

**WORLD PROVERBS - TAXES - APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>** Taxes are taxes - There's no tax on talk yet - Prospering, ya pay taxes.

**SENDING LOVE TO DEAR HEART - BRANDON/SAVANNA/RAYMOND/MARSHA/STEVE/SHARON**

**JOHN BOY** - No change on nodule. **ALMA** - More amputation/slow recovery/keep in prayer/Luv U! **JANICE** - DR pleased on healing/will use roller skate for sometime. **DORIS/LINDA** - Doris using cane/Linda sick last wk. **JOAN** - DR visit this wk/boot off 16<sup>th</sup>/still in wheelchair. **TONIA** - Her mother Patricia fell second time broke hip. **KAYDEE** - Kaydee mother Robin Compston, home from hospital/with much pain. **DORTHY** - Slow infection recovery/weak. **PRAYER REQUEST -** Don Catlett, brother of Julia Ann Catlett, has been suffering with a virus since last Thursday. **JAY BILL** - Had feeding tube installed/extremely weak. **CHARLES ROBERT** - Cousin of Mildred Brewer, leaves April 12 for Phoenix AZ to undergo testing and brain surgery. The lower left lobe has become swollen in addition to earlier discovery of tumor in his right lower lobe.

**ENGAGED** - Tonia Stevenson & Daniel Perry, have announced their engagement this week. Congratulations to them both.

**HEALTH ISSUES** - Virginia, Johnny, Marsha, Mildred, Julie, Linda, Joyce, Donna, Jim, Lena, Helen, Dorothy, Joi, Uncle Ben, Mark, Janice R, and Dale. Please keep'em all in your daily prayers.

**THIS WEEK - PICK UP SEARCH FOR TRUTH CARDS - HAND OUT EVERYWHERE YOU GO**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** - TUNA - REG SPAM - PEANUT BUTTER .... Add to your current list of pantry needs.

**APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> MENU** - CASSERLES of all kinds. Due to Easter, fellowship dinner will be the last Sunday of April.

**MENS ACTION GROUP FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> - TAKE US OUT TO THE DRILLERS GAME - @ 6:30 Pm**

**LADIES ACTION GROUP FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> - HHH's @ 6:30** - Pot Luck/Bunco White Elephant Gift

**MARINE LETTERS** - Hartnauer, Erich D. or Craighead, Greg S. Send Your Letters - 3<sup>rd</sup> BN LIMA CO. Platoon 3243 - 38001 Midway Avenue. Sand Diego, CA 92140-3243

**ONE SOUL OUR GOAL ALL YEAR LONG** - Remember our goal: The elders have said many times they are concerned about the number of people in our area of Tulsa that seem to have no religious beliefs; thus we send out H2H in hopes of changing some to the Lord's way. A study shows 40 % of Baby Boomers are dropouts from formal religion. We have many former members that we would love to impact with the truth once again. But the 40% do not come here; but if anything studied drifts down to one who needs it from our efforts of "One Souls Our Goal" that would be gratifying. Keep praying and working on this.

**WORD OF THE WEEK** - NEEDLE.-Occurring in Matt 19:24 by Christ to show how difficult for a rich man to forsake all to obtain the blessings of salvation.

**BASIC BELIEF** - BELIEF IN GOD: There is the atheist and the agnostic, who contends that one cannot know whether God exists. The biggest rival to faith is neither atheism nor agnosticism. It is materialism where all attention is given to this world with no serious concern for the world to come. Materialism would be energy that is expended on acquiring - houses, lands, cars, clothes, vacations, and unconcerned whether there is a God or not. It is this person who is depicted in the parable of Jesus that was called the Rich Fool. He is in substance saying to himself, "You have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry" (Luke 12:19).

**HUMOR** - A BOY yelled, "I ain't got no crayons!" The teacher smiled and correct him. "You mean, 'I don't have any crayons.' We don't have any crayons. Do you understand?" "I think so," puzzled. "Teacher, what happened to all the crayons?"

