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Maudie's Naughties



Do You Have A Dog?

Uncle Silas was in Wal-Mart, yesterday, and gets in the checkout behind a woman with two large bags of dog food. "Do you have a dog," he asks.

"What you think I have," she snaps back. "An elephant?"

"A friend of mine ate some of that brand," he tells her, "And he ended up in intensive care in the hospital."

"What happened," she asks. "Did he get poisoned?"

"Nah," replies Silas. "He stopped in the middle of the parking lot to scratch his fleas and a car hit him!"

Poor Defense

The judge read the charges, then asks, "Are you the defendant in this case?"

"No sir, your honor," replies Billy Bob, "I've got a lawyer to do the defendin'. I'm the guy who done it."

Making A Will

Ma and Pa go to a lawyer and say, "We would like to make a will but we don't know exactly how to go about it."

The lawyer says "Don't worry. Leave it all to me."

Ma and Pa look somewhat upset ... "Well we knew you were going to take a big slice," says Pa. "But we'd like to leave a little to our children too!"

Man of the House

A man has just finished reading the book "Man of the House" during breaks from work. When he reaches home, he storms into the house and walks directly up to his wife. Pointing his finger in her face, he says, "From now on, I want you to know that I am the man of this house and my word is law! You are to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, I expect a sumptuous dessert afterward. Then, after dinner, you're going to draw my bath so I can relax. And when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"

His wife thinks for a moment and responds, "The funeral director is my guess."

Expired License

The Game Warden stops Junior and asks to see his hunting license. "This is last year's license," he informs him.

"I know," says Junior, "But I shouldn't need a new license, I'm still shooting at the deer I missed last year."

Anger Control

Pa says to Ma, "When I get mad at you, you never fight back. How do you control your anger?"

"I clean the toilet," replies Ma.

"But, how does that help?"

"I use your toothbrush."

Permission To Wed

When Bubba proposed to Nadine, he was being interviewed by his prospective father-in-law. "Do you think you are earning enough to support a family?" the future father in law asks.

"Yes, Sir," replies Bubba, "I'm sure I am."

"Think carefully now ... there are twelve of us ..."

Front Row Seat

An elderly woman walks into the local country church. The friendly usher greets her at the door and helps her up the flight of steps.

"Where would you like to sit?" he asks politely.

"The front row please," she answers.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher says. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you know who I am?" the woman inquires.

"No," he says.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replies indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asks. "No," she says.

"Good," he answers, "Let me show you the front pew."

Theft Problem

We were driving the other day and passed a business that was obviously having troubles beyond money. Their outdoor sign in front of the building read:

STOP \$T3ALING OUR L3TT3RS!

Justifiable Expenditure

An infantry brigade is training in the summer heat, learning methods to counter offensive tactics. The area has experienced an infestation of snakes. So, officers and NCOs are given one magazine of live ammunition each to counter this danger, as one man had already been bitten.

So much ammunition is expended shooting, supposedly at snakes, that the post commander demands that everyone who has shot at a snake, present the dead snake as proof that the expenditure of rounds was justifiable.

The next day, the post commander enters his office and spots a shoe box on his desk. He opens it, revealing a sleepy and sluggish, but very live, rattlesnake. Inside the box are twenty expended cartridges, and a short note that says, "I missed!"

Week of February 22-26

This Week in the Kentucky General Assembly

With the Kentucky General Assembly's 2016 in its second half, lawmakers have voted on scores of bills, held numerous budget hearings to dig into the governor's state spending plan and heard many hours of testimony on the major education, health care, and crime issues confronting Kentucky.

But the legislative process is more like a marathon than a sprint, so the final half of our session is sure to see even more action – especially as the state budget comes closer to a vote in the House of Representatives and delivery to the Senate.

The state spending plan was unveiled one month ago by Gov. Matt Bevin, who proposed 4.5 percent budget cuts for the rest of the current fiscal year and 9 percent cuts across state government for the next two fiscal years. The savings are aimed at helping state pension systems meet obligations.

