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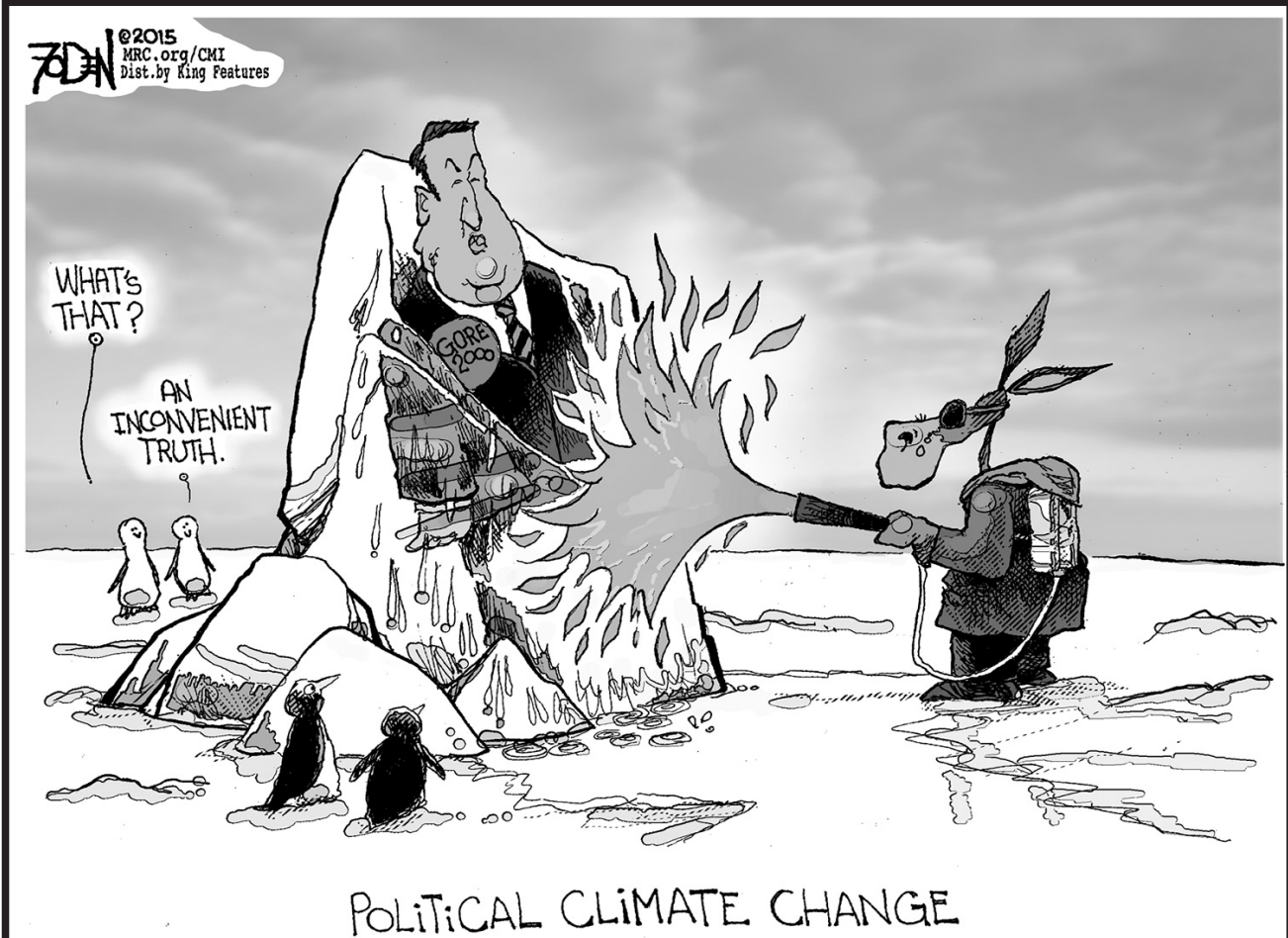
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Maudie's Naughties

Lost in the Park
A police car pulls up in front of Ma's house, and Pa gets out. The polite policeman tells her that this elderly gentleman says that he was lost in the park and couldn't find his way home. "Pa", says Ma, "You've been going to that park for over 30 years! So how could you get lost?" Leaning over close to Ma, so that the policeman can't hear, Pa whispers, "Lost? I wasn't lost! I was just too tired to walk home."

The Checkup
Pa goes in for a thorough check-up at a Lexington clinic. Arriving at the huge and somewhat confusing building, he gets an x-ray on the second floor and returns to the first floor for a blood test. Afterwards, a nurse tells him, "Now, sir, you must go to the 3rd floor where you'll give them a urine sample, and when you're through with that you'll go up to the 4th floor where they'll need a sample of your stool. When all this is done, you can go home and wait for us to send you the results."

