



“Republican sound bite.” “Democratic sound bite.”



"Shouldn't you be reading that to me out loud or something?"







"This isn't working. We have nothing in common."



"I'll have a bourbon hot toddy." "Make that two."

"Let's see, I'll have a Kahlúa and coffee." "I'll have a hot buttered rum."

"And bring me an Irish coffee, please."





"At this time, the family is grieving and suing."



"You always get to be the therapist! I never get to be the therapist!"



Bernard Schoenbaum.

"How much longer are you planning to play the sap?"



"I remember when they used to give you stationary cubicles!"

*Casting Against
the Part (I)*

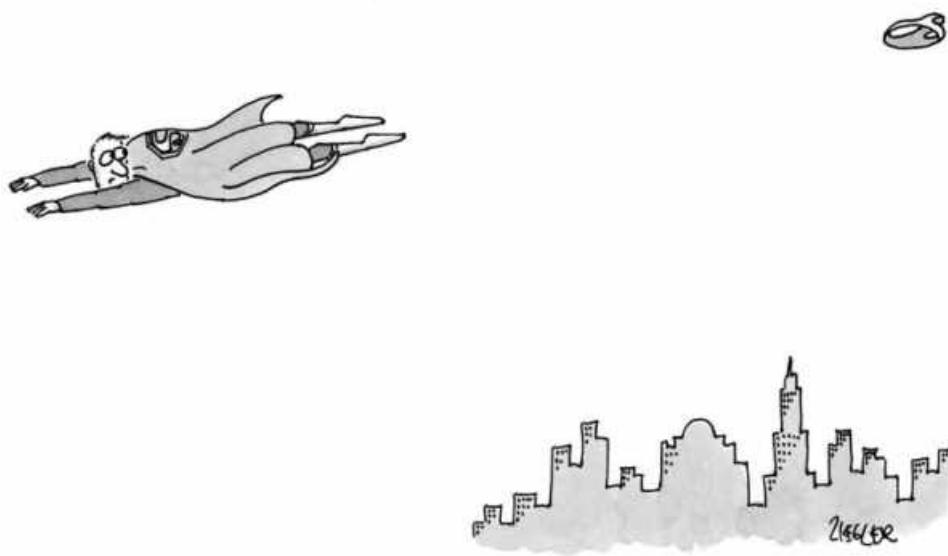




"How many times do I have to beep you?"



"'Vengeance is ours,' saith Courtland, Mumford & Blaine."





"We have no mandatory retirement age, Dave, but under certain conditions we tend to encourage people to die."



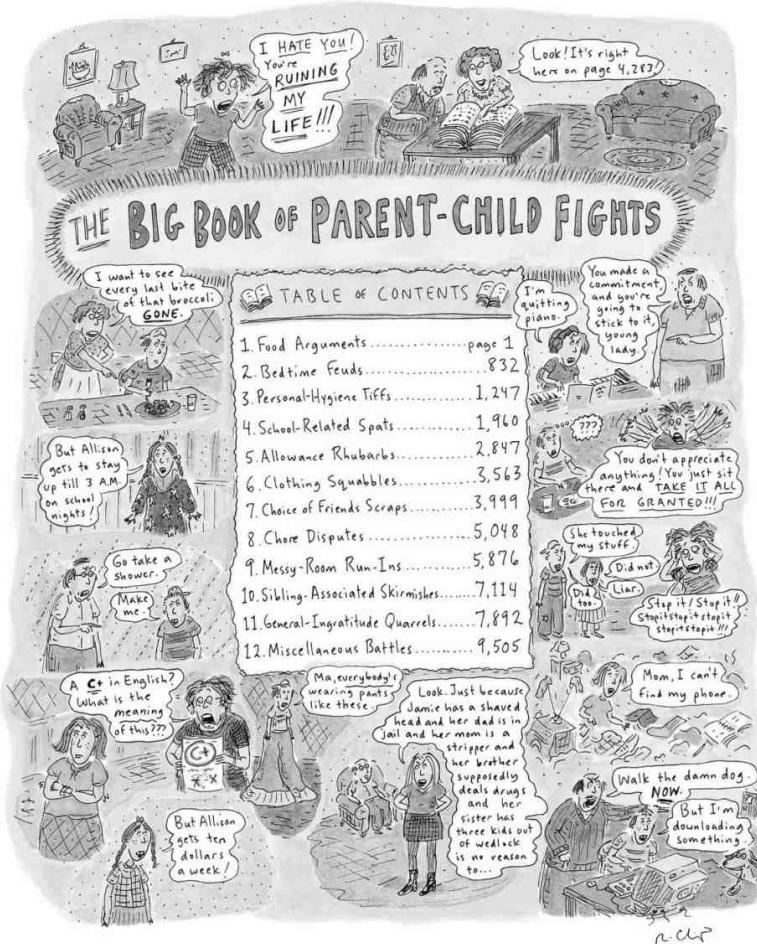
*"I'd like to believe we're redefining the way future
generations will waste their time."*



*"I'm afraid the celebrities we have tonight
are all from the aluminum industry."*



"You'll never go wrong with sunflower seeds."





"Just impeachy, thanks. And you?"



"He seems to have lost his focus since he went into politics."



"We never say 'death'—we prefer 'deadness.' "



"It's ten o'clock, and seventy-seven per cent of the people think all is well!"



"Very well put, Harper."



"I'm trying not to badger—how am I doing?"



*"I am not a vengeful man, but I do enjoy
a touch of retribution now and then."*



"I don't sing. I do standup."

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DINING OUT (1 OF 3)

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Dilemma—Veal or Chicken?

DINING OUT (2 OF 3)



Vin Extraordinaire

DINING OUT (3 OF 3)



Saucissons Alfresco



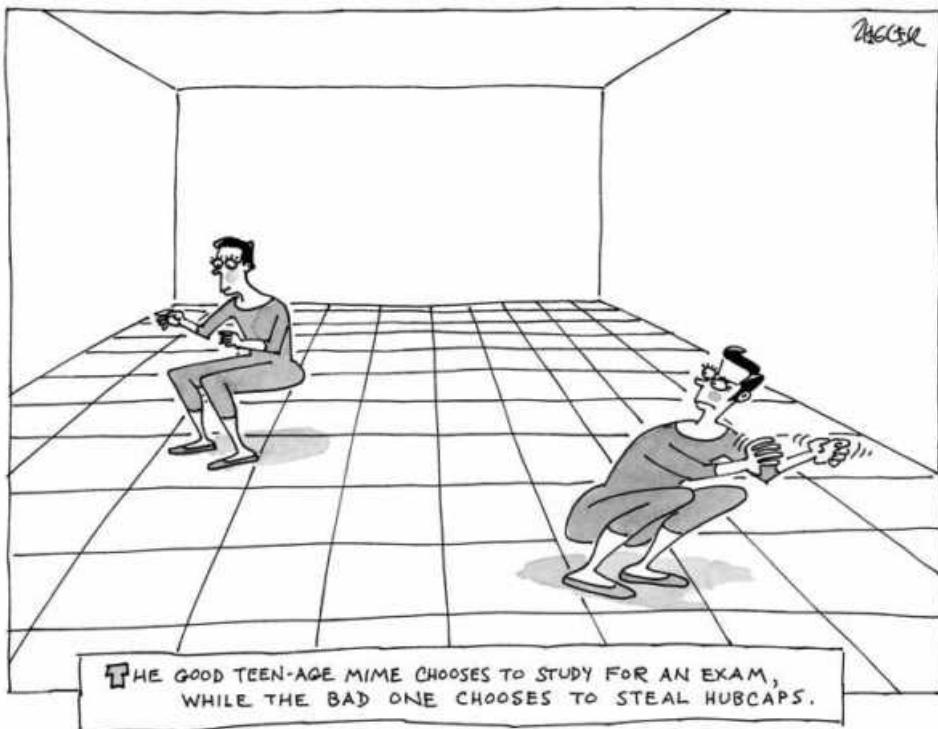
"I won it for being the most noncompetitive in preschool."

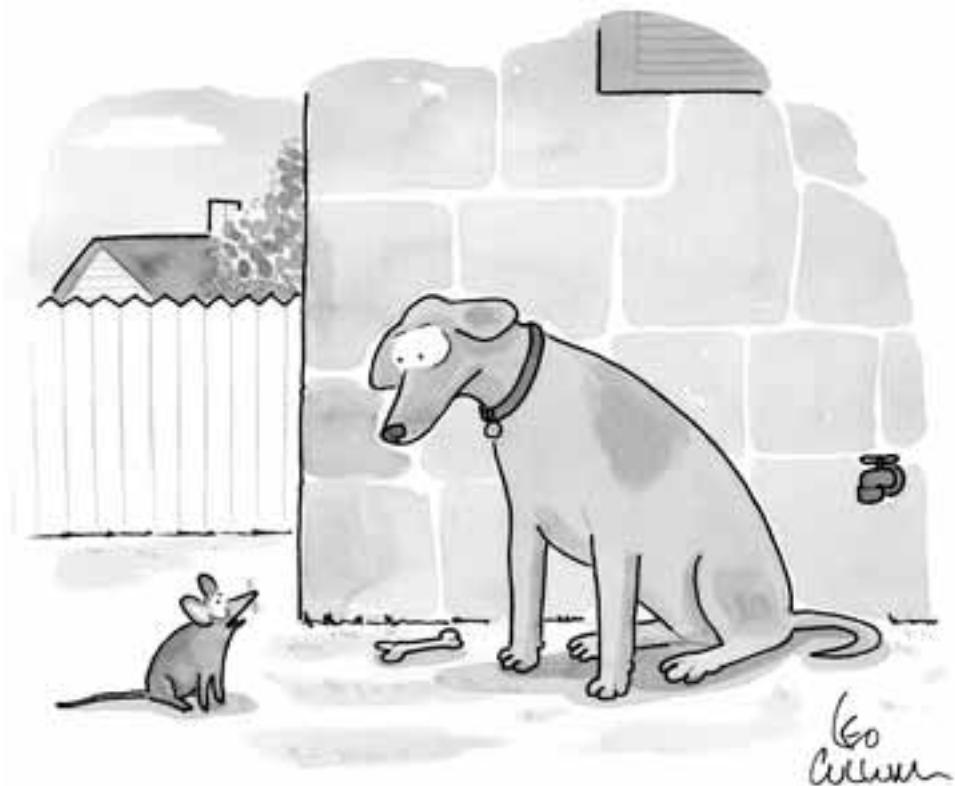


"Can we get back to you? He seems to have stepped away from his trousers."



"It comes in midnight gray, charcoal gray, slate gray, and gray."





"Remember, the enemy of your enemy is your friend."



"The Goose That Lays the Golden Eggs is proud to announce she's now laying two additional lines of eggs: Silver and Platinum."



“‘Best if used before 1/1/2000.’”





"Mind if I thump it? I'm a Bible-thumper."



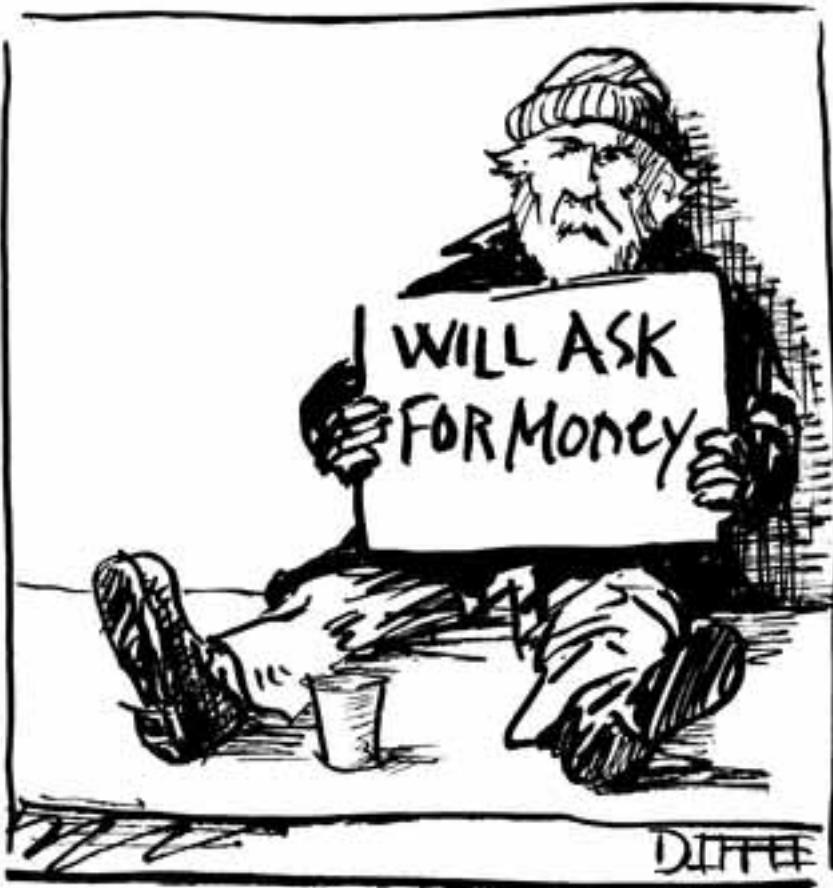
*"I've had a long day, so I don't want anything
that will put up much of a struggle."*



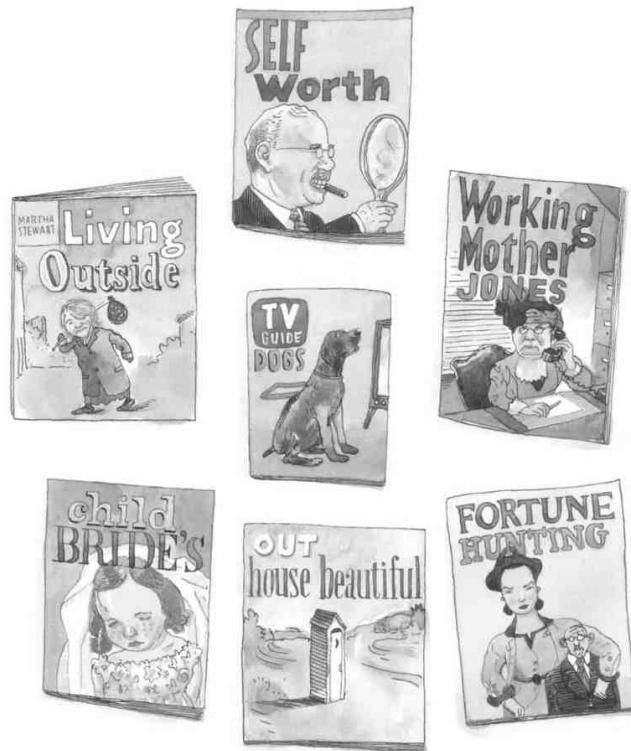
“Damn—we just missed him.”



"Here—in case you ever need a shoulder to cry on."



Magazine Mergers





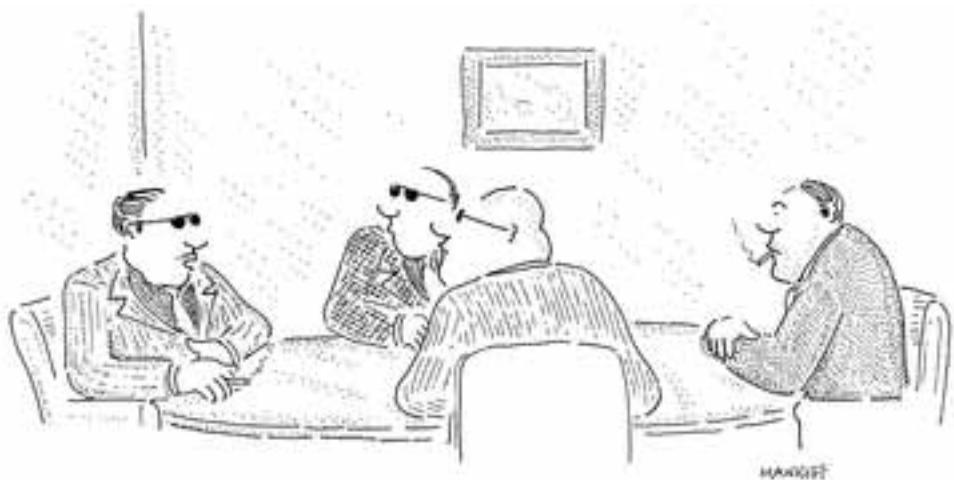
*"I have the whole universe to look after,
so I'm putting you in charge of this planet."*



*"I think Republicans and Democrats alike
can agree that Frank Shustermann is dead."*



"Yet another apology."



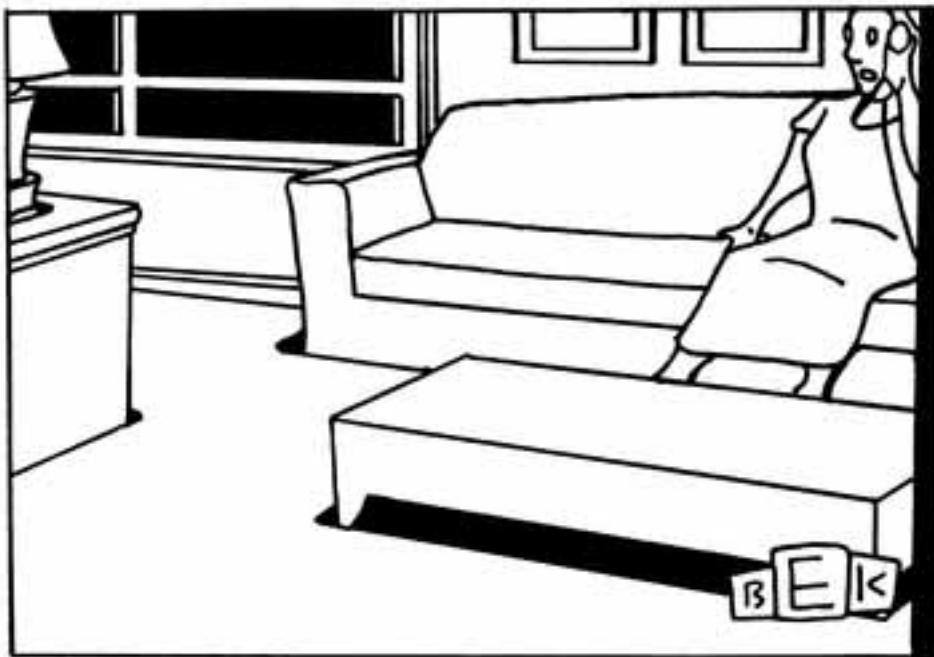
"This 'digital revolution'—can we muscle in on that?"



"Perhaps we could tell the international investment community that we're sorry."



"Camouflage becomes you."



"No, no, no—stay as late as you want. In fact, divorce me."

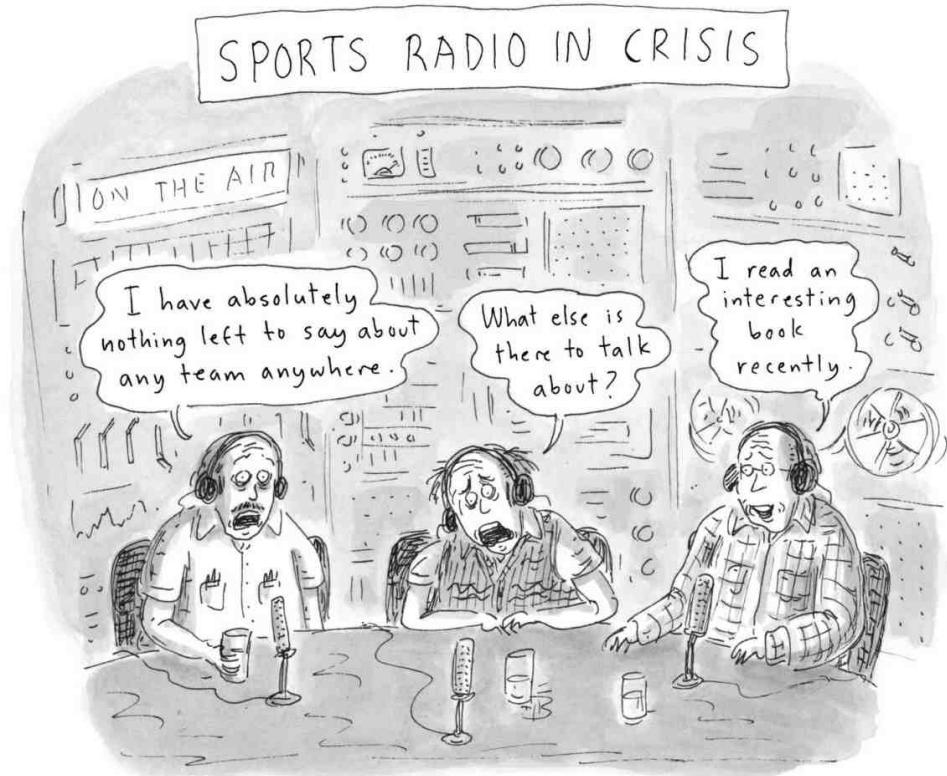


"Good news, Mr. Pickett—it's just a slow leak."



"After all these years together, the mating is still reasonably good."

SPORTS RADIO IN CRISIS





"I preferred their 'Take a number' system."



“Arm candy.”



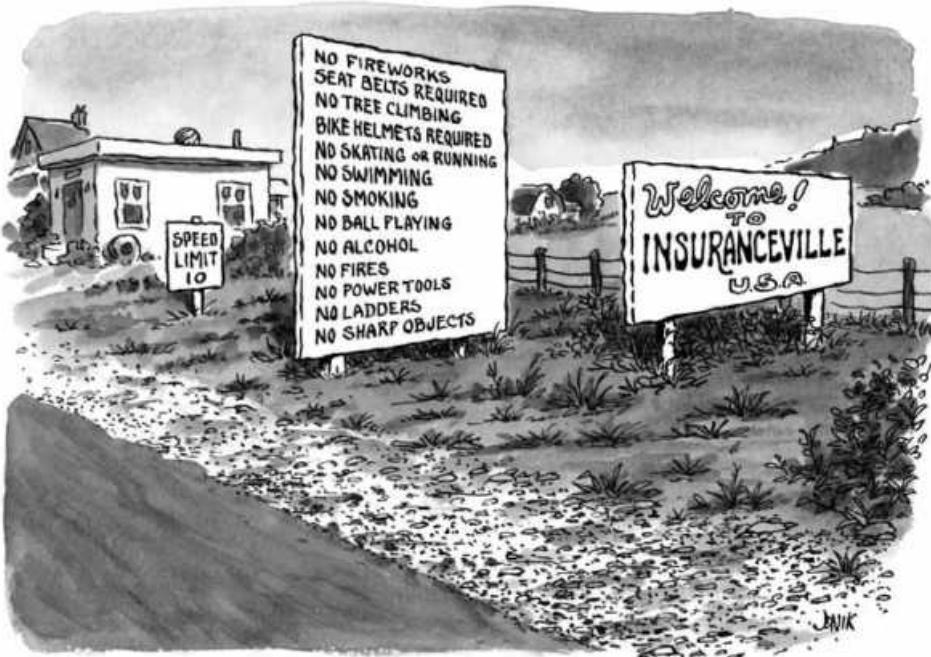
"For the profits of which we are about to partake, we give thanks. Amen."





This week, HOUSE MANAGER Blowviatt
has been asked to avoid the appearance
of playing to the cameras.







"And they say electric cars aren't practical."





"The food's great, but the chef's a tyrant."





"The very survival of our society depends upon the just compensation of our professional athletes."



"Give me a break, Doctor."



"Tiffany tells me you were at Sundance."

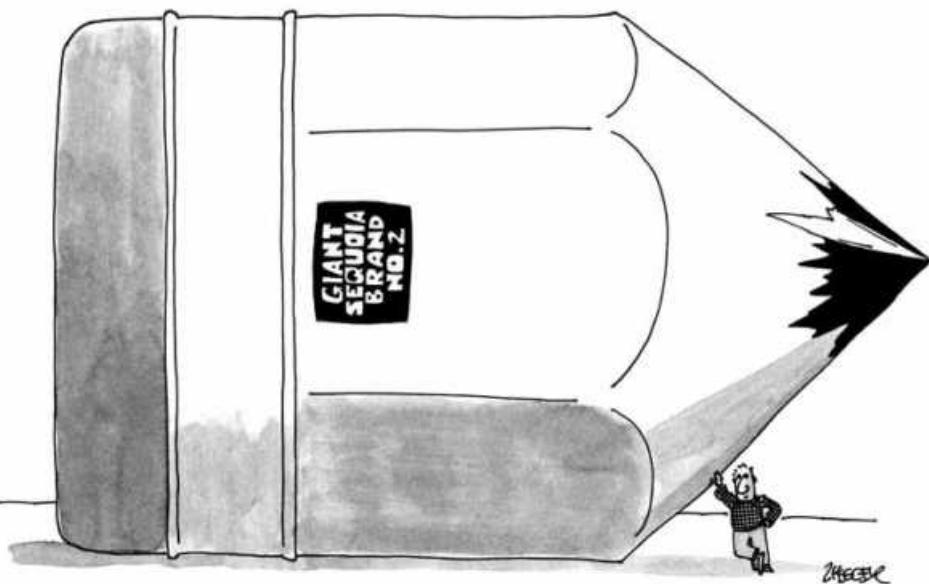


Booth

"Your squash medley will be right out, sir."



“Oh, God, am I housebroken.”





"He's big, all right, and he's definitely a wolf, but it'll be up to a jury to decide whether or not he's bad."



"For God's sake, Edwards. Put the laser pointer away."



*"You tell them we're not ready to make nice
until they're ready to make nice."*



"That's nothing. My mom is older than the Superbowl."



"Would you like to take your old face?"



"It was a little preachy."



*"Among them, my children have eighteen years of accumulated
experience harassing their mother!"*



"He says he wants a lawyer."



(Cullum)

*"It's a full-bodied wine with hints of acrimony,
partisanship, and moral outrage."*



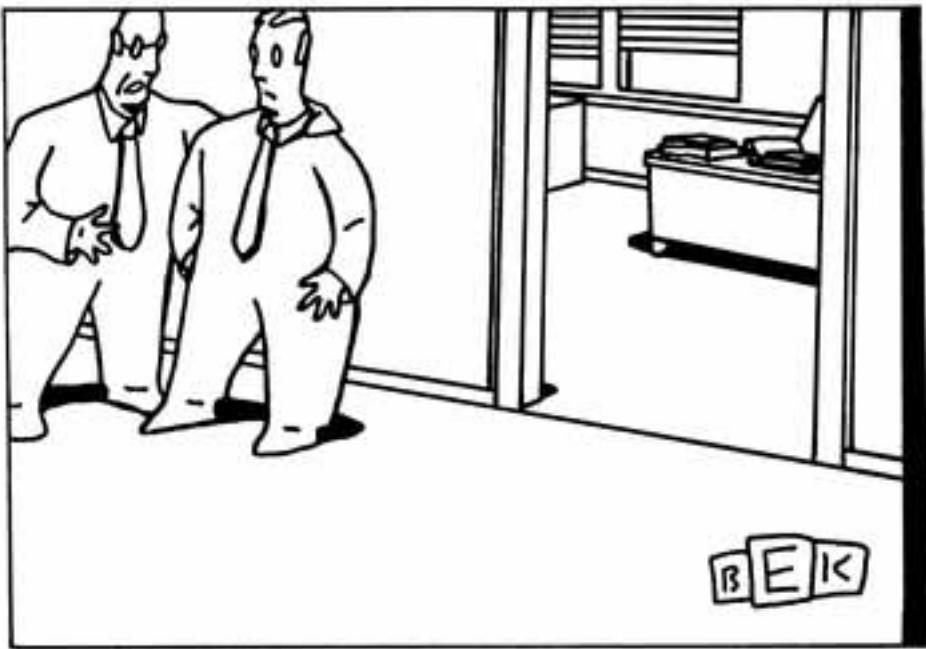
"Of course you know Congressman Beasley."



"What about the redemptive power of my art?"



"What have you been up to?"



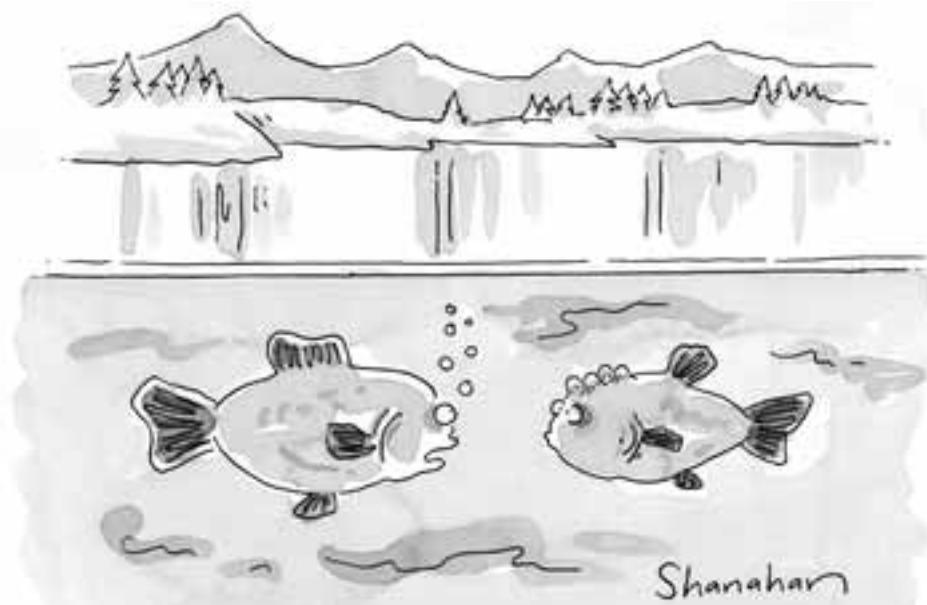
*"Sometimes it's important to stop whatever break
you're taking and just do the work."*



*"Your mother and I are feeling overwhelmed,
so you'll have to bring yourselves up."*



"When we have fun, we really have fun."



"The first winter is always the toughest."



"I'd like you to meet our director of scratch-and-sniff advertising."





“Shortly after I realized I had plenty, I realized there was plenty more.”



*"I had a nice time, Steve. Would you like to come
in, settle down, and raise a family?"*



"Your offer's a crumpled little ball in the middle of my desk."





"I'm told that you respond very well to intimidation."







"It's not as if I invented the food chain."



"I love these bipartisan gatherings, don't you?"



"I'll trade you my soy milk for your wheatgrass juice."

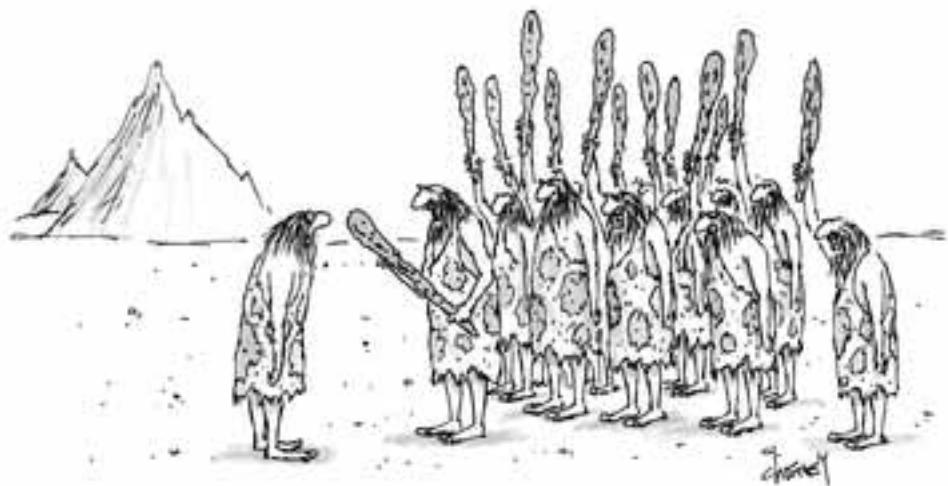


"Where do you get off saying my kid is grade level?"









"The yeas have it. Censure, and we'll give you a running start."



"I'm afraid there's really very little I can do."



"You're so organized!"



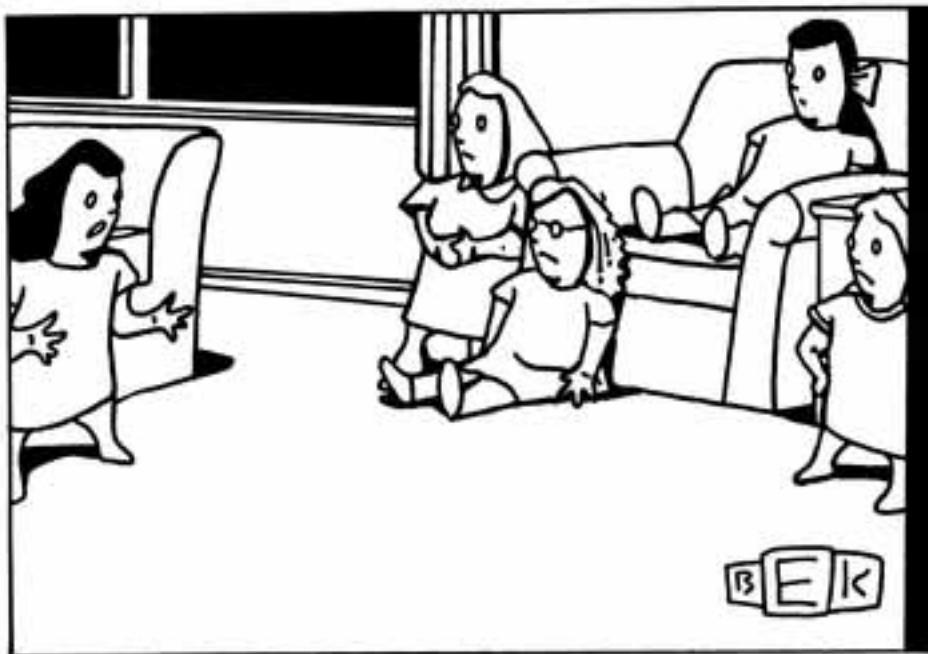
"What do you have in investment-grade reds?"



*"Now that the kids are grown and gone, I thought it
might be a good time for us to have sex."*

METRO, THE GOD OF AMPLE PARKING,
SPURNS MANHATTAN FOR NEW JERSEY'S
MEADOWLANDS





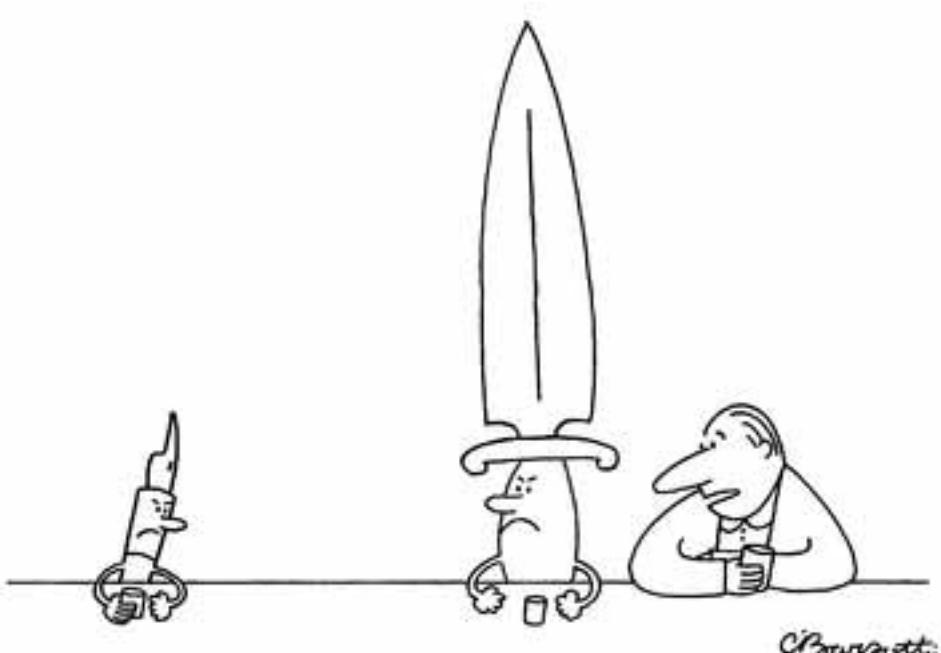
"I thought it would be nice if we had a forum where we could get together and have screaming tantrums."



"This is my client's videotaped deposition—please be considerate and rewind after viewing."



*"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings: Look on
my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"*

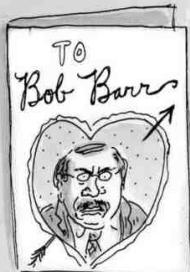


"You'd better cool it. Remember what he did to you last time."





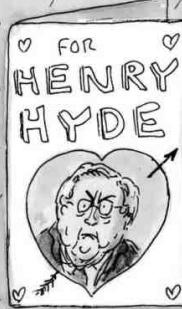
"We can't wear vintage—we are vintage."

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VALENTINES for REPUBLICANS

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Violets are blue,
Sugar is white,
And so are you.

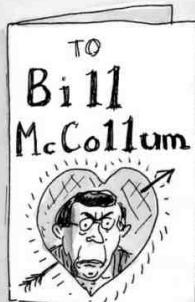
Roses are reddish,
Violets are bluish,
You're more than just whitish,
You're also not Jewish.

~Your secret
admirer up North



Your righteous fervor
gets me shiverin',
Especially when your
jowls start quiverin'.

~ Someone who
cares



You're so right and we're so wrong,
Up in Heaven is where you
belong.

Morally speaking, you're the
winner-

Happy Valentine's Day from a
lowly sinner.

~ Guess who?

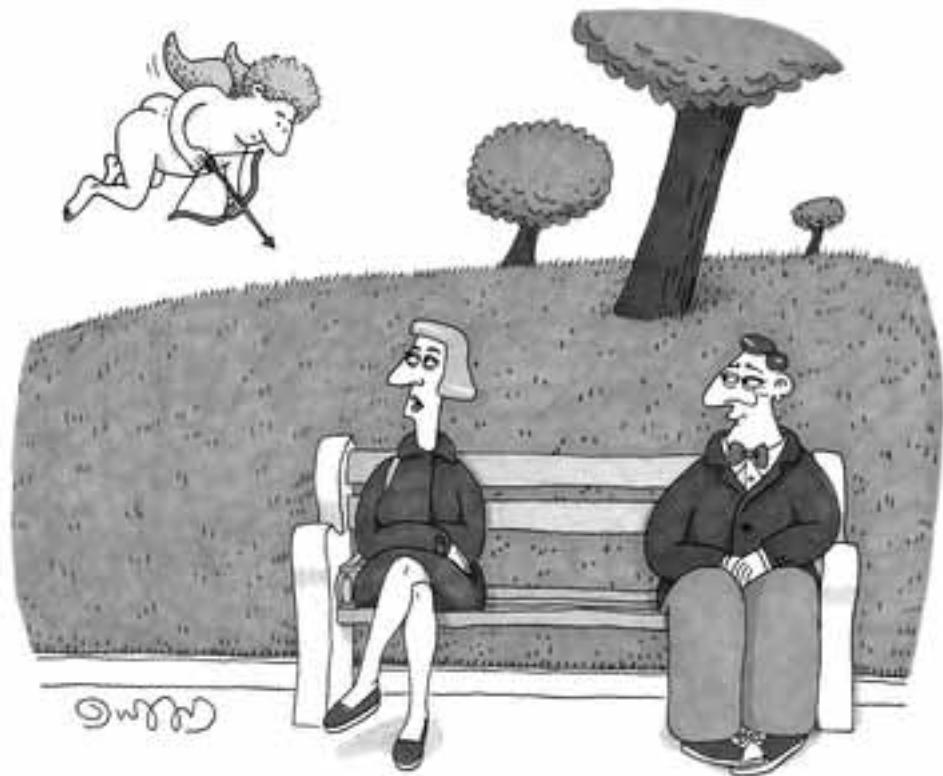
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"No, lad, we aren't movers. We're just Shakers."

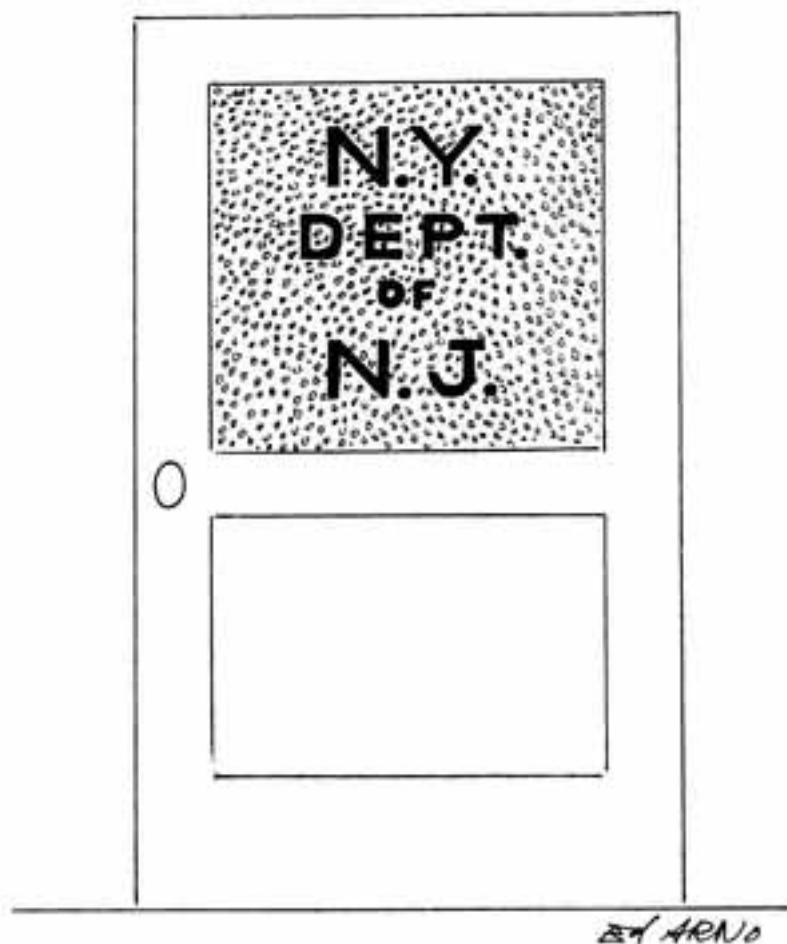


"Looks like crime is down."



"There's a twenty in it for you if you just keep moving."

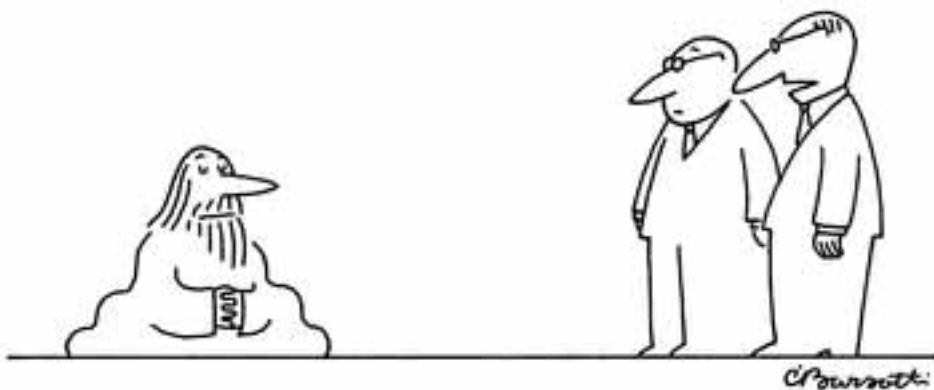






"That was fun. What time does the next trial of the century start?"

