

All That Glitters

My wife and I used to enjoy stopping at garage sales. Most sales featured an array of used—and sometimes very used—items. Amid of the stacks of bounty, we would often see a new item with the original price tag still attached. Now offered at a fraction of its original price, it seemed the owner's long-term satisfaction with the treasure had waned.

People spend countless dollars for possessions they hope will satisfy them. But eventually, most things end up either in a garage sale or the trash, discarded, unwanted.

Obviously, we need clothes, shelter, and food to survive, but when material things become central to our lives, they crowd out God.

Jesus offered this wise counsel about life's priorities: "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Take a look at your life, your home. Imagine everything stacked up in a garage sale, priced pennies on the dollar. Or possibly your "treasures" could become objects of heated contention among your family members after you're gone. Such a tragedy is compounded infinitely, of course, if you die unprepared to face God, the giver of life.

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God's Word places things in clear focus. "Since [God] did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?" (Romans 8:32). We see life in its proper perspective and are prepared for eternity only when we confess our sins to God, admit our need for him, and personally trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Do you have possessions—or do your possessions have you? Consider embracing the greatest treasure of all today.

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Every Dog Needs a Chair

Who doesn't want to relax in a comfy armchair after a full day's work? Buster Brown sure did. After guarding the front desk of the Knox County Humane Society in Galesberg, Illinois, all day, the canine wanted something soft and cushioned to rest on. At first, he tried to claim an office chair, squeezing behind a staff member. There wasn't enough room for both of them, so Buster got his own big red chair from a local business upgrading their office furniture.

That got shelter director Erin Buckmaster thinking: Why not collect chairs for all the animals in their facility? Such a small act of kindness would provide a homier environment for the dogs and cats waiting to be adopted.

So staff at the no-kill shelter asked the community via social media to donate their unwanted lounge chairs. Immediately people started donating—even from as far away as Tennessee. Rob Deshazer, owner of Tapa La Luna bar and restaurant in Dekalb, Illinois, threw a party and afterward delivered 20 chairs in a U-Haul. The shelter quickly filled with more than 50 chairs—enough for every dog.

"We know they're gonna get torn up," Buckmaster said. But that's okay with everyone there, because the residents are enjoying the personal touch.

"The animals love the chairs. I wish every shelter had lounge chairs for all their animals too."



Standing Room Only

The ever-shrinking airplane accommodations problem may be solved—if you're willing to try the Skyrider 2.0. If nothing else, you have more than enough leg room because you're essentially standing up. The airline saddle that was originally designed in 2010 is new and improved, according to its Italian aerospace interior design company, Aviointeriors. Using a horse saddle as inspiration, this version has more padding and stronger stabilizing poles. Airlines can create rows 23 inches apart, making room for 20% more passengers. You do lose under-the-seat storage space, however. Thankfully, there have been no interested airlines so far.



A Bus Driver's TLC

When eleven year old Isabella Pieri's mother died unexpectedly, the preteen had no one to help her with her long hair. Her father's sincere attempts fell short. "It would get so tangled up—I didn't know how to take care of it," Philip Pieri says.

Each school day Isabella's bus driver, Tracy Dean, noticed her rider's snarled hair pulled back into a ponytail. Dean regularly helped another student with her hair and wanted to do the same for Isabella. But she didn't want to impose herself and hurt the girl's feelings.

Finally, one day Isabella approached Dean and asked for help braiding her hair. Dean was more than happy to assist. "I thought, *Oh, thank you, Lord,*" she says. "This was the least I could do."



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The Complex Tomato

Tomatoes are wonderful . . . fruits? vegetables? Most of us enjoy this fresh, juicy summer staple of the garden in BLTs and salads, and some people use them to make their own pasta sauce. Now scientists have discovered how amazingly well-endowed the tomato really is.

Over the past nine years, plant geneticists from 14 countries have worked to decode the tomato genome in the hope of breeding better ones. They've

studied specifically the genomes of both Heinz 1706, a variety used to make ketchup, and the tomato's closest wild relative, *Solanum pimpinellifolium*, from the highlands of Peru. The results were startling: tomatoes possess 31,760 genes, nearly two thousand more than humans.



Energizer Kids

Parents, are your children running you ragged? Researchers have recently found that children's muscles resist fatigue and recover in the same way as elite endurance athletes. Children not only have fatigue-resistant muscles; they recover quickly from high-intensity exercise—even faster than well-trained adult endurance athletes. The next time your kids are going nonstop while you feel the need to take a nap, take heart. You have scientific evidence that backs up your exhaustion and explains their endless energy.



Just for laughs 



"Since pride comes before a fall, I'm wearing a helmet."



"All I'm saying is if one people year equals seven dog years, then they should throw us a birthday party every 52 days."

"Whines" are the product of sour grapes.

Facts do not cease to exist because you choose to ignore them.

Smiles that light the face will also warm the heart.