**TIP OF THE WEEK** - Time to trim trees/bushes/grass for good growth throughout the summer.

**POWER FOR TODAY** - Those who are faithful will win. We do not know how. We do not know when. But those who are true to our God will participate in His kingdom victory of righteousness and justice. Though we may appear and feel powerless, our victory is sure.

**HEALTH TIP** - These 3 foods help with healthy joints: **Butternut Squash, Kale, Turnips**

**LIFE IN AMERICA** - Truck bomb explodes in Oklahoma City. The blast collapsed the north face of the nine-story building, killing 168 people, including 19 young children who were in the building's day-care center at the time of the blast.

**KIDS TOLD WHAT THEY LEARNED IN CHURCH** - Teacher told how dogs licked Lazarus as he laid begging food. Johnny said, If you lie down with dogs . . . you'll stink in the morning

**IS THE END OF TIME NEAR** - It is interesting that people claim to find clues in Jesus' sermon on the end of time that the one who gave it did not know were there! In the middle of the sermon, Jesus said that "of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matt24:36; cf. Mark 13:32). If we are ready every day for Jesus to come someday, then we will be ready any day He chooses!

**STATESIDE/OVERSEAS - HG SUPPORTED/ BOULDER CO/DAVID HOWARD** - "Abundant Living" retreat and seminar in Estes Park. Since we are the closest congregation to the Estes Park church of Christ we are hoping to go up there for one of the sessions to show our support for this worthwhile effort. There will be series of speakers from all over the country with various interesting topics about how seniors can serve Christ and His church more fully.

**AMERICA YOU DON'T KNOW** - Eighth Amendment: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. The twenty dollar bill contains a constellation on the back, including ninety faint "20"s scattered in yellow.

**LOCK STOCK & BARREL** - 'Ditto' means 'the same again'. Originally an Italian word, it is drawn from the Latin dictum meaning something that 'has been said'.

**DATING HIGH MAINTENANCES LOGIC** - Old Friends are gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! To hold a Diamond, you always need a base of gold!

**NAME OF JESUS** - KING OF THE AGES: 1 Tim 1:17 - Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**LAUGHTER BEST MEDICINE** - NEW NURSE listened while the doctor was yelling, "Typhoid! Tetanus! Measles!" "Why is he going on like that?" The experienced nurse replied, "Oh, he just likes to call the shots around here."

**BRAIN TEASER** - You throw me out when you want to use me and you take me in when you don't want to use me.

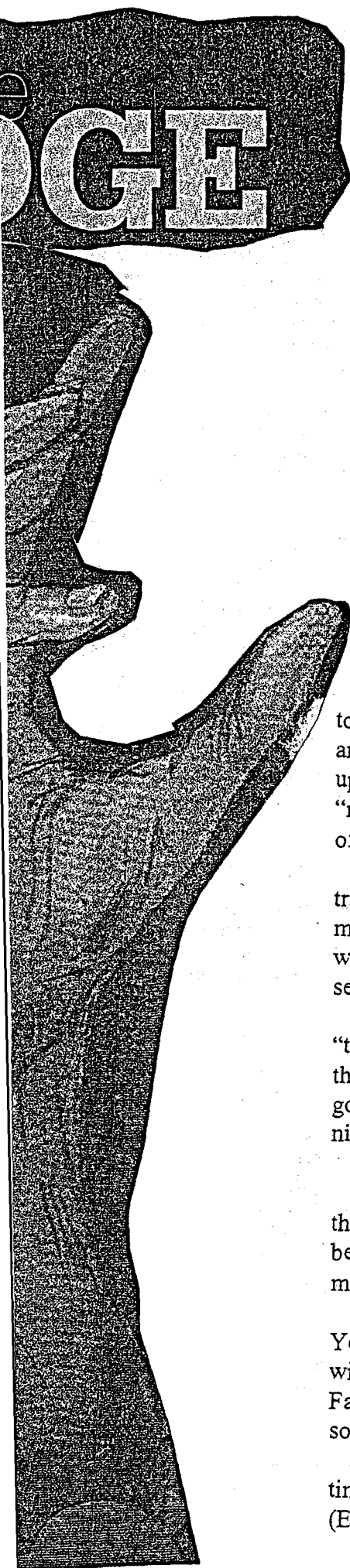
**BIBLE QUIZ** - Salem former name of what place - First city named after a person - Which part Jesus body did Mary anoint with perfume.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** - True faith and courage are like a kite - an opposing wind raises it higher. But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