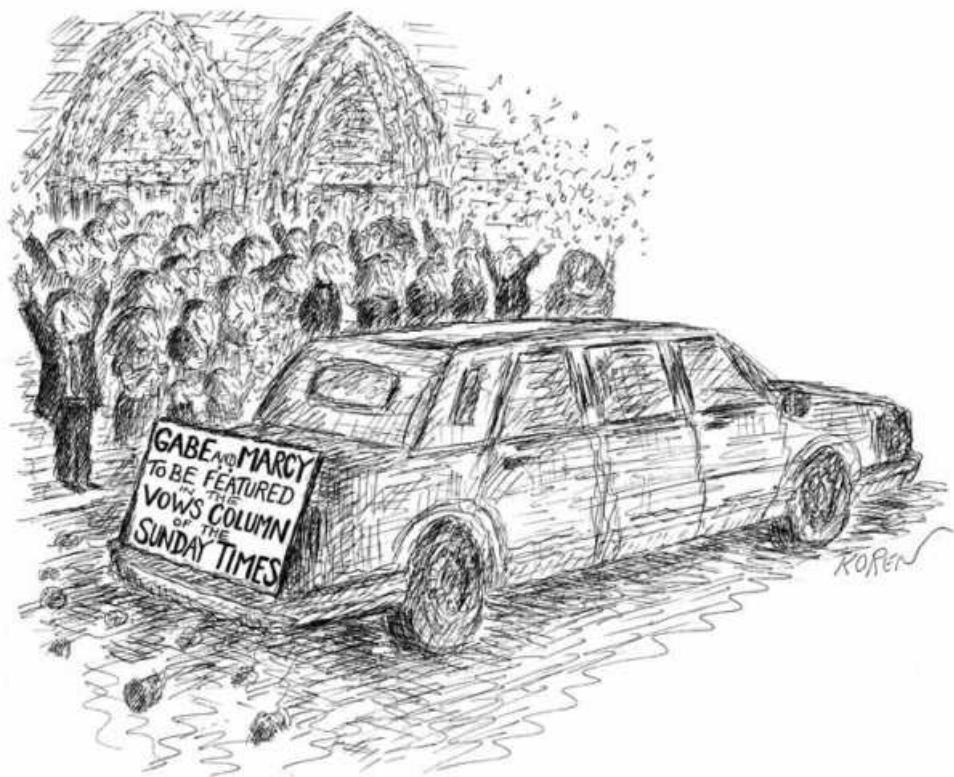


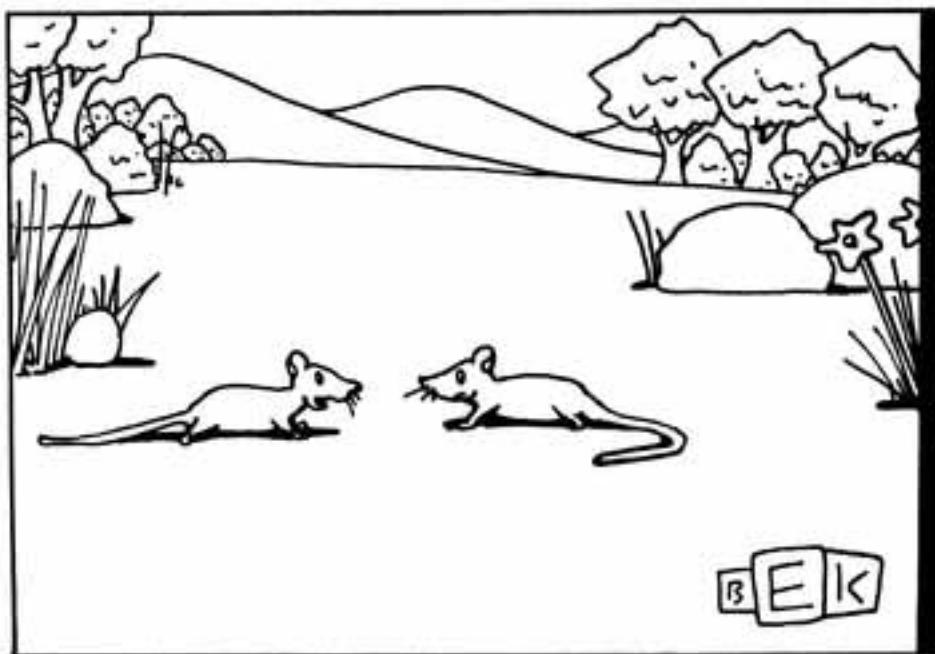


"Did you hire a consultant? I didn't hire a consultant."



*"Nothing. I just called to say
I found a working pay phone."*





"I hear the streets are paved with garbage."



Victoria Roberts

*"Perhaps if we could think of me sitting here as
an art installation, that would help."*





"His final wish was that all his medical bills be paid promptly."



*"Things have gotten bad here.
There's talk of a war with another gated community."*

1999

THE NEW YORK REBELLION

WHEN THE NATIVES DECIDED TO TAKE BACK THE STREETS!

The East 47th Street Uprising

10,000 people jaywalk-
and no one can stop them!



The Anti-Trump Rally

300,000 New Yorkers actually lie down
in front of bulldozers to prevent Donald
Trump's complete and utter
destruction of the Upper West Side.



The Old Bookstore Riot

A greedy landlord decides to septuple
the rent of a beloved neighborhood
bookstore- until the people say **NO!**



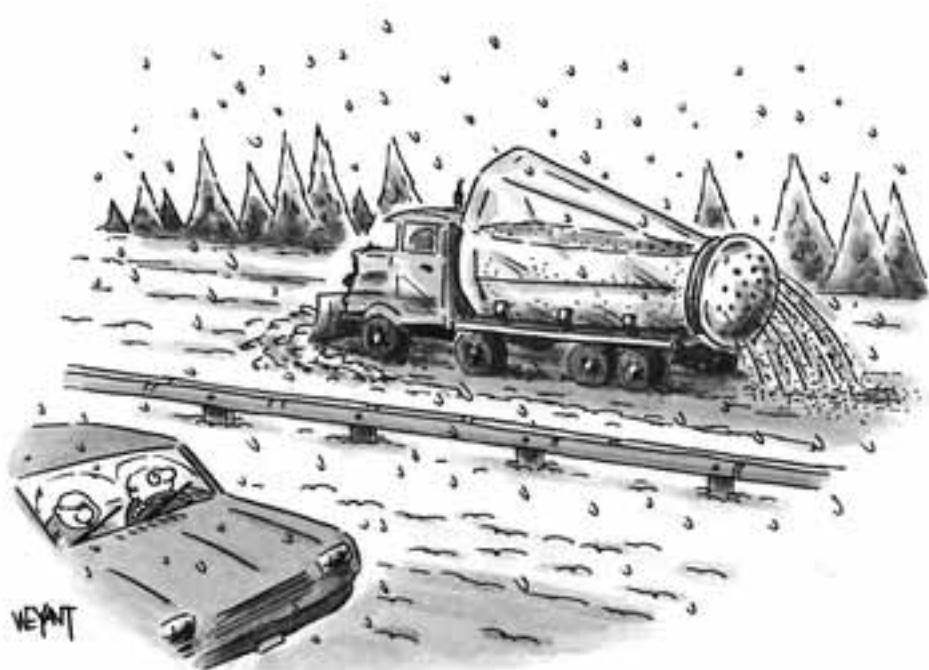
The Days of Rudeness

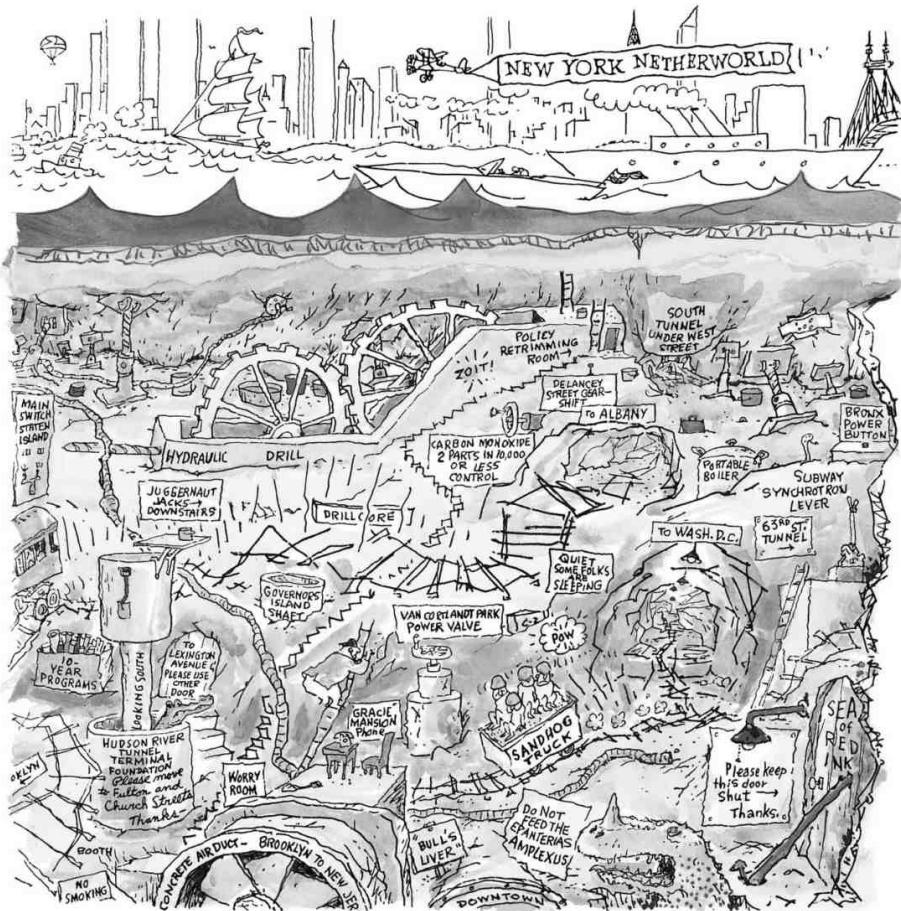
City dwellers get real snippy
with the tourists- and send them
scurrying back to Wisconsin.





"Mind if I take a moment to check with my sex therapist?"







"Tell me again—which blond actress is she the blond-actress daughter of?"



"I'm living proof that life begins at forty-three."



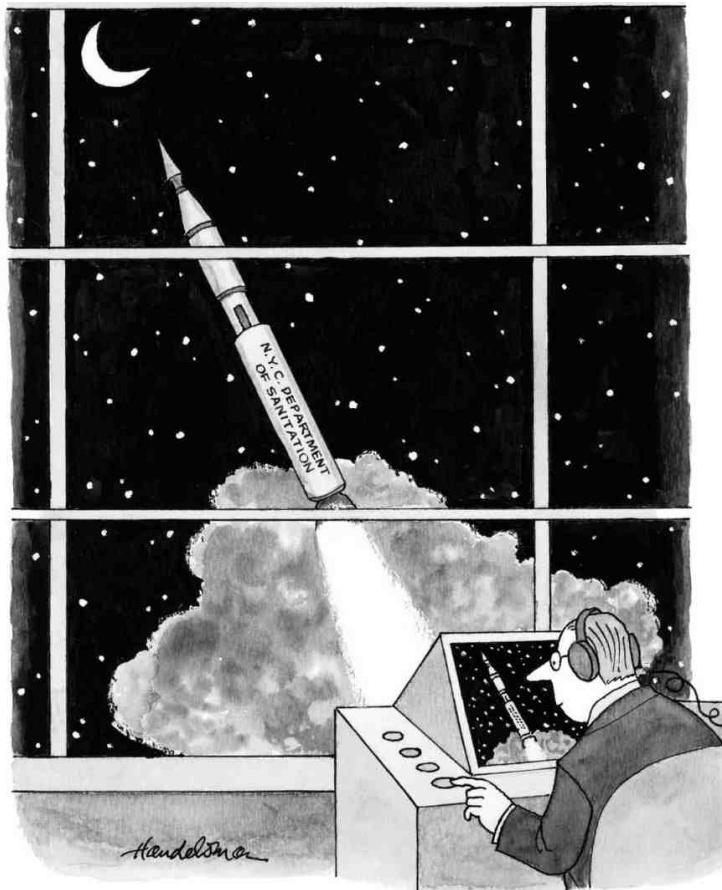
"Is that you, Pumpkin?"



*"I'm making a bundle on Wall Street, but it's
not what I really want. What I really want is
to make a bundle uptown."*



"Hey, I'm just happy the transplant worked at all."







"Keep your eyes on your own screen."



"Would you mind turning down your Walkman just a little!"



"O.K., we'll walk, but don't feed the street life."



"The social conservative in me tells me to pay for dinner, but the fiscal conservative thinks we should split it."



*"Bye-bye, sweetie. Daddy and I
will pick you up when you're eighteen."*







*"O.K., on my signal we're going to shift from pre-millennial
to post-millennial thinking."*



SPRING TRAINING



*"I got another callback. My agent says it's between
me and the guy who's going to get it."*



Danny Shanahan

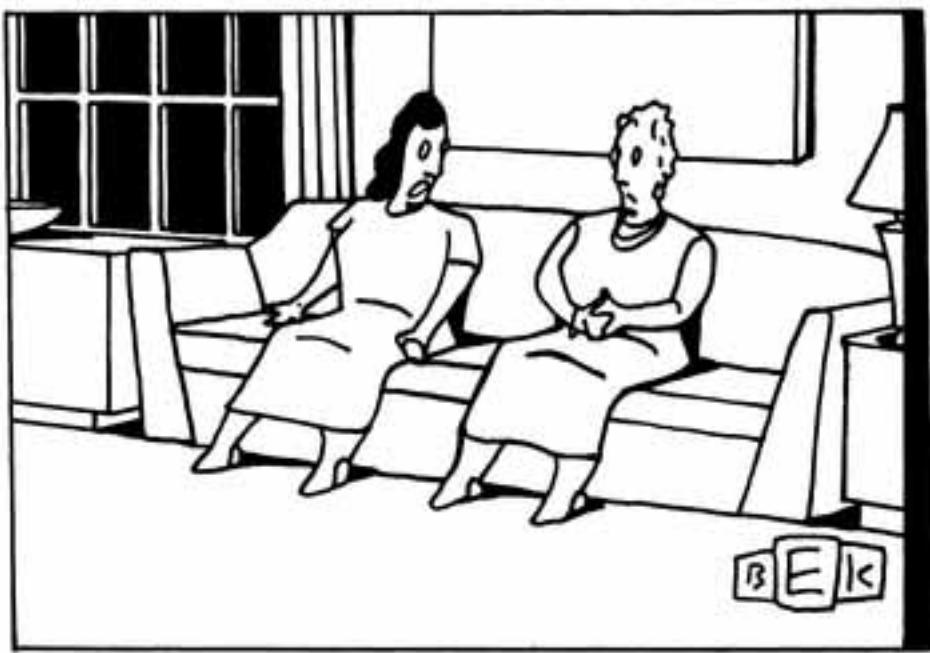
"He refuses to let me get on with the grieving process."



*"I can't decide whether to specialize
in criminal law or legal punditry."*



"Sorry, wrong room."



"If, indeed, there is a reason for all this, than that's so much worse."



"Here's a nice one. It was confiscated from a little old drunk lady."



"The skin on the organic chicken was thick and greasy, so I got rid of it."



*"World War III? Hmm. O.K., but, remember,
nobody gets hurt."*



*"I'm sorry, but you have to be here the minute the doors open
if you want worm."*



"Daddy's way of helping you with your homework is not to help you."



*"If Heather has two mommies, and each of them has
two brothers, and one of those brothers has another man for a 'roommate,'
how many uncles does Heather have?"*



"Shouldn't Willis be in the bed and his imaginary monster under it?"

INSIDE ONE'S MEMORY BANK

By the time you're forty, all available drawers are completely filled.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
HOW TO SWIM	HOW TO BOWL	WATER-HEATER INFO	LEGAL ZIP CODES	BUS ROUTES			
PEOPLE'S BIRTHDAYS	NAMES OF SON'S FRIENDS	NAMES OF DAUGHTER'S FRIENDS	HOW TO DRIVE	BOARD-GAME RULES	C		
HOW TO RIDE A BIKE	ENGLISH GRAMMAR	STATE CAPITALS	PILOT OF "ANNA KARENINA"	MAKING LANDBOARD	E		
GRADE - SCHOOL TEACHERS	HIGH-SCHOOL FRENCH		N.Y.C. SUBWAY SYSTEM	CURRAGH EVENTS	C		
TWILIGHT ZONE' PLOTS	ALL ABOUT PARAKEETS		COOKING SKILLS	DISCO	C		

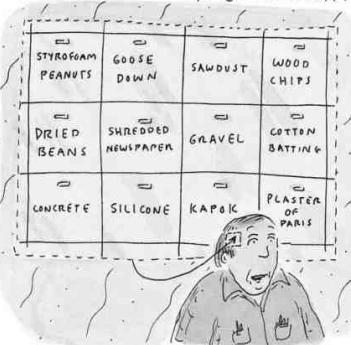
People think they can get around this by cramming stuff into already-in-use drawers, but they're sadly mistaken.



You learn something new, something else gets thrown out.



And in the end everything turns into material whose only function is to keep one's head from collapsing in on itself.





"I made a bid for the Senate, but this is as far as I got."

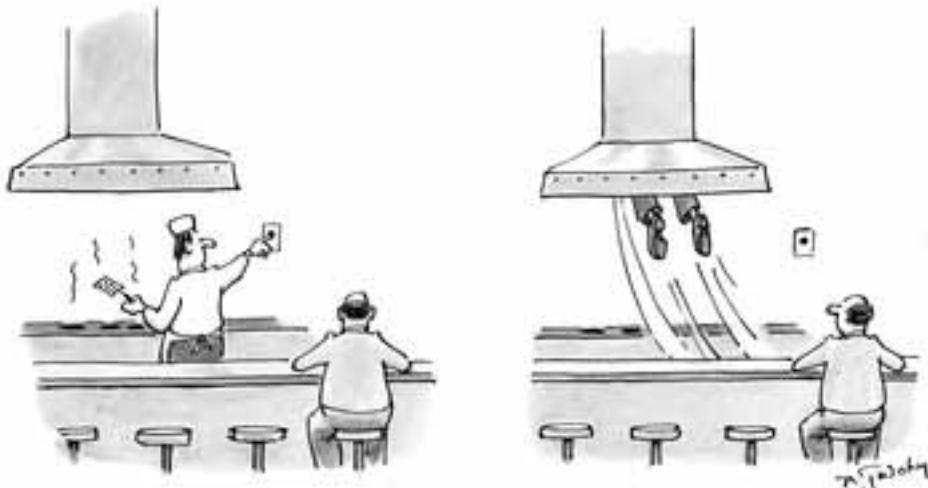


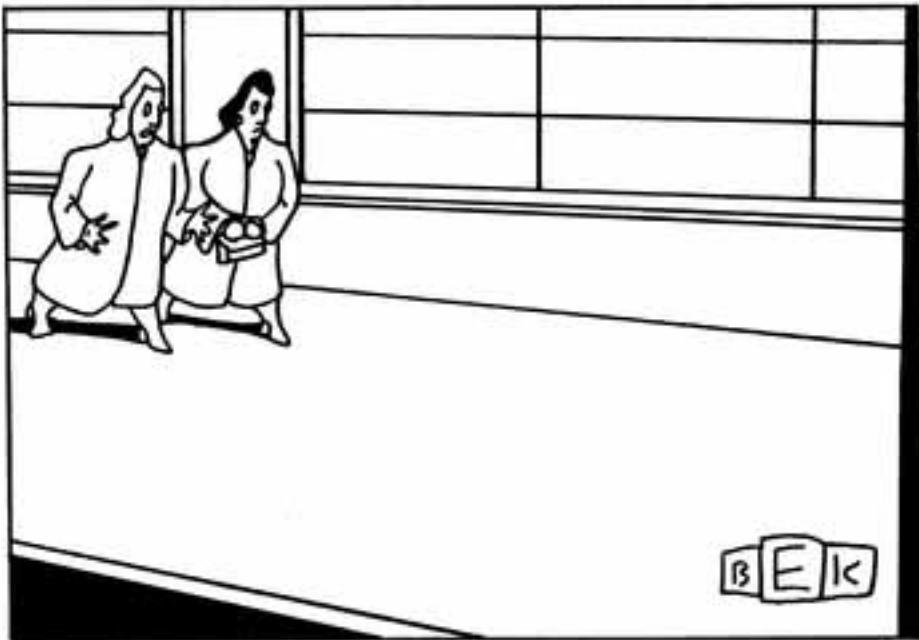
"We need to investigate a stupidity cluster in accounting."



"Oh, good. My complete sexual history is on tonight."







*"He'd rather be home by himself, staring into space.
I can't compete with that."*



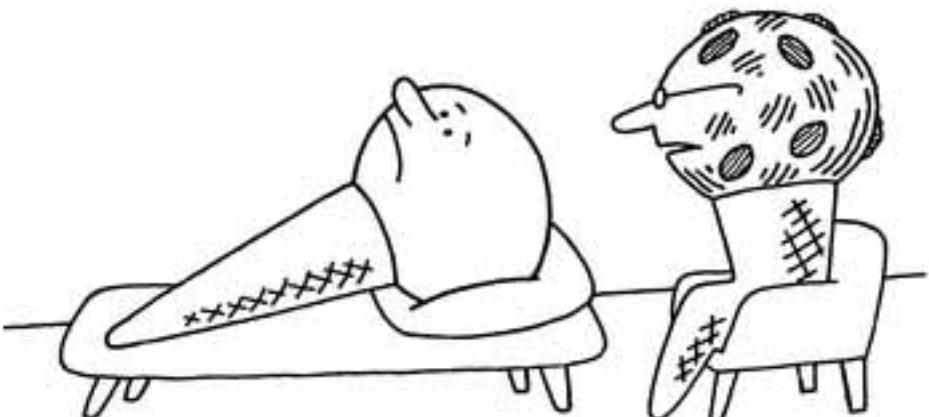
"O.K., then. You may kiss, shake hands, and come out married."



“Kids, your mother and I have spent so much money on health insurance this year that instead of vacation we’re all going to go in for elective surgery.”



"Son, can you spare a couple of minutes to talk about your tuition?"



"It's no disgrace—somebody has to be plain vanilla."



"Most of these pelts were suicides."





"Is there a letter 't'?"







"He had himself pierced once too often."



*"You know what? I'm sick of clothes. I decided
to go for a window treatment instead."*



"Have I told you about my new belt?"



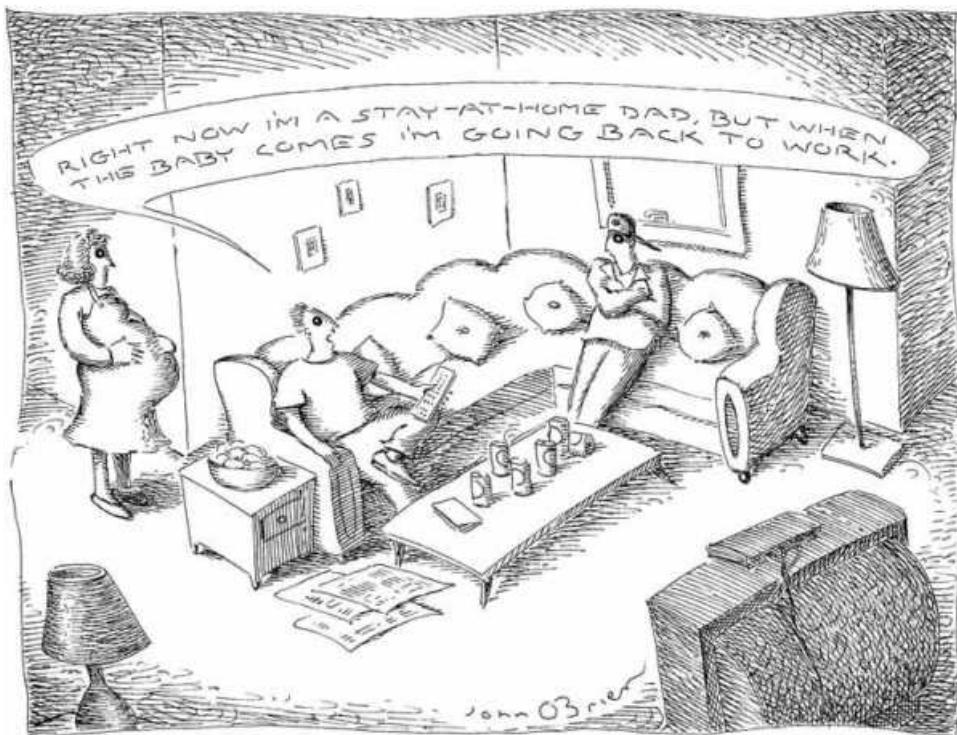
*"Sorry to crash the party, folks, but all the little people
that made it happen were just discovered buried in
a shallow grave outside Bakersfield."*



"What do you think?"

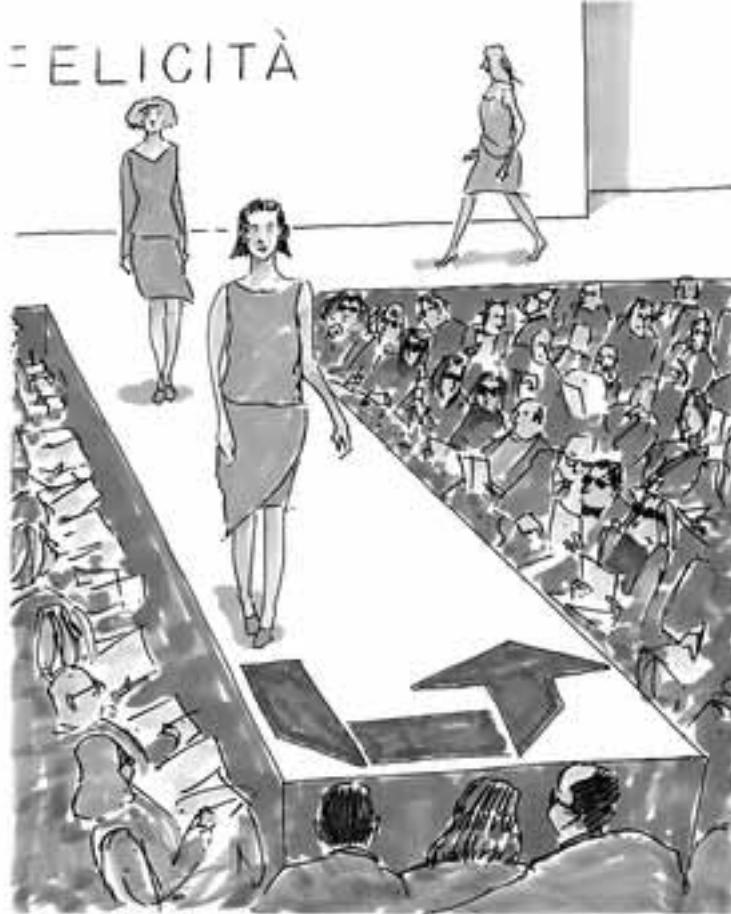


*"Gimme a break. Being driven out of Ireland was
the best thing that ever happened to you."*



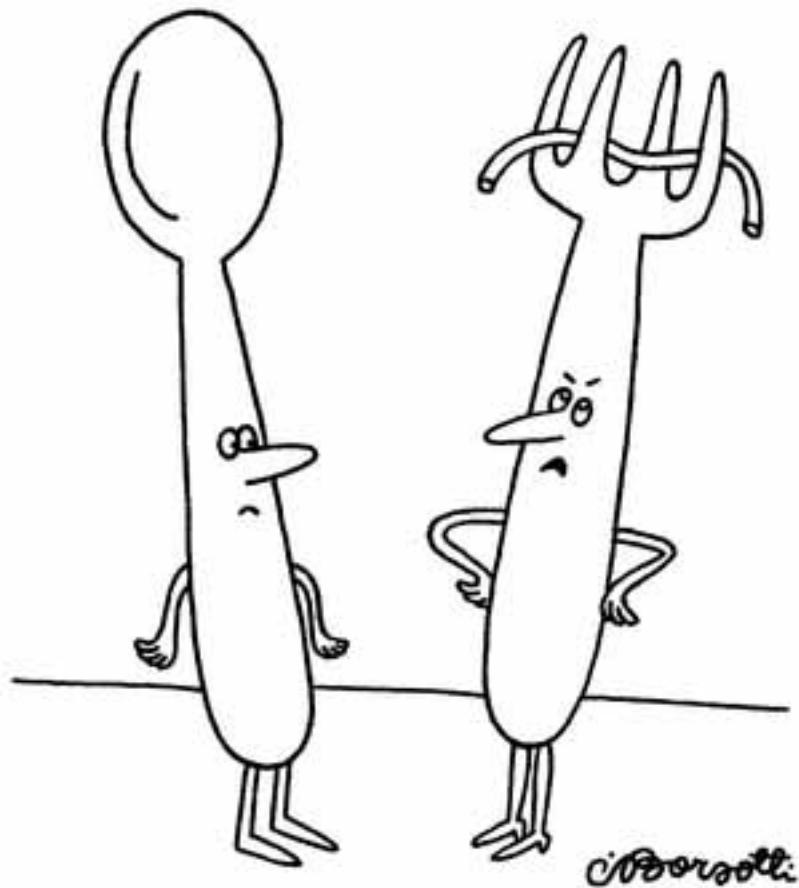


"My goodness, Marion. Our dishes are so spotless I can see deep within my hollow, tormented soul!"

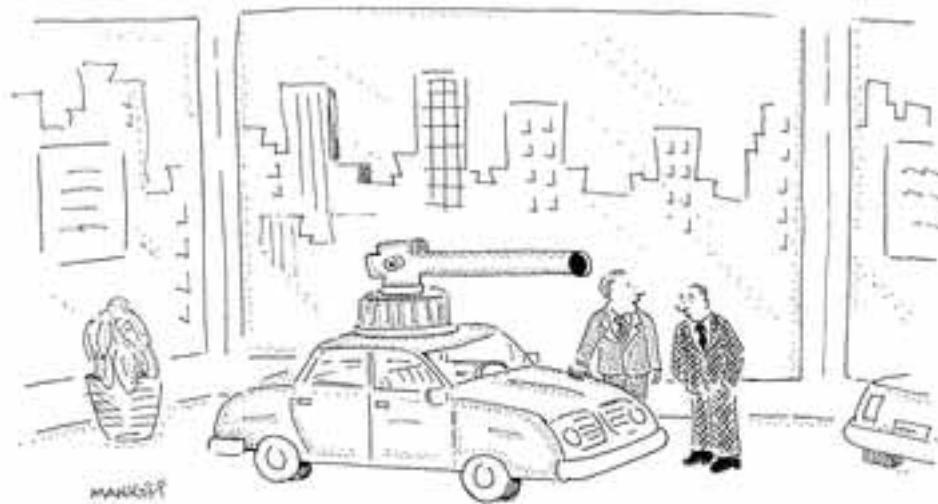




"Marie, are you still driving?"



"For God's sake, how long's that been there?"



*"Believe me, with the Equalizer, here,
you'll never take any crap from an S.U.V. again."*



"I take it you want to go for a perp walk."



"We're going to start with the birds and the bees and then work our way up to the new reproductive technologies."



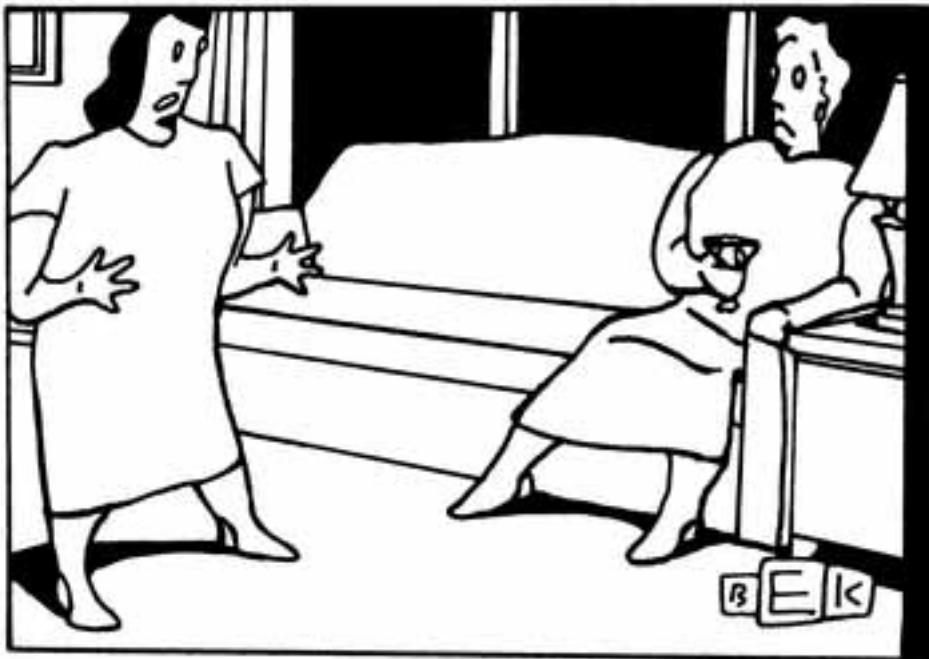
*"If you ask me, the fire has the most potential,
but it's the smoke that has people talking."*



*"Just take a seat, Mr. Bern. You're acting as if you
were the only one here who's been shot."*



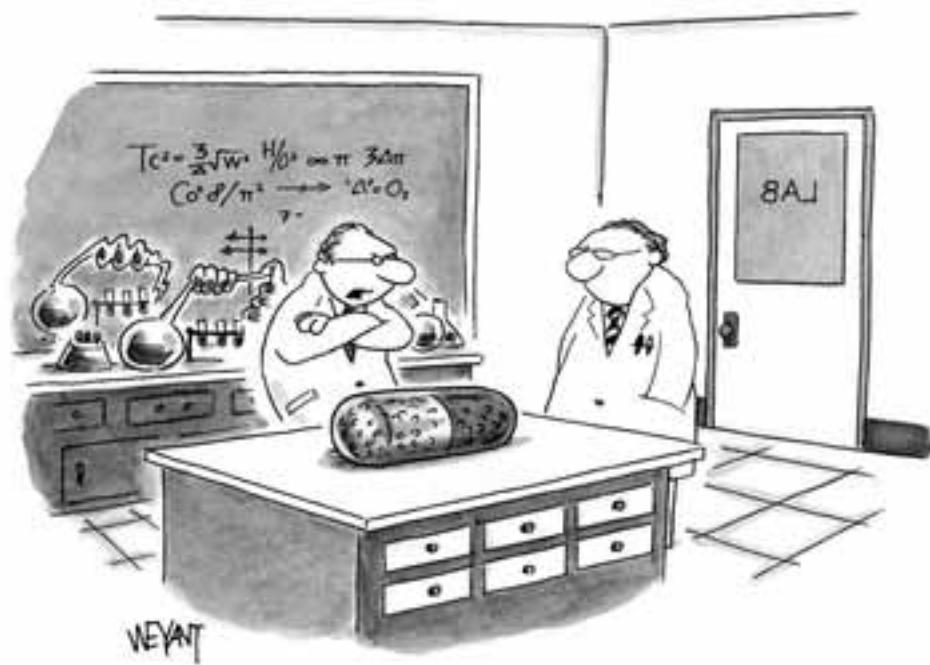
*"Your offer to compromise has been rejected
and your dog has been cast out."*



“Somehow, in all the confusion, I aged.”



"It's all about the milk."



"That's just great. I discover the cure for the common cold and all you can do is criticize."



"String quartets! Minor rhapsodies! Little symphonies!"





*"Your wife's also asking that you rot in hell for eternity,
but I think that's negotiable."*



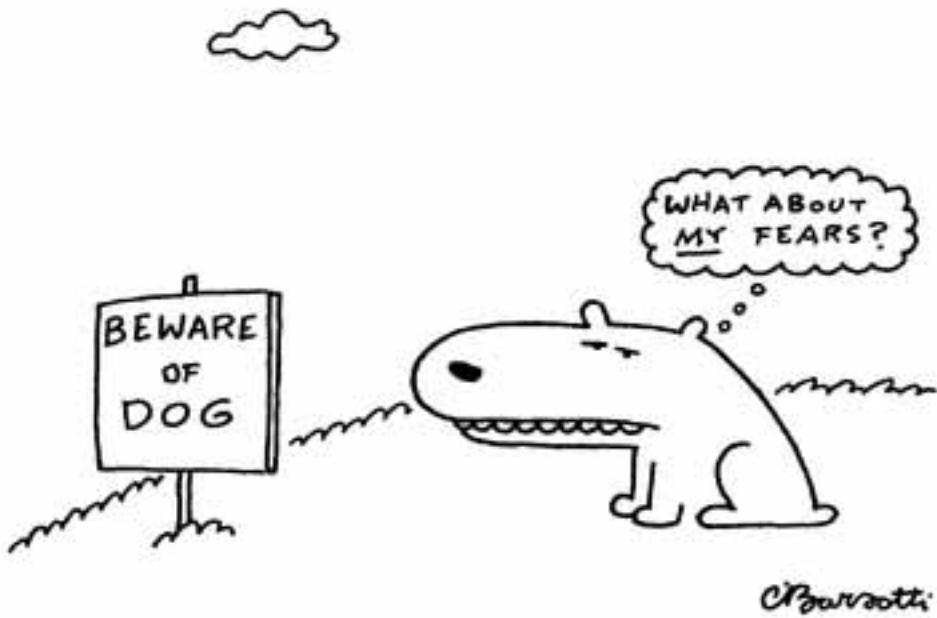


"Sorry, Dad, but it's time to consider a retirement kingdom."





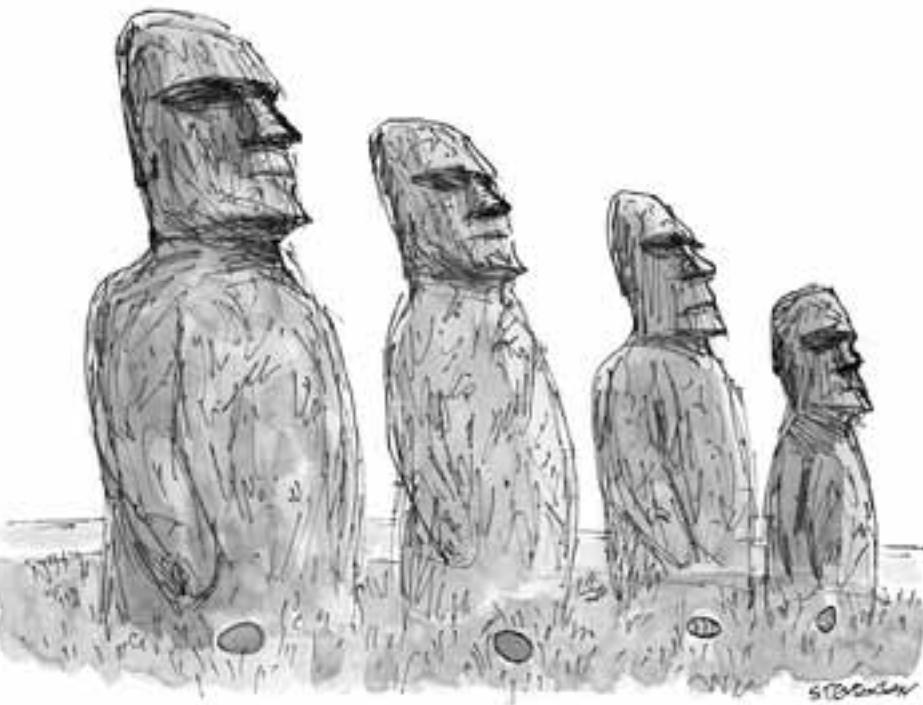
"How much for a poster?"





"I'm just a simple man preceded by an inordinately complex reputation."







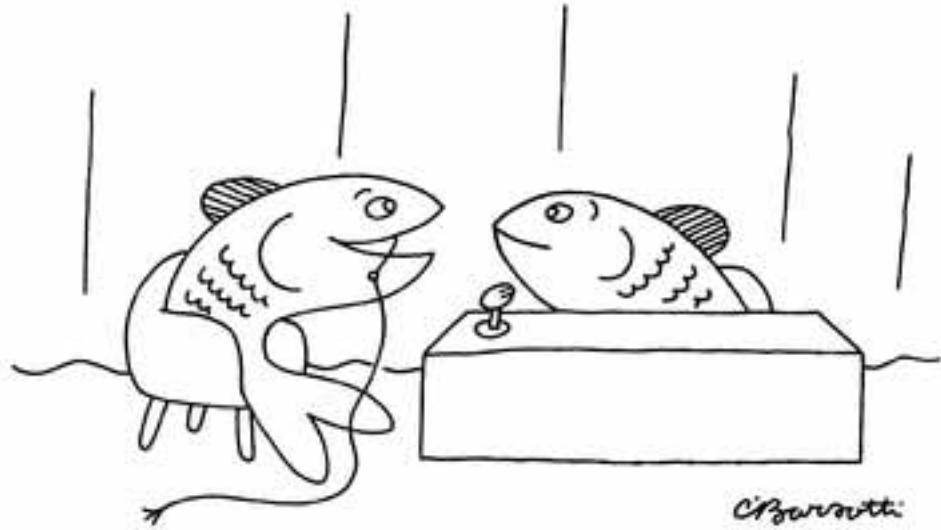
*"Can we move our lunch up to noon? I've got to
be at City Hall by two to be arrested."*



"It's the final four."



"But that was long ago, before we dipped our bread in olive oil."



"Oh, definitely, I feel there's a reason I was given a second chance."



"Three wishes less commission."



"Maybe we should try visualization, Chief!"



*"If you are still unhappy with your current allowance compensation,
may I once more suggest to you a life of crime."*



"My name is Andrew, and I need a ride."



"Leon, you are a millennial Odyssey."





"No, this isn't a book signing."



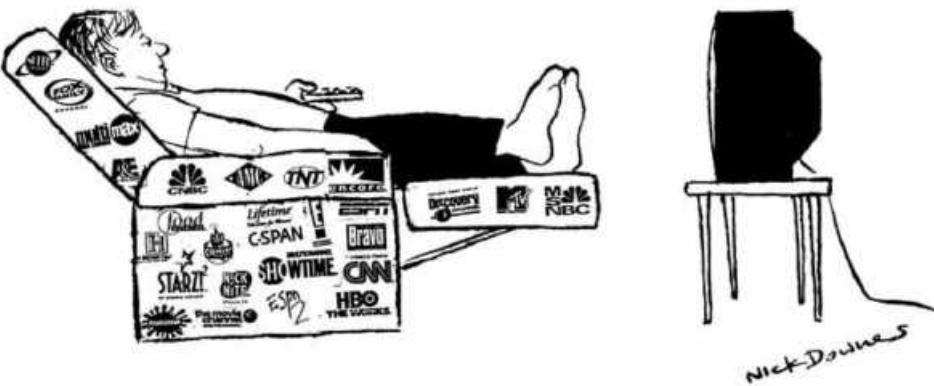
*"There's been a change in plans.
Instead of Abilene, we're going to Camelot."*



"May I remind you that we can always go with duck eggs."



"It would behoove you to remember that our passenger-side airbag has been disconnected."







"Oooh! I think I just felt our stock split."



"Good evening. In today's top story, my book has jumped to Number Three on the best-seller list."



"Please join me in welcoming and inflating our newest vice-president."



"There's no business deductions like show-business deductions."







"Today, we will talk about your phony numbers. We will not talk about the I.R.S. having too many cooks!"



"I'm a Schedule D kind of guy with a little Schedule E thrown in."



