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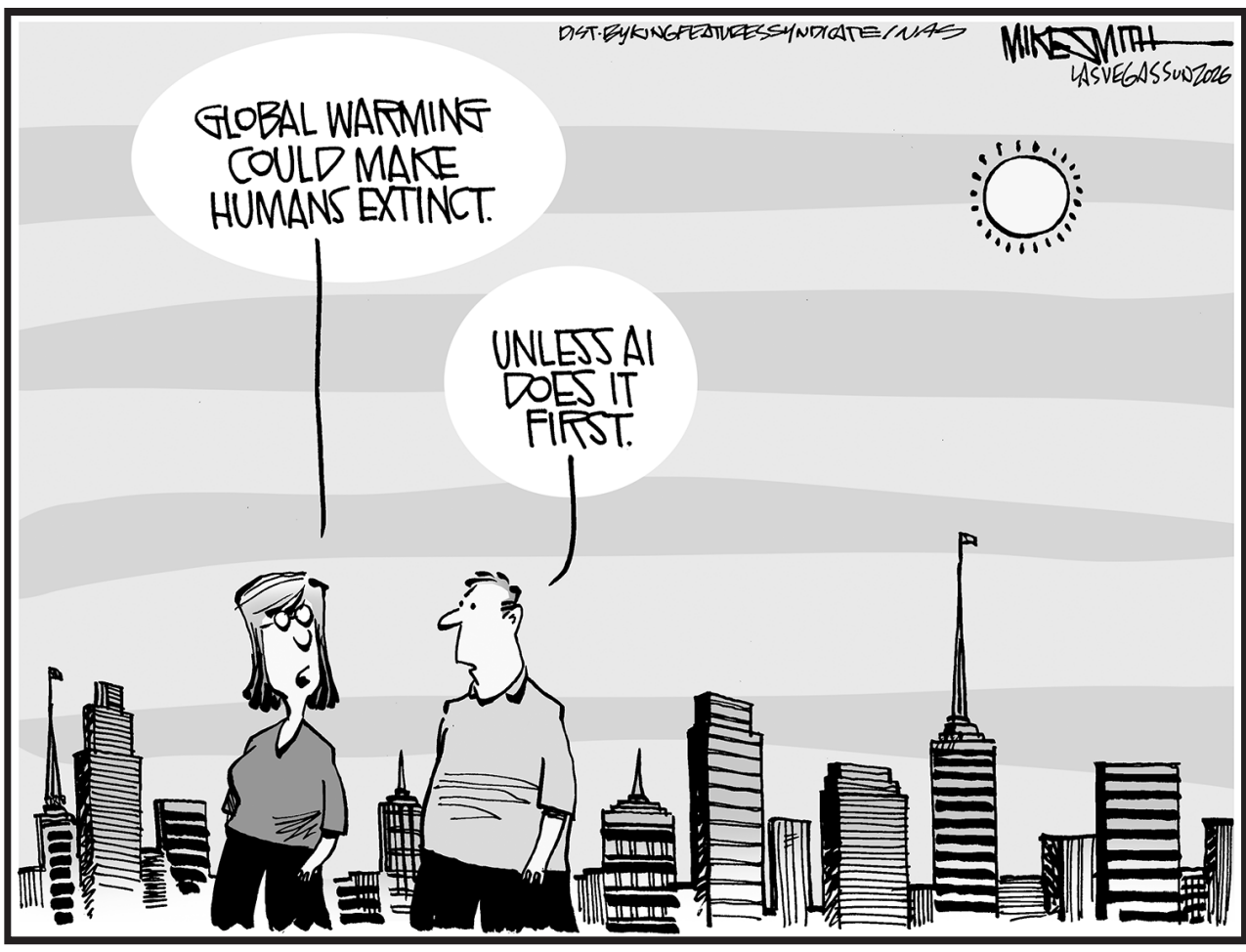


Maudie's Naughties

Scene of the Crime

Two men are walking down a Los Angeles alley when they are struck by a police car driven by a drunken cop. One of the men is thrown through the windshield and his friend is knocked down an embankment. The first man is charged with breaking and entering and the second with leaving the scene of an accident.

Wrong Answer

A husband and wife are getting ready for bed. The wife is standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself. "You know, dear," she says, "I look in the mirror, and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, my butt is hanging out a mile, I've got fat legs, and my arms are all flabby."

She turns to her husband and says, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself."

He thinks about it for a bit and then says in a soft, thoughtful voice, "Well, there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

Services will be held for him Saturday in Richmond.

Brave at the Dentist's Office

The Smiths are shown into the dentist's office, where Mr. Smith makes it clear he is in a big hurry.

"No fancy stuff, Doctor," he orders. "No gas or needles or any of that stuff. Just pull the tooth and get it over with."

"I wish more of my patients were as brave as you," says the dentist admiringly. "Now, which tooth is it?"

Mr. Smith turns to his wife. "Show him your tooth, Honey."

Coming Out of Surgery

Irving is just coming out of anesthesia after a series of tests in the hospital . . . and his wife, Sarah, is sitting at his bedside.

His eyes flutter open, and he murmurs, "You're beautiful."

Flattered, Sarah continues her vigil while he drifts back to sleep. Later he wakes up and says, "You're cute."

What happened to 'beautiful'?" Sarah asks.

"The drugs are wearing off," he replies.

Just Rewards

A woman is arrested for shoplifting. When she goes before the judge he asks her, "What did you steal?"

She replies, "A bracelet."

