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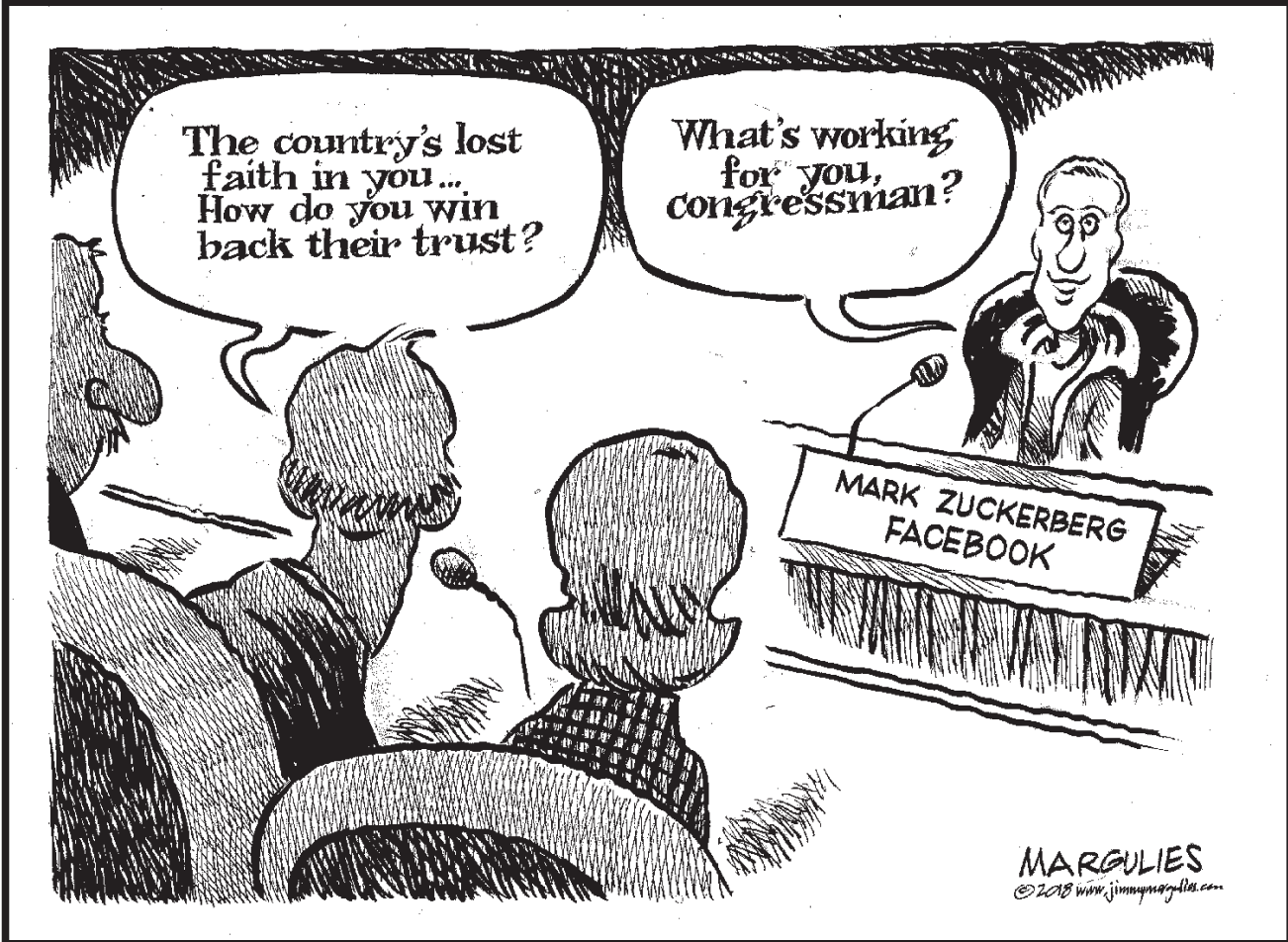
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## Maudie's Naughties



### Fungal

A couple is driving through Lexington on the weekend of the Mushroom Festival when the woman notices an unusual license plate on the car ahead of them.

