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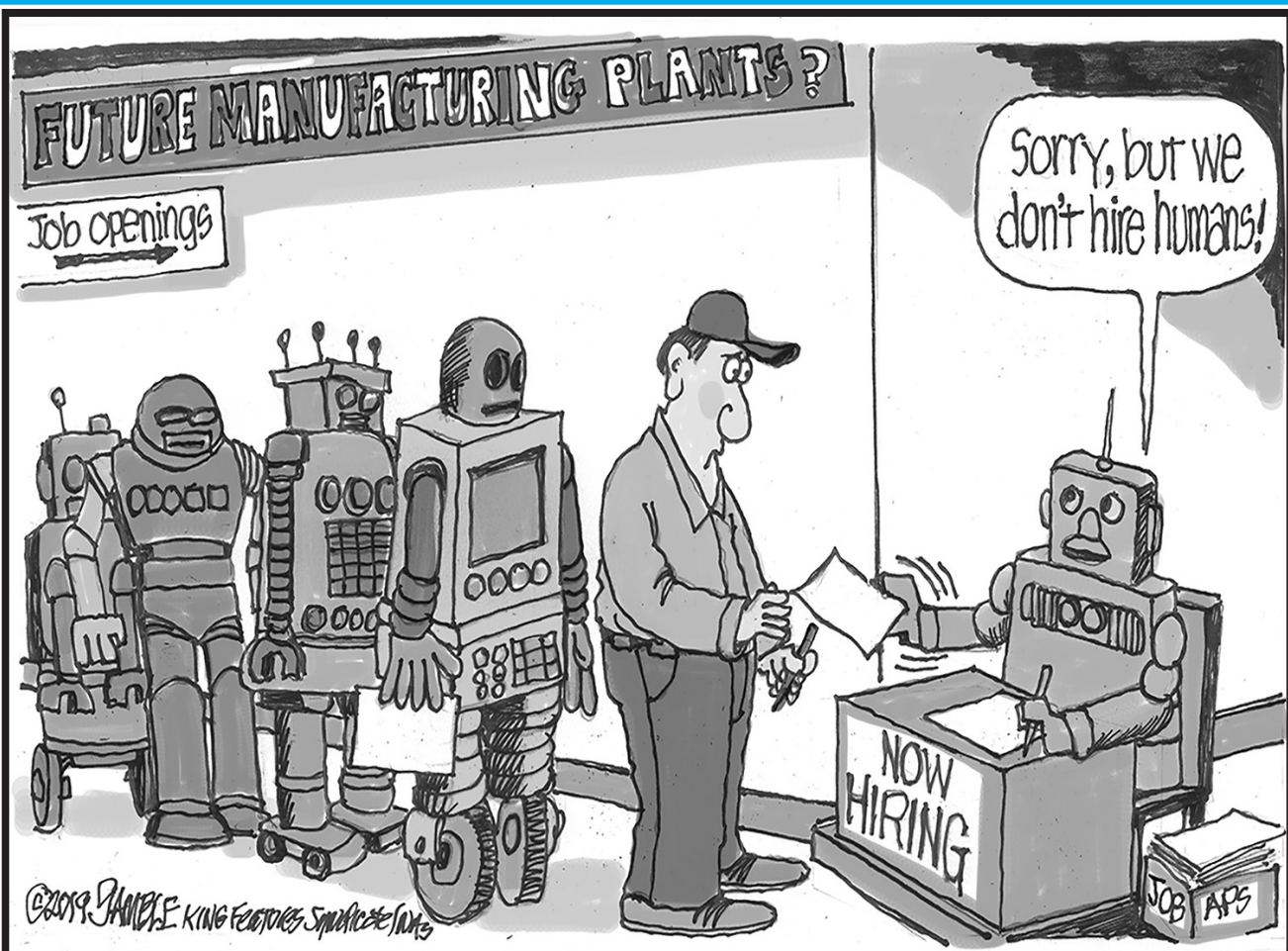
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Maudie's Naughties



Lord of the Jungle
The lion confronts an ox and fiercely bellows, "Who is the mightiest of all jungle animals?"
The terrified ox stammers, "Oh great lion, you are the mightiest animal in the jungle!"
On a roll now, the lion swaggers up to an elephant and roars, "Who is mightiest of all jungle animals?"
Fast as lightning, the elephant snatches up the lion with his trunk, slams him against a tree half a dozen times leaving the lion feeling like it'd been run over by a safari wagon. The elephant then stomps on the lion till it looks like a corn tortilla and ambles away.
The lion lets out a moan of pain, lifts his head weakly and hollers after the elephant, "Just because you don't know the answer, you don't have to get so upset about it!"

Needing Directions
Junior and Howard are hanging around downtown when they are approached by a man who asks, "Gentlemen, can you tell me where the post office is?"
Howard answers, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."
The man thanks them kindly and then adds, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."
Junior replies with a chuckle, "Awww, come on, now; you didn't even know the way to the post office!"

Medical Diagnosis
Two students are chatting in the hallway at medical school when they notice an elderly professor walking down the hallway toward them. He is walking slowly with his legs spread apart and stiff-legged. As he gets closer to them, the students discuss a possible diagnosis for his condition. The professor notices they have taken an interest in him and decides to see what they have come up with.
One student says, "I'm sure it's Peltry Syndrome which causes people to walk just like that."
The other student says, "You surely must have Zovitzki Syndrome which makes one walk slowly with legs apart, just like we learned in class."
"Well, I guess all three of us were very wrong," replies the professor. "I thought I was just passing gas!"

