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Maudie's Naughties



Fast Food

One evening two vampire bats are hanging out in their cave. One says, "Man, I'm starving! I need to get some blood!" And he flies out of the cave.

He returns a few minutes later with blood dripping from his mouth.

"Where'd you get the blood so fast?" the other bat asks.

"Well, you fly out of the cave . . . and you see the first tree on the left?"

"Yes," the other bat replies.

"Well . . . I didn't see it!"

Last Rites

The volunteer fire chief in a small town has just been buried. The last words of the service over, his friends and family start toward their cars. Suddenly, they stop because a strange, eerie sound can be heard coming from the grave. As the guests look around, one of the firefighters says, "Don't worry . . . it's just the dispatcher toning him out."

Mail Order Bride

Junior and his friend Howard Green are looking at Ma's mail order catalog and admiring the models.

"Wow," says Howard. "Have you ever seen such beautiful girls as they have in this catalog?"

"Yeah," replies Junior. "And the prices are really great. I think I'm going to order one."

"If yours looks as great as she does in the catalog," says Howard. "I'm going to order me one!"

A few days later, Howard asks Junior, "Did you ever get that beautiful girl you ordered?"

"No," says Junior. "But it shouldn't be long now. I got her clothes in the mail yesterday."

Missing Services

An elderly gentleman who reaches the age of 105 has attended church faithfully all of his life, but, after his 105th birthday, he suddenly stops coming. So, Brother Billy decides he needs to stop by and check on the old fellow.

"How come after all these years we don't see you at services anymore," asks the pastor?"

"Well," says the old man in a low voice. "When I was 90, I expected the Lord would take me home. Then I turned 95; then 100; then 105. That's when I figured it must be very busy up there and that it might be best if I don't show up in church and remind them that I'm still here."

Jungle Basketball

It is a boring Sunday afternoon in the jungle . . . so the Elephants decide to challenge the Ants to a game of basketball.

The game is going well with the Elephants beating the Ants 10-8, when the Ants gain possession.

The Ants' star player is dribbling the ball around his defender towards the Elephants' goal when the Elephants' center comes lumbering towards him. The elephant goes up high, then comes down on the little ant, killing him instantly.

The referee stops the game. "What the heck do you think you're doing? Do you call that sportsmanship, killing another player?"

The elephant replies, "Well, I didn't mean to kill him -- I was just trying to block his shot."

Valuable Necklace

A tourist is admiring the necklace worn by a Seminole.

"What is it made of?" she asks.

"Alligator's teeth," the Indian replies.

"I suppose," she says patronizingly, "That they mean as much to you as pearls do to us."

"Much more," he says. "Anybody can open an oyster."

No Welcome Here

Bubba takes his favorite Bluetick coon hound to the vet.

"Doc," he says sadly, "I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to cut off my dog's tail."

The vet steps back, "Why should I do such a terrible thing?"

"Because my mother-in-law's arriving tomorrow, and I don't want anything to make her think she's welcome."



This Week at the State Capitol - March 2-6, 2020

2020 Session came into better focus this past week

FRANKFORT – A nearly complete view of the issues lawmakers will consider this year has arrived now that the bill-filing deadlines have passed in the Senate and House.

Of course, "nearly" is a key word. There's always the possibility of twists and turns as lawmakers continue receiving testimony and contemplating changes to bills in the form of amendments. But now that the General Assembly has passed the point where any more bills can be filed, Capitol observers have a fairly comprehensive view of the matters that could be voted on in the remaining days of this year's legislative session, which is scheduled to conclude on April 15.

This year's complete tally shows that 286 bills were filed for consideration the Senate and 647 bills were introduced in the House.

The bill widely regarded as the most far-reaching of them all – the state budget proposal – took a big step forward this week when it was approved by members of the House 86-10 on Friday.

House members have been working on the budget since receiving the two-year spending proposal from Gov. Andy Beshear in January. Among the difference between the spending plan approved by the House and the original plan submitted by the governor is that the plan no longer relies on additional revenue from the possibility of sports betting or increased business taxes in Kentucky, though it does anticipate revenue from a proposed tax on vaping products and a proposed increase on certain tobacco products.

The \$23.4 billion plan approved by the House on Friday would offer teachers, school district employees, and state workers a 1 percent raise in each of the next two years.

It would also increase spending to improve the health and safety of Kentuckians with funding to hire 100 additional state social workers. And it provides \$18 million for school facility upgrades and \$49 million to hire more school counselors in support of major school safety laws approved last year.

It fully funds the state's pension obligations and would maintain \$392.4 million in the state's "rainy day" fund. And it would provide more than \$63 million over the next two years for a performance-based funding pool for postsecondary schools.

The budget proposal now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Dozens of other bills also advanced during the just-completed ninth week of the 2020 session. Among the measures that moved forward this week are bills on the following topics:

Animal abuse. Senate Bill 21 would allow veterinarians to make a report to authorities if they find that an animal under their care has been abused. The bill was approved by the Senate 35-0 on Thursday and now goes to the House.

Infrastructure protection. House Bill 44 would strengthen security for critical infrastructure across Kentucky by specifying that above-ground natural gas and petroleum pipelines and certain cable television facilities aren't suitable areas for drone flights. The legislation also defines tampering with the assets as felony criminal mischief. The bill was approved by the Senate 31-4 on Thursday and will be sent to the governor's desk.

Police pursuits. House Bill 298 would require law enforcement agencies across the state to establish pol-

icies on vehicle pursuits, including criteria on when to begin and end such chases. The bill passed the House 34-8 on Wednesday and has been sent to the Senate.

Splash pads. Senate Bill 159 would require the state's Cabinet for Health and Family Services to set standards for the safe and sanitary operation of splash pads, water-based playgrounds with little or no standing water. The bill passed the Senate 36-0 on Monday and has been referred to a House committee for further consideration.

Youth protection. Senate Bill 182 would make it illegal to post personally identifying information about a minor online with the intent to intimidate, abuse, threaten, harass, or frighten the child. The bill was approved by the Senate 30-6 and now awaits consideration from a House committee.

For a complete look at the issues under consideration this year, check out the online Legislative Record: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/20rs/record.html>. Under the "Miscellaneous" heading, click on "Bill and Amendment Index Heading" to see the list of subjects covered by proposed bills. Once you click on one of the topics that interests you, you'll see links to each of the bills that falls under that heading.

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