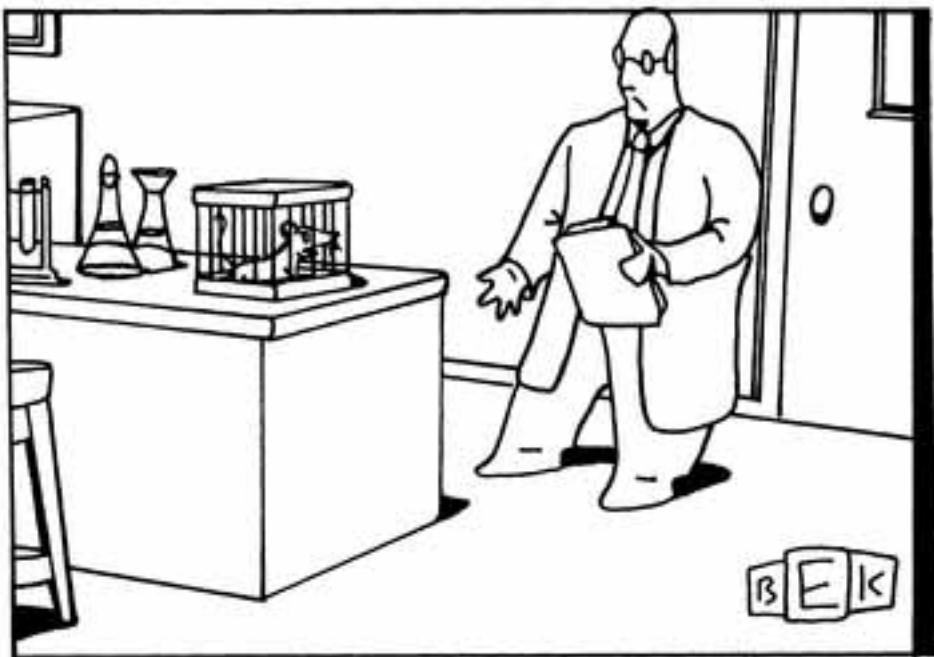
*"If anyone can balance a career with motherhood
and state-sponsored terrorism, it's Jeannie."*



"Hello? Risotto-crisis hot line?"



"How is it gendered?"



*"Do you even know how long it's been
since you last poked and prodded me?"*



"Once more unto the breach, and that's it for me."

PARK (1 OF 4)



Artist

1999

PARK (2 OF 4)



PARK (3 OF 4)



"Which thing do I press?"

PARK (4 OF 4)



Mysterious Man Who Feeds the Pigeons



"Is everything boring enough for you, sir?"



"So soon? But we've barely scratched the surface of our discontent."



"I see jury selection has begun."



*“‘Oprah’ is definite, Barnes & Noble is giving you front windows,
and Norman Mailer has agreed to a feud.”*



"You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be used against you in a court of law, newspapers, periodicals, radio, television, all electronic media, and technologies yet to be invented."



"Let's focus on what we do best—eating out."



"The Balkans. This is where I came in."



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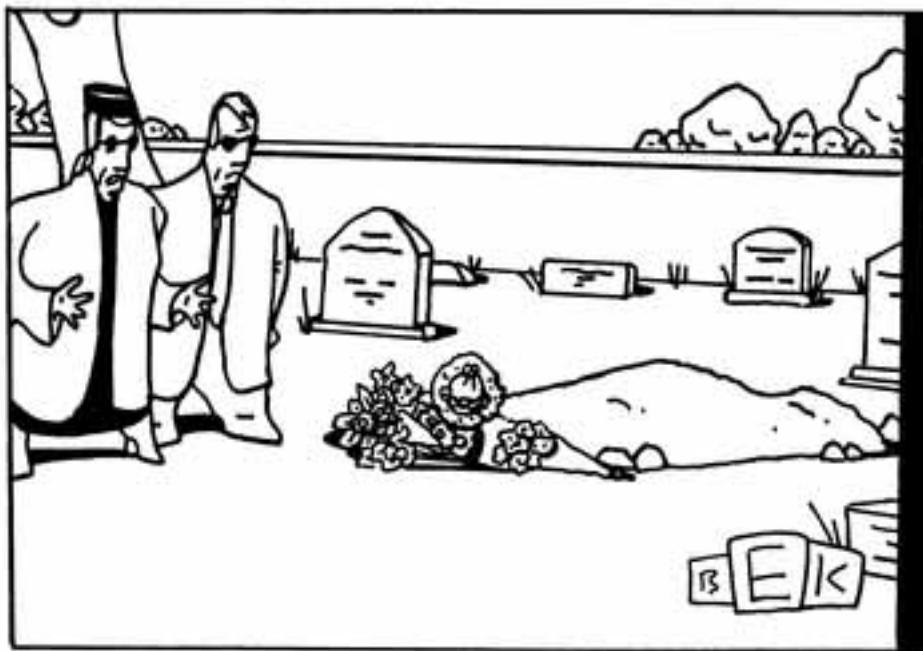
"You've got mail."



"It's part of a deal I worked out with the I.R.S."



"This isn't about you, Cheryl. In this crazy world your problems don't amount to a hill of beans. This is about me."



"Why would He take someone so toned?"



"It's been done, but I don't think it's been redone."



"He's run away to join the media circus."



"I told my parents that if grades were so important they should have paid for a smarter egg donor."



"Mrs. Ritterhouse is getting harmonic tones on her G-string."



*"I took him for what he was worth,
but it was all in utilities."*



"Have you ever wondered what would happen if a giant hair ball were to slam into the earth?"

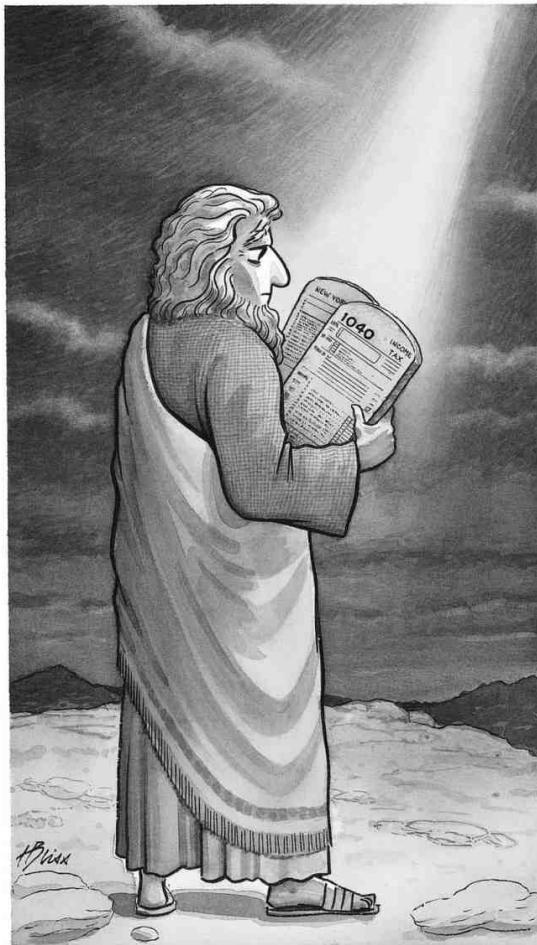


"My people will have sex with your people."



"Does it hurt when my attorney does this?"



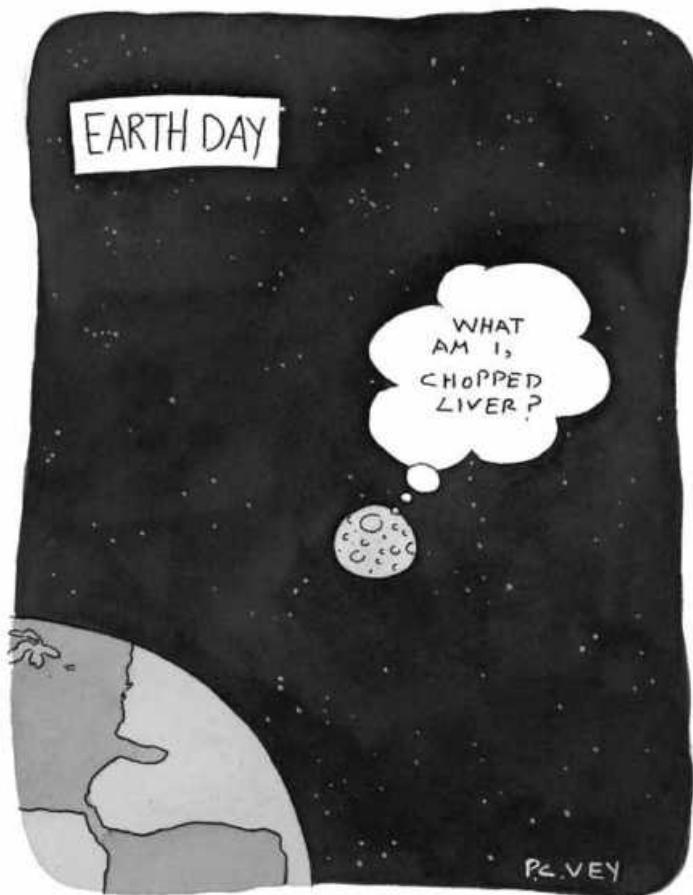




"That's where we differ. You'd eat cat food, but I wouldn't touch dog food."



"You just don't understand the demands of the marketplace."





"What's your exit strategy?"



B. Smaller

"Of course, we can do spare and minimalist, but not on your budget."



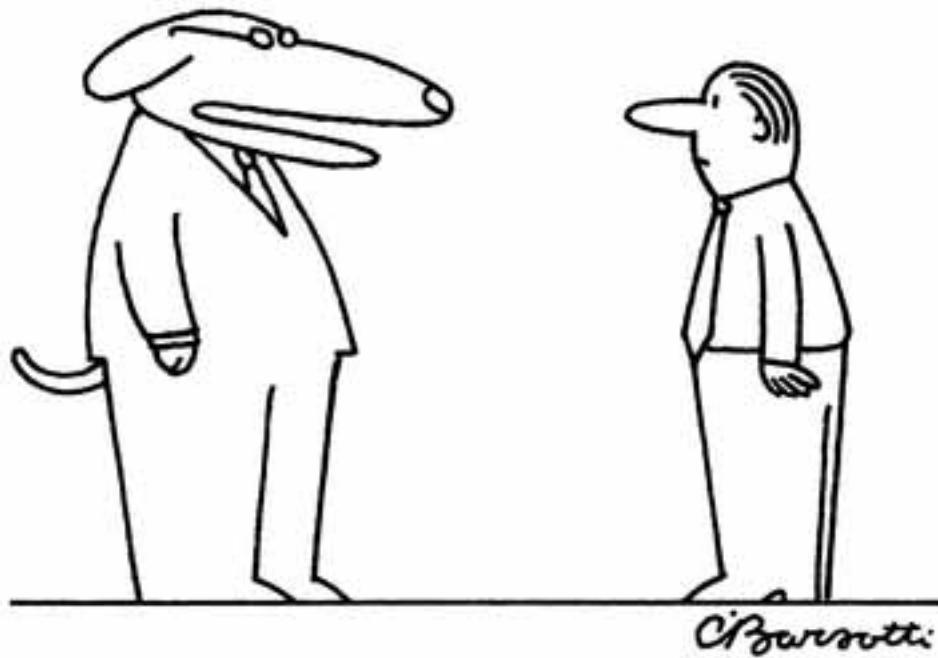
"So many indie films, so little time."



*"Oh, I'm sorry, sir, my mistake. That sign was meant
for someone with a less expensive car."*



*"For my next encore,
I would like to play another piece written specially for me."*



*"Remember, you weren't hired to think—you were
hired because you have opposable thumbs."*



*"O.K. Just make sure no animals are harmed
in the exploding-donkey scene."*



"First, I storyboarded it."



"Miss Davis, bring me everything we've got on turning a two-bit hole-in-the-wall operation into a multinational juggernaut."



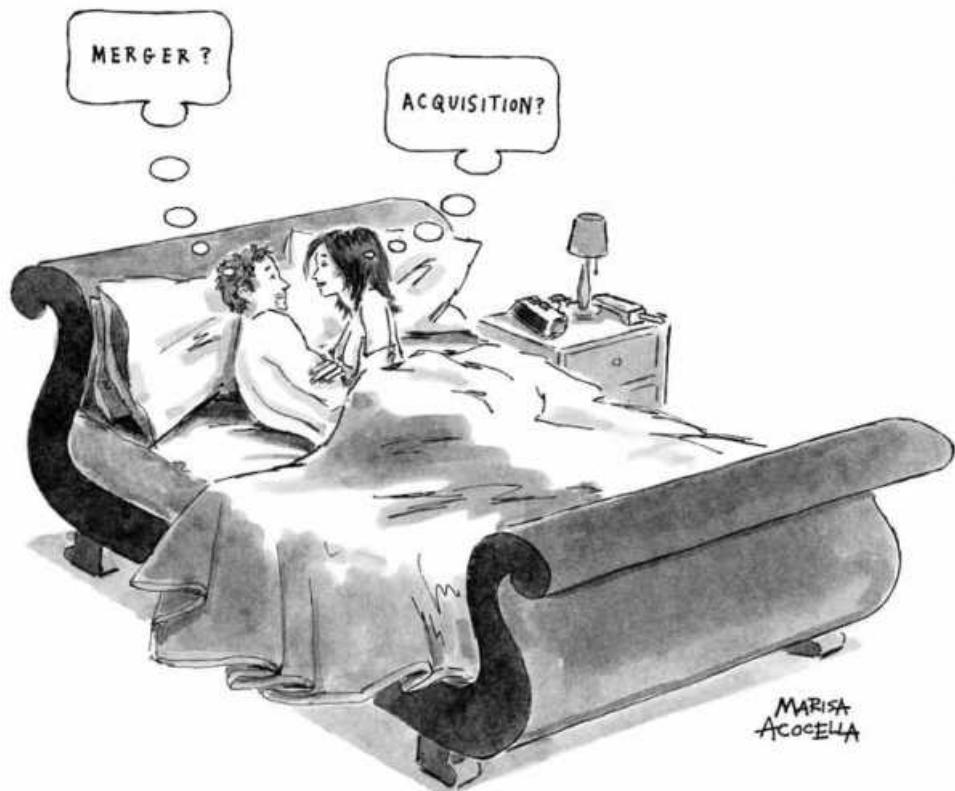
"This is Fluffy, my pet money."



"Are you starting to feel fabulous yet?"



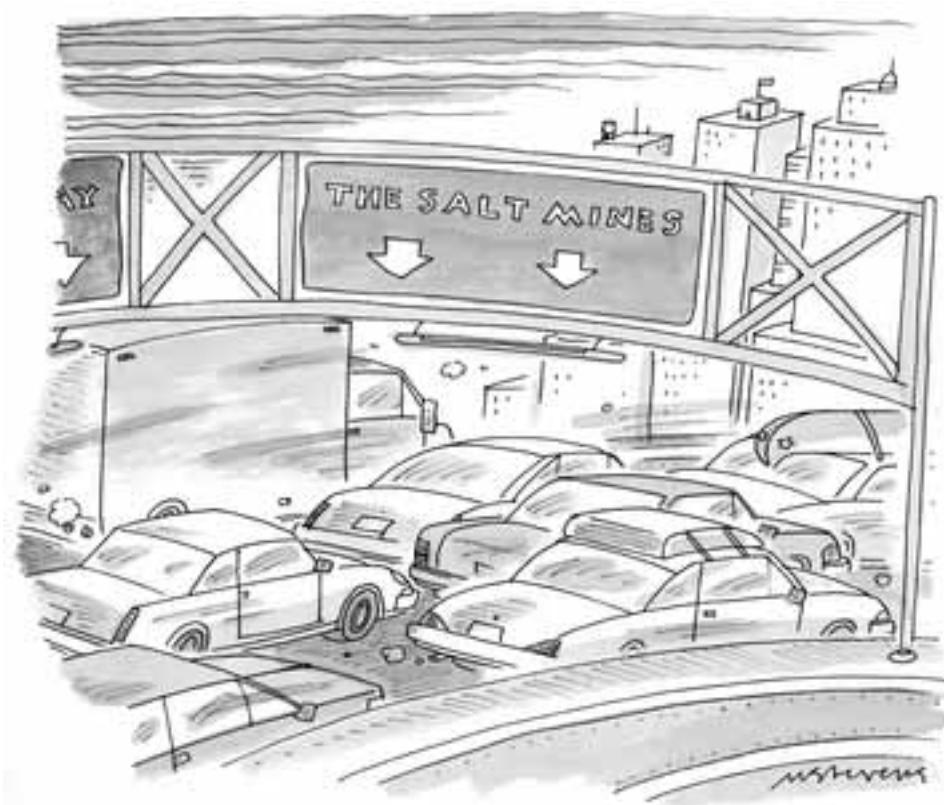
"Remember how I said I was happiest when we had nothing?"







"If it's the I.R.S., tell them: Not a penny! Not a centime! Not a sou!"





*"I try to eat right, but huge chunks of raw meat
are all you can find these days."*



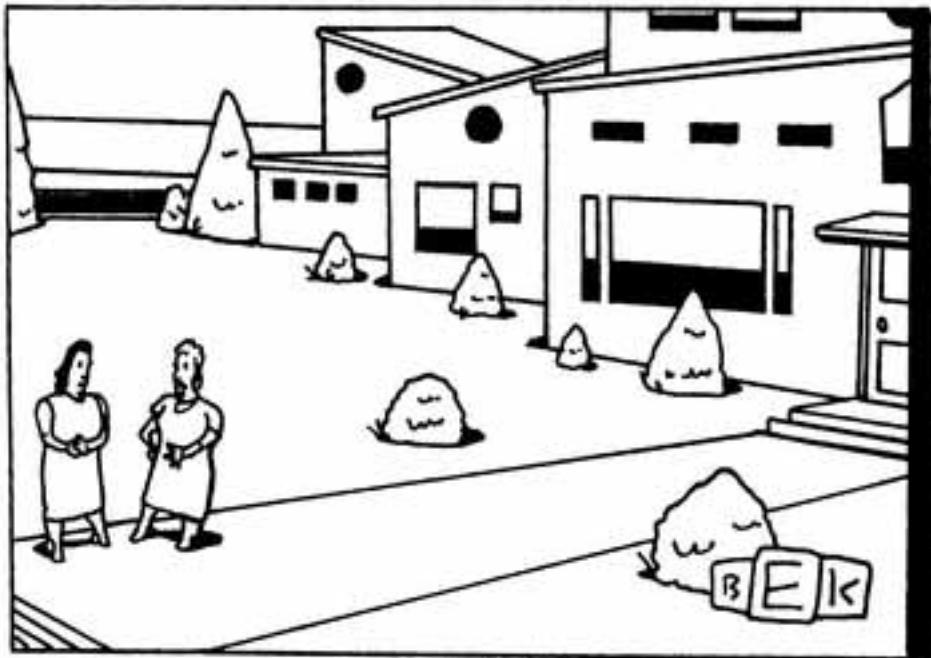
"Cheer up, Nicole! What does Princeton know? Say, you got any plans for that last bit of cobbler?"



"My daddy's rich and my ma is good-lookin', but I'm a mess."



"Big Tony's Web site—get rid of it."



"We wanted a design that would reflect how much money we have."



Bernard Schoenbaum

"It's just a correction. The fundamentals are still good."



"I shall require many menservants."



“Money makes me get out of bed, but business puts me to sleep.”



"Wunderkinder come and go, but old farts are forever."





"A lot of very smart grownups are working on the Year 2000 problem, Adam. You go on back to bed."





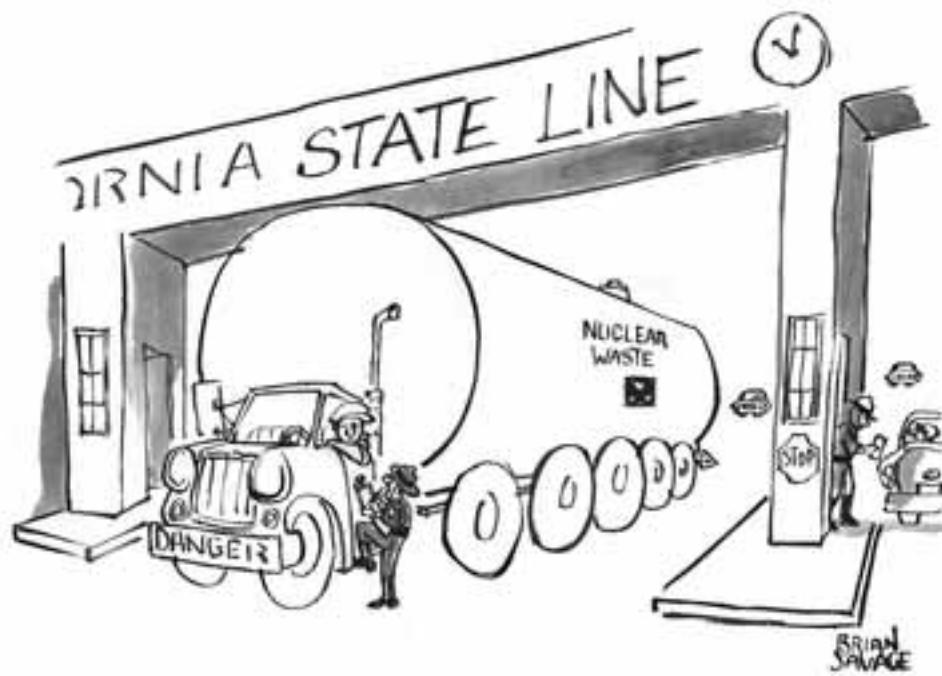
"You might want to review the chapter on unconditional love."



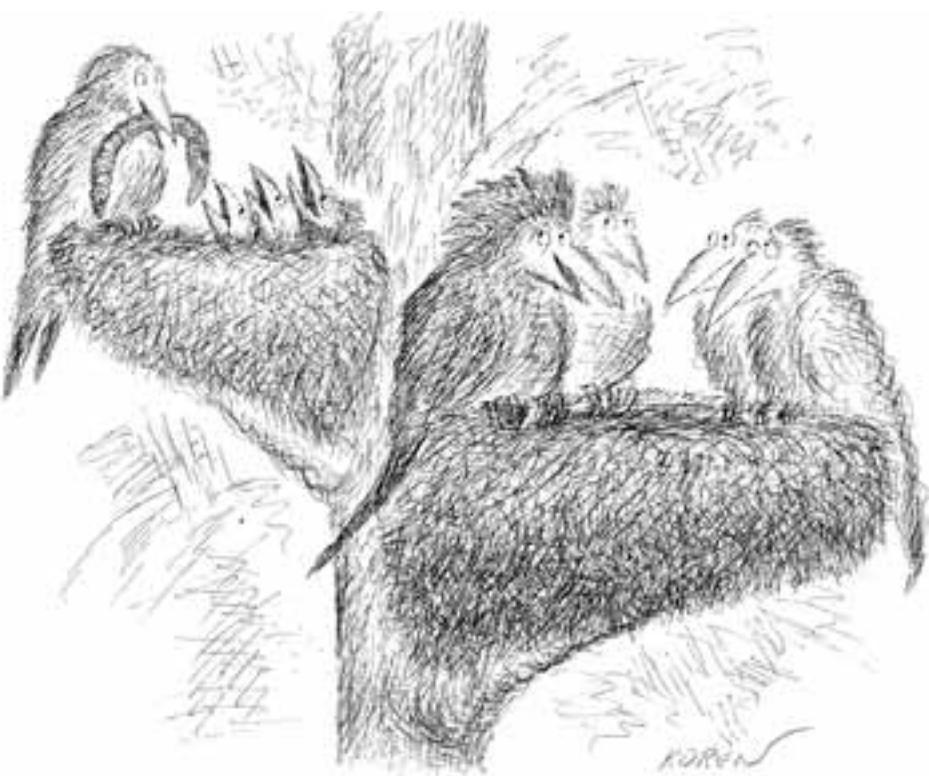
“Fortunately, you have the life savings of a man three times your age.”



"Omigod—that's your dirty little secret? That you have a trust fund?"



"Any fruits or veggies?"



"We're ecstatic about our new au pair."

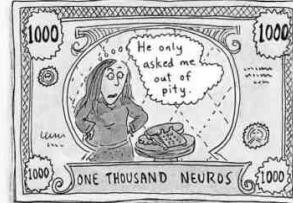
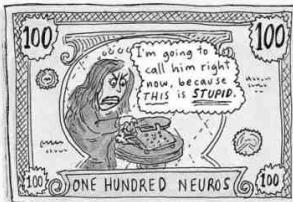
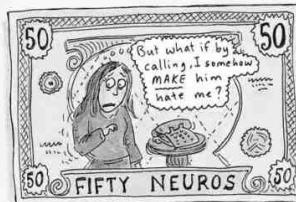


“And so the crack-whore princess and her pimp lived happily ever after. The end. O.K., that’s it. Lights out.”

INTRODUCING . . .

THE NEURO-

THE FIRST OFFICIAL WORLDWIDE CURRENCY



R. Chast



"Forgive me, Eddie, if I'm unable to contain the occasional squeal of anticipatory glee over the new 'Star Wars' movie."





"In a further effort to ingratiate herself with New Yorkers, Hillary Clinton threw out the first pitch at last night's Yankee game and went on to pitch three scoreless innings."



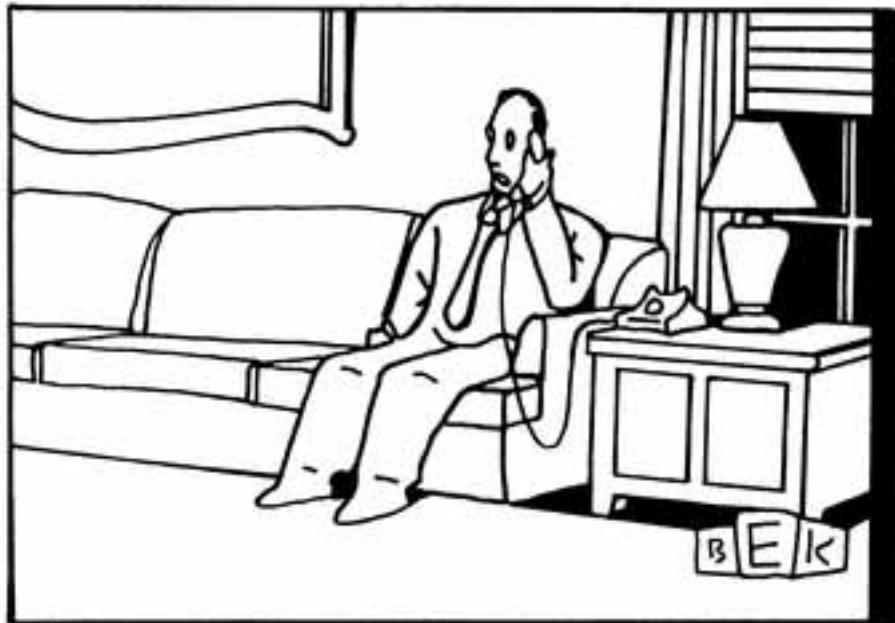
"I've decided to stand by another man for a while."



*"I want to get married, but I'll be damned if
I'm going to sell any Amazon stock to do it."*



*"Give me one more chance, Rachel.
I'll go straight, and quit my lawyerin' ways."*



*"You know, Einstein never watched
any great television until after he was forty."*



"It's museum-store quality."



"One thing about Earl—Earl knows when to fold."



"You should have called me sooner."





"Special assignment, Chaswick. I need you to test our severance package."



TURBO-CAPITALISM MEETS ITS MATCH





"Sex . . . sex . . ."



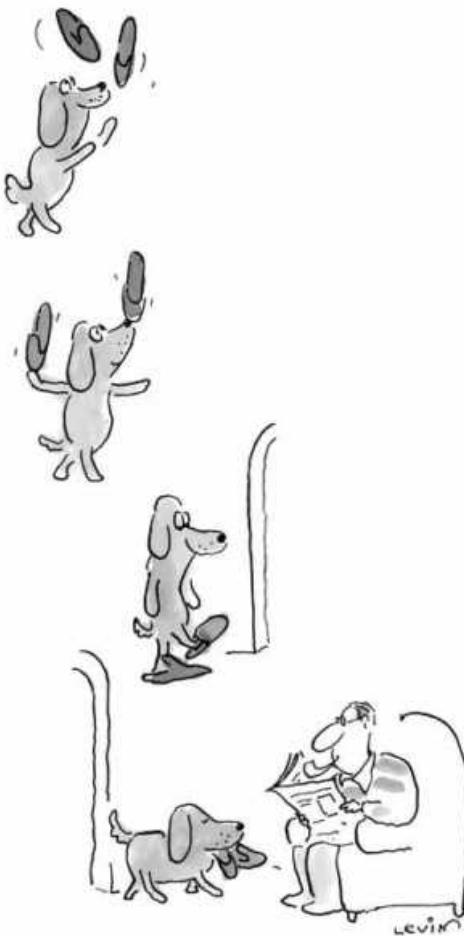
*"Tell the public we don't want to hurt anyone.
All we want is their money."*



"They decided on separate weddings."

SPINACH - THE PREQUEL



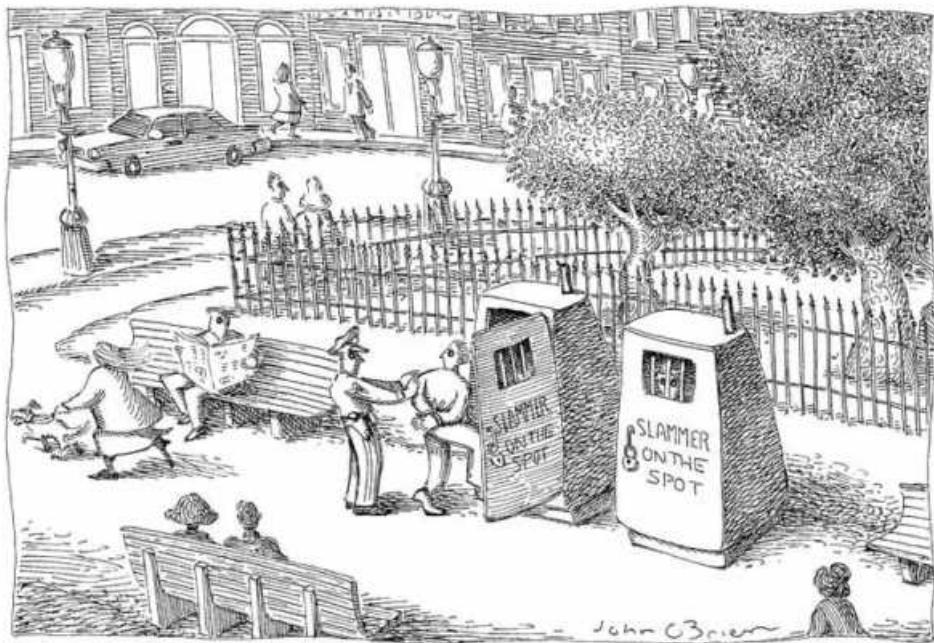








*“And every time I start to get the least bit serious about a Republican
he turns out to be a Log Cabin Republican.”*





"Obviously your cane is too long."





williamhamilton

*"I mean, hell, sure, Superman is cute,
but Batman looks like he's got money."*



*"We've been wandering in the desert for forty years. But
he's a man—would he ever ask directions?"*



"Oh, we've been a theme restaurant for about a month now."



"You and I haven't had an in-house date in a long, long, long time!"



"The trick is in shucking them out of their shells."



*"Till death do us part? Hey, I thought this was
just supposed to be a starter marriage!"*

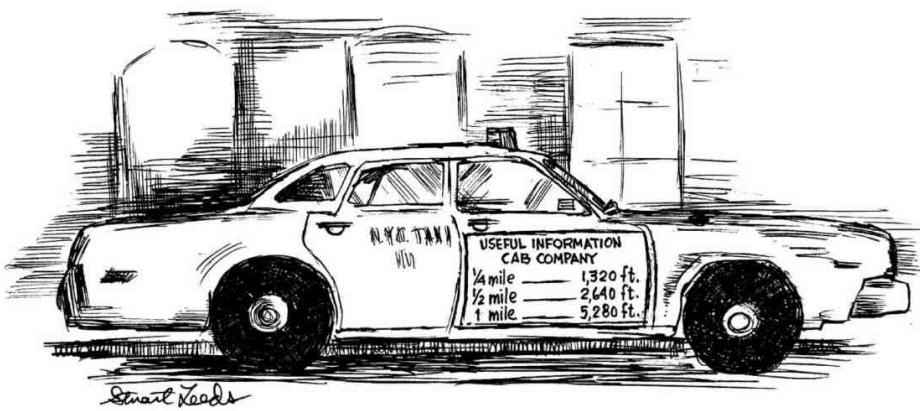




"A table in Siberia, please."



*"I may be a jackal-headed god of the underworld, Janet,
but I'm also your lawyer."*







"I'm expensive, but there are rebates, if you look for them."



BETTY ANN IN CANNES



Last night, I had the
strangest dream: I'd won
three tickets to the
Cannes Film Festival.

The only stipulation was I had to
go with my parents.

It's not like I have this
huge bone to pick with
them. It's just that...
well, NEVER MIND.

Anyway, we're walking along the Riviera.
It's incredibly beautiful.

We are surrounded by all these gorgeous people.



for some reason, the three
of us are still lugging
around our suitcases...

Everyone looks relaxed and
happy to be there...

except, of course, US.

We find this grungy little diner
and sit at the counter, even though
we're the only ones in the place.

At the end of the
meal, there's some
big disagreement
about the check.

By the time it's all straightened
out, we've missed the festival.

R. Chast



"And, in literary news, J. D. Salinger's privacy has been violated once again by his appearance in this cartoon."



"Same old same old."



"We don't need NATO. We need Tito."





"I used to do it all myself, but now I have my lawyers handle it."



"I feel we haven't moved beyond parallel play."





*"I know these are things you don't want to hear,
but I'm enjoying the hell out of saying them."*





"I love you, Ilene, O.K.? Get over it!"



"Pushing the envelope. How about you?"



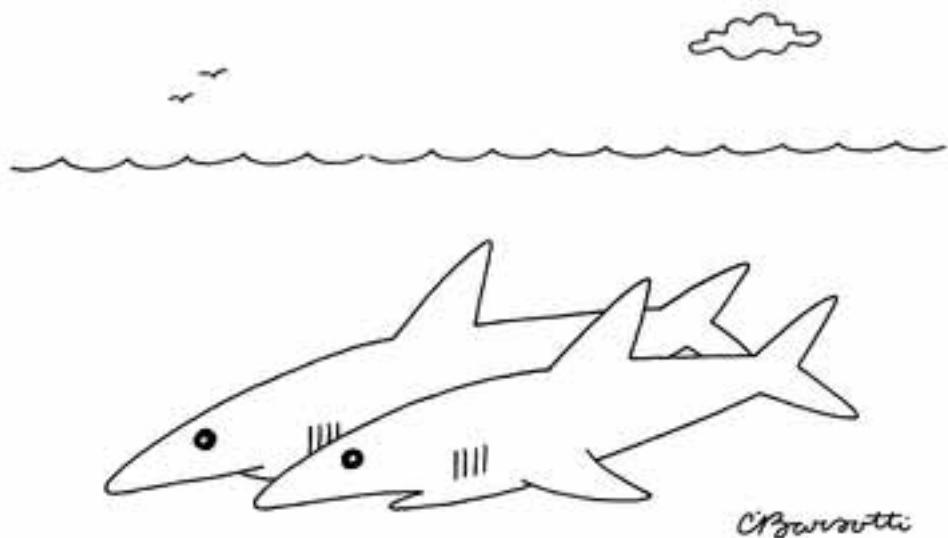
*"Can I borrow those kittens for an hour?
I want to freak out the people who had me spayed."*



*"I hate getting all these Canadian coins, but I
guess that's the price of living in Toronto."*



*"If you want to buy this, I'm afraid
I'm going to need to see some justification."*

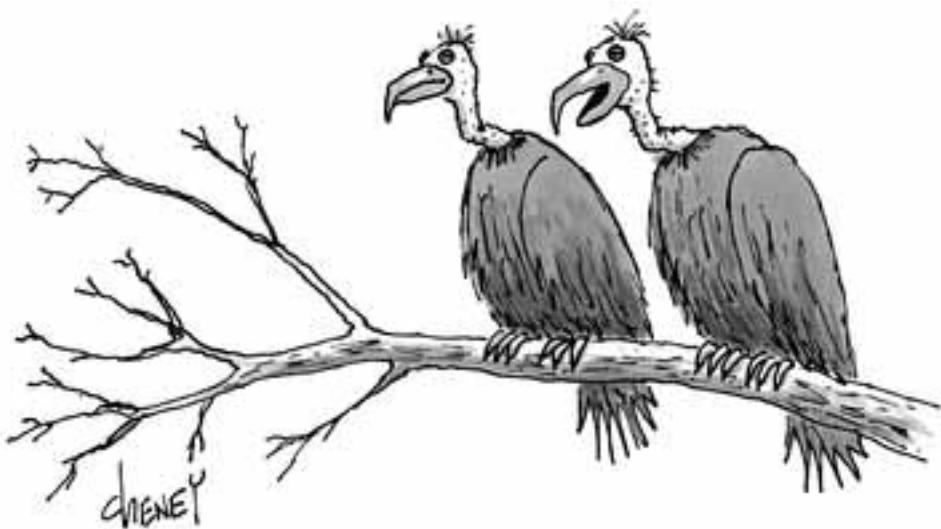


"I have a spiritual side, but mostly I'm an eating machine."



"Scientists have extended the life of the fruit fly."

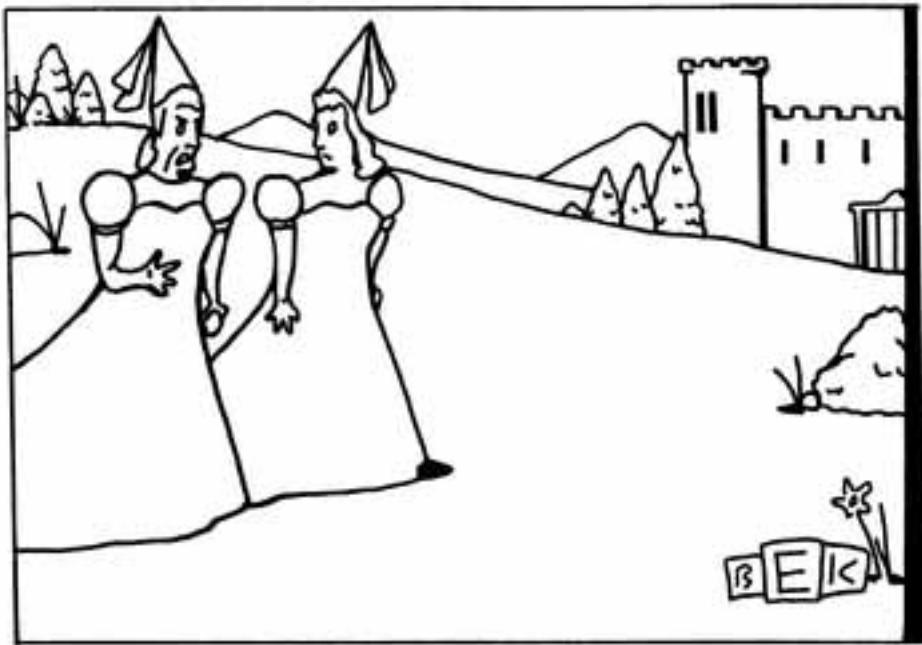




"It was a good rotting carcass, but it wasn't a great rotting carcass."



"It's National We're History Month."



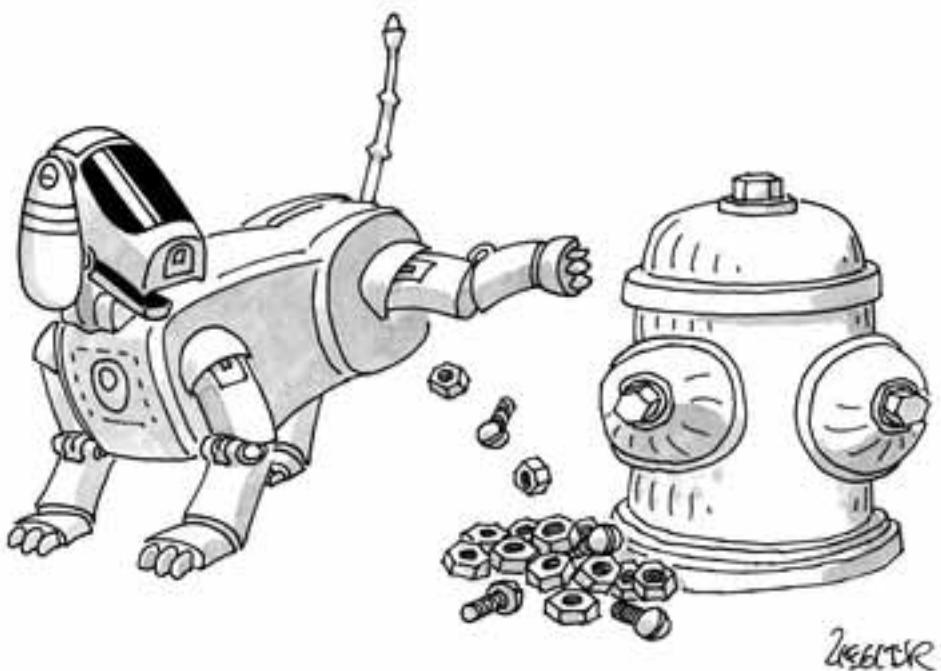
*"Just try to get one to answer a riddle
after he's won your hand in marriage."*



"To be completely frank, we have now discovered all your country's secrets, except how to make a million dollars in one's spare time at home with no personal investment."



R. Chast





"I am the Lady of the Lake, and because thou hast defiled my crystal waters I must hence smite thee. That or penalize thee a stroke. Your call."



"An olive or a twist?"



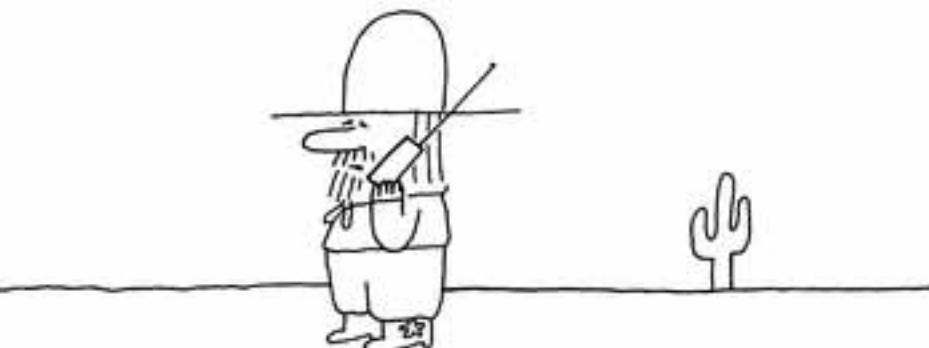
*"We didn't have time to pick up a bottle of wine,
but this is what we would have spent."*



"Right now I'm between drinks."



"All I'm getting out of him is a lot of profanity."



"Yeah, I'm alone."



"How do we tell the kids that we're edible again?"

