



"Call in the family, Nurse McIntyre. I think he's about to process his last words."



*"So whether I like you or not isn't what's important.
What's important is that you like you."*



"Madam, if you think Rumpole of the Old Bailey would handle your case better, then get Rumpole of the Old Bailey."







*"I wonder if, like us, he's using only a small fraction
of his total brainpower."*





*"You are getting bored with all the usual ways of
doing chicken. Am I right?"*



"One of the boys racked up your car, Mr. McVinney, so in all fairness we're going to return your Christmas gift."



“But enough about the world situation, the economy, and all that. Let’s talk about the speed of light.”



"Who, me?"



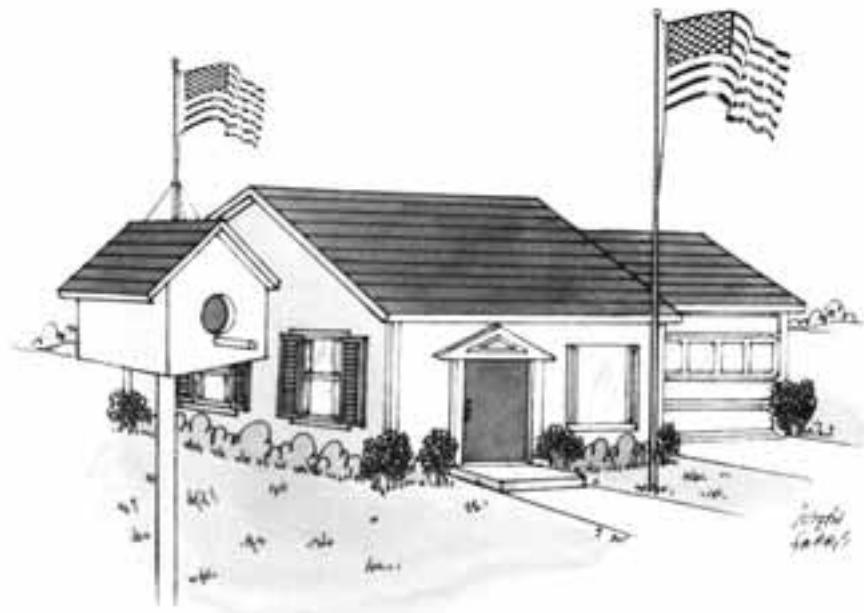
PHILIP NOLAN:
THE MAN WITHOUT
A COUNTRY



PHILIP NOLAN IV:
THE MAN WITHOUT A
MANHATTAN APARTMENT



"Stop referring to my husband as 'he whose ox is gored'!"

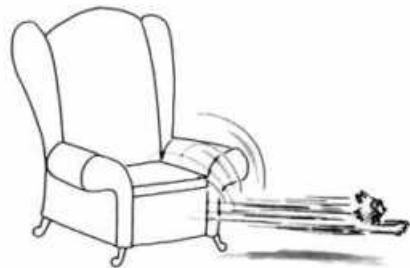




"You call this sustenance?"



*"First, Birchfield, let me say that it does these old eyes good
to see real passion in the workplace once again."*





"I can't just drop him now. He's beginning to appreciate."





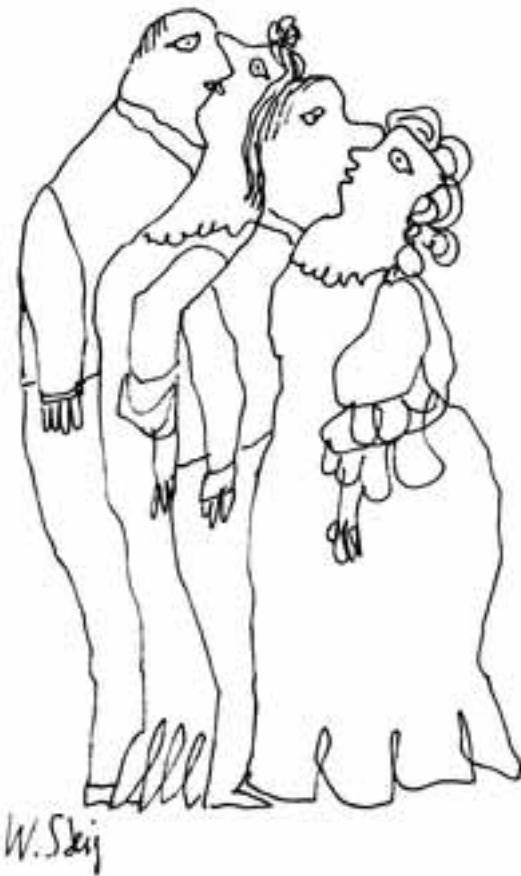
"This evening's concert is made possible by a grant from Stutz Beer."



"We don't say you've been bad. You've just made some bad choices."



"It's sticking."



Animal Magnetism



"We're looking for one of those contraptions that record the trash on TV when you're out at some damn party."

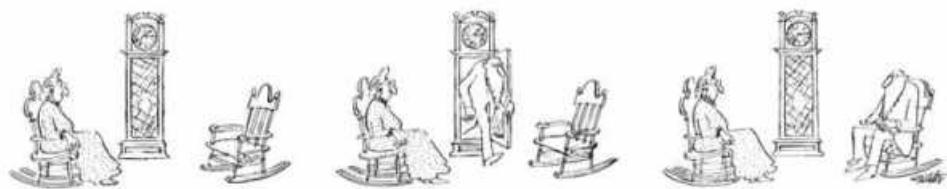




*As you know, Phil, I'm a nice fellow. But
Ed here is even nicer.*



"Sir, we've come to the conclusion that it's absolutely impossible to assemble a tax plan that doesn't benefit the rich."





"He's very skilled."



"That's the last time I ever throw myself on the mercy of your court."

JUST IN FROM ST. PAUL





"Oh? Well, if pesto is passé, then by all means bring us some of whatever's taken over."



"Oh, my goodness, here's another picture of me in today's paper! Make sure they all get pasted in my scrapbook."



"Gramps, is it true that you've forgotten more about football than those smart-aleck sports announcers will ever know?"



"It's Harry Belknap, with a riposte."

BIG
BROTHER
1948-1984

MANKOFF



"Not now, Miss Leslie. Can't you see we're having a powwow?"



NEW SAWS



Roz Chast



"The flag, Mom, Doug Flutie, and apple pie."



"Hi. I'm a Californian, and I'd like to replace Deaver, Meese, or Clark."



*"Just when I'm finally getting the hang of these things,
Hu Yaobang wants to abolish them!"*



"He starts right up even on the coldest mornings."



"I had no idea you were so passionate about art."



“War is the highest form of the real-estate business.” May I quote you?



"I am one of the world's richest men, but one distinction has eluded me. I always wanted to be the Sultan of Swat."



"To Jacques Cousteau and all the strange and wonderful creatures that inhabit the ocean depths."





"See my attorney!"





"I'll be at Georgette's Laundromat and Bar-and-Grill."



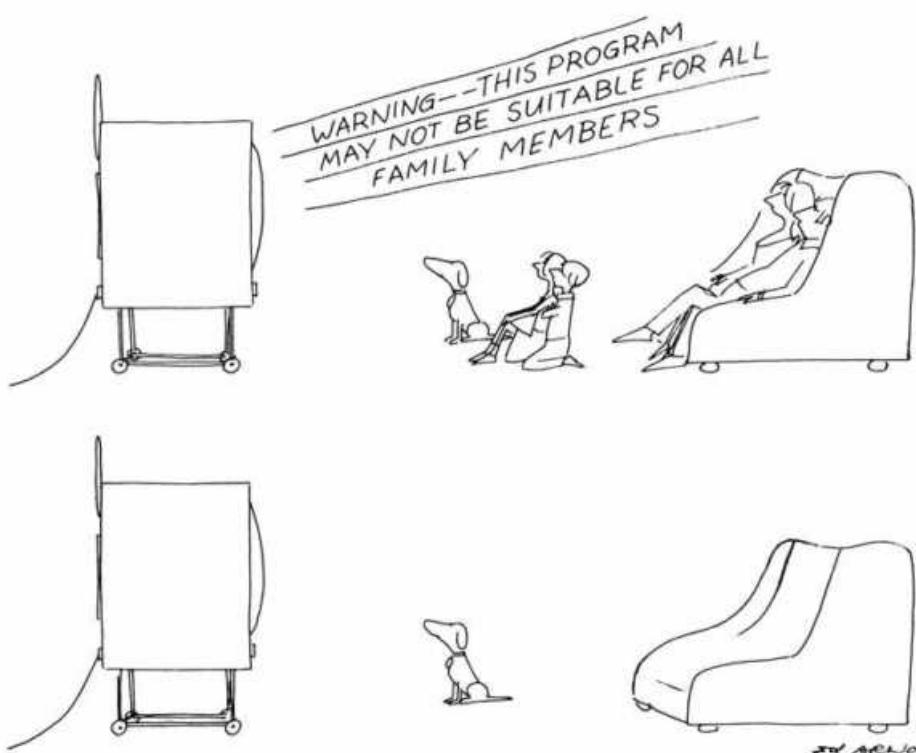
*"It's true that more is not necessarily better,
Edward, but it frequently is."*

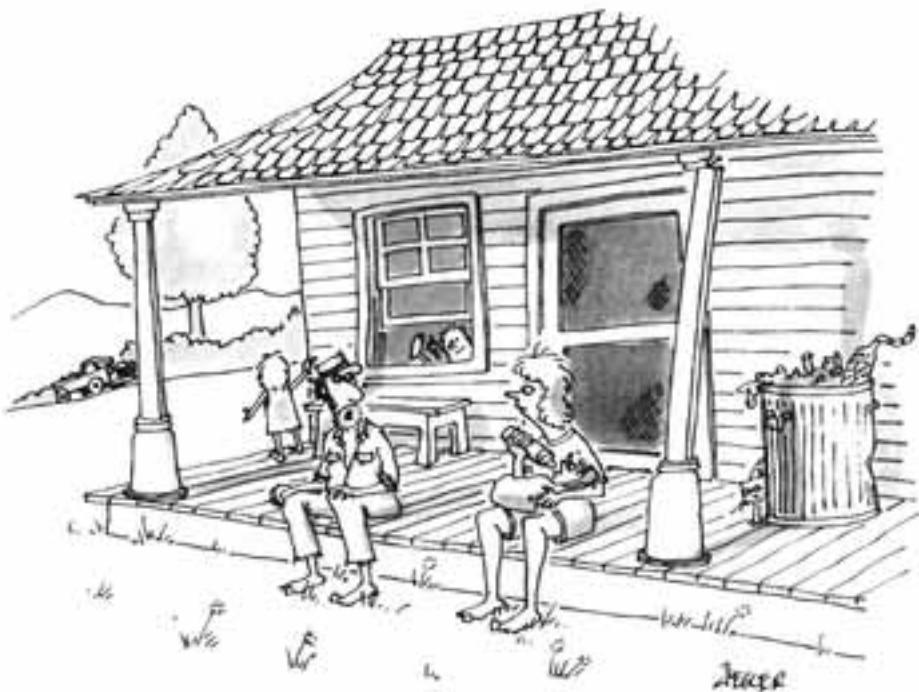


*"Would you mind standing over here? Seeing you just
floating there gives me the creeps."*



"At the root of our disagreement, as I see it, is this: I hear America singing, and you don't hear America singing."





