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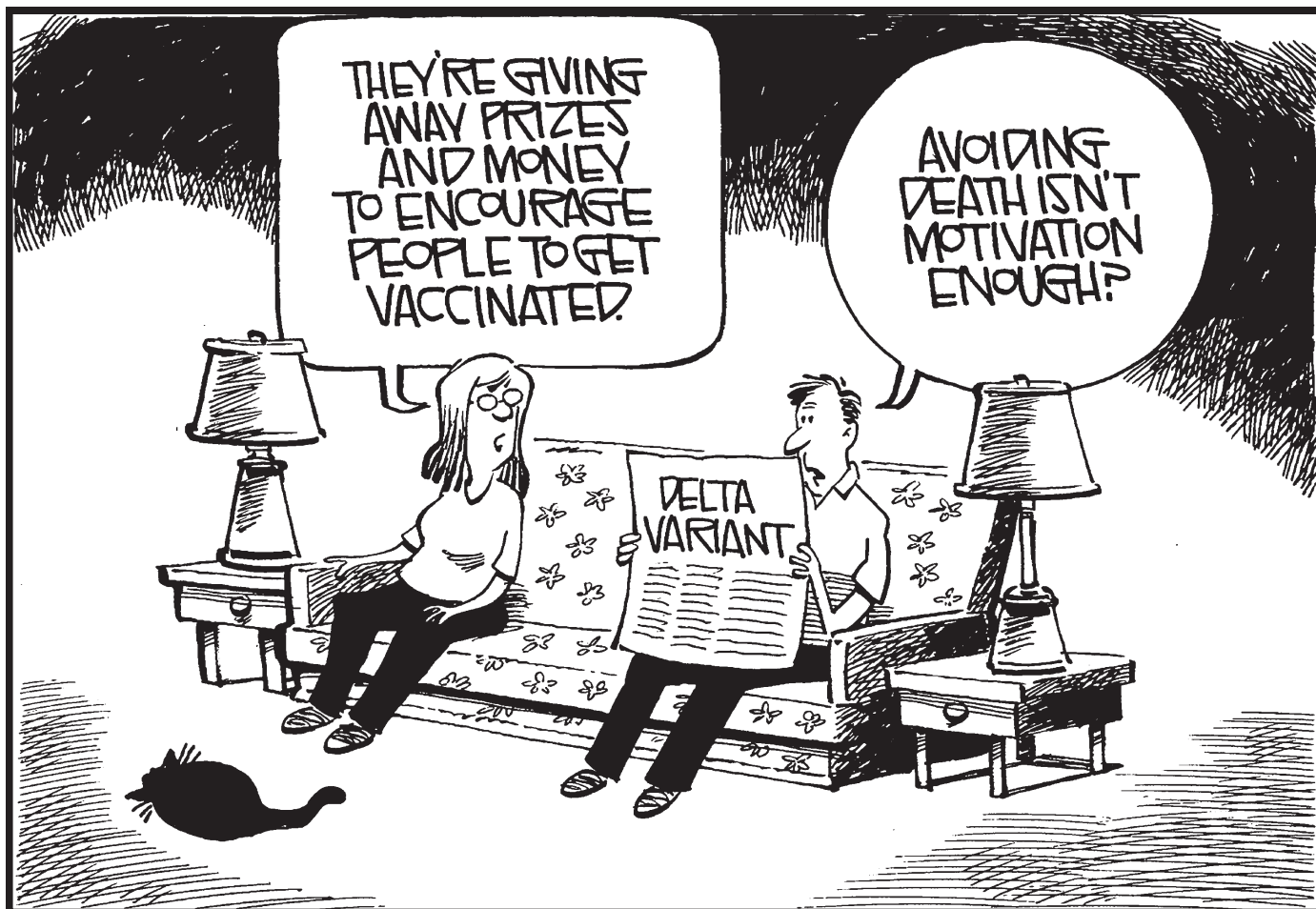
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# Maudie's Naughties



## Getting to the Source

There was once a small boy who banged a drum all day and loved every moment of it. He would not be quiet, no matter what anyone else said or did. Various attempts were made to do something about the child.

One person told the boy that he would, if he continued to make so much noise, perforate his eardrums. This reasoning was too advanced for the child, who was neither a scientist nor a scholar.

A second person told him that drum beating was a sacred activity and should be carried out only on special occasions. The third person offered the neighbors plugs for their ears; a fourth gave the boy a book; a fifth gave the neighbors books that described a method of controlling anger through biofeedback; a sixth person gave the boy meditation exercises to make him placid and docile. None of these attempts worked.

