





"How come you're never on anybody's short list?"





"But, sweetie, children are the backbone of our educational system."



“... flying low over housetops, landing on a roof, illegal entry into a residence via chimney, operating a sleigh without a license, keeping wild reindeer confined in harness, and creating a disturbance with loud laughter.”

THIS NEW YEAR, EMMET LUNDAY
RESOLVES TO REALLY CHANGE.





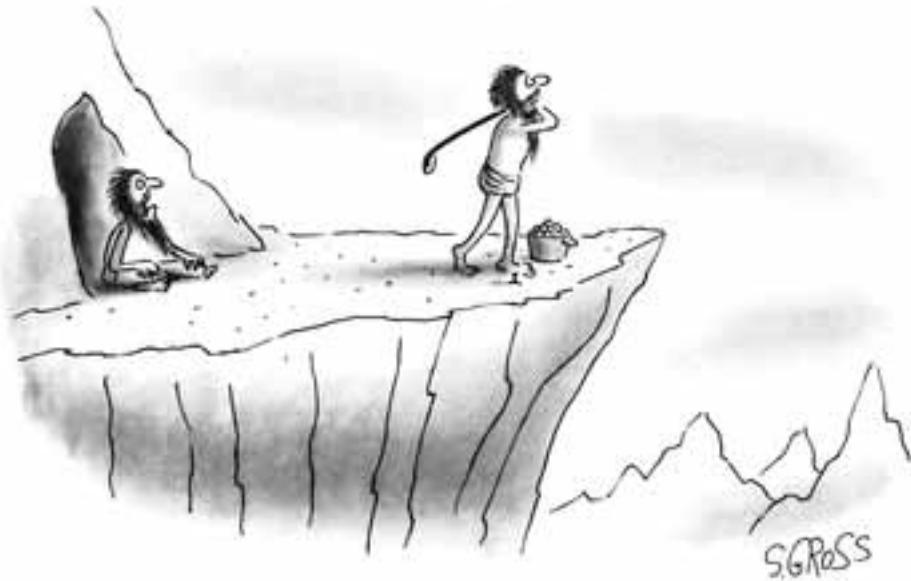
*"Good evening. My name is Thelma,
and I'll be your waitress tonight."*





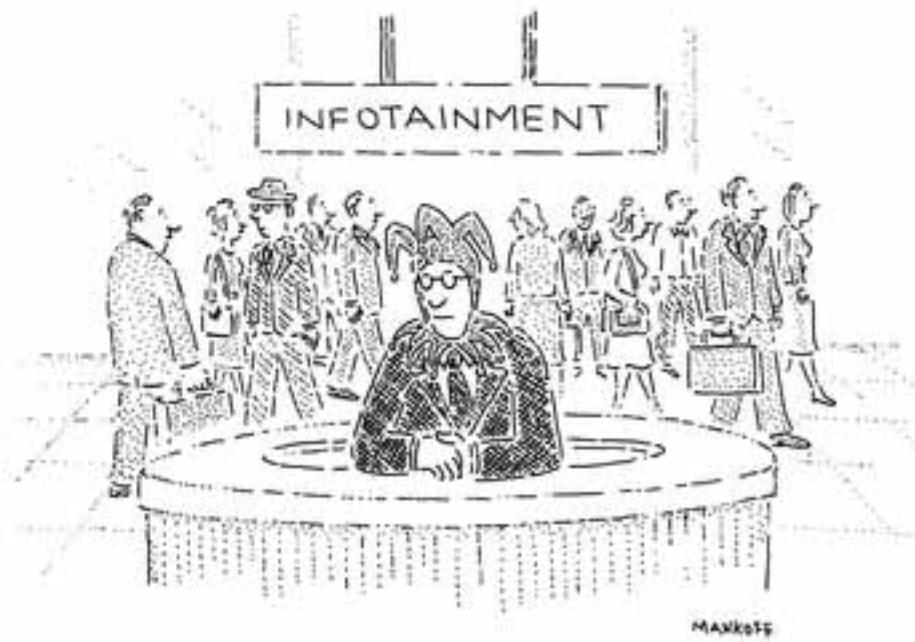


*"Why does she want to go back to Kansas,
where everything is in black-and-white?"*

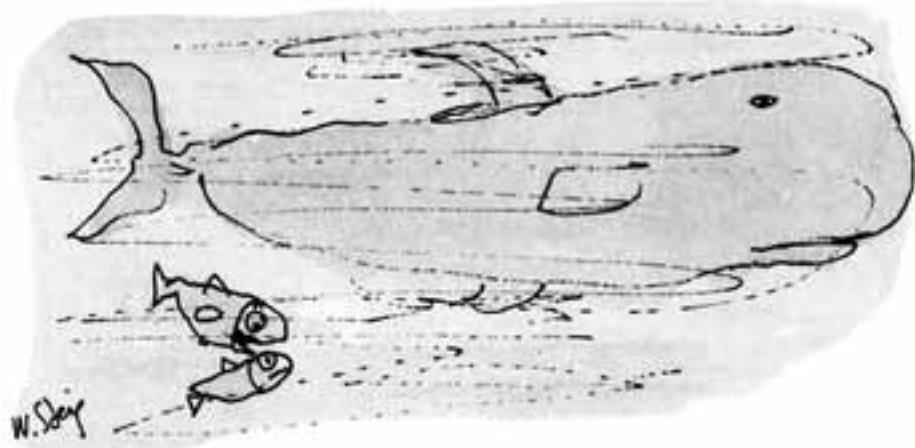


"If you're so enlightened, how come you can't lick that slice?"

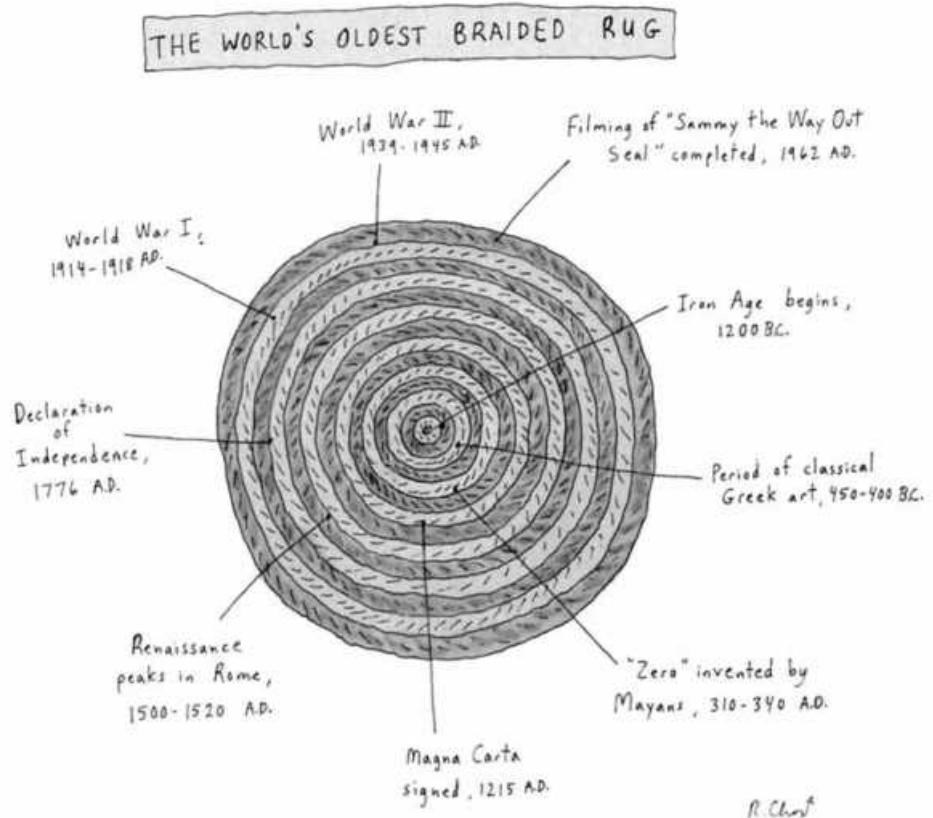








"It's a mammal."





"Lionel will be watching the new Administration very closely."



"Next question: I believe that life is a constant striving for balance, requiring frequent tradeoffs between morality and necessity, within a cyclic pattern of joy and sadness, forging a trail of bittersweet memories until one slips, inevitably, into the jaws of death. Agree or disagree?"

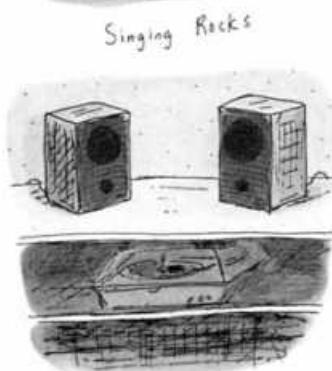


"Two English-speaking people to do cooking and all housework on South Carolina plantation October through May. References required. Must like dogs."



"The Japanese today dumped all their TV announcers on the U.S."

NATURAL PHENOMENA OF 15-E



R.C.H.



*"I could double-check, sir, but I believe the last
of the coconut frozen-fruit bars now rests in your hand."*



"You're putting in too many people!"



"And this is where I sweat the details."



*"Ellen, I wish you'd had the chance to know me
before my medication was adjusted."*



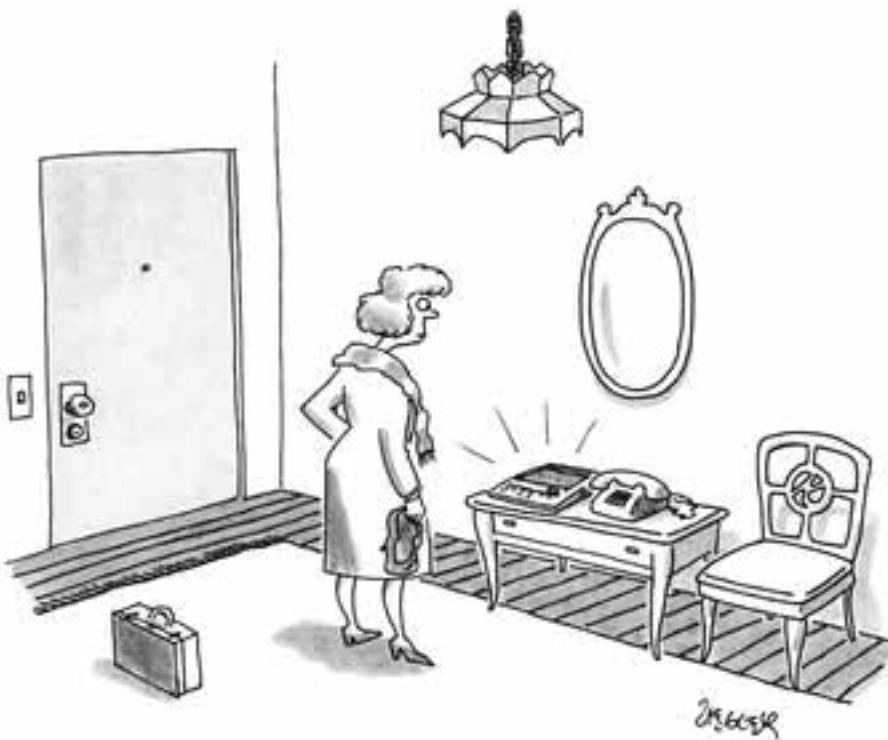
THIS MAN IS AN ISLAND.



"Diana, this is Russell. Russell is a single scientist."



*"Remember what you promised Mommy—no screaming if
your stylist happens to be off."*



"Hi. This is Steve. Just called to hear your new phone message. It's really funny. Well, so long." . . . "Hi, it's Nancy. Just called to hear your message. Neat-o!" . . . "Hi. Sammy here. Wow, great message. See you." . . . "Hello, dear. This is Mom, and I'm a little curious. Have you lost your mind or what? Please call me."



"Hi, honey! I'm at large again!"



"My stocking was not stuffed."

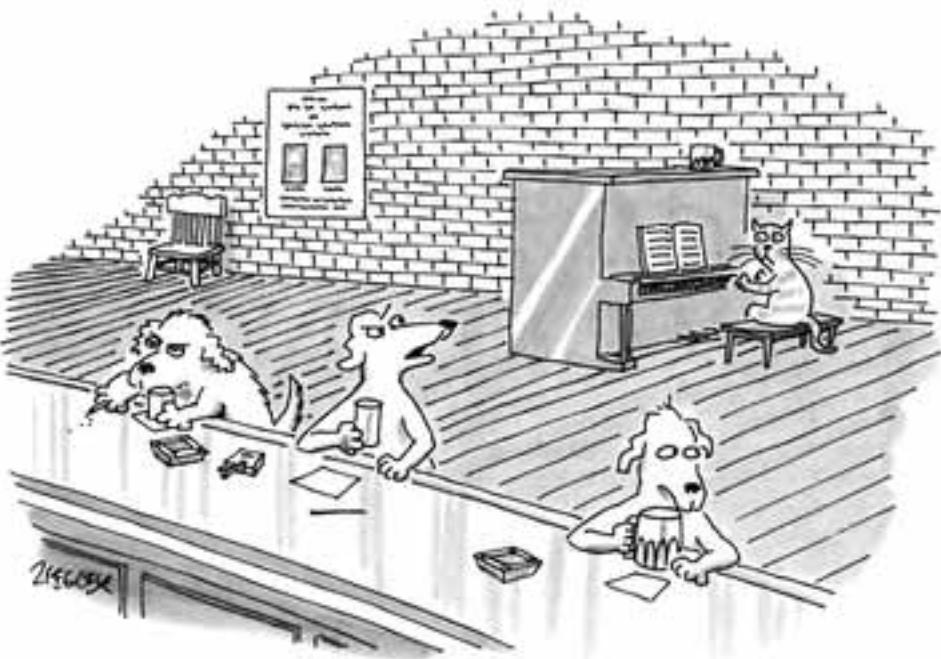








"He's using the 'P---' word."



*"Hey, pal, let's hear 'Doggie in the Window' again,
and this time play it like you mean it!"*

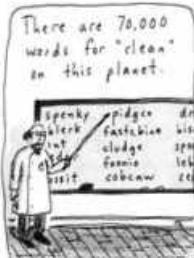


"And would the gentlemen like a table with a fax or without?"



"The main body of this Inaugural Address is great, but he wants a happier ending."

TRAVELOGUE



R. Chast



"It's a battery of operators awaiting our call."





"This baby almost made Car of the Year in '78."



A Pause in the Conversation





Wellness Update: Thirty-year-old man starting on the twenty-five-thousand-pound oat-bran muffin he must consume over forty years in order to reduce significantly his risk of death from high cholesterol





"Cheer up, dear. He and Nancy are going to have a perfectly lovely life out in Bel Air."



“Could you repeat what you just said? I was on another planet.”



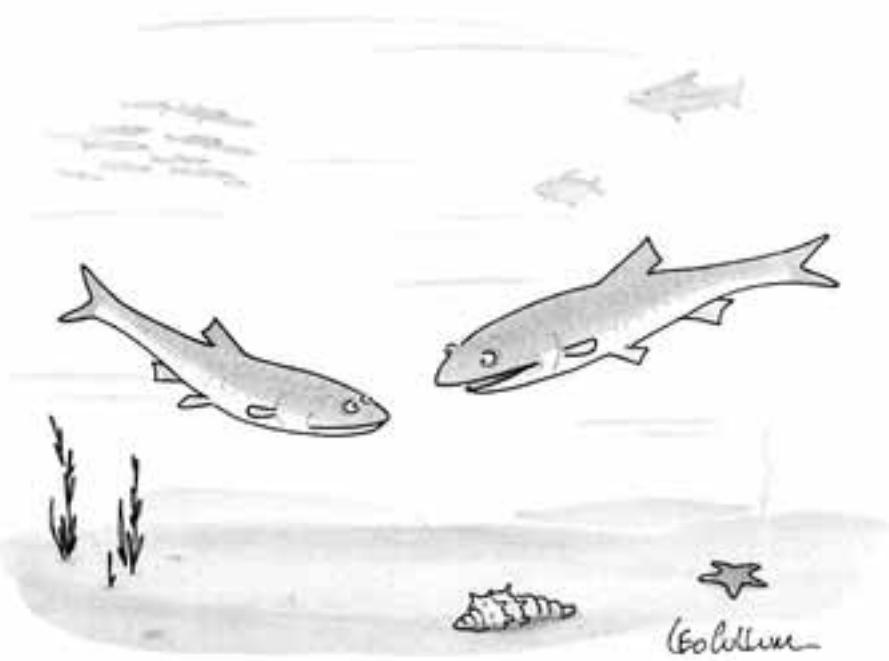
"Boom . . . boom . . . boom."



"Well, of course we married industrialists. All three of us were young and beautiful, and smokestack America looked like it would last forever."







*“Some will love you, son, and some will hate you.
It’s always been that way with anchovies.”*





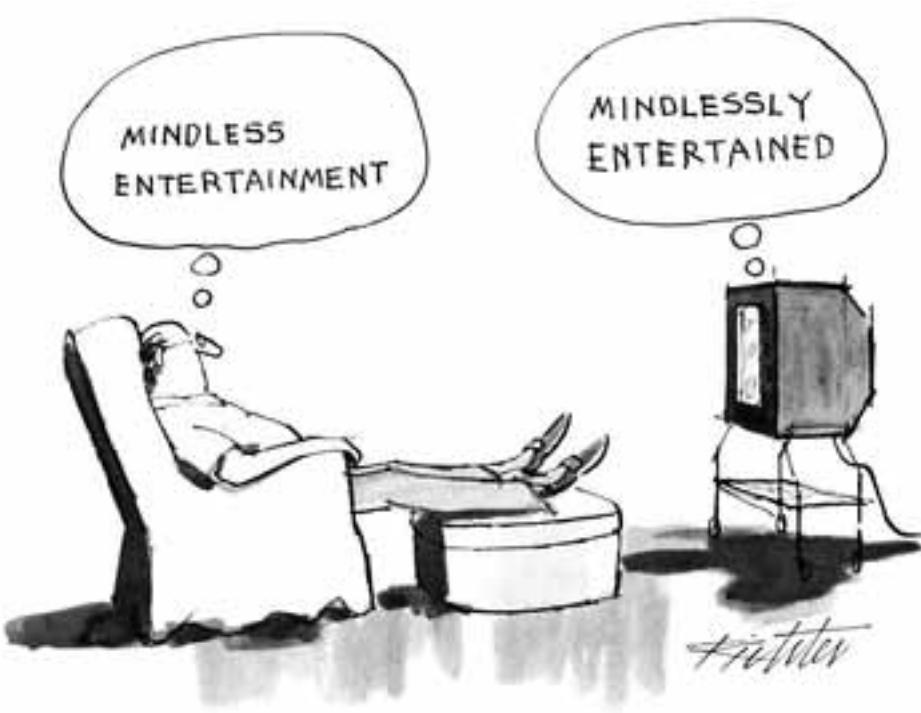
"I hear the middle class is really getting it in the neck."



"Alternate-side-of-the-street parking has been suspended."



"You look fabulous after you've just sent an angry telex."







"Jump-start?"



"Let's do more than just repaint—let's marbleize."



"I understand it's family-owned and run."



"I've heard a lot about money, and now I'd like to try some."



Handelsman

"You're lucky he's so supportive, Leda. A lot of men would probably feel threatened if their wives laid an egg."



*"Ed's a lawyer slash actor, Ron's a lawyer slash filmmaker,
and Beverly's a lawyer slash playwright."*

LEARN-TO-DANCE PANTS



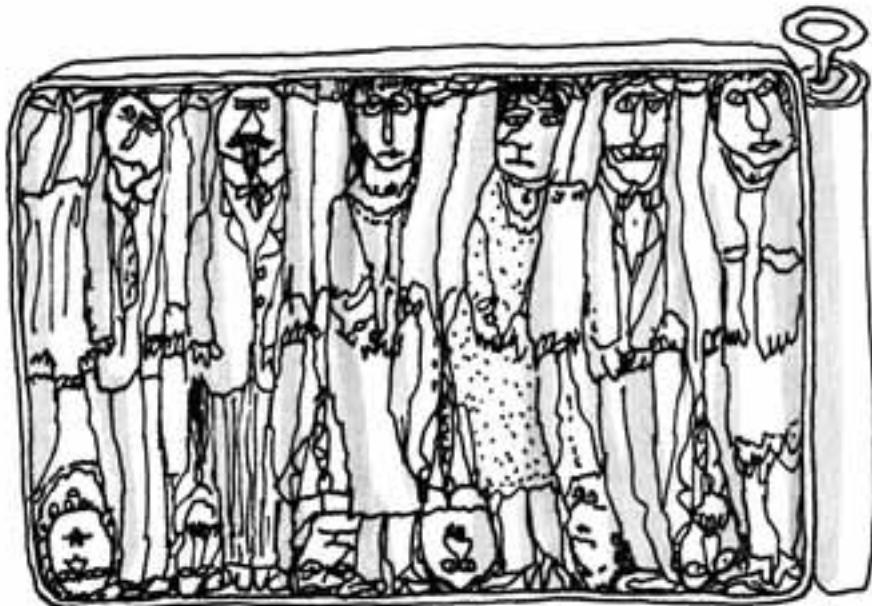
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"And now, a triple gainer."



After Thirty-five Years of Marriage, Couples Develop a Secret Language







*"This is astounding, Al. You never struck
me as a haiku kind of guy."*



"Please, let's not talk about your day."



THEY CALL HIM MR. HERRINGBONE



*"Mrs. Carmody speaking, Miss Peters. Owing to severe ice conditions,
Mr. Carmody may be a little late getting in this morning."*

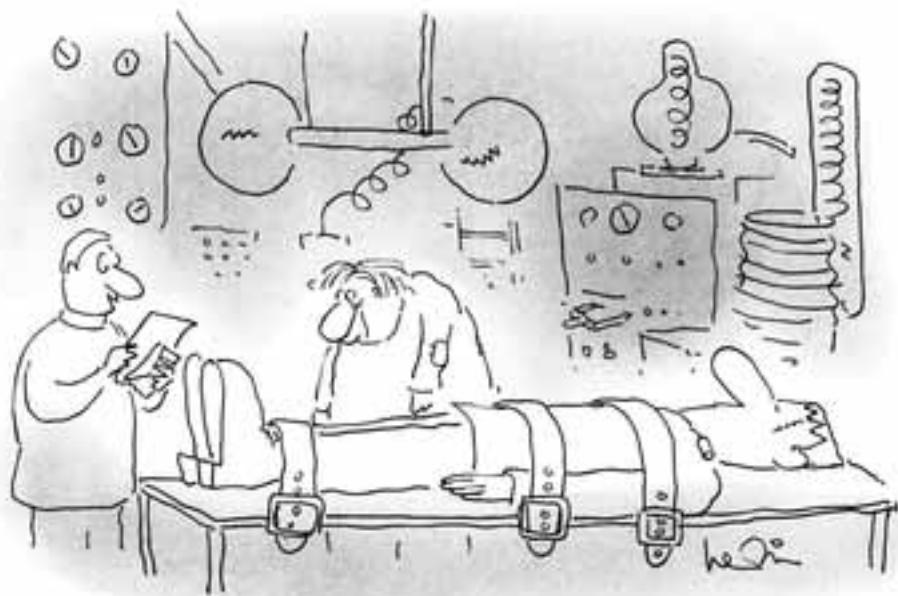




*"Please welcome Lance Hartley, this morning's guest,
who is with us to discuss his recently published book."*

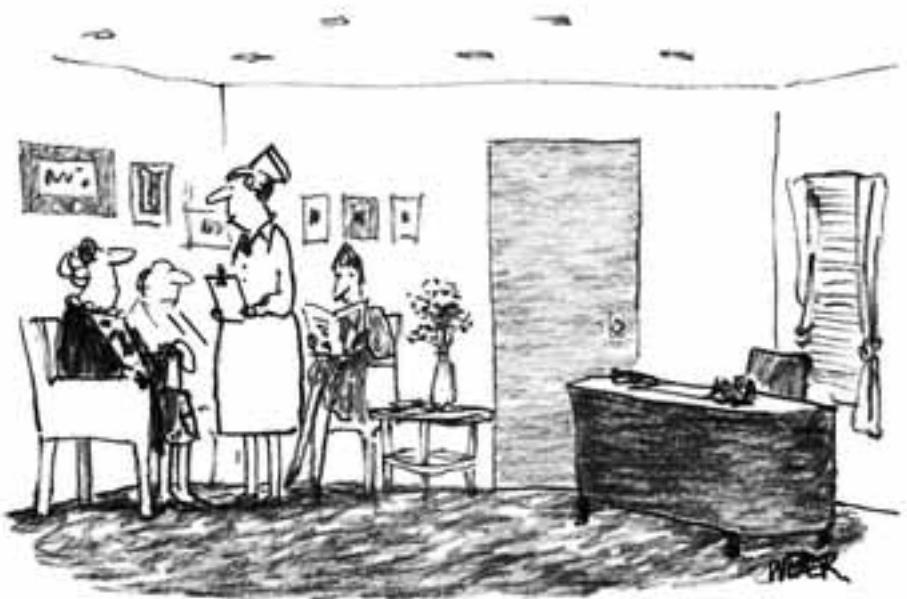


The crew can no longer tolerate Captain Bligh's ruthless splitting of infinitives.



"Well, we got the grant."





*"The doctor will see you now, Mrs. Perkins.
Please try not to upset him."*





"Possessing both sexes, the Hypoplectrus gutavarius mates with another Hypoplectrus gutavarius, each switching roles after each encounter."





"Whenever someone scoffs at dreaming the impossible dream, I tell them to think of Bloomingdale's—the way it was long, long ago, and the way it is now."



"Oh. I have someone for you to marry."



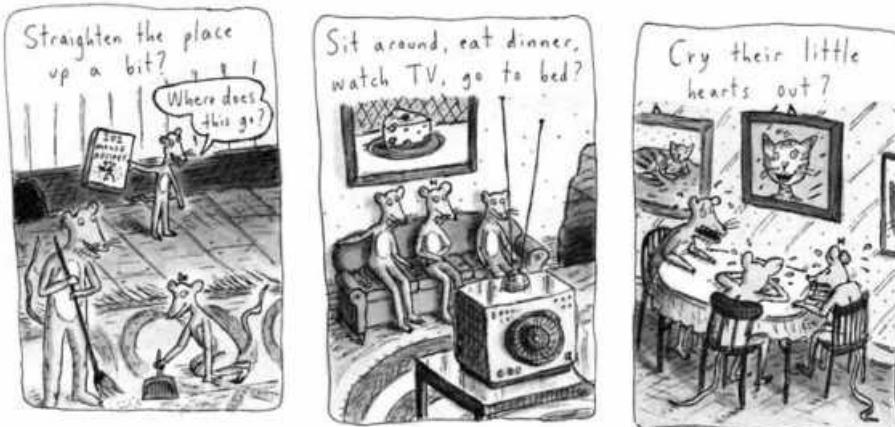


"I'd rather stand, if you don't mind."





When The Cat's Away, The Mice Will...



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"Wanta shoot a few hoops?"



Violence as a Management Tool



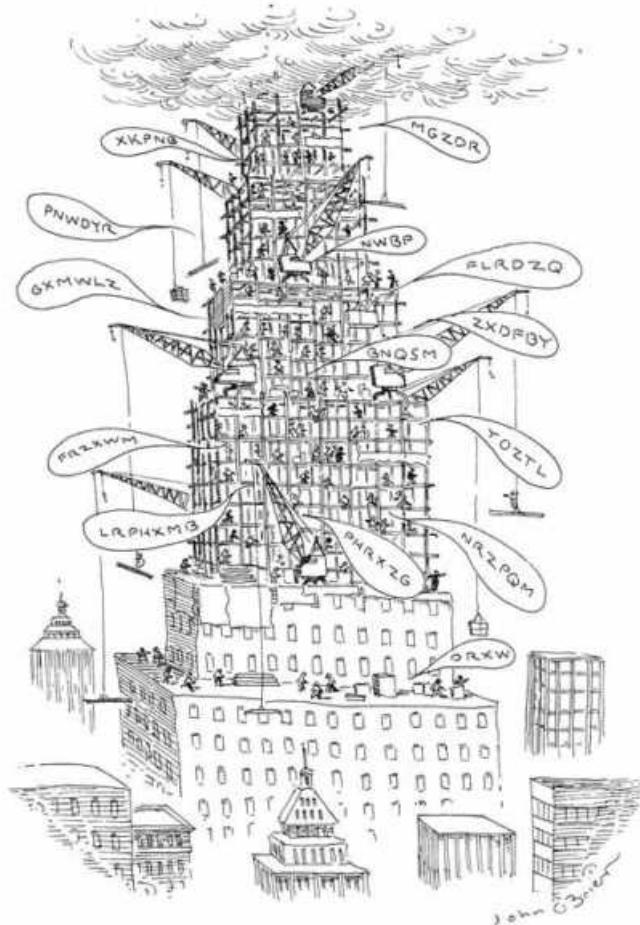
"And now, coming to you live—February!"



"I liked Nancy Reagan, but somehow I like Barbara Bush even more."

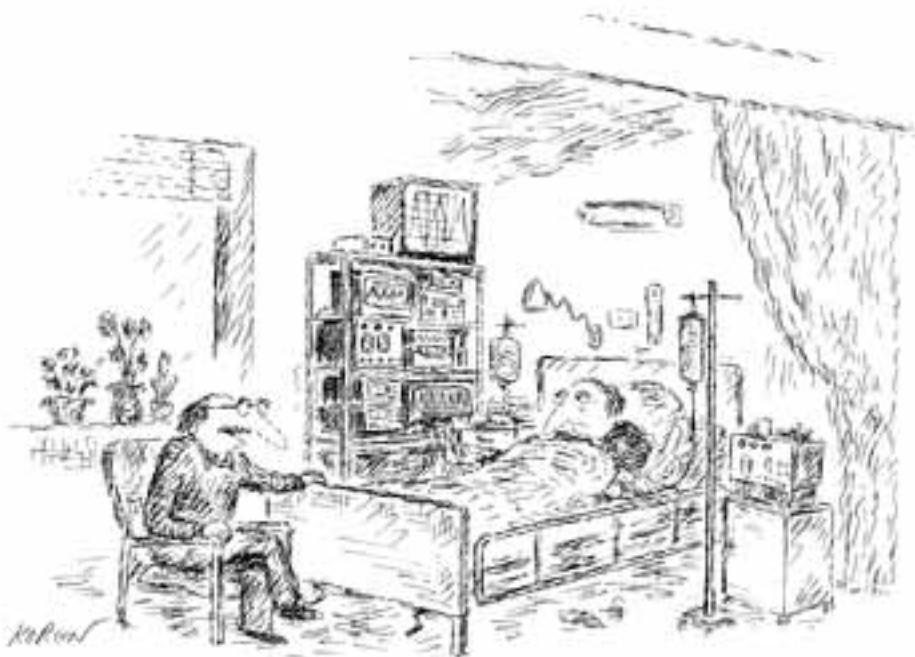


“Actually, we prefer to be unannounced.”





"No, wait. I always get this mixed up. The Manet was five point nine. The Monet was three flat."



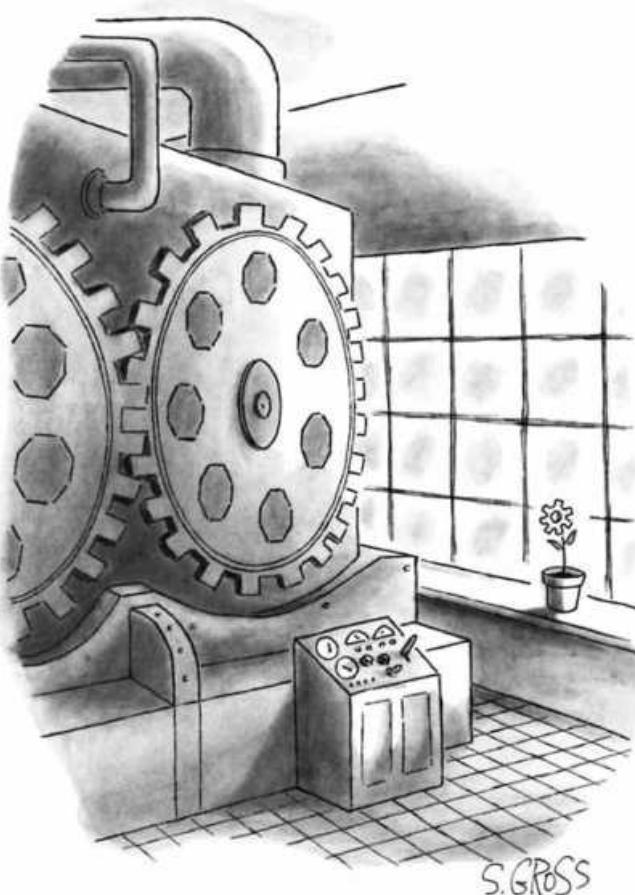
*"Milt, I'm beginning to think that your
illness is a disharmony of life energy."*



"Achilles! How's the wife? The kids? The heel?"

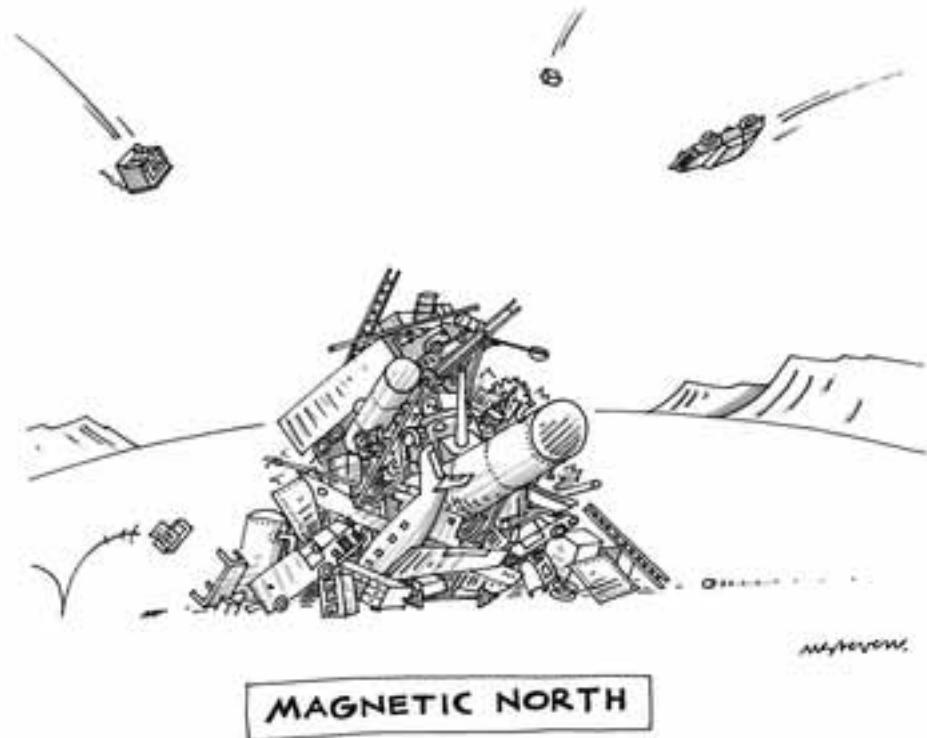


"Bad dog!"





*"What do you mean, live and let live?
I'll do nothing of the sort."*





*"And you, Howard? Are you fully committed to taking
this woman for your lawfully wedded wife?"*



Danny Shanahan







Peter
Steiner

THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN GET A CAB
IN THE RAIN ON MADISON AVENUE AT 5:10 P.M.





“Gordon just is not a liaison dangereuse.”



"Leave the lights burning when you go home. Pass it on."



"It's an orchid."



*"Kindly tell the court where you were
on the evening of December 31st."*



*"Someone's been sleeping in my bed, too,
and there she is on Screen Nine!"*



"I say buy up Sony and Honda, and so forth. I mean, tit for tat."

The SPONTANEOUS GOURMET

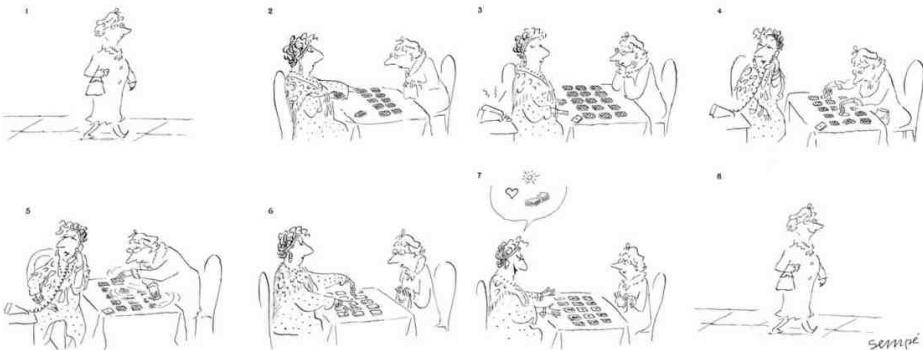
"Sometimes something happens... and sometimes it doesn't."



1. In a small pan, sauté $\frac{1}{2}$ c. onion in 2 tbsp. oil or butter.
2. Heat a can of tomato soup to just below a boil.
3. Sift $\frac{3}{4}$ c. flour.
4. Pound flat 6 chicken breasts.
5. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ c. raisins to 1 egg and let sit overnight.
6. Measure $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. nutmeg.
7. Crumble 14 soda crackers.
8. Grate 2 c. cheddar cheese.
9. Remove the casing from 1 lb. sweet Italian sausage.
10. Take 30 maraschino cherries.



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"I'm a busy man, Melissa. Will you or won't you be my valentine?"



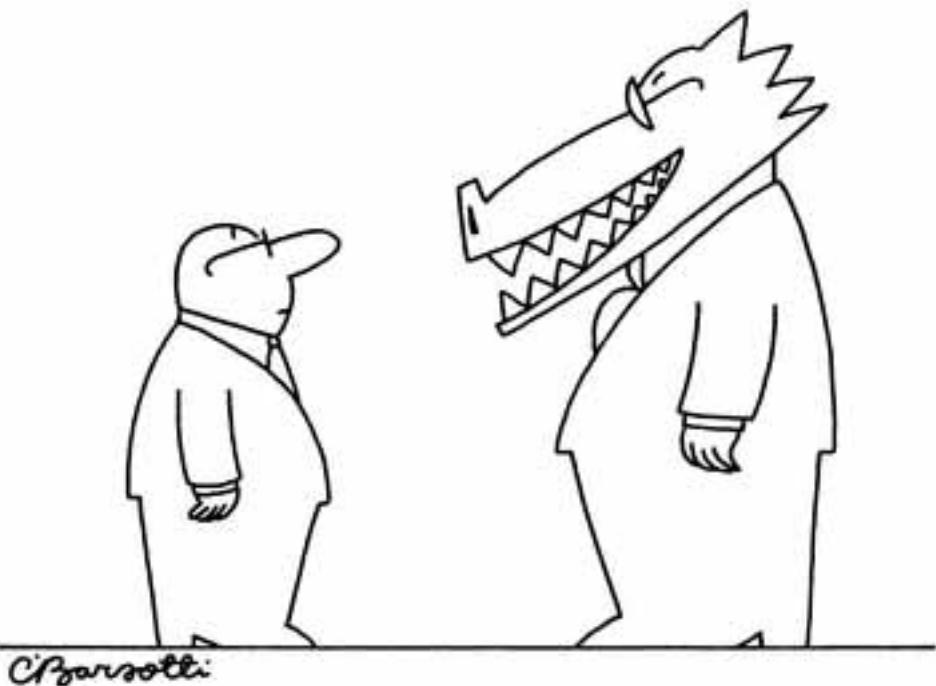




*"Then ask yourselves, 'Do we really need all this luxury?'
And your answer, of course, is 'Yes!'"*



"Why, no, I don't want to hear what the baby did."



"So now we deal mano a mano, as it were."



"This is goodbye, Helen. I'm leaving to resume my love affair with big, fast American cars."



"I understand Senator Quigley was really counting on that raise."





*"I wish I could get to Woody Allen. I think
I could help him arrest his slide."*



NATIVE TREES OF
LEXINGTON AVENUE





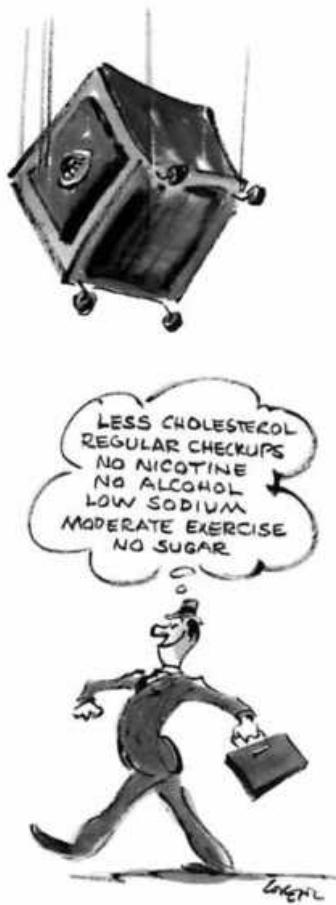
“Frankly, I’m looking for something that might appeal to a jury.”



"An unprecedented blizzard has buried the Eastern Seaboard under one hundred and fifty-eight inches of snow. That's, let's see . . . twelve into fifteen goes once, two from five is three, bring down the eight, twelve into thirty-eight goes three times with two left over . . ."



*"Honey, I don't want to hide anything from you.
I collect pictures of cats in my spare time."*





"Well? Are you with us?"



*"He was a mean old bastard, but I look at that
asinine cap of his and I'm all shook up."*



*"That's Cheryl Chalmers. She only
comes in black-and-white."*





"I want to force some bulbs."



"Not at all—fund-raising sounds intriguing."



"Amazing, three failed marriages, scores of disastrous relationships, many financial reversals, and countless physical ailments, but through it all I've always had good luck parking."



"So you're anthropomorphic too? It's a small world."



"I'm off to my risotto class."



"We'll begin, Mr. Bergeron, just as soon as you're seated."



*"Yoo-hoo! My husband gets the senior-citizen discount!
Yoo-hoo, Officer, yoo-hoo!"*











*"Hmm, summa cum laude—very impressive.
But what exactly is a Bachelor of Arts & Leisure?"*



"And another thing. Stop calling me 'Gucci-shod'!"



*"I didn't catch it, Haskins—I bought it.
Which is precisely the point."*



"I see no new taxes, followed by some new taxes."



"Be careful. Alien life forms have infiltrated the populace."



"I've tasted better myself, but you've got to admit the service is good."



Henry Martin

*"Can't I just stay here with you and Mom?
I don't like what I've seen of the real world."*



*"Your favorite sweater isn't here. I sent it
out to be cleaned and carbon-dated."*



"What'll it be—entertainment news or entertainment?"



"I want you two to meet some people who just bought a fabulous five-story brownstone with a garden in Troy, New York."



*"I still don't have all the answers, but I'm
beginning to ask the right questions."*

MAY I REMIND YOU, OXLEY,
THAT IN THIS COMPANY WE
START WORK AT NINE AND
WE DRESS FOR SUCCESS.

BOTH?





"Philippe, dice the potatoes."





"I love a woman who can do her own Sheetrocking."





*"I know Beth from the days when 'Christina's World'
was up where the Klimt is now."*



"Tell everyone the honeymoon's over."





"The Pentagon is not getting nearly as much pie as they used to get."

THE SNOWS OF YESTERYEAR: THIRTIES, FORTIES, FIFTIES



Front row: 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939

Second row: 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949

Back row: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959

Missing: 1932, 1937, 1940, 1953, 1958



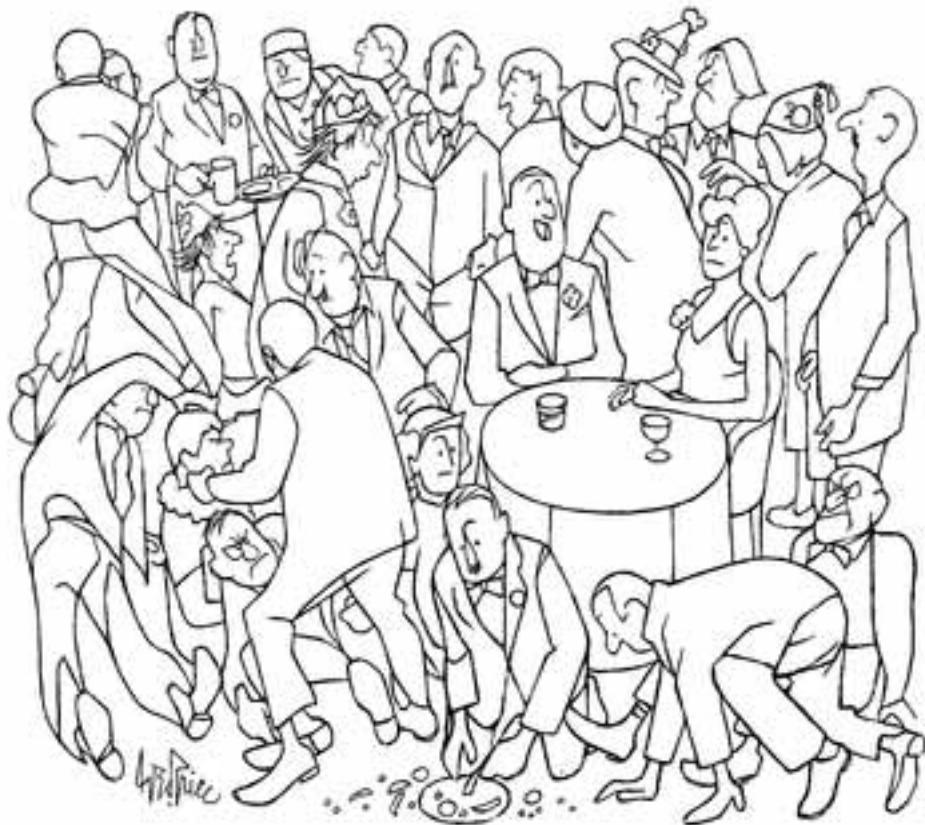
"I still say you never can tell which way a jury will go."



