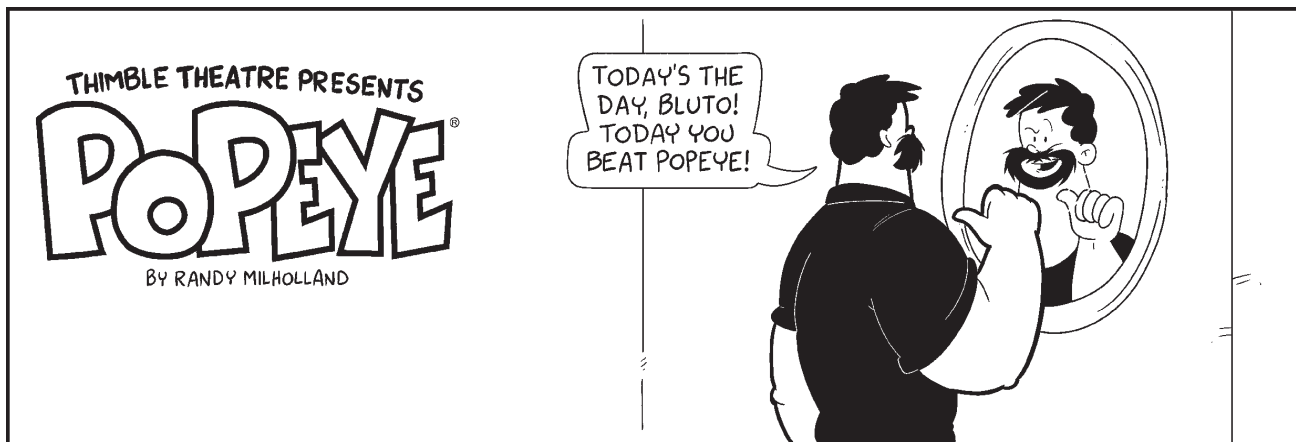
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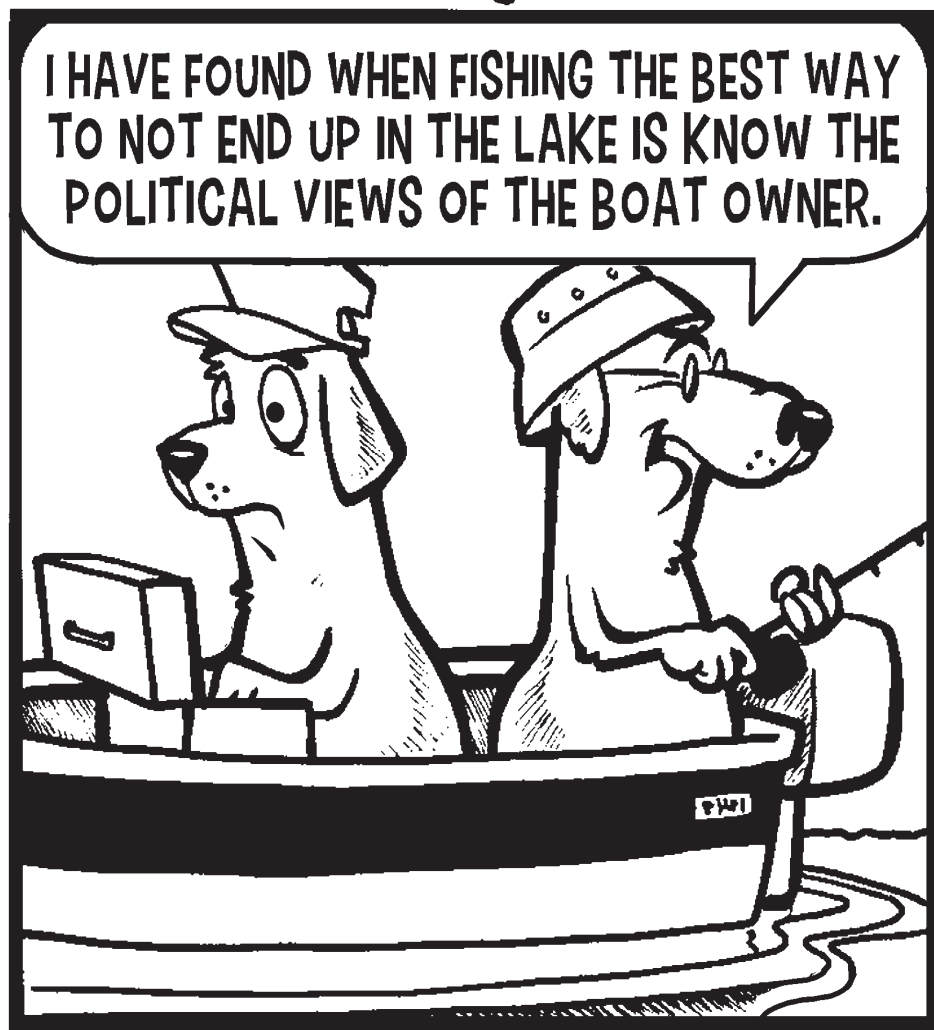


