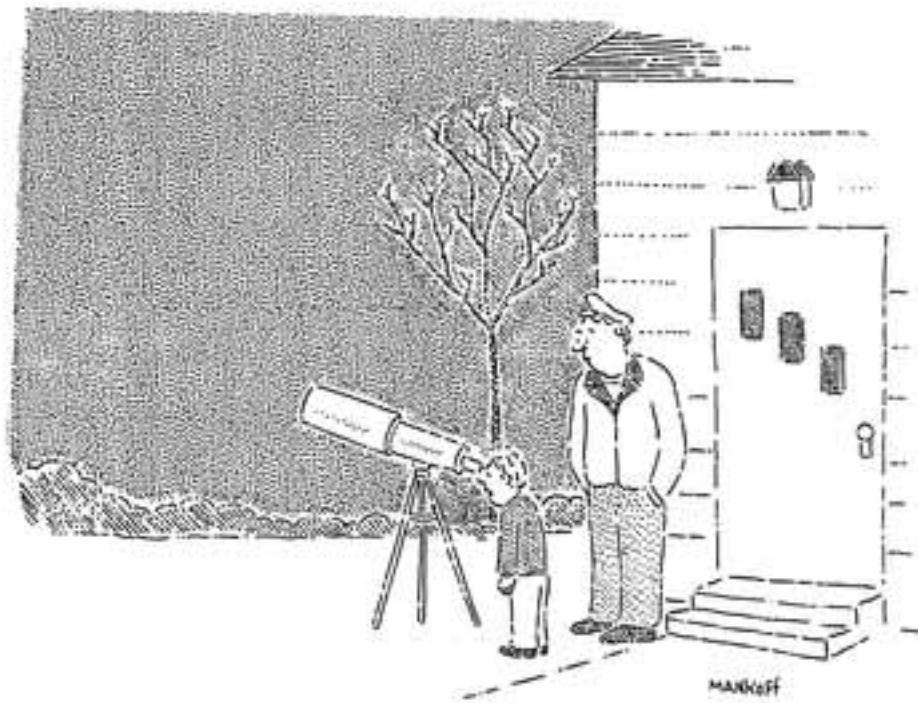


"He's one of our own, so let's give him a big welcome."



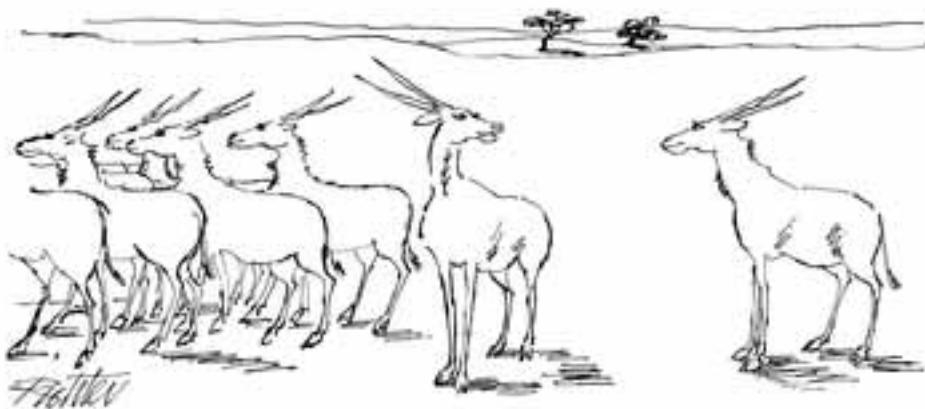
"I'm going to tell my grandchildren about that?"



*"I know just what he's going to say.
He's going to say, 'Look at this handsome
attaché case my wife gave me for Christmas.' "*



"I've tried Coke and I've tried Pepsi, but I think beer is best."



“Care to join us? We’re going to sweep majestically across the plains.”



*"Correct me if I'm wrong, but hasn't the fine line
between sanity and madness gotten finer?"*



"The economy always seems to be recovering, but it never recovers."





"Edgar, don't you think it's time you donated a wing somewhere?"



"When did you start referring to Nixon as the Old Warrior?"



*"If you can find a better melon anywhere in
New York, I'd like to know about it."*



*"I was just going to say, 'Well, I don't make the rules.'
But, of course, I do make the rules."*



Three Thinkers

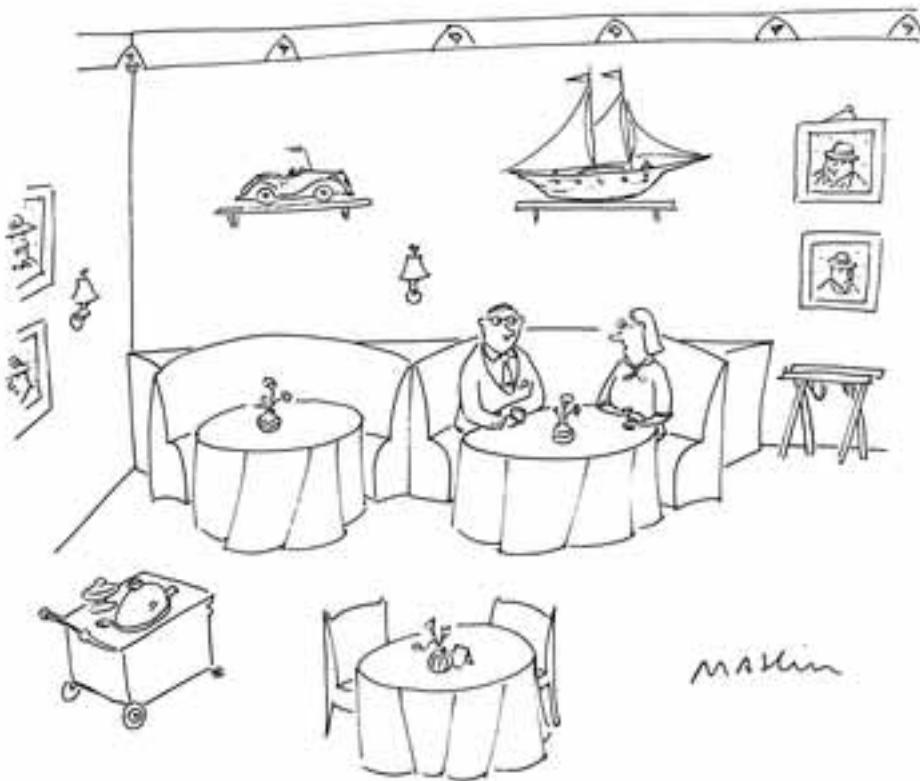




"Not eating your Cheezies, Miller?"



*"Are there any books that are still being
written for gentle reader?"*



"It was twenty-six years ago tonight, at this very table, that you asked me to begin checking my loose change for Indian-head nickels."



"The important thing one needs to know about the Foreign Minister is that, by and large, he's full of baloney."



"I pick up on people's pain, Alexander. What's wrong?"

E-Z LIVIN'







"Come with me. I've found someone who'll talk square footage with you."



"I prefer to stand, thank you."



"I'll have a mead spritzer."



"AAAAALLLLL RIIIGHT!"



"All of a sudden the world can't live without women in black tights."



"There's lots of things in my life I absolutely needed to put in, and now there's lots of things in my life I absolutely need to get out."



*"And then one day he heard the President urging Americans
to 'go for it,' and apparently he did."*

STORES OF MYSTERY

Fred's Drugs

Surrounded by cut-rate drug-and-cosmetic emporiums that sell, let's say, a bottle of XYZ shampoo for 79¢. Same bottle at Fred's? \$2.09!!! How does he do it?



M + O Typewriter Supplies

This place has been closed whenever one has walked by it. However, it's always there, meaning somebody is continuing to pay rent on it. Why?



Beauty-Moi Frocks

Weird clothes, always five seasons out of date. Has been there forever. Store is usually pretty empty except for racks and racks of pants suits and the like. Who shops here?

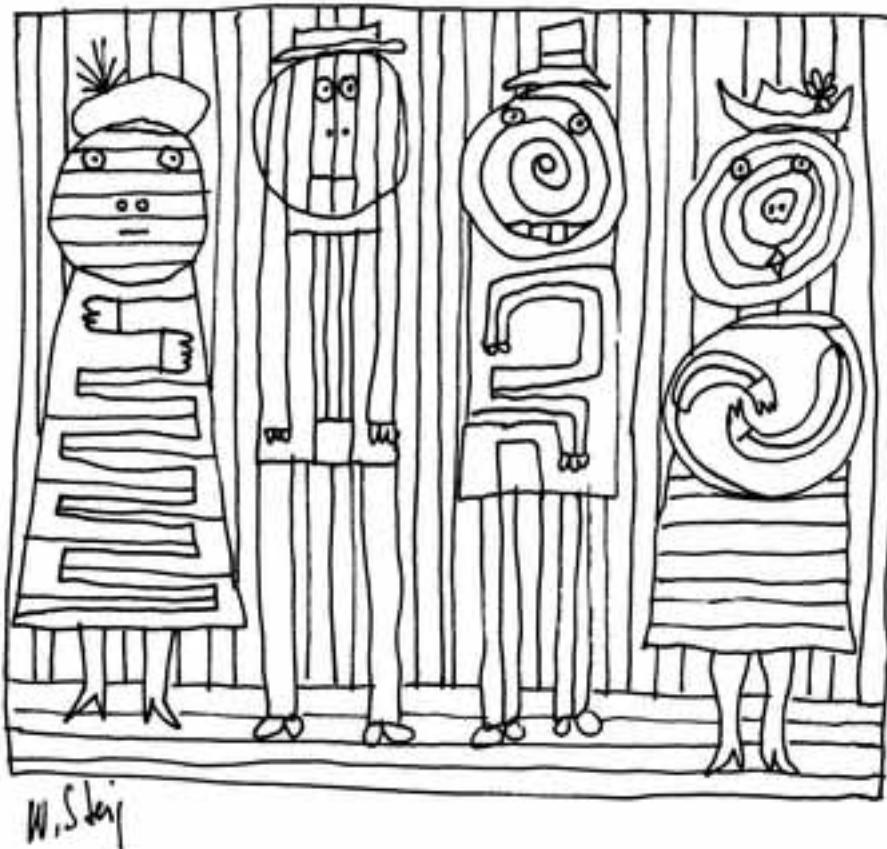


Tip-Top Goods

Boxes of saltines next to cartons of hair spray. Wigs. Christmas decorations. halter tops, institutional-sized jars of olives. Did all of this stuff "fall off a truck" or what?



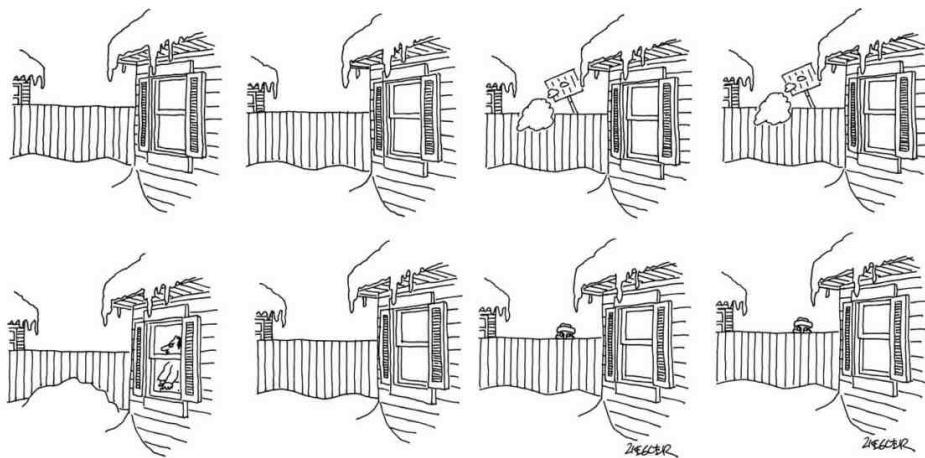
Roz Chast



Wallpaper



"Dig in. It's a medallion-of-veal look-alike."





"I can't say I love New York, but I can say New York loves me."





"On New Year's Eve, Clement and I stayed up all night drinking. Tea, of course."



"How come I'm never bounded by the press?"



"That's Mr. Claremont. He went from rags to riches and back to rags again."



"I think he looks very anchorly today."



"May I ask you a personal question, or am I jumping the gun?"



*"Why, James. James the Munificent.
How good it is to hear from you."*



"Watch out! Here comes Haggleton. He plays to win."





"Walter—am I a New Year's resolution?"



"Well, I'm off to brave the elements, so to speak."



"This draft has my basic thrust. Have it fleshed out and fuzzed over."



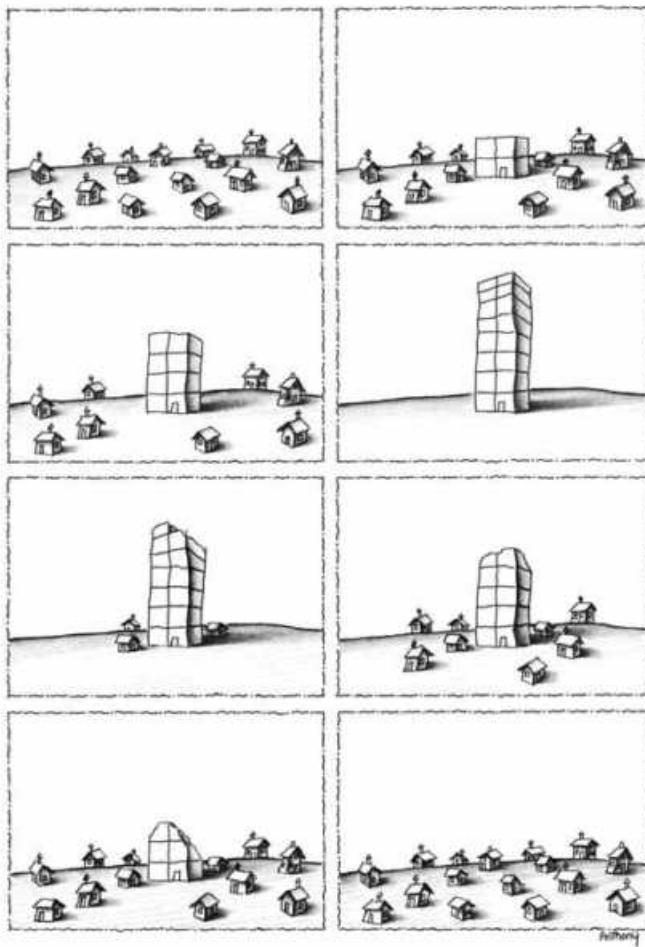
"Well, the tickets sure as hell weren't minimal."



"Here he comes again with that damned three-column 'Times' obit of his."

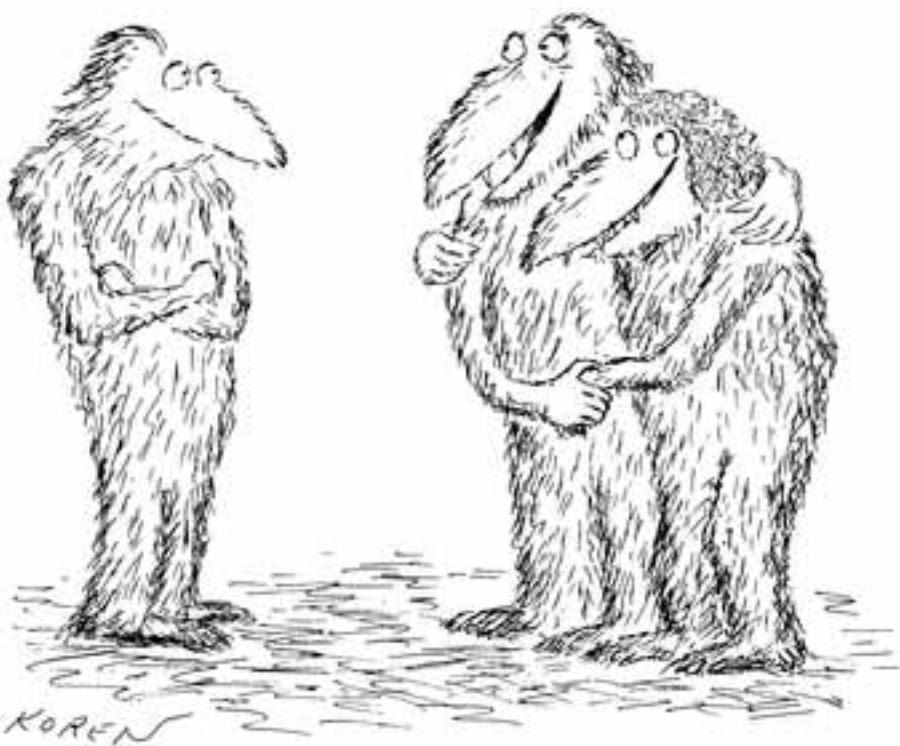


"Let's just go in and see what happens."





The Jolly Shirt



"I'm giving love one more try."





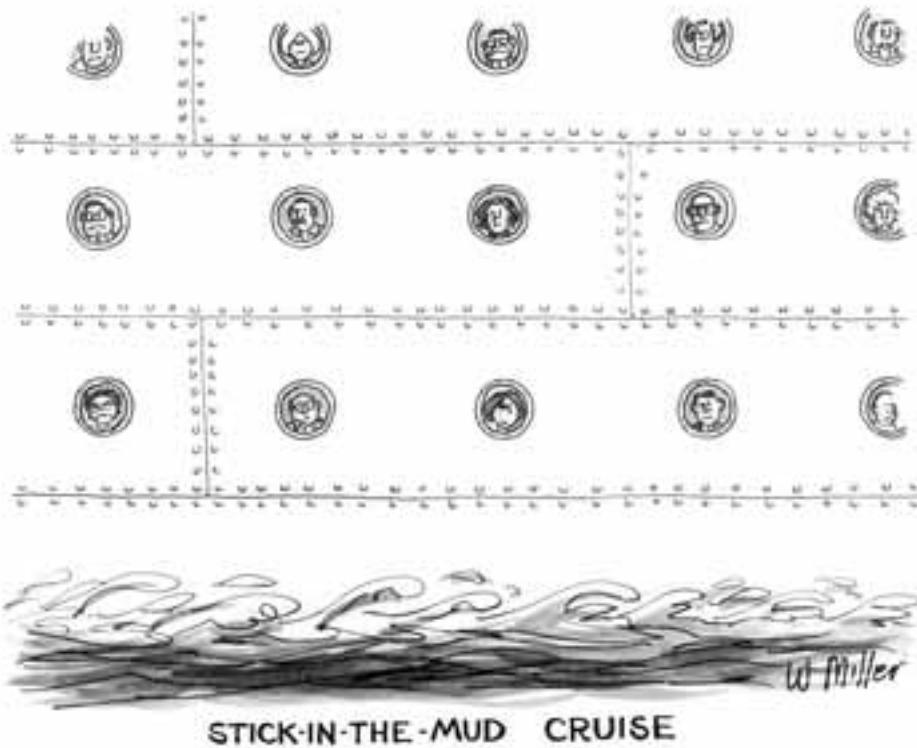
"Let's not spoil this moment with words."







"Wow! What a day to be a workaholic!"





"Is this a private joke or can anyone join in?"

VISITOR TO A LANDMARK TAVERN



Charles Barsotti



DARE TO RULE
The Autobiography of a King



*"George Tully is a really first-rate individual,
up from second-rate this past quarter."*



Something's happening. I saw someone drinking a Manhattan today.



The Lindy Hop

LONE WOLF





"How about that! We're both carrying the same de-luxe executive personal-management portfolio."



"Have a nice day."



"Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States."

BOSSON, SCHULER, GEYER,
KRUSE, HAINES, BOEHEIM, ROY,
GILMAN, STRICKLAND, FOX, BINZEL,
COLEMAN, EVANS, RUDOLPH, FRY,
SCHOLL, OGDEN, EUSTIS, METZ,
HENZEY, BENDER, SAMSON, GENTSCH,
CHERENSON, ISSNER, BUTTERWORTH,
GEHRHART, BAUM, VOIGT, KARLAMAN,
MASSARE, KRAWIEC, BROCKWAY,
UPHAM, LASIEWICZ, WOODWARD,
KEITH, JOHNSTON, BOYD, YORKEY,
NEWTON, McEWAN, OLSON, CURRIE,
McCRACKEN, BECKLEY, GLOECKNER,
KLEMAYER, THOMPSON, MAIZEL,
KWiatowski, LEINBACH, TASKER,
FECHTMAN, GALLAGHER, LAMONT
& TRUSSEL
ALL, ALL OF THEM
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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"You're beginning to look like that plant, or vice versa."



"I'm a fancier of dogs and interesting men."





"Sorry, Bob, but we'll have to cancel tomorrow's lunch. I'm summiting all week with the boys from Amalgamated Chocolate Chip."





"We already have a low man on the totem pole."

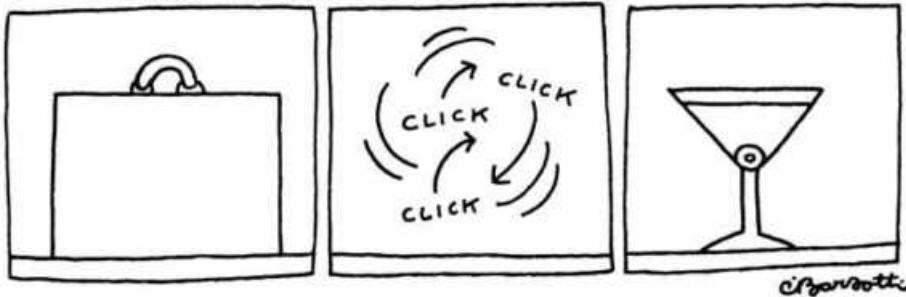


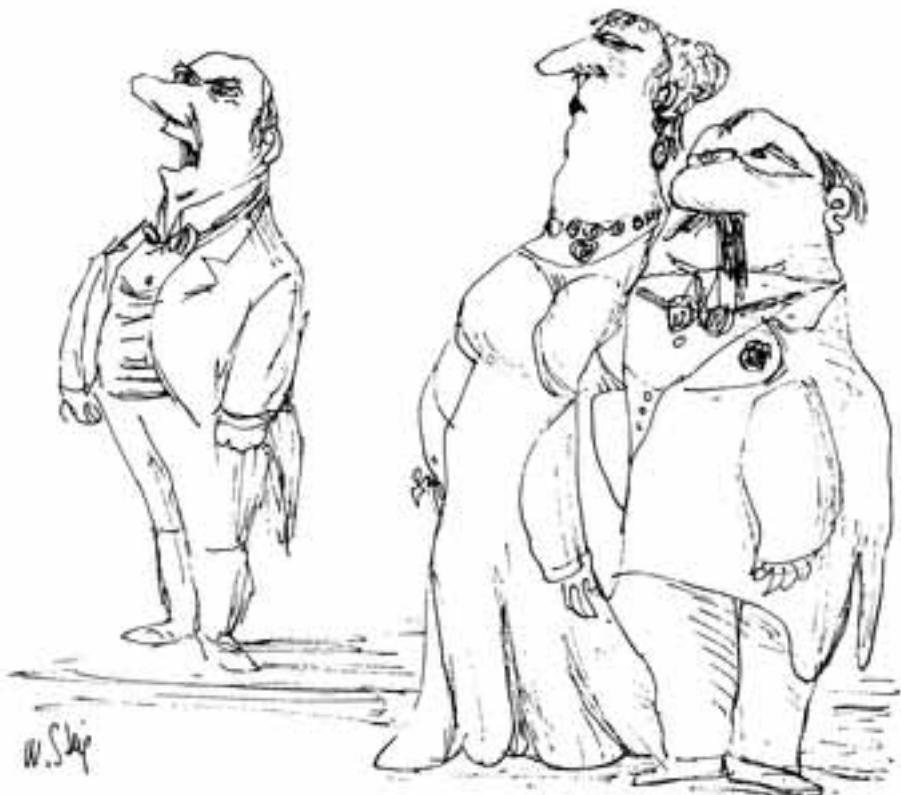
"Young people frequently feel elated, son. This is perfectly healthy as long as they keep in mind that there isn't any valid reason for it."



"Look, I say 'Star Wars' and you say 'Strategic Defense Initiative,' so let's call the whole thing off."

A TRANSFORMER FOR GROWNUPS





"Teddy and Toots."

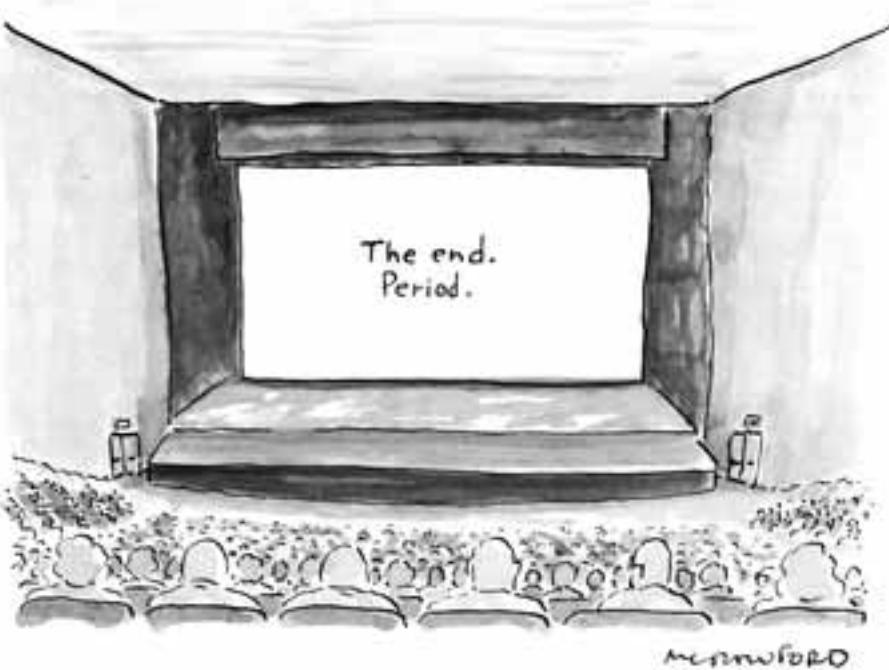


"Gentlemen, let us open to page 82 of our Iacoccas."



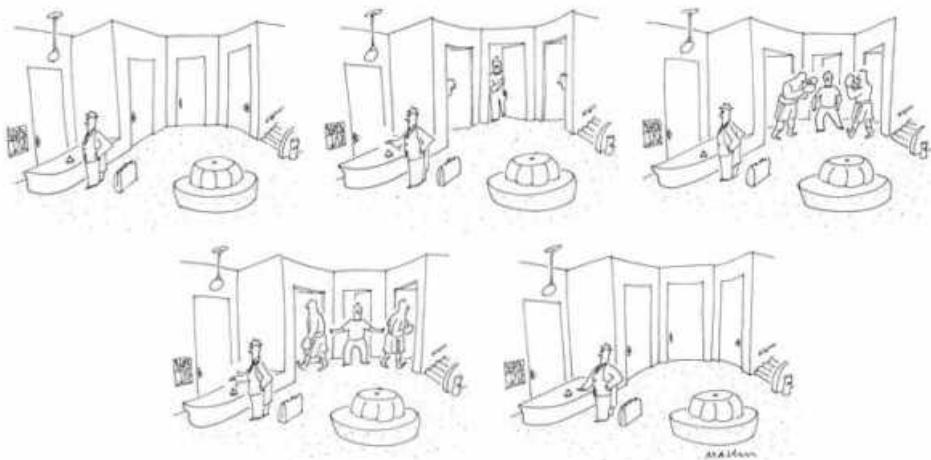


"At eleven Mr. Perkins hits you over the head with the Crowley report, at noon your lawyers hit you over the head with the Barlow suit, at three the board hits you over the head with the Teflow account, and at four-thirty the Durso Brothers hit you over the head with the Melson-Ruppert affair."



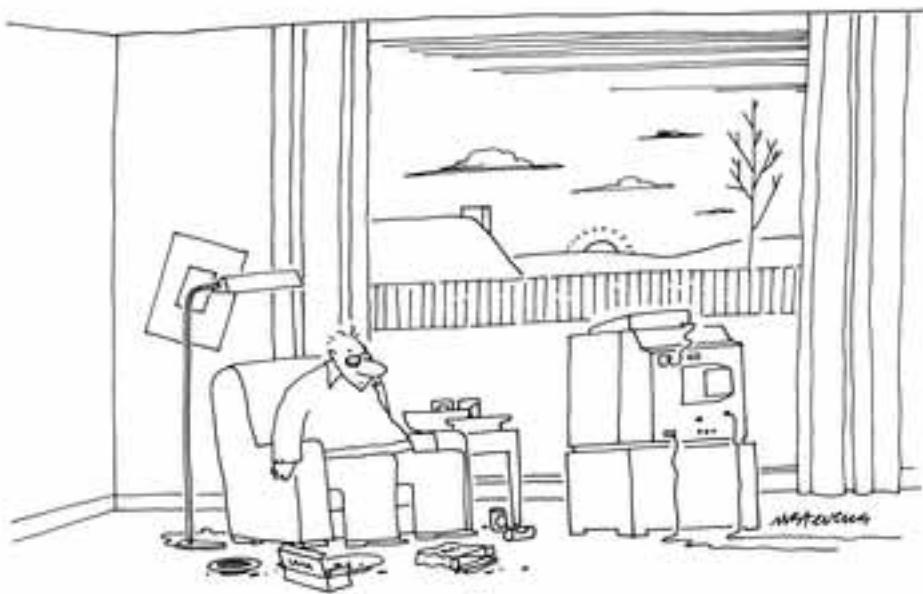


"As long as the market's taking a breather, why don't we slip down to the Bahamas and take one, too?"





*"I used to be a warm human being, but now,
I'm sorry to say, I'm a bit of a swine."*



SUPER BOWL MONDAY



"I'm sorry, Charles. I've asked myself if I could live with you, and 'No' is what surfaced."



"But that's what you said yesterday—Just one more cord'!"

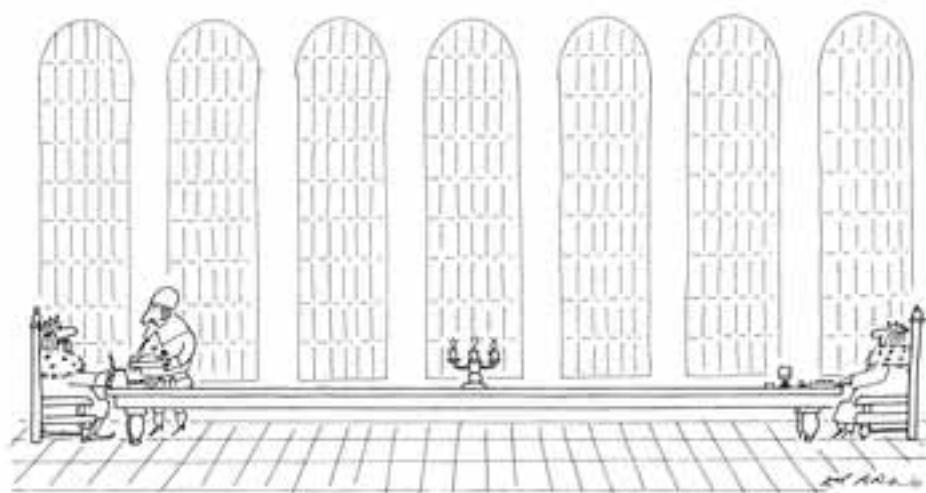


MANKOFF

"While you were out, Mr. Sundberg, the little hand went from the one to the three."



"This model whispers 'Megabucks.' "



"Her Majesty's compliments, Sire, and she wonders if you would mind passing the mustard and the cucumber relish."





"Do you realize that we spend one-third of our lives in bed and the other two-thirds in here?"



"I'm so glad we've had this little talk, Earl!"



*"I think it's a bit late in the evening, Harold,
to tell them about your watershed experience."*



"Please, R.K., stop mothering me."



THE ODD COUPLE VIII

THE GOLDEN YEARS (1 OF 7)



Recatalogue your library.

THE GOLDEN YEARS (2 OF 7)



*Weed out your
magazine subscriptions.*

THE GOLDEN YEARS (3 OF 7)



Organize a neighborhood think tank.

1986
THE GOLDEN YEARS (4 OF 7)



Train animals.

