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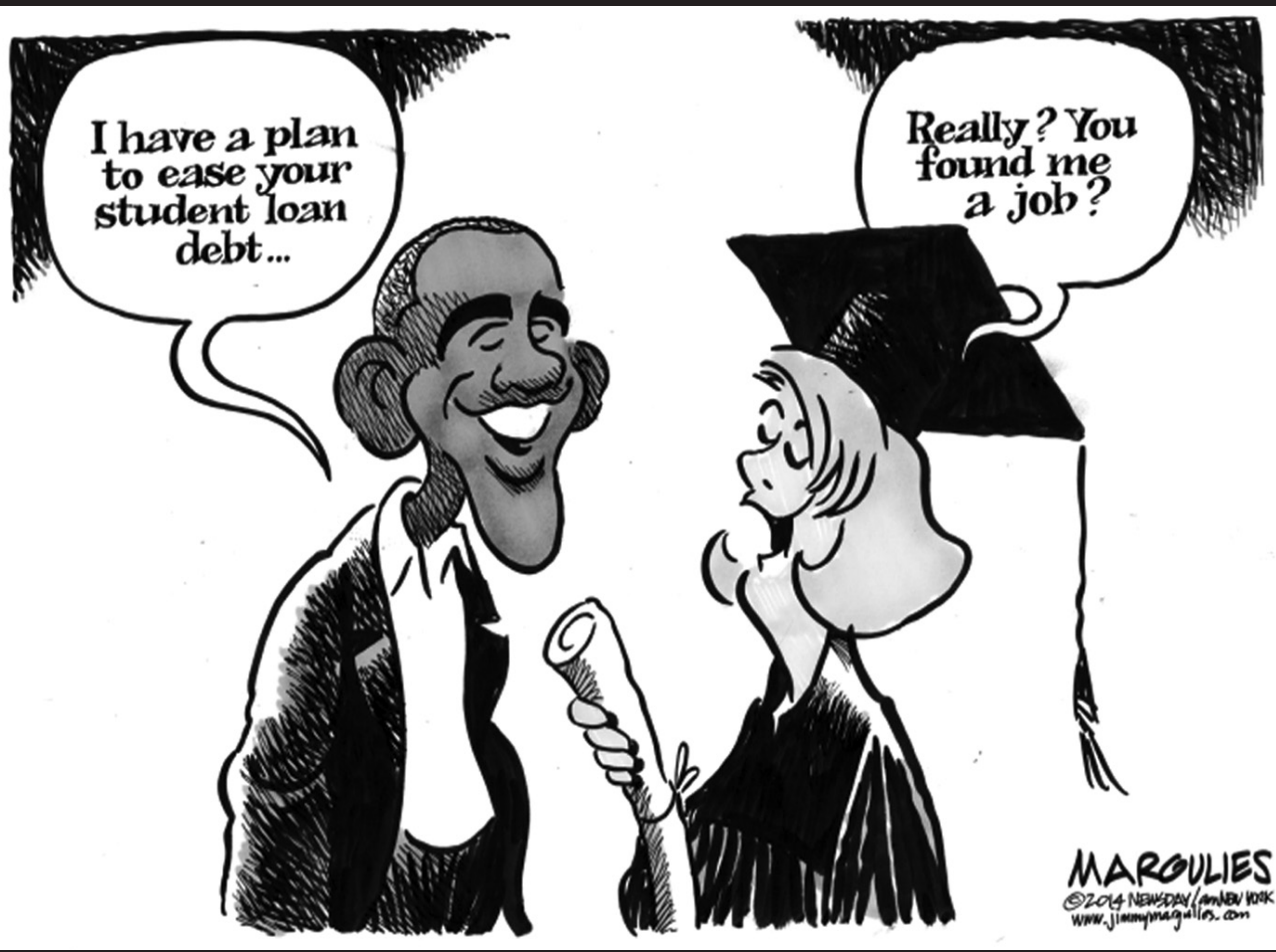
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# Maudie's Naughties



## Blind Pilots

Two pilots come onto the plane wearing dark glasses. One is using a guide dog and the other is tapping his way along the aisle with a cane.

Nervous laughter spreads throughout the cabin as the men enter the cockpit, the door closes and the engines start up. The passengers begin glancing nervously around, searching for some sign that this is just a little practical joke.

The plane moves faster and faster down the runway and the people sitting in the window seats suddenly realize they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport. As it begins to look as though the plane will plow into the water, panicked screams fill the cabin.

At that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly and soon all retreat into their magazines, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands.

In the cockpit, one of the pilots turns to the other and says, 'Ya know, Bob, one of these days, they're gonna scream too late and we're all gonna die.'

## Repair Job

Ma and Pa are sitting in the living room watching Hee Haw reruns when Ma says, "Hey, Pa, When are you going to fix that hole in the ceiling?"

"Well," replies Pa, "When you put away all your junk from off the couch and clean up this house."

A few minutes later, Ma is on the stepladder with a ruler and a pencil, measuring the hole.

"What are you doing?" asks Pa.  
"Fixing the hole."

## Anniversary

Ma and Pa are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and someone asks Pa what he has learned from all those years he's spent with Ma.

"Well," says Pa, "I've learned that marriage is the best teacher of all. It teaches you loyalty, forbearance, meekness, self-restraint, and forgiveness."

"What else have you learned?" they ask.

"That I wouldn't have had to learn all that stuff if I had just stayed single."

## Well Insured

Gus and Slim show up at the same beach in Florida.

"What are you doing here?" asks Gus.

Slim replies, "You remember that overpriced house I bought in Richmond? Well, it caught fire the other day, so here I am with the insurance proceeds. What are you doing here?"