Not all parts of state government would see spending cuts under the governor's plan. The main school funding formula, known as SEEK, is spared. So is Medicaid, veterans affairs, school district health insurance, student financial aid and more.

Lawmakers serving on budget committees are currently digging deep into the spending plan's details and continue to seek information from state officials on how proposed spending cuts would affect state services.

Once House members tailor the spending plan into a document they are satisfied with, the budget will receive its turn in the Senate. By session's end, Senate and House members are expected to meet in conference committee meetings to iron out differences in each chamber's preferred spending plans.

While the budget is the issue commanding the most attention in Frankfort, many other bills are also working their way through the legislative process. Bills took steps forward this past week on the following issues:

Heroin. Senate Bill 115, would increase penalties for dealing heroin. It would make trafficking in any amount of heroin a Class C felony for the first offense. A Class C felony is punishable upon conviction by between five years and 10 years in prison. Currently, a person convicted of trafficking in under two grams of heroin faces a Class D felony on the first offense, which carries a penalty of one year to five years in prison. SB 115 would also

double the time a person convicted of trafficking less than two grams of heroin would have to serve in prison before becoming eligible for parole. The bill calls for a person convicted of any amount of heroin dealing to serve 50 percent of his or her sentence before being considered for parole. The legislation was approved by the Senate and how awaits action in the House.

Life insurance. HB 408 specifies that a law already on the books requiring life insurance companies to make a good-faith effort to locate beneficiaries of death and burial policies should be applied retroactively. The bill passed the House and has been sent to the Senate.

EMS. Senate Bill 43 would create a death benefit for emergency medical services personnel, if they are employed by a city or county government and killed in the line of duty. The death benefit would be \$80,000 and go to the next of kin. The bill was approved by the Senate and sent to the House for consideration.

Adventure tourism. House Bill 38 would allow recreational zip lines to be regulated. The bill would require the state to set standards for the use and operation of aerial recreational facilities like outdoor zip line and canopy tours should it become law. The bill was approved by the House and sent to the Senate.

Dog fighting. Senate Bill 14 would make the owning, possessing, breeding, training, selling or transferring of dogs intended for use in fighting a felony punishable by one year to five years in prison. The bill was approved by the Senate and sent to the House for consideration.

Tenant protection. House Bill 41 would allow victims of domestic violence to get out of a lease with at least 30 days' notice to their landlord. Additionally, HB 41 would prohibit landlords from denying someone a lease based on the fact that a person has taken out an emergency protective order, domestic violence order or other type of restraining order. The bill also would prohibit landlords from using rental agreements to penalize tenants who request assistance from emergency services and allow a victim to request that locks be changed by the landlord with at least 72 hours' notice. The bill has been approved by the House. It now awaits consideration in the Senate.

Firefighters. Senate Bill 195 would extend govern-

ment –paid survivor benefits the families of cancer-stricken firefighters – both professional and volunteer. The \$80,000 death benefit would be paid out of the state general fund. Under the legislation, the firefighter would have to be 65 years old or younger at the time of their passing and had been on the job for at least five consecutive years. Their cancer also could not be attributed to a preexisting condition or tobacco. The bill has been approved by the Senate and delivered to the House.

Drones. House Bill 120 would specify in state law that it's illegal to use a drone to harass someone or for acts of voyeurism, forcible entry, theft or burglary. All offenses would be misdemeanor crimes except harassing conduct, which would be a violation carrying a fine.

The bill would ensure that drone use is allowed for lawful commercial, personal, or law enforcement use. The bill was approved

by the House and has been delivered to the Senate.

Next week also marks deadlines for introducing new bills in the House and Senate. At the time of this writing, about 700 bills have been filed for consideration in this year's 60-day session. With the approaching deadline to add to that number, Capitol observers will soon have an even clearer picture of the range of issues that will be considered in the days to come

That makes this a crucial time for Kentuckians to stay in close touch with their lawmakers and offer feedback on the issues of the day. Citizens can see which bills are under consideration and keep track of their progress by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.lrc.ky.gov. Kentuckians can also share their thoughts with lawmakers by calling the General Assembly's toll-free message line at 800-372-7181.

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