1986
THE GOLDEN YEARS (5 OF 7)



*Reacquaint yourself
with the contrabassoon.*

THE GOLDEN YEARS (6 OF 7)



*Join the search
for space messages.*

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THE GOLDEN YEARS (7 OF 7)



*Begin preparations now
to explore the great rivers of
the world.*



"I wish you would stop calling Paris 'Gay Paree.' "

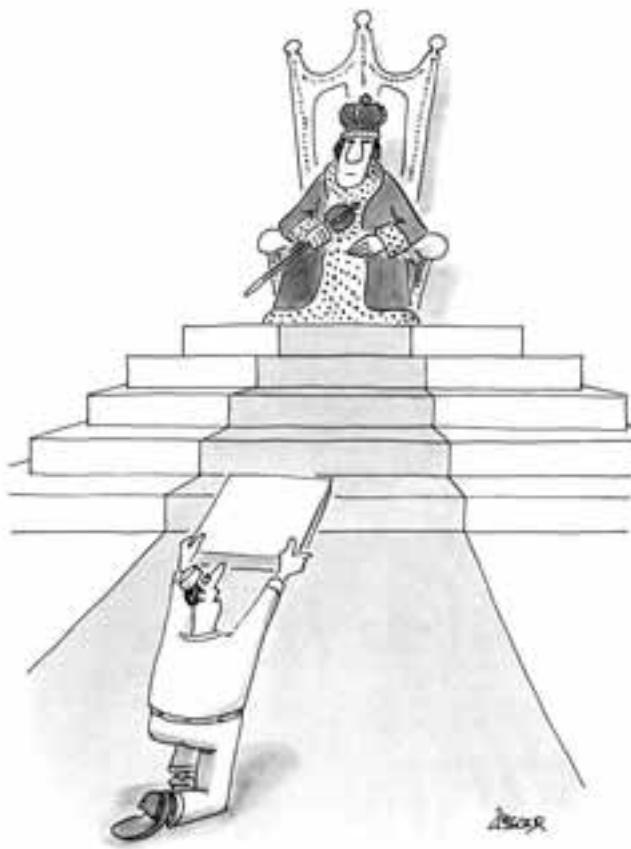


*"It's all over the office that you buy
your clothes in Connecticut."*





*"I think my life would have been played better set against
a Roaring Twenties or Civil War background."*



*"With all due respect, Sire, the Pizza King
sends his kindest regards."*

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1. Two and two equals:

- A. Four.
- B. Usually four but sometimes three, and occasionally five.
- C.



2. Columbus discovered:

- A. America.
- B. The wheel.
- C.



3. Oil and water:

- A. Do not mix.
- B. Are explosive in combination.
- C.



4. A car is coming straight toward you. You:

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- C.

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Roz Chast



*"My client would like to plead guilty if that
would make you feel any better."*



"Some people can't take a joke."



*"I wonder if the 'Harvard Classics' are
still up there. Yep, there they are."*



"I do like you, Peter, but interfacing is a very serious step."



"To wealth, even if it's only on paper."



"Refresh my memory, Miss Lockland. Who am I?"



"Is your injury sports-related?"



"She's high fashion, and he's low comedy."



"It's our belief that Mr. Wetherall is one of the very few C.E.O.s in America who can do Chuck Berry."





"I received two anonymous valentines. One, I fancy, was from you."



*"Tide's in. Irma's out. Stove's on. TV's off. Market's up.
Humidity's down. Next update in fifteen minutes."*





"Lionel and I haven't seen each other in twenty years, but once in cahoots always in cahoots."



"My plans for the day are uncertain."



"Mr. Gleason is on the football, Mr. Franco is on the piano, and your wife is on the Mickey Mouse."



"The Thomases have a way of fighting with each other that turns out to be very positive for them both."



"I've reached that time of life when I want a car that just works."



*"The tea leaves say you should go into insurance, but I say
forget the tea leaves and go into whatever makes you happy."*



"I'm afraid alcohol doesn't always bring out the best in Waverly."



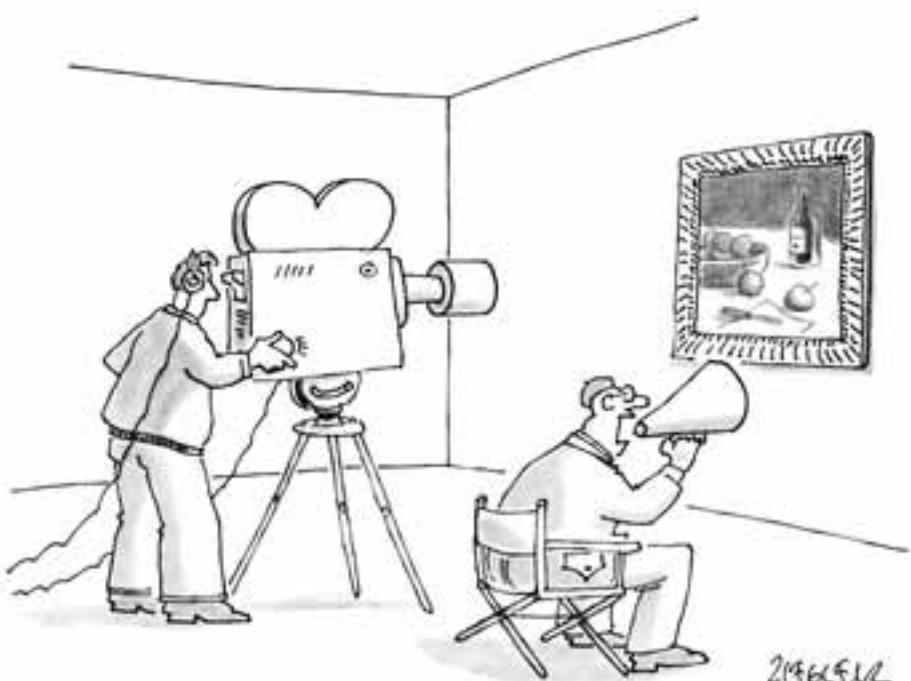
MOM-O-GRAMS



R. Chast



"Something for someone who's been a real plus for thirty years."



Action!



"Well, that satisfies our financial requirement."



"Will you order for me, dear? I love the way you say ratatouille."



"Today, in all aspects of life losses outnumbered gains."





"Have you seen my castanets?"

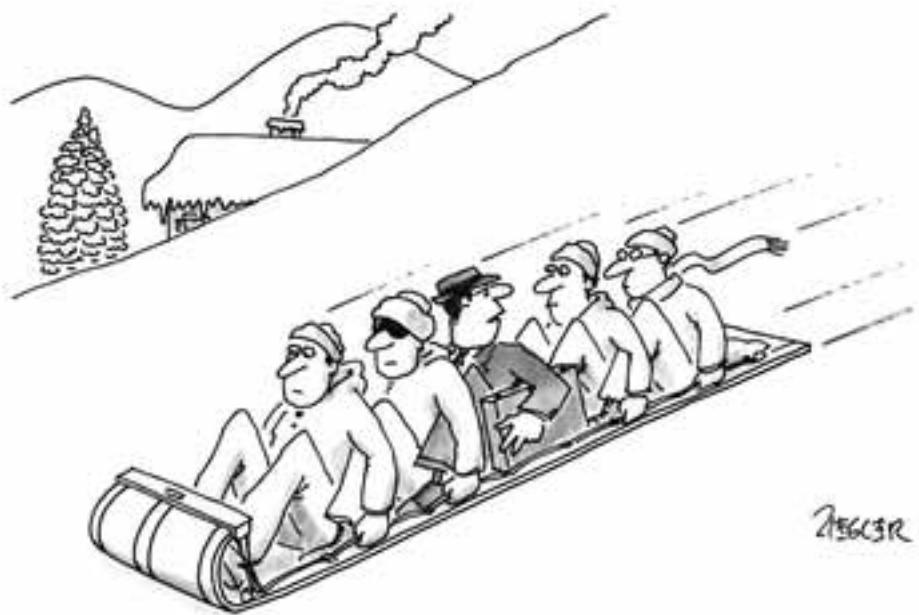




"Why can't I have a skilled team of staffers, like other top executives?"



"John Stuart Mill taught that the happiness of the individual is paramount. He didn't name names, but I suspect that you and I are the sort of individual he had in mind."



"Look, I'm not saying it's going to be today. But someday—someday—you guys will be happy that you've taken along a lawyer."



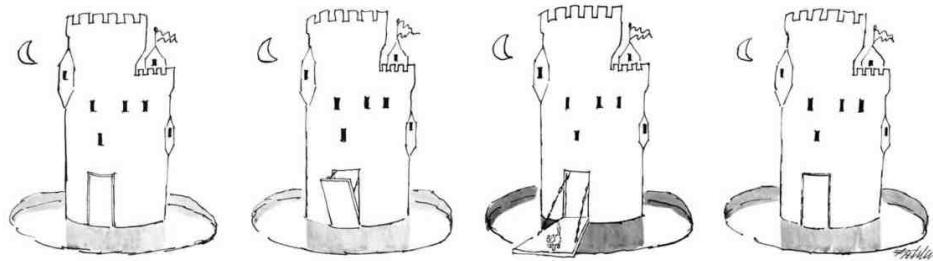
*"Spring's just around the corner, George.
I think I'll have a gin-and-tonic."*



"You're very interesting, for a civilian."



*"Aged ten, Camp Potawatamee in the Catskills,
thirty-five demerits. Forgot about that one, eh?"*





"I understand Mr. Gunderson has an idea he'd like to toss in the hopper."



THE COLLECTOR'S CORNER

by Marvin Marvinview

Dear Marvin,
I happen to have in my possession three rubber bands, tan, 2 1/2" long, in good condition. Are they worth anything?

R.K.
Queens, N.Y.

Dear R.K.,
Those rubber bands will be worth a lot of money someday. Save 'em.

Marvin

Dear Marvin,
I keep saving mixed-out jars from jams, jellies, ketchup, tomato sauce, etc. lately. I've been wondering if it's time to give them the old heave-ho. What's your advice?

J.N.
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear J.N.,
Don't you read this column? Haven't I always said, "Throw it away and hell you'll pay?" What is with you???

Marvin

Dear Marvin,
I have a whole bunch of keys in a drawer that don't go to anything. Could they be valuable?

S.P.
Akron, Ohio

Dear S.P.,
Naturally they could be valuable, but not if you toss them out. Whatever you do, hang on to them.

Marvin

R.Chast



*"I really am very pleased with the dress I bought.
It makes me feel not so dumpy and without."*



Big City at Night



*"What's more important—that you don't catch cold
or that people don't laugh at you?"*



*"I foolishly allowed her to seize the initiative in '68,
and I've been playing catch-up ball ever since."*



"I never get what I want."







"What happened to Pierce, Fenner, and Smith?"



"Just count it out, Henderson—don't fondle it."



"That is the correct answer, Billy, but I'm afraid you don't win anything for it."



"Huddleston, I admire your hands-on approach to everything, but get the hell out of my office!"



"Structurally, you're sound. It's your façade that's crumbling."



"Hurry back. There's more of me."



"We're negotiating with his agent to get Emmanuel Lewis to host our stockholders' meeting."

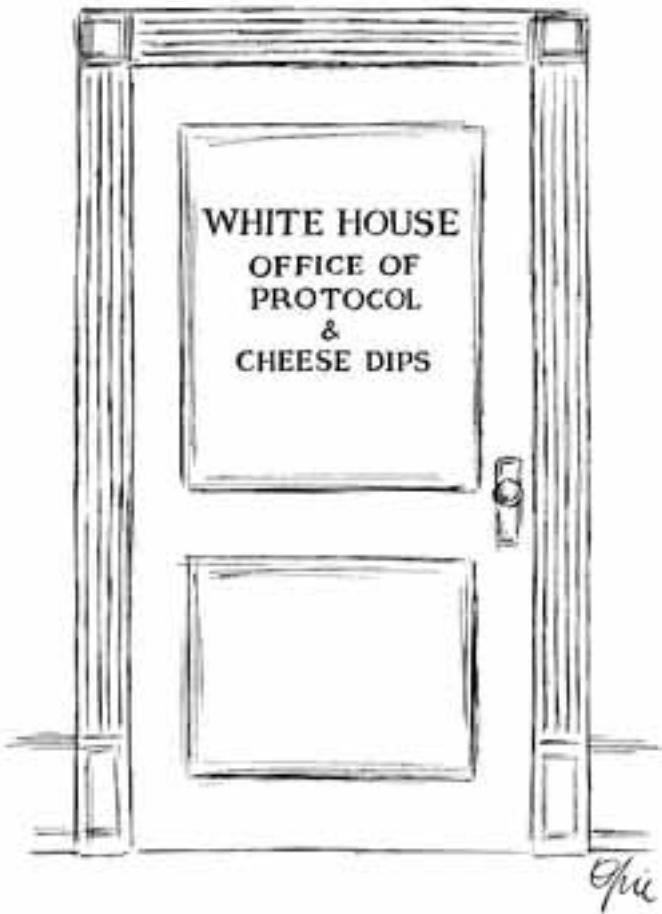


Birthday





"It was Henry Bradbury, calling to say the mistake you made on the Craddock account was bigger than you thought it was but not as big as he thought it was."







"If you're trying to analyze social disintegration, you should know that Mary Vollmer here majored in social disintegration."





“Gee, I wish I’d met you before my genius grant ran out.”





"If I've learned one thing in my long reign, it's that heat rises."



"Feel that invisible push? That's New York."



"Nothing personal, but could we break it off right there at the 'moreover'?"



"This isn't the real me, Miss Tischler. The real me has a bigger desk."



"Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, Gramm, Rudman, Hollings . . ."



"One enchanted evening, I saw a stranger across a crowded room, and it was Jim, and I should have left him there."

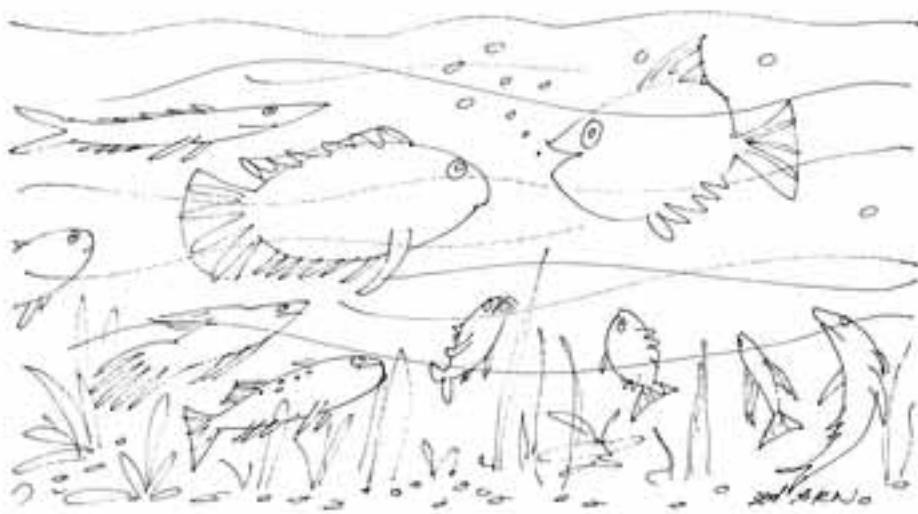
CLASSIFIEDS



Roz Chast



*"This doesn't have anything to do with
the falling price of oil, does it?"*



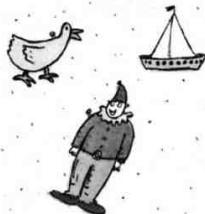
"I just got in from the coast."



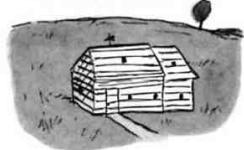
King and His Jester

1986
NEW I.R.S. GUIDELINES

All bath toys are deductible.



Mortgage payments made on houses not completely encased in aluminum siding are not deductible.



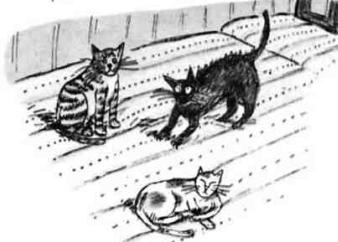
If somebody steps on your toe and then gives you \$1.00, you must declare it.



Children with less than a B average are no longer deductible.



Three cats count as one dependent.



For every glass of buttermilk consumed during the fiscal year, deduct \$1.50.



1 Chant



"Nothing follows anymore, have you noticed?"



"Well, now, what have you two been doing all day?"





"I'll have the business prodigy's lunch."



"Ordinarily, the Senator enjoys these sparring sessions with the press."





"It wasn't your endless series of opinions that drove me crazy so much as your preceding each and every one with 'Methinks.' "



"I'd like something profound, witty, and outrageously irreverent."



"I thought by the time I reached fifty I'd develop some small talk, but it wasn't to be."



"Yo!" "Hi, guy!" "Yo, guy!"



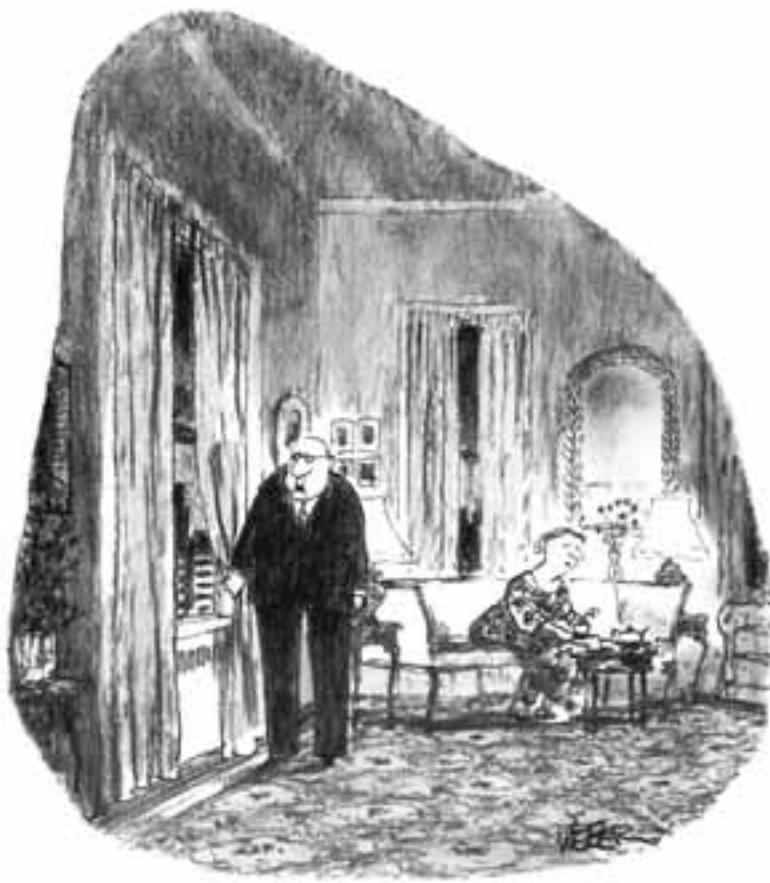
"It's all gone to hell. Sandy's been acquired, Herb disappeared in a hostile takeover, Ted went into Chapter 11 to duck lawsuits, and now Eddie's operation is changing its name."



"Fielding and I still think marriage makes a lot of sense."



“Are Mommy and Patty and Kenny mad at Daddy?”



"I hate to see the evening sun go down."



"And now I would like to be called a girl again."



"That's Harvey Beston. He's in junk bonds."





"It blew a gasket during a particularly heated exchange on William Buckley's 'Firing Line.' "



*"That is definitely the last time I date
someone who doesn't know who she is."*

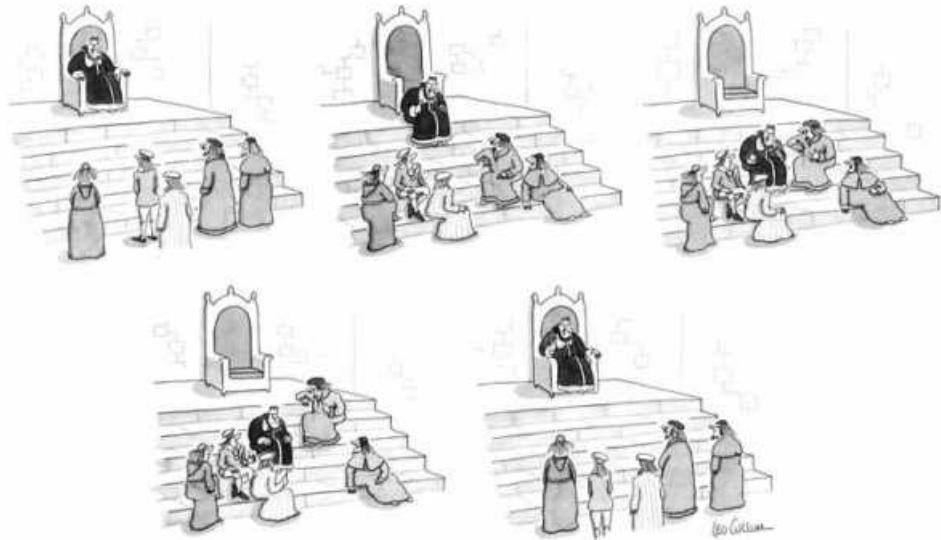


*"Before we get down to business, Mr. Garber,
I think I should tell you that I am not smiling."*





"The sands are not golden."







"Son, I've taught you everything I know. Now it's up to you."



"Have a seat. Taxes is in with him now."



"Luther, I feel as if I'm waiting at a bus station."





*"You won't catch me recommending anything, sir.
I have a lawsuit on my hands right now."*



"Rigidity," according to you. "Solidity," according to me."



*"My leaving Wilkins & Jennings was perfectly amicable.
They felt that I should be fired, and I agreed."*



"Excuse me, Thorndyke, but when I said I was glad you were learning to laugh at yourself I didn't realize you simply had a tickle in your throat."



"I loved it. Especially Mia Farrow's apartment."



"Is that with or without goat cheese?"



"President Reagan said today—and I probably misquote . . ."



*"Heavens! According to this, millionaires
are getting to be a dime a dozen."*



"I understand the revisionists are hot on your trail, Professor Delauney."



"Adagio! Adagio!"



"I know you didn't tell me to sell, Arthur, but when I said 'Maybe this is the time to sell' you paused."



*"All I seem to have brought with me is
a headful of baseball statistics."*



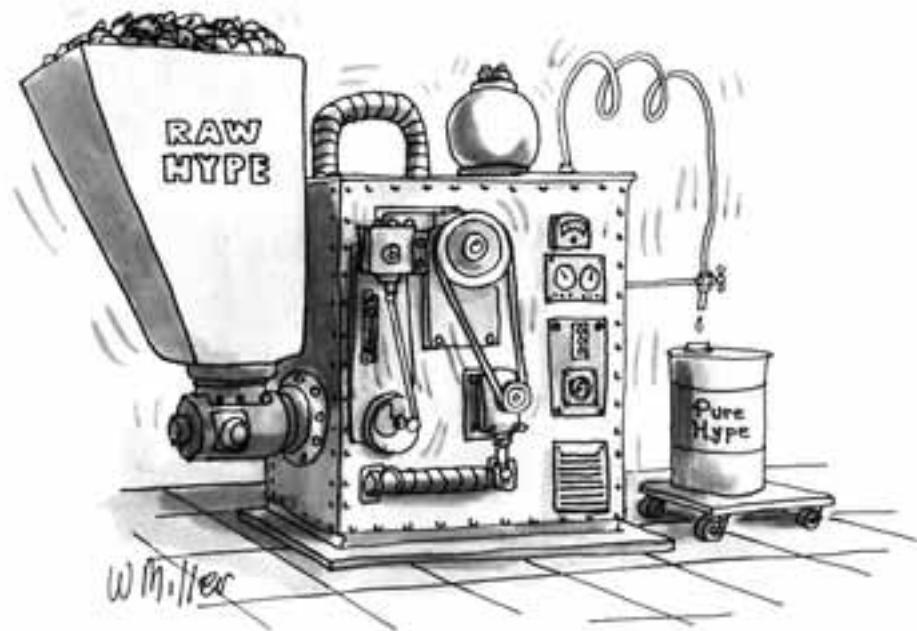
*"I'd like to think of you as a person, David,
but it's my job to think of you as personnel."*



"Excuse me, dear—who did you say you ground into hamburger today?"



"How do you do? So you're the one who sings that little song on your mother's answering machine."







"Young, rich, and restless—that's a career?"



"Must you use those three-by-five cards every time we have a discussion?"



“Thank you. We laughed more in one night than we have in the last three years.”



*"That's Floyd Wheeler in the back of your car, Mr. Ferguson.
He's going as far as the depot, if you would be so kind."*





*"Touché, Roy. A snappy riposte will be winging
its way to you as soon as possible."*



*"Look, this is getting serious. We need to talk.
I'll meet you tonight at King Tut's Wah Wah Hut."*





"All right, let's break it up!"





"And this is Tod Stillman—the black hole of fun."



*"I ran into Ruth Hagerstrom this afternoon.
Now everybody's been to China except us."*



*"We love the view. It helps to remind us
that we're part of a larger community."*



"Do you have a reservation?"

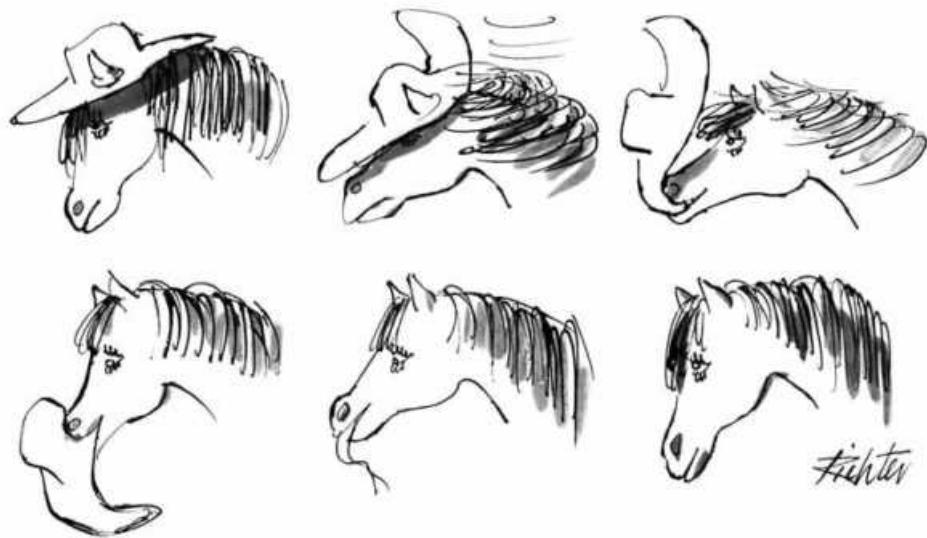




"No, Martha, I didn't say anything. Why should I say anything?"



"It's post-gingerbread."

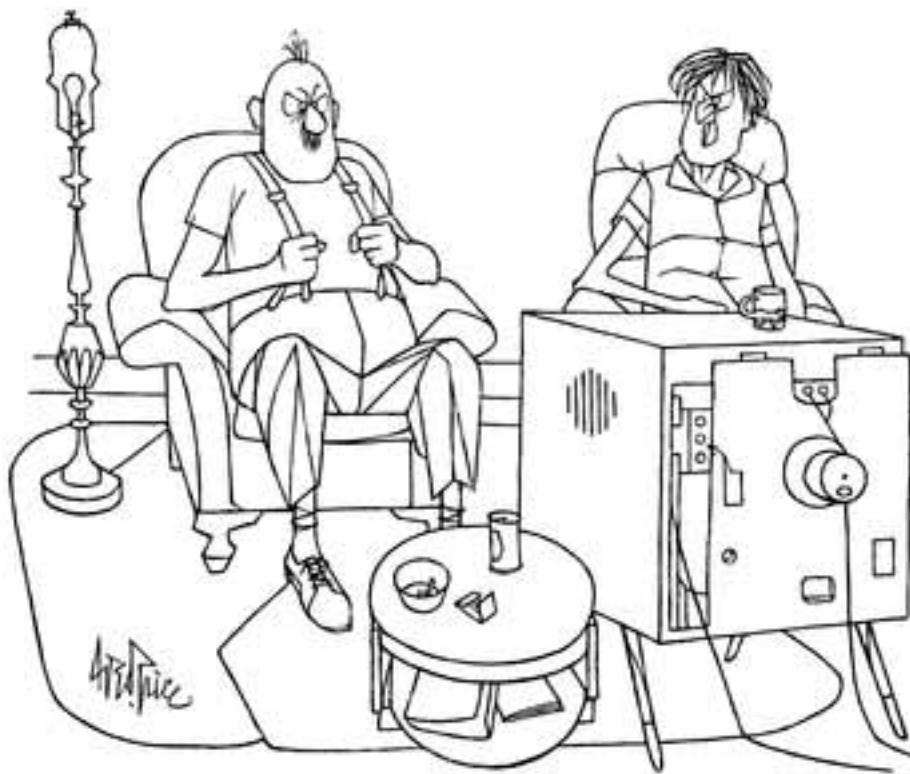






"There's no justice in the world, Kirkby, but I'm not convinced that this is an entirely bad thing."





"Do you suppose I could enjoy 'Dynasty' without listening to an hour of suspender-snapping?"



"There's absolutely nothing a little strawberry ice cream won't cure."



"To tell you the truth, I don't think I fly as much as I should."



"By God, for a minute there it suddenly all made sense!"



"There he is, with yet another chiselled blonde."



"I like it. It has authority."



"Believe me, I've tried not to fall in love."

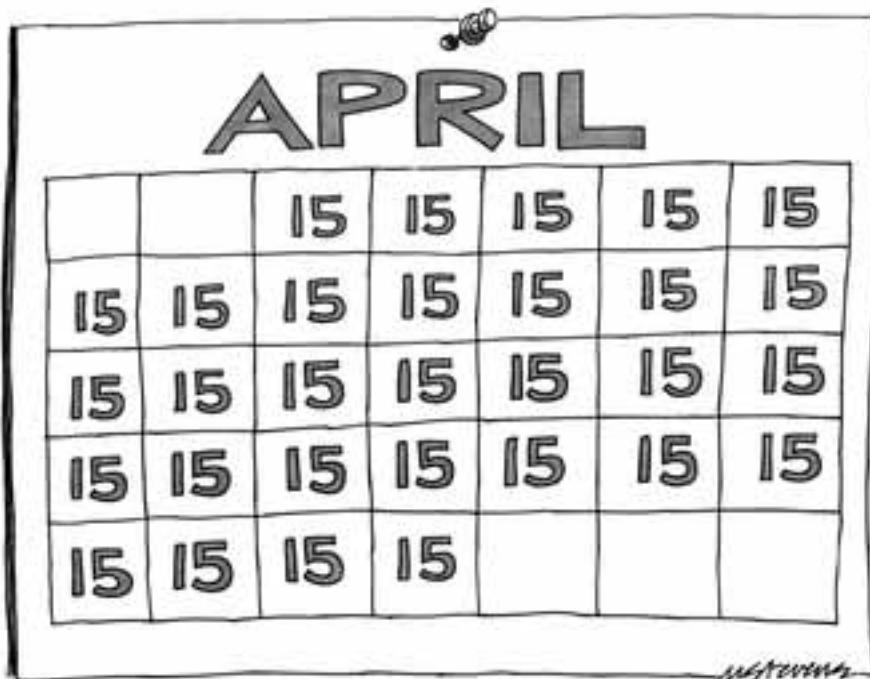




"O.K., let's confront the issues of masculinity!"



"From Hollywood, the 'Tonight Show,' starring Johnny Carson."



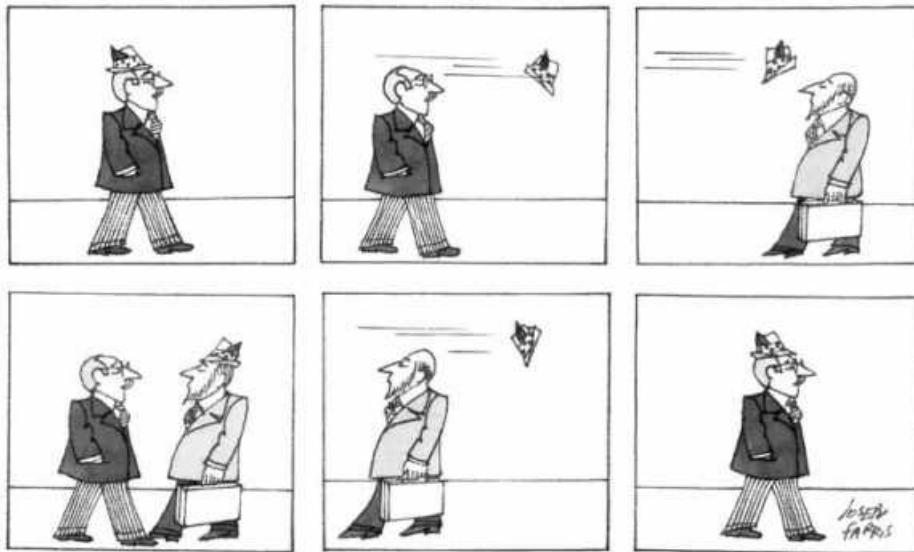


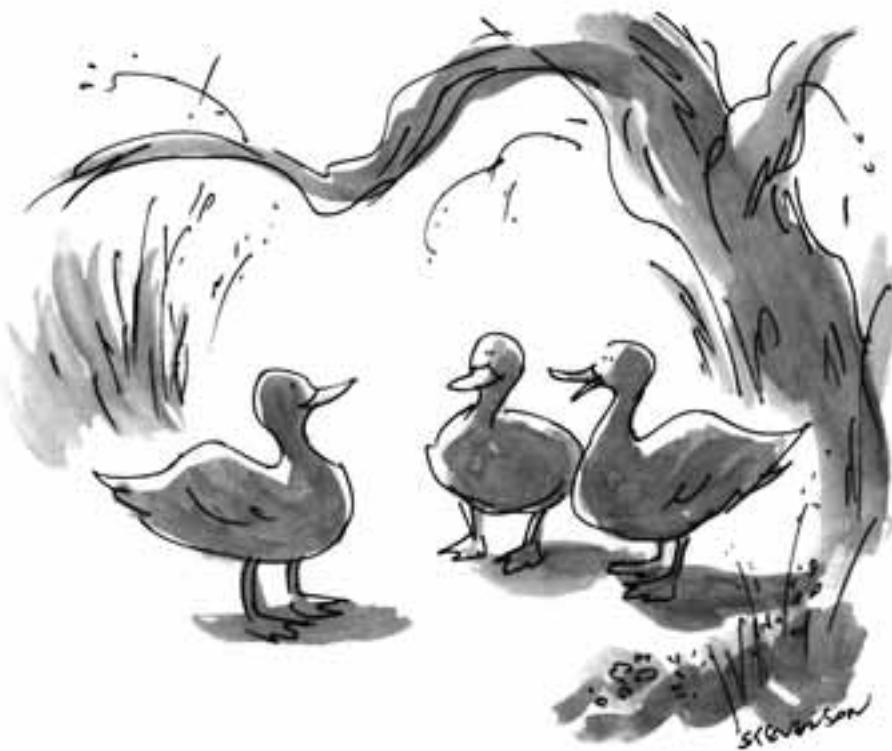
"The board is in agreement, then—rock and roll will never die."





