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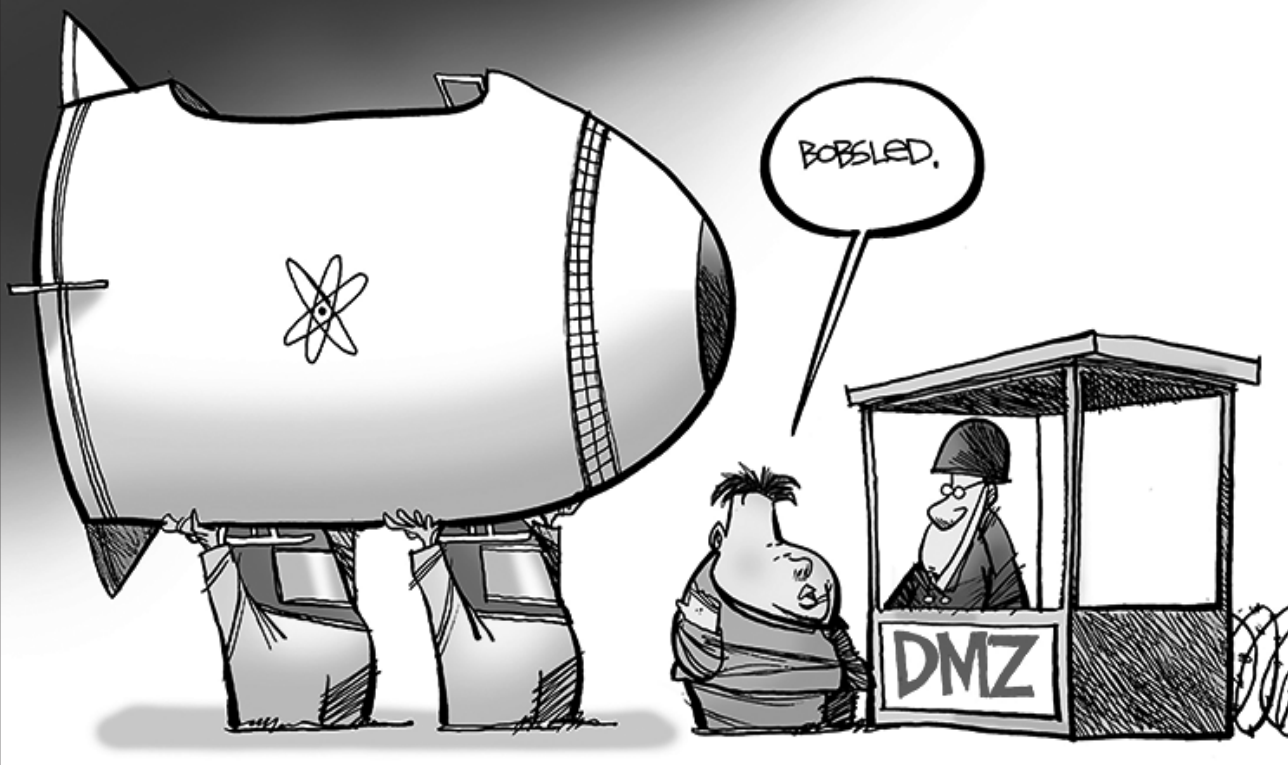
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# Maudie's Naughties



## Dinner Menu

Bubba is sitting on the sofa watching TV when he hears Emmerline's voice from the kitchen.

"What would you like for dinner, my love? Chicken, beef or lamb?"

Bubba bellers out, "Thank you, I'll have chicken."  
 "You're having soup," she answers, "I was talking to the cat."

## New Social Worker

A social worker from New England is transferred to the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. On her first tour of the new territory she comes upon the tiniest cabin she has ever seen in her life. Intrigued, she goes up and knocks on the door.

"Anybody home?" she asks.  
 "Yep," comes a kid's voice through the door.  
 "Is your father there?" asks the social worker.  
 "Pa? Nope, he left before Ma came in," says the kid.  
 "Well, is your mother there?" persists the social worker.  
 "Ma? Nope, she left just before I got here," says the kid.  
 "Well," protests the social worker, "Are you ever together as a family?"

"Sure, but not here," says the kid through the door.  
 "This is the outhouse!"

## Meals on Wheels

Granny Sweet turns a feisty 91 in early December, and just after Christmas, she receives a total hip replacement and is house bound. Some of her neighbors get concerned for her so they call up the local Meals on Wheels and refer Granny Sweet to them.

The next day a volunteer phones up Granny Sweet and cheerfully explains that Meals on Wheels is a service which relies on volunteers to help get meals to the elderly and the ill and asks would she be interested.

"Well," replies Granny Sweet. "If you can't find anyone else to take that food to them old people, I guess I'll do it!"

## Tried and True

Pa and Ma are sitting at the dinner table on the eve of their 50th anniversary and Ma turns to Pa and says, "After all these years of marriage I know that you are Tried and True."

"What did you say?" asks Pa.  
 She repeats in a louder voice, "After all these years of marriage I have learned that you are Tried and True."  
 Pa says, "Speak louder!"

