



*"I haven't the slightest idea who he is. He came
bundled with the software."*



*"Jitters on Wall Street today over rumors that Alan Greenspan said,
'A rich man can as soon enter Heaven as a camel fit through the
eye of a needle.'"*



"She's no good for you, Harry."



"Our current medical plan offers a three-day stay for a bullet in the groin or torso, a two-day stay for a bullet in an extremity, and an overnight for superficial head wounds."



*"As usual, Dominique, everything was
absolutely business class."*



*"Is everything all right, Jeffrey? You never
call me 'dude' anymore."*



*"At last! After all the debates and polls, it's
back to real politics!"*



*"Hudson, about our reservations to the Rainbow Room
for the millennium—I raffled them off."*



*“Actually, Jim, my lawyer won’t let me give advice
to young people starting out.”*





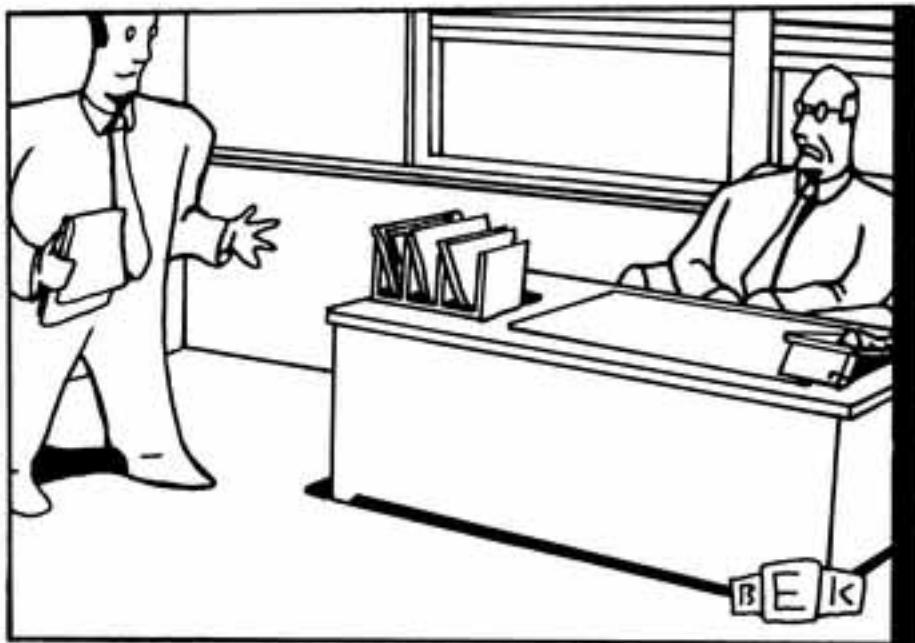
*"How come Jasper's mutual fund is up twelve per cent
and mine's only up eight?"*



"We expect little loyalty. In return, we offer little security."



*"Oh, and Botticelli. Botticelli would have
been a great filmmaker."*



"Just do the work. No one cares if you get goose bumps."



"School uniforms would be cool if we got guns, too."



"I love your hair—just not on your head."



"Well, it strikes me as just a little unfair that you and your attorney have all the covers, while my attorney and I have none."



"We look better in winter."



"Hold on a second, Bob. I'm putting you on a stickie."



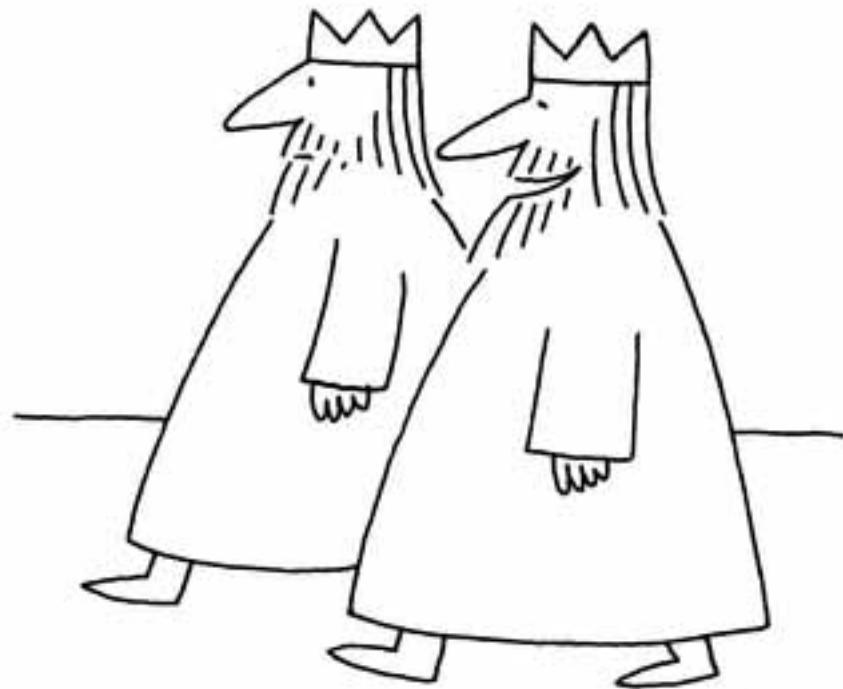
*"Dickie and I were so relieved to hear that you were
born with your hyphen."*



"It's not enough that we succeed. Cats must also fail."



*"I see there's an excellent sale on diddly-squat at the
Zilchtown Mall in Nowheresville, New Jersey."*



Charles Barsotti

“Sure, we were dysfunctional, but, by God, we were royal.”



"Good. Now start it up again."



"Do you mean am I busy busy?"

LAWYER-ASSISTED SUICIDE











*"We like you, Hatcher, and we value your work, but
we've been offered magic beans."*



"It's this marvellous little liberal-arts college in Kansas that gives frequent-flier miles."



"I told you the Fed should have tightened."



"Your condition is serious, Mr. Reynolds, but fortunately I recently scored some excellent weed that should alleviate your symptoms."



"Not guilty, Your Honor, and thank you for asking."



"What's the purpose of this loan? Fun."



"What do we have to do to get some more crayons over here?"



"I'm surprised at you, Ted. You know we're not allowed to serve alcoholic beverages to dogs."





"My doll ate my homework."



"You have reached the home of Henry and Maureen Wells. If you are selling something, press 1; if you are asking for money, press 2; if you want to talk about phone service, press 3."



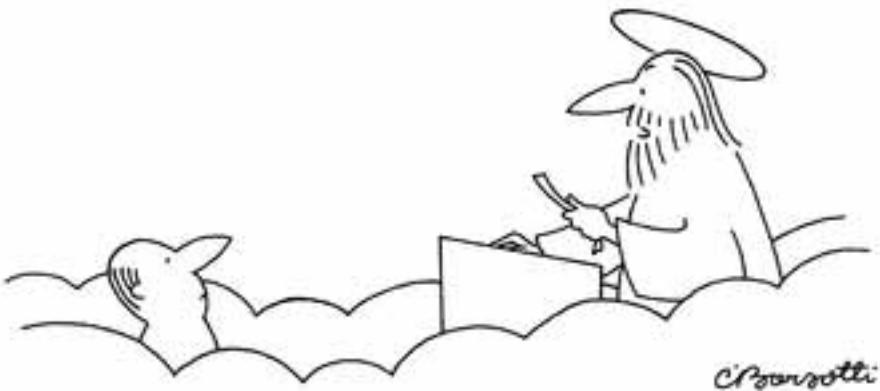
*"That being your mother's wish, I see no reason we
can't arrange interment with all her old copies
of 'Gourmet.' "*



"That liver went to someone who doesn't have such a big yap."



"I'd invite you in, but my life's a mess."



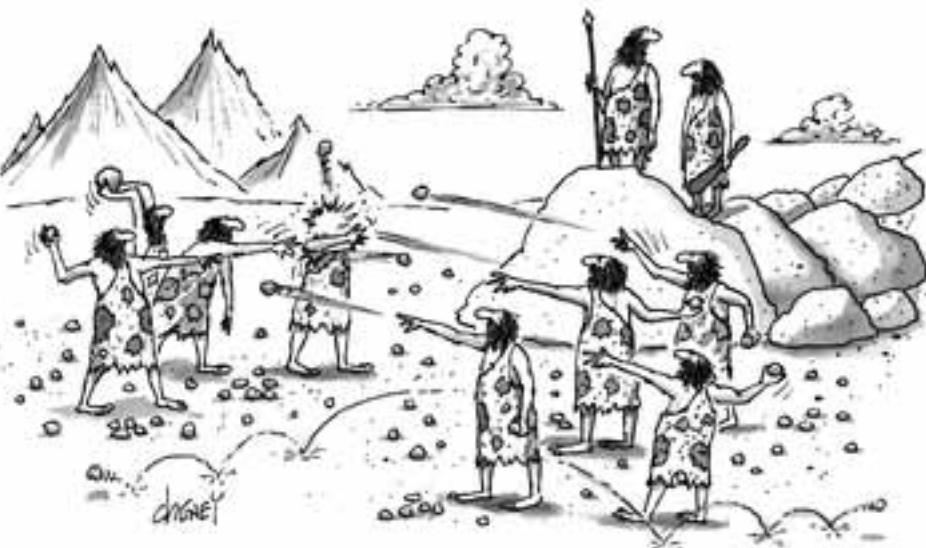
"That's it? Salesman of the month, August '87?"



"I guess what I miss most is being drunk."



"They say she's gone completely Sundance."



"Trading is heavy today."



"We've got to get rid of some people, Cosgrove. Who are the least likely to come back and shoot us?"



"Anyone seen my saxophone pin?"



*"He's sorry, Your Honor, and he's decided to devote himself
to making a difference in pigs' lives."*



*"Your mother must have a hidden agenda, the way
she gave you those extra cookies."*

A BOY AND HIS SPIN PATROL





"I know this sounds like a line, but nice shooting."



"Gee, he looks just like his suspect sketch."



*"Ah, Harding—perhaps you can give us some input
from the straight community."*



“Another piss and vinegar?”



*"You're strategically situated, but you're no longer
vital to my interests."*



"I don't know how you do it. If I had your job, I'd go nuts."



"No, I don't have four seconds to talk."



"I'm taking no extraordinary measures to keep him alive."

NOW AT THE ADULT POUND

Mitchell D. ~

Likes people, especially children.
Very clean. Makes a good
Tom Collins. Needs a loving home.



Lorraine S. ~

Mature but spry. Has had
all her shots. Great for
working couple.



Gloria N. ~

Quiet. Good with plants. Not
fussy about food or TV. Do you
have room in your heart for her?



Derek and Paula P. ~

Attractive and well-mannered duo.
Knowledgeable about art, travel,
fine wine—and yet still all alone
in the world. Can you help?





"I have in mind a nice V-chip to be implanted directly in children."



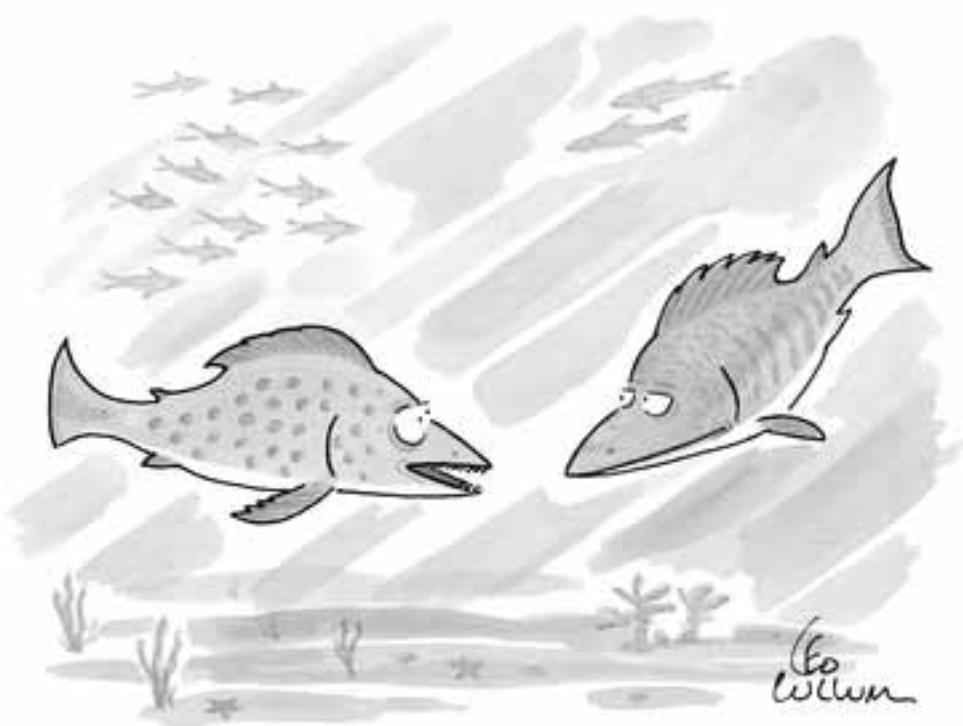


*"And now I'd like you to join me in welcoming to the board
Arne Savin from Morgan Stanley, Chet Bentson from
Bankers Trust, and Tempest Dawn from 'Baywatch.'"*



"It looks a lot like him, but he would never have worn a tag on his toe like that."

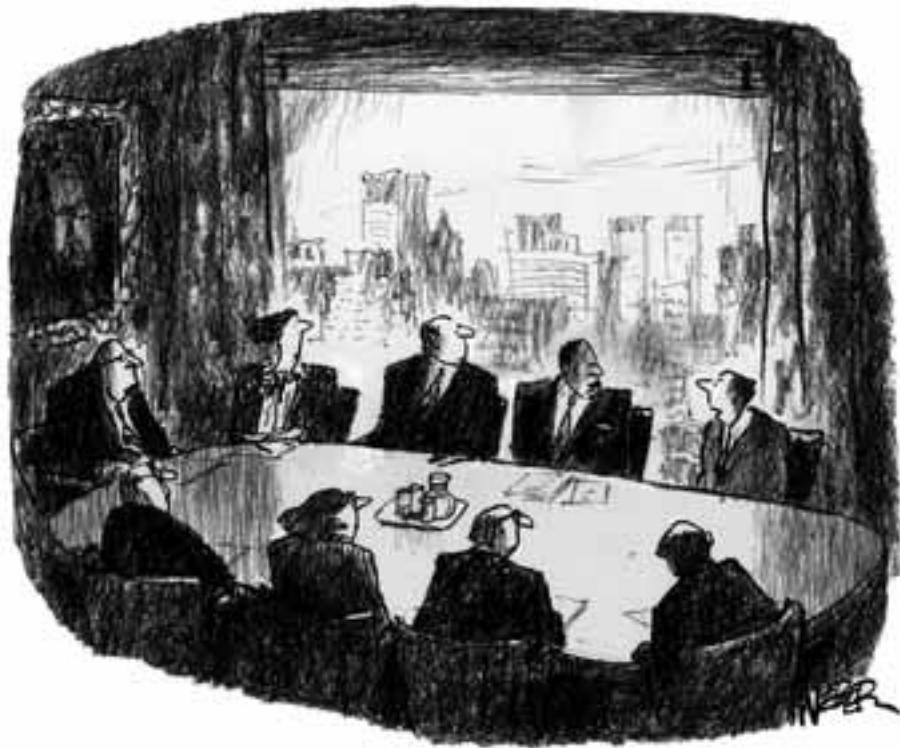




"They tell me I have a firm consistency and a mild flavor. How about you?"







"How come every time I bring up sex somebody changes the subject."



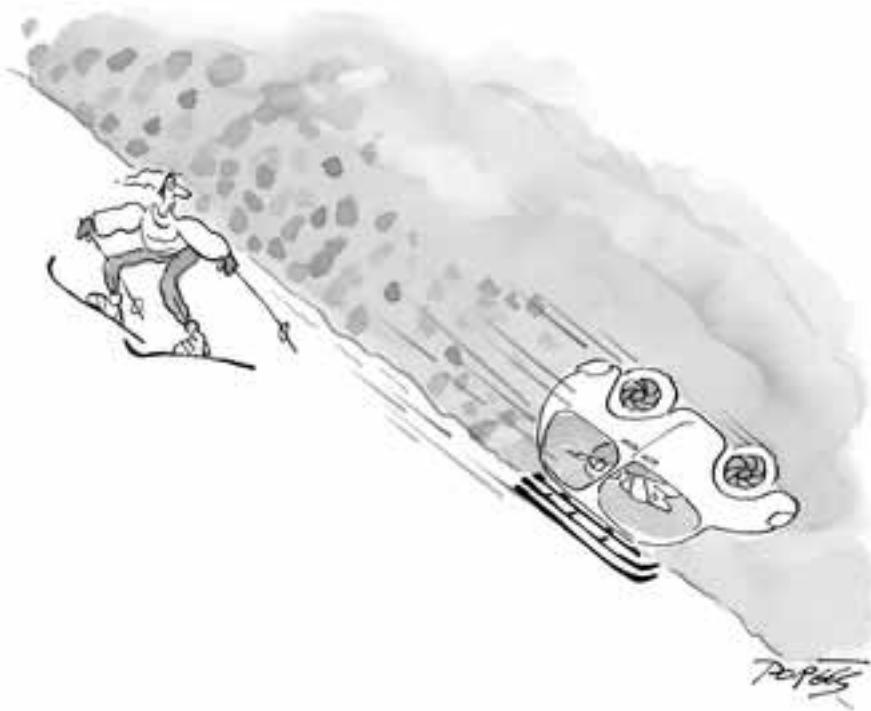
*"I don't have time to talk about this now. Can't it
wait until we're dead?"*



"Do you need an attorney, little boy?"



*"Katherine left me. She decided to make
'The Rules' retroactive."*





"I insist."





"Dad, the dean has gone over your financial statement, and he doesn't think you're working up to your full potential."



"Which one would you like—'My Life,' the director's cut, or 'My Life,' for general release?"



"Damn it, Abernathy, it's nap time."



"I think we may be witnessing a defining moment in his presidency."



"Sometimes a lick on the ear is just a lick on the ear—it doesn't always mean that all I'm interested in is sex."



"He's not even in my type universe."



"It's not you, Frank, it's me—I don't like you."



"Here's a late bulletin. Wendy and I have been fired, so we'll just say goodbye and God bless."



*"I don't have an answer, but you've sure given
me a lot to think about."*



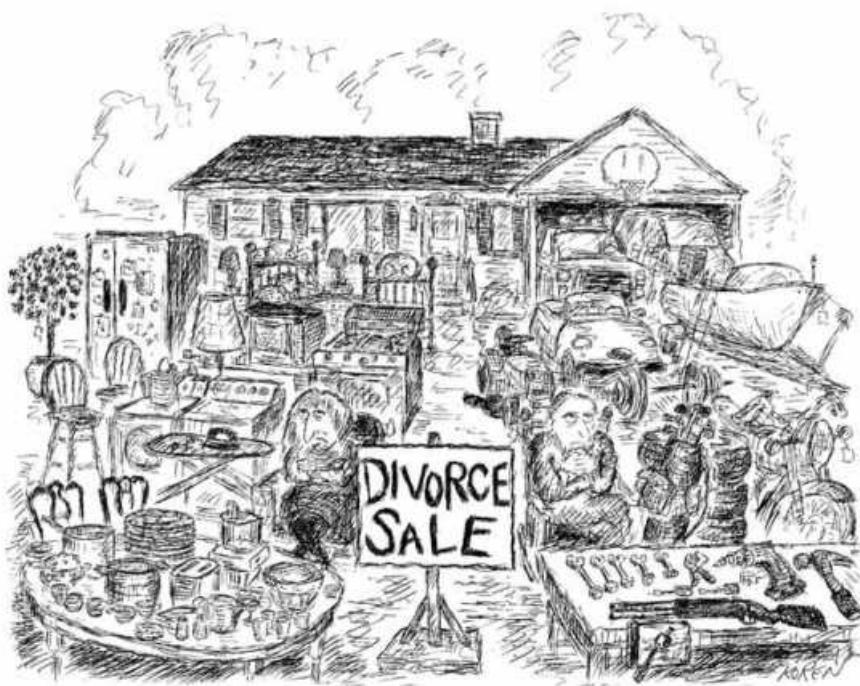
"I threaten her masculinity."



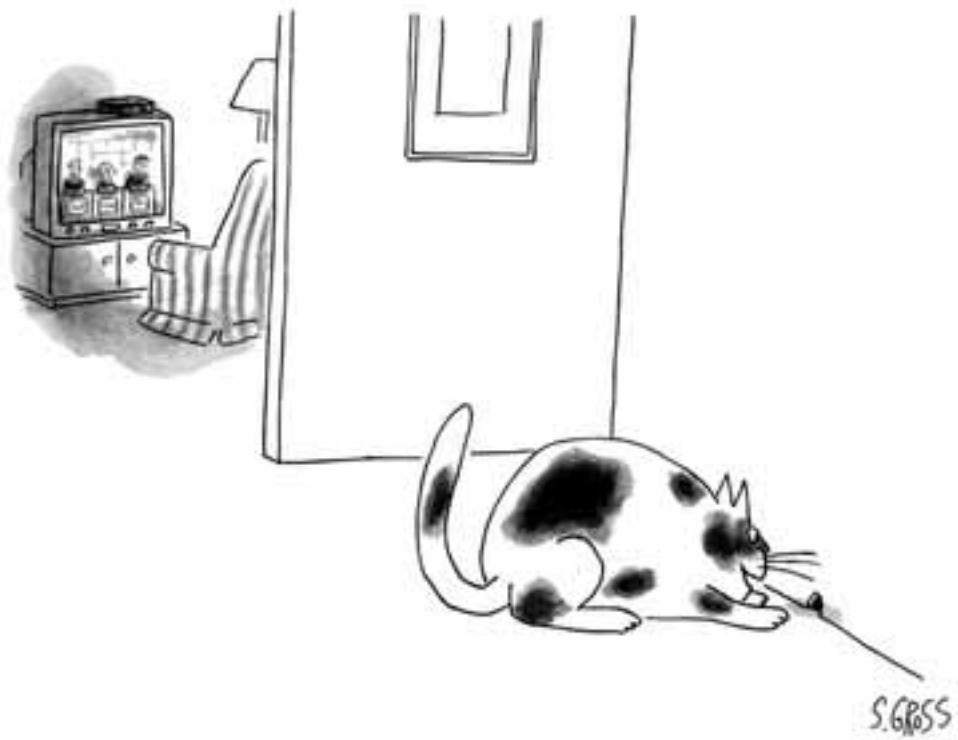
"Ms. Howard, get me some connective tissue."



"Don't forget to torch the place when you leave."







"Jeopardy!" is on."



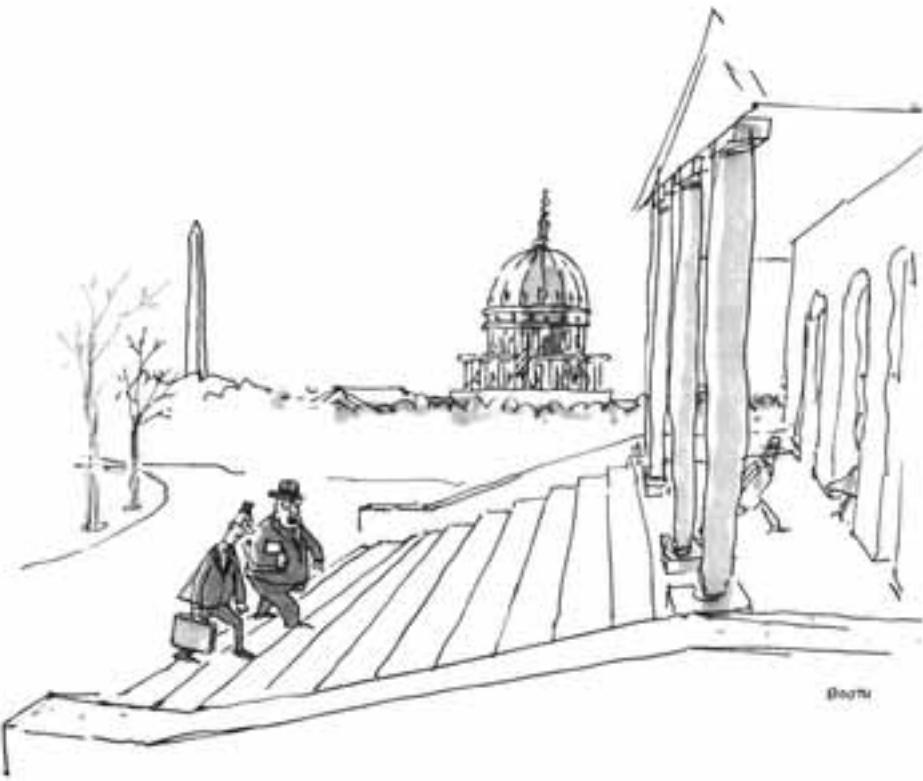
*"So far, I've been a survivor, but, of course, I used
to think I would be a prevailer."*



*"Wendel found an Israeli tomato stuck in
your front water hose."*



*"He's one tough cookie. I've never seen anyone
bounce back from an autopsy before."*



*"And bear in mind that anything you say can
be used against you in 'Doonesbury.' "*



"You can't go wrong with the traditional dead mouse."



"Your father was a jackass."



"Ostrich."



*"The employees have to assume a share of the blame
for allowing the pension fund to become so big
and tempting."*



"Oh, Sophie. I almost called you the other day."



