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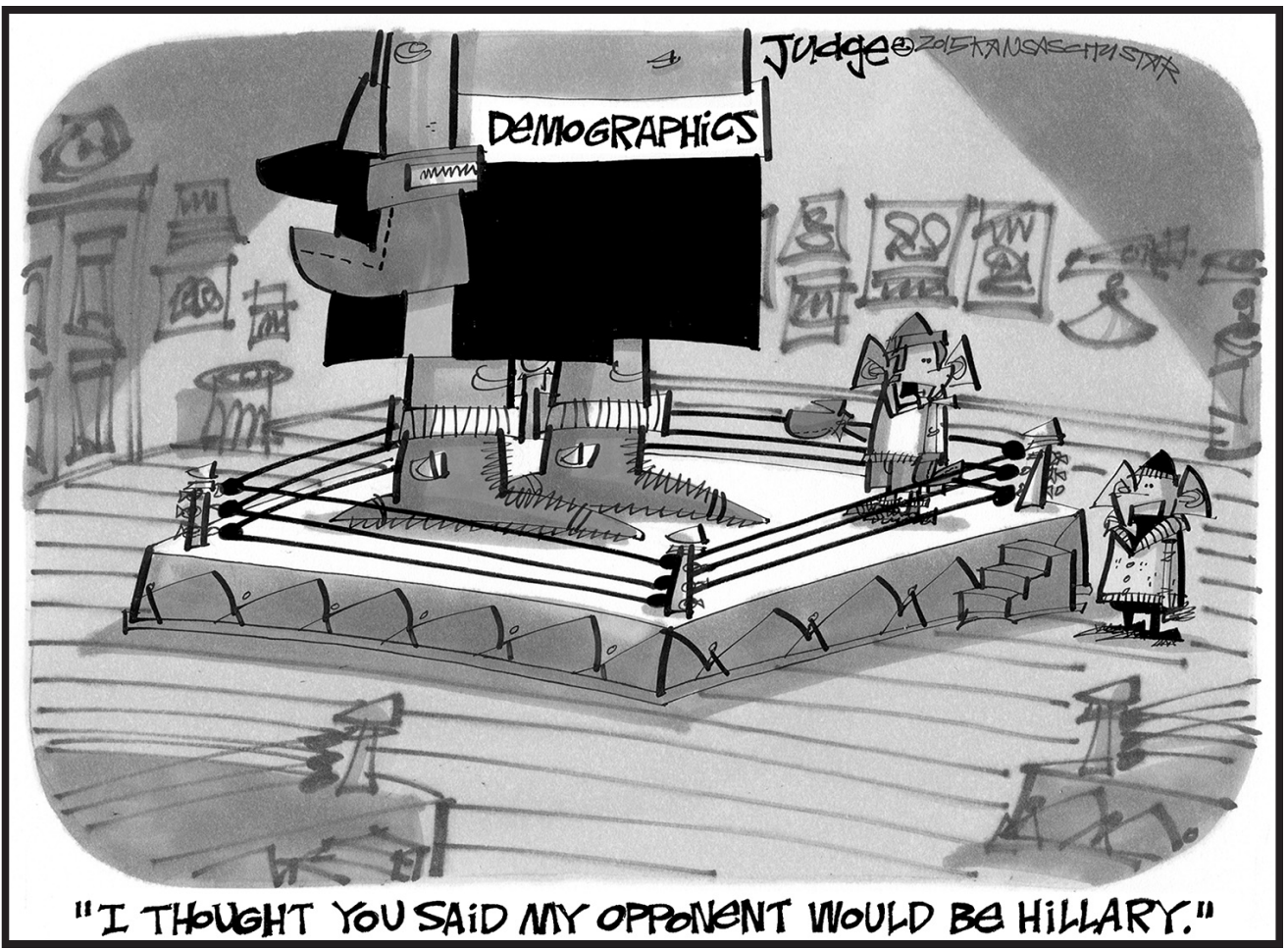
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"I THOUGHT YOU SAID MY OPPONENT WOULD BE HILLARY."

Maudie's Naughties



Correct Diagnosis

One Sunday a minister feigned illness so he could go deer hunting. That morning he shoots a fantastic 14-point buck!