"I can't stand his attitude."





*"Oh, it was lovely down there. Two golf courses, miles
of unspoiled beaches, an air of quiet elegance . . ."*





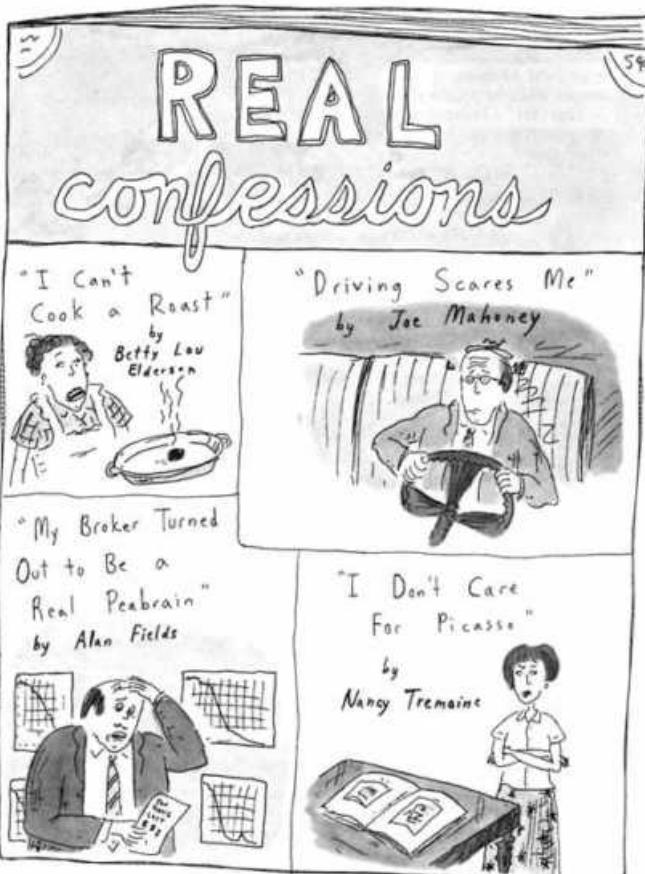
"We find the defendant not guilty but not all that innocent, either."



"There's more inside."



"Sushi is for castaways."





"And that's Mrs. Glenfyrn. She created the role."



*"It's true, I do have tons of money.
But, let's face it, one more ton couldn't hurt."*



*"Fred Homerson! How are you? How's the wife?
The kids? The traditional family values?"*



*"Miss Antonacci, please have a regular coffee and
a cheese Danish remanded to my chambers."*



"I'd like you to be the co-star in the melodrama that is my life."

ÉMINENCE GRISE





*"And will that be the pro-Contra
section or the anti-Contra section?"*



*"It's one of those movies where people are
always in the shadow of venetian blinds."*



*"Elsie, you're all I ever wanted in a woman—my mother
and Margaret Thatcher excepted, of course."*



"We project, sir, in '86, a real economic growth of four and five-tenths per cent after adjustment for inflation and ideology."



Mommy, Poppy, and Snookie



*"I'm sorry we can't be more encouraging, but allow me
to add that you've a hell of a lot of book here."*



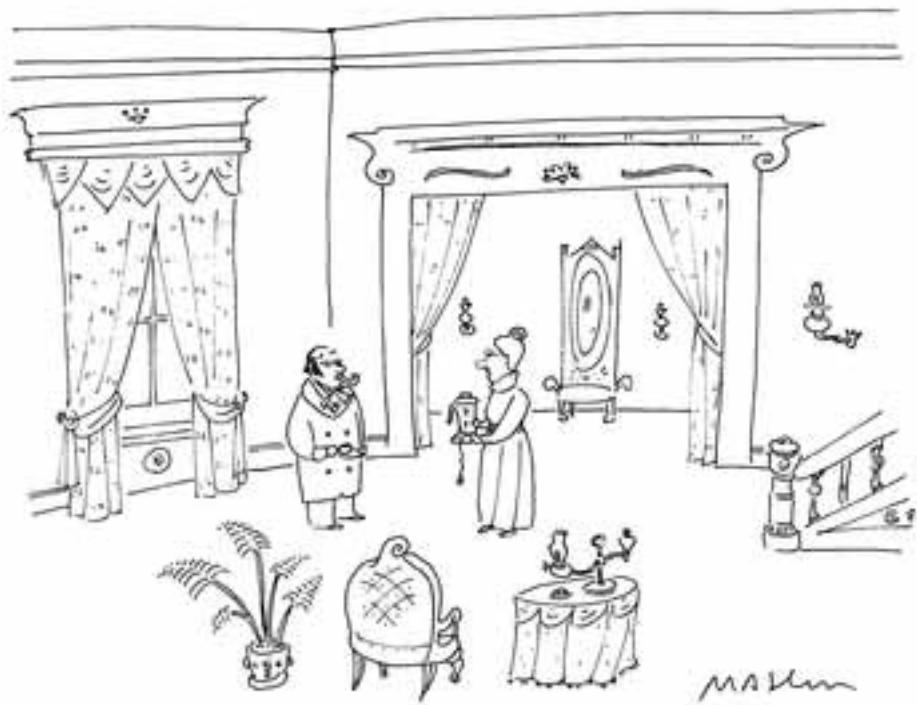
"I asked you what you had for lunch. I didn't ask you if the new receptionist on the forty-seventh floor looks like Nastassja Kinski."



*"It really wasn't my fault, Your Honor.
I was led to believe I was above the law."*



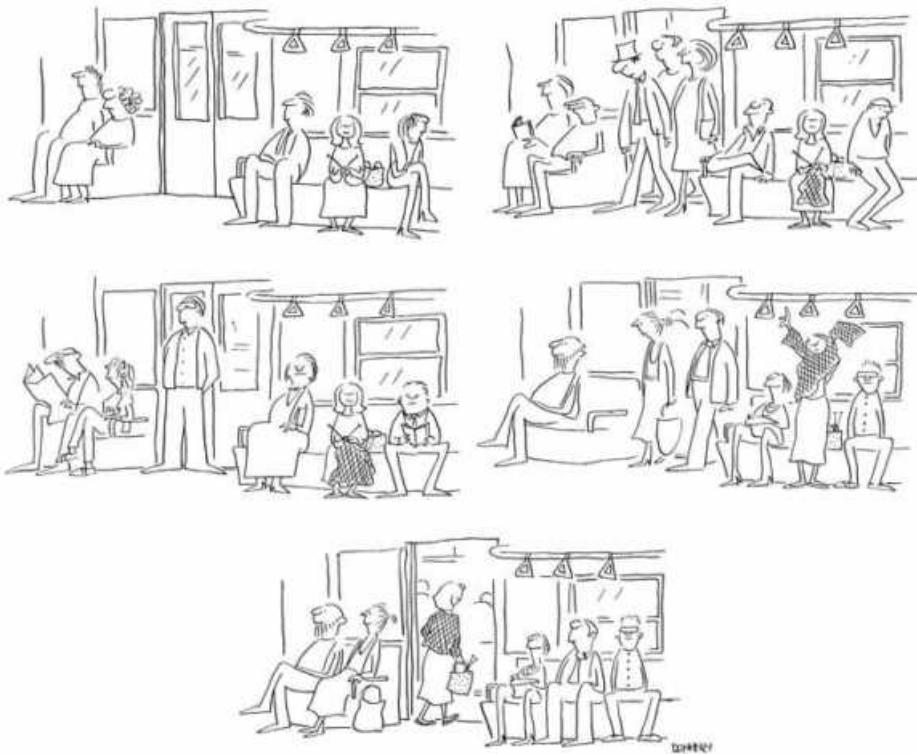
"Sam is a percussionists' percussionist."



"It's a blender, Morton. We've got to stop living in the past."



"Yoo-hoo! Anybody here?"





"And remember—only junk people call it junk food."

THE OBSERVATION DECK

OF APARTMENT 2-N





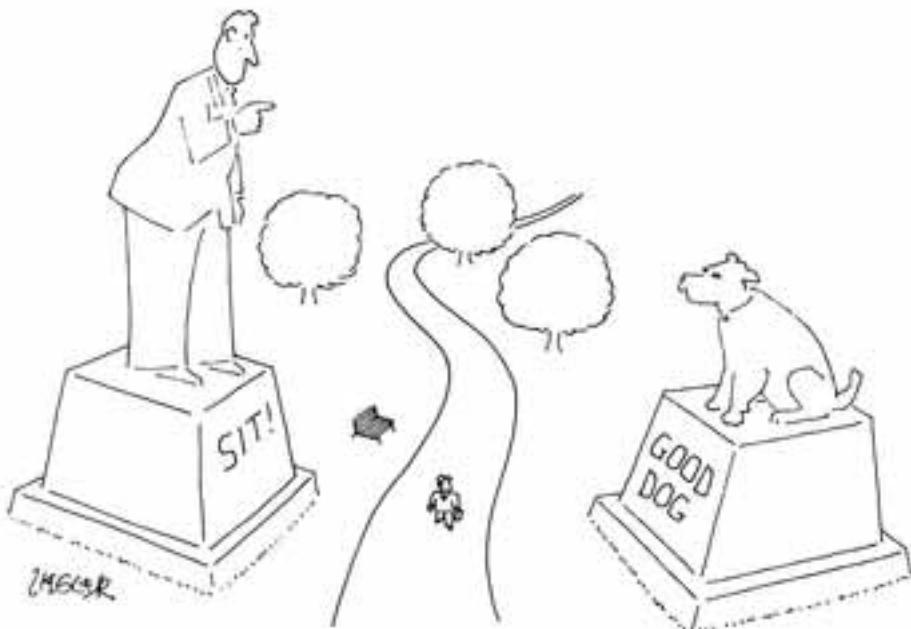
"Be frank, Jan. Do I look ousted?"



"If anyone wants me, I'll be in the garden with my English spading fork."



"Mr. Crowninshield is a banker, Mr. Fenimore is in insurance, and Mr. Blevin, my husband, is a wastrel."





*"Now, how do you know you don't like
cream-cheese soup if you won't even taste it?"*



"I finally got a grip on myself, and now I can't let go."





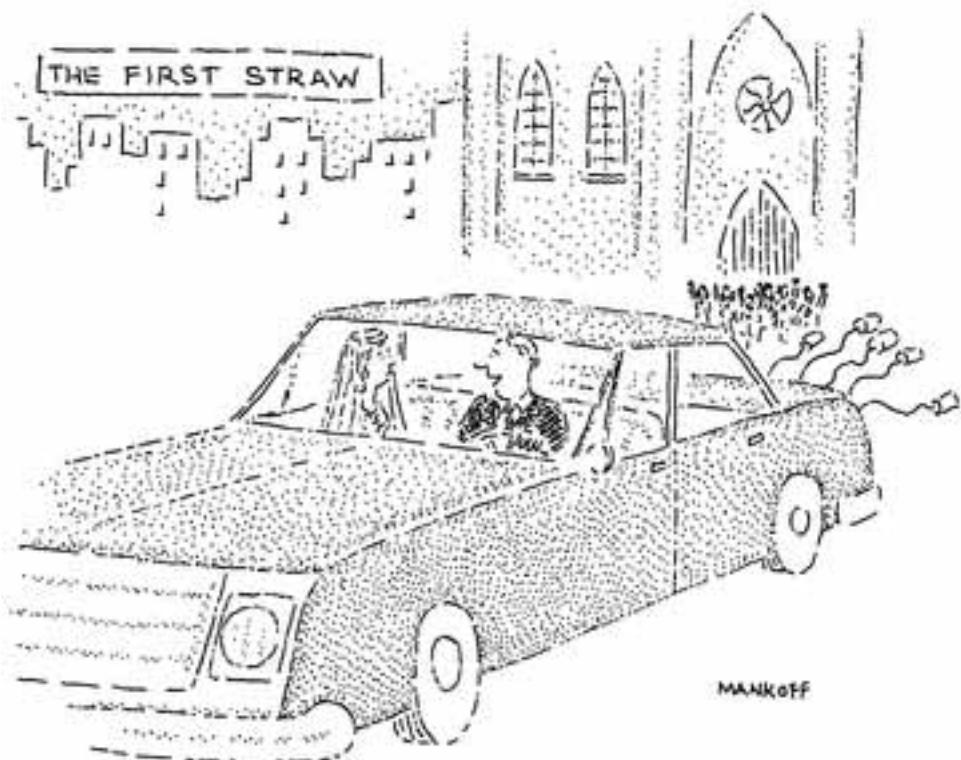
"I never expected a life spent in imperial silence."



"Wear it, Gilbert. It looks cute."



"I should now like to make a few anti-Soviet remarks."



"Mind if I put on the game?"



*"I think we agree, gentlemen, that one can
respect Mother Nature without coddling her."*



The Affectionate Dog



"Do you know what this book makes me want to do? Write."



*"Lockhart, when everyone touched glasses
at lunch, why didn't you touch mine?"*





“... on the avenue ...”



“... on the avenue ...”



“... on the avenue ...”



“Fifth Avenue!”

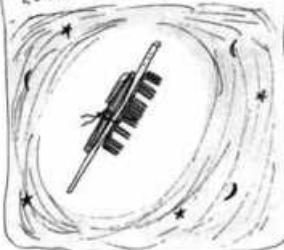


“... Fifth Avenue ...”

VOODOO for TODAY

FOR GOOD HEALTH

Tie together a felt-tip pen, a chopstick, and a comb with seven missing teeth. Leave under couch.



TO BECOME RICH

Crumple up a dollar bill and place it in the back left pocket of your favorite jeans. Wash and dry jeans until dollar has completely deteriorated.



TO MAKE SOMEONE FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU

In a food processor, combine 1 cup yogurt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fabric softener, and a teaspoon of powdered after-dinner mints. Pour into Tupperware container and store in freezer until your wish comes true.



TO GET BACK AT SOMEONE

Without picking up the receiver, dial S-P-O-I-L-E-D-M-I-L-K on the telephone while thinking black thoughts about that person.



R. Chast



"Me? I'm just one of those shadowy figures who inhabit the mysterious twilight world where the medical and legal professions meet."



"Good evening. This is 'Guideline,' and here is today's list of standards against which you should measure your performance."



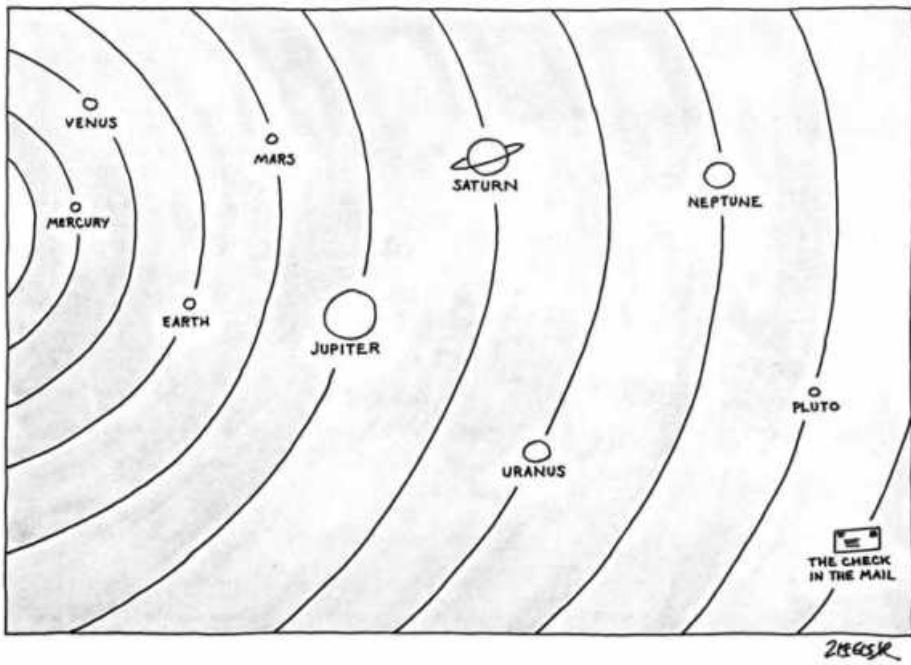
"We're quietly happy."



"This is supper?"



*"Not the Crowley, of Broomfield, Marshall, Andrews, Wicker,
McKeever, Crowley, Engelbrecht, Haynes & Martin?"*





"I didn't mean anything by it. I don't know why I said it. I just said it, that's all. Twuggy."



"Men Don's age are back in style."



"Gigot de sept heures."





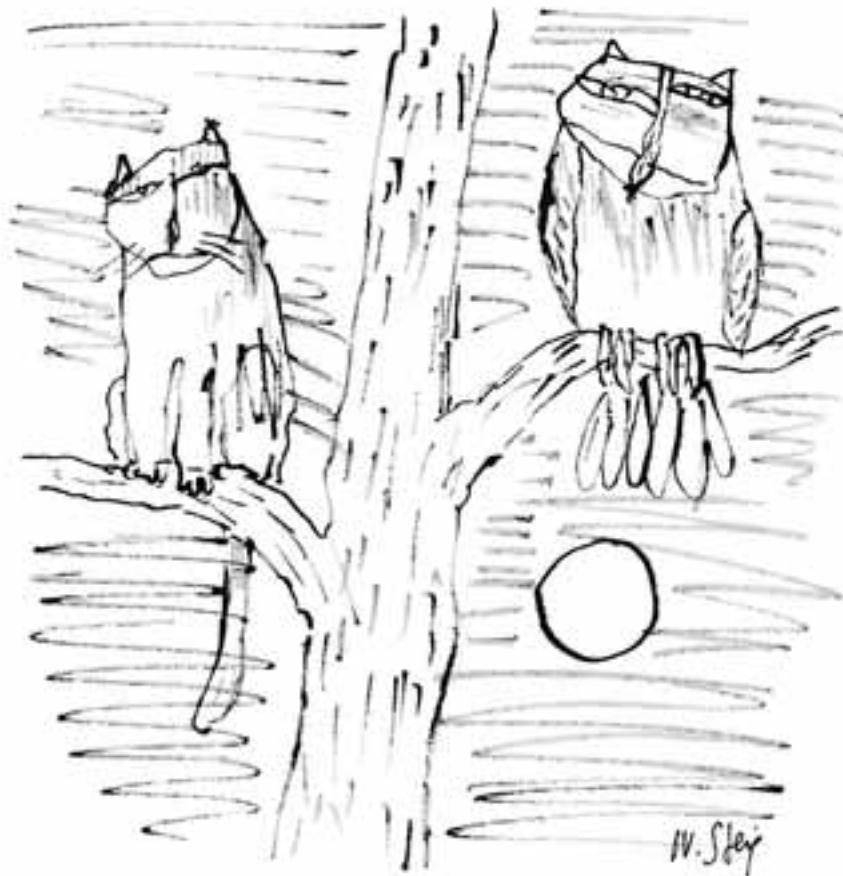
*"We haven't decided. At the moment, Stuart
is researching Kennebunkport."*



"Well, that's that. When's the next comet?"



"Perhaps, sir, your rhetoric was a little too harsh."



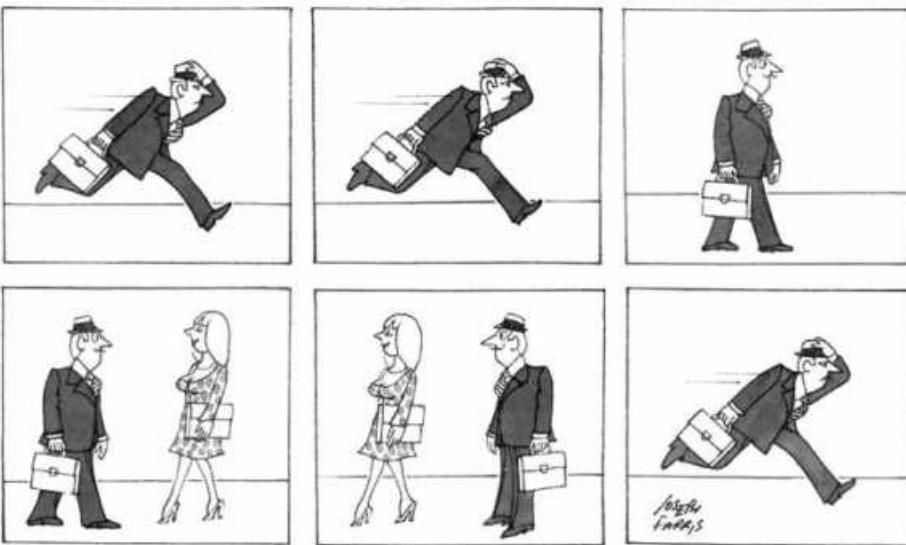
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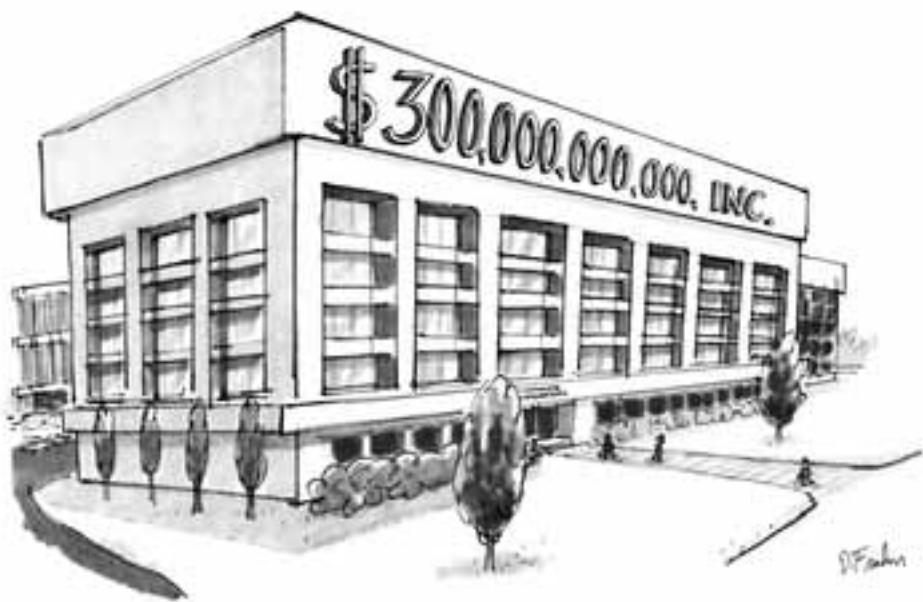


"Gotta go, guys. I've had about all the male bonding I can take for today."



"How long have you been a Mets fan?"







"I'm a social scientist, Michael. That means I can't explain electricity or anything like that, but if you ever want to know about people I'm your man."



Roz Chast



"Now will you stop stating things without fear of contradiction?"

"Old?" She laughed. "I don't
think of you as old."



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"For God's sake! Let the man have his simple pleasures."



“She said she would wait forever.”





"I console myself with the belief that when the roll is called up yonder there'll be at least three Meeses for every Stockman."



"Has anyone noticed your healthier, lively-looking hair?"



Informal Gathering



"Your curriculum vitae is extremely detailed, isn't it? I don't quite know what to make of the fact that your third-grade teacher, Miss Hartley, made you stand in the corner for throwing an eraser although another kid did it."

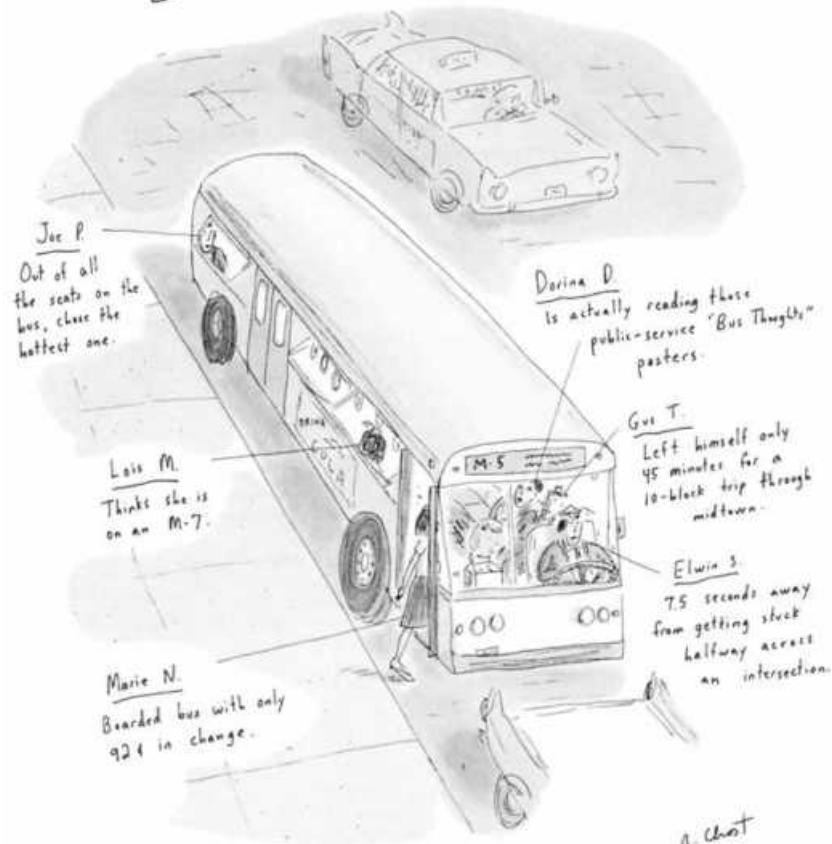




*"I know the king and queen were not amused, but
the rest of us thought it was funny as hell."*

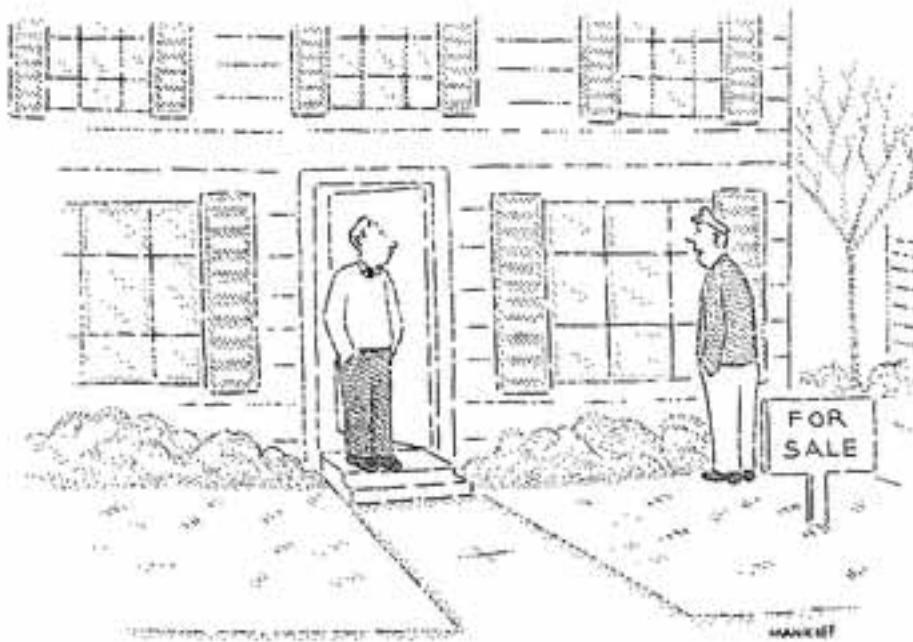


BUS OF FOOLS





"I don't know who my audience is."



"Just browsing."



“Are you sure you’ve never been to Paris before?”



"A writer? Fantastic! I wish I had time to write."



"To motherhood, apple pie, and beer!"



"Nobody chucks me under the chin anymore and tells me I'm incorrigible."



*"I'd like to be straightforward about all this,
but, of course, that's out of the question."*



"This is one of those places the truckers stop to eat at."



"If you want to be rich, the first thing you have to learn is how to count."



"Harry's finally in the mainstream on something. He loves Bill Cosby."



"We're from Thornton, Samson & Trexler. That's one of our ads."

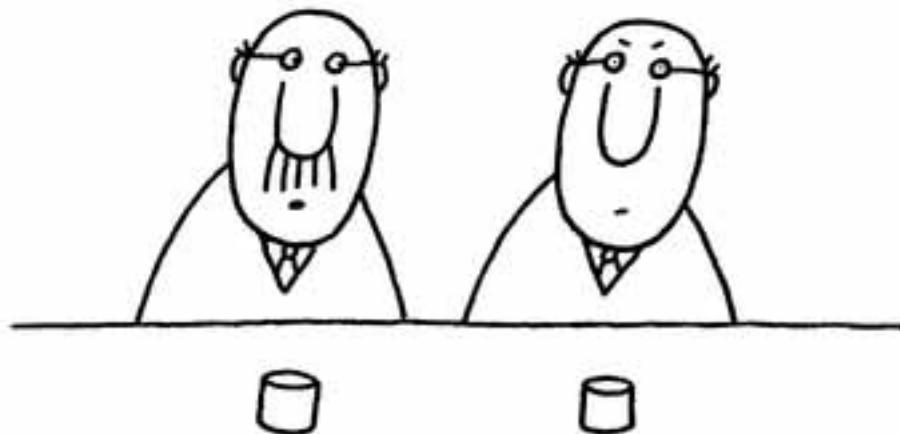


"Just one more question: Do you think Mario Cuomo is too thin-skinned to go all the way?"





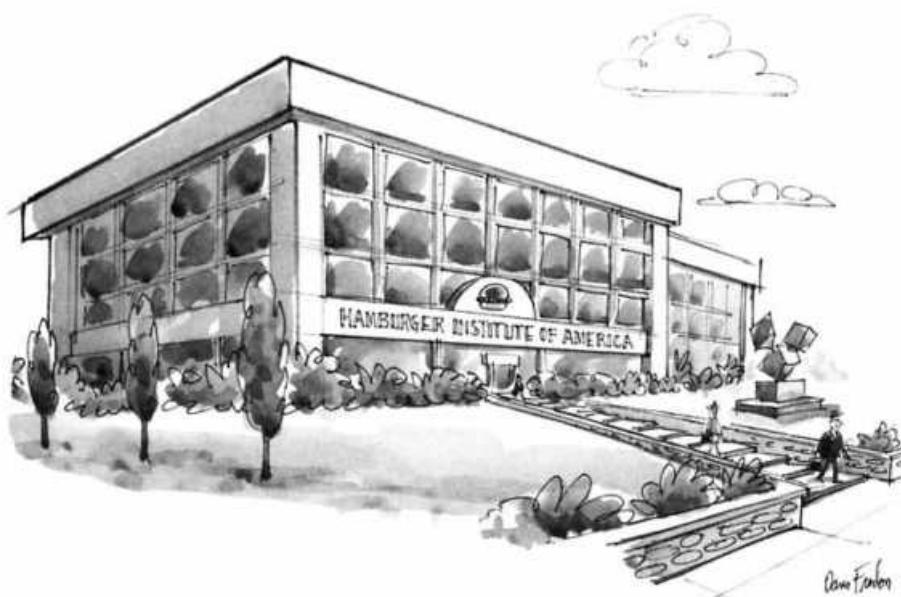
"He walked in, said he was a visiting scholar, and made himself at home."



*"I'm not going to say any more, Francis.
It's your face, and it was your mustache."*



"You used to think I was mysterious, and now I'm just baffling."





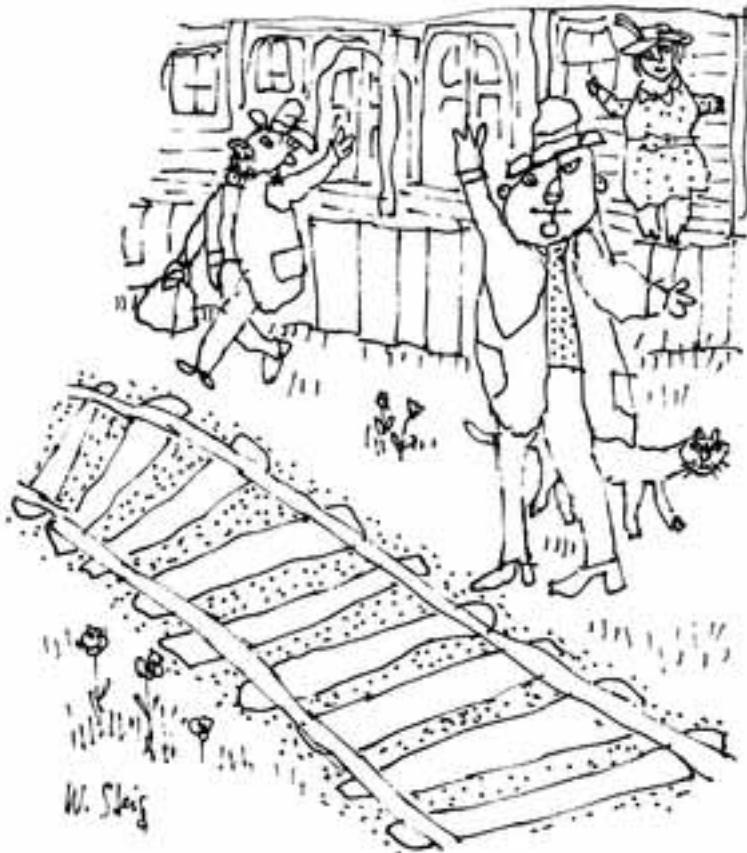


"Sam Wooley here, trying to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat."