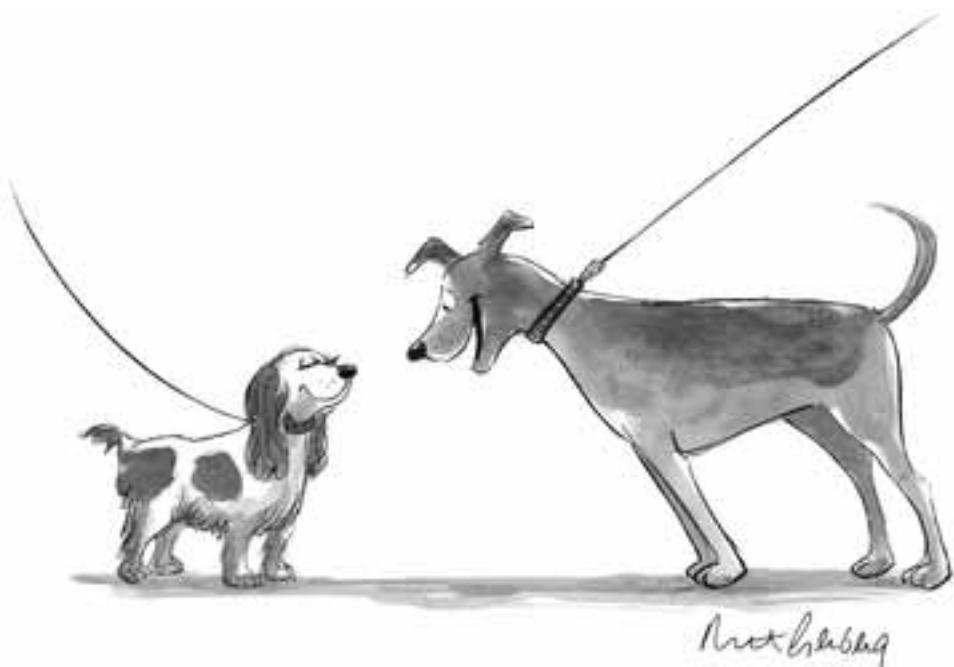




"Have some respect for my learning style."



"You have a serious illness of an undisclosed nature."



"Boy, I'd love to meet you sometime off leash."



"I'd like to take a moment to define what I mean by 'defining moment.' "



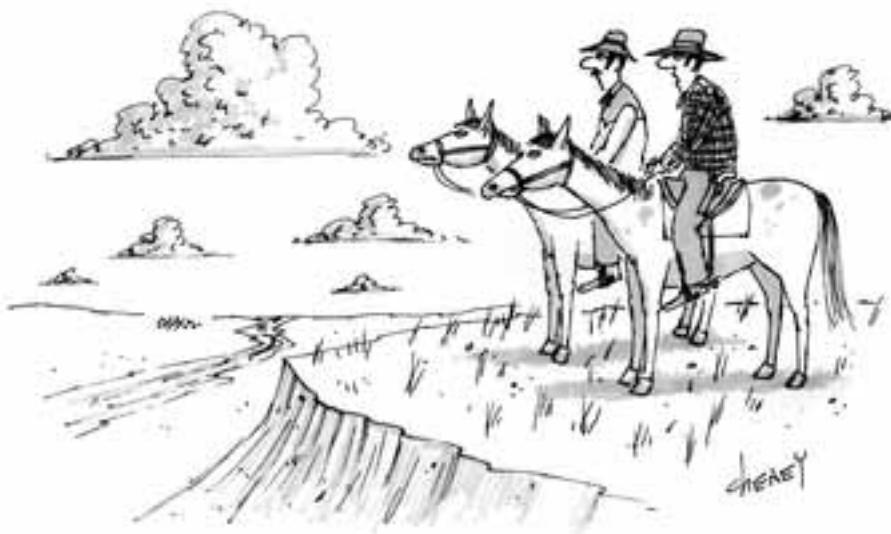
"Well, actually, they are written in stone."











"Hard to tell from here. Could be buzzards. Could be grief counsellors."



"Would you explain to your son that there's no free agency in T-ball?"



"What ever happened to 'Never go to bed angry'?"



"There'll be a slight delay. The chef's been attacked by a blue jay."





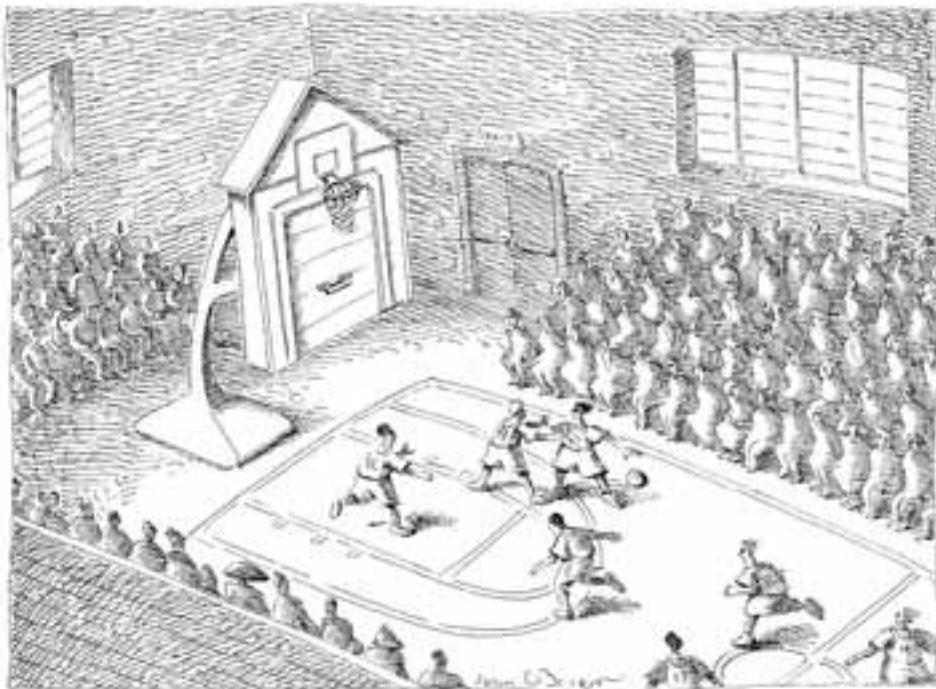
"Who does your water?"



"I know, and it's not just me—my whole family has been smug for hundreds of years."



"That's not you talking, Justin, that's the sugar talking."





"Over there, over there . . . "





"Beuford was too old for a sexual frenzy."



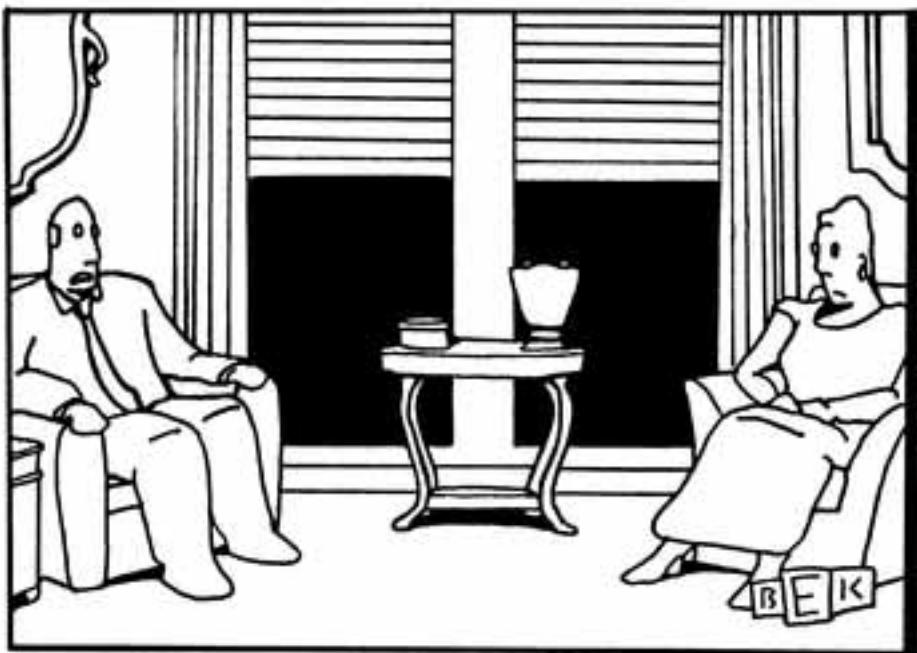
"It was right here in this park, Jamie, that I was inspired to become an attorney, when Vinnie Maroney beat me to a pulp."



"Who's that trip-tripping, woefully underinsured, over my bridge?"



"To hell with you, too."



"In the old days, we weren't old."



*"I'm a gladiator, but that's just to put food on the table.
What I really want to do is teach."*





"I was a dog in a previous life, but I came back as a god."

THIS SPRING, TRY...

LIFE'S END.

CLOTHING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST GIVEN UP

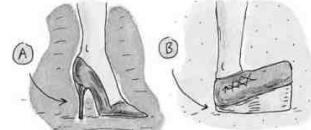
#103-Super-Duper Cozy Zip-locked Sleepwear
Because, let's face it: who wants somebody messing with them just as they're going to sleep?



#275-Unattractive-Length Skirt
Scientists in our lab have worked for years to determine exactly the most repellent length for a skirt - and here it is!



#399-Way Negative-Heel Shoes
If a high heel makes a woman look more desirable, what do you think its opposite does?



#192-Comatose-Fit Jeans
To hell with "relaxed." Let's get real.



#316-Fanny Pack
Strap on one of these and watch women turn aside in disgust.



#487-Life's End, Swim Garments
Don't you wish everyone were one?





"You know, if she weren't part of a well-regulated militia I'd be a little nervous."



*"A lot of you used to know us as the L.A. Punksters.
Then for a while we were the Rappin' Rapmen.
Now we call ourselves Los Latinos del Momento."*



"Forget about me—save Social Security."



"Mother's ninety-one and still depreciating."



"He's very well off. He's got all the quantities I admire."





"Oh, he's cute, all right, but he's got the temperament of a car alarm."



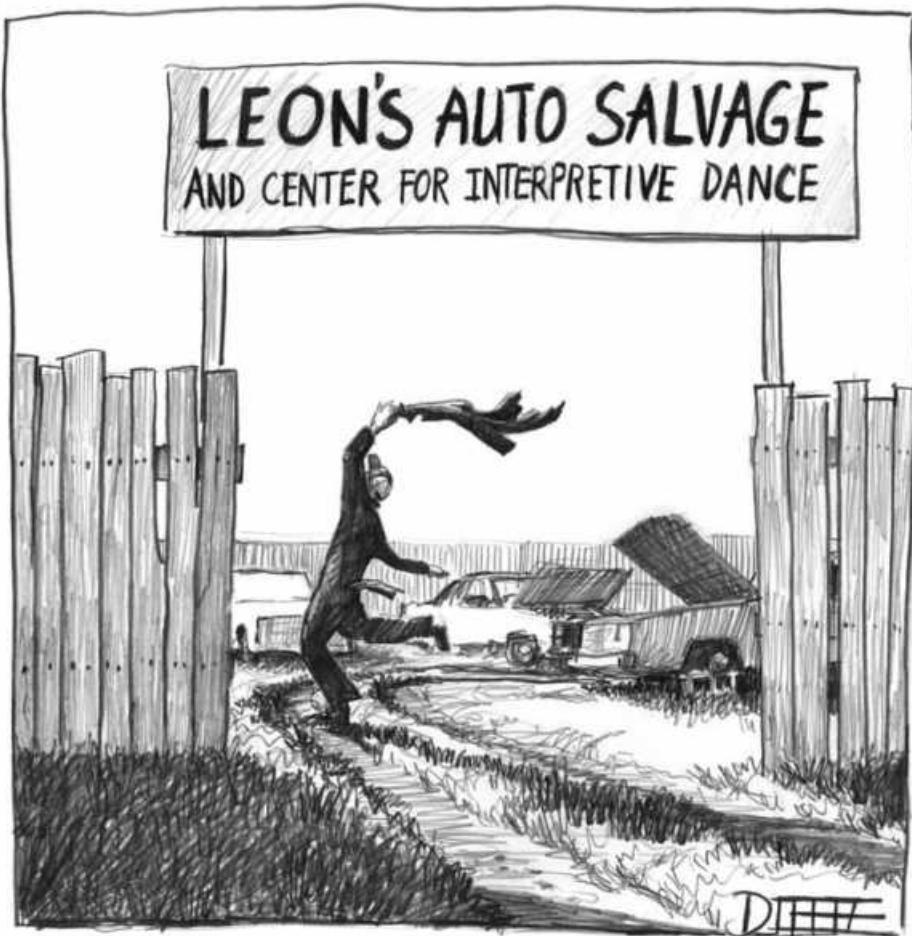
Roz Chast



"Memo to self: 'Feathers?' "



'It says, 'All photographic-reproduction rights reserved by National Geographic Society.''"





"Todd has been an eager participant in our sex-education program."



"I came, I bought, I subdivided."



"Wow! Whose idea was the cheese log?"



"Darling, you never let me see the side of you that pays."



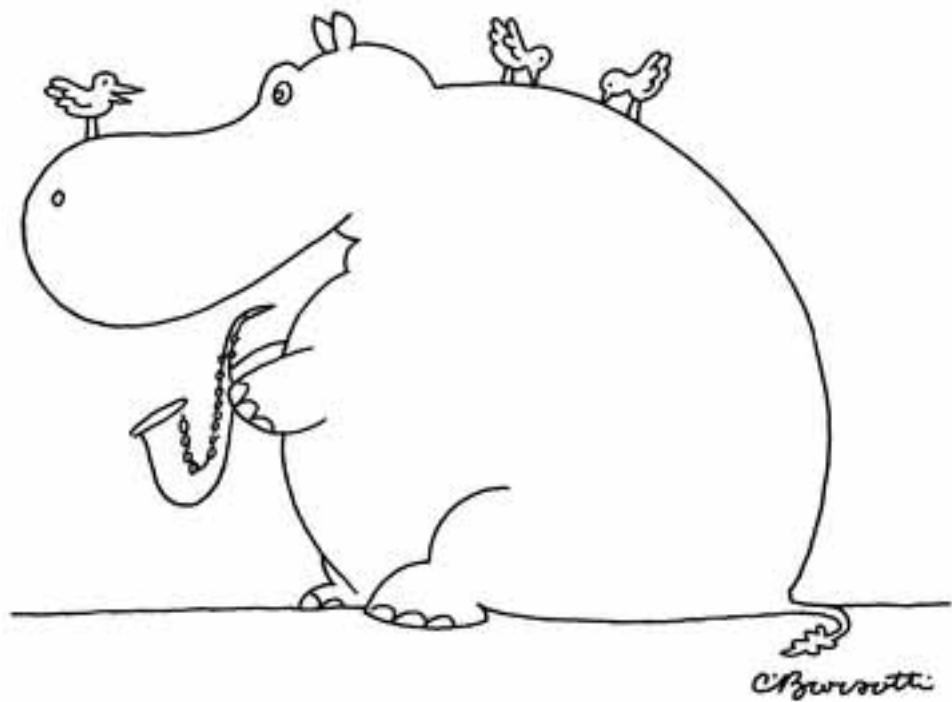
"In reply to your inquiry regarding the Burke garden hoe, please visit our Worldwide Web home page at: <http://www.burke1903.com>."



"I think I've acquired some wisdom over the years, but there doesn't seem to be much demand for it."



*"Gee, Al, two thousand dollars doesn't buy much
of a sex change these days, does it?"*



"Oh, for heaven's sake, don't feel that you have to entertain us, too."



"Somehow or other he keeps spotting us!"







"That's Stanley. Stanley once saw Beatrix Potter naked."



*"Perhaps we should provide for the separation
of state and entertainment."*



"Is there a doctor of literature in the house?"





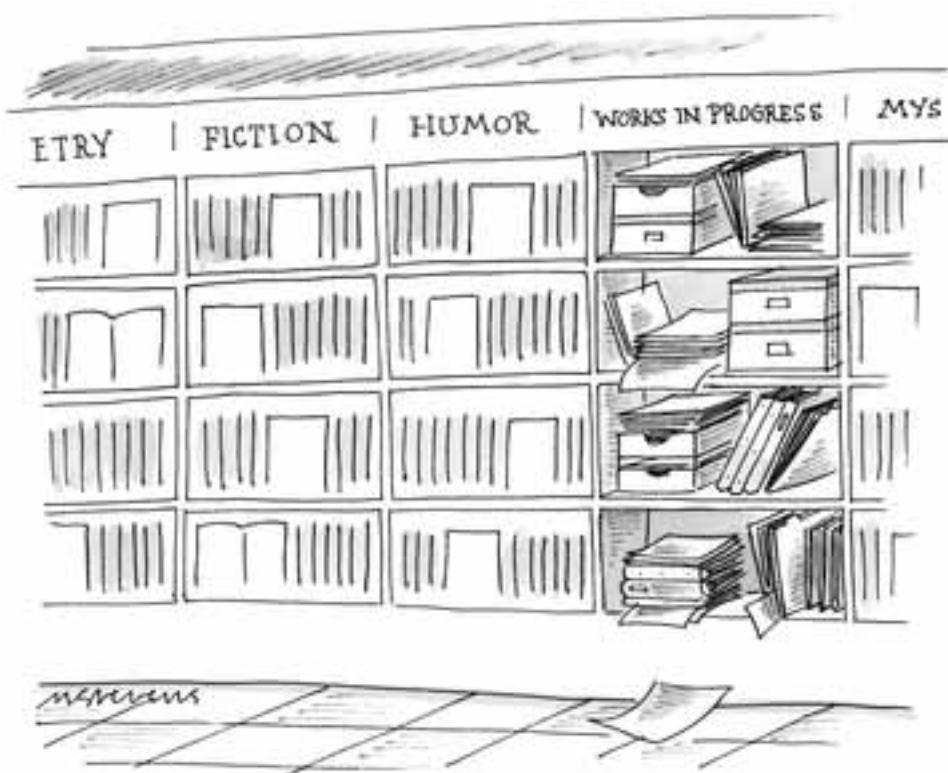
"How much longer on your visionary gnocchi, Stefano?"



"Well, I'll be darned. There's a really nice hardwood floor under here."



"Why is it that every time I say something in quotation marks you respond in italics?"





"Congratulations! Your manuscript was the one-millionth personal memoir submitted to us this year."



*"I think they'll be perfect together.
He's a journalist and she's a complete composite."*



"You couldn't put on a tie?"



"Truly a magnificent emperor! While Rome burns, Nero plays an instrument that hasn't been invented yet."

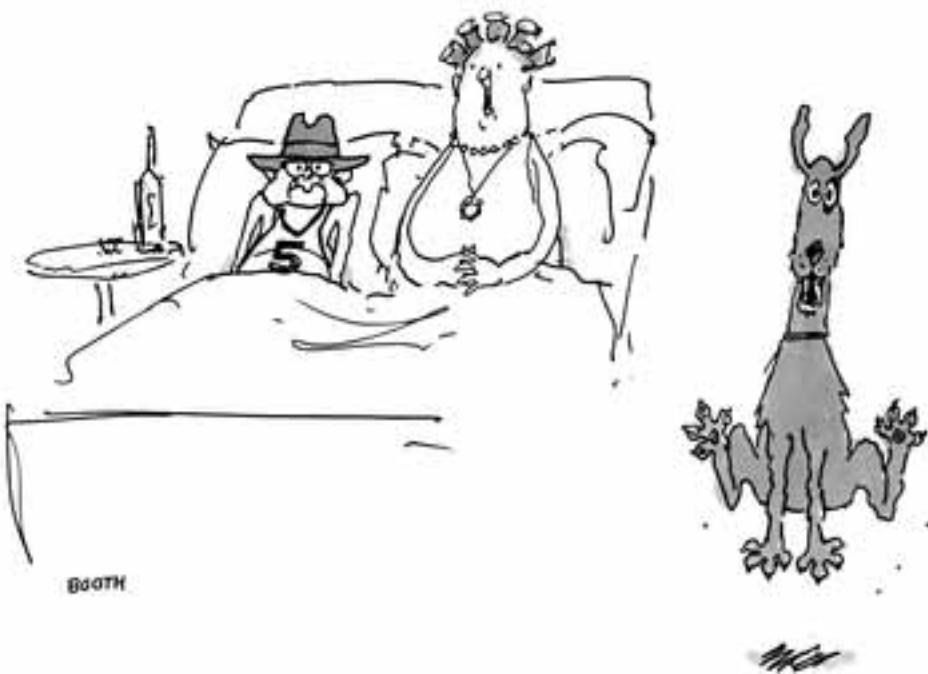


"I feel that I have at least one more unpublished novel in me."





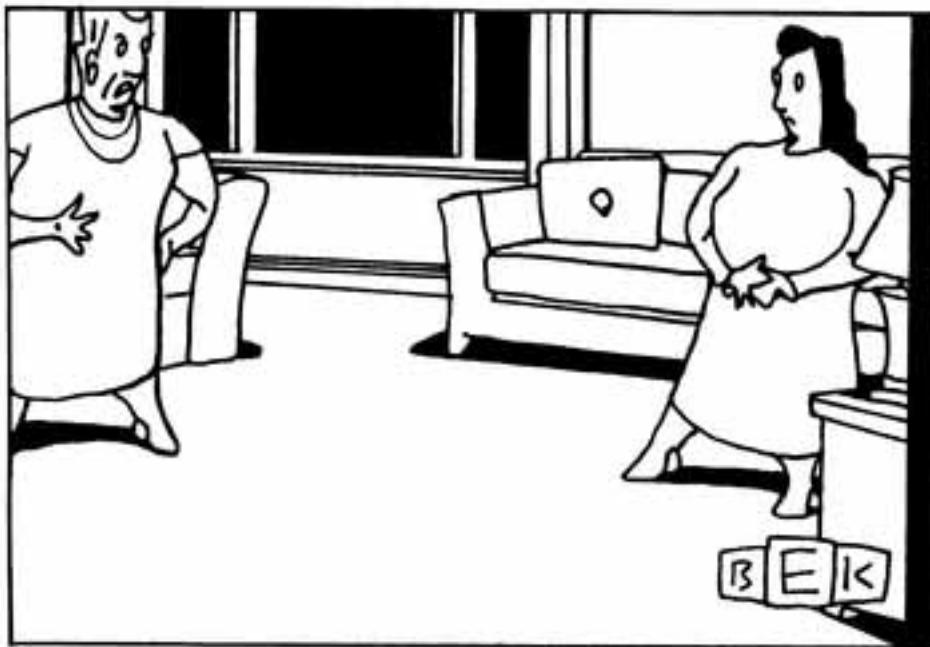
"Thanks for almost everything, Dad."



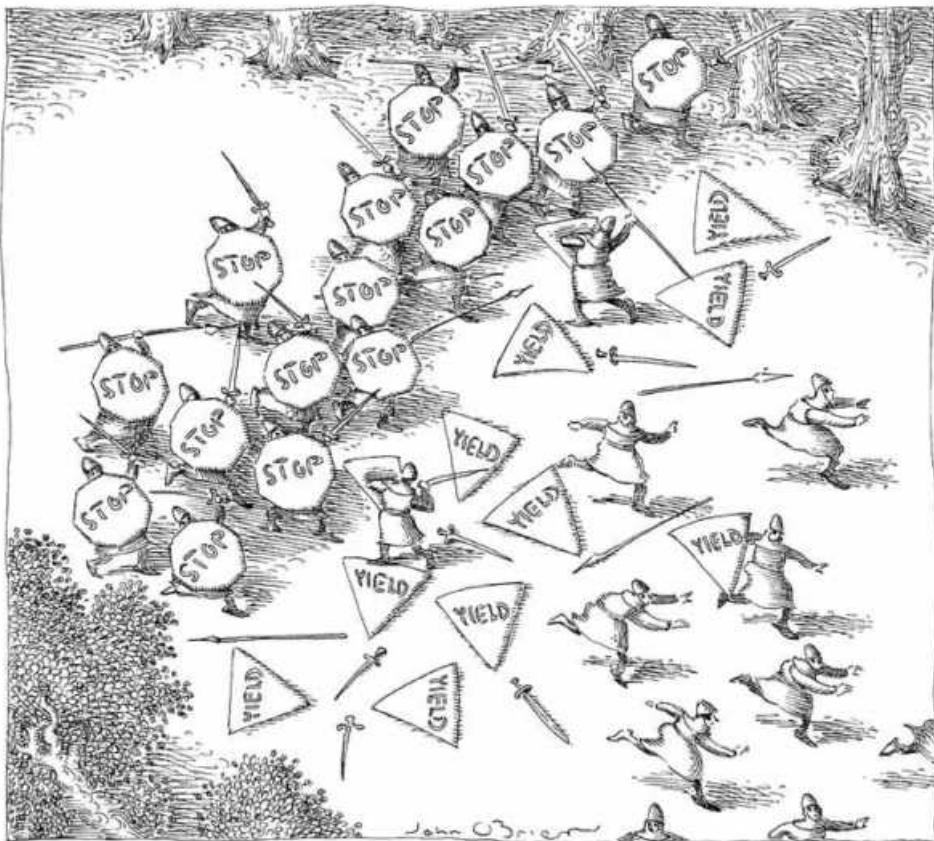
"Mr. Goodrich, it's time we called each other by our first names."



"What would you boys think if we started selling books?"



*"What am I supposed to say when my friends ask
why you're still a mid-list author?"*







"Do you have 'Intelligence for Idiots'?"



"Your book is a masterpiece, but, unfortunately, we're rather picky."



*"We've always admired those literate prayers of yours, and it's our hope
that you'll keep them coming even though you're dead."*



"Here it is—the plain, unvarnished truth. Varnish it."



"So that's how he's able to crank the stuff out."



*"Is there anyone else in bookkeeping who would like
one last picture with Mr. Pinkston?"*



*"And I'd recommend this book to anyone
in the market for a free plush toy."*



"You may rush in."



"This is gonna hurt like hell."



"I thought that sperm-bank donors remained anonymous."



"Not that it really matters, but how will this play out among the serfs?"

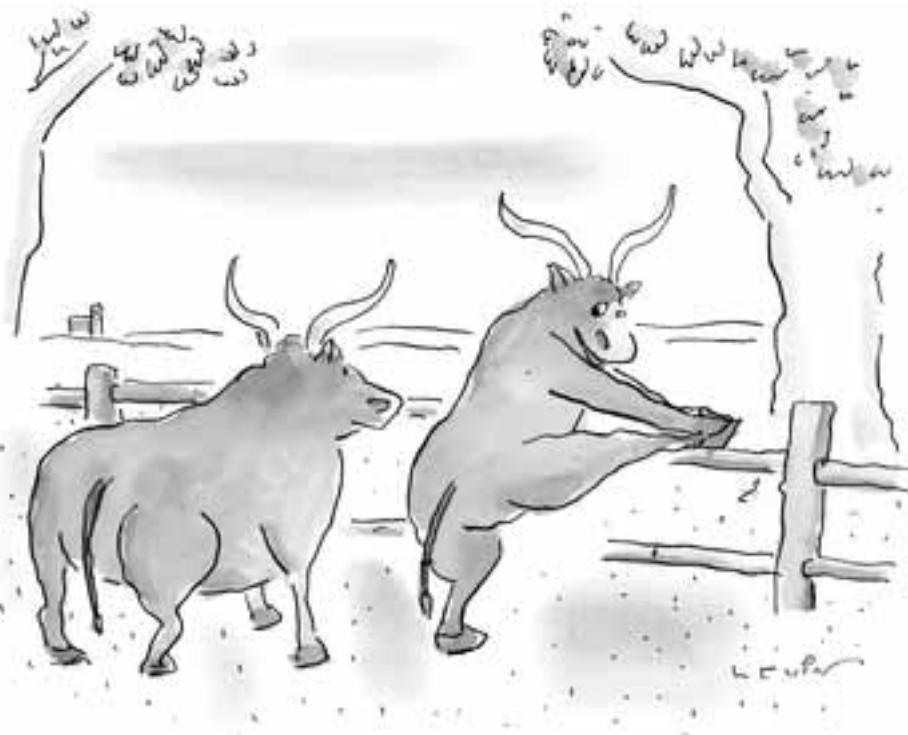


"Oh, yeah. Sorry. Never mind."





*"Fortunately, I think we have an extremely accurate
copy of it in the museum's gift shop."*

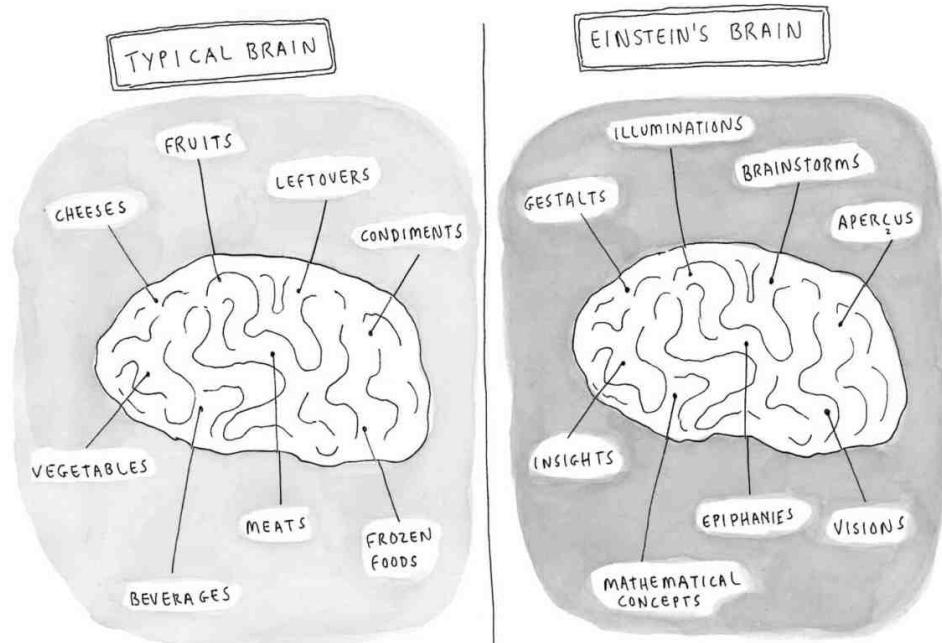


"I'm thinking of doing Pamplona this year."





"O.K., so who gets to tell him he's a war criminal?"



R. Chast



"I see myself going into some form of public service, like banking."



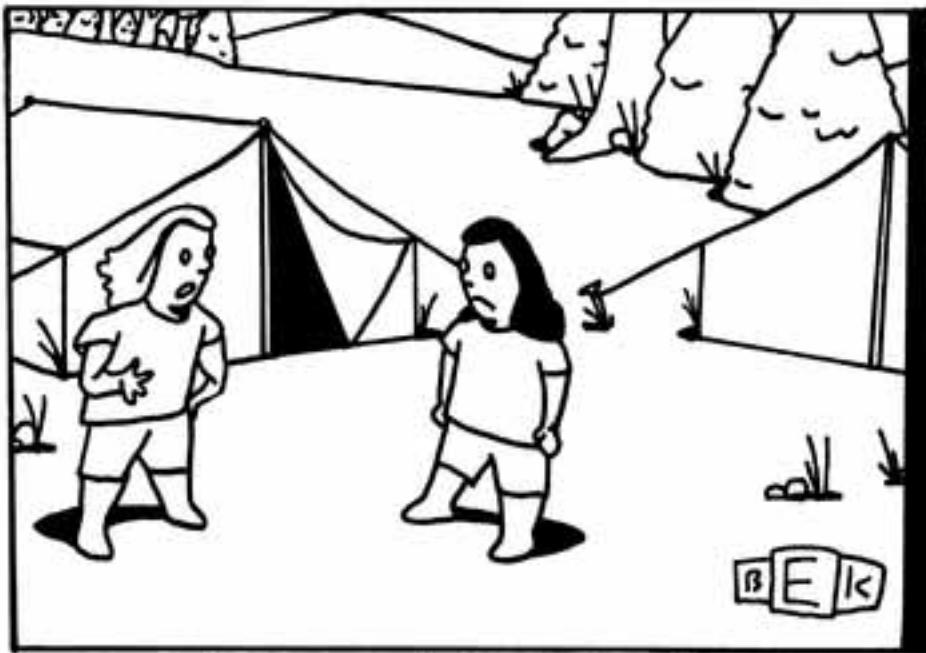
"It's eBay fever—we'll have to pull the plug!"



"Gee, I had no idea you were married to a supermodel."



"I believe we've entered the dark underbelly of pet ownership."



*"I always end up being attracted to the ones
who wear cheap insect repellent."*



"I'm bored. When do we get to kill the ump?"



Danny Shanahan



"Your father and I have decided to give half your allowance to BAM."



"Actually, 'Monkey see, monkey do' has served me quite well in this market."

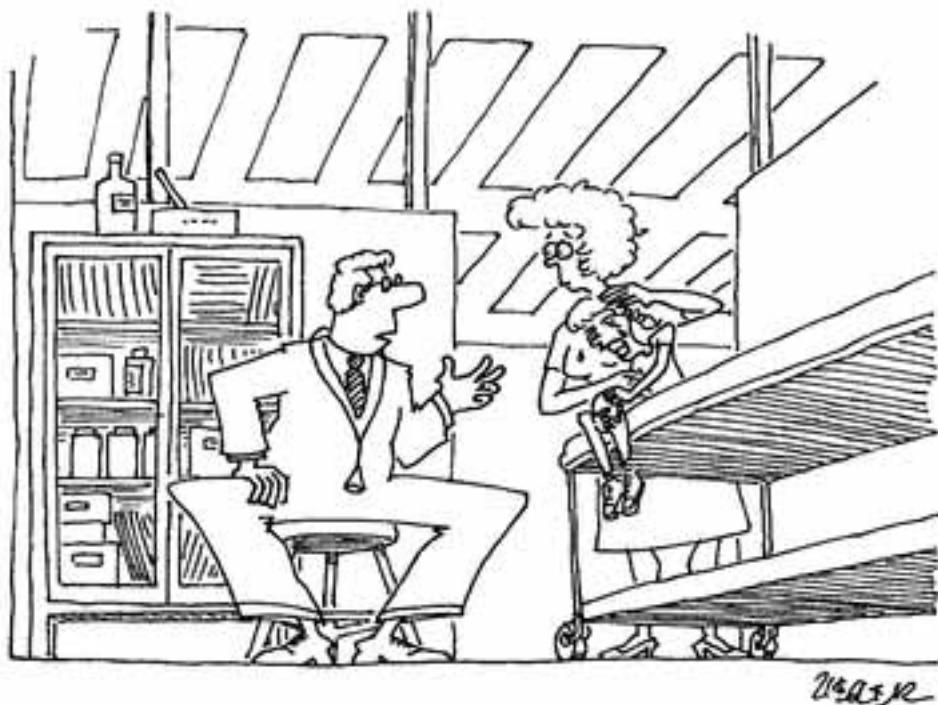


"I got the part, but I play a waiter."

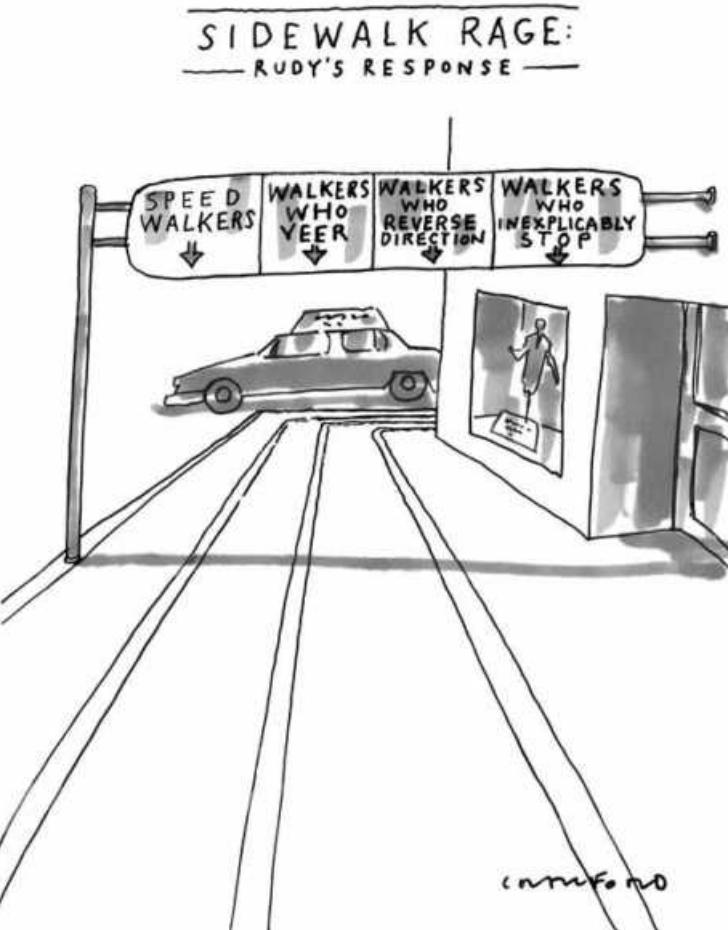


"The dog ate my magnetic insoles."





"Sorry, but I don't do stitches anymore. All stitches are now handled by Local 405 over at Bellevue."







*'Maybe if we put stone statues in their place,
no one will notice that they've flown away.'*



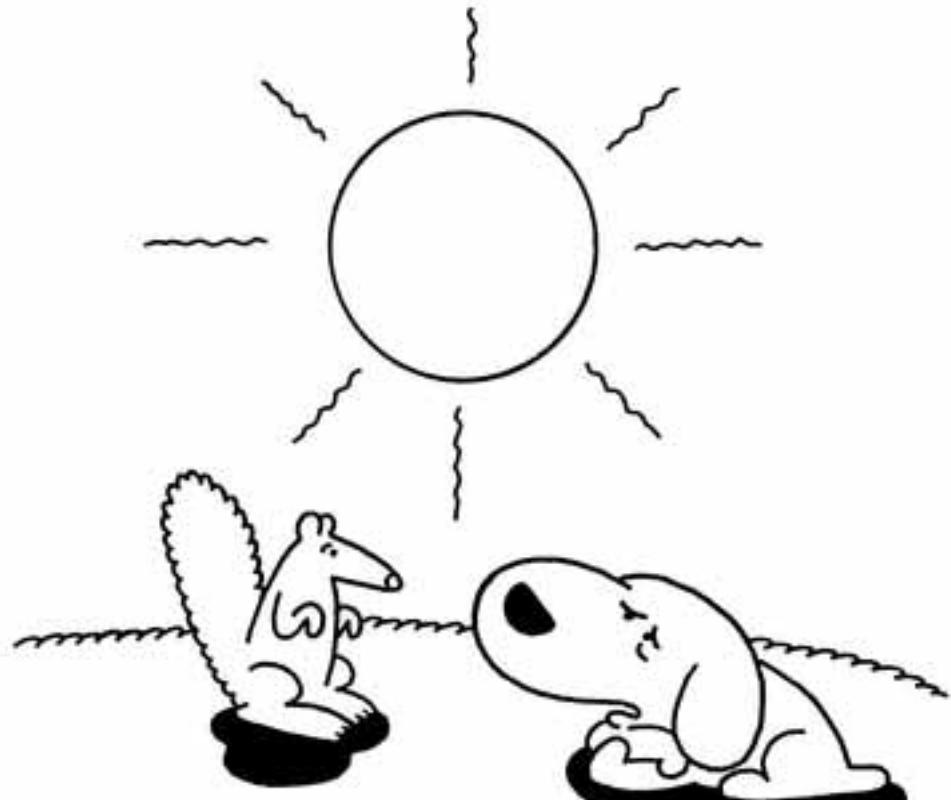
"I can't help thinking of the lyrics to that old song: 'I want to sex you up.' "



"He's dead. Would you like his voice mail?"



"I'd love to ask you in, Howard, but they start trading in Hong Kong in ten minutes."



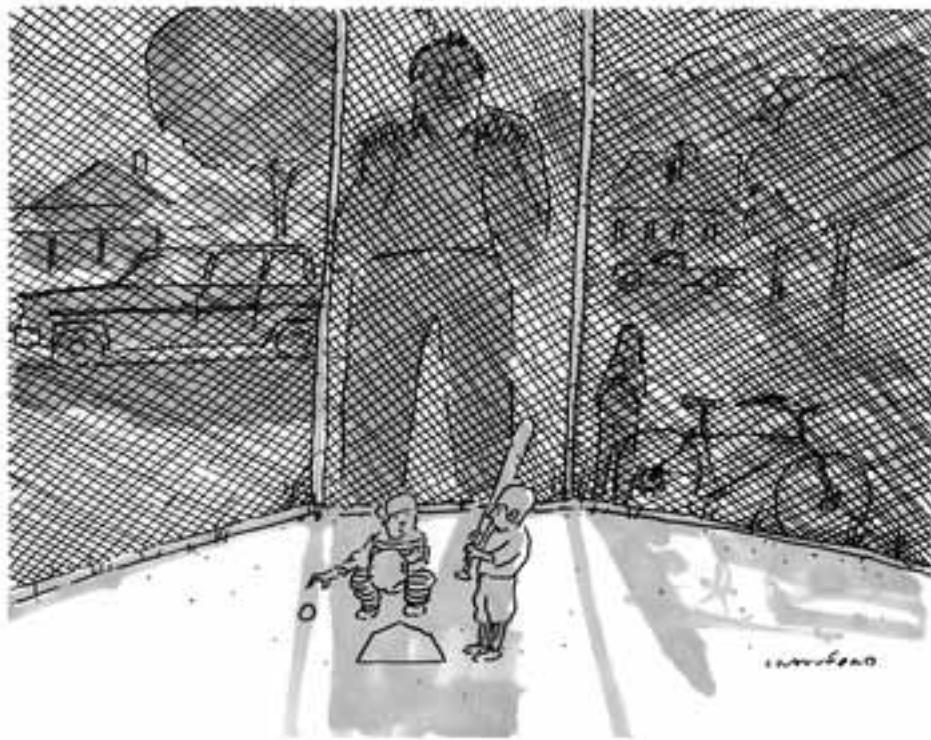
"Consider yourself chased."



"Look, there is no right and wrong here, but I'm going to side with Helen because I'm a girl."



Mort Gerberg



"Don't sweat it. That's Little League—your dad comes, you choke."



"Just where Dad said it would be."



“‘Well done’ lulled him into complacency.”





"Something's wrong with the broccoli. Please take it back to the kitchen and have it genetically modified."



"His underwear was spotless."



*"I hope you realize that I'm the one who has to write
about this stupid vacation next fall."*



"So what if he doesn't know Ovid. He knows Ovitz."



*"When I look at you, I see more than just a cat—I see the rewards
of a conscientiously applied program of dental hygiene."*



B. Smaller

*"He doesn't have to worry about his preschool placement—
he interviews well."*



*"I'm afraid you'll never know if this was for
the speeding or for the Celine Dion tape, sir."*

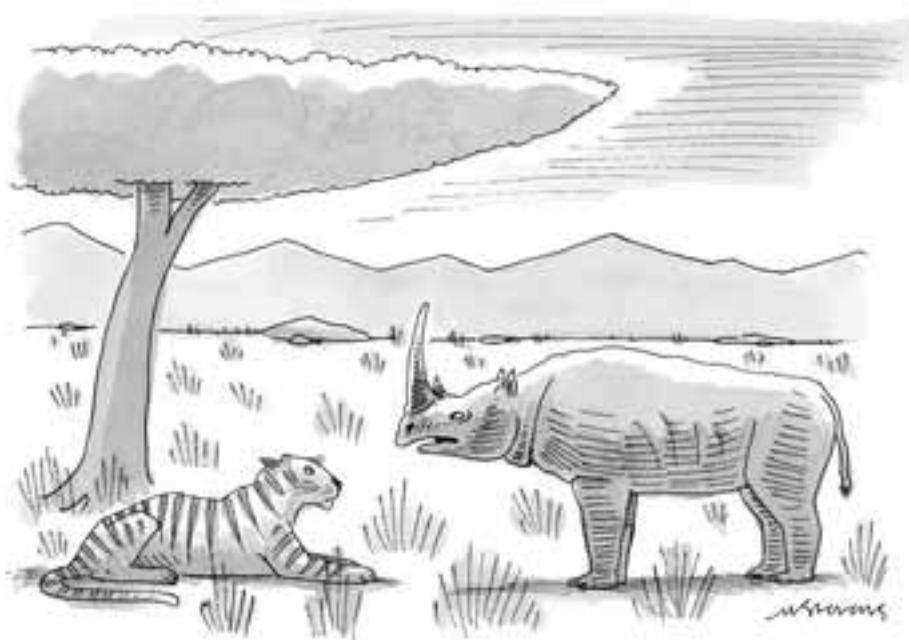


"This is perfect. I could stay like this for the next five seconds."



