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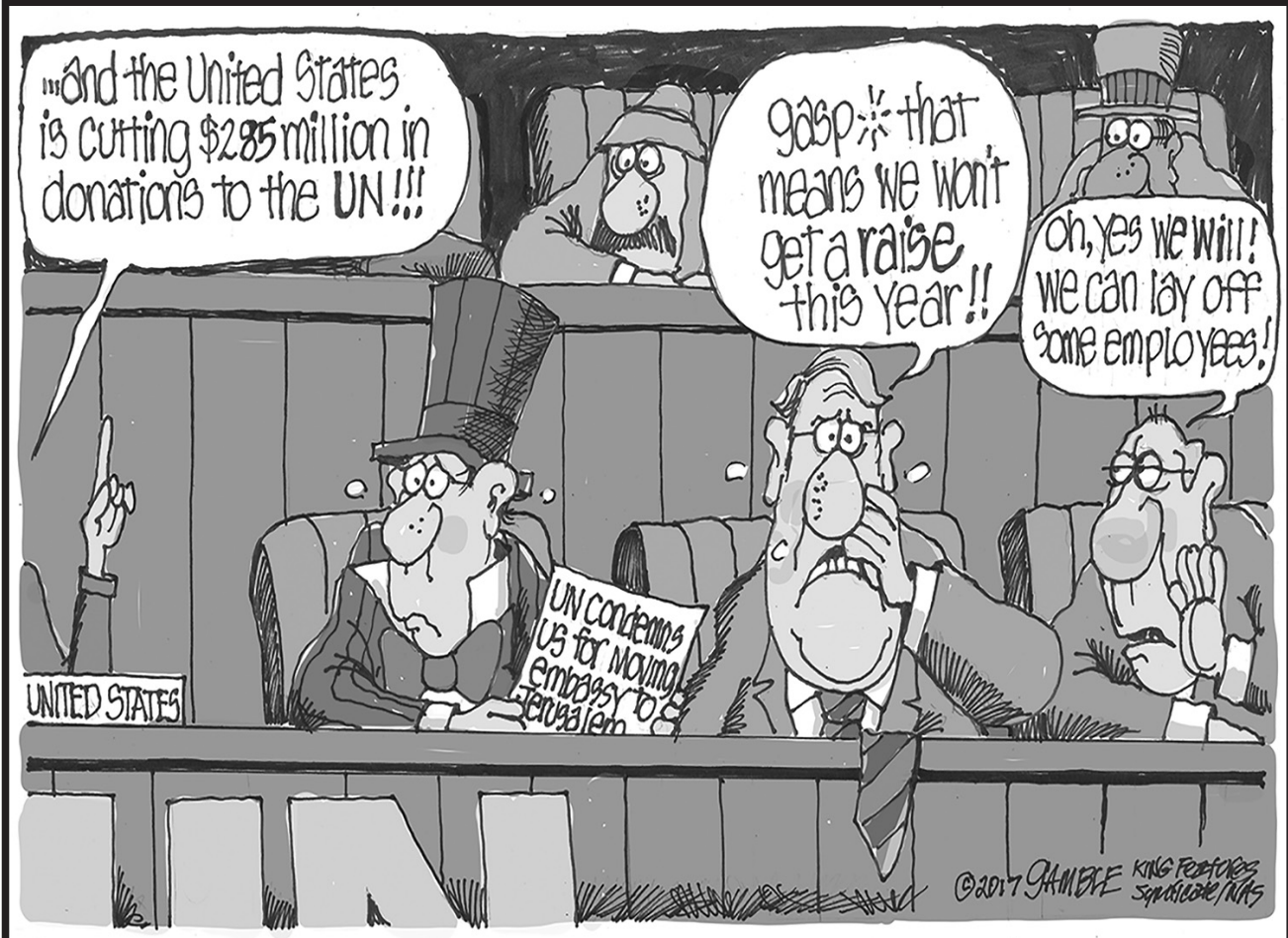
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Maudie's Naughties



New Year's Depression

There's a man sitting at a bar just looking at his drink. He stays like that for half an hour. Then, a big trouble-making truck driver steps next to him, takes the drink from the guy, and just drinks it all down.