"Look, Harry!" she says. "Her license plate says 'FUN-GAL'. I'll bet she's going to the Mushroom Festival."

"Look again," says her husband. "That plate says, 'FUN-GAL' . . . . . That girl's going to party."

### Sore Back

Co-workers sympathize as a woman complains that her back is really sore from moving furniture.

"Why didn't you wait till your husband got home?" "I could have," she says, "but the couch is easier to move if he's not on it."

### Driver's Test

Trixie lets her driver's license expire and has to retake both the written and the road exams. The examiner tells her, since you've been driving for so long, I'm only going to give you one question to answer to pass the permit test, "How many feet does it take to stop the car if you are driving 60 miles an hour and have to slam on the brakes real hard?"

"That's easy," she smiles. "I use both of them!" She finally passes the written test and is taking the driving portion of the exam. She handles most of the maneuvers quite well, but she has a little trouble parallel parking, and winds up a couple of feet from the curb.

"Could you get a little closer?" the examiner asks. Trixie smiles, unbuckles her seat belt, and slides over toward the examiner. "Now what?"

### Oh, What a Relief It Is!

Joe and Jim are sitting in the social room of the rest home.

"Guess what," says Jim. "I just had the best bowel movement that I've had in weeks."

"That's great!" replies Joe. "But, I don't recall seeing you leave for the rest room."

"I didn't . . ."

### Well Treated

The governor is visiting a nursing home in Frankfort when he notices a little old lady sitting in a wheelchair. She starts to lean to one side and leans over so far it looks like she is going to tip over. The governor becomes quite concerned, but his fears are relieved when one of the staffers walks over and gently pushes her back upright. However, a few minutes later, she starts to lean in the other direction and looks like she is going to tip over again before another staff member gently straightens her up. The governor decides he is going to talk to this lady and walks over.

"Well," he asks, "Does everyone treat you well here?" "Yes, they do," replies the lady, "Except for one thing." "What's that," he asks?

"They won't let you pass gas!"

### Barn Fire

Vandals set fire to a roll of hay in front of Pa's barn and it spreads to the barn which is totally destroyed along with the farm equipment inside. An insurance adjuster comes out and assesses the damages.

"When will we get our check for the barn," asks Ma? "We don't give you money," explains the adjuster. "We replace the barn and all the same equipment."

"Well, if that's the case," replies Ma, "Just cancel that little policy I have on Pa."

### New Suit

Pa needs a suit really bad for the funeral of a Lexington friend. He decides to stop on the way to a little shop downtown that sells suits really cheap. He finds one he likes and tries it on.

"But the left arm is a lot longer than the right arm," Pa complains. "That's why the suit is such a bargain," the sales clerk explains. "Just lift your left shoulder up a little, like this, and tuck this left lapel under your chin a bit, like this."

"But the right leg is way too short," argues Pa. "No problem," the sales clerk answers. "Just keep your right knee bent a little at all times, walk like this, and no one will notice. That's why this suit is only thirty dollars."

Service time is approaching so Pa buys the suit, cocks his left shoulder into the air, tucks the suit's left lapel under his chin, bends his right knee, and limps out of the store toward his car.

Two doctors happen along and notice him. "Goodness," the first doctor says to the second, "Look at that poor crippled fellow."

"Yeah," answers the second one. "But his suit sure fits great!"

April 13-14, 2018

## This Week at the State Capitol

State lawmakers put the finishing touches on the General Assembly's 2018 session this week by overriding gubernatorial vetoes, most notably on the state budget and tax reform legislation, and passing bills right up to the session's final hours.

By overriding vetoes this week, lawmakers ensured that their preferred versions of the budget and tax measures become law.

The tax reform measure, House Bill 366, will increase state revenues which, in turn, allowed lawmakers to craft a state budget that avoids some, but not all, of the budget cuts that were contained in the governor's original budget proposal.

