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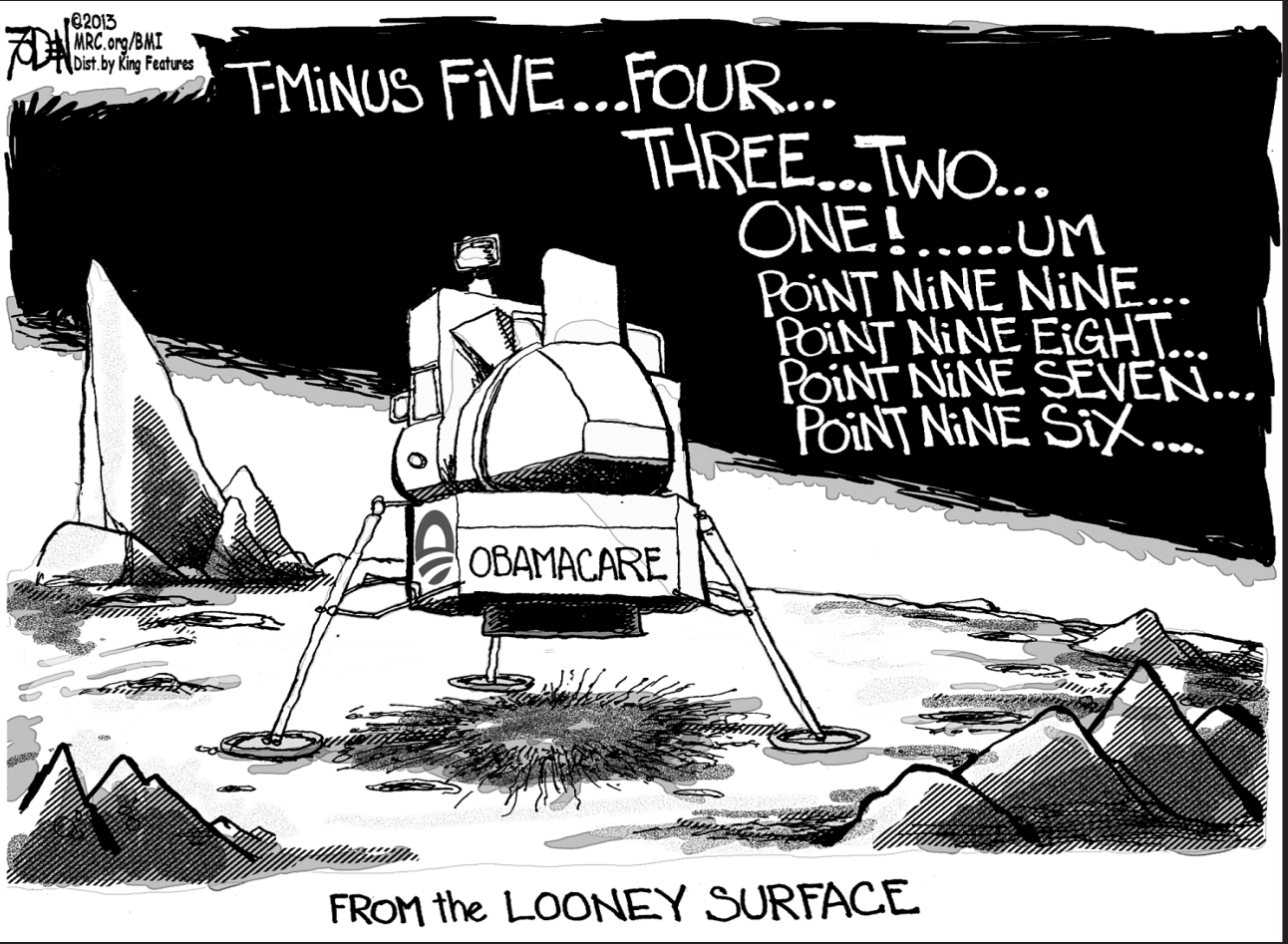
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Maudie's Naughties



Talking Cat

Slim walks into the bootlegger's, leading a dog and carrying a cat. He plops the cat on the counter and says, "I'll bet you \$100 against a drink that this cat can talk."

