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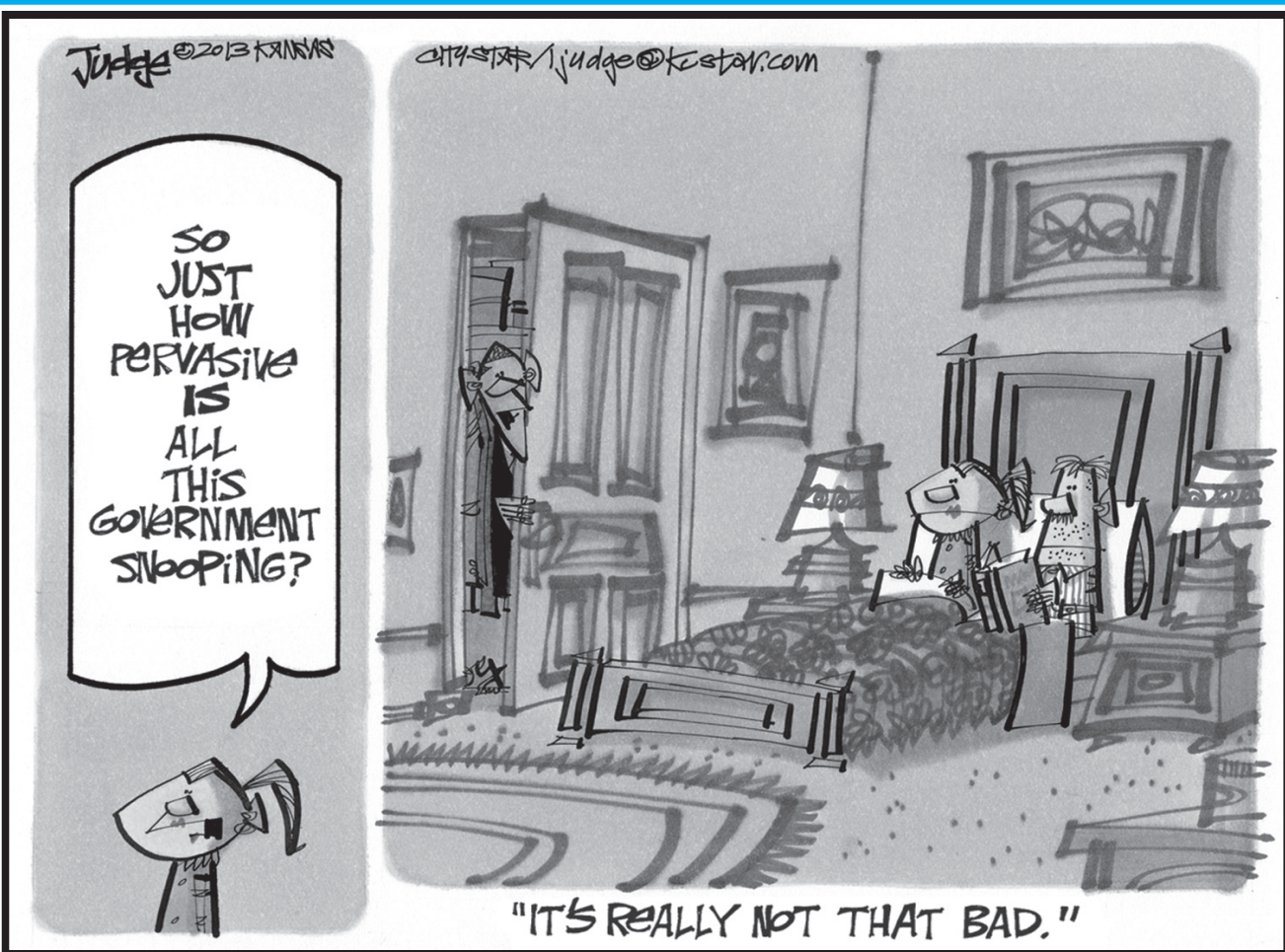
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Maudie's Naughties



Late Night Encounter

Joe is walking home late one night and sees a woman lurking in the shadows.