Dumbest Kid In The World
A young boy walks into a country store where several loafers are hanging out. One loafer whispers to a customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you." He puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?"
The boy takes the quarters and walks away. "What did I tell you?" says the loafer. "That kid never learns!"
As the customer is leaving, he notices the young boy buying some candy with the two quarters and says to the boy, "Hey, Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"
"Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!"

When A Woman Wears Leather Clothing . . .
A man's heart beats quicker, his throat gets dry, he goes weak in the knees and he begins to think irrationally.
Ever wonder why? Because she smells like a new truck.

New Dentist
Esmerlda changes to a new dentist. "Open wide," he says; then, quickly adds, "You've got the largest mouth I've ever seen. You've got the largest mouth I've ever seen."
"Well," she snaps, "You didn't have to say it twice!"
"I didn't," he replies. "That was the echo."

Enemies To The West
A knight and his men return to their castle after a hard day of fighting. "How are we faring?" asks the king.
"Sire!" replies the knight, "I have been robbing and pillaging all day, burning the towns of your enemies to the west."
"What?" shrieks the king, "I don't have enemies to the west!"
"Oh!" says the knight, "Well, you do now."

The Violin
A man is going to attend a Halloween party dressed in a costume of the devil. On his way it begins to rain, so he darts into a church where a revival meeting is in progress. At the sight of his devil's costume, people begin to scatter through the doors and windows.
One lady gets her coat sleeve caught on the arm of one of the seats and, as the man comes closer, she pleads, "Satan, I've been a member of this church for 20 years, but I've really been on your side all the time."

Letter to the Editor

Local resident fed up with barking dogs

To the Editor:
I attended a Fiscal Court meeting, July 15, in reference to barking dogs. These dogs bark for hours on end. The county attorney and county judge/executive advised me that an ordinance would take in other noise pollutions, like sawmills, that could be shut down and jobs lost. What has sawmills got to do with barking dogs? They suggested I file a civil suit against the person that owns those dogs.

This dog barking is a county wide problem. Irvine and Ravenna have an ordinance against this barking. What has this shut down?
Madison County has started working on an ordinance and Fayette County has an ordinance against (barking) dogs. Ask the County of Fayette and cities of Irvine and Ravenna what to draw up if our county government can't do it.
Thank you, "Boy" Durbin

Major announcement on SNAP benefits (food stamps)

USDA Proposes to Close SNAP Automatic Eligibility Loophole

WASHINGTON, July 23, 2019 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today proposed closing a loophole that allows states to make participants receiving minimal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits automatically eligible to participate in USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
The proposed rule published today in the Federal Register would limit SNAP/TANF automatic eligibility to households that receive substantial, ongoing TANF-funded benefits aimed at helping families move towards self-sufficiency. The proposed rule would fix a loophole that has expanded SNAP recipients in some states to include people who receive assistance when they clearly don't need it. In fact, the depth of this specific flexibility has become so egregious that a millionaire living in Minnesota successfully enrolled in the program simply to highlight the waste of taxpayer money. This proposal gives USDA the ability to save billions of dollars, ensuring nutrition assistance programs are delivered with consistency and integrity to those most in need.

reduce food insecurity and promote nutritious diets among the American people. The agency administers 15 nutrition assistance programs that leverage American's agricultural abundance to ensure children and low-income individuals and families have nutritious food to eat. FNS also co-develops the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which provide science-based nutrition recommendations and serve as the cornerstone of federal nutrition policy.
NOTE: Changing these rules may not affect those truly in need of SNAP benefits, but it is expected to close loopholes in eligibility requirements which has allowed millionaires, high-dollar lottery winners, and others with considerable assets to continue to draw benefits. It is estimated that 84,100 in Kentucky should not be eligible which accounts for \$122,900,000 savings in benefits.
Data from Foundation for Gov't Accountability

"For too long, this loophole has been used to effectively bypass important eligibility guidelines. Too often, states have misused this flexibility without restraint," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "The American people expect their government to be fair, efficient, and to have integrity - just as they do in their own homes, businesses, and communities. That is why we are changing the rules, preventing abuse of a critical safety net system, so those who need food assistance the most are the only ones who receive it."
Currently, benefits may be as minimal as simply providing a household with an informational brochure describing social services or access to hotline numbers. These nominal benefits are often given without conducting a robust eligibility determination. Congress has established clear eligibility standards. It is USDA's responsibility to make sure those who receive benefits are eligible.
To confer automatic eligibility for SNAP under the proposal, a household must receive TANF-funded cash or non-cash benefits valued at a minimum of \$50 per month for at least 6 months. In addition, non-cash benefits that could convey automatic eligibility would be restricted to subsidized employment, work supports, or childcare. By establishing clear standards and requiring that benefits be ongoing and substantial, the proposal will ensure SNAP benefits go toward Americans most in need.
USDA encourages all interested parties to provide input on the proposed rule through www.regulations.gov. The comment period will be open for 60 days.
To learn more about this proposed rule, view this fact sheet.
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