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Count Down To Holidays

Halloween - 20 Thanksgiving -46 Christmas - 75 New Years -82

1 John 1:9

**If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness.**

Psalm 103:12

**As far as the east is from the west, so far has he
removed our transgressions from us.**

“Lest we Forget”



Ephephiphobia: Fear of teenagers

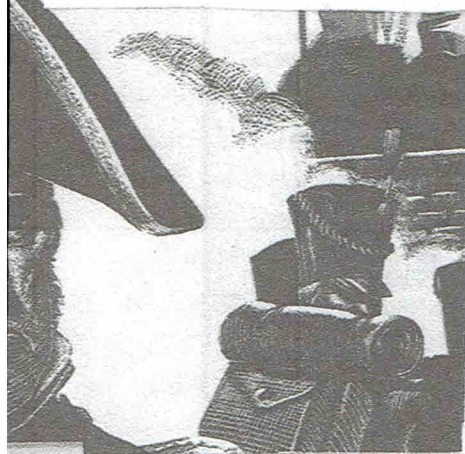
THE CHATEAU OF Villedieu-sur-Indre, France, was both destroyed and rebuilt by a kiss. The owner of the castle, an enterprising youth named Philippe de Chavigny, had stolen a kiss from a beautiful and virtuous damsel named Isabelle de Bommiers. The outraged Isabelle brought the treachery to the attention of the king of France, another Philippe named "the Fair." The king decreed drastic punishment. He ordered the castle owned by the kissing bandit demolished as a warning to others. In 1297 Isaille, who

Arachibutyrophobia: the roof of the mouth
 Nomophobia: Fear of
 Octophobia: Fear of
 Arithmophobia: Fea
 Xanthophobia: Fear
 Globophobia: Fear of
 Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia: Fear of long words
 was more excited than

It was my son's first day of kindergarten, and I

entry who opposed the war made it amounted to nothing because n't, or wouldn't, fight. But they hard. Buena Vista and Cerro ar, were bitter battles, and the ico City was a bloody affair. The ause of the better equipment of superior skill of their officers, not ary Mexican soldiers were cow- to fight. The men in the Ameri- a great deal about war in those

Linonophobia: Fear of string
Phobophobia: Fear of phobias



Philippe as a sign of forgiveness. Thereupon the king gave his permission to the erstwhile malefactor to rebuild the castle, which is standing to this day.

When my parents and my kids FaceTime, my kids won't answer my parents' questions, so I repeat their questions to my kids. Then my parents can't understand what my kids say, so I repeat their answers to my parents. A great time is had by all.

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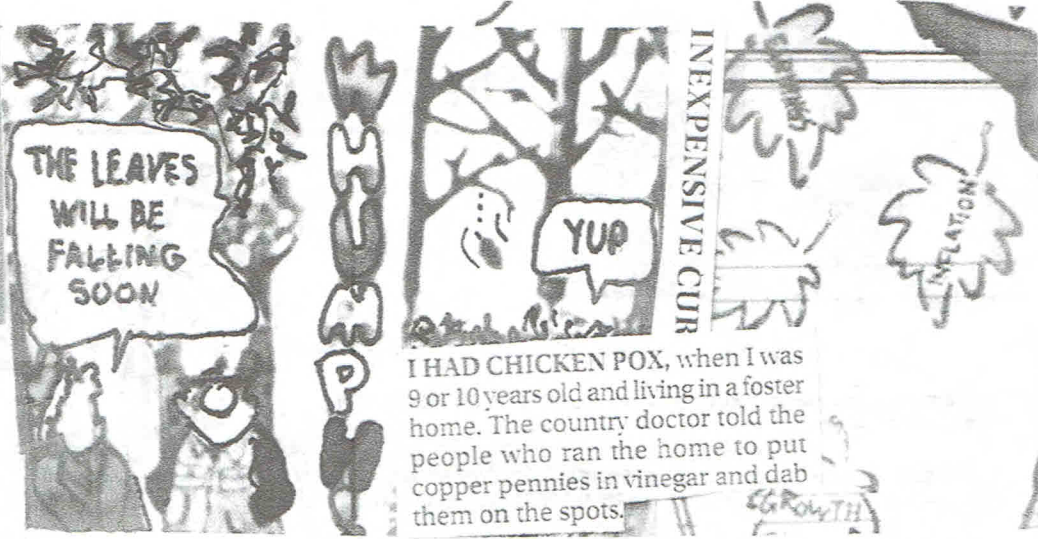
he was. "You'll make new friends, play lots of games and learn new