Highlights of the tax plan – which is expected to generate nearly a half of billion dollars in additional revenue for the state over the next two fiscal years – include a cigarette tax increase of 50 cents per pack and an expansion of the state sales tax to some services, such as landscaping services, janitorial services, veterinarian services for small animals, fitness and recreational sports centers, commercial laundries, golf courses and country clubs, dry cleaning, pet grooming, weight loss centers and campgrounds.

The tax reform plan will allow the vast majority of working Kentuckians to see their income taxes go down. Most working Kentuckians currently have at least 5.8 percent of their pay go toward income taxes. But, starting this summer, that rate will go down to a flat 5 percent for everyone.

The corporate income tax rate will also go to a flat 5 percent. Proponents of the tax plan say that it does what many say good tax policy should strive to do: broaden the tax base while lowering rates. They also note that the plan moves the state toward a consumption-based tax system. Critics of the plan say the tax changes disproportionately benefit the wealthiest Kentuckians.

As a result of the tax plan, budget cuts are less severe than some expected. The spending plan includes 6.25 percent baseline cuts for most state agencies, although some agencies are spared. Agencies that will avoid cuts include the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Kentucky State Police, and local school-based Kentucky Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

The budget fully funds the state's main public pension systems at the levels recommended by actuarial analysis.

It also boosts base per-pupil funding for K-12 education to a record level of \$4,000 per student in each fiscal year. It would also increase school transportation funding to \$127.8 million in each year of the budget cycle.

The budget plan includes more than \$60 million in new revenue to help implement newly approved adoption and foster care reforms, including more than \$23 million for placement of foster children with relatives, and tens of millions of dollars to hire more social workers and increase social worker salaries.

In a separate action this week, lawmakers also overrode

a gubernatorial veto to House Bill 362, a pension "phase in" bill for local governments. The legislation will allow city and county government to phase in increased contributions to their pension systems while allowing local governments to receive financing at zero percent interest when leaving the system.

Also this week, lawmakers sent a bill to the governor's office aimed at reducing criminal gang activity. House Bill 169 will make gang recruitment a felony instead of misdemeanor for adults and make minors involved in such activity face felony charges in certain cases.

Although the legislative session has now ended, citizens are still encouraged to contact their representatives and senators to voice their opinions about issues of interest. If you'd like to share your thoughts and ideas with state lawmakers, please call the General Assembly's toll-free message line at (800) 372-7181, or find contact information for individual legislators at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov).

### Letter to the Editor

## Best choice for future of Estill County

We have known Rhonda Stone Childers for many years. We met Rhonda through family members and I got to know her when we worked together at an Irvine business. Rhonda is honest, intelligent, capable and competent. She is comfortable working with the public and has a wonderful sense of humor, all important attributes that make for a well-qualified candidate for Estill County Judge Executive. We urge you to vote for the best choice for the future of Estill County residents, Rhonda Childers!

Beth Cunningham

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## Local Notices

### Daniel Boone Comes to Irvine

Daniel Boone coming to Irvine! The Mountain Mushroom Committee and the Estill County Historical & Genealogical Society, in conjunction with the Kentucky Humanities Council, will present Kevin Hardesty as Daniel Boone. Enjoy this live performance for free on the Mountain Mushroom Grandstand on April 28, 2018 at 11:15 a.m.

### Estill Historical Annual Meeting

The Estill County Historical & Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting at Aldersgate will be on May 1st at 6 p.m. Dinner choices are grilled steak (\$16) or grilled chicken (\$12.50). Please let us know by April 24th if you will be attending. Mail or drop off checks to: ECH&GS, 133 Broadway, Irvine, KY 40336.

### Veterans Photos Needed

Call to Veterans! We are collecting information and pictures for a book to honor the men and women of Estill County that served in the military anywhere in the world during the Korean War era (June 27, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955) and/or Vietnam War era (Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam; otherwise Aug. 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975 for all others). If you or a member of your family served, please pick up a form at the Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society at 133 Broadway in Irvine on Saturdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Saturday. Deadline is June 30, 2018.