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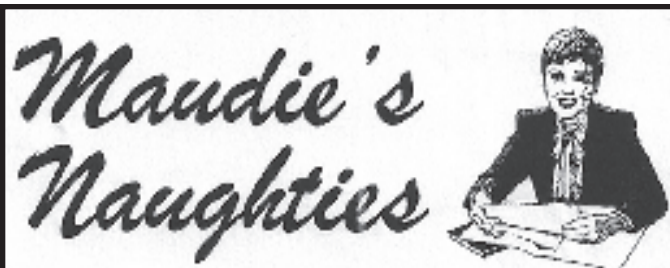
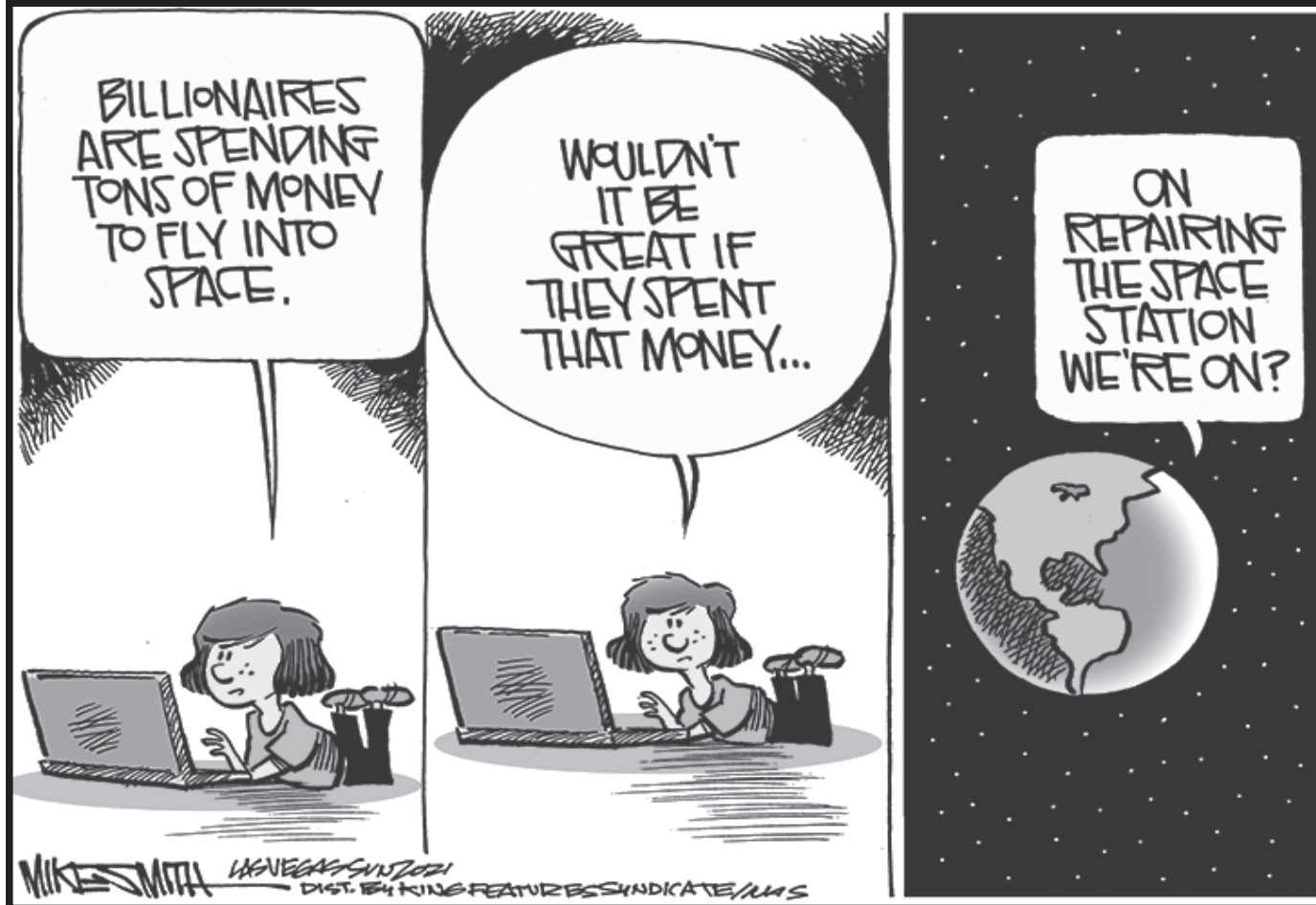
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Grounds for Divorce

A judge is interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce. He asks, "What are the grounds for your divorce?"

She replies, "About four acres and a nice little home in the middle of the property with a stream running by."

"No," he says, "I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

"It is made of concrete, brick, and mortar," she responds.

"I mean," he continues, "what are your relations like?"

