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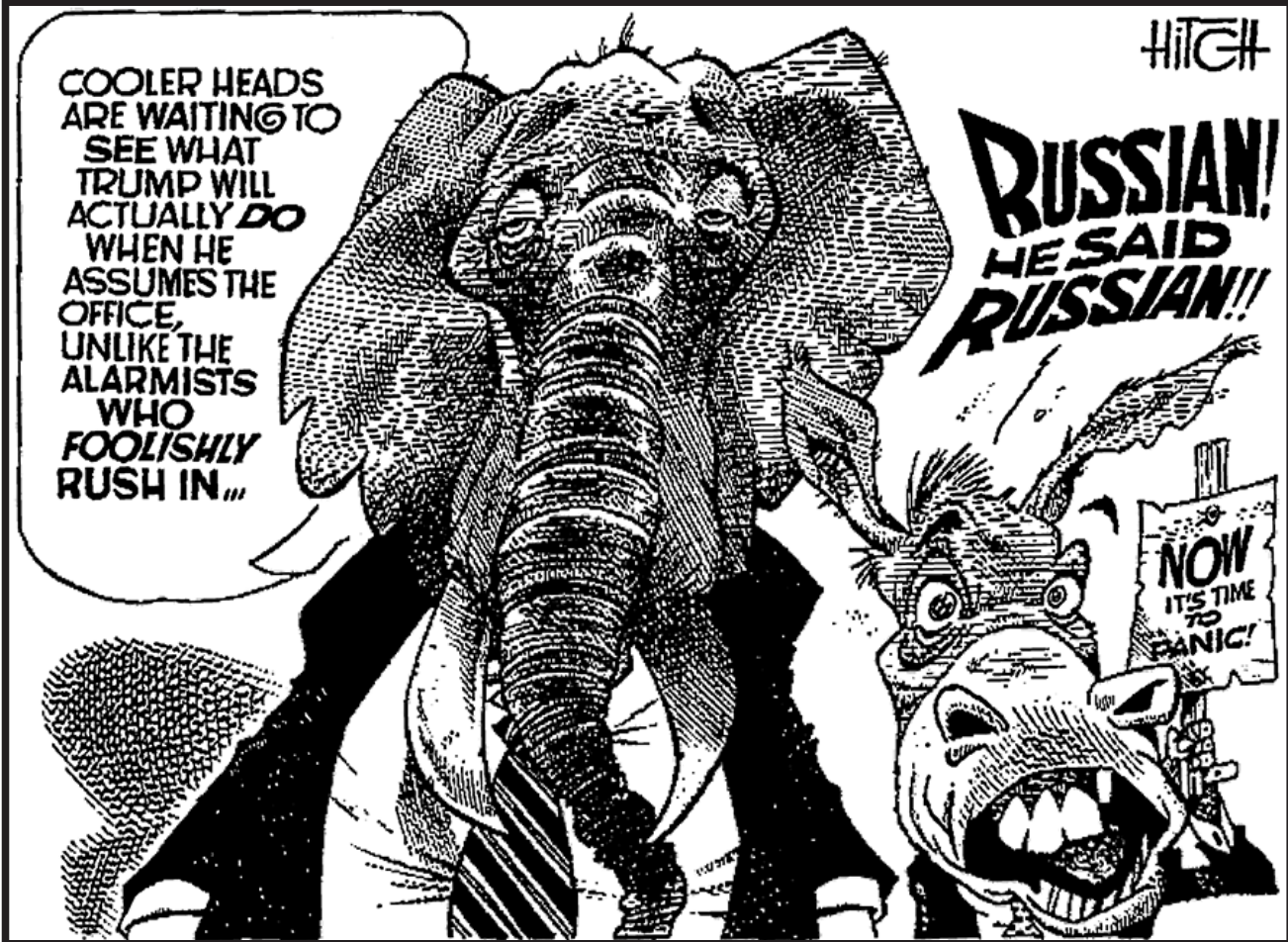
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Maudie's Naughties



Homeless Man

A man is walking down main street when he is approached by a rather dirty, shabby-looking homeless man who asks him for a couple of dollars for something to eat.

The man takes a ten dollar bill from his billfold and says, "I guess you're just going to buy beer with this money?"

"No," says the homeless man. "I stopped drinking years ago."

"Will you be using it to go fishing?" the man asks.

"No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man says. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on greens fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asks.

"Are you NUTS!" replies the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Will you be spending the money on a wayward woman instead of food?" the man asks.

"No way!" replies the man. "I need the money for food."

"I'm going to give you the money," says the man, "But, my wife's waiting for me, and I want her to meet you first."

"Why?" asks the homeless man. "I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell disgusting."

"That's true, the man replies, "But I just want her to see what a man looks like that goes without beer, fishing, golf, and sex."

Motel Stay

A couple is traveling by car from Michigan to Key West, Florida. After many hours on the road, they decide to stop for a rest at a motel near Atlanta. They sleep for about four hours and are ready to get back on the road. When they go to check out, the desk clerk hands them a bill for \$350.00.

The man explodes and demands to know why the charge is so high. He tells the clerk although it's a nice hotel, the rooms certainly aren't worth \$350.00.

The clerk explains that the hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center.

"But we didn't use them," the man complains.

"Well, they are here, and you could have."

The clerk goes on to explain they could have taken in one of the shows for which the hotel is famous. "The best entertainers from New York, Hollywood and Las Vegas perform here."

"But we didn't go to any of those shows!" says the man.