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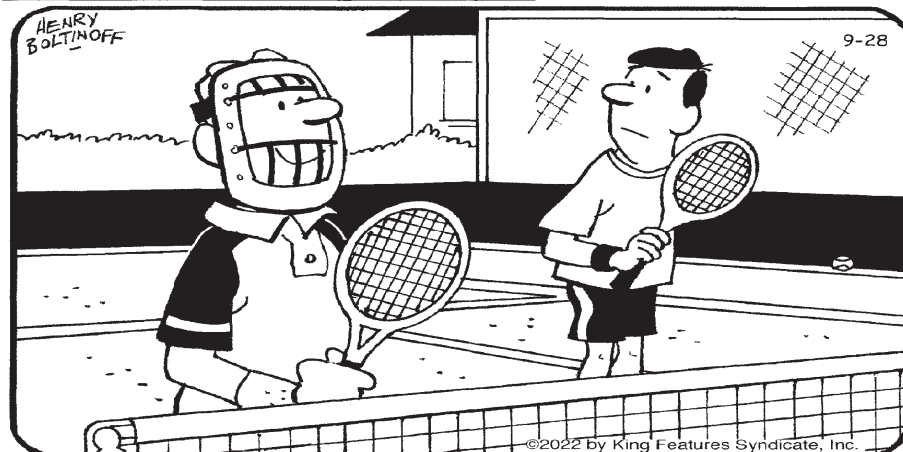
Just Like Cats & Dogs

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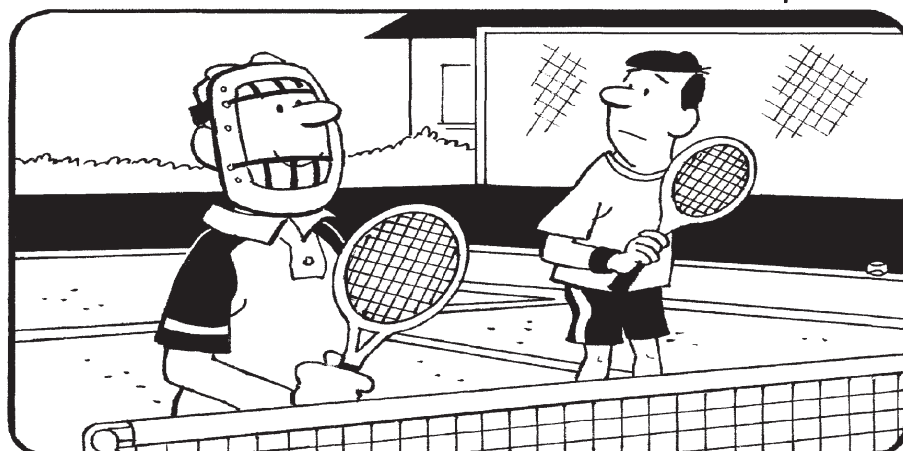


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Ball is moved. 3. Wristband is missing. 4. Facemask is different. 5. Fence is not as high. 6. Hedge is lower.