*"Those big bucks from Publishers Clearing House sure
went fast, didn't they?"*



"Did anyone ever tell you that you look like the Concorde?"



"I suspect we're being misled about the nature of the payload."



*"Super Bowl XIX is history, and Edgar has settled down
for his long winter's nap."*



"Oh, everything is just fine. Yes, I'm still with Edward."



Tree of Life



"Tonight's specials are a kind of hamburger thing with a weird sauce; some sort of strange fish; a veal—I think it is—stuffed with God knows what, and . . ."



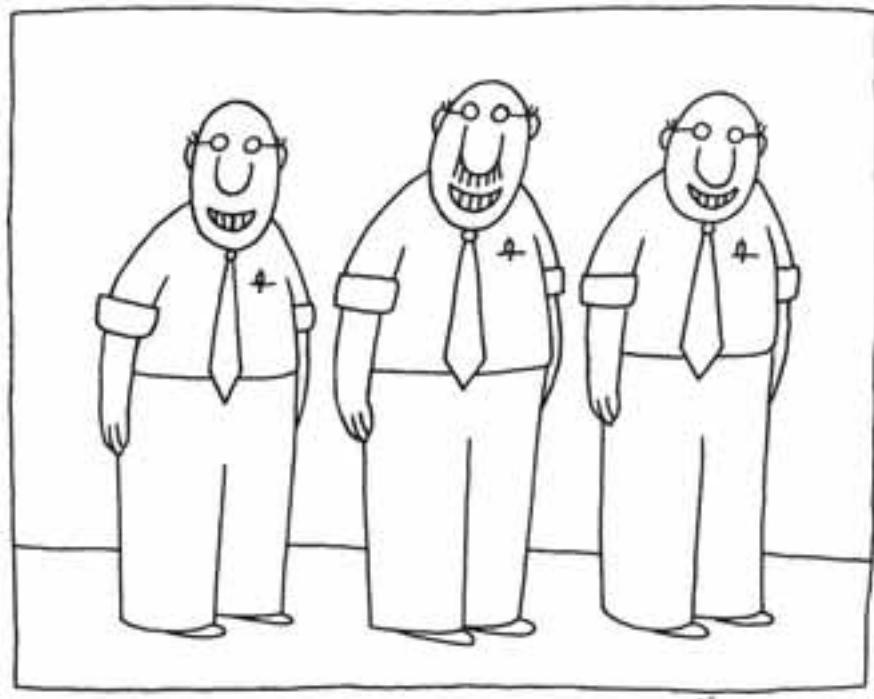
“As for me, I’m in various stages of deterioration.”





"Will you please stop telling people that I'm 'very supportive'?"

35 YEARS IN THE SAME LOCATION





"Fair warning, Ted. What follows is plainly calculated to be seductive."





*"I'm afraid we're pretty much the same
thing, over and over."*



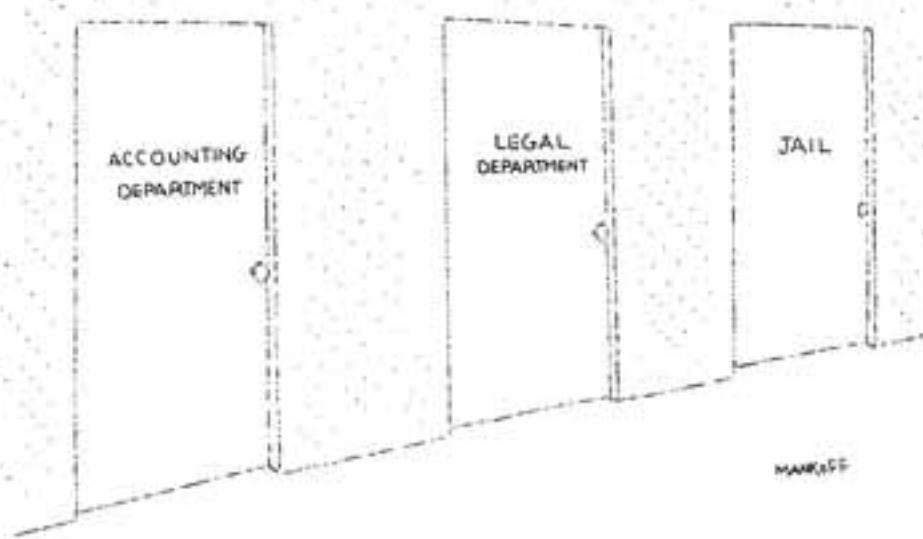
"It's news, but it's not newsworthy."



"How come you always side with the striped bass?"



"No, I didn't know the human body was seventy-two per cent beer."





"The very first thing I can remember is 'Texaco Star Theatre.' "



*"I've learned to live without a lot of things, Herb,
but money isn't one of them."*

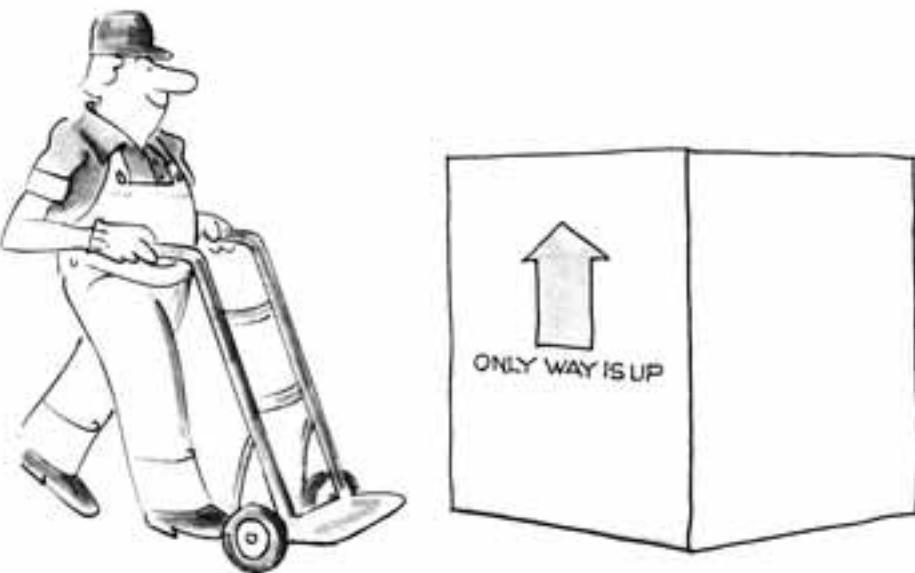




"Mr. McAdams didn't come in today. He called in listless."



"What does Mayor Koch have when he comes here?"



Bernard Schoenbaum

The New Optimism

One Solution



*"The big committee hasn't been able to do anything with this problem,
the middle-sized committee hasn't been able to do anything with it,
and the small committee hasn't been able to do anything with it, either.
Following protocol, I suggest that we now forward it to the teentsy-
weentsy committee."*



"Dorothy, just who the hell are these people?"





"How about one more for the wind-chill factor?"



*"It was obviously built when the Mayans were
feeling good about themselves."*



"Do we have enough might to make it right?"



"Cleaned and rumpled, please."



*"I'll be all right. I was suddenly overcome by a wave
of compassion for the poor."*



"Good. In this business you have to be crazy."



"I don't say you're wrong, Herbert, but it seems unlikely that the earth's crust would shift directly under 118 East Eighty-seventh Street."





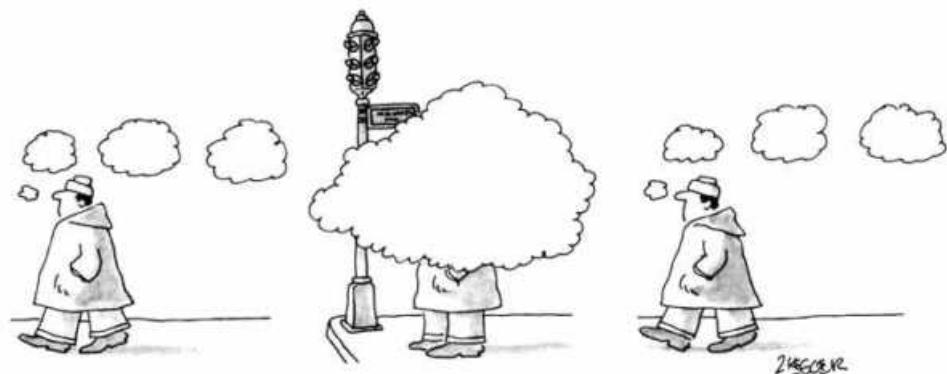
"Well, there goes Atlantis."



"That sounds marvellous, Marian. Peter and I would be thrilled, with Peter's usual reservations, of course."

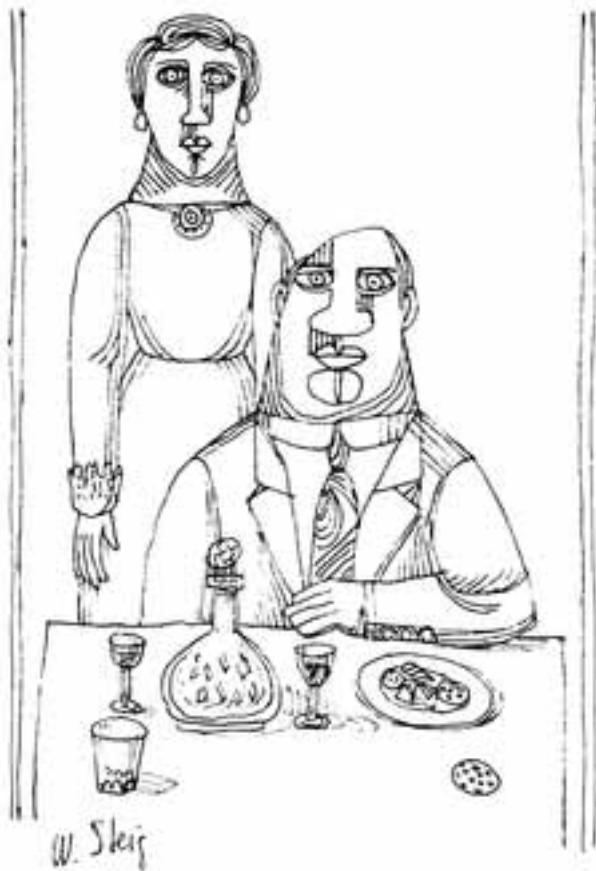


"Today, not only did the President refuse to answer reporters' questions but every single official in the country, high and low, also refused to answer reporters' questions."