"Twenty dollars," she whispers.

Joe has never done this before, but decides -- what the heck, it's only twenty bucks. So they slip into the bushes.

They've only been there a couple of minutes when, all of a sudden, a light flashes on them. It's a police officer.

"What's going on here, people?" asks the officer.

"I was just having some romantic time with my wife," says Joe, sounding annoyed.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," says the cop, "I didn't know."

"Well, neither did I," says Joe, "Until you shined the light in her face!!!"

Close Kin

Ma and Pa are sitting on the front porch when Junior and his friend Howard Green get home from the family reunion. They had heard something at the get-together about cousins that had married; so, Junior asks Ma and Pa if they are related.

"Well," answers Pa. "We're not any blood kin, but Ma is my wife and I am her husband."

"Wow," says Junior, turning to his friend Howard with a grin. "That means I'm my own double-first cousin!"

After the boys move on, Pa turns to Ma and says, "Ma, no offense, but I hope that boy doesn't ever bring us home any grandchildren."

"No offense taken," replies Ma. "Likewise I'm sure."

Barred from Minnesota

Ma is sitting out front one day when Bubba comes by and she asks him to tell her why he's not allowed to ice fish in Hutchinson, Minnesota anymore. "Was it that ice pick thing?"

"Nah," replies Junior. "We just bought up all the ice picks to give the locals a laugh."

"It was just a misunderstanding. They thought I was talking badly around the other fishermen because of what I said to Junior. We stopped at a gas station on the way up there and he won a blue stuffed whale from one of those machines and he hooked it on his line and kept dangling it in front of us while we were trying to fish; so, I said "Get the whale out of here!"

"Did you call him a name, too," asks Ma?

"I did," replies Bubba. "I called him a son of a biscuit eater."

"Well, that is true," says Ma. "Your pa is a biscuit eater! Did you threaten him, too?"

"I did," replies Bubba. "I told him if he didn't quit, I was going to kick him in the ice hole."

"All those other things you said don't seem so bad," says Ma.

"I think my problem," adds Bubba. "Was when I strung all three sentences together."

Black Bear At Needmore

Pa and Farmer Green are out walking in the woods. Green tells Pa, "We'd better be careful they've been seeing a big bear out this way and he chases people out of the woods."

"I'm not too worried about that bear," says Pa. But, about that time, the bear comes out of the bushes and rears up in front of them with an angry growl. Green takes off running and is about 100 yards away when he realizes that Pa is standing his ground against the bear with the two nose-to-nose. The bear suddenly stops growling, sniffs the air around him, then takes off running through the woods with his tail between his legs.

Green comes running back and asks Pa, "What did you do to that bear to make him run off like that?"

"I just used a little reverse hunting psychology on him. Do you remember last fall when Bubba's Nadine brought up a big pan full of the brownies she had made?"

"I remember," says Green. "Nobody could eat those things!"

"Well," continues Pa. "I ground up one of my old sweaty shirts and sprinkled it over the brownies and left them in the woods. Anybody or any thang that ate those brownies would have a bad memory of my odor for the rest of their life."

About that time, Junior and Howard Green had heard the commotion and came to check on Pa. They had just gotten close enough to ask about Pa when they started sniffing the air. A funny look came over them both and they suddenly turned and ran over the hill, nearly catching up with the bear.

Losing Those Holiday Pounds

Trixie gained weight over the holidays; so her doctor puts her on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for two week," he says. The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least five pounds."

When Trixie returns, she's lost nearly 20 pounds.

"Why, that's amazing!" the doctor says. "Did you follow my instructions?"

Trixie nods, "I'll tell you, though, I thought I was going to drop dead that third day."

"From hunger, you mean?"

"No, from skipping."