"Well, we have them, and you could have," says the clerk, and goes on to tell of all the other things available at the motel.

Each time, the man says, "But we didn't use them!" and the clerk replies, "Well, they are here, and you could have."

Finally, the man writes out a check and hands it to the clerk.

The clerk looks at the check and says, "But, sir, this check is only made out for \$50.00."

"That's correct," says the man. "I charged you \$300.00 for sleeping with my wife."

"But I didn't!" exclaims the clerk.

Well," the man replies. "She was here, and you could have."

Job Applicant

Mujibar is applying for a job. He has passed all of the tests except one. The resource officer tells him, "Make a sentence using the words, yellow, pink and green."

Mujibar thinks for a few minutes and says, "The telephone goes 'green, green . . . green, green . . . green, green.' I pink it up and say, 'Yellow, this is Mujibar.'"

He got the job. You've probably spoken to him. He's the guy you talk to when you call about problems with your computer.

Jumping the Broomstick

Howard Green stops by to give Pa some good news.

"Pa," says Howard. "Have you heard? I may be getting married to that girl I've been seeing from over in town."

"Is that so?" says Pa. "Well, I'd think really hard on that one before I made any moves. From what I hear, she's already been married seven times."

"Well, actually, eight," says Howard. "But she says this one is the real thing."

"Well, I'm not so sure about that," says Pa. "From what I hear, she's caught her own bouquet at her last two weddings."

New Rooster

Farmer Green's old rooster dies, so he goes down the creek to a farm that raises a lot of chickens. The guy there tells him, he has just the one. He shows Green a rooster named Floyd and tells Green that Floyd will handle the situation.

Floyd the rooster costs a lot of money, but Greens buys him anyway and takes him back to the farm where he sets him out in the barnyard. Floyd immediately takes off after the hens. Green feels like everything will be okay, but when he comes back in the afternoon, Floyd is still chasing the hens and is trying to getting into the pen with the ducks.

"Floyd," says Green. "You'd better slow yourself down. You're not going to last at this rate."

Sure enough, the next morning, Floyd is nowhere to be found. Green searches out in the field and sees his high-priced rooster's body stretched out in the grass with buzzards circling around overhead.

"Floyd," says Green. "I told you to pace yourself. I tried to get you to slow down, now look what you've done to yourself."

Floyd opens one eye, nods toward the vultures circling in the sky and says, "Shhh! They're getting closer."

From U.S. Department of Agriculture

Making it Easier to Transfer Land to the Next Generation

Allows for Transfer of Certain Conservation Reserve Program Land to New Farmers; Provides Priority Enrollment in Working Lands Conservation Programs

Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary Lanon Baccam today announced that beginning Jan. 9, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer an early termination opportunity for certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, making it easier to transfer property to the next generation of farmers and ranchers, including family members. The land that is eligible for the early termination is among the least environmentally sensitive land enrolled in CRP.

This change to the CRP program is just one of many that USDA has implemented based on recommendations from the Land Tenure Advisory Subcommittee formed by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack in 2015. The subcommittee was asked to identify ways the department could use or modify its programs, regulations, and practices to address the challenges of beginning farmers and ranchers in their access to land, capital and technical assistance.

"The average age of principal farm operators is 58," said Baccam. "So, land tenure, succession and estate planning, and access to land is an increasingly important issue for the future of agriculture and a priority for USDA. Access to land remains the biggest barrier for beginning farmers and ranchers. This announcement is part of our efforts to address some of the challenges with transitioning land to beginning farmers."

Baccam made the announcement while touring the Joe Dunn farm in Warren County, located in central Iowa near Carlisle. Dunn is the father-in-law to Iowa native and former Marine

Aaron White, who with his wife, are prospective candidates for the early termination program. Baccam was joined by Farm Service Agency Iowa State Executive Director John Whitaker when meeting with Dunn and White.

"The chance to give young farmers a better opportunity to succeed when starting a farming career makes perfect sense," said Baccam. "There are Conservation Reserve Program acres that are rested and ready to be productive, an original goal of CRP. The technical teams at USDA will tell us which ones can terminate from the program with little impact on the overall conservation efforts. When they do, we'll be ready to help beginning farmers like military veteran Aaron White."

Normally if a landowner terminates a CRP contract early, they are required to repay all previous payments plus interest. The new policy waives this repayment if the land is transferred to a beginning farmer or rancher through a sale or lease with an option to buy. With CRP enrollment close to the Congressionally-mandated cap of 24 million acres, the early termination will also allow USDA to enroll other land with higher conservation value elsewhere.

"Starting the next generation of farmers and ranchers out with conservation and stewardship in mind is another important part of this announcement," Baccam said. "The land coming out of CRP will have priority enrollment opportunities with USDA's working lands conservation programs through cooperation between the Farm Service Agency and

the Natural Resources Conservation Service."

Acres terminated early from CRP under these land tenure provisions will be eligible for priority enrollment consideration into the CRP Grasslands, if eligible; or the Conservation Stewardship Program or Environmental Quality Incentives Program, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

According to the Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land survey, conducted by USDA in 2014, U.S. farmland owners expect to transfer 93 million acres to new ownership during 2015-2019. This represents 10 percent of all farmland across the nation. Details on the early termination opportunity will be available starting on Jan. 9, 2017, at local USDA ser-

vice centers. For more information about CRP and to find out if your acreage is eligible for early contract termination, contact your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office or go online at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect over 400 million acres nationwide, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit <http://medium.com/usda-results>.



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