"Jason, I'd like to let you play, but soccer is a girls' game."





*"It's supposed to be some kind of aphrodisiac,
but it hasn't done jack for me."*



"Very scary, Jennifer—does anyone else have an H.M.O. horror story?"





"Would you like to meet Kate? She's an acceptable risk."



"I tried victimless crime, but I'm a people person."



"This résumé appears to cover only the last forty-five minutes."



*"Only I can prevent forest fires? Don't you think
you should share some of the responsibility?"*



"It's happened, Marge. Howard has the bomb."



*"I suppose it was very sweet and old-fashioned
of him, but, still, it was syphilis."*



"I have a food question."



*"You bludgeoned your cell mate during chapel services, Rhineschreiber!
Shame on you!"*

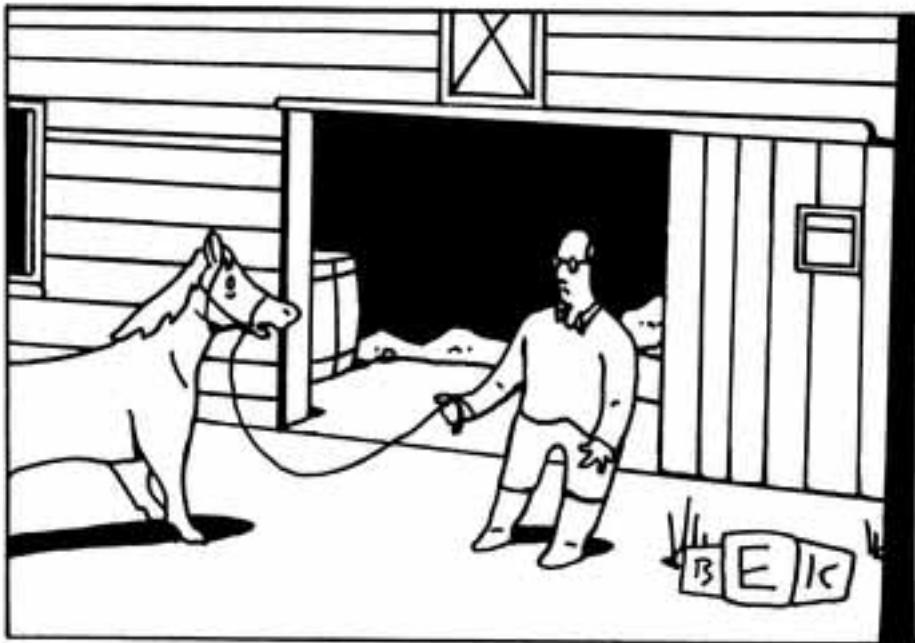


*"Eight years of unprecedented expansion,
and yet the kid sector has failed to participate."*

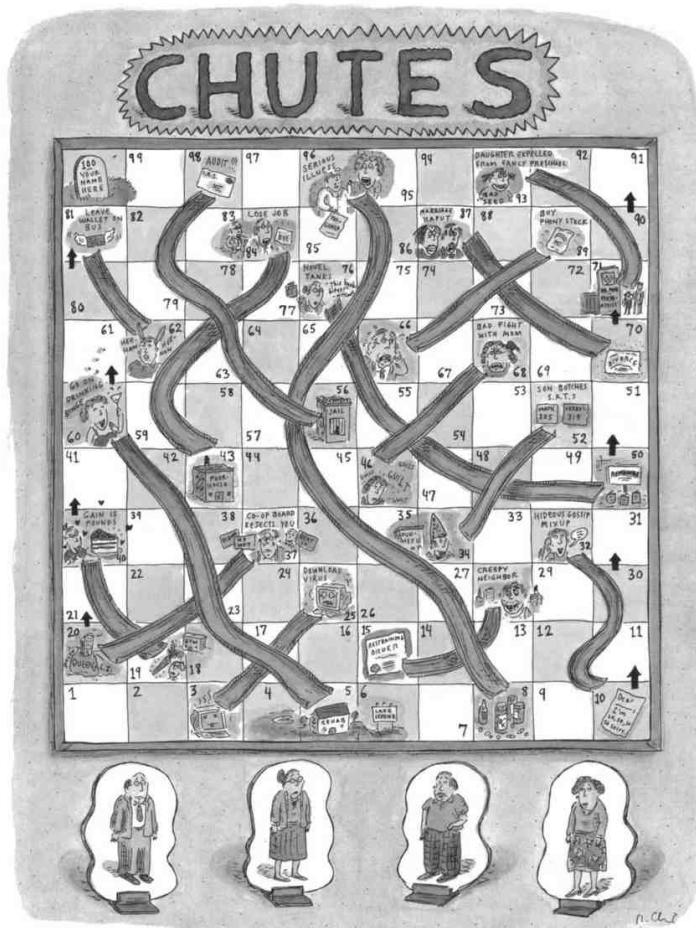


"Hey, great ab!"





"Oh, I was looking for something with a little more hay."





"First beach?"



*"Don't get me wrong. I think the morning-after
pill is great. It's just that right now my problem
is lining up something for the night before."*



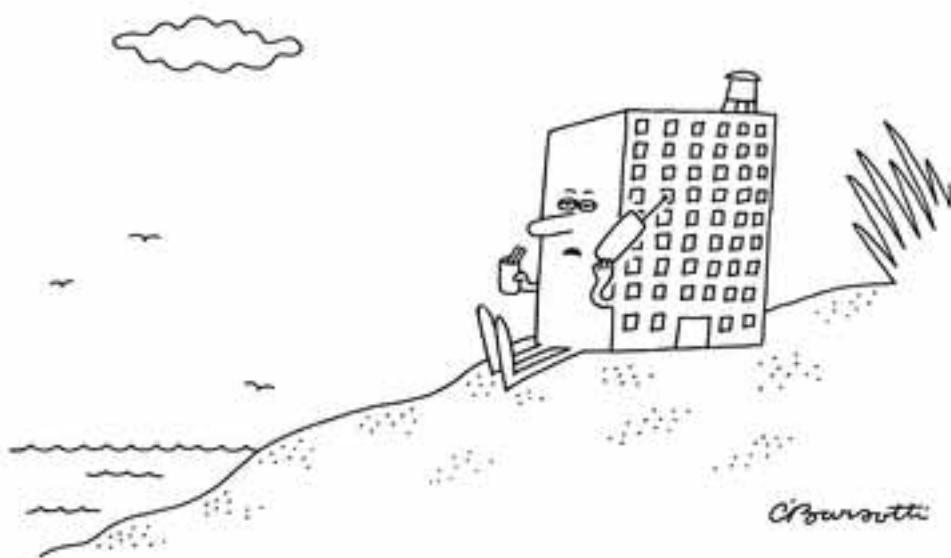


"I love these quiet evenings at home battling alcoholism."





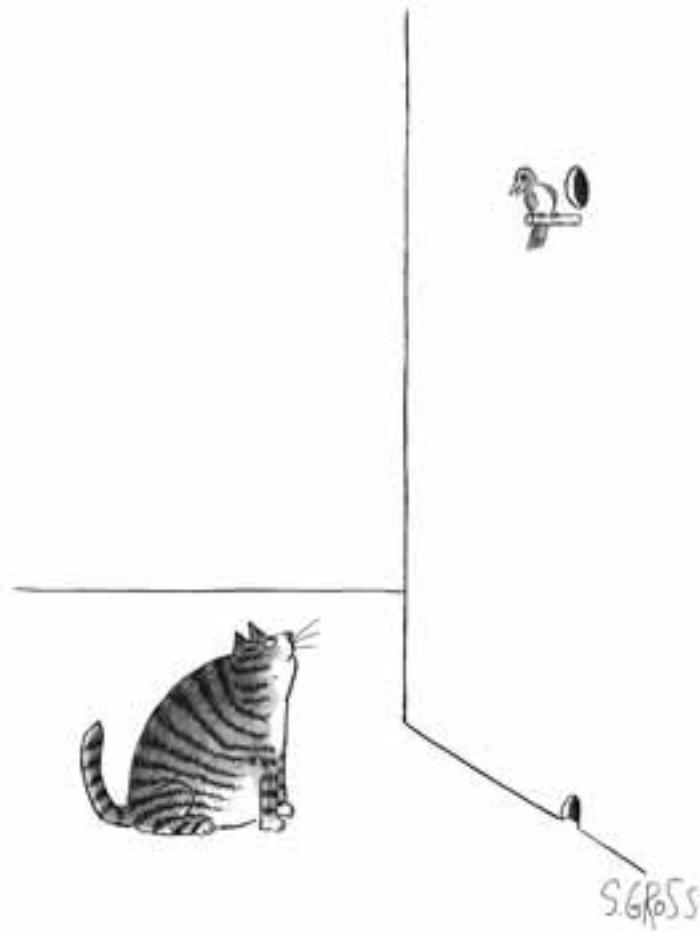
"I put the bird to bed—let's party!"



"Two lousy weeks. You people can surely make do for two lousy weeks."



*"We're thinking of moving to another part of the country—
somewhere between Lyme disease and killer bees."*



"Whom should I say is calling?"



"Good news. The test results show it's a metaphor."





"I may run, but first I want to toy with the electorate for a while."





*"All outdoor carpeting can be indoor carpeting, but not
all indoor carpeting can be outdoor carpeting."*





"I really don't see how giving you a six-letter word for a sixteenth-century crested metal helmet helps my problem."



"It's the co-op board!"





"I wish you'd stop trying to gross everybody out."



"Y'all look like dog people to me."



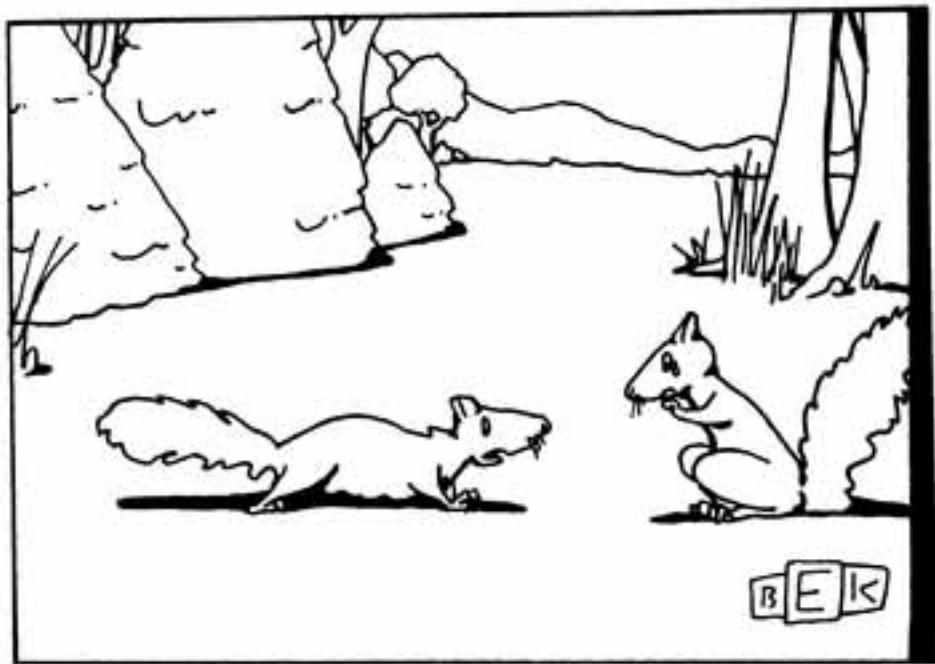
"Stop calling! We'll get there when we get there!"

NO-ACTION COMICS

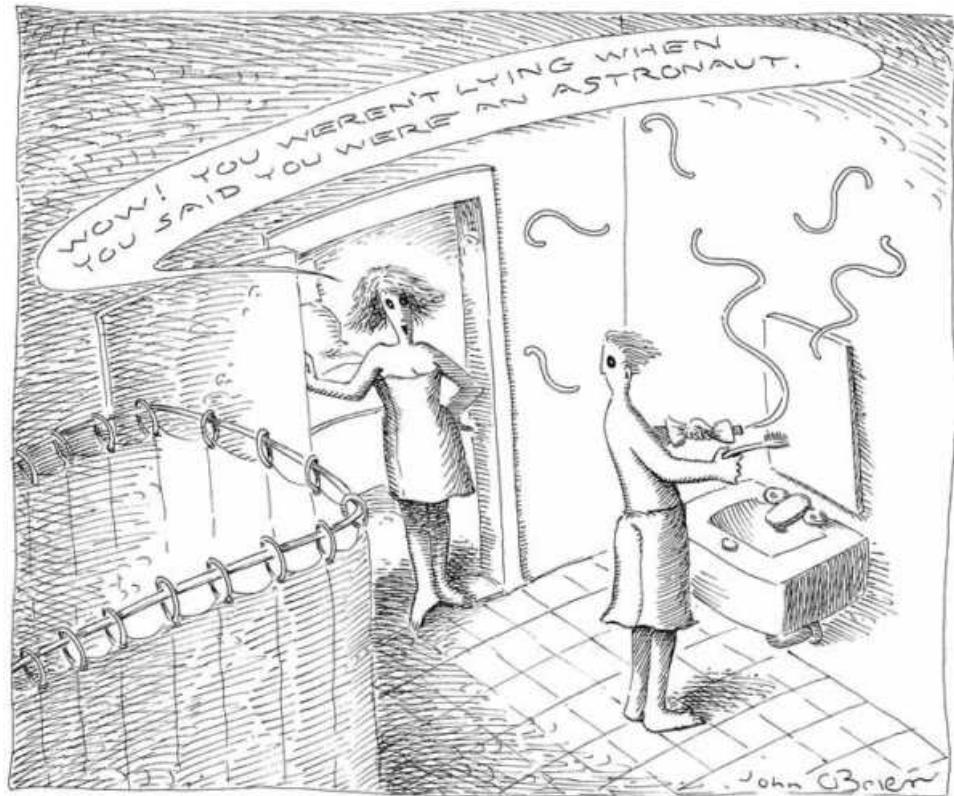




"Just for kicks, Leon, let's shut down the F.B.I. again."



*"You should find solace in the fact that he left
behind such a large body of nuts."*





"I take it we got the account."



"Don't waste time on Daddy. Mummy's the money."



"I can't help thinking there's a book in this."



"Remember to round off each billable hour to the nearest week."



"I assume it's a different Rudy."





"We're planning on sending him away to be reared by experts."



*"I understood each and every word you said
but not the order in which they appeared."*



"They have no lives, so they watch us."



*"Look, I can't promise I'll change,
but I can promise I'll pretend to change."*



"He has some food issues."



*"I like things to be done my own particular way
by someone other than me."*



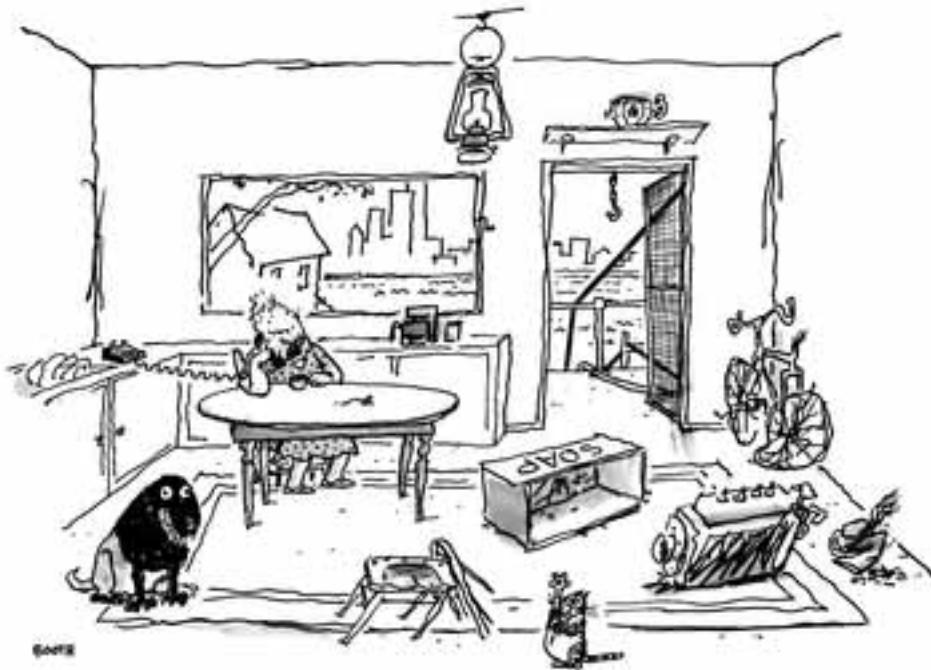


*"For a transcript of tonight's 'Hollywood Squares,'
send two dollars and a self-addressed, stamped
envelope to this address."*



Victoria Roberts

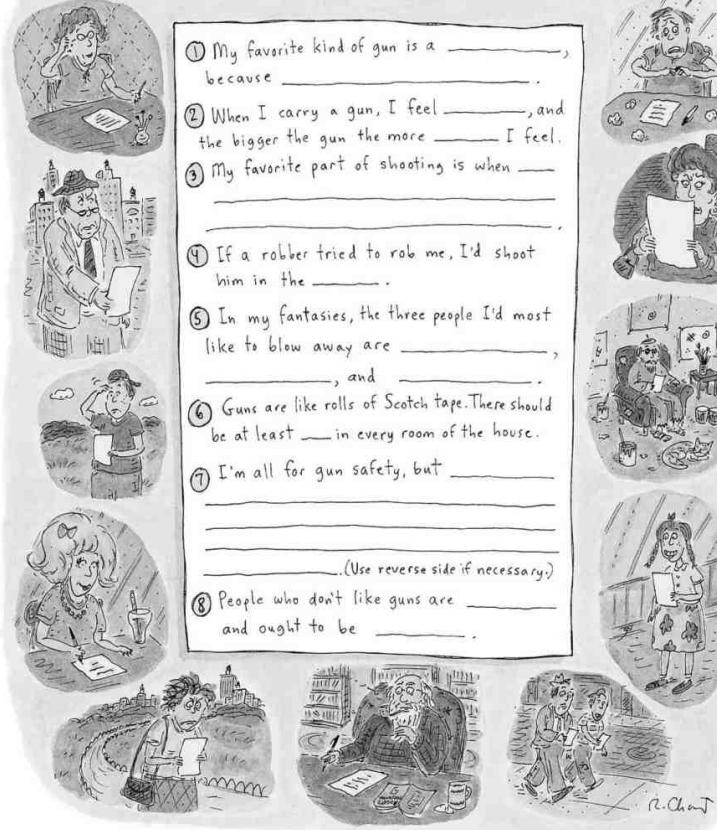
"You look sharp, like a carefully aged Cheddar."



*"He thinks he's located a World War I torpedo boat.
What's exciting at your house?"*



*"Oh sorry, those are the Ten Commandments.
Hang on, I'll get you a menu."*

1999
THE N.R.A.'S WRITTEN TEST FOR A GUN LICENSE



"Where were you when you realized there was nothing else to say?"



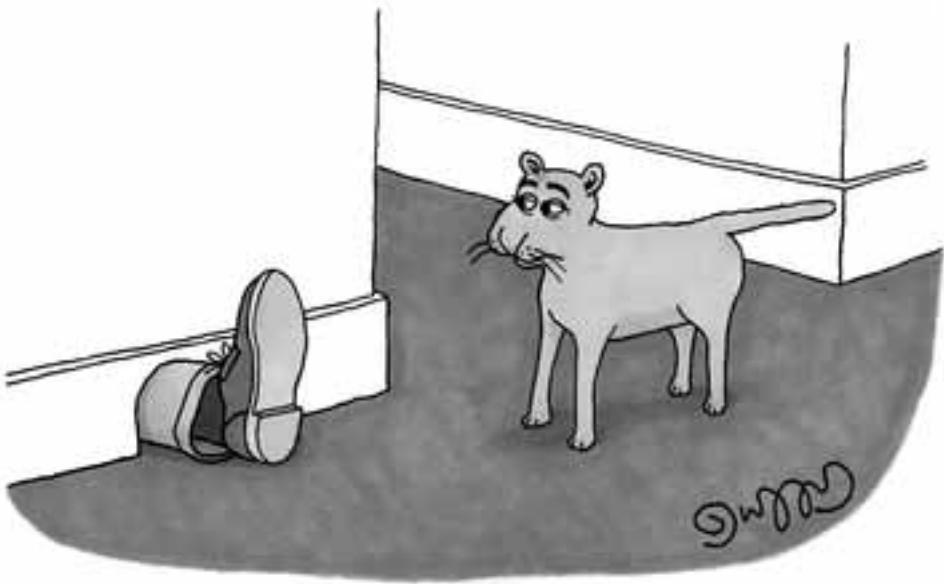
*"Buy a man a six-pack, he drinks for a day.
Teach him to brew, he drinks all his life."*

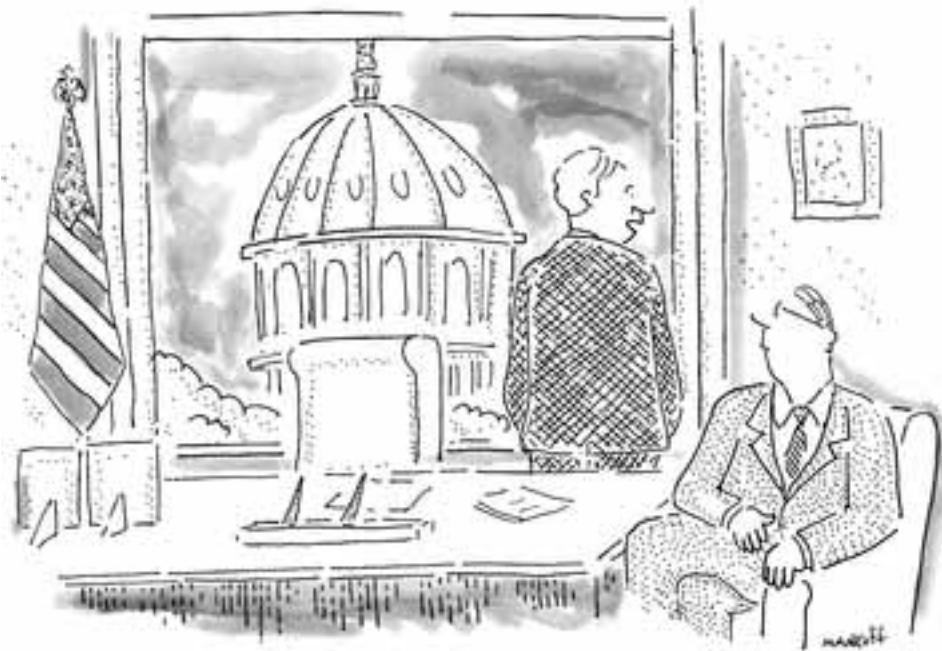


"Let me through. I'm a compassionate conservative."



"City kids."





"You know what I like about power? It's so damn empowering."



"O.K., so maybe a little static electricity isn't helping our marriage—but it isn't hurting it, either."



*"Before we continue, is there anyone else present
who has never seen a dead person?"*



*"I don't buy stocks simply because others are buying them.
I buy them because many, many others are buying them."*



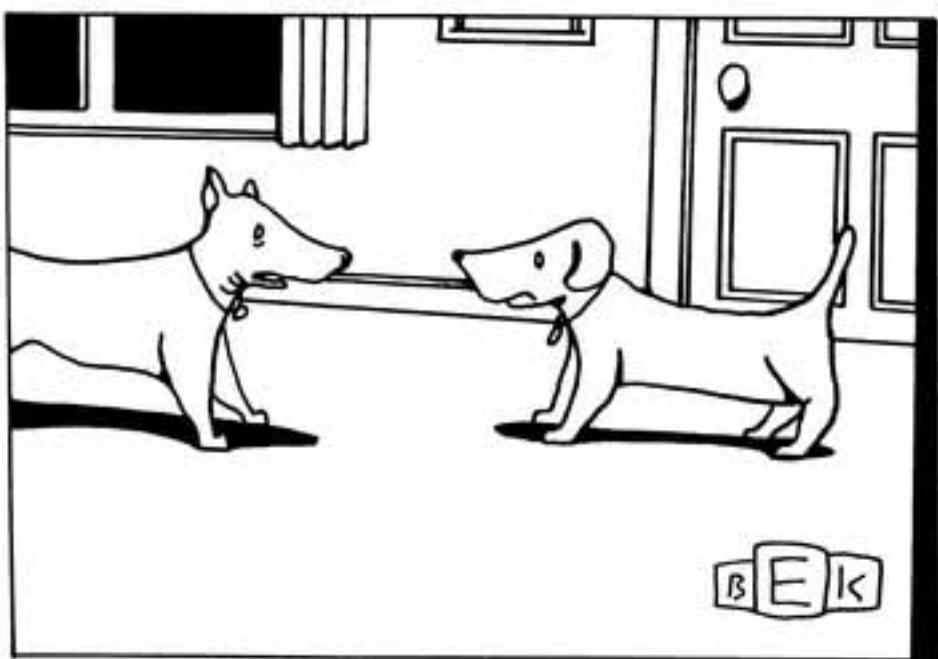
*"Yes, but take away the rodent droppings and the occasional shard
of glass, and you've still got a damn fine product."*



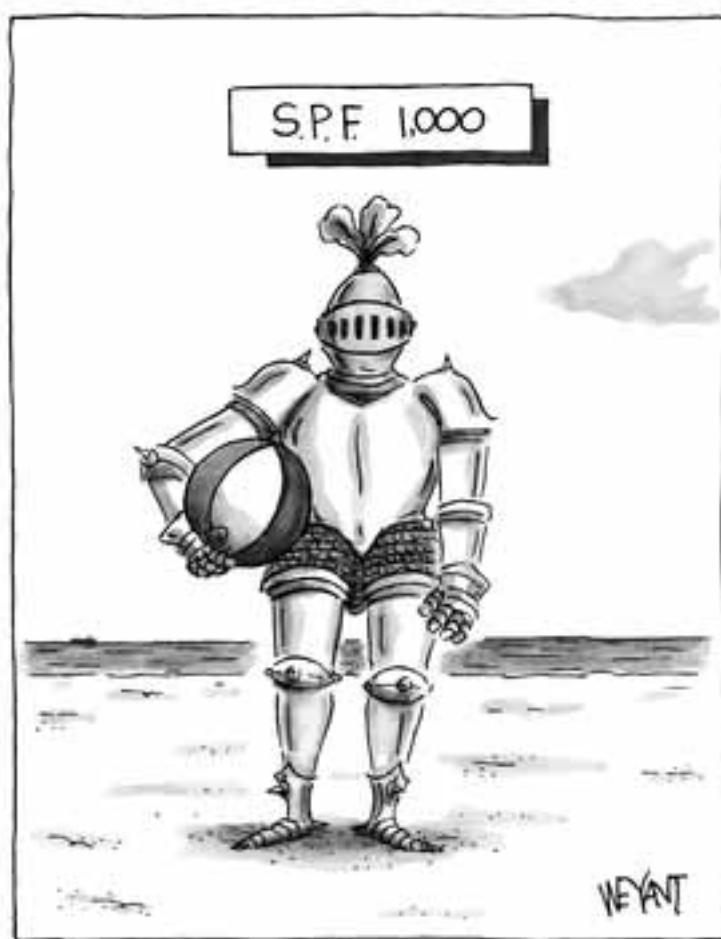
*“And, Cath—even if you say no, I want you to know
that you’ll always be the template.”*



*"Gentlemen, it's time we gave some serious thought
to the effects of global warming."*



"I only sniffed his ass to be polite."





"He's swearing in full sentences now."

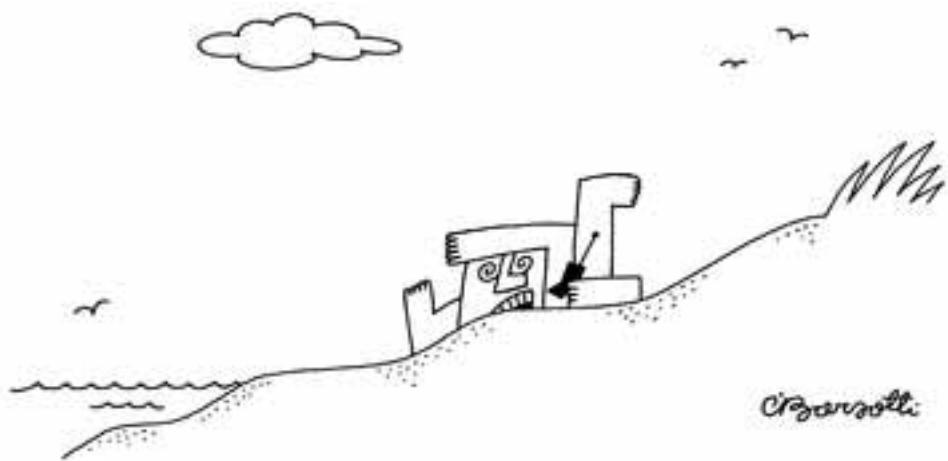


"I know he cheated on me because of his childhood abuse, but I shot him because of mine."



"I heard he came into money and moved to a portobello."





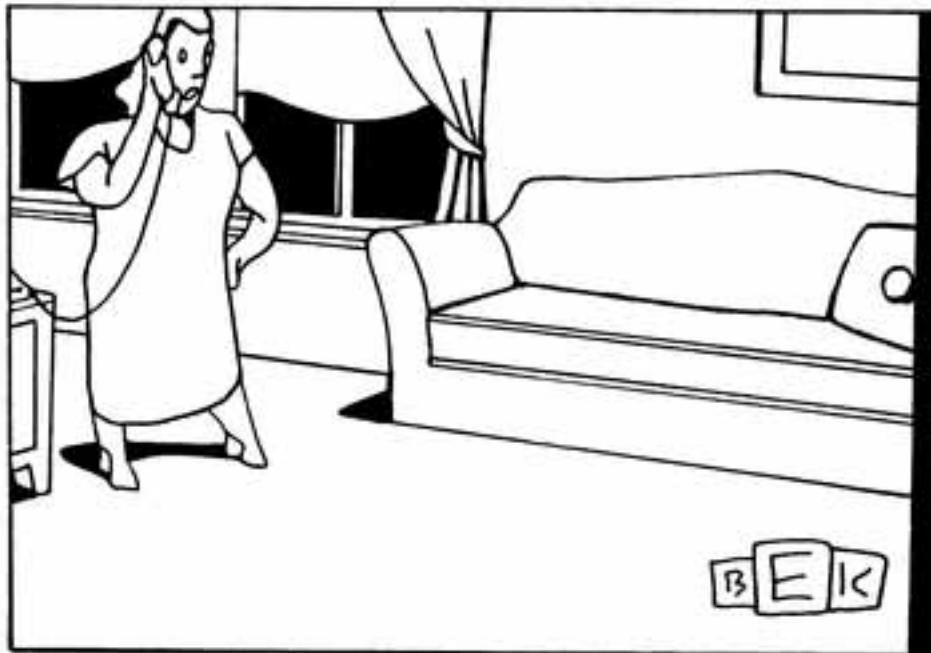
"I need another week."



*"The occasion? Oh—that would be the fifth anniversary
of our never having got married because of an earlier experience
of yours that had nothing to do with me."*



*"Into every shopping cart a little mysterious
Mediterranean product must fall."*



“Once you have children, it forever changes the way you bore other people.”



*"I'm sorry—the chocolate-almond biscotti are out of stock.
I'd be happy to order one for you."*



"I invited a few friends over who think you should see a psychiatrist."



"Not in front of the crew!"



"We are so in synch. I was just about to ask you for a divorce."



"Don't you think it's time you started thinking about your legacy?"



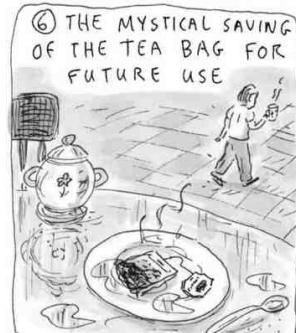
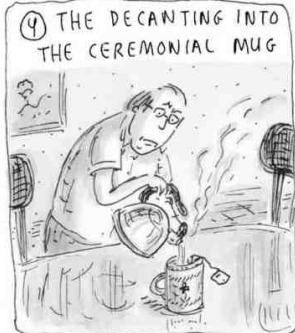
"Would you like me to warm up your eggs?"



"I had that, only worse."



"I can't understand a word you say when your helmet is shut."

1999
THE ANCIENT TEA CEREMONY OF ASTORIA

R. Chast



*"Attention passengers. Flight 369 has been cancelled
due to our desire to ruin your life."*



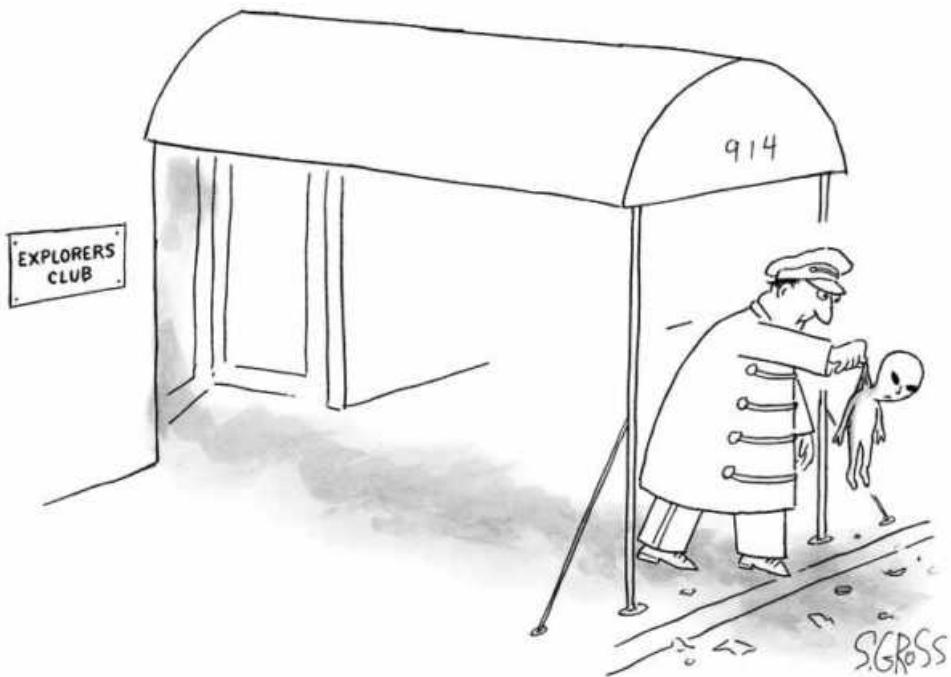
"Don't you dare put Mommy on hold again."



"Did you bring a duplicate copy of your 'Times' obit with you?"



"I had no idea it was this serious."





"I never had a problem before those goddam Bob Dole ads."



"Of course he looks peaceful—he's lived his entire life in a bull market."

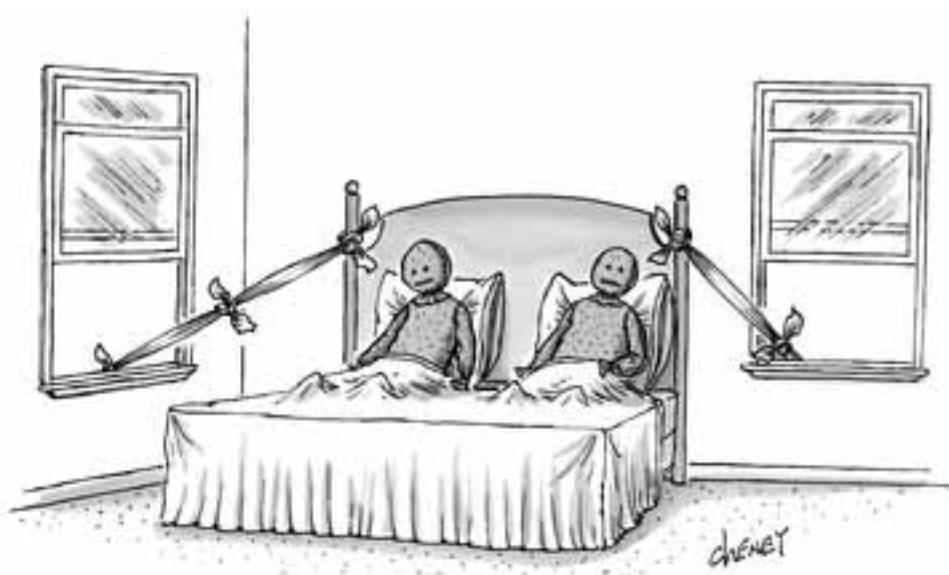


"Anyhow, according to the Science 'Times,' things would have turned out quite a bit differently if that meteor had hit Earth."



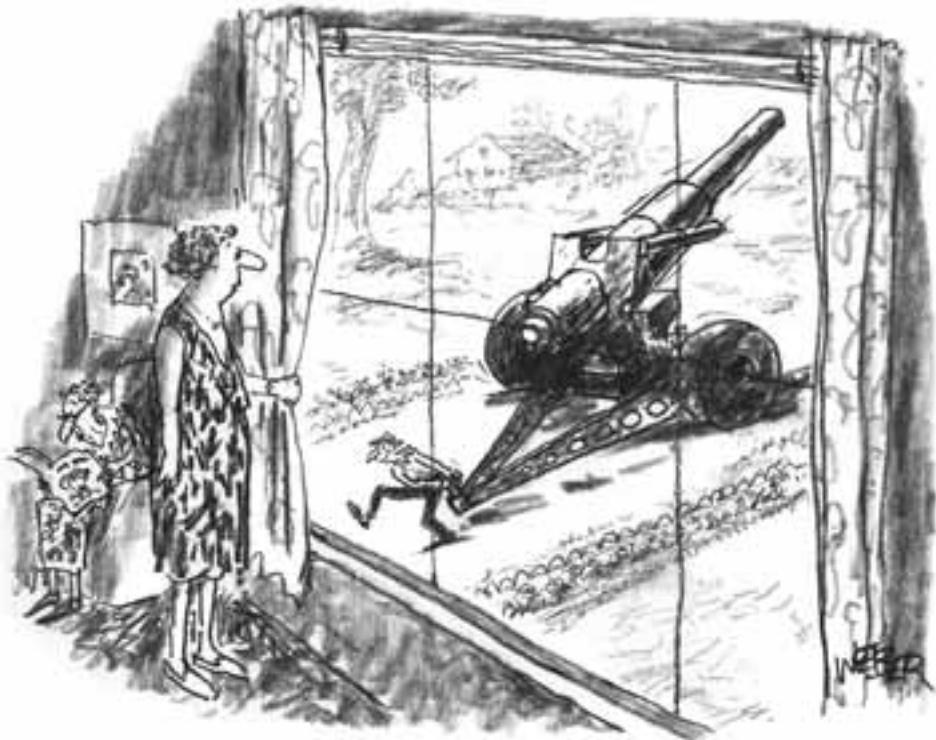
"I'm sorry—did you say something? I was off creating my own reality."







*"My only crime, Denise, was loving you too much.
That and embezzling your trust fund."*



"I see Daddy's back from the gun show."



"Leeches don't bother me—I'm a lawyer."



"I'm used to having a pussycat doctor."



"To be frozen solid for a while on the north slope of Mt. Everest would, I occasionally feel, be a welcome change."



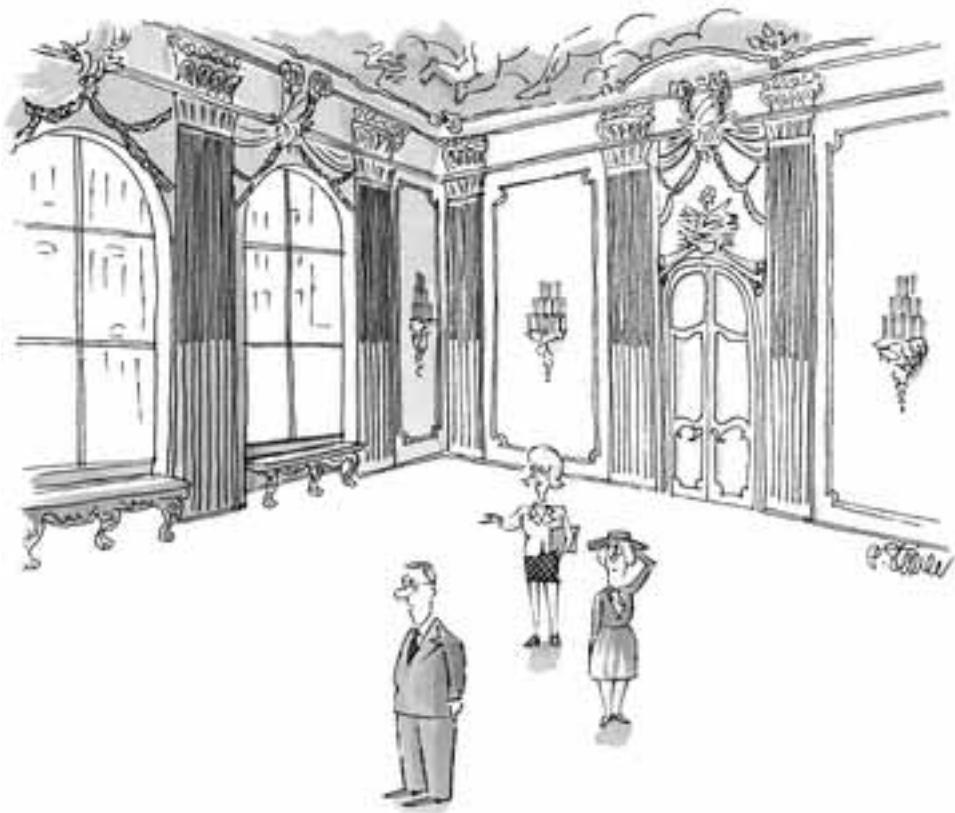




"He hasn't slept well since his dreams started carrying advertising."



"C'mon, Sugar, take a walk on the mild side."



"This is the grand ballroom. I think it has a lot of potential."





"We're really bonding now, aren't we, Dad?"



*"Mr. Goodrich, what say we tell each other our darkest fantasies
and start exploring the outer limits of modern sexuality."*



"Mumford! I thought you were killed instantly."



*"Page two, paragraph six: The moral high ground—
we're prepared to yield totally on that point."*



"Ah! Here it is!"



"You were ferocious when you rushed to get us those seats on the Jitney."

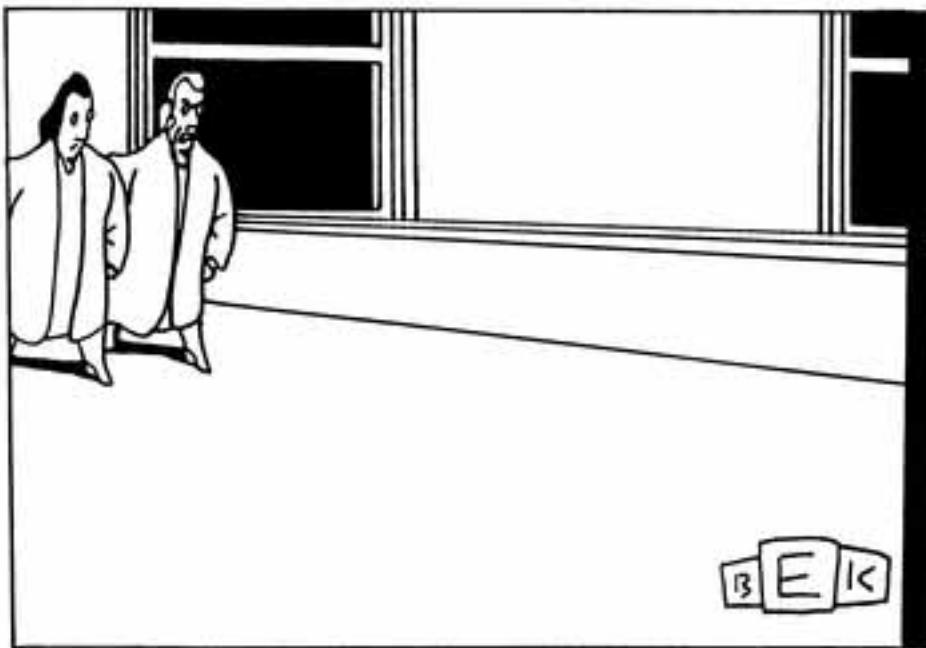


"Very good, Larry! Just one more step and you'll have the entire aisle blocked!"