"I'm a very different person on the slopes."



*"We won't be seeing Harold anymore.
He was born again."*



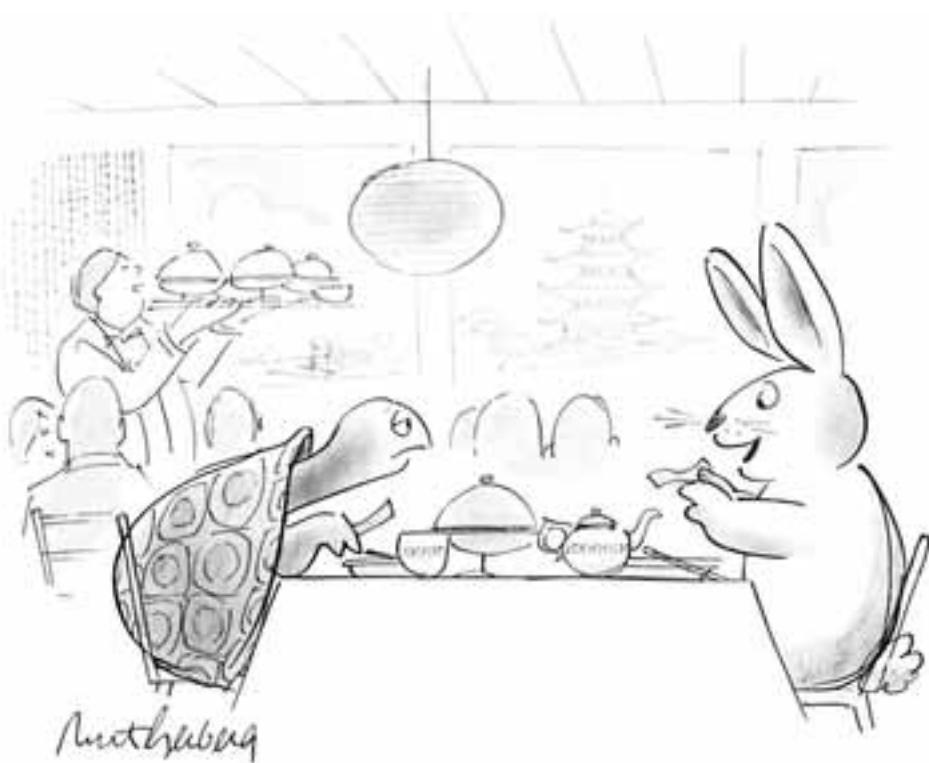
"It doesn't get any better than this, Shirley."



*"As far as we can make out, there's a small, heavy core,
and then it's all polystyrene foam."*

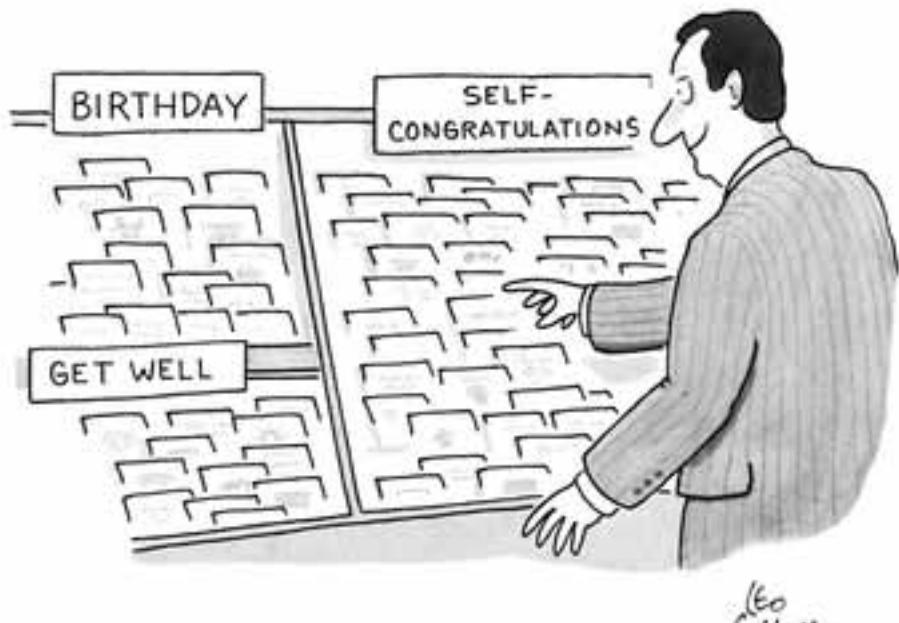


"May I speak with the dog of the house?"



"Slow and steady wins the race.' What's yours say?"







"I can't decide which I'd rather do—make a twenty-billion-dollar bid or turn down a twenty-billion-dollar bid."



*"Would it strain our relationship if I asked you to
check my closet for supernatural phenomena?"*



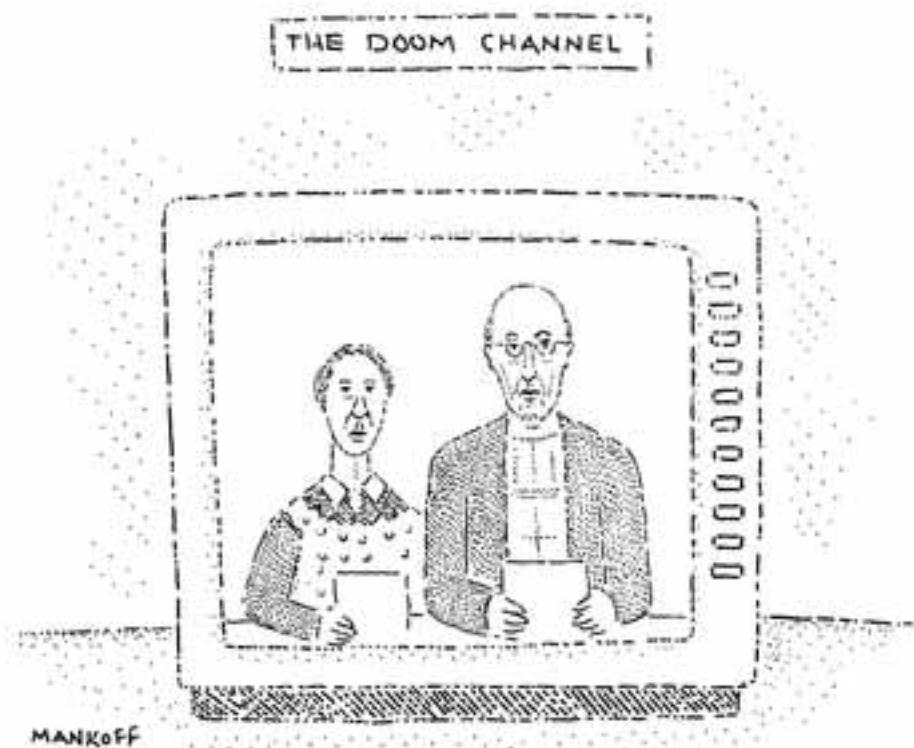
"Will there be anything else?"



"Goodbye, Maryann. I have twenty-five vacation days coming to me."



*"Yes, sir. The prices are given on request. However,
all requests must be in writing."*



MANKOFF

*"Bad things are happening.
Real bad."*

*"Worse to come.
Much worse."*



“Frankly, I don’t like women.”



“Oops!”



*"Brad? This is your congressman.
Get Mommy on the phone, please."*



*"This 'road not taken' where we're going for dinner,
was she also a road not travelled?"*



"I wasn't around for World War II, but I love reading about it."





"Ah, what a beautiful morning to be alive, well, and a member of the National Rifle Association!"



"I certainly hope we don't end up offending Islam."



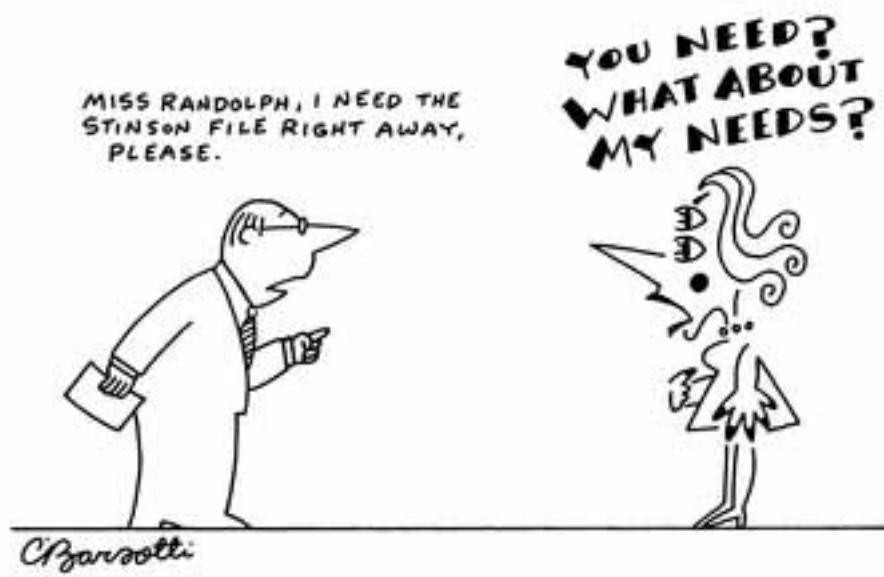


THE STAT FAMILY



"The only thing available right now is a handyman's-special starter condo on Tier 19 that's just been reduced to three hundred seventy-five thou, plus maintenance."





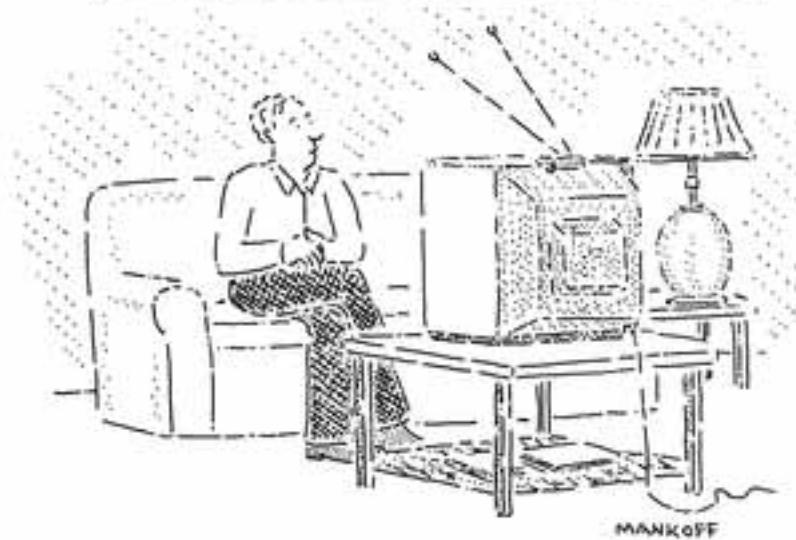


"Your Majesty."



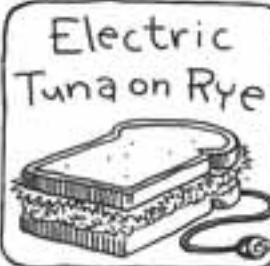
The Prodigy Is Mated

THE MACNEIL/LEHRER FASHION HOUR



"So, to summarize your position, Professor, you think softly draped trousers and a discreet use of glitter is very important in a geostrategic context."

POWER LUNCHES



Kerschbaum





*"O.K., you take one little blue one for malheurs,
and two little yellow ones for angst."*





"Your ad in the 'Voice' didn't mention your hair."



*“Basically, I want bilateral disarmament and
she wants a divorce. And there it stands.”*



"Can't you see? He needs both of us!"

Ms. RUSHMORE





"I feel like fooling around with radicchio."





Evolution or Creation? A Compromise



"Pass the salt. I mean the buck."



"Nobody else has complained about flies in the soup."



"Have you been here since I put everything on casters?"



*"Daddy has to clear his head for a few minutes
before he can deal with 'Babar.'"*

RÉSUMÉ OF
CLAUDE BRISKETSON,
COMPOSER



5/18/57: "Big Bison Fight," *Natural Nature*, WNUH



11/5/63: "Cerebellum's Theme," *Your Wondrous Brain*, TV Special, WVGN



7/16/67: "The Receiver," Phone repairman's training film, Acme Communications



4/26/71: "Those Hilarious Owls," *Our Friends the Birds*, TV Special, WDKE



12/2/74: "Mr. Lucky in Hawaii," The "Mr. Lucky" show, WBEB



10/30/79: "Orange Pekoe Motif," Promotional film, O-So-Nice Teas, Inc.

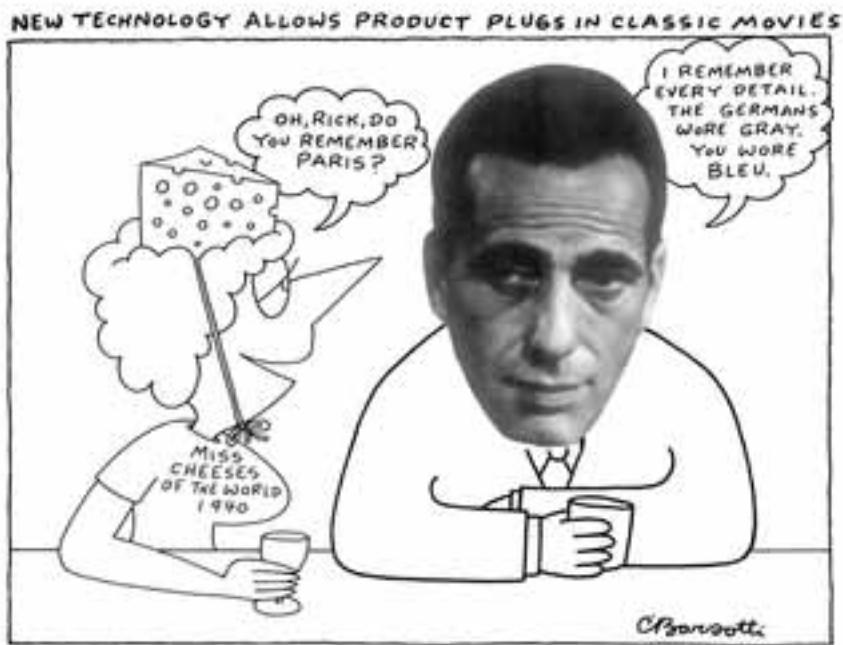


1/14/85: "Paraguayan Segment," *South America by Bus*, Travelogues Plus Co.

Roz Chast



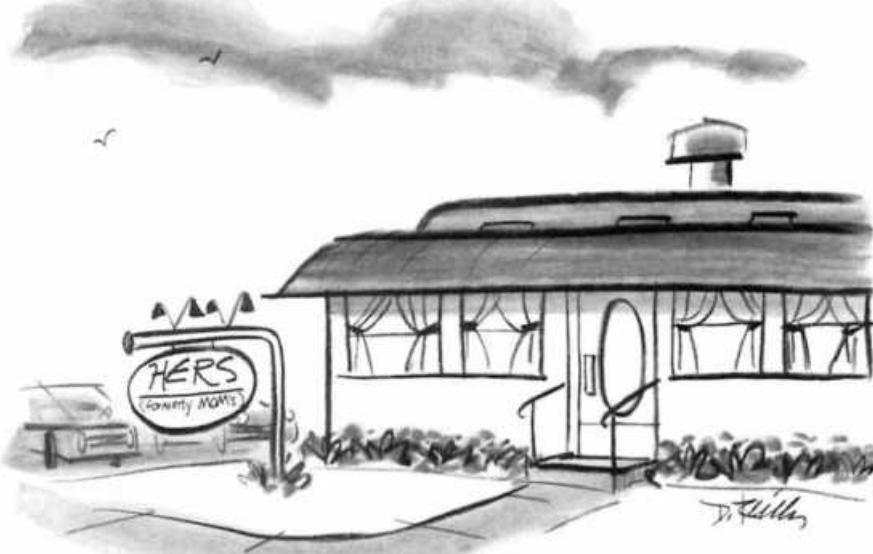
"Welcome to the burgeoning tri-state area!"





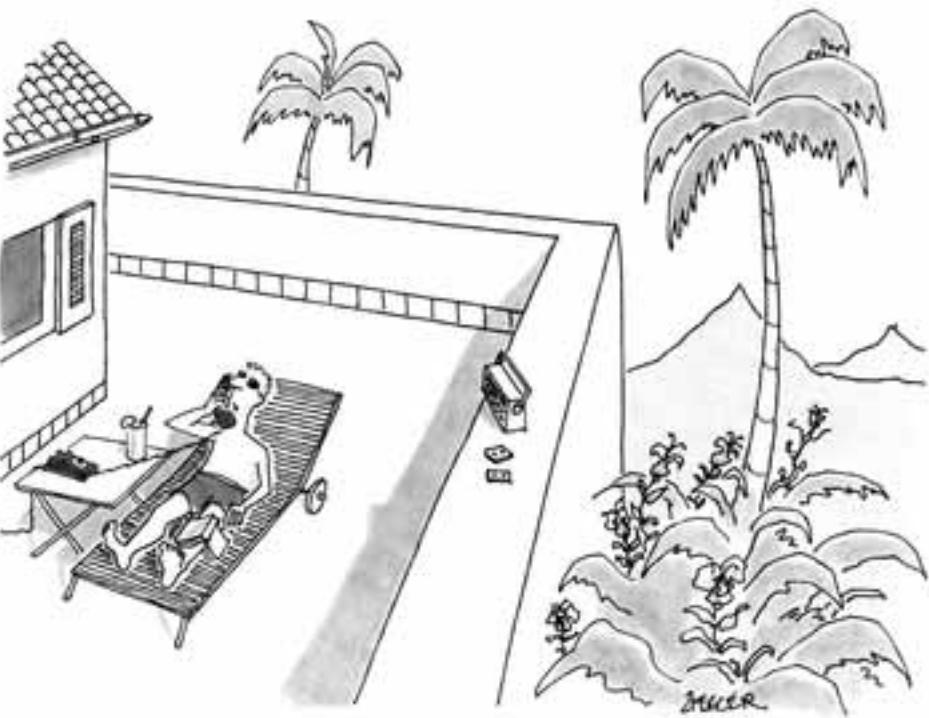


"Hi, I'm Todd Harnik and I'm in over my head, right?"





*"Glendora Hagan got in another load of cats,
Elinor honey. Can you take a couple?"*



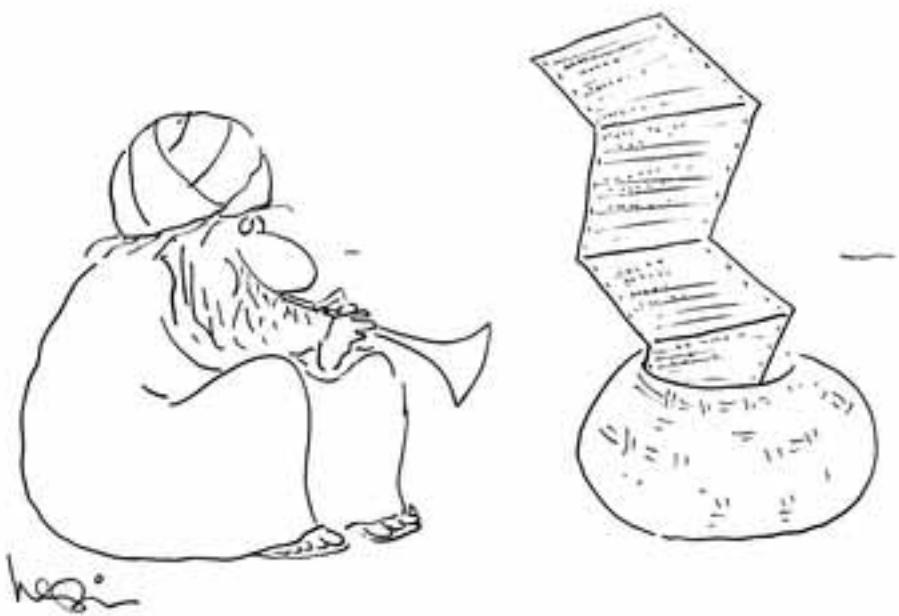
"Hey, what can I say? It's not Baltimore, but then what is?"



They could have danced all night.



No emotional hitchhikers in '89!





*"When you say 'Do we have enough life insurance?'
I assume you mean me."*



*"I liked you better as
George Washington."*



"Our deficit-reduction plan is simple, but it will require a great deal of money."



"I told the truth and they set me free."



"For the time being we'll be living with my folks, but our ultimate goal is to live with Denise's folks."





"Hold it right there, young man. You're not leaving me with this mess to clean up all by myself."



"Leverage," by Goldman, Sachs.

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- Free-form bantering (for the advanced)

SIMPLY CHECK ONE:



- Yes, please send me my Banter Info Pak.
 No, I'd rather not know one tiny thing more
about this topic.

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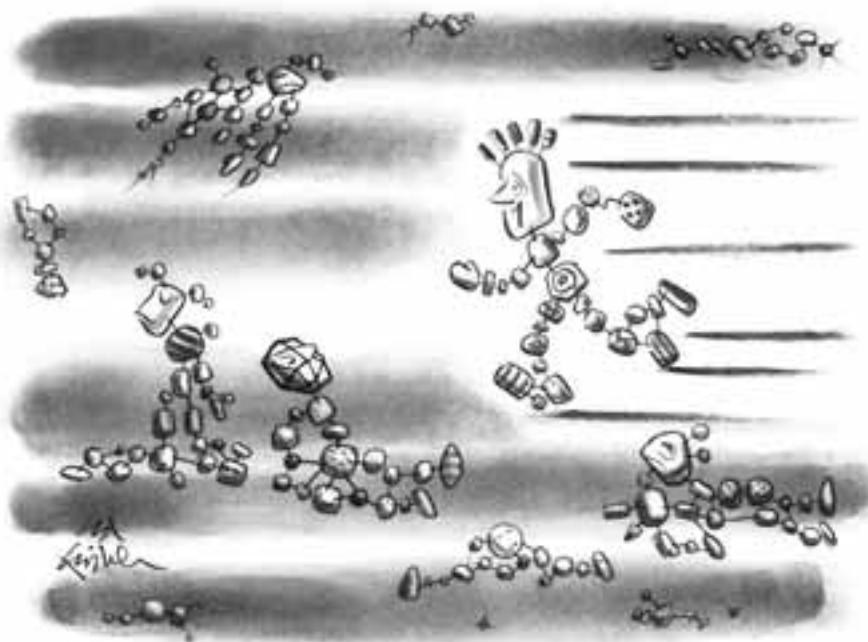
"Move 'em out!"



Goliath, the World's Biggest Philistine, at the Gath Art Gallery



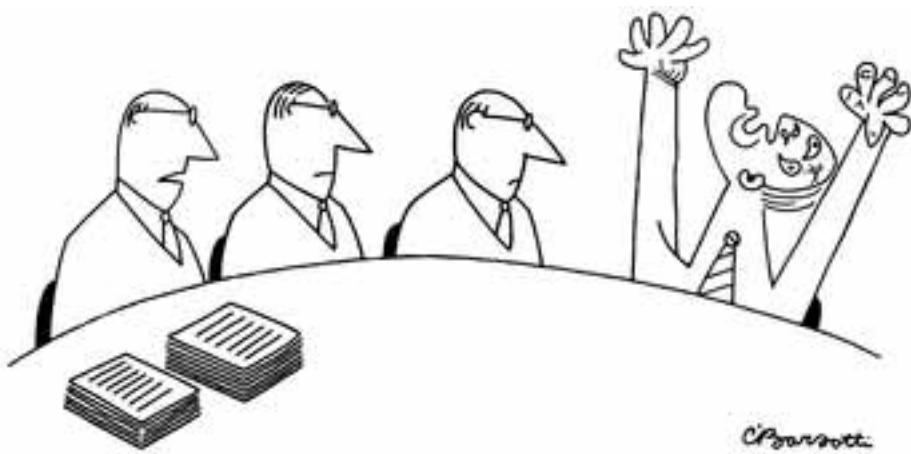
*"Who has pink eyes, long ears, a cute little cotton tail,
and brings baskets of eggs on Easter morning?"*



"As an anabolic steroid, I can't help living the fast life!"



"You don't deserve to have a nice car."



© Barsotti

"Just a few more pages, Hansen, and we'll take a short break."



"Wet hair? Is this a concept?"



"I prefer the Perry Como version."



"Confrontation isn't getting us anywhere. We have to talk."

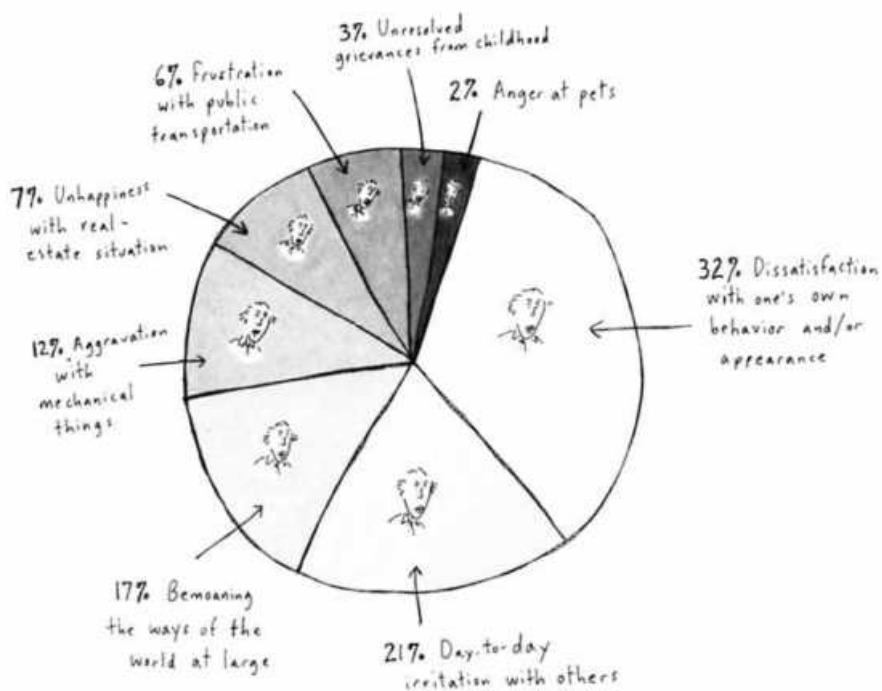


"The doctor will bill you now."





"And this is the loyal opposition."

FUSSBUDGET 1989



*"One final question: Do you now own or
have you ever owned a fur coat?"*



"All this was nothing but potatoes before we arrived."



"Would you prefer the talking or the non-talking section?"





*"I yam what I yam an' tha's all I yam!"
What the hell kind of résumé is that?"*



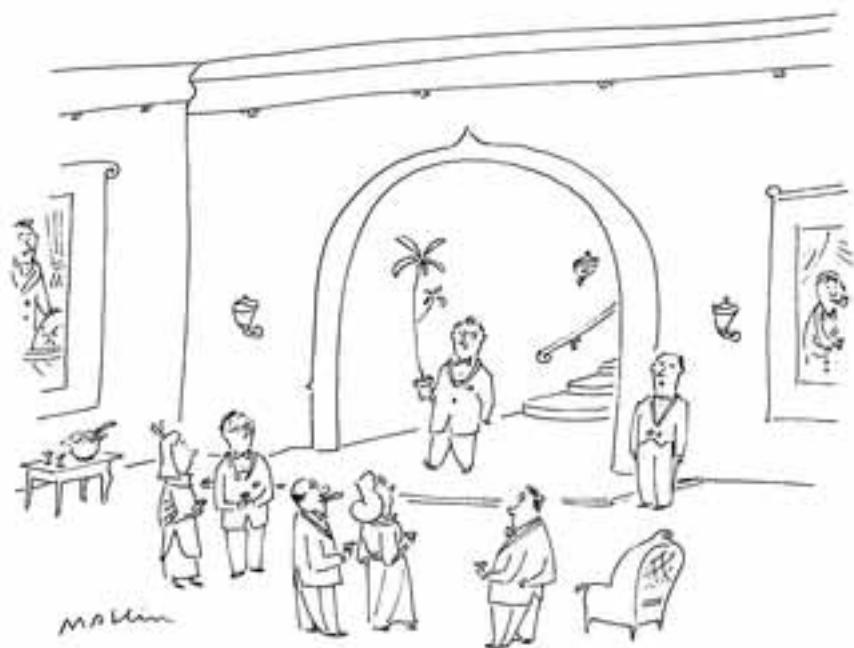


*"Damn it, Malcolm. Don't think because you're vice-president
you can waltz in here anytime you please!"*





"We love what you've done with your money."



"Edward H. Arthur and the avocado plant he's grown from a pit."



“Leon, necklines are plunging in Paris.”



"Pass 'em, Pop."



"Leave us, but don't forget to write us."



*"No, I will not marry you because it
would be a hell of a party."*







*"Early today the senator called a spade a spade.
He later issued a retraction."*



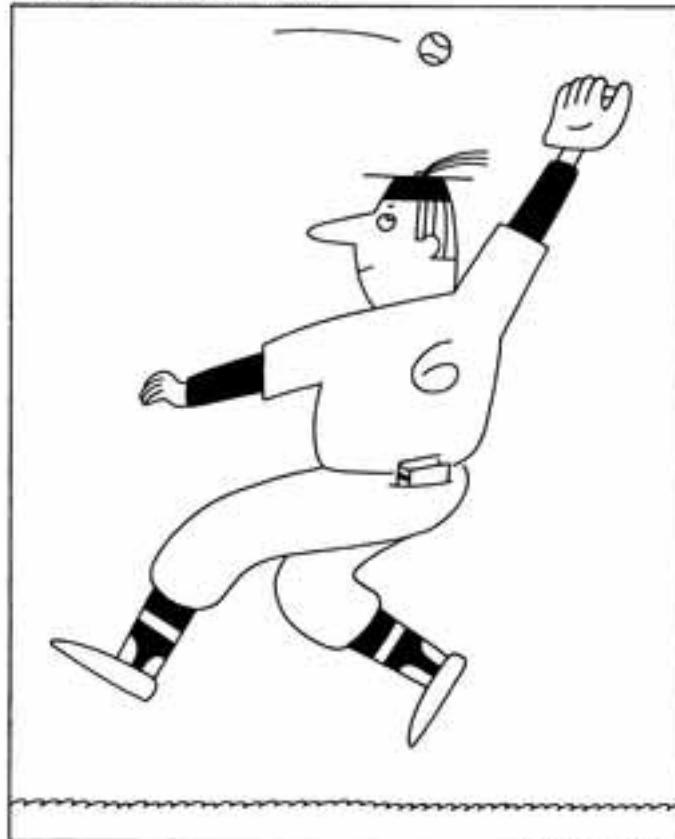
April Foolery

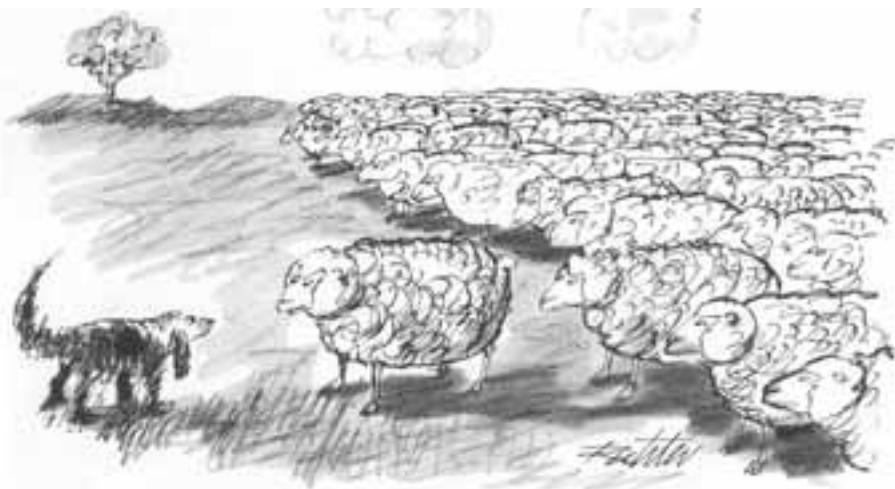




"Pass it along. Apples are back."

1989
THE GIAMATTI ERA





*“Speaking frankly, a number of us are worried
about a serious leadership vacuum.”*



"What's the right wine to go with severance pay?"



"In our first year of marriage we exposed our beams, too."



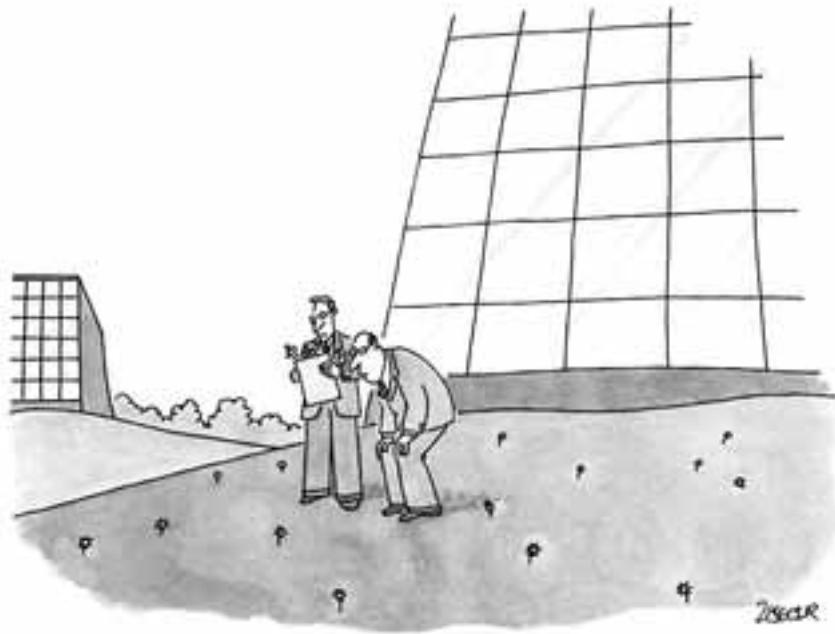
*"All I'm saying is, giving a little something
to the arts might help our image."*



*"Mr. and Mrs. Alexi Eddington Cravland IV request the honor
of your presence on Saturday, June 10th, at a private garage sale
prior to public sale on Saturday, June 17th."*



"Dear, this is Randolph Tressler. He's doing two hundred hours of community service as a result of misspeaking himself before a federal grand jury."



"Make a note, Henderson: 'May 4, 9:02 A.M. Unauthorized plant life again growing at random on lawn outside main entrance corporate headquarters. Spoiling symmetry and tranquillity. Breeding confusion. Have said plants removed and incinerated soonest. Eyes only.' Original to Maintenance, copies to Accounting and Security. And this time, Henderson, let's not have any leaks to the damn secretarial pool."





"Nothing showy, but we would like to be publicized."



"Fred got his second wind at eighty."



*"This spring we expect the fashion pendulum
to swing back to basics."*



"The chicken is for this year's taxes. The egg is my estimated for next year."



Sunrise, Greenwich Village, 1989



"Companionable! Tonto was companionable!"



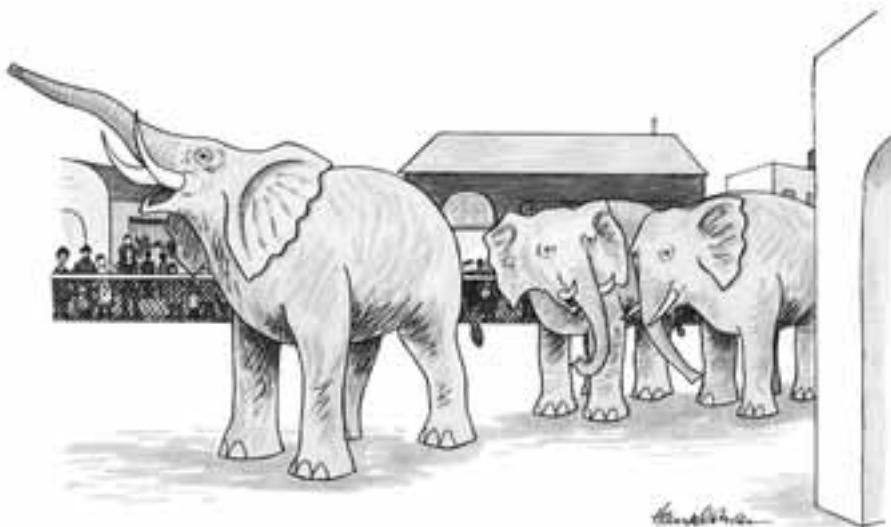


"You folks like a little something?"

JOE SCHMOE

(A DRAMATIZATION)





"Sounds good to me. Of course, I've never heard Wynton Marsalis."



"Might I suggest something wicked for dessert?"



"I just hope Connie Chung stays put for a while."

FROM THE TOURNAMENT OF NEUROSES PARADE

The "I Never Really Broke Away From My Parents" Float



The "In My Mind's Eye, I Will Always Be a Fat, Short, Frizzy-Haired, Glasses-and-Braids-Wearing Sixth Grader" Float



The "People Who Have Difficulty Forming Bonds of Intimacy with Other People" Float



The "I Only Want What Is Unattainable" Float



The "Hypochondriac" float



The "Fear of Chickens" Float



R.C.



"Colleen, would you describe again the circumstances under which you first met Jack on the evening of February 7th?"



Three Boulevardiers



"We searched the entire apartment—the four walk-in closets, the decorator powder room, the sunny eat-in kitchen, the whirlpool bath, the room-size entry gallery—but he must have gone out through the leaded floor-to-ceiling windows onto the sundeck and escaped through the state-of-the-art fitness center."



"Do you ever hear anything from the old backpacking crowd?"



"That ain't no ordinary footstool, Dusty. That there's the king of the hassocks, all leather and a yard wide! He's proud, powerful proud, but mark my words. Someday soon someone'll catch him. He'll be roped, he'll be broke, and he'll be rid. I'm aimin' to be that someone, Dusty!"



*“Could you fellas tell me if there’s anyplace around here
where I could find a fax machine?”*





*"Oh, I'm all business, but I find that a talk-show
format works well for me."*

THIS WEEK'S SIGHTING



MRS. ELLEN TRASKIN OF NEW HOPE,
PA., POINTS TO SPOT WHERE SHE SAW
ELVIS PRESLEY EMERGE FROM A
FLYING SAUCER. (NOTE MYSTERIOUS
GUITAR-SHAPED CLOUD ABOVE SITE.)



"You've marked me as this night's prey, haven't you, Miss?"





List of Ingredients:

Oxygen 65%

Carbon 18.5%

Hydrogen 9.5%

Nitrogen 3.3%

Calcium 1.5%

Phosphorus 1%

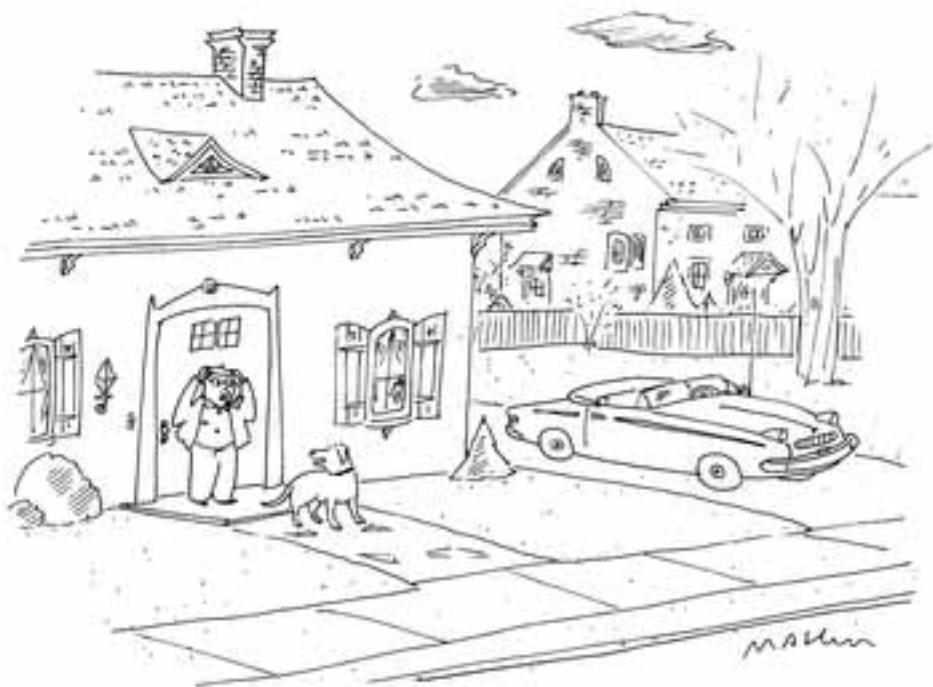
Other elements 1.2%



"Attention all hands. Abandon ship!"



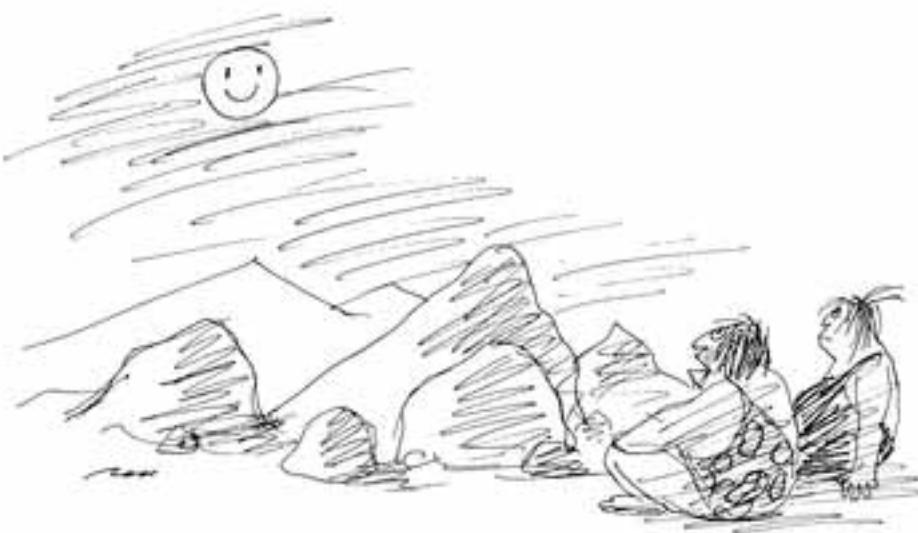
"Push me, Dad. Mozart was pushed."



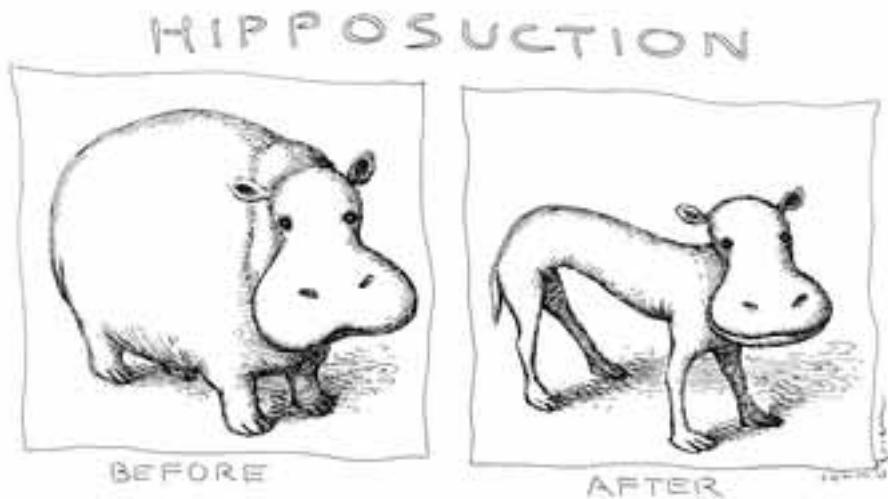
"Does it have to be a walk? Couldn't we go for a drive?"



"I'll say this much for her—she's always been a good provider."



"Couldn't be a man. Must be a god!"





"Quite frankly, we stole the idea from I. M. Pei."



"First thing when you get home tonight help me with the refrigerator."



"Seems anybody can buy a gun these days."