Eventually, a wise person came along with an effective motivation. He looked at the situation, handed the child a hammer and chisel, and asked, "I wonder what is INSIDE the drum?"

No more problem.

## Old Castle

A young American tourist goes on a guided tour of a creepy old castle.

At the end of the tour the guide asks her how she enjoyed it. She admits to being a bit worried about seeing a ghost in some of the dark cobwebby rooms and passages.

"Don't worry," says the guide, "I've never seen a ghost all the time I've been here."

"How long is that?" asks the girl.

"About three hundred years."

## English Roommates

Donald MacDonald from Scotland went to study at an English university... and was living in the hall of residence with all the other students there. After he had been there a month, his mother came to visit him (no doubt carrying reinforcements of tatties, salt herring, oatmeal and whisky).

"And how do you find the English students, Donald?" she asked.

"Mother," he replied, "they're such terrible, noisy people. The one on that side keeps banging his head on the wall and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams all night."

"Oh Donald! How do you manage to put up with these awful noisy English neighbors?"

"Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them. I just stay here quietly, playing my bagpipes."

## Capital Punishment

A prospective juror is being questioned by the district attorney for a murder trial that has been in all the papers.

"If the defendant were to be convicted tomorrow, could you kill him for his crime?"

"Of course not," replies the man. "But I could do it on Saturday if that works for you."

## Traffic Stop

While driving along the highway, Pa is surprised to see the Sheriff Rocky motioning for him to pull off the road. Pa drives his pickup onto the shoulder and rolls down his window. "What's the matter, Rocky? Was I going too fast?"

"No, Pa - it's Ma! You drove off and left her in town!"

"Thank goodness!" Pa sighs, "I thought I'd gone deaf!"

## Age of Wisdom

A reporter is interviewing a 104 year-old woman. "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asks.

"No peer pressure," she replies.

## Mouse Talk

A mother mouse and a baby mouse are walking along, when all of a sudden, a cat attacks them. The mother mouse goes, "BARK!" and the cat runs away.

"See?" says the mother mouse to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"



The Wiseman Crossing area off Dry Ridge Road is a place where various wildlife is regularly seen and is even the home of Bald Eagles which have been known to nest there. Last week, one resident spotted five large, white birds perching on trees over his pond. At first glance they might be identified as storks with their long beaks and legs, but further investigation reveals they are actually Great White Egrets which are also sometimes identified as Hurons. The great egret is a little over three feet tall with a wingspan of almost five feet. Its feathers

are entirely white. It has a long, sharp yellow bill and long gray to black legs, with non-webbed feet with very long toes. When the great egret is in breeding plumage, it has long lacy and delicate plumes on its back that curl over its tail. Males and females look alike, but the males are a little larger. The great egret is also known as the American Egret, the Common Egret, the Large Egret, the White Egret, the Great White Egret and the Great White Heron. Their common areas are in the deep South, but Kentucky, and Wiseman Crossing, are well within its migration area.

## Ravenna Railroad Festival is now seeking vendors

Vendor space is now available for the upcoming Ravenna Railroad Days Festival, which, for the first time ever, is being hosted by Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation.

The 2021 Ravenna Railroad Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 11 at Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation's campus on the former CSX Transportation rail yard property off Kirkland Avenue in Irvine. Kentucky Steam President Chris Campbell says the new cooperation between the organization and the experienced festival managers with the City of Ravenna is yet another step forward for both Kentucky Steam and the railroad festival.

"It's always a pleasure to work in conjunction with the people in the twin communities of Ravenna and Irvine," Campbell said. "The City of Ravenna had done such an amazing job in the past with organizing and holding the festival, and we're looking forward to seeing it held on our campus for, hopefully, years to come."

Vendor space for this

year's railroad festival is available for booking now. Those interested in space for both stand-alone booths, as well as food beverage may visit [www.railroadfestival.com](http://www.railroadfestival.com) for applications, vendor information, and guidelines. Booth size and pricing varies, with rates available for review on the applications.

This year's event marks the return of the Ravenna Railroad Festival after the festival was canceled in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The 2021 railroad festival will also act as a showcase of Kentucky Steam's "The Yard," a burgeoning tourism development in Estill County at the site of the former CSX rail yard dividing Ravenna and Irvine. "The Yard" will act as a fully-immersive historical/educational experience where visitors will not only learn the varying aspects of the operation of historical railroad equipment including steam locomotives, but they will also be greeted by an events venue, a brewery and restaurant, and much more.

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