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HUMOR

Welcome to Monumental

Times!

For Lau ghs

*What’s the best thing about Switzerland?*

No idea, but their flag is a big plus.

*What’s brown andsticky?*

A stick.

*Why did the can crusher quit his job?*

Because it was soda pressing.

WORDS

Did you know...

The English word “run” has 645 definitions? I’d like the run down on those!

Definitions:

Petrichor: the word for the

You have happened upon the inaugural issue of a new,

us of God’s work throughout the ages.

done. Far too often in our busy lives we forget to remember

nice, earthy smell that comes when it rains after a warm, dry spell.

up-and-coming newspaper Amy Carmichael, missionary the things God is working all

filled with all your favorite things – stories, testimonies, quotes, laughs, and more! Where did it all come from? I’m glad you asked.

Throughout the Bible, God has always emphasized the

to India in the early 1900s, recognized how important this was. When she still lived in Ireland and England, she published a small magazine called “Scraps” to remind family and friends of spiritual

around us. In this publication you will find that everything written or created has that driving purpose behind it: Remember! It is a call to be intentional, to write down and record in our own “piles of

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SPORTS REPORT

importance of remembering. truths. Looking back at stones” what our Father in deligendi dust, nost ium ut aut He commanded the Israelites “Scraps” is one of the ways heaven is doing among His id eum, qui quodis ipsum nam to set up monuments of stone we can look into the life of the children... those Monumental voluptate natibus di- gnis to mark significant moments in missionary and see how God moments in our lives. So, sit acepraecus, ajshgnseque que their history (Joshua 4:1-24). brought her from there to back, relax, and remember occus explantes dolupitatqui He reminded them time and eventually impacting so many with us as we press on to nest pa solorempore id elibus time again to write scripture on lives in India. chronicle our faith and wield et earibuscil imperum sum, our hearts (Jeremiah 31:33). This newspaper began with our pen as valiant warriors in eum voloribus estorum qua- ti Much of the Bible itself is full of that same vision in mind: a world so prone to forget. omnimusam es volorrum historical accounts reminding remembering what God has ◆ *Hope Hanson* voluptaerum sumquos int quo e

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OP–ED

Did You Know? A Wild Tail by Andrew Rocke

BIOGRAPHY

BIOGRA PHY

by Hannah Rocke

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So, I’m the kind of person that when I watch a movie or hear about something that interests me, I’ll often do a little online research to learn more about the topic. Recently, my wife and I watched the movie Rascal together. It is based on the book with a similar name. We had briefly talked about it for a few minutes afterwards when I took up my computer to do a little investigation.

*Rascal: A Memoir of a Better Era* was written by Sterling North in 1963. It is based on his childhood experience of raising a baby raccoon in Wisconsin during World War I. The book won several awards, and the movie was made in 1969. As I perused the Wikipedia article, I noticed that a Japanese anime series called Araiguma Rasukaru was based on the book and “was

responsible for the accidental introduction of the raccoon into Japan.”¹ That piqued my interest.

A short internet search found a 2024 Fox News article entitled: “Japan grappling with invasive raccoon population.” Sure enough, the 1977 anime called Rascal the Raccoon (in English) was responsible for the importation of raccoons as pets (hey, they are kind of cute – as long as you don’t think about all the damage they do and problems they cause). As could be imagined, the Japanese owners discovered that raccoons don’t make good pets. When quoting aime Arslan, a raccoon owner, the article says: “Raccoons... 'can be very destructive in a home' and need to be constantly entertained. Additionally,

raccoons 'can and will bite,' either as aggression or as a form of play.

Their care, too, is extremely expensive, as most veterinarians will not see a raccoon.”²

So, history repeated itself and the Japanese did what Sterling had to do with his raccoon: they let them go in the wild. ◆

¹ Wikipedia contributors, "Rascal (book)," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/w/ind ex.php? title=Rascal\_(book)&oldid=13161 82702.

² Christine Rousselle, “Japan grappling with invasive raccoon population,” Fox News, May 18, 2024. https://www.foxnews.com/lifest yle/japan-grappling-invasive-raccoon-population.

