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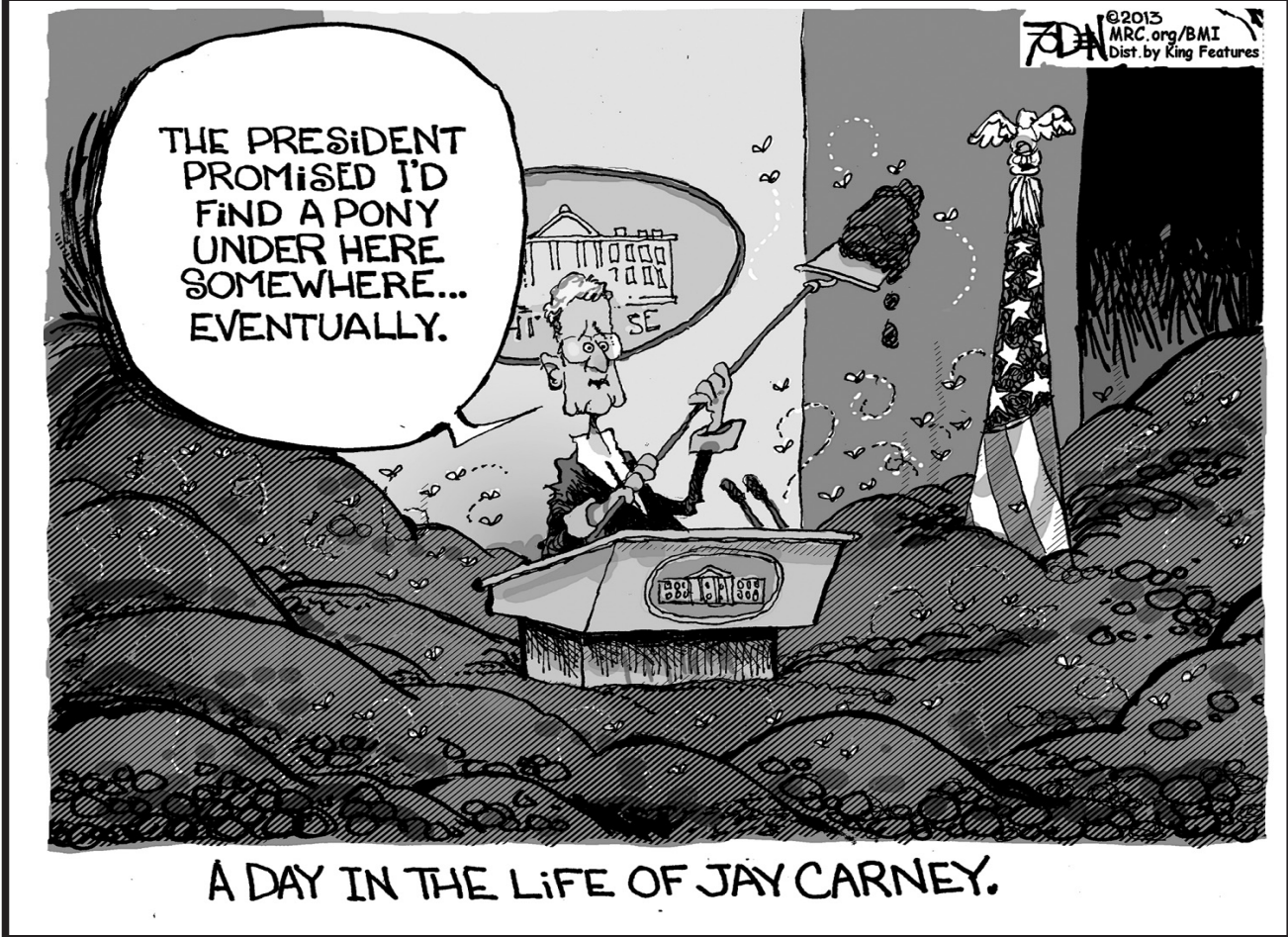
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Maudie's Naughties



The Turkey

When I was a young turkey, new to the coop . . .
My big brother Tom took me out on the stoop.
Then he sat me down, and he spoke real slow,
And he told me there was something that I just had to know;
His look and his tone I will always remember,
When he told me of horrors . . . come late in November.;
"Come about August, now listen to me,
Each day you'll get six meals instead of just three,
And soon you'll be thick, where once you were thin,
And you'll grow a big rubbery thing on your chin;
"And then one morning, when you're warm in your bed,
The farm wife comes in and hacks off your head;
"Then she'll pluck out your feathers so you're all bald'n pink,
And scoop out your innerds right there in the sink;
"And then comes the worst part" he said . . . I'm not bluffing,
"She'll spread your cheeks wide n' pack your rear with stuffing."
Well, the rest of his words were too grim to repeat,
I sat on the stoop like a winged piece of meat,
And decided on the spot that to avoid being cooked,
I'm gonna lay low to remain overlooked.
I began a new diet of nuts and granola,
High-roughage salads, carrot juice, . . . diet cola.
And as they ate pastries, chocolate, and crepes,
I stayed in my room doing Jane Fonda tapes.
I maintained my weight of two pounds and a half,
And acted like I'm sick when the bigger birds laughed;
For 'twas I who was laughing, under my breath,
As they chomped and they chewed, ever closer to death.
And sure enough when late November rolled around,
I was the last turkey left walking around . . .
So now I'm a pet in the farmer's wife's lap;
I haven't a worry, so I eat . . . and I nap;
She holds me all day, while sewing and humming,
And smiles at me, and sings, "Christmas time is coming."