"Well," replies Gus. "You remember that big house I bought next to the river at Boonesborough? Well, the river flooded it, so here I am with the flood insurance proceeds."

"Gee," says Slim, "How do you start a flood?"

## Special Ring

An older, white haired man walks into a jewelry store one Saturday evening with a beautiful young gal at his side. He tells the jeweler he is looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweler looks through his stock and brings out a \$5,000 ring.

The old man says, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

So, the jeweler goes to his special stock and brings another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000." The young lady's eyes sparkle and her body trembles with excitement.

The old man seeing this says, "We'll take it. I'll pay you for it with a check and you can hold the ring until Monday morning when the bank open so you can see that the check clears."

Monday morning, the jeweler phones the man and says, "There's no money in that account."

"Yeah," says the old man. "But that didn't stop me from having a great weekend."

## The Best Gunfighter

Junior and Bubba are coming home from Myrtle Beach and decide to stop by at one of the Old West towns in North Carolina where they use real-like guns that shoot rubber bullets. Junior wants to be like one of the old time gunfighters, so he buys a pistol and holster goes into a saloon.

Just as he walks in, an old man looks at him and says, "If you'll tie that holster lower onto your leg you'll be able to pull your gun out of the holster better."

Junior ties the holster lower and decides he going to try to see if he can get the gun out quicker. But the gun goes off accidentally and the rubber bullet knocks off the hat of a man sitting down at the end of the bar.

The old man says, "If you'll cut a notch in the top of your holster where the hammer hits, the gun will come out smoother."

Junior does so and then practices his draw again. The gun fires again, this time striking the leg of the same man as before who is sitting at the end of the bar, causing the man to fall onto the floor with the pain and discomfort from the rubber bullet.

The old man hands Junior a can of grease and says, "Here, rub this grease all over your gun and that will make it better."

Junior starts rubbing the grease all over his gun but he protests, saying, "I don't see how all this grease can help my draw."

"It won't," says the old man. "But that man you just shot is going to stick that gun where the sun doesn't shine . . . all that grease will keep you from hurting so much."

## National Weather Service

### Focus is on Lightning Safety during week of June 22-28

Summer is time for backyard barbecues, trips to the beach and lots of outdoor fun, but it's also a time when thunderstorms become more frequent. In a typical year, there are over half a million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes in the state of Kentucky. Over the past ten years, there have been 10 deaths attributed to lightning across the state, and, on average, lightning kills over 50 people across the U.S. each year. Those that survive a strike are often left with lifelong neurological damage.

Although the average annual number of lightning deaths in recent years has dropped, the National Weather Service and its lightning safety

partners believe that's still too many and urge the public, "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" The National Weather Service has set aside the week of June 22nd through 28th as Lightning Safety Awareness Week. This week provides a good opportunity to learn about lightning safety.

To avoid being struck by lightning, the National Weather Service recommends you:

- Get into a fully enclosed building or hardtop vehicle at the first rumble of thunder;
- Wait 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder before venturing back outdoors;
- Monitor the weather forecast when you're planning to

be outdoors;

- Have a plan for getting to safety in case a thunderstorm moves in;

- Do not use a corded phone during a thunderstorm; cell phones are safe to use;

- Keep away from plumbing, electrical equipment and wiring during a thunderstorm.

The National Weather Service has created a community-based volunteer awareness program to increase awareness about the danger of lightning at out-

door venues, like local parks, ball fields, golf courses and swimming pools. Toolkits are available to help those in charge of outdoor sporting events reduce the risk of lightning related threats. Those who complete the process will be recognized by the National Weather Service for their proactive efforts in lightning safety.

For more information, including venue toolkits, media resources, statistics, and resources for kids, please go to [www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov).

## Letters To The Editor

### Is Prisoner Informant Program Working In Our Counties?

To The Editor:

Is the informant program working in our counties? I don't think it is working.

You find out that one of the "cheese eaters" has broken in your home. The 50-pound block of cheese has done run out that the law gave them.

Selling drugs, breaking into people's homes and several other crimes; it doesn't matter. If you want out of jail, all you have to do is accept the 50-pound of cheese, turn some of your friends into the law; then get paid for each one you turn in.

But what happens after the cheese and money run out. The only lesson the outlaw has learned is that they go

back to stealing and dealing drugs. If they get back in jail again, all they have to do is "eat more cheese."

Is this the message we should be giving the outlaws? I don't think so. Is it worth putting them back on the street? To break into your home and steal the lawn mowers out of your yard. Break in your building and steal all your tools. Is this the right message to give the outlaws? Go and do it again. We've got more cheese and money waiting for you when you get caught again.

Do you think this is what the law is telling them?

Michael Proffitt  
Clay City, Ky.

## Global Warming

To The Editor:

"Global Warming" Everyone is talking about it. No telling how many scientists are studying it. Now, our government is claiming coal is causing it now.

History shows us that the Earth has warmed and cooled off since time began. The Ice Age wiped out the first native Americans; wiped out a lot of different animals then.

A small Ice Age about froze the first English settlers in North America.

The Industrial Age started about 150 years ago. Every year since we have burned more and more fossil fuel No telling how many 'tillions of tons of fossil fuels is burned

each year now.

It took millions of years to make all the coal and oil we are burning each year.

The 5th or 6th grade science book will tell you what is really happening. The Earth has to be getting smaller. So, the smaller Earth gets, the closer the Sun will draw it to the Sun.

I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to figure out what is going on. I don't think it will stop. The Earth will just keep getting warmer and warmer. It says in the Bible, Earth would be destroyed by fire. Are we not destroying it now with fire?

Michael Proffitt  
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