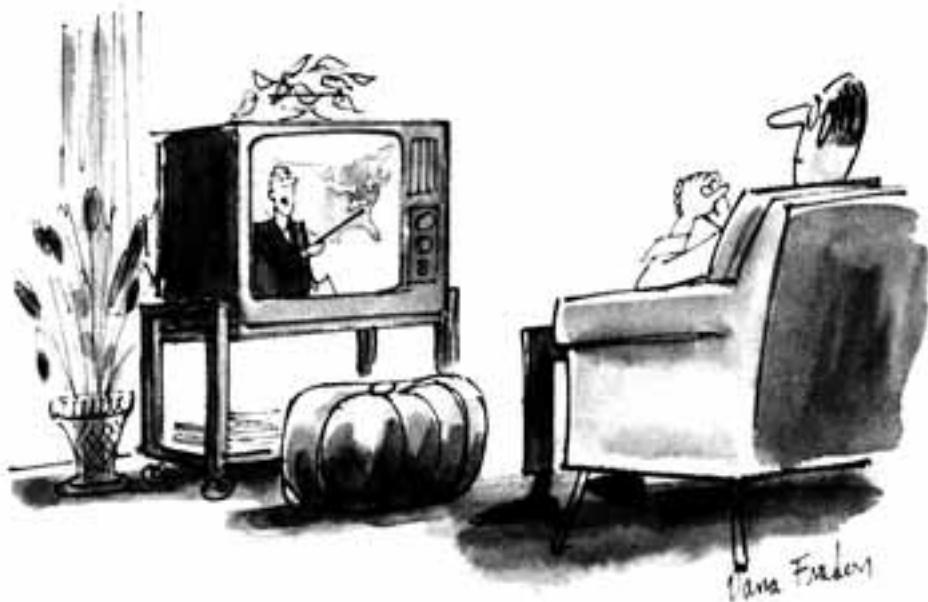




*“Every bubblehead with a buck is back speculating
in the market again, thank God.”*



Formal Portrait



"Across-the-board pain, caused by across-the-board budget cuts, has now spread westward out of Washington to the Appalachian range, northward as far as Philadelphia, and as far south as Pea Ridge, North Carolina."

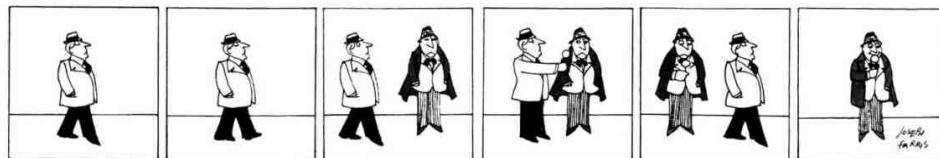




"I can hardly wait till the nice weather finally rolls around again."

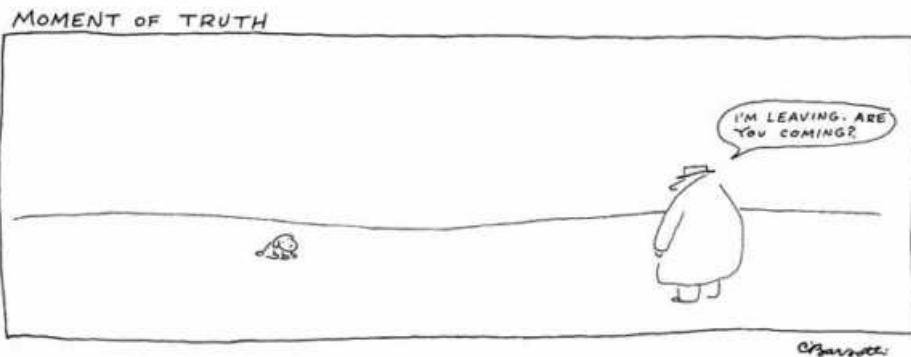


"We're all pretty tense. My father is a takeover target."





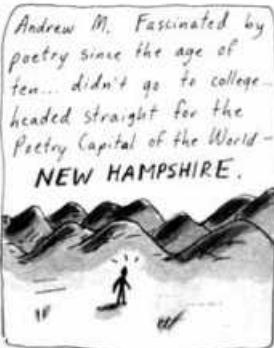
"I robbed Peter to pay Paul, and then I figured what the hell and robbed Paul, too."





*"This is the residence of Olive and Ken Marsden,
a couple entirely without guile."*

**ANDREW M.
PROFESSIONAL POET**





"All right, everybody. I want absolute quiet."





"I think you'll like this place. The ambience is surly and pugnacious."



"Maureen was built for the long haul."

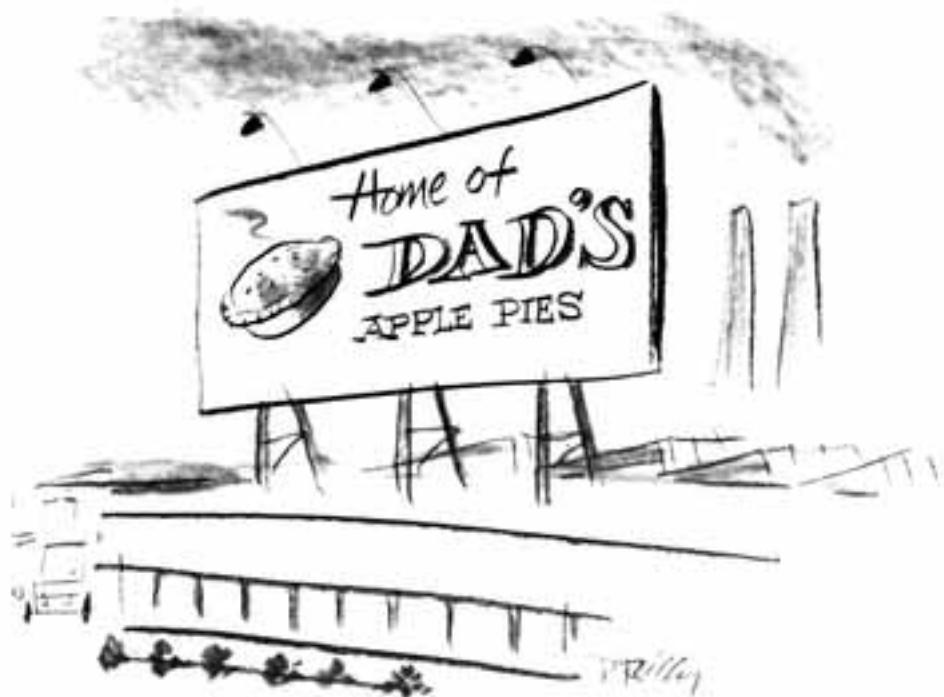




"So I'm not Leo Buscaglia, but I'm not Attila the Hun, either."

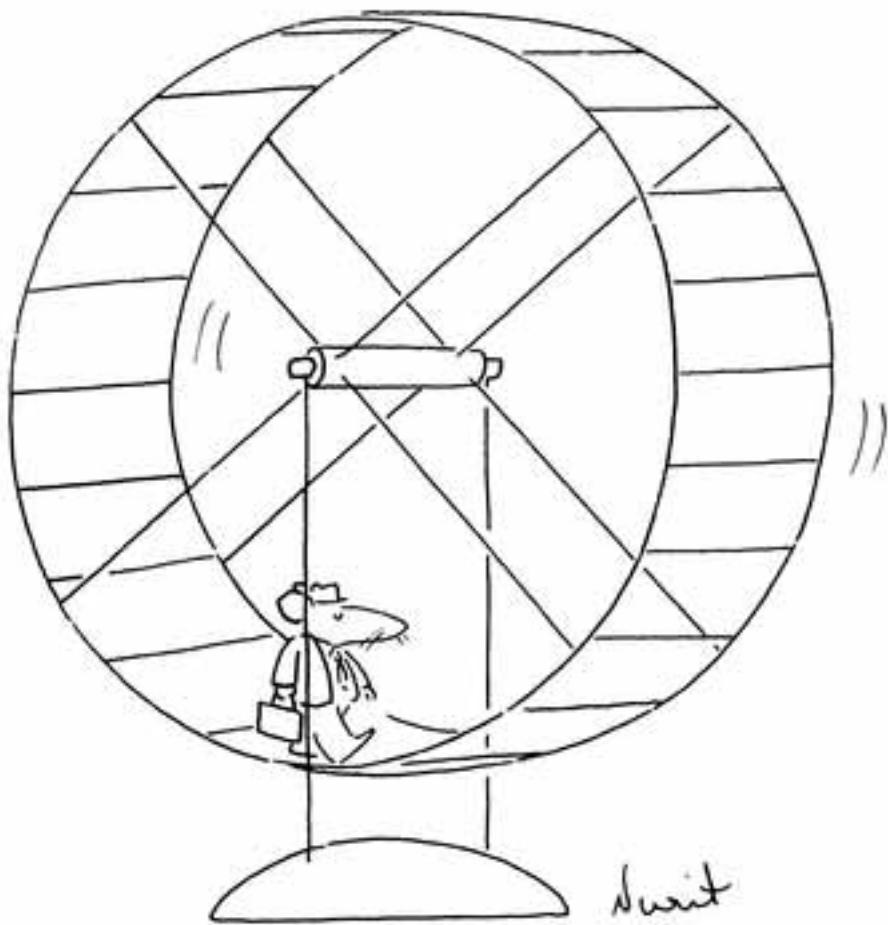


"Tell me again what my place in history will be."





"What! You want to break up the basic unit of society?"





"The trouble with you, Rollins, is you have four-wheel drive but you've only got two wheels."



"I once knew a fellow named Eddie Murphy."



"I'm sorry we can't make it. We've been invited to a small dinner party for Caravaggio in honor of his Met show."

The Business Lunch of the '80s: Yogurt and Stretchout





*"Bad news, kids. Daddy's leaving government in order
to devote more time to his family."*

22 CENTS AN OUNCE







"With us tonight are Ray Barris, hiding behind the First Amendment in Chicago; Cathy Tole, hiding behind the First Amendment in San Francisco; and Charles Romero, hiding behind the First Amendment in Detroit."



"We just had the whole kitchen redone, Mom. Isn't it terrific?"



*"There's something you should consider before you begin—
my hair works hard and it plays hard."*





"Bramwell, did you know that you can earn as much as two hundred dollars extra each month in your spare time by selling shoes in your own home? That's right—as much as two hundred dollars extra in your spare time!"



"Chugalug."





"It's bloody annoying. I have this unlimited power, yet every time I go abroad I'm expected to hug some other bum who has unlimited power."



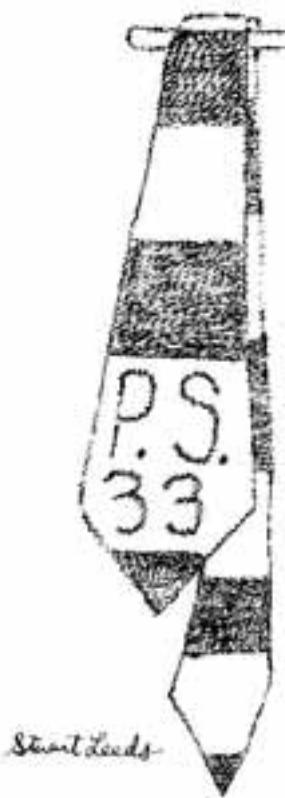
“Sure, I’m a loser, and I’m proud of it. I deplore a society where winning is everything!”





"It was Saturday night. The clock on my office wall showed the time to be eleven-forty-five. There are times when a private eye does not necessarily feel like being a private eye. This was one of those times. The elevator door down the hall clanked open with a clank familiar to anyone on the fourth floor who had had an office on the fourth floor as long as I had had an office on the fourth floor. Footsteps came down the darkened hall and stopped outside my door. They were the footsteps of a woman. . . ."

OLD SCHOOL TIE





"I want you to walk up Lexington to Fifty-ninth Street, go over to Central Park, hang out, come back via Madison, and then let me know what's in the air."



"Liquidity, liquidity, liquidity."



“Some people are good listeners—my husband, for example.”





"No, I didn't see the sunset last night, but I heard about it."



“Dear Diary:

*Tonight Blake and Krystle seemed
unusually happy, but of course Alexis had
to spoil it all by barging in with . . .”*





Antiquarian



"Frankly, Dobbins, we were going to let you go, but we've decided to keep you on as a wild card."