*"Why don't I get a job—then we can continue
this discussion in my office."*



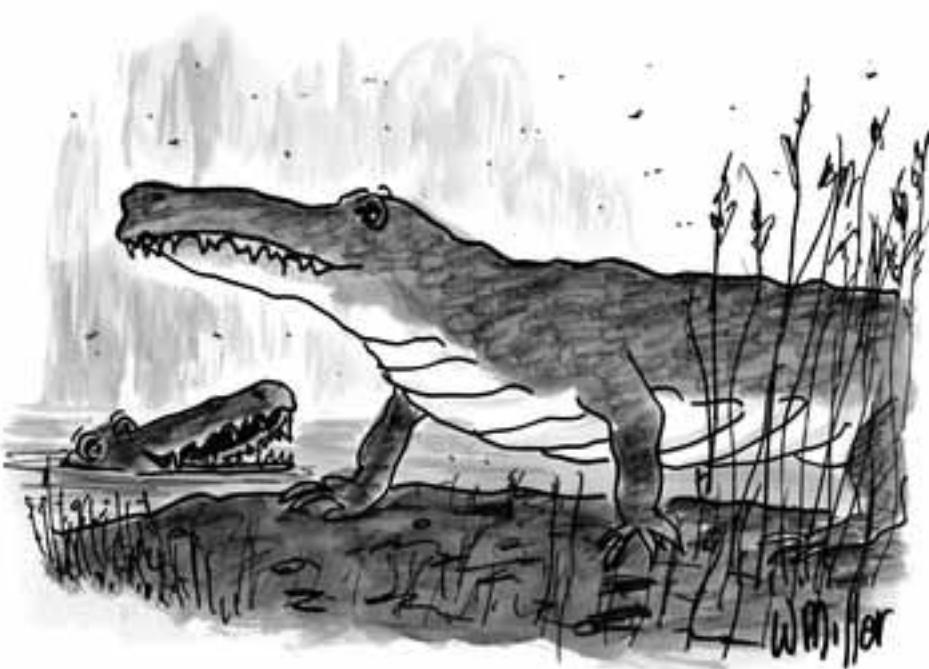
"So when's all this new street furniture supposed to arrive?"



*“Somehow, Daniel, you’re not as cute as you used to be,
and you’re beginning to lose our attention.”*



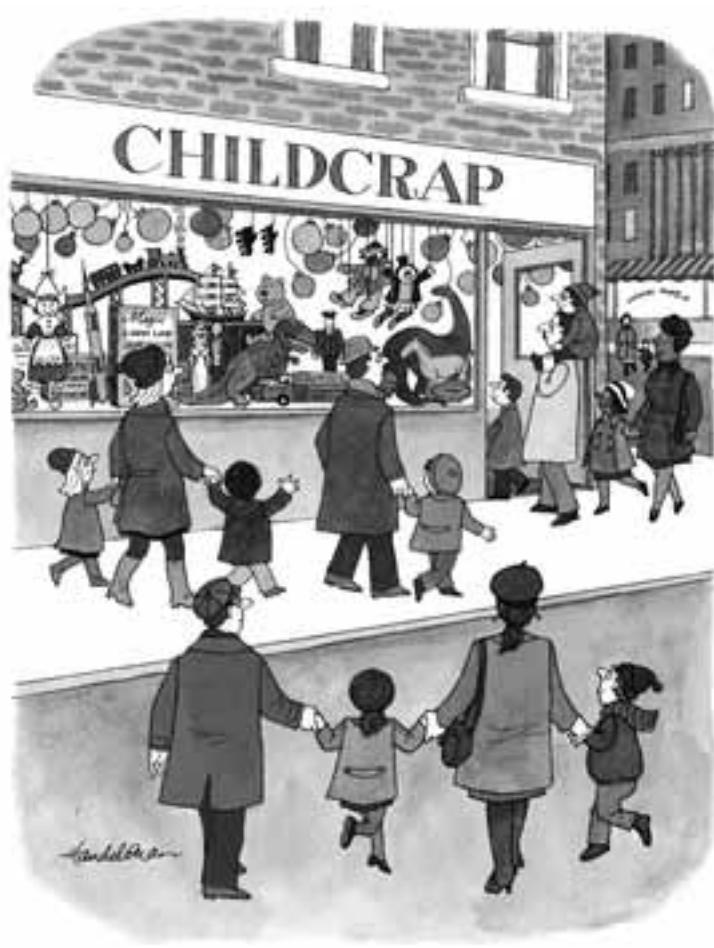
"Well, so much for happy hour."

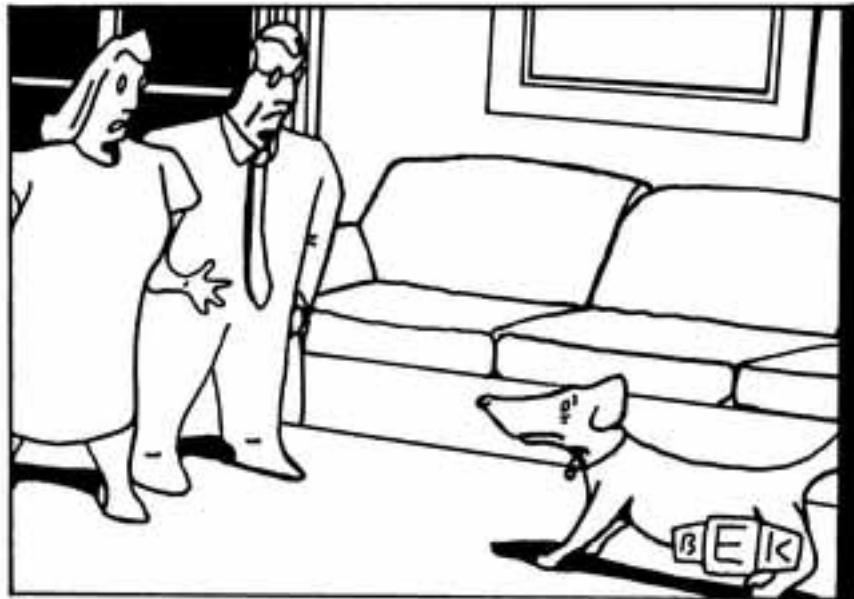


"Nice abs."



"Those bullet holes are something new, aren't they?"





*"It's not that we don't appreciate the attention.
We just feel that it would be healthier for you
to focus on something other than us."*



*"Why wasn't a list of these sins made available to me,
and why wasn't I allowed to have it examined by
my own experts?"*





*"Sorry I'm late, honey—I was doing two
to five at Danbury."*



"Paper or plastic?"



"Now, if you could look down at your shoes when I mention your troubled youth, I'd appreciate it."



"What good is power if you don't use it?"



Bernard Schoenbaum

"Circumstantial. You haven't proved linkage."



"At this time, Your Honor, my client wishes to enter a plea of 'No contest,' and throw himself on the mercy of the press."



"How about the eighteenth? That's the day my electronic anklet comes off."



*“Never mind what I did, Your Honor. I want to
be judged for who I am, as an individual.”*



"Good morning, everyone!"



"Blackmail has given me a confidence I've never felt before."



"Objection, Your Honor! The prosecution is combining dog years and people years in a callous and deliberate attempt to confuse the witness."



"There goes the Aubusson."



"Now, assisted suicide—that could be a growth area for us."



*"It's interesting—with each conviction I learn
a little more about myself."*





"Recess is over, Your Honor."



"You look familiar. Jail?"



"Yeah, but it doesn't smell like a bomb!"



"Helen, I have decided to seek a change of venue, since it has grown increasingly obvious that I can no longer get a fair trial in this household."



"Eddie is under house arrest."



*"We find that all of us, as a society, are to blame, but only
the defendant is guilty."*



"I'm not going to make excuses. They were very tough today. They wanted this one more than we did, and they deserved to win."



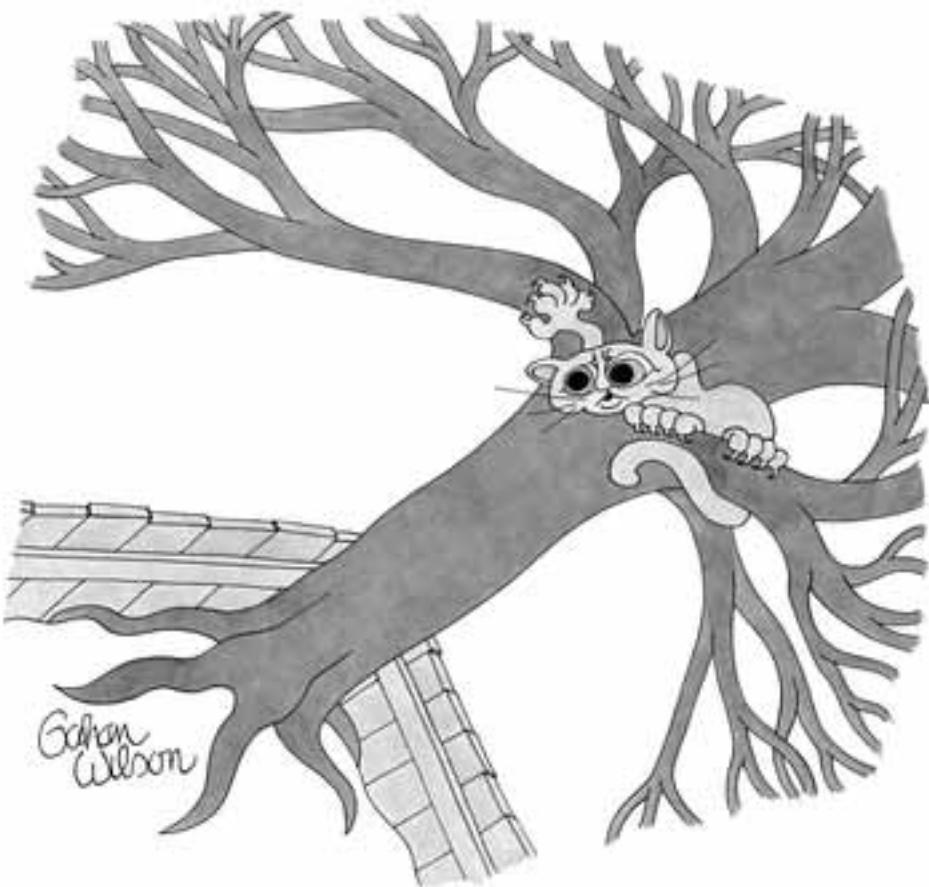
"It's that bold new fragrance from Uncle Sam—Misconduct."



"Alright, Ms. Ramsey, send in the clones."



*"I plead guilty, Your Honor, but only in a nice,
white-collar sort of way."*



"I can remember when there would have been a fire truck here in ten minutes, tops!"



"Which one do you suppose is the alpha?"



"What a coincidence! I lost my first two husbands through attrition, too."



*"He was someone you had to light a fire under
in order to get anything done."*



"Look, it could be worse—at least we're dead."



“‘Grizzled’—I like it.”

1997
THE FURTHER TEMPTATIONS OF
KENNETH STARR



"I went by the pet store this morning, just for a peek."



"Today we're going to learn how to deal with rejection."



"Your wonderful daughter and I would like to become engaged in F.Y. '97, married in F.Y. '98, and if the numbers look good, start a family in F.Y. '99."



"Better yet, why don't I have my people kick your lying butt?"

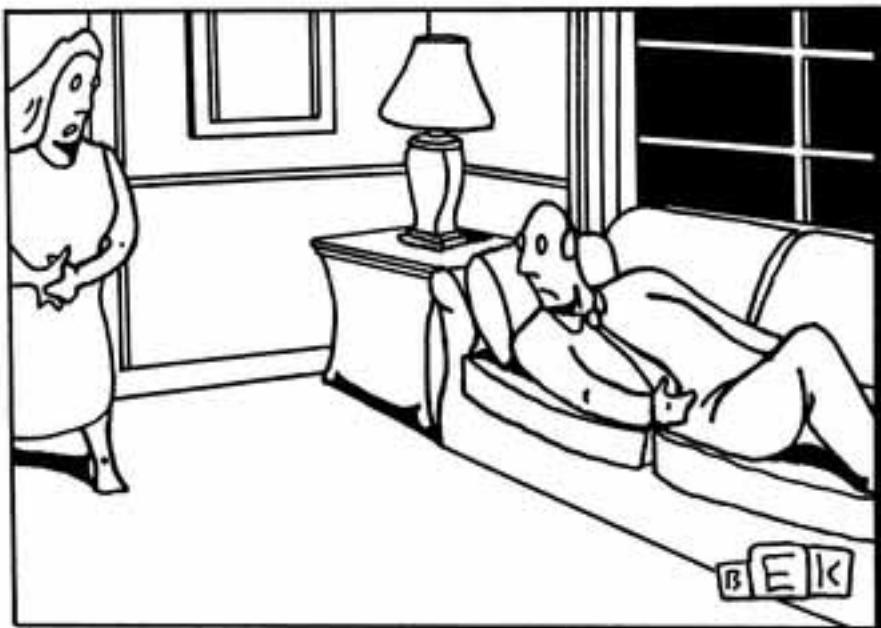


"Ewe again?"





"I seem to have missed the cup."

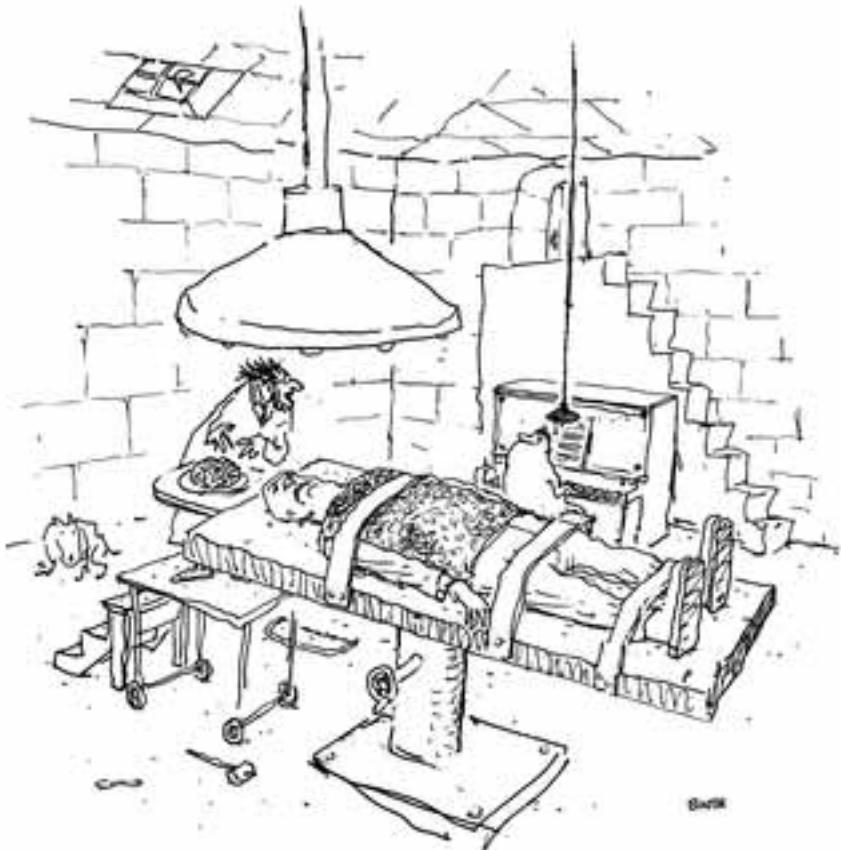


*"I want you to leave and take your headlong slide
into oblivion with you."*

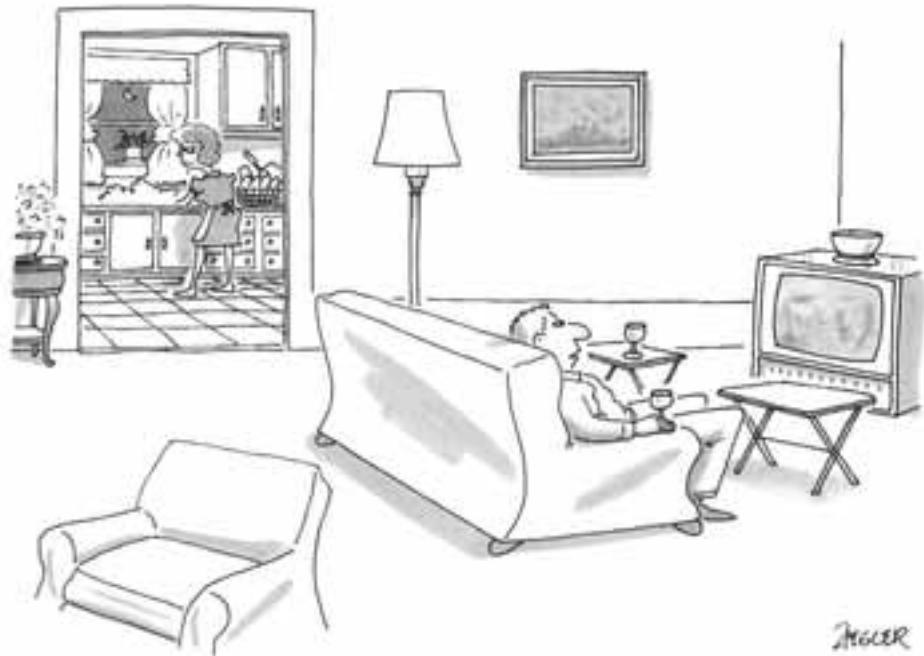




"It's always cozy in here. We're insulated by layers of bureaucracy."



"Some Debussy, Igor."



"By the way, hon, great food, great wine, great you."



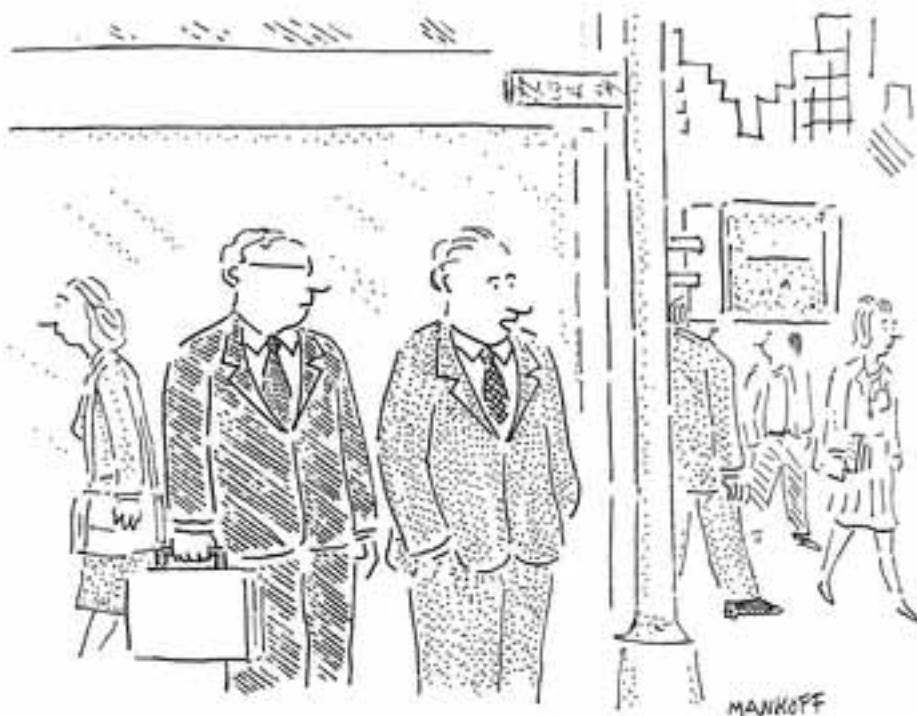
"Will you be passing a mailbox?"



*"I'll tell you why I shot him if you
promise you won't laugh."*



*"I think he's getting serious. Last night
he turned off his beeper."*



*"Oh, I guess I'll remarry someday. But first
I've got to demarry."*





"We don't care what Clinton's people promised you."



"You promise I won't be the only trophy wife at this thing?"



“Call my accountants three.”



"Good news, Mr. Herndon. We worked out the budget, and we have a kidney."



*"Your résumé states that while you were
C.E.O. no one got busted."*



"Will he ever be able to produce revenue again?"



"Oh, for God's sake, smell the poor thing."

HAZING

IN THE VIENNA PHILHARMONIC

First, "somebody" coated Anna L.'s harp strings with Vaseline.



Lena S. was surprised to discover that "an individual" had welded a tiny wheel to the bottom of her cello.



Shortly thereafter, "a person" stuck a piece of Sacher torte in Olga N.'s oboe.



And, just last week, "it could have been anyone" replaced all of Sophie T.'s sheet music with works of Andrew Lloyd Webber.





*"The proof was in the pudding, but the pudding
was ruled inadmissible as evidence."*



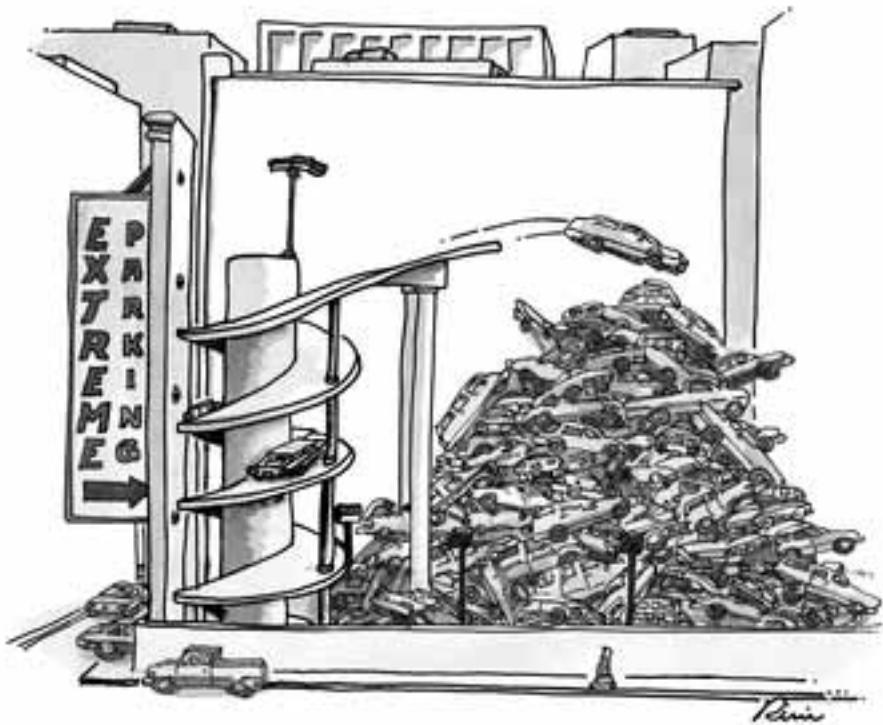
"I'm on to your little game, Harrison!"

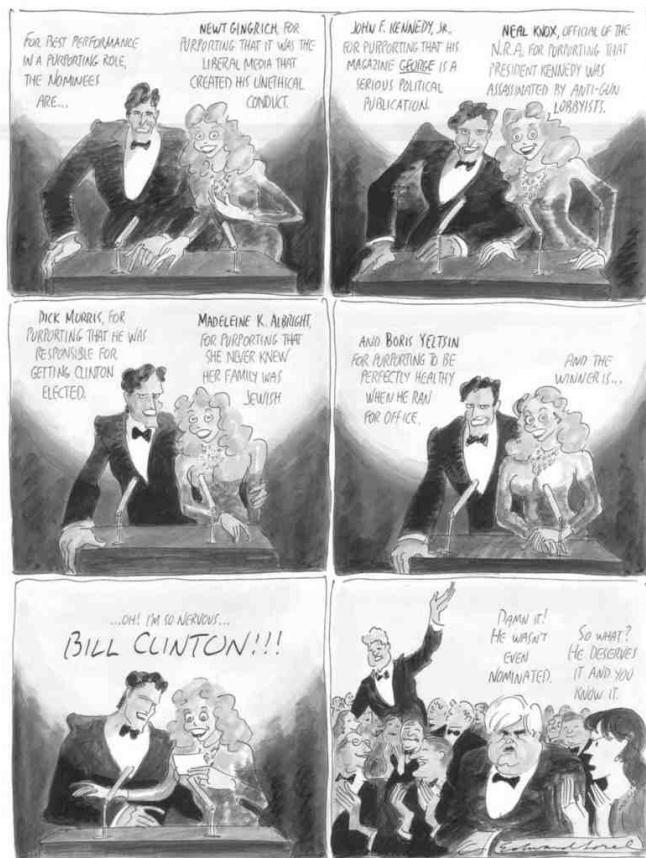


“Surely not zero tolerance?”



*“Actually, I do look a lot like my mom. It’s just
that I have her first nose.”*



THE WINNER



"The only thing holding us together is Nick at Nite."



"I had a headache, too, but he went away."



"Yes, but you were the defender of the wrong faith."



"Is this a good time to bring up a car problem?"