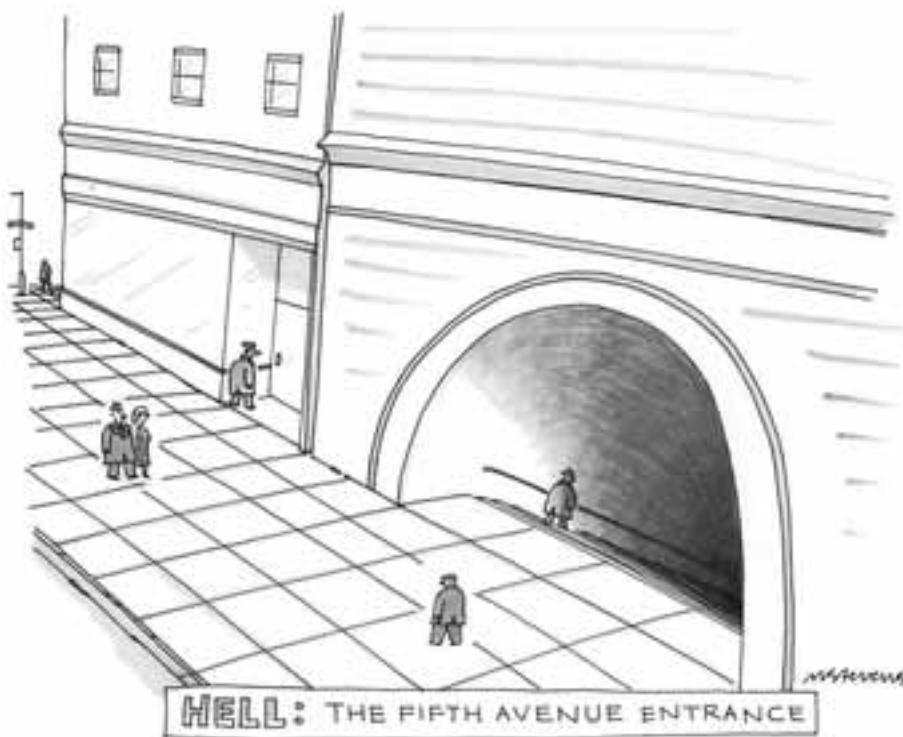


"It's macaroni. We call it pasta as a marketing ploy."





"What you're expressing, then, is that although no one else actually perceived them as such at the time, you suspect that all your takeovers have been, at heart, hostile?"



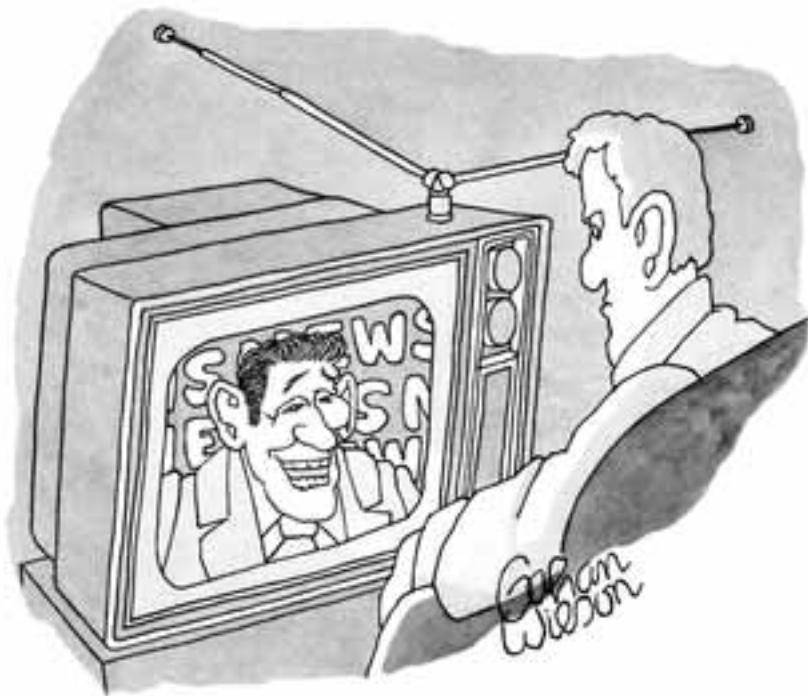


"Of course it will work, Penny. You're post-feminist and I'm post-chauvinist."



"I'm as restless as a willow in a windstorm."





"A recent survey showed that ninety-five per cent of the nation's high-school students had never heard of Costa Rica, but they all knew about yours truly!"



S.GROSS



*"NTHNG FR 'LS MSRBLS' OR 'PHNTM.'
HOW BT 'A CHRS LN'?"*



"Forgive me. It was the steroids talking."



"I want to report some counterfeit luggage."



*"Well, my biological clock is ticking, too, and it's saying that if
I don't make partner by forty I'm history."*



*"I tried a slice of pizza yesterday,
and frankly I don't get it."*



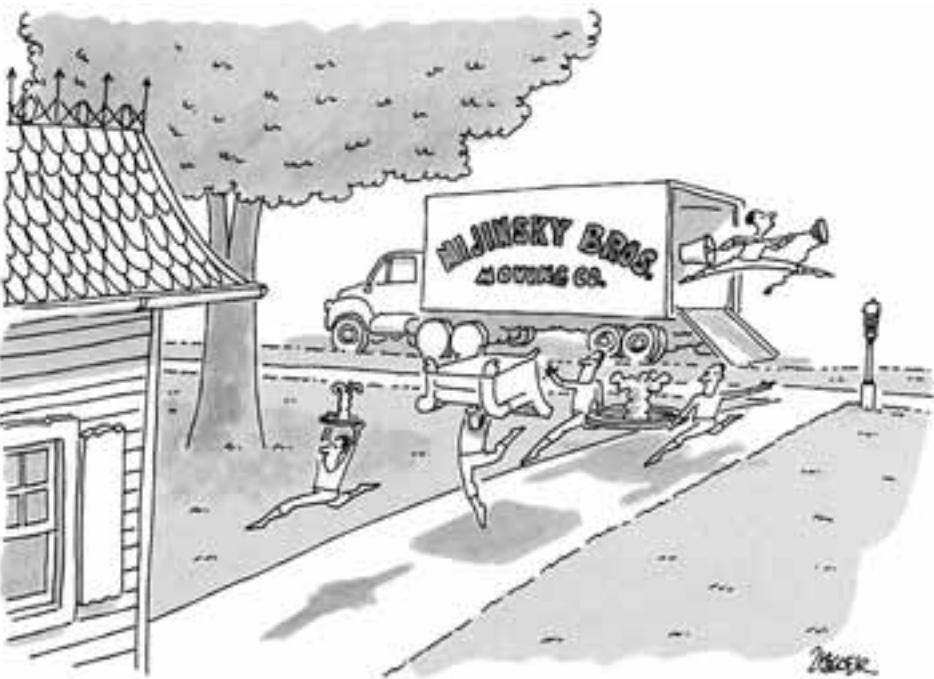
"My Alfred here is chairman of our house budget committee."



*"My goodness, it's little Benjie! You've grown
into quite a distinguished man!"*



"I mean it, Frank. I'm going now—that is, unless you tell me to stay."





"You wait here. I'll talk to him."



PUSS IN FACTORY SECONDS



"And how many campers to a yurt?"



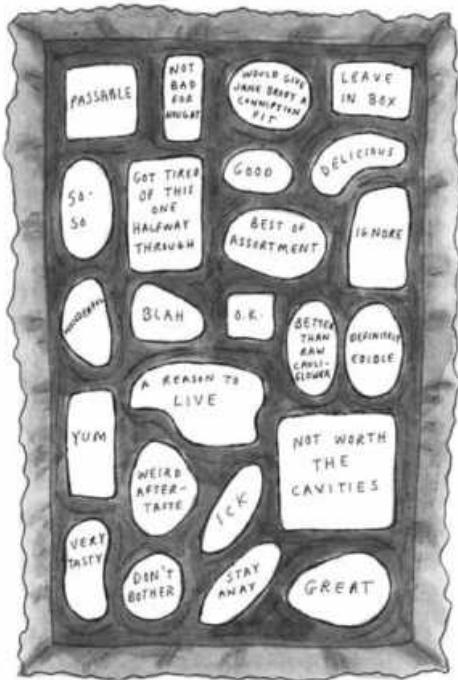


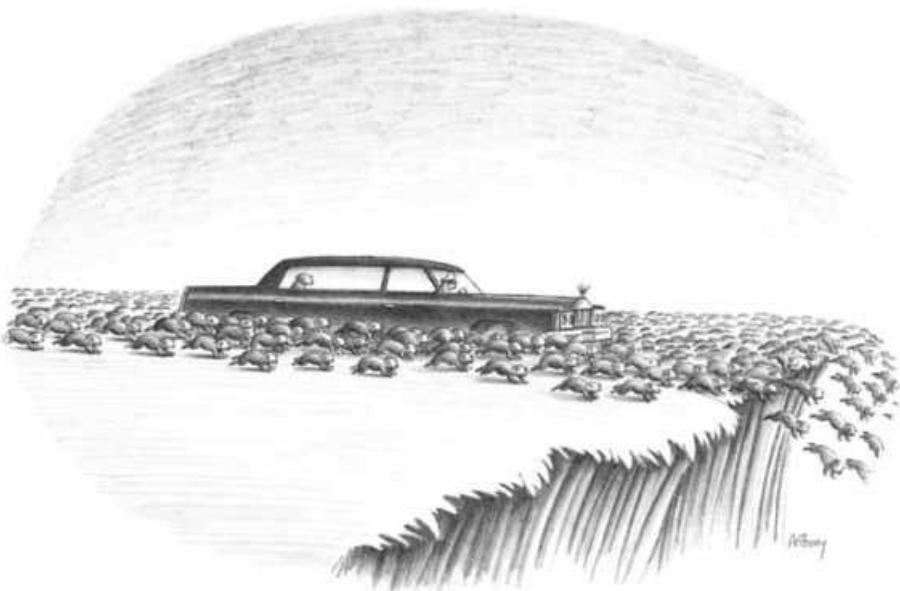
"I'll say this, Sherrida—you really know how to sit."



*"Listen to the wail of that kazoo, then tell
me it isn't lonely at the top."*

SCHEMATIC MAP OF
Misa Mathilda's Afternoon Assortment
BOX OF BONBONS





Anthony Taber (5/1/1989)

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"When Ralph Lauren talks, Wilbur listens."



*"Counsel will kindly refrain from testifiduction and hippothanatology—
in lay terms, leading the witness and beating a dead horse."*



"Posthumously yours."



"You have the eyes of a hunted man. Am I wrong?"





*"Oh, no, no, I think it looks great. I was just wondering,
do you use a gel or something?"*





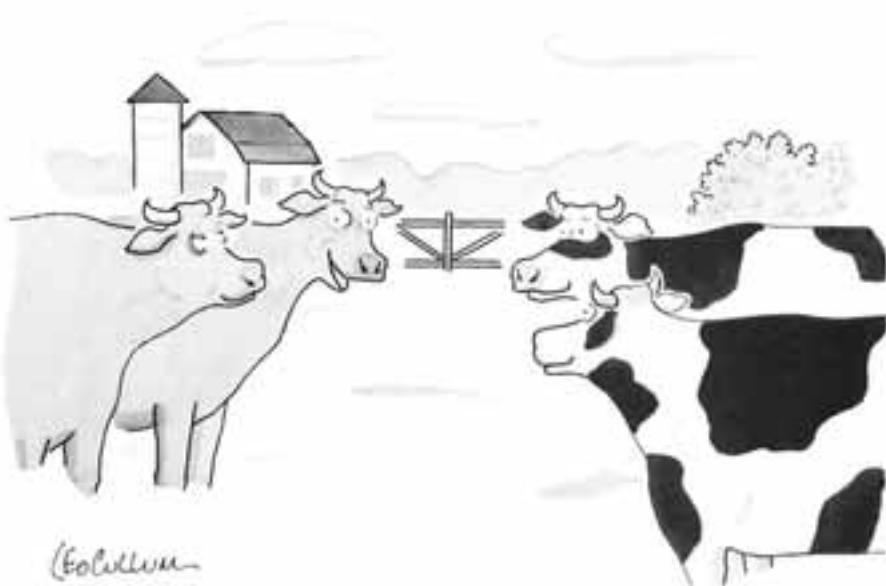
"We delayed and did nothing, in spite of one environmental warning after another—and now we're freezing over!"



Perestroika



ON THE THIRD DAY OUT OUR MORALE
WAS DEALT A CRUSHING BLOW



“Dear, I’d like you to meet the Holsteins.”









"We worked on this place for years—a real labor of love."





"We've been admiring your fathering techniques."



COMING SOON FROM THE UNITED STATES TRANSIT AUTHORITY...

THE COAST-TO-COAST SUBWAY!





"Mr. Huffington, the voice of Mrs. Huffington."



"I thought I heard a motorcade!"



*"Just a second, friend. Did I understand you to
say that Walt Disney couldn't really draw?"*



"What do you mean, 'Marriage is a two-edged sword'?"



YIN & YANG IN CLEVELAND



"Muffie's shedding."



*"Don't you remember? We were at Herb and Sally's,
and Herb said he knew how to achieve fusion at room
temperature, using only gin and vermouth."*



"How's the little husband?"





*"This trial is about more than just a bagel and cream cheese.
This trial is about a bagel and cream cheese with chives."*



"Bruce, you look fabulous! Who's doing your creative?"



"This has been fun, dear. Can we go back to Larchmont now?"







"Naomi's shrink is a living national treasure. Isn't he, hon?"



"I thought so! Backgammon!"



Booth



"My preference is for someone who's afraid of closeness, like me."



"What an absurd concept. Remove it!"



*"Well, the children are grown up, married, divorced,
and remarried. I guess our job is done."*



*"Oh, and your feelings have been trying
to get in touch with you."*



*"By the authority vested in me by Bloomingdale's,
how may I help you?"*



"You look extra outdoorsy today."



*"Isn't there some other way to celebrate
the bicentennial of the French Revolution?"*

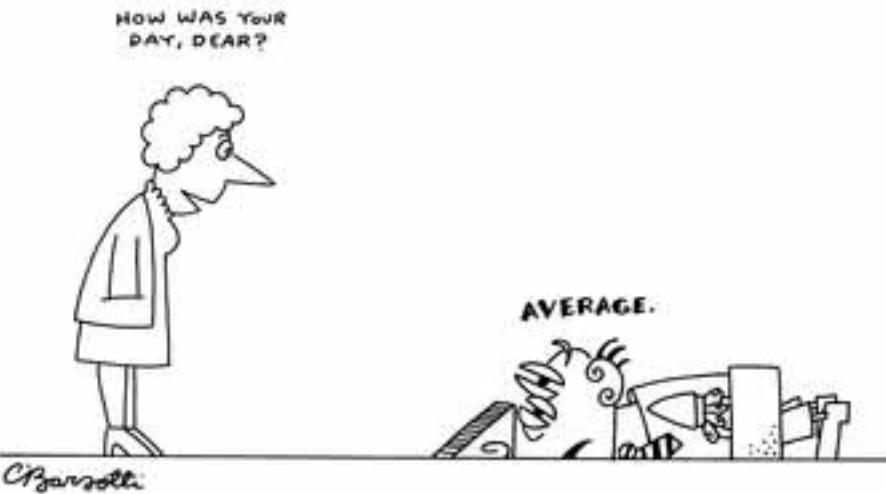








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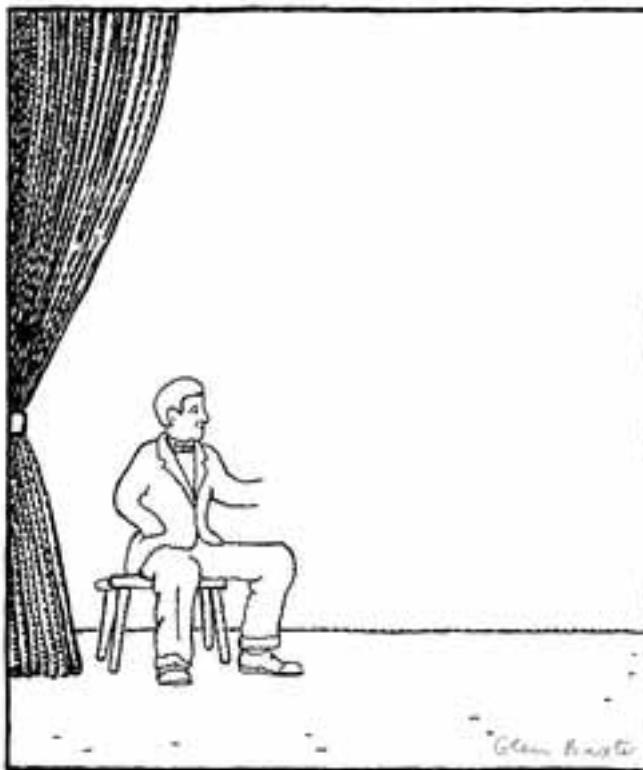




*"Look, I watched Bush for his first hundred days
and now I'm trying to take a nap, O.K.?"*



"I've deregulated Arthur, but he still doesn't run very efficiently."



RALPH'S DISAPPEARING-WRISTWATCH
TRICK STILL REQUIRED A CERTAIN
AMOUNT OF FINE-TUNING

WORLD'S MOST BORING FOLK SINGER



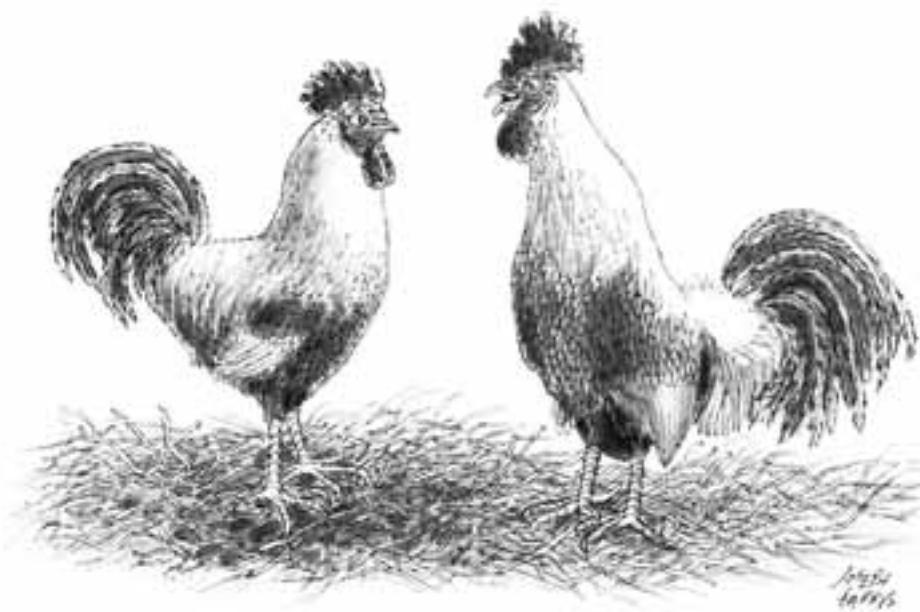
*"Ninety-nine bottles of beer on the wall,
ninety-nine bottles of beer."*



"Your grandfather was a beautiful cat."



"Perhaps you'd like to visit our souvenir shop while you're waiting."



"I'm quite fulfilled. I always wanted to be a chicken."



"Julian attended Columbia and Zabar's."



*“Greetings in peace and love. This letter will bring you good luck.
It has been around the world four times. Do not break the chain
or you will have bad luck. Make 15 copies of . . . ”*



"Put your back into it!"



"You rarely see this kind of joy for under ten thousand."

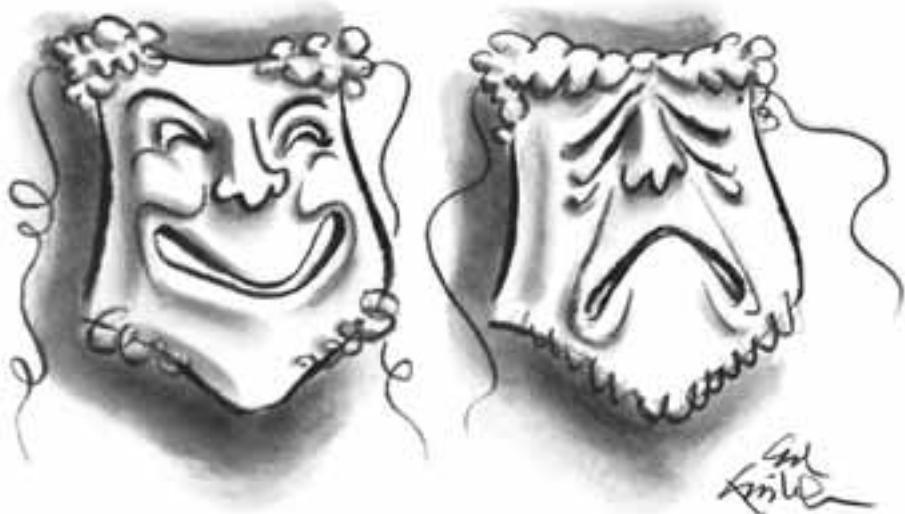
THE PEOPLE UPSTAIRS





"I guess that's the message and I'm the medium."





"Hey, man—lighten up."







"How about a quick acquittal, Your Honor, so this doesn't turn into a cause célèbre?"



*"Sorry to be late, but the streets are inexplicably filled
with demonstrating Chinese students."*

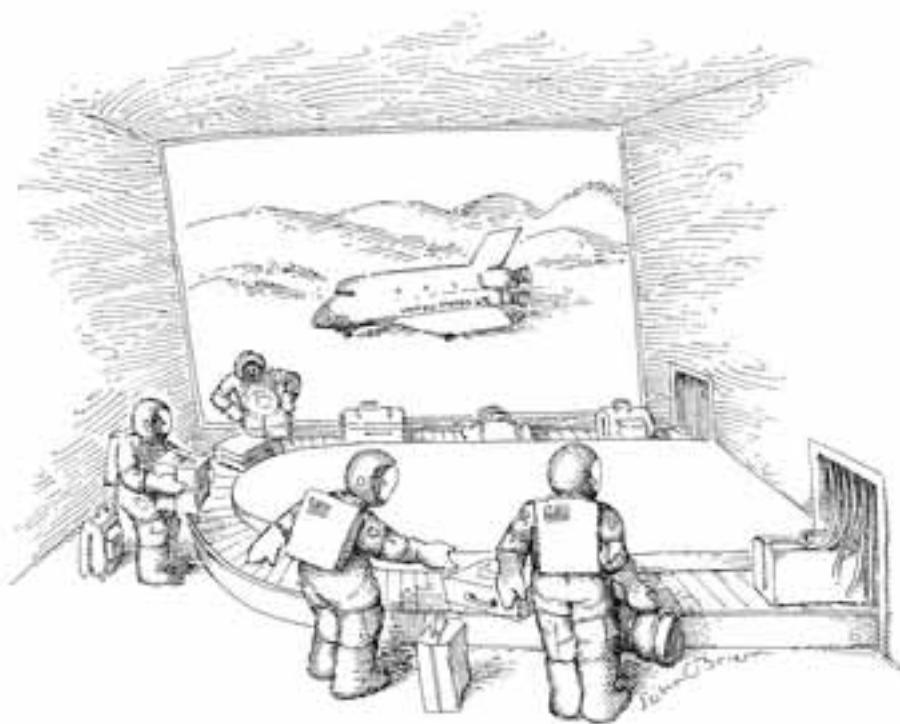


*"How very exciting! I have never before met a
Second Amendment lawyer."*

RORSCHACH'S PARENTS









"Last week it was all communications people. Lord knows what group we're networking with today."



"Hey, no way!"

DETROIT STRIKES BACK



PLYMOUTH MINAMOTO



CHEVROLET SHOGUN



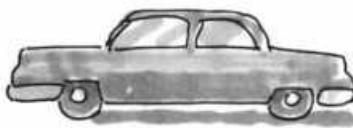
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LINCOLN HIDEYOSHI



GMC BONSAI



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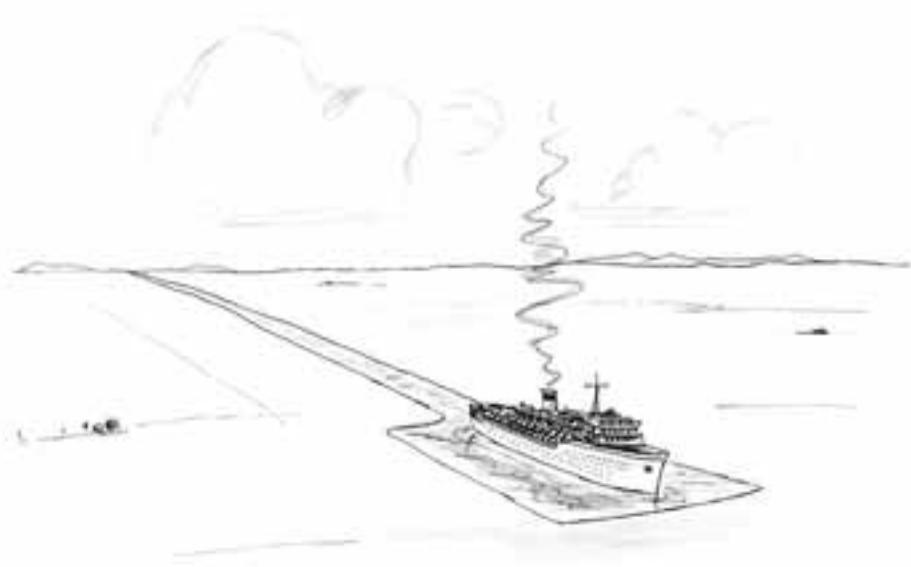
crawford



"Let's have the back say as much about me as the front."



"The fish is on the top shelf of the fridge. The beans are in the blue pot. The salad greens are already washed and in the plastic bag. And if you want to wait, Daddy will make a yummy dessert when he gets home."







"It's hard to explain the movie. She takes her clothes off, then he takes his clothes off. They talk—it's politicized talk. Six months later they are in Budapest. He takes her clothes off, she takes his clothes off. Troops are marching outside. He quotes long passages from García Márquez. Years later we see them on Rodeo Drive shopping for clothes with an ironic detachment."



PONY ESPRESSO



"In a word, gentlemen, we're about to go belly up."



"Tennis, anyone?"



"You were wonderful with Joan. You can really hold your own with a woman."

THE AWARDS FAMILY



GRAMMY



TONY



OSCAR



EMMY

Henry Martin



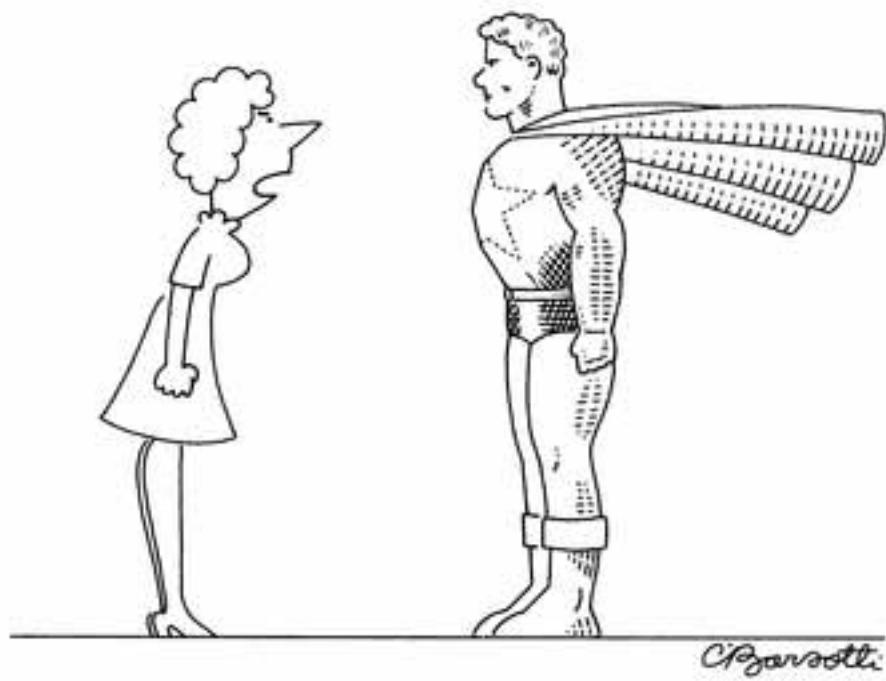


"Hon, was Skippy your concept or mine?"





*"I know it hurts, Henry, but sooner or later everybody
has to condo the home he grew up in."*



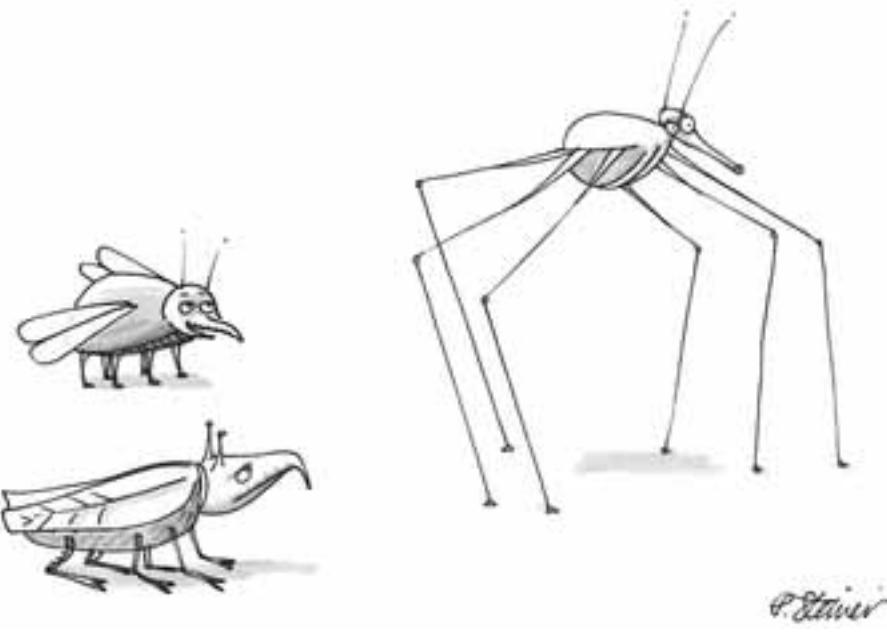
*"Well, your jersey damn sure wasn't inside out
when you left home this morning."*



"Benjamin, we've discovered, is quite gifted at third base."



"First off, by way of establishing some credibility, I'd like to note that twenty years ago I was living in a fur-lined van."



"He moves like Baryshnikov."



Peter Porges (6/5/1989)

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"The snap beans: Are they hand-snapped?"



"Your king said 'Sit'!"

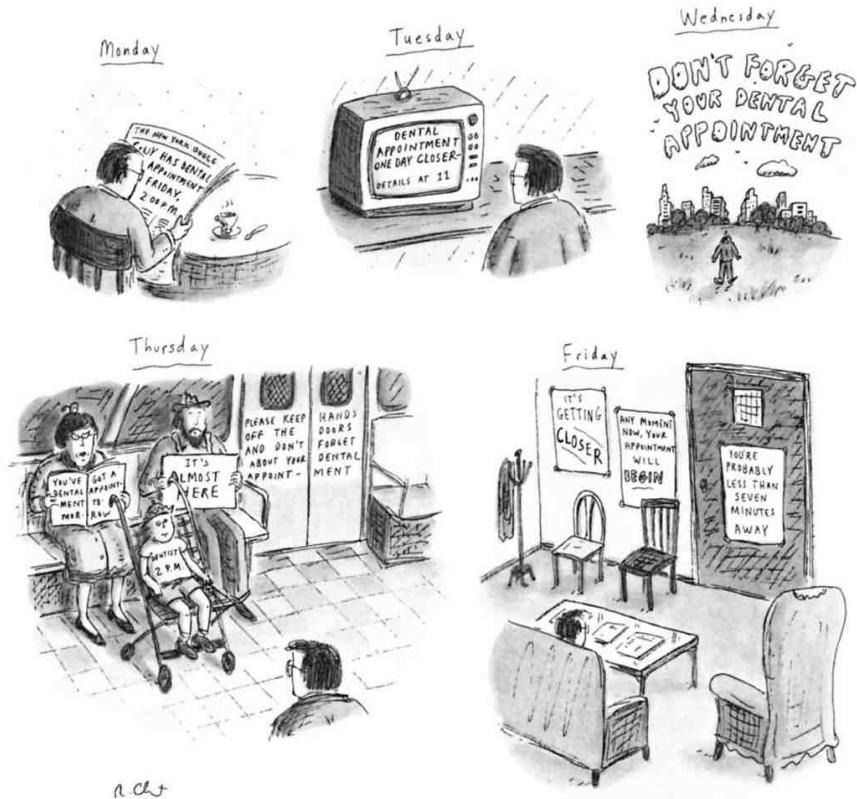


"By golly, it sure does take you back!"



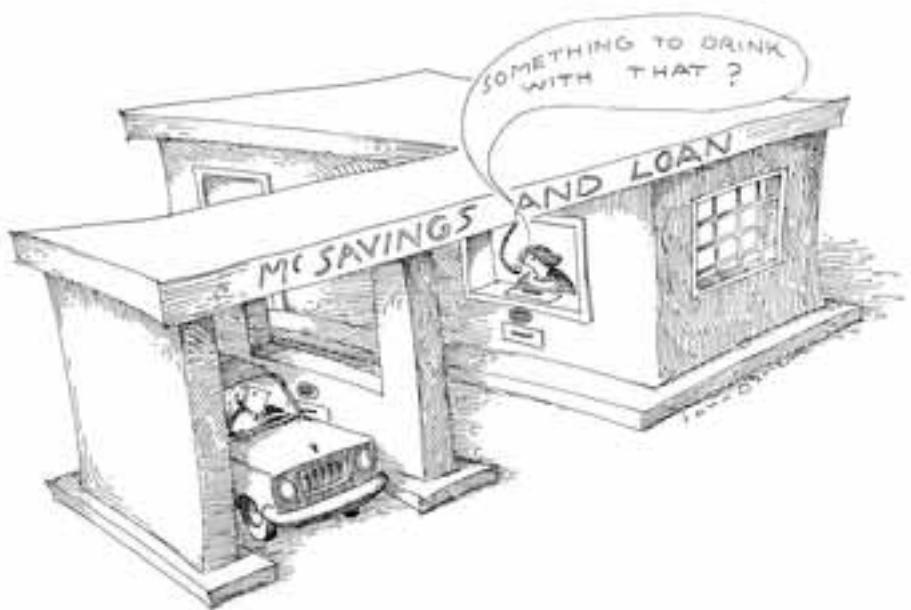
"Here's the 'Times' as you requested it. Unthumbed."

THE UPCOMING DENTAL APPOINTMENT





*"If it please the court, Your Honor, Exhibit A
is in need of misting."*



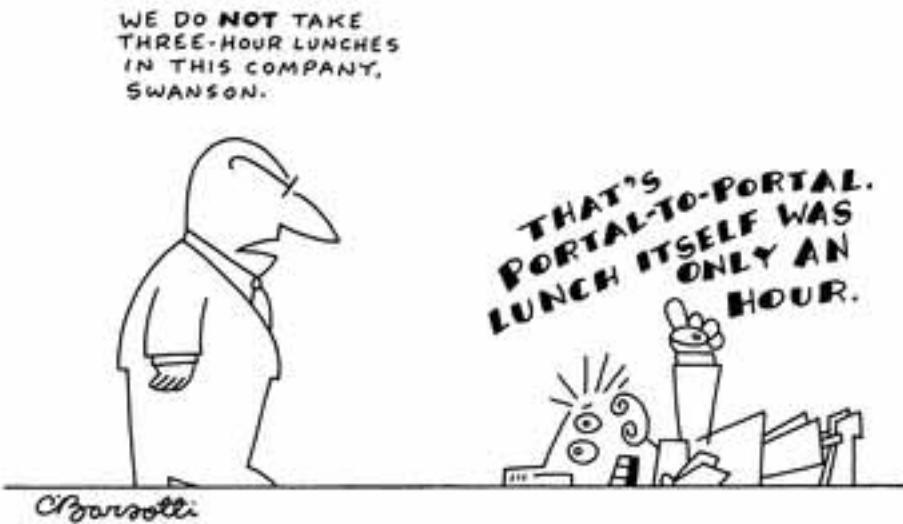


"Bottom line—is our new lighting doing anything?"





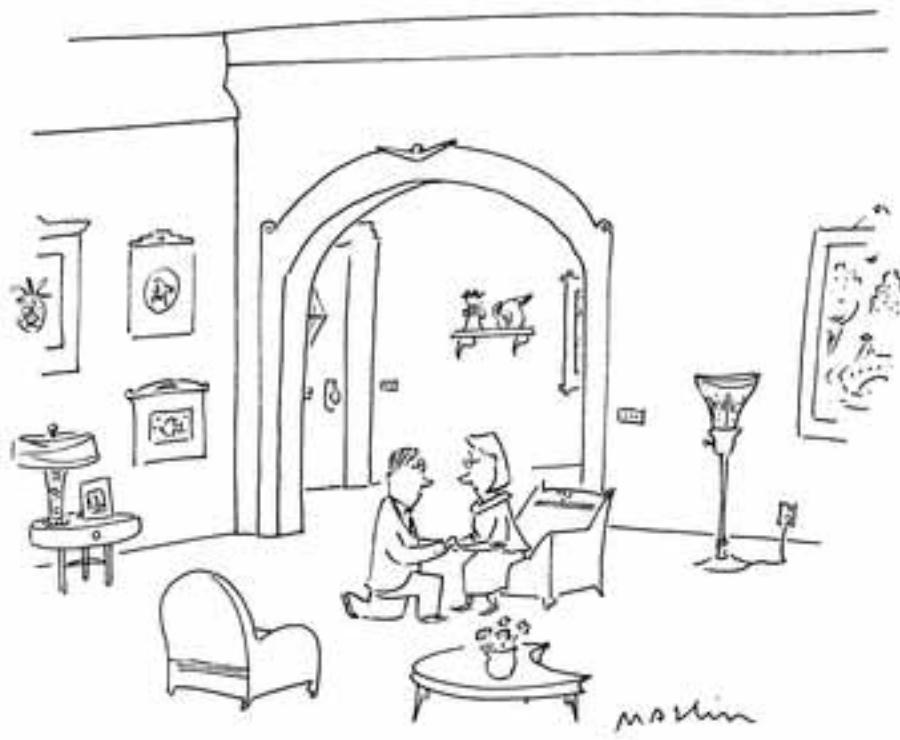
*"Are you aware that this is now considered part of
the Greater New York Metropolitan Area?"*







"Honey, are you thinking about the office?"



*"Jeff, I'm going to need some time
to prepare a counterproposal."*

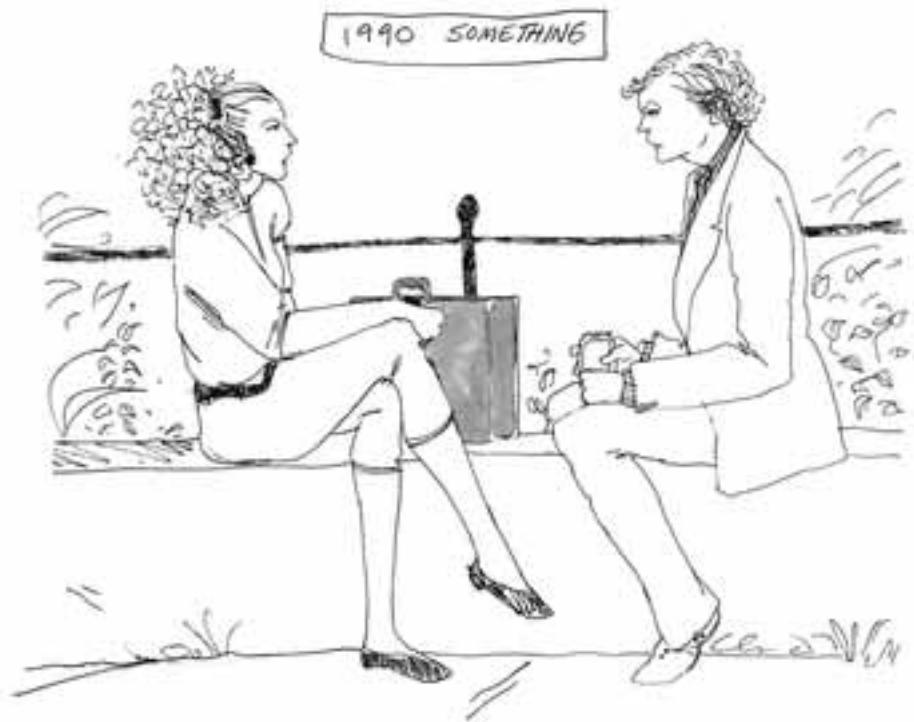




*"Hi. We're a grass-roots ad-hoc committee to
save your marriage. May we come in?"*

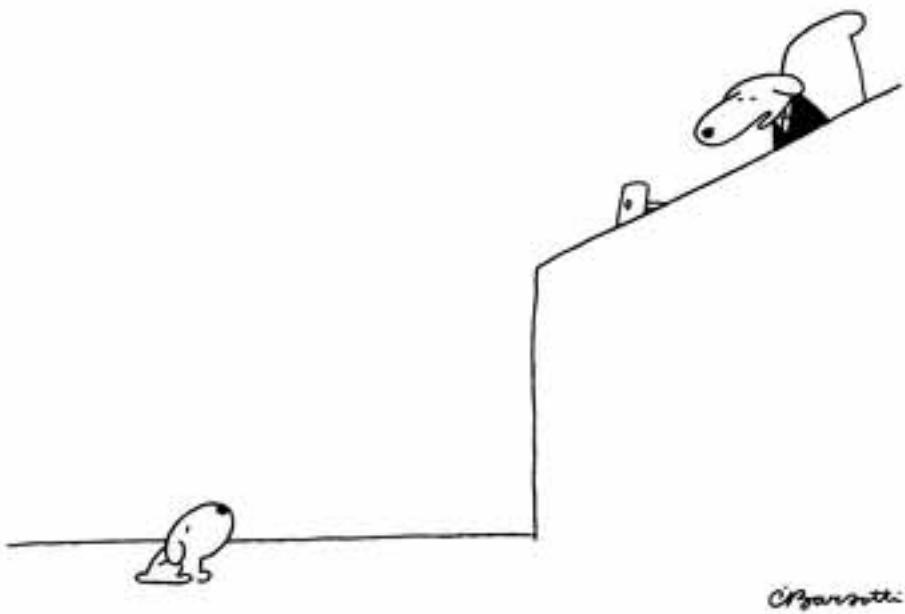


LIFE AT 29^A RUTLEY CRESCENT
CONTINUED RELATIVELY UNCHANGED



*"I love what you've done
with your hair."*

"Great briefcase."



"Not guilty. He needed new Top-Siders anyway."



*"With the pretzels I recommend a hearty burgundy,
with the goldfish a blanc de blancs."*



"I'll go out on a limb and say time will tell."





"Lunch Thursday at one? Looks good to me."



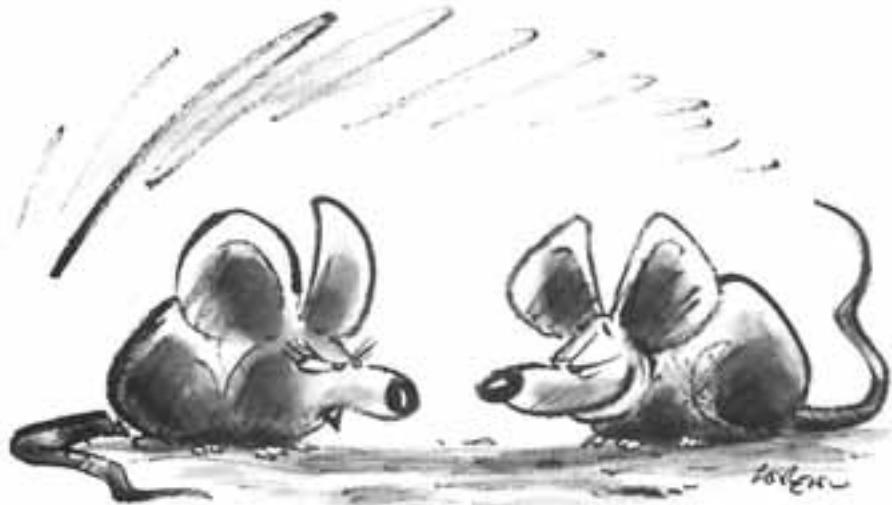
*"In the official language of the State
of Florida, buzz off."*



"Looking good! Feeling great! And soon to be famous!"



THE HOME-STYLE COOKING INSTITUTE



"Don't you 'wee, tim'rous beastie' me."



"Help!"



"Take no prisoners, dear."







"I don't get it."

CROSS-COUNTRY KNITTING





"Walter's solution is to pump a lot of fresh air into the atmosphere."



"Who's your second choice if we can't grab Little Richard?"



"Mind you, this isn't to be considered a quid pro quo."