Going To The Moon

Pa, Junior and Howard Green are sitting on the store porch.
"Pa," says Howard, "Did you know the Americans were the first on the moon?"
"Yep," says Pa. "But the Russians beat us in space!"
"So, what?!" boasts Junior. "We'll be the first on the sun!"
"You can't land on the sun!" says Pa. "You'll burn up."
"We're not stupid," replies Howard. "We're going at night!"

Yankee In Town

Pa and Farmer Green are sitting on the store porch one day when a shiny, new car comes rolling up Needmore Hollow and screeches to a stop in front of the store and a well-dressed gentleman jumps out and runs up to Pa.
"I just want you to know that I haven't taken back all I've said about you people and your backward, hillbilly ways," he says, "But I need to use your outhouse really bad!"
"Go right ahead," says Pa, and the gentleman rushes up the bank to a little, broken down outhouse sitting next to the creek."
Watching in amazement, Farmer Green says, "Pa, you've had an inside bathroom nearly all your life. I thought you were going to tear down that old toilet years ago."
"I was," says Pa. "But I just don't have the heart to tell these Yankees."

Poachers

A little while later, the game warden pulls up to the store in front of Pa and Farmer Green.
"Say," says Pa. "Did you catch those Yankees that were hunting turkey out of season up at the head of the holler that I told you about?"
"Well, sort of," says the game warden. "They shot down that old buzzard that always sits up on the cliff at Buffalo Point waiting for something to fall dead. Done had him cleaned and in their big expensive fryer by the time I got there. I just didn't think it was worth the trouble to tell them what they had wasn't a turkey."

Trip To The Doctor

Bambi goes into the doctor's office and tells him that her body hurts wherever she touches it.
"Impossible!" says the doctor . . . "Show me."
Bambi takes her finger, pushes on her left shoulder and screams, then she pushes her elbow and screams even more. She pushes her knee and screams; likewise she pushes her ankle and screams. Everywhere she touches makes her scream. "What's wrong with me?" she asks.
"Just a small part of your problem," says the doctor, "Is that your finger is broken!"

Speeding

Trixie comes flying down Needmore Hollow, and Sheriff Rocky pulls her over for speeding. He asks to see her license.
"I wish you guys would get your act together," she says. "Yesterday, you take my license away from men, and then today, you expect me to show it to you!"

Letters To The Editor

It's Just About Upon Us - The Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party

It's just about upon us. The Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party! For years we have depended on donations from the community and churches to carry on this tradition. This is our 23rd year of having the party since Ms. Witt's death in 1990. The Irvine First Christian Church, Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Club and Citizens Guaranty Bank have been annual givers for the party from the beginning along with some personal donations from the community. We have also been blessed with donations

Thank You, Marcum & Wallace Hospital

After having both of her knees replaced, my wife chose to come to Marcum and Wallace for a week of physical and occupational therapy. As we look back on her stay in our small town hospital we could not be more pleased. The care was exceptional and every-

one went out of their way to see that we were treated like family. Words cannot express the gratitude we have for the staff of Marcum and Wallace Hospital; you are indeed a blessing to this community.

Paul and Betty Groves

Thanks For Food Bank Donations

Letter to the Editor
Many thanks to those who attended, performed, and donated at the Gospel Music Ministry Concert at South Irvine Christian Church for the Estill County Food Bank.
The few who attended were very, very generous. Also, thanks to the generosity of the performers: Praise Singers, Randy Rison, Martin Overbay & friends, Dale Borders, Lynn Daniels; and from the church, Glyndon, Sheila, Hope, etc. . .
It was a great concert for the small crowd, and those attending surely received a blessing(s) "...God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Thank you, Johnetta@Gospel Music Ministry, South Irvine Christian

The Center for Rural Development is accepting grant applications from Estill County for ARC funding for community strategic planning

In these tough economic times, many communities in Southern and Eastern Kentucky often have a vision for the future but lack the funds necessary to make that vision a reality.
During the next Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding cycle, The Center for Rural Development will be awarding federally funded mini-grants to help advance strategic planning efforts throughout the region.
Grant applications from city and county governments and eligible nonprofit organizations in 37 Southern and Eastern Kentucky—including Estill County— will be accepted through Dec. 12. Grants range from \$5,000 to a maximum of \$10,000.
The ARC mini-grants, awarded through The Center's Developing and Implementing Community Strategies Program, may be used for either the successful creation of a strategic plan or the implementation of priority community development projects identified in existing strategic plans. The use of technology solutions in the implementation and execution of these plans and projects is encouraged.
Eligibility guidelines, funding availability, and grant application materials may be downloaded from The Center's website at www.centertech.com. For more information on how to apply for ARC funding support through The Center, contact Patti Simpson at 606-677-6000 or email arc@centertech.com.
Since 2005, more than \$661,000 in ARC mini-grant funding has been awarded by The Center to 49 Southern and Eastern Kentucky communities to advance local economic and community development plans.
All projects must be completed within six months after the grant announcement and require a local cash match of 20 percent of the total project cost. Grants are expected to be awarded in January.
The Center, a nonprofit organization located in Somerset, Ky., was established in 1996 through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) and other leaders. The Center's mission is to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

of candy from Mrs. George Griffin as well as chocolate milk from Southern Belle Dairy/FlavORich.
We have kept the party the same as Ms. Witt prepared each year by giving each child a necklace, chocolate milk, candy, caramel corn, fruit, toy and book. Our budget runs around \$3,000 a year and we provide for 500 children.
A few years ago we stopped ordering our toys from the wholesale companies and began purchasing our toys locally at the Dollar General and Family Dollar Store by using those \$5 off when you purchase \$25

or more coupons. Each year we thank God that we are able to provide this party once again with the funds that we have.
As with everyone else we are running a little short this year to cover fruit and Carmel corn. If you would like to make a donation for our party your donation can be made at Citizens Guaranty Bank.

Thank you!
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