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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Cartoon That Ate My Brain

An interactive cartoon-puzzle for thinking people

BY MAXIMUM MADCAP

Directions: Guess the caption to the cartoon (common phrases, proverbs, double entendre names, etc.) based on the visual clues and number of lines for each word. **Solve the puzzle.**

Difficulty Level **8**

The answer appears below the cartoon.

1-3 Gimme 4-6 Moderately Difficult 7-9 Mental Stretch
10 Totally obtuse - if you get this one - seek help



ANSWER: **STRICTLY NUTS**

TAXING PROBLEMS

The cigarette tax is already out of hand and the state wants to raise it again and again and again. Intolerant non-smokers will always out number tobacco users so the initiatives usually pass, but the repercussions of these taxes are never thought out. People like me who cannot conquer the habit will always alter our budgets before suffering withdrawal.

The following businesses have lost my money over the years due to tax increases: The carwash, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, concerts, movies, canceled home remodeling projects, restaurant patronage, vacations, and small business shopping. Just think of all the taxpaying jobs lost and bankruptcies that occur when people quit participating due to tobacco tax targeting. Some folks even stop garbage

pickup, downgrade clothing for their kids and steal to get their smokes.

It doesn't seem to be enough that private and government buildings have outlawed smoking, relegating the user to the status of peon who must experience scorn and verbal abuse. Here are some alternative suggestions to obtain new tax dollars in the hope to revive previously mentioned businesses in co-relation to the evils that affect our planet:

To offset overpopulation, tax disposable diapers. To offset obesity, tax fatty foods. To offset failed law, tax marijuana. To offset vanity, tax beauty products. To offset greed, tax the very stock shares that non-smokers buy.

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