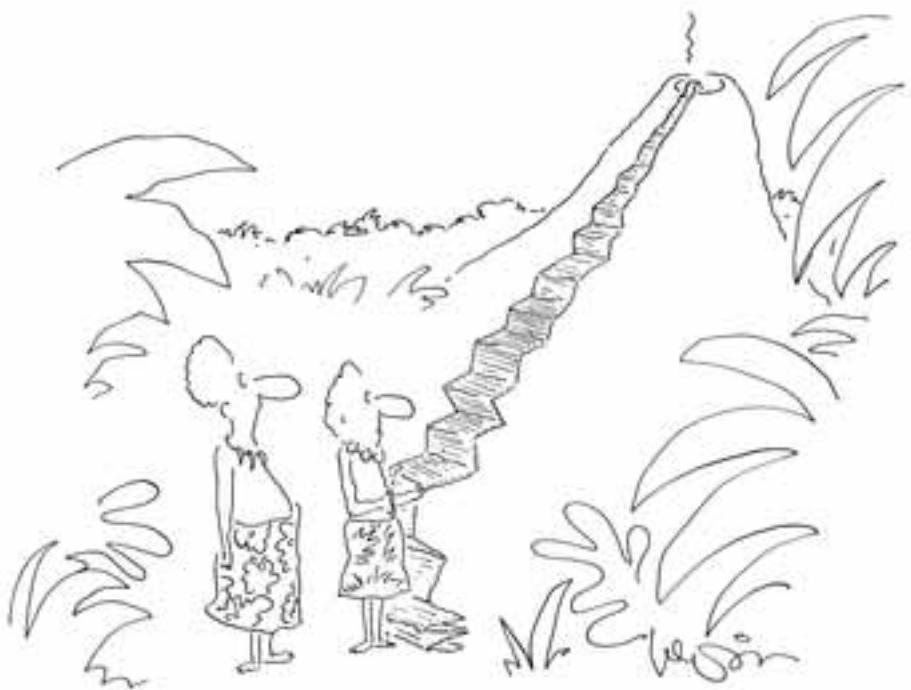
*"Pleasant dreams, Billy, and here's Daddy with
one of your favorite bedtime stories."*



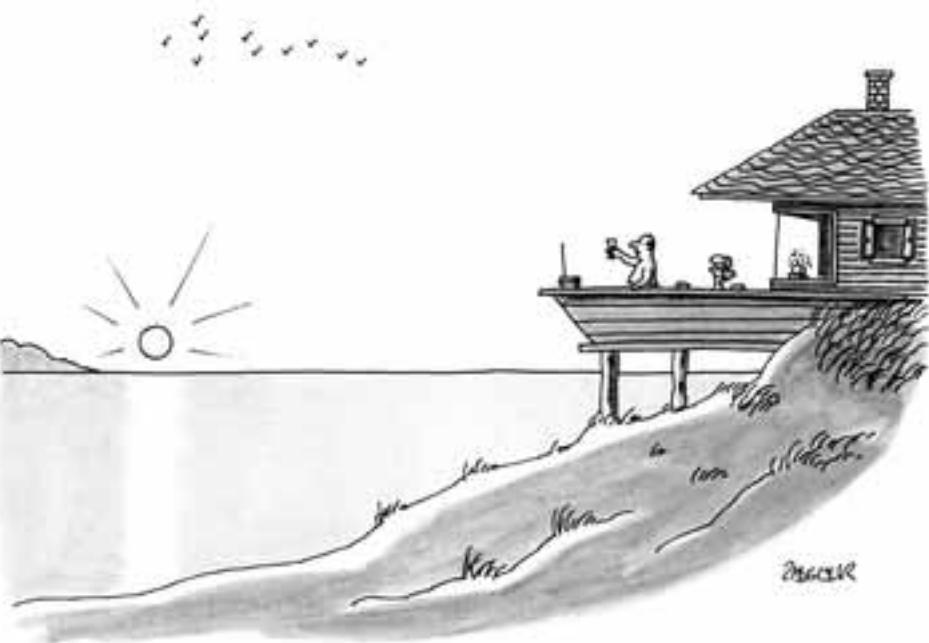




*"He did O.K. until the hot-towel shampoo,
then he went all to pieces."*



"The volcano has spoken."



*"Here's to East, West, South, and Bridgehampton,
and all the little Hamptons in between."*



Strolling through Paris for the first time, Judie and Gary discovered, much to their great delight, that they remembered more high-school French than they thought.





*"It's scary. These new kids don't want to wait until
they're thirty-five for their five million."*



"Dear Diary: None of your damn business!"



"I said you're in my light."



Accolade



"Got it!"









*"The work being done on your marriage—are you having it done,
or are you doing it yourselves?"*



"The chair recognizes Mildred Harkevey."

IN THE PILTDOWN SECTOR





BED, BREAKFAST AND BASKETBALL (1 OF 2)

THE DEW DUNK INN



Hosts: Cheryl and Ted Wells

If you enjoy picture-postcard New England scenery, spectacular autumn foliage, and the lasting satisfaction of a monster dunk, give Cheryl and Ted a call! This restored Vermont farmhouse boasts a freshwater pond, acres of wooded riding trails, and eight pro-size indoor basketball courts! Ted's amazing repertoire of spin, double-pump, and alley-oop dunks is surpassed only by the myriad delights that spring from Cheryl's kitchen!

THE STAHL HOUSE

Hosts: Leigh and Andy Stahl



Situated on over 100 acres, this sprawling Georgia plantation house is the perfect place to get away from it all, Southern style. There's boating, biking, bocce, badminton, and, of course, basketball. Andy, a master of the trick dribble, will show even "all thumbs" guests how to beat the full-court press, run time off the clock, or just plain amaze their friends with their newly acquired ball-handling skills!

BED, BREAKFAST AND BASKETBALL (2 OF 2)

BLOCK ISLAND
BED-AND-BREAKFAST

Hosts: Nancy and Ed Ellis



Nancy and Ed are retired schoolteachers who have lovingly restored their 150-year-old house, turning it into an antique-laden paradise by the sea! During the warmer weather, breakfast is served on the attached oceanfront deck. Defensive specialists all of their lives, Nancy and Ed will not only shower you with hospitality, they'll also teach you the intricacies of the collapsing full-court press, the slap steal, the Squeeze, the Trap, shot blocking, or just getting in someone's face!

THE FAST BREAKERS

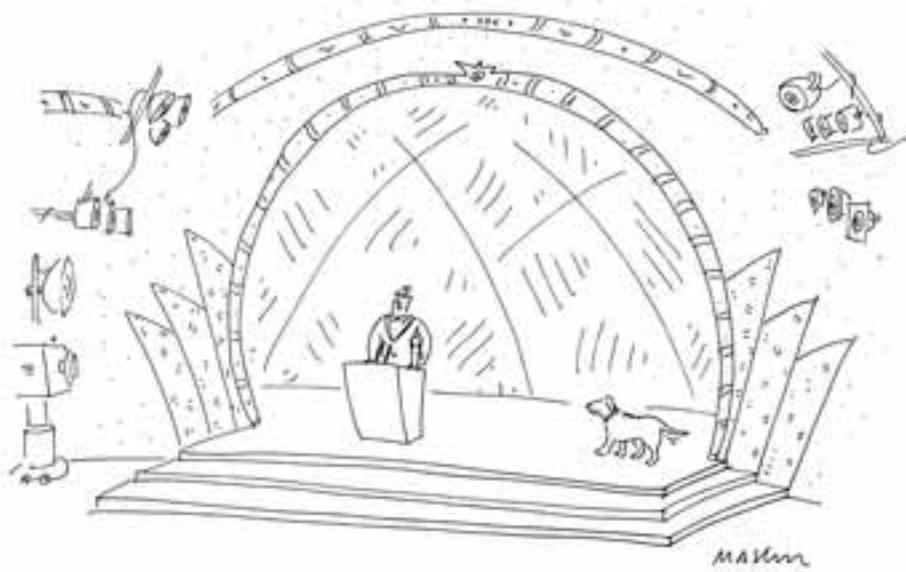
Located on the shores of picturesque East Bound Bay, this fairy-tale frame cottage will delight all comers. While Kay spoons up local color and local customs, Bernie will satisfy even the pickiest cager with generous servings of boxing out, crashing the boards, and hitting the outlet man on the fast break. Free time? Time for free throws with Kay, who during her high-school and collegiate career was a better than 90% shooter from the charity stripe!

Hosts: Kay and Bernie Rasmussen





"Do you know Kimberly, my attorney?"



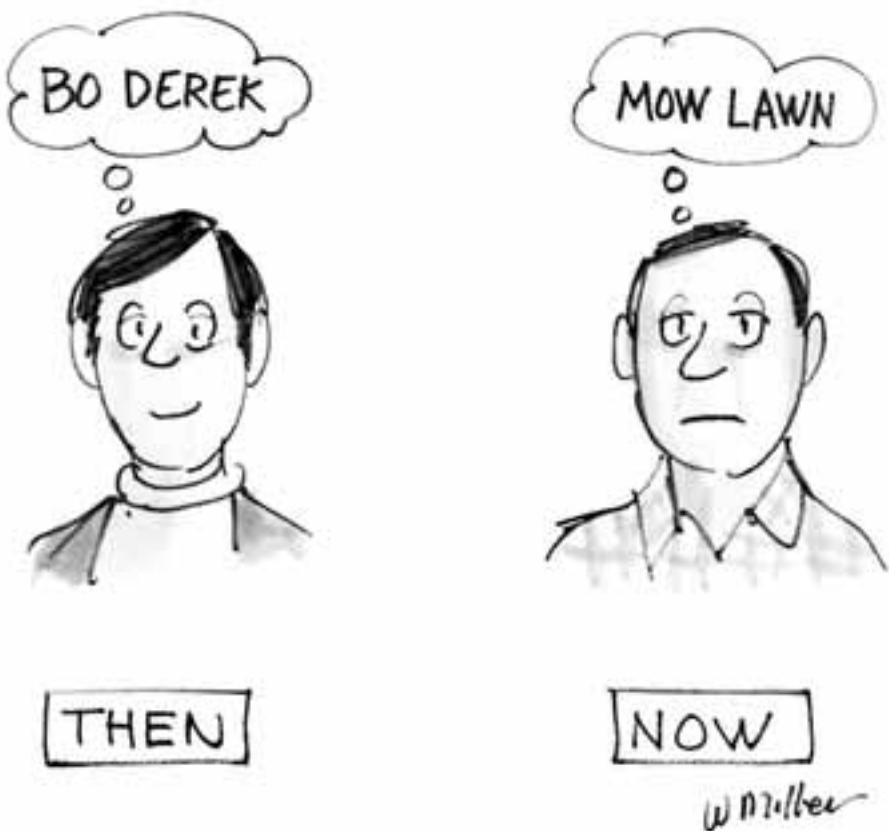
"Fetching the award for Mr. Farlowe is Ben, a dog."

HORN OF MODERATION





*"The shirt, kerchief, and pants—all Ralph Lauren.
The belt and my undergarments—Calvin Klein."*







"Mrs. Bonesteel, I've got nine point seventy-eight per cent that says your two hundred thousand dollars has found a home."



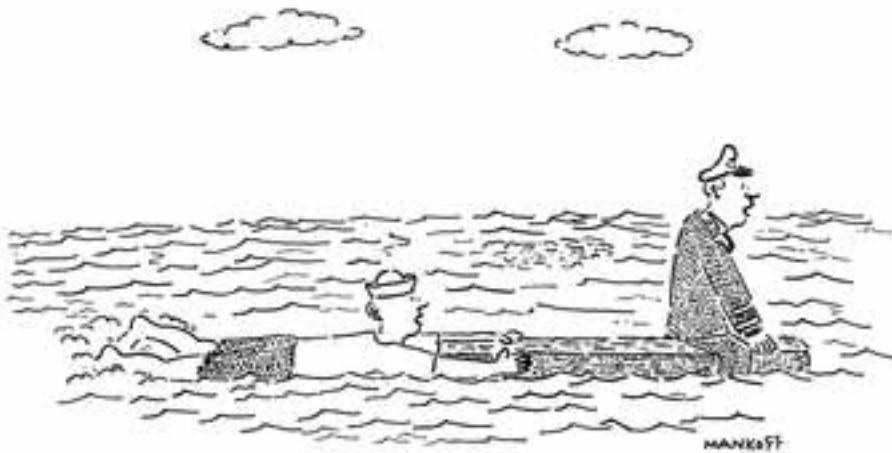
IT REQUIRED INNATE SKILL AND INTENSE CONCENTRATION TO KEEP THE FLAME DIRECTED PRECISELY OVER THE COLLECTION OF JOHN DENVER ALBUMS.





*"And now tonight's special guest, folks—Walt Whitman,
another guy who celebrates and sings himself."*

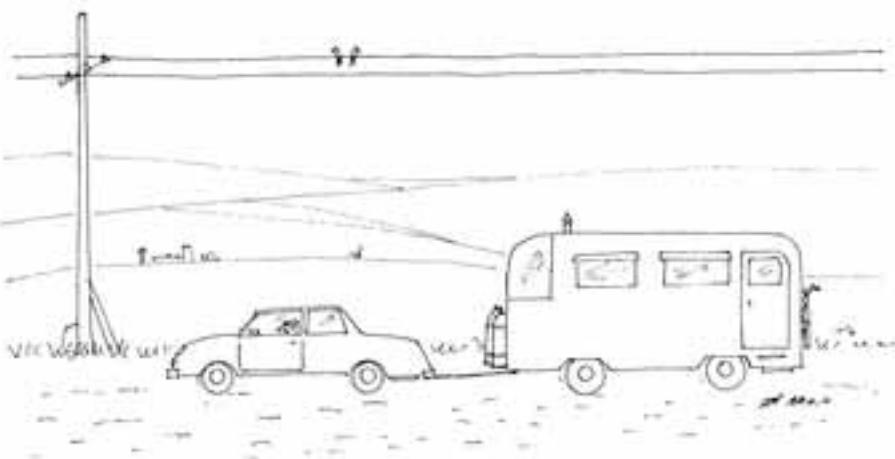




*"Flotsam off the starboard bow,
Captain."* *"Steady as she goes, sailor."*



"I jumped over the moon last night."



*Fred Staska Driving His Novel in Progress
from New York to New Mexico*



"What would make it perfect, egg salad or pastrami?"







"Ahoy! Didn't I meet you at the South Street Seaport?"



"It's O.K., I guess, but somehow I expected more."





"About three o'clock yesterday it was hot as hell. The dog was panting, making those clicky-clacky noises like a dog does, ya know. Jess heard the dog, and damn if he didn't adjust Ferguson's valves and put on a new fan belt."



*Sensation in the Hamptons: A Man Strolls
Down Main Street Wearing a Tie*



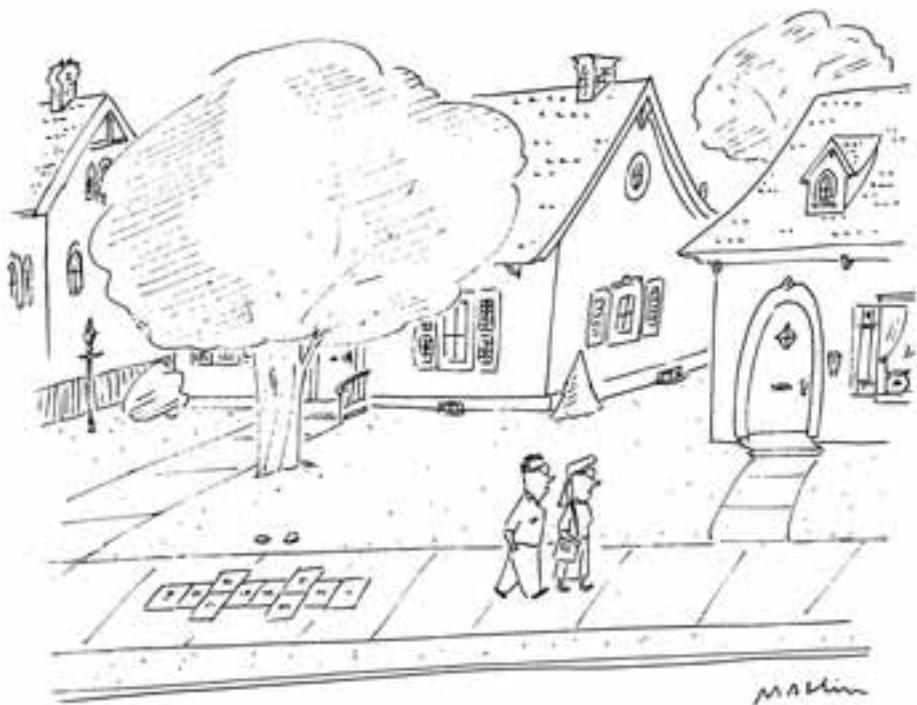
"Quick! Follow that dish and spoon!"



"Dad, where were you when the big money was being made?"



Attila The Horizontally Mobile



"You've played hopscotch before."



*"In your opinion, is it possible to do France
on fifteen hundred calories a day?"*



THE ENTIRE FAMILY





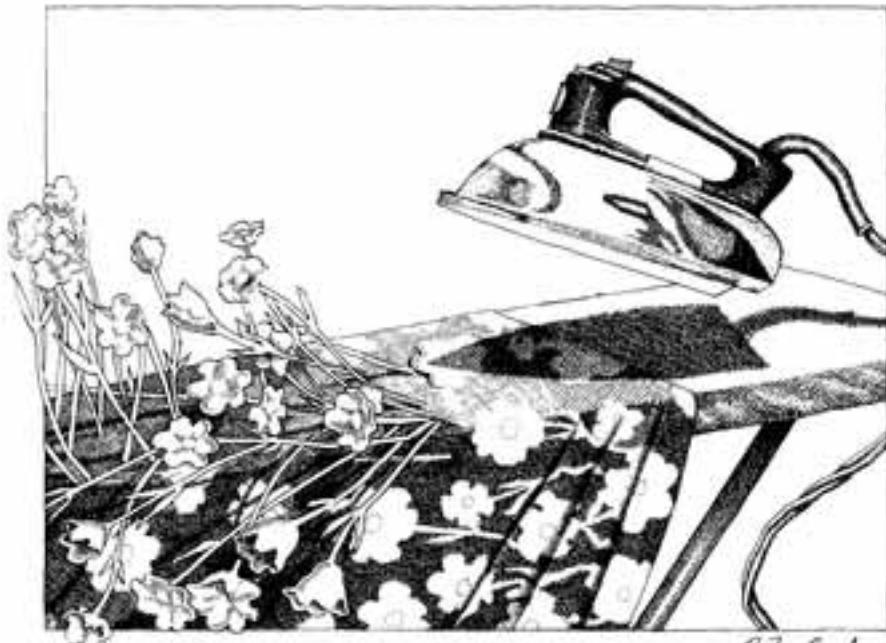
"O.K. Take the upper hand."



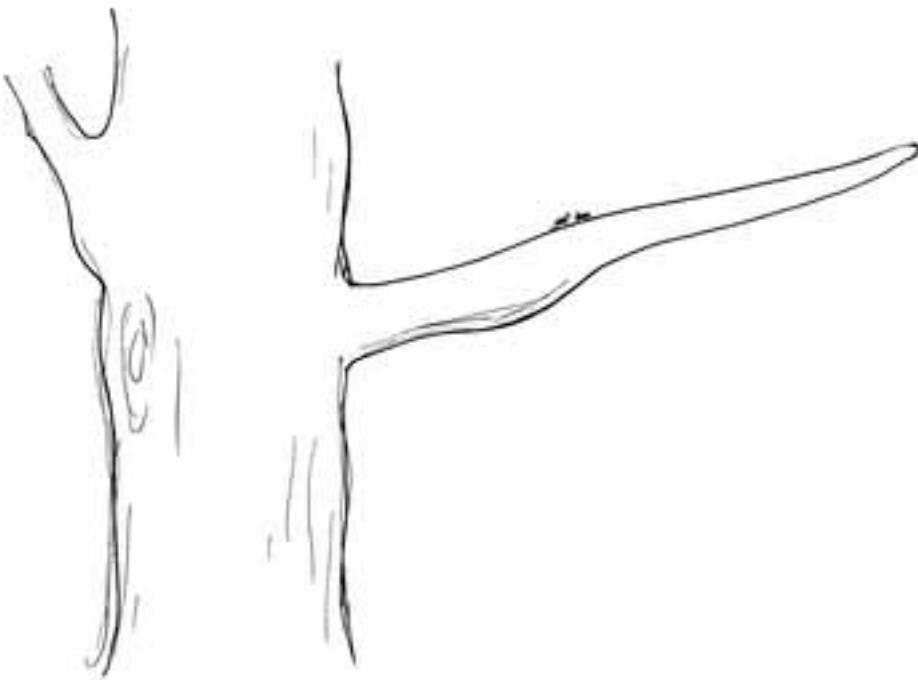
Two Picassos with Feet of Klee



*"Well, it's not as if you didn't give
her some cause to yell at you."*



THE IRON

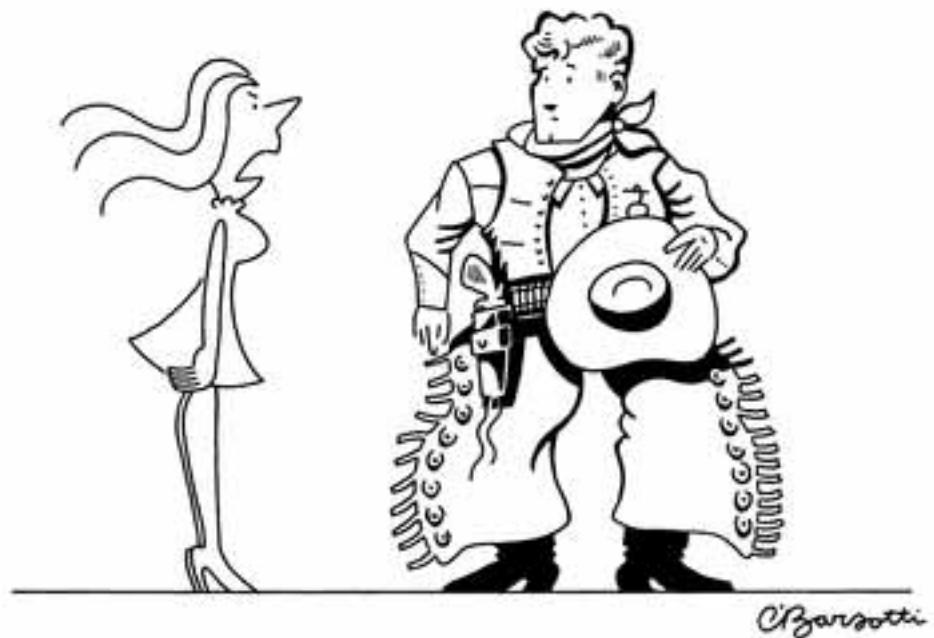


"You're beautiful when you're angry."



"I'm putting you on two earrings."





"Any trail—just find one and hit it."



*"This will surely be disappointing to many meek people.
The legacy has been successfully contested, and it is now the
arrogant who are to inherit the earth."*



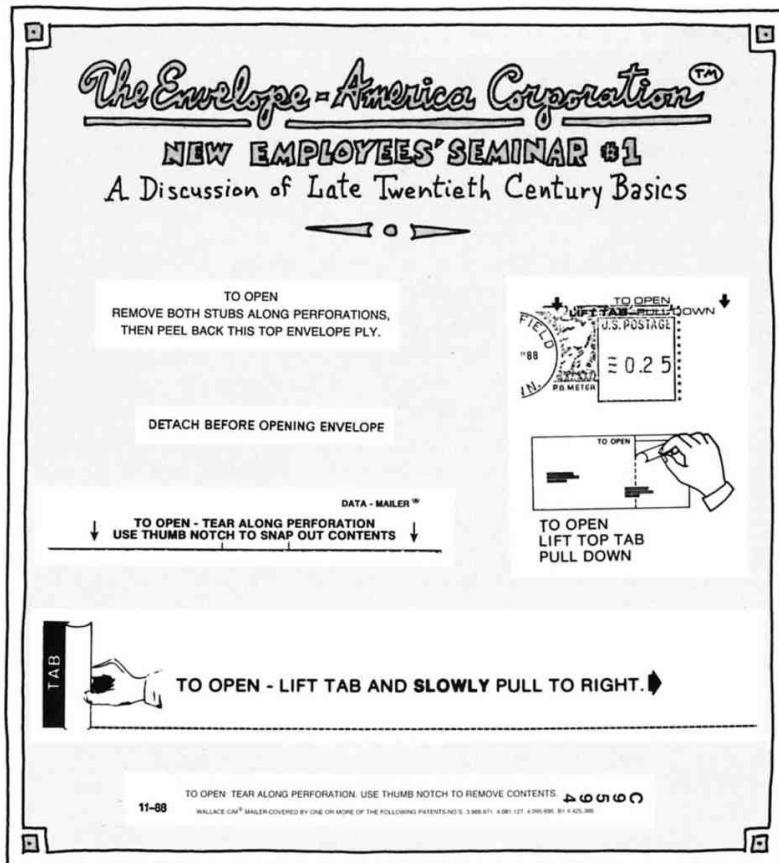
"Do you have 'The Oxford Companion to Real Estate'?"

HEY! I LOVE TIBET! AND THOSE HIMALAYAS! WOW!!
YOU JUST GOTTA BE THERE, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M
SAYIN'? UNBELIEVABLE! SUNRISE! SUNRISE IN THE
HIMALAYAS!!! THAT'S SOMETHING, I GOTTA TELL YA!
AND SUNSET!! STAND BACK!! INCREDIBLE!!!
SUNSET MAY BE EVEN BETTER THAN SUNRISE!
SUNRISE! SUNSET!! MIDDLE OF THE DAY!!! ANY
TIME'S A GREAT TIME IN THE HIMMIES! I CALL
'EM THE HIMMIES!





"Nan and Gordon are from California, but Northern California."

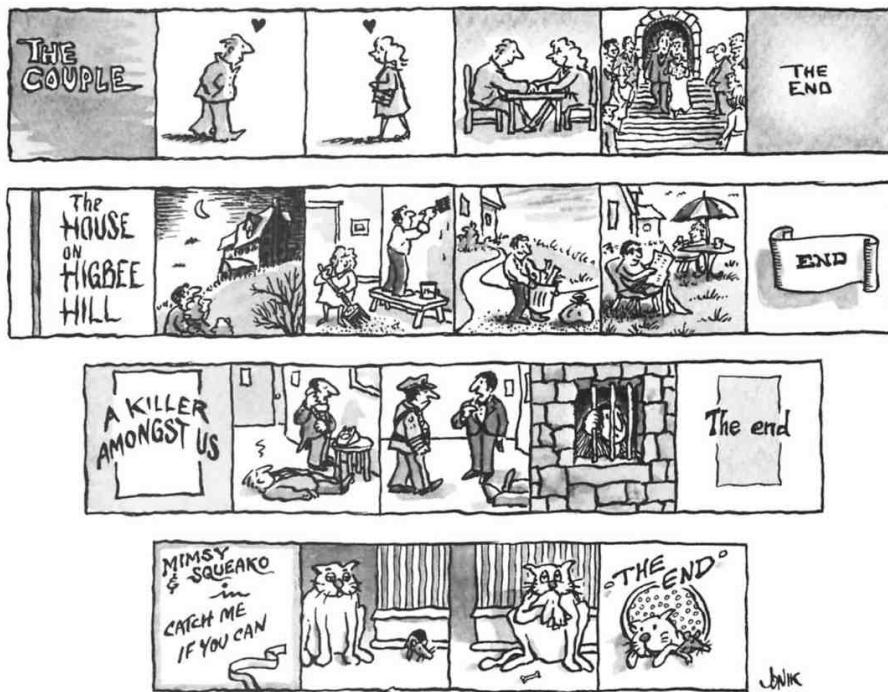
*Ziegler*

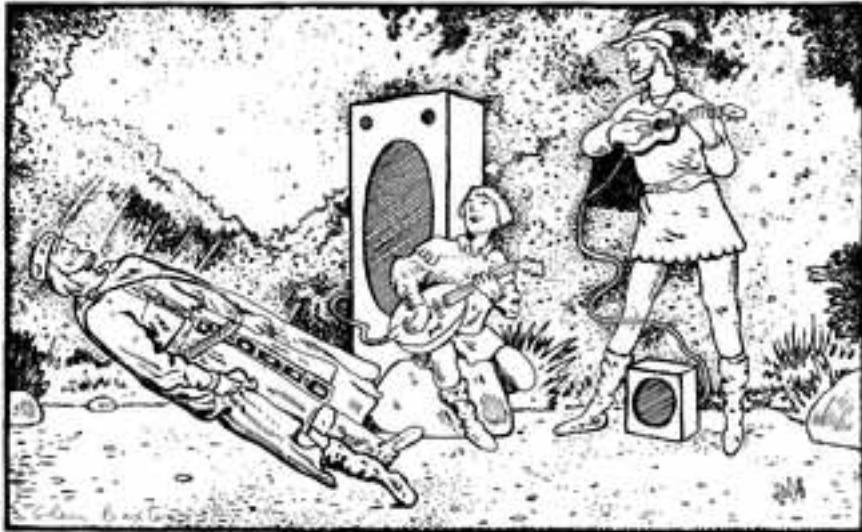


"Thanks, but we don't need insurance of any kind."



~ MOVIES MADE FOR UNDER EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS ~





"CAN I TAKE IT THAT THE ELECTRIC LUTE
IS NOT TO YOUR LIKING, MY LIEGE?" QUOTH ROBIN.





"And that's me as a shepherdess!"



“May I offer a very different scenario?”

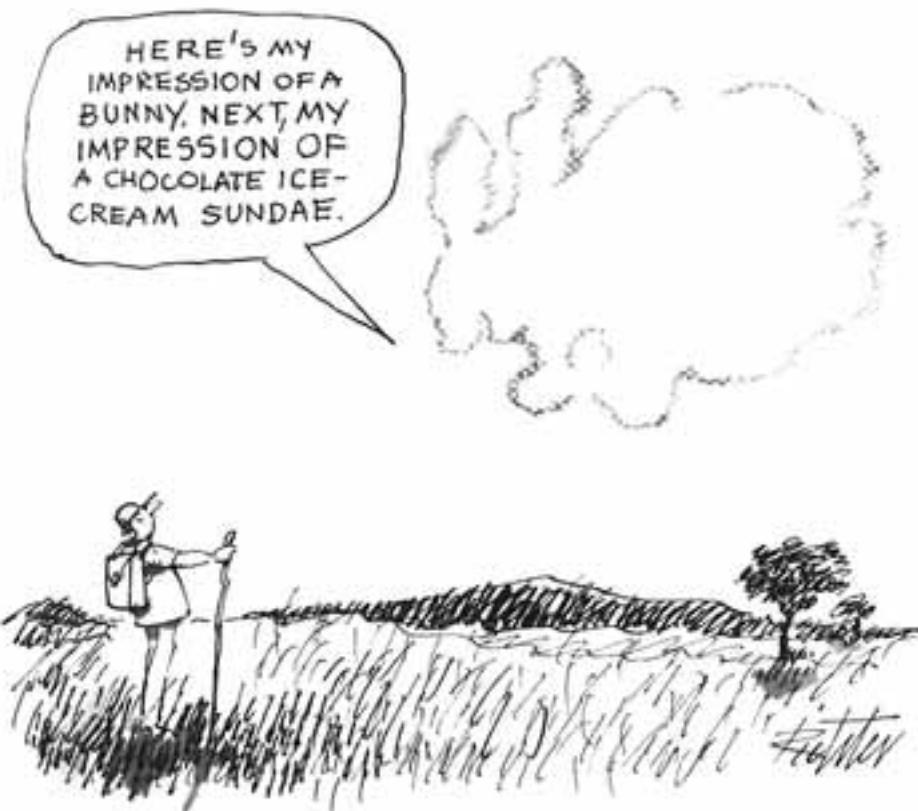


"That's a terrible waste, in terms of your potential."





*"I think it's really special tonight, you letting me
see you when you're not on."*



PRICE WAR



For Your Dining Pleasure

King 'n' Cog

A huge filet mignon
cooked to perfection,
paired with a boiled
frankfurter



Trump 'n' Tramp

Seven oversized succulent
lobster tails alongside
one chicken wing



Prince 'n' Pauper

Two pounds of the finest
beluga caviar piled high
atop a platter, accompanied
by a thin slice of bologna



R. Chast



Battle of Nerves





"As far as I'm concerned, they can do what they want with the minimum wage, just as long as they keep their hands off the maximum wage."



KONG FOR A DAY



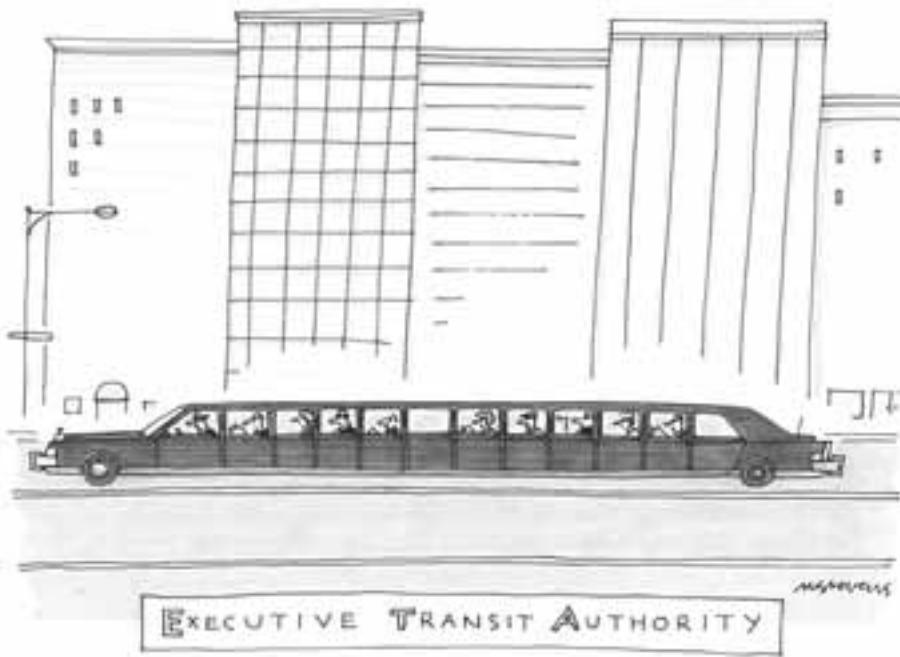
*"I want to introduce you guys to what I feel
is a really gifted young Zinfandel."*



"It's more relevant than some of the other theme parks we've been to."

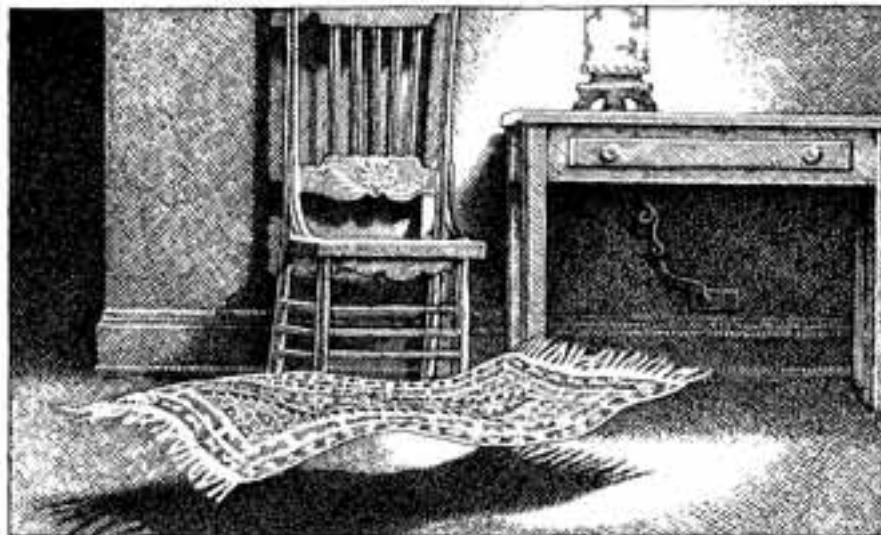


"For one thing, our colognes clash."

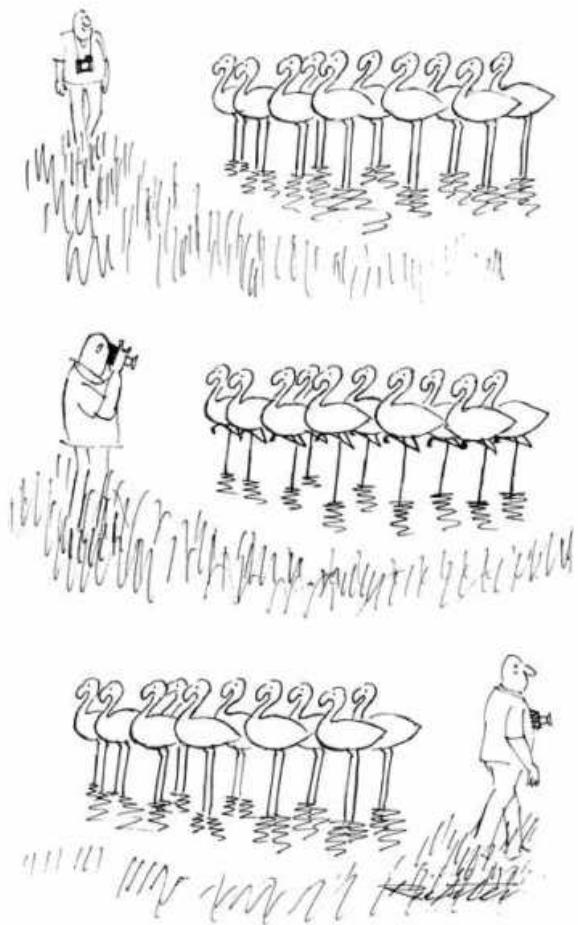


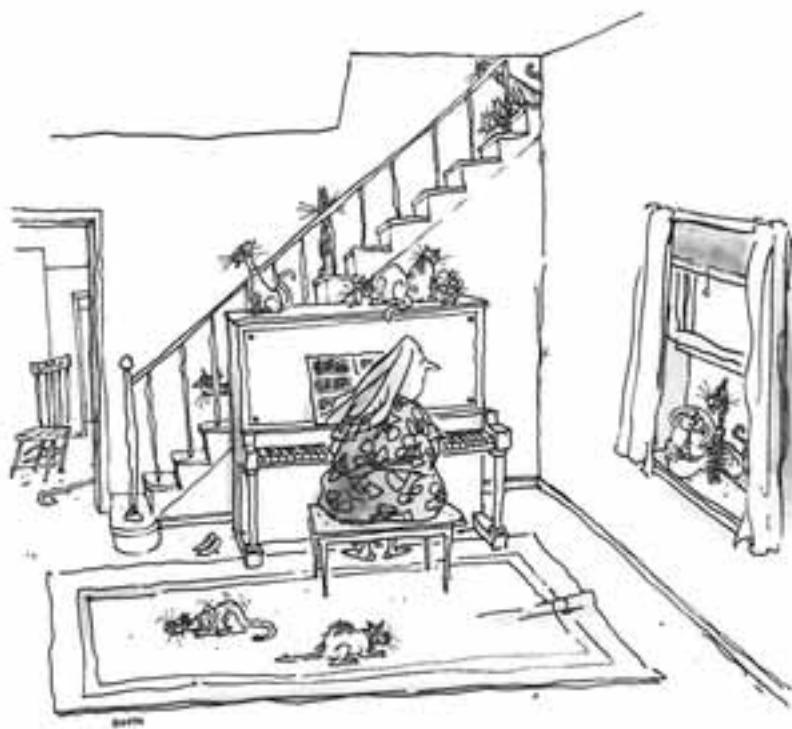


"Retro, but I love it!"



THE PERSIAN CARPET





"Mrs. Leffler threw burned toast out the window and hit Mr. Stripes on the head. I think Mrs. Leffler owes Mr. Stripes an apology. What do you think about that, Elinor honey?"



*“Son, your mother and I think that you are now old enough
to get your own drink of water.”*



"As a woman, you're unparalleled."



"Today I got my first bill."



*"When a man is tired of pasta, sir,
he is tired of life. Dr. Johnson."*

BUT, REINHARDT, YOU HAVE
ANOTHER WEEK AND A HALF
LEFT OF YOUR VACATION.

I HAD TO COME
BACK, CHIEF.
THEY LAUGHED AT
MY BLACK SOCKS
ON NANTUCKET.





"You are trespassing on private property, and I'd like you to leave. I don't know how I can make it any clearer than that."



"Goodness gracious great balls of fire, no!"



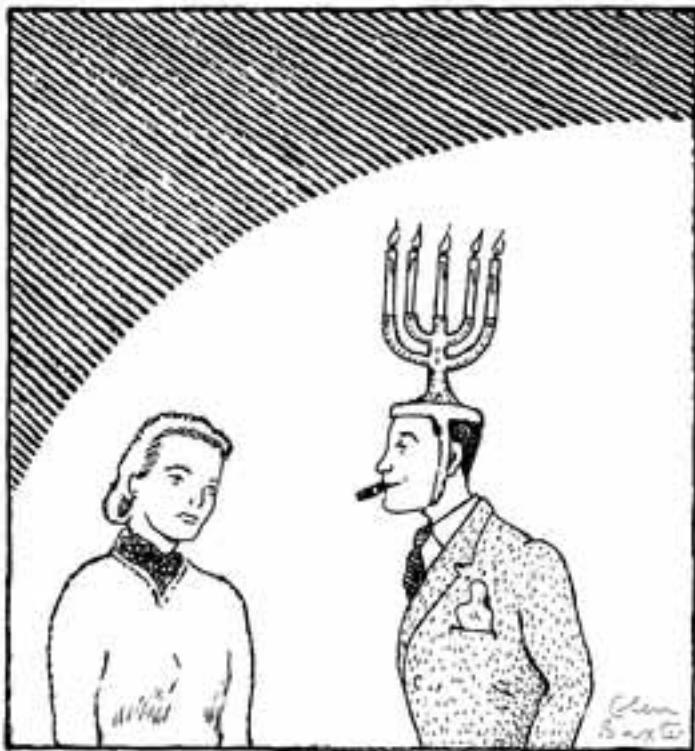
"He's a cad, if such creatures still exist."



“Mostly Mozart, nothing. It’s all Mozart or no Mozart.”



*"In addition to our house vodka, we carry these distinctive imports:
Gilbey's, Gordon's, Wolfschmidt, and Fleischmann's."*



CHESTER'S DEFINITION
"DEBONAIR" DID NOT ENTIRELY
CORRESPOND WITH THAT
HELD BY CLARISSA.



“... and for very conspicuous consumption . . .”

PROUST ORDERS FROM THE CART



"I'm out of madeleines, Jack. How about a prune Danish?"

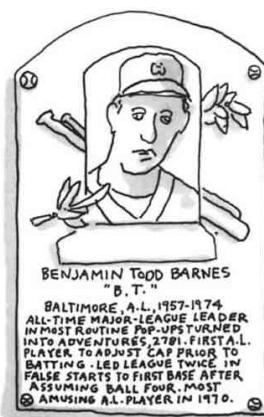
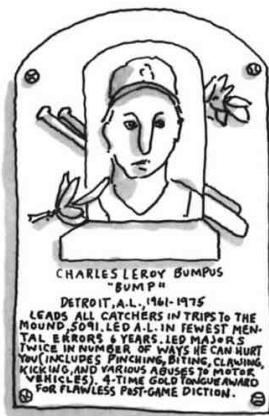
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"Thank you for inviting us into your living room tonight."

NEW INDUCTEES



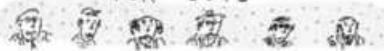
CRAWFORD



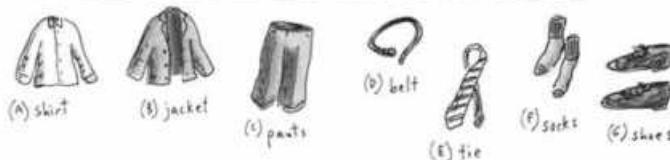
"It would please the court if the air could be let out of exhibit A."

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING THE FIRST
MODULAR DRESSING KIT

FOR GUYS



Enclosed you will find the seven basic units of Guy Clothing:



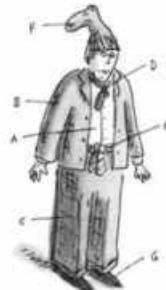
Ways in which modules can be combined:



Your basic
jumping-off point.



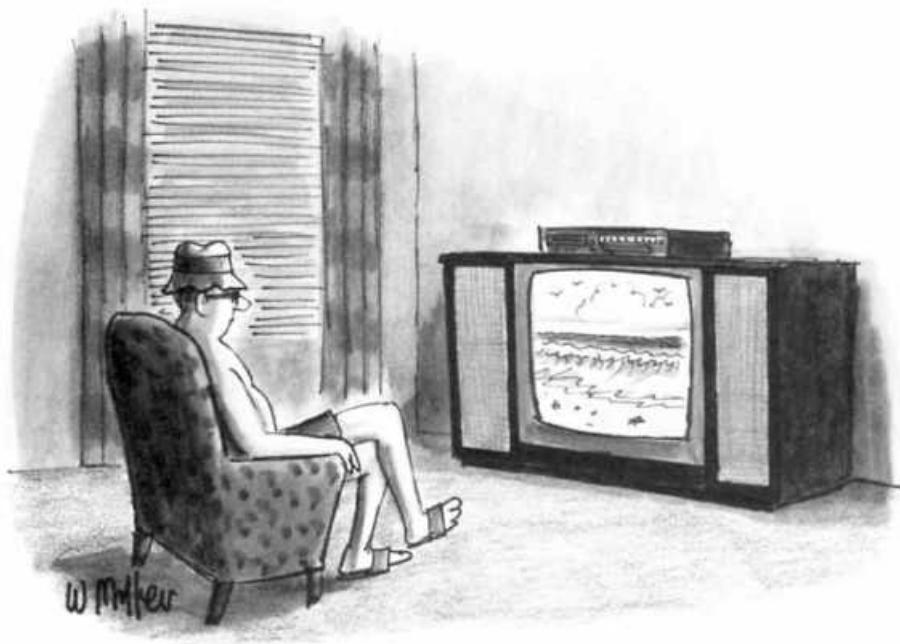
A very nice and easy
wrap-and-tie look. Just
follow enclosed instructions.