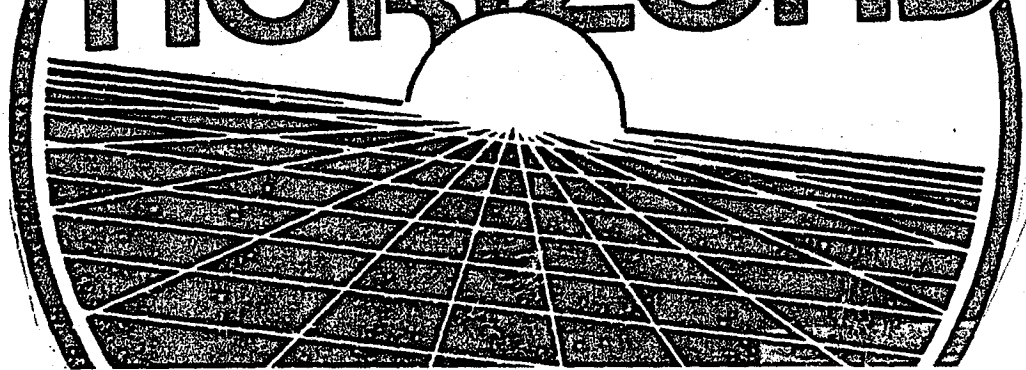
**WEEKLY MEMORIZATION - Cut & Keep - 1 Cor 12:13** - For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

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# EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS



## *A CONVENIENT SEASON*

by Dalton Key

The real tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that so many of us wait so long to begin living it. We ponder and plan, we wish and we wait - yet we never seem to get around to the serious business of life and living. And what a needless waste! to look back upon a lost and wasted life filled with nothing but haunting memories of "going-to's" and "might-have been's." Edward Young was right in describing procrastination as the "thief of time."

As Paul "reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled." (Acts 24:25.) The Roman governor was "terrified" (RSV) by the apostle's bold message of truth, but he put off his obedience, answering lamely, "Go your way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for you." So far as we know, a convenient season never came for Felix.

How much nobler is the example of the Philippian jailer, who, with his household, "the same hour of the night," was baptized into Christ." (Acts 16:33.) Unlike foolish Felix, the jailer realized the importance of responding promptly to heaven's call. He heard the gospel, believed what he heard, and then acted upon what he believed - and all in the same night!

Felix trembled, but the jailer at Phillipi obeyed.

Friend, the time for doing right, for obeying heaven's call, is now. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2.) If you have been procrastinating your obedience to the gospel of Christ, waiting instead for a season more convenient, stop gambling with your soul! Do what you know is right, and do it now.

Perhaps, as a child of God, you have gone back into the world, leaving your first love. You have considered coming home. You have thought about beginning again your walk with the Lord. But up until now you have put off repentance. You'll come back to the Father some day, you imagine. But some day may never come. Please, for the sake of your soul, don't procrastinate! Flesh is fragile, death is certain, and eternity has no end.

"Look carefully how you walk: not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Be not foolish, but understand what is the Lord's will. (Ephesians 5:16,17, McCord.)

Remember this: a "convenient season" may never come.