*"We appreciate your concern over his investments,
Senator, but I do think 'Off with his head!' is
uncalled for."*



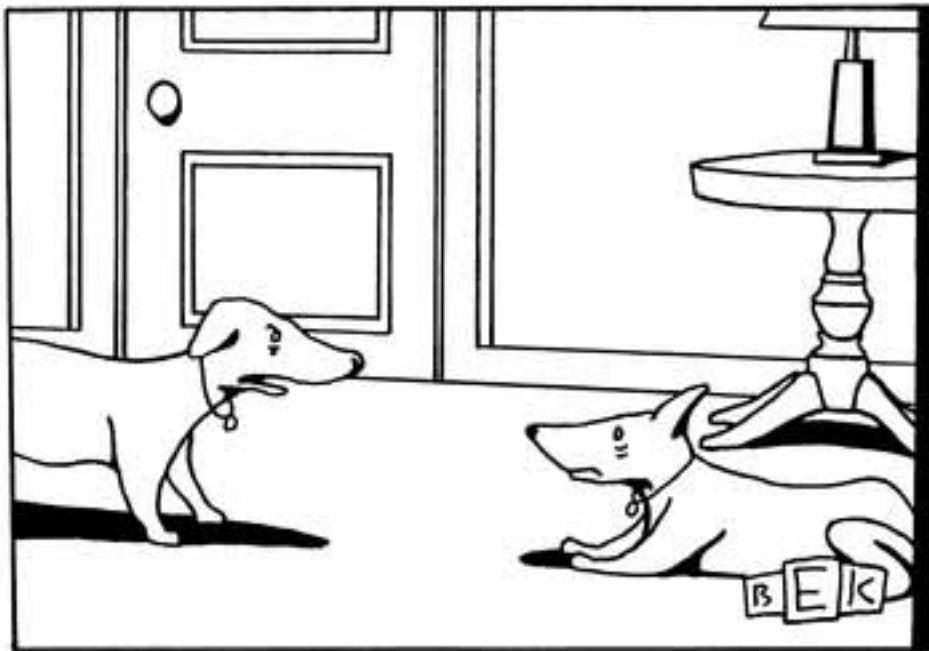
*"Those? They're the ponytails of smart-aleck college
boys who couldn't cut the mustard."*



"Congratulations! It's a Beanie Baby."



*"No, I don't think our marriage would benefit
from a mission statement."*



“Pee on the carpet! That’s your solution to everything.”



"At the conclusion of this evening's concert, ladies and gentlemen, I'll thank you for not forgetting the tip jar."



*"No Chiclets? When did you people stop
passing out Chiclets?"*

PRIVATE-SECTOR
JAILS

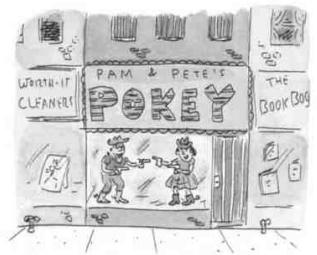


Some slammers offer a smorgasbord of time-filling activities. At The Rockpile, it's just boulder breakage and plenty of it! Located just off Highway 97, Millview Falls.



Looks like a diner, but don't let that fool you—it's actually a maximum-security prison!

Located on Baskin's Island, Maine.



A really special place to pay one's debt to society. So c'mon in—we're SECURE inside.

Located between Worth-It Cleaners and The Book Bag.



Top correction at rock-bottom prices. Short or long stays easily accommodated. Cest magnifique!

Located in Factory Outlet Village Mall.

R.C.Chast



"Although my feelings for you are simulated, you'll find they have the look and the touch of genuine feelings."



“Discouraging data on the antidepressant.”



"I've been saving this baby for the stock market."



*"Mr. Hazlett is in conference right now. Would you
care to see his evil twin?"*



*"I'm not sure what I am, but I believe
I'm a product of Norway."*



"I'm leaving my ankles to science."



"I'll say this for Richard—he's anatomically correct."



"I assure you, Madam, that every penny you pay in taxes goes straight into the government's pockets."



"From a purely business viewpoint, taking what doesn't belong to you is usually the cheapest way to go."





"You fellers seen 'Sling Blade,' I reckon."



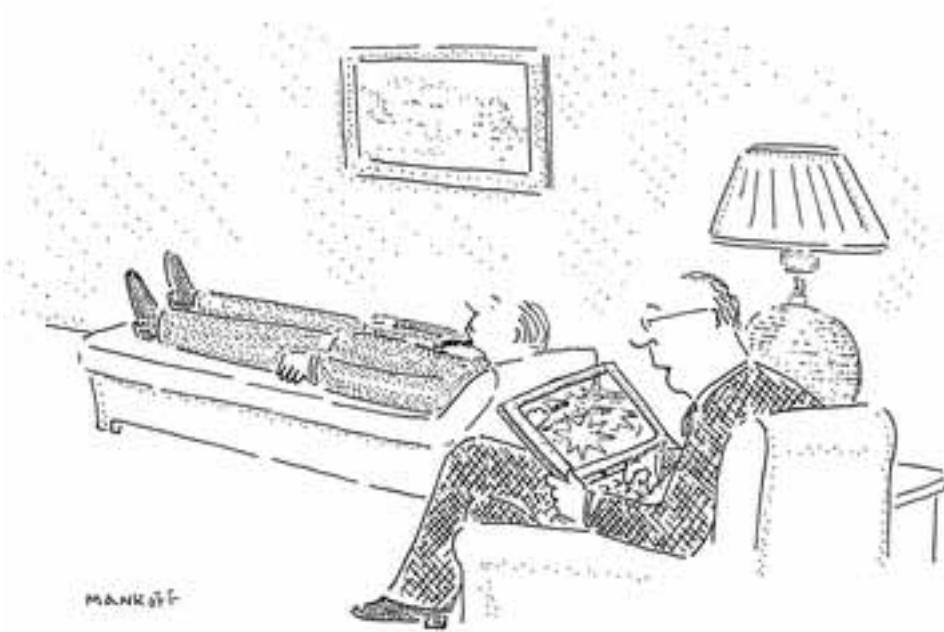
"Is this a real proposal, or are you off your medication?"



“According to this analysis, Gibbons, last year your department spent forty-five thousand dollars on candy alone.”



"How's this for an idea—the first hundred-million-dollar independent film!"



"You think you have problems? My entire wing command was just destroyed."



"That will be perfect. We have a lot to talk about."



*"This is goodbye, gentlemen. I have met another board
of directors, and we have fallen in love."*

INTRODUCING...

THE 1040 - F.I.* FORM

* THE TAX RETURN FOR THE FINANCIALLY INCOMPETENT

	<p>① How much money do you guess you made last year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Under \$10,000.<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhere between \$10,000 and \$100,000.<input type="checkbox"/> More than \$100,000, but I don't know how or why.
	<p>② Did you save any receipts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I tried, but I just couldn't.<input type="checkbox"/> I think there're some in a shoebox. I'll go look.<input type="checkbox"/> No. What am I, an <u>accountant</u>?
	<p>③ Check payment preference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> How could I owe anything? My year was lousy.<input type="checkbox"/> Here's \$15,000. If you need more, let me know.<input type="checkbox"/> Blank check enclosed. <u>You</u> fill it in. Whatever.



"Just his body remains—his spirit has moved on to HBO."



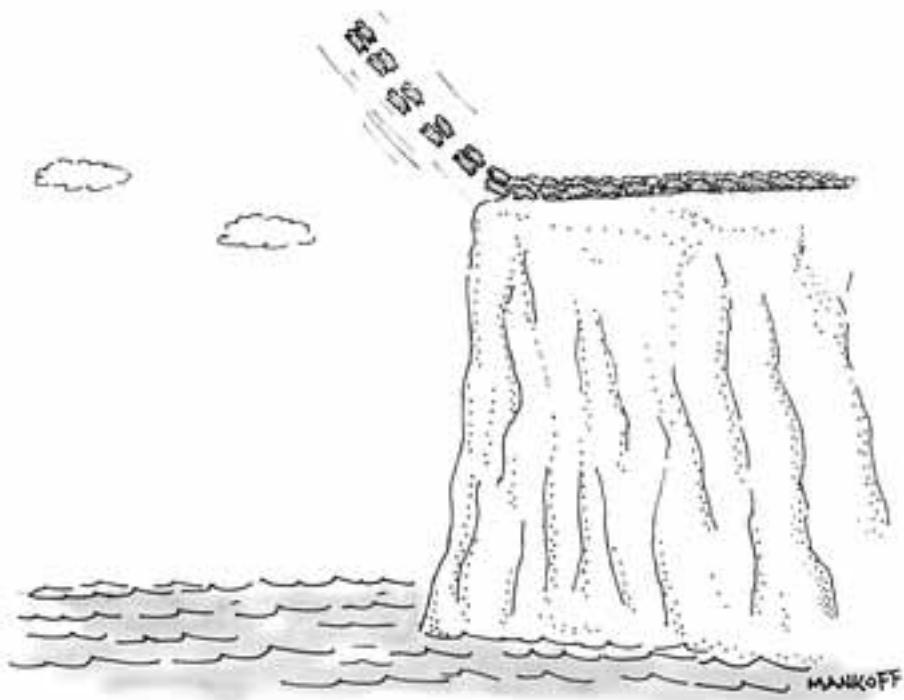
"Great parents—genetic?"



"The world moves so fast nowadays. It used to take years and years to become a confirmed horse's ass."



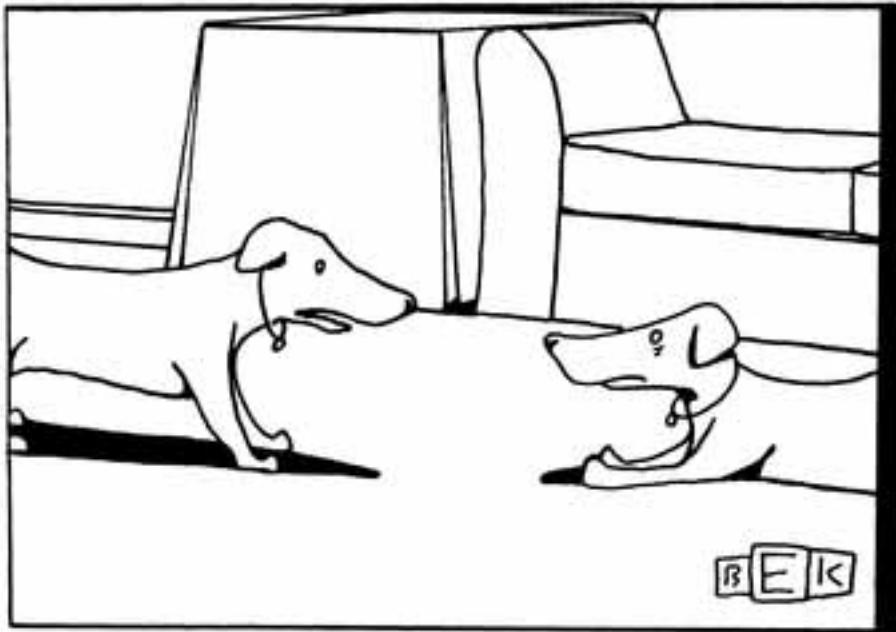
"There goes the last of our knee-jerk liberals."



WHAT LEMMINGS BELIEVE



"He looks very trim, but he's got eighty grams of fat in his head."



"I find that incessant barking eases the pain."





ED ARNO



"How was it? Hissy fit or kissy face?"



"I graduated from film school, but you don't see me trying to make movies!"



"We spawned, but that was it."



*"It started out with lactose, but now he's
intolerant of everything."*



"This guy makes big money, but every penny goes to support his opulent life style. Let's give him a break."





"Wait! First, his attorney."



"Incest: The Musical!" I love it!"

POLITENESS TIPS FROM THE M.T.A.

After grabbing a seat from an old or disabled person, do not gloat.



Barbecuing is prohibited on all subway lines.



Farm animals are not permitted on trains during rush hour.



Never deliberately mislead tourists, even if you think that, in the long run, your directions would give them a more complete picture of New York.



R.C.H.



*“You pushy, manipulative, tyrannical scum . . .”
Scratch that. ‘Dear Mom and Dad . . .’”*



"You're not coming up on my computer. How long did you say you've been dead?"



"I think that just my being here is a big mistake."





"This is incredible! I thought Amelia Earhart was dead."



"You'll have to excuse my wife. She's a bit of a control freak."



"Here's the artist's conception of your proposed smile."



*"Just tell him we're taking him someplace
dark where he can see the comet."*



"Your skin is enlarged."



*"My attorney feels it's unwise for me to continue
to represent you."*



"Clemson here. How may I disappoint you?"





"All in favor of joining NATO, say Aye."



"Did Melina Mercouri ever get those marbles back to Greece?"



"I like Europe. They're not afraid of a few germs."



"Personally, I'm a doer."



"It says, 'Congratulations! You've been chosen as a finalist to be King of England.'"



*"Oh, very well—make that life with the
possibility of parole."*



"We're techno-industrial, but rootsy."



"Isn't this right out of Peter Mayle?"

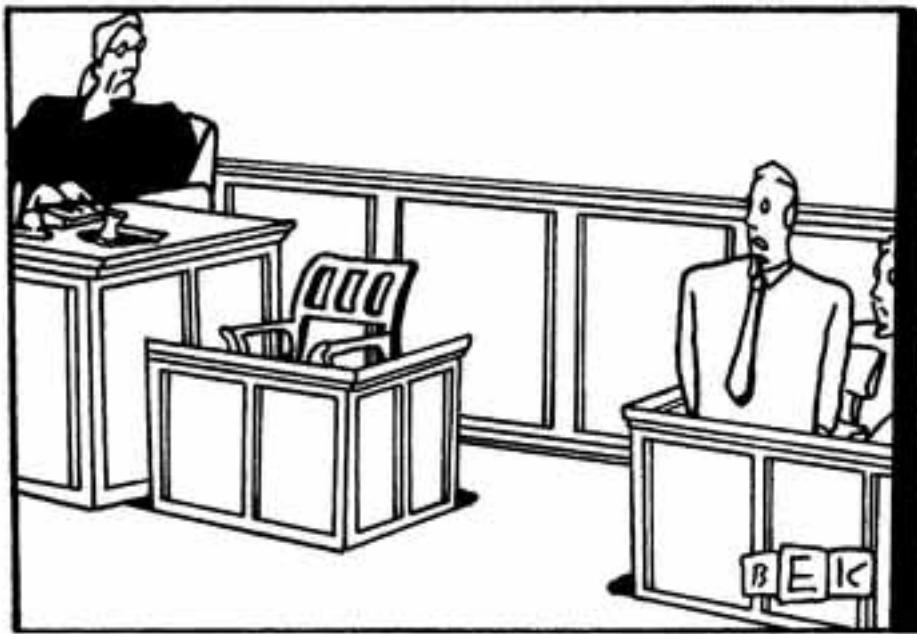


*'Mario Patrizio, Conte di Cellini-Vasconi—
Eurotrash or Eurotreasure?'*

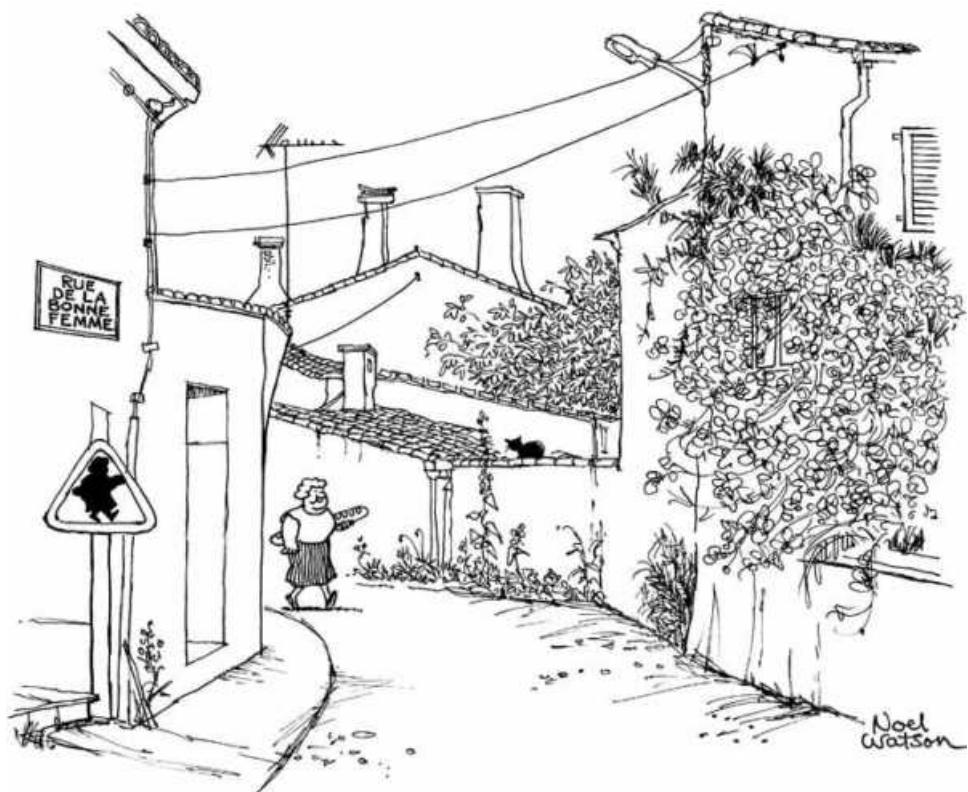




*"We're doing Assisi tomorrow. Myra wants
to shop red leather jeans."*



*"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of
killing her softly with his song."*





"Do you have a minute to talk about your retirement years?"



"I could tell you were French by your scarf!"



"I come to hype Caesar, not to bury him."



*"Now, that's the kind of innovative thinking
I'd like to see around our shop."*

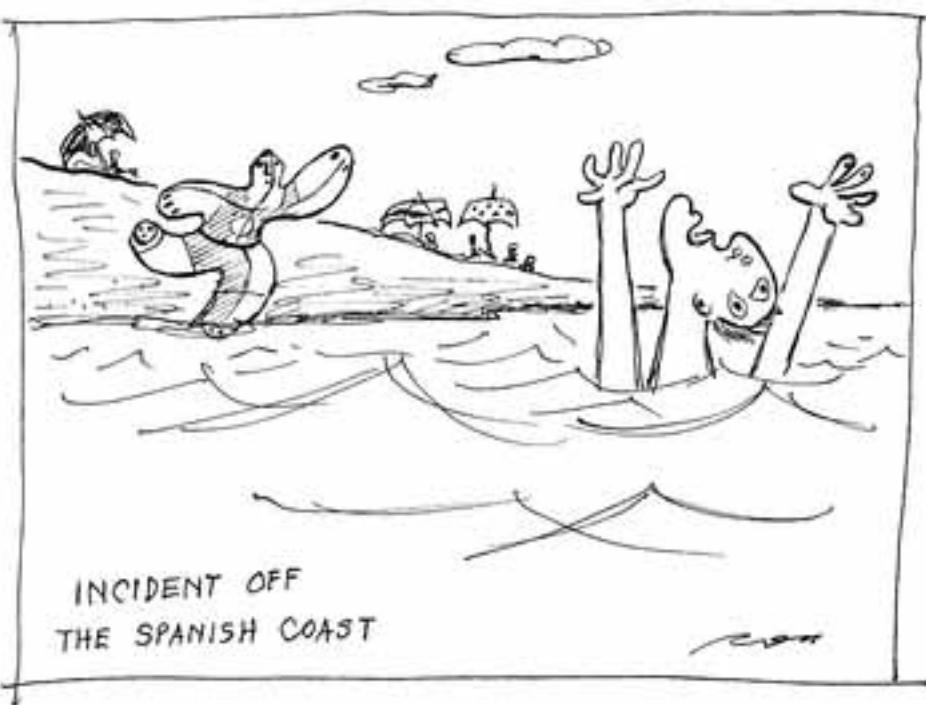


"They, like, invented retro."



"Sorry, I don't tip. I find it degrading."







"If there be any gay or lesbian characters remaining inside this TV set to whose true sexual orientation we have not yet been alerted, let them speak now or forever hold their peace."



*"Before I became a black conservative,
I was a white liberal."*



*"Are you telling me that just because something is
against the law, that makes it illegal?"*



"Some of my peonies go back to 1872."

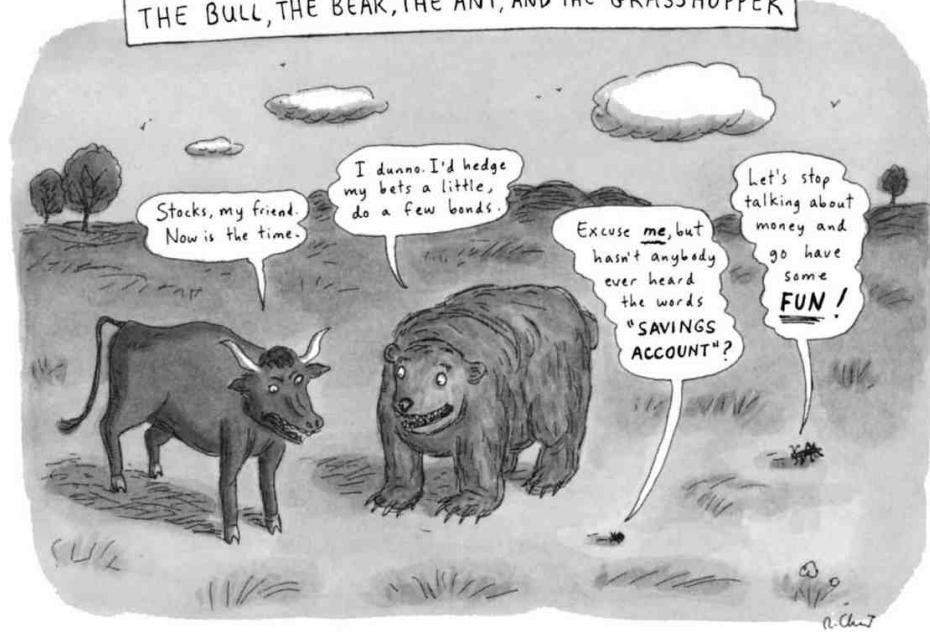


*"I'd ask you up, Richard, but my roommates
and I have a pretty strict 'no-'Times"-twits
-in-seersucker' policy."*



"Do you have any cards for two mommies?"

THE BULL, THE BEAR, THE ANT, AND THE GRASSHOPPER





“And, in our continuing effort to minimize surgical costs, I’ll be hitting you over the head and tearing you open with my bare hands.”



"I know he's little, but he uses it."



*"Four-foot-high letters on the window saying
'Bank'—that's not entrapment?"*



"I'm not a mean drunk—I'm just damned insensitive."



"Raul is incredible, and—what's amazing—is this is the first relationship I've ever had above Fourteenth Street."



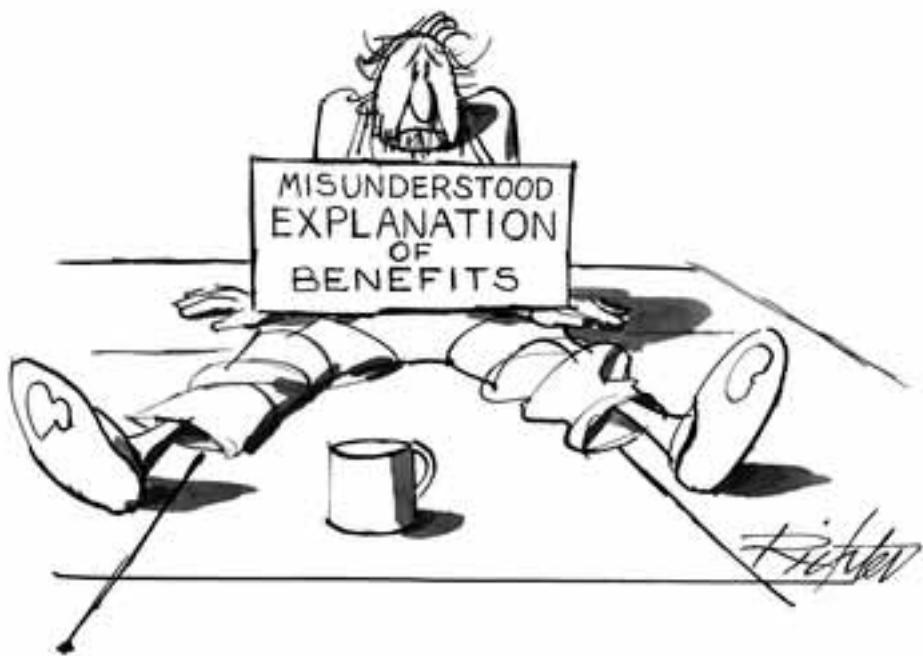
"Who ordered the special prosecutor?"







"I need an ensemble film. Take five star vehicles and smush them together."





"Well, what you call an affair I prefer to call an anomaly."



"We keep this section closed off."



"We find the defendant guilty on all charges, Your Honor. On the positive side, we really liked his openness and energy."

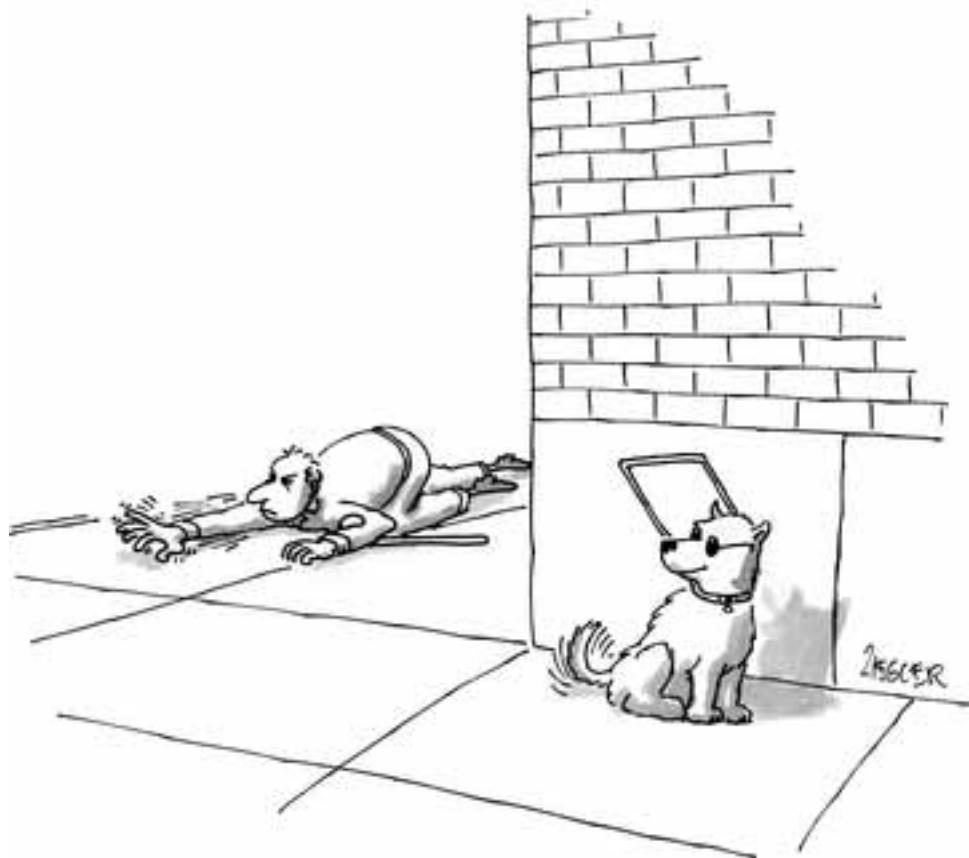


"I hear we've just been granted most-favored-nation status."