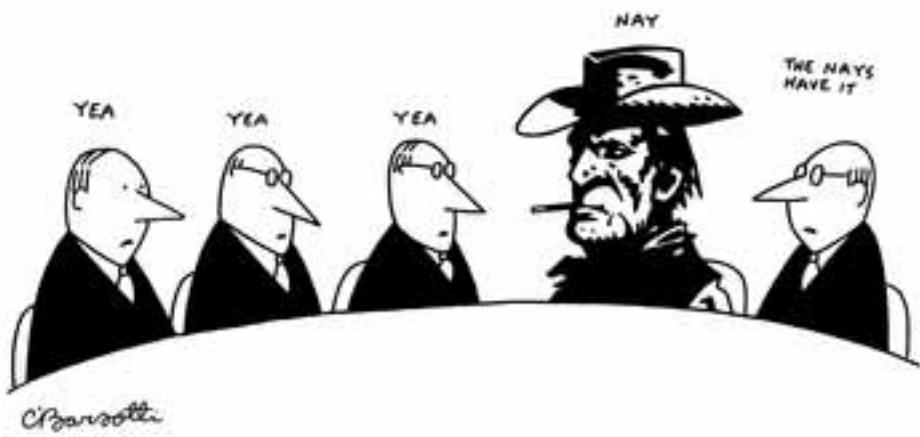


However, don't be afraid
to start out small
if you're feeling shy.

R.C.

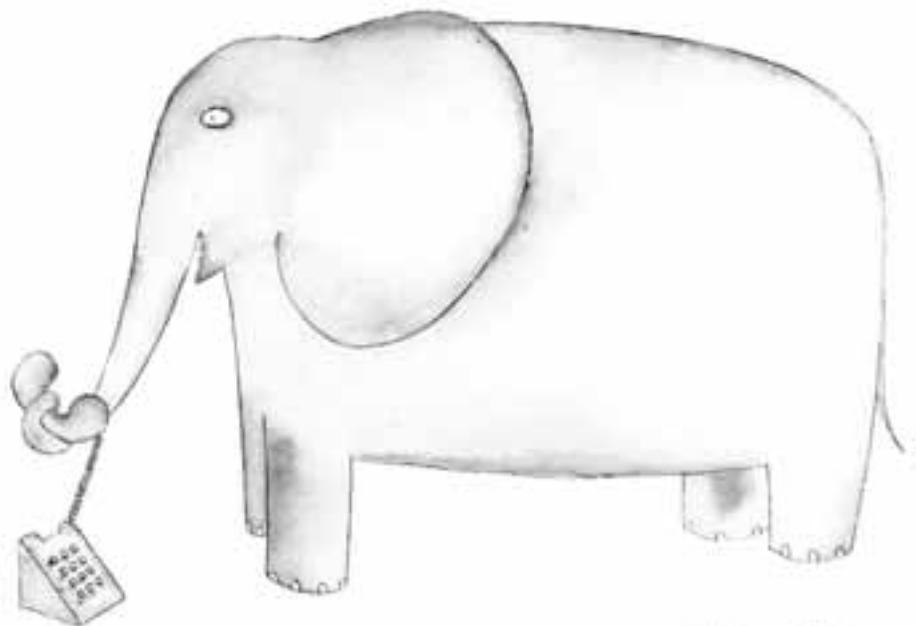








"Over the long haul, it's been a long haul."



1 - 800 - L - E - PHANT



"This is very good, Mr. Carter!"



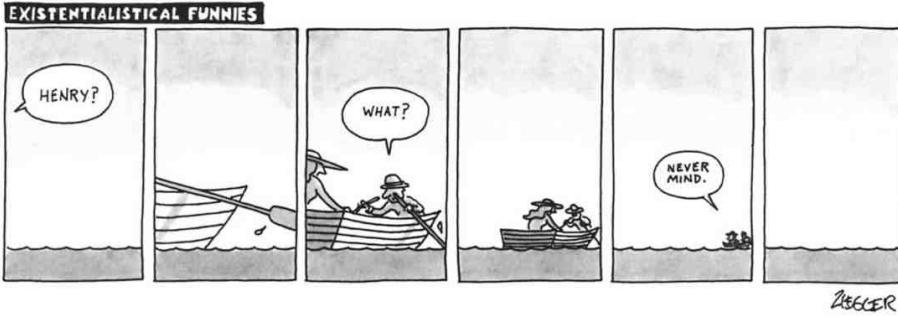
"Day 3,762: Still dead."



"This next one goes out to all those who have ever been in love, then become engaged, gotten married, participated in the tragic deterioration of a relationship, suffered the pains and agonies of a bitter divorce, subjected themselves to the fruitless search for a new partner, and ultimately resigned themselves to remaining single in a world full of irresponsible jerks, noncommittal weirdos, and neurotic misfits."



"I don't have to be a good loser. I never lose."





"You want organic, we'll make it organic."







*"Do you mind if I sit down? I often feel
weak in the presence of great art."*

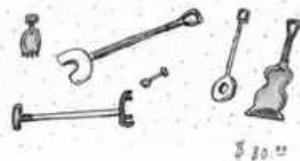
FOR THE NEW GARDENER

3017 Plant Comb and Brush Set -
Keep your greenery looking spry. Order
now and we'll throw in some shampoo.



\$22.95

4624 Specialty Shovels -
You don't really need these, and you
don't even know what they're for, do
you? Go ahead, get them anyway.



\$80.95

5780 Expert Gardener's Outfit -
Once you get the "look" right, every-
thing else will surely fall into place.



\$195.95

6338 Anti-Dandelion Cassette -
Voice intones, "Dandelions, BEGONE!"
for 90 minutes. The results will
astonish you.



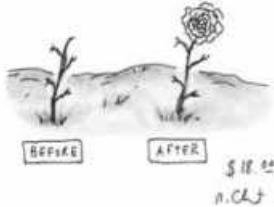
\$10.95

8028 Low-Fat Plant Food -
If you care at all about your plants,
this is what you'll feed them.



\$7.95

9976 Glue-on Flowers -
For when all else fails.

\$18.95
n.c.t.



*"Diego, Ned, Johannes—did it ever occur to you
you're just flipping channels?"*

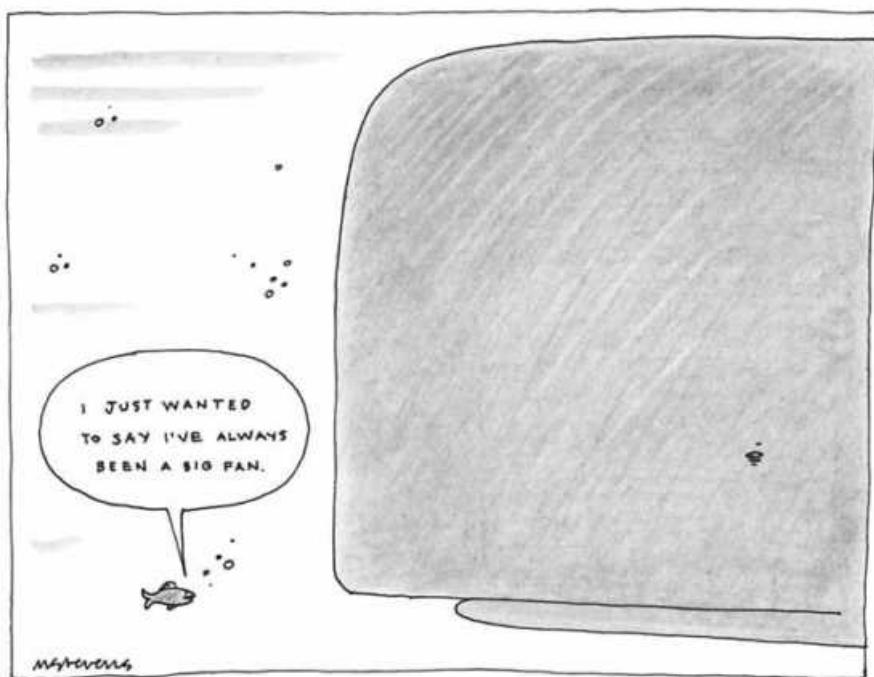


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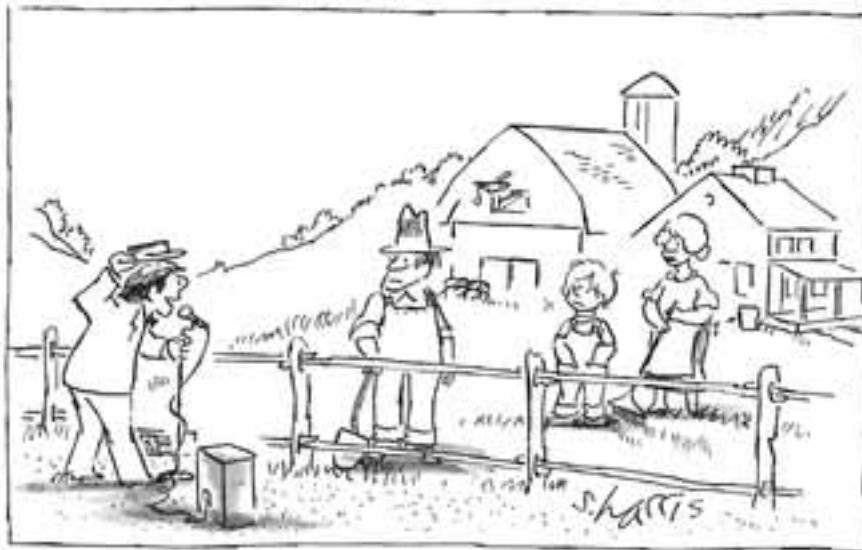
*"It makes a four-star restaurant look pretty damn
small and insignificant, doesn't it."*





"Chivalry has been dead for years, but he's still taking it pretty hard."

STANDUP COMIC DOING PRO-BONO WORK IN
ISOLATED RURAL AREA

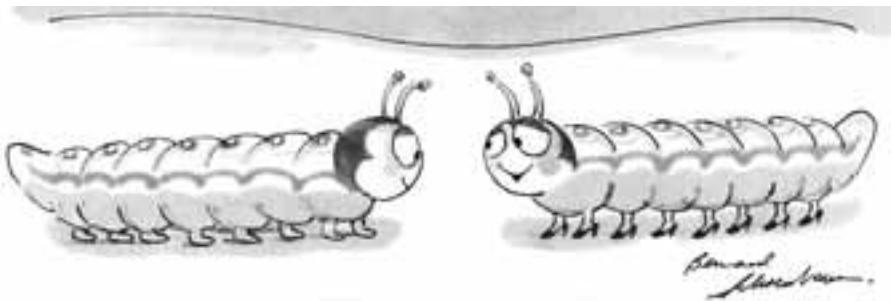




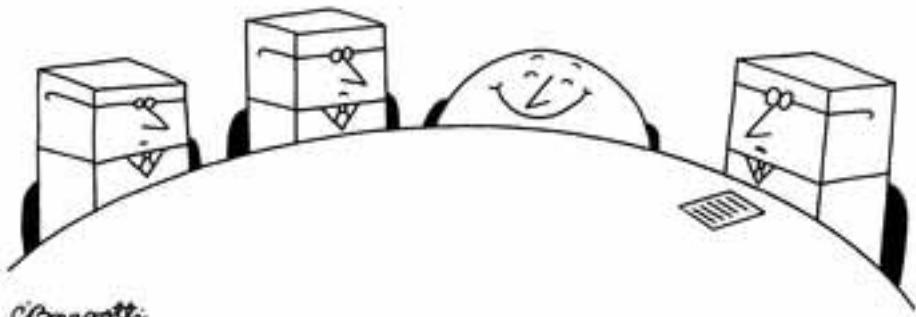


"And now a correction: Portions of last night's story on diving mules which were read with an air of ironic detachment should actually have been presented with earnest concern."





"I'm taking tap."



"Thank you. We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view. Now, we have many serious matters to discuss today, so I suggest we stick with our agreed-upon agenda."





*"I sensed a fine balance between the misery on
the stage and the misery in the audience."*







"Hon, where's the butter?"



*"I understand he has arranged to have his ashes strewn
over the backstretch at Belmont."*

FOOD INSPECTION RESULTS (1 OF 5)

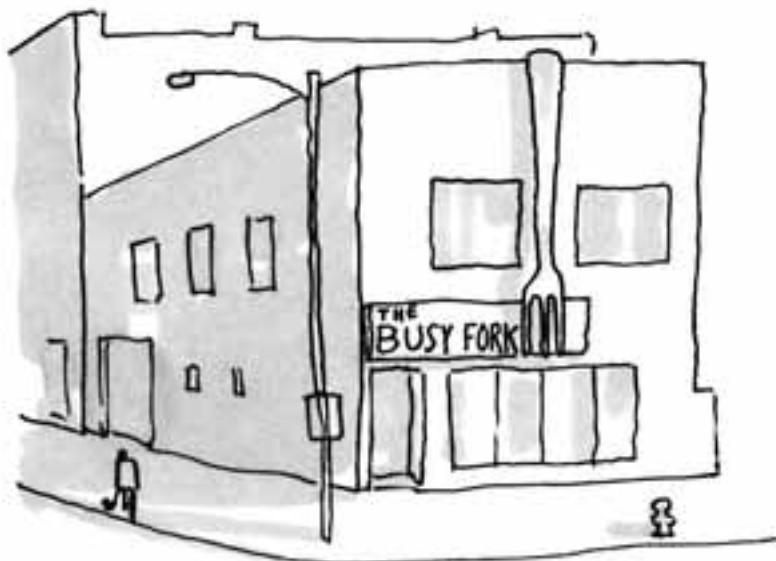


REAL GOOD FRIEND MEAT LOAF, 998 8TH AVE. OPEN COPIES OF "THE ART OF THE DEAL" IN FOOD-PREPARATION AREA. NO AMBIENCE PERMIT. CELEBRITY PHOTOS BEARING FORGED AUTOGRAPHS.



JOE TUSCANY, 119 E. 37TH ST. BOOTLEG SPRINGSTEEN TAPES ON SOUND SYSTEM. CONCEPTUALLY FLAWED DESSERTS. MOLE GNAWED IN ESPRESSO MACHINE.

FOOD INSPECTION RESULTS (2 OF 5)



THE BUSY FORK, 458 AMSTERDAM AVE. NO BUSTLING
CERTIFICATE. TRACES OF AN UNREWARDING
BÉARNAISE ON MAÎTRE D'S ESPADRILLES. GIANT
FAUX OLDENBURG OVER FRONT DOOR LACKS PANACHE.

1989

FOOD INSPECTION RESULTS (3 OF 5)



CHEZ SPONGE CAKE, 29 WEST 23RD ST. NO SUGAR-CRAVING-PREVENTION POSTER. "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" SUNG LISTLESSLY BY INDIFFERENT STAFF. NO INTIMACY-TEST KIT.

FOOD INSPECTION RESULTS (4 OF 5)



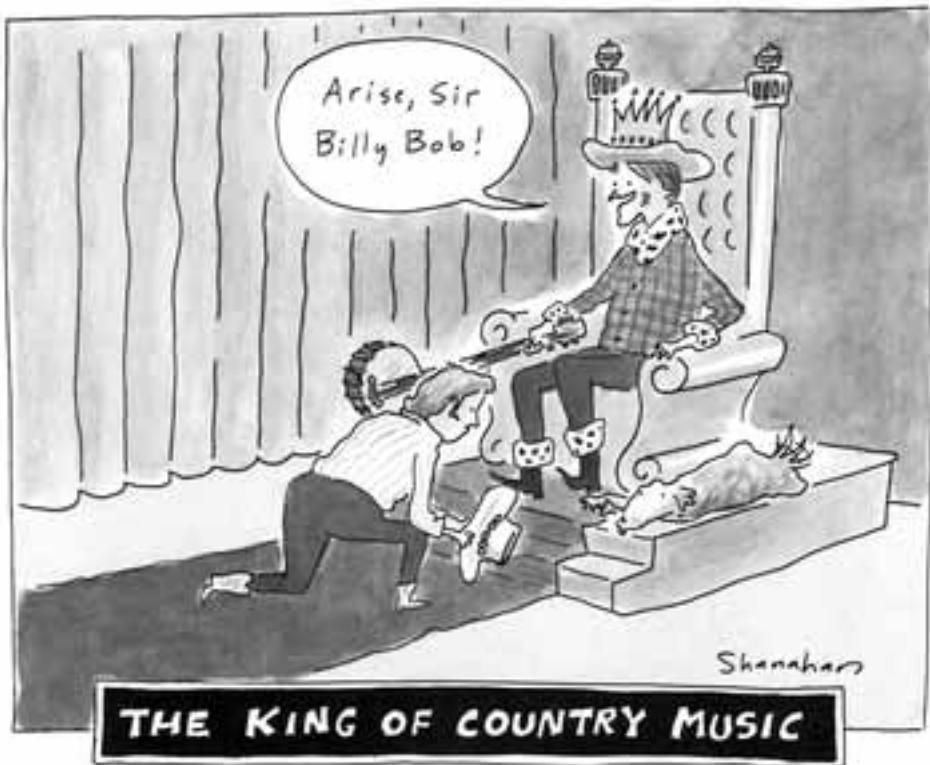
THE ASPIC PAVILION, 41 W.52ND ST. PORCINI-FRECKLED
CRÈME FRAÎCHE ON PAY PHONE. WAITERS WITHOUT
EQUITY CARDS. FREESIA ARRANGED IMPROPERLY.

FOOD INSPECTION RESULTS (5 OF 5)



TUNA MELTDOWN, 257 W. 14TH ST. KITCHEN TV ON
FRITZ. SOUP DU JOUR ACTUALLY SOUP D'HIER.
LAST ATMOSPHERE REPORT NOT AVAILABLE.







"Are we near a Toys R Us?"



*"Did you or did you not employ a leash to drag your cairn terrier,
Jack, away from the corner of Park Avenue and Sixty-fifth Street
in spite of his making every effort to clearly indicate to you that
he wished to stay where he was?"*

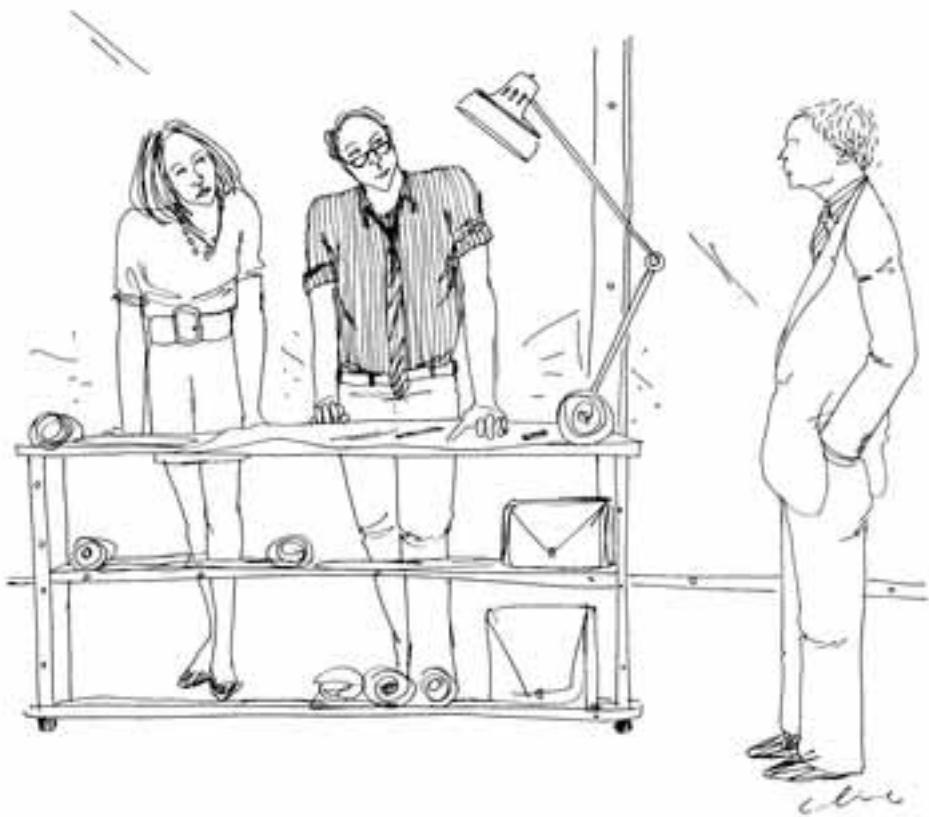




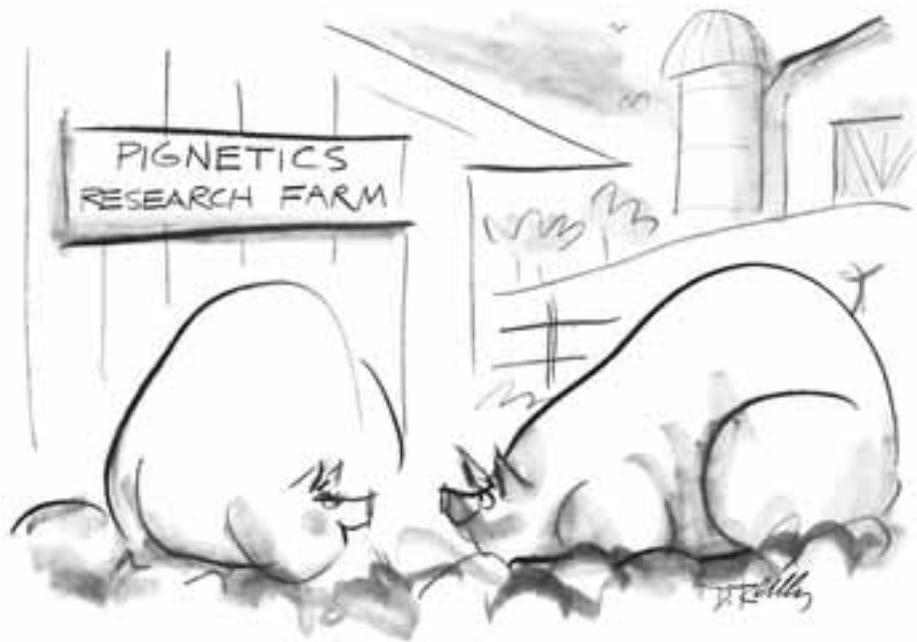
"A prawn—Hunan style—for your thoughts."



"I have wealth, but I've never felt encumbered by it."



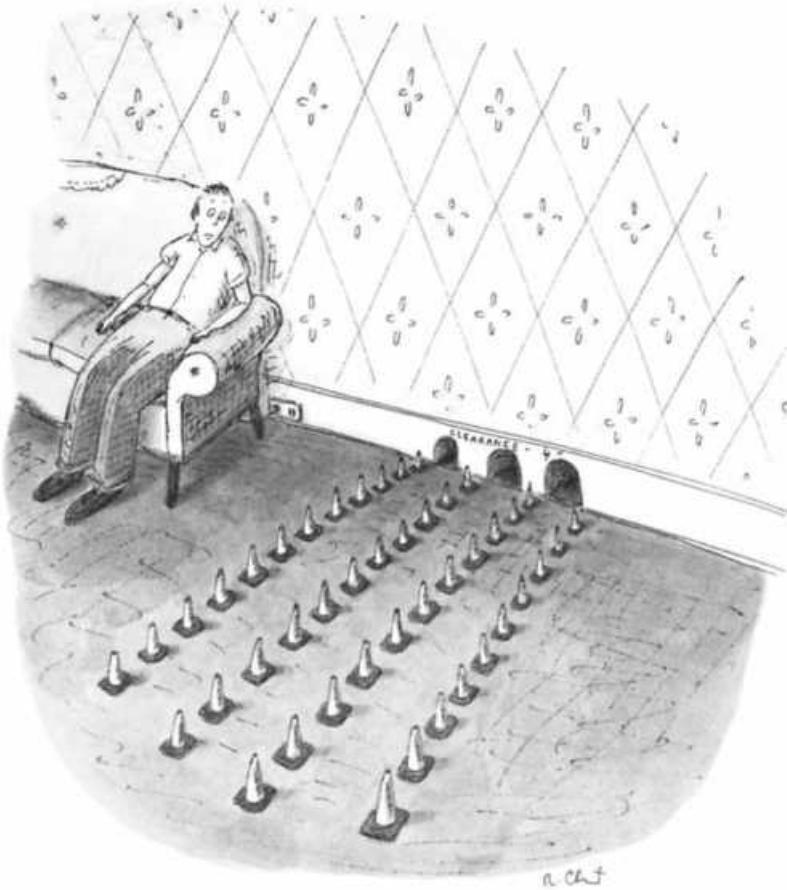
"Did I leave any ideas in here?"



"I like you just the way you are."



"It's new. We call it the Thatcher Look."







"A little further, dear."

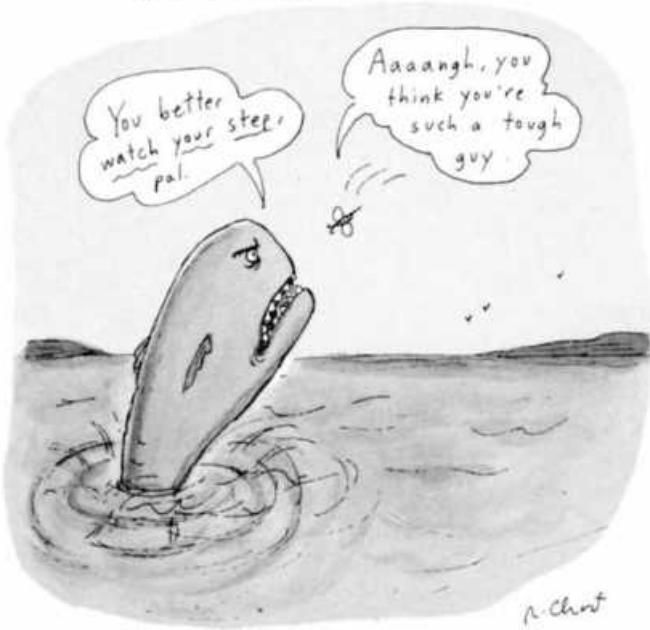


NATURE'S GREATEST CONFLICTS

KILLER WHALE

VS.

KILLER BEE





"Senate or House version, Thy will be done."



*"We're all just as excited as we can be
about your choice for lunch, sir!"*



"Hold all calls, Miss Baker. I won't be visible this morning."



GLADYS TOOK HER HIGBALLS
VERY SERIOUSLY.

1989
SWISS ARMY GARDEN TOOL





"Word is we're being held up by a major flight of capital."



"We already gave on our other phone."



"Like my new haircut?"



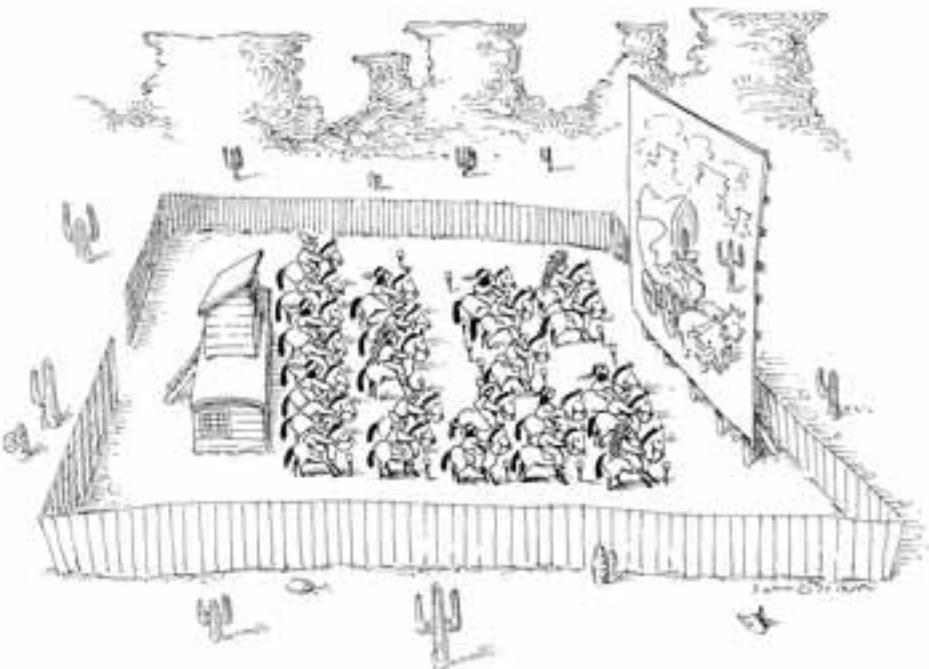
"Just two confessions. I sometimes harbored admiration for Richard Nixon, and I never found the Marx Brothers funny."

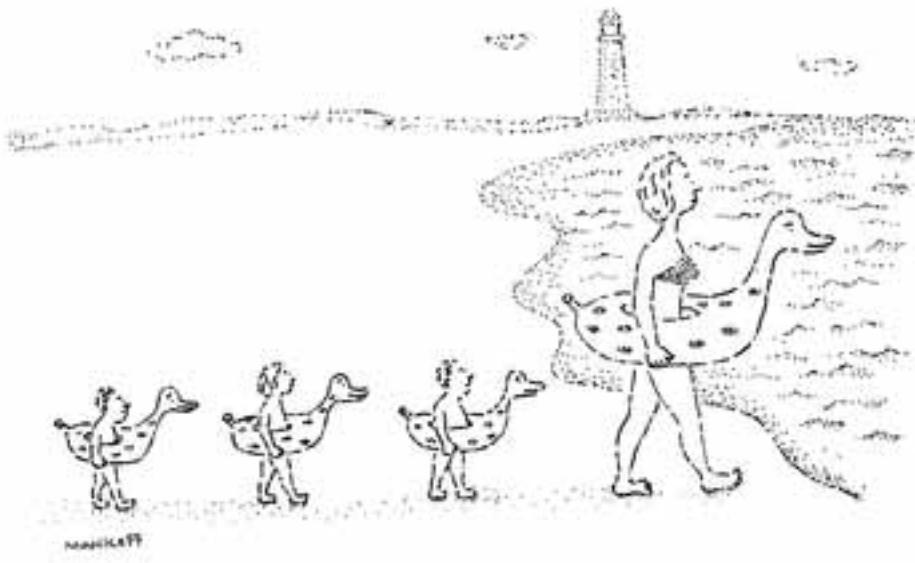


THE WINDOW



THE DOOR







"Shopping has just replaced baseball as the national pastime. Pass it on."



"In accordance with the by-laws of this corporation, you get all the milk you want but only two cookies each."

THE CARTOONS OF THE 1980s



Michael Crawford (8/14/1989)

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*"I took a look at the First Amendment, and
some of that stuff isn't funny."*



"Not only are we the only gallery issuing regular buy, hold, and sell recommendations—we're the only one where you can take a short position."

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY







"He 'likes' you? What is 'like'?"

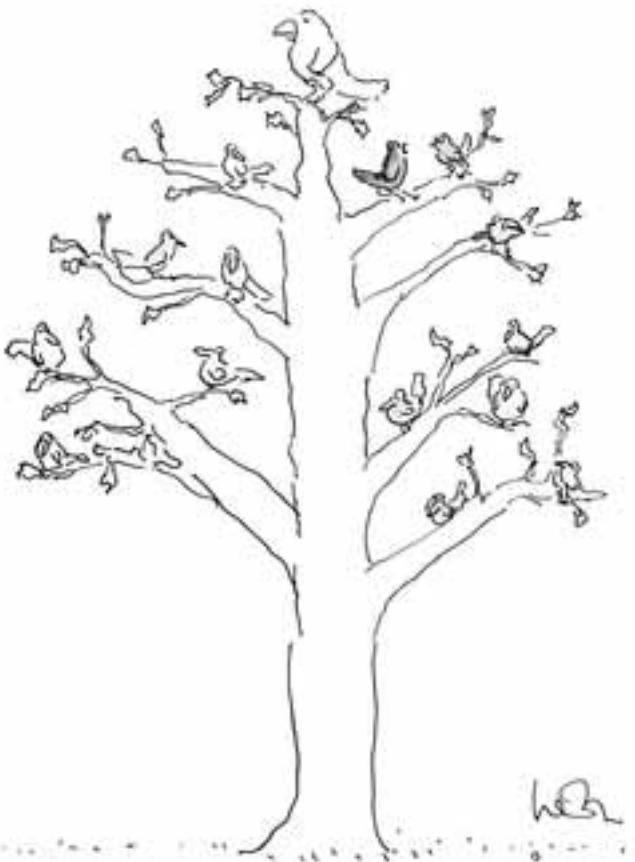


HARD RIDIN' WITH THE MONTAUK KID





"Gee, Kevin, I don't know what to say. No one's ever told me I had tongue-and-groove flooring before."



"The boss can see you now."

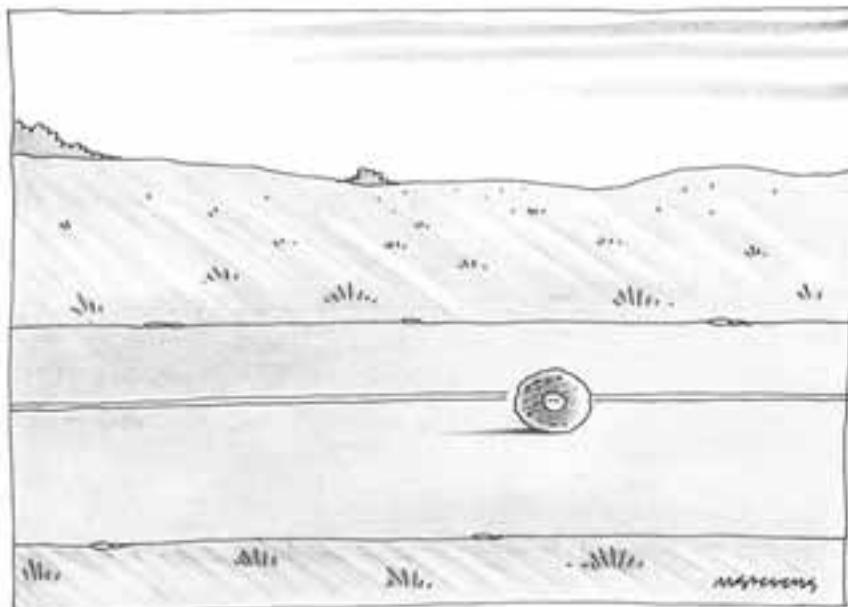


DAVID AGREES TO FIGHT GOLIATH



"This CD player costs less than players selling for twice as much."





THE BLUEBERRY BAGEL, HAVING TRIUMPHED ON
THE EAST COAST, HEADS WEST.



Aristotle Instructs Young Alexander in Philosophy



"Can I call you back, R.B.? I've got a situation here."





*"And, for music, you want
traditional or new age?"*







"This, Mr. Brillton, is what we found lodged in your fist."

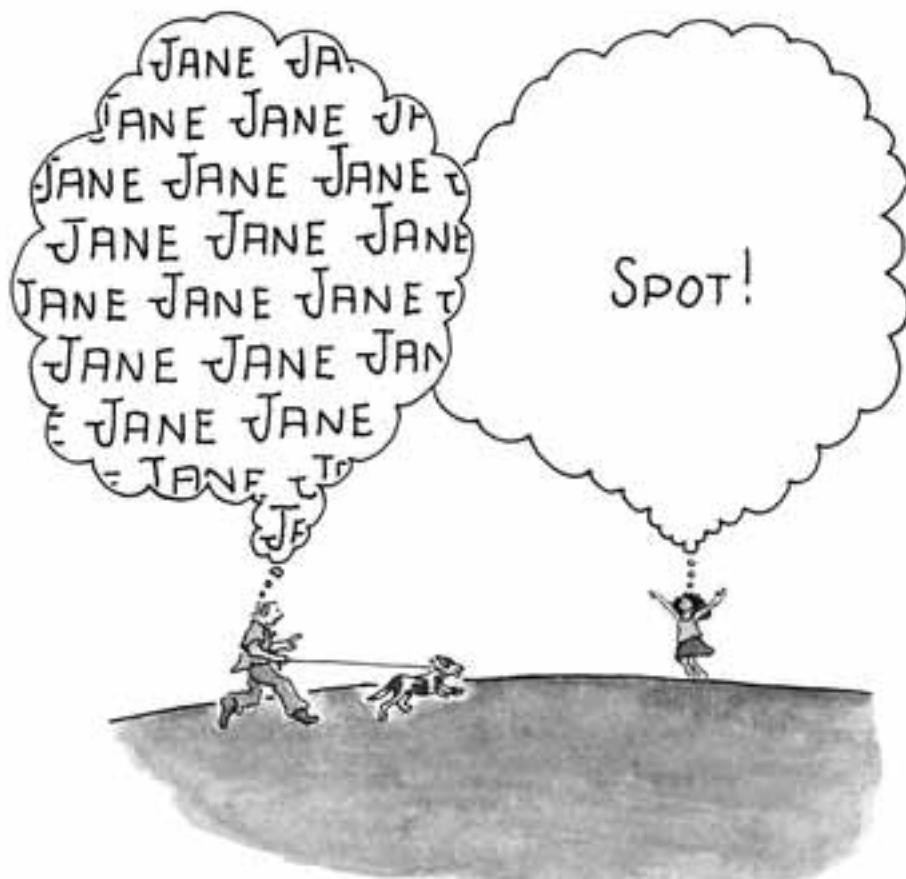


*"While we're waiting for His Honor, may I offer the jury a selection
of hand-dipped Swiss chocolates, compliments of my client?"*



"Truckin' on down the avenue without a single thing to do."

1989 THE CARTOONS OF THE

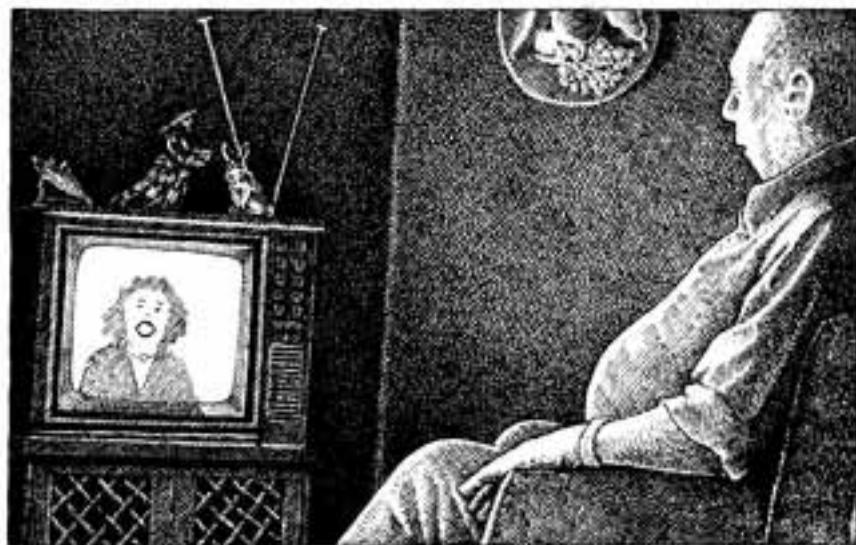


Reini



*"Refresh my memory, Nelson.
When was the last time you were all smiles?"*

THE EVENING NEWS



Ann McCarthy (8/21/1989)

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MOTHER'S JUDICIOUS DEPLOYMENT
OF THE JAVELIN INSURED
THAT VERY FEW INSURANCE
SALESMEN EVER REACHED
OUR DOORBELL.



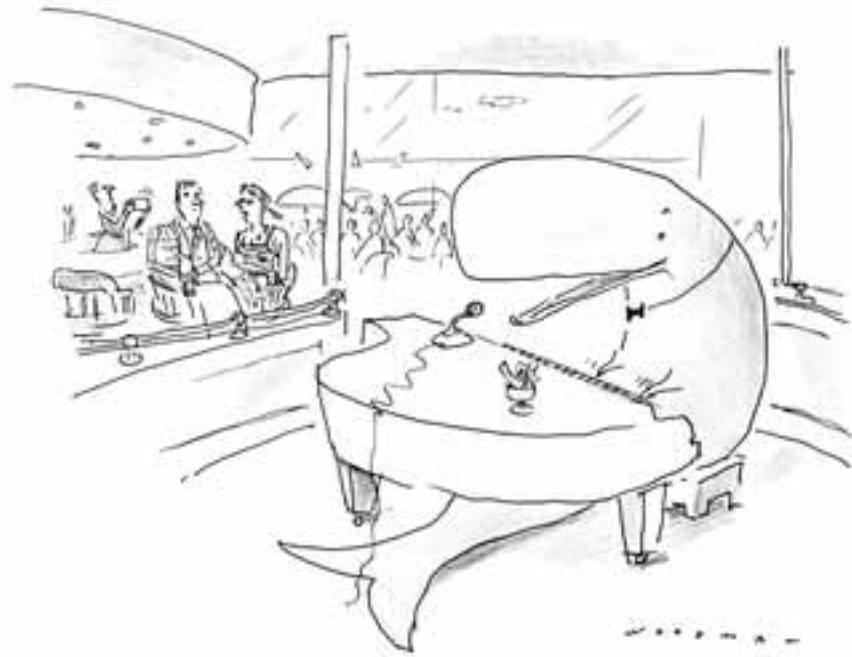
"Does the doctor hug?"



“Sand, sea, and sky—that’s enough for me.”



*"We're moving to someplace called Ur.
It's an entirely new concept in group living."*



*"What's remarkable is that just last week
he was lying despondent on the beach."*

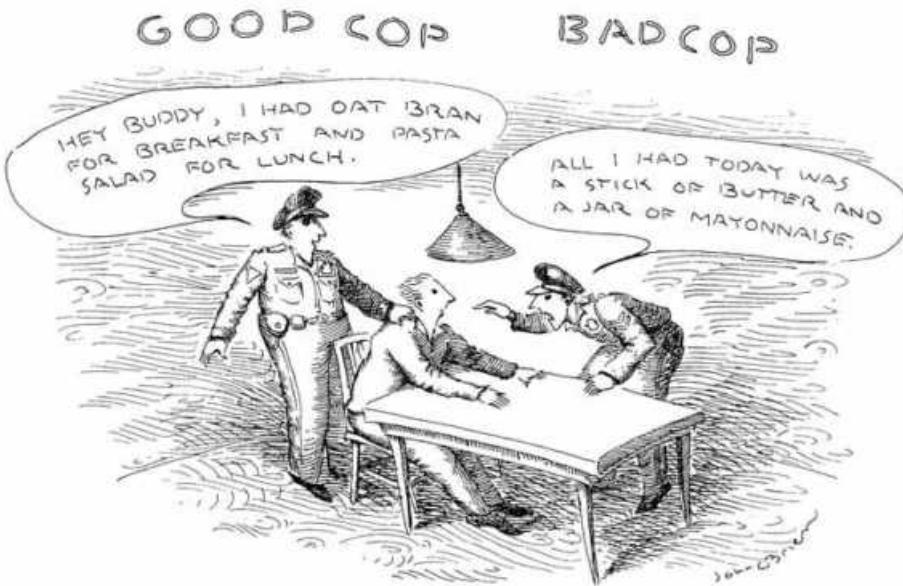




"Just clean out the gutters, Tony, and point the chimney."

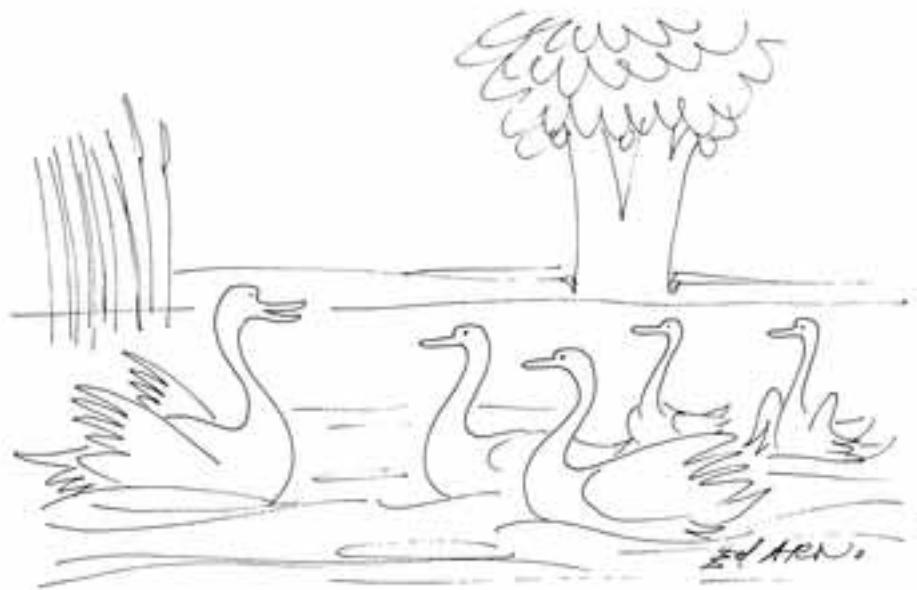


"See? While your unsurpassed collection of gum wrappers sits idle!"