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## **FAIRY CIRCLES ARE DESIGN FEATURES**

For countless years, mysterious rings up to ten feet in diameter have appeared by the thousands in the south African desert. Local mystics had ascribed the rings to supernatural fairies which were said to be providing cures and curses to the people of the area. Research into the rings has now revealed that they are actually produced by termites, and the efforts of the termites are the mainstay of the fragile ecosystem of these deserts. In the spring, heavy rains fall in the area and cause small patches of grass to grow. Termites have nests deep underground and they eat the grass above their nests. This leaves a barren basin surrounded by grass. Since there is no vegetation in these barren areas and they are surrounded by a ridge of grass and dirt, water is trapped and the underground area around the termite nest is very wet. The grass on the edges sends down roots into this moist area growing so high that grass will sometimes be as much as three feet tall around the barren area. Because of the protection the plants give them, the termites do not eat the plants surrounding the barren area—just the plants that start within the barren area. These large grass hedges provide windbreaks and food for ants, bees, and mammals. They also stop erosion and stabilize the desert 'floor. There are many insects, animals, and plants that allow desert areas to be filled with life. All of them are exquisitely designed for the dry and difficult conditions that the desert brings. Desert rings are just another evidence of God's design. God calls us to look beyond paranormal explanations for the world in which we live, and recognize the wisdom, beauty, and design which speak eloquently of the wisdom of his creation (Psalm 19).

## **DOING THE PENGUIN BIBBLE SLIDE**

Penguins have gotten a lot of attention recently. Most of us have seen the wildlife pictures of emperor penguins rocketing out of the sea to the safety of an ice floe to avoid being eaten by a leopard seal. The problem is that when the speed of the penguin through the water is measured, it cannot go any faster than nine feet a second or about six miles an hour. There is no way at such a slow speed that the emperor penguins could come rocketing out of the water as they do. The question is then, "How do the penguins do this when they would have to triple their fastest measured speed to come completely out of the water in the jump to safety." The answer to this mystery is that the penguins build a bubble slide. Penguins have a dense uniform coat of feathers, and like any bird they can fluff the feathers up to insulate their body with trapped air. In the case of the penguins, the base of their feathers includes tiny filaments just 20 microns in diameter—less than half the diameter of a human hair. Air trapped in the fine mesh of this hair can be released as microbubbles which form a lubricating coat on the feather surface. These bubbles reduce the density and viscosity of the water and lubricate the penguins body. This cuts drag and enables the penguin to reach the speeds that let it escape from the sea and on to the ice floe. The military and the ship builders are trying to mimic this air lubrication system. In 2010 a Dutch company began selling systems that lubricate ships with bubbles. Romans 1 :20 tells us that we can know there is a God through the things he has made. Apparently we can also know how to build better ships that travel more cheaply by imitating God's methods.

## **ARIEL CASTRO AND PORNOGRAPHY**

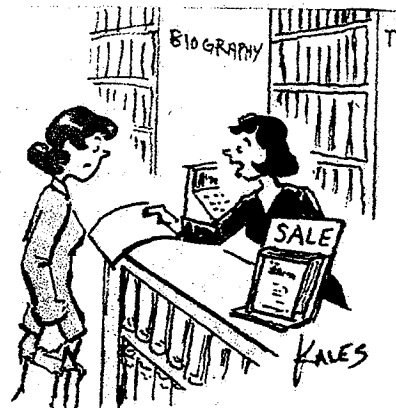
Most of us were appalled at the discovery that three women had been kidnapped and held as sex slaves in a Cleveland, Ohio, home for nearly ten years. Before his suicide death by hanging in his cell, Ariel Castro talked about what led him to rape, beat, and imprison the women. Castro not only was sexually abused as a child, but was addicted to pornography. The claim that the viewing of pornography is a private matter is simply not supported by the evidence. Dr. Victor Cline, a clinical psychologist at the University of Utah wrote in a paper titled "Pornography's Effect on Adults and Children," "The major consequence of being addicted to pornography is not the probability or possibility of committing a serious sex crime (though this can and does occur), but rather the disturbance of the fragile bonds of intimate family and marital relationships. This is where the most grievous pain, damage, and sorrow occur.



The average person finds 10 to 25 coins under his furniture cushions every year, but you haven't reported any."



"It's a text message in a bottle."



"Mysteries? Take the elevator to the third floor and follow these clues."

BTA - A fishing net

Bible - Jerusalem Psa 76:2 - Cain Gen 4:17 - His feet John 12:3