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New Year words:

- **Eve** = evening (usually before a holiday, such as Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve)
- **Ring in** = celebrate
- **Resolutions** = plans, promises
- **Highlights** = good things, good times
- **Drink a toast** = say **Cheers** and click your drink glasses together
- **Here's to...** = Cheers!

New Year news:

Most UW-Madison employees will receive a 2 percent **wage** (pay) increase starting in January.

Also, most employees will have a **second round** (repeat) of **furlough** (time off with no pay) between January and June. This is because of the university's continuing **financial challenges** (money problems).

The pay plan increase will **provide a slight buffer** (give a little protection) from the loss of money from the furloughs.

News For You Online:

<https://www.newreaderspress.com/news-for-you-online>

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Phrases for conversation:

Use these phrases to talk about the New Year:

- **How did you ring in the New Year?**
- **Do you have any New Year's resolutions?**
- **What are your hopes for 2021?**
- **What were the highlights of 2020?**
- **Happy New Year!**
- **Cheers!**
- **Here's to 2021!**



Learn more:

Click here to learn about New Year idioms:

<https://www.realenglishspeaker.com/6-idioms-for-the-new-year/>



Sayings about money:

- **Money can't buy everything** = You can't buy some things like love, peace, joy, etc.
- **Money doesn't grow on trees** = You can't get money for free; you have to work for it.
- **Money talks** = Money has the power to influence people.