"Well, I think I'll just take you up on that," says the bootlegger. "Because I know that cat ain't going to talk."

The dog sits and watches intently as the cat replies, "Whatever he's having, pour me a double!"

The bootlegger is astonished but pours Slim a drink and says, "You know, you could make a lot of money with a talking cat."

Slim finishes his drink and lays the price of it on the counter. "No," says the bootlegger. "A deal's a deal!"

"But, I took advantage of you," says Slim. "That cat can't really talk . . . the dog's a ventriloquist."

Where To Die

Two drunks are sitting elbow to elbow at a bar. "I wish I knew where I will be at when I die," says Paul.

"Why?" asks Tom

"Because I wouldn't go there!"

Three Wishes

Slim is wandering across the river bottoms when he notices a bottle sticking up from some sand that was deposited by recent flooding. He picks it up, pulls the cork and a genie pops out and tells Slim that he will grant him three wishes.

"Well," replies Slim. "I want a bottle of Bourbon that will never get empty."

"Okay," says the genie. "Your wish is granted. And what is your second wish?"

"I want another bottle of Bourbon that never gets empty!"

"Well," replies the genie. "I'll grant that wish, too, but remember, I can give you only one more wish, so use it wisely."

"Okay," says Slim. "I wish for a bunch more genies!"

Tag-A-Long

A young boy protests vigorously when his mother asks him to take his little sister along fishing.

"The last time she came," he objects, "I didn't catch a single fish."

"I'll talk to her," his mother says, "And I promise this time she won't make any noise."

"It wasn't the noise, Mom," the boy replies. "She ate all my bait."

Out Of Order At The Zoo

A policeman brings four boys before a judge. "They were causing an awful lot of commotion at the zoo, your Honor."

"Boys," says the judge sternly, "I never like to hear reports of juvenile delinquency. Now I want each of you to tell me your name and what you were doing wrong."

"My name is George," says the first boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen."

"My name is Pete," says the second boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen."

"My name is Mike," says the third boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen."

"Well, that doesn't sound too bad," states the judge.

"Oh, yeah!" says the fourth boy. "I'm Peanuts!"

Know Your Mate

Pa attends church with Ma on Mother's Day. The pastor tells the congregation, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." Then he looks directly at Pa and asks, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?"

Pa leans over, touches Ma's arm gently and whispers, "It's Martha White, isn't it?"

Twenty Years Later

After a quarrel, Slim tells his wife Sadie, "You know, I was a fool when I married you."

Sadie replies, "Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice it."

Got Papers?

Sadie finds Slim in the hallway looking intently at the frame on the wall which contains their marriage certificate. After a long time, Sadie asks, "What are you looking for?"

Slim replies, "The expiration date."

What's The Difference?

Little Wilma says, "Pa, what's the difference between 'finished' and 'complete'?"

After thinking over it a while, Pa answers, " Well, when you marry the right person, like Ma, then you're 'complete.' But when you marry the wrong person, then you're 'finished'."

Lose a Shoe?

Slim is walking home from the bootleggers one night and is noticeable drunk and is also limping badly because he is wearing only one shoe.

He meets another man coming in the opposite direction who is in the same drunken condition and is also wearing only one shoe.

"Hey, buddy," says Slim. "What's the matter, lose a shoe?"

"Nah, found one."

Letter to the Editor

We are blessed to have our hospital

Sometimes we hear a lot of negative talk about our county, and I guess you can find what you look for. I would like to say that we are so blessed to have the Marcum & Wallace Hospital.

During my mother's recent illnesses and hospital stays I began to see how fortunate we really are. I also have heard the same thoughts from others that had loved ones in our local hospital. They certainly have a trained staff, but, better than that, they have a multitude of nurses and workers that are truly kind, thoughtful and loving. You can't fake

that for long. Just to stand in a window and look out at the beautiful trees on the grounds and the surrounding hills brings a measure of peace that would be hard to find in the hustle of a bigger hospital in the city.