“Call it vanity, call it narcissism, call it egomania. I love you.”



Down at the Depot





"When I speak, I expect women to listen. They don't listen."



*"Dr. Chishold says I have to learn
to be comfortable with myself."*



*About all I can remember of the whole experience is:
I liked Ike, I loved New York, and I bought Buick.*



*"It hasn't been all tuxedos, Miss Jones.
I've had my share of reversible vests."*



"Who was it said 'Laws were made to be broken'?"



"Very amusing, Robertson, if I were the type to be amused."



“Yes, I’m sure it looked cute and clean, but I would sooner starve to death than eat lunch in a place called Jennifer’s Biscuit.”



Film Critic



*"Somewhere out there, Patrick, is the key to increased sales.
I want you to find that key, Patrick, and bring it to me."*





"And now, to conclude the Washington report, R. W. Apple, Jr., chief Washington correspondent of the New York 'Times,' Steven V. Roberts, congressional correspondent of the New York 'Times,' and Leslie Gelb, national-security correspondent of the New York 'Times,' will offer their own arrangement of 'Shine On, Harvest Moon.' "

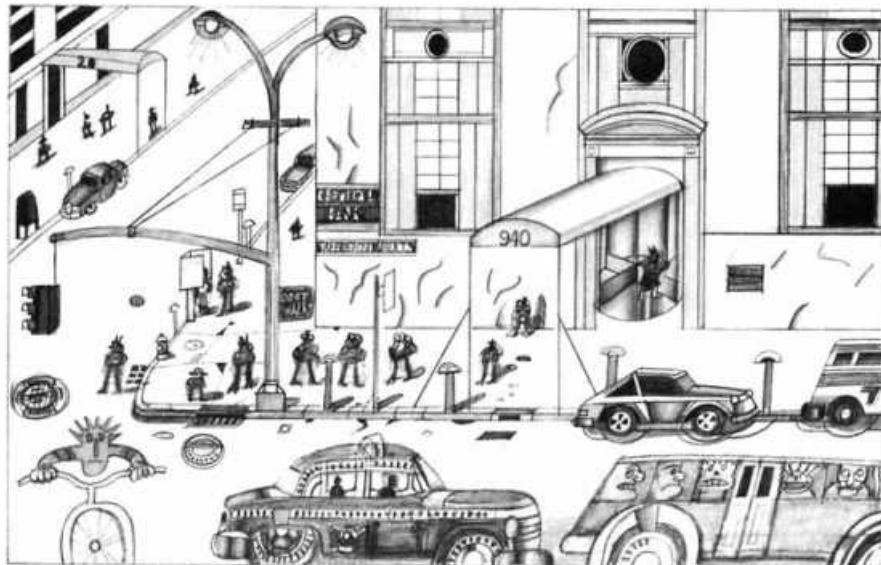


"Let me know when it's the twenty-fourth."

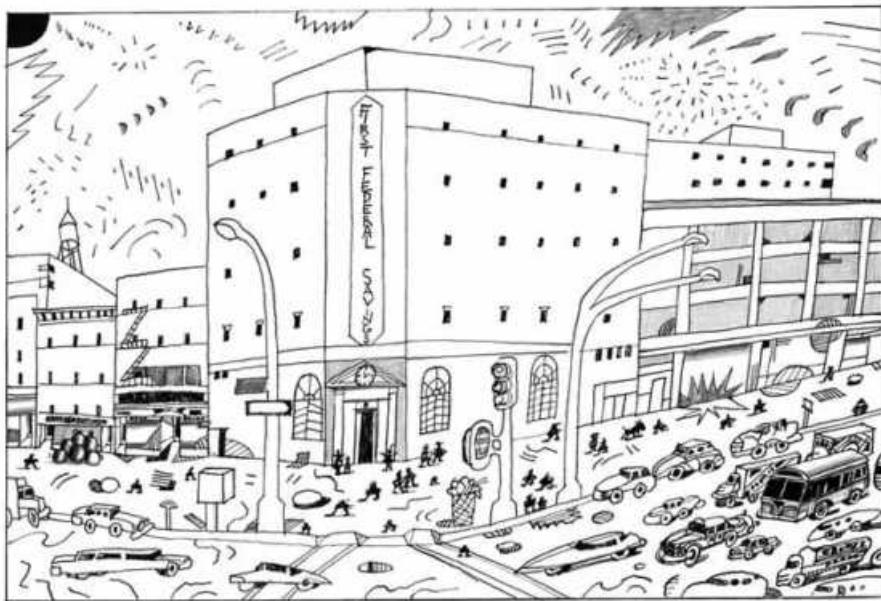
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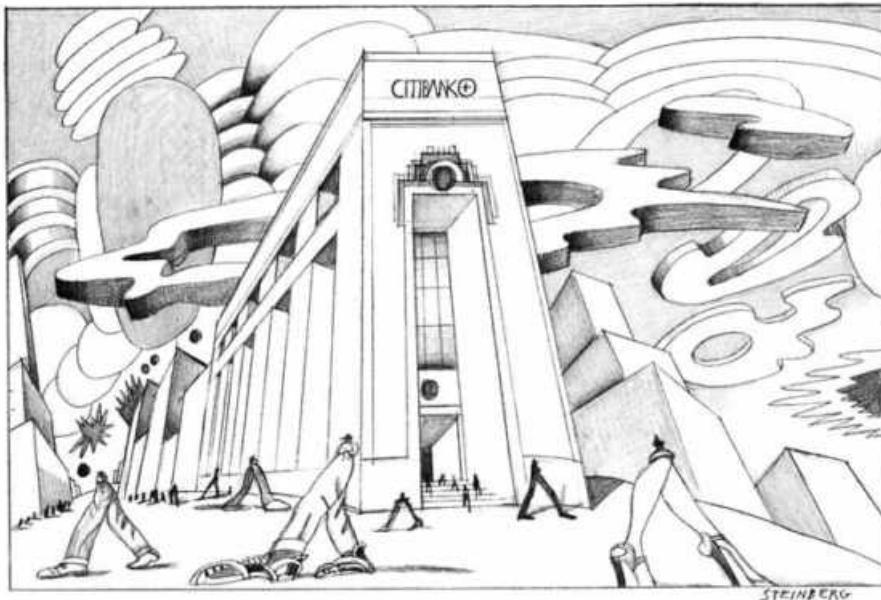
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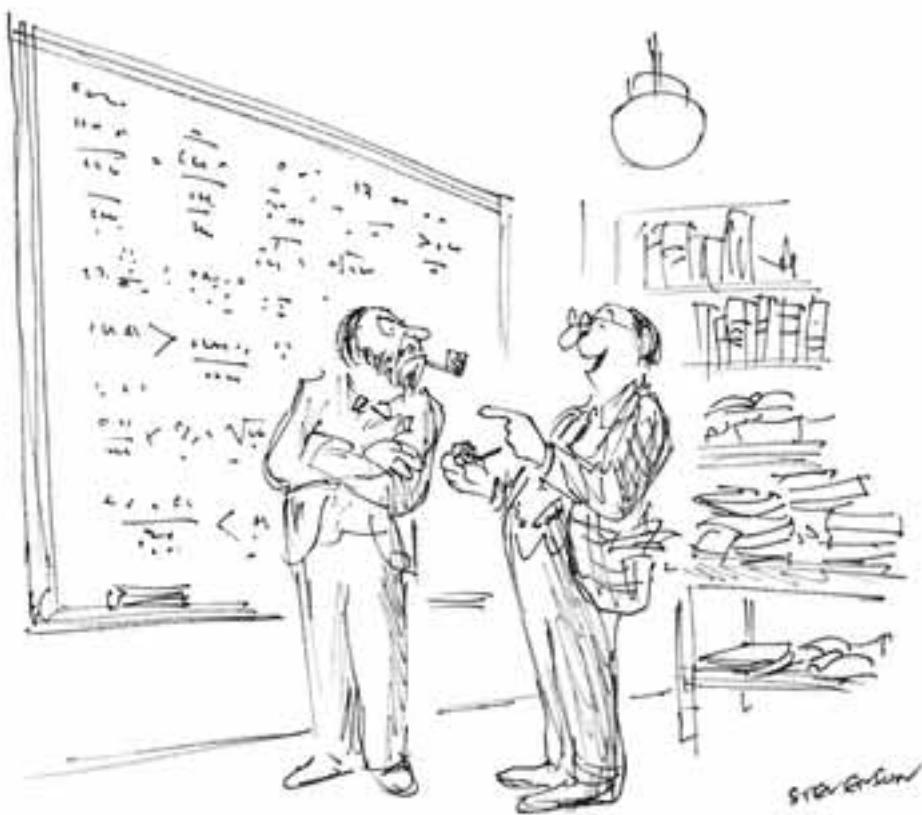


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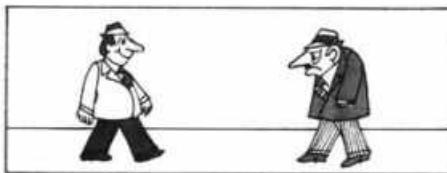
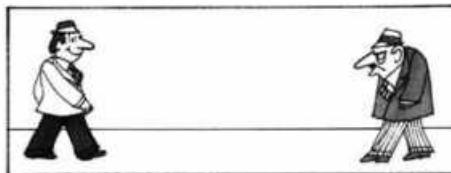


"That just shows how little you know."





"Please, Randolph. Grown men don't call them 'bunny rabbits.'"





“Got it!”



The Devil Tamed



"Mr. Hendy here is from the world of entertainment."



*"Al, I've fought the good fight and now
I'm ready to drink the good drink."*



*"Gentlemen, after much soul-searching I've decided
to take early retirement and leave you holding the bag."*



*"Do you mind if I thumb through
Newsweek' while we talk?"*



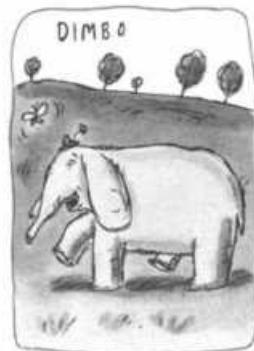
*"I'm sick of the economy, dear.
Can't we disagree about something else?"*





*"I finally memorized my bug number—
34-5018-742296-884901-48921372."*

Dumbo's Distant Cousins



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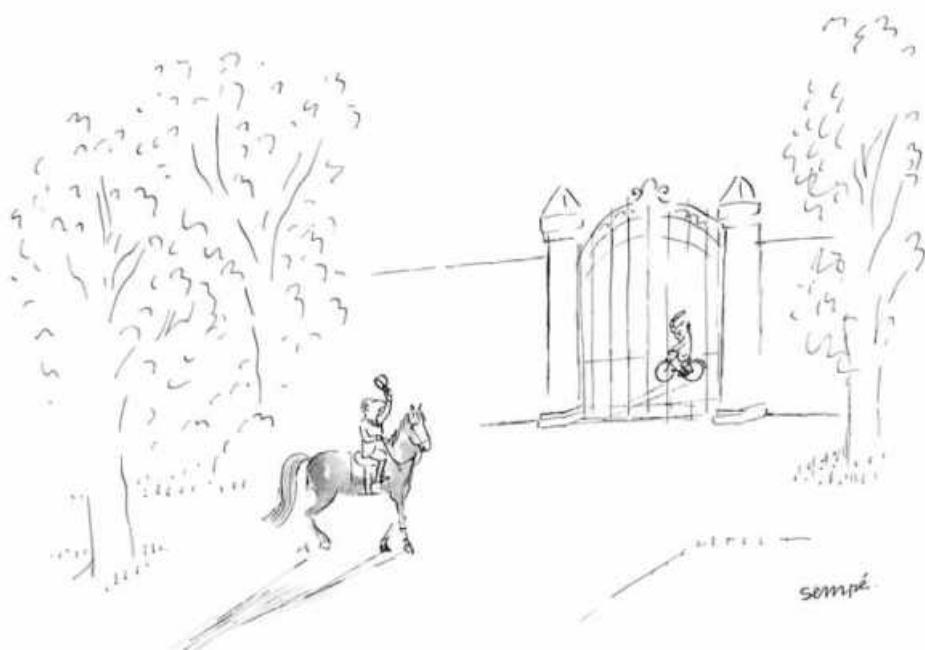


"According to you, everything new is 'a variant of.' "



Warren Miller (5/26/1986)

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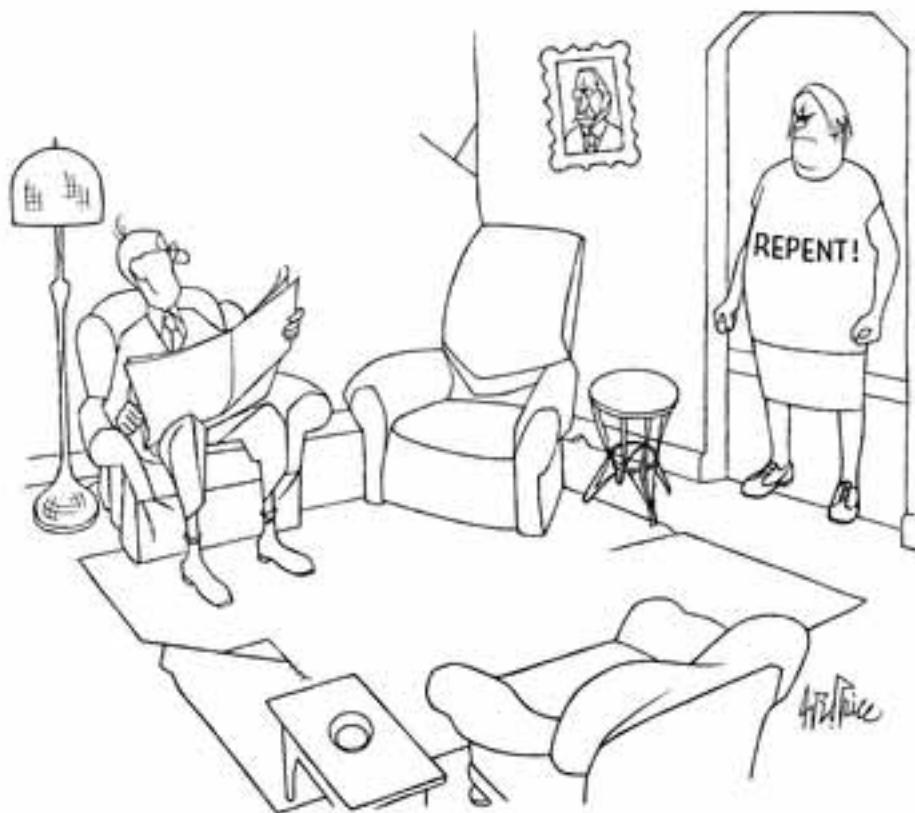




*"I'm afraid we have no Grand Panjandrum as such.
What we have is a Mr. Kemnitzer."*



"I don't know why, but suddenly New Jersey looks very appealing."





*"You have a certain kind of charm, haven't you, Mr. Beadle?
Well, that's all right. I'm not totally opposed to charm."*

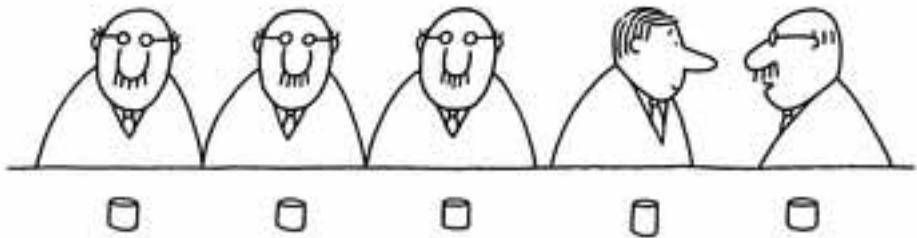




Anniversary Portrait



"That's just our opinion, but I believe the public feels the same way."



Charles Barsotti

"Sir, would you mind changing places with me?"





"You used to start off each day with a song."



"Under the new tax plan, do we get it in the neck more or less than under the old tax plan?"



*"Doris and I both know where the bodies are buried.
That's what keeps us together."*



Private Thoughts

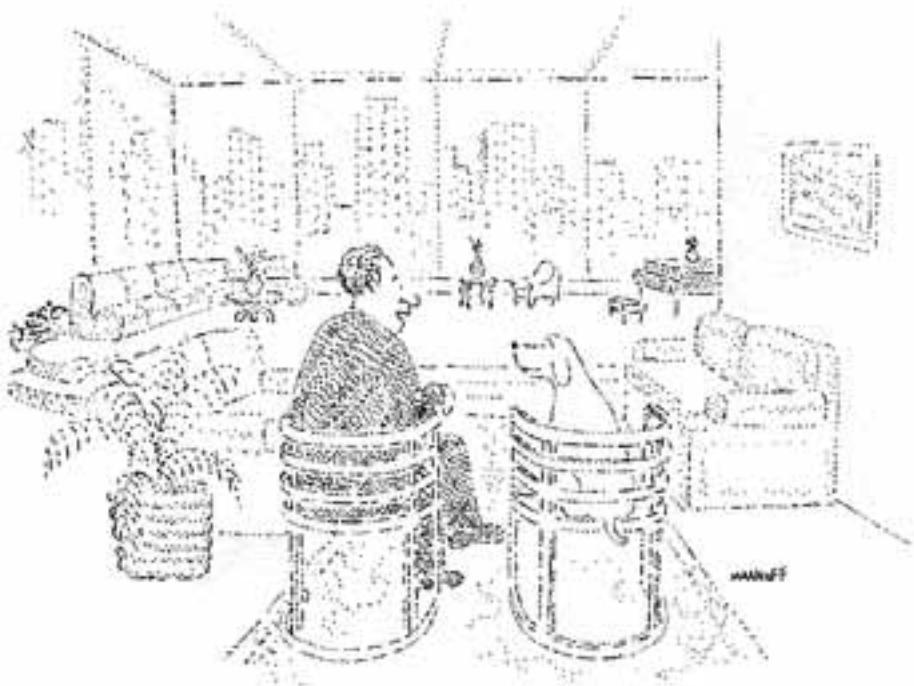




"True. But what it says about him is something I've known for years."



“May I remind you, Miss Bancroft, that today is my birthday?”



*"Well, we've kept our own counsel and done
pretty well for ourselves, haven't we?"*





"Sire, the men think your battle cry of 'Continuity!' is terrific, but they'd love a chance to come up with something of their own."



"Twenty years? What ever happened to revolving-door justice?"



"I know it's late, but may I ask all of you to join me in a few moments of deep concentration, so Betty MacDonald will not be disturbed again at three in the morning by the ghost of Victor Hugo?"



*"What the hell, make it a double.
I'm living beyond my means anyway."*



"I just can't seem to get into the spirit of the thing."



"Roger always lived on the edge. Then one day he fell off."



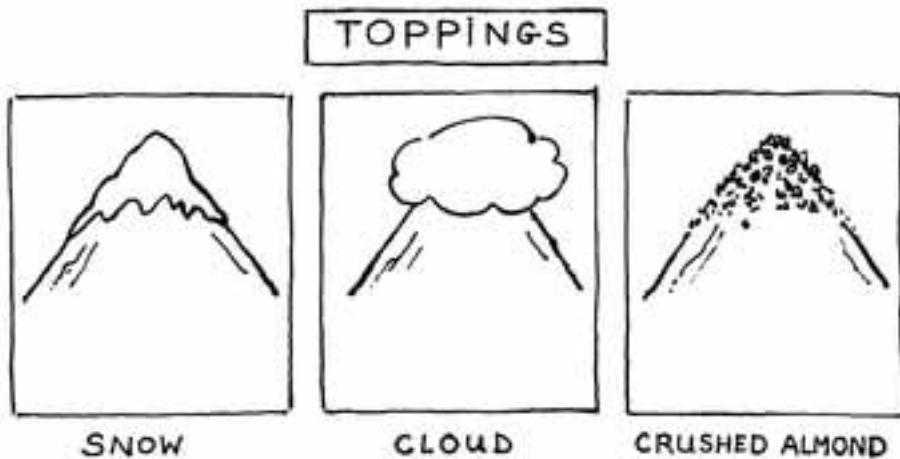
"It's not just me, Doctor. He's been turning away from the New York 'Times' as well."



"Lately, I've been admitting publicly what I've been feeling privately, and privately I've been feeling a need to watch reruns of 'The Honeymooners.'"



*"Phelps, I hope I'm not insulting you when
I say you're an incompetent nincompoop."*





Love's Old Sweet Song



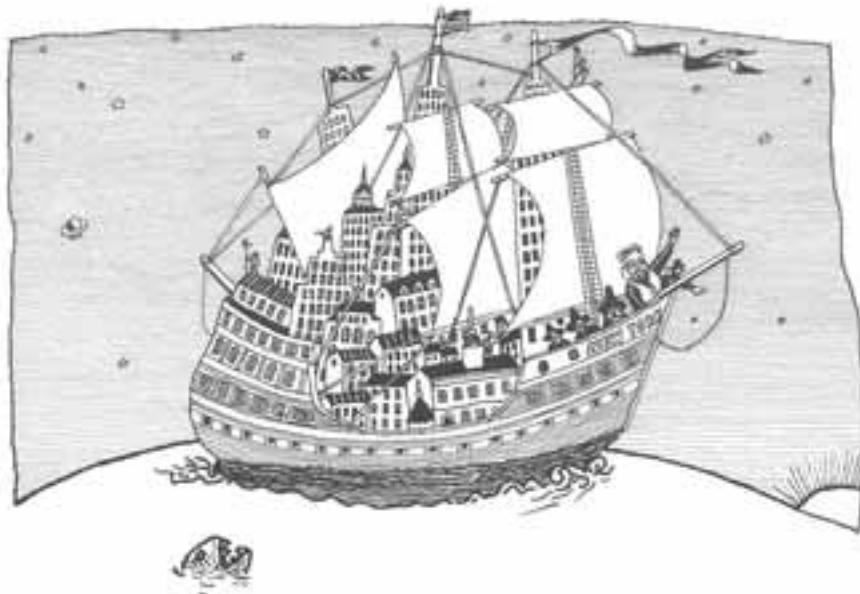
"All in favor of a cap on our liability?"

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First Citizens

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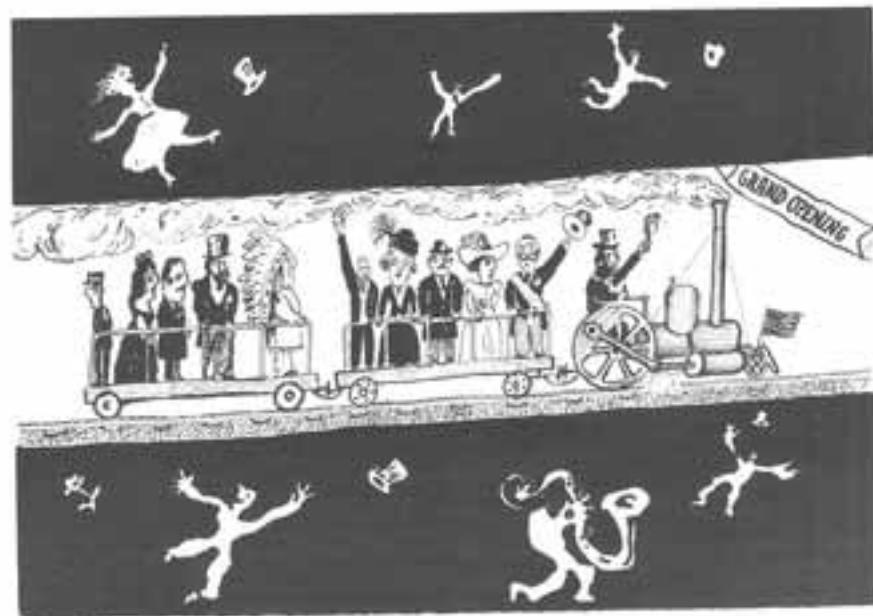
White Men

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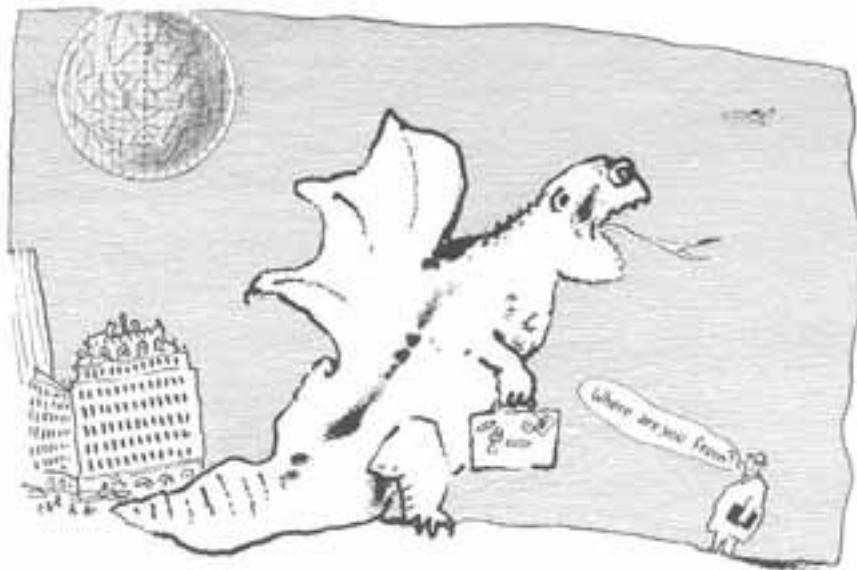
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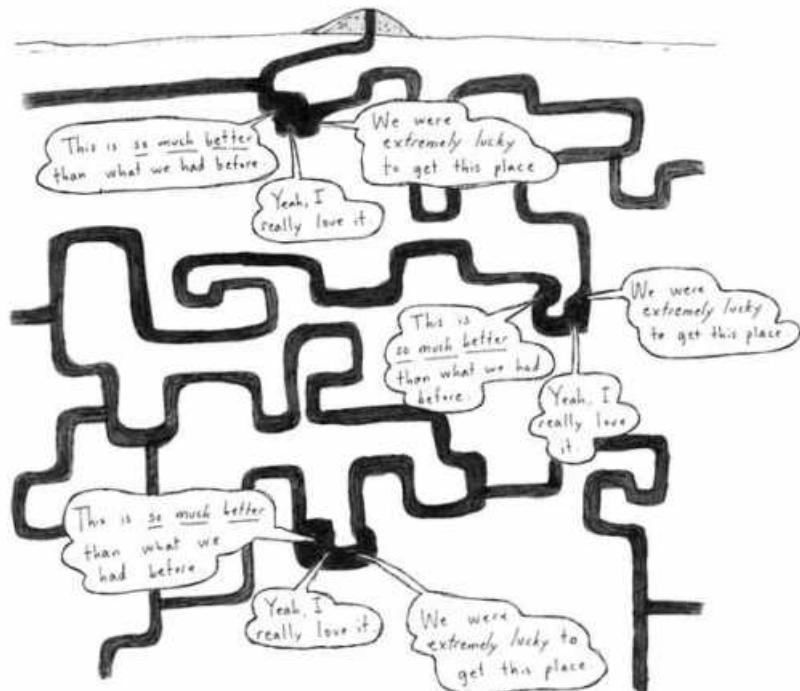
The Sea



"After my business breakfast, I'll be going directly to the office."



"Matthew, I'm having a lot of trouble with what you've just said."

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FROM ANT FARM TO
ANT CONDO

R. Chast



"Listen closely. This is going to be vintage Eddie."



"Time hasn't dimmed your military bearing, my love."



"Please, sir, I want it all."



"That's just what my mother used to say."



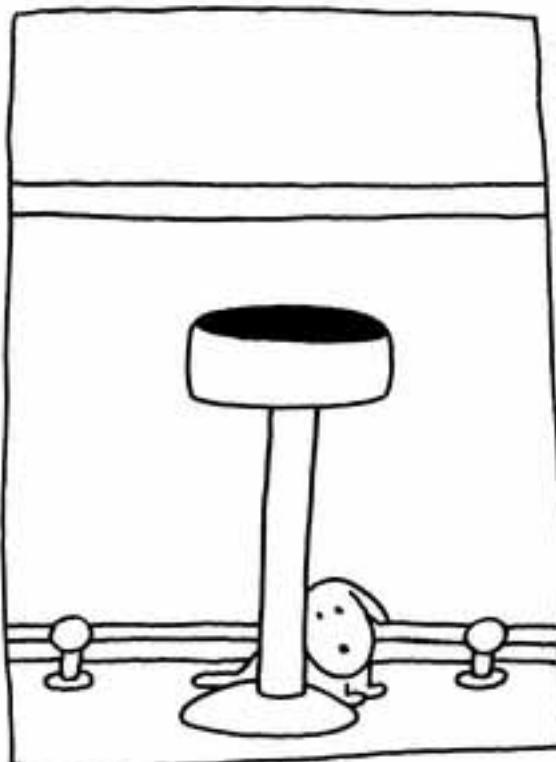
"Perfect."



"Well, David, there are a lot of things to like about it."



GONE BUT NOT
FORGOTTEN



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"There is a Mr. Hayer at the front door with four hundred and twenty-seven legitimate ways to beat the system."



"Believe me, Mrs. Crowley, when it's time to start thinking about running for the hills I'll tell you."



"I, for one, don't see how Herman Melville relates to our life style."



"At the market this morning, I bought a fresh melon. I ran into Sarah on the way home, and she said, 'What a great melon!' I put it on the kitchen windowsill, and when Bob came in he said, 'Gee, honey, that sure is a beautiful melon,' and he gave me a great big kiss. Then we sat down to have a drink and watch a little TV before dinner. All of a sudden, this commercial came on showing a housewife buying a melon. A friend stops her and says, 'Wow! What a melon!' Then her husband comes home, gives her a big kiss, and says, 'Some melon, honey!' At that point, I ran into the kitchen and burst into tears."



Thinker Walking Among Pigeons



"It always takes Howard a couple of days to relax."



"Hadley has never succumbed to the lure of the open road."



*"Call off the siege. It's being converted into
ninety-three units of coöperative housing."*



"I don't care if he is one of the few dissenting voices around. Make him stop whispering in my ear!"



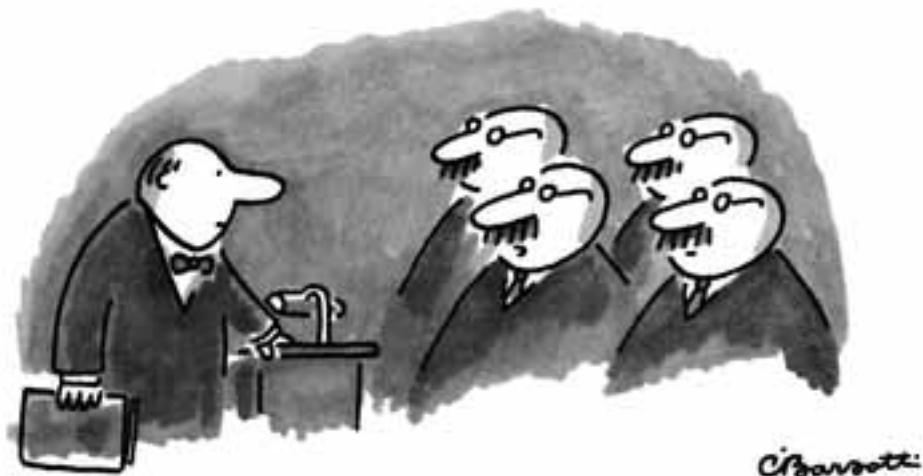
*"Mr. Carmichael from Purchasing is here, sir.
What was it you said you wanted done with him?"*



"He was a man of simple tastes—baked macaroni, steamed cabbage, wax beans, boiled onions, and corn fritters."



*"Look, I didn't come down here to work on our relationship.
I came here to work on my backhand."*



*"Yes, it was a table for eight, but at the last
moment our wives refused to join us."*



"That's a very nice hobby. My hobby is living."



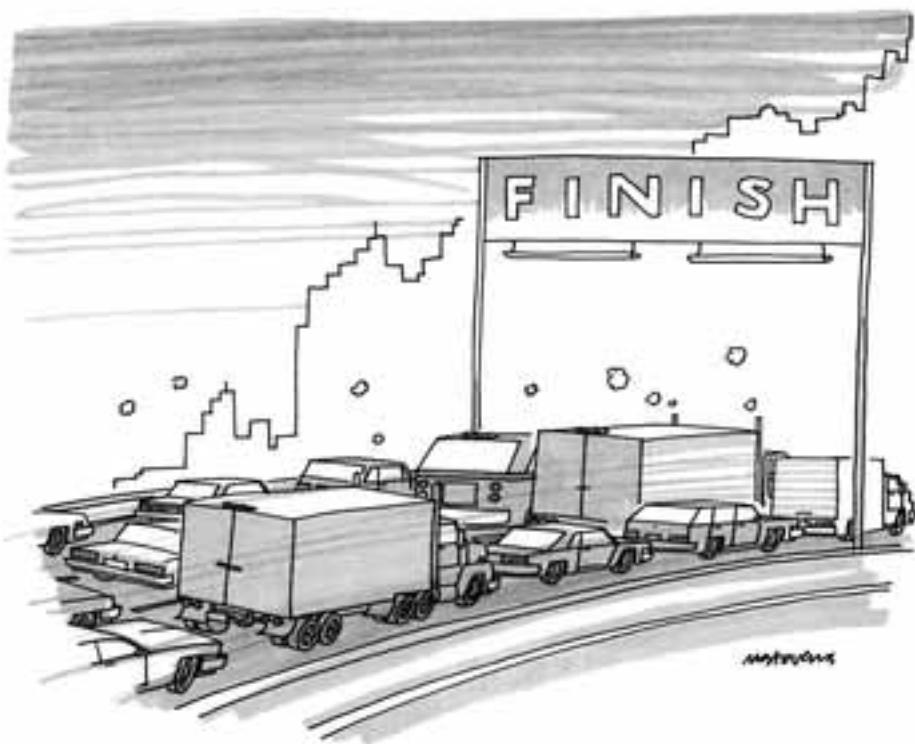


"My feeling is that while we should have the deepest respect for reality, we should not let it control our lives."