"Marissa, have we a lovely parting gift for Mr. Griswold?"







*"The growing season has barely begun, but I've already
been getting death threats."*



"Tomorrow, we'll take on the tobacco industry."



*"I was at a high-powered investment firm for seven years and
a high-powered penal institution for a year and a half."*



"I love blue Martinis. It's like the fifties and the nineties all mixed up together."



“Careful. He attaches significance to everything you say.”



*"Ah, spring—when a young skinhead's fancy
turns to kicking ass."*



"Must be sweeps month."



"This is my last visit, Martha. I got the marriage posthumously annulled."



"Hold it! I only look like Norman Mailer."



"Bye-bye, Grandma."



"You eat dog—excellent!"



*"Just how long has there been a maraschino cherry
at the top of the organizational chart?"*







"He was just a year away from retirement."



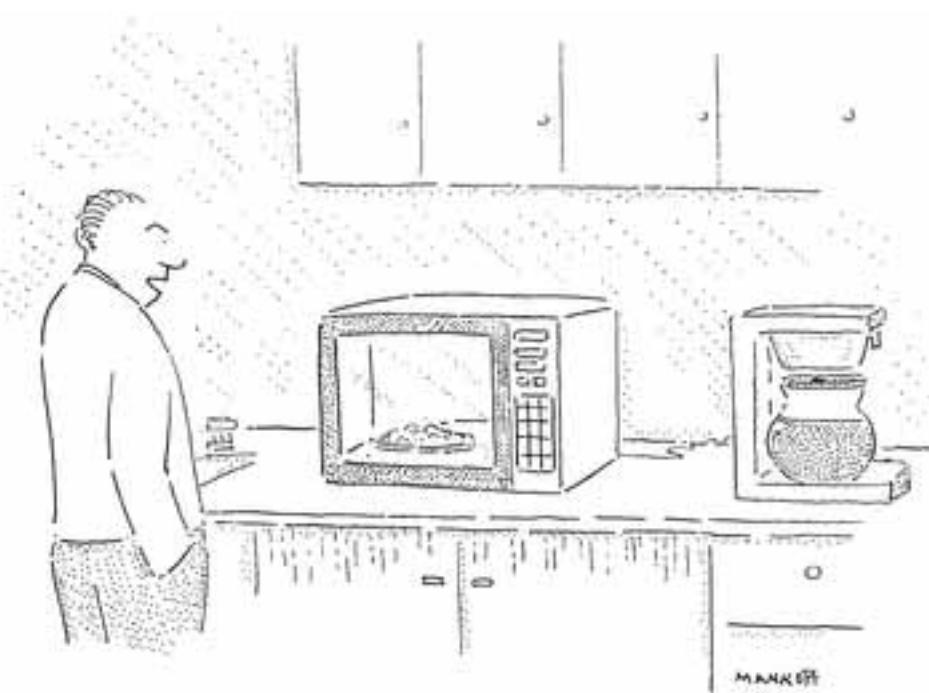
"He appears to have eaten some homework."



*"I was sent down to the minors and from there to Europe,
and one thing just led to another."*



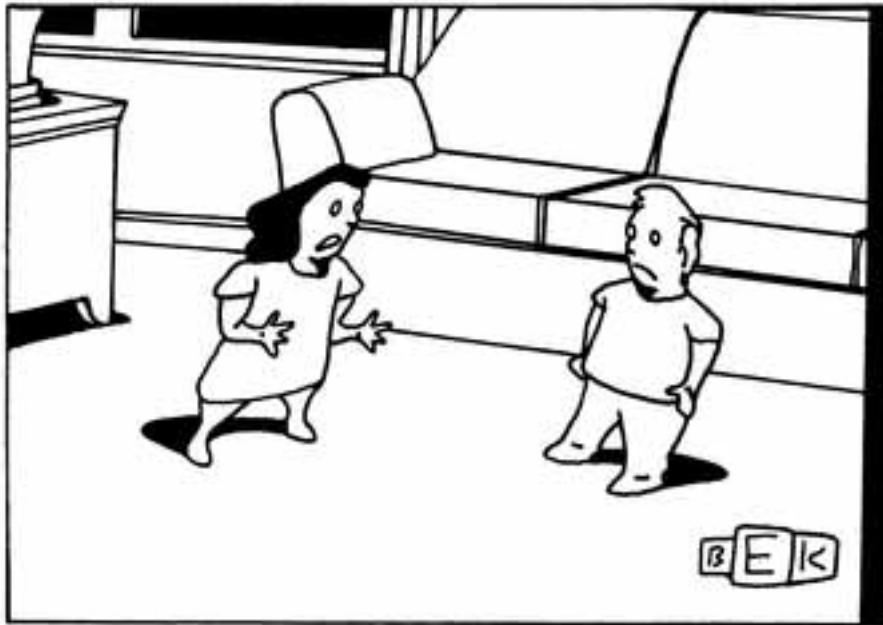
"You order for me, Mom. You know what I like."



*"No, I don't want to play chess. I just want you
to reheat the lasagna."*



"And my approval rating is sixty-two."



"It's not a reflection on you. I just want to spend more time with my dolls."



"It's the closure fairy."



“And this one is for being faithful to my wife.”



"I love the middle class, with their values and everything."



*"I don't doubt that it's perfectly innocent, Margaret,
but it does have the appearance of impropriety."*



"Honey—I'm paroled!"



"My bedroom? You're sitting on it."





*"Hickory smoke—that's what gives it that
hearty Western flavor."*



*"If the jury had been sequestered in a nicer hotel,
this would probably never have happened."*



"You. You. And you."



*"Has there ever been a country that had the word
'Democratic' in its name that was?"*



"I've never trusted cows."

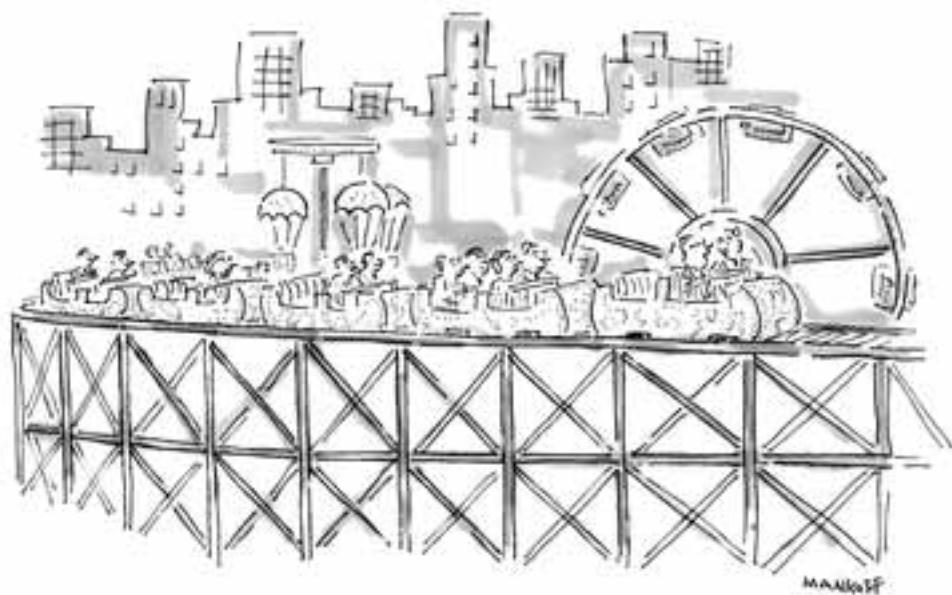




"I'd just like to live long enough to hear what people say about me when I'm dead, that's all."



"It's so much easier now that the children are our age."



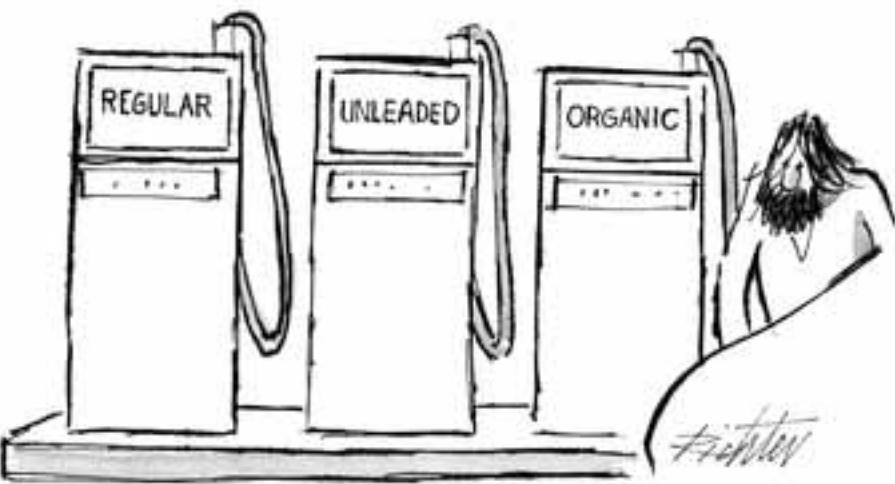
*"Personally, I liked this roller coaster a lot better before
the Federal Reserve Board got hold of it."*



*"Good news, Lundberg. We're going to be able to
give you an honorable discharge."*



"If I told you the secret of making light, flaky piecrust, it wouldn't be much of a secret anymore, now would it?"





"I see no problem with a limited period of grief, as long as you keep in mind that Agent Mulder was a fictional character."



"I'll have the weirdo's lunch."





"So, let's catch a wellness wave!"





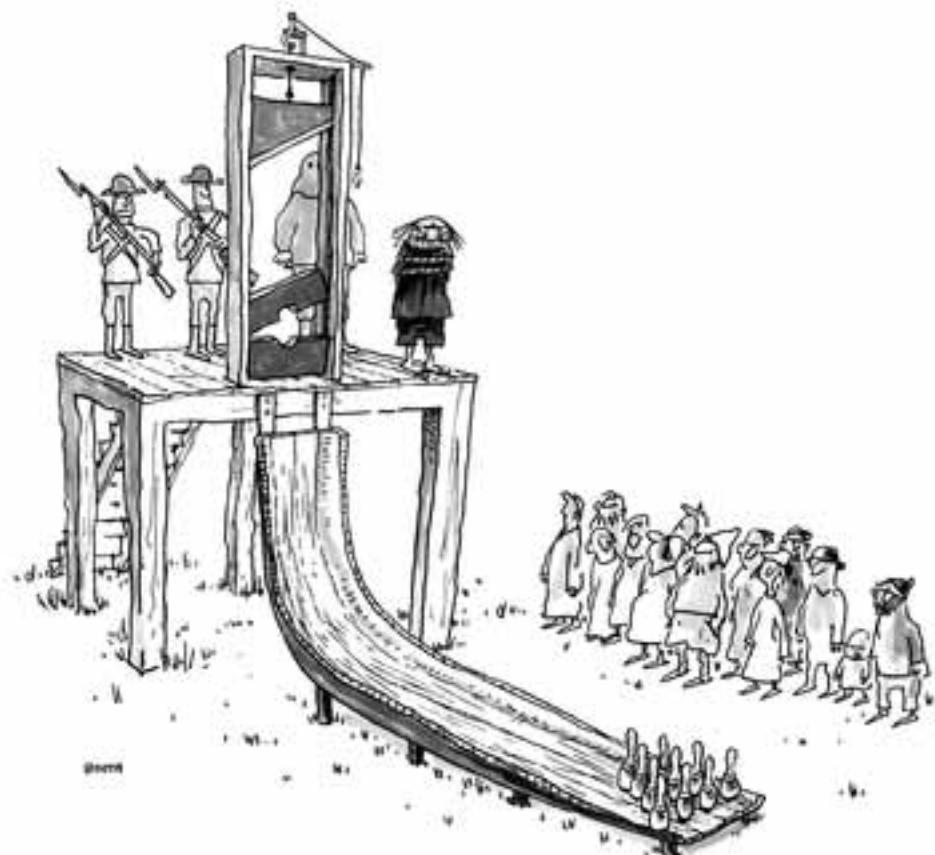
"The charge is sexual misconduct in the dog run."



"There's a smidgen of Charlie Rose about you."



*"I voted for him because I like the hip way
he wears his turban."*





"So, are you still with the same parents?"



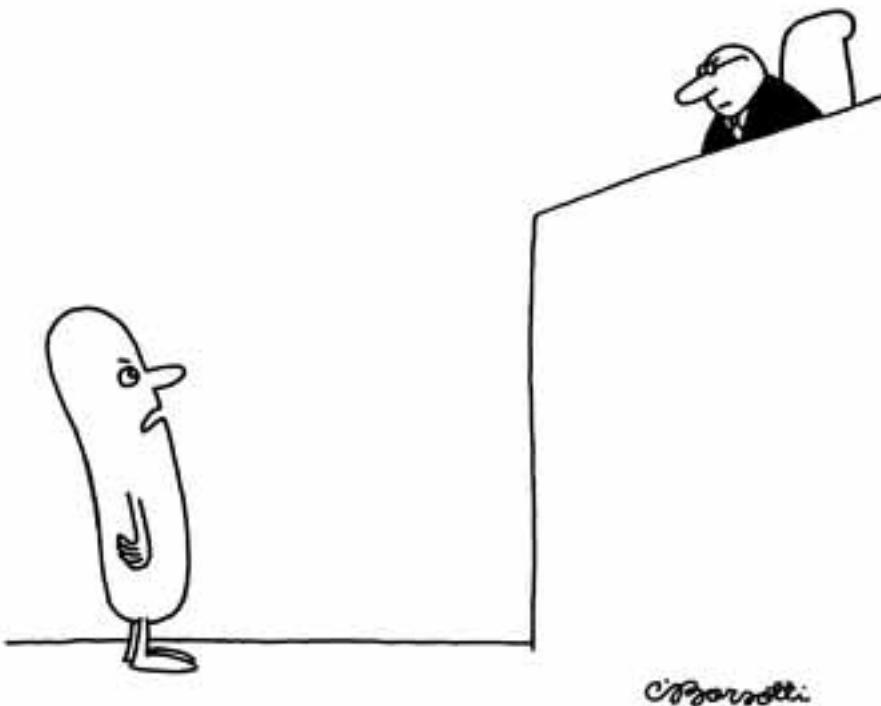
"When will he be able to sit up and take criticism?"



"Is that decaf?"



"It's not like he's the only guy with demons out there."



"I didn't ask to be made with seventeen grams of fat."



*"We've decided to build a little cubicle around
you and your desk, Harris."*



"I'm rich, you're thin. Together, we're perfect."



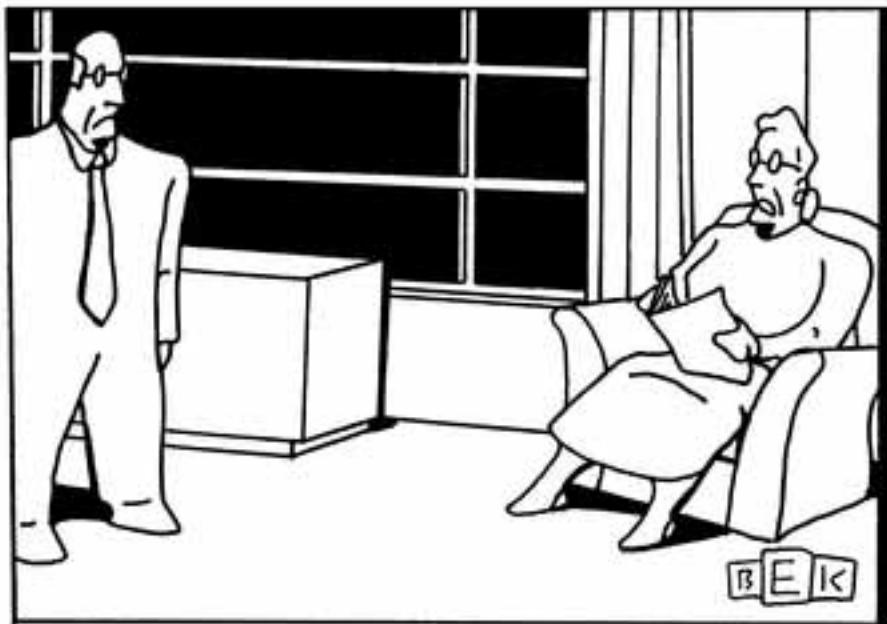
*"I think he should cut a deal and invite
Paula Jones to join NATO."*



*"Today, gentlemen, we trade in the brute force
of the T. Rex for the cunning of the raptor."*



"Keep in mind, Butler, that I'm taking a big chance just hiring you."



"I never thought I'd live to see so many different Batmans."



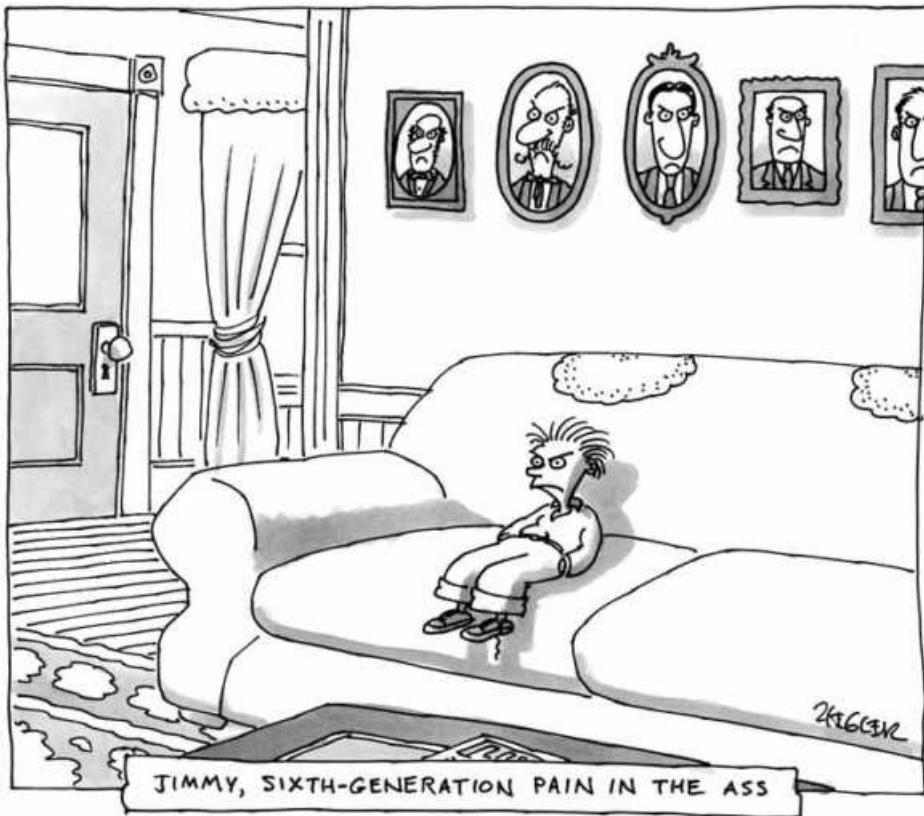
"I am afraid the reason is personal."



“Dear Diary: Today I picked a peck of pickled peppers.”









"No man is an island, Mr. Napier."



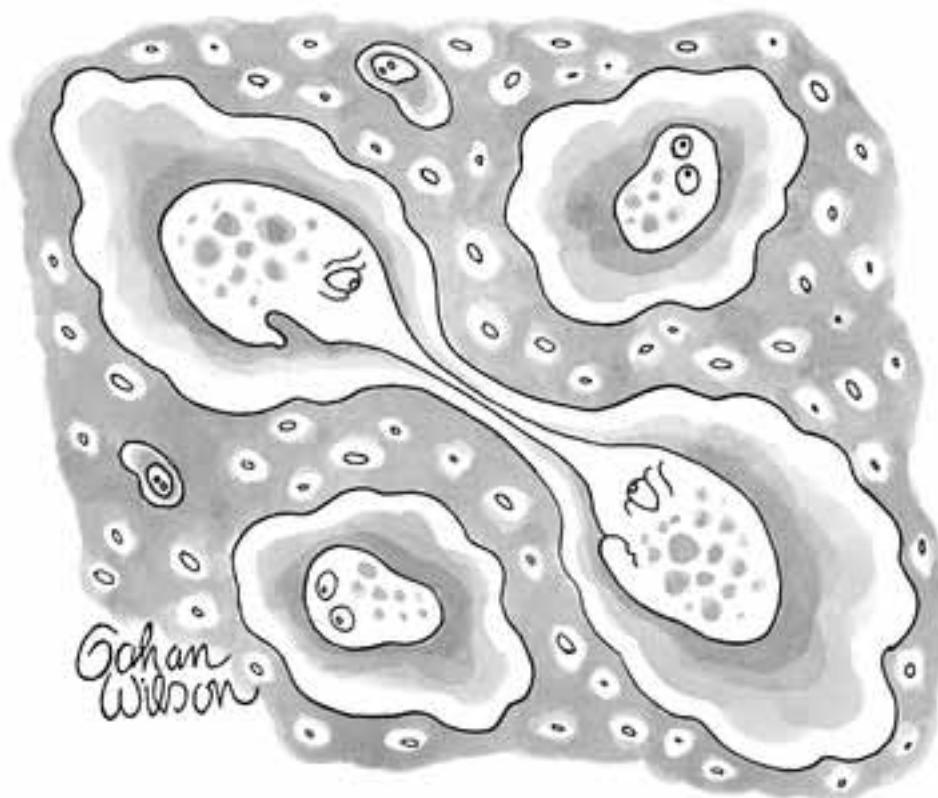
"Now that you mention it, I've never seen him roll over and play dead before, either."



*"As corporate sniper, you'll of course be given
an office with a window."*







"I suppose this is goodbye."



*"Don't you understand? I love you! I need you! I want
to spend the rest of my vacation with you!"*



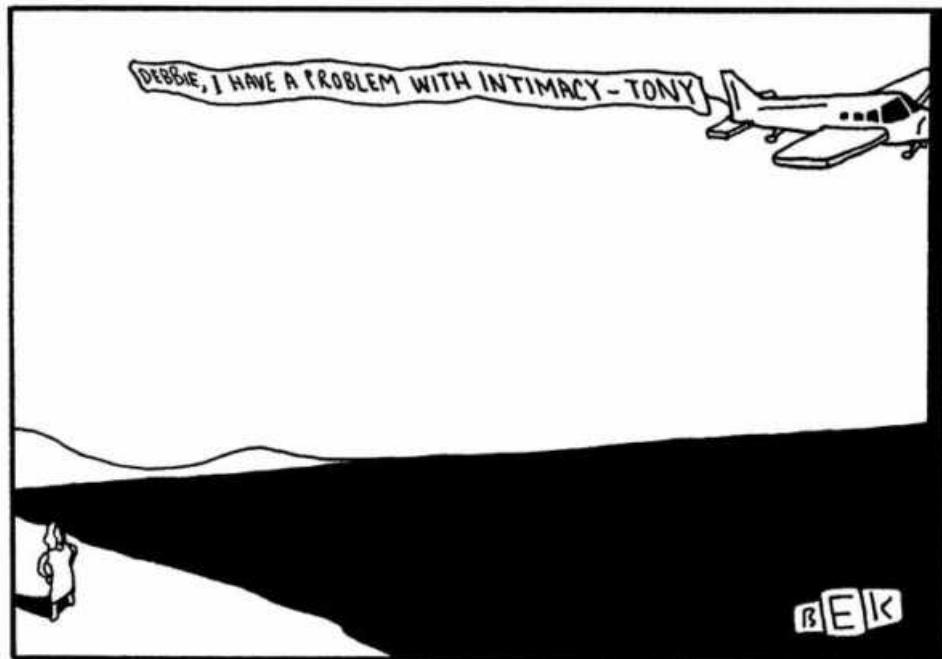
"Same here. Dropping bombs is all the sex I need."



"Hey, guess what we're having for dinner tomorrow."



"It's me, Tom—Huck Finn!"





"I got married once—to avoid writing."