"Oh, he's charming, all right, but only in small doses."



*"This model represents the exciting new American dedication
to selling more cars."*



“Fuming in Flatbush,” “Spooked in Staten Island,” “Vexed in the Village,” but nothing from ‘Miffed in Manhattan.’”



"Pay no attention to him. He's not supposed to beg at the table."



"I don't like myself, and Peter doesn't like himself, but we do like each other."





"Can you cut it a little finer, Mergeson, than 'umpteen'?"



"I suggest that you not take me seriously for the next four or five days, honey. I'm going to be up to some of those crazy old tricks of mine."



*"Now, right over here there's going to be some congestion,
so get off I-95 and take the Hutchinson River Parkway."*

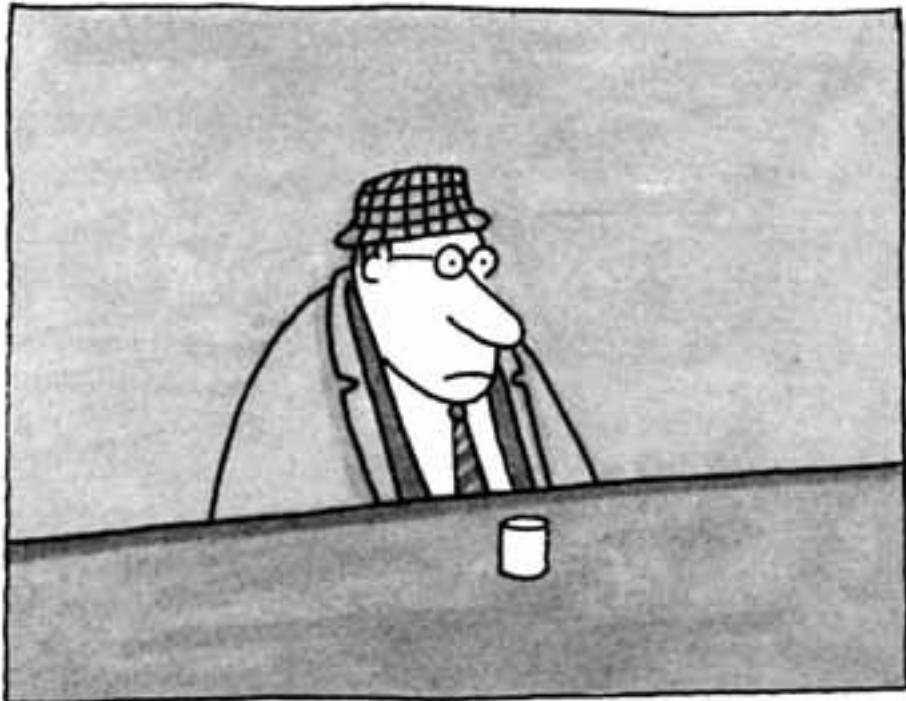


"How long have you been calling Secretary Weinberger 'Cap'?"



*"You gotta be kidding! The New Jersey Generals
offered me more than that."*

FEBRUARY



Barsotti



"Do you think our tree would like a bird?"



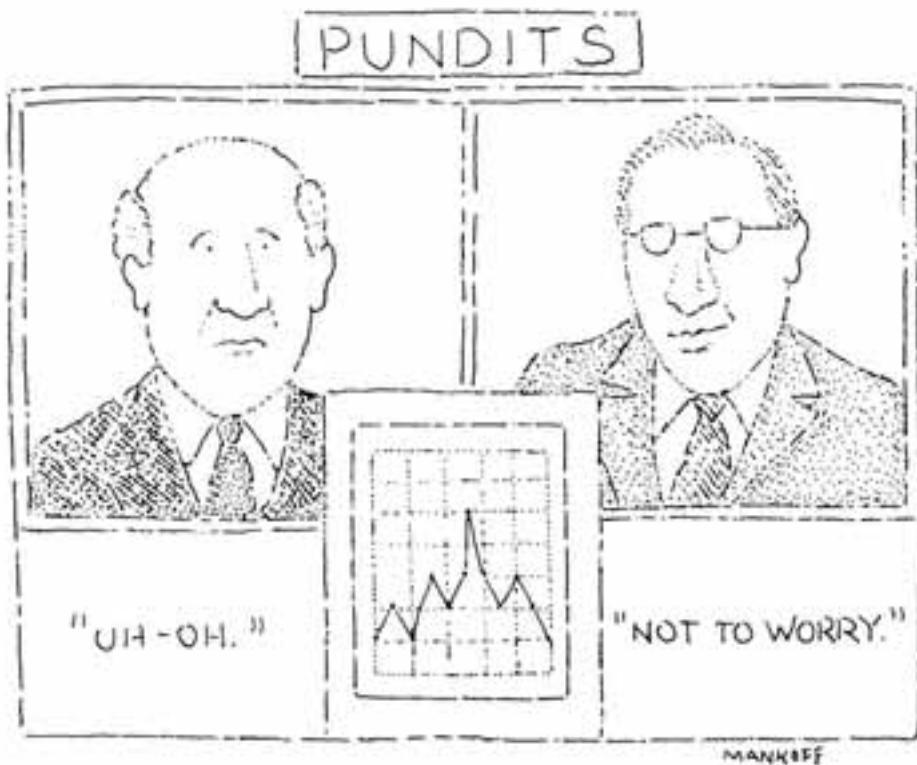
"You're not old enough to be disgruntled."



"Cat Yummies again?"



*"Catherine, we agreed—you would put on your mittens
when your hands got cold."*





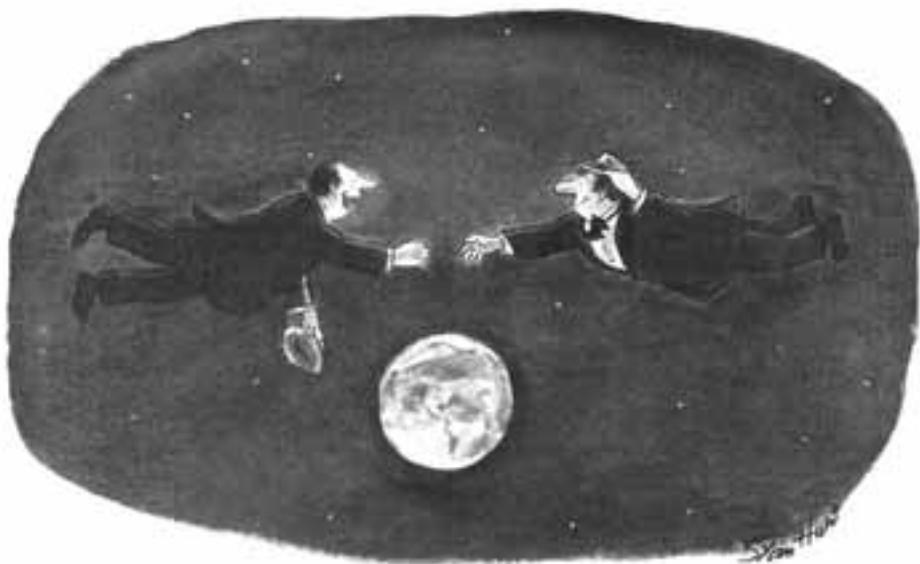
The Cut-Glass Decanter



"And us, Gordon? Are you enthusiastic about four more years for us, too?"



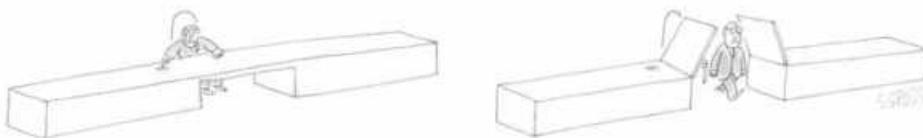
Lenin in Wyoming



"Hi! I'm Hank Munson. I was tossed out of Al's Bar-and-Grill in Chicago and just kept on going. How about you?"



*"Feeling poorly? Thank heaven! I thought
you said you were feeling poor."*







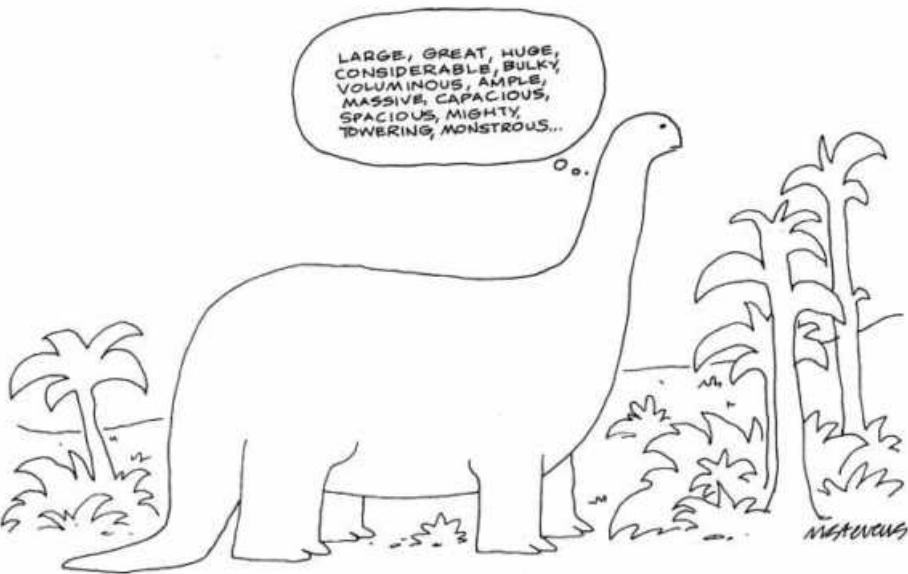
*"What do you mean my statement has some merit?
My statement is loaded with merit!"*



"I don't mind your making noises like a mayoral candidate during the day, but do you have to make them all night long, too?"



*"You do have a hard, flat tummy, Gilgore,
but here at Peavy/Trenton we also require
a minimal level of competence."*





"No, this is Dr. Doom. Dr. Gloom is to your left down the hall."



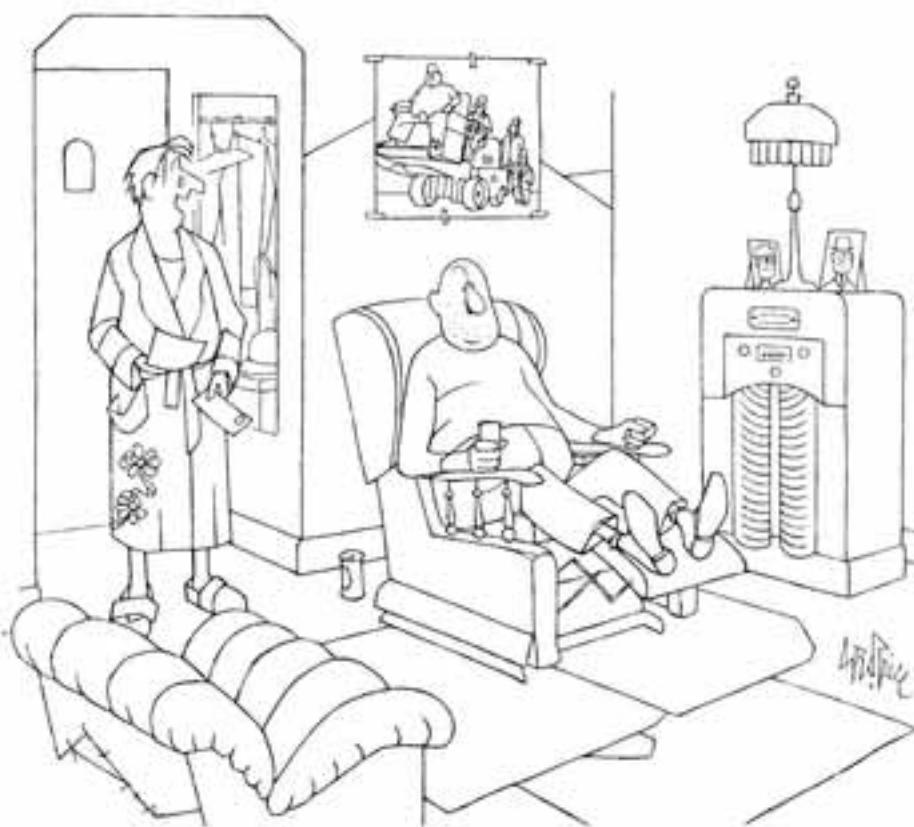
"Last stop. Everybody scram!"