"I hate to tell you this, but Dad gave my condo down payment to the Contras."





"Try again, boys. This has visibility and credibility, but it still lacks deniability."



"I love you, and you love romance."



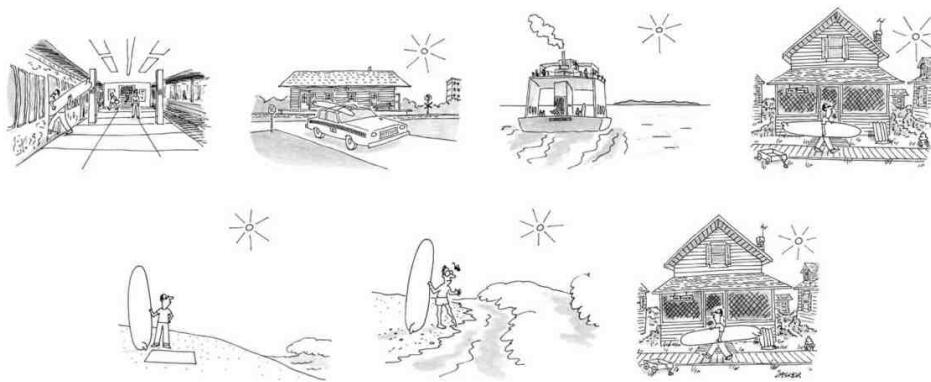
"Alfredo, this is my Stanley. I've brought him in to be shorn."



Fool's Garden



"How's the burger?"





"Thanks, Bruce, for that featherhead item. Now it's back to Ed, with a story that will scare the pants off everyone."



*"Marvin will join us in a few minutes.
He's on the terrace, checking for mildew."*



*"I don't think that Bart Giamatti is actually going to play baseball, Miles.
I believe he's going to more or less be on the management side."*



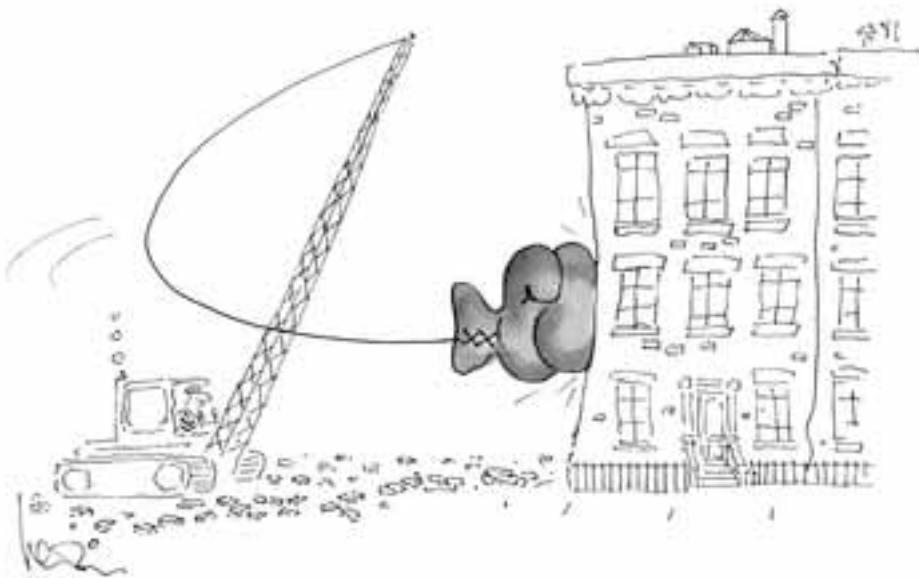
"You're the top, you're the Colosseum, you're the top, you're the Louvre Museum. You're the da-da-da, da-da-da-da-da in Spain. You're the da-dee-da-da, the da-dee-da-da, you're cellophane!"



"Hey, the tide has turned!"



"Beautiful damn dream. I was back at Princeton. Only, Kippy, you weren't my roommate. Brooke Shields was my roommate."



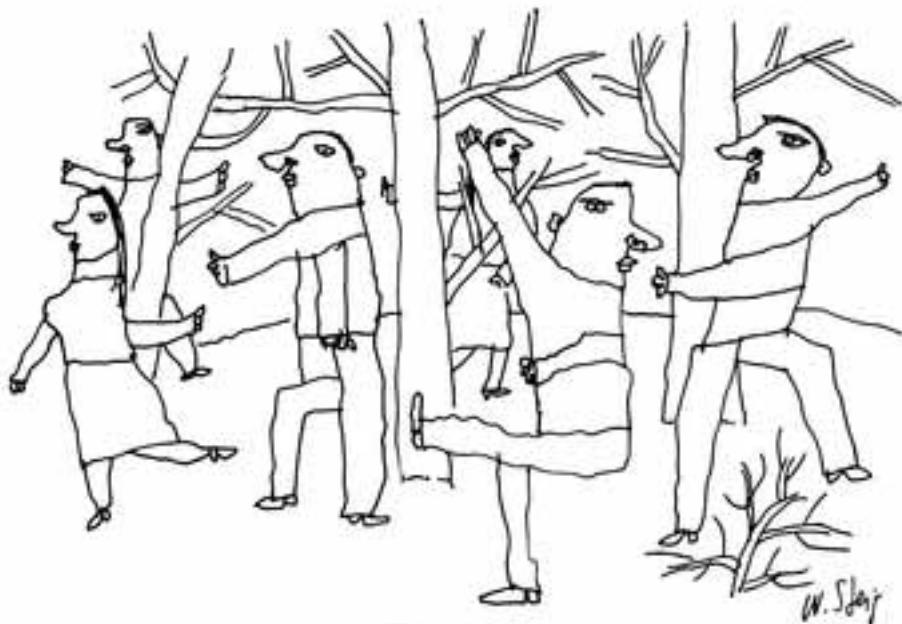


*"Tim, what I hear you saying is you want
me to share the check with you."*



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*"I've seen 'Top Gun,' 'Raw Deal,' 'Short Circuit,'
'Cobra,' 'Invaders from Mars,' 'SpaceCamp,' and 'Wise
Guys,' but in August I'm going to join Mary and
the kids on the Cape."*



T'ai Chi





"Bobby, I never noticed any damn baby boom, did you?"





*"Some men, Miss Hoffstetter, were born to lobby.
Yours truly is one of those men."*



"This is my favorite part of our summer vacation—when you lean into the wind."



"Miss Wilcox, get me the Coast."



"Nothing serious—just some twenties stuck in your crankshaft."



"No, no. When I say this new secret weapon can slip past their defenses undetected, I'm not referring to the Russians, I'm referring to Congress."



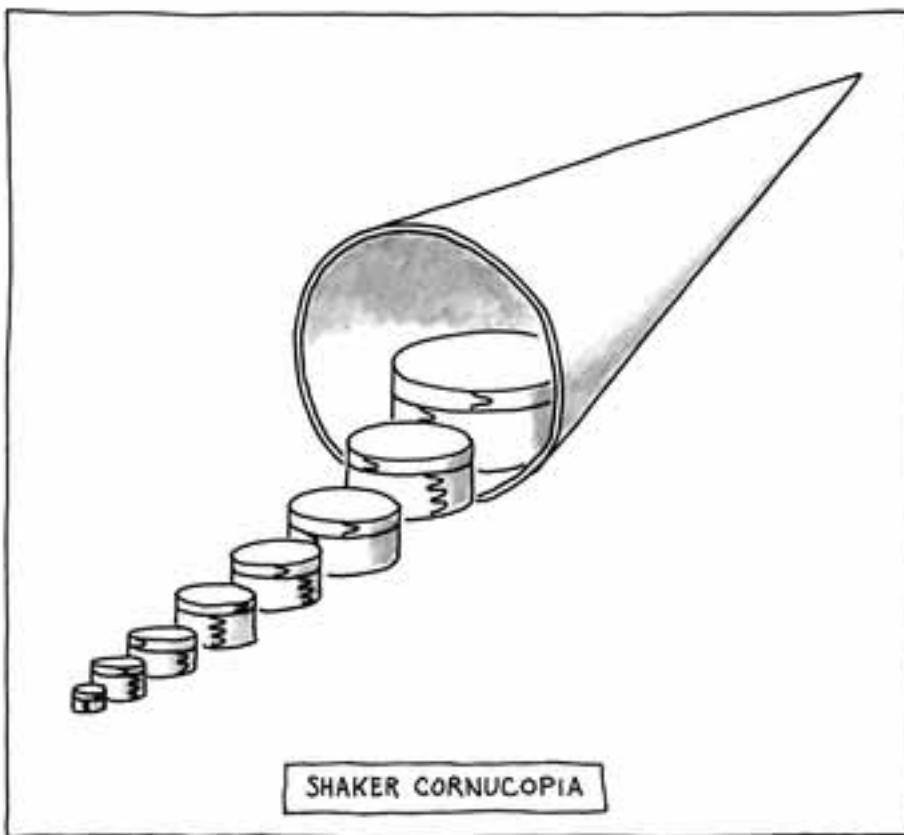
"You've got it. Now take it uptown."



"Oh, he speaks, all right. But never to the point."



"No more pipe, and no more bowl."



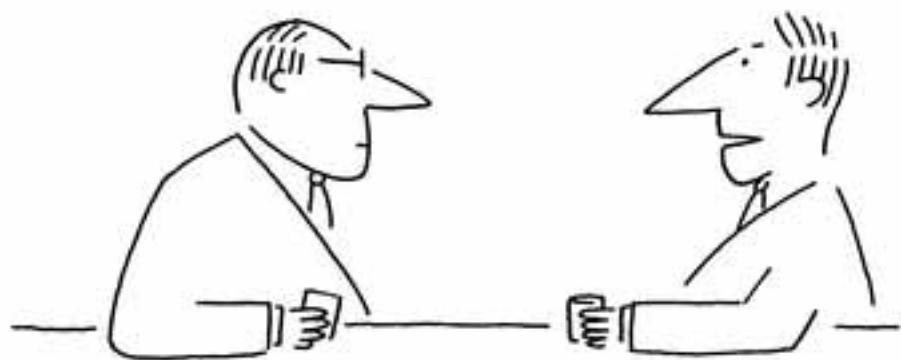
SHAKER CORNUCOPIA



"When I get out, I'm going to give crime just one more chance!"



"I think I know what my problem is. I'm too subtle."



*"Hey, I love liberty as much as the next guy,
but I'm still going to be out of town on the Fourth."*



"Perhaps Monsieur would care for something more expensive?"





"It was nice meeting you, sir. We must have lunch one day."



"I now pronounce you a husband-and-wife team."

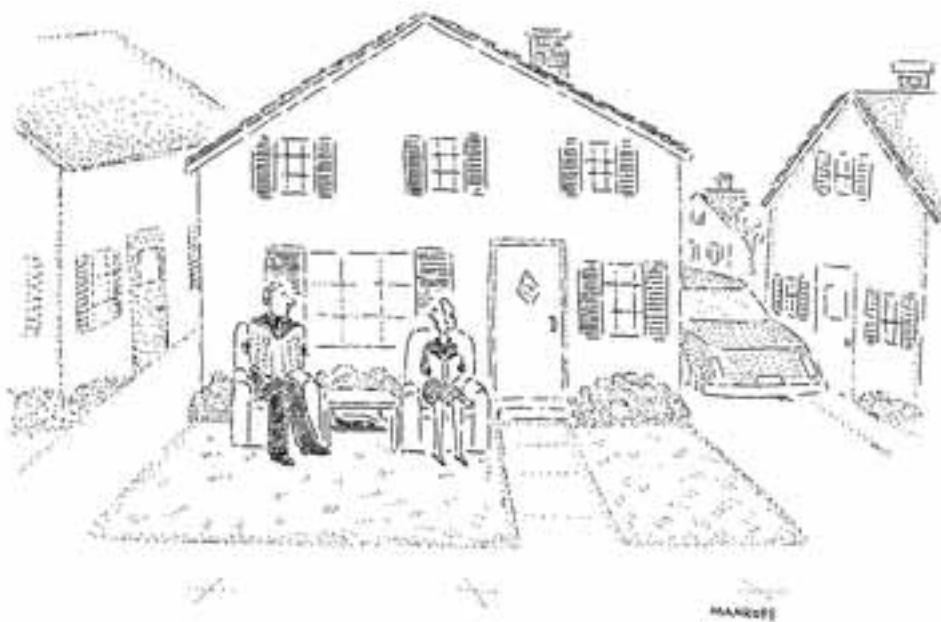


"Sir, I'm leaving my high-paying job in the manufacturing industry for a low-paying job in a service industry, because that's what's happening."





"I'm afraid that hasn't come across my desk yet."



"By the way, this isn't my idea of a vacation."





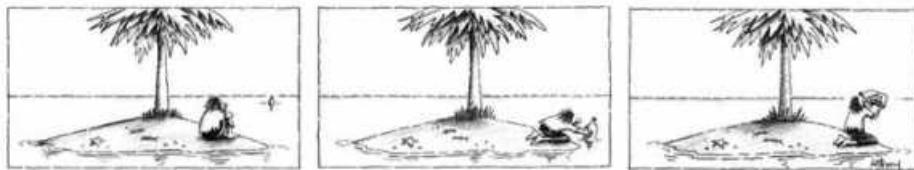
Old Clown



"I object, Your Honor! This line of questioning is really weird."



"As far as I'm concerned, Halley's comet laid an egg the first time around and it laid an egg the second time around, too."





"Gentlemen, we are now playing hardball."



*"No, you may not have one hundred dollars
for a night on the town."*



"There's that raised-eyebrow look again!"



"Please understand. I don't sell access to the government. I merely sell access to the guys who do sell access to the government."



"Howard buys everything Catherine Deneuve advertises."



"O.K., you love me. What's the subtext?"





*"Oh, I had some good ideas in my day.
It's my follow-through I had trouble with."*



*"A fool and his money are soon parted.
And that's not just my opinion."*



"At the top of our news this evening, once again there were no clear winners on the Phil Donahue show today."



*"How would you like a vodka Martini while
we're waiting for the children to grow up?"*



"From a man's point of view, do you think it's beautiful?"



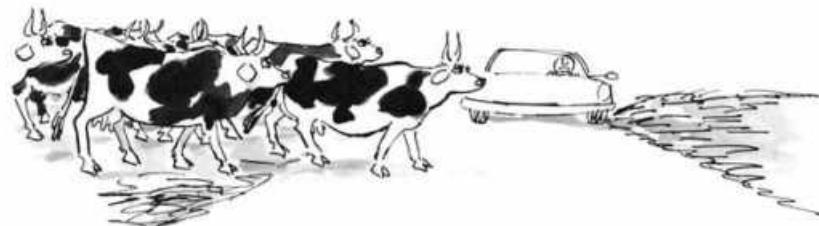
*"Monday, July 7, 1986. It is a quiet morning at Belle Aire.
Slight fog. Beuford is fussing with his trailer hitch . . ."*



"Nantucket Vice."



*"Miss Benson, I wish you'd stop saying
'What will they think of next?'"*





THE THRILL OF
VICTORY



THE AGONY OF
DEFEAT



*"We used to be close friends as well as good neighbors.
Almost every evening, we enjoyed the sunset together,
philosophizing about this and that. Then, one day,
we had a slight difference, and ever since then he's
tried to spoil this wonderful moment."*



"It's a no-pepperoni pizza—a message of hope for all mankind."



"Your Honor, on the first ballot the jury voted ten to two for conviction. For three emotionally charged hours, we discussed our points of difference. On the next ballot, it was seven to five for acquittal. Over the next several ballots, the vote seesawed back and forth. One juror became ill and was replaced by an alternate. By now, we had been in session for ten hours straight. Tempers were rising and some jurors were near the breaking point."





*"All right, so we made up. I wish you wouldn't refer
to it as my being recalled from Tidewater!"*



"Art, you're beautiful, but you have three minutes."



"Who the hell do they think they are?"



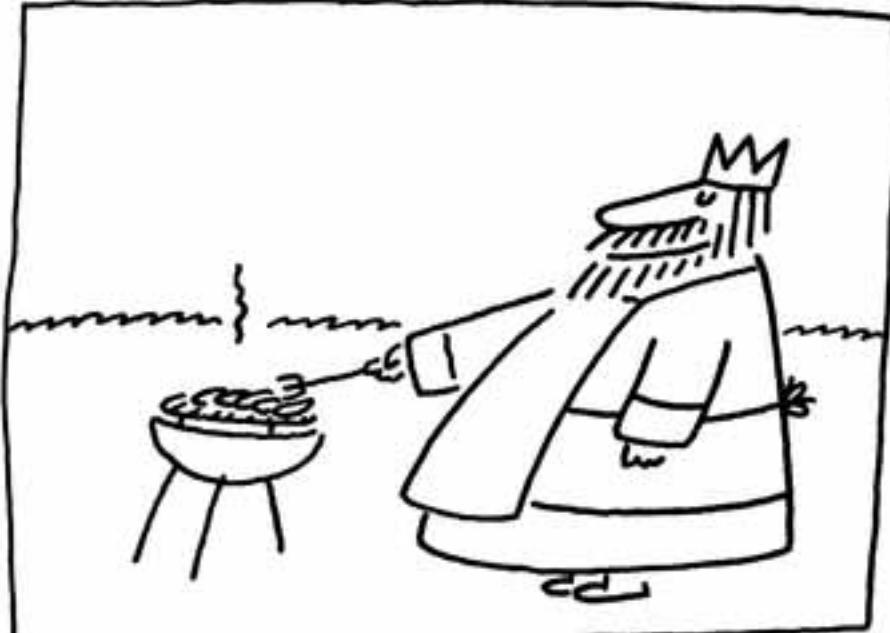
"Andrea is waiting for dimples to come back, but so far they haven't."



"Once upon a time, slightly to the left of Carnegie Hall, Faith Stewart-Gordon was greeting her guests in the Russian Tea Room."

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THE KING CAN DO NO WRONG



Barsotti





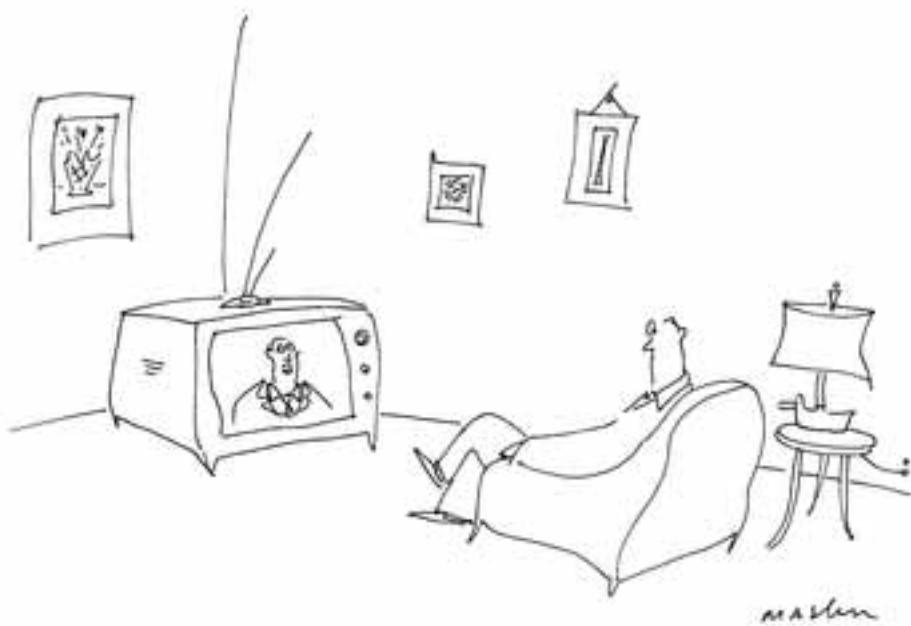
"They met in the express-checkout lane at the A. & P. and have slowed down only occasionally ever since."



"You realize, of course, that any attempt on my part to profit by this information would put me at risk of an investigation by the S.E.C."



"Kitchens are my milieu."



*"What are you waiting for? Thousands have
already fallen for this amazing offer."*

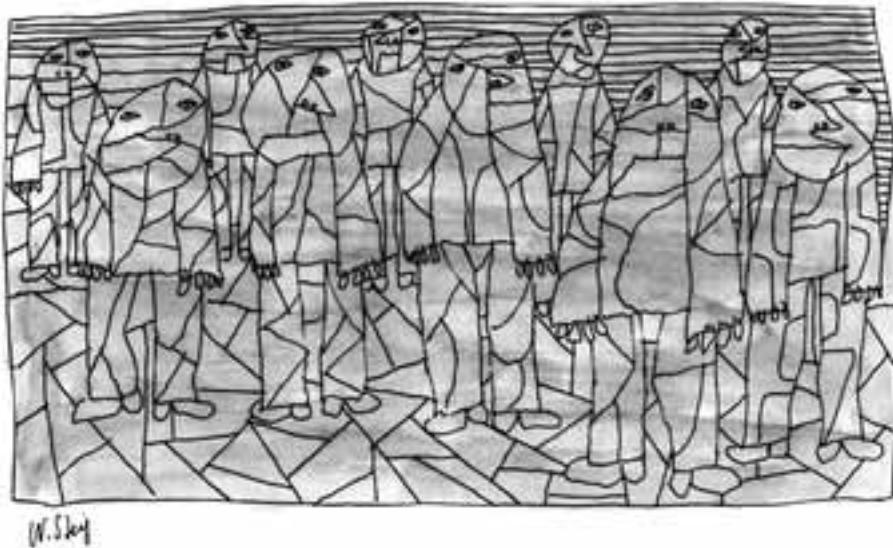


"First of all, how many of you can read music?"





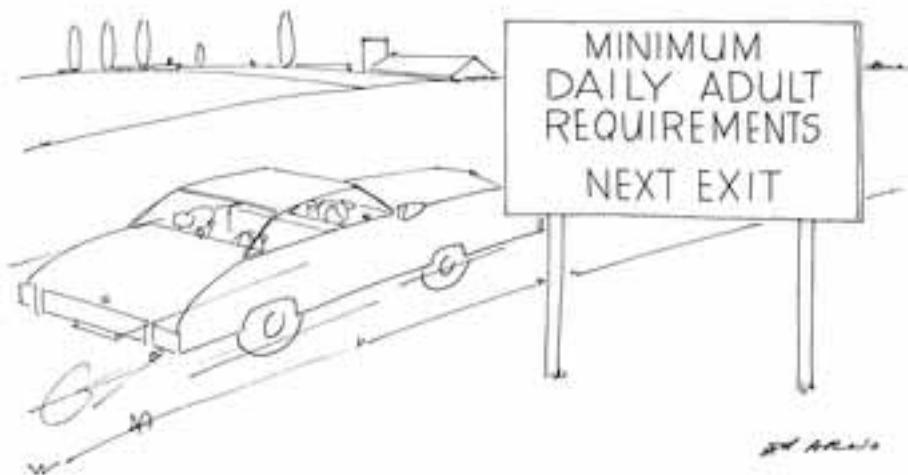
"All those in favor of the new me say 'Aye.' "



Power Outage



"Here are the numbers you wanted cooked, sir."





"Cornelia has created a seventy-five-acre animal refuge in the Adirondacks. You can only get there by canoe."





"We could get close with David and Elizabeth if they didn't put Béarnaise sauce on everything."



"A messenger from the West Side, Your Highness."



"It's not the job I can't stand, it's the lobby sculpture."





"Donald Trump on lines one through six."





"I can't get over it. You kids are still like honeymooners."

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Entrepreneurs

AVE. A (2 OF 9)



Denizens

AVE. A (3 OF 9)



Hanging Out

AVE. A (4 OF 9)



Art Bar

AVE. A (5 OF 9)



La Vie de Bohème

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Divertissement

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Curator

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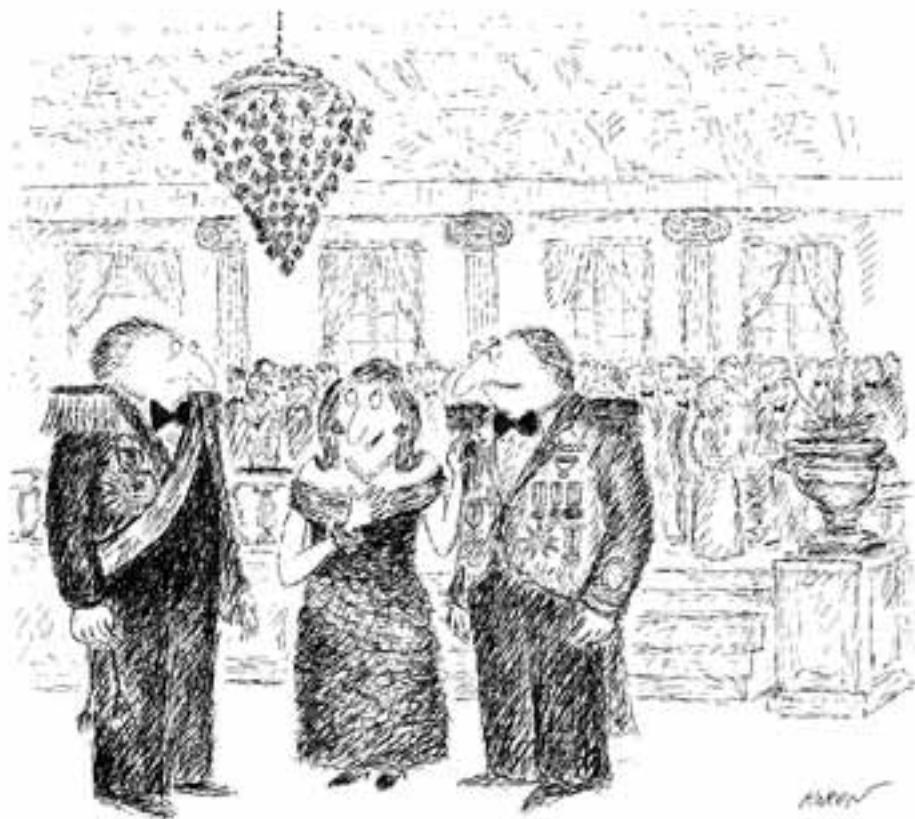
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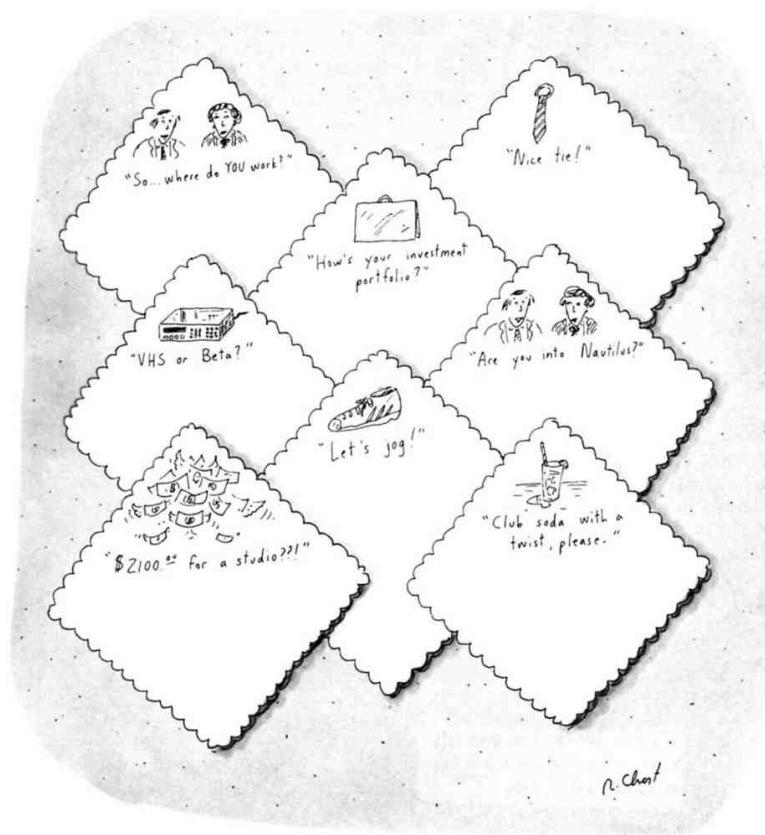






"Oh dear, I'm terrible with names."

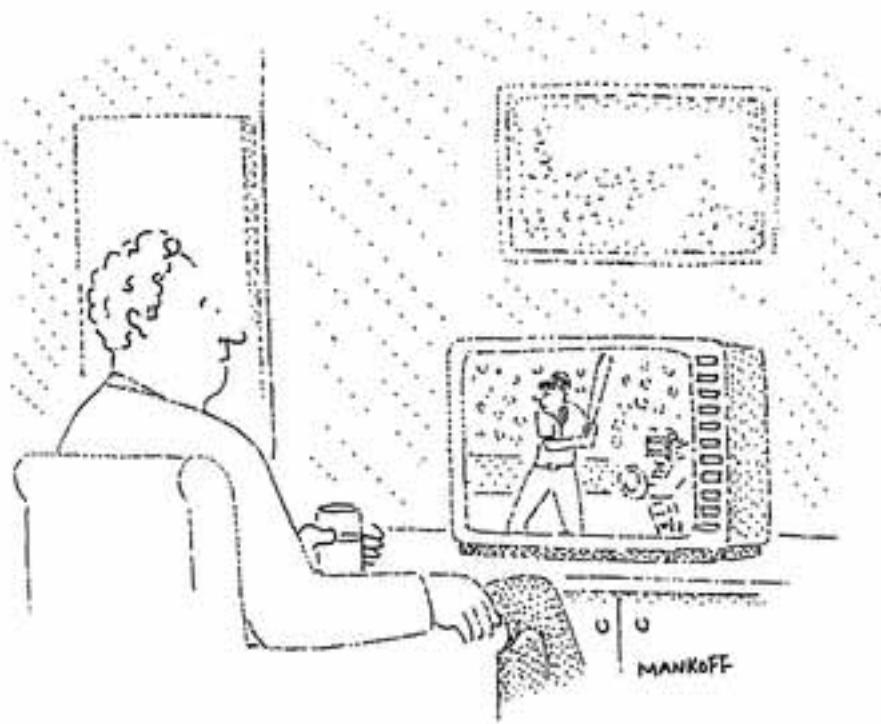
COCKTAIL NAPKINS FOR TODAY





"Come in, come in, Cartwright. I'm entering my exuberant phase and I need your dour skepticism."





"Ken bats left-handed, enjoys cultural as well as outdoor activities, and seeks a sensitive, non-smoking woman for a lasting partnership that includes long walks, good music, and fielding practice."



"Don't you love being upscale?"



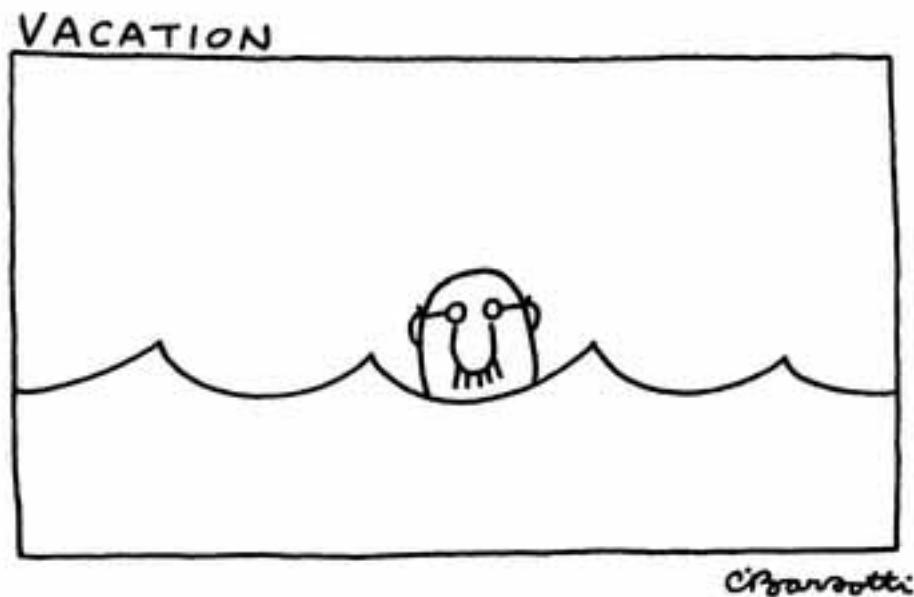
*"My name is Howard C. Freswell, and this
is Arthur Templeton, my attorney."*



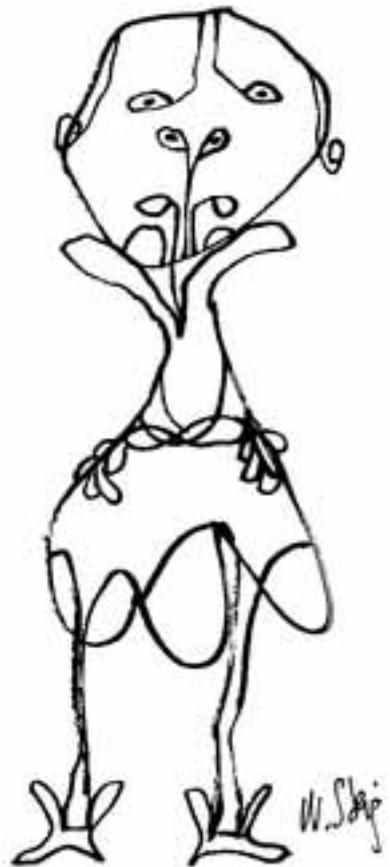
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Charles Barsotti



Elizabethan





"I said it was Schubert, he said it was Schumann, I turned out to be right, he felt threatened, and I haven't seen him since."