Saint Peter looks down from Heaven and says to God, "You aren't going to let him bag a prize like that are you?"

"Why not?" God replies. "Who's he going to tell?"

Hunting is the least of their worries

Two deer hunters meet in the woods. The first one says to the other, "Boy am I glad to see you, I've been lost for hours."

The second deer hunter says, "That's nothing, I've been lost for a week."

Watch what you say

Bubba is bragging about the biggest, baddest, hand-somest, heaviest deer he'd bagged the day before. "Its got enough meat to eat the whole year," he boasts.

Just then the Game Warden comes up and cites Bubba \$500 for hunting without the proper tag.

"Five-hundred dollars?" says Bubba. "All for a mangy, skinny, stubby, half-pint deer?"

Try and try again

Howard Green and Junior hire a pilot to take them way back into the forest.

After the hunt, the pilot returns and sees that they shot six deer. "The plane won't carry six deer, you'll have to leave two of them," says the pilot.

Unwilling to leave their deer, the hunters say, "We got six on the plane last year."

The pilot gave in, and just five minutes after takeoff the plane crashed into the forest. Lucky to be alive, Howard asks, "Any idea where we are?"

Junior replies, "Yeah, right about where our plane went down last year."

Oh, deer

Howard and a woman are on their first date. The woman is trying to make conversation and says, "So, I hear you hunt deer." Howard looks away and turns red.

What's wrong? asks the woman.

"I'm not used to someone calling me dear on the first date," says Howard.

That can't be right

Howard Green and Junior are not having any luck so they ask for advice from an old timer.

"You can just about guarantee a deer if you learn to hunt with dogs," he says. The two get a trained deer dog and hit the woods. At the end of the day and still empty-handed, Howard says to Junior, "Maybe tomorrow we'll get one if we throw the dog out of a higher tree stand."

Nice try

On the way home from a hunt, Bubba stops by the grocery store. "Give me a couple of steaks," he says.

"We're out of steaks but we have hotdogs and chicken," says the butcher.

"Hotdogs and chicken?!" yells Bubba. "How can I tell Etheline that I bagged a couple of hotdogs and chickens?"

Whoops

Bubba and Junior are in deer camp and wake up in the middle of the night. "Look at the stars, what a splendor," says Junior.

"Yeah, but what do you think happened to our tent?" replies Bubba.

Religious skunks

Two skunks observe a deer hunter sneaking through the woods with a rifle.

"I hope he's not going to shoot at us," says one skunk.

The second skunk bows his head and says, "Let us spray."

Short season

On the first day of the deer hunting season, a hunter falls out of a deer stand and breaks both his legs.

"Why couldn't this happen on my last day of hunting?!" the hunter cries to the doctor.

"It did," the doctor replies.

Every hour on the hour

While deer hunting, Howard Green and Junior decide to separate to increase their chances.

"What if we get lost?" says Howard.

"Fire three shots up in the air, every hour on the hour," says Junior. "I saw it on TV."

Sure enough, Howard gets lost, so he fires three shots up into the air every hour on the hour. The next day Junior finds Howard with the help of the Forest Ranger.

"Did you do what I said?" asks Junior.

"Yes, I fired three shots up into the air every hour on the hour, until I ran out of arrows."

Letter To The Editor

Businessman wants representation on annexation

REMEMBER THE ALAMO!! REMEMBER THE KY RIVER LOCKS AND DAMS!!! Remember how we as united citizens, regardless of our politics, fought the issues of raising the locks and dams along the KY River? We won that time. Looks like we need to unite together again to fight ANNEXATION issues. Only this time it involves those who live or own property close to the city of IRVINE. If it is true that the annexing city government can decide who will be annexed, and that we have no say so, then we better UNITE our rights that allow us to live in a free county where freedom includes us having a say in our local, state, and federal government. "EXCEPT" when it comes to deciding where we want to live and/or own a business. Is that right being taken away from us by a group of citizens who have the authority to force home and land owners to do something without a vote? Seems like there may be some legality issue that we citizens need to be digging into. I have talked to Irvine landowners who are yet to see the benefits of going across the bridge or bridges.

