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Maudie's Naughties



Weight Watchers

Mrs. Jones, who is a little on the chubby side, has been attending weight-watchers meetings but has missed a couple. She encounters a classmate on the street who inquires as to where she has been.

"Well," she says. "My husband was the one who insisted I come to those meetings because he would rather be romantic with a woman with a trim figure."

"Well," the lady replies, "What's wrong with that?"
"He was visiting her while I was at the meetings."

College Degrees

An accountant, a lawyer, and a cowboy are standing side-by-side at adjacent urinals.

The accountant finishes, zips up, the scrubs his hands clear up to his elbows using about 20 paper towels. He turns and says, "University of Michigan. They taught us to be clean."

The lawyer finishes, zips up, and quickly wets the tips of his fingers, grabs one paper towel and comments, "UCLA... they taught us to be environmentally conscious."

The cowboy zips up, palks out, saying, "University of Texas; they taught us not to pee on our hands."

Newlyweds

A young bride's mother had some old-fashioned ideas of marriage, and passes them on to her daughter.

"Never let your husband see you in the nude," she advised. "You should always wear something."

"Yes, mother," replies the obedient girl.

Two weeks after the wedding, the girl and her brand-new husband are preparing to retire when the guy asks, "Dear, has there ever been any problems in your family?"

"Not that I know of," she answers. "Why?"

"Well, we've been married for two weeks now and every night you've worn that silly hat to bed."

Guess Your Age

Three old ornery grandmas are sitting on a bench outside a nursing home when an old man walks by. One of the grandmas says, "I'll bet we can tell how old you are."

The old man replies, "There ain't no way."

"Sure we can," says another of the grannies. "Just pull your pants down and we can tell your exact age."

So of course, he does what they ask.

The grandmas stare at him for awhile, and finally, after about 10 minutes, they all pipe up and say, "You're 84 years old!"

The old man is stunned. "Amazing! How did you guess that?"

The ornery old grandmas laugh, slapping their knees and grinning from ear to ear; all three happily yell in unison, "You told us yesterday."

Horrible Dream

"Doc," says the young man lying down on the couch, "You've got to help me! Every night I have the same horrible dream. I'm lying in bed when all of a sudden five women rush in and start tearing off my clothes."

The psychiatrist nods, "And what do you do?"

"I push them away."

"I see. What do you want me to do?"

The patient implores, "Break my arms."

Reflections

A husband and wife are getting ready for bed. The wife is standing in front of a full length mirror taking a hard look at herself. "You know love" she says, "I look in the mirror and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, I'm sagging badly and my rump is hanging out a mile. I've got fat legs and my arms are all flabby."

She then turns to her husband and says, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself."

He thinks about it for a bit and then says, "Well... there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

Father to Son Talk

A father speaks to his pre-teen son, "It's time we had a little talk, my son. Soon, you will have urges and feelings you've never had before. Your heart will pound and your hands will sweat. You won't be able to think of anything else... but don't worry, it's perfectly normal... it's called golf!"

Parking

A policeman passes a parking lot around midnight and notices a couple inside a parked car. He stops to investigate and sees a man in the driver's seat and a young lady sitting in the backseat, quietly reading a magazine.

The officer knocks on the driver's window and asks what's going on? "Listening to music," the guy says.

Pointing toward the young lady in the backseat, the officer asks, "And what's she doing?" "Reading a magazine, of course."

"How old are you?" asks the officer. "I'm 28."

"And how old is she?"

The guy looks at his watch and says, "Well, in 11 minutes she'll be 18."

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This Week at the State Capitol

As usual, the excitement of the opening day of a Kentucky General Assembly session was evident on Tuesday amid the packed crowds, broad smiles, and welcoming handshakes throughout the State Capitol.

But the spirit of the day might have been most clearly revealed in the trembling voices of some new lawmakers the first time they offered public comments in legislative chambers. The mix of nerves, emotion, and deep gratitude they expressed while welcoming family and friends to their swearing-in day showed how humbling it is to be entrusted with a chance to help write a new chapter in Kentucky history.

Besides swearing in new members, the first week of the session gave lawmakers a chance to handle organizational matters such as adopting rules of procedure, organizing committees, and electing legislative leaders.

A top leadership change took place in the House, where Speaker David Osborne, R-Prospect, was elected to his first term in the chamber's top job. Though officially new to the position, the role is a familiar one to Osborne since he presided over the House chamber while serving as Speaker Pro Tempore last year while the Speaker's position was vacant.

Rep. David Meade, R-Stanford, was chosen as the House Speaker Pro Tempore.

Republicans and Democrats also announced their caucus leaders. Rep. John Bam Carney, R-Campbellsville, is the new House Majority Floor Leader. Rep. Suzanne Miles, R-Owensboro, was selected as the House Majority Caucus Chair and Rep. Chad McCoy, R-Bardstow, is the House Majority Whip.

House Minority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, will continue serving in his position. Rep. Derrick Graham, D-Frankfort, is the new House Minority Caucus Chair and Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Shively, is the new House Minority Whip.

In the Senate, President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, was reelected as President and Sen. David Givens, R-Greensburg, was selected as the chamber's President Pro Tempore.

Senate Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, returns to his position, as does Senate Majority Whip Mike Wilson, R-Bowling Green. Sen. Julie Raque Adams, R-Louisville, was announced as the new Senate Majority Caucus Chair.

Sen. Morgan McGarvey, D-Louisville, was announced as the new Senate Minority Floor Leader. Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, serves as Senate Minority Caucus Chair and Sen. Dennis Parrett, D-Elizabethtown, serves as Senate Minority Whip.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Each year, between January 1 and March 31, we enter into the Medicare Advantage open enrollment period. During this time of the year, current Medicare Advantage plan members can leave their plan and return to Original Medicare as well as enroll in a Part D prescription drug plan to supplement their Original Medicare. Beginning in 2019, members also have the option to switch to a different Medicare Advantage plan during the open enrollment period.

Because you are only allowed one switch during this period, it is important to make an informed decision. Trained SHIP counselors can complete unbiased, free comparisons to provide information about plan options. If you have questions, contact SHIP. Your local SHIP Program is funded to help you connect with money-saving benefits that those on Medicare are entitled to receive! For a free benefits checkup, call our Benefits Enrollment Center at 1-866-516-3051 or visit us online at: <https://lablaw.org/benefits-enrollment-center>

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Besides handling leader elections and other organizational matters, lawmakers have also started introducing bills. More than 200 of them have been filed so far to begin their journeys through the process.

One piece of legislation off to a quick start, Senate Bill 5, has already become the first bill this year to gain approval from a chamber. The legislation, which was passed on Thursday on a 31-4 vote in the Senate, proposes a constitutional amendment that would move the elections for Kentucky governor and lieutenant governor to even-numbered years every four years. The elections for state auditor, attorney general, secretary of state, and commissioner of agriculture would also move to the same schedule.

SB 5 now goes to the House for consideration. If approved there, Kentucky voters will vote on the matter, as is the case for all proposed constitutional amendments.

In addition to elections, other topics that might receive attention in this year's session include school safety, sports betting, public pension reform, bail reform, medical marijuana, charter school funding, and many other matters.

Lawmakers are now returning to their home districts. As outlined by the constitution, the Senate and House adjourn after completing the first part of the session and enter a recess period until lawmakers return to the State Capitol on the first Tuesday in February for the rest of this year's 30-day session.

There are many ways to keep in touch with the legislative process. All the bills lawmakers are voting on can be reviewed in the online Legislative Record at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/19RS/record.html>.

You can share your views on the issues with lawmakers by calling the General Assembly's toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181.

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