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Maudie's Naughties



In King Solomon's Court

Two women come before wise King Solomon, dragging between them a young man in a three-piece suit.

"This young lawyer agreed to marry my daughter," says one.

"No! He agreed to marry MY daughter," says the other.

And so they haggle before the King until he calls for silence.

"Bring me my biggest sword," says Solomon, "and I shall hew the young attorney in half. Each of you shall receive a half."

"Sounds good to me," says the first lady.

But the other woman says, "Oh Sire, do not spill innocent blood. Let the other woman's daughter marry him."

The wise king does not hesitate a moment. "The attorney must marry the first lady's daughter," he proclaims.

"But she was willing to hew him in two!" exclaims the king's court.

"Indeed," says wise King Solomon. "That shows she is the TRUE mother-in-law."

The Ballplayer

"He's great on the court," a sportswriter notes of a college basketball player during an interview with the coach.

"How are his grades?"

"He makes straight A's," replies the coach, adding after a short pause, "But some of his other letters are a little crooked."

Hill Folk

An old man and his wife live deep in the hills and seldom see many people. One day a peddler comes by to sell his goods and asks the man if he or his wife want to buy anything.

"Well, my wife ain't home," says the man. "She's gone down to the crick to wash clothes, but lemme see what you got,"

The peddler shows him pots and pans, tools and gadgets, but the old man isn't interested.

Then the man spots a mirror and says, "What's that?"

Before the peddler could tell him it is a mirror, the old man picks it up and says, "My goodness! How'd you get a picture of my Pappy?"

The old man is so happy he trades his wife's best pitcher for it. The peddler leaves before the wife comes back and spoils his sale.

The old man is worried that the wife will be mad at him for trading her best pitcher, so he hides it in the barn behind some boxes of junk. He goes out to the barn two or three times a day to look at the "picture" and eventually the wife gets suspicious.

One day she gets fed up and after he retires for the night, she goes out to the barn. She sees the mirror behind the boxes, picks it up and says, "So this is the old bag he's been foolin' around with!"

Annual Checkup

Pa goes to Dr. Smedley's office for his annual checkup. While in the waiting room, a technician comes in wheeling a large, intimidating-looking machine with tubes and wires and dials.

Pa takes one look at the machine and says, "Boy, I'd sure hate to be hooked up to something like that."

"Me, too!" says Ma. "It's a carpet cleaning machine."

After spending quite a while in the waiting room, Pa gets restless and slowly heads for the door.

"Where are you going?" asks Ma.

"I decided it would be easier if I just went home and died a natural death," replies Pa.

Pa finally gets in for his checkup. He tells the doctor, "I haven't gained a pound since I saw you last."

"Well in that case," says Dr. Smedley, "I hate to tell you this, but you've got dresser disease."

"What's that?" asks Pa.

"Well," replies Dr. Smedley. "That's when your chest starts sliding into your drawers."

The doctor wants to check out Pa's balance so he says, "Pa, can you stand on one foot for me?"

"How's this, Doc?" asks Pa.

"Well, that's quite remarkable" replies Dr. Smedley, "But, I really meant for you to stand on your own foot."

Dead Battery

An angry motorist goes back to a garage where he'd purchased an expensive battery for his car six months earlier. "Listen," the motorist grumbles to the owner of the garage, "When I bought that battery you said it would be the last battery my car would ever need. . . . It died after only six months!"

"Sorry," apologizes the garage owner. "I didn't think your car would last that long."

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This Week at the State Capitol

FRANKFORT -- The first piece of legislation to pass a legislative chamber this week dealt with making playground equipment accessible to all children. One of the final bills of the week to advance through a chamber focused on the mental health of students. In between, lawmakers cast votes on a range of topics including bike safety, health care, prayer, and teen marriage.

It was a particularly busy week at the State Capitol as lawmaker moved into the home stretch of the General Assembly's 2018 session. There are now eight legislative days until final adjournment. For a bill moving through the process to have a chance to be signed into law, it must pass the Senate and House by the session's final day, which is scheduled for April 13.