*"I understand they've uncovered some weird
new side effects since you were here last."*



*"If you quote Rilke again, I'm just going to
have to take my bra off!"*



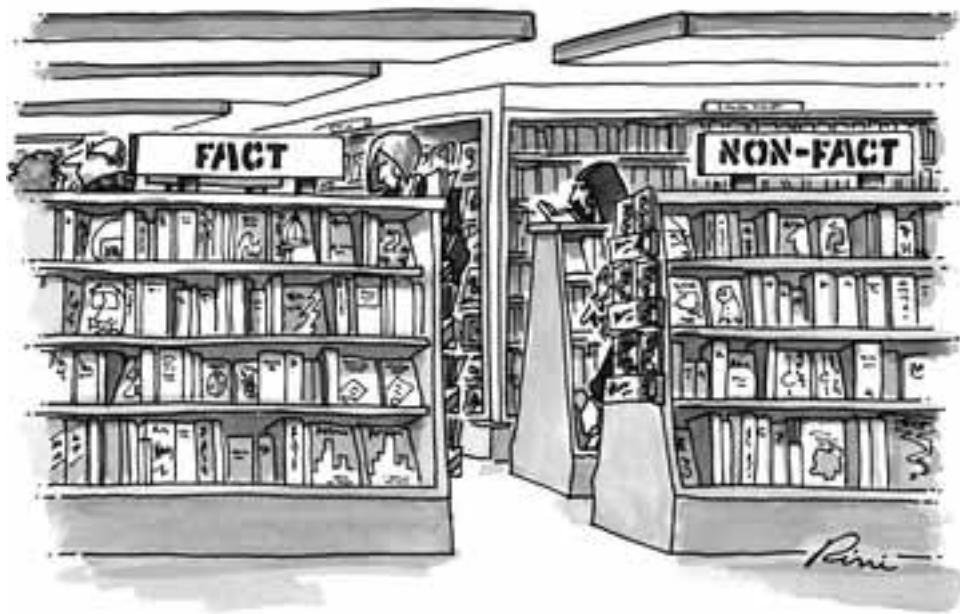


“And the Lord spoke to the children of Israel and said, ‘Thou must forswear these practices which are a blasphemy and an abomination in my sight, you know what I’m saying?”



*“Emily, a Mr. Barnes and a Mr. Noble would
like a word with you.”*









"I love it. Unspeakable, but accessible."









"Vodka Martini, splash of vermouth, with a twist. Let the healing begin."



*"And, because a princess can't be forced to testify against
her prince, they lived happily ever after."*



"A bialy, a latte, and 'A Farewell to Arms.'"



"Just once, I'd like to be able to write a check without getting thrown in jail."



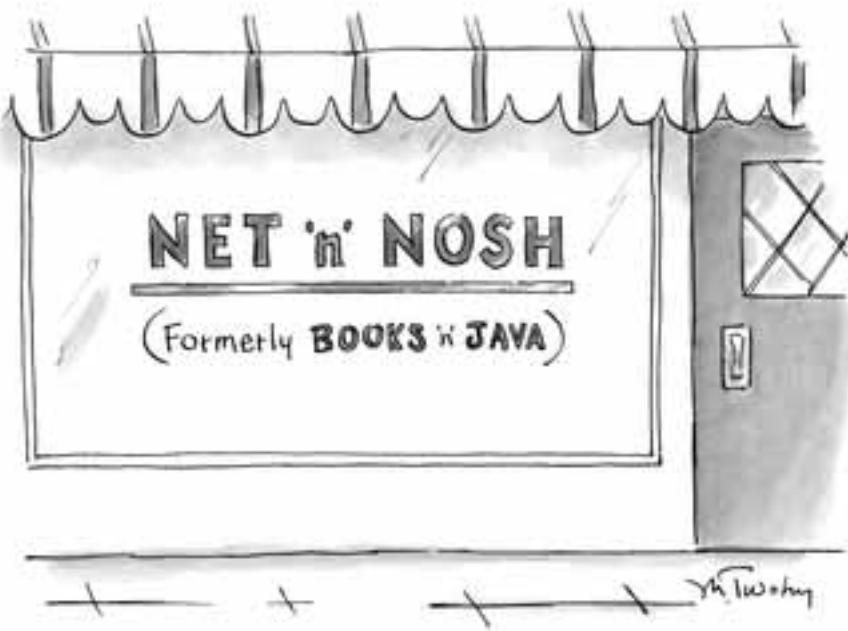
KOREN

"Here comes an out-of-print collection of short stories."

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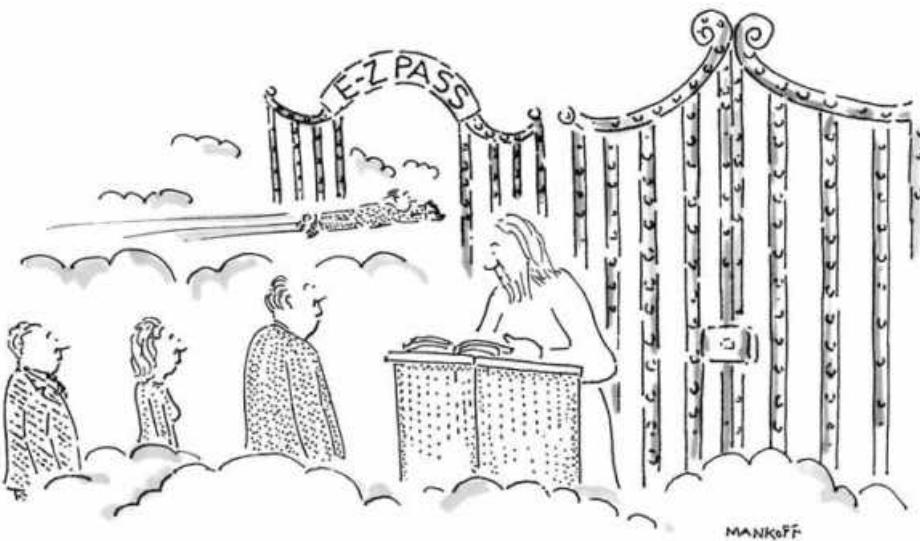


*"And all this time I didn't think you'd understand
why I ate your grandma and took her place."*





*"Your mother and I love you, Nick, but we'll soon
be turning you over to mainland China."*





"And notice, gentlemen, this year's model has twenty per cent more trunk space."



*"We're so excited. I'm hoping for a Chinese girl, but
Peter's heart is set on a Native American boy."*



"The proposal sounds good. Of course, I still have to run it by my people over at the Psychic Friends Network."







*"I want an eponymous retail empire when
I grow up, Greg. What do you want?"*



"Do you have any references besides Batman?"



"So this is infidelity."



"Please welcome Big Alcohol."



*"I imagine serenity's pretty much the same,
one season to the next?"*



“Sam is very focussed.”



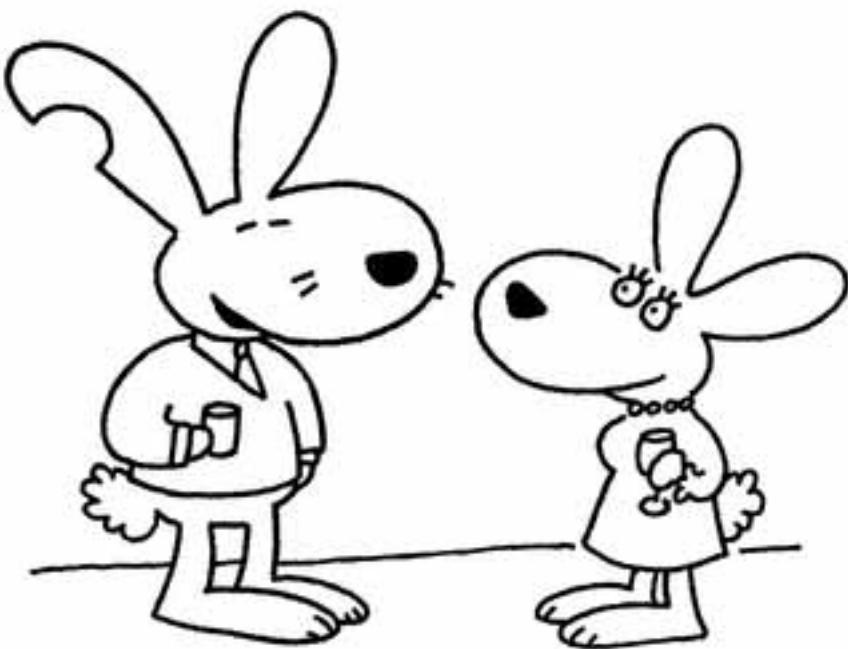
*"Still, he might be remembered as the
'no cloning' President."*



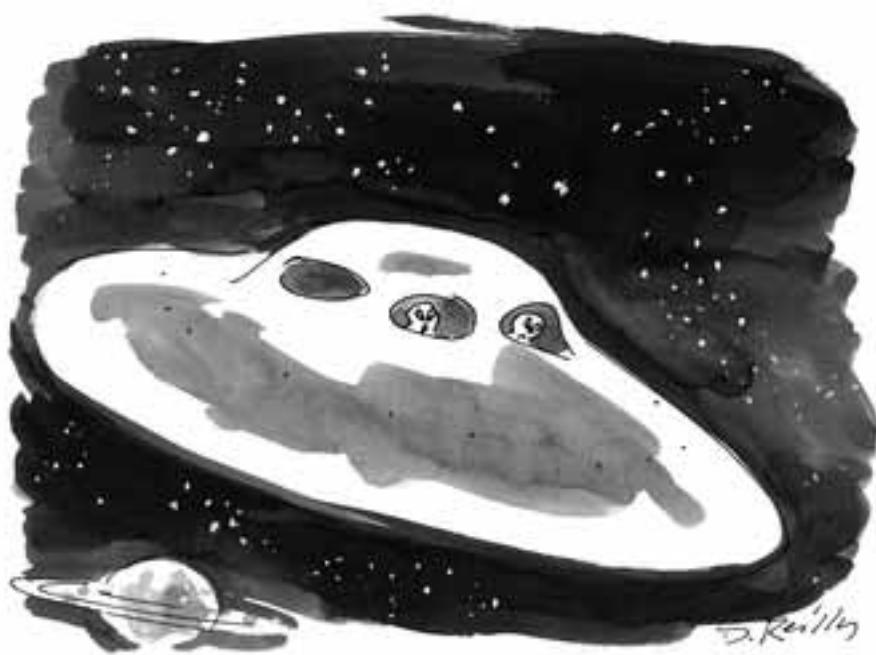




"If you want justice, it's two hundred dollars an hour. Obstruction of justice runs a bit more."



*"When you're a champ, Ma'am, every
fight is a tough fight."*



*"You haven't taken me one damn place since that
quickie trip to New Mexico back in '47."*



"The National Rifle Association maintains a very powerful lobby up here."



“Do you want to get out of here and grab a cup of coffee?”



"Nap time."



*"I was Mrs. Webb in my high-school production
of 'Our Town.' Who were you?"*





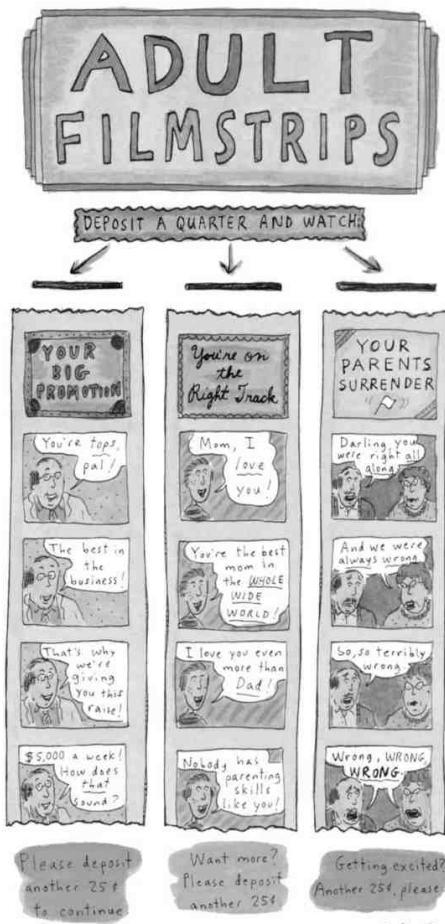
"You're really nice, Richard. I was hoping I could fix you up with my mom."



"We both see Ben as this summer's breakout child."



*"I'll have a light beer, the house salad, the salmon,
and the belly button."*





"And please stop referring to me as your main man."

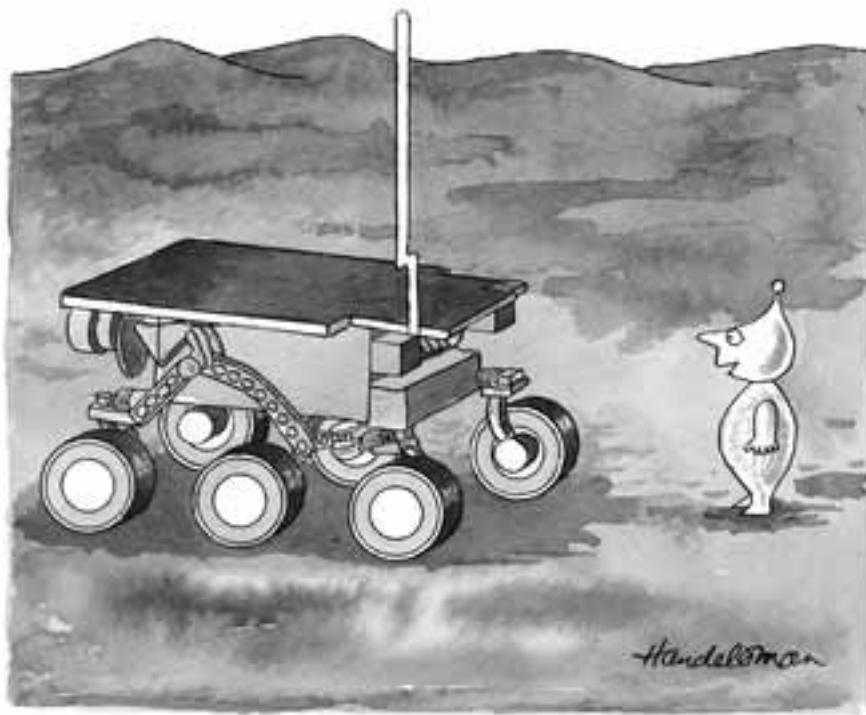


"You gotta multiply dog years by seven, pal."



"My government is very concerned about your government's torture and maiming of potential consumers."





*"I'd like to say 'Hi' to my granddaddy in
Roswell, New Mexico."*



"On the one hand, eliminating the middleman would result in lower costs, increased sales, and greater consumer satisfaction; on the other hand, we're the middleman."





"Oh, all right, dear. For the sake of argument, let's say there is another woman, whom I'll call Muffy ."



"We're canards on my mother's side."



"Your four-o'clock is here."



*"I like New York, but I miss
having a screen door."*



"To jailed comrades!"



"You know, of course, that these are legumes, not nuts."





"Hey, look—Mom left us an internal memo."



"The following program is rated P, for 'poop.' "



"Just in. Tommy Lee Jones black."



"I'd like to level with you, Mrs. Ravenscroft, but there's no legal precedent."



"I was all set to quit, but when the bastards killed off Joe Camel I swore—never."



"Meet Sally, the latest in my seemingly unending series of summer blockbusters."



"It's called monotheism, but it looks like downsizing to me."



“And no more thongs for you this summer.”



*"We're encouraging people to become involved
in their own rescue."*



"By the way, I'm taking off the first two weeks in August."



"Look at the bright side, honey. You've had great timing in the market."



"His first words were 'Been there, done that.' "



*"You can access me by saying simply 'Agnes.'
It is not necessary to add 'dot com.'"*



*"By the way, HarperCollins decided your book did
not warrant publication."*



"Food! Food!"



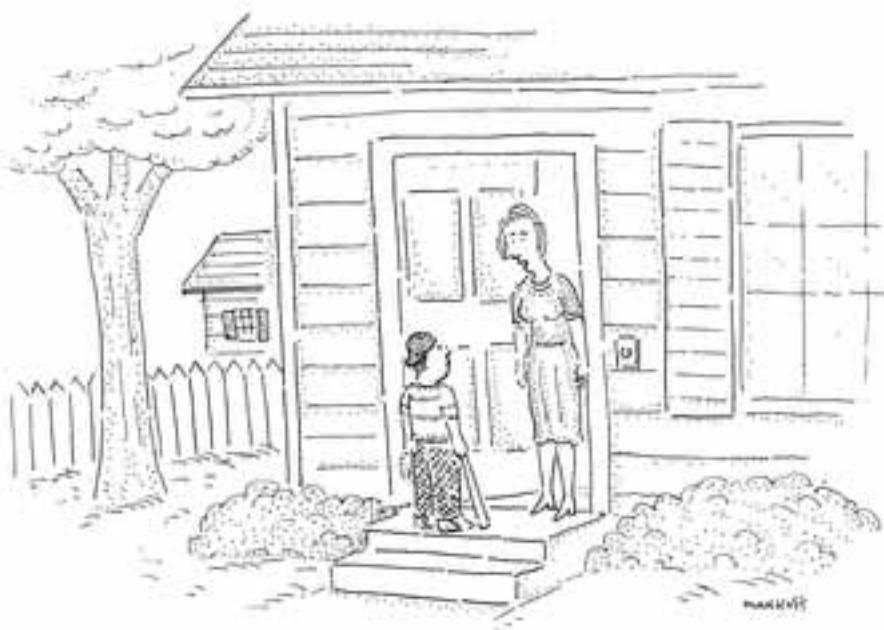
"In my opinion, this is his best men's fall collection."



"Please, Al. You know the backstroke scares the children."



*"And please let Alan Greenspan accept the things
he cannot change, give him the courage to change
the things he can and the wisdom to know
the difference."*



"No, Danny can't come out and play. Danny's on death row."



"I started out fetching."



Victoria Roberts

“Sometimes I wonder if English really is my native tongue.”







"I may be too proud to beg, but I'm not too proud to bill."



*"Do you mind if I say something helpful about
your personality?"*



"Hey, pal, do you have any idea who I think I am?"



"Why have we come? Because only Earth offers the rock-bottom prices and wide selection of men's, women's, and children's clothing in the styles and sizes we're looking for."



*"Four terms in Congress have given me the kind of yin
which I believe could make for some real yang out here
in the private sector."*



"It's either this or a country run by lawyers."



"I'd like to congratulate you on dying with dignity."



"And, in exchange for his testimony, your client gets to pick something nice out of our catalogue."



MORE TROUBLE ABOARD THE MIR

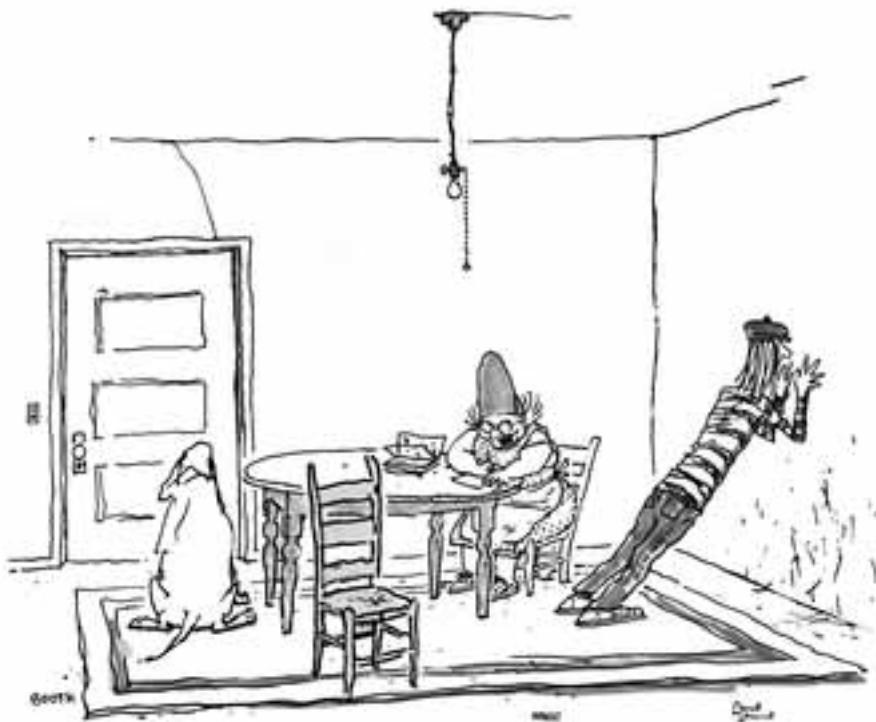


B. Smaller

"They're not dingy, Mother, they're unbleached."



"Nothing for me, thanks. I had a late last lunch."



"Let's go for the four-slot toaster."





*"And do you, Rebecca, promise to make love only to Richard,
month after month, year after year, and decade after decade,
until one of you is dead?"*



"Scotch and toilet water?"



"I'm down here temping as George's wife."



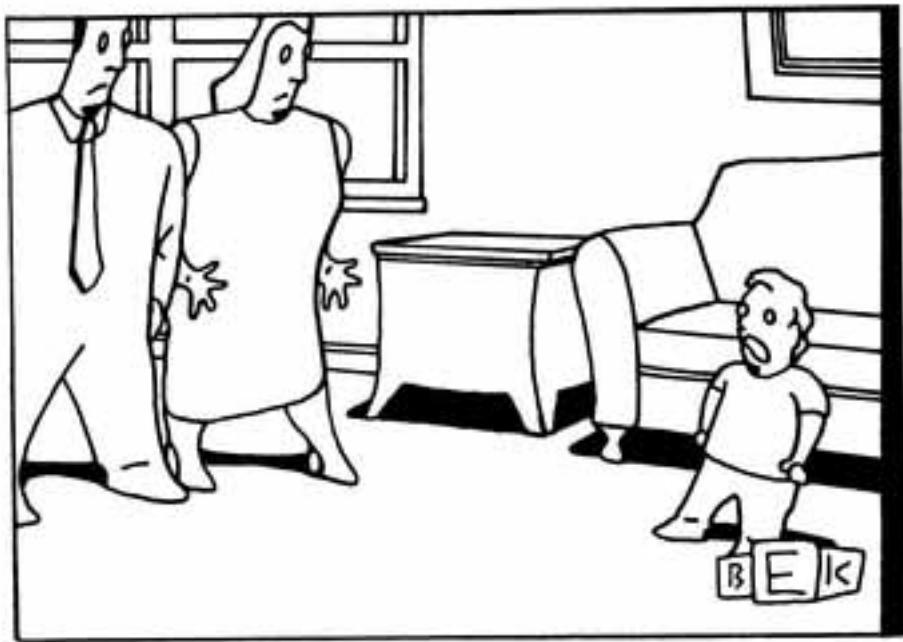
*"Eddie was a simple man and, in the end,
an eminently practical one."*



"That's enough therapy. From here on out, I think I could do a hell of a lot more for both of us as your agent."



"That's it, Henry—you've dialled your last mattress!"



“Sweet? I thought you wanted someone with edge.”



"I'd love to chat longer, but I'm working the room."



"If we dig deep enough, they say, we can go all the way to China or Hong Kong but not, at this point, to Taiwan."



"Let's show Mr. Steinbrenner what you can do."



"A Mr. Jackie Chan to see you, sir."



*"Of course, you see everything from a very
special perspective."*



"What's a nice guy like you doing in a persona like that?"



"So, does anyone else feel that their needs aren't being met?"



*"Perhaps Your Majesty should try
governing from the center."*



*"Why not stay with your mother and me?
The Feds will never find you here."*



*"When I listen to Mozart, the numbers just
seem to crunch themselves."*



*"All I can say is that we'll do everything we
can to find a donor."*



"Yes, money talks—which means it can lie."



*"Do you remember, Peg—are we on our way out
or on our way back?"*



*“Sure, dead is important. But it has
to taste good.”*



"I'm going crazy staring at the same four legs."

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UNUSUAL RETIREMENT PLANS

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I'll take a thousand bucks, stick it in a bank, "forget about it," and in thirty years I'll be pleasantly surprised.



M.K. Plan

"My Kids" will take care of me. I'm virtually certain of that.



Jackpot Account

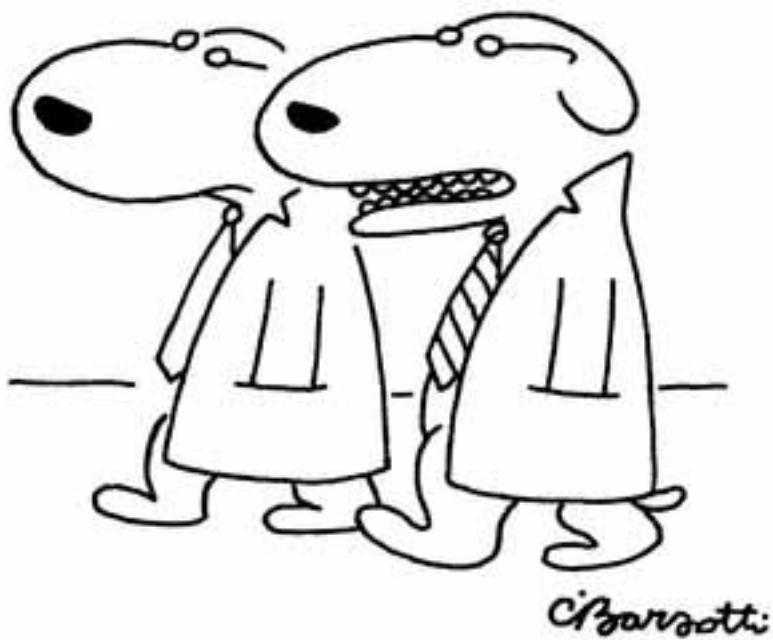
I'm not going to need one, because I'm going to be RICH, yessiree Bob.



The ? Plan

Who can plan, like, next week? Because an asteroid could smash into the Earth tomorrow, so what's the point?