Follow Up
Pa gets his results a week later and calls up the doctor to complain, "I've been to three other doctors since I read your report, and none of them agreed with your diagnosis." The doctor calmly replies, "Just wait until the autopsy, then they'll see that I was right."

Computer Hacker
Folks, we now have a computer hacker right here in our county. That's right! Police were called to her home last Wednesday night. It was Ma. That's right, Ma! She returns home from prayer meeting to find Pa in front of the computer chatting with women and looking at some of the pictures they had sent him. Ma was so upset she hacks that computer terminal into little pieces with a meat cleaver. She starts after Pa but the police held her off until Pa can run into the woods. They're still looking for him.

The Beggar
"My poor man," says the kind old lady to the pan handler, "It must be dreadful to be lame. But think how much worse it would be if you were blind." "You got that right, lady," agrees the pan handler. "When I was blind, I was always getting counterfeit money."

Bored City Slicker
A young man from the city goes to visit his farmer uncle. For the first few days, the uncle shows him the usual things -- chickens, cows, crops, etc. After three days, however, it is obvious that the nephew is getting bored, and the uncle is running out of things to amuse him with. Finally, the uncle has an idea. "Why don't you grab a gun, take the dogs, and go shooting?" This seems to cheer the nephew up, and with enthusiasm, off he goes, dogs in trail. After a few hours, the nephew returns. "How did you enjoy that?" asks the uncle. "It was great!" exclaims the nephew. "Got any more dogs?"

Parrot on a Plane
On reaching his plane seat a man is surprised to see a parrot strapped in next to him. He asks the stewardess for a cup of coffee whereupon the parrot squawks, "And get me a Coke, you cow!" The stewardess, flustered, brings back a Coke for the parrot and forgets the coffee. While this omission is being pointed out to her, the parrot drains its glass and bawls "And get me another Coke dog-face!" Quite upset, the girl comes back shaking but with another Coke and still no coffee. Unaccustomed to such slackness the man tries the parrot's approach. "I've asked you twice for a coffee! Go and get it now, you old goat!" In the next moment both he and the parrot have been wrenched up and thrown out of the emergency exit by two burly stewards. Plunging downwards the parrot turns to him and says, "For someone who can't fly, you've got guts!"

Stickup
Late one night in Washington, D.C., a mugger wearing a ski mask jumps into the path of a well-dressed man and sticks a gun in his ribs. "Give me your money," he demands. Indignant, the affluent man replies, "You can't do this - I'm a United States Congressman!" "In that case," replies the robber, "Give me MY money!"



MONDAY

LABOR DAY

Sept. 7

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Attention Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, September 3rd and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

Camp Lejeune Claims Deadline

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves
If you're a veteran with an illness that you believe was caused by the drinking water at Camp Lejeune, you have until Sept. 24, 2016, to establish yourself as a Camp Lejeune Veteran and be eligible to claim out-of-pocket reimbursement of costs going back to Aug. 6, 2012. After a long, drawn-out process, the Department of Veterans Affairs is finally looking into the possibility of establishing some presumptives for Camp Lejeune service. How's that for being definite? After all, the water was contaminated from the 1950s to the 1980s. And yes, the VA will treat veterans with any of a list of 15 illnesses caused by drinking water at Camp Lejeune laced with fuel and dry cleaning chemicals. That's the result of the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012, but it doesn't include disability. Labeling the illnesses as presumptives and service-related will allow disability payments. As of this writing, the VA benefits page says you must be ill and have "a medical opinion indicating the disease is a result of exposure to the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune." The illnesses are: esophageal cancer, breast cancer, kidney cancer, multiple myeloma, renal toxicity, female infertility, scleroderma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, lung cancer, bladder cancer, leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes, hepatic steatosis, miscarriage and neurobehavioral effects. The dates you (or family members) would have needed to be exposed to the contaminated water are from Aug. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1987. (That date used to be 1957.) To file for health care or to sign up as a Camp Lejeune Veteran, go online to www.ebenefits.va.gov, or call 800-827-1000. For more information, call 877-222-VETS (8387) or see www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune. For family members who were made ill by the water, see www.clfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Letter to Editor

Thanks for school supplies

On behalf of the students attending the Estill County Success Academy, I want to thank the community members who donated the hundreds of dollars' worth of school supplies, such as binders, folders, markers, pens, pencils, rulers, paper, glue sticks and much more. Thank you for caring about the needs of others. In addition, I would like to offer a special thank you to Dollar General in Ravena, KY, and the always accommodating Dollar General staff for facilitating this school supply drive. Community partnerships such as the ones we have with Dollar General are a big reason our schools are successful. In Partnership,
**Stephen Willis,
Principal
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