If those restaurants, grocery stores, variety stores and drug stores get what they want, to sell beer or alcohol, then why would anyone want to go into downtown Irvine to buy alcohol? Statewide, Rite Aid is known to sell more liquor in KY than most liquor stores. That would sure hurt the new liquor stores in Irvine. So how will annexation help those already in Irvine? Also if annexed why would anyone want to open a business in downtown where parking may be an issue? All the Estill County people who voted and worked for a "dry county" may have lost their votes by

being forced into annexation without representation.

Remember the phrase, "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION"? As an Irvine landowner everyone will pay at least TWO or more TAXES that I'm aware of in addition to the property taxes that you are already paying. Utility taxes such as water and sewage may be good. I need a new sewage system and would be glad to pay Irvine for that. Oh yes, the garbage will be picked up by the city and I won't need to pay for the dumpster that our renters use. They will pay for their own garbage and sewage. Also Irvine would be responsible to keep it picked up for me. The one tax that I am against paying for sure is the insurance tax, which is 10% of our premium. Get out your insurance policies and see what extra money you will pay if annexed. Because my business is a "Hazardous Material or Product", my insurance runs much more than other liabilities. If I'm forced into being in the City of Irvine, what is that liability insurance going to do to the City's Liability for Hazardous Materials? Probably cost the taxpayers more! I would just pass that cost on to my customers which would make their propane a little higher. I wouldn't like that nor would they. I'm sure gasoline retailers will do the same and raise their fuel prices.

People are being told that many people and businesses are for annexation. I understand the TARGET store would not move to Richmond because of their sewage issues. Do we expect them to come here to Estill County if Richmond couldn't satisfy them. I have not found anyone yet, on this side of the river, who wants their taxes

increased. Many people who own land along Hwy. 52 and West Irvine area have agreed with my feelings on annexation and are willing to stand behind me. I just cannot see the two auto parts stores, medical and other rental buildings in West Irvine volunteering to have their taxes increased but you can never talk with the corporate owners. Oh yes, South Irvine, Sandhill, Stacy Lane, Winston, Cedar Grove, Wisemantown and all other voting landowners, you will be next so do not think you are exempt. I have not talked to all the county officials yet to see if and how much money the county will lose or what changes will be made if annexed. I do not believe they are in favor of such.

I want to say that greed is a reason FOR annexation but my own greed is also a reason to be AGAINST it. I only wish to bring questions to the reader's attention because "We the people" may have a say some day, not just the city government. My 91

year old mother just could not believe that we live in a country where we have no vote in our future. Whether or not we need to get up a petition or some other opposition, please do not let this issue of annexation go through without questions and answers.

If the city wants to annex without upsetting the community, try dropping the insurance tax and make your taxes equal to folks who live in other parts of the county. It could be that city and insurance taxes are the reasons why business have left downtown Irvine. Just maybe we are satisfied with our fire protection, police protection and utility systems. I'm sure we all would like a better place to live but not at the expenses of a select few. Maybe an Urban County or metropolitan form of government would be an answer.

THE MAIN THING IS, THAT ALL OF US IN THE COUNTY GET A VOTE ON ANNEXATION!!!!

Sincerely, Pepper Hardy

Letter To The Editor

Disturbed by Newspaper Report

I'm extremely disturbed by a report in a local newspaper that some men were ordered by the sheriff to remove a Confederate battle flag from their van.

The first amendment of our Constitution guarantees freedom of speech as a basic right. The U.S. Supreme Court has long held that freedom of expression is included in freedom of speech, (for in-

stance, leftists are permitted to burn the U.S. flag.)

The officer had no authority to order the flag to be removed. My question is: did he make an honest mistake, was he throwing his weight around, or was he trying to create an incident? The officer in question owes an apology to all the citizens of this county.

Sincerely, Charles Peek

Editor's Note: The article Mr. Peek is writing about did not appear in this newspaper. However, we spoke with Sheriff Gary Freeman who denied the allegations made against him in the article. The sheriff said the 911 dispatch received calls from citizens who were passing the man with the flag and was selling CDs. Freeman said the citizens stated the man was using the flag to

wave them in to the lot to buy CDs and was stopping traffic on Richmond Road. The citizens stated the man was creating a traffic hazard. Freeman said he talked with the man, who was cooperative with him, and asked him to keep the flag out of the road.

"The flag had nothing to do with it," Freeman said. "It was just the nature of the calls that came in."

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