The poor man starts crying. The truck driver says, "Come on man, I was just joking. Here, I'll buy you another drink. I just can't stand seeing a man crying."

"No, it's not that. This day is the worst of my life. First, I fall asleep, and I'm late to my office. My boss, in an outrage, fires me. When I leave the building to my car, I found out it was stolen. The police say they can do nothing. I get a cab to return home and when I leave it, I remember I left my wallet and credit cards there. The cab driver just drives away. I go home and when I get there, I find my wife sleeping with the gardener. I leave home and come to this bar. And when I was thinking about putting an end to my life, you show up and drink my poison."

New Year's Prayer for the Elderly

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway,
The good fortune to run into the ones that I do,
And the eyesight to tell the difference.

New Year's Day Prayer for One and All

Dear Lord
So far this year I've done well.
I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.
Amen

New Year's Lecture

On New Year's Eve, Uncle Slim is in no shape to drive, so he sensibly leaves his van in town and walks home up the creek. As he is wobbling along, he was stopped by the law. "What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?" asks Sheriff Rocky.

"I'm on my way to a lecture," answers Slim.

"And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?" enquires the constable sarcastically.

"My wife," slurs Slim grimly.

Resolution To Quit Smoking

Peter, at a New Year's party, turns to his friend, Ken, and asks for a cigarette.

"I thought you made a New Year's resolution to quit smoking," Ken responds.

"I'm in the process of quitting," replies Peter with a grin. "Right now, I am in the middle of phase one."

"Phase one?" wonders Ken.

"Yeah," laughs Peter, "I've quit buying."

New Year's Dream

Ma is taking an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve before the festivities. After she wakes up, she confides to Pa, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?"

"Aha, you'll know tonight," answers Pa.

At midnight, as the New Year was chiming, Pa approached Ma and hands her small package. Delighted and excited she opens it quickly. There in her hand rests a funny book entitled "The meaning of dreams."

New Year's Wedding

At a friend's wedding, everything goes smoothly until it is time for the flower girl and her young escort to come down the aisle.

The boy stops at every pew, growls at the guests, then moves on. When asked afterward why he behaved so badly, he explains, "I was just trying to be a good ring bear."

New Year's Companion

On the afternoon of New Year's day, Ma tells everyone they should spend the evening with the most important one in their life. So, Pa heads to the barn to be with his tractor, Farmer Green goes to check on his cows, Mrs. Green goes through her new garden catalogs, Junior and the Green's son Howard go up to Buffalo Point to look for dropings from the mountain cougar, and Ma spends most of the evening by herself watching the New Year's shows.

New Year's Classic

He who breaks a (New Year) resolution is a weakling; He who makes one is a fool.

-- F.M. Knowles

The Little, Red Sand Bucket

This is the story of two little cousins, Cabella Marie Short and Taven Oakely Short. Cabella is 3-years-old and Taven is 2 1/2. They play together, usually every day.

On this day, they were playing in their sand box and had just one red sand bucket. Taven had it, but Cabella wanted it. She begged and offered him all the other toys but Taven said, "No!"

He made a bad mistake and set the bucket down to go get another toy. Cabella grabbed the bucket and ran to the garage and just stood, waiting to see what he was going to do.

She finally asked him, did he want her to come back and play. He said, "Yes!"

She asked him would he not take the bucket away from her and he said, "No!"

Cabella walked really close to the garage and when she stepped upon the porch, there stood Taven and he grabbed the bucket and ran.

So sweet . . .
from a loving great grandmother, Barbara West

Thank You

Nancy Tipton of Ravenna wishes to thank the woman who found Nancy's lost purse at Save-A-Lot on Thursday, December 21, 2017, and turned it in to store employees who returned it to Mrs. Tipton. A significant amount of money and personal items were returned intact. Mrs. Tipton wants to commend the person for their honesty and integrity.

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