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Oakdale vs Greenback - L 6-34



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Sunbright vs Midway - L 8-35



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Theft of IRS checks



David Zubler
Columnist

A recent surge of IRS refund check mail thefts has gathered attention and scrutinization from Congress.

According to the IRS, the average refund check in 2024 totals around \$3,050. The thefts have created a financial hardship for low-income Americans who count on their refund checks to pay for everyday living expenses.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported that reissued IRS refund checks were reported stolen in some instances. The Committee has

called on the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to launch an investigation into the escalation of these thefts, the goal being to determine the volume, frequency, locations, and methods used when checks are stolen from the mail. The Committee has also asked that the TIGTA and OIG also specify what changes should be made to prevent such thefts from happening in the future.

If your refund has been reported as delivered but you have yet to receive it, you can file Form 3911 (Taxpayer Statement Regarding Refund) to provide information to the IRS to trace the nonreceipt or loss of an issued refund check.

If your stolen check was not cashed, you could receive a replacement once you show proof of the canceled original check. If your check has already been cashed, you will receive a claim package from the Bureau of the Fiscal Service. Included in the package will be a copy of the cashed check. Once you complete the claim package, it can take up to six weeks for the Bureau to complete its review.

There are several ways to help prevent your refund from being stolen.

- Using direct deposit will prevent your refund from being stolen in the mail. However, some people have concerns about government knowledge of their bank accounts. If this is the case, you could set up a bank account to be used solely for the purpose of receiving your refund.

- The FBI recommends registering your address with USPS Informed Delivery, which allows you to receive updates on what's coming to your mailbox. This will also enable you to use your email to see photos of your mail before it arrives in your mailbox.

- You can also use the IRS's "Where's My Refund" Tool to get updates about when to expect your check.

The United States Postal Inspection Service reported that more than 1,000 arrests for stolen mail occurred between May 2023 and March 2024.

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Historically Speaking

Meet Kenneth D. Nichols, the Father of Oak Ridge - Honing Engineer Qualifications (1932-1939)

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Barbara Scollin, grandniece of Major General Kenneth D. Nichols continues her series on his life. This column gives insight into his early career. We learn more about his engineering background and exposure to the German military build-up eventually leading to his assignment to the Manhattan Engineer District.

Ample reasons, most notably leadership skills, personality traits and qualifications, led to choosing General (then Colonel) Kenneth D. Nichols as Deputy District Engineer and subsequently as District Engineer of the Manhattan Engineer District (MED). In this capacity he had supervision of the research and development connected with, and the design, construction and operation of all plants required to produce plutonium-239 and uranium-235, including the construction of the towns of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Richland, Washington.

The responsibility of his position was massive as he oversaw a workforce of both military and civilian personnel of approximately 125,000; his Oak Ridge office became the center of the wartime atomic energy's activities. He also was responsible for internal security operations in the production facilities that helped keep the development of the atomic bomb secret.

In 1932 Kenneth "Nick" Nichols earned his Civil Engineering degree at Cornell University and married Jacqueline Darriulat. In 1933, returning to Cornell, he earned his Master of Civil Engineering. When not earning degrees, he was assigned duty at the Vicksburg U.S. Waterways Experiment Station under director General (then Lieutenant) Herbert D. Vogel eventually working as Vogel's Assistant Director.

Nick credited Vogel of having "more influence than any other one individual on my career." General Vogel and his wife became lifelong friends to Nick and Jackie; Nick and Vog worked together as late as the 1980s.

Flood control was Nick's primary focus in Vicksburg as he explained, "We could reproduce either the 1927 or 1929 [Mississippi River] flood by feeding all the information into a model, then we would try to change the model to find new ways of controlling flooding."

On one project, Nick worked directly with General Ferguson, sometimes meeting at 2 a.m., watching the models create Ferguson's planned changes to prevent flooding. He witnessed firsthand how to finesse awkward situations between military commanders when one was on site dealing with the work at hand and the other was miles away (a skill Nichols would perfect).