"I don't mean to dampen your enthusiasm, but your use of the phrase 'or die trying' is a tad unsettling."



"Life sucks and then you keep living."



"With me it's neither nature nor nurture. It's Satan."



"Wow! Labor Day already?"



*"And now I'd like to do my impersonation
of a happily married woman."*



"See, Jimmy? If they give a big tax cut to the wealthy, those guys'll feel good and have us come fix their roof and stuff."



*"Can you believe it? A couple of page-turners,
one affair, and, wham—it's Labor Day."*

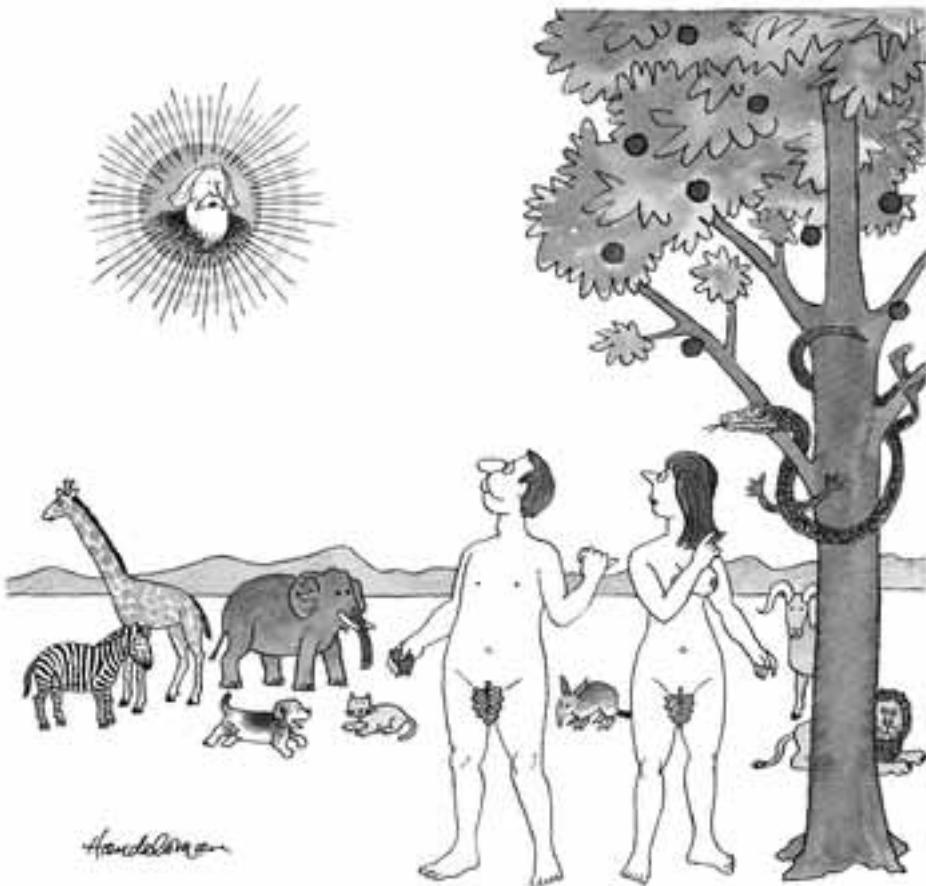


"Let's have a heart-to-heart talk—one huge, powerful grownup to one tiny, nothing kid."

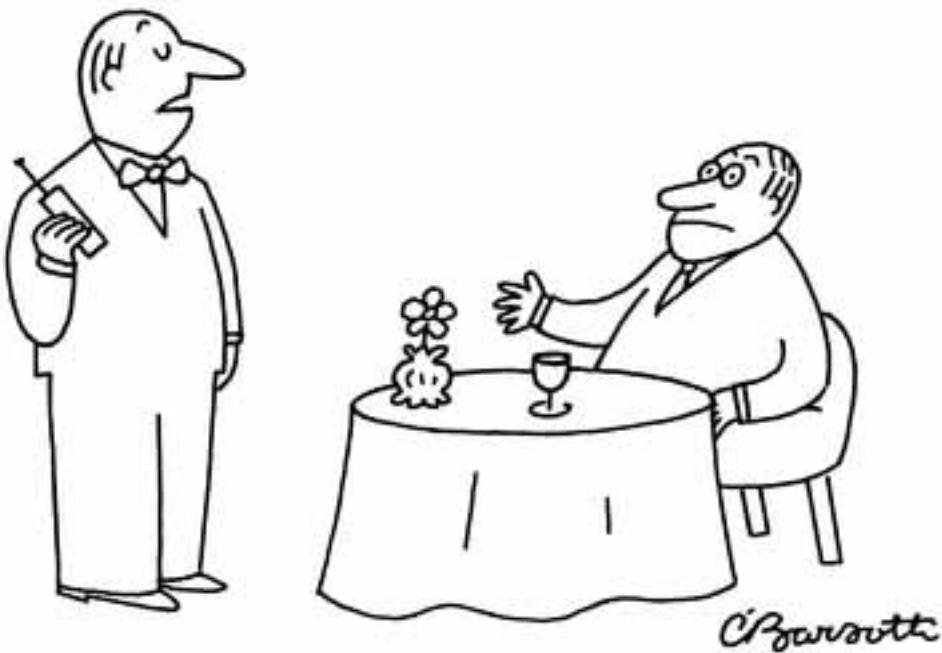




"The relatively placid seas and those vacationers behind me notwithstanding, Dan, it's really starting to blow out here."



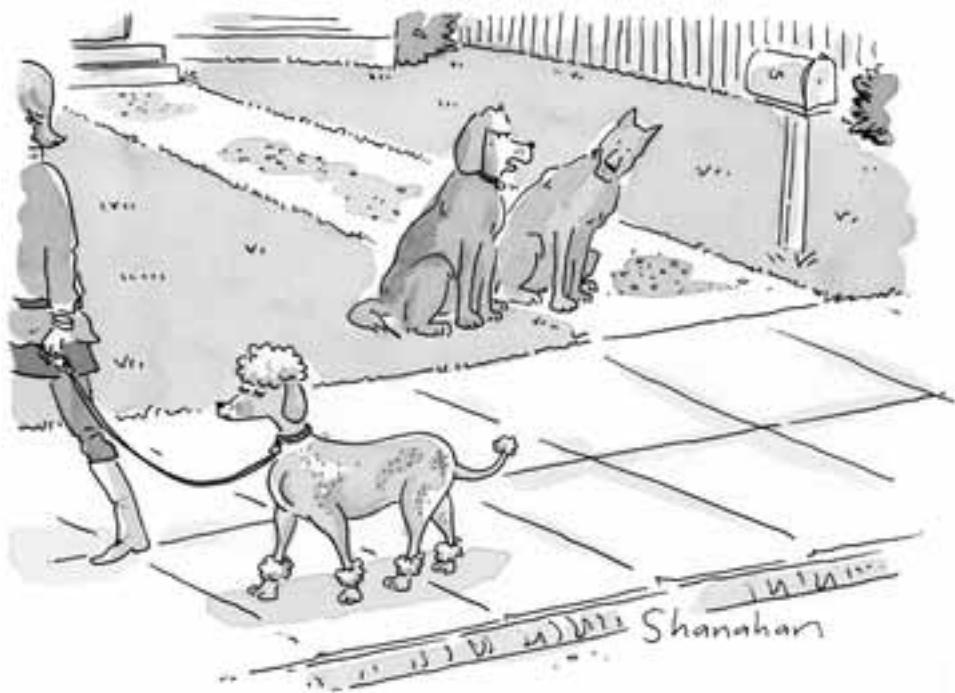
"So it's a case of he said, she said, it said."



"Eat your lunch, and then we'll see about giving your phone back."



*"See, it's right here in the pre-nup.
If you walk out, I get two weeks' severance sex."*



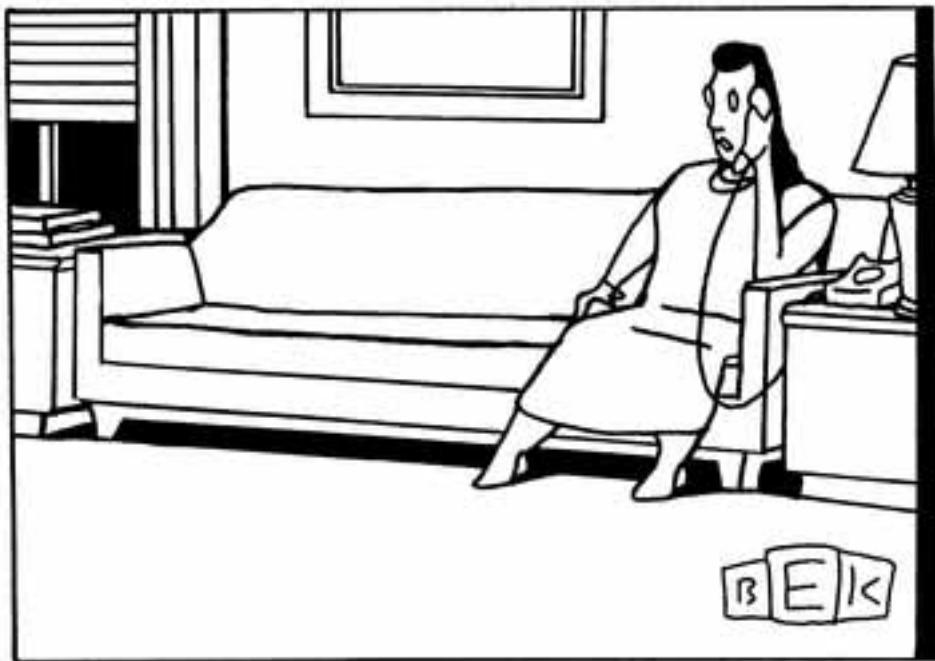
"Something ought to be left to the imagination."



*"And I'm sure no one will mind if we fold
a few clothes while we talk."*



"The pompano poached in parchment is very alliterative tonight."



"I'm still a work-in-hiding."



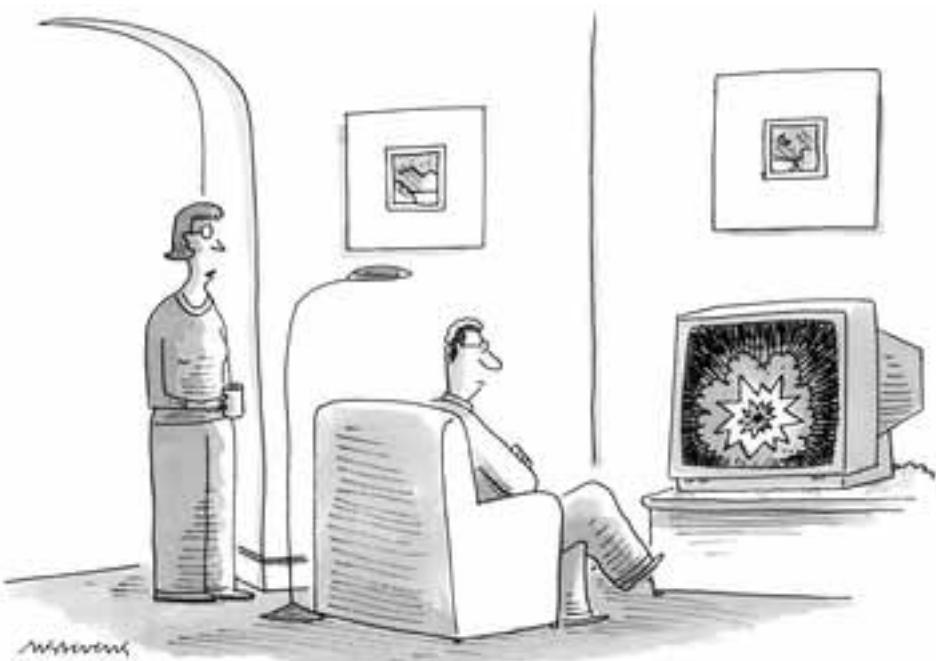


"Don't play hide-and-seek with me, Beverly! Because I always win!"



"If you require immediate assistance, press the pound sign."





"Is this the movie of the week or the news of the day?"



*"Are you just pissing and moaning,
or can you verify what you're saying with data?"*



1999

UNCHARTED WATERS





"That's all very nice, Jefferson, but do you have any other new business?"





"'What I Did on My Summer Vacation,' by special arrangement with the New Jersey State Police."



"Now, this is a Francis Ford Coppola. We still haven't been here quite long enough to be drinkable ourselves."



Victoria Roberts

"Have you got that in bulletproof?"



"Is this the year, Pumpkin? Goodbye, love boat, hello, elder hostel?"



"Not now, Matthew. This is Daddy's quiet-desperation time."



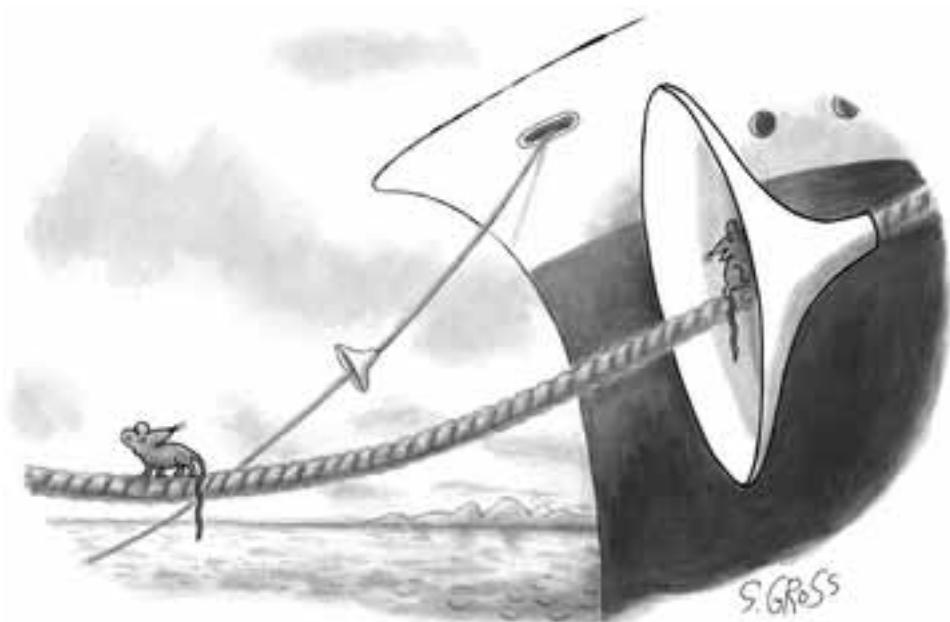
*"Ready, Harold? You're the wicked troll and I'm the garden
fairy, and you're very angry because you don't want me passing
over your bridge on my way to Grandma's house!"*



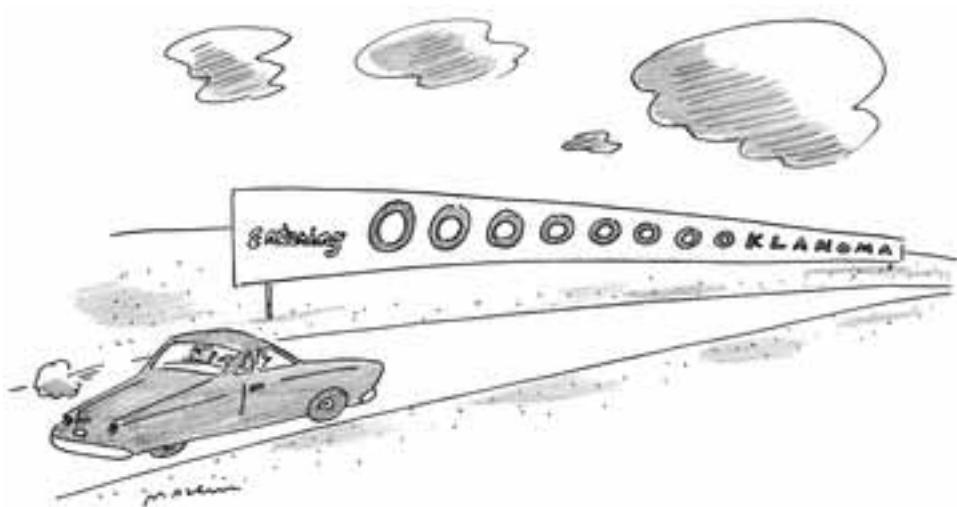
"I think it loves us."



"The music was so loud I couldn't hear myself talk."



"Hey! Get a load of the acoustics!"

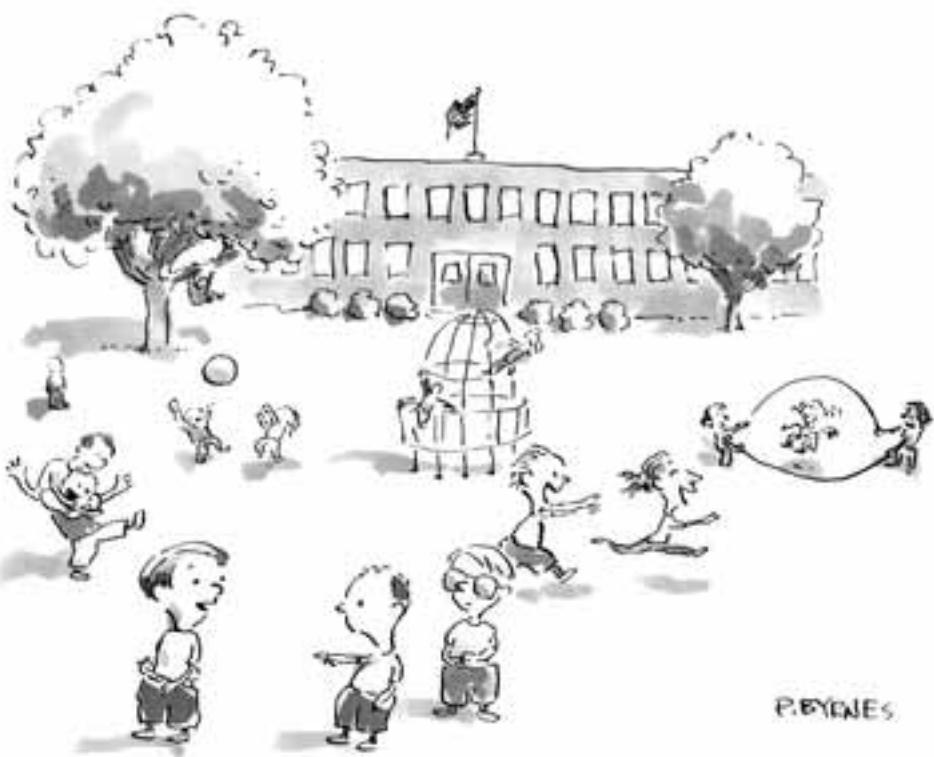




"Remember how big and clunky the first ones were?"



"We're hoping for an uptick."



"Yes, the underpants sighting is very interesting, but I'm really more intrigued by your observations of London and France."

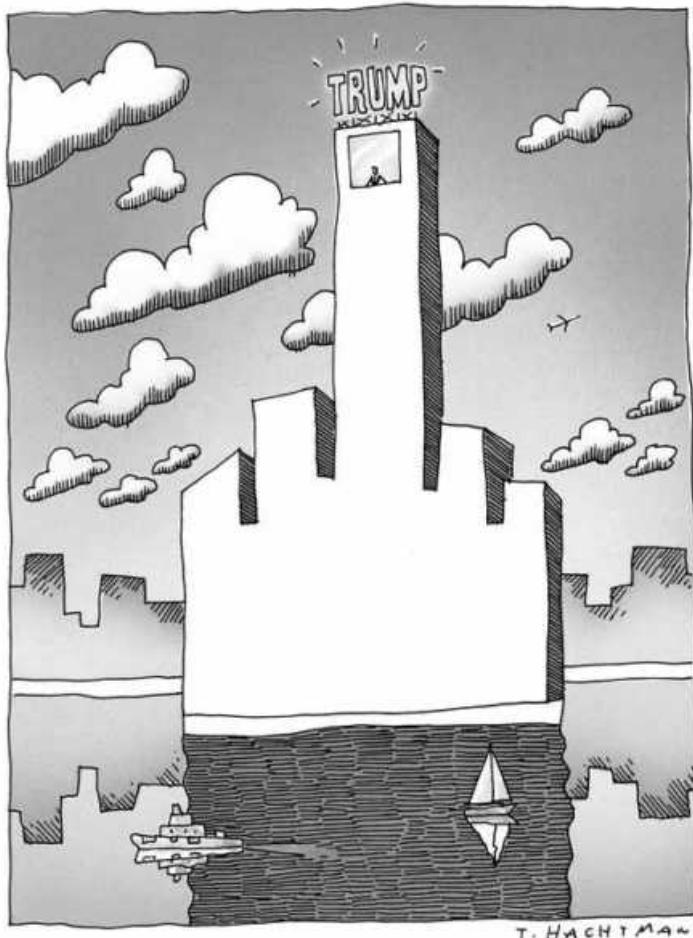


"Good news. Your execution was overturned on appeal."

FACES









*"The days of the bartender-psychologist are over, but
I can help if you have any software problems."*



"Call the Ford agency—another supermodel just blew away."



"I'm not trying to change you—I'm trying to enhance you."





“Frankly, I find style without substance a hell of a lot easier to cope with.”



*"We've got a lot of deadwood in this firm, Crawford.
Let's give it back to the community."*



"Great for worship then! Great for retail now!"



"I'll pencil you in for recess."



"I don't think it's sanitary to drink from the same footprint."



MARISA
ACOCELLA

*"I had a lovely time checking out great-looking men
checking out even better-looking men."*



*"Had I known then what I know now—that you have
the ability to attract ruby-throated hummingbirds—yes,
I probably would've married you."*





"I'm taking everything that looks twentieth-centuryish and tossing it."



*"Palmer, I want you to see to the legwork;
Moscowitz, you'll be my eyes and ears."*



"Hey, that's a cat trick."



“Yeah, yeah, yeah. Save it for the hair judge.”



"This is Kevin. Kevin was uncool before uncool was cool."



"Like all great art, it made me feel hopelessly inadequate."

OF MEN AND MICE



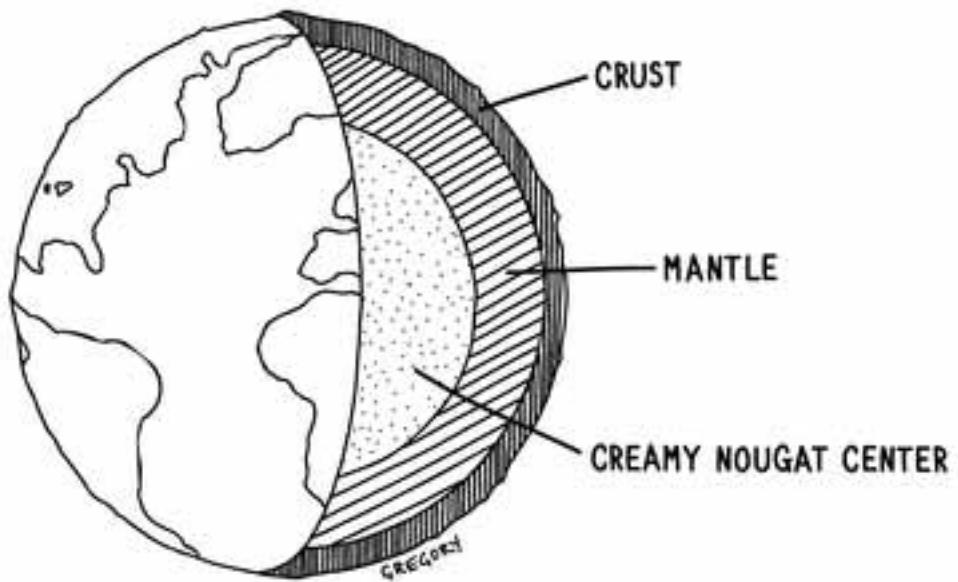
R. Chast



"Sorry, kid—your school voucher's no good here."



"That's a mighty big louse, but I'd hardly call it the louse of the century."





"Wait! I've got a quarter!"



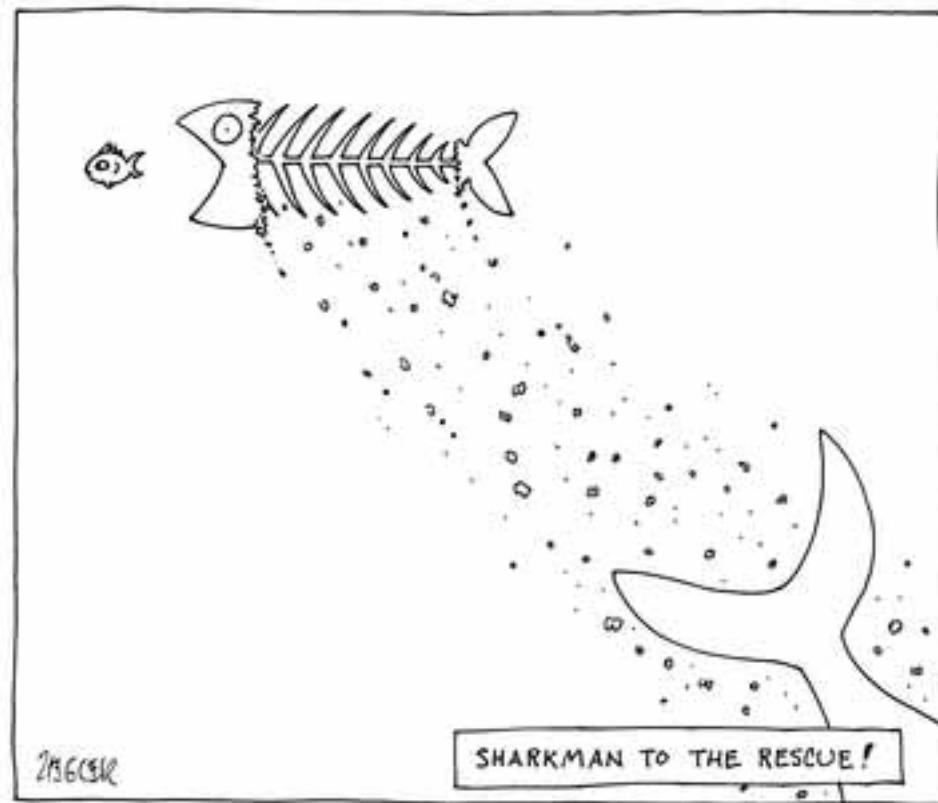
"O.K., here I am in the fourth grade, but is that really what I want to be doing with my life?"



"Our house wine is abominable."



Roz Chast



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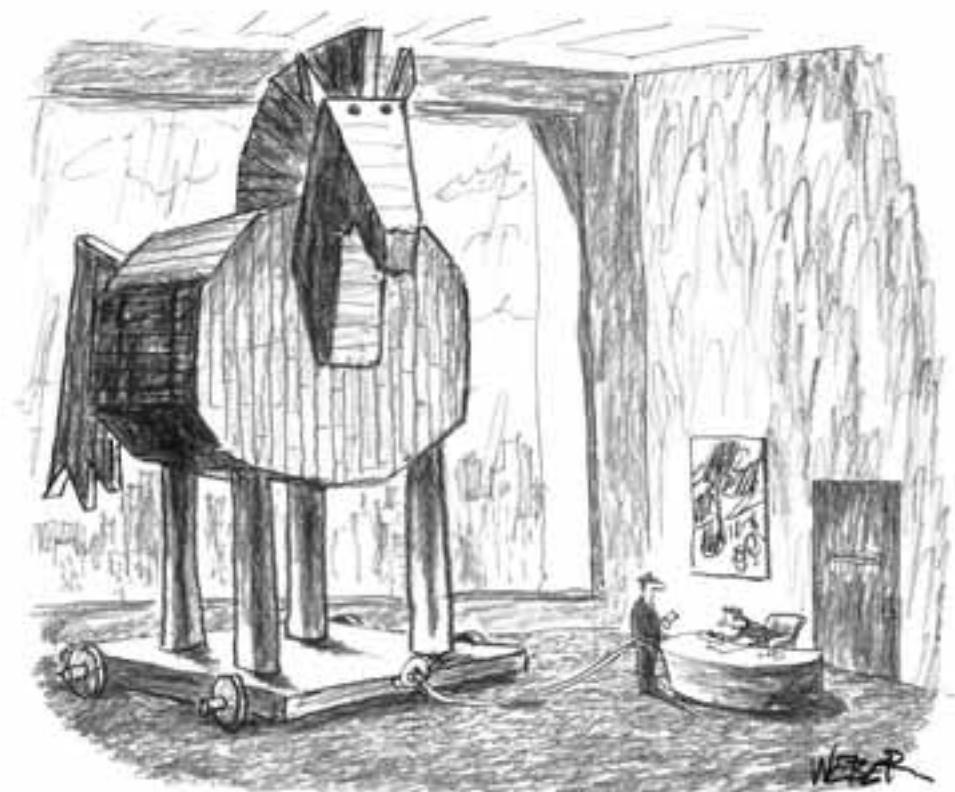
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PAIRS (2 OF 3)



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"Mr. Mosbacher, are you expecting anything via U.P.S.?"





"I had him declawed, de-toothed, de-whiskered, de-legged, and de-tailed."



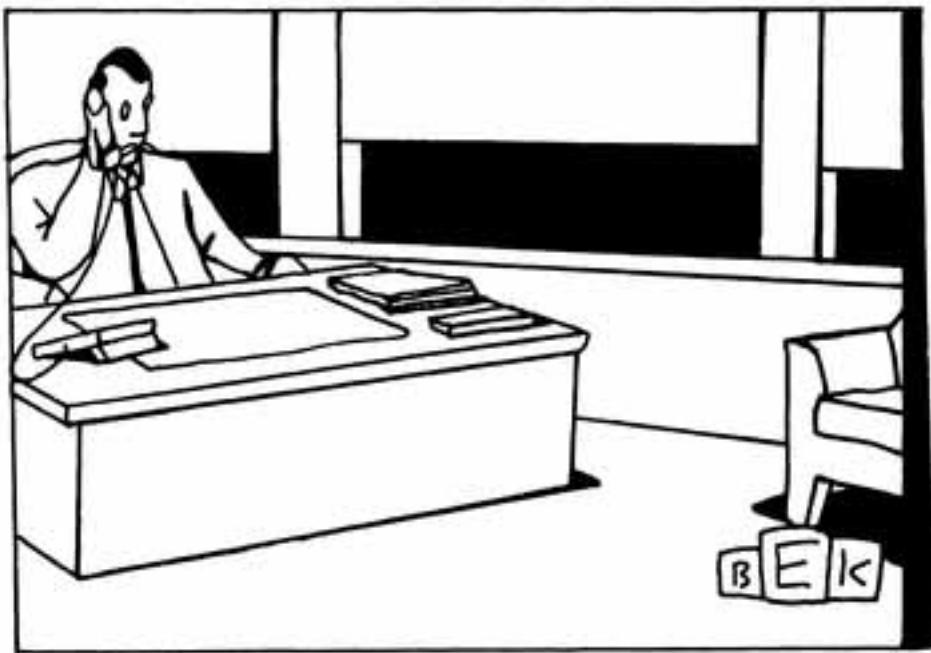
*"And then, in yet another stunning volte-face,
the artist rediscovered the human figure."*



“According to our time-and-motion studies, you handle your time very well but a lot of your motion is wasted.”



"Remember that, honey? Serious testosterone."



"As far as I'm concerned, it just takes my kind."



"Good news, Mrs. Bryant—I think we got it all."



"I sense a lot more going on with you than 'house-husband.' "



"Willard! About your mother's biscuits and coleslaw! Shut up about your mother's biscuits! And shut up about your mother's coleslaw!"



"And just what was that little window you clicked off when I came in?"



"I really, really enjoyed your hype."



"The ads just say 'Everybody in Leather'—they don't say how much."



"As a cost-cutting measure, for our fall list we have decided to bypass traditional bookstore sales and subsequent remaindering, and instead go directly to the shredder."





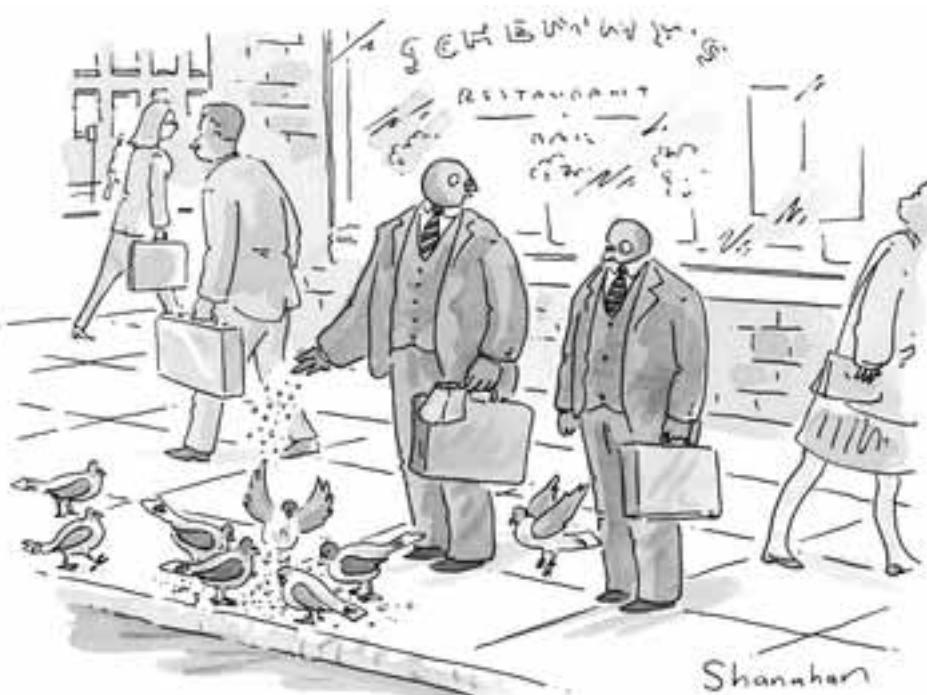
"Richard and I are planning on taking some time off just to enjoy our purchases."



"Any intellectual property yet, honey?"



"Yep, that's it—seven pages. I only write what I know."



"Never forget where you came from, son."



*“Somehow it never occurred to me that if I lived to be
ninety-six I’d be ninety-six for all eternity.”*



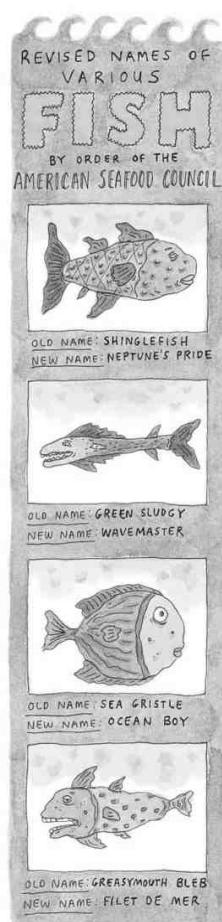


"He said he can't complain. Business is good."



"I thought it had a pretty good story and interesting characters, but I really didn't like the font."

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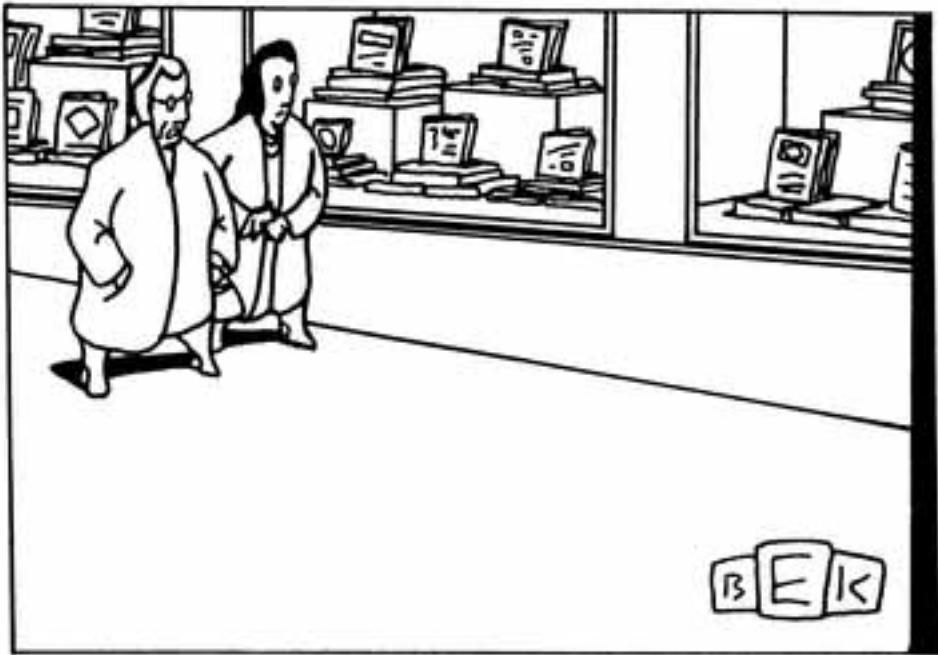
R. Chast



"Just don't come crawling back to me when I start becoming visible."



"Do we know for sure it's a concussion and not just a Keatsian swoon?"



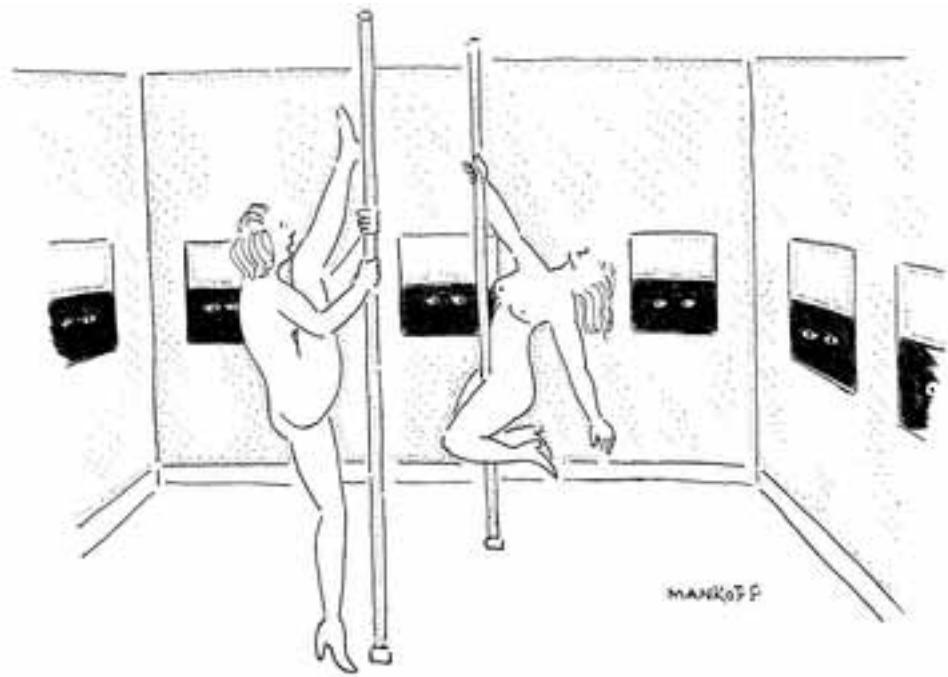
*"I do want to solve all my problems,
but I'll wait till it comes out in soft cover."*



"Yes, he is a pet detective, and he's here on business."



"You've hidden the mosquito repellent, haven't you, Martha?"



"No doubt about it. The Internet poses a great threat to personal privacy."



B. Smaller

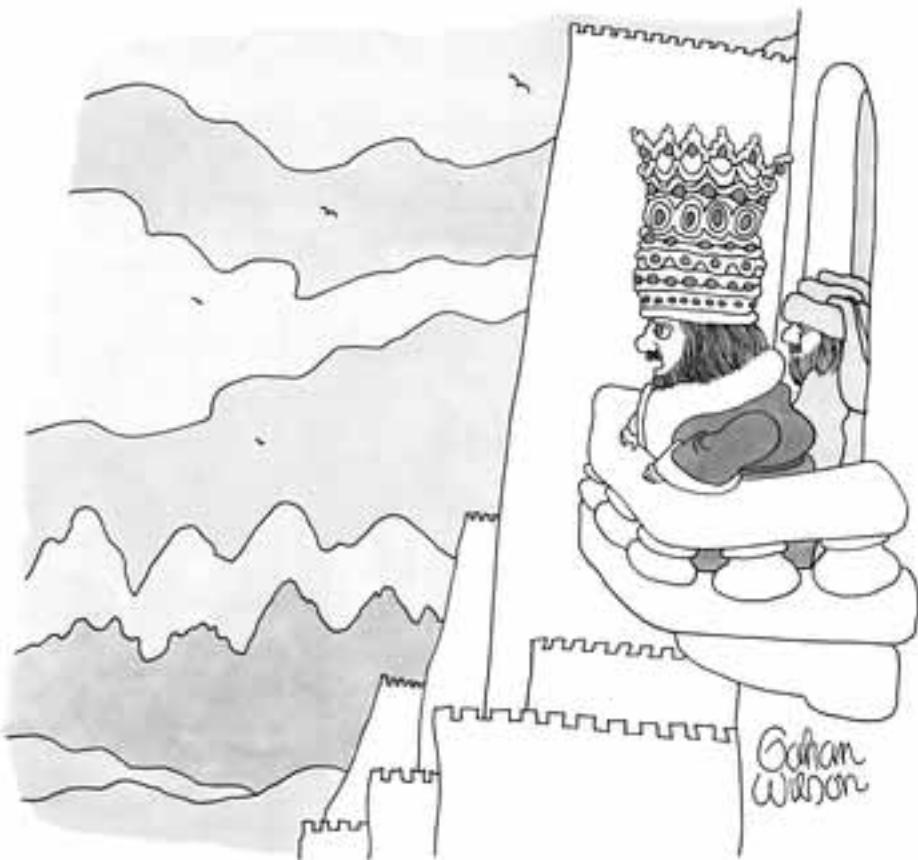
"A lot of homework?"



"I've consolidated all our bills into one missed payment."



“Could you not call me Ray this time?”



"Of course, it helped that my father was also a king."



*"Well, if you're not going to say anything
could you please exude something?"*



"Oh, great! Here comes the policeman of the world again."



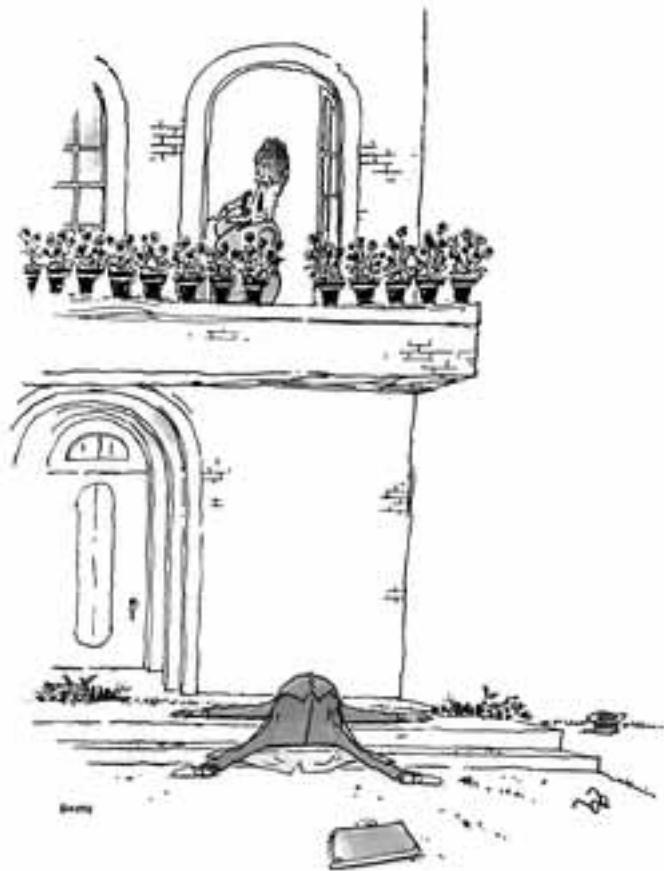
“Son, everyone went to college in the sixties—there was a war going on.”



