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Maudie's Naughties



Baseball Pals

Two ninety year old men had been friends all their life and played on baseball teams together for many years. They visit each other every day and share stories about some of the games they played. One day, one of the men passes on, and the other spends the next few months reliving the days by himself.

One night he is awakened by a blinding flash of light and a voice that is calling out to him. "Bill, Bill, Bill . . ."

"Who's there," he calls out.
"It's me, Sam! I'm in heaven and I've got some good news and bad news for you. The good news is that it is wonderful here. I'm playing baseball here and having the time of my life!"

"Well," says Bill. "What's the bad news?"
"You're pitching next Tuesday!"

David

A woman is filling out some forms for a census worker. The census worker asks her how many children does she have? "Ten," she replies. The worker asks her, "What are their names?"

The woman answers, "David, David, David, David, David, David, David, David, David, David."

"They're all named David!" says the surprised clerk. "How do you get them to come in from playing outside?"

"That's easy," she replies. "I just call 'David,' and they all come running or 'David, come eat your dinner,' and they all come running."

"And, what if you just want ONE of them to do something?"
"That's easy, too!" says the woman. "I just use their last name!"

New Manager

The manager of a large office notices a new guy one day and tells him to come to his office. "What's your name?" he asks the new guy. "Steve," the new guy replies.

The manger scowls, "Look . . . I don't know what kind of namby-pamby place you worked for before, but I don't call anybody by their first name. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my employees by their last name only . . . Smith, Jones, Baker . . . That's all. I am to be referred to as Mr. Watson. Now that we've got that straight, what is your last name?"

The new guy sighs, "Darling, my name is Steve Darling."
"Okay, Steve . . . the next thing I want to tell you is . . ."

Goodbye, Mother!

A man is walking through the supermarket picking up a few things when he notices an old lady following him around. When he gets to the checkout line she is there, so he lets her go in front of him.

"Pardon me," she says. "I'm sorry if I keep staring at you. It's just that you look so much like my son who died recently."

"I'm sorry," he answers. "Is there anything I can do?"
"Yes," she replies, "As I am leaving, can you say, 'Goodbye, Mother!'" It would make me feel so much better."

"Sure," he says, thinking it was an odd request but no harm could come from it. As the woman is leaving he calls out, "Goodbye, Mother!"

He steps up to the checkout counter and finds that his total is \$127.50. "How can that be?" he asks, "I only got a few things!"

"Your mother said you would pay for her," says the clerk.

Lost Luggage

Airport police find a drunk staggering around the terminal of the airport. They are getting ready to take him to jail, but the man is crying so horribly, they decide they had better find out what the problem is, so they ask him if it's because he is homesick.

"No," he replies, "I've lost my luggage."
"Well," they ask him. "How did it happen?"
"The cork fell out," he cries.

Magic Room

A man who lives the simple life is visiting a mall for the first time with his son. They are amazed by everything, but more so by two silver doors that open up to reveal a small room. They watch in amazement as people step into the room, the doors close, and it comes back empty or with someone different inside. As they are watching, an ugly, fat lady goes inside, the doors close behind her. They watch as the numbers change and a few minutes later, the doors open again and out steps a beautiful, young blonde.

"Pa," says the boy, "Are you going inside the room?"
"Nah," says the man. "But run home quickly and get your mother!"

Letters To The Editor

Focus on Seeking New Irvine Businesses

It is with great concern, in reading the news, that Irvine powers-to-be are considering raising the taxes and privilege/franchise fees in Irvine. This is partly due to lack of revenue from the businesses leaving downtown Irvine.

I dare say that is certainly not the fault of us local businesses that are struggling to remain downtown.

So . . . who is to blame for this lack of revenue or businesses leaving? Could it be the city council, the mayor, the county judge, or some of the greedy, unconcerned landlords that own the buildings in downtown? Either you want businesses downtown or you want vacant buildings!

Why not appoint a special committee, on our city council, to focus solely on seeking/soliciting new businesses by offering some incentives for potential businesses . . . tax breaks, rental subsidies, granting permits with a reasonable time frame, and persuade landlords to upgraded the buildings downtown to entice new businesses? Who benefits from an empty building? Certainly not the landlord, definitely not the City.

My sincere condolences to those two (2) businesses on Main Street that have closed within the last two (2) weeks.

Listen to the voices of the people who are decrying that downtown Irvine is dying off.

Respectfully submitted by
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No Need For Alcohol Sales

To: The Editor

Thank you, Paul Groves, for your July 18th letter to the editor. I would hope that all Christians would agree Estill County & Irvine does not need alcohol sales. We have enough drunk drivers on our highways and making it so readily available will only enhance the sales of more alcohol.

Even if the economic impact were to be greater than anyone could imagine, I have to agree with you, Mr. Groves, I do not believe it would improve our community. With alcohol sales in Irvine, yes, there will be more revenue, but let us not forget, with many impaired from alcohol, there will be more wrecks and more arrests. NOW, where has our revenue gone? I see no profit at all.

Everyone wants to show what a "good time" partying and drinking can be, but they fail to see the impact it can have when an intoxicated person gets behind the wheel

of an automobile and severely injures or kills innocent men, women and children.

Unfortunately, those drinking sometimes don't even get hurt. It was reported on television that 30 million Americans DRIVE DRUNK every year. Alcohol-related accidents have caused ALL our auto insurance rates to be higher.

There are a lot of people that could care less what God has to say about anything, let alone alcohol. I encourage you to read **Proverbs 20:1**, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Friends, how wise are you? WE WILL beheld accountable for what we do, say and even the way we vote.

Forty years ago, during a wet/dry election, my mother, Laura Williams, wrote this poem. I would hope you will read it. It is as true today as it was then.

Sincerely,
Doris Williams Moore

OUR COUNTY

by Laura Williams

Wake up, Dear Friends of Estill County,
How can you be so blind?
Can't you see what the devil is trying to do,
Beware of what you sign.

Maybe you were tricked into signing a paper,
Or promised to vote wet.
You can always break the devil's promise,
There is time left yet.

You have three more days to change your mind,
If you have signed to vote wet.
Be careful, Friends, how you vote,
Don't make a step you'll regret.

You know it is wrong to drink liquor,
You know it is a terrible sin.
Don't take my word, read your Bible:
First Corinthians 6:9 and 10.

Let us keep our county clean and dry
For the sake of our boys and girls,
Their lives are in our hands, parents,
And more precious than all the world.

Some children don't have Christian parents
To lead them along life's way,
It's up to us dear Christian friends
To pray for them each day.

May God bless each citizen of our county,
Regardless of what church you may go.
Let us PRAY before we VOTE, dear friends,
God's way is VOTE DRY, VOTE "NO".

Attention Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, September 5, 2013 and the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

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