"Try verbalizing it."



"Let's hear it for Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky!"



The detergent that tries to persuade dirt that it really isn't wanted and should therefore leave.

The soap flakes that totally ignore dirt in the hope that it will go away.

The cleanser that tells dirt that unless it dissolves this instant there will be hell to pay.



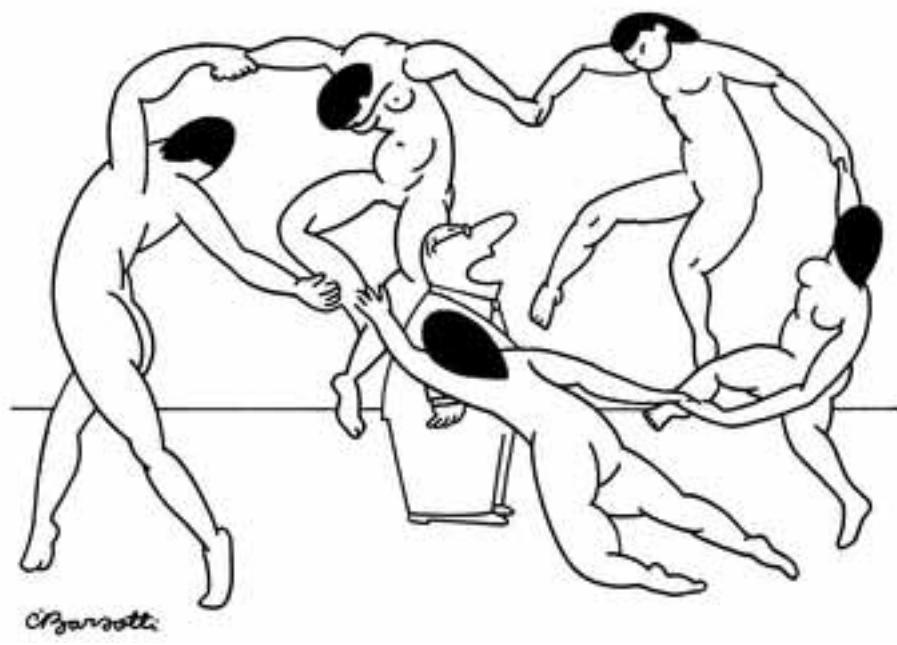
"I write for the age group thirty-seven to forty-six."



"True love, Leon, is not corporeal."



*"Haven't you noticed, Ned, how everyone's films
are getting shallower except mine?"*



*"Do I have to remind you people that
we're facing a hostile takeover?"*



Oedipus Solves the Riddle of the Sphinx





"I fully expect the third grade to hold plenty of difficulties, but I've had a restful summer and think I'm up to whatever challenges I encounter."





"There are some things that are not funny, and sex is one of them!"



*"Impregnable, yes, but not afraid to
stop and smell the flowers."*







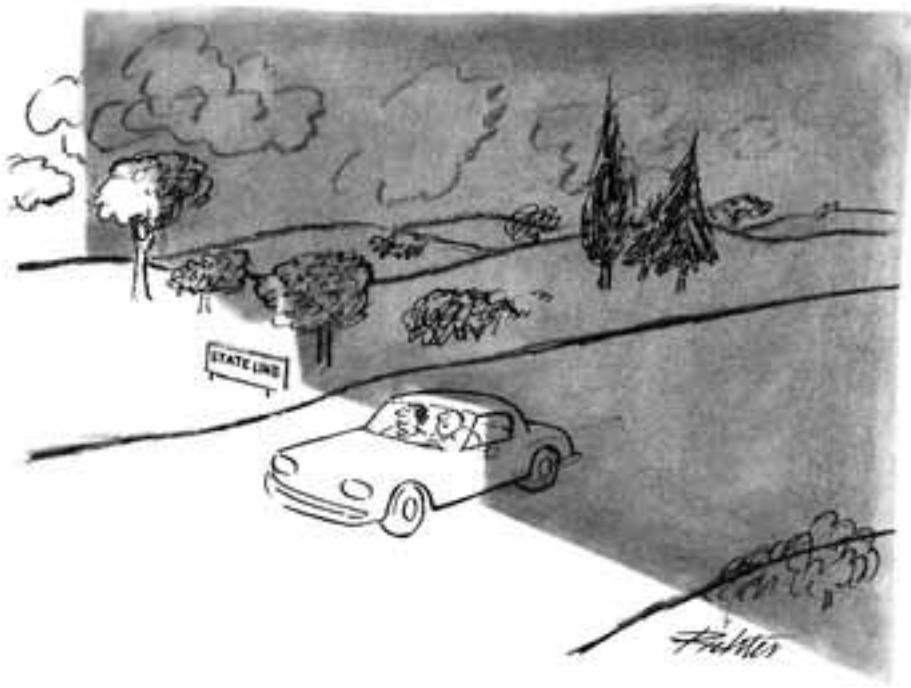
"Listen, I have money on the other line. Can I call you back?"



"If it isn't Michelle and a cast of thousands!"



"In the area of human relations, Lewis is a minimalist."



"They have very strict anti-pollution laws in this state."



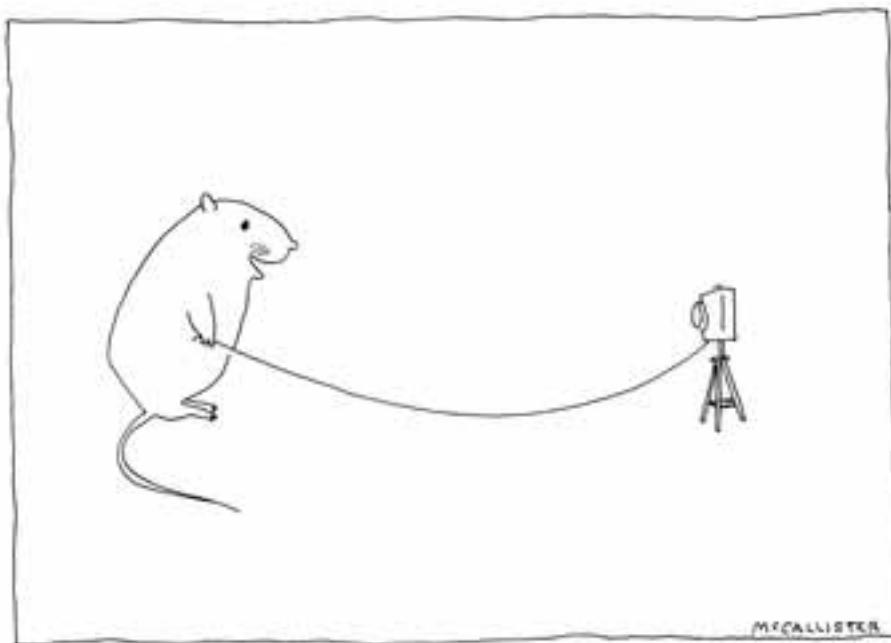


"We've just decided to put food back in its place."



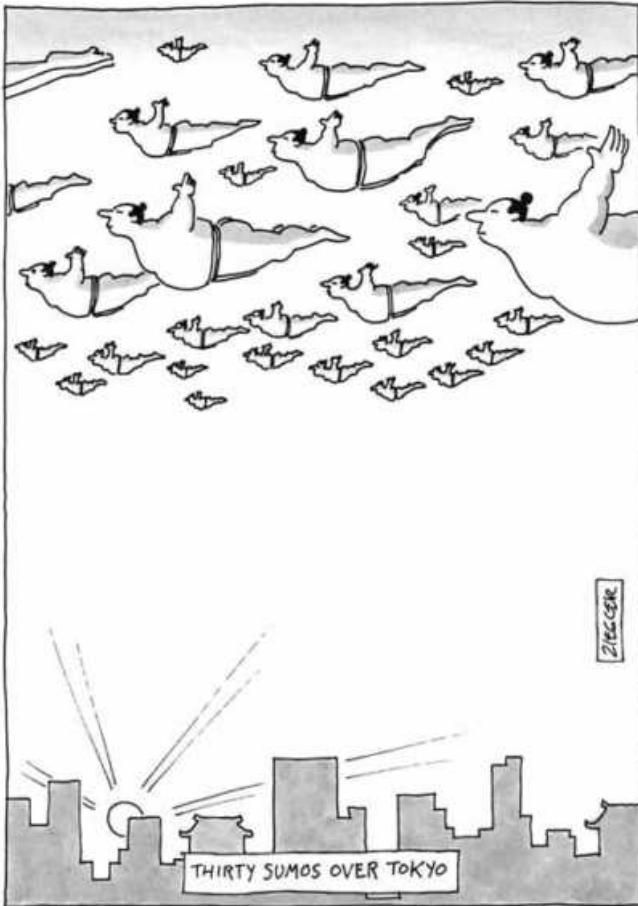


"Every living thing is changed, owing to the advent of cable."



McCALLISTER

“Cheese.”





"They are not yet recognized by the American Kennel Club."



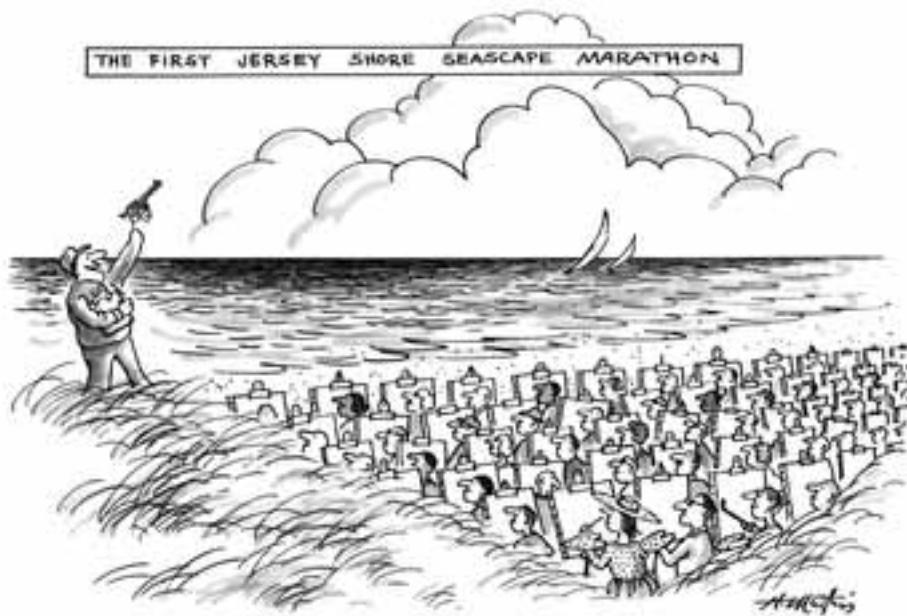
"It says, 'If you know what's good for you, get those Adirondack chairs the hell out of the Poconos.' "



"Remember, dinner at the Berglunds."



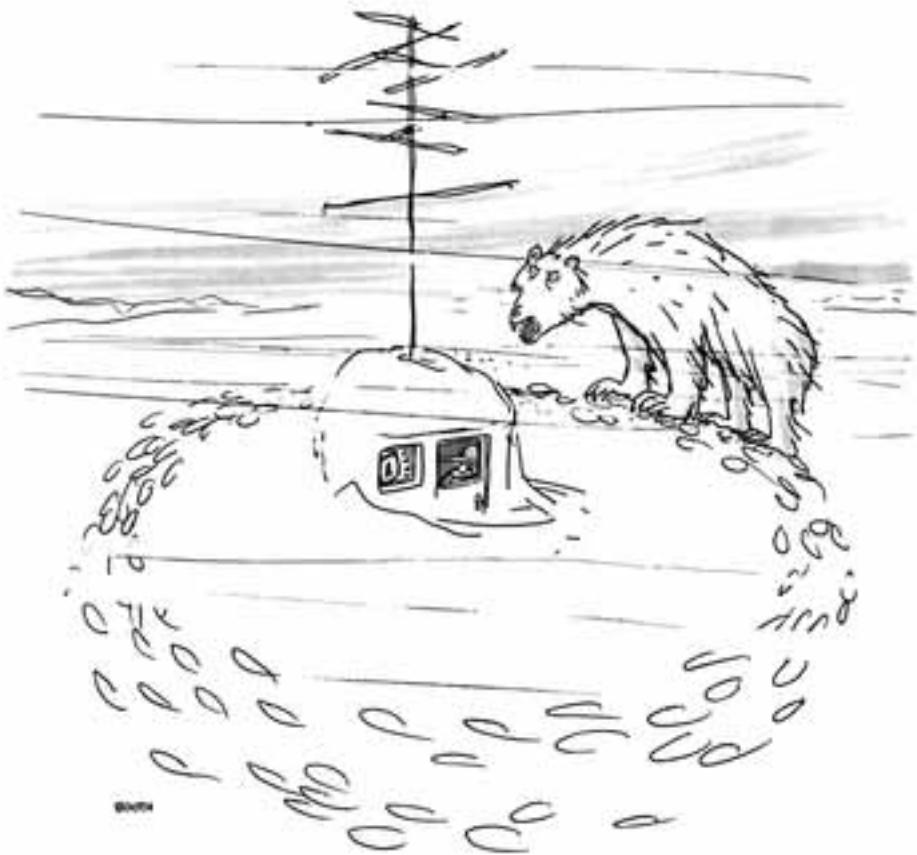
*“Then Jack traded his cow for five magic beans.’ Here’s a copy
of the contract, the accounting summary, the insurance waiver, the
shareholders’ briefing, and the receipt.”*



"On your mark. Get set. Go!!"



"Look around, Dennis. Do you see room for a marriage?"



“... starts Friday at a theatre near you.”



"Honey, would you come out here for a minute?"





“Damn! There goes our funding.”

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"Fido"

Fill bowl with ice cubes. Pour 3 oz. Le Bon Chien over ice. Serve.



"Lassie in Reruns"

Mix 2 cups water with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Le Bon Chien in bowl. Serve.



"101 Dalmatians"

Pour 12 oz. club soda into bowl. Add 3 oz. Le Bon Chien. Float slice of bologna on top. Serve.



R.C.H.

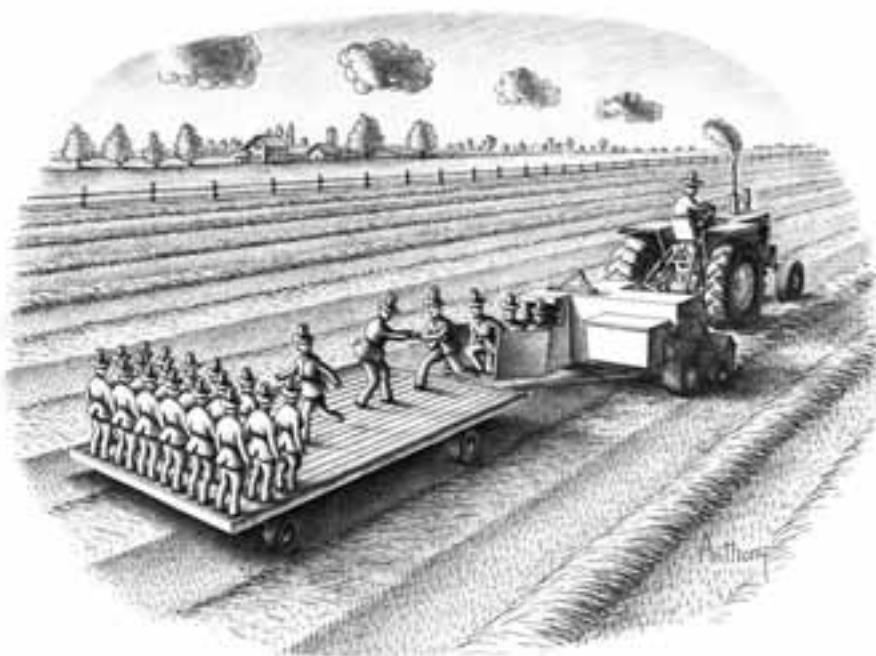




"Every aggressive, controversial firm needs a lightning rod, Garvey."



"O.K., the question is, how can we improve our relationship without spending more money."







*"And what, pray tell, is the ratio of flake
to raisin this morning?"*





"We used to be old-fashioned. Now we're postmodern."

COFFEE-TABLE KIDS' BOOKS





Apéritif

1989



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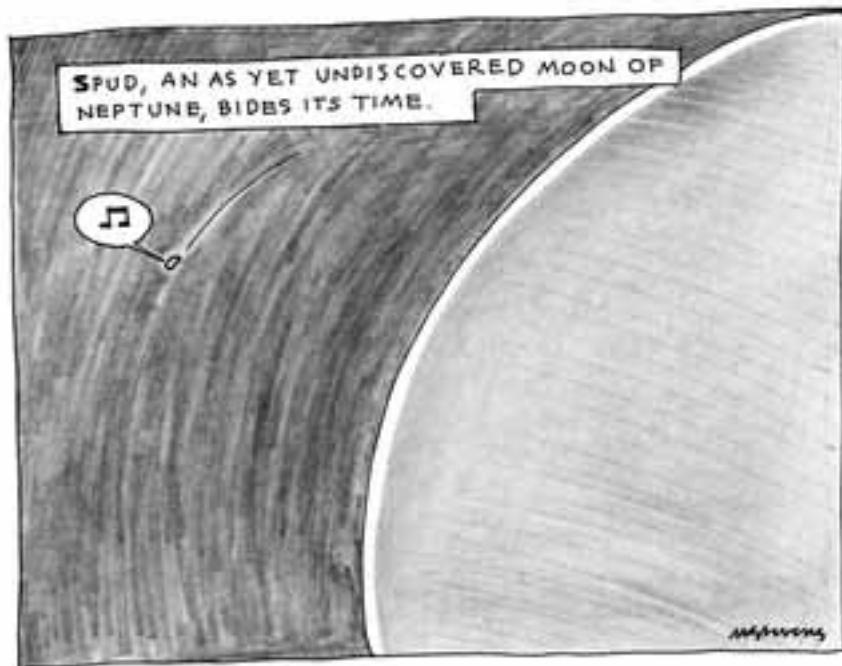
Bernard Schoenbaum.

"Melody, I've targeted you for matrimony."



*"Natalie tells me you're the one who makes
all the fog happen in 'Phantom.'"*







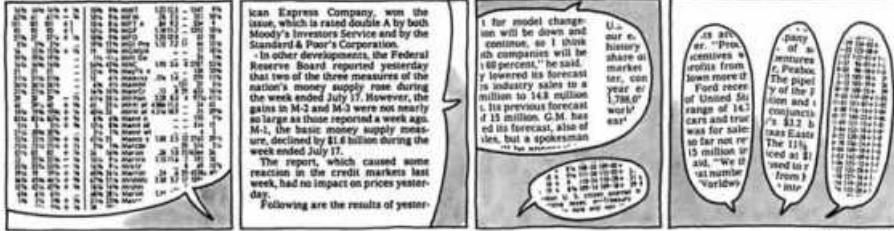
CLASSIC KOALA



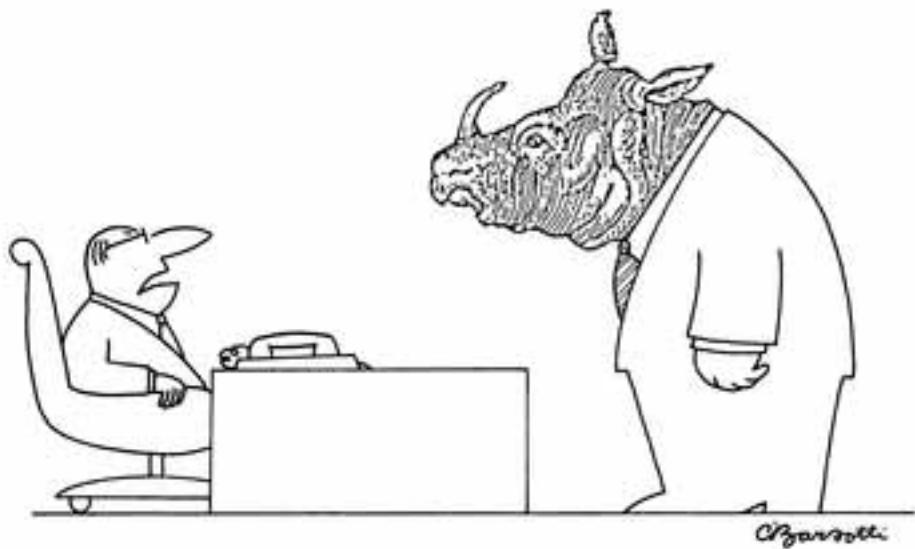
DIET KOALA



"Let me through. I'm a lawyer."

The New York Times Funnies

ZIEGLER



"It has come to my attention, Pickarell, that you may have been somewhat less than forthcoming in your résumé."



*"All right, they're coming back.
Couldn't you have waited until they got here?"*



*"Just when I'm thinking you've run out of surprises
you tell me Gouda is your favorite cheese."*



"We're all getting fed up with your Olympian views."

**LORE AND LEGEND
OF THE PENNYPACKERS**

How Great-Grandpa Louie Came to America with \$12.00 in His Pocket and Eventually Owned a Baking Soda Factory.



The Story of Grandma Iris's Terrible Ear Infection Back in the Days Before There Was Such a Thing as Penicillin



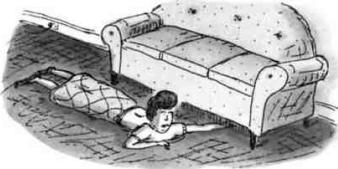
Aunt Tessie's Date with Errol Flynn's Second Cousin



The Time the Ferris Wheel Got Stuck for an Hour and Aunt Pearl and Uncle Barney Were in the Top Car



Cousin Gladys's Psychic Dream That Showed the Exact Location of Her Friend Doris Benson's Lost Pair of Pinking Shears



How the Connors Branch of the Family Found Itself in Hoboken, New Jersey

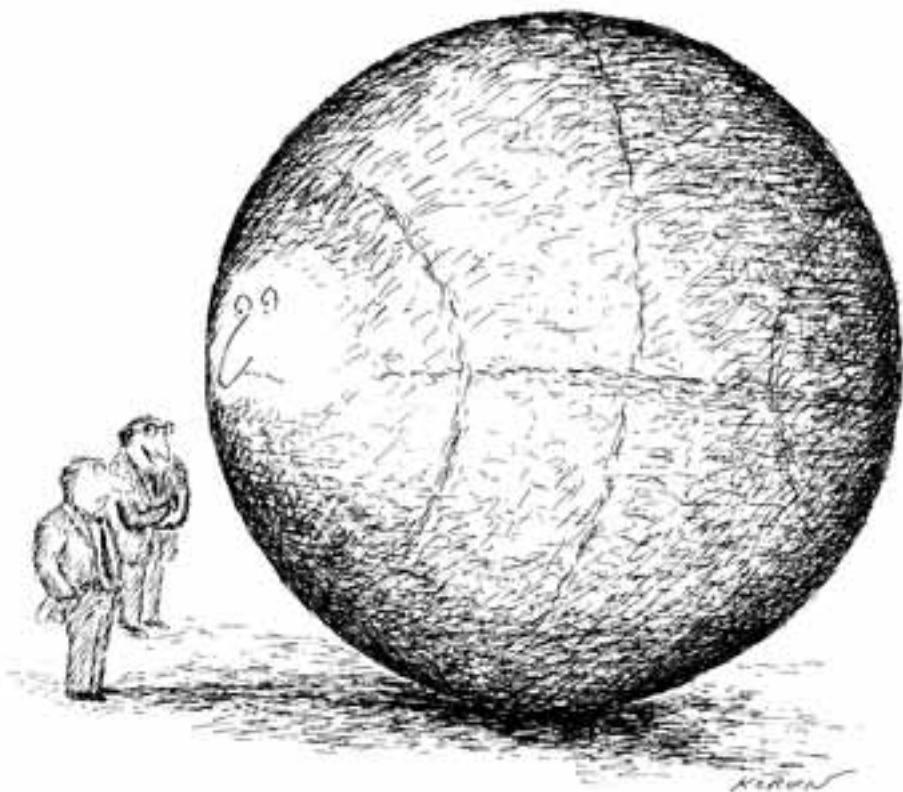




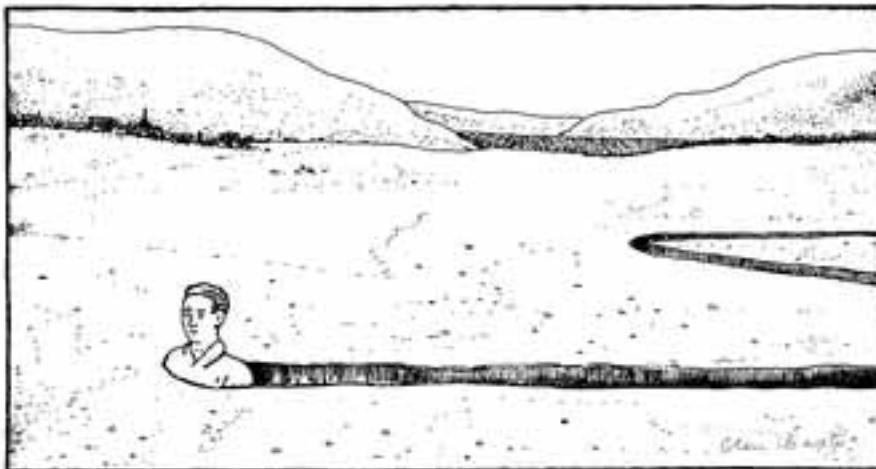
*"Mr. MacDonald, some of us would like to speak
to you about the noise level on your farm."*



"Best therapy I know. Make some money, feel better."

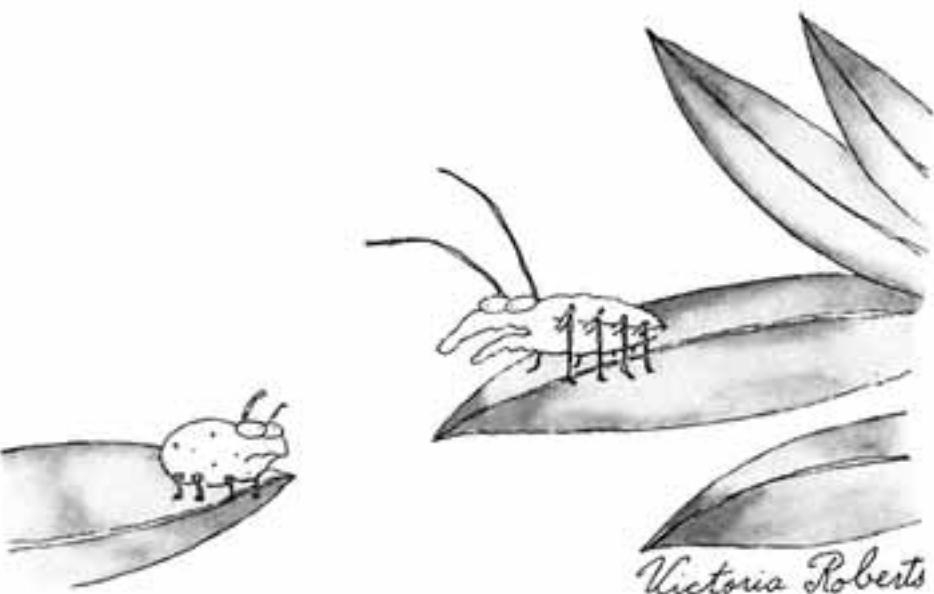


"It looks like the ball is in your court."



TIM'S PROGRESS THROUGH EUROPE REMAINED
FAIRLY SLOW YET ABSOLUTELY STEADFAST.





"Ticks get all the publicity these days."



"Remember, Kimberly, I'm more than your agent. I'm your mother."



“Say ‘I love you.’”



DAVE AND HIS COMMON-LAW ACCOUNTANT, PHIL







"Two months with this and they blow their preschool entrance exams right out of the water."



"Shouldn't he be lying at the foot of the bed?"

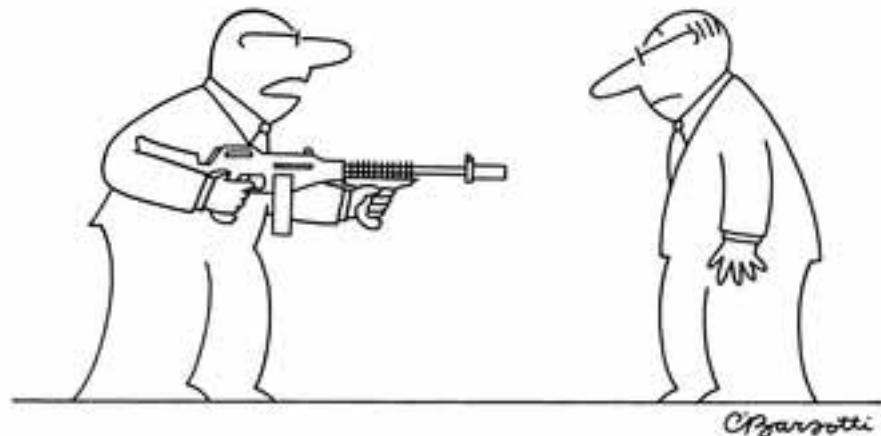


*"I know I have eleven items, but last
Tuesday I only had nine."*

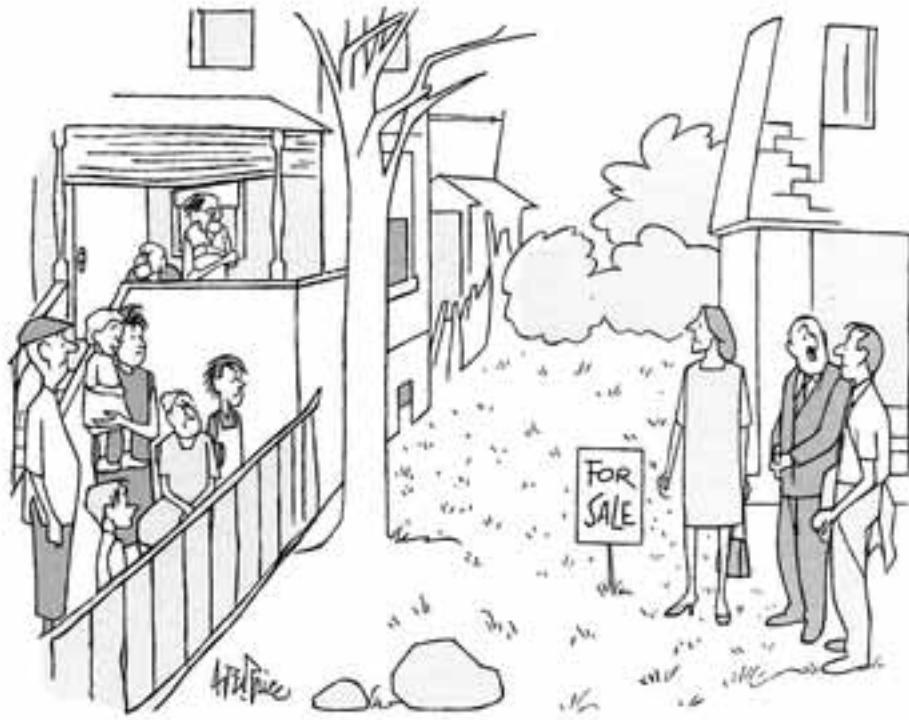


*"How I Spent My Summer Vacation," a treatment
by Todd Mozelle, Grade Three.*



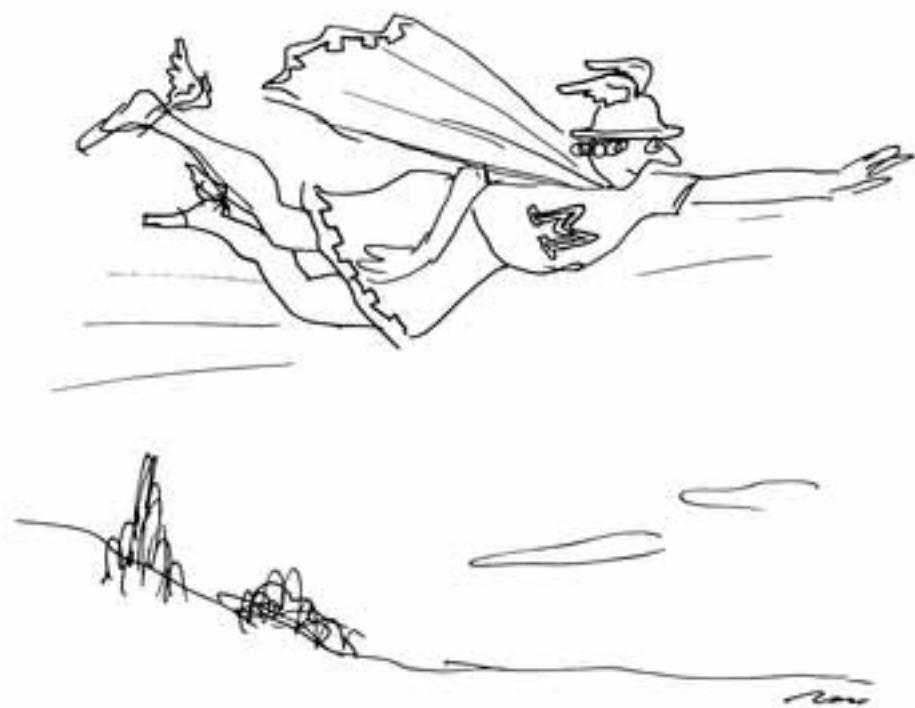


"War, J.B., is the continuation of business by other means."



"Those are the Bellingtons. To know them is to love them."





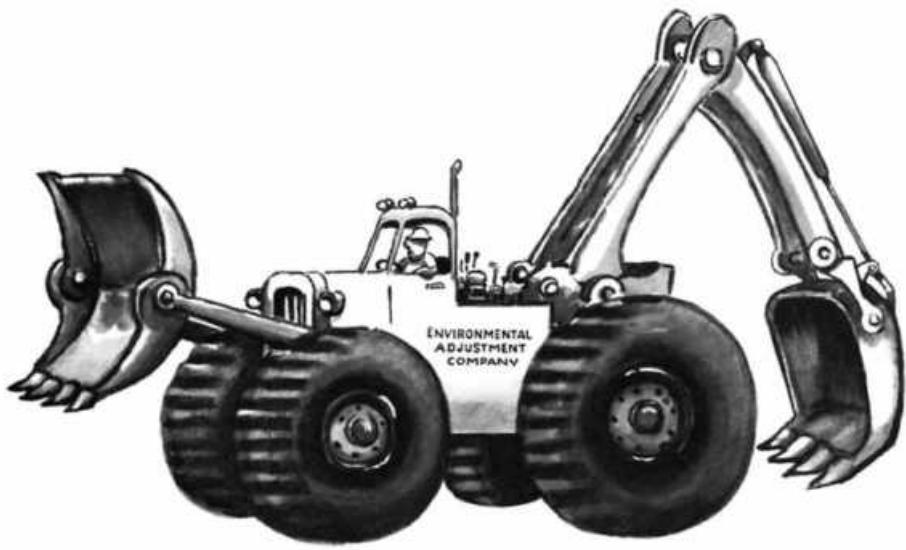


*"I'll come home, but I'll be damned
if I'll wag my tail behind me."*





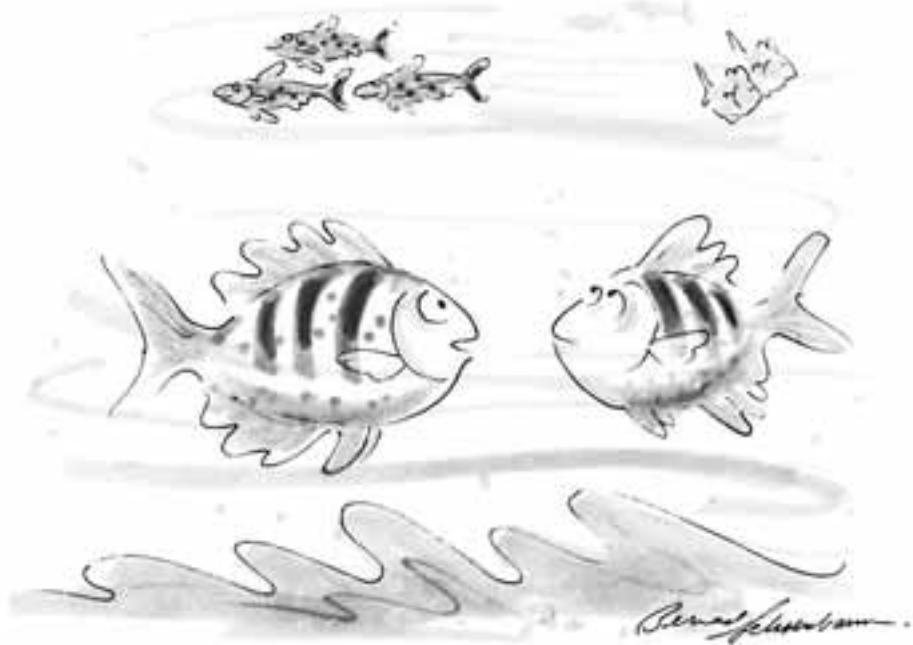
Ruth and Her New Cordless Telephone





"Would you like a cup of coffee . . . no strings?"





"They're terribly mainstream."

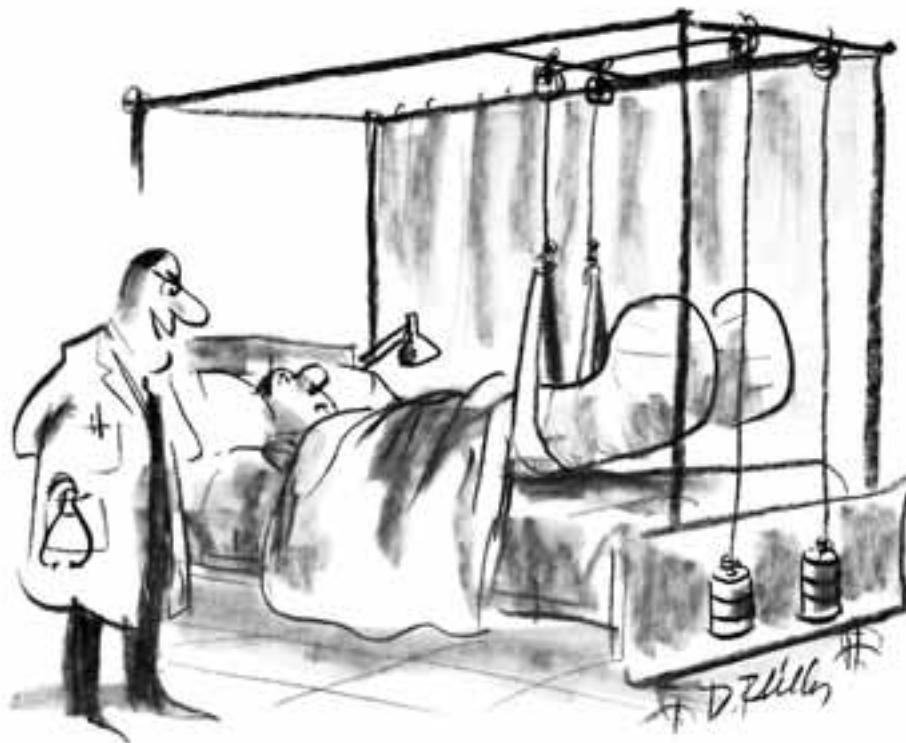




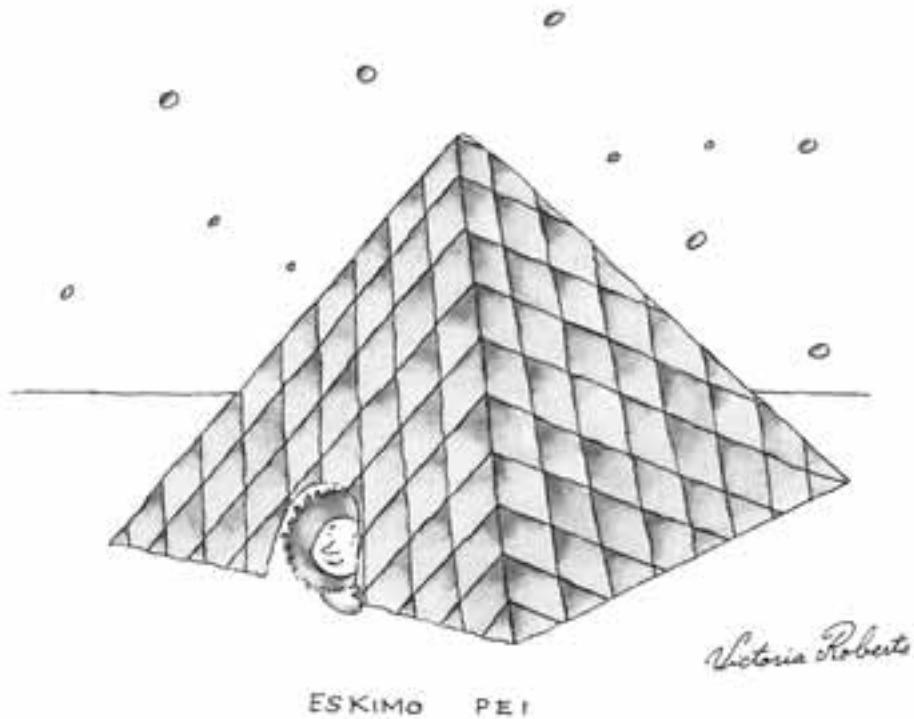
*"Yes, I'm still seeing Jay, and yes, I'm still
trying to pierce his armor."*



"He's pretty good at rote categorization and single-object relational tasks, but he's not so hot at differentiating between representational and associational signs, and he's very weak on syntax."



"You'll see—we'll have you up and litigating in no time!"





"Good morning. With a touch of fall in the air, I'm happy to welcome you back from summer distribution in the Hamptons, Bay Head, Nantucket, Chatham, and Northeast Harbor, and to reunite our diverse community—some in preppy garb, and some in executive dress, some in the Ivy League look, and some in Wasp attire. My sermon this morning was inspired by Scripture from our 1928 Book of Common Prayer."



"I've been against it from the start, but who am I? Only her mother."



SEX, LIES, LEFTOVER TUNA CASSEROLE, AND VIDEOTAPE





"We've got to get away. Columbus Avenue has us by the throat."

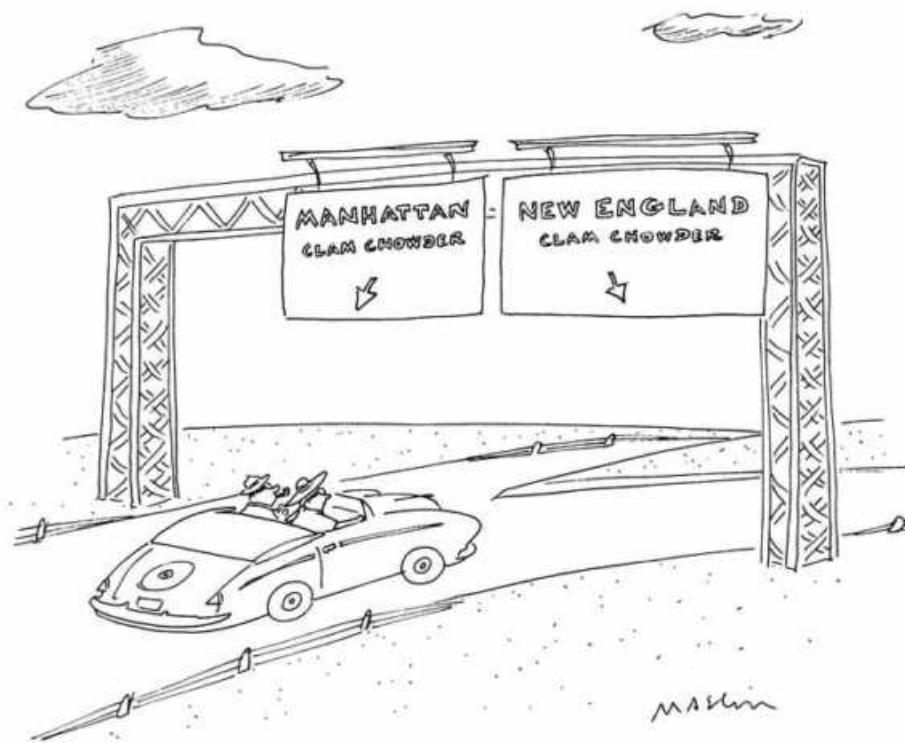


*"But first, if it please the court, Brünnhilde's farewell
to Siegfried from 'Götterdämmerung.' "*



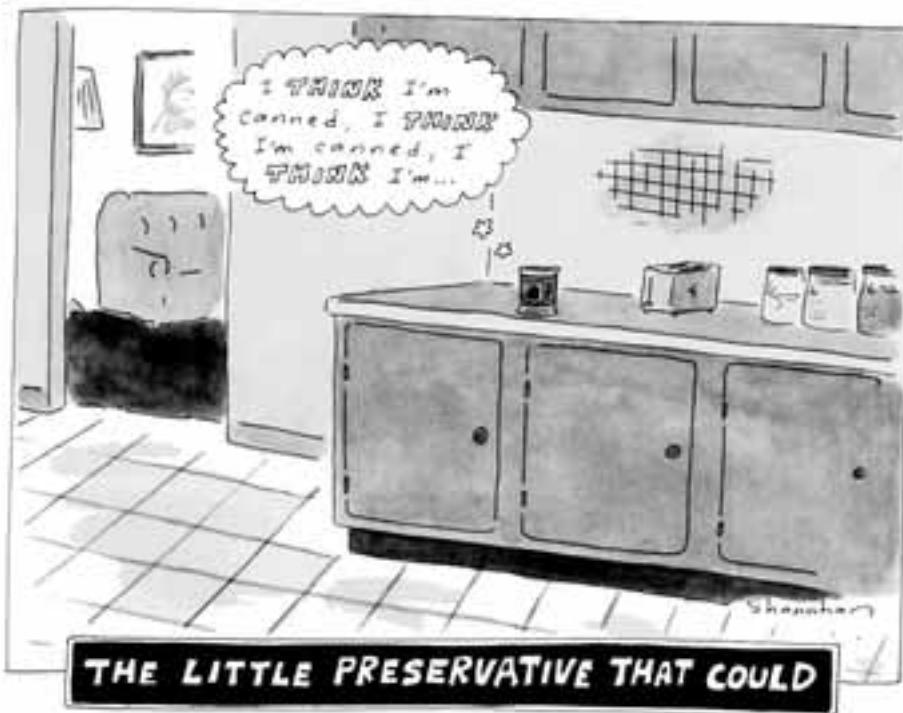


"She's very much her own man."