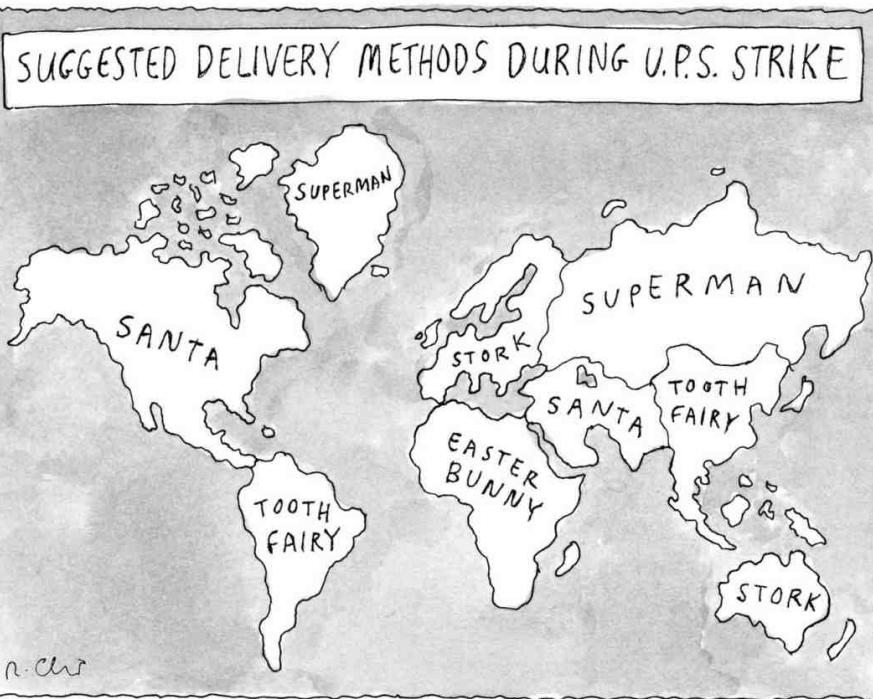


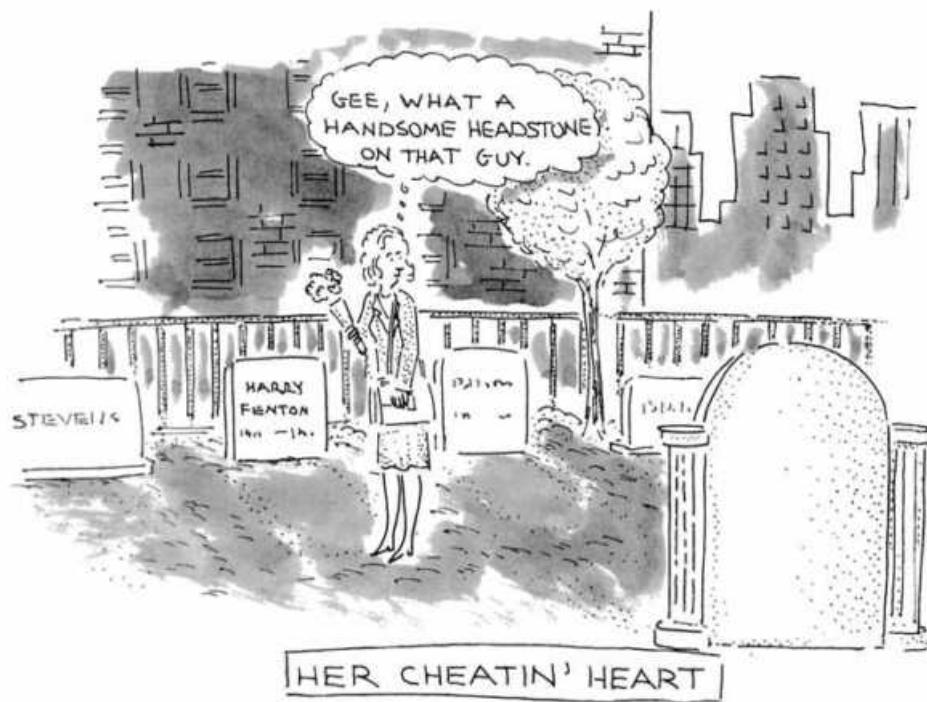


"I had to bite him once, but now I always get a great table."



“A lot of it is just legal mumbo-jumbo.”







"Are my little buttons too provocative?"



"Yes, I am having an affair. Why do you ask?"



“Sorry, David, but I’m strictly catch-and-release.”



"You have an inordinately long shelf life, for a cupcake."



"Oh, he just ripened and fell off the vine."







*"I want you to know, Sheila, that you'll always be
more than just a babysitter to me."*



"Just another of our many disagreements. He wants a no-fault divorce, whereas I would prefer to have the bastard crucified."



*"You're wonderful, Kimberly, and I want to be married,
but I'm looking for a complete unknown."*



"And if you prick me, do I not bleed?"

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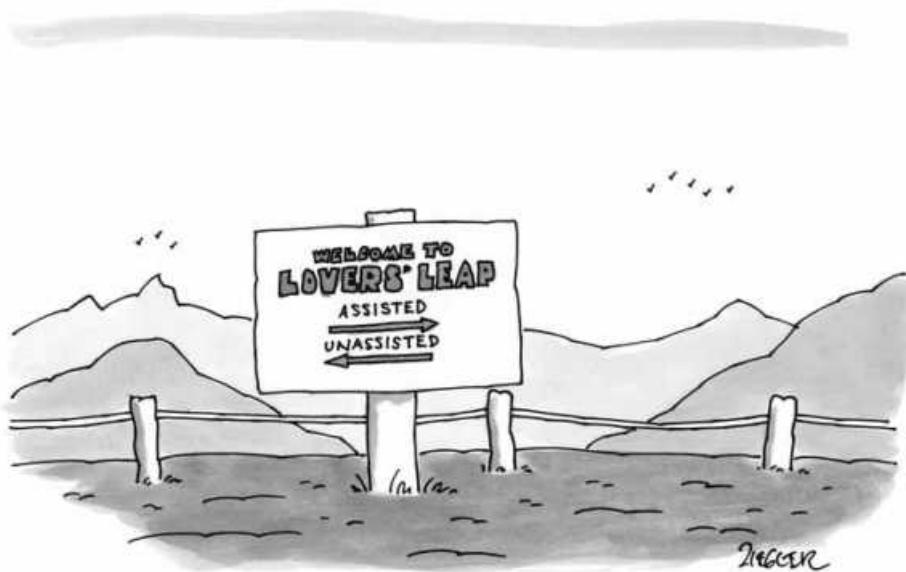
"Of course I love you. If I didn't love you, we wouldn't have all this damn furniture."



*"Before we married, she seemed like the sort
who would suffer a fool gladly."*



"Single people have feelings, too."





"What happened to 'Erotica'?"



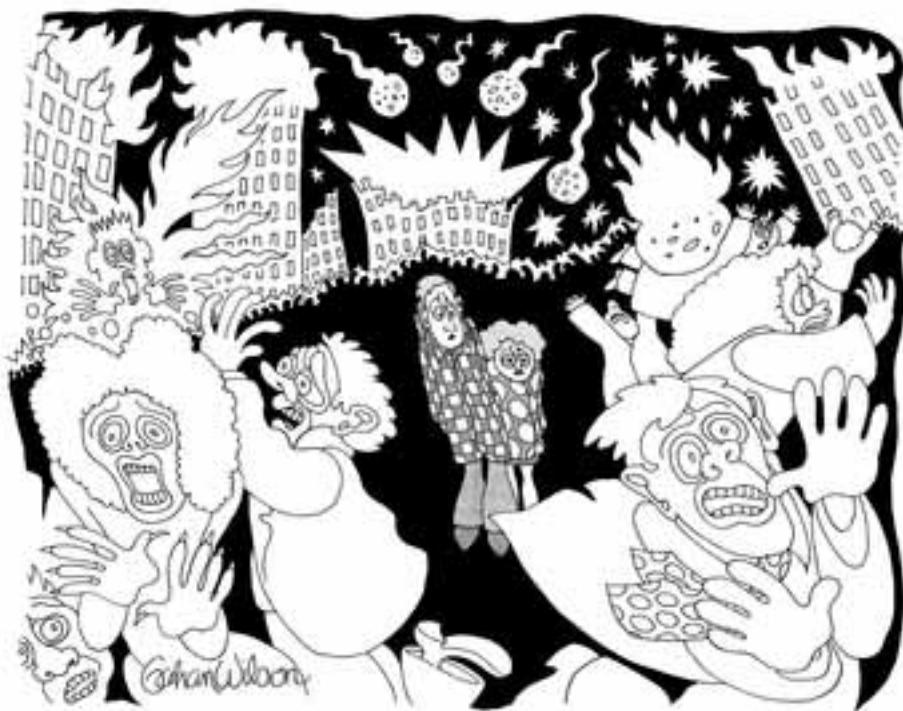
"To my wife of fifteen years—arguably the best of my many perks."



"Over here, Carol! I've found one with a caramel center!"



*“Sure, I’d get married again, but who wants a
she-wolf with two adopted children?”*



"Gee, I'm sorry this had to happen on our first date!"



"I now pronounce you both legally insane."



*"I see here several good deeds that seem to have
gone unpunished."*



*"It's only the Ericksons, so why don't you just use
the recalled hamburger meat."*



*"I'm warning all of you. In the future, only
normal brutality will be tolerated."*



"Are you pretty good with your fists?"



"Oh, it's just more white-male stuff."



"I had a nice chat with my trainer today about Allah."



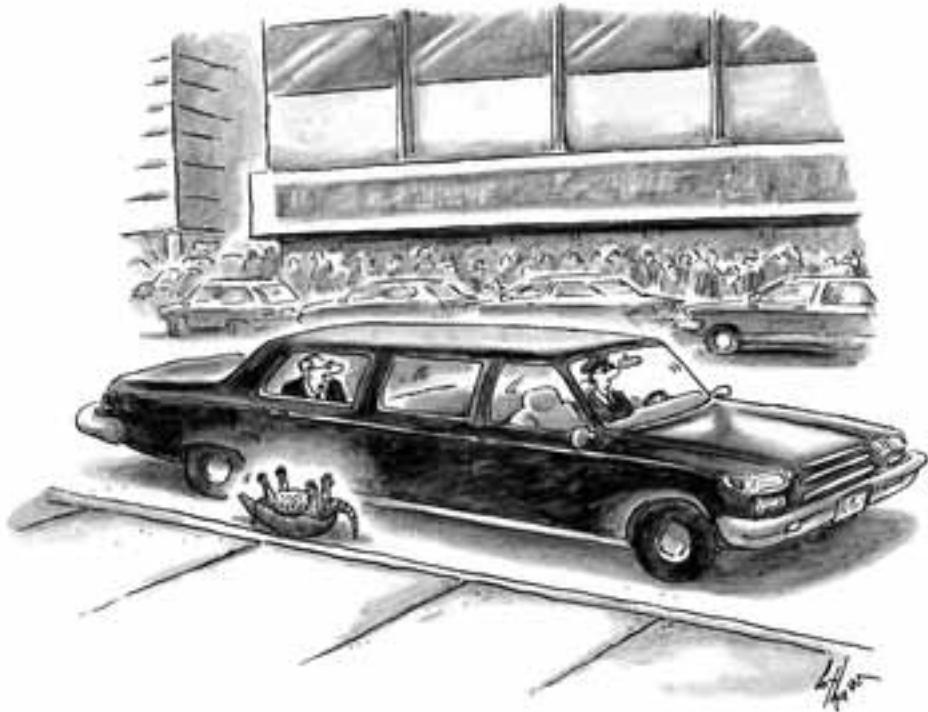
"Sims, we've decided to let you go."



"Thanks for coming. It's probably nothing."



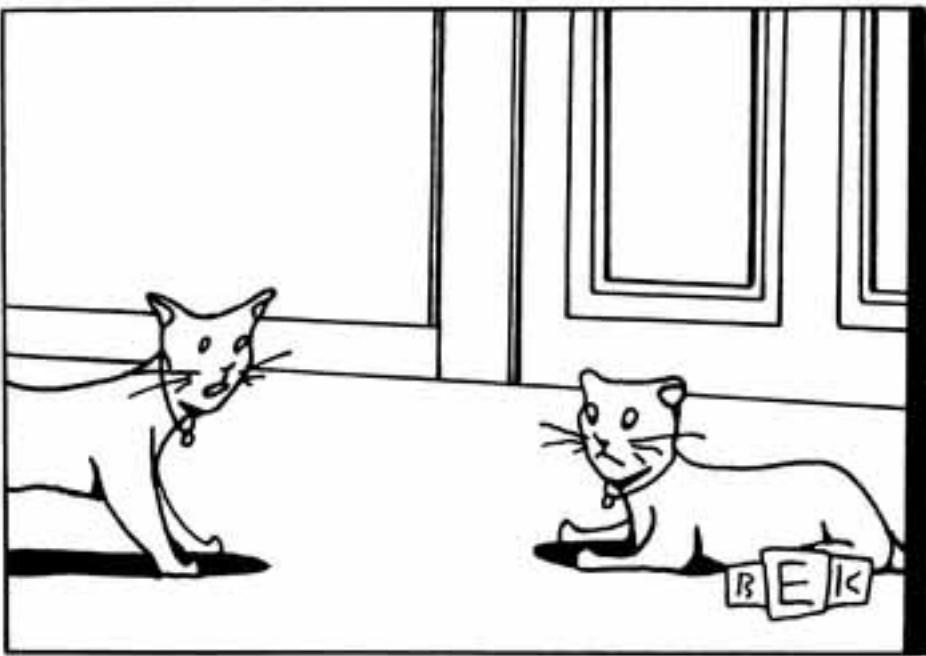
"The Queen is somewhere in the snuggery!"



"Pull up past the armadillo."



*"A village did raise him. But, of course, it
was Greenwich Village."*



"People are O.K., but I prefer little pieces of string."



*"Yes, I wish you would act as if your old girlfriends
had never existed."*



"Plus, I can read."



"Is Pinot Noir where you want to be?"



"Do you think you could give me a hand? The guests will be here any minute."

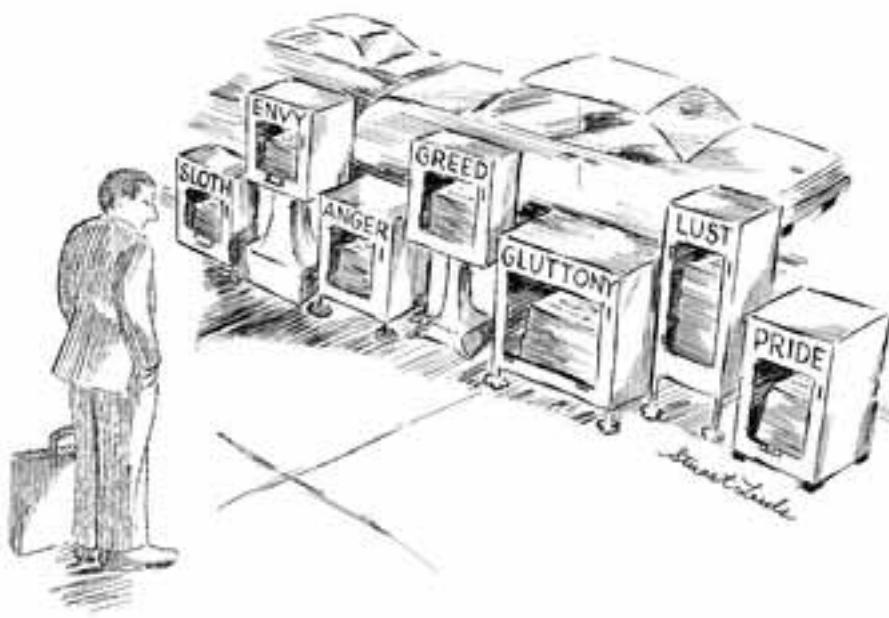




*"It's the whole kindergarten thing, Mom. I'm alone
in there, swimming with the sharks."*



*"Our problem is I know your Social Security number
but you don't know mine."*







"Stop tensing your abdominals!"



*"Look, fella—can't you see this is an
executive smokers' group?"*



*"Excuse me, Doc, my attention wandered. What type
of deficit disorder did you say I had?"*



*"I'm finding it difficult to keep alive the little
embezzler within."*





"On second thought, don't correct me if I'm wrong."



*"Please, honey, I'm with a patient, and I've
asked you not to call me on this line."*



*“What I Did Last Summer,” by Scott Sweningen,
as told to Samantha Gerhart.”*



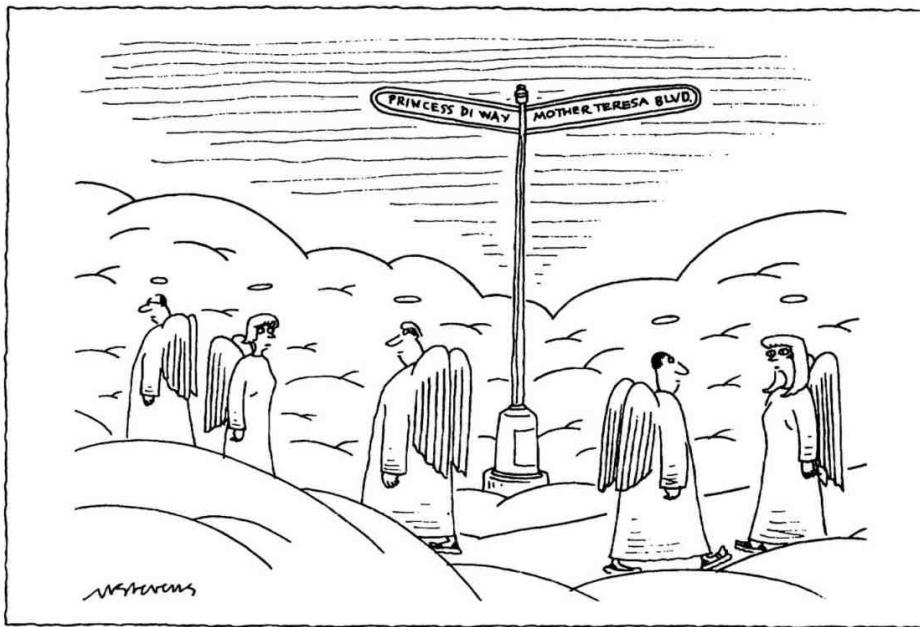
"Please hold my calls for the next fifteen minutes, Miss Hammish."



"Last week, I think I had a near-life experience."



"A poll of New York City voters indicates that the topic they're most concerned with is the British monarchy."





"Of course, that was long ago, but at the time it seemed like the present."



"I've had to be both hunter and gatherer."



"Yes, I've been around the block once or twice, but I'm glad to tell you it's always been in Guccis."



"Now I lay me down to sleep . . ."



"Good news! Our septic tank is shot."



*"Next to my two years in the Marines, you're the
best thing I've ever done."*



"Not much in the way of hard assets, I'm afraid, but he did leave some highly desirable organs."



*"I like its easygoing spirit, but light mauve
shows jelly."*



"Something drinkable right now."



"And, hey, don't kill yourself trying to pay it back. You know our motto—'What the hell, it's only money.'"



*"Now that we've got your head back on, let's move
to the next bit of business."*



*"So have we given up completely on the idea
of the full monty?"*



A SEMI-PRIVATE PERSON



"Rudy Giuliani says we're doing great."



"Let's face it. The money's gone out of our marriage."



"Your dad seems really focussed on his own journey."



"At least he died at home."



"Care to stick your head out the window, sir?"



"Irrational exuberance, Miss Billings—and Alan Greenspan take the hindmost!"



"I don't see one damn thing we haven't eaten before."



*"Congratulations! Owing to the responsible way
in which you've handled your drinking, the
management has increased your limit."*



*"Anti-personnel land mines pose no threat to
people, Colonel. Only to personnel."*

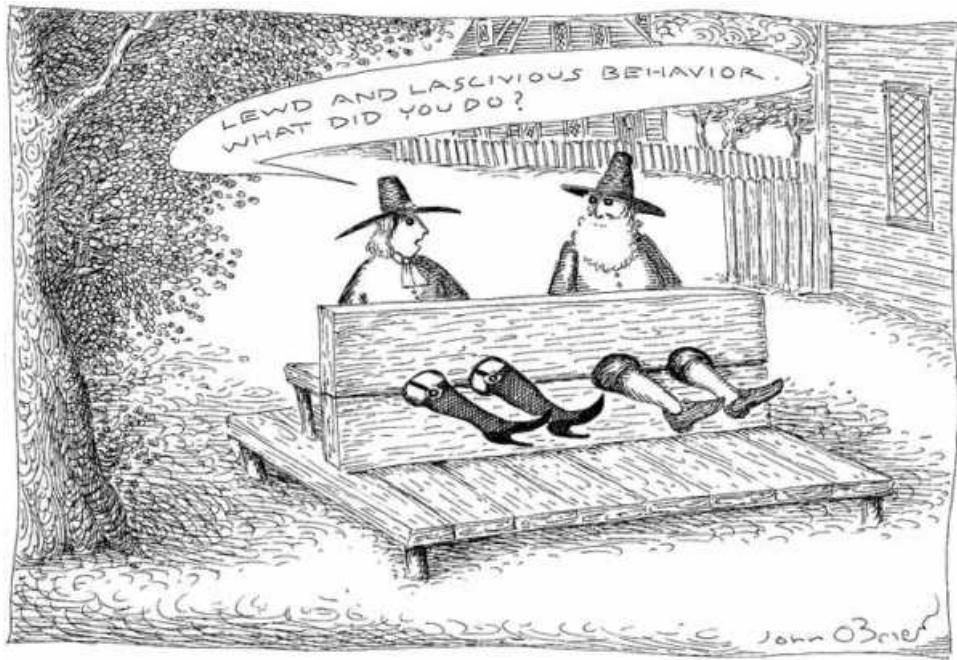


*"It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
signifying nothing, and No.1 on the best-seller list."*



"I miss my mom's home-cooked methamphetamine."







*"Fred is heterosexual, but I'd wish he'd be a
little more blatant about it."*



"I mean, like, in painting, we'd be called a 'school.' "



*"First you must see Dr. Ta, and then you must see Dr. Ra Ra,
and after that you may see Dr. Boom T. Ay."*



"Yo! My man! Who be needin' 'Ariadne auf Naxos' tickets?"



"Since I retired, I've been doing some part-time consulting for a younger predators' group."



"He's clean."



*"The reason I'm singing the national anthem, Steve,
is that I'm signing off now."*



*"Not to blow my own horn, but the ad for my book
in the 'Times' called it 'extraordinary.'"*



"Viewers should be advised: the following debate on public funding for the arts contains violence and adult language."



"Philip Larkin wouldn't like you, either."



"Now, now, Harrison, we all start somewhere."





*"I tip waiters twenty per cent, but
actors ten per cent."*



"It's absolutely marv."





*"You wouldn't like it if I woke up and wrote things
down in the middle of the night."*





"Plus cute. Did I mention extremely cute, for a fusion chef?"



*“Surely you didn’t believe what you read in
the liberal-controlled press?”*



*"I wish you had come to me with your grievances
before burning the company flag."*





"My wife's lawyer doesn't understand me."



"Honey, I'm home."

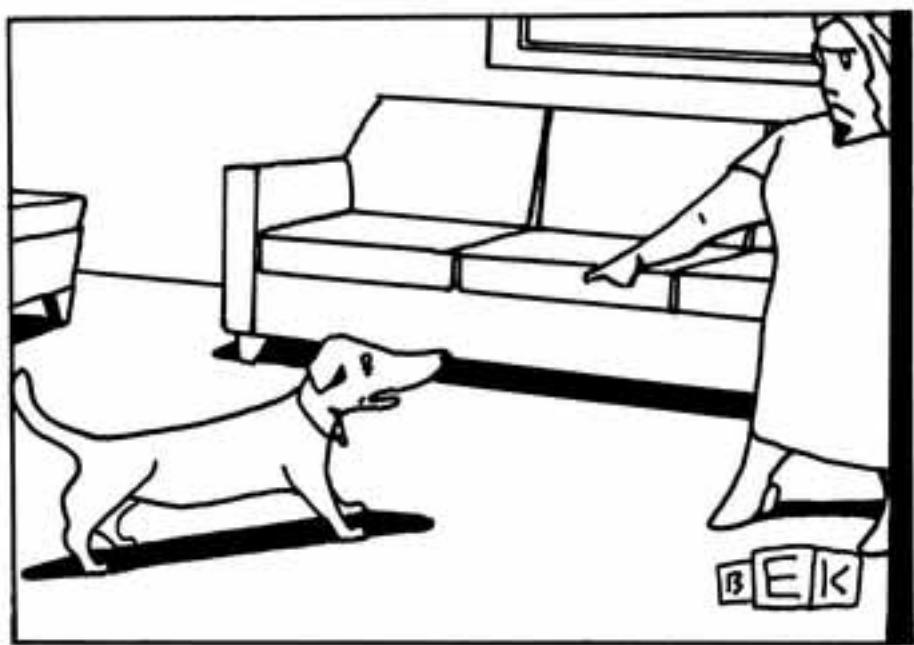




*"We have decided to finance your voyage, Mr. Columbus,
even though we are disappointed that you failed to
produce your high-school transcripts."*



"Simon, I'm not really interested in your juvenilia."



"I may want to sit. Just give me a chance to process this."



“Money doesn’t trickle down unless there’s a damn leak.”



*"Those who do not learn from the future are destined
to make mistakes in it."*



"Personally, I like the 'Times' in color."



"Apparently, there is life after death."