*"Oh, sometimes I do wish we were the type of people
who send out for pizza."*



"What's your gut feeling, C.P.—so to speak?"



*"Congratulations! Burke's Peerage has traced you back
to William the Conqueror!"*

THOUGH IN HIDING, THE OLD LIBERAL STILL GETS ALL THE NEWS.



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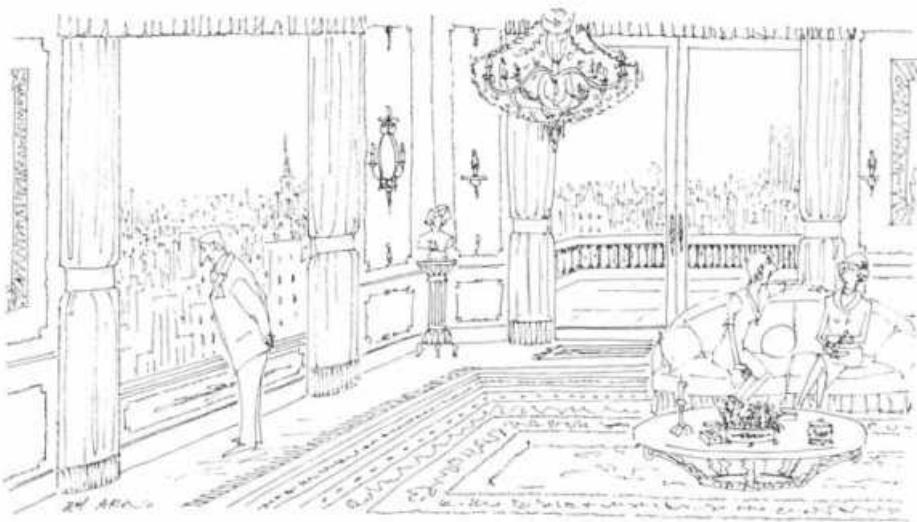
"Frankly, we've taken you into the firm so that we can reorganize as a public-benefit corporation."



"Let me tell you, folks—I've been around long enough to develop an instinct for these things, and my client is innocent or I'm very much mistaken."



*"I can't explain it, but suddenly everything is beginning
to look Republican."*

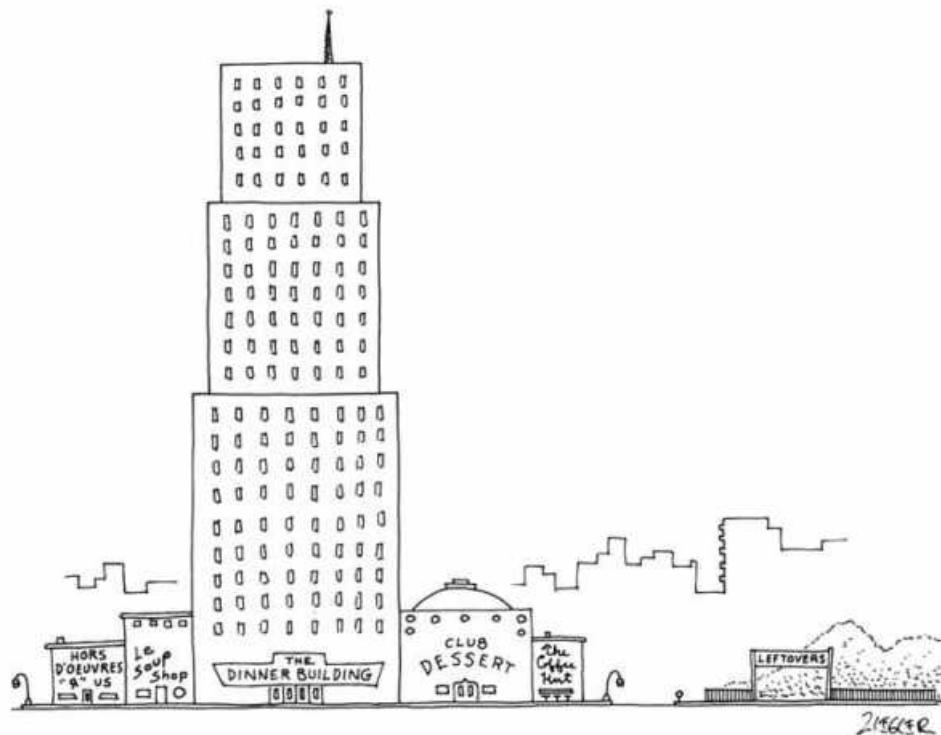


*"The magic has gone out of Harry's love affair with New York.
Likewise with London, Rome, Paris, and San Francisco."*



"I've been thinking, Martha. You're right. I am an incredible bore."







*"You were laughing in your sleep last night, Jarvis, and
I've never known you to laugh when you're awake."*



"It's my birthday. Churn out some hype."



"I personally see nothing wrong with giving a sucker an even break. However, federal regulations strictly prohibit it."



"I want you to meet What's-His-Name, the much-misunderstood writer."



*"Now I would like to talk for a moment about what
I have achieved by pure kindness."*



"I don't like the commercials, either, but you don't see me going berserk."



*"Giovanni, is it true what they say? That
as a child you played under olive trees?"*

"It's true."



"Whatever it is, it's very, very little."



"We're brokers. We bully people about their money."



*"By God, Harris, it's rare and encouraging these days
to see a young windbag on his way up!"*



"Guess what. Andy and I have decided to split up, and we're terribly excited about it!"



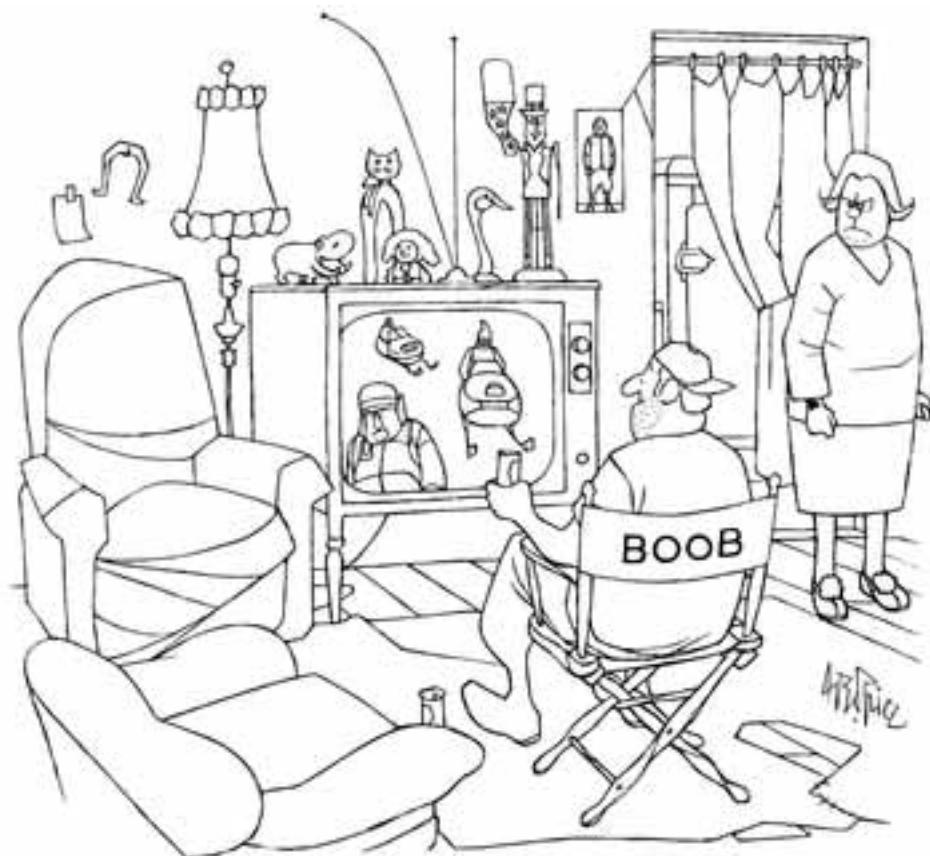
"Fauna, meet flora!"



"At ten-thirty, you have an appointment to get even with Ward Ingram. At twelve, you're going to get even with Holus Wentworth at lunch. At three, you're getting even with the Pro-Tech Company at their annual meeting. And at five you're going to get even with Fred Benton over drinks."



"You're young. That's an advantage."



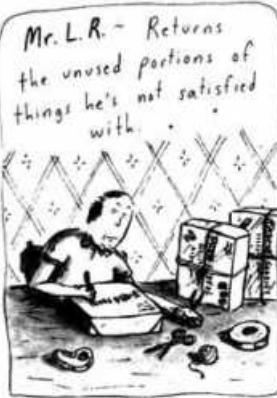


"If these figures are correct, the last doughnut is yours."



"Of course, all my most exciting trips have been right up here."

GUY WONDERS



R. Chast



"Do you have any other qualifications?"



"Just who in the hell do I think I am, anyway?"



"No, I would not welcome a contrasting point of view."



"How come you never revel in anything, Ellsworth?"



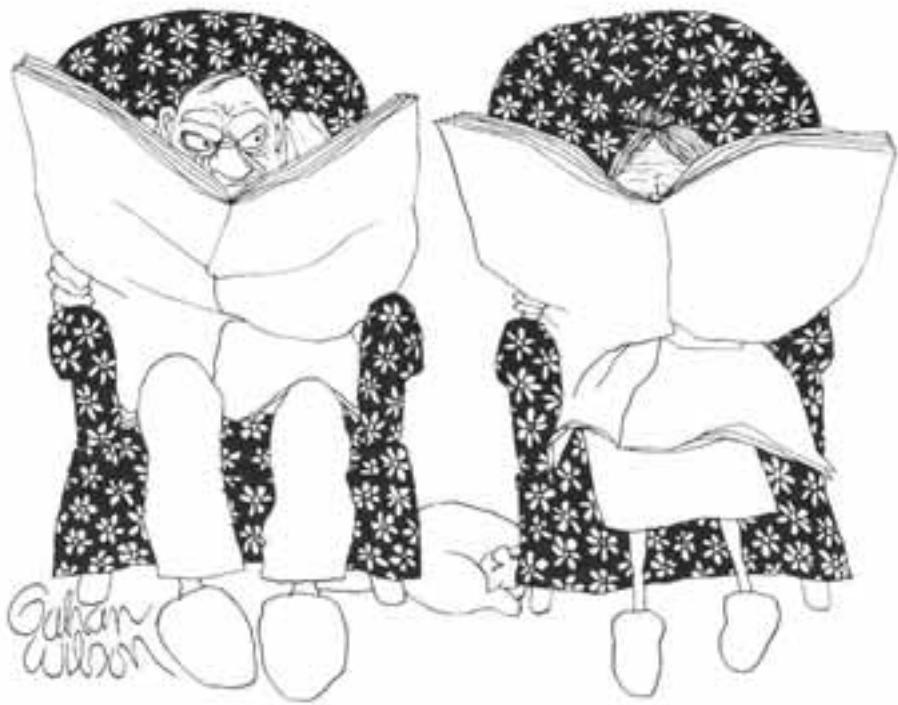
*"The fact that you cats were considered sacred in
ancient Egypt cuts no ice with me."*



"We find the defendant guilty of being manipulated by the media."