I talked with the director, Ms. (Susan) Starling, as she came by my mother's room to check to see if we needed anything; something that I bet you'll never see happen in a bigger place, and, in itself, speaks volumes. She told me that at times people needed to be in a larger hospital, and she knew that, but our local hos-

pital has made great strides in recent years and is offering more and more services.

It became necessary for mother to have a feeding tube procedure and as unpleasant as that may seem, it would have been a lot harder on her if she had been transported out of town. I hope I never make it to a hospital, but if I do, I want to be here.

Mother also has been a resident of the Irvine Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. I was surprised to learn that they have a high quality rehabilitation staff that makes it their goal to get people back on

their feet and doing for themselves'. They have helped several people we know to return to their own homes. Of course, things aren't perfect anywhere, it is a tough job and no one wants to be a patient, but by and large the workers do their best to do everything they can for their residents. There are a lot of loving people that work here also. I just want to thank the people at both places for showing love to my mother and for caring for her when she needed it the most.

Tim Hall

Here we go again . . .

Here we go again, yet another attempt to legalize alcohol sales in Irvine. While the effort doesn't surprise me at all, I find the logic disturbing. In the article in last week's CV&T the driving force behind the latest wet/dry petition was credited with making the following quote . . . *"This is not just about alcohol. It is about improving our community and our economy."* Over the course of the last four years much has been said about the economic affect alcohol would have on this community and I am convinced it would be minimum. However, even if the economic impact were to be greater than anyone could imagine, I do not believe it would improve our community. You see, I do not think the issue to be concerned about is improving the community or the economy. I believe we need to focus on the people that make up this community. Although I have only lived in Irvine for seven years, I have fallen in love with this community. I love to look out over the mountains and enjoy their beauty. I love to see the fog on the river early in the morning. Most of all, I love the people of Estill county and I am very grateful to live

in a community where we can make a difference in the lives of people around us. However, along with the opportunity to help people change their lives comes the responsibility to make sure the changes we aim for are positive.

The first section of the Kentucky Alcohol Control Laws, is titled **"Problems Posed By Underage Access to Alcohol"** One of the first statements made in that section is as follows . . . *"Despite a legal alcohol purchase age of twenty one in all fifty states, more than ten million current drinkers are between the ages of twelve to twenty."* On the same page of those Alcohol Control Laws it says . . . *"Legislation at the state level is often inadequate and loosely enforced."* Between those two statements is the following paragraph that gives some insight to the danger alcohol causes to our young people . . . *"Teenagers face enormous social pressure to drink, not only from their peers, but also from the media. The alcohol industry spends more than two billion dollars annually for advertising and promotion that glamorize alcohol and associate its use with success, sophistication, athletic ability, and sex. These messages*

constantly bombard teenagers with the idea that alcohol, and especially beer, is an essential component of the good life." That glamorization of alcohol is evident even in the Facebook page of "Boost Irvine," which is the organization that is pushing the current petition. As of July 12th there were fifty eight members listed as friends of Boost Irvine,

of those fifty eight members there are twelve high school students. Even before a wet/dry petition is turned in, our youth are being influenced, and that is not the development that this city needs.

Let it be said, whether there is another wet/dry vote or not, the best way to boost Irvine is to keep it dry.

Paul Groves, Estill County Ministerial Association

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The Estill County Chamber of Commerce would like to send out a big thank you to Kenny and Cheryl Abshear and all the local Chamber businesses who helped sponsor the firework show on July 6th.

Despite the dreary week of rain, the firework show that Pyro Shows put on for us, seemed to put a smile on many faces. A big thank you to Estill County Emergency Management / CSEPP, Citizens Guaranty Bank, Estill County Attorney's Office, Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital, Estill County Fair Association, The Coyote WCYO 100.7 FM, The Dog 106.7 FM, Advanced Disposal, All Things Country Magazine, Big E Insurance and Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Club. Without your help, this event could not go on.

Sincerely, Regina Robertson
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