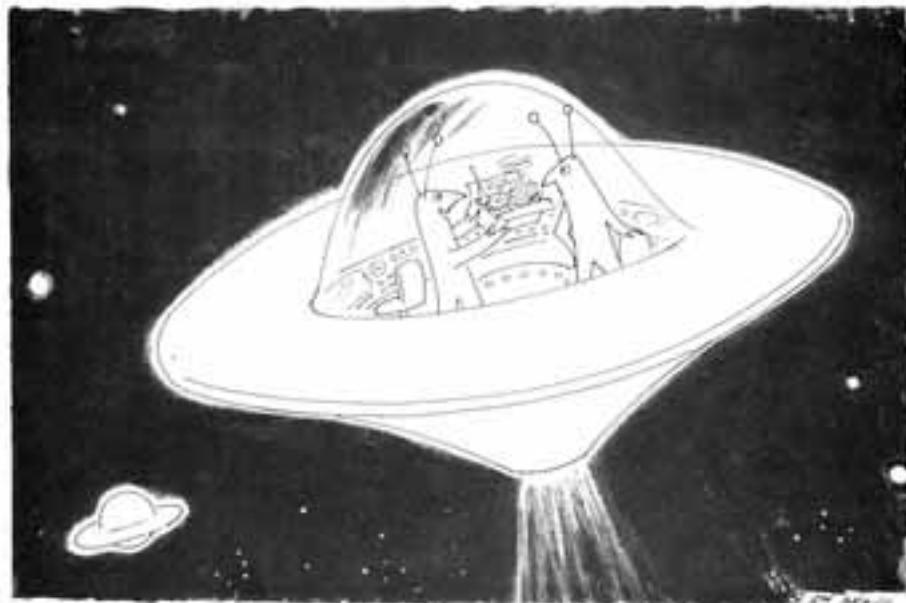


*"The barbarians are at the gates, Frambley,
and you talk of tenure!"*





"Mom baby!"



"The cultures were totally boring. But I did pick up some nice stuff at a flea market."



"You're enjoying this, aren't you—hammering away at my credibility."









Fashion Plate



"And these are the Andersons, our tenants."



"Fine porcelain and crystal stemware?"



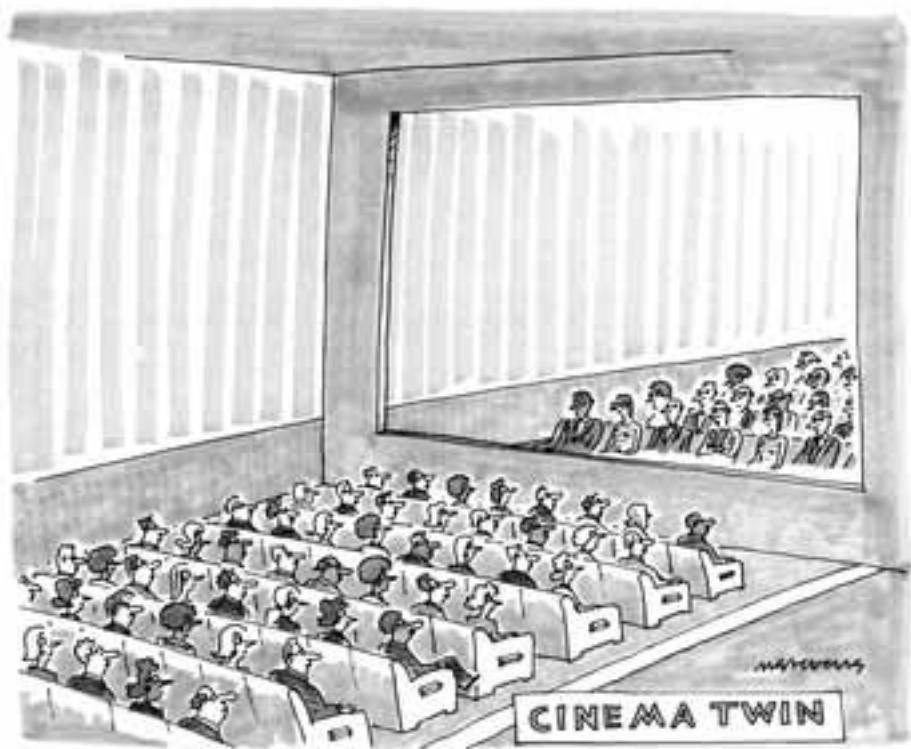
"They're cute, but they have too much power."



"You can run, Elliot, but you can't hide."



I CERTAINLY IMPRESSED THE
LOCALS WHEN I BAGGED MY
FIRST MALE MOSQUITO.





*"Miss Collwood, I've finished with the cold-fusion file.
Bring me the file on oat bran."*

FALL FASHIONS (1 OF 6)



PAULINE TRIGÈRE'S BEECH TREE: A FULL
DEEP-PILE CROWN OF GLITTERING
COPPER LEAVES OVER A SMOOTH
TANK TRUNK IN PEWTER-GRAY BARK.

FALL FASHIONS (2 OF 6)



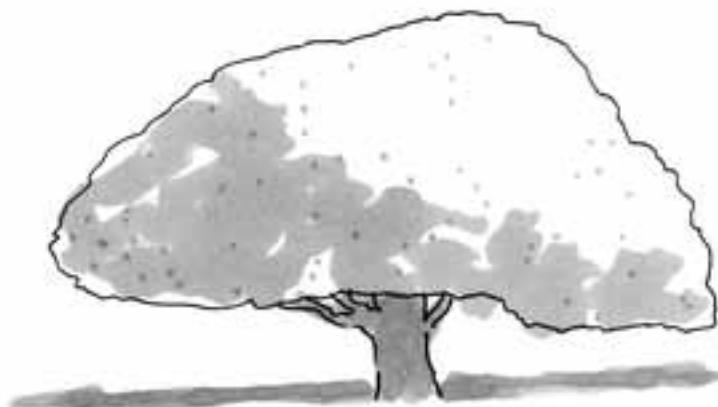
GIANNI VERSACE'S ESPALIERED PEAR:
A SHORT, MINIMALIST, STRAPLESS TREE
WITH LEAF- & FRUIT-ENCRUSTED
BRANCHES & A MATCHING MOCK-CROC
TRUNK.

FALL FASHIONS (3 OF 6)



DONNA KARAN'S CYPRESS:
A SLEEK, SEASONLESS STRETCH
"TREE SUIT" IN MIDNIGHT
BORDEROUX OVER A SHORT
CAMEL-BROWN "CIGARETTE" TRUNK

FALL FASHIONS (4 OF 6)



CHARLOTTE NEUVILLE'S PARASOL PINE: OVERSIZED "BOYFRIEND" CROWN
IN A PLUSH TAPESTRY OF PINE NEEDLES & MUTED-CARAMEL CONES
OVER A WHIPCORD CINNAMON-BARK TRUNK.

FALL FASHIONS (5 OF 6)



BOB MACKIE'S GINKGO: A DRAMATIC
TOP OF LONG, CURVY BRANCHES
FRINGED IN ACID-YELLOW, FAN-SHAPED
LEAVES OVER A TIGHT TRUNK IN
MATTE-UMBER BARK.

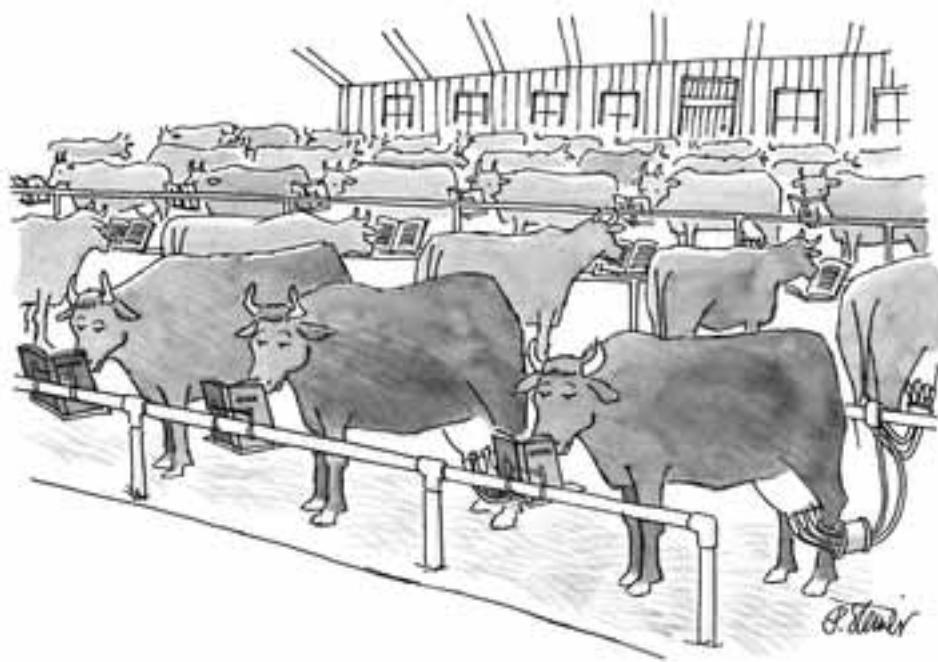
FALL FASHIONS (6 OF 6)



TAI & ROSITA MISSONI'S PLANE TREE:
A LOOSE, LOPSIDED, VIBRANT DUFFEL
CROWN OF GREEN & GOLD LEAVES
DRAPE CASUALLY OVER A SLENDER
TRUNK MOTTLED IN GINGER & SAGE.

Crawford

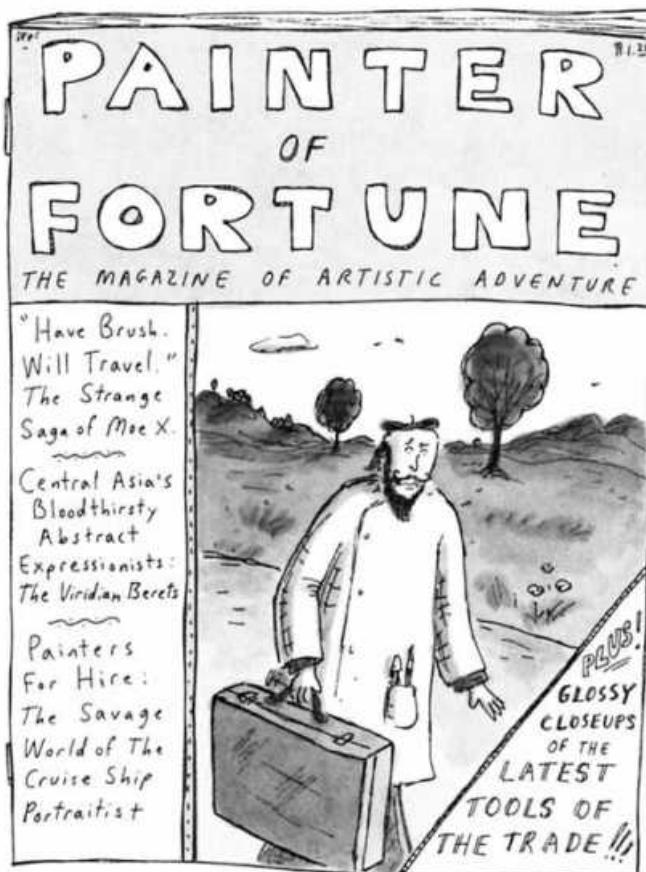






"It's the end of another campaign day, dear. Any closing statements?"





R. Chast



*"In this corporation, Mr. Taylor, at this level
we do not do shirtsleeves."*

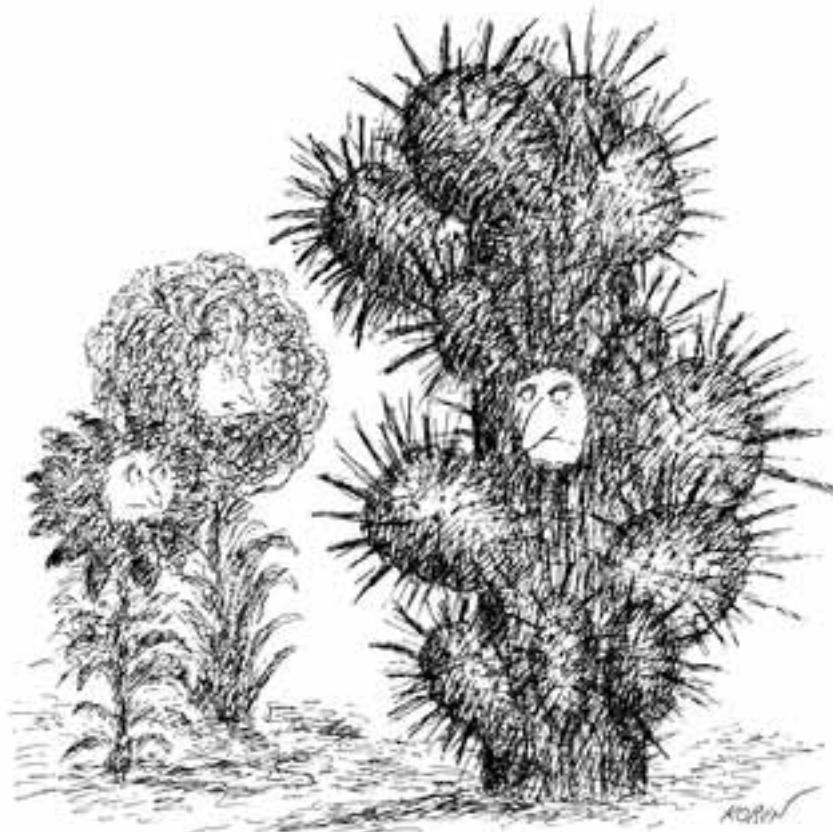


*"The sun's down, and the moon and stars are out.
Will there be anything else, sir?"*

THREE SWELL GUYS



WHO EXPECT TO BE COMPLETELY
EXONERATED



"There's an awful lot of anger there."



"We seem to get just the one channel."



"Good heavens—a chicken nugget!"





"Let's talk film or let's not talk film—I'm easy."





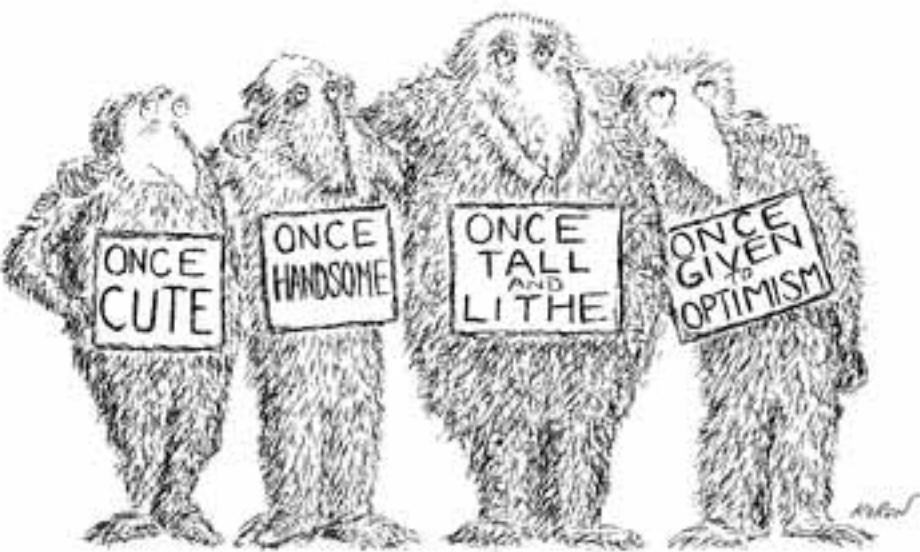
"You're spectacular. Can you be normal?"



"You're lost. This is Mom's apple pie."



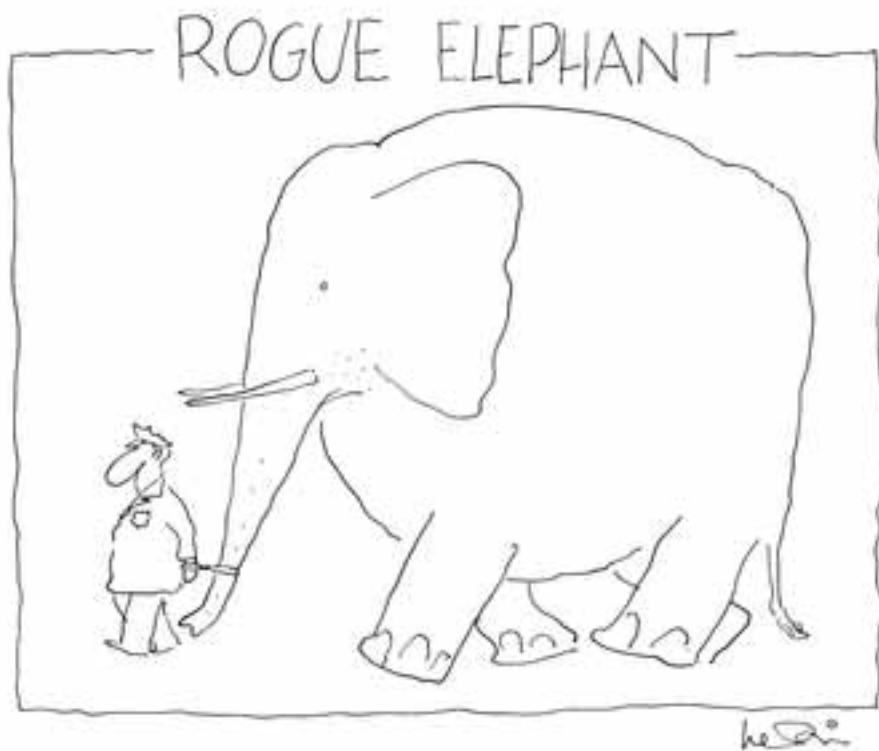
“Miss Clark, find Joe Stalin and tell him Communism is dead.”













"It's great! You just tell him how much pollution your company is responsible for and he tells you how many trees you have to plant to atone for it."

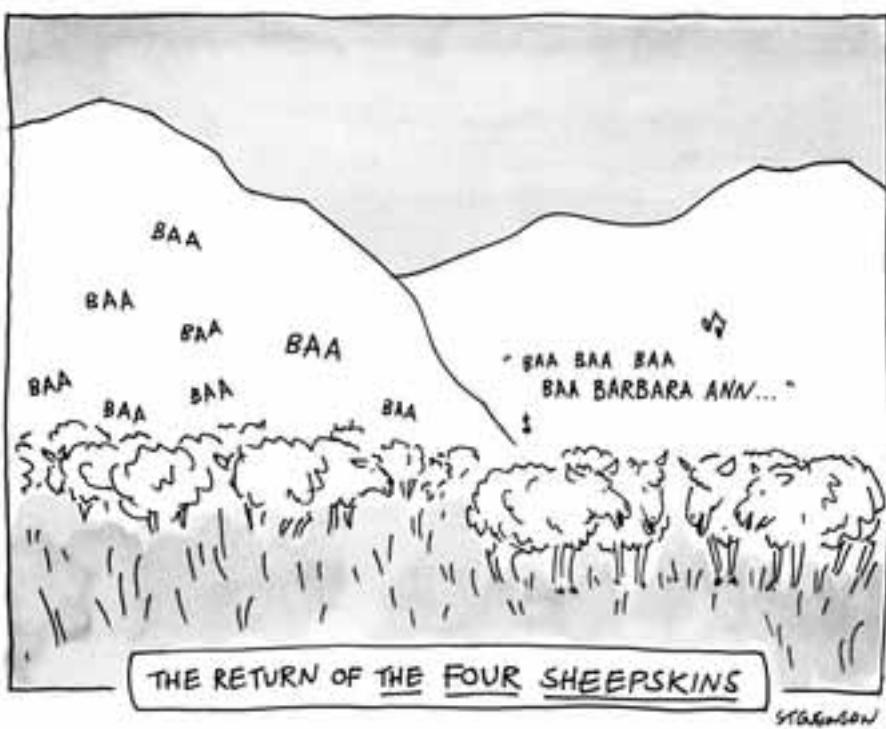




*"So I guess it comes down to whether
it's you or me, and I guess it's me."*



*Dial 123-SICK and Reach Out to
Your Fellow-Hypochondriacs*





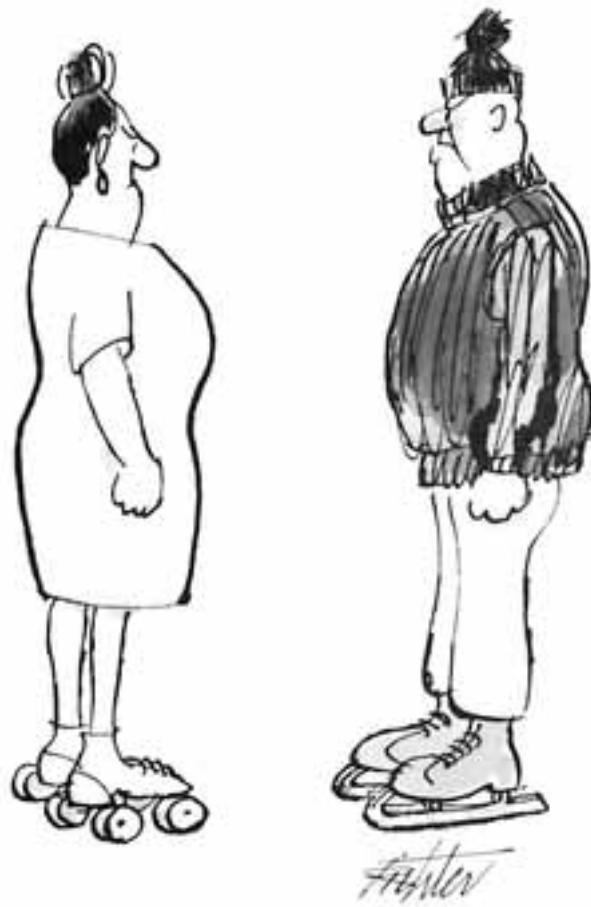
"Why, that's amazing, sir—you have feet of clay."

FALL CLASSIC





"I should warn you. Men are animals, and I'm no exception."



EIGHTH WONDER OF THE FINANCIAL WORLD





"We should reload the changer. The Franklins are coming at seven."



"The cards say you've been dead for two and a half years."



*"When you get home tonight, Bernard, let's talk about slowing down,
taking time, sitting with friends, enjoying life."*







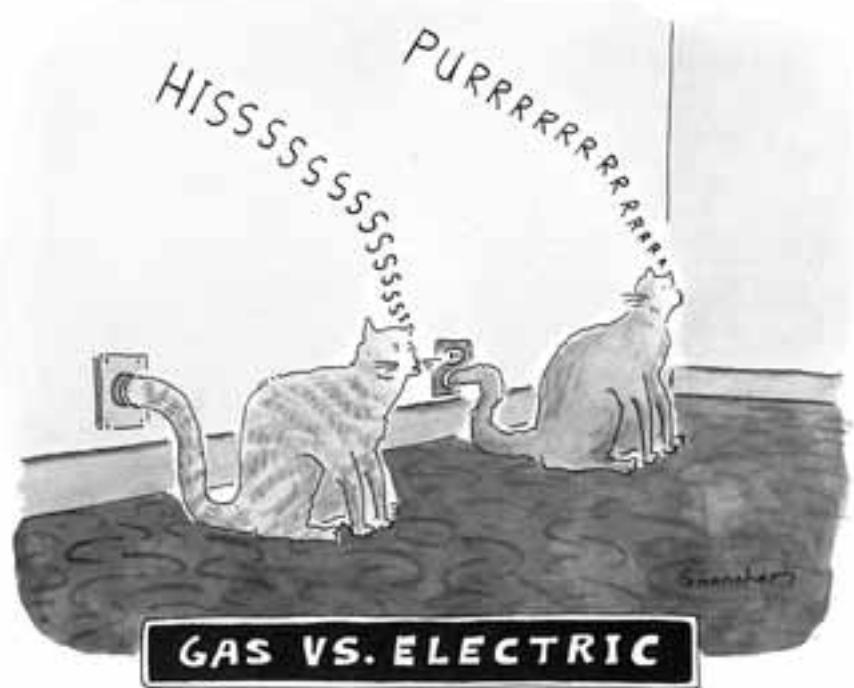
"I like the concept if we can do it with no new taxes."



"Either the gods are angry or it's Malcolm Forbes' birthday."



*“Sure it’s all a crock, but putting out
‘The K.G.B. Cookbook’ is going too far.”*



Danny Shanahan (10/23/1989)

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*"We've decided to express our concern
for the environment by redecorating."*

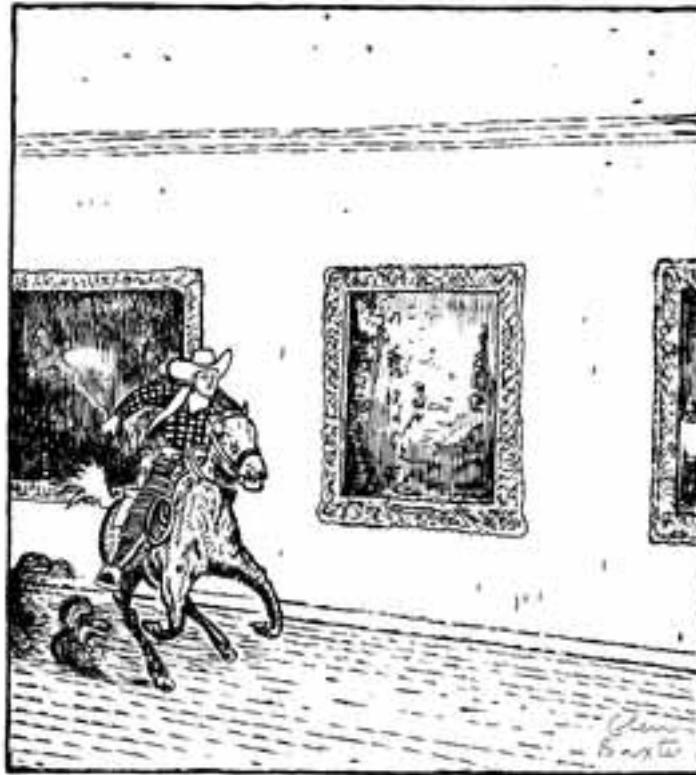


"Brightening the lives of passersby without a license, Your Honor."

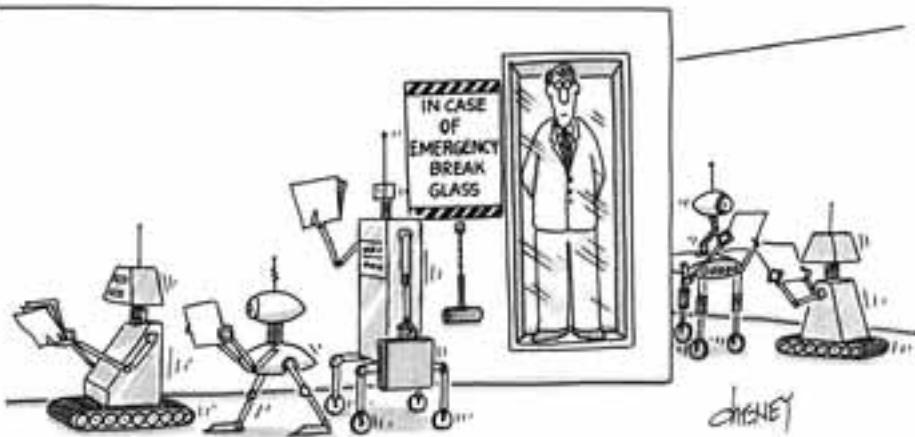




"But enough about my teeth. Let's talk about your teeth."



HANK'S TOUR OF THE LOUVRE
USUALLY LASTED ABOUT
EIGHTEEN MINUTES.





"Everything O.K., sir?"



"Well, I feel some of you in this group are heavily into denial."



*"And I'll thank you not to refer to these
as my Barbara Bush pearls."*





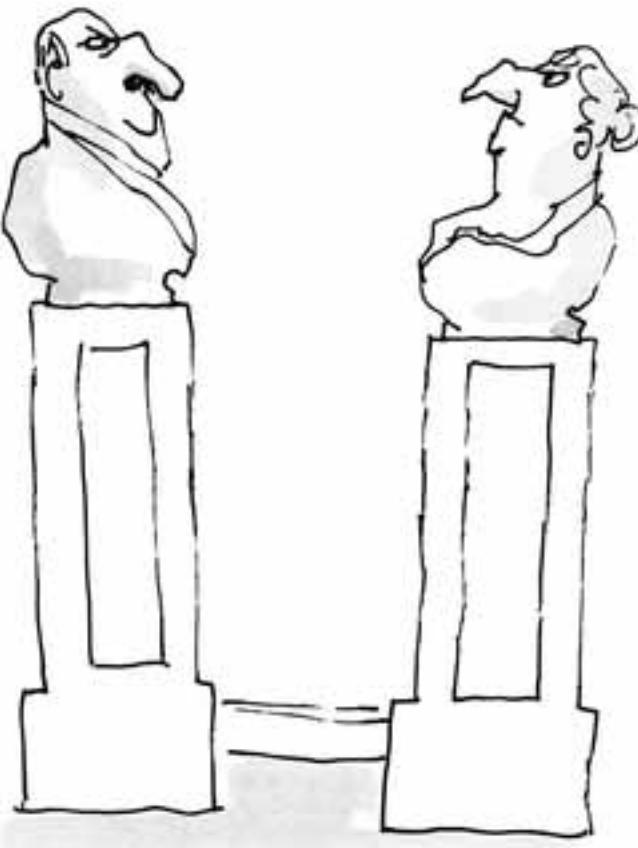
"Ms. Williams, would you kindly check the vertical hold?"



"He's a bimbo."

EL L. BEAN

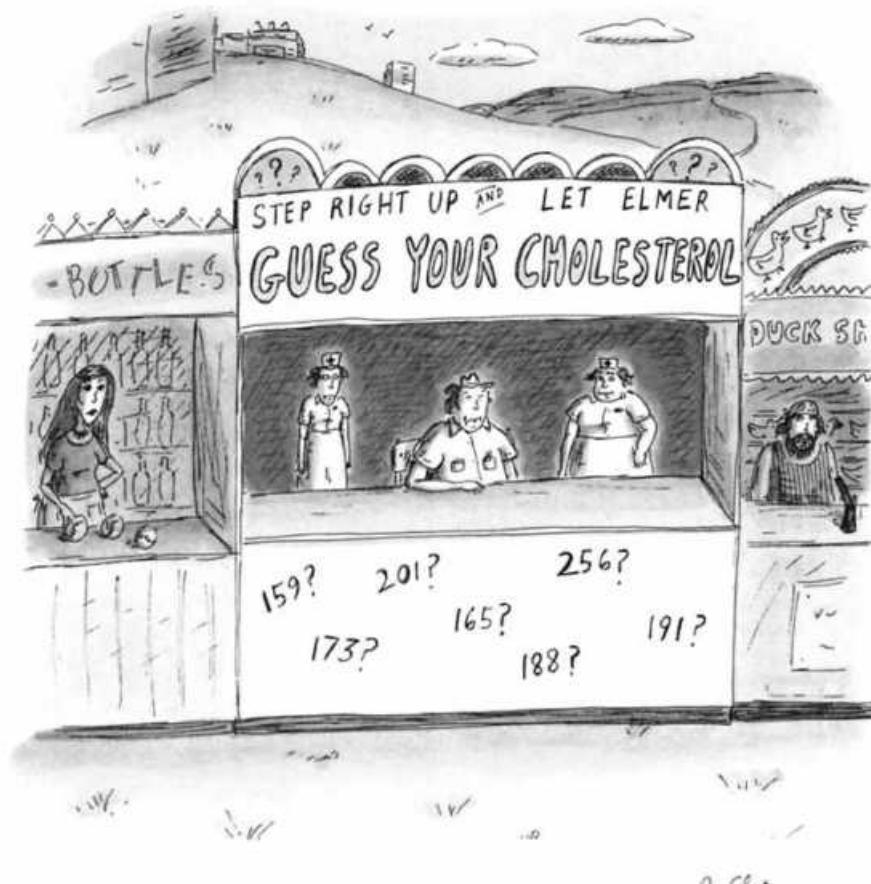






BOOTH

"There is a man at the door who needs seventeen dollars to buy some sweet grass to burn as a spiritual cleansing agent during his prayer ceremonies."





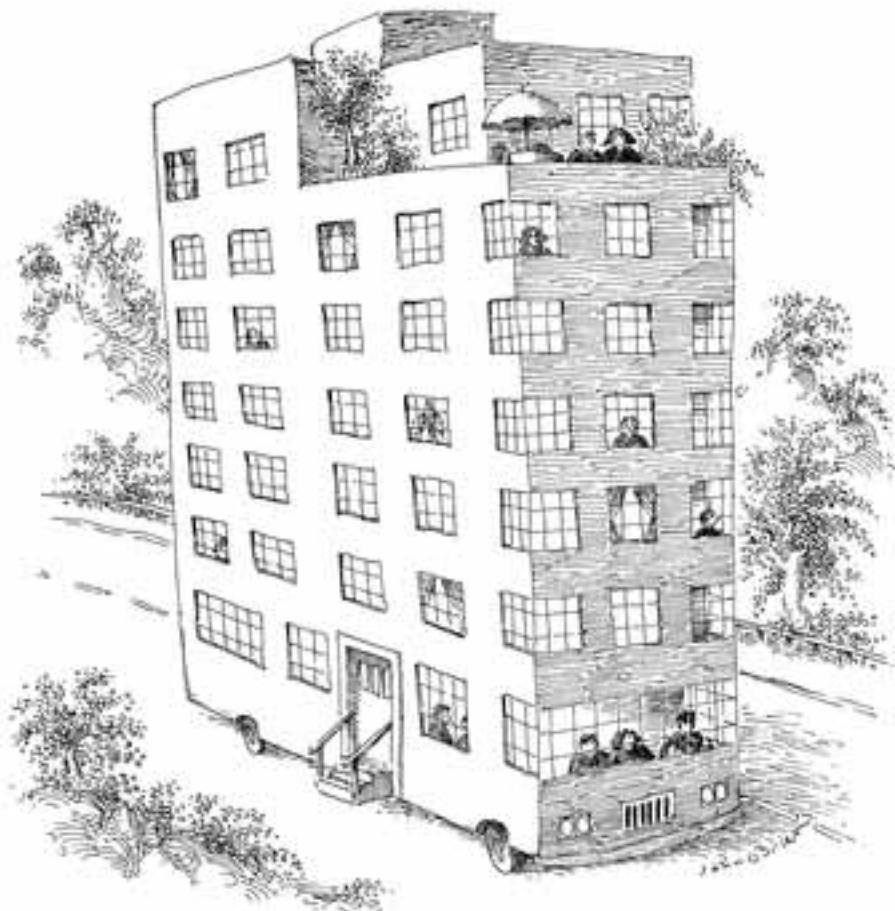
"Unfortunately, our hands are tied. Congress won't let us take part in any covert operations that will risk global annihilation."



Barsotti

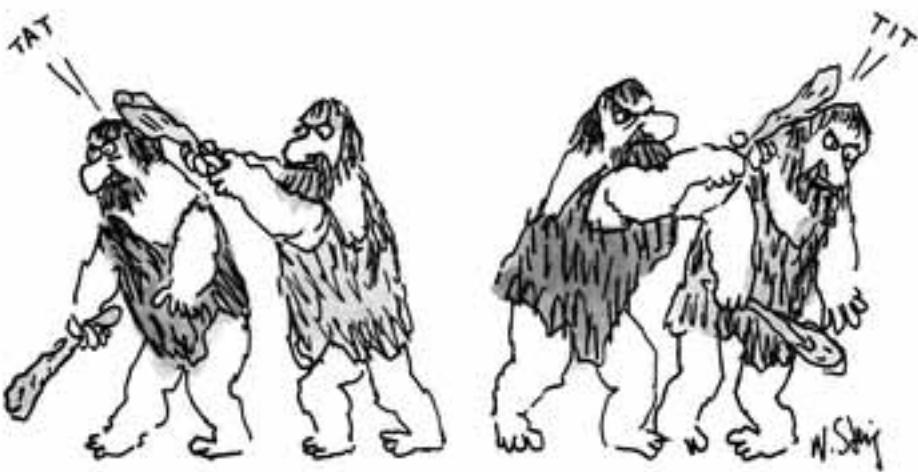


"Tracy, this is Gene. He also read the Nancy Reagan book in unbound galleys."



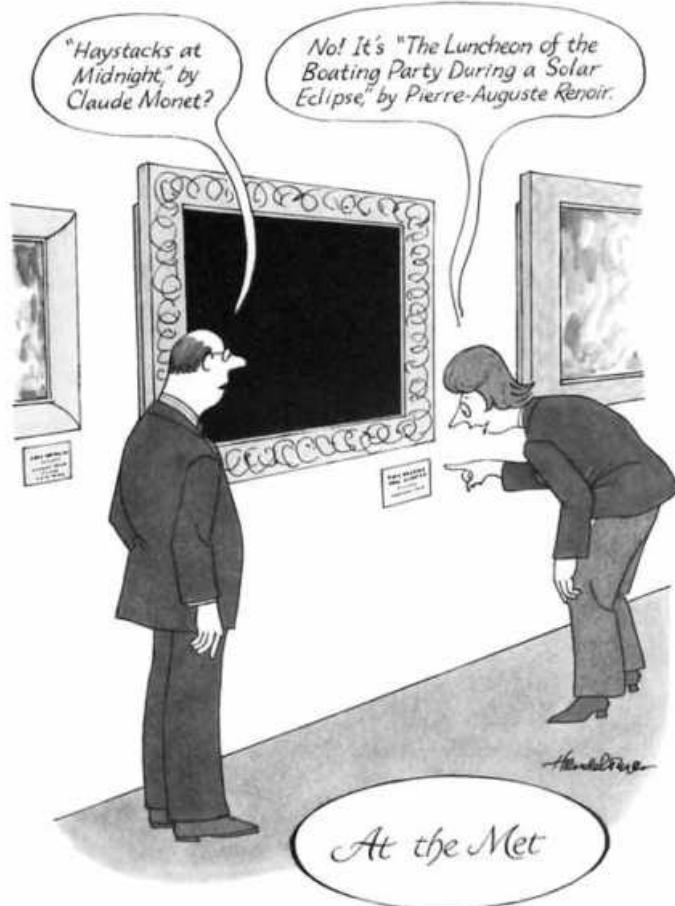


“She’s a classic.”





"Derek and I have always been very aware of the nutritional value of whole grains."







"I think it's a very worthy cause, but I've already responded to a phone solicitation."





"Gerald, I'm switching to another channel."



*"There's a lesson here, son. Being rich
doesn't stop it from raining."*



*"I'm not Spanish, but every afternoon about one-thirty
I go upstairs and lie down awhile."*





Gahan Wilson (10/30/1989)

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*"You forgot to pick up the dry cleaning.
It's written all over your faces."*





ABOUT THE CAST

ROD ALBRIGHT, the husband, was most recently a ship's captain in the cartoon "Let's look at that whale from this side."

MARCIA VON NUDWIK, the wife, was last seen in the background of the cocktail-party cartoon "Pass the peanuts and a book or two."

The set is by **LES ROMAIN**, who designed the offices for the business cartoons "Not another contract!" and "Meet my secretary."



I THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO ACCEPT
THE ADVICE OF THE LOCALS AND
OPT FOR THE CUTLETS.

1989

THE FOLLOWING PHONE CALL
IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY TELECORP,
COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONALS
SINCE 1986.





"I think I can make you very happy if I can get funded."





*"You're going to have to cut down on salt
and stop watching the Senate."*



"Your mother and I still think two dollars a week is plenty, but, in an effort to avoid litigation, we're willing to go to two seventy-five."





*"I'm not saying I wasn't startled by the market's drop, but,
remember, I was around in '87 for the real thing."*



Bernard Schoenbaum

FAN CLUB







*"I don't think I've ever met anyone from
the Barbarian sector before."*

PROOF OF
LIFE ON EARTH



Last week's issue
of a TV magazine



A chicken casserole



An eight-page letter
from Aunt Bonnie describing
Uncle Carl's operation



Cousin Jimmy's
intramural-
basketball-playoff
trophy



Photo of a
friend of Aunt Bonnie
with Dexter, age 19½



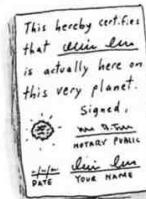
Unopened jar
of mayonnaise



Notebooks galore



A sofa
pillow



Sworn statement
by a notary public

R.Chast



"Well, that makes it four 'aye's, two 'nay's, and one 'hey, no problem.'"





*"Not now, Benjamin—
Daddy's having a little quality time with himself."*







"Apparently that's his new little laptop."



Dana Fradon

"Good night from our whole news team. And, in case we're not around then, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



*"To save the state the expense of a trial,
Your Honor, my client has escaped."*



"If I were a dog I'd only be nine years old."

HIGHLIGHTS for ADULTS: OUR OWN PAGE

Self-PortraitDebbi Sue Dunkirk, age 39
North Pin, N.J.My Favorite HorseJim Delaney, age 56½
Happy Springs, Fla.Unlucky TicketCarla McCoy, age 60½
Tentree, N.Y.My HusbandJeanine Briscomb, age 42
Tassup, N.C.One Day Last WeekDon Whitmore, age 49½
East Parkette, Del.Our New Satellite Dish
With BobDenise Prescott, age 36½
New Meal, Kan.Dwayne's X-RayLucille Knapp, age 63½
Dewey, Ark.My BossEd Camberly, age 57
Wheelerton Basin, N.D.

R. Chast

Me, After I Lost 325 Lbs.Polly Walker, age 40½
Hewlitt, Ohio

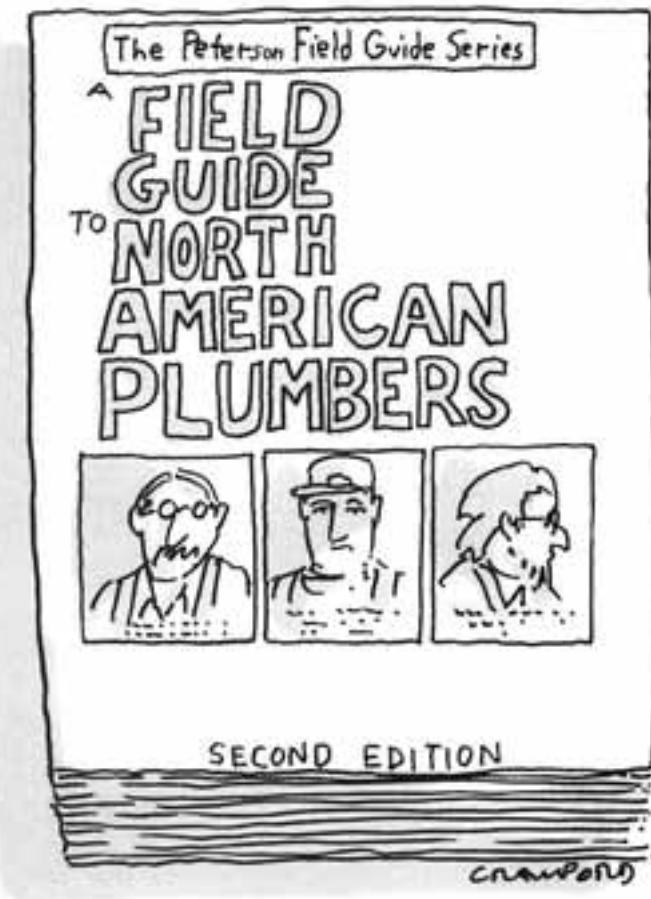


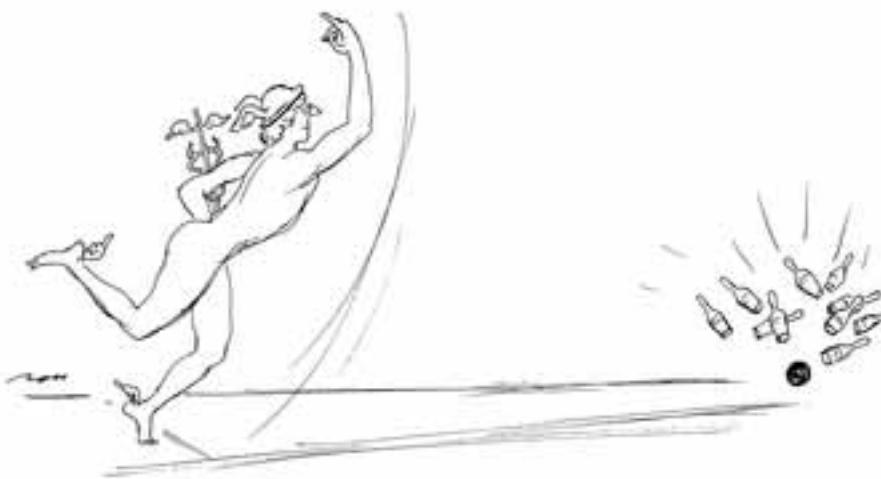
W.Miller

"Feel free to take notes."