Legislation that moved closer to becoming law this week included measures on the following topics.

Felons. Senate Bill 210 would increase penalties against convicted felons for possessing a firearm while committing certain crimes. The measure was approved by the Senate on Wednesday and has been sent to the House for consideration.

Criminal gangs. House Bill 169 would increase penalties for those recruiting others into criminal gangs. The bill, which would make such recruiting a crime, is intended to target the threat posed by gangs that deal in illegal drugs, weapons, human trafficking and other criminal behavior. The legislation was approved by the House on Thursday and has been sent to the Senate.

Playgrounds. House Resolution 191 encourages local governments and public agencies that provide playgrounds to offer play equipment that can be enjoyed by all children regardless of their physical or mental abilities. The resolution was approved by the House on Monday.

Mental health. House Bill 604 would require school districts to employ at least one mental health professional for each 1,500 students. The bill passed the House on Friday and has been sent to the Senate.

Prayer. House Bill 40 would designate the last Wednesday in September of each year as "A Day of Prayer for Kentucky's Students." This measure would enshrine in statute a day that has already been observed by some students in recent years. Under the bill, students would be encouraged to pray, meditate, or reflect "in accordance to their own faith and consciences" on the prayer day. They would also be allowed to participate in a student-initiated event before the start of the

school day. The bill was approved by the House on Thursday and has been sent to the Senate.

Revenge porn. House Bill 71 would criminalize "revenge porn," the online posting of sexually explicit images or videos without the consent of the subject. The bill was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday and now awaits action by the full Senate.

Child Protection. Senate Bill 137 would help in the prosecution of child molesters by allowing out-of-court statements from children who have been sexual abused to be admissible in court, under certain circumstances. The measure was approved by the Senate on Wednesday and has been sent to the House for further action.

Bicycle-safety. House Bill 33 would require drivers to keep vehicles at least three feet away from bicyclists during an attempt to pass. If that much space isn't available, the driver must use "reasonable caution" when passing cyclists. The bill has been passed by both chambers and is ready to go to the governor so that he can consider signing it into law.

Teen marriage. Senate Bill 48 has received approval by both legislative chambers and now goes to the governor's desk. If signed into law, the measure would prohibit anyone under the age of 17 from getting married. It would also require a district judge to approve the marriage of any 17-year-old. While current law states 16- and 17-year-olds can be married with parental consent, a district judge can approve the marriage of a child below the age of 16 if the girl is pregnant.

The big issue expected to command much attention in the days ahead is consideration of the state budget proposal, which has already been approved in the House and now awaits Senate action.

Citizens who want to weigh in on the state's spending priorities or any other matters can share thoughts with Kentucky lawmakers by calling the General Assembly's toll-free message line at (800) 372-7181.

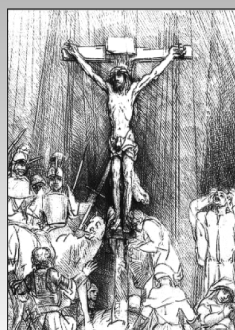
MEDICARE PREVENTIVE SERVICES GETTING THE MOST FROM MEDICARE

All of us desire to be healthy, and Medicare can help! Medicare pays for many preventive services to keep you well. Preventive services can help you find health problems early, when issues are best treated, and can prevent you from getting certain illnesses. Medicare preventive services include screenings, lab tests, exams and shots.

The month of March has been designated, "Diabetes Awareness Month." Those with Medicare are eligible to receive free diabetes screenings if you are at risk. Additionally, those with diabetes can be approved for training to manage their condition and prevent complications. Now is the time to maximize your Medicare benefits! You can learn more about Medicare preventive services, and see if your test, item or service is covered by visiting: <https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/preventive-and-screening-services.html>

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Detail of the "The Three Crosses" by Rembrandt (1653)

My soul is among lions; I must lie among those who breathe forth fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows and their tongue a sharp sword. Be exalted above the heavens, O God; let Your glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 57:4,5

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