At Vicksburg Nick developed another of his characteristic skills – diplomacy. He recalled, "The District Engineer, Major John C.H. Lee, was a rare character with a unique stature and temperament. We realized it would be a delicate matter to tell him that his staff had made a serious error, but we found a way to do it diplomatically. We advised him that we couldn't get our model to behave properly using his plans and asked him to come to Vicksburg to help us. Once he saw the model in operation he said: 'Well, let's reverse the location of the dikes; they're obviously on the wrong side.' At times we research lieutenants discovered ways to cooperate and yet influence our superiors."

Vog advised Nick to study hydraulics at the Technische Hochschule and the Prussian



2nd Lieutenant Kenneth D. Nichols Student Officer identification card, University of Berlin Germany 1934-1935 (Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Office of History)

Experimental Station in Germany. The European models for open-channel hydraulics, specifically how to operate a tidal machine, was unknown to American engineers at that time. So, off Nick and Jackie went to Germany in the fall of 1934. What an experience!

To Germany, Nick brought: "a most interesting document ... dated June 30, 1934, the night of the Big Purge, and it awards me the fellowship ... There's a PS: 'Due to an unforeseen circumstance, Herr Dr. Von Morsebach [Director of the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst] was unable to sign this letter' with his secretary's initials. He wasn't killed, but he came damned close to it. He was locked up in a concentration camp for six months.... He finally sent word to me, 'Don't try to see me. I came close enough. I don't want any contact with any foreigners.'"

By the time of their arrival, Hitler had consolidated his power, and a police state existed. Nick recalled: "Our German hausfrau asked, 'Why do you buy your ice cream at that Jewish place?' My wife replied, 'Just because they've got the best ice cream.' She said 'Well, you may get a brick thrown at you sometime.'"

Nick and Jackie took a crash course in German at the University of Berlin. Although some German was spoken in Nick's childhood home, he never became fluent. He concentrated on technical German to understand lectures and actually gave a lecture in German to fellow students. Impressively, Nick's Ph.D., Doctor of Engineering dissertation was written in German and covered 'The Observed Effect of Geometric Distortion in Hydraulic Models'. (Circumstances led to no award of a doctorate in Germany. More on that later.) Undoubtedly, his ability to understand German and other foreign languages helped when communicating with many scientists in the Manhattan Project who had fled Nazi Germany.

Nick witnessed firsthand the military build-up in Germany and was convinced America had to stop Hitler. He recalled, "I took a trip along the entire North Sea coastline of Germany with 30 German fellow students. At one site, as we were looking down into a gun emplacement under construction, a German Captain of Engineers frankly admitted they were anticipating war, although Hitler was publicly declaring 'there will be no war' ... I turned in a report to the military attaché [Percy Black in Berlin] and also the Chief of Engineers on what I had observed. I wrote it after I left Germany..."

"The [German] military was not ardent for war, but they were ardent for violating the Versailles Treaty and rebuilding an Army..."

"I had free access to the Versuchsanstalt to work with tidal models. Only at the ship model testing channel did I have to give advance notice where I knew they were testing submarine models and cruiser models, and they'd always have them covered up when I came in..."

"I wasn't allowed to visit the submarine base at Kiel. The professor told me: 'We don't ever want you to hear a German official reveal that we are violating the Versailles Treaty.'"

By 1936 Nick's tours of duty at Vicksburg and Germany ended; he was promoted to First Lieutenant. West Point wanted Nichols to study concrete for their new laboratory, so he attended classes at Iowa to become an expert. His doctoral thesis, accepted by the University of Iowa, led to an American Society of Civil Engineers Collingwood Award. Earning his Doctor of Philosophy in Hydraulic Engineering, he also graduated first in his class for the Engineer Company Officer's Course at Fort Belvoir, VA, both in 1937.

Nick returned to West Point to teach military history, engineering and advanced civil engineering for two years. A complete new set of maps particularly dealing with the Napoleonic battles were developed and no doubt prepared cadets for the upcoming 'moving' warfare.

District Formation. I am sure looking forward to that one!

Vacationing in Europe in 1939, Nick was interested in visiting all of Napoleon's battlefields to see the terrain for his military history classes and developing an entire lecture on the problems with the Maginot Line. Carrying a private letter from West Point Librarian, Colonel Farman, Nick unofficially was allowed privileged access to the Maginot Line.