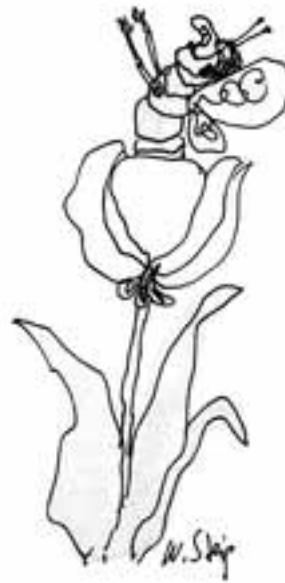


“Loving Each Other.”



"Take me, for example. I didn't always have charisma."

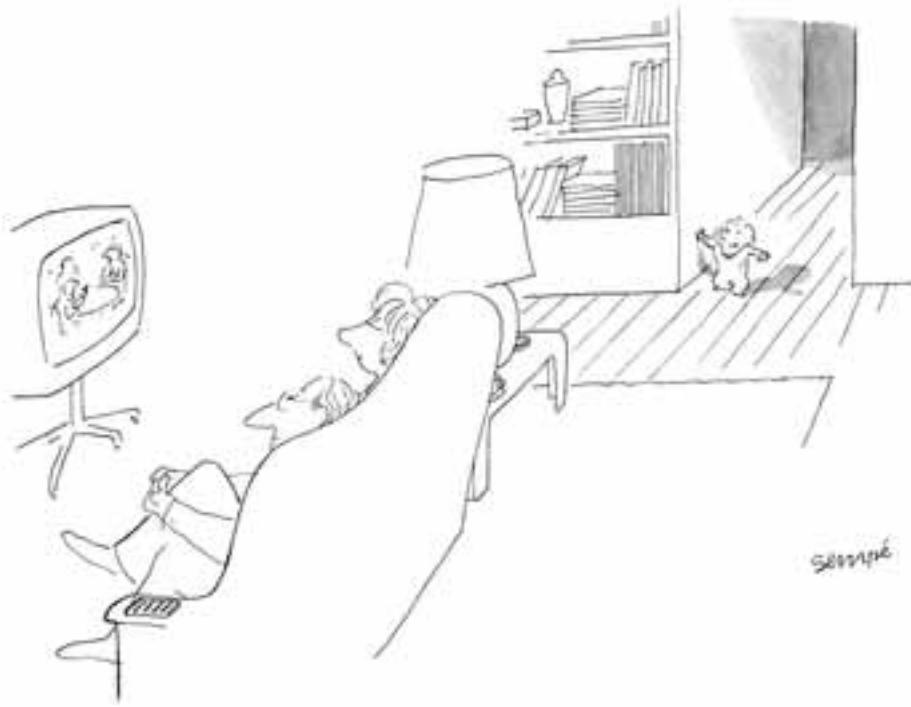




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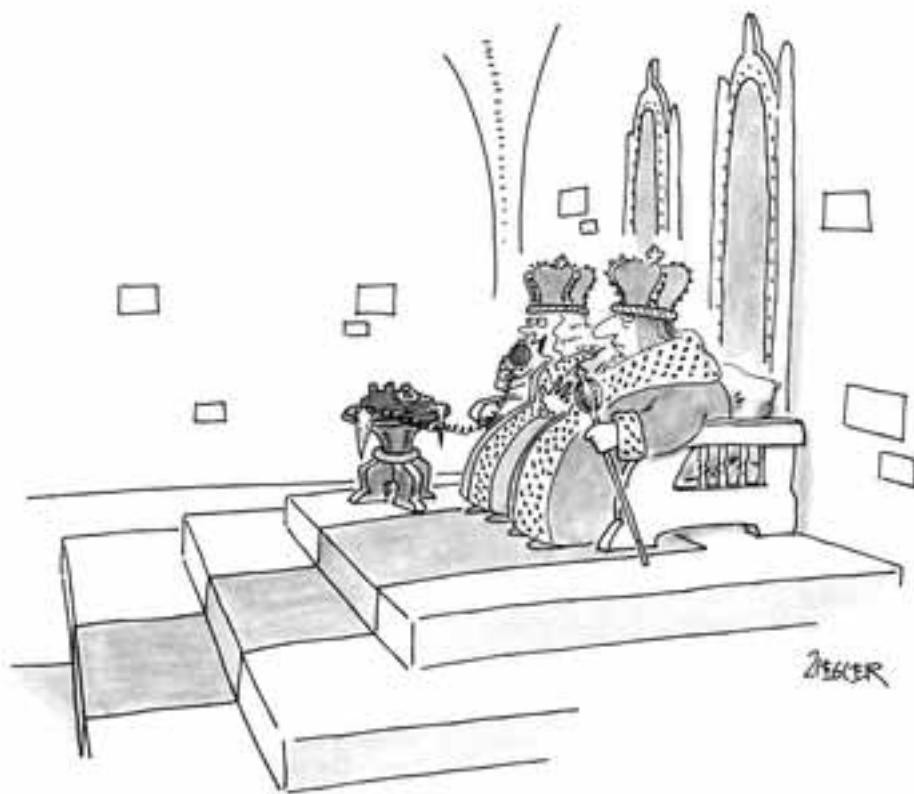


"There's more to S.K. than meets the eye."



"I'm walking!"

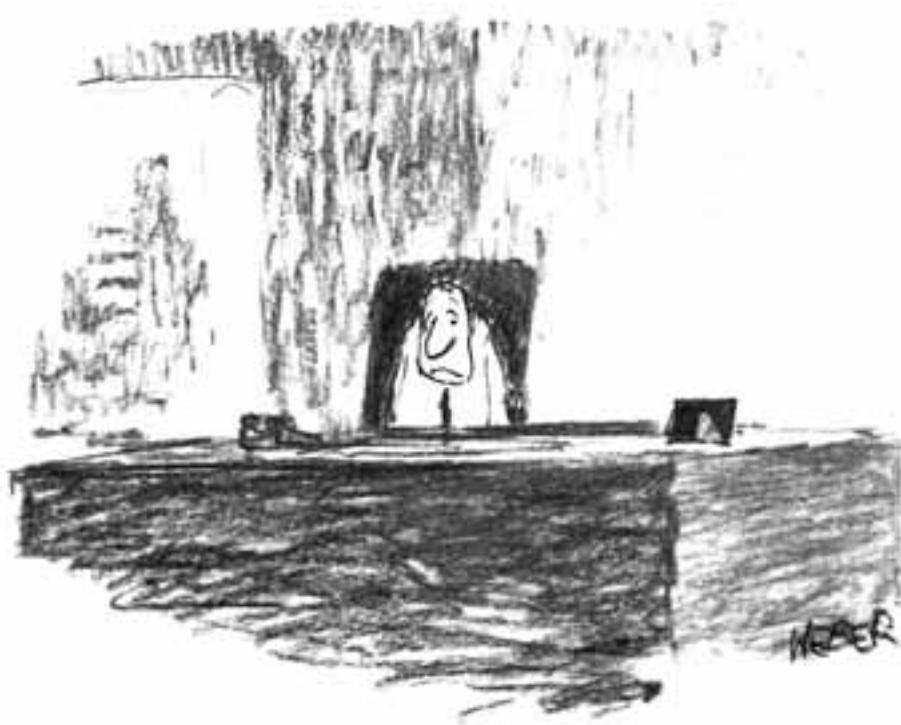




"And His Majesty sends you a great big kiss, too."



*"Well, if I haven't captured the real you,
kindly tell me who I have captured."*



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

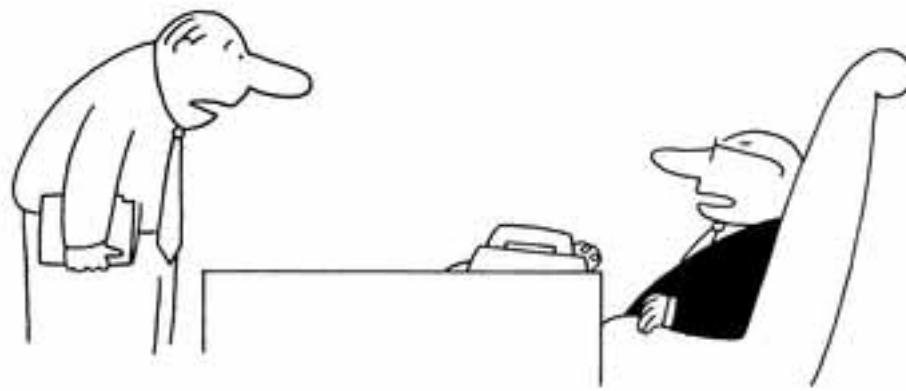


"How I dread it when somebody mentions fitness to Ernie."





"I'll get some more canapés. You unruffle Mr. Langstrum's feathers."



*"Prosperity doth bewitch men,
seeming clear; But seas do laugh,
show white, when rocks are
near."*

*"Just say what you have to say,
Harwell, and get out."*



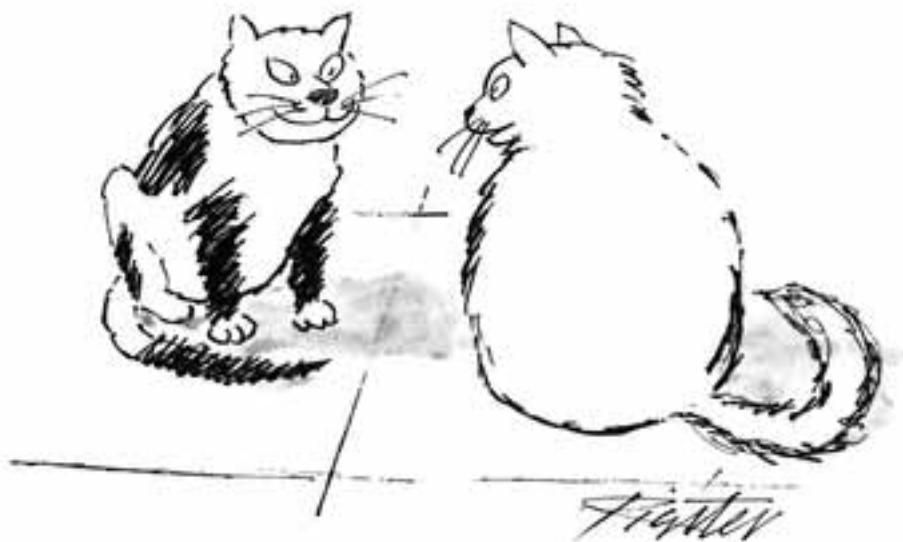
"Ted Burton! How are you? How's my ex-wife? My kids? My dog?"



"Why am I talking this loud? Because I'm wrong."



"Well, no, but I always rooted for them."



*"If I take too many naps during the day,
I find it difficult to sleep well at night."*



"I want something like this but in a bathing suit."



"How about a Shirley Temple on the house and then you skedaddle?"



*"I met my first husband at Bloomingdale's
and my second husband at Banana Republic."*





"Everybody's somebody's contra."



“Surprise!”

GENTRIFICATION OF TIMES SQUARE

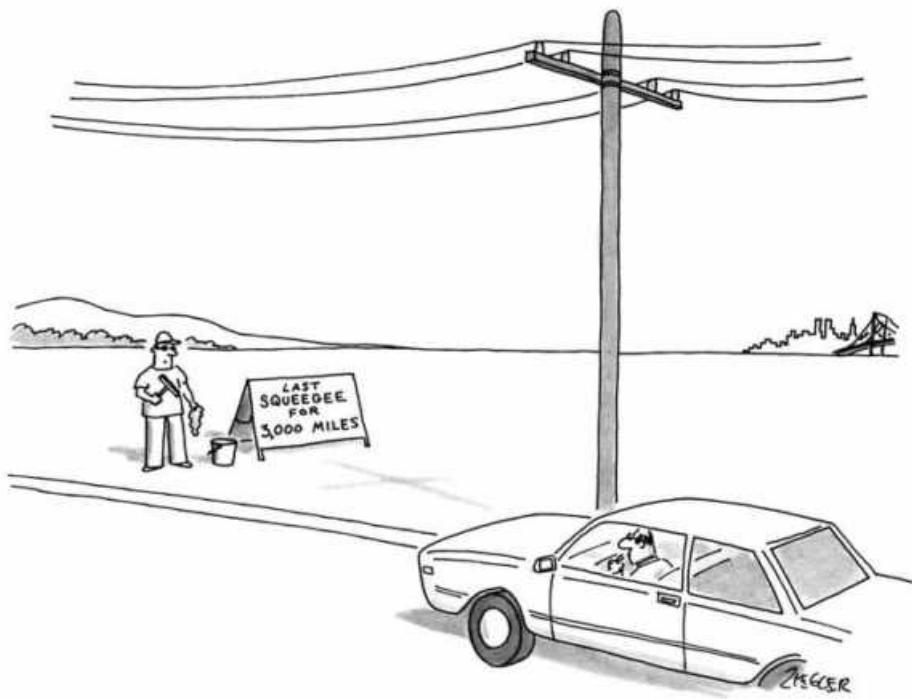


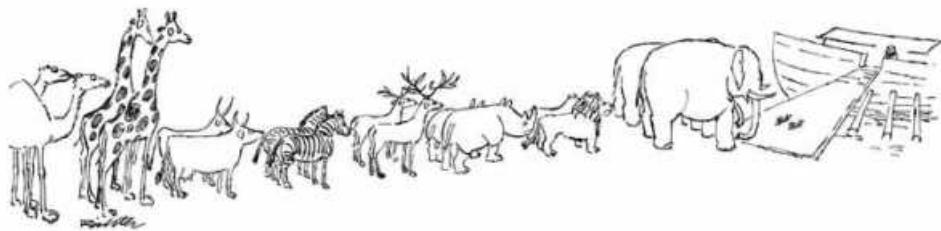


"Crime, as I conceptualized it, didn't pay."



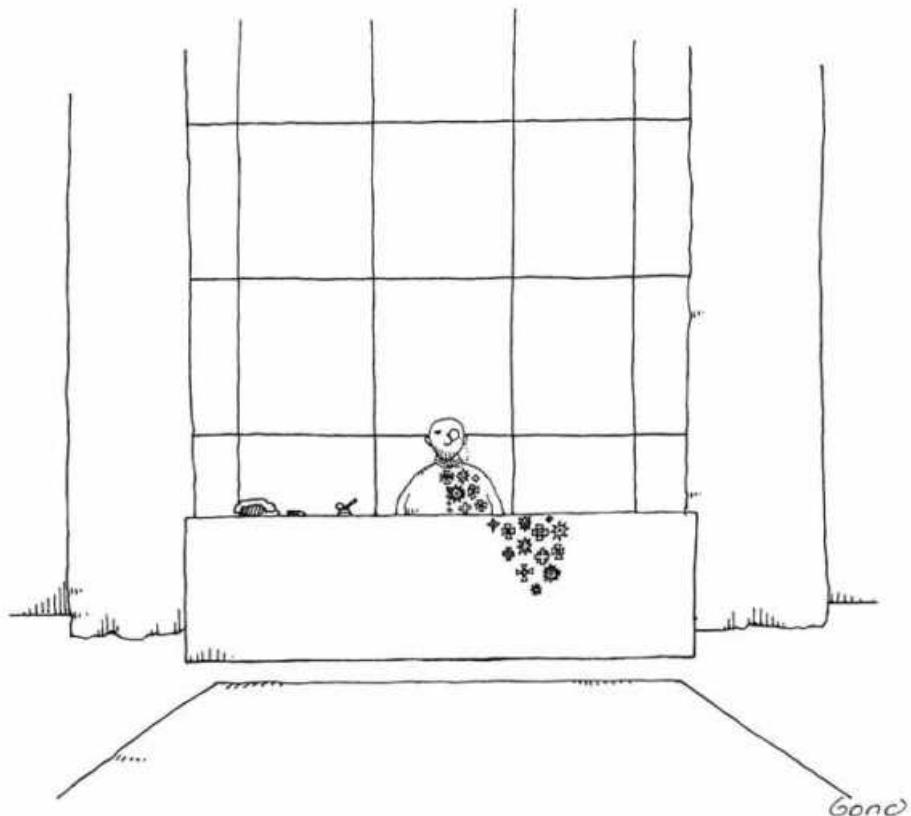
"Let's be realistic. Are we all going to try to keep this party afloat, or should we just go home and forget it?"







"It must be neat to be so well-bred you don't have to try."

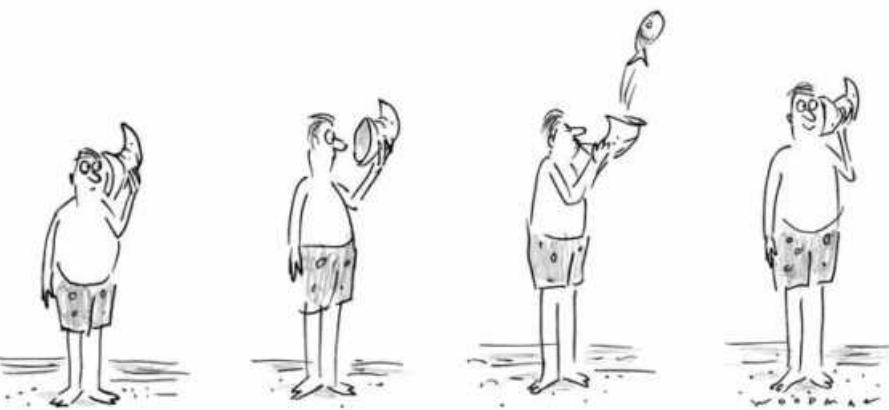




"I know what some of you are thinking. You're thinking, 'Ha! He claims to be coming to us live, but he's really on tape.' Well, if that's what you think, I can only say I feel sorry for you."



Hoedown





"Oh, just great, Dick. How are things going with you?"



"The fact that you've rolled up your sleeves since our last talk has been noted, Parminger. However, there's still something I'd like to discuss with you."





"As she ripened, she hardened."



Confrontational Radio



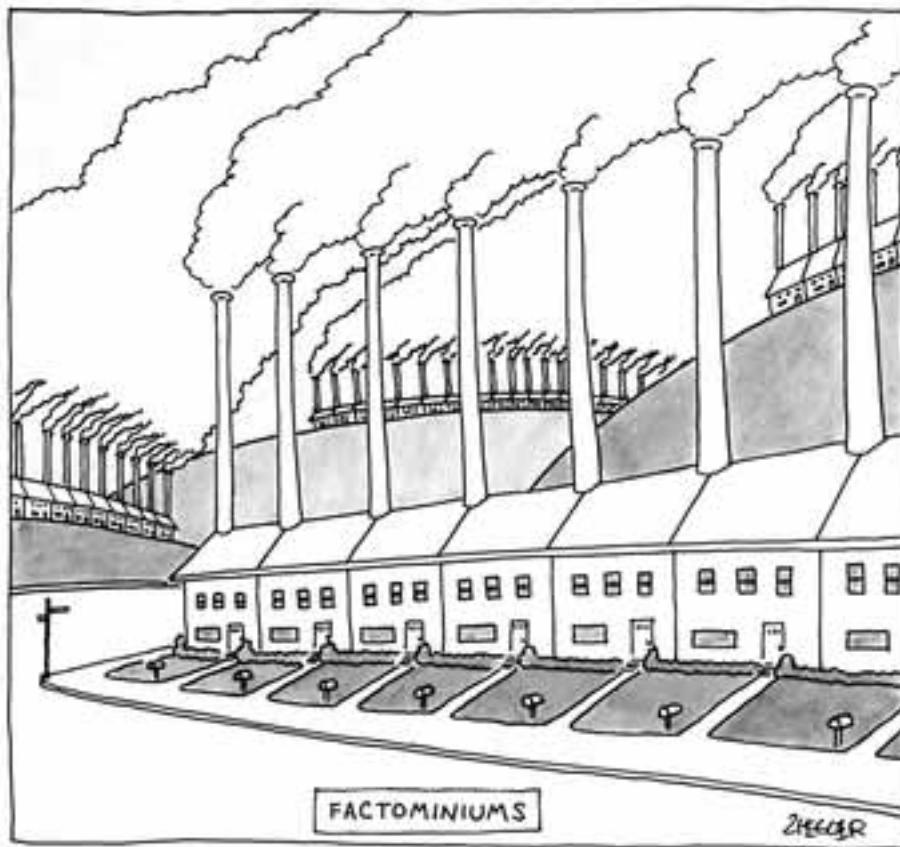
"Before Trixie came along, I was just a vagabond lover."



"Probably some kind of out-of-court settlement, Alice."

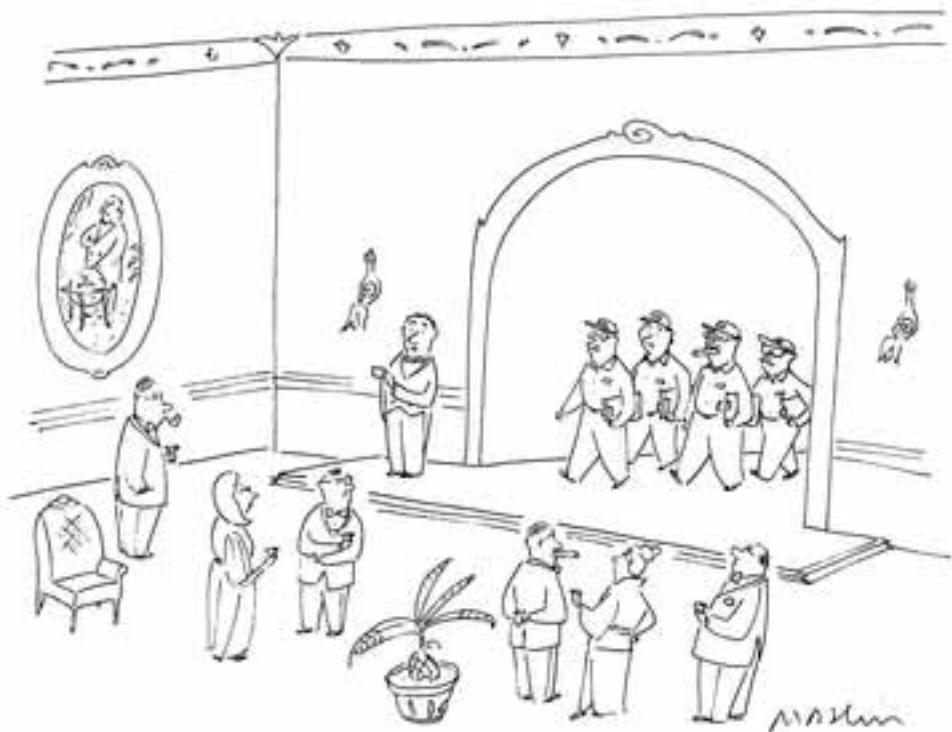


"You can call me Andy. What can I call you?"





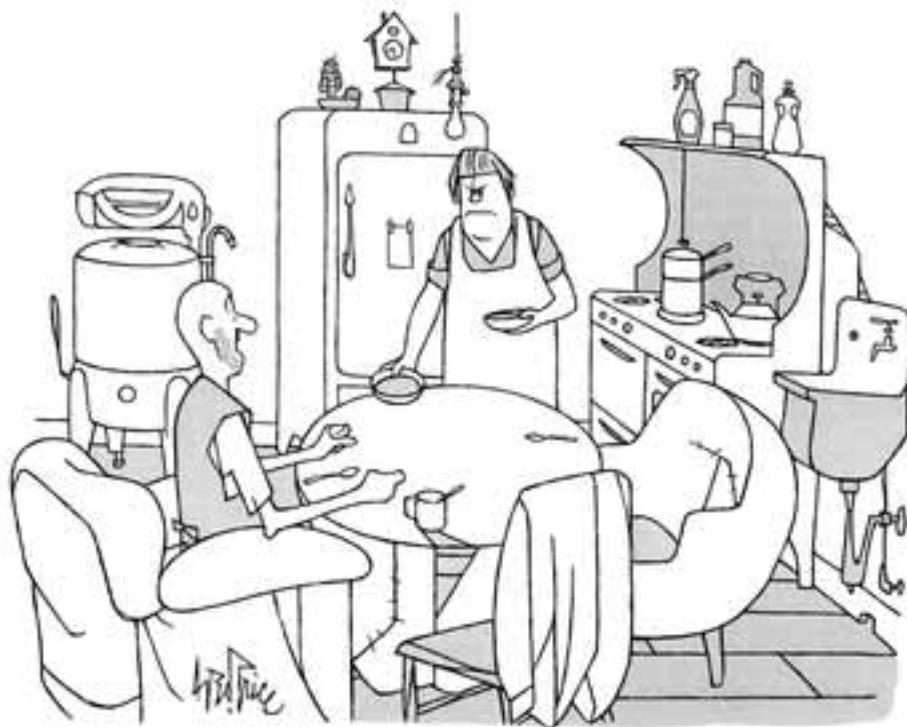
"At the day's end, I am filled with vague feelings of melancholy, even foreboding. The setting sun lengthens shadows, and as mine moves slowly, steadily toward the empty office of our ailing president my spirit once more takes wing."



"Your transmission specialists—Ed, Rudy, Phil, and Bob."



*"Already my computer is outmoded, but I try
to tell myself that my computer isn't me."*



“Ah, Indian pudding—the coup de grâce.”





*"I'm sorry, but Mr. Barclay is not putting
up with people like you anymore."*



*"It's certainly refreshing to meet someone
sixty years old who looks sixty years old."*



"There's nobody in right now. They're all out looking for hanky-panky."



"We're in love."

"Details at eleven."







"First it was Maria and Arnold, then it was Caroline and Ed, then it was Fergie and Andrew, then it was Tatum and John—and now it's us!"





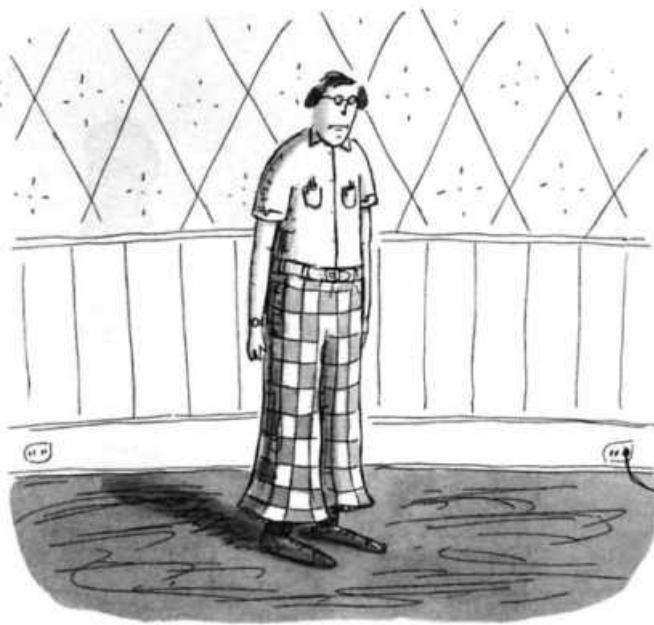
Songbird and Poet



"Well, Mme. Ispanin, there has been quite a struggle between Jupiter and Uranus over you this week!"

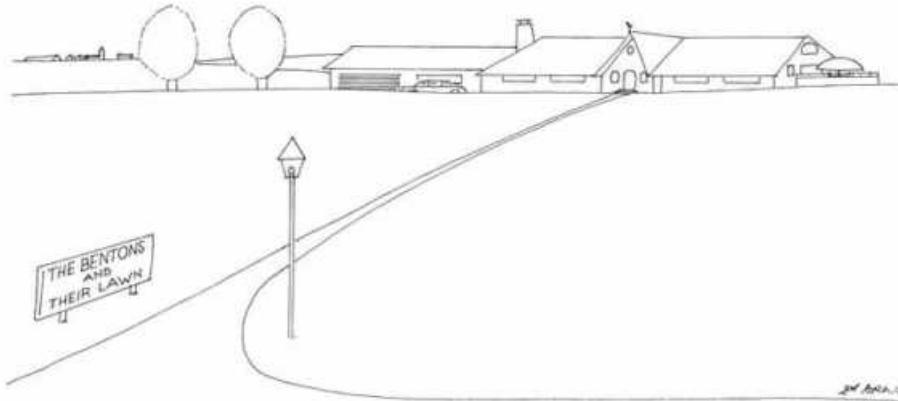
JEFFREY N.:

THE GUY WHO MANAGED TO GET THE
LEAD OUT OF HIS PANTS BUT
THEY WERE STILL THE WRONG PANTS.



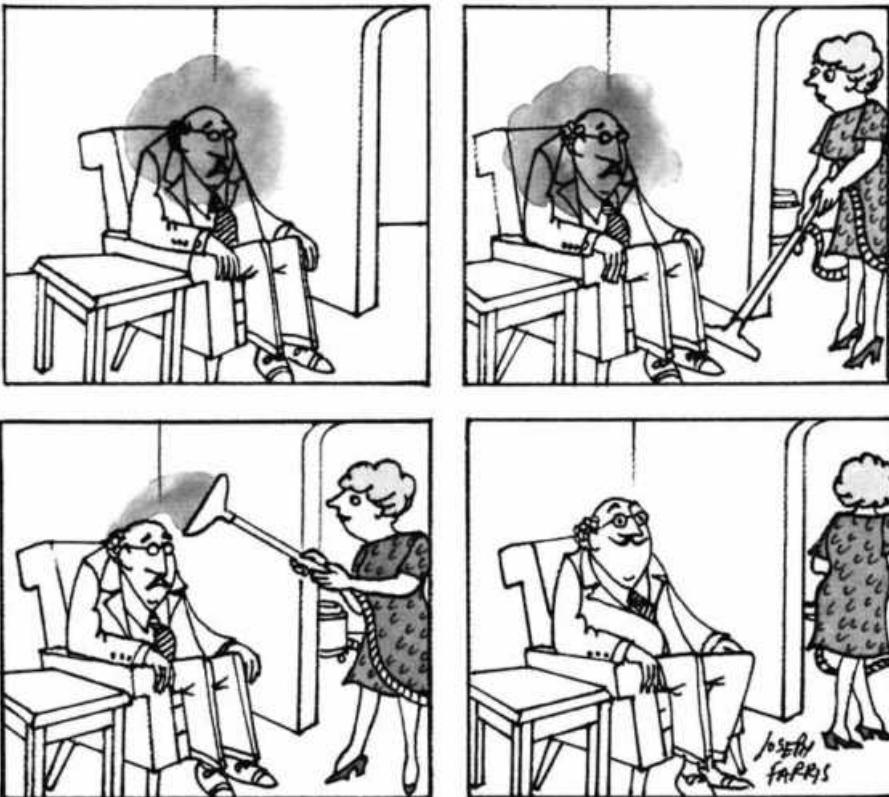


"He's in the counting house. That's Extension 5198."





"I should now like to say something quotable."





"Your book nauseated me. Did you do that on purpose?"



*"I think I'm in big trouble, Herb. I took A.T.&T.'s
advice and gave my childhood sweetheart a call, and
she's taking the next bus from Fort Lauderdale."*



"I have something to say to you, Walter. Would you mind terribly if I made no bones about it?"



"Good evening. Here is this evening's news, according to television."



"Did I kiss you hello yet?"



“Say, Pop, where do you stand in the pecking order?”



*"Anthony Houserman, I've found, is a fairly
reliable barometer of the market."*



"Put in more references to international law."





"Colonel Mulveahy here, exercising unilateral restraint."



"It sure is great to be back in France."



"And now baritone Robert Winkley will sing, with no apparent effort, 'The Star-Spangled Banner.' "





"His Majesty's lawyer will see you now, followed by His Majesty's agent, after which His Majesty the King will, if all goes well, see you."



"Drat! I suppose the market has already discounted this, too."



"Howard used to be an Elvis look-alike."



"He's a nice young man, but are you sure he's an M.B.A.?"

Dear Trixie,
Having a wonderful
time. Miss you and
wish you were here.





*"Believe me, Marlene, I have a very real reaction
to you on a personal level."*



FREE-RANGE CHICKEN





"And what are you trying to put out of your mind these days?"



“Sometimes Ben does very dumb things. I love that in him.”

A NICE SLICE OF ALABAMA





*"Big government today officially changed
its name to humongous government."*



“Mary Boone was not avoiding me. I was avoiding her.”