things," I gushed. When I picked him up at day's end, I couldn't

wait to ask how it went. "Well, I didn't learn

anything new," he said, disappointed. "I bet you'll learn

something new tomorrow," I assured him. With a concerned



While I waited at the deli counter for pastami, my wife went to the pickle bucket. She stood there picking up one

IS ONE CHURCH AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

If this question had been, "Is one denomination as good as another?" then I could answer YES, one denomination is as good as another. But since it asks "Is one church as good as another?" then I must answer NO. Do you want to know what the Bible says regarding this question? Read on!

Denominations are not of the Bible and consequently are not of God. They are of men. Therefore, one denomination is just as good as another when it comes to salvation! When men institute it, establish it, organize it and operate it, then it is not of God. The word denomination means division and separation. Coins are denominations or parts of a dollar. Ones, fives, tens and twenties are denominations of a hundred. A denomination is only a "part" of a thing. It is not the whole of a thing.

The church for which Christ shed His blood and died (Acts 20:28) is not part of something larger. Therefore, it is not a denomination! It is the eternal kingdom prophesied of in the Old Testament (Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-4) and brought into existence in the New Testament (Matthew 16:18; Mark 9:1; Acts 2:1-47; Ephesians 3:2-11). It is the body of the Lord and there is only "one body" (Ephesians 4:4; I Corinthians 12:20). When the Lord comes again He will save His body (church) and only His body (church, Ephesians 5:23).

Since Ephesians 4:4-6 says there is one Lord, one God, and one body, we might as well ask, "Is one Lord as good as another?" Or, "Is one God as good as another?" We cannot answer "yes" to these questions. So then, why would anyone answer "yes" to, "Is one church as good as another?" To say that one church is as good as another is the same as saying, "I don't want the church the Lord established" (Matthew 16:18), "I don't want the church He shed His blood for and died to purchase" (Acts 20:28), "I don't want the church over which He rules as head" (Ephesians 1:22), "I don't want the church He will redeem to be in heaven" (Ephesians 5:23). To say that one church is as good as another would be one of the greatest lies ever told! I'm certainly not going to say it, are you?

The Lord's church wears his name — the church of Christ (Romans 16:16) and follows His Word. What name do you wear and follow?

pickle at a time and dropping it back in.

After a while, the woman at the counter

said, "There are no gold ones there, dear."

mean I have to go

"You look, he asked,



The Season of the Witch

IN 1937, TULSA, OKLA., SUFFERS AN OUTBREAK OF "INFANTILE PARALYSIS" -- POLIO.

THE VIRUS ATTACKS THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND CAN PARALYZE BREATHING MUSCLES. CHILDREN ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE.

A NEW DEVICE, THE IRON LUNG, HAS BEEN PROVEN TO STRENGTHEN THOSE MUSCLES AND SAVE LIVES.

PATIENTS LIE INSIDE A LARGE METAL CYLINDER WHILE A BELLOWS STIMULATES BREATHING VIA PRESSURE CHANGES. SOME STAY IN THE IRON LUNG FOR WEEKS... SOME FOR MONTHS... SOME FOR LIFE.

