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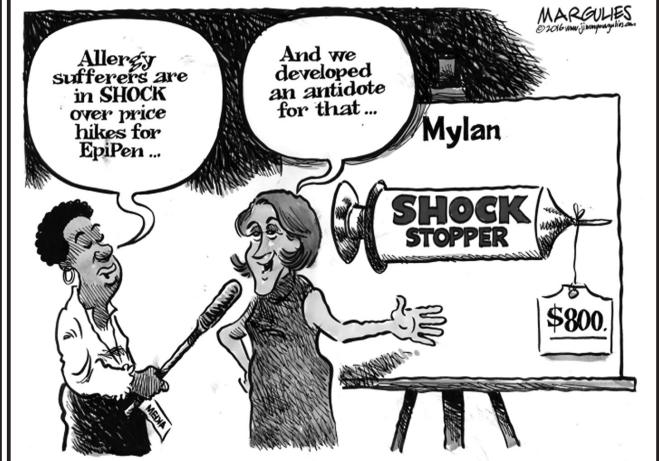
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Father to Son Talk

A father speaks to his pre-teen son, "It's time we had a little talk, my son. Soon, you will have urges and feelings you've never had before. Your heart will pound and your hands will sweat. You won't be able to think of anything else. . . but don't worry, it's perfectly normal . . . it's called golf!"

Parking

A policeman passes a parking lot around midnight and notices a couple inside a parked car. He stops to investigate and sees a man in the driver's seat and a young lady sitting in the backseat, quietly reading a magazine.

The officer knocks on the driver's window and asks what's going on?

"Listening to music," the guy says.

Pointing toward the young lady in the backseat, the officer asks, "And what's she doing?"

"Reading a magazine, of course."

"How old are you?" asks the officer.

"I'm 28."

"And how old is she?"

The guy looks at his watch and says, "Well, in 11 minutes she'll be 18."

Weight Watchers

Mrs. Jones, who is a little on the chubby side, has been attending weight-watchers meetings but has missed a couple. She encounters a classmate on the street who inquires as to where she has been.

"Well," she says. "My husband was the one who insisted I come to those meetings because he would rather be romantic with a woman with a trim figure.

"Well," the lady replies, "What's wrong with that?" "He was visiting her while I was at the meetings."

College Degrees

An accountant, a lawyer, and a cowboy are standing

side-by-side at adjacent urinals.

The accountant finishes, zips up, the scrubs his hands clear up to his elbows using about 20 paper towels. He turns and says, "University of Michigan. They taught us

The lawyer finishes, zips up, and quickly wets the tips of his fingers, grabs one paper towel and comments, 'UCLA . . . they taught us to be environmentally con-

The cowboy zips up, walks out, saying, "University of Texas; they taught us not to pee on our hands."

Newlyweds

A young bride's mother had some old-fashioned ideas of marriage, and passes them on to her daughter.

"Never let your husband see you in the nude," she ad-

vised. "You should always wear something." "Yes, mother," replies the obedient girl.

Two weeks after the wedding, the girl and her brandnew husband are preparing to retire when the guy asks. Dear, has there ever been any problems in your fam-

"Not that I know of," she answers. "Why?"

"Well, we've been married for two weeks now and every night you've worn that silly hat to bed."

Guess Your Age

Three old ornery grandmas are sitting on a bench outside a nursing home when an old man walks by. One of the grandmas says, "I'll bet we can tell how old you

The old man replies, "There ain't no way."

"Sure we can," says another of the grannies. "Just pull your pants down and we can tell your exact age."

So of course, he does what they ask.

The grandmas stare at him for awhile, and finally, after about 10 minutes, they all pipe up and say, "You're 84 years old!"

The old man is stunned. "Amazing! How did you guess

The ornery old grandmas laugh, slapping their knees and grinning from ear to ear; all three happily yell in unison, "You told us yesterday."

Horrible Dream

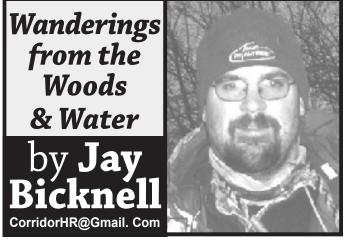
"Doc," says the young man lying down on the couch 'You've got to help me! Every night I have the same horrible dream. I'm lying in bed when all of a sudden five women rush in and start tearing off my clothes."

The psychiatrist nods, "And what do you do?"

"I push them away."

"I see. What do you want me to do?"

The patient implores, "Break my arms."



Weeds

I have had a depressing few days. I got to see how God's word can be perverted. I got to see firsthand how you can get persecuted for holding steadfast on your convictions. I have no deer or dove hunting stories this week. I honestly have nothing to write about. So I want to leave you with a parable in Matthew 13:24-30.

The Parable of the Weeds 24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds

also appeared. 27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did

the weeds come from?' 28 "'An enemy did this,' he

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?

29 "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

This parable is not wordy, but says a lot. The Lord will not tarry on much longer. The world is on fire. The harvest is coming soon. Are you headed to the barn or to the burn pile?

I hope all the hunters who made it afield this past weekend had success and took a little time out to enjoy God's

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Clarification

A concerned reader wrote about my recent recommendation to plant thistle to attract bees, explaining that some thistles are invasive. In fact, in some states it's illegal for such plants to be "sold or propagated." Remember, valuable native plants in some parts of the country can be harmful pests in others.

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A fierce tornado destroyed his home. Finally, when the rains stopped and floods subsided, he returned to look at the damage. All had been destroyed. His home was gone. His belongings had been washed away. There was little more than the foundation and piles of rubble.

But as he stood at the site, dazed and discouraged, he noticed something shining in the midst of a pile of debris. As he looked closely at the glimmering object, he discovered it was a large piece of gold bullion. He did his best to find the owner but to no avail. No one knew where the gold came from or who it belonged to.

After waiting for weeks for an owner to come identify the gold he was

told by his attorney and the police department to keep what he had found. What the flood destroyed and took from him also brought him wealth.

Many of us have stories that are similar to this one. What we once viewed as a tragedy turned into a triumph. What we once believed was a trial and time of testing eventually turned into a gracious gift of God's grace as He protected us from being destroyed by the Enemy.

Beethoven, the great musician lost his hearing but became a great composer and his music still lives. John Bunyan was thrown into prison and forgotten for years. But through his adversity he glorified God by writing Pilgrim's Progress. Fanny Crosby lost her sight but wrote over 6,000 Christian songs.

"We went through fire and water," wrote the Psalmist, "but you brought us to a place of abundance!"

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Extension Notes

Thays Flores Estill County Extension Office

Monday September 19th @ 12:00 Noon

Financial Affairs: "How Full is Your Piggy Bank?"

How much money in your "piggy bank" is influenced by many expected and unexpected factors? Values, goals, personal choices, major life events, lifestyle conditions and needs (both planned and not planned) influence financial planning. However, for the most part, certain age groups tend to have the same life cycle needs.

Despite your life stage, it may likely seem that there is never enough money in the bank. Therefore, you need to plan. Financial planning will help you be able to make large purchases without adding to the financial stress in your budget, help you protect your personal household against the unforeseen loss of income, and in the case of successful aging, help you retire with enough money to meet your expenses. Budget development, money management, wise credit use, and consumer protection can contribute to successful financial management.

Please join us at the Estill County Extension Office on Monday, September 19th at 12 noon to learn more about Financial Affairs and how you can begin stuffing your "piggy bank".

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