*"I know you don't like Democrats, Father,
but Willis is a me-too Democrat."*





"Have you ever considered, Slim, that there may be more to life than just drifting along with the tumbling tumbleweeds?"



LIFE IN THE LITIGIOUS SOCIETY



"Mr. Larry Carruthers and two witnesses."



"Why anyone should look forward to a subway series is beyond me."



"Well, we're waiting. See any patterns emerging?"

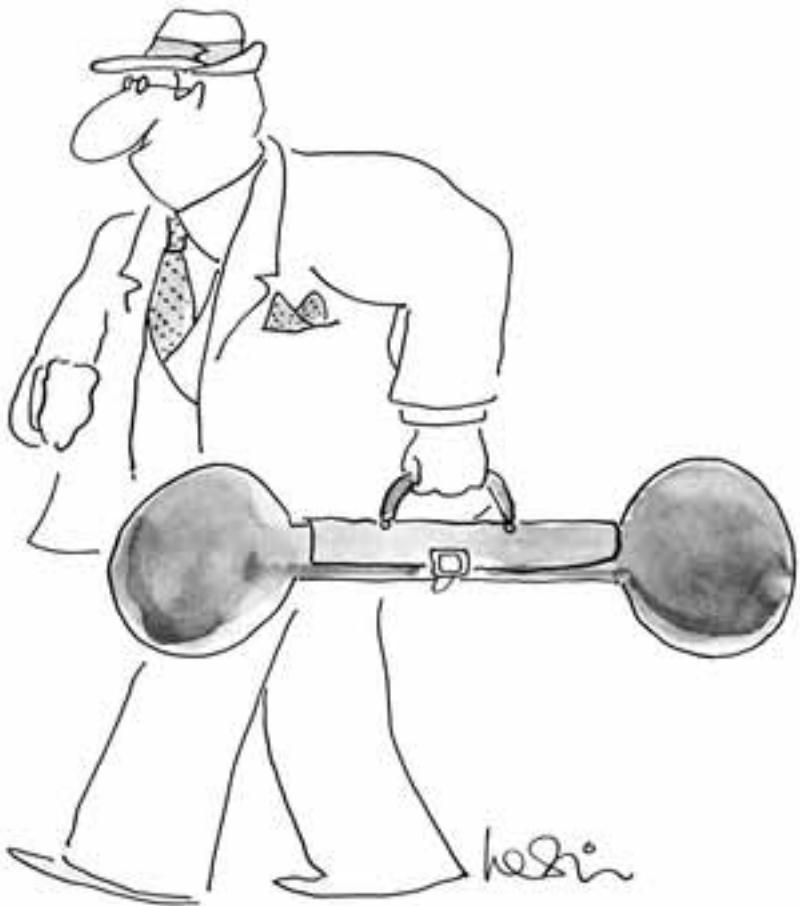


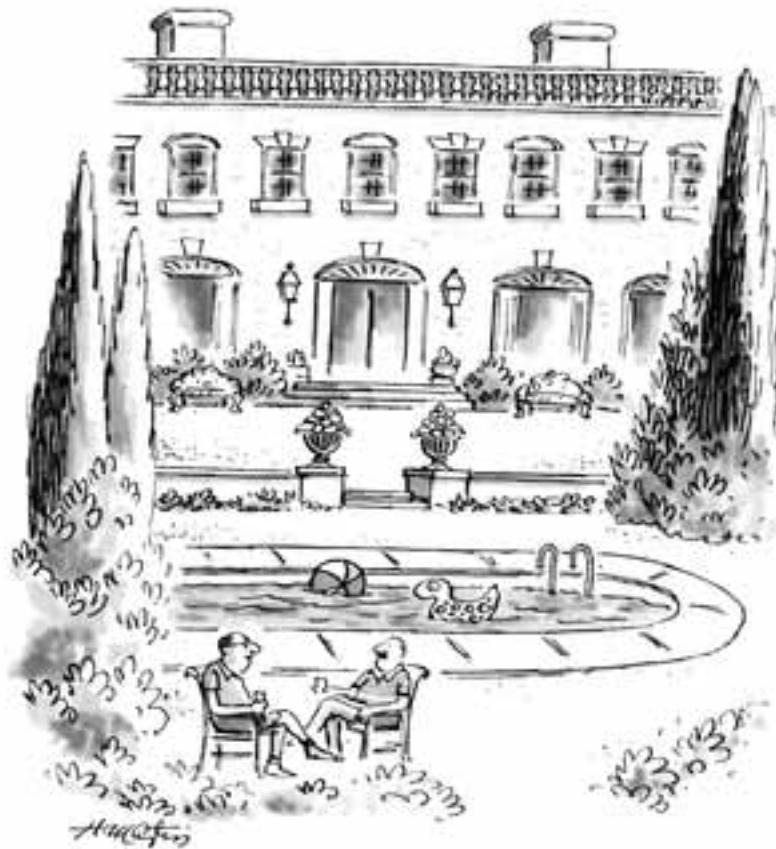


"Enzo writes that he's getting eighteen thousand lire for a plate of tagliatelle al formaggio on the lower East Side—and that's at lunch!"



*"You appear to be a likable young man, but, frankly,
we're looking for someone lovable."*





*"We have houses in Nantucket, Palm Beach,
and Carmel, but this is our flagship."*



"I hope you don't think I'm acting too high and mighty."



"My horoscope says I'm to beware of an unexpected love affair."





"Ah—the good, the bad, and the god-awful."



"I asked you in, Featherstone, because I had a sudden desire to reach out to the Bookkeeping Department."





"I still have my loophole, but I can't drive a truck through it."



"We used to do a good bit of skiing. But in those days we were committed to the idea of fun."



"Nice tan, Pelham. Get rid of it."



“Essentially, it’s a disagreement over turf.”



Tough Hombre



"Let's skip the TV dinners and send out for something really good. This is listed as a major television event."



"I heard you had a little problem with the law."





*"Our family of products doesn't want you
as its daddy anymore, Edwards."*





"They're strong, capable potter's hands."



"Yes, I'm Mr. Edlington, but you're probably looking for the nice Mr. Edlington over there. I'm the Mr. Edlington who's impossible."



"I think Muffie liked Wellfleet, but it's difficult to know for sure."





Man Who Has Been Everywhere and Is Still Going



"This is a big wine. I recommend you order some big food."



"Care to go for a short trudge?"



"We study, we plan, we research. And yet, somehow, money still remains more of an art than a science."



*"Yes, I was a rebel, and I roamed through the West
for a while, but I got sick of that."*





*"Kchow! Kchow! The roscoe spoke twice, and Mike dodged
behind a—' Hang on, wrong book."*





*"For heaven's sake, all I asked is which
do you want, a hamburger or a lamb chop!"*



Dana Fradon

"Ronald Reagan won two victories in the Senate today, one victory in the House, and one victory in House-Senate conference, which gives him a career total of a hundred and ninety victories—only thirty-nine short of the world's record of two hundred and twenty-nine victories, held by Franklin Delano Roosevelt."



"How was your summer?"



Moonbeams





"Hello. I'm director Bob ('Blue Fires') Munsey, and this is screenwriter Doris ('Highway to Nowhere') Winslow."

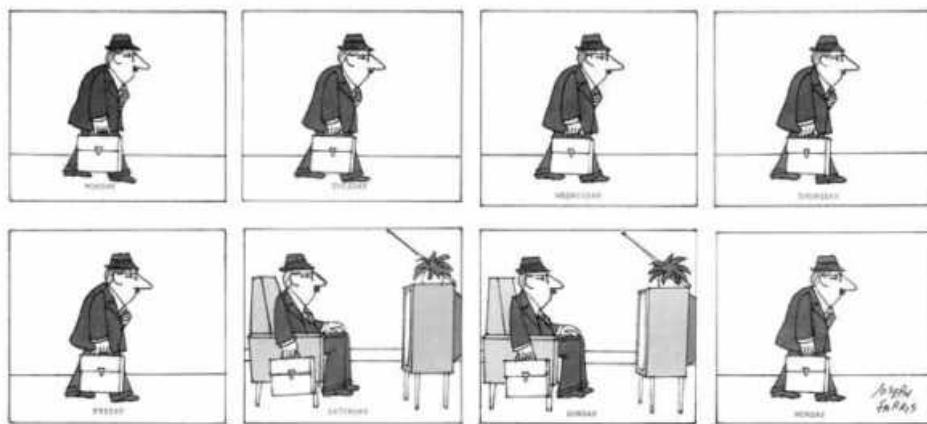




"Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap, you are accused of filling your son Randolph's head with romantic claptrap and liberal flapdoodle, thus preventing him from becoming a productive member of society. How do you plead?"



"Well, it's another brand-new day. What do you say to getting up and looking the damn thing straight in the eye?"







*"I'm a pragmatist, Leon. Before I put a new product
on the market, I ask myself, 'Will it sell?'"*



"The Chaetodon capistratus, commonly known as the four-eyed butterfly fish, is monogamous."



*"It's nothing, really, Mr. Phelps. I had just never heard
of a place called the Prussian Tea Room before."*



"Let the minutes show that Mr. Langster took umbrage."

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"Your sunny disposition may have been an asset when you were in sales, Nyman, but in the production department it gives everyone the pip."





"My, don't you sense a perkier Dan Rather?"



"My first love is the theatre, of course, but you're right up there."





"I've always been happy, but lately I've turned it up a notch or two."



"No, this is not the 12:38 to Bridgeport."



Equestrienne





"Noah, I'm tired of doing battle with you!"





"I always know what Harry's going to say, and he always knows what I'm going to say, so, by and large, we just don't bother."





"May we approach the bench, Your Honor?"



"Fish, without complications."





“Sire, the triviameister with the bimonthly quiz.”



"Boo!"

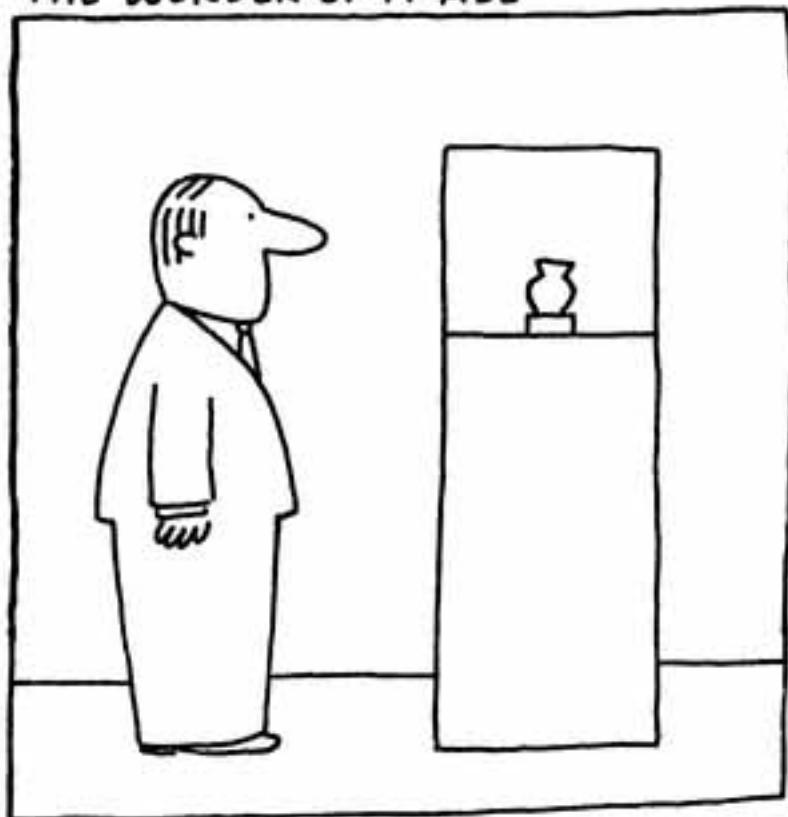


"Every man for himself!"



"This is Mr. Sternhauser. Mr. Sternhauser is an integral part of the business community."

1986
THE WONDER OF IT ALL





"For God's sake! Don't they read the newspapers?"



*"We have been touring west of the Rockies.
You know, there's a hell of a lot of America out there."*



*"I could be wrong, but you look like a man
trapped in low-yielding financial instruments."*



"Excuse me, Mr. Cransler, it's another crybaby to see you."



“And then, having shaped up, he shipped out.”

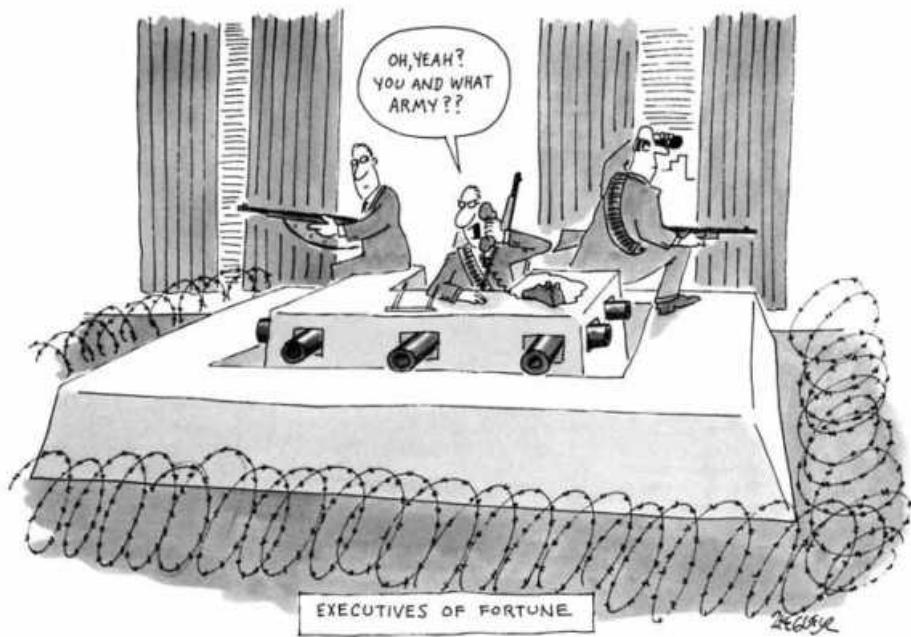




"My platform is very simple—less talk and more music."



*"Forty years in this business and you suddenly
decide you don't like gimmickry?"*





"This has been quite a season for Zobrowsky—a hundred and twenty-nine receptions, sixteen touchdowns, a B-plus in English, a B in philosophy, an A in political science, and a B-minus in French!"



"I dreamed last night that we two-hundred-dollarred Mr. Ferguson to death."



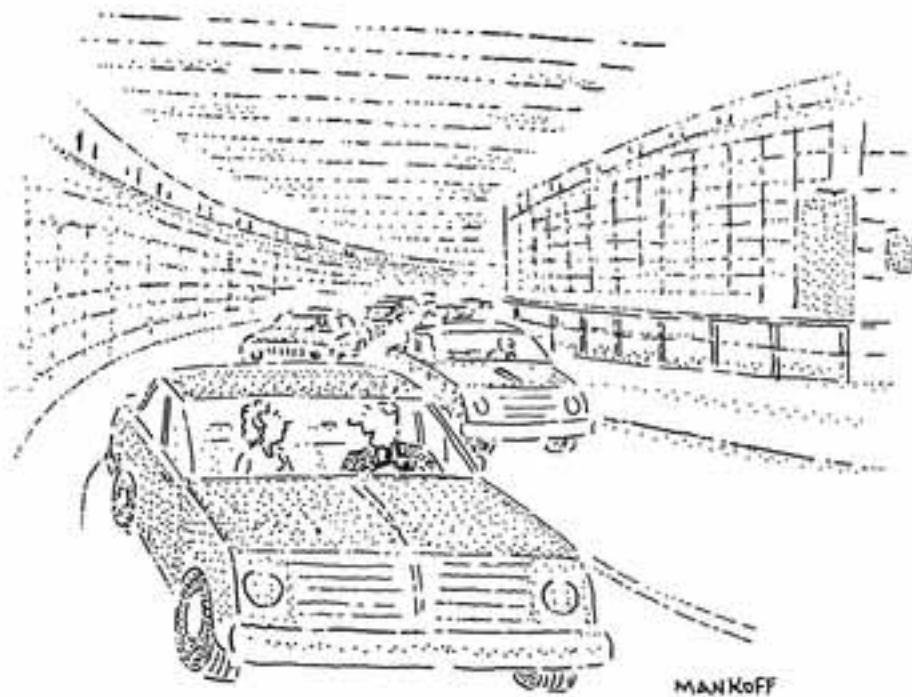
"At last we own our own apartment. I feel like a king."



"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."



"As I recall, Leonard, when we first watched 'The Honeymooners' you said that it marked the decline and fall of Western culture."



"This is the Lincoln Tunnel I've told you so much about."



Holiday



*"Wallingford will eat and he will drink,
but he flatly refuses to be merry."*



"I believe I've earned the right to your respect."



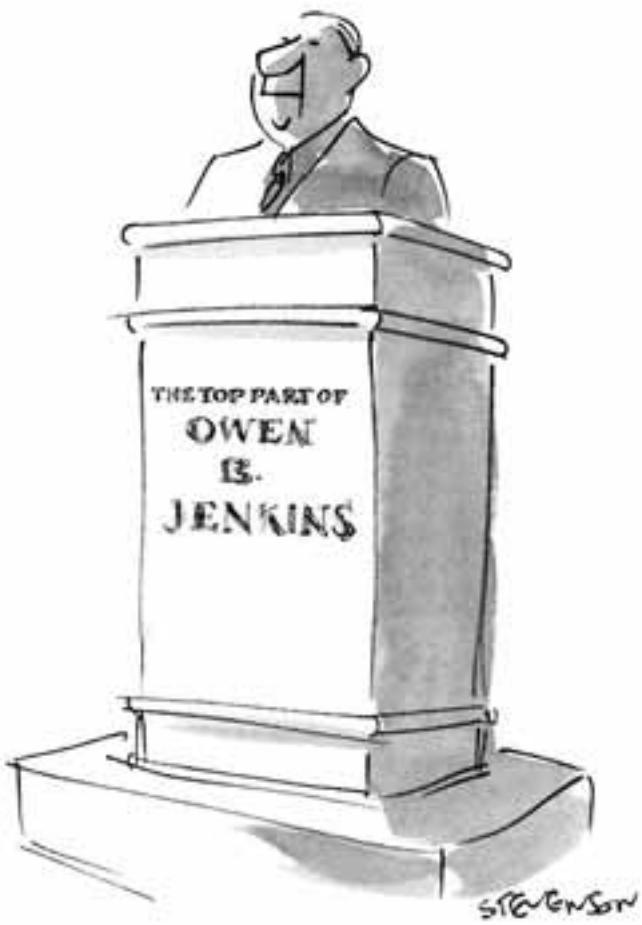




Three Cats



*“Certainly you’re entitled to justice,
if you can show that you deserve it.”*





"Last Friday, he declared it was time to hunker down, and he hasn't budged since."



*"I think what it finally comes down to is that I can
not do business with skinny leather ties!"*



"All right. Now, how many would prefer Bayer?"





*"I can't keep it from you any longer, Irene.
This is the other woman."*



"I come home looking for peace, and this furniture gives me no peace."



EVERYONE'S A MEDIA EXPERT.





"What's the epiphany of the day?"



*"It is wonderful, comma, sir, comma, how rare a quality
good humor is in life, full stop. We meet with very few
good-humored men, full stop."*



*"What do you say, fellows—one chorus of
'Tramp, Tramp, Tramp,' from 'Naughty Marietta'!"*





His Chickens



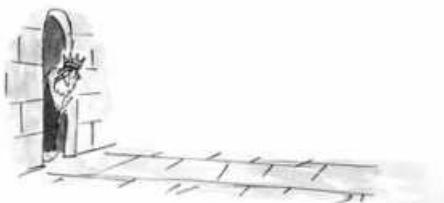
"Look out! Here comes Denis Farnell and his 'wellness unto death.'"



"I think I'll let my hair grow."



"You have, it would appear, high recognition!"





"Isn't that cute? He's reading his diplomas again."

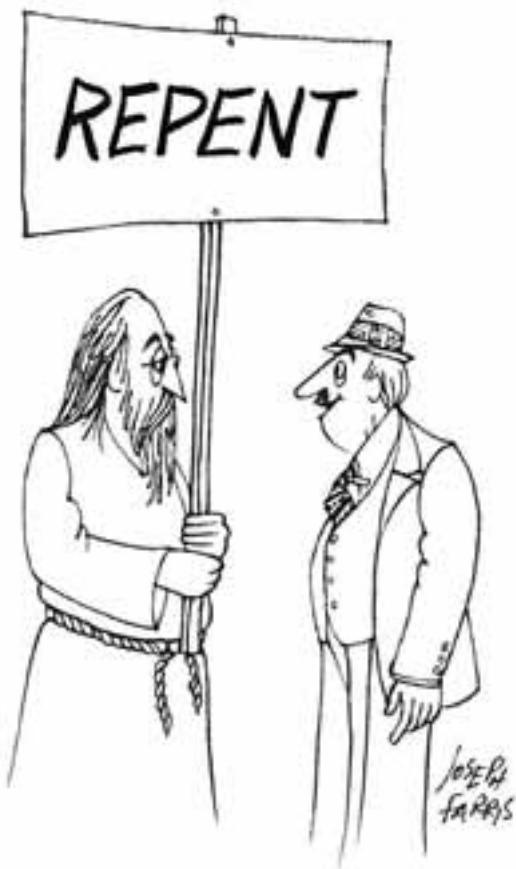


*"Clifford and I love New York, but all we seem
to have for each other is mutual respect."*



"Cheery little flowers, saying good night, saying good morning!"





"I did on October 10, 1979."



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a Chast



"I'm about to experience the totality of who I am!"



*"I'm sure you're right, but I never decide anything
when I'm in the middle of a sugar buzz."*



*"Edwina, there was a void in my life
and you have filled it magnificently."*



"Who says you can't buy happiness!"





"His last words were 'Let's go Mets.' "



"So, Andrea tells me you two have been away recharging your batteries."



"In local news: On Columbus Avenue today, a new cuisine mysteriously sprang up, flourished for a few hours, then just as mysteriously disappeared."



*"Miss Soames, reach out and touch a Horace Parker,
of Humbolt, Morris, Parker & Brown."*





R. Chast



"I'm worried. He's lost interest in absolutely everything except the Stamford Mall."





"This is very mysterious. I can't seem to pick up anything at all about you, but I see 'Ivan the Terrible' coming to the Thalia."



*"For Pete's sake, can't we talk about something
besides 'Winnie-the-Pooh'?"*



"Does anything need my imprimatur?"



"This is my husband—Horace (I'll Have You Know) Thornsby."

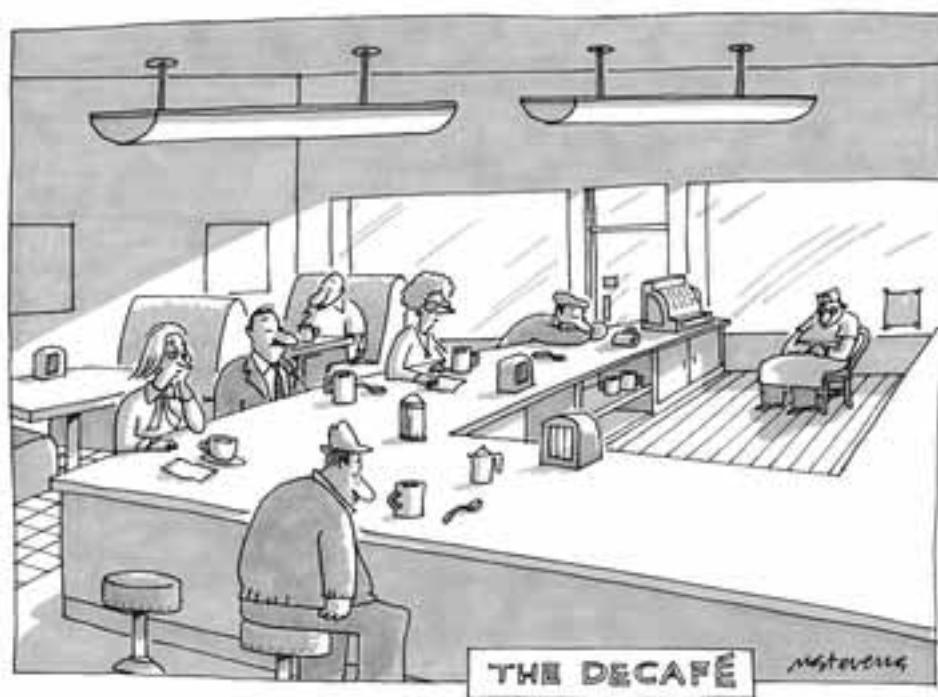


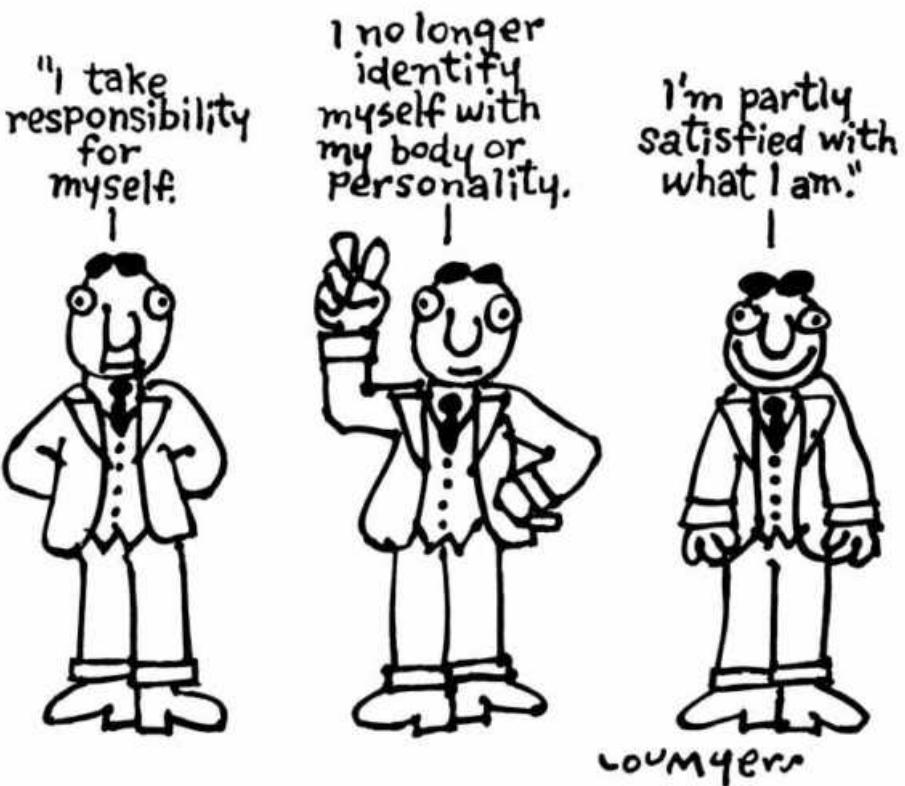
"All of a sudden."



Barsotti

"Someday, my son, that will mean you."







"I'm concerned about the rising tide of mediocrity. Your task, Kremble, will be to make sure it doesn't flow into this office."



"That's the couple rushing in to fill the void left by the Renfrews' divorce."

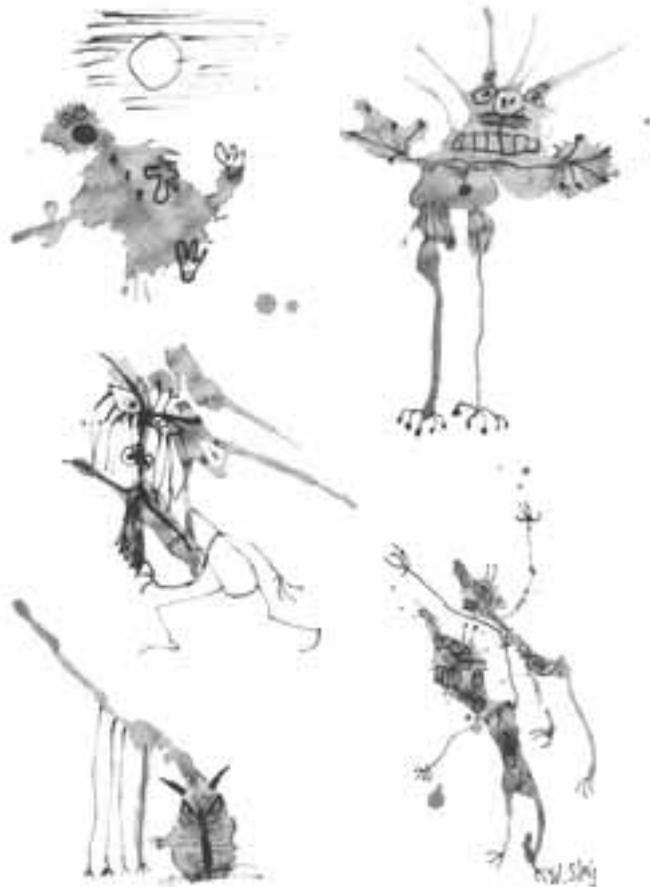


"I should like to depart from my prepared text and speak as a human being."

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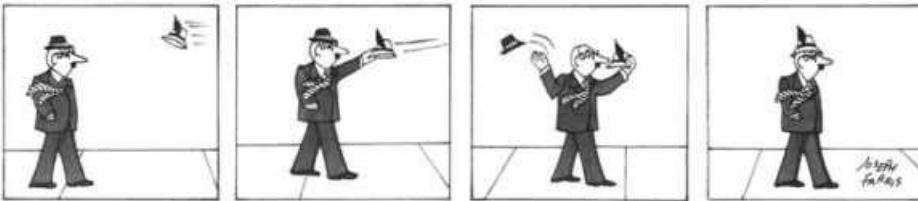




"For God's sake, shape up! Is that the face of a power broker?"



"Sweetheart, do we still watch 'Falcon Crest'?"





*"I made a straightforward proposal, Moira, and all
I ask is a linear response."*





"Is there someone here who is sensitive to the banking needs of women?"



*"It's exactly that kind of behavior that
gives your generation a bad name."*





"You have a really lousy sense of humor."



"I hate to bother you guys, but nothing seems to be happening for me."



WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

Fruit cup



Tomato soup



Steak, mashed potatoes, peas



Strawberry-rhubarb pie, coffee with milk



R. Chast



"I hope you're not going to make a big issue of this."



*"I've thoroughly enjoyed my life, except when
I was thirty-one and fifty-eight."*



*"I think that sort of thing says infinitely more about
the throwers than it does about me."*



"When I can't dismiss something from my mind, I just get up and write myself a little note. Then I can forget all about it."

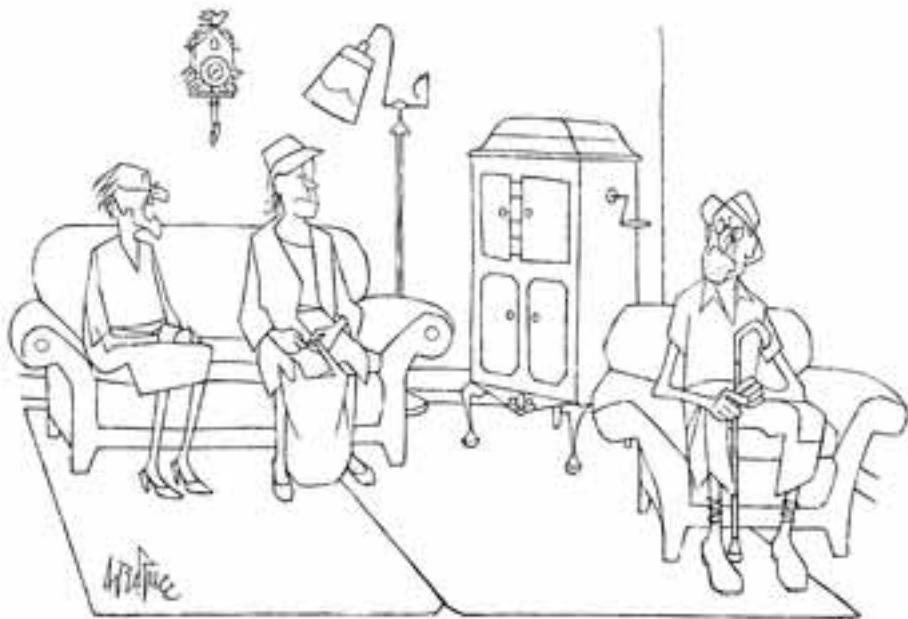




“Tomorrow will be a confusing seventy-two degrees.”



*"And in conclusion, the same to you, with knobs on.
Yours, et cetera, et cetera."*



"He doesn't say much, but he bristles a lot."



"For your convenience, sir, the items starred are dishes associated with success, riches, power, and the like."





"Edmund works at home."



"You both appear to be in excellent health."



*"If you were to boil your book down to
a few words, what would be its message?"*





"Hon, I feel like riding out into big-sky country."



"It's a hell of a town, though, Bill. I never cease to marvel at the fact that the Bronx is up and the Battery's down."