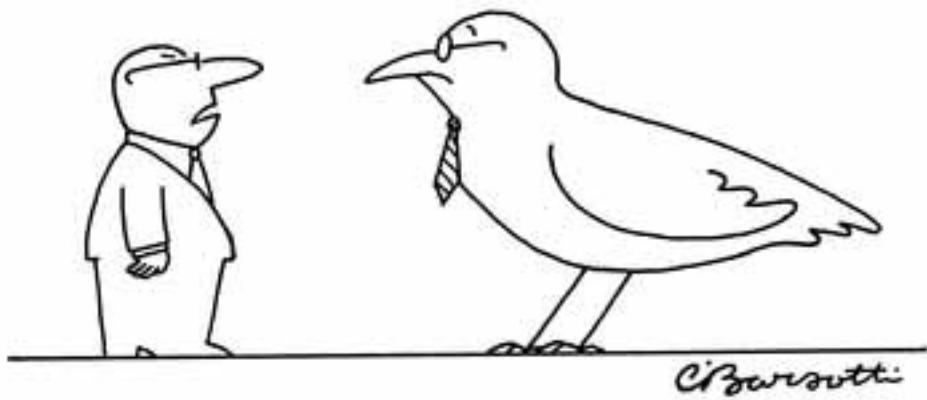
*"I hope you've noticed that our menu is
refreshingly devoid of creativity."*



"Now, with a firm twist, I'll remove his attorney."



"This is Mrs. Burlington Wells. One of my begonias went off by accident and killed Mr. Goodrich."



*"Nonsense, I'm sure you'll have no trouble at all
readjusting to life in the wild."*





"Good Lord, Professor! There it goes—the theory of everything!"

GROWNUP HAPPY MEALS

#1: Uncle Ed Special

Burger
Six gin-and-tonics
Lottery ticket
Aspirin



#2: Grandma's Delight

Burger
Bran muffin
Nineteen prunes
Metamucil shake



#3: New Ager

Burger
Herbal tea
Shiatsu foot massage
Scented candle
Windham Hill cassette



#4: Up, Up and Away

Burger
Seven coffees
Chocolate cake
Three cigarettes
Piece of nicotine gum
NoDoz





"I lost everything in the Beanie Baby crash of '99."



"Do that thing where you leave."

The Tragedy of Prosperity



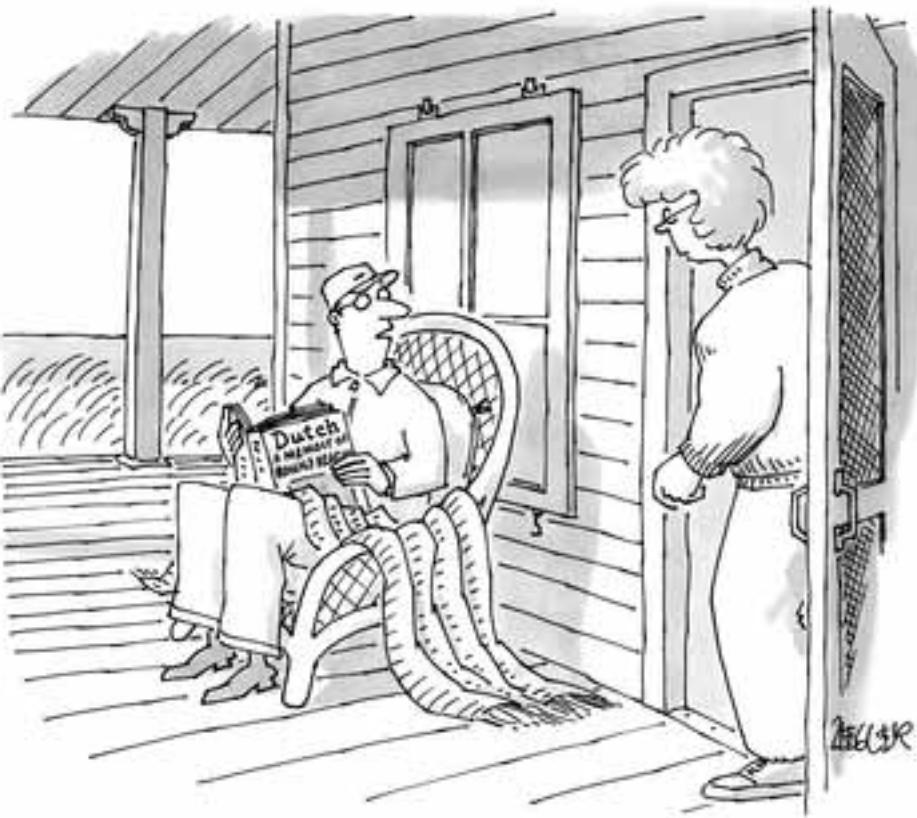
...plus, of course, nine little bottles of hotel shampoos and five bottles of conditioner, just in case we HAPPEN TO RUN OUT.

It's not like we have unusually dirty hair.

We don't collect it in some "ironic" way.

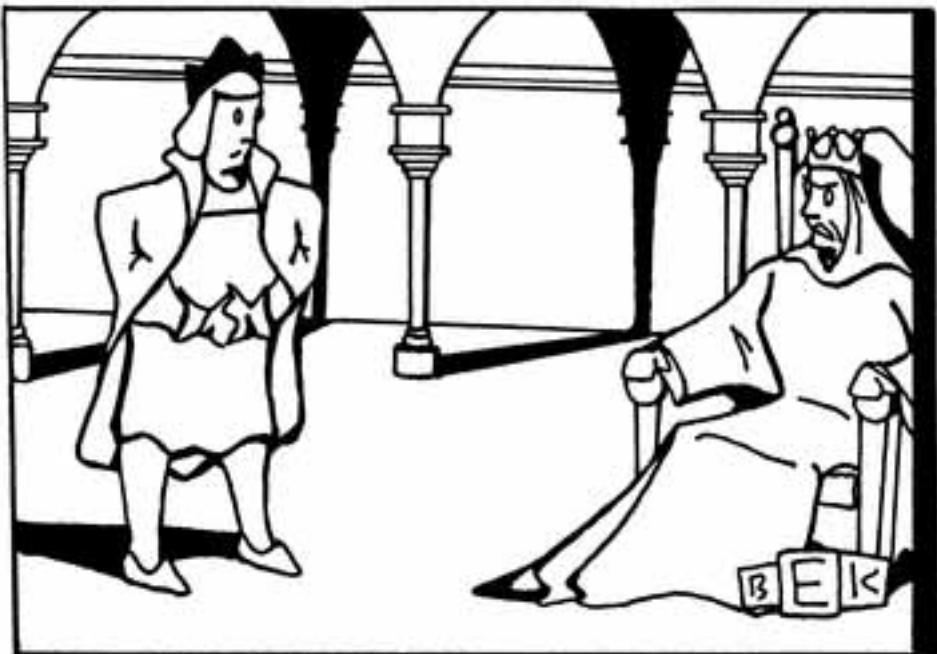
Frankly, I don't know why we have all of them.

NEXT WEEK:
AN AWFUL LOT
OF CEREAL



*"Not a single mention of how 'Bedtime for Bonzo'
fits into the big picture."*





*"Just tell me about the new continent. I don't give a damn
what you've discovered about yourself."*



*"Actually, I'm hoping what I'm going to be
when I grow up hasn't been invented yet."*



DONNELLY

*"No, I can't come and play now, Bobby.
My dad's teaching me how to eat pizza."*



"I'm told the omelettes here have a broader purpose."



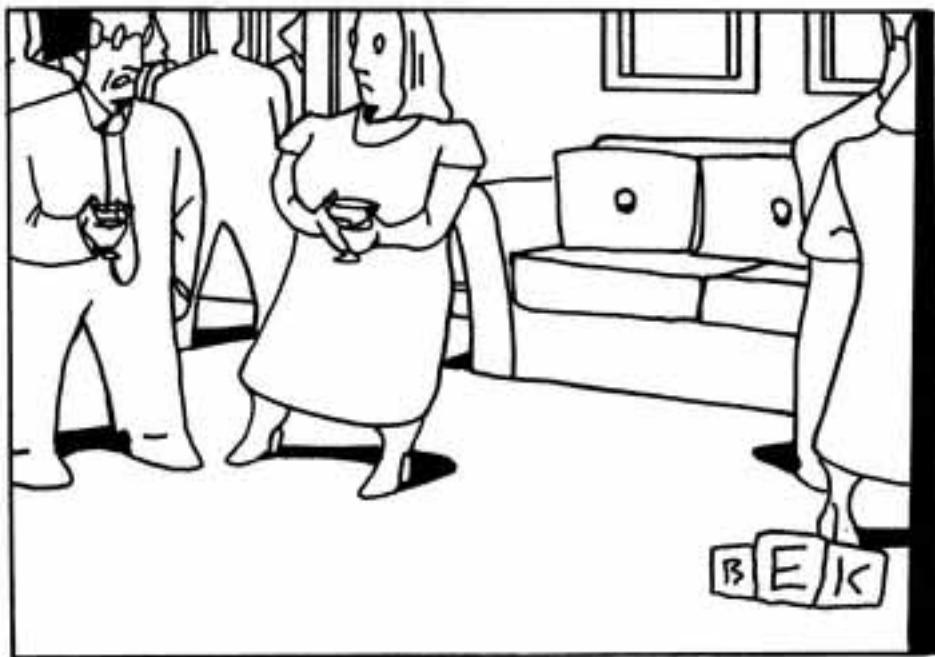
*"I, too, want to preserve the environment, just as it is:
acid rain, holes in the ozone layer, lots of crap in the air."*



*"Well, I hope you're happy, Mr. Science Genius.
Now you've killed your little sister."*



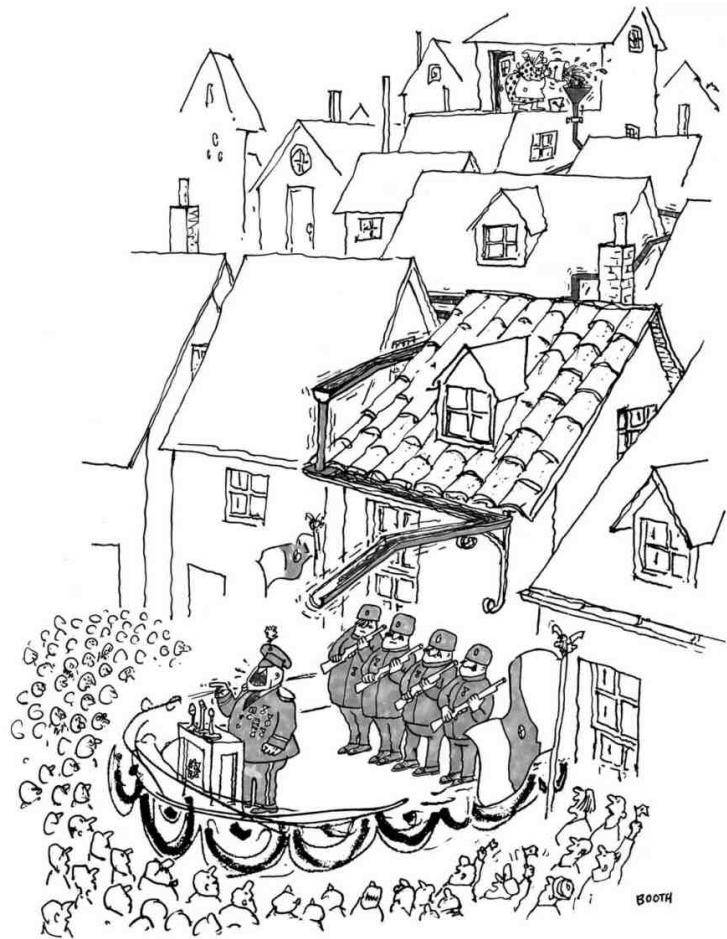
*"Ooh, look, Tom. A bright-yellow rubber worm
with a sharp metal hook in it."*



*"In the future, everyone's going to stop talking
about being famous for fifteen minutes."*



"Would you mind stepping out of the pumpkin, please?"





"Ah, youth!"





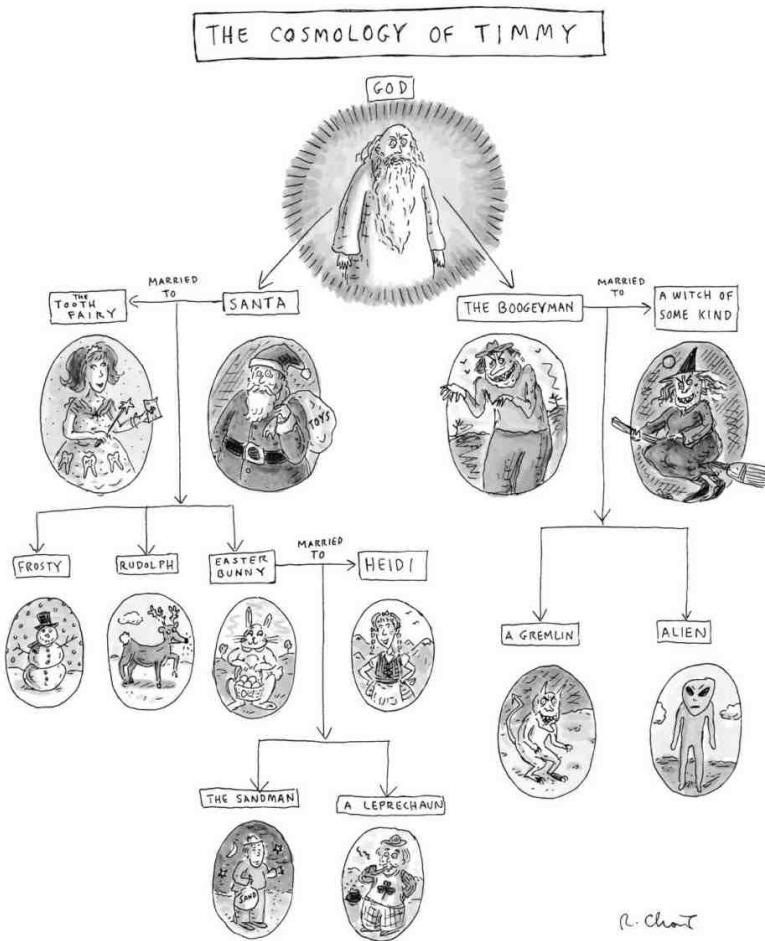
"If it's any consolation, toward the end he was high as a kite."



"I think he was a celebrity."



“Thank you, but I’ve already provided for my children’s college education.”





"You look sensational!"



"I like to think that each generation will need a little less therapy than the generation before."

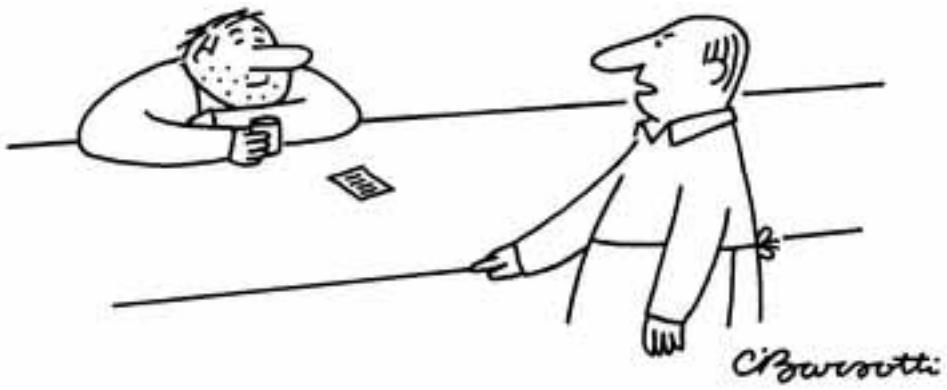


"Lieutenant, he left a suicide sticky."





"What shall we do with that hour we gain this weekend?"



"I don't want stock options. I want you to pay your tab."



“Susan Faludi would like to buy you a brewski.”





"I've seen the future and it's my mother."



"I'm looking for a nice cottage in a wooded area that would appeal to children in the four-to-seven age group."



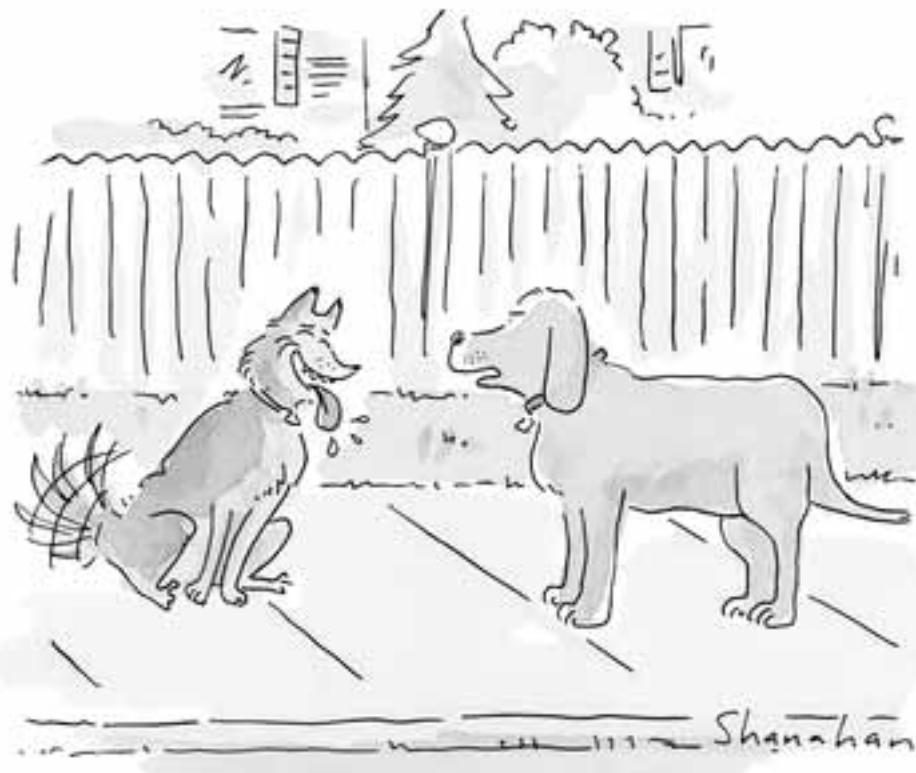
"It's been a perfect evening—why ruin it with aggravated assault?"



"I think you'll like this idea—it's sort of 'dull' meets 'inoffensive.' "



*"I don't think, David, that agreeing to disagree
is a good foundation for marriage."*



"It's me, Lucky—you can drop the best-friend shtick."



"What are you doing outside of coach?"



"Now, were those friends of yours Gettys or Gottis?"





"Can anyone remember what our core business is?"



"And that's how ya clean a deer!"



"We do it, Havermeyer, because our corporate parent says we must."







"Have you ever seen a dream walking? Well, I have."



"I like that—'compassionate predators.' "



"O.K., which cup is your job under now?"



"They've remained remarkably faithful to the text."





"Interesting weekend, Prendergast?"



"I looked at you and thought, I bet this man runs marathons."





"Unfortunately, you have what we call 'no insurance.'"



*"You know, when I get over my thing for bad boys,
Chip, you're going to be one of the first to know."*



"Go to accounting and crunch the numbers people."



“Since we don’t do payback dinners, how does eighty bucks sound for the reasonably decent evening I think we’ve all had?”



"I can't really talk about it. They're all for secret sexual stuff."



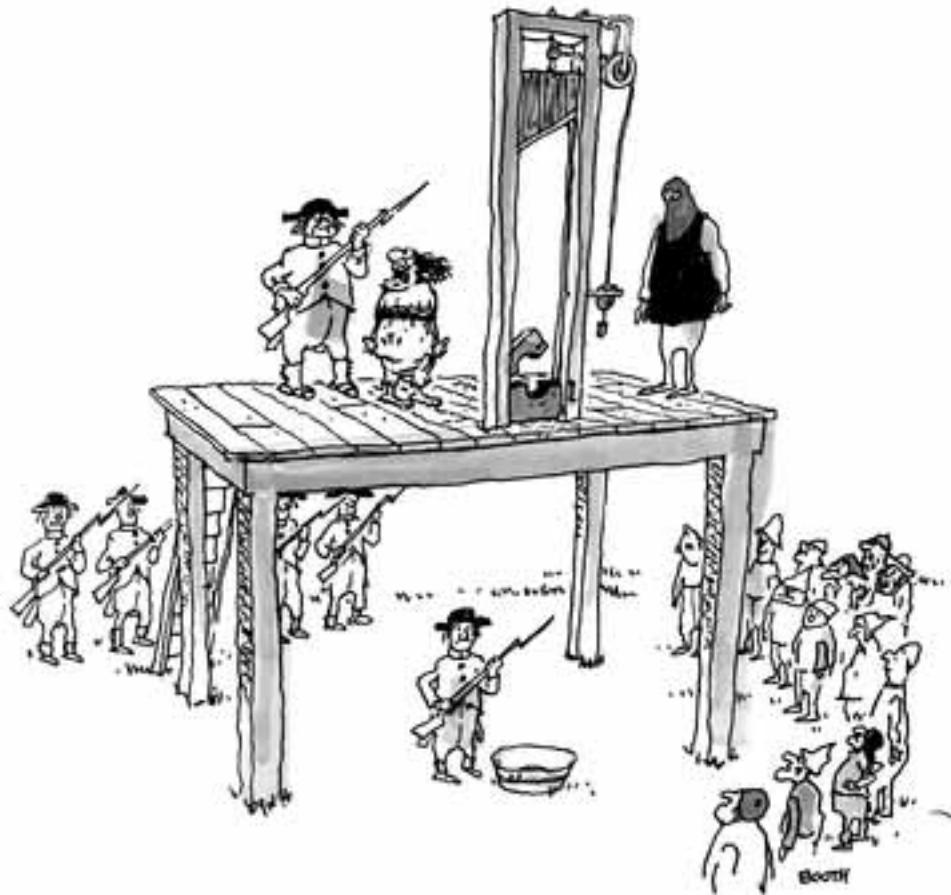
*"To avoid the tedium of this endless socializing,
Eddie, I have decided, beginning Monday, to obtain
all my future booze from Amazon.com."*



"I know I said I would marry you, but that was four hundred points ago!"



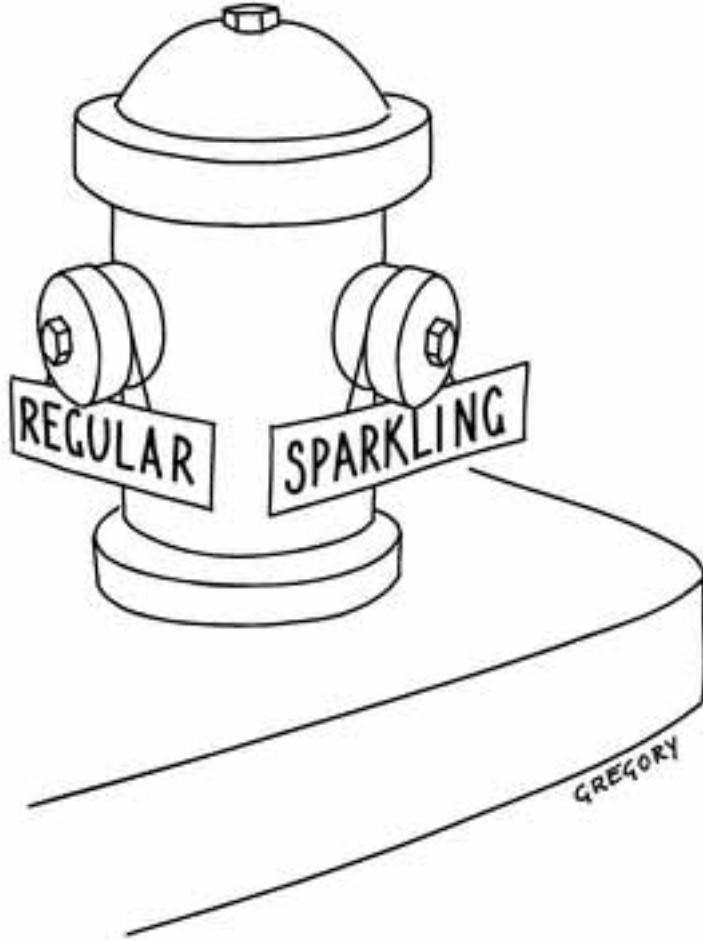
"Please stay on the line. All of our customer-service representatives are kidding around and throwing paper airplanes at each other."



"I have to go wee-wee."



"And this is Daniel, who is busy working toward his degree in money."





"Is the homework fresh?"



"They suspect foul play."



"Leave your coats on the bed for collateral."



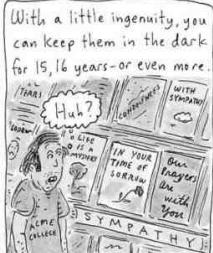
B. Smaller

"I hope you kept the box it came in."

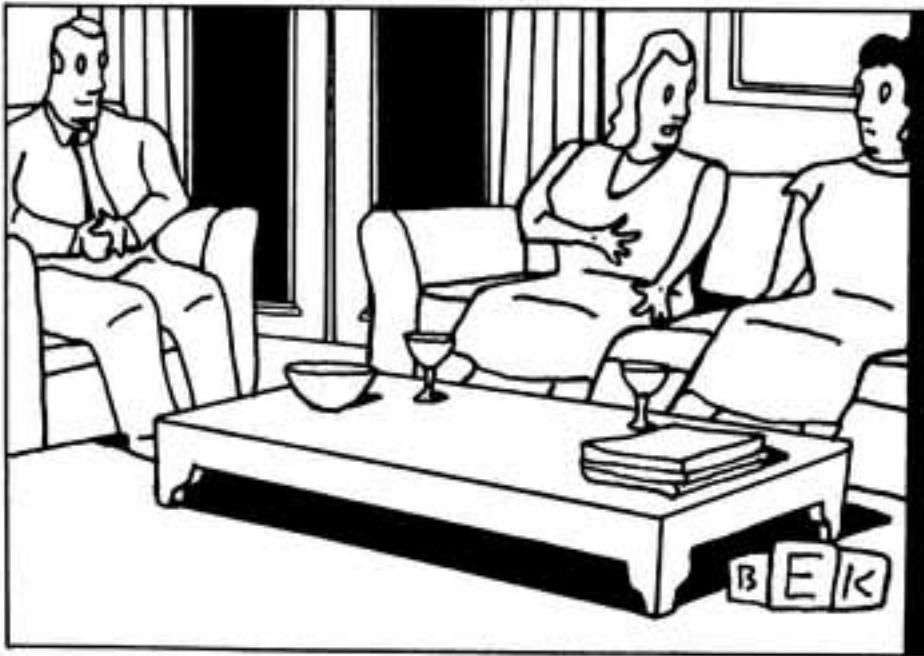


*"Genetic engineering got us into this mess,
and genetic engineering will get us out of it."*

FOR THEIR OWN GOOD



R. Chast



“Sometimes I think he can understand every word we’re saying.”







*"When I actually was this age, I didn't have
much facial expression anyway."*



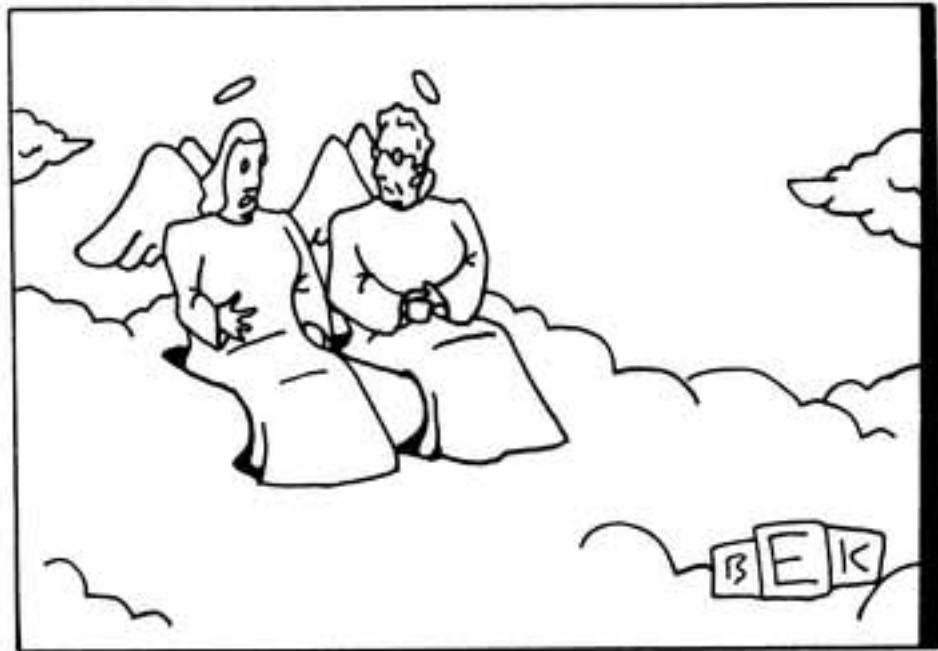
*"We've got kind of a noir thing happening here, Manny.
The girlie cigarette doesn't exactly add."*



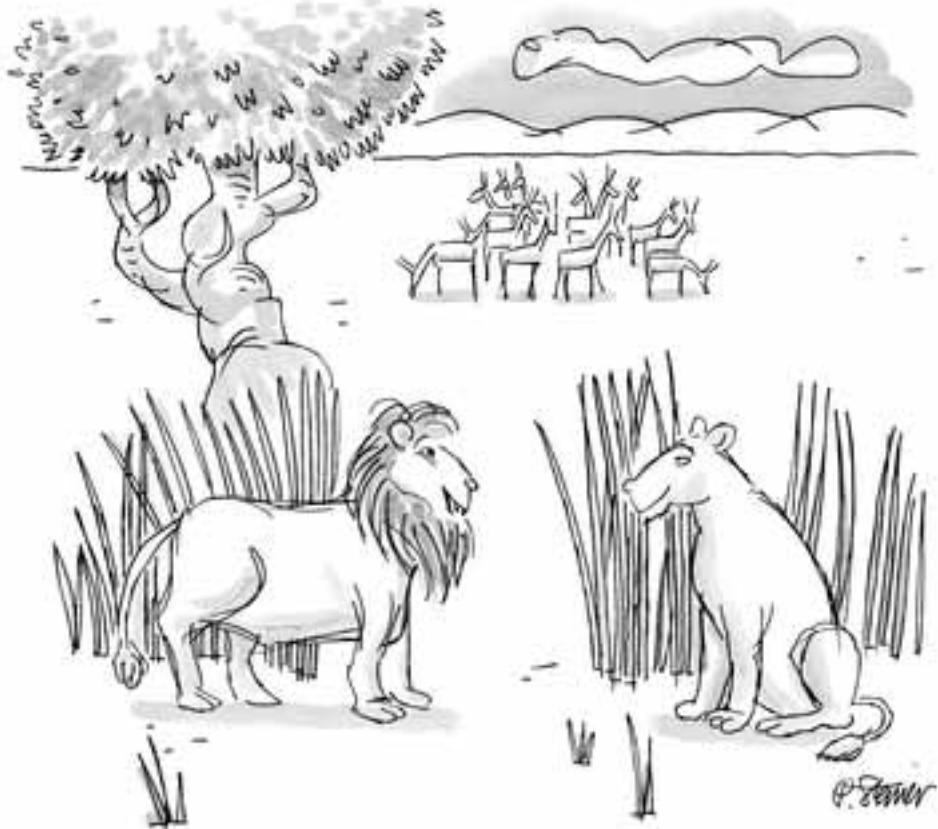
"I'm attracted to you, but then I'm attracted to me, too."



"Please listen carefully, as my menu options have changed."



"Is this what I want to be doing with my death?"



"Can I get you something to eat?"



"Tell me more about the years you spent in formaldehyde at Area 51."



"Luckily, none of the people inside appear to be celebrities."



"You are so stubborn."

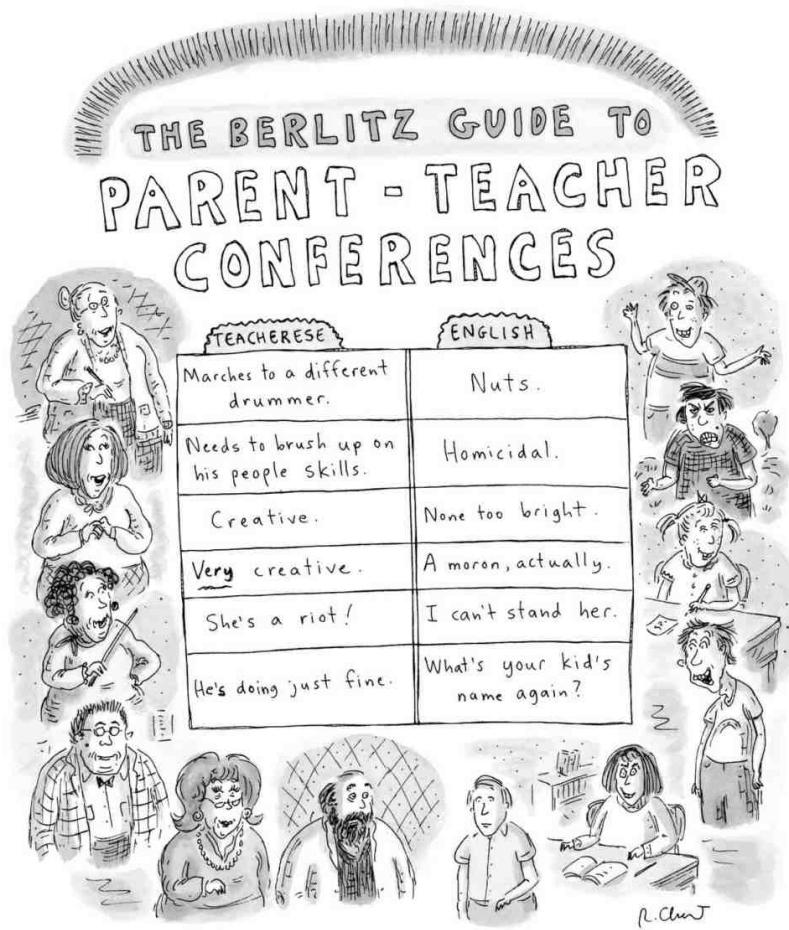


"This is Daddy, honey. That was Daddy's office voice."





"From right to left, you have your tekkamaki, your futomaki, and then your yamaimo roll. The little pile of pink stuff is ginger, the green one's wasabi. And, of course, you already recognize your vodka martini."







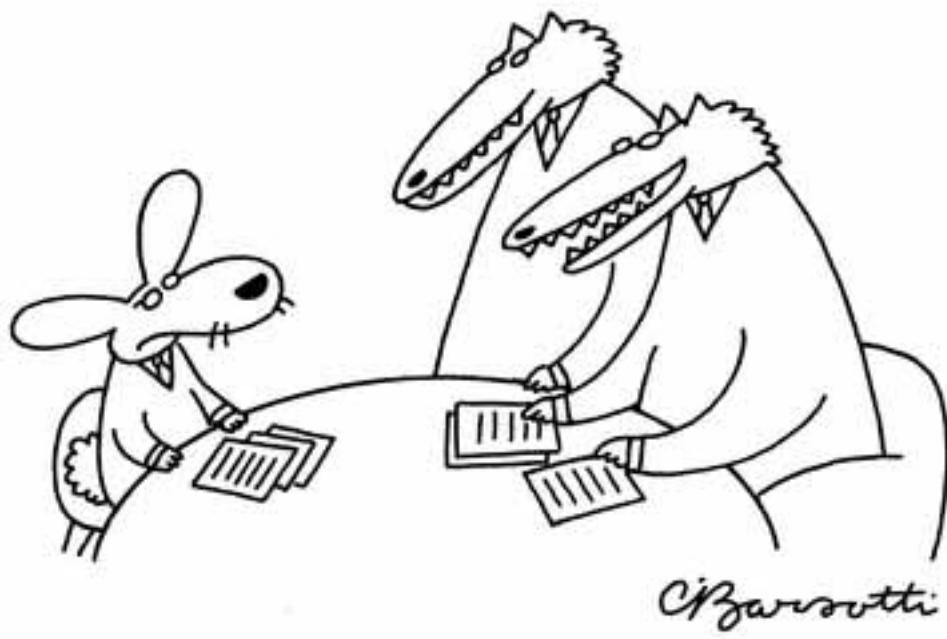
"He killed in rehab."



*"I still say we should get a queen-size mattress—
despite the obvious jokes it will invite among the sales staff."*



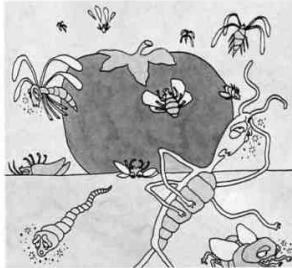
"Is the rabbit cute?"



"There. Now it's all on paper. Feel better?"



There have been outcries against our nation's efforts to genetically manipulate the food we eat and export.



The big corporations claim they're only helping edibles fight off bugs and other natural enemies.



They say that consumers who worry about the use of human-genome technology suffer from overactive imaginations.



It hasn't occurred to them that unless we slow down this acceleration of evolution or enact a similar program for ourselves . . .



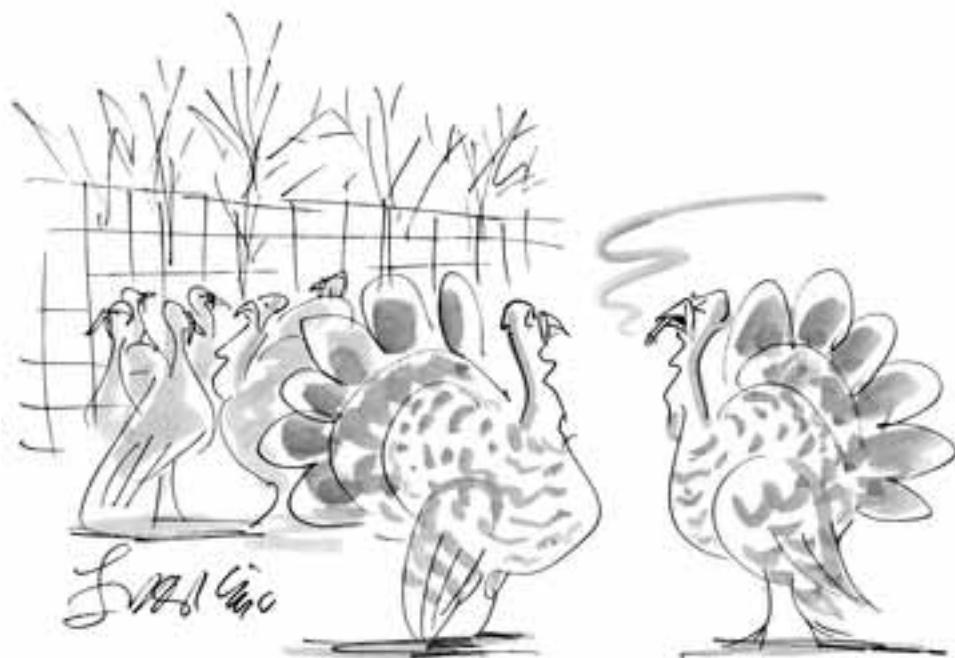
our food's increasing ability to adapt to a hostile environment may result in a reversal of the food chain.



And that would serve us right.



"Good news, hon. Your doctor now has the right to recommend treatment."



"So what. Nobody lives forever."



"Made it in six. Billed them for seven."



B. Smaller

*"I've just realized that the nagging little voice inside her head
that she'll hear for the rest of her life is mine."*



*"You do the hokeypokey and you turn yourself around—
that's what it's all about."*



"I want you to meet Dave. You'll get a kick out of his money."



"Don't be silly. If something's worth doing, it's worth doing fast!"



*"Your father and I just want you to know that we're
behind you one hundred per cent should you decide to
go back to being a dope addict."*



*"The difference between a correction and
a crash is usually your portfolio."*

THE FUNNIES (1 OF 14)



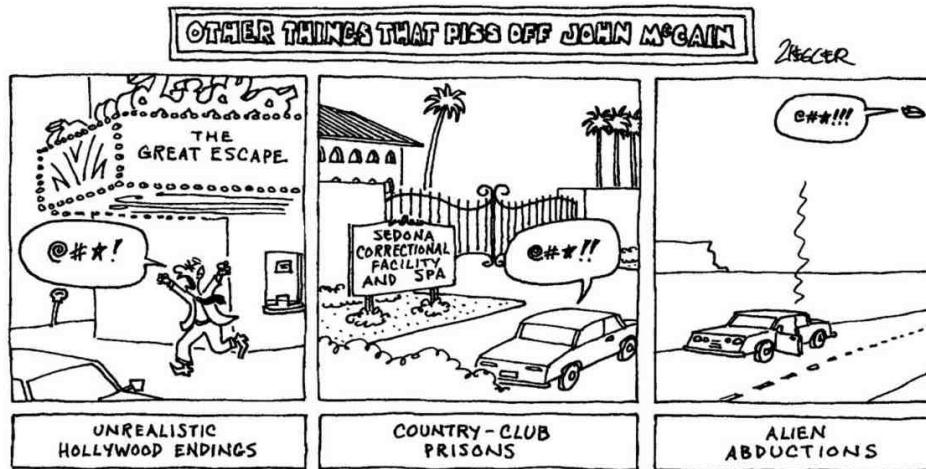
"Mom, I am not a billionaire! A billion is like a thousand million. I'm worth a hundred million. A hundred million is just a hundred million."

THE FUNNIES (2 OF 14)



"Actually, right now I'm in retox."

THE FUNNIES (3 OF 14)



THE FUNNIES (4 OF 14)



"Shows you how much I know."

THE FUNNIES (5 OF 14)



Danny Shanahan/Dorin

THE FUNNIES (6 OF 14)



*"Your editor wants to know if you have
enough flexibility to just give up."*

THE FUNNIES (7 OF 14)



"Are you sure this ice floe is going to pass by the nursing home?"

