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March 14th - 18th -- An Eventful Week At The Capitol

This Week in the Kentucky General Assembly

saw the arrival – finally – of scheduled for April 11-12. goods and services. a full House.

tatives were sworn in on then or face a possible spe- House on Monday, would now awaits consideration in Tuesday, filling vacant seats cial session. in the chamber in time for the legislative scramble as on the budget and associat- days - including two Sat- ate Bill 63, a measure aimed the 2016 General Assembly ed bills this week, numerous urdays - before an Election at eliminating a backlog session heads into its home other measures took steps Day. Kentucky currently of more than 3,000 sexual stretch. The newcomers: forward, including: Lewis Nicholls, D-Greenup, a former judge and son schools. Senate Bill 278, lot with a qualified excuse. old. The bill also would exof a former state legislator; which would allow pub- HB290 was forwarded to pedite the testing of new attorney Daniel Elliott, R- lic schools to offer Bible the Senate for consideration. kits, directing police to re-Gravel Switch; Jeff Taylor, literacy classes, passed on The bill has been sent to the trieve the evidence from D-Hopkinsville, an economic development professional; and Chuck Tackett, be evangelical in nature but 297 would end Kentucky's the state crime lab within D-Georgetown, a farmer focus on the book as lit- mine safety inspection pro- a month. The bill has been and former county magistrate.

The ceremony was a prelude to a flurry of legislative action as the House and House for consideration. Senate passed bills focused on improved public safety, ition. House Bill 626 would ior modification" instead stay informed on the progcivil rights and education as provide Kentucky high of issuing costly citations. ress of bills, to offer feedthe week progressed. As ex- school graduates with two State inspectors currently back to lawmakers or to ask pected, though, the real fo- years' worth of paid tuition test underground mines for questions about legislative cus of the 11th week of the at a state community col- hazards six times a year in topics, call the Assembly's General Assembly session lege under a bill that passed addition to the four federal toll-free message line at was the biennial budget as the state House by an 86- inspections. Surface mines 800-372-7181. the House passed its version 11 vote on Thursday. The with a 53-0 vote on Wednes- bill would create the Work day. The budget, House Bill Ready Kentucky Schol-303, and related budget leg- arship Program to cover islation were forwarded for Kentucky Community and Senate consideration. The nearly \$21 billion (KCTCS) tuition for recent budget bill would roll back Kentucky high school grads some funding cuts proposed by Gov. Matt Bevin to many areas of state government plications for financial aid, and authorize less debt than enroll in at least 12 credit proposed in the governor's hours a semester, and mainproposal. The HB 303 budget would eliminate cuts for constitutional agencies and select education programs while fully funding the Bill 80 states that it would troubled Kentucky Employ- promote the rights of people ees' Retirement System by to exercise their freedom of tapping into \$500 million speech, conscience and rethe governor wanted to set ligion. The bill, which was aside as a permanent fund filed in response to a case for future pensions. days remaining, the Senate T-shirt shop for refusing now gets a chance to craft to make shirts celebrating its reply. After next week, a gay pride event, would March 28-29 are concur- prevent lawsuits or punishrence days set aside for floor ment in such cases. The bill passage of bills from the specifies that it protects the opposite chamber. The 10- freedom of religion for inday governor's veto recess dividuals who offer custom-

The legislature must

Monday. The classes, which Senate. proponents say would not

Four new state represen- agree on a budget before passed by a 57-37 vote in the a 25-11 vote on Thursday, allow no-excuse, in-person the House, While much focus was voting at least 12 working only allows voting before assault examination kits Bible classes in public an election by absentee bal- – some as much as 40 years

> erature and a sociological gram by converting the sent to the House for constudy, would be taught as a state's 62 inspectors to sideration. social studies elective. The "safety analysts" whose measure has been sent to the responsibilities would in- sure to increase as the 60clude correcting dangerous day General Assembly Community college tu- practices through "behav- heads into its 12th week. To