Reviewing PTSD Claims for Sexual Assault

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree asked the Department of Veterans Affairs to review PTSD claims that had been turned down, claims submitted by survivors of sexual assault while in the military. The VA agreed, but dragged its feet about notifying victims of a change in policy.

If you're a survivor of military sexual assault, here are some things you need to know:

Many of the responses to sexual assault can lead to PTSD if untreated: trouble sleeping, trouble with attention and memory, abusing alcohol and drugs, feeling numb and more.

If you have PTSD due to sexual assault and filed a claim for benefits, your initial claim was no doubt turned down.

You should have received a letter by now from the VA

saying it will re-evaluate your claim. However, many veterans were not sent this letter. It's up to you to ask for a re-evaluation. Review the information on Pingree's site (pingree.house.gov/mstclaims) first.

In many cases, the VA ignored "secondary markers," which are evidence an assault occurred. These include records from law enforcement or rape crisis centers, tests for sexually transmitted diseases, episodes of depression or anxiety, and substance abuse. You can ask for a re-evaluation of your denied claim by calling the VA at 1-800-827-1000.

Also on Pingree's site are links to VA Form 21-4138 and VA Form 21-0187A, statements in support of your claim.

Meanwhile, you don't have to wait on the VA's decision to get counseling for PTSD. Get more information at www.ptsd.va.gov.

Pingree also wants to hear from you about your experience with the review process of your claim. Scroll to the bottom of her web page and leave your comments. If you prefer to send a letter, call her Washington, D.C., office at 202-225-6116 for a mailing address. She really does want to help.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com.

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Kentucky Spirit leaves the state

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He said the company is planning to take on about 67,000 new members from Kentucky Spirit, and will cover them according to our existing contract with the state.

One of the biggest challenges will be coordinating transition efforts with pharmacies, because the state was unable to give Coventry the Centene data until the company actually left Kentucky, said Murphy. "We expect there to be a fair amount of confusion and chaos, he said, but CoventryCares is automatically authorizing a 3-day supply of medications while the systems get updated with new member information."

Cabinet spokeswoman Jill Midkiff said, "While we are disappointed that Kentucky Spirit has defaulted on its contract with the state and abandoned its members, both Coventry Cares and WellCare have agreed to work closely with the cabinet, providers and members to make this transition as smooth as possible."

Irvine votes to back-pay money owed to EDA

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After several delays, Irvine voted to give first reading to an ordinance for sale of the electric service franchise.

Councilman Billy Arthur asked KU representative Danny Long if KU would bring an office back to Irvine. Long said he doubted it but it could be requested.

City attorney Rodney Davis reported to the council that Irvine had received a judgment of \$1,990.26 in 2007 from Justin Gerber for damages to an Irvine cruiser in 2006. Davis stated the city had a judgment lien on Gerber's property which was going to be sold by the bank.

The council voted for Davis to pursue getting whatever part of the judgment he could during the sale.

Mayor Farmer said the Twin City Kruizers will have their cruise in this Saturday and the second Saturday of each month.

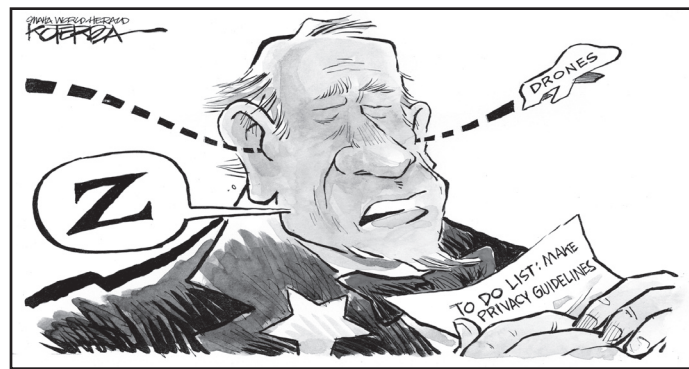
Bryant added the American Legion is having a car show and burn-out on Saturday morning.

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