"I have an aunt and uncle living here in town; and so do my husband's parents."

He says, "Do you have a real grudge?"

"No," she replies, "We have a two-car carport and have never really needed one."

"Please," he tries again, "Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

"Yes, both my son and daughter have stereo sets. We don't necessarily like the music, but the answer to your question is yes."

"Ma'am, does your husband ever beat you up?"

"Yes," she responds, "About twice a week he gets up earlier than I do."

Finally, in frustration, the judge asks, "Lady, why do you want a divorce?"

"Oh, I don't want a divorce," she replies. "I've never wanted a divorce. My husband does. He says he can't communicate with me."

The Owl Hooter

One evening an avid bird watcher stands in his backyard and hears an owl hoot. So he thinks he'll give a hoot back. To his surprise and delight the bird hoots again. The next night the same scenario occurs.

All summer, the man and his feathered friend hoot back and forth. He even keeps a log of the "conversations." Just as he thinks he is on the verge of a breakthrough in inter-species communication, his wife has a chat with her next door neighbor.

"My husband spends his nights calling to owls," the wife comments.

"That's odd," the neighbor replies. "So does mine..."

The Little Turtle

A little turtle begins to climb a tree slowly. After long hours of effort... he reaches the top, jumps into the air waving his front legs, until he crashes heavily into the ground with a hard knock on his shell.

After recovering his consciousness, he starts to climb the tree again, jumps again, and knocks the ground heavily again.

The little turtle persists again and again while a couple of birds sitting at the edge of a branch, watch the turtle with pain. Suddenly the female bird says to the male, "Dear, I think it's time to tell our little turtle he is adopted."

The Violin

Little Johnny is practicing the violin in the living room... while his Uncle is trying to read in the den. The family dog is lying in the den, and as the screeching sounds of little Johnny's violin reaches his ears, he begins to howl loudly.

Uncle listens to the dog and the violin as long as he can. Then he jumps up, slams his paper to the floor and yells above the noise, "For pity's sake, can't you play something the dog doesn't know!"

Words of Wit

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

- P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

- G. Gordon Liddy

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

- George Bernard Shaw

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE from Representative Bill Wesley

Session Results: Military and Veterans Issues Receive Attention

Perched just across the Kentucky River from the Capitol is a 150-year old building that celebrates our commonwealth's rich military history. The legislature approved \$8,000 to construct the building that houses the Kentucky Military History Museum during the 1850 Regular Session after an earlier arsenal was lost to fire. Because the arsenal was used for the manufacture, maintenance, and storage of volatile weapons and substances, the legislature wisely stipulated the building be located away from the building that served as the center of state government at that time. That allocation was certainly not the first legislative measure aimed at strengthening our military presence, as over the past few years we have worked hard to ensure our state is military friendly and welcoming to those who serve our nation.

During the 2021 Regular Session, we passed several measures with this intent, and I thought I might share a few with you in this week's update.

Protections for Military Families - HB 109 ensures that deployed service members who have custody of their children do not lose permanent custody due to their deployment. Known as the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act, HB 109 allows custodial responsibility to be temporarily granted to a non-custodial parent during the deployment.

Preventing the "Patriot Penalty" - HB 196 prohibits automobile insurance companies from implementing a "Patriot Penalty," by using a lapse in coverage due to deployment as cause to raise rates.

Kentucky Operator's License Requirement Exemption for Armed Forces Families - HB 277 provides an exemption to the Kentucky operator's license requirement for a member of the Armed Forces, their spouse, or dependent child. Under the provisions of this bill, Kentucky will recognize a valid driver's license issued by the state of their permanent residence.

Streamlining Services for Kentucky Veterans - HB 398 is a reorganization for the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs aimed at streamlining services for Kentucky veterans.

Construction Contracts - SB 99 exempts facilities at Bluegrass Station from the requirement to have construction contracts executed under the supervision of a licensed architect or professional engineer. The bill would relate only to facilities measuring 20,000 feet or less and used in the furtherance of security or defense contracts, grants, or agreements with the United States' federal government located on property owned by the Commonwealth.

Kentucky Emergency Response Commission - SB 133 requires the executive director of the Department of Military Affairs serve as vice-chair of the Kentucky Emergency Response Commission.

Department of Military Affairs Reorganization - SB 147 redistributes powers and responsibilities from the Facilities Division of the Department of Military Affairs to the department's adjutant general.

National Guard Leadership - SB 161 reflects updated job titles for Air National Guard leadership and permits National Guard leadership to be employees of the Commonwealth.

Before I conclude, I would like to share that the Kentucky Military History Museum is open to the public. It is operated by the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Department for Military Affairs, but my office can help make arrangements for your visit. If you are interested, please let me know. I can be reached here at home anytime, or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Bill.Wesley@lrc.ky.gov. If you would like more information visit the LRC website www.legislature.ky.gov.

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