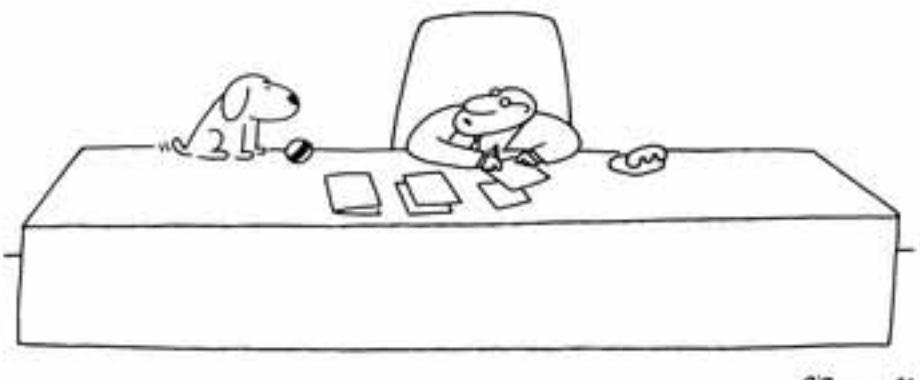




*"I suppose if we've got through what we've got through
we can get through anything."*



"And this is Bob Ebbinger. Bob always has a pencil and paper handy."



"Later."

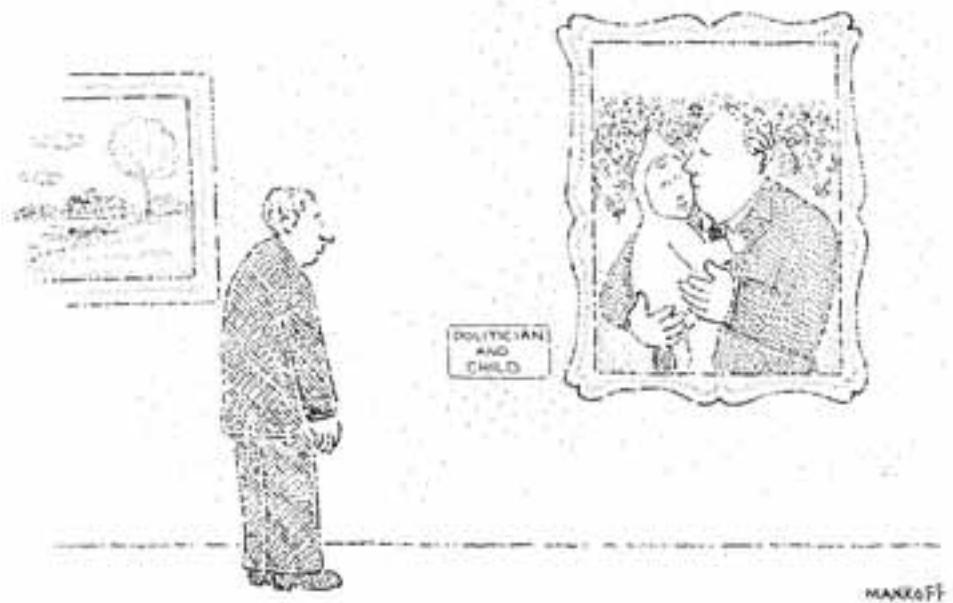




"And now, Shorty Stockton with the latest joke going around."



*"And, in a sports first, the New York Rangers lost last night,
three to two, but claimed victory anyway."*





"I hear the farmers are very upset."



"The word has come down, Ferguson—Dump the lightweights!"



*"Please! I am not exactly a stranger to fourteenth-century
French poetry, you know."*





Spring Thaw



"This man's name happens to be Ichabod Crane, and he wants to know if it's too late to sue the estate of Washington Irving."





"Looks like we're going ahead with the Midgetman."



*"Now, brighten up. You know you'll have fun. The men
will fear you, and the women will adore you."*





“Yeah, I guess you’re right. It does make you look like a jerk.”



"Edith, here is a news item that would not have amused my first wife, Sylvia, but will, perhaps, amuse you."







"What a view! How did you find this place?"



"Well, he doesn't crack me up."



"Oh, boy! A libel suit based on a malpractice question arising from a divorce scandal precipitated by a bribery charge. Now we're talking!"



"Let's go to Geneva and talk."



"Willis loves children. He's just a little shy, that's all."



"My grandfather is in gouache, and my grandmother is acrylic."



*"I want you to know that I consider you
immoral as well as small."*



"How old are the people in this movie?"



"Tonight I plan to have something for dinner you never had before but it is very good for you."



*"I propose legislation. I do my best to aid in the process of government.
And I try like hell to keep my name out of 'Doonesbury.' "*



"And now here's anchorman Brad Ferndrull and his anchordog, Rex."



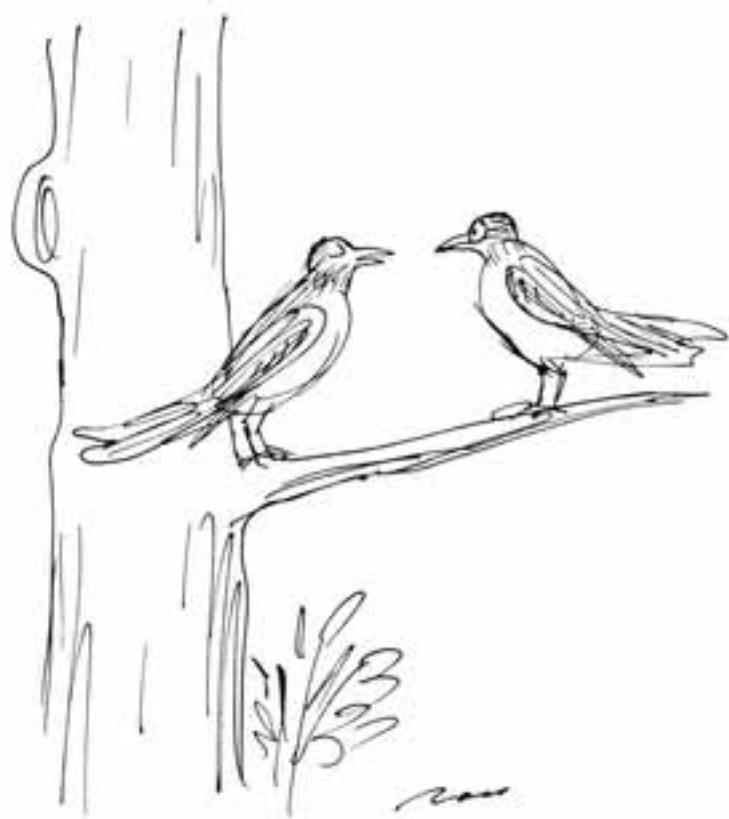


"Where there's smoke, there's money."



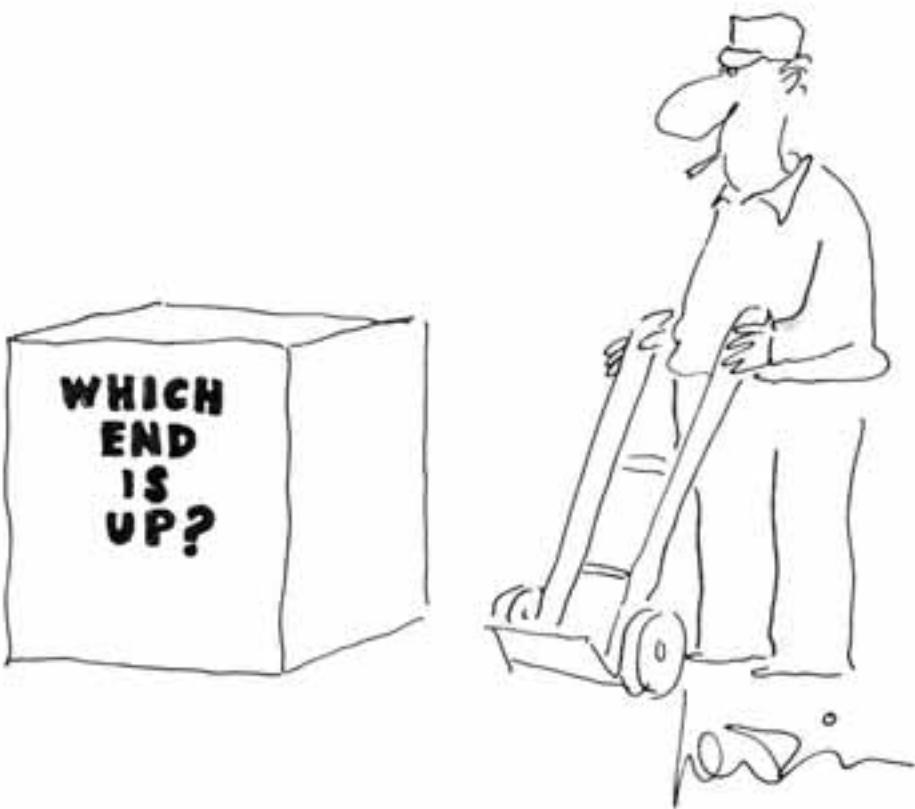
"I'll say this much for you, Emma. You're a constant reminder."





"Robin's-egg blue is a nice color, but it isn't my favorite color."







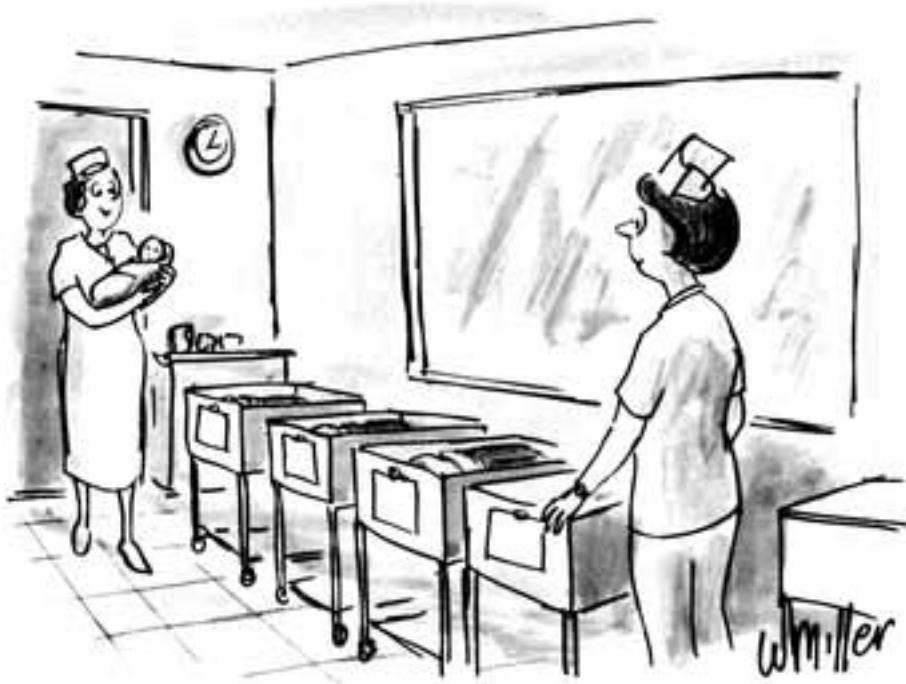
"It's a fatal error to get mixed up with a certain kind of woman, Monica. I'd like you to be that woman to me."

