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Maudie's Naughties

The Wishing Well

A couple comes upon a wishing well. The wife leans over, makes a wish and throws in a penny. The husband decides to make a wish, too, but he leans over too much, falls into the well and drowns. The wife is speechless for a few minutes but finally utters, "It *really* works!"

Moving Furniture

Co-workers sympathized as a woman complains that her back is really sore . . . from moving furniture. "Why didn't you wait 'till your husband got home?" someone asks.

"I could have," she replies, "But it's a lot easier to move if he's not on it."

Sweetheart, Honey, Darling . . .

A man is attending the 50th anniversary of a couple when he notices that the elderly gentleman is constantly referring to his wife with endearing terms; calling her honey, darling, sweetheart, pumpkin, etc. Later, he calls the man aside and says, "I think it's wonderful that after all the years, you still call your wife those pet names."

The elderly man lowers his voice and says, "To tell you the truth, I forgot her name about 10 years ago."

Bar Pick Up

A shy guy goes into a bar on Valentine's Day and sees a beautiful woman sitting alone at the bar. After an hour of gathering up his courage he finally goes over and asks tentatively, "Uhm, would you mind if I brought you a drink?"

She responds by yelling, at the top of her lungs, "No, I won't sleep with you tonight!"

Everyone's head turns. Naturally, the guy is terribly embarrassed and slinks back to his table, totally red-faced.

After a few minutes, the woman walks over and apologizes. She smiles at him and says, "I'm sorry if I embarrassed you just then. You see, I'm a graduate student in psychology and I'm studying how people respond to embarrassing situations."

At this the guy responds, at the top of his lungs, "What do you mean? \$300?"

Sweetie Cards

A man walks into a post office and sees a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts on them. He then sprays scent all over them.

His curiosity gets the better of him; he goes up and asks him what he is doing. The man says, "I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asks the man.

"I'm a divorce lawyer!"

Blind Date

Joe sets up his friend Michael to go on a blind date. with a friend of a friend of his. But Mike is a little worried about going out with someone he's never seen before. "What do I do if she's ugly?" says Mike, "I'll be stuck with her all night."

"Don't worry," Joe says, "just go up to her door and meet her first. If you like what you see, then everything goes as planned. If you don't . . . just shout 'Aaaaaauuggghhh!' and fake an asthma attack. That'll give you an excuse to cancel the date right then and there."

So that night, Mike knocks at the girl's door and when she comes out he is awe-struck at how beautiful and sexy she is. He's about to speak when the girl suddenly shouts, "Aaaaaauuggghhh!"

The Juror

Clementine is chosen for jury duty but wants to be dismissed from serving. She has tried every excuse she can think of, but none of them has worked. On the day of the trial, she decides to give it one more shot and asks to approach the bench. "Your Honor," she says. "I should be excused from this trial because I am prejudiced against the defendant. I took one look at those little beady eyes and that dishonest face and I knew that this was a man who would do anything and certainly must be guilty. I don't even like that ugly blue suit he is wearing."

"Get back in the jury box," the judge orders. "You're looking at his lawyer."

This Week at the State Capitol - February 8-12, 2021

Mid-point of session fast approaching

FRANKFORT -- With the Kentucky Senate and House convening three days, this week was short on workdays but long on action.

The mid-point of the Kentucky General Assembly's 2021 session is fast approaching. Committee agendas are growing longer and an increasing number of bills are arriving in the legislative chambers for consideration.

This week's legislative action culminated in one of the longest debates seen in a legislative chamber this year when House members wrangled over the merits of historical horse racing. The Senate also spent considerable time debating the matter earlier in the week.

The issue became a priority for some after the Kentucky Supreme Court's September ruling that certain historical horse racing games, which many say resemble casino slots, are unlawful. Since then, supporters of these gaming machines have called upon the General Assembly to ensure that they can be played at Kentucky horse tracks, as they have been at some tracks for much of the past ten years. The resulting legislation, Senate Bill 120, would define pari-mutuel wagering in state law in a manner intended to ensure that the games are legal.

Supporters of the measure tout historical horse racing's benefits to the horse industry (money generated by games pumps up racing purses) and the jobs and tax revenue that depend on the games. Opponents argue that the gambling is predatory and unconstitutional.

The divergent views were reflected in the margins by which the legislation passed the chambers this week. The measure passed the Senate on a 22-15 vote on Tuesday and the House approved the measure 55-38 on Thursday. The bill now goes to the desk of Gov. Andy Beshear, who has indicated support for the measure.

While the historical horse racing legislation was a reaction to a court ruling, other bills are measures that have been re-introduced this year after stalling during last year's session. The disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic led to fewer bills than usual being passed into law in 2020.

One measure that makes a return appearance this year seeks to prevent courts from ruling that language in the state constitution protects a right to abortion. House Bill 91 proposes adding a section to the Kentucky constitution that states: "To protect human life, nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion."

House Bill 91 is heading to the full House for consideration after being approved on Thursday by the House Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. If approved by both the House and Senate, Kentucky voters would decide on the proposed constitutional amendment in 2022.

Other bills that took steps forward over the past week include the following:

House Bill 273 would amend the Open Records Act to exclude photographs and videos that depict a person's death, killing, rape or sexual assault. The legislation was approved Tuesday by the House on a 93-1 vote and has been delivered to the Senate for consideration.

Senate Bill 80 would strengthen the police decertification process by expanding the number of acts considered professional wrongdoing. Such acts would include unjustified use of excessive or deadly force and engaging in a sexual relationship with a victim. The bill also would require an officer to intervene when another officer is engaging in the use of unlawful and unjustified excessive or deadly force. It would also set up a system for an officer's automatic decertification under certain circumstances and would prevent an officer from avoiding decertification by resigning before an internal investigation is complete. Senate Bill 80

passed the Senate on a 28-0 vote and will be delivered to the House.

House Bill 75 would prohibit certain insurance coverage determinations based upon the status of an individual as a living organ donor. It would also encourage the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to develop educational materials relating to living organ donation. The bill passed the House Banking and Insurance Committee on Wednesday and now awaits action by the full House.

Senate Bill 74 would rename the Office on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders to the Office of Dementia Services and would elevate dementia-related services within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. It would also establish a Dementia Services Coordinator to help improve treatment and diagnoses of dementia in Kentucky. The Senate passed the bill on a 36-0 on Tuesday and sent the legislation to the House for consideration.

In addition to considering more bills next week, lawmakers will take part in the 2021 Black History Celebration. The event is usually held in the Capitol Rotunda, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's celebration will be held virtually. Hosted by the Kentucky Legislative Black Caucus, the event will be available for online viewing starting at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 16 at <http://bit.ly/BHC-2021>

The theme for this year's event is "The Struggle Continues: Pandemics, Social Justice, Equity and COVID-19."

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