THE FUNNIES (8 OF 14)



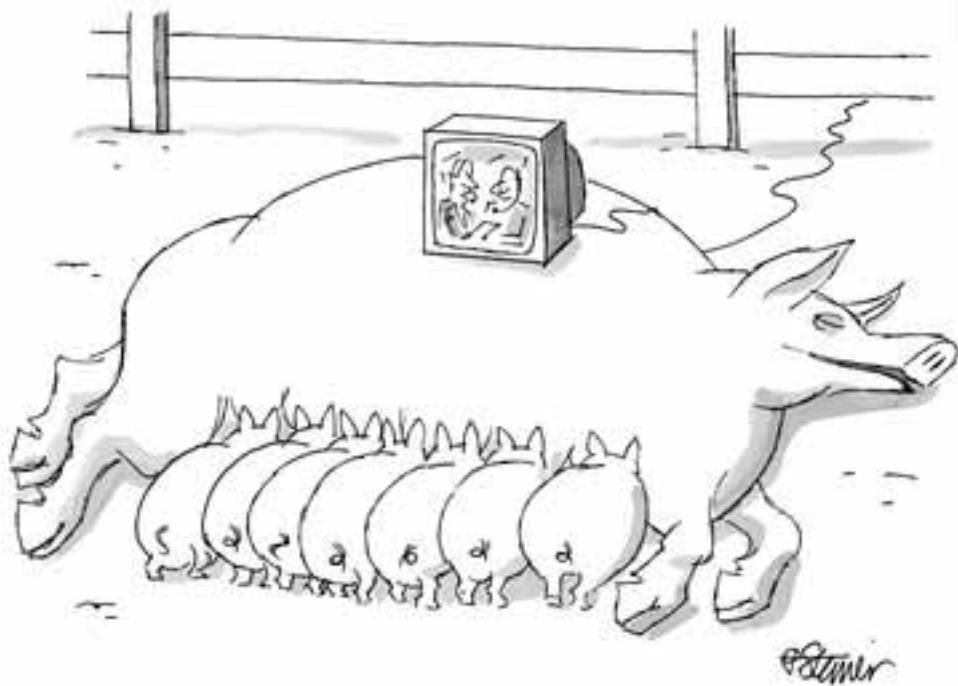
"Now, that's product placement!"

THE FUNNIES (9 OF 14)



"Would the gentleman prefer an antidepressant?"

THE FUNNIES (10 OF 14)



THE FUNNIES (11 OF 14)



"Does this make me your bitch?"

THE FUNNIES (12 OF 14)



"It's sort of like a compass, see, except that wherever you are in the world it points toward Connecticut."

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THE FUNNIES (13 OF 14)



*"When the Court questions a witness, the witness
is not permitted to reply, 'Let's not go there.'"*

THE FUNNIES (14 OF 14)



*"Mr. Brenson shed his skin this morning.
Is it possible for you to reschedule?"*

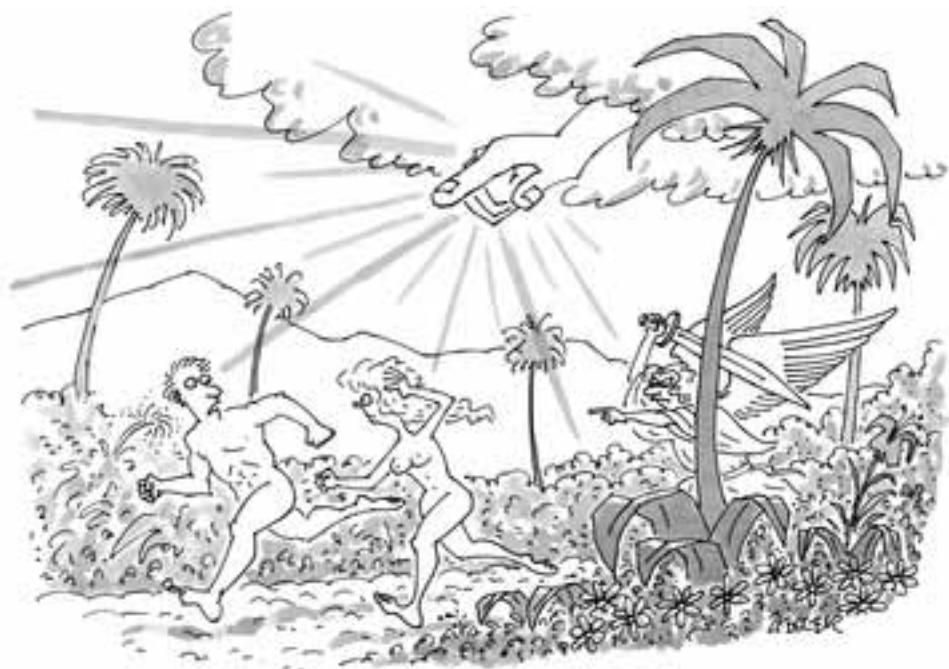


"When I grow up, I want to be rediscovered."





*"It says here that you gave a lot of money to both parties
and neither expected nor received anything in return. Very nice,
but we'll have to put you in the crazy section."*



"At least, we don't have to sit through some big, prolonged trial."



"Goodbye, Masked Kid, and thanks for all the help!"



*"You make me want to be a better man, Olivia.
Then maybe I could find somebody else."*



"We blew a fuse."



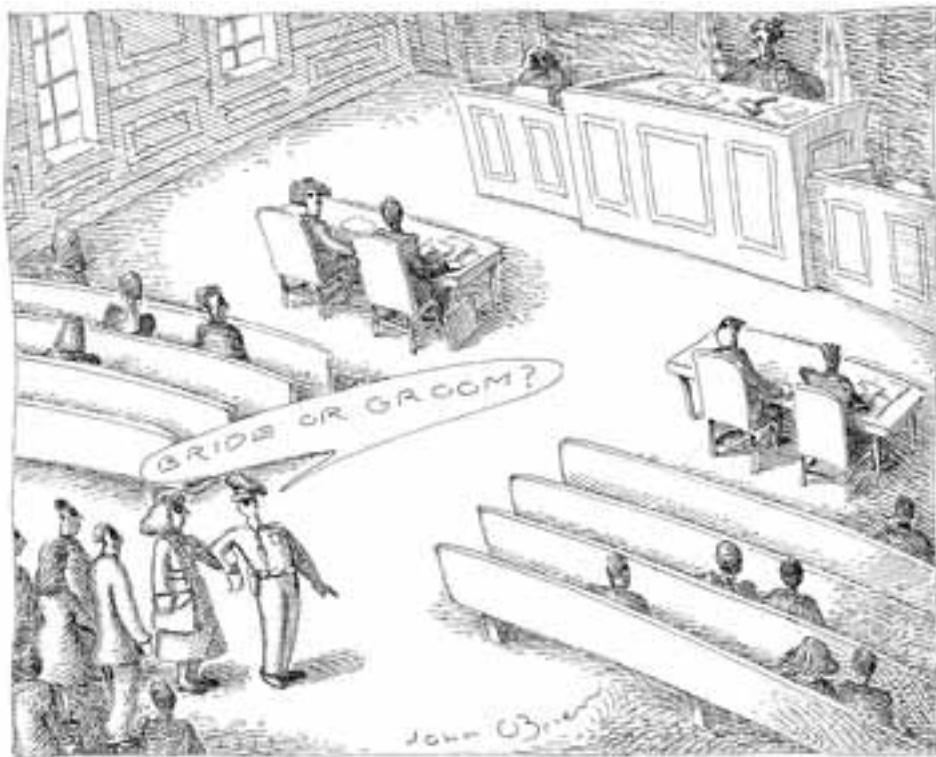
"He's talking now, but only through his attorney."



"ACTUALLY, I DON'T THINK DOLE'S ADMINISTRATION WOULD
HAVE BEEN MUCH DIFFERENT FROM CLINTON'S —
EXCEPT, OF COURSE, FOR THE BLOW JOBS. "



"I can't decide whether to turn pro first or go directly into rehab."

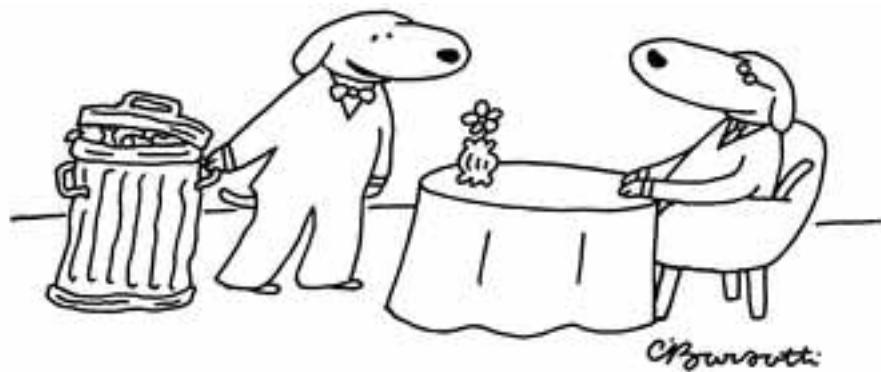




"And that one I tagged with a flamethrower from ten yards."



"This may surprise you, Worthington, but I'm a man who believes that nothing in life is as important as family."



"The special, sir. Shall I spread it out or will you knock it over yourself?"



"Actually, the attraction wasn't freedom from religious persecution but, rather, the all-you-can-eat buffet."



*"He's moving his campaign headquarters back to Paris.
He wants to be closer to the French people."*



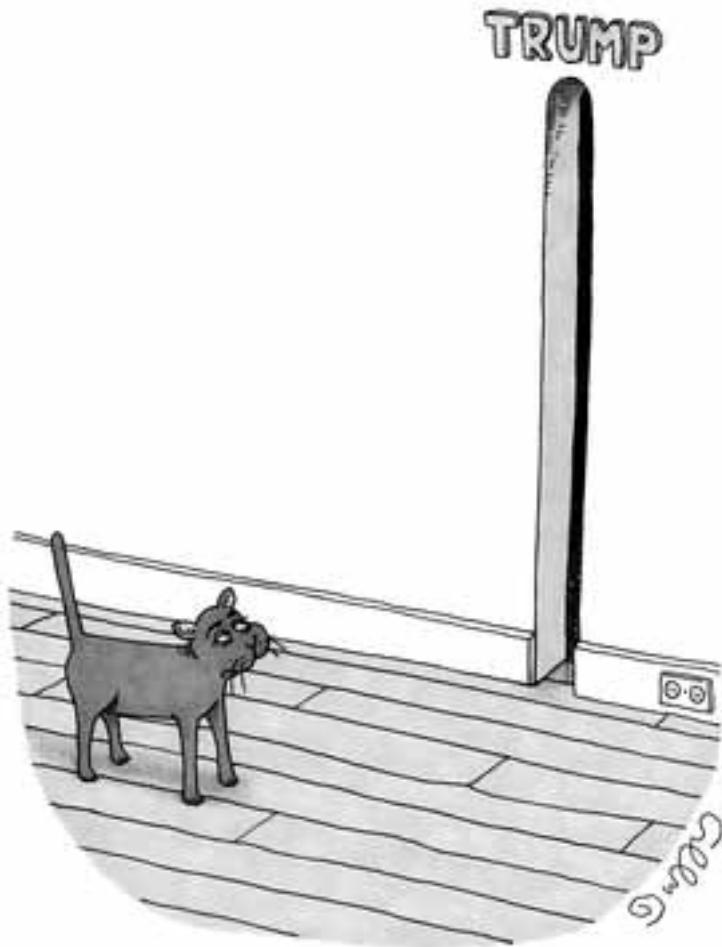
"It's our time of Thanksgiving."



"We do all our own parenting."



"Well, once again I find myself all pumped up with no place to go."





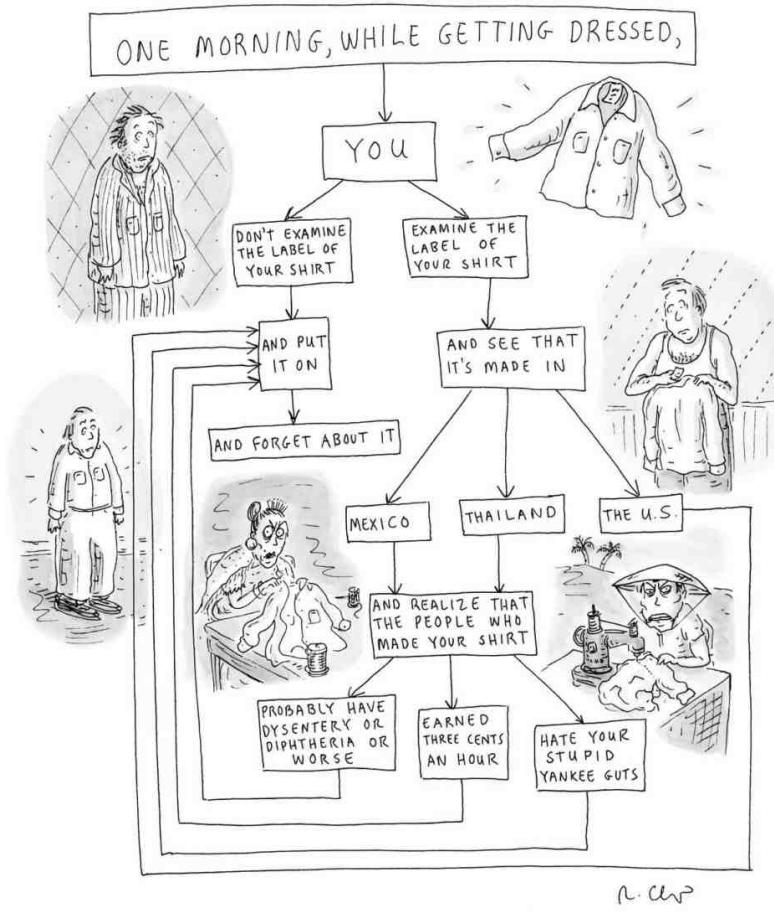
"I'm pretty sure it's a jaybird."



*"Why is it that they always go around
talking about how they earned their stripes?"*



*"A red-figure volute krater attributed
to a painter of the Syleus sequence!
Maynard, you shouldn't have!"*





*"You need a transplant, but there are very
few good parts for middle-aged women."*



"I wish you'd get into the spirit of this thing, Brewster!"



*"Please be patient with me, Christopher.
The arts are an important part of my life!"*



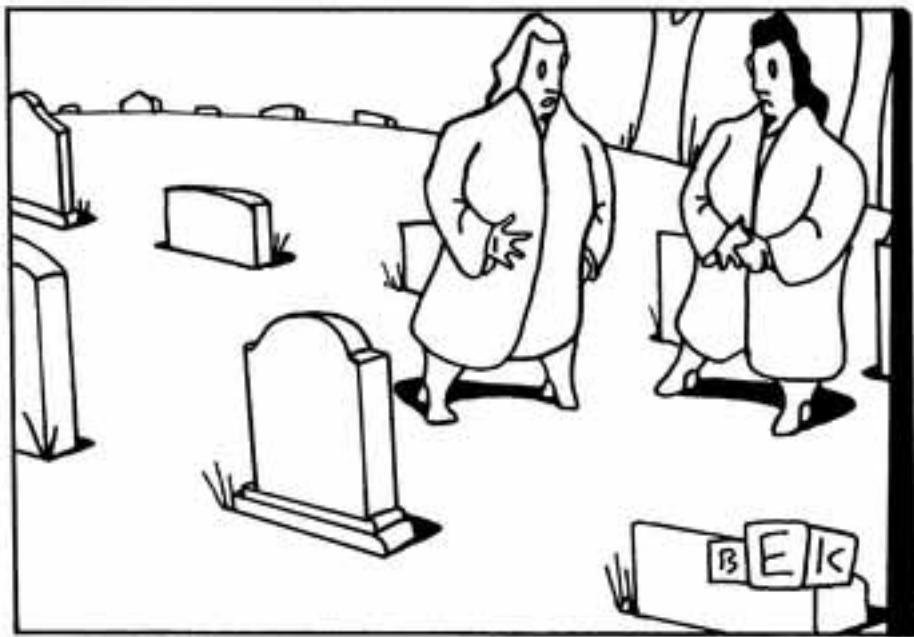
"This séance may be monitored and recorded for quality-control purposes."



"Loved our evening, Lou. Thanks for being rich."



*"As we all know, the Christmas party is coming up.
Are we all thinking about fun spaces?"*



*"You can't keep living in the past.
Maybe it's time you started killing other people."*



"Careful, kiddo. A lot of junk mail looks first class."



"It's the millennium, so maybe we should plan something special for New Year's Eve."



"If there is anyone who objects to this union, either here or on the Internet, speak now or forever hold your peace."



"Stop complaining. Who isn't broke?"





"I'll say a normal word, then you say the first sick thing that pops into your head."



"No, we are not twins."



"It was just that one time that you won the Nobel Prize, wasn't it, dear?"



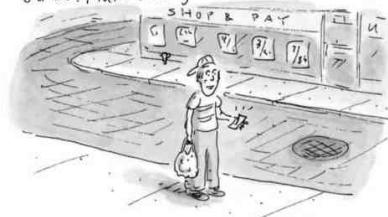
*"All these people you invited—
are they friends or just inventory?"*

1999

HOME SCHOOLING

[Math]

Go to the grocery store with ten bucks. Buy milk, bread, a pack of Tareytons, and a TV Guide. Make sure you return with the right change.


[Science]

The venetian blinds are grimy. Experiment till you find the best way to get them clean.


[Social Studies]

Leave the house for a couple of hours and observe people.


[English]

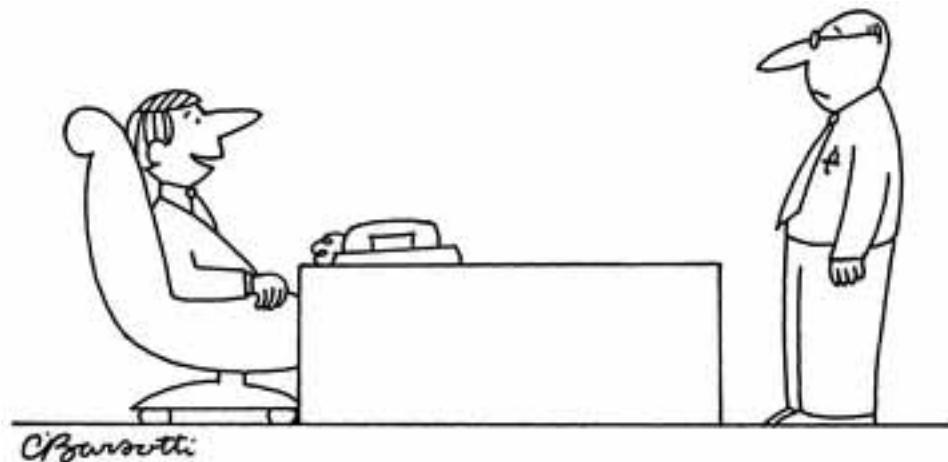
Go to your room and read for as long as you like.



R. CHAST



*"Unfortunately, my crime spree occurred just before
today's level of incompetence set in at the F.B.I."*



"Gosh, I wish somebody would tell me to take early retirement."



"I know he's in here somewhere!"





*"If it slows down, just ask my father about the murder
he always swears he did not commit."*



"It's not just me, Dad. Amazon.com has never made a cent, either."



"Purchase or lease?"



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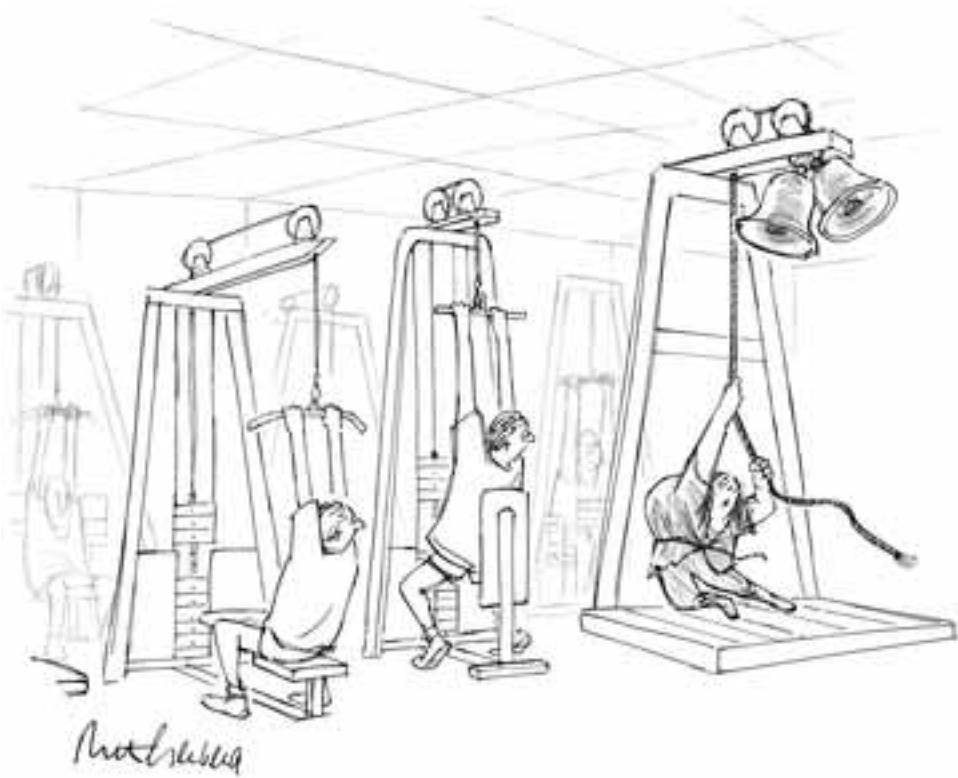
*"We're about ready to play 'Meet Your Maker,' but,
first, let's meet the recently deceased."*

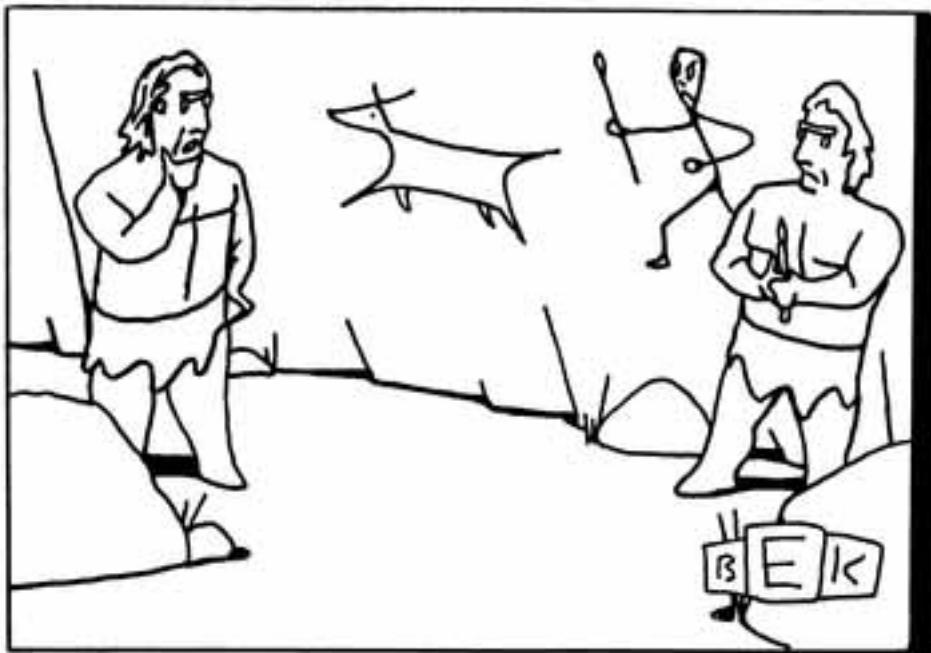


"We're still a damn good race when it comes to catching a cab."



"But we're not homeless. We're on a camping trip."





"Maybe you could make the hunter more likable."

IN A JUST WORLD

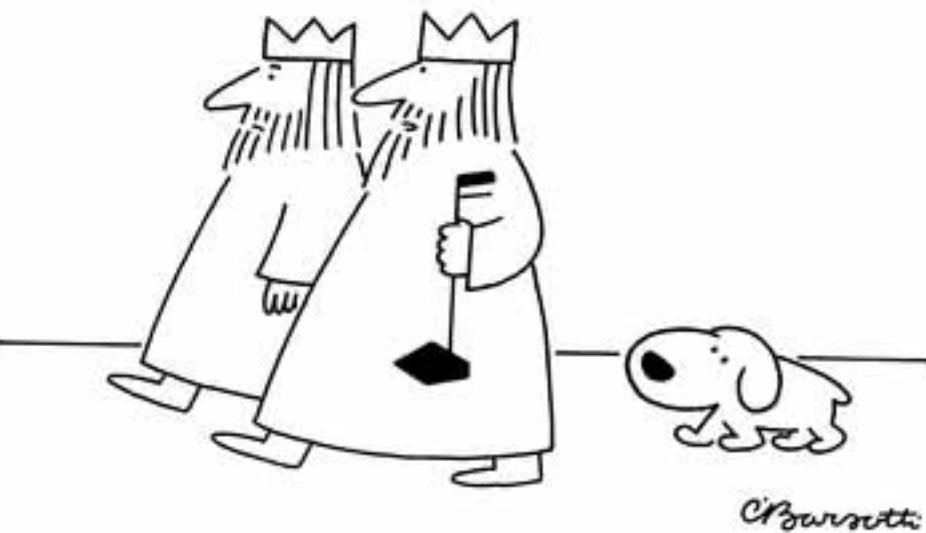




"Bad sex! Bad, bad, bad sex!"



*"His life was hanging by a thread,
and then somebody fed him the bean burrito."*



"It's good for my image."



"My only regret in life is that I never had a brainchild."



"We're in H.M.O.s—the closest to legit we've been in years."



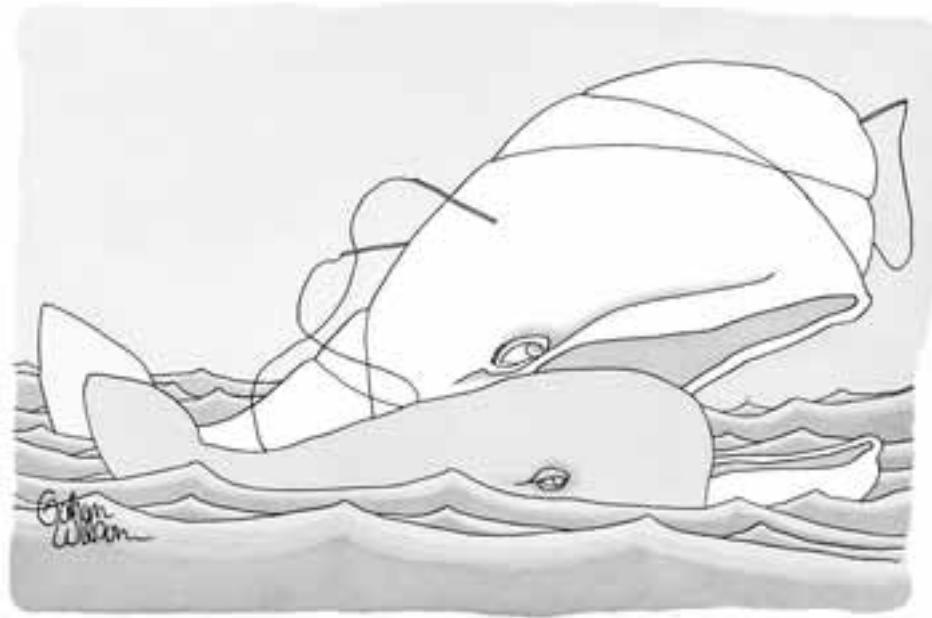
NATIONAL BRING YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW TO WORK DAY



"Is this it? Are we going to spend the rest of our lives flailing around in the growing gap between rich and poor?"



"Don't knock over the frozen embryos."



*"Now that I've wiped him out, I kind of miss
the little peg-legged bastard."*



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."









"Get some of the firm's other deadwood and form a carolling group."



"Sorry I'm late. I had a bug."



"I always wondered who got my transplant."



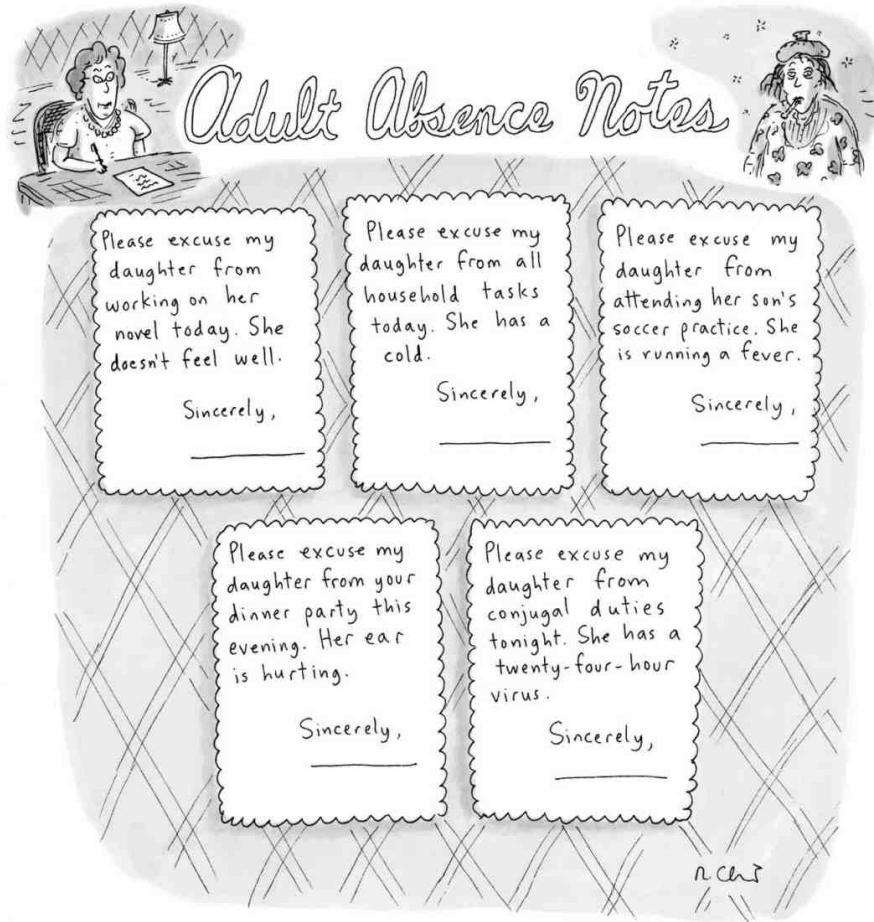
"And will you, Lee, take Mimi for granted as long as you both shall live."



"I was once a very beautiful woman, but forty years of reading the 'Times' has taken its toll."



"You people make me sick. Nonetheless, here's a little toe-tapper."





"It's so silly. Now I can't even remember why I killed him."



*"Only time will tell whether this
merger makes sense or not."*



"If we're being honest, it was your decision to follow my recommendations that cost you money."



"I got married—I finally realized I'm event-driven."



"Oh, look, dear—crime's back!"



"We found the spare key under the welcome mat."



*"All this talk of Viagra and penile implants reminds
me of a charming story about my own penis."*



"Do your owners treat you well? Mine are very kind."



"But why can't we question authority together?"



"You tell me if the roast beef is fresh."



*"Your Honor, has anyone ever told you what
a wry, sensuous mouth you have?"*



"Do you have any idea who it is you're talking to?"





SIPRESS

"I come from the future."





"What if my inner demons want to write about bunnies?"









*"If you would, Peter, please stand and point to
the person you know as Mr. McGregor."*



"Oh no, not homework again."





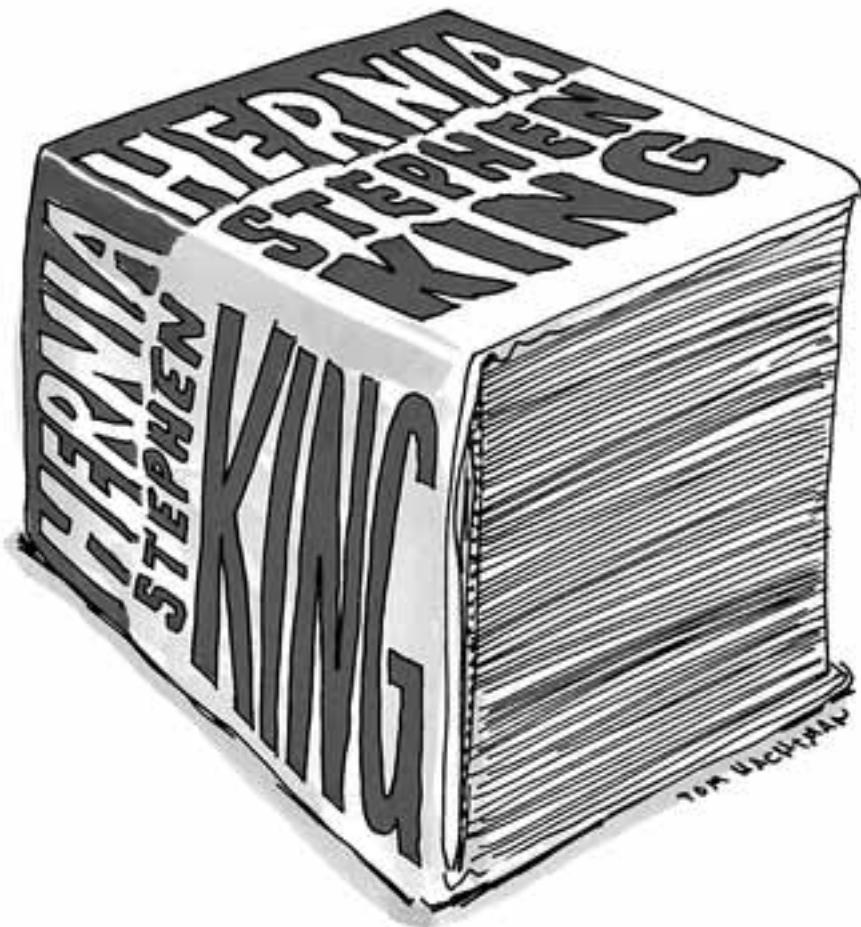
“Something this big.”

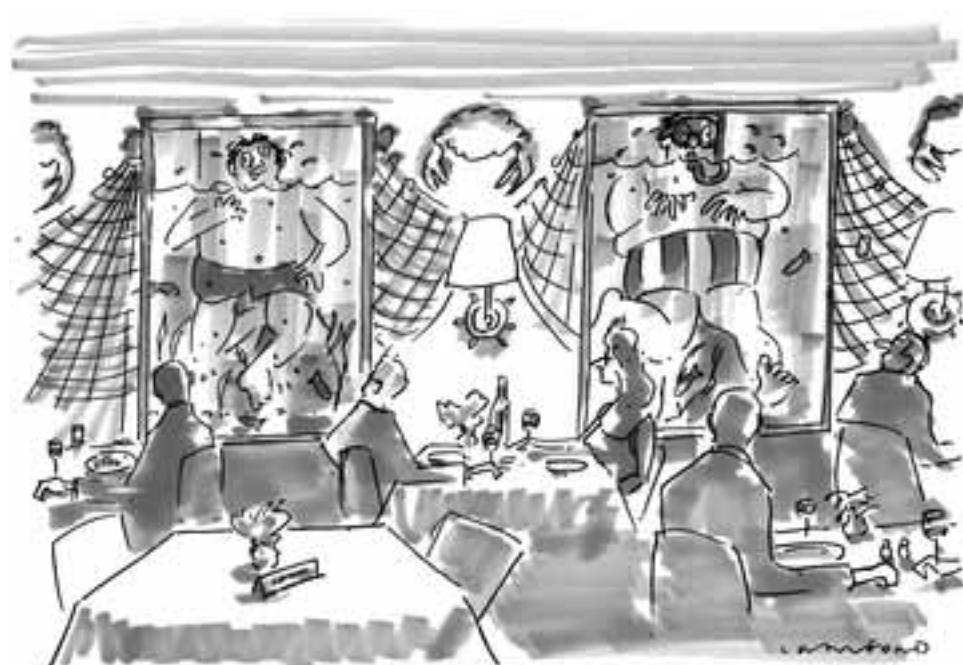


"You've been charged with driving under the influence of testosterone."



"What do you think sitting around being bored out of your mind will be like in the new millennium?"





OPEN-TANK NIGHT AT SAL'S KING KRAB Kastle

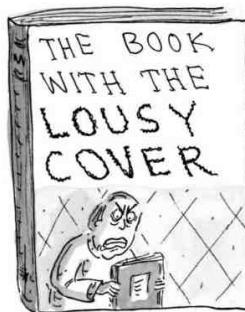


"Hi. I'm Wendell, Jr. I'm six and I'm fully invested."



"Haven't you got anything a little more, like, ironic?"

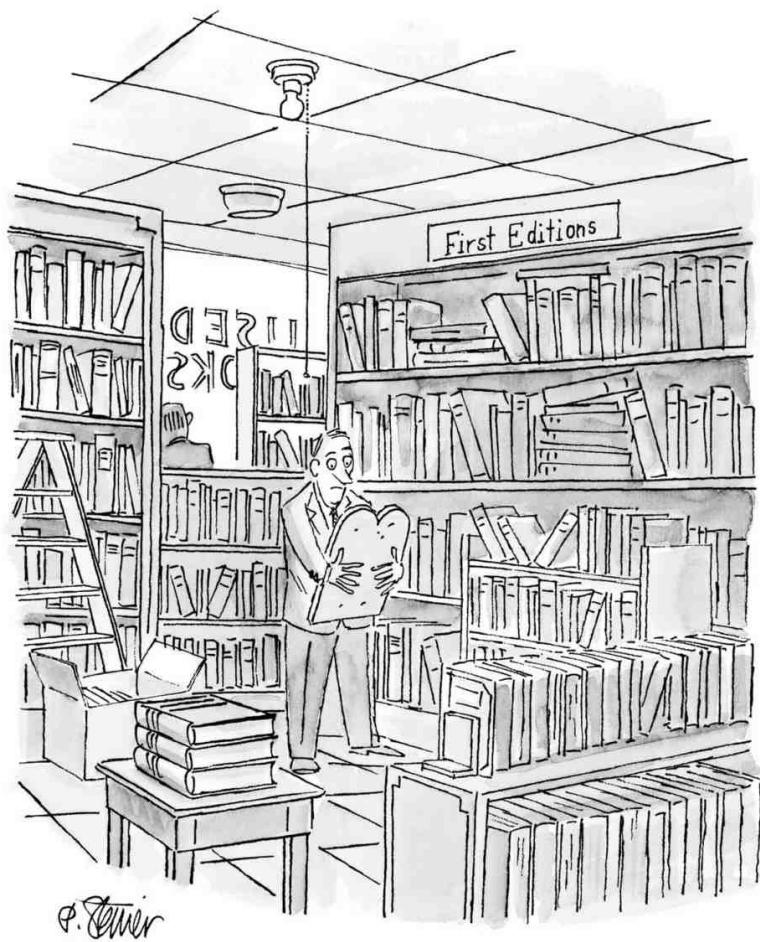
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"I'd better bring in my plants."

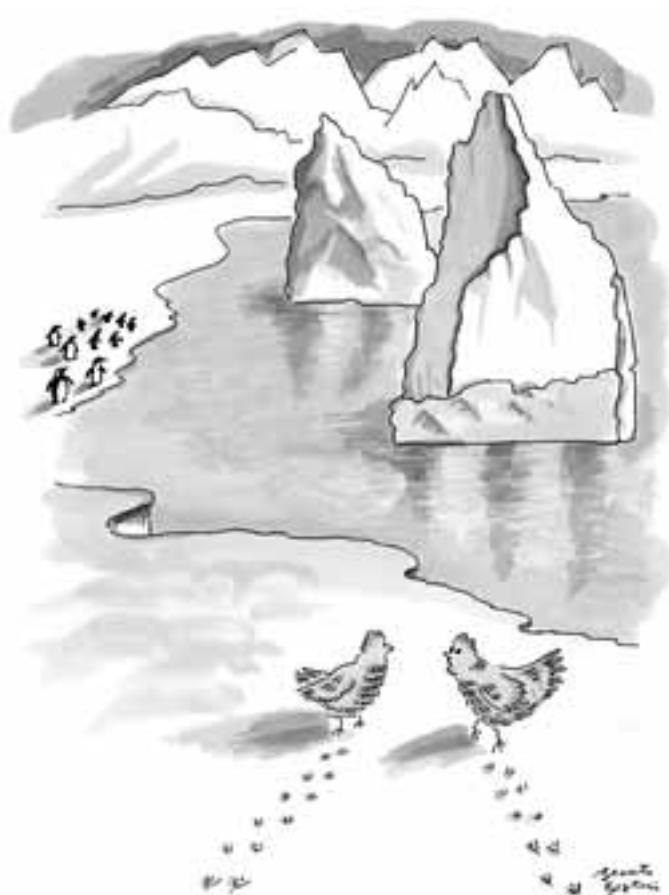




"Trophy husbands."



"I've cleaned out the garage—now may I file for divorce?"

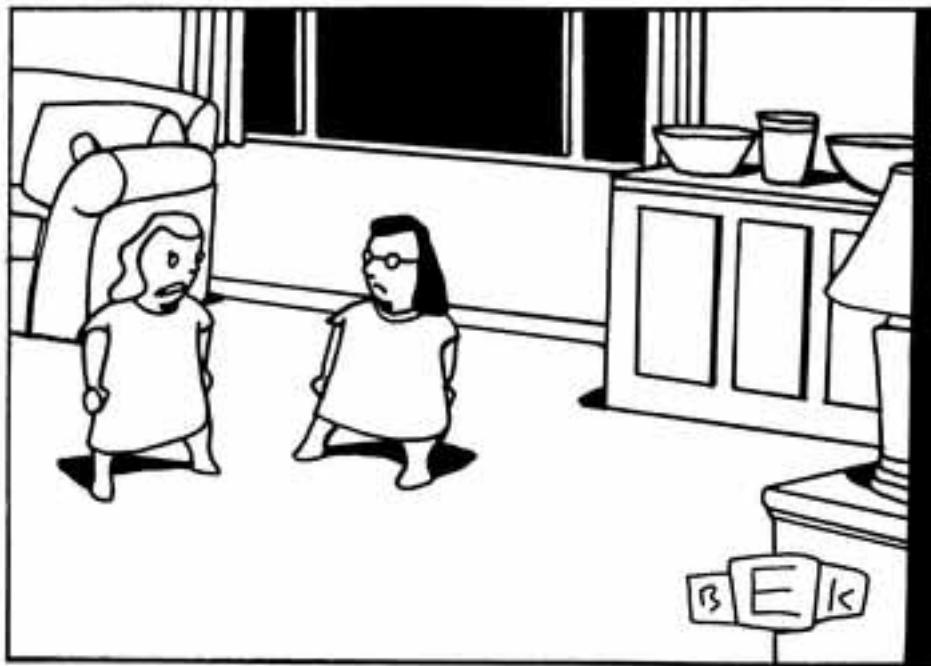


"They never should have allowed us to be free-range."





"She's registered at Salomon Smith Barney."



*"Try falling down and scraping your knee.
Then you can talk to me about pain."*



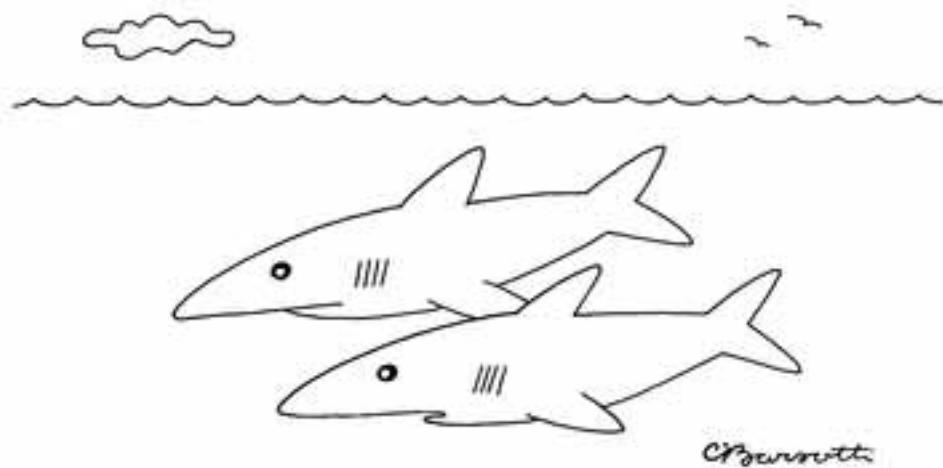
"I think what I miss most is robbing people."



"We believe that in a former life she was an editor."



*"Funny, funny, funny, but we're going
to pass on 'How to Drink and Drive.'"*



"I start every diet with the best intentions, but it goes to hell as soon as I sense blood in the water."