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Maudie's Naughties



Barn Fire

Vandals set fire to a roll of hay in front of Pa's barn and it spreads to the barn which is totally destroyed along with the farm equipment inside. An insurance adjuster comes out and assesses the damages.

"When will we get our check for the barn," asks Ma?

"We don't give you money," explains the adjuster. "We replace the barn and all the same equipment."

"Well, if that's the case," replies Ma, "just cancel that little policy I have on Pa."

New Suit

Pa needs a suit really bad for the funeral of a Lexington friend. He decides to stop on the way to a little shop downtown that sells suits really cheap. He finds one he likes and tries it on.

"But the left arm is a lot longer than the right arm," Pa complains.

"That's why the suit is such a bargain," the sales clerk explains. "Just lift your left shoulder up a little, like this, and tuck this left lapel under your chin a bit, like this."

"But the right leg is way too short," argues Pa.

"No problem," the sales clerk answers. "Just keep your right knee bent a little at all times, walk like this, and no one will notice. That's why this suit is only thirty dollars."

Service time is approaching so Pa buys the suit, cocks his left shoulder into the air, tucks the suit's left lapel under his chin, bends his right knee, and limps out of the store toward his car.

Two doctors happen along and notice him.

"Goodness," the first doctor says to the second, "Look at that poor crippled fellow."

"Yeah," answers the second one. "But his suit sure fits great!"

Fungal

A couple is driving through Lexington on the weekend of the Mushroom Festival when the woman notices an unusual license plate on the car ahead of them.

"Look, Harry!" she says. "Her license plate says 'FUNGAL'. I'll bet she's going to the Mushroom Festival."

"Look again," says her husband. "That plate says, 'FUN-GAL'..... That girl's going to party."

Sore Back

Co-workers sympathize as a woman complains that her back is really sore from moving furniture.

"Why didn't you wait till your husband got home?"

"I could have," she says, "but the couch is easier to move if he's not on it!"

Oh, What a Relief It Is!

Joe and Jim are sitting in the social room of the rest home.

"Guess what," says Jim. "I just had the best bowel movement that I've had in weeks."

"That's great!" replies Joe. "But, I don't recall seeing you leave for the rest room."

"I didn't..."

Well Treated

The new governor is visiting a nursing home in Frankfort when he notices a little old lady sitting in a wheelchair. She starts to lean to one side and leans over so far it looks like she is going to tip over. The governor becomes quite concerned, but his fears are relieved when one of the staffers walks over and gently pushes her back upright. However, a few minutes later, she starts to lean in the other direction and looks like she is going to tip over again before another staff member gently straightens her up. The governor decides he is going to talk to this lady and walks over.

"Well," he asks, "Does everyone treat you well here?"

"Yes, they do," replies the lady, "Except for one thing."

"What's that," he asks?

"They won't let you pass gas!"



This Week at the State Capitol - January 13-17, 2020

Guessing game among Capitol observers

There's always a guessing game among Capitol observers in the early days of a Kentucky General Assembly session over which issues will be designated as Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 1 - honorifics reserved for matters considered to be among top priorities by legislative leaders.

Part of that answer was unveiled last week when legislation on immigration was filed in the Senate as Senate Bill 1. The rest of the answer revealed itself this week as House leaders announced that public assistance reform will be the focus of House Bill 1.

Senate Bill 1, which is currently awaiting consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee, would call upon law enforcement officials and public agencies to use their best efforts, considering available resources, to support the enforcement of federal immigration law.

Senate Bill 1 would also prohibit "sanctuary" policies in Kentucky, such as a measure to block officials from cooperating with federal efforts to enforce immigration laws.

Some fine-tuning on the measure is still occurring to make sure the intent of the bill is clear, one of its sponsors said this week. The bill already states that school districts would be exempt from provisions in the legislation. Others who would also be exempt under changes that will be proposed to the legislation include domestic violence centers, child advocacy centers, rape crisis centers, public defenders, and health departments.

While House Bill 1 has not yet officially been filed for consideration in the House, legislative leaders say the bill is coming soon and will be aimed at helping people moving from public assistance into the workforce.

During a Jan. 13 appearance on Kentucky Educational Television, House Speaker David Osborne said House Bill 1 is "pro-worker" legislation. The measure's supporters say it would help move people into the workforce by making sure those transitioning off of public assistance don't face "benefit cliffs," situations in which a small increase in earned income could trig-

ger a significant drop in child care assistance or some other form of assistance that sets back a struggling family's attempt to achieve financial stability.

In another highlight of last week's legislative action, the Senate and House met in a joint session on Jan. 14 to listen to Gov. Andy Beshear's first State of the Commonwealth Address. The governor urged policymakers to look beyond partisanship and national divisions to focus on matters that most directly affect Kentuckians.

After the speech, legislative leaders praised the cooperative tone. They also noted that some of the most difficult work of governing lies ahead. The governor will offer his budget proposal in a couple weeks at a time when revenue increases are outpaced by cost increases in areas like education, criminal justice, public pensions, and Medicaid. Once the governor delivers his two-year spending proposal, it will be up to lawmakers to craft a budget that they feel best suits the needs of the state.

Already, more than 350 bills have been filed in the House and Senate on issues including human trafficking, hemp, gun rights, vaping, voting rights and sports betting. Citizens can share their input with lawmakers on the issues under consideration by calling the General Assembly's toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181.

Letter to the Editor

Thanking Estill Residents

Dear Editor,
 I am writing to thank Irvine/Estill County residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Because of the generosity of donors in Irvine and across the United States, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collected more than 8.9 million shoebox gifts in 2019. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2019, the ministry is now sending 10,569,405 shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes—packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—Irvine volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever

received. Thanks to the generosity of donors, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 178 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories since 1993.

It's not too late for people to make a difference. Though drop-off locations serving Irvine are closed until November 16 - 23, 2020, information about year-round volunteer opportunities can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling 615-962-7145.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this global project—many who do so year after year. These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely, Dana Williams, Operation Christmas Child

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