*"Do you need anything magnificent?
I'm off to the hypermarket."*





*"Your father's a suit, and when you grow up
you'll be just a suit, too."*



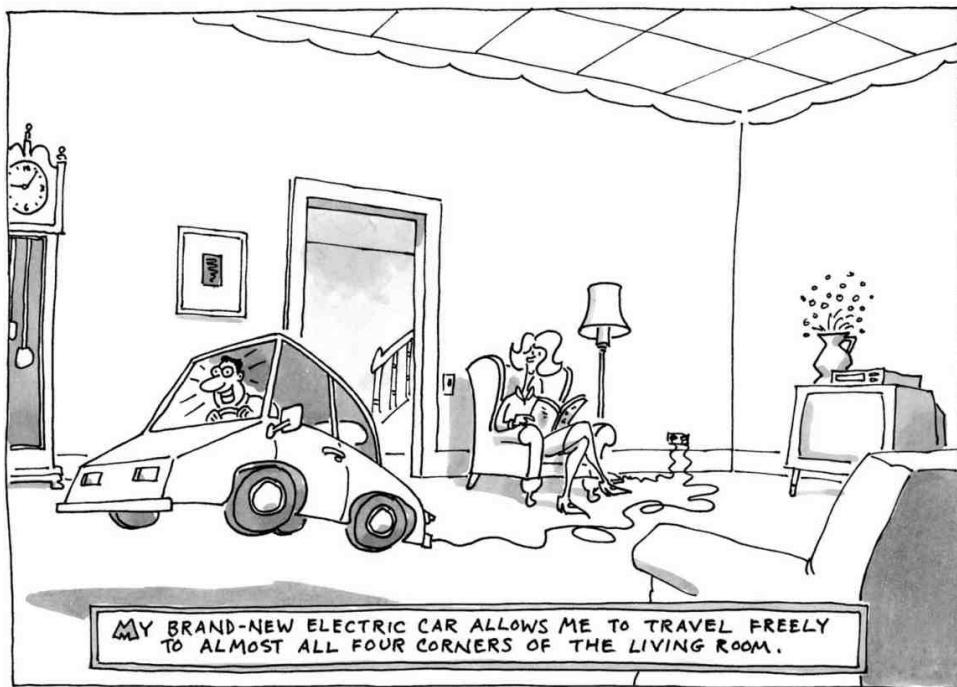
*"Honey, please don't talk to Daddy when
he's in a chat room."*





"Richard, we need to talk. I'll E-mail you."



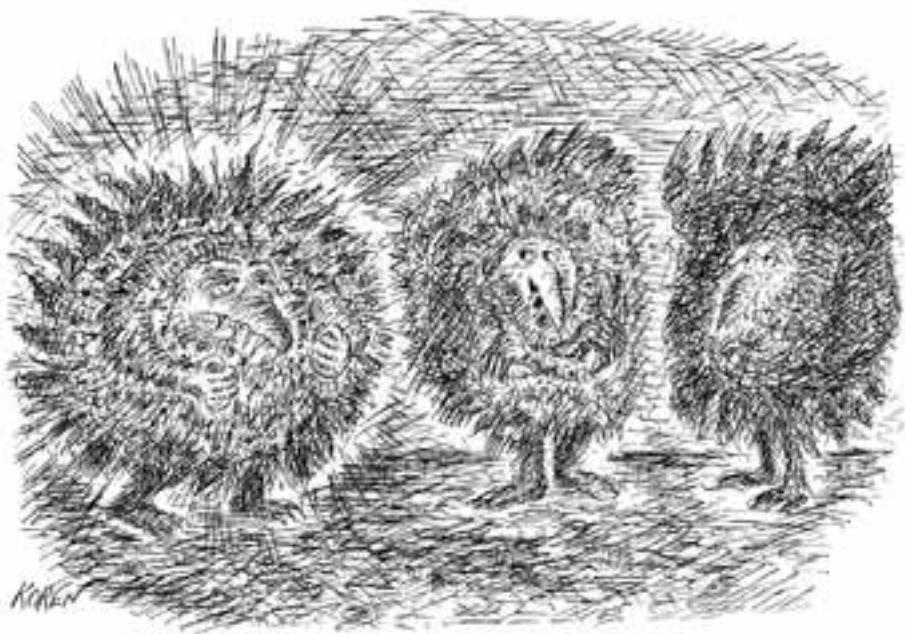




*"I would marry, but I can't let go
of the moment."*



"Promise me you'll keep the buzz alive."

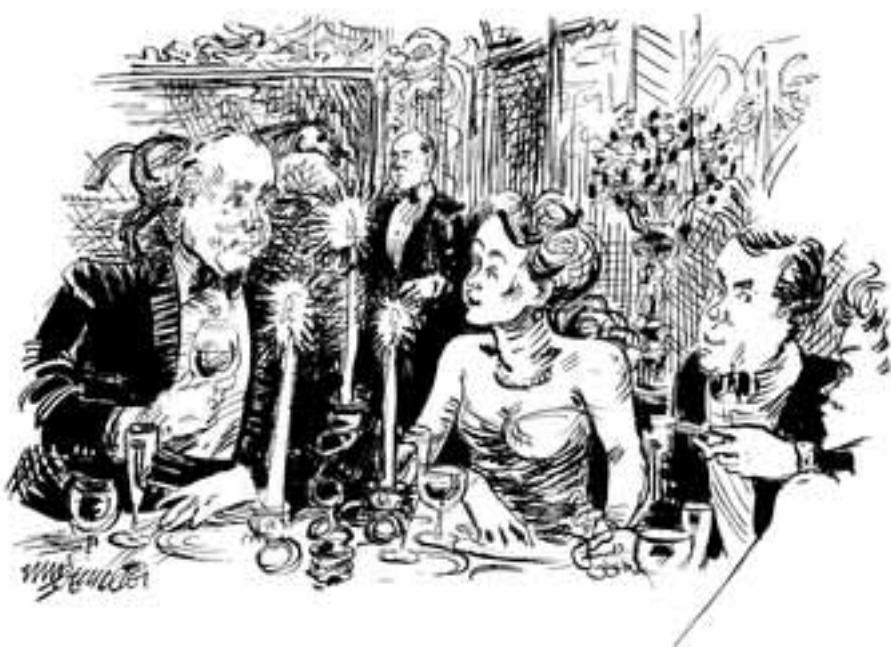


“She’s the most effective of our emerging new pathogens.”



"Jeffrey was a surprise."

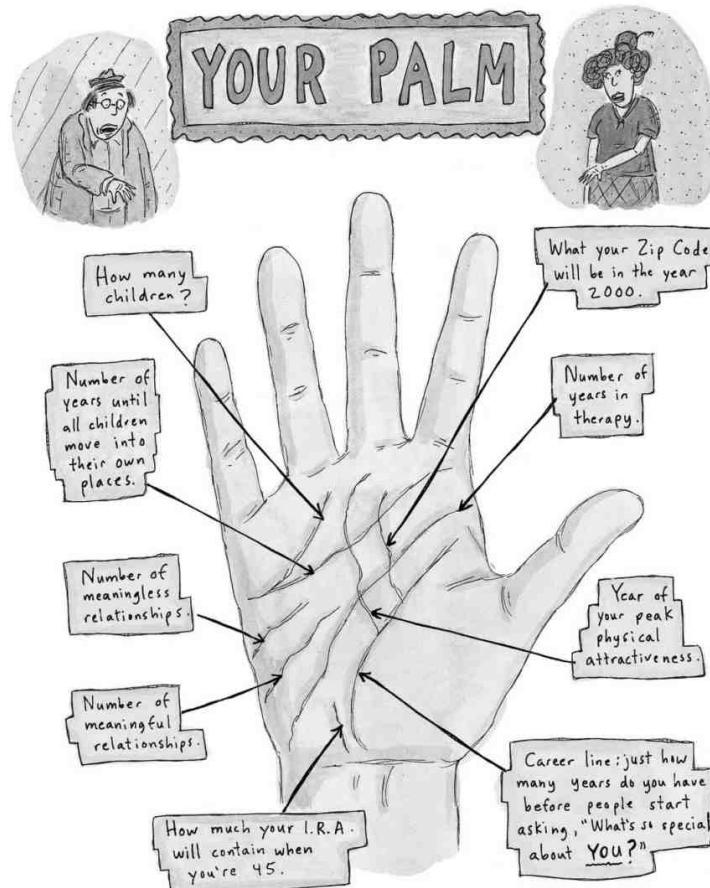




*"I just hope I can do half as well with my future
as you did with yours."*



"You'll love it! It's computer-driven but people-enhanced."



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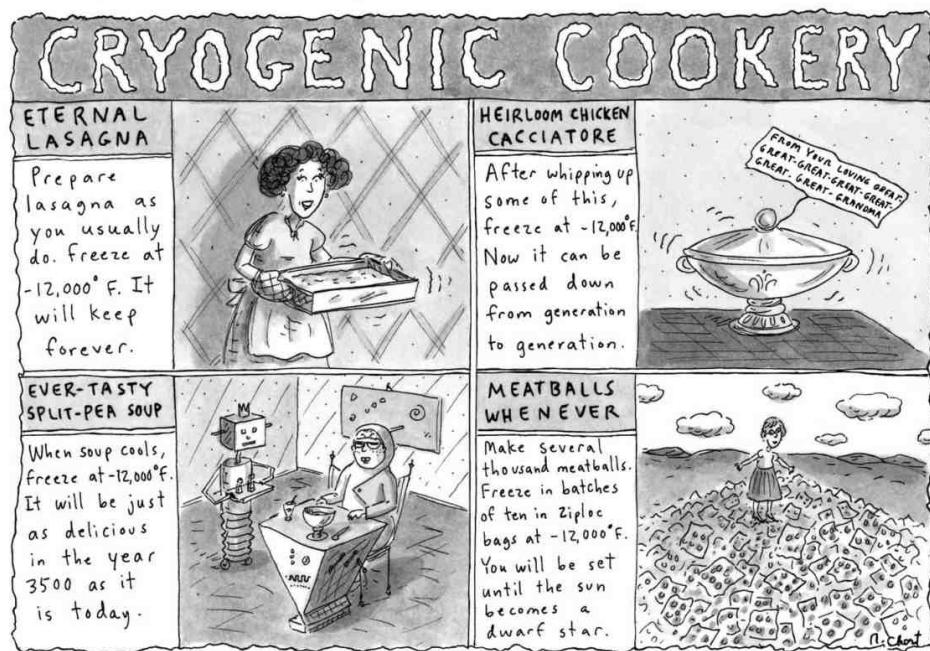




"I strongly suggest that you reinvent yourself!"



"Actually, we're only taking tissue samples."





*"Do you think the world really is going
to hell, or are we just getting old?"*



"Instead of waiting for the next big thing to transform our lives, why don't we give it a shot ourselves?"



"I think I'll be more relaxed once my secondary sex characteristics kick in."



"You're kidding! You don't look a day over Hillary!"

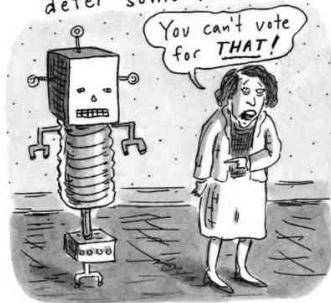


*"Oh, darling, we have three whole days and nights
while she thinks I'm at Promise Keepers."*

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HOW MESSINGER COULD WIN

Giuliani could be shown to be an alien, which might deter some voters.



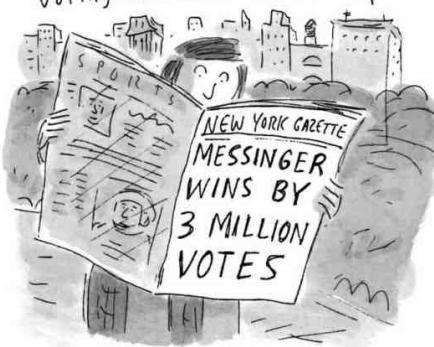
Giuliani could drop out of the race to become a full-time stay-at-home dad.



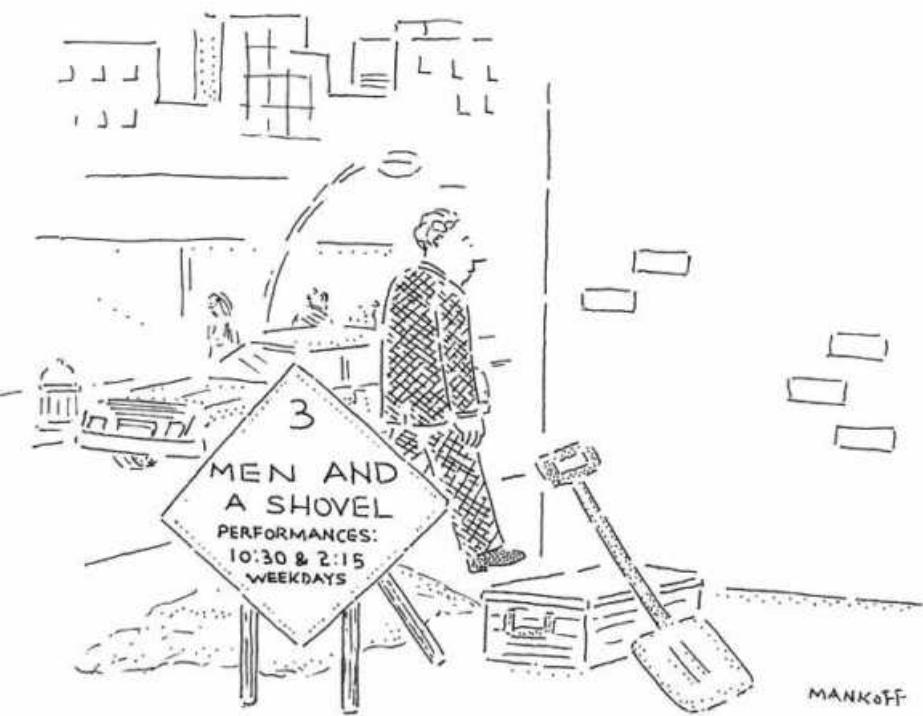
Messinger could hook up with George Soros, who would promise a million bucks for each Messinger vote.



And, of course, there's always the hope of a major, act-of-God voting-machine screw-up.



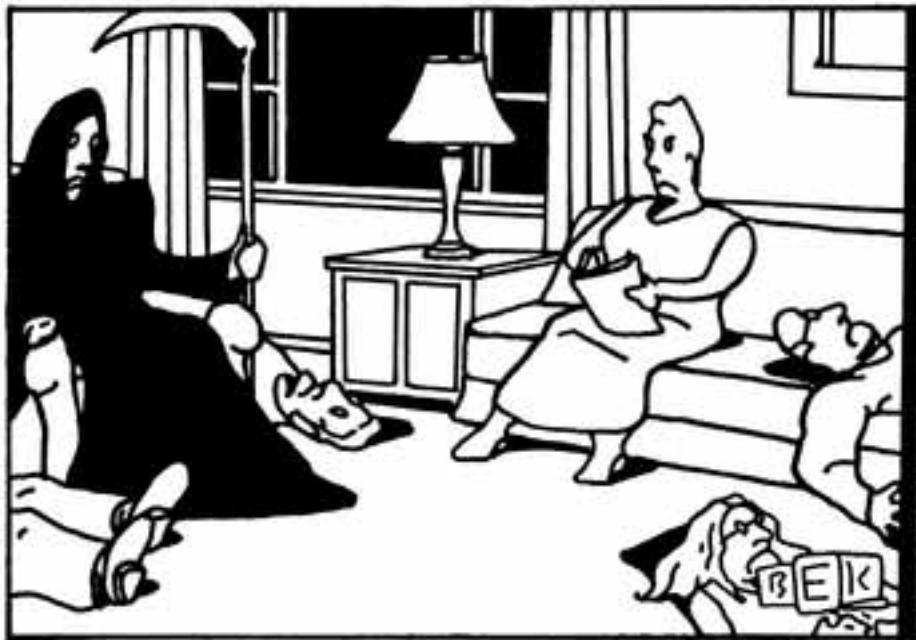
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"Oh, God. More condoms."



"So I brought a little work home with me. Big deal."



"I'm taking you to the Four Seasons. You'll enjoy the fear."



*"What I really hate is knowing that I'm doing this
exactly the way my mother did it."*



*"I slipped on a bar of soap in the bathtub,
and my gun went off."*



"Your Honor, we're going to go with the prosecution's spin."



"Does the N.R.A. know about this?"



"I'm too old to go Dutch."



"I'm afraid I've got some bad news."



*"Lethal injection's my favorite, because they don't
make you shave your head."*



*"Hello, I'm Nesbit. I'm three, and I'm
right on track."*



*"I may be awhile. I'm soliciting funds for
my reëlection campaign."*



*"You know what, Ira? You've had a rough day.
Don't make me part of it."*



“Frankly, I’ve repressed my sexuality so long I’ve actually forgotten what my orientation is.”

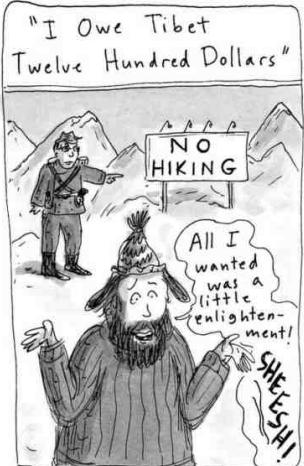


"Although my client was well aware of the falling crime rate, Your Honor, he chose not to be trendy."

MORE TIBET FILMS



Family's search for meaning equals high jinks aplenty.



Things get slightly hairy for an American abroad.



Jed Clampett and Co. learn about a different kind of "hill."

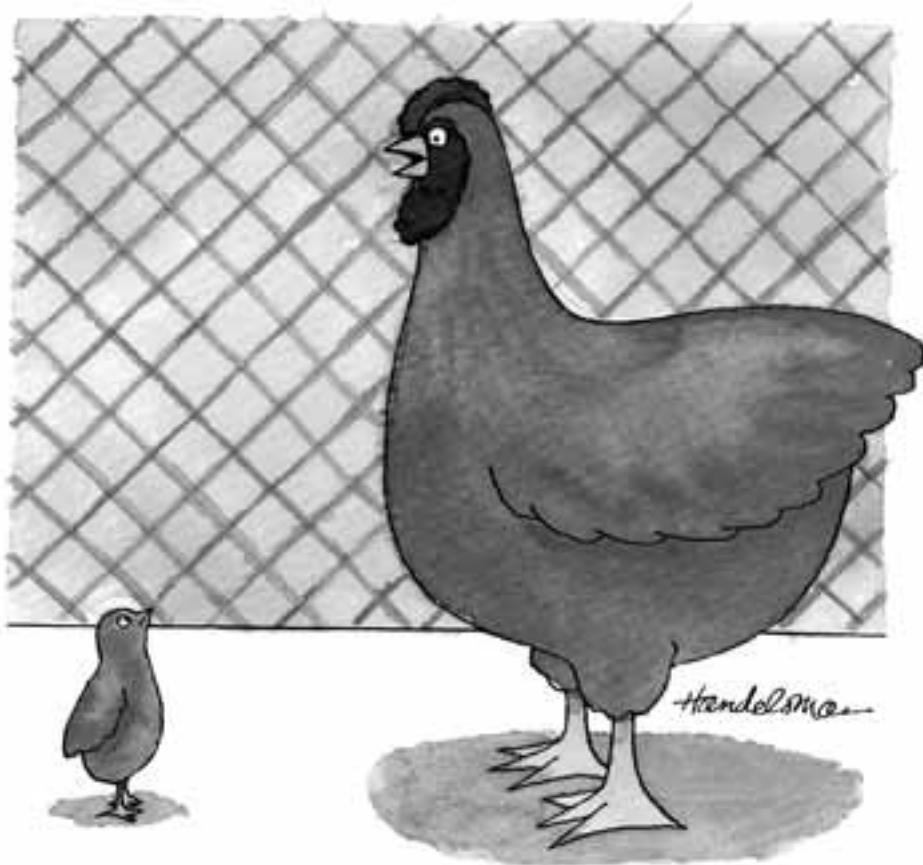
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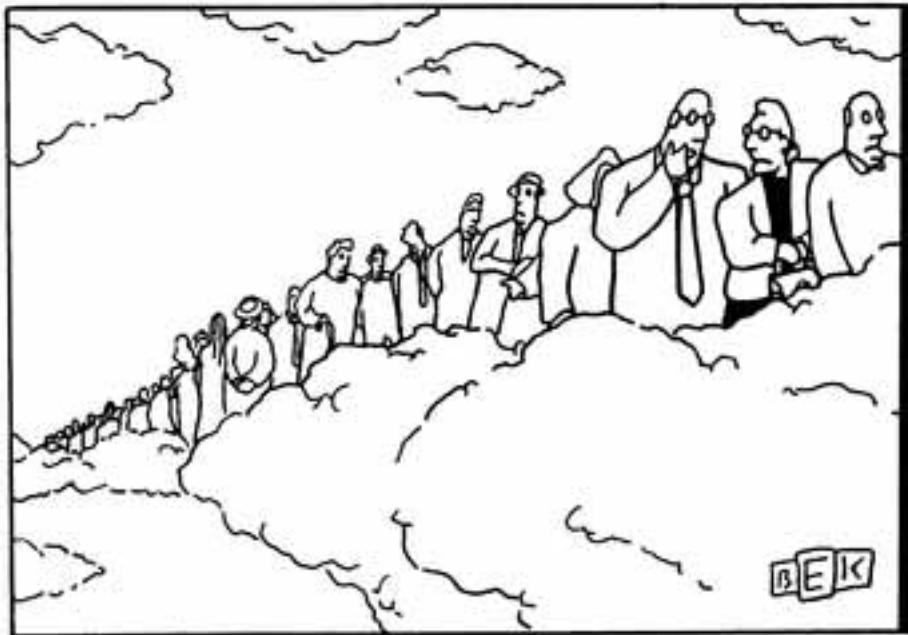
"That was an incredible nap!"



*"I'm glad we won, and I hope that someday we'll have
a university that our football team can be proud of."*



*"Even more dangerous than crossing the road
is being undercooked."*



"Well, according to the scuttlebutt we're dead."



"I can rise from the ashes like a phoenix only so many times!"



*"Why can't you be more like Hutchinson?
You don't hear him complaining."*



"Mr. Culner is survived by his wife, the former Janice Dexter; one son, Horace, Jr.; and three grandchildren."



"You're just in time. We're having vegetarian chili tonight."



"He's Richard Gere without the principles."



"We'll take it."





*"Here we go—Xena, Warrior Princess, versus
Sheena, Queen of the Jungle."*



*"Before we try assisted suicide, Mrs. Rose, let's
give the aspirin a chance."*



"Still, a brisk walk can be just as effective."



"You see that dark, spooky image on the screen? That's your credit history coming back to haunt you."



*"I rolled my pension over and over and over, and
now I have no idea where the hell it is."*



"Yes, Jamie—you have an insight?"



"Goodnight moon. Goodnight house. Goodnight breasts."



*"The young guy on 'Nothing Sacred' reminds
me of us when we first started out."*



*"When you're on their flowers, you're a snail.
When they want to eat you, suddenly you're
an escargot."*



"It doesn't get any more low-maintenance than this!"



*"I'd just as soon it wasn't cut into those funny
little pieces, if you don't mind."*

ANGRY WHITE MALES WHERE ARE THEY NOW?





*"I tried art for a while back in the eighties, but,
talk about a jungle . . ."*





"Harold insists on doing all his own stunts."



*"Yeah, well, the quality of your life is interfering
with the quality of my life."*



"We gave them corn last year!"



"I'm tired of this full-time job. I want a part-time job."



"Pompeii wasn't built in a day, either, but it was destroyed in one fell swoop."



"It's just the architect's model, but I'm very excited."





*"I'm leaving you and the kids to join
the Promise Keepers."*



"Unfortunately, the law allows me no leeway in the case of an acquittal. I have to let you go."



"Three Wild Turkeys."



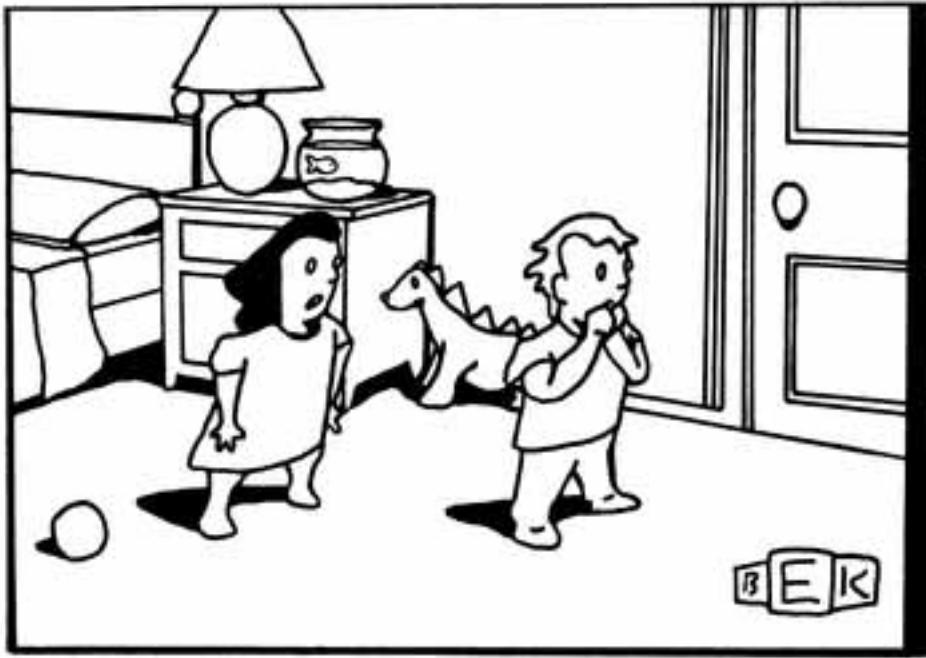
*"I don't think you can distance yourself from the White House
on this one. After all, you are the President."*



"Put in something about the stock market."



"I'm afraid there wasn't anything we could do to save him, but we did manage to recover his black box."



"You're using the boogeyman as an excuse to shut me out."