Nichols recalled, "I was able to visit a fort just out at the angle in front of the Metz [sector of the Maginot Line] ... I was able to talk with General Brousseau and other French officers about the military situation and their strategy. General Brousseau outlined to me the major political problem France had in extending the Maginot Line to the sea.

"If France put the line along the French-Belgian border, then France would be relinquishing Belgium to the Germans, whereas placing the line along the Belgium-German border definitely committed Belgium and required their agreement. Consideration of Holland further complicated matters. The various governments never did resolve these political problems..."

Historically Speaking Meet Kenneth D. Nichols, the Father of Oak Ridge - Honing Engineer Qualifications (1932-1939)

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

"I went to the [Paris] military attaché ... and said that I had been in the [underground] fort and wanted to know what he knew about the surface so I could locate where I'd been. ... At first, he was not too cooperative because he didn't see how anybody could get in. He said he's been trying to get people in there for the last two years.

"So, I told him how I'd arrived at it, and he said, well, he would give me the data... that I needed to make the report better. And I sent him a copy. And also, I reported it to the Chief of Engineers. ... Nobody except Colonel Farman at West Point knew I was even going to try... Anything I observed was solely in my head until I revealed it to the military attaché in Berlin."

The military attaché in Paris assured Nick, "You're perfectly safe [to leave Europe] ... The war won't start until the 31st of August." Traveling from France to Germany via Switzerland, Nick was asked by Percy Black, military attaché in Berlin, to "watch all the black trucks. ... 'I'm trying to diagnose whether they're going to hit Poland or France ... notice the loaded trucks. Look at their springs and count 'em, keep a mental note of it, but not written. And when you get to Berlin, I want you to tell me how many empties going each way and how many trucks going each way'... By the time I got there he said '... you're just confirming what conclusion I have. It's Poland.'"

The day after Nick returned to West Point from Berlin, Hitler's war machine invaded Poland. Nick's comprehensive post-graduate



Nichols maintained close relations with West Point his entire life.
L to R: Brig General Nichols, Maj General Maxwell D. Taylor, Superintendent USMA at West Point, and Maj General Leslie R. Groves. Press Conference, MED Administration Building, October 1, 1946.
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studies as well as exposure to the Nazi military rise and German mindset prepared him for the engineering challenges he would soon face as well as a world headed for war.

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Thanks to Barbara Rogers Scollin, grandniece of General Kenneth D. Nichols, for a most informative insight into some aspects of his life that

I have never known. This series is providing details about our "Colonel Nichols" that I am sure is not be widely known. Next Barbara will bring us a column titled, Manhattan Engineer

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Becoming the Nun



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

Vs. 106 I have sworn and confirmed, that I will keep your righteous judgements.

Vs. 107 I am afflicted very much; Revive me Oh Lord, according to your word.

Vs. 108 Accept, I pray the free will offering of my mouth, Oh Lord, and teach me your judgements.

Vs. 109 My life is continually in my hand, yet I do not forget thy law.

Vs. 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have not strayed from your precepts.

Vs. 111 Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

Vs. 112 I have inclined my heart to perform your statutes, forever to the very end.

We now encounter 8 verses in the acrostic psalm of King David that all begin with the Letter Nun. It is the 14th letter of the Hebrew alphabet with a numerical value of 50. The nun is defined as the faithful one. The Nun is the symbol of the fish.

Being faithful in King David's eyes, revolves around harnessing himself to every letter in the word of God. David exercises faith, by believing in the promises of God, given to Adam, Noah, Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and all other writers of the Bible.

50 is the number of days between Passover and Pentecost, when the Church of Jesus Christ was birthed in Jerusalem. 50 symbolizes God's faithfulness to Israel and humanity in providing a promised Messiah, a coming King, and the comforter to lead and guide us into biblical restoration.

The morning after Passover in 32 AD, began the feast of unleavened bread. Leaven is a symbol of sin. The Jews were required to purge their life from the leaven in their homes after the Lamb has been slain, and the blood is offered to cover their unrighteousness.