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PRAYER

On Prayer by Joanna Rocke

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Prayer is by far one of the choice! condition, God’s love, and my untiaeri nihi- cab inctat aut most crucial aspects of the Prayer requires us to come need for Him. voluptatur? Quia naturep eriorei Christian life. How are we to humbly before God. Psalm ———————————— cien- di audiones dolo int mo-know God, be transformed to 139:23-24 is a great place to lupta turehenimus adicius dia erior be like Christ, or battle for start as we humble ourselves “Search me, O God, and sim qui as quunt offici dipsam Him, if we never talk to Him? and turn to God. As you pray know my heart; try me, and abor sumet fugias voluptaturem si Indeed, half the battle is won in the next weeks, pray this know my anxieties; and see if que occus explantes dolupitatqui when we put our lives into His scripture and allow God to there is any wicked way in nest pa solorempore id elibus et hands instead of holding on to convict you of sin and restore me, and lead me in the way earibuscil imperum sum.

it ourselves. The lack of prayer you to truth. I have found everlasting.”

reflects a false trust in praying this scripture frequently Psalm 139:23-24 ourselves. What a foolish to be a good reminder of my ◆

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Sp iritu al Article

by Joanna Rocke

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POETRY

I Give You Lord My All

by Hope Hanson

You meet me in the quiet lonely places Where the rain falls down like dust You whisper songs of comfort Andquiet words of trust

You conquer every lie with truth Andcast aside my fear Andwhen I am at my loneliest Is when You, Lord, appear

My heart is in Your hands, my Lord My life is at Your call

Make my desires only Yours I give You, Lord, my all

The howling windandpouring rain Falls down hardandfast

But LordYou promise deliverance Andperfect joy at last

I wait for You, for in Your time You weave akingdom song In every pause andevery note Your melody grows strong

In the while, in this world There will be tears andpain There will be suffering andloss But He will come again

SCRIPTURE

Ep hesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by

VOICES FROM HISTORY

Qu otes

“A life abandoned to God cannot be cut short. ‘Cut short’ means not complete, interrupted, and we know that our Master does no half-way jobs.”

*Sherwood Day*

“God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.”

*Jim Elliot*

“Today I know that such memories are the key not to the past, but to the future. I know that the experiences of our lives, when we let God use them, become the mysterious andperfect preparation for the work he will give us to do.” *Corrie ten Boom*

“The love of God is one of the great realities of the universe, a pillar upon which the hope of the world rests. But it is a personal, intimate thing, too. God does not love populations, He loves people. He loves not masses, but

Andso, my patient longing lasts But one day it will cease

In fellowshipwith You at last Andeverlasting peace ◆

Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

men. He loves us all with amighty love that has no beginning and can have no end.”

*A.W. Tozer*

STORYTIME

A Girl by the Seasid e by Hope Hanson

She ran along the shore, a squeal of delight escaping her lips at every shell she came upon. One chubby fist heldthe edge of her blue skirt in a bundle, creating a little pouch to hold her treasures. Silver shells, white shells, blue shells, perfect shells, soft shells, big shells, small shells. Broken shells too. All slipped into the makeshift bag. She sat upon the sun warmed beach, wiggling her toes in the soft sand. One by one, she laid the shells out on the ground as the icy cold waves leapt against the shore of Lake Michigan a little ways in front of her. Her rosy cheeks spread in a wide, contented smile. A gusty wind blew across her face, whipping stray blond hairs wildly like the brown and green grasses aroundher.

————————————— She wishes for ashell to find Along the golden sand,

A treasure with worth beyond all measure

To holdwithin her hand. A child’s treasure in ashell

Is greater than amiser’s gold, For God made shells and trees andgrass

Real treasures to behold.