*"We cannot write a life policy for your husband, Mrs. Blaine,
because he is already dead. In insurance terms, that is
considered a preexisting condition."*



*"Our life is sort of like a bad play, but somehow
we've managed to get good reviews."*



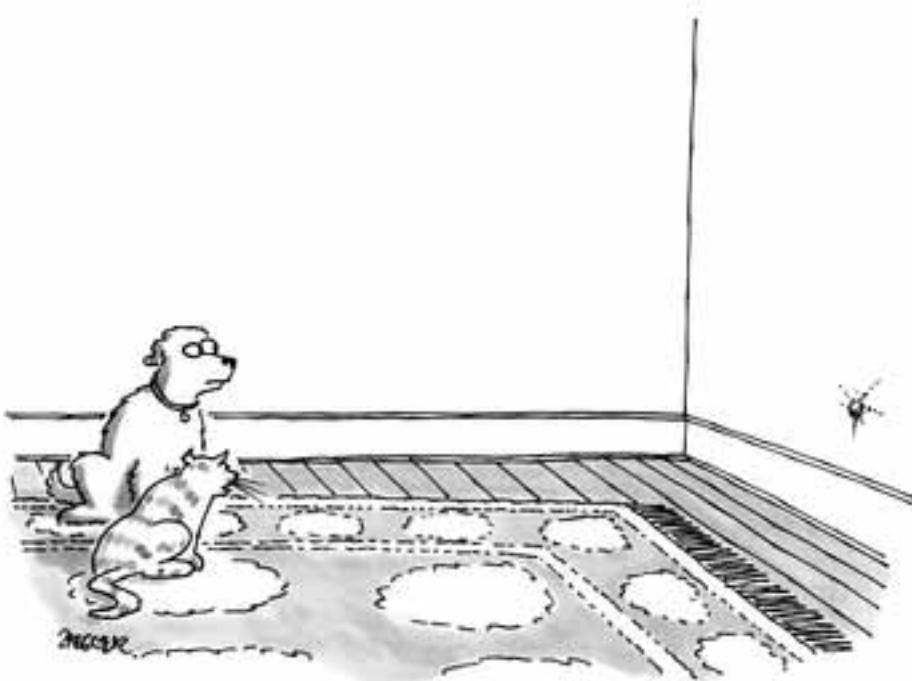
*"You seem to know something about law. I like
that in an attorney."*



"The feedback I'm getting tells me that if your people work with my people we can grow this thing."



"Oh, waiter, there's a bullet in my soup."



"Projectile hairballing."

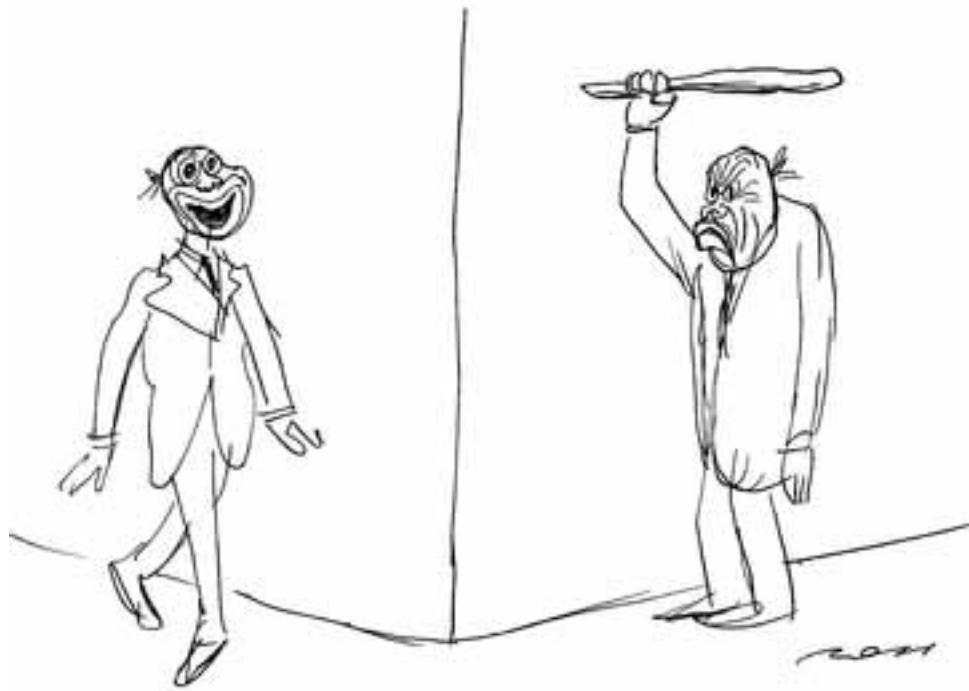




"I don't have lunch. I have people who do that for me."



*"First, we'll look for repressed memories
of malpractice suits."*





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UNTESTED EGG RECIPES

Forty-Egg Cake

40 eggs
 1/2 cup flour
 1 cup sugar
 1/3 cup shortening

Whip everything together. Pop it all in a pan, throw it in the oven, and see what happens.



Huevos Rancheros Picantes

2 eggs
 1 bottle Tabasco
 20 jalapeño peppers, minced
 5 tbsp. red-pepper flakes

Combine and cook. Remember to keep an open mind.



Calcium Bonanza

6 eggs, shells included
 1/2 cup sugar

In a blender, whirl eggs and sugar. Drink quickly, before you start to have doubts.



Eggs on Horseback

Eggs
 Twine
 Saltines

Hard-boil and shell eggs. Tie eggs to saltines with twine and send out into the world.





"I'm coming to a tunnel, so goodbye and go to hell."



"Madeleine Albright kicked butt in that suit."



"How would you feel if the mouse did that to you?"



"I may not be in for a while, Eddie. My wife and I have decided to normalize relations."



*"No, I don't want to live forever, but I damn sure
don't want to be dead forever, either."*



"We've gathered enough. Let's hunt."





"There lived in Baghdad a humble woodcutter named Ali Baba, who was villainously threatened by at least forty Americans."



*"You faked your death once before—how do I know
you're not faking it now?"*



*"His debaucheries haven't lessened his effectiveness
as emperor."*



“She’s a little traumatized—this is her first Wal-Mart.”



*"I spent my thirties doing my twenties, but by the time
I was in my forties I was doing my forties."*



"Around here, Walker, we prefer the term 'fallen angel.'"







"No comment."



*"Oh, shush! You live by Janet Maslin, you're
going to die by Janet Maslin."*



"The little pig with the portfolio of straw and the little pig with the portfolio of sticks were swallowed up, but the little pig with the portfolio of bricks withstood the dip in the market."



*"We made good time. We're already in the valley
of the shadow of death."*



*"How come every man on this beach can't get his
mind off work—except you?"*



"The fifty-five-gallon drum is completely filled with pennies, sir. Should it be taken to the bank?"



"Walter had an attack of road rage in the driveway."



"Here! Let me get you all in!"



"Hey, where ya been? The gang's all here."

TIDINGS OF . . .
(1 OF 6)



"And—what the hell—good will toward women!"

TIDINGS OF . . .
(2 OF 6)



"The charge is driving without a tree."

TIDINGS OF . . .
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TIDINGS OF . . .
(4 OF 6)



"I think this may be an appropriate moment to say a few words in memory of the animals we've slaughtered for our pleasure."

TIDINGS OF . . .
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*"Sorry, folks, but your insurance doesn't cover
more than one day in the manger."*

TIDINGS OF . . .
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*"Mail is running three to one against
our Christmas newsletter."*

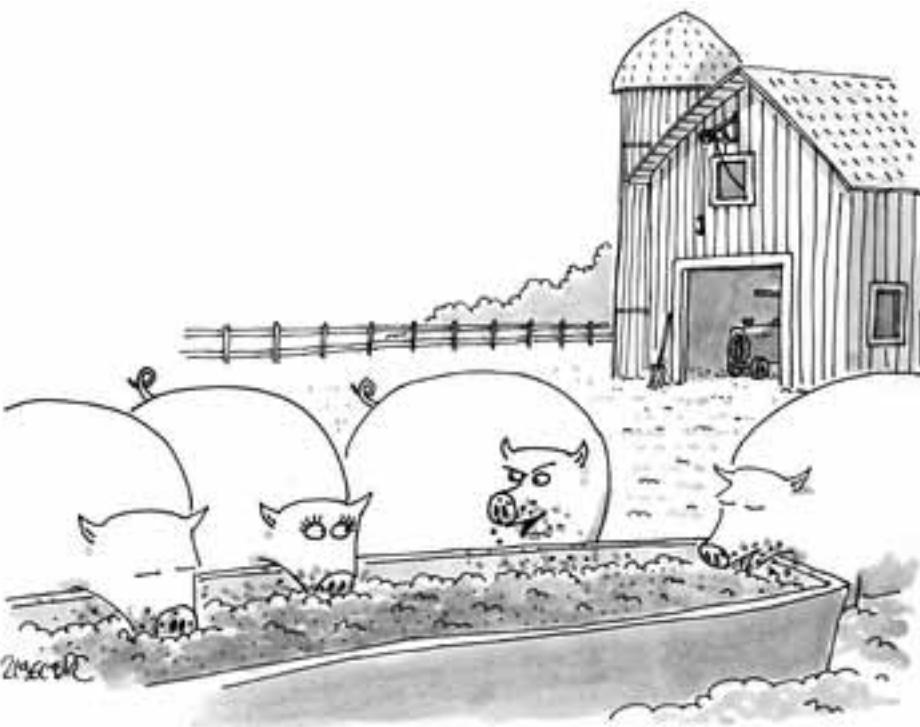


"Actually, I preferred 'Heaven,' too, but then the marketing guys got hold of it."



"I'm sorry, Nathan, but I need to color outside the lines."

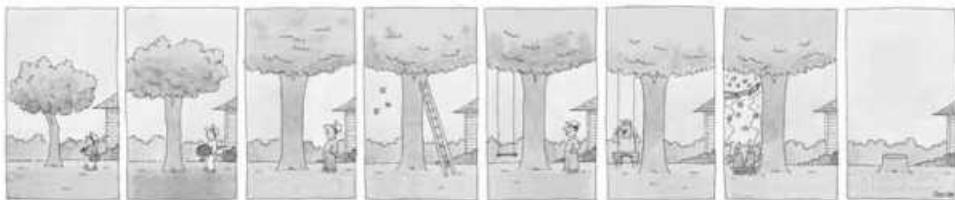




"Step a little closer, baby, and let some of the magic rub off."



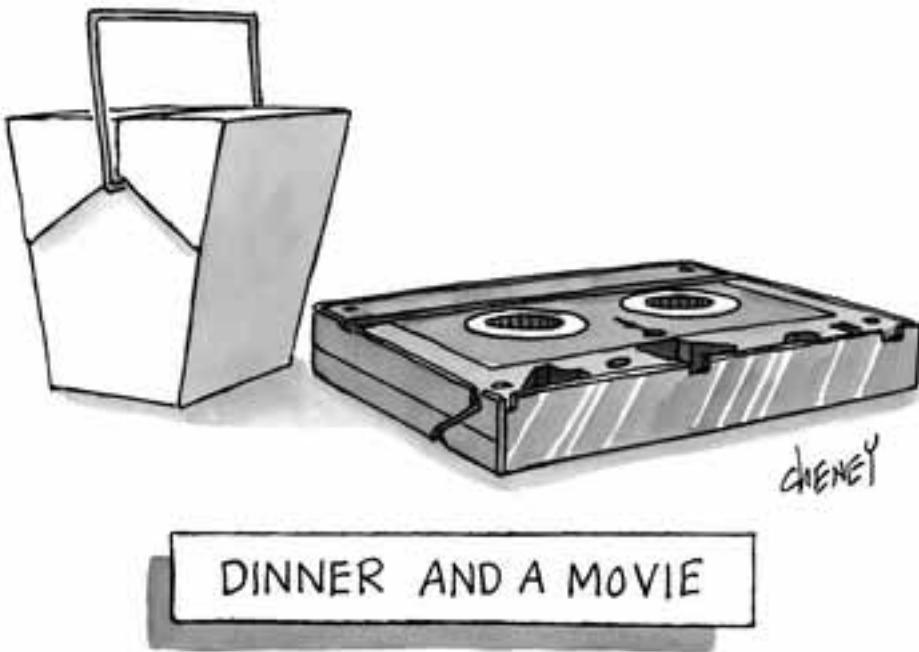
*"In your ad you said you'd grown up in the shade
of a coolibah tree. How so?"*





*"Oh, darling, whatever happens—ever—I know
I'm probably always going to remember this as
one of my happiest marriages."*







*"Maybe you ought to consider making love in the morning—
before you have a chance to piss each other off."*



"Damn it, Ethel, all I'm asking you for is one lousy kidney!"



"We'll have you out of here in no time."



"Will that be all, sir?"



*"And twelve: How did you learn about us—(a) church,
(b) synagogue, (c) family member, (d) word of mouth?"*

HIS KIND OF TOWN
(1 OF 6)



“Ah, New York—the great unfinished novel!”

HIS KIND OF TOWN
(2 OF 6)



*"We've been going out for three years. Not bad
for meeting over a beer at P.J. Clarke's."*

HIS KIND OF TOWN
(3 OF 6)



"I miss living in the East Village. I even miss coming home at night and stepping over the bodies."

HIS KIND OF TOWN
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"What a view, no? And, best of all, it's bullet-proof."

HIS KIND OF TOWN
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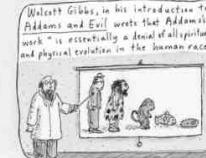
"Does Fifty-third and Eighth sound dressy?"

HIS KIND OF TOWN
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*"That was fun—I usually don't go to
the Upper East Side for fun."*

CHARLES ADDAMS BY ROZ CHAST



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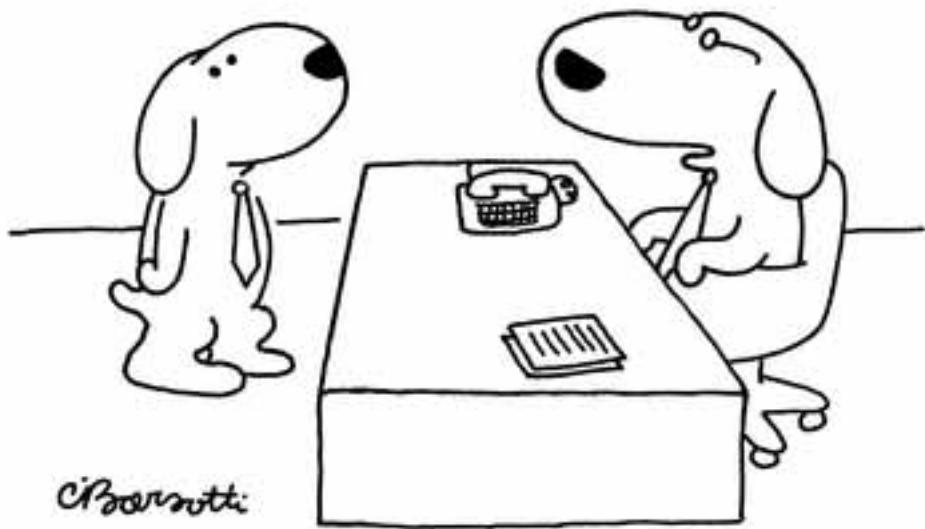


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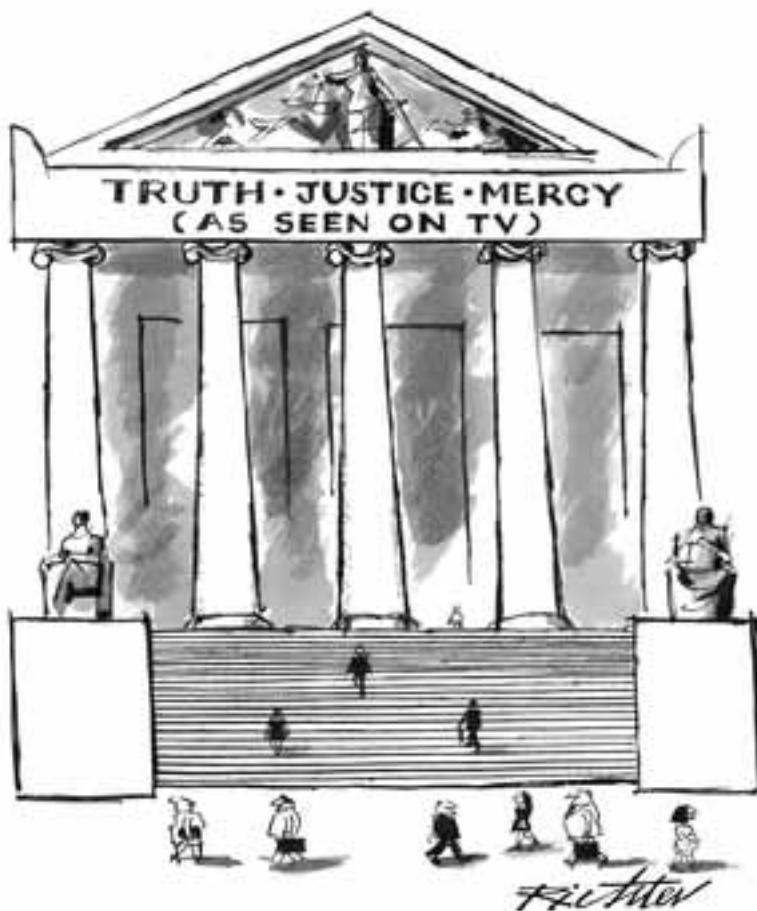
"This never could have happened at www.amazon.com."

TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(3 OF 12)



*"And when the time comes the company will
put you to sleep at its own expense."*

TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(4 OF 12)



TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(5 OF 12)



*"Smaller, more powerful chips allow me
to have a smaller head."*

TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(6 OF 12)



"How may I direct your call? Doctor-assisted or regular?"

TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(7 OF 12)



"It's my only vice."

TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(8 OF 12)



*"I usually wake up screaming at six-thirty,
and I'm in my office by nine."*

TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(9 OF 12)



TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(10 OF 12)



TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(II OF 12)



"The love ballad I'm about to sing will pose a lot of uncomfortable questions about gender identity and class-based issues. I hope you can handle it."

TOMORROW'S SPECIALS
(12 OF 12)



"Let's face it—the city's in our blood."



*"I've got him right where I want him now
that I don't want him."*



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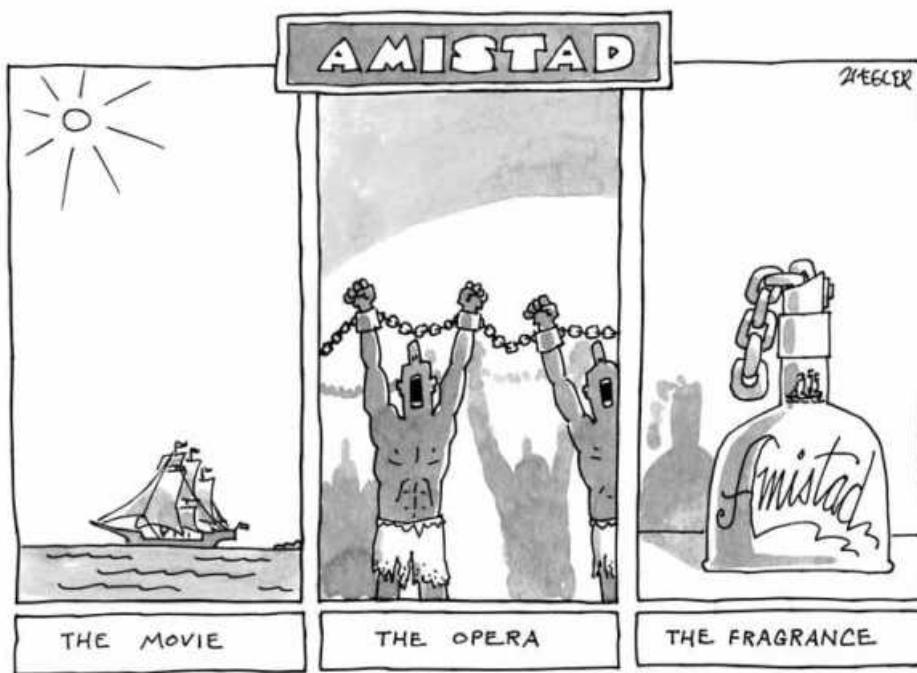


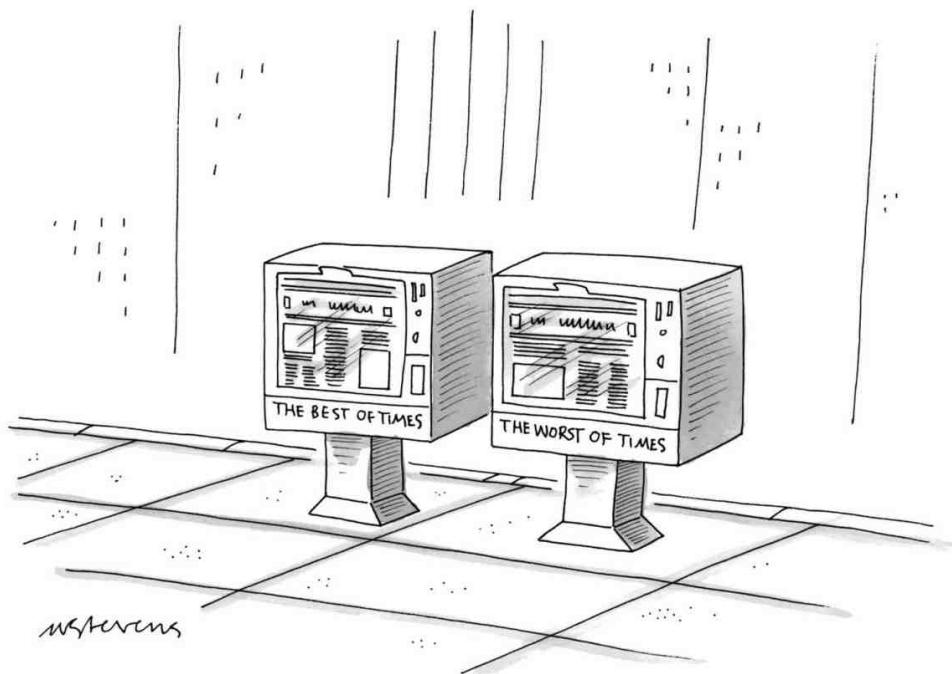


*"My baby is not on backward—your
baby is on backward."*



"I've just talked to his lawyer, and he's agreeable—you keep the Hamptons place and he keeps 212."







"I'd like more child support."



"No, I haven't performed the procedure myself, but I've seen it done successfully on 'E.R.' and 'Chicago Hope.'"



"God, how earnest. Whales on recycled paper."



"Years ago, there was only one Santa Claus. Now because of genetic engineering, there can be lots of them."



*"If you're not a good boy, Santa will bring you
only educational toys."*



"Hold on. I'm going to have to call for backup."



*"Things are crazy right now. Let me get back to you
after the holidays."*



"Nobody move! I think I lost an eye."





"No—a bigger box."





"In the future, everyone will have privacy for fifteen minutes."

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MIRACLES ON 34th STREET

Taxi and bus did not collide.



Pay phone worked.



Vender made change without person having to buy something.



Saw somebody actually put trash into a receptacle.



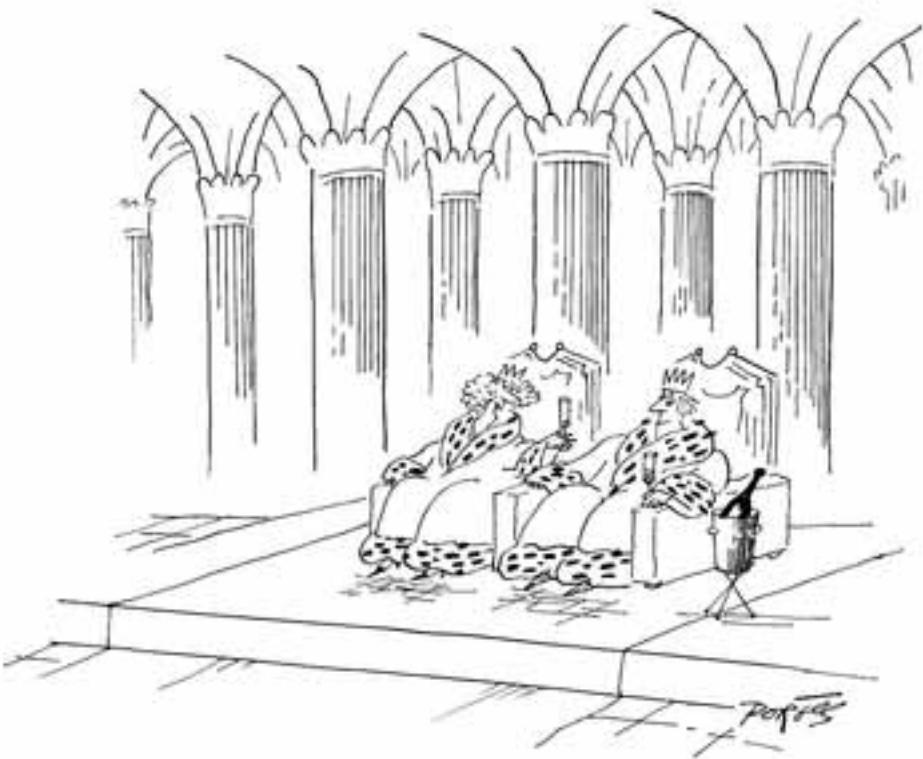
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"Jalapeño was our first bagel to go platinum."



*"There is a Santa Claus, but his grandchildren get
first pick of all the good stuff."*



"Top me off, Rex!"