She says in a louder voice, "After all these years of marriage I have learned that you are Tried and True."  
 He replies loudly, "Well, I'm tired of you, too!"

## The Cabbie

Howard Green gets a job in Lexington, driving a cab. On his second night, he is parked next to Rupp Arena when a stark naked, drunken woman jumps into his taxi.

Howard is pretty much speechless and just stares at the woman while making no attempt to start the car.

The woman, upset, yells, "What's wrong with you, man, haven't you ever seen a naked woman before?"

"It's not that," says Howard. "I've seen plenty of naked women."

"Well, what the heck is it?" says the woman. "I don't like to be stared at. If you're not staring at me, then what the heck are you doing?"

"Oh," says Howard. "I was just wondering where you're keeping the money to pay your fare with."

## Political Operation

As the Washington politician slowly comes out of the anesthesia after surgery, he asks, "Why are all the blinds drawn, doctor?"

"There's a big fire across the street," the doctor replies.  
 "We didn't want you to think the operation was a failure."

## Constipation

Trixie goes to her doctor to see what can be done about her constipation. "It's terrible," she says, "I haven't moved my bowels in a week."

"I see. Have you done anything about it?" asks the doctor.

"I sure have," she replies, "I sit in the bathroom for a half-hour in the morning and again at night."

"No," the doctor says, "I mean do you take anything?"  
 "Of course I do," she answers, "I take a book."

## Going Downtown

Bubba and Emmerline are sitting in their living room when he tells her, "I'm going downtown for a bit, so put your coat on."

Emmerline replies, "Oh, sweetie, why? Are you taking me with you?"

"Of course not," says Bubba. "I'm turning the heat off."

January 15-18, 2018

# This Week at the State Capitol

Budget work advances as lawmakers receive governor's spending plan

Returning to the Capitol after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, state lawmakers quickly zeroed in on the biggest item on this year's agenda as they gathered in a joint session to hear Gov. Matt Bevin lay out his proposed budget for the next two years of state spending.

The governor said his budget priorities were represented in the acronym PIE: Protection, Infrastructure, and Education. His spending plan proposes new funds to address the state's opioid crisis, improve hiring and pay for social workers, improve workforce development efforts, and hire more public advocates, as well as county and commonwealth attorneys. Still, he noted that his proposed budget was a tight one that included significant cuts in other areas. "These are the times that try men's souls," he said, quoting Thomas Paine.

Some had wondered in the days leading up to the governor's speech whether he would propose a cut in SEEK, the state's per-pupil spending formula. He didn't, keeping the funding level at the current \$3,981 per student. School districts would, however, be challenged to reduce administrative costs and find funds to make up for a reduction in state spending on school transportation costs.

The days leading up to the governor's speech also included speculation on the possibility of double-digit, across-the-board spending cuts. There are proposed cuts, but they differ from what some expected. The governor's plan calls for a targeted approach that would eliminate funding for

70 programs and implement 6.25 percent spending cuts for most other parts of state government.

Also noteworthy: The governor's proposal would fully fund state pension plans with \$3.3 billion in accordance with actuarially required contributions (ARC.)

While receiving the governor's budget proposal is a big step, it's the first step of many that will be undertaken before the final version of the budget is crafted by lawmakers. Lawmakers typically make a number of changes in the budget as it works its way through the legislative process to make sure the final document is one that reflects their own priorities for the state.

While the budget was a major focus of the week, a number of other pieces of legislation advanced in the legislative committee system, as well as in the Senate and House chambers.

Animal protection legislation was approved by the Senate on Wednesday and sent to the House for consideration. Senate Bill 8 would provide civil immunity for damaging a vehicle if a person enters the vehicle in a good-faith effort to rescue a dog or cat if the animal is in danger of death if not removed.

In the House, representatives approved a measure that takes aim at child pornography. House Bill 70 would prohibit registered sex offenders from purposely using cell phones and other electronic communications to solicit, communicate with or collect information about a minor. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Citizens are encouraged to share thoughts and ideas with state lawmakers and can do so by calling the General Assembly's toll-free message line at (800) 372-7181. Contact information for legislators is also available at the Kentucky Legislature Home Page: [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov).

## CCEC Public Forum Advanced Disposal Landfill

The Concerned Citizens of Estill County (CCEC) invite everyone to attend a public forum to review the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) submitted by the Advanced Disposal landfill. The landfill is located off Winchester Road in Estill County. This is Advanced Disposal's proposal for how to mitigate the health risks posed by the illegal dumping of Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM) in the landfill in mid to late 2015 and into early 2016. The meeting will review how this material was generated, how it found its way into Estill County, how it was disposed of, and potential future concerns for the health and welfare of the public. The CCEC will be drafting a response to the EEC concerning the CAP and solicits the public's input. The Advanced Disposal CAP is available for review in the Estill County Library, or online at <http://dep.gateway.ky.gov/publicfiles/>. The forum will be held at the Estill County Agriculture Extension Office on January 29, 2018 at 6:30 PM. The office is located at 76 Golden Court, off of Stacy Lane Rd.

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