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Snail Away

A guy is sitting at home when he hears a knock at the door. He opens the door and sees a snail on the porch. He picks up the snail and throws it as far as he can. Three years later, there's a knock on the door. He opens it and sees the same snail. The snail says "What the heck was that all about?"

Turn It Off

On a passenger flight, the pilot comes over the public address system as usual and to greet the passengers. He tells them at what altitude they'll be flying, the expected arrival time, and a bit about the weather, and advises them to relax and have a good flight. Then, forgetting to turn off the microphone, he says to his co-pilot, "What would relax me right now is a cup of coffee and some romance."

All the passengers hear it. As a stewardess immediately begins to run toward the cockpit to tell the pilot of his slip-up, one of the passengers stops her and says "Don't forget the coffee!"

Bear Trouble

Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The bear sees the campers and begins to head toward them. The first guys drops his backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on.

The second guys says, "What are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear."



This Week at the State Capitol - January 20-24, 2020 Kentucky General Assembly in high gear

start of a Kentucky General Assembly session, packed hallways in the Capitol Annex are a sign that a session has gone into high gear as people from across Kentucky converge to make their voices heard.

sands of Kentuckians came to the Capitol Campus to weigh in on issues ranging from voter identification this year's session, a lot of activity is being packed into a short amount of time as lawmakers study and busier next week when Gov. Andy Beshear presents his state budget proposal and lawmakers begin the work of crafting the spending plan into one they think best serves the state.

Measures that took steps forward in the legislative process this past week include the following:

"Born alive" act. Senate Bill 9 would require that no infant born alive – including one that survives a failed abortion attempt – be denied appropriate medical care. Violation of the proposed law could result in the revocation of a medical provider's license and felony charges. The bill was approved by the by calling the General Assembly's toll-free message Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protec- line at 1-800-372-7181. tion Committee on Thursday and now goes to the full Senate for consideration. Mental health. House Bill 153 would allow the state to establish a mental health first aid training program. The program would be aimed at training professionals and members of the public to identify and assist people with mental health or substance abuse problems. The program would also promote access to certified trainers certified in mental health first aid training. The measure passed the House 93o on Thursday and has been sent to the Senate. **Pets.** House Bill 27 would designate cats and dogs from Kentucky's animal shelters or rescue organizations as the official pets of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The measure was approved by the House on a 90-2 vote on Wednesday and now goes to the Senate for consideration. School safety. Senate Bill 8 would add to a major school safety measure passed into law last year. This year's bill would clarify the definition of a school resource officer to allow a school superintendent to specify any individual to serve as a district's school safety coordinator, clarify which school facilities are required to have school resource officers and to require that the officers be armed. The legislation also specifies a goal of having at least one school counselor per public school and at least one school counselor, or school-based mental health services provider, for every 250 students. The bill was approved by the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday and has been sent to the full Senate for consideration. Sex offenders. House Bill 204 would prohibit sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet from a publicly leased playground. They also wouldn't be allowed to enter the playgrounds without written permission from the person or body responsible for the playgrounds. Sex offenders must already follow these standards for publicly owned playgrounds. The legislation passed the House Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee on Wednesday and now awaits action from the full House. Voter identification. Senate Bill 2 would impose stricter voter identification requirements by calling on Kentuckians to show photo identification before casting votes. Voters without a photo ID could still cast a ballot after showing a non-photo ID card, such as a social security card or a credit card, and affirming, under penalty of perjury, that they are eligible

FRANKFORT -- As sure as gavel strikes mark the to vote. A voter with no ID whatsoever would be allowed to cast a provisional ballot that would be counted after the voter goes to the county clerk's office soon after the election and shows an appropriate ID or fills out an affidavit explaining the reason That was clearly the case this past week as thou- for not having an ID. Senate Bill 2 would also make photo ID cards available to people without driver's licenses free of charge. The bill passed the Senate 29to school safety. With a total of 60 working days in 9 on Thursday and has been sent to the House for consideration.

Youth smoking and vaping. Senate Bill 56 would cast votes on hundreds of issues. Things will get even specify in state law that anyone under 21 years old is not allowed to possess tobacco products and vaping products. This would place state law in line with recently approved federal law regarding youth smoking and vaping. Under Senate Bill 56, officers could confiscate such products from people not old enough to use them and retailers could be fined for selling the products to youth. The legislation passed the Senate on Thursday on a 28-10 vote and has been delivered to the House.

People are encouraged to share their thoughts with lawmakers on the issues under consideration

"I don't need to outrun the bear," the first guy says. "I just need to outrun you."

Snake Bite

Bubba and Howard Green are hiking in the woods when Bubba is bitten on the rear end by a rattlesnake.

"I'll go into town for a doctor," Howard says He runs to a small town and finds the town's only doctor, who is delivering a baby. "I can't leave," Doc says. 'But here's what to do. Take a knife, cut a little X where the bite is, suck out the poison and spit it on the ground."

Howard runs back to Bubba, who is in agony. 'What did the doctor say?" Bubba asks. "He says . . . you're gonna die."

Marital Bliss

A husband is watching car racing on TV while his wife is out cutting the grass. He finally works up the energy to go out and ask his wife what's for supper.

She is quite irritated about him sitting in the air conditioned house all day while she mows the grass, so she scolds him. "I can't believe you're asking me about supper right now! Just imagine I'm out of town, go inside and fix something for yourself."

So he goes back in the house and fixes himself a big steak, with potatoes, garlic bread and tall glass of iced tea.

The wife finally walks in about the time he is finishing up and asks him, "You fixed something to eat? So where's mine?"

"Huh? I thought you were out of town."

Trapped!

Trixi, Bambi and their friend decide to spend the night in a hotel. The next morning the desk clerk gets a call. It's Trixie, crying hysterically, saying, "We can't get out of our room!"

"Why not?" the clerk asks. "Is the door stuck?"

Trixie sobs, "It has a sign on it that says 'Do Not Disturb'!"

The Sky Is Falling

One day the first grade teacher is reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She comes to the part of the story where Chicken Little tries to warn the farmer.

She reads, "... and so, Chicken Little goes up to the farmer and says, 'The sky is falling, the sky is falling!"

The teacher pauses, then asks the class, "And what do you think that farmer said?"

One little girl raises her hand and says, "Holy Crap! A talking chicken!"

