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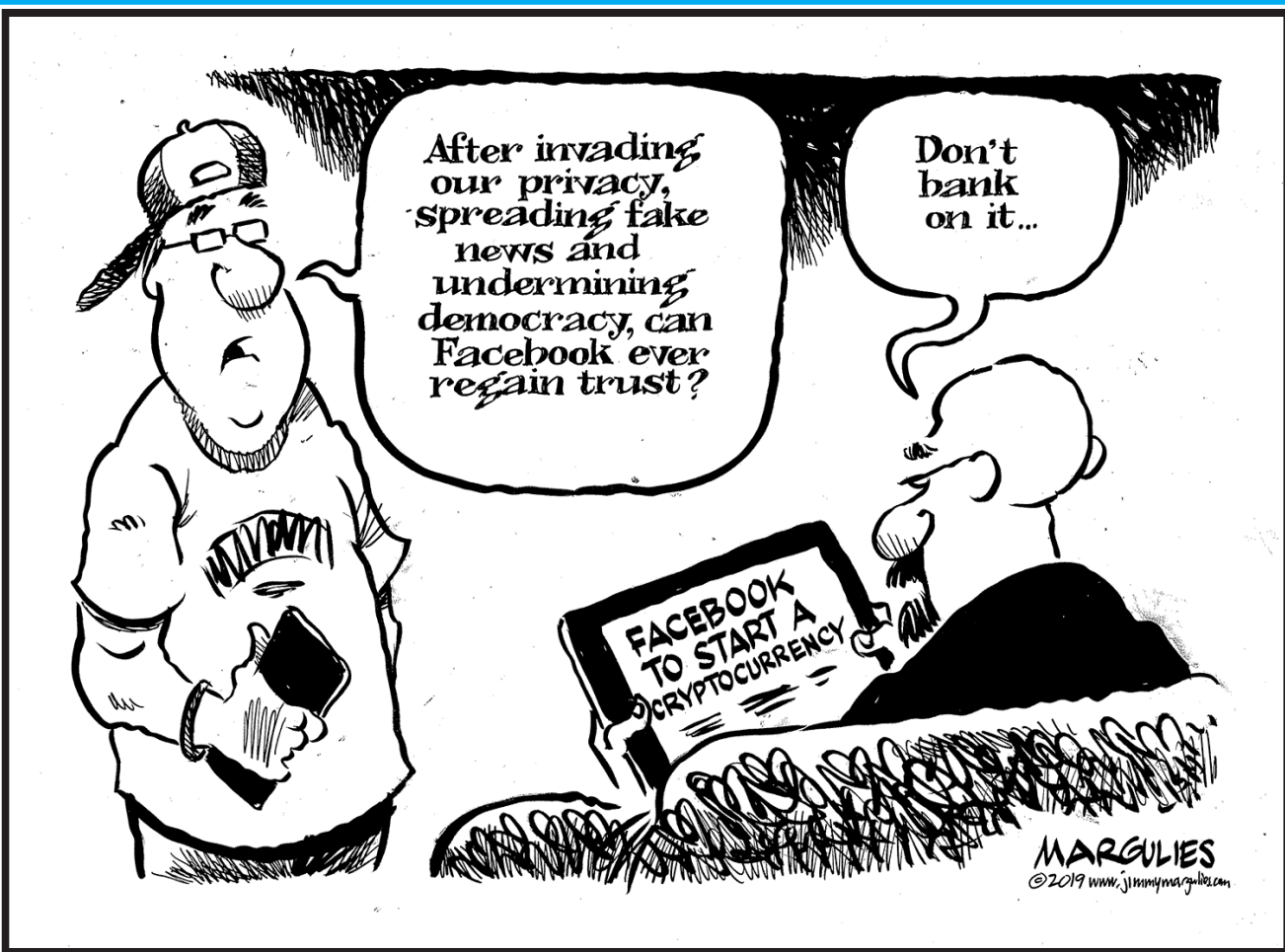
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Maudie's Naughties



Thriftiest Couple

Pa and Junior are at the fair when they see a man and woman going through the crowd shaking everybody's hands.

"That man and woman is the thriftiest couple in the state," Junior tells Pa. "They went through a whole year while using only one roll of toilet paper . . . would you like to go over and shake their hands, Pa?"

"I believe I'll have to pass on that," replies Pa!

Girl of My Dreams

Howard Green finds the woman of his dreams and tells his mother that he's thinking about marrying her and wants to bring her to the house to introduce her. The next day, he shows up with the girl and two of her friends. To make a game out of it, he doesn't tell Mrs. Green which of the girls is his girlfriend. After spending the evening sitting around talking and getting acquainted, he pulls his mother aside and asks her, "Have you figured out which one it is that I'm thinking about marrying?"

"That's easy," says Mrs. Green. "The one in the middle!"

"How in the world did you know," asks Howard?

"That's the one I didn't like!"

"I'll Dig My Way Out!"

An old man and woman are married for many years . . . even though they hate each other. Whenever there is a confrontation, yelling can be heard deep into the night. The old man shouts, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

Neighbors fear him. They believe he practices magic, because of the many strange occurrences that take place in their neighborhood. When he dies, they become concerned because his widow immediately goes out to the local bar and begins to party. They are worried for her safety, ask, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you like he promised?"

The Will

A lawyer is reading out the will of a rich man:

"To you, my loving wife Rose, who stood by me in rough times, as well as good, I leave the house and \$2 million."