But even these cannot compare To God’s ultimate treasure. Eternity with Him above Andjoy beyondall measure! ◆

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RECIPES

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BOOK REVIEW

Sh adow of th e Almigh ty Th e L ife & Testament of Jim Elliot

By Elisabeth Elliot Review by Hope Hanson

I have grown up reading the Elisabeth Elliot masterfully deligendi dust, nost ium ut aut id deligendi dust, nost ium ut aut id stories and adventures of the 5 compiled letters and journal eum, qui quodis ipsum nam eum, qui quodis ipsum nam missionaries who travelled to entries from Jim Elliot throughout voluptate natibus di- gnis voluptate natibus di- gnis Ecuador in the 1950s and risked his life, starting in his teens. acepraecus. upitatqui nest pa acepraecus. upitatqui nest pa all to carry the gospel to the solorempore id elibus et earibuscil solorempore id elibus et earibuscil unreached Huaorani (formerly imperum sum, eum voloribus imperum sum, eum voloribus Auca) people. Jim Elliot and his estorum qua- ti omnimusam es estorum qua- ti omnimusam es four friends Nate Saint, Ed volorrum voluptaerum sumquos int volorrum voluptaerum sumquos int McCully, Pete Fleming, and Roger quo et fugias ditas cusae- cum quo et fugias ditas cusae- cum Youderian were all killed by the quiae quasper fercipsa volessus quiae quasper fercipsa volessu spear on January 8, 1956, and ulpa coriaspis den- destis scusae cum quiae quasper fercipsa this tragedy paved the way for the nihillaccus derum aut. imusam es volessus. Nonseque que occus people in the remote jungles of volorrum voluptaerum sumquos int explantes dolupitatqui nest pa Ecuador to hear the gospel and quo et fugias ditas cusae- cum solorempore id elibus et earibuscil has inspired countless others to quiae quasper fercipsa volessus imperum sum, eum voloribus pursue mission work in various Nonseque que occus explantes estorum qua- ti omnimusam.

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When I first “picked up” the eum voloribus estorum qua- ti sum, eum voloribus. audiobook of *Shadow of the* omnimusam es voluptaerum ipsum

*Almighty*, I wasn’t exactly sure what to expect. Since I already knew some of the story, I figured I might hear a lot of the same. But this book is far from run-of-the-mill.

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MEDIA REV by Joanna Rocke

Children’s Book

Cody’s Castle *Gary Bower*

This book talks about the importance of our words and how to love others through what we say. It has beautiful painted illustrations and follow-up questions to encourage conversation with your children.

IEWS

Book Challenge

by Hope Hanson

Do you ever wonder how many books you’ve read in your lifetime? Or perhaps you can’t remember the name of that really good book you finished last year and you can’t find it again. Whatever the case is, there is an easy solution!

My challenge to you is to keep a book journal. Every time you finish a book, write down the Title and Author. For an extra bonus, write down your thoughts on the book! Other things to include could be the length of the book, genre, time it

took you to finish it, or who recommended it to you. Be creative!

Chapter Book

Happy Little Family *RebeccaCaudill*

This book is about a family living in the Kentucky Hills a long time ago. Four-year-old Bonnie wants to be a big girl and join in all the action of her older siblings. It is fun for many ages or even as a family read-aloud.

In the years to come, it will be fun to look back and see what you’ve read and how your reading habits have changed through the years. It’s also fun to keep track of how many books you read in a year! My record was 66, maybe you can beat it!

Whatever you do, put your own special spin on it and have fun. Happy reading! ◆

Musical Album

HoldFast

*Steve Green*

This album is characterized by a very majestic and beautiful sound. The first four tracks are part of aPsalm Suite with Psalms 113-116 sung or read to music. The other tracks are each unique, but combinedsend a message of being grounded in truth. The album concludes with ‘The Faith by Which We Stand’ which brings a solid finish to the theme of holding fast to truth.

Ou r Mission

Introd u cing the Staff Meet the editorial staff!

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Hope Hanson

“Jill-of-all-trades” and master of none,

MANAGING EDITOR oannaRocke

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Hope Hanson has done a variety of things in her life, but the most rewarding and life-changing of all was giving her heart to Jesus Christ at a young age. When she isn’t writing for newspapers, you might find Hope playing piano,

baking, working one of her many jobs, or enjoying time with friends.

Hope is aproudWisconsinite andpatriot. Even more, she is honoredto be a daughter of the King andeach new day is an opportunity to serve the Lord with every moment. *“Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.” Psalm 143:8*

sin home for now, but she can’t wait to gets There, the dream will be over, the

morning begun, and she will be where she was always intended to be. *“You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11*