2 Moonrises and 2 sunrises after Passover is the morning of the resurrection. It is the resurrection, leading to the feast of Pentecost. 7 weeks are determined to count the Omer. This is a symbol of God's provision. Leading to Pentecost and the celebration of firstfruits.

The barley harvest has always been how God keeps time. The Omer counting proves God's faithfulness in providing all of our needs according to his riches in glory. 7 years is a Shemitah. 7x7 years are 7 Shemitahs leading to the Jubilee of the 50th year.

The Jubilee year is the year of return and incredible double portion blessing. The 50-year Jubilee is how God established how he keeps time in relation to the nation of Israel and spiritual Israelites, the Jubilee is affecting our lives as I pen these words.

In the Jubilee year, the land is not planted or harvested for the 2nd year in a row. The Jubilee required Jews to have incredible faith in God's promise to feed the nation. The Nun is our call to become fishers of men and receive our double portion blessing.

The Jubilee is tied to the 7-year shemitah established by God in Leviticus, mirroring the command given to Adam to work 6 days and rest on the 7th day. The Jubilee is about restoration, return and a sabbath rest for God's covenant peoples. Lucifer has hijacked God's jubilee cycle. He has attacked Israel every 50 years for a long time. October 7th, proved this. 50 years to the day since Israel was last attacked and on the same day. Israel's history and God's biblical timeline are intrinsically linked to events now affecting every aspect of the geo-political world.

Hamas cowards attacked Israel on the day every Jewish man was required to be in his home to celebrate the day of atonement called Yom Kippur. It is the holiest day on the Genesis calendar for the Jewish remnant living in Israel today.

On Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit fell upon 120 Jewish believers in Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, birthing the church age. Restoration began with the faith of Thomas the doubter. His response should be our answer "My Lord and My God."

The attacks in Israel are a result of national revival occurring in Israel as Jews are coming to Messiah very fast and very often. Satan knows his time is very short. We are returning to the times of the acts of the apostles as Jews in Israel accept the testimony of Jesus Christ as Messiah.

God has turned his attention eastward again. The Church began with Jewish believers and the Laodicean church age is shaping up to be a time where Jewish eyes are being opened by God in Israel. The 7-year prophesied tribulation, begins with the removal of the virgin bride of Christ.

David understood that his kingship pointed to a future kingdom where Messiah would inherit David's throne in Jerusalem. David believed God would birth Messiah through his bloodline. David was totally loyal to the plans of God for his life and his people.

David understood that one day Jesus Christ would occupy his throne in Jerusalem for 1,000 literal years. David understood that God intended to save Gentiles through a Jewish Messiah descended from Judah. David understood that Messiah must first suffer and be cut off so Gentiles could receive the promises of God.

David believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness.

The symbol of the early Church was the fish, never the cross! We are called to take up our cross, never to display the cross, wear the cross, or represent the cross in any other way than our offer to the fallen world of unending mercy.

We are called to become fishers of men. The Nun is the symbol of the fish. The fishermen Christ called and anointed to send into all the world understood the danger in believing in Jesus Christ. Many fell away. The coming apostacy will see many more fall away for fear of being persecuted.

Let him who has ears hear what the spirit is saying.

9-18-2024 John Burns

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Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five countries on five continents and all but two states while serving in the military.

He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys writing and teaching God's Word while sharing his faith with a dying world.



Mark Chapter 1



Melvin Howard

Author: Though Mark's name is not attached to this book, the testimony of the early post-apostolic age is unanimous that he is the author. His name was also John (Acts 12:12), and he was the cousin of Barnabas (Col. 4:10). He accompanied Paul and Barnabas on part of the first missionary journey, and later was a cause of contention between the two because he abandoned them on the first trip (Acts 15:3-39), though later redeeming himself (2 Tim.

4:11). He seems to have been a convert of Peter's (1 Pet. 5:13) and to have written his Gospel account from the vantage of that apostle. An ancient writer calls Mark "the interpreter of Peter," and others support that testimony.