The lawyer continues, "To my daughter Jessica, who looked after me in sickness and kept the business going, I leave her the yacht, the business and \$1 million."

The lawyer concludes, "And, to my cousin Dan, who hated me, argued with me, and thought that I would never mention him in my will - well, you are wrong. 'Hi Dan!'"

Ma Gets Lost

One day a police car pulls up to Pa's house and Ma gets out. Sheriff Rocky rolls his window down and tells Pa that Ma was down at the store and acted like she was lost.

"Why, Ma," says Pa, "You've been walking down the holler to that store for over 30 years! How could you get lost?"

Leaning close to Pa, so Sheriff Rocky couldn't hear, Ma whispers, "I wasn't lost. I was just too tired to walk home."

A Few Gray Hairs

Little Wilma is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes one day when she notices her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette head.

"Why are some of your hairs white, Mom," she asks?

"Well," her mother replies, "Every time you do something bad that makes me unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thinks about it for awhile, then says, "Well, you must have been a bad child, 'cause all of Ma's hairs are white!"

Play Your Age

Trixie is having a bad day at the roulette tables on the river boat. She's down to her last \$50. Upset, she says, "What rotten luck! What in the world should I do now?"

A man standing next to her, trying to calm her down, suggests, "Why don't you play your age?" Then he walks away.

A few minutes later, his attention is grabbed by a great commotion at the roulette table. "Maybe she won!" he thinks, so he rushes back to the table, pushing his way through the crowd where Trixie is lying limp on the floor with the table operator kneeling over her. "What happened?" he asks, "Is she alright?"

The roulette wheel operator replies, "I don't know. She put all her money on 29 . . . then 36 came up!"

Use caution during annual 50-Mile Yard Sale on Kentucky 52

As residents of Breathitt, Estill and Lee counties prepare for the annual 50-Mile Yard Sale along KY 52 on Friday and Saturday, July 5-6, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is urging motorists to use caution during the event.

"These corridor-long yard sale events are gaining in popularity across Kentucky," said Corbett Caudill, chief engineer for the Department of Highways District 10, which includes the three counties involved. "This particular yard sale is one of the oldest established ones in the state, and continues to grow in popularity. In fact, some vendors were already setting up on Monday of this week. We want to make sure that everyone who participates uses caution to prevent a tragedy."

"A number of visitors from outside the region come to these three counties. They are not familiar with the curves and hills along this rural road," Caudill continued. "Driver unfamiliarity and the potential for distraction are two reasons we stress caution during this event."

The yard sale stretches from the intersection of KY 52 and KY 30 just outside Jackson, through downtown Beattyville and Irvine, to the Estill/Madison county line. A number of vendors also set up along the short stretch of KY 30 between Jackson and the KY 52 intersection.

The Transportation Cabinet offers the following tips for those who will be attending the KY 52 yard sale, as well as for other motorists who will be traveling in the area during the Independence Day holiday period:

Watch for parked cars, slowed traffic and vehicles turning into or out of side roads and driveways.

Park a safe distance from the highway, preferably outside a 30-foot "recovery zone" extending from

the white line on the pavement edge. This area gives motorists plenty of room in which to maneuver in case of trouble. Parking on the shoulder of the road is discouraged.

Keep an eye out for pedestrians crossing the road, and especially for children or pets in the area of yard sales. Personnel may be directing traffic at some of the busier locations, so watch for them and obey their signals.

Use seat belts, obey posted speed limits and other traffic laws, and refrain from drinking and driving. Police officers will be conducting a "Obey The Sign or Pay the Fine" enforcement campaign during the Independence Day holiday period.

State law (KRS 177.106) prohibits encroachments on state right of way without a permit, and this includes roadside sales.

"The statute forbids anything that interferes with 'the safe, convenient and continuous use' of the highway, and the Transportation Cabinet considers roadside sales on state right of way to fall under this category," Caudill said. "We want to make sure that the traveling public has the proper amount of sight distance for intersections, driveway entrances and curves. Vendors who set up their sales on the right of way can cause visibility problems, as can motorists who park along the shoulders of the road. Therefore, in the interests of safety, we ask that no sales take place on the right of way in accordance with state law."

"Highway safety is our primary focus when dealing with events that generate large amounts of traffic. We hope everyone will wear their seat belts and be on the lookout for bargain hunters who will be on the road and on foot along the yard sale route," Caudill said.

Community News

Two Estill Students Graduate Hazard Com. & Tech College

Two Estill County students graduated from Hazard Community and Technical College during ceremonies held Saturday, May 11, 2013 at The Forum.

David Lee Begley and Laura Sue Flynn, both of Irvine, were among 677 students who received 1,413

credentials.

A total of 409 degrees were awarded along with 112 diplomas and 892 certificates.

Two ceremonies were held to accommodate the huge crowd.

Graduates also included Heather L. Toy of Clay City.

A Step at a Time

How can we handle, problems coming our way, When they seem to get, bigger each day. There is a great way, to work things out; Ask the Lord for help, and have no doubt.

A step at a time, is the way to go; To help build your faith, that you may know.

Waiting on the Lord, is best for you; And that is what, He expects us to do.

A step at a time, helps our patience grow; While building a character, God wants to know.

To follow His plan, is a great way; For us to grow stronger, day by day.

Chorus

A step at a time, will help us to see;

What the Lord, wants us to be.

A step at a time, puts us in stride;

When the Lord is walking, by our side.

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