INFLUENCES





"Thanks very much. I think you have lots of savvy, too."



"Well, here he is. Our first 'Amadeus.' "



"Gee, honey, would you feel any better if I came to your arraignment?"



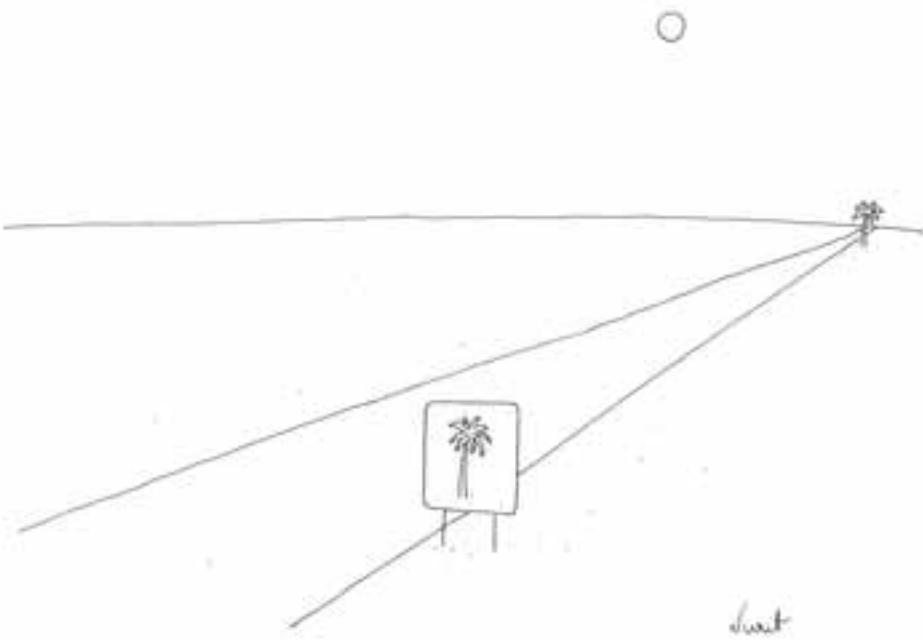
"Everyone be home by two o'clock!"



"Phil suddenly decided to give up everything that was bad for him—no more smoking, drinking, or junk food—and he feels absolutely terrific!!"



"Personally, I'm getting damn sick of these celebrity roasts."





"Before I forget, you had a call from a talking computer named Ted, who is conducting an important homeowners' survey."



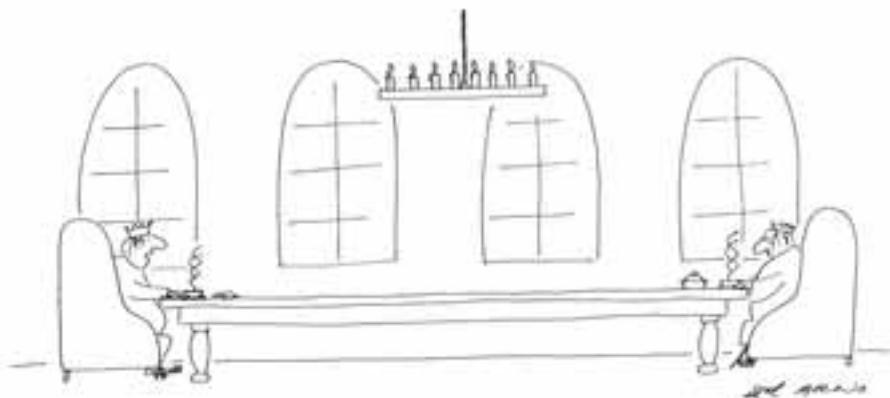
"While we're at supper, Billy, you'd make Daddy and Mommy very happy if you'd remove your hat, your sunglasses, and your earring."



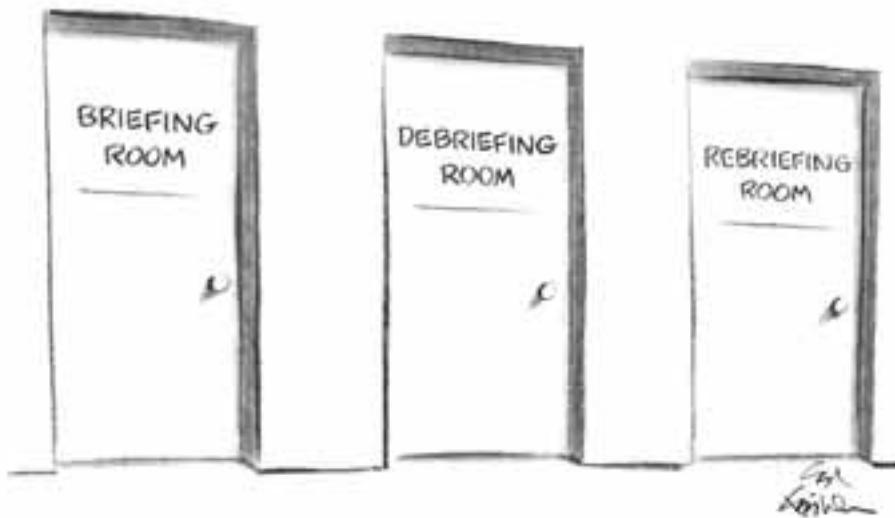
"Help! I can't pay the rent!"



"I wish to voice a complaint."



"We are sorry for what we said last night."



ERNEST O.:

The Man Who Had His Cake, Ate It,
Liked It So Much He Bought a Bakery;
Made Tons of Money, Invested Heavily in
Some Phony-Baloney Mns., Lost Everything;
and Wound Up Working in Another Bakery.







"Ronald Reagan was Ronald Reagan today."



"I'll make an agreement with you. You stop talking about Cyndi Lauper and I'll stop talking about T. Boone Pickens!"



*"Your motto is 'Dare to reach for greatness'? Goodness,
I don't have a motto."*



*"It's been real fun for all the crew to take you through the sky.
Recall the super trip we had next time you need to fly."*



Sea Wrack



*"Will Allen B. Brussel please come forward? New Jersey,
the Garden State, has a bone to pick with you."*



"Short day at school. The computers are down."



*"Don't get me wrong, Ted. I like you, but you're not
a special person. I'm a special person."*





"Yes, I'll hold."

*"I'm Popeye the
Sailor Man."*

*"Popeye the
Sailor Man."*

*"This is Tom
Folinsbee."*



*"I should have listened to my wife when
she said 'Don't get caught.'"*



*"It's called a dry Martini. When Grandpa was a young man,
all the young men on the move drank dry Martinis."*



"My ambition is to be a talk-show host. I myself don't have much to say, but I'd like to offer encouragement to those who do."



“Tweet?”





"You can have two tacos and one enchilada, or one taco, one enchilada, and one burrito, or one frittata and two burritos. Or fish."

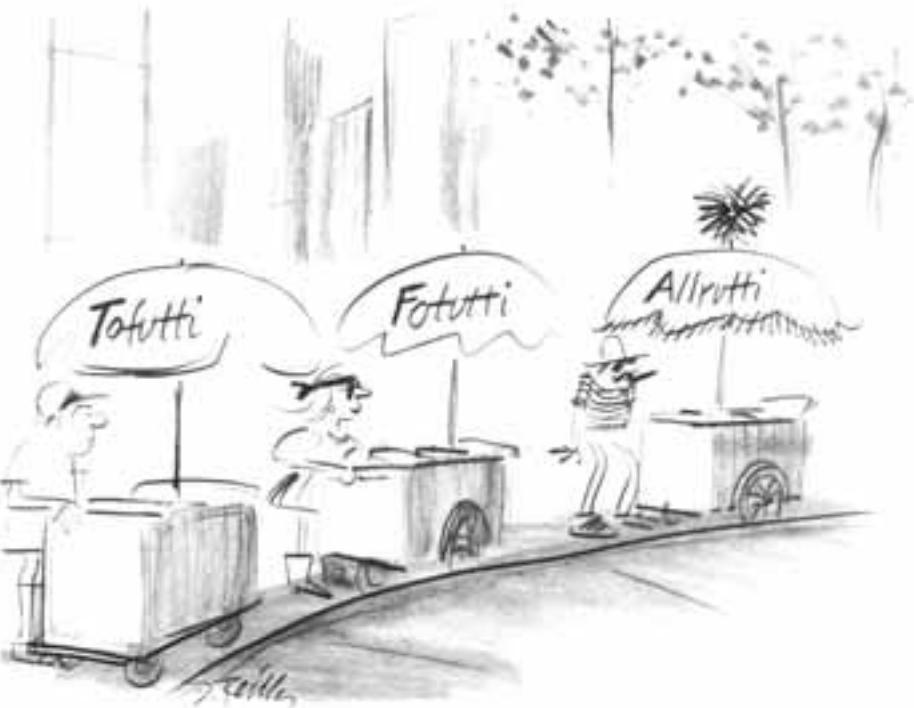




"We never watch anything. We're channel-hoppers."



"I can't keep seeing you, Tina. I'm still in love with my unhappiness."



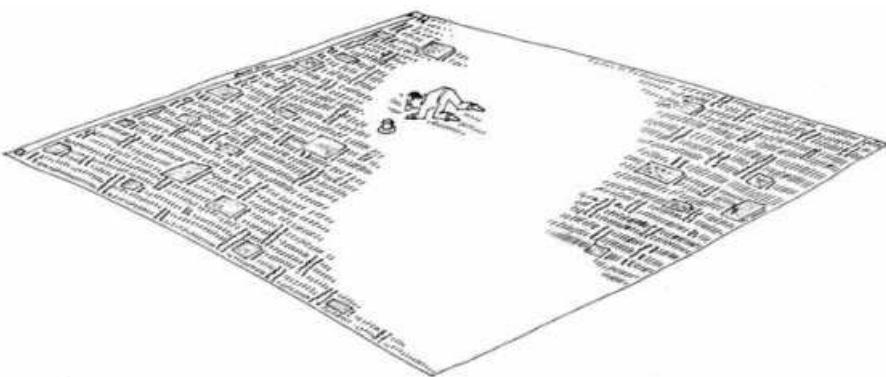


“Sure Weinberger has that confident air. Who wouldn’t with the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines behind him?”





"As in real life, Avery, you're only as good as your second serve."



The Sunday New York Times — Single-Page Edition

Ziegler



"Whoever he is, he's got charisma."