Date: the date of composition is not known with certainty, but most likely it was in the mid-to-late sixties, perhaps after the death of Peter. The theory that Mark's record predated and was copied by Matthew is relatively recent and without substance---though widely advocated by liberal writers.

Purpose: Mark's purpose was to portray Jesus as the faithful servant of his heavenly Father, who was always ready to carry out the divine plan with urgency. The term translated "straightway," "forthwith," etc., is employed some fourteen times of Christ's activity in this connection. Mark's Gospel is more chronological in arrangement than Matthew's. This abbreviated edition of the life of Christ was directed to the Roman element of the antique world.

Outline:

1. John's ministry and the beginning of Christ's (1:1-15)
2. The Galilean ministry and beyond (1:16-8:26)
3. Conflict at Jerusalem (8:27-15:47)
4. The resurrection and great commission (16:1-20).

(Mark 1:1-8) The ministry of John the Baptist (Mt. 3:1-12; Lk. 3:1-18): Matthew's Gospel narrative begins with Jesus' legal lineage from Abraham to the Lord's adoptive father, Joseph. Mark's record, addressed to a different audience, begins with the ministry of John the Baptist. Two citations from the Old Testament introduce the theme---first from Malachi 3:1, the second from Isaiah 40:3. The attribution mentions only Isaiah since he is the most prominent of the two. Matthew prefers the expression "Son of David" (with messianic overtones), while Mark identifies Jesus as the "Son of God" (v.1-3). The two titles complement one another.

Malachi speaks of one who will prepare the way for "Jehovah" (3:1). The "messenger" is John; the speaker in that context is Jehovah. Mark's application of the text to Christ is a powerful argument for the deity of Jesus. John administered an immersion in water that was preceded by "repentance," and the purpose was "for the remission of sins" (v. 4). Those who rejected John's baptism rejected the council of God and stood condemned (Lk. 7:28-30). For a discussion of John's ministry, see Matthew 3:1-12).

(Mark 1:9-11) The baptism of Christ (Mt. 3:13-17; Lk. 3:21-23): When Jesus was thirty years of age, he came from his home in Nazareth and found John at the Jordan River. The Lord was baptized by John "into" the river, and he subsequently came up "out of" the water---a clear depiction of immersion. The New Testament knows nothing of baptism administered either by the sprinkling or pouring of water upon the candidate. To speak of "baptism" by sprinkling is a contradiction of terms. Christ's divine sonship was authenticated by the Father himself when he ascended from the baptismal water.

(Mark 1:12-13) The temptation (Mt. 4:1-11; Lk. 4:1-13): Matthew says that Jesus was "led" into the wilderness of temptation; Mark uses the term "driven." Mark's term is stronger; Christ was seized with a strong urge to be tested. It was the Father's will that he be a "tried stone" (Isa. 28:16). He not only fasted, but he was in the presence of "wild beasts" (not mentioned by Matthew). Mark's account of the temptation is very brief compared to both Matthew and Luke. From Mark's vantage point, Jesus' entire ministry was a battle with Satan.

(Mark 1:14-15) The theme of John's preaching (Mt. 4:13-17; Lk. 4:14-15; Jn. 4:1-3): The imprisonment of John is mentioned here to date the commencement of Christ's Galilean ministry. John was proclaiming the "gospel of God" (compare with 1:1, "the gospel of Jesus Christ"). The gospel, "good news," was from the Father about the Son; the two were inseparable in purpose (Jn. 10:30). John's message was: "Repent and believe the gospel." Normally, belief must precede repentance. In this case, the Jewish people already believed in God, but they needed to repent of their sins and accept the gospel message regarding Christ as their Savior.

(Mark 1:16-20) The call of the brothers (Mt. 4:18-22; Lk. 5:1-11): Christ encountered Simon (Peter) and Andrew, his brother, casting fishing nets into the Sea of Galilee. He invited them to follow him for a more engaging enterprise---saving souls. They followed. Presently they came upon the brother James and John, who were mending their nets. They too were called, and without hesitation left their father Zebedee with the hired servants (apparently a prosperous business) and went with Jesus. Luke expands the record in an interesting way, which we will discuss later.