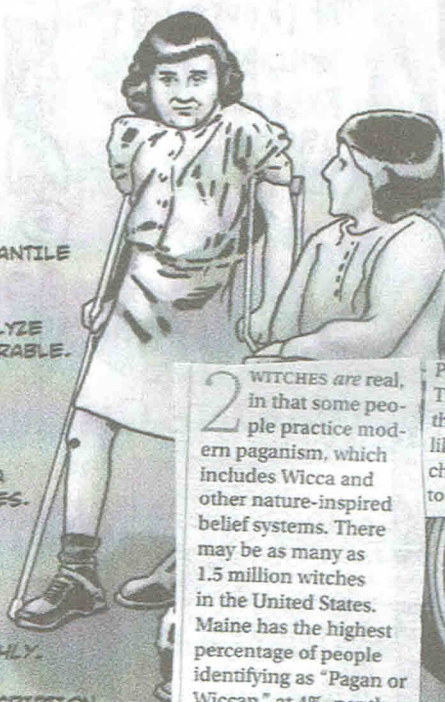
JOE CARSON POST 1 IN TULSA PURCHASES AN IRON LUNG FOR A LOCAL HOSPITAL. THE DONATION IS FEATURED IN THE JUNE 1937 AMERICAN LEGION MONTHLY.

A POST IN HARRISBURG, PA., LAUNCHES A PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN FOR AN ADULT IRON LUNG... THEN PURCHASES ONE CONSTRUCTED FOR CHILDREN!

IN 1939, FREDERICK D. AND IRVING S. CLAIR POST 37 IN PHILADELPHIA PRESENTS TWO IRON LUNGS TO LOCAL HOSPITALS TO MARK THE LEGION'S 20TH BIRTHDAY.

AMERICAN LEGION DONATIONS, INCLUDING OXYGEN TENTS, CONTINUE THROUGH THE 1940s AS POLIO CASES CLIMB. EVEN AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF A VACCINE IN 1955, THE DISEASE STILL MANAGES TO INCAPACITATE SOME PATIENTS FOR LIFE.

1 ACROSS TIME and around the world, people have been (forgive us) spellbound by witches. Enchanting sorceresses appear in folklore, fairy tales and mythology, but also on stage and screen. Far from the stuff of fiction, about 1 in 4 Americans think witches are real, according to a 2025 Gallup poll.



2 WITCHES are real, in that some people practice modern paganism, which includes Wicca and other nature-inspired belief systems. There may be as many as 1.5 million witches in the United States. Maine has the highest percentage of people identifying as "Pagan or Wiccan," at 4%, per the

Pew Research Center. Traditions vary, but these witches are more likely to celebrate the changing seasons than to cast hexes on you.

THE LAST AMERICAN TO RELY ON AN IRON LUNG, MARTHA LILLARD, DIES IN JUNE 2026. DIAGNOSED AT 5, SHE SPENT HOURS EACH DAY IN THE DEVICE, FOR 73 YEARS.

3 IN THE late 1400s, most Europeans believed witchcraft was pure evil—and that witches were in league with the devil himself. Their alleged activities

included cursing those they didn't like, turning people into animals and eating babies. These stories traveled to the New World along with the colonists who began to arrive there, sparking witch trials on both continents.

4 HISTORIANS SAY 100,000 people were prosecuted as witches in Europe and the Americas from the 1400s to the 1700s. Most were women, but in countries such as Iceland, Estonia and Russia, men made up the majority of those charged. There's little evidence that any of the accused actually practiced witchcraft, though they were often pressured (or tortured) into false confessions.

5 AMERICA'S MOST notorious witch trial was in Salem, Massachusetts, in the 1690s. (Coincidentally, the final U.S. witchcraft trial was also in Salem, in 1878.) The town has embraced its history

and is now a tourist destination that welcomed more than 1 million visitors last October alone. If you go, you can wander through the Salem Witch Museum, pop into countless magic stores or participate in a make-your-own-broomstick workshop.

6 IN L. FRANK BAUM'S 1900 classic, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the Wicked Witch of the West carries an umbrella rather than a broomstick. There's no mention of her skin being green in the book, but for the 1939 film adaptation, she was given her signature hue to showcase recent advances in Technicolor cinematography. Actor Margaret Hamilton was coated in toxic copper-based paint daily, and her skin was still tinted green for weeks after filming ended.

