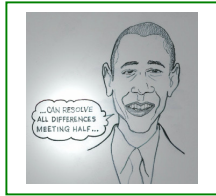
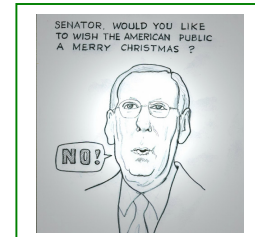
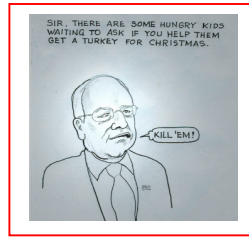


CCN Lists Some Reasons for Americans to Celebrate this Holiday Season

Things are getting better day by day. Let's count the ways.

This year, America's most insidious internal enemy only wants the President to fail at everything, a big improvement over the one who shot his friend and waterboarded perceived enemies.



The current president has mastered the English language, so he can articulate the reasons for extending his incoherent predecessor's failures.

The Italian Government has survived a vote of confidence, thus maintaining a favorable yardstick for measuring US Government performance.



New austerity measures in the UK, hitting the education sector particularly hard, will assure that the US, while struggling to compete with Asia, will no longer need to worry about the minor threat of competing with better educated Britons.

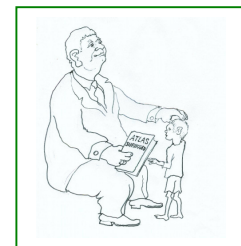
The dollar, which might otherwise be in free fall, has been propped up against the Euro by malfeasance in Greece and a bank bailout in Ireland even more atrocious than the one in the US.

The unemployment rate is still under 10%, far less than during the Great Depression.



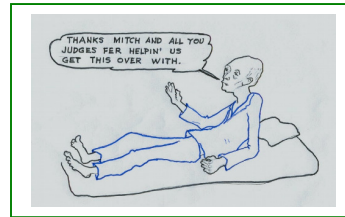
There are still some great bargains in real estate for those God or Goldman Sachs has favored with large hoards of cash.

The big bailed-out banks have returned to record profits and bonuses, so anyone who has an uncle or a cousin who's a banker will surely have some benefits trickle down to them in the form of nicer birthday and Christmas presents.



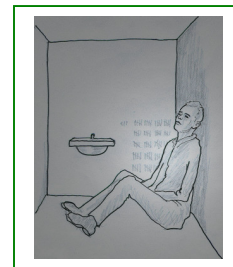
With the new cuts in payroll deductions, Social Security, which was doing just fine, will now fail, vindicating GOP prognostications over the past three decades and finally freeing Americans to take responsibility for funding their golden years.

Mandated health care will almost certainly be ruled unconstitutional in the coming year, so poor people will be spared the indignity of being artificially kept alive to extend their misery.



Conservative folks, who worried about change that other people could believe in, can now relax.

Security strategies have shifted from long term detention and occasional torture of all the Muslims we could round up to long term solitary confinement (without charges) of just one young American whistleblower.

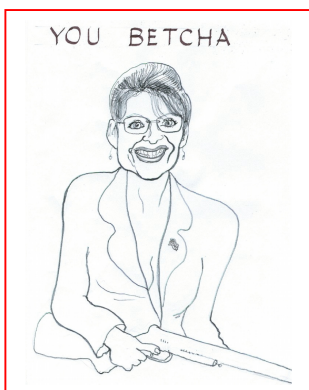


Outed CIA agent Valerie Plame still hasn't seen her outers punished, but her story has been made into a movie.

Instead of fixing elections in the US, Karl Rove is now in Sweden trying to frame Julian Assange.

American men and women in our military now occupy 135 (of the 192) countries around the world to keep America safe.

Openly gay Americans will now have the same opportunity as their heterosexual countrymen to serve in the military and keep America safe by slaughtering pesky terrorists in third world countries.



Given their apparent nostalgia for eight years of a presidency which turned the White House into a slaughterhouse of syntax, the American people may soon get another such president, every bit as ignorant, but decidedly better looking.

Merry Christmas from the Cat Cartoon Network!

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