FRANKFORT-An follows, with the final two ized artistic, expressive, cre- are tested four times: twice eventful week at the Capitol days of the regular session ative, ministerial or spiritual by state inspectors and twice by MSHA. The measure, Voting. House Bill 290, which passed the Senate on

Sexual assault kits. Senhospitals within five days Coal mines. Senate Bill and submit the evidence to

The legislative pace is

Maudie's Naughties

Too Much To Drink

Mitsy and Barbie have too much to drink at the bar and cause problems, so the owner has to call the law. They burst out the door running as they hear the sirens of cop cars coming closer. The two dive into two separate bushes hoping they won't get caught. Soon, the cop cars stop near the bushes and the two girls are hearing foot steps and grow more nervous. They can't find Barbie but a cop grabs Mitsy and yells, "Busted."

As he drags the her off to the car, Mitsy looks back at a bush and says, "Come on Barbie!!!!!!!! They got us!"

Losing A Pastor

The pastor shocks the congregation when he announces that he was resigning from the church and moving to a drier climate. After the service, a very distraught lady comes to the pastor with tears in her eyes, "Oh, Pastor Bob, we are going to miss you so much. We don't want you to leave!'

The kind hearted pastor pats her hand and says "Now now, Carolyn, don't carry on. The pastor who takes my place might be even better than me."

"Yeah," she says, with a tone of disappointment in her voice, "That's what they said the last time too . . ."

Dog Gone It

A man walks into the office of the eminent psychiatrist Dr. Von Bernuth, and sits down to explain his problem 'Doctor, doctor!" he starts.

"No need to repeat yourself, my good man," replies the doctor. "One 'doctor' is enough."

"Yes, well, you see, I've got this problem," the man continues. "I keep hallucinating that I'm a dog. A large, white, hairy Pyrenees mountain dog. It's crazy. I don't

know what to do!"

"A common canine complex," says the doctor soothingly. "Come over here and lie down on the couch."

"Oh no, Doctor. I'm not allowed up on the furniture."

New Driver

A young man has just received his brand new drivers license. To celebrate, the whole family troops out to the driveway and climbs into the car for his inaugural drive. Dad immediately heads to the back seat, directly behind the newly minted driver.

"I'll bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front passenger seat teaching me how to drive," says the beaming boy to his 'old man.'

"Nope," comes dad's reply, "I'm gonna sit back here and kick the back of your seat while you drive, just like you've been doing to me for sixteen years."

Efficiency Expert

An efficiency expert concludes his lecture with a note of caution. "You don't want to try these techniques at home."

"Why not?" asks somebody from the audience.

"I watched my wife's routine at breakfast for years," the expert explains. "She made lots of trips between the refrigerator, stove, table and cabinets, often carrying a single item at a time. One day I told her, 'Hon, why don't you try carrying several things at once?"

"Did it save time?" the person in the audience asks. "Actually, yes," replies the expert. "It used to take her

20 minutes to make breakfast. Now I do it in seven."

Honesty Is The Best Policy

A lady drops her handbag in the bustle of holiday shopping. An honest, little boy notices her drop the handbag, so he picks it up and returns it to her. The lady looks into her handbag and commented, "Hmm . . . That's funny When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills.'

The boy quickly replies, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a purse, the owner didn't have any change for a reward."

Loafing On The Store Porch

A stranger stops in to loaf around at Needmore Store and is sitting on the porch with Junior and Howard Green 'Let's talk," says the stranger. "I've heard there's some healthy conversation that goes on here on this porch.."

Junior turns to the stranger and says, "What is that you would like to talk about?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the stranger. "How about nuclear power?"

"OK," said Junior. "That could be an interesting topic But let me ask you a question first. 'A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat grass. The same stuff. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, and a horse produces clumps of dried grass.'Why do you suppose that is?' "Well," says the stranger. "I have no idea."

"Well, then," said Junior, "How is it that you feel qualified to discuss nuclear power when you don't know crap?"

Technical College System or GED recipients under the age of 19 who complete aptain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average. The bill has been sent to the Senate.

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