(Mark 1:21-28) Miracles in Capernaum (Lk. 4:31-41): Capernaum was a thriving city on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee. On a Sabbath, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at the authority with which he spoke (Mt. 7:28-29). Invading the synagogue that day was a man afflicted with an "evil spirit" (a demon) under the control of Satan. The spirit cried out: "What have we [speaking on behalf of other demons] to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are; the Holy One of God." Demons never spoke disrespectfully of Christ, and their information concerning him was always accurate. Though Satan works, his range of wickedness is limited, and God permitted demon possession for a limited period of time to demonstrate the power of his Son. The spirit knew he was evil and worthy of punishment; further, he was aware that Jesus was "Holy," and "of God."

The Lord rebuked the spirit (thus establishing that this demon was a real entity, not a mere superstition), and the spirit came out of the man's body, convulsing the poor victim in the process, but according to Luke's record, not producing any physical injury (4:35). Those who witnessed the event were amazed and acknowledged that this act demonstrated a "new teaching" reflecting the authority of Christ (v. 27). Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the area.

(Mark 1:29-34) Other miracles (Mt. 8:14-17; Lk. 4:38-41): Jesus came to the home of Peter and Andrew and found Peter's mother-in-law, who lay sick of a "great fever" (Lk. 4:38). The Lord took her by the hand and raised her up, completely healed. Many other miracles were done in Capernaum and a tremendous impression was made upon the whole city. Matthew connected these signs with Isaiah's prophecy (8:17; Isa. 53:4).

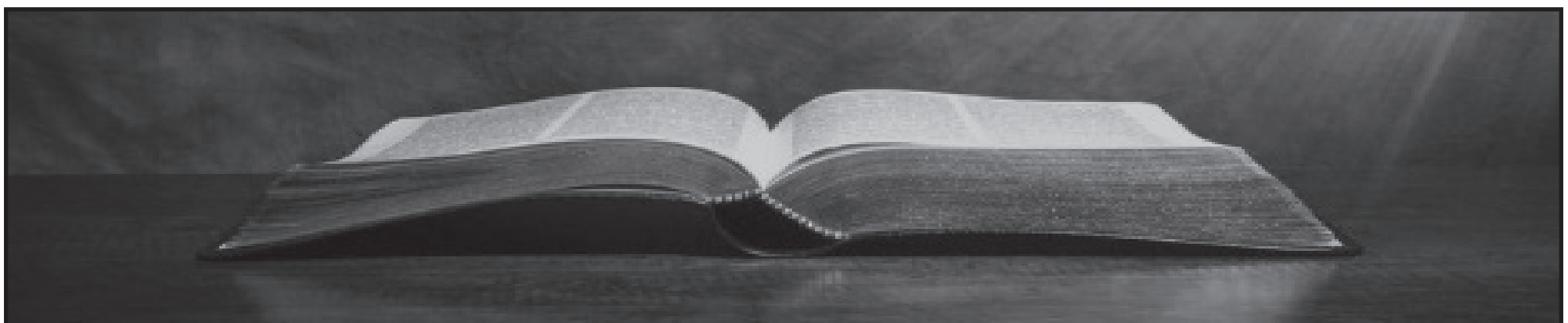
(Mark 1:35-45) Preaching in Galilee (Mt. 4:23; 8:1-4; Lk. 4:42-44; 5:12-16): Early in the morning, Jesus went out to an isolated place to pray. Peter and others followed, urging him to tend to them, but the Lord insisted that other cities needed to hear as well. So he left and traveled throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles to authenticate his message. Mark relates the account of Jesus healing a man afflicted with leprosy (Mt. 8:1). The crowds so thronged the Lord that he was forced to go into less-populated areas where he spent time in prayer (Lk. 5:16).

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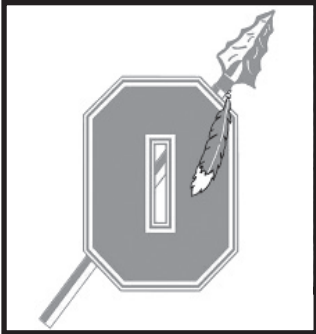
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