

Commentary



Children and financial discipline

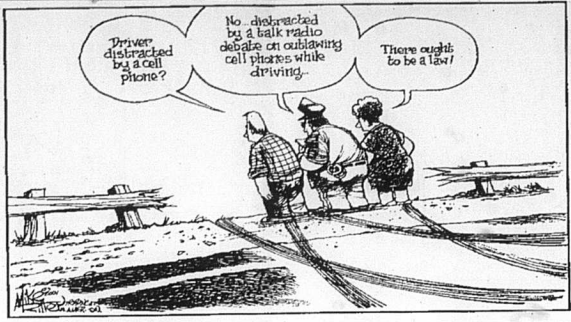
At one time or another, can you remember hearing some parent say, "My kids think that money grows on trees..."

One year during the summer, when I had just finished the seventh grade, I remember chopping cotton for four ten-hour days, for \$4.00 per day.

This experience helped to shape my values and I truly believe the only way to appreciate the value of money is to earn it.

What I'm saying that if you are of interest to you, especially if you have children or grandchildren you are rearing, is that most of our financial habits are learned while we are young.

See CHILDREN on 5



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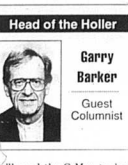
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Commentary Exploding watermelon causes big mess

Our watermelon exploded. In the kitchen, all over the floor and the refrigerator, sticky juice and seeds stuck to the floor and wall.

Cleaning up the kitchen mess exposed me to over watermelon juice and seeds than I ever wanted to see, and only later, when I was scrubbing sticky hands and feet, did I realize that what I should have done was kept the crime scene intact and called in the FBI.

This was not a Kentucky-grown melon, so interstate trafficking is involved and



We'll need the G-Men to deal with that. I'm not sure where Danetta bought the offensive melon, but other customers may also be in serious danger.

My own dogs are prime suspects in this case, if terrorism is involved, a

possible counterstrike against me and the mousetraps I concealed in the flower beds. My play failed. One or more dogs tripped the traps, ate one and buried two, dug out the geraniums and took a cat nap.

Unless, of course, they were part of the plot to implant an explosive device inside the melon. The other prime suspect is my wife, who deliberately placed the innocent looking melon on a stool near where I sat to write, knowing full well that every day I spend an hour or so seated there.

And last but not least, Linda Young - truly a communications expert - phoned, typed and pulled rabbits out of her hat. Won't you help 4-H to help our kids? They need us more than ever.

looking for potential terrorists hiding out in the watermelon vines. Truckers are also possible co-conspirators. Somebody hidden the watermelon in the flowers instead.

Until such time as the FBI can complete their investigation, take no chances. The most tasty looking of all watermelons could be the very one to explode in your face.

Contact the author at garybarker@netscape.net or 1-800-784-7337. I would have drowned in sticky juice. I will ask the FBI to also check out the Florida and Georgia fruit growers, too.

Producers showcase better way of selling beef

Beef generates more sales than any other product in the fresh meat case. But consumers are still confused by many of today's beef products.

In fact, research has found that 32 percent of shoppers frequently have trouble locating a certain beef item. If they are unable to find what they want, 12 percent of those shoppers won't buy any meat at all.

Developed after four years of consumer research, the beef check-off-funded "Beef Made Easy" program reorganizes the fresh beef section by cooking method. This is more in-line with how consumers think about meat preparation, says Carrie Taylor, Director of Consumer Affairs of the Kentucky Beef Council.

The program addresses these issues by grouping beef products into nine cooking method categories: steaks for grilling/roasting; steaks for marinating; skillet steaks, oven roasts, pot roasts, steaks for braising, beef for frying beef for stewing and veal.

Color-coded signs and rail strips separate the categories, making them easier for consumers to find. In addition, on-pack labels provide simple cooking instructions so consumers can see how to prepare any given fresh beef item.

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the father explained what the word "collateral" meant, and the son said he had a skateboard and a stereo set that he would give him to keep until the loan was repaid.

Over the coming weeks a few payments were made on time, then one day he missed a payment, so the father sold his skateboard. Later when the son missed another payment, the father sold his stereo set.

Quite naturally this made the son very unhappy, but the father reported that this son never asked to borrow money again. You may think this was cruel, but just try to keep in mind that quite often the best lessons in life are learned the hard way. I say this because here is the rest of the story. Ten years later this same son said, "Dad, there is just no way you will ever know how much I appreciate what

When we have lots of money, it's the easiest thing on earth to give, because there are few who will refuse it. From my heart to yours, if you really want to do something special for your children and grandchildren that has lasting value, teach them to work, save and invest a percentage of their money. Few are they that learn this, but it's a great lesson.

USDA FIELD ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILABLE

The Bourbon-Nicholas County FSA Office will accept applications for a Field Assistant through the close of business on Friday, August 10, 2001. This position is for field assistance to help deliver federal farm programs to producers in Bourbon and Nicholas County.

- 1. Be citizens of the United States
2. Be High School Graduates or have GED
3. Have a Social Security Number
4. Be at least 18 years of age or 17 years of age for High School Graduate.
5. Complete FSA-675, Application for County Employment.

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Applications will be accepted at the Bourbon Nicholas County FSA Office at 609 Millsburg Road, Paris, KY, 40361-8837, or can be mailed to the same address. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any nonmerit reason such as race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status or membership or non-membership in any employee organization.

Letters to the Editor

Volunteers should be recognized

The editor: I feel some amazing heroes should be recognized. As many people know, our county agent Jennifer Ledford left in an untimely fashion - and we all wish her the best, but in light of her absence, the task of 4-H activities fell on some wonderful people who already had their plates full and were all wish her the best.

was truly an uplifting experience. Our campers were very well behaved (not exactly the case with a couple other counties), and the leadership was inspiring.

Mike Phillips stepped up to the plate without a doubt and proceeded to help direct our ship. Cliffina McGuffey, who did not volunteer to stay at camp, packed her stuff Monday and came running to our side so that an entire cabin of young girls did not have to return home simply because of cabin shortage.

I think of it, why should I be surprised? 4-Hers are taught leadership and character. They simply were putting into action things they had learned while they were in 4-H.

I have heard that several organizations help develop discipline and character. I also note many of these organizations exclude children that may not be the best at whatever it is to be achieved, whether a championship or a trophy.

ways - leading a club for just assisting, serving on the 4-H council (meets once a month), or helping with the county fair help register entries or maybe judge.

Maybe you can help send out meeting notices, or know where items needed could be gotten at a better price. We could always use chaperones on trips. The heart of the matter is, if you give, it comes back many-fold. I encourage you to contact the extension office to find out how you can invest in our community's future.

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