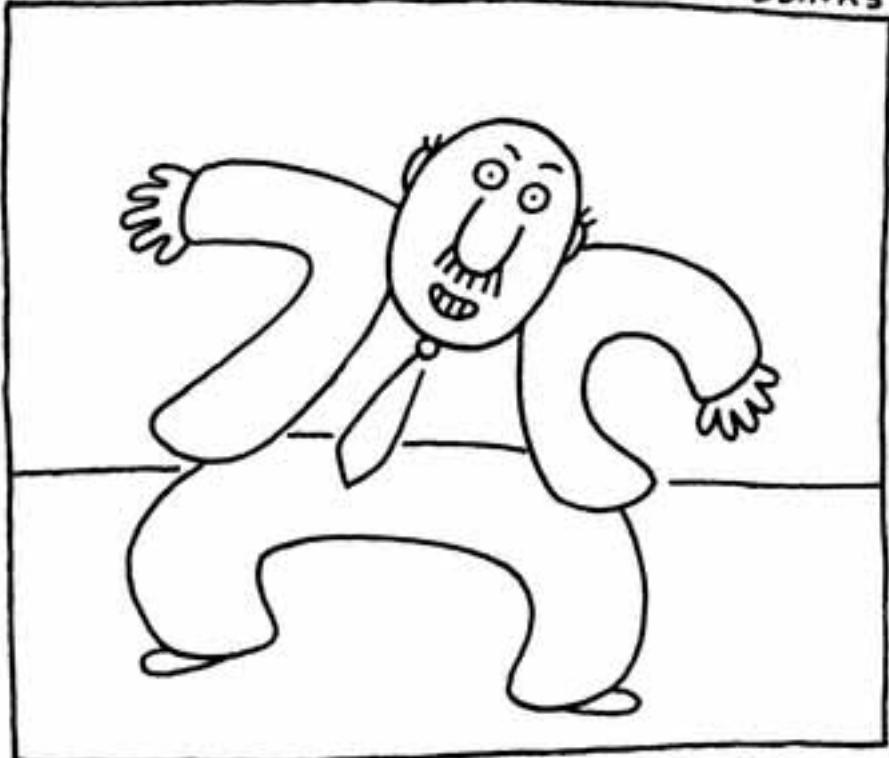


"His brother, on the other hand, didn't have a serious bone in his body."



"I understand they met at a peasant uprising."

READY TO MOVE WHEN THE OTHER GUY BLINKS







"I'm back!"



*"Pound for pound, though, I think I'd have to
say Robinson is the better businessman."*



*"If my client had to confess to one personal flaw, Your Honor,
it would be only to a lack of integrity."*



"We used to go to Cozumel with regularity. Then everybody started going to Cozumel. It always happens to us."



Ventriloquist



"You're wrong and you know it, and I'm right and I know it!"



*"May I suggest, bartender, that instead of watching
this silly sporting event we switch over to a
rather important documentary now on Channel 13?"*



*"Supper's almost ready. I hope you didn't
just grab a hot dog for lunch."*

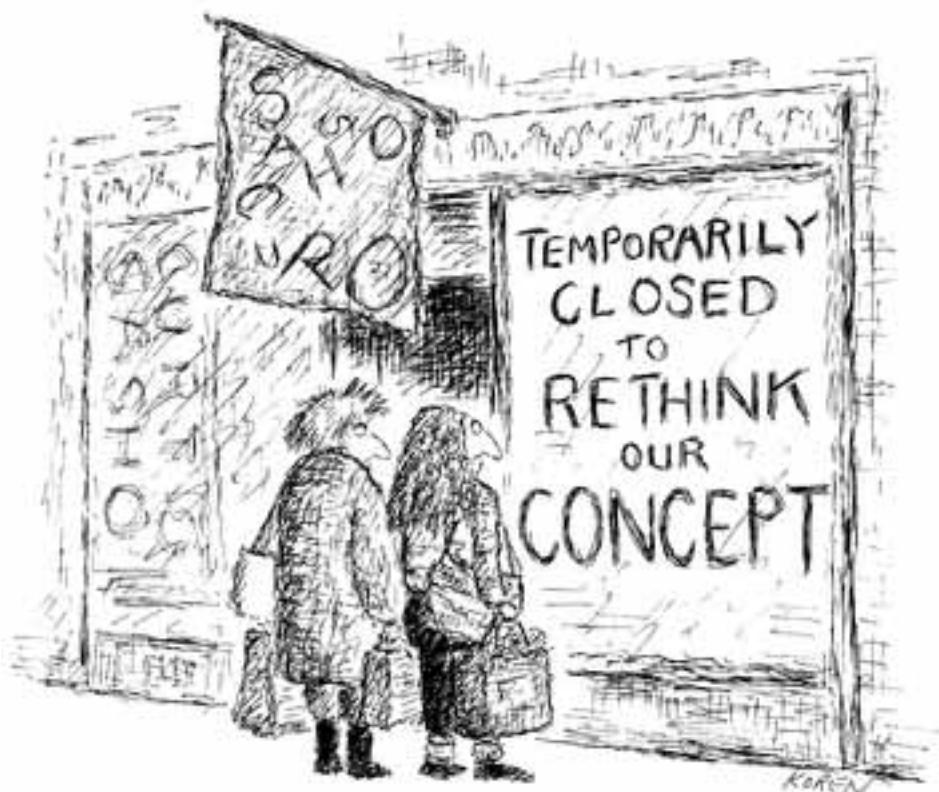




"Myra is adamant about only one thing—creative control."



"How's Louise?" "Very well. And Eva?" "Say hello to Jill." "My best to Anne." "How's Mary?" "Give my regards to Michelle." "Love to Kate."



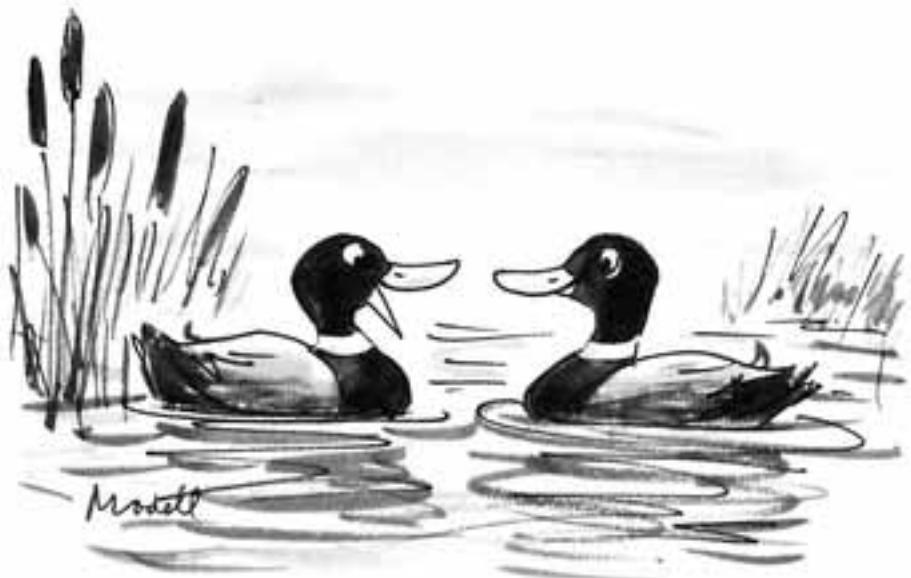


*"You know, since we got married I never
see those leopard-spotted pants."*





"Your party just totally blew us away."



"That's funny, I thought you were a decoy at first, too."

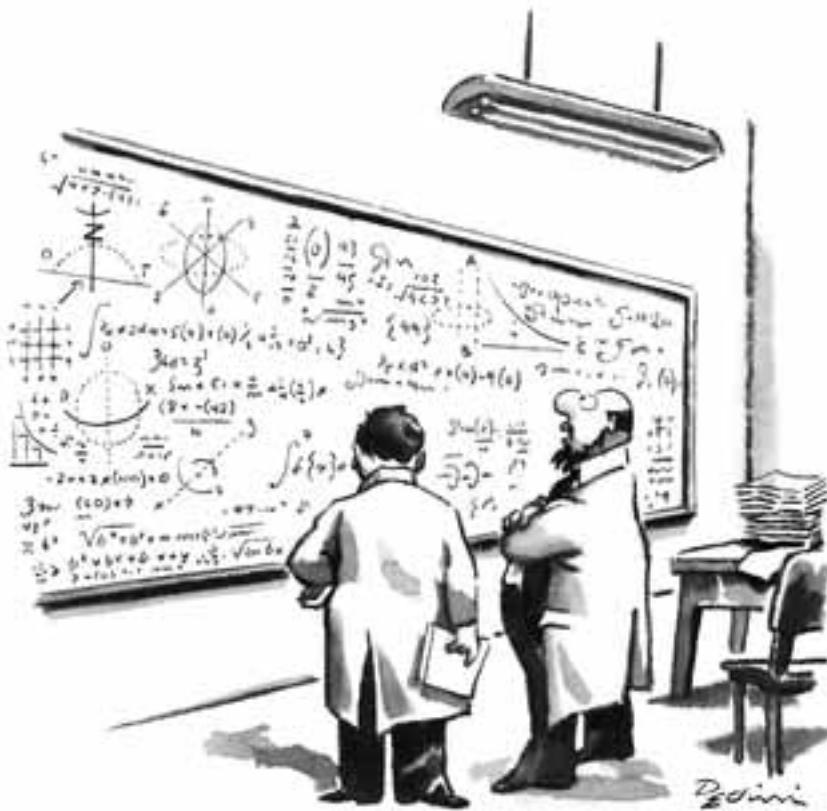


"I wouldn't mind seeing somebody like you in my entourage."





"Will you do me a favor, Mom? When the guys come over, please don't call them 'guys.' "



"This is fine as far as it goes. From here on, it's who you know."

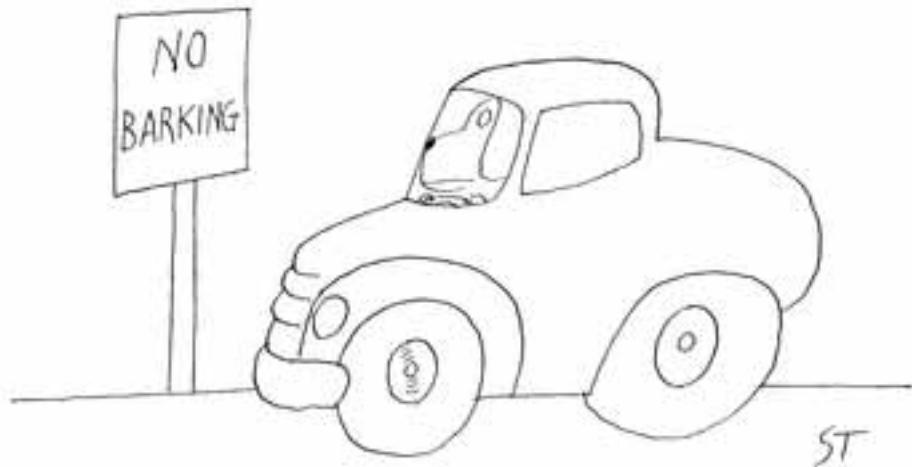




"These won't cure your allergy, but they'll send it a message."



Always Thinking





"When I grow up, I want to be a computer-generated image like Max Headroom."



"You're wearing my favorite expression."



"Where's my second cup of coffee?"



"Hello. I'm Ed Tatum. I only show up at these affairs in order to make an appearance. Now that I've made an appearance, I'll say goodbye."



*"Now, try to think of yourself in a silver
frame on a piano in the twenty-first century."*



Bill Woodman (11/24/1986)

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"Mary, will you stop this insecure nonsense? I didn't say Gladys was superior to you in any way. I only said I was in love with her, for God's sake."





"Ah, not too bad. Nothing here that money can't cure."



"What's the matter, Jack, can't you read?"



"I am, of course, quite fit, or, if you prefer, quite extraordinarily fit, but I wouldn't say I was 'perfectly fit.' "





"What I miss most is fast food."



*"I'm a bit worried about Harold. He's begun
to call everything 'mind-boggling.' "*



"Hey, man, to us you're just Bob. Around here, we don't do well with last names."



"Gentlemen, where's the eros?"



*"I'm passing an enormous gasoline truck
and you're talking about little 'dee-dee-dee's!"*



"She's forgiven me."



*"Very few new ideas come into Arthur's head anymore.
He's living on his fat."*





"Bartleson, are we cronies yet?"



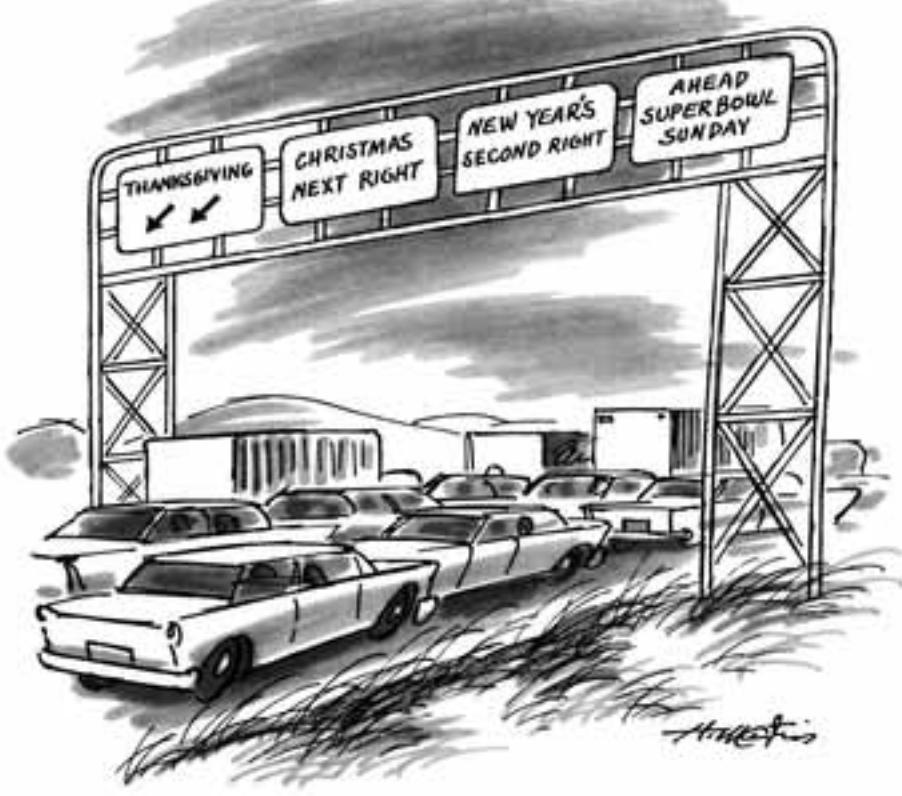
"Well, I was outvoted by the stockholders today by eight thousand six hundred and twenty-seven to one."

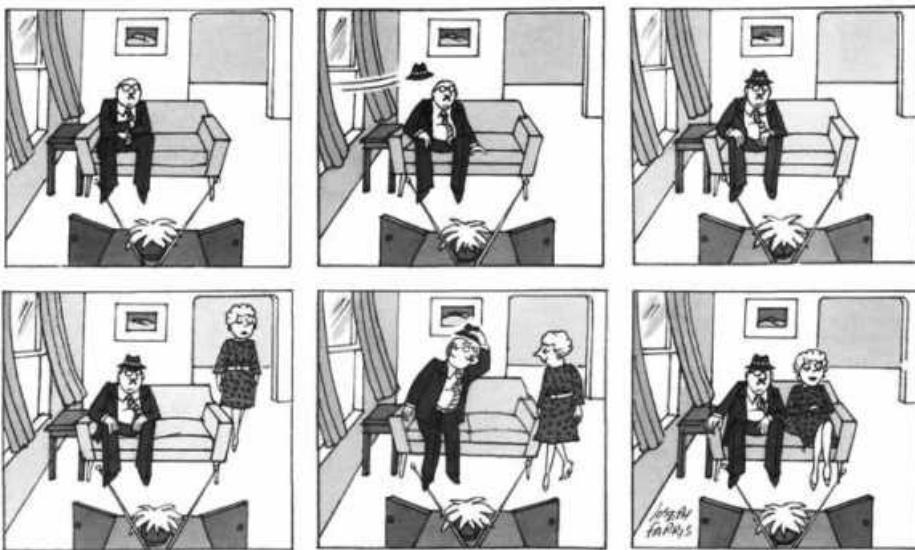


"It's my first husband. He's trying to win me back."



*"I don't usually level with anyone at cocktail parties,
but I'm going to level with you."*







*"Before you go any further, McPherson, I should warn
you that you're beginning to win this argument."*



"It's Sunday, and I'm Brunch!"



"Sorry to be late, gentlemen. The damn chain on my bicycle broke."



"Life looks gray to me, Henshott. Battleship gray, of course, but still gray."



"You may not recognize Bobby. He's turned into his father."



"Will this be cash or consumer debt?"



"Some very large egos to see you, Mr. Gilray."



"It's a bedtime story. It doesn't need corroboration."



*"Tom Kean seems awfully nice.
We should hop over to New Jersey sometime."*



"Couldn't you, just once, leave that face at the office?"





*"I feel like all of a sudden my entire life is
in the hands of some guy named Poindexter."*



"Then it's agreed. We'll close our plants in Raleigh, Scranton, Kansas City, Toledo, Newark, Sacramento, Wheeling, and Houston. Thank you, gentlemen. It was a very productive meeting."



*"For heaven's sake! He'd like your hand in
marriage and I'd like a cracker."*



"Mr. Beloit seems to have stepped out for a moment. May I have him call you?"



"Your Honor, the jury finds the defendant, Willis Rairdner, guilty as charged and, in the spirit of the season, wishes everyone in the courtroom a happy holiday."





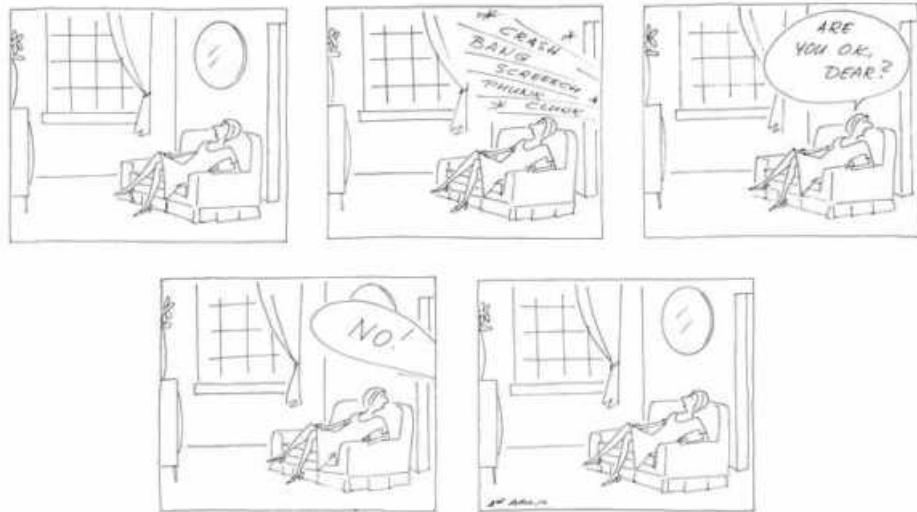
Heading South for the Winter



"Before I trouble the kitchen to set another place, is it good news or bad news?"



"Remember, now. Don't buy this car just to please me."





*"If that were a Jasper Johns, dear, we could
sell it for three million dollars."*





*"Well, he loves people, the birds
that fly, the fish that swim, and
all the creatures of the forest."*



"Just go put your three-piece suit back on, dear."





*"Ebenezer! I am the Ghost of Christmas Past,
made possible by a grant from Exxon."*



"I was just thinking, maybe I should become a Democrat again."



*"There are the arts, the sciences, agriculture, and commerce.
Stick with commerce, if you know what's good for you."*



"So maybe we've had to scrimp here and there. You have to admit that I've always been emotionally generous."





"Mr. S. Claus, North Pole. Dear Santa:"



"I'm supposed to be sort of the vermouth in this marriage, right?"



"Well, I'm a little bit sleepy now, so that concludes our broadcast day."

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (1 OF 8)



Gambol in the meadow.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (2 OF 8)



*Live where you want
to live.*

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (3 OF 8)



*Eat breakfast
every morning at The
Sumptuous Plum.*

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (4 OF 8)



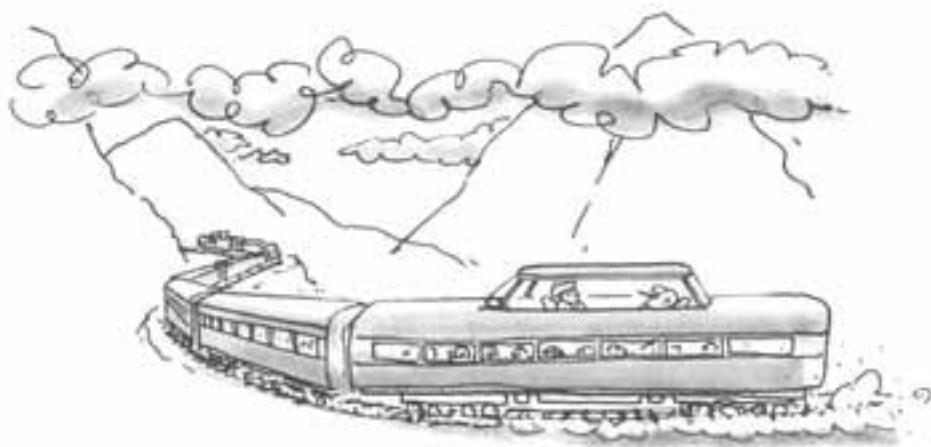
*You have taken enough sass
in your time. Do not take
any more sass.*

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (5 OF 8)



*Remember, at this point in time
you will be forgiven almost anything.*

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (6 OF 8)



*Instead of being there for
your 43-year-old daughter
and her husband,
go to Alaska.*

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (7 OF 8)



Take another look at your will.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (8 OF 8)



"War and Peace," finally.



“Something light and fluffy.”



"So this is Skippy. You don't mind if I call you Skippy, do you?"

MAKE YOUR OWN

CHRISTMAS TREE

You'll need:

- An old broom
- Lots of imagination



ORNAMENTS

You'll need:

- Shredded wheat
- Plenty of nerve



GIFT WRAP

You'll need:

- Newspaper
- Excellent gifts



R. Chast



Bernard Schoenbaum.

"I shall now punch a huge hole in your argument."



"Your Honor, the witness, in my opinion, has failed to establish credibility."



*"I already have her main present.
I'm looking for a backup present, just in case."*







"Sorry, Elsa, there's just not enough time this morning for us to repeat our wedding vows."



"Why can't he just fly around like everyone else?"



"I really enjoyed the Bible."



"He has a wonderful command of the language, doesn't he?"



"Losers outnumbered gainers today. Still, they all played the game."



"About a year ago, we stopped heating with wood. I think that's when we began to realize we didn't really have much in common."



"Stan baby, Dave baby here."

NEW YORK'S NEWEST NEIGHBORHOOD—

Little Vermont



R. Chast



"Yeah, it's a beautiful day, but I really prefer black-and-white."



"Mother sends Season's Greetings with her love to you, Lydia. She says how she does so wish to spend the holidays with us but she knows that would mean we would have to drive five hundred and fifty miles to her house, as it is impossible for her to accept our invitation to come to our house, since our house, being so untidy, no offense intended, in parentheses, makes her uncomfortable to the point of actually causing her to become physically ill, but that she is willing to be a martyr all alone in order to keep everybody happy, while at the same time she is hoping with all the strength her aged bones can muster that we shall decide to drive to her house, knowing every mile of the five hundred and fifty miles that we are helping to make an old lady's heart very happy happy happy."



*"Now, if you'll just sign right here, Mr. Hark,
you'll make the biggest mistake of your life!"*



*"And someone," said the Papa Bear,
"has been co-opting my agenda.'"*



Bernard Schoenbaum.



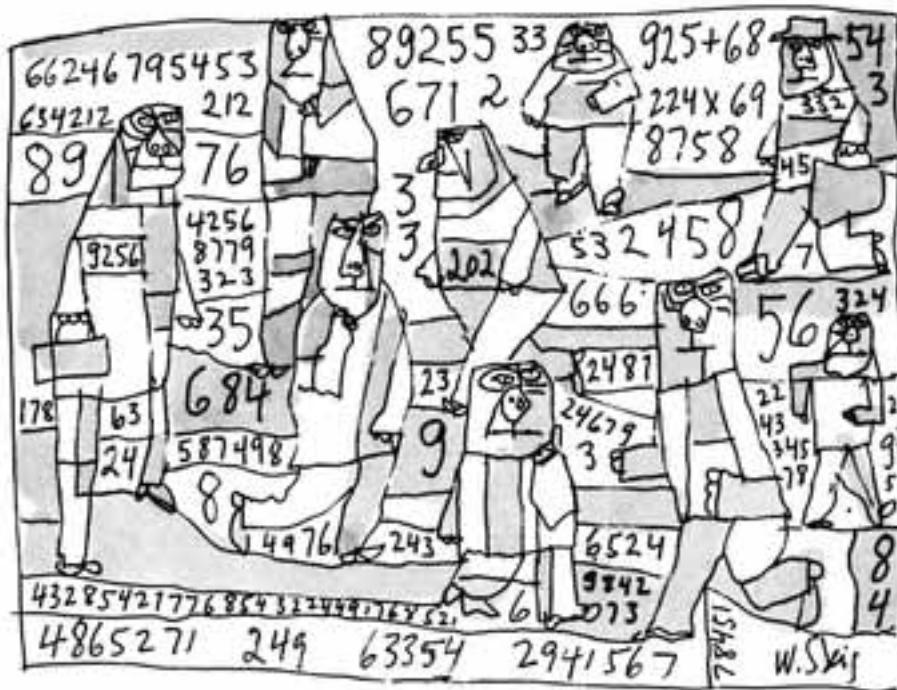
"Well, it took her a year, but the little bulldozer landed him."



"Dinnertime, Webster."



*"A lacklustre style got me where I am, and
a lacklustre style is going to keep me here."*

*Business*



"Fifty-ninth Street, Columbus Circle. Change for the B, D, and uptown express. Step lively, watch the closing doors, and once the train is in motion start singing, 'Good King Wenceslas.' "



"I'm afraid that novel in you will have to come out."



*"They call me the king of railroad salvage—
'they' being my wife, actually."*





"It's another day, Phil. Planning to suit up?"



"We'll have a wassail bowl and two cups."

CHILDREN'S PERSONALS

NEW IN NBRHD-

Just moved in. Girl, 9, wishes to meet other girls, 8-10. Likes Barbie, Ken, Skipper. Box 101.



BOY w/ICKY PARENTS-

I need a rebellious peer group, ages 10-12. Serious replies only. Box 215.



GIRL, 4, LOOKING FOR IMGNRY FRIEND-

Humans need not apply. Photo a must. Box 643.



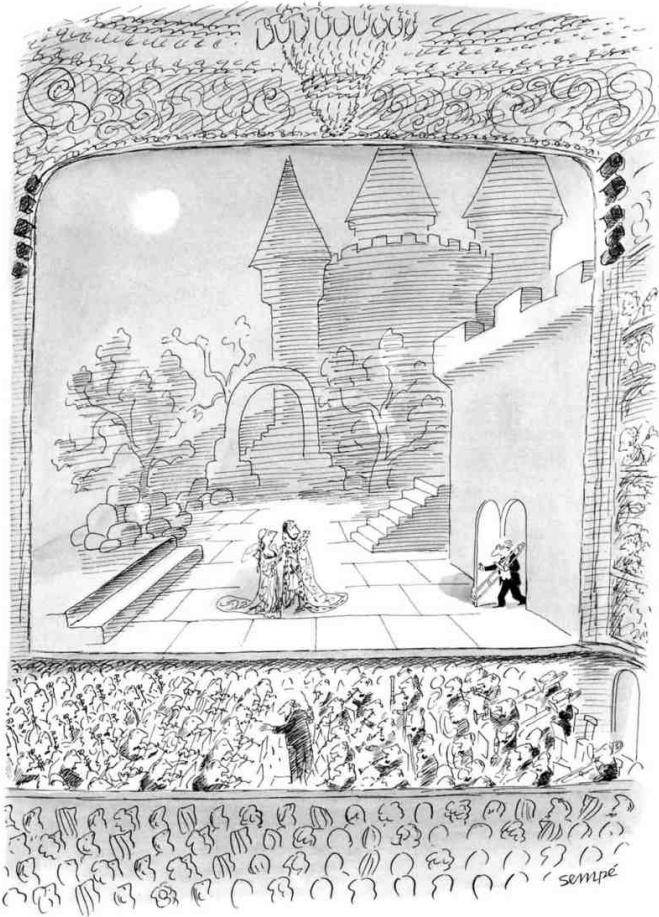
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*"Bentley, I don't care if you are my heir apparent.
Stop peeking in here fifty times a day!"*



"Being in possession of great wealth made me a bit self-conscious at first, but I finally came to terms with it."

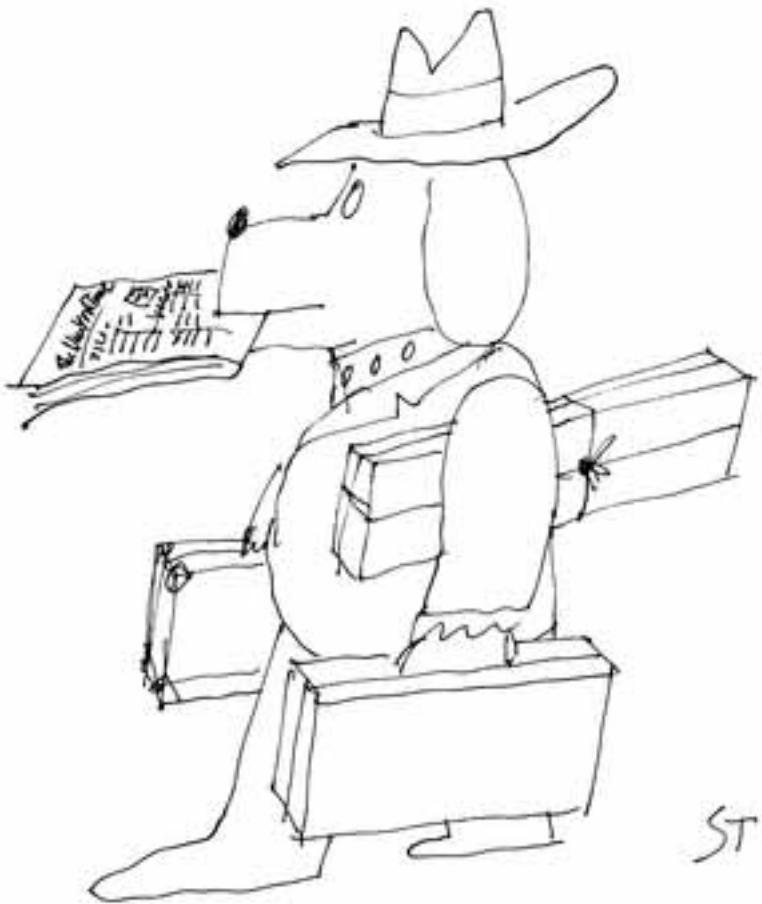




*"Charles, weren't we happier before we decided
to exchange only sensible gifts?"*



*"He said we would marry after he had carved
himself into the granite of New York."*





*"We are all fed up with you doing these
damn power breakfasts at home."*





"Has your mother called yet on the international situation?"



"Do you mind if I use yet another sports analogy?"



"Run like a bunny and give this to Peterson."



*"Let's face it. The only play you've ever liked is
‘Stop the World—I Want to Get Off.’"*



*"I got it from Irma Shingle that the Casselberrys
are no longer living together."*



"You the potted meatball?"



"He's cogent, but that's about it."

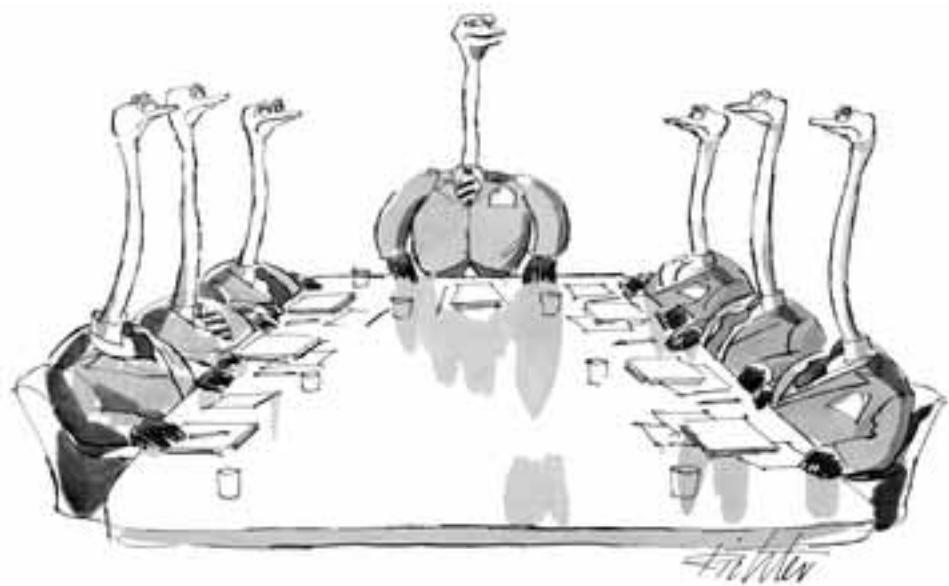




"To sentient beings everywhere!"



"Yes, dear, you shall return. I know."



*"The motion has been made and seconded
that we stick our heads in the sand."*



*"I've been neither a lender nor a borrower. On the other hand,
I have been an idler and a tosspot."*





"Remember when we had to adjust to each other's personality?"



Charles Barsotti