"Hey, man. What's happening?"







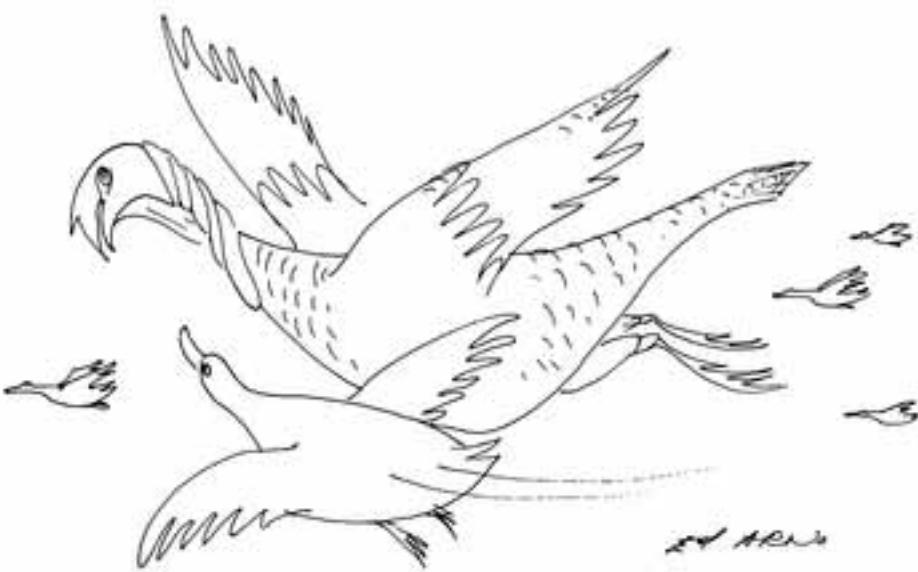
"Rather poignant in Locust Valley, don't you think?"



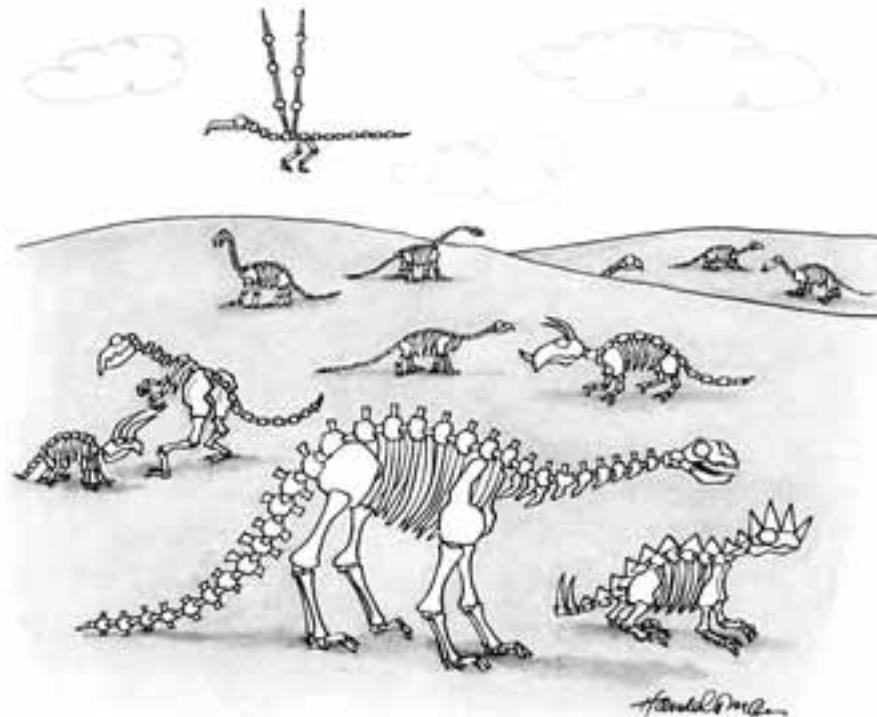
"Your mother eats all the wrong foods."



"Geoffrey's seasonal. I'm regional."



"I've never been South."



*"Here we still are, eh? So much for the gloom-and-doom types
who warned against eating all the vegetation."*



*"My girlfriend over in Central Planning says if everything stays on track
it's definitely Bloomie's and Saks by the mid-nineties!"*





"Is this business or pleasure?"



“Since when do you wear animals?”

1989
THE WAR AGAINST IGNORANCE

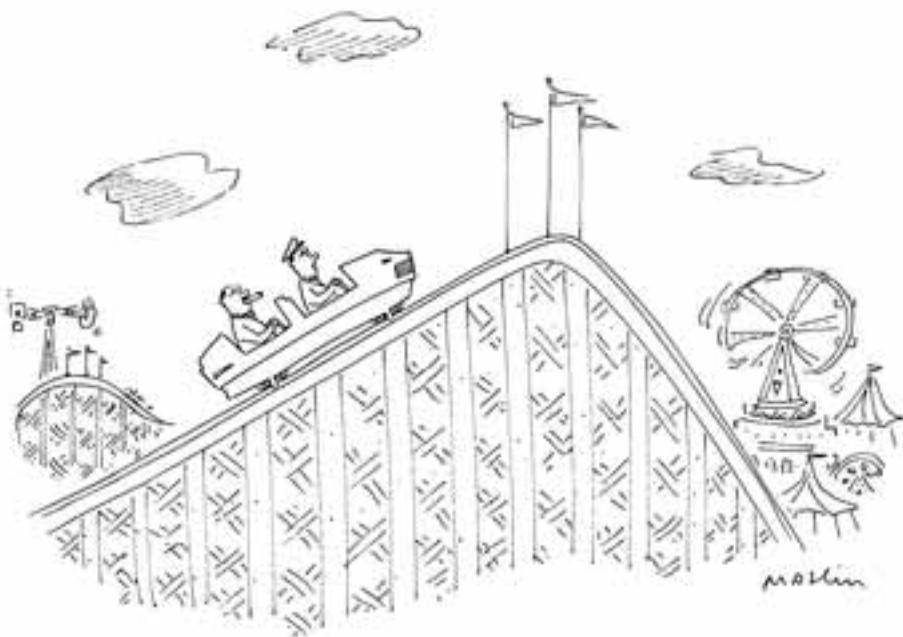


*"Forgive me, Doris, but some computer hacker from Roslyn, Long Island,
has just gained access to my feelings."*



*"My fees are quite high, and yet you say you have little money.
I think I'm seeing a conflict of interest here."*





"I'm afraid there is no more up, sir—there is only down."



"He married her for her stuff."



"May I be candid, Hogarth? I should have thought a shrimp girl would make a more appropriate subject than a girl shrimp."



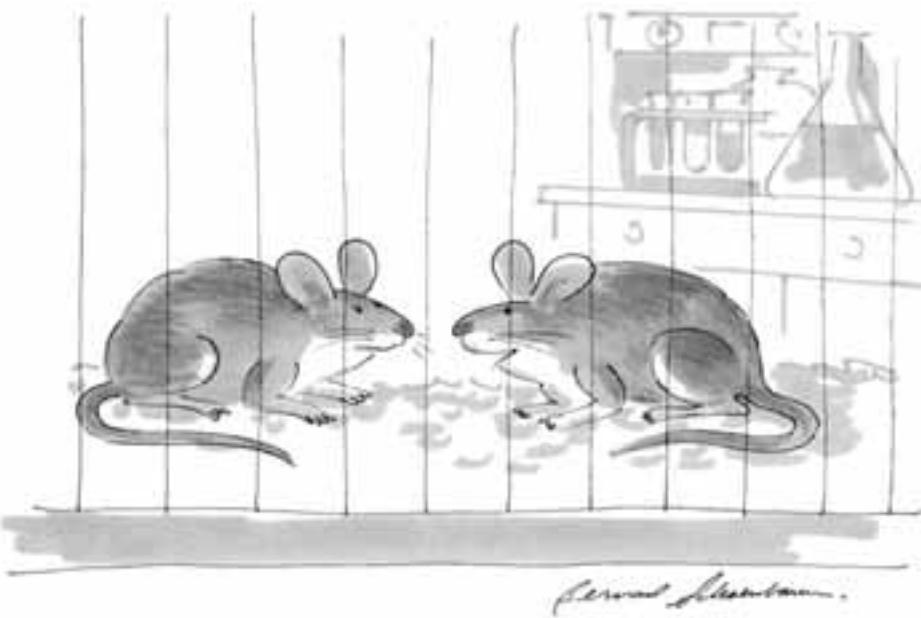
"I don't know what went wrong."



"Today's big story is eggplant."



"Hey, here's somebody who looks just like a young you!"



Bernard Schoenbaum.

"He's nice, but all his best qualities were bred out of him."





"So. Back to handshakes."



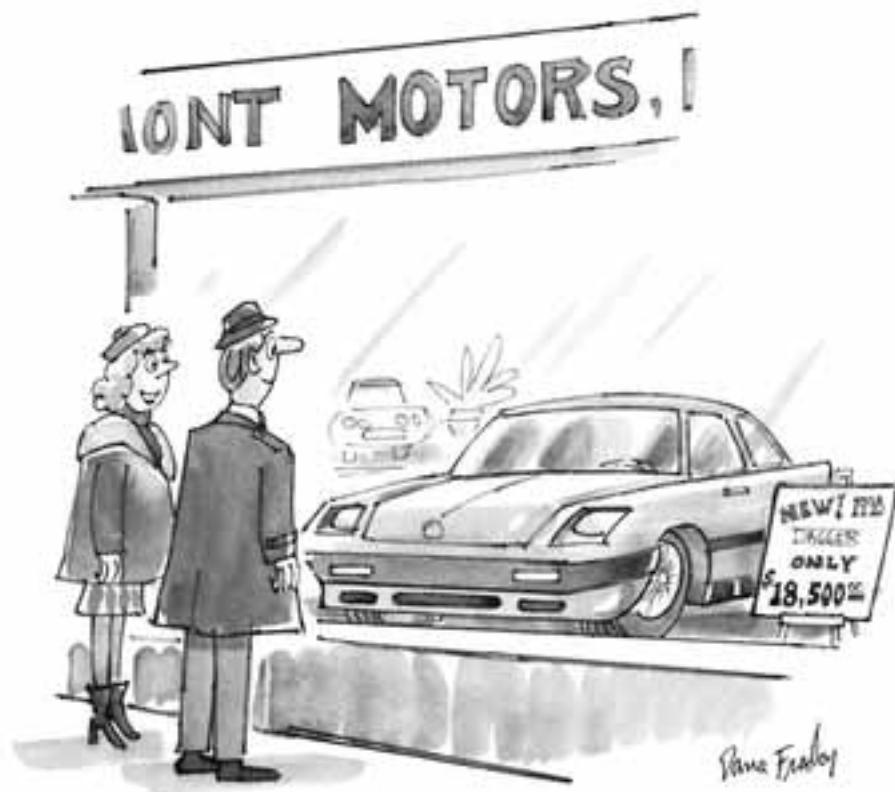


"A double blotto straight up, Dave."

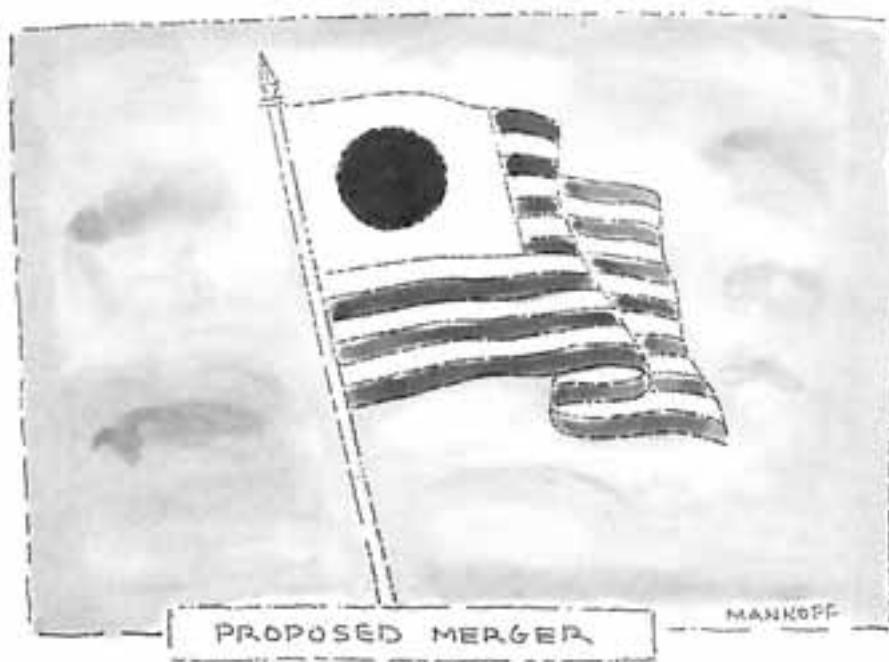


THE PASTA MACHINE





"Couldn't we carry it off-budget?"





"I never realized they had feelings."



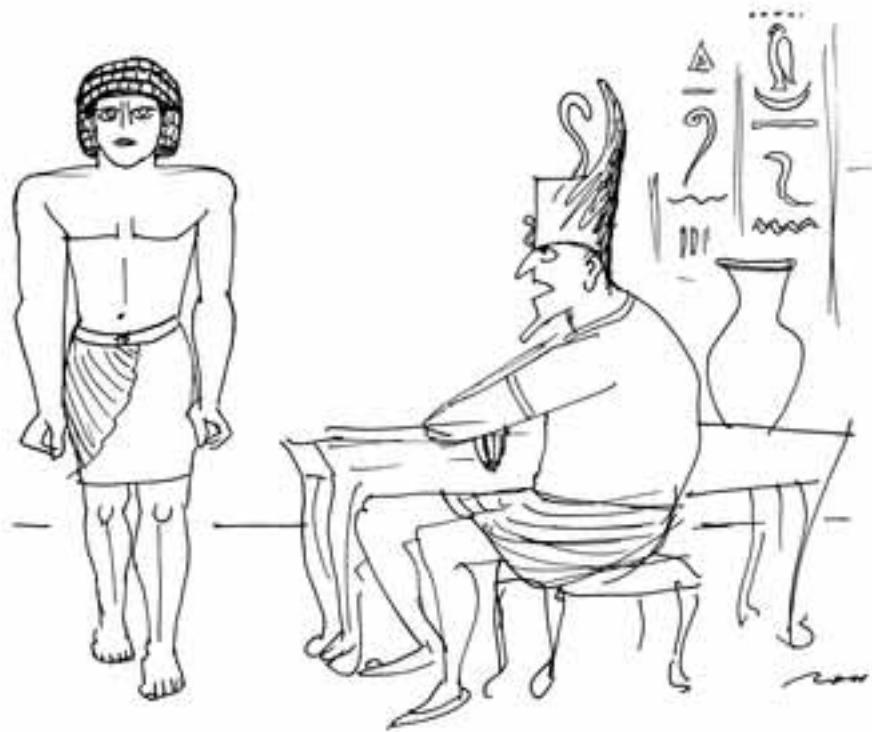
*"Would everyone check to see they have an attorney?
I seem to have ended up with two."*



*Front row: Smarty, Itty Fitty, Daisy, Boo, Mercedes, Foo Foo, Aka.
Second row: Spanky, Charlie, Mouse, Tigger, KiKi, Fluffy, Honey, Jerry.
Third row: Sweetheart, Pumpkin, B.J., Dennis, Emlyn, Pearl, Annie.
Back row: Miss Perringer.*



"I'd save it. It may become a collectible."



"First of all, I want you to relax."



"Harlan, don't you ever get tired of being quiet money?"



"Is there a holistic care provider in the house?"





WITH THANKSGIVING ONLY HOURS AWAY, RALPH HAD SLIPPED QUIETLY INTO HIS FESTIVE MODE AGAIN.

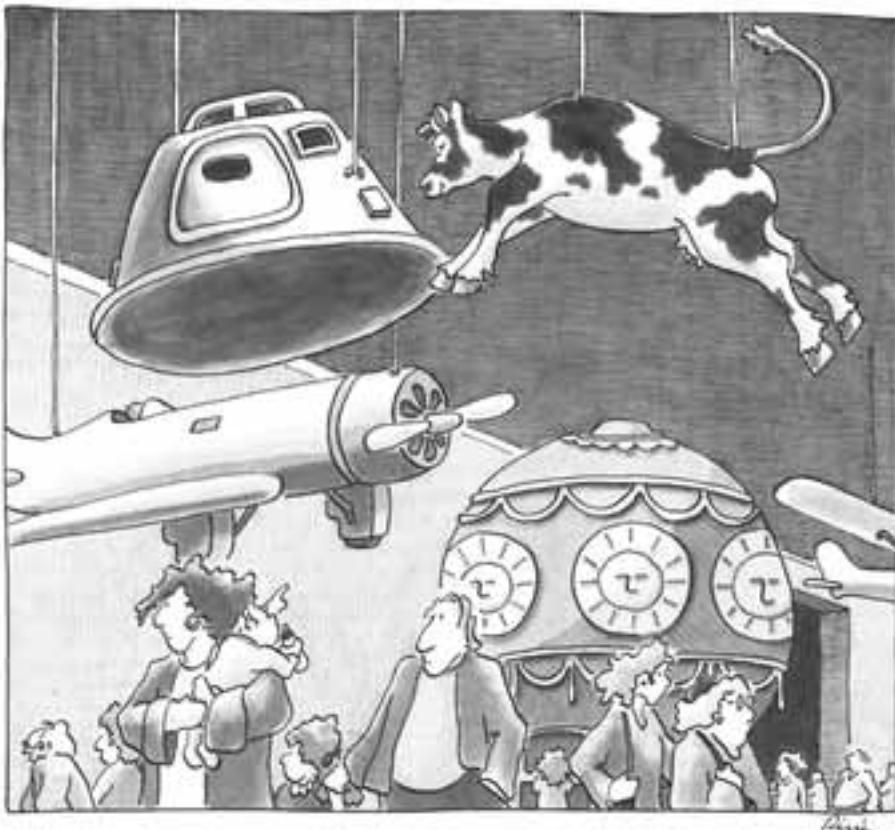


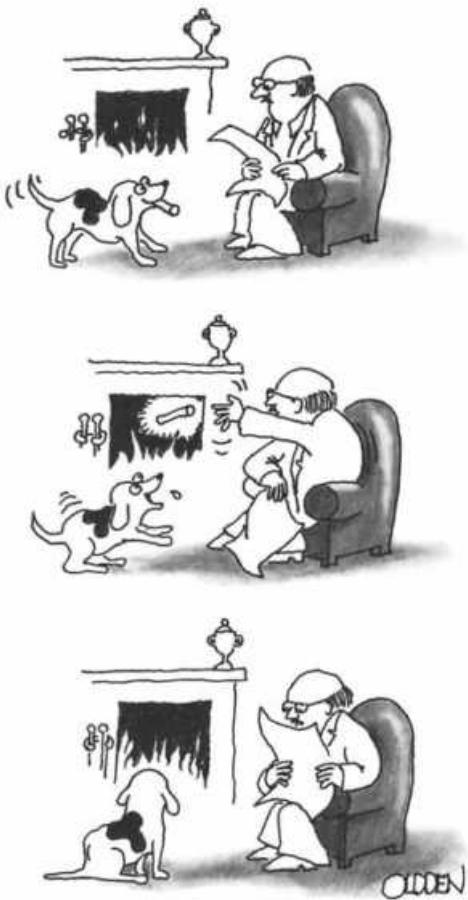
*"It's an entry-level position, but I was assured
it would just be for a few years."*

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THE TRIUMPH OF SUBSTANCE OVER STYLE





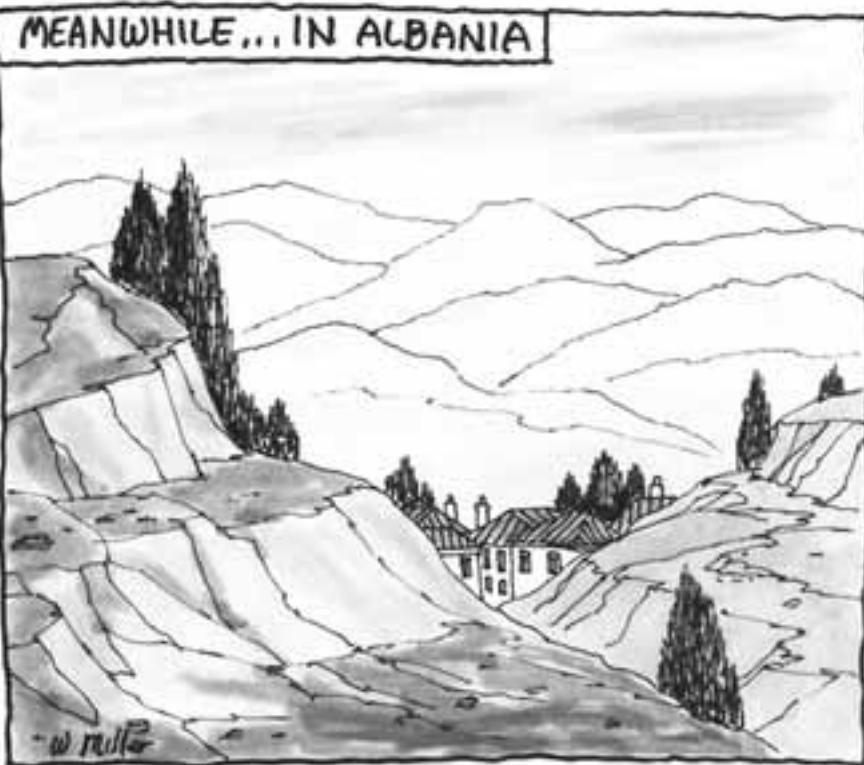


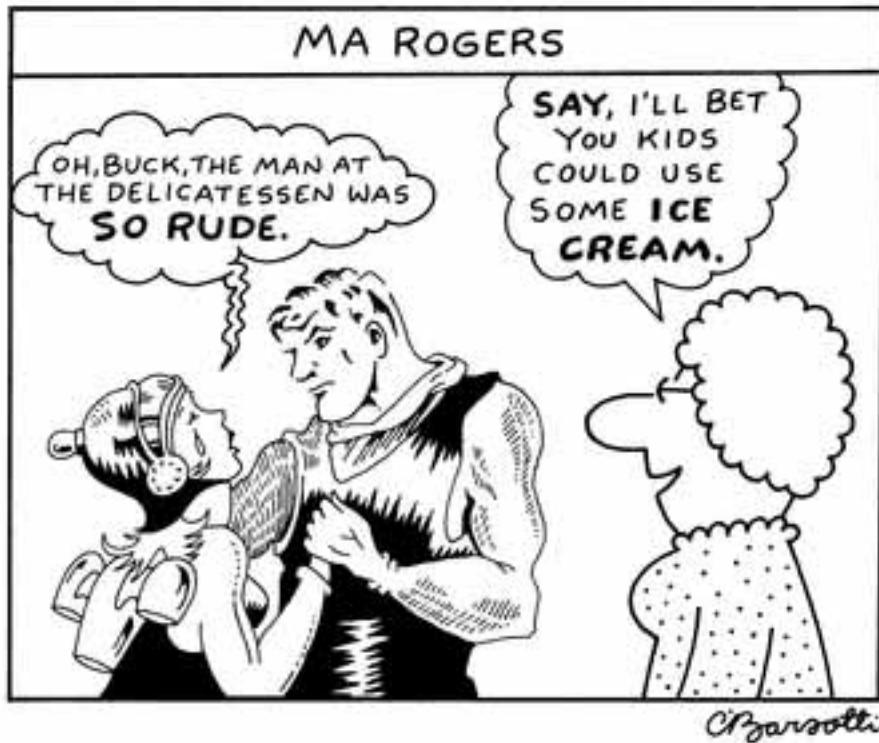


"He got it into his head that he could lower his cholesterol more easily with another woman."



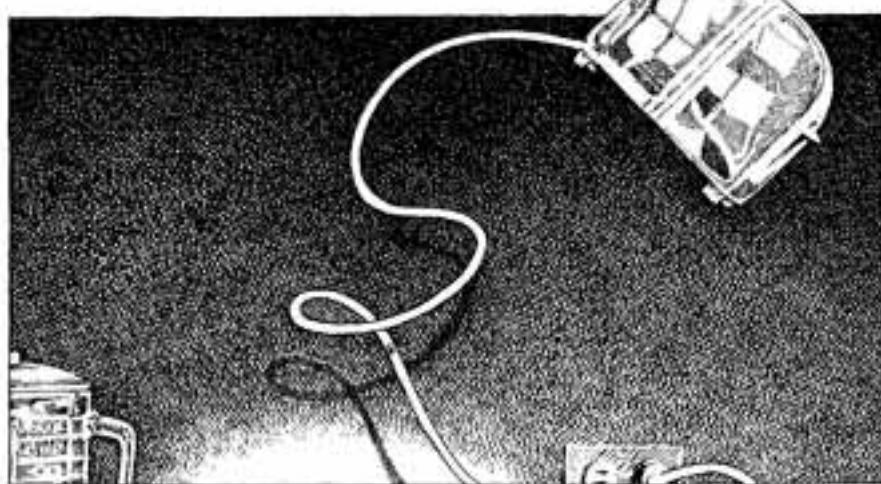
"Now I'm going to ask you to stretch your imagination."







THE POP-UP TOASTER





"There's another wall I'd like to see come down."



*"You'll probably have to start at the bottom, son,
like the House of Representatives."*



"Well, I think I'm just going to hang tight until spring."



"Buon giorno, Gorby!"

"Buon giorno, Bush!"



"We've agreed, then, to deck the halls, but the resolution to be jolly has been tabled."



Owing to a clerical error, Luciano Pavarotti receives kudus instead of kudos for his performance as the Duke of Mantua.



"Please let me through, gentlemen. I'm a dental hygienist."



"I've never been able to figure out the cycle of the quiet disappearance and after an indeterminate interval the mysterious reappearance of men's trouser cuffs."









"Are you absolutely sure about this?"



*"Yes, Jeffrey, it took brave men to settle the West.
But it also took a particular kind of courage to
stay right here in Darien."*



"We're working on a promising new treatment for heresy."

MEET SANTA'S ENTOURAGE



R. Chast





"Gentlemen, we're sitting on a hell of a lot of inventory."

THROW PILLOWS



A. McCarthy

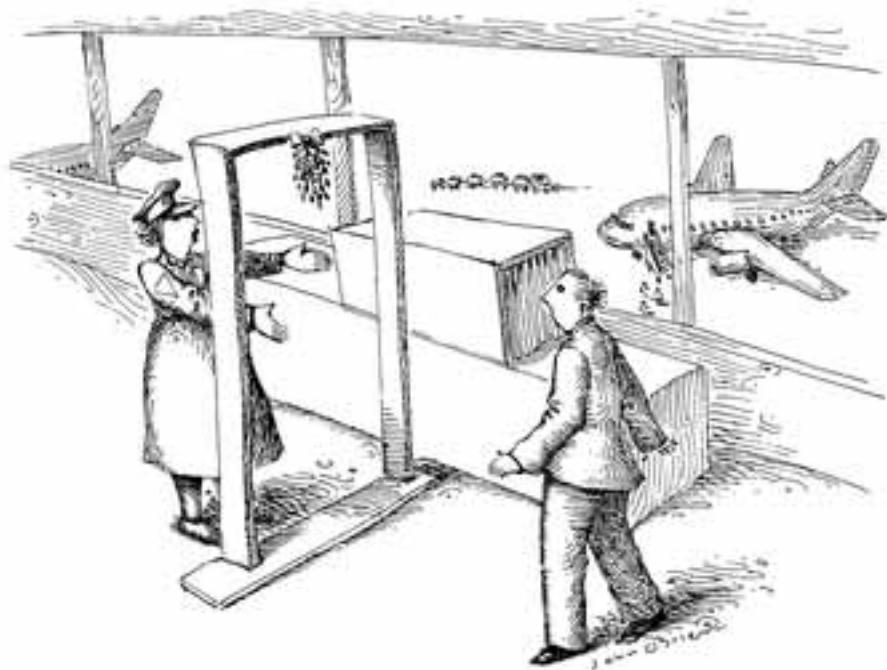


"Oh. This is a date."

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AMERICA'S MOST UNDERREPORTED WHITE-COLLAR CRIME:



COCKTAIL STABBING





*“Some clown tried to thrust greatness upon me.
I took evasive action.”*



"Really, Mother, I don't need any help!"



*"How does it feel to be one of the last
hard-liners still in place?"*

TALK TO ME, HOWARD.
YOU NEVER TALK TO ME.



WHILE THE ECONOMY APPEARS
SLUGGISH, PRIMARILY IN THE
GOODS-PRODUCING INDUSTRIES,
THE OVER-ALL SERVICE SECTOR
IS BUOYANT, WITH CONTINUED
GROWTH IN JOBS AND INCOMES,
AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT
EMPLOYMENT DATA....



Eric Teitelbaum



"I understand your feelings, dear, but don't you think that Jane Pauley would just as soon see you keep your strength up?"





"This should cook his Christmas goose."



"Shelling doesn't get much better than this, Helen."





"Let's talk comparable worth."





Gahan Wilson (12/11/1989)

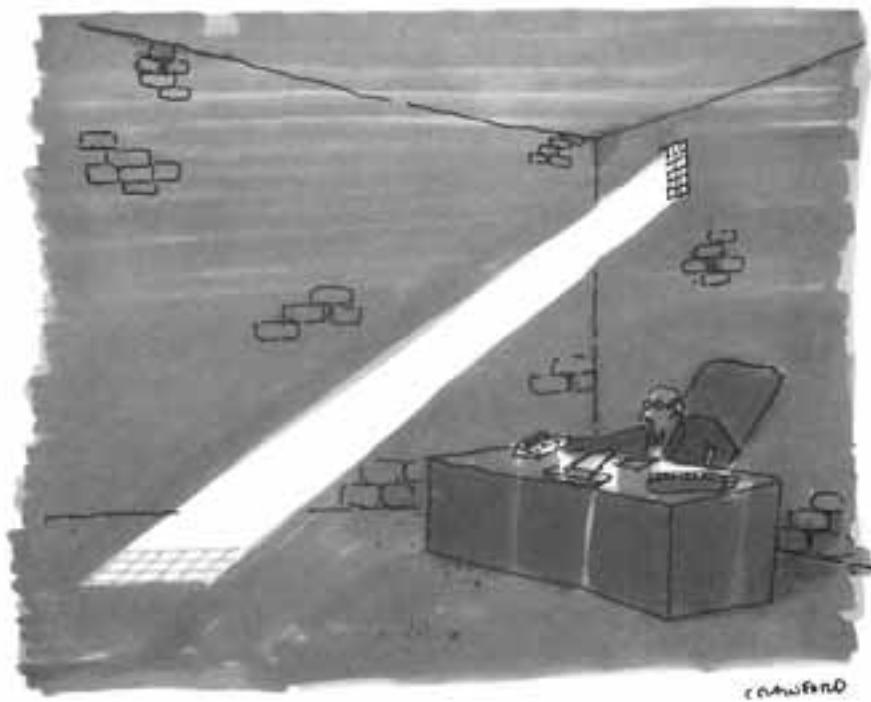
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"Now I've done it. I burned the toast and the flag."



"Now, this one Mr. Nast did of me in 1880."



*"Miss Robins, get me a ladder and a hacksaw,
if you will, please."*

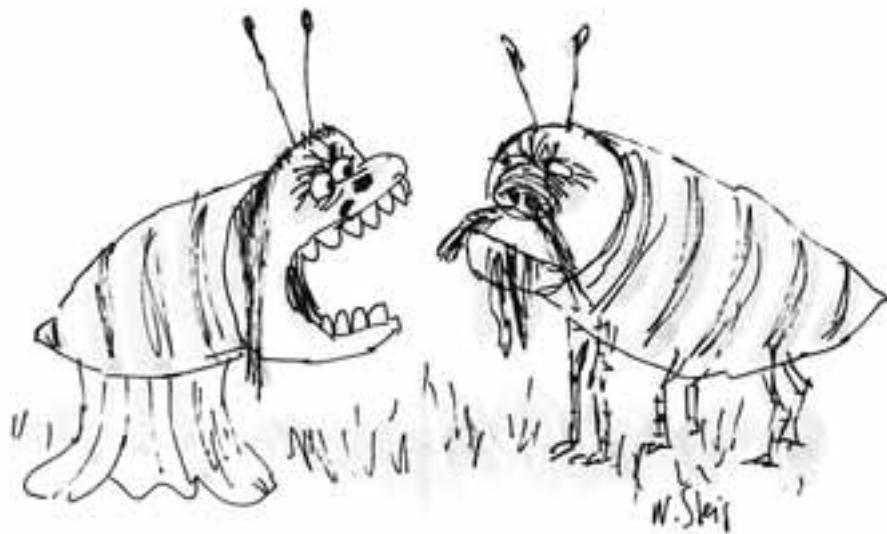


"Let's cut to the chase, baby. Is the egg salad fresh?"



Victoria Roberts

"So, be a flamingo!"

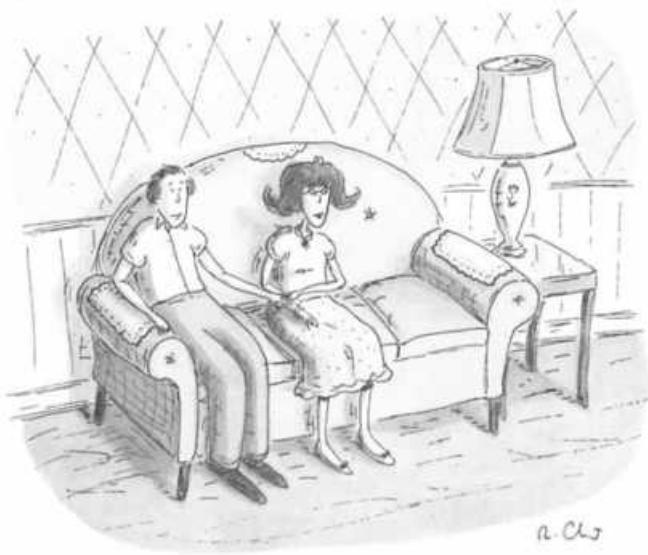


"You don't love me anymore!"

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THE COUPLE WHO BOUGHT COMPLETE SERVICE FOR
TWELVE, INCLUDING DINNER PLATES, LUNCHEON
PLATES, SALAD PLATES, SOUP BOWLS, CUPS AND
SAUCERS, A SUGAR BOWL, A CREAMER, A COUPLE
OF SERVING PLATTERS, AND A GRAVY BOAT

OUT OF WEDLOCK





*"Uh-huh. Uh-huh. And for precisely how long were
you a hunter-gatherer at I.B.M.?"*



*"You had the means and the motive, but when did you have
the opportunity to finish off the Linzer Torte?"*





"We never go anywhere but West Berlin."



Benoît

"Is there anyone here who hasn't read the new Umberto Eco?"



"Hey, do you want to be on the news tonight or not? This is a sound bite, not the Gettysburg Address. Just say what you have to say, Senator, and get the hell off."



"I'm thinking of granting you a Christmas pardon."



*"Listen to me, John. Tell them this is our final offer.
Let 'em know we'll take an option at twenty-five
million over five years—not a penny more, not a minute longer!
If they balk, stall them for time and get back to me."*



"We dine a cappella."



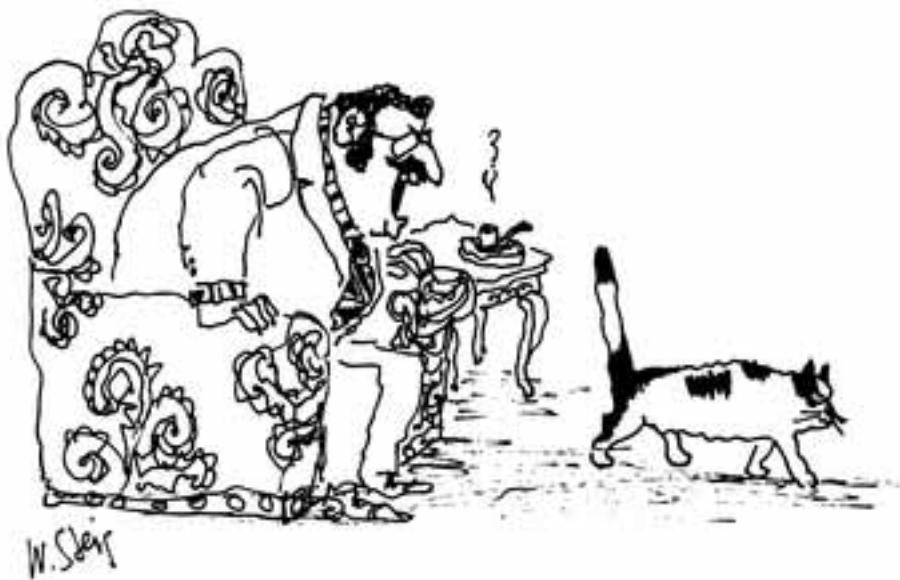
THE HANGING GARDENS OF SHOREHAM



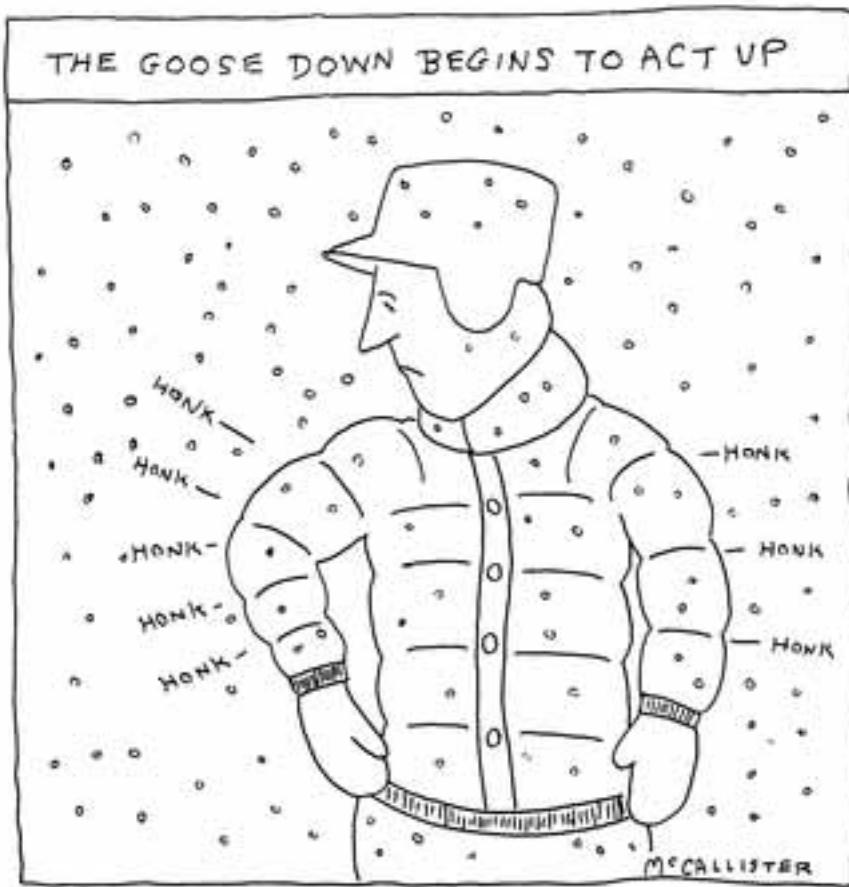
*"May we enlist your support, sir, in
healing our wounded planet?"*







"And I can get along without you!"





*"That's settled, then. We'll lower our standards
to meet the competition."*



*"Well, my earliest memories, Frank, are of being placed under
a tree by a big, fat man in a red suit."*



"Do you ever wonder if you could function in L.A.?"





"And to think if I hadn't been home having dinner I might have missed this wonderful investment opportunity."



"It's a dame!"



"No cause for alarm—we're checking for radon emissions."

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS

As much as people go on and on about horses, they are still very large and have weird teeth.



Cauliflower will never taste as good as chocolate.



There's a limit to what even the most expensive, top-of-the-line cosmetics can do.



Everybody's apartment has a tragic flaw.





"She always saw the glass as half empty, while I thought of it as half full. Now I see it as completely empty."



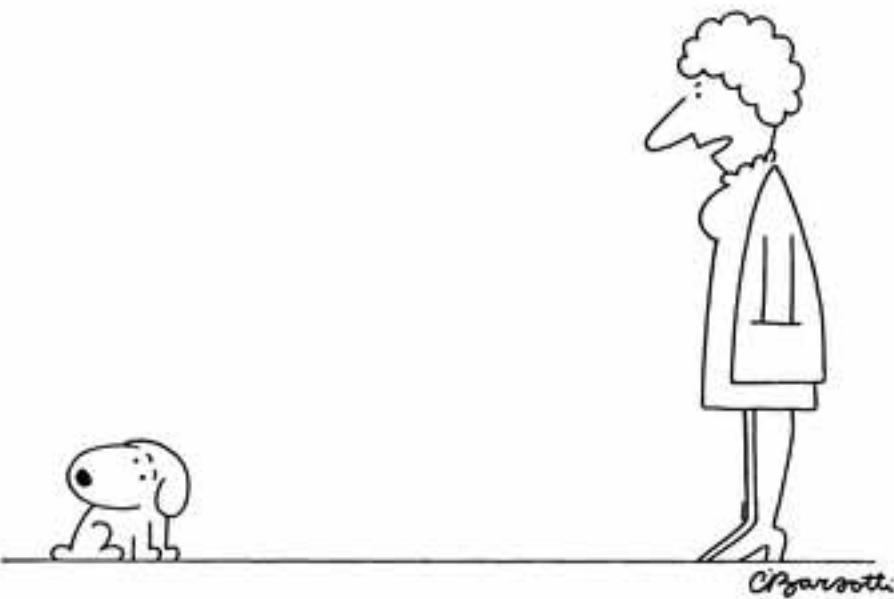
"Mark, how fabulous. I don't have a smoke alarm."



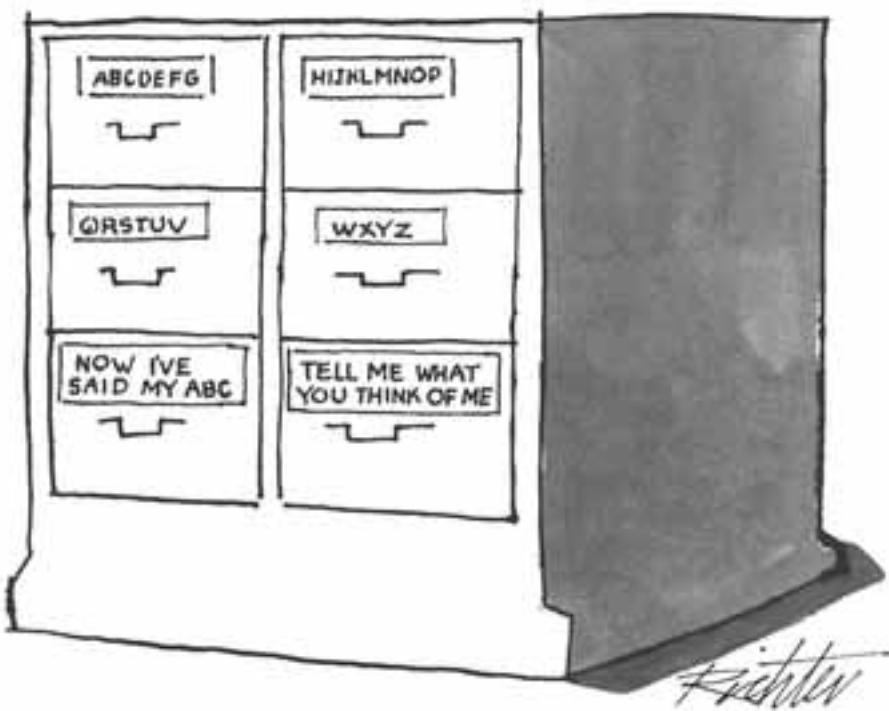


“Guess what. You’re all Early American furniture maniacs.”





*"Yes, I'm talking to you. I believe you're
the only Sparky in the house."*





"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



"I think I've finally seen one performance too many of 'The Nutcracker.' "



"Put another minnow on my line!"