The judge asks her why she had stolen it, and she replies that she thought it was pretty.

The judge then asks her how many stones were in the bracelet. She replies, "6."

The judge says, "Then I'll give you 6 months in jail."

Suddenly her husband stands up in the courtroom and says, "She stole a 27-stone necklace, too!"

Pay Lake

A man from the city who is fishing at the pay lake, sits down to fish beside Pa. The man notices after awhile that Pa has caught a basket full of fish when he hasn't even gotten a bite. "How can you can catch so many fish?" the man asks .

"Because I've gotten smarter from eating fish heads," replies Pa.

The man decides to try that; so, Pa cuts the heads of the fish he has caught and sells them to the man for $8 apiece.

The next week the man shows up again at the pay lake and says, "Hey, I don't think eating those fish heads made me any smarter, and I just found out I could have bought the whole fish for $4 each."

"See," says Pa. "You're smarter already!"

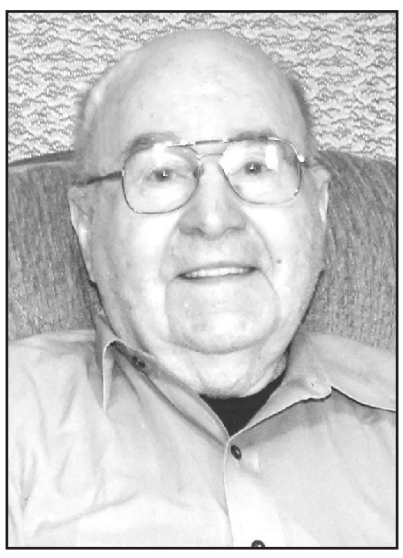
This Is The Day

"Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." ***-- Proverbs 27:1***

Most of us do most of our living either in the past or in the future -- anywhere but in the present. Children cannot wait to be grown, oldsters dream of the days when they were younger. We dream dreams of things to come, and then look back on the past and call it "the good old days." The Psalmist said, *"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."* ***Psalms 118:24***

True living is full enjoyment of the present; but it is not the "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die" philosophy; it is full enjoyment of the present because we trust God with the past and the future, and because we recognize that today is all we really have.

No one really has a problem yesterday or tomorrow -- only today. No one has an opportunity yesterday or tomorrow -- only today. And this is how God would have us live life: One day at a time. This is how He leads us, one step at a time. As we trust him with our tomorrows, we can enjoy today. The dieter diets one day at a time. "Life is hard by the yard; by the inch, it's a cinch." This is God's way of making life's road easy for us; it is only when we drag our dead yesterdays along with us or reach into tomorrow to borrow its problems that we get bogged down.



Sent by Doyle Spry
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And this day is really all there is; yesterday is dead, gone forever, and tomorrow has not yet arrived, and may not come. *"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow."* ***James 4:14*** *"Behold, I make all things new."* ***Revelation 21:5.*** *"This is the day which the Lord hath made,"* and it is as new and fresh as if it were the first day he ever made. Whatever mistakes were made yesterday, he forgives and removes. *"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."* ***Psalm 103:12***

Our attitudes will be new each day if we accept it as the day which the Lord hath made; forgiveness will put all of yesterday's faults away, and we will see each other in the bright wonder of a first time experience. Today is God's gift to us, and we should treat it as such. Weather, circumstances, people, health problems -- nothing can mar the glory of this day if we recognize it as the one God has made just for us.

Are We Pulling Together?

Wednesday, September 23rd 2026
Bro. Warren Rogers, Retired Baptist Minister

In a recent a Wednesday night sermon, my pastor/son, was trying to get across the fact that we had to pull together to help the church grow. He used oxen for example. He explained what an ox was and told about training them to pull. He then said that oxen pulled better in pairs. Point made! It is important that the church members work together to glorify God's kingdom. Sad that sometimes we have too much disagreement among members. I have been a Christian for 54 years, preaching 44 years and a member of seven churches. I have seen members pull together and sadly I have witnessed several disagreements. That is what causes churches to split. I'm sure that there were a few that were not a good example of how a Christian was supposed to live.

Occasionally as I study for a certain theme I read other preachers sermons on that particular subject. This next paragraph was borrowed from a sermon by Marion Henderson called, "Let Us Pull Together."

Our hope pulls us in one direction, while our fears pull us in another. Our dreams pull us up, while our failures try to pull us down. In government the republican wants to go one way, while the democrats want to go another way, when both parties should be going the same way. In church, one Christian wants to do it one way, while another Chrisitan wants to do it his or her way, when they should be doing it God's way.

There is a little short math formula that everyone should read and remember. "If you want to add members, multiply blessings, eliminate stress and bickering, then subtract division."

In research about pulling together I read an interesting story about a church that was divided over the color of the carpet. One side wanted grey while the other side wanted blue. They took a chain saw and cut the building in half so they could have both. And I have heard all my life that two things have split a lot of churches, color of the carpet and who is going to play the piano because my great grandfather paid most of cost for the piano.

Now back to the oxen, they are not as dumb as you would think and they just seem to know when they are hooked up with a partner that will pull his half. Now ask yourself a question, "Am I pulling my half or do I want everything my way and willing to argue in God's house?" Folks, a church will not grow when there is division among the congregation. Until next week may God bless. If you want to get in touch , text/call 606-4881-0444.

Americanisms

"People who enjoy meetings should not be in charge of anything."
— *Thomas Sowell*

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"When someone asks you where you come from, the answer is your mother."
— *Anna Quindlen*

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