*"Gentlemen, we have a problem. We've learned that one
of our sincere negotiators in Geneva is insincere."*

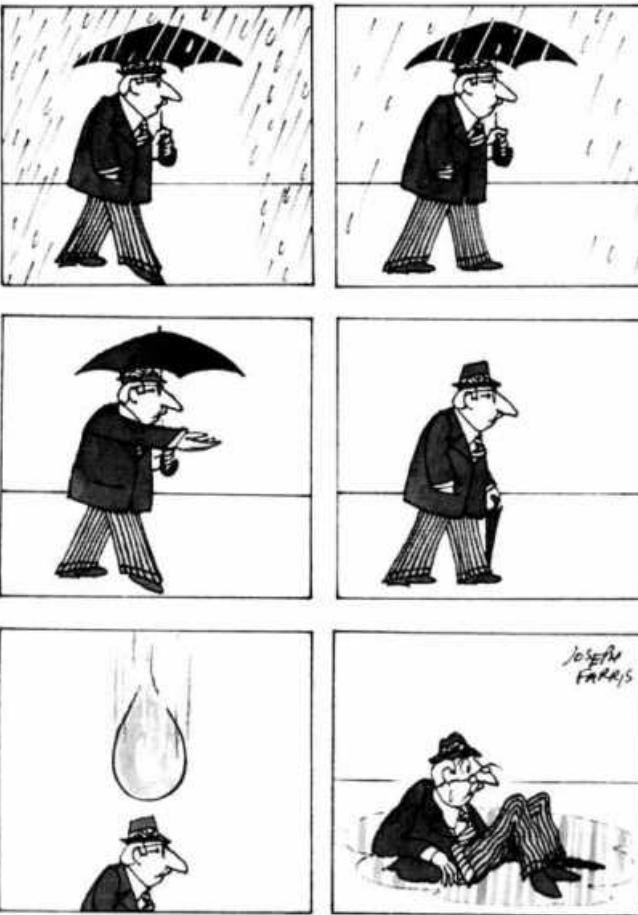




"He said it was urgent."



"Well, no, we don't go crashing our cars into concrete walls just to prove something, but that doesn't mean they're not good cars."





"I'm a citizen of the world, but I'm based in Bayonne."



"Ooooooh, just what I wanted!"



*"Put it this way. We can get you to Paris, but having
a good time is up to you."*



"This is nothing to cackle about, Madam!"



"And I never did like that hat."





*"You know what I'd like to do, Caslow? I'd like to create a far-reaching, innovative program that will open a lot of channels, offer great opportunities, link up with all kinds of things, and enable something or other to happen.
Any ideas?"*



"I happen to be a person of rare taste. Yet nobody identifies me as such."





“And this is the breakfast nook.”

GARDENERS (1 OF 7)



GARDENERS (2 OF 7)



*"Julian, I'm including a packet of Golden Cross Bantam
just for you in my order to Burpee."*

GARDENERS (3 OF 7)



*"That's the former Stevens place.
It's now Tattersall Farm."*

GARDENERS (4 OF 7)



*"This year, we're just going
to have a riot of color!"*

GARDENERS (5 OF 7)



*"But what are we going to do with thirty
bushels of Big Boy tomatoes?"*

GARDENERS (6 OF 7)



*"Remember, Philip—we're due at the
Fullers' at five-thirty."*

GARDENERS (7 OF 7)



"Shouldn't we let a few rows lie fallow one year?"



“Sure I’m depressed. I haven’t hit a grand-slam home run in twenty-seven years.”



"Who's the cutest creature in the woods?"



"We are gathered here to join together this man and this woman in matrimony—a very serious step, with far-reaching and unpredictable consequences."



"It's been moved and seconded, then, that we are greater than the sum of the individual parts."



"My wife likes saxophones."

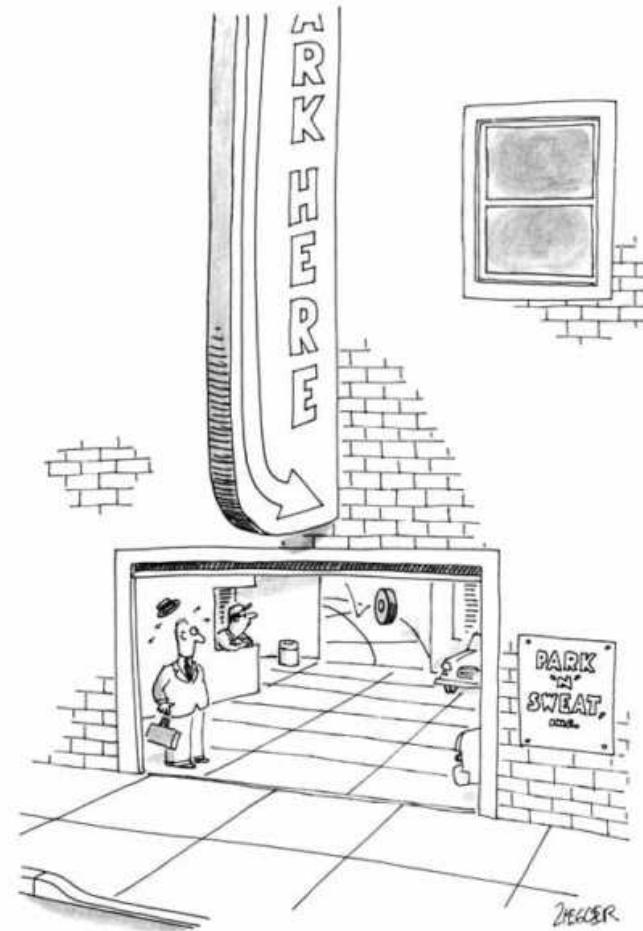


"Please! Pardon the dangling participle."



"I never said it wasn't good. I merely said I hated it."







*"Edgar is fine, marred only by a certain irritating
tendency toward self-congratulation."*



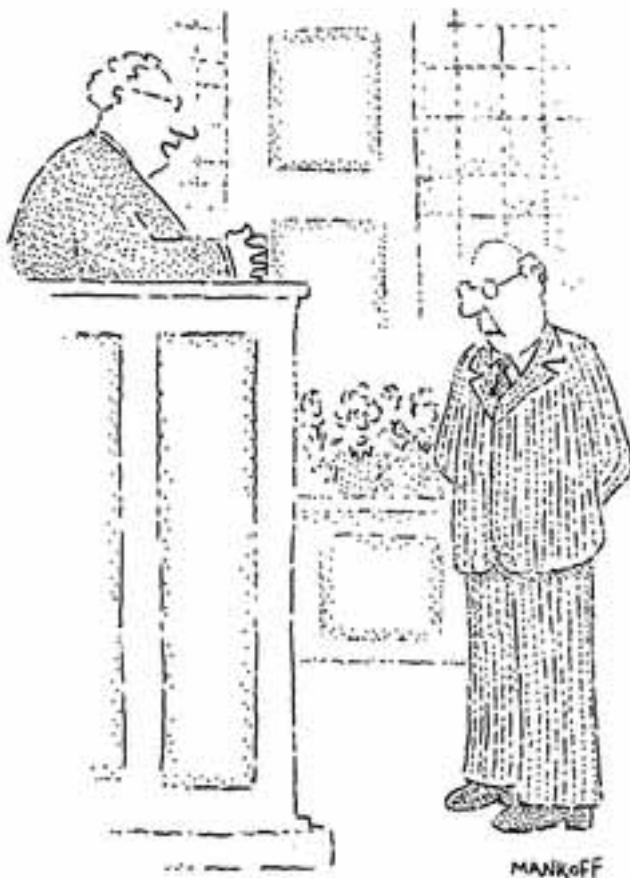
"Of course I love you. I love women, period."



*"You lose a hell of a lot, but then every
now and then you win one."*



*"I'm not a very good eater. I mostly just pick at my food.
What do you recommend for that?"*



"You're a disgrace to your tax bracket."



"Would you mind if I took a picture of you all as a group?"



"Do you have to decide this minute between George Bush and Jack Kemp?"



"Marry me, Sandra, and share my preconceptions."



"Do the Wycoffs prefer to see or be seen?"



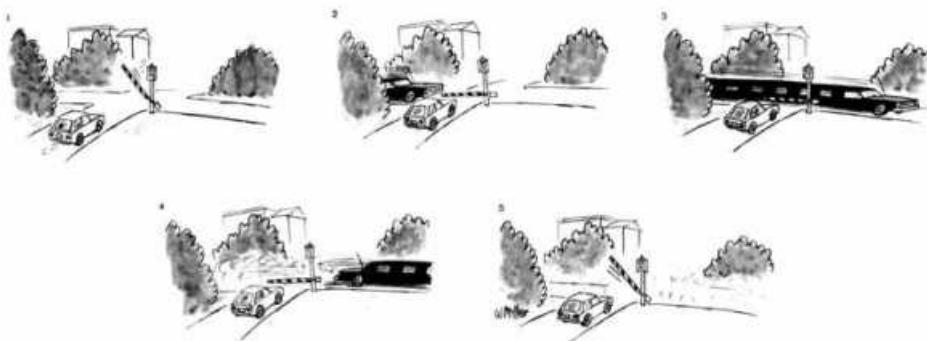
"If negotiations collapse before midnight and there appears no way to resolve contractual difficulties on an informal basis, we can always go to Tower Records."



"How do you like that, Elvira? Suddenly I'm up for grabs!"



"Reassess our life style? Why?"





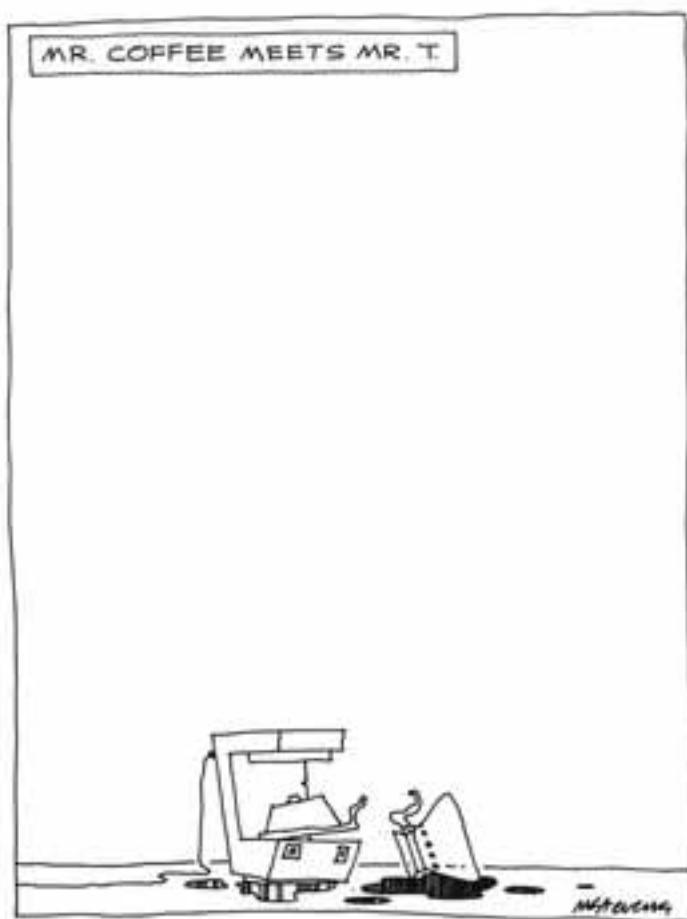
"Please, John, not the cheap Scotch. My body is a temple."



*"Glorious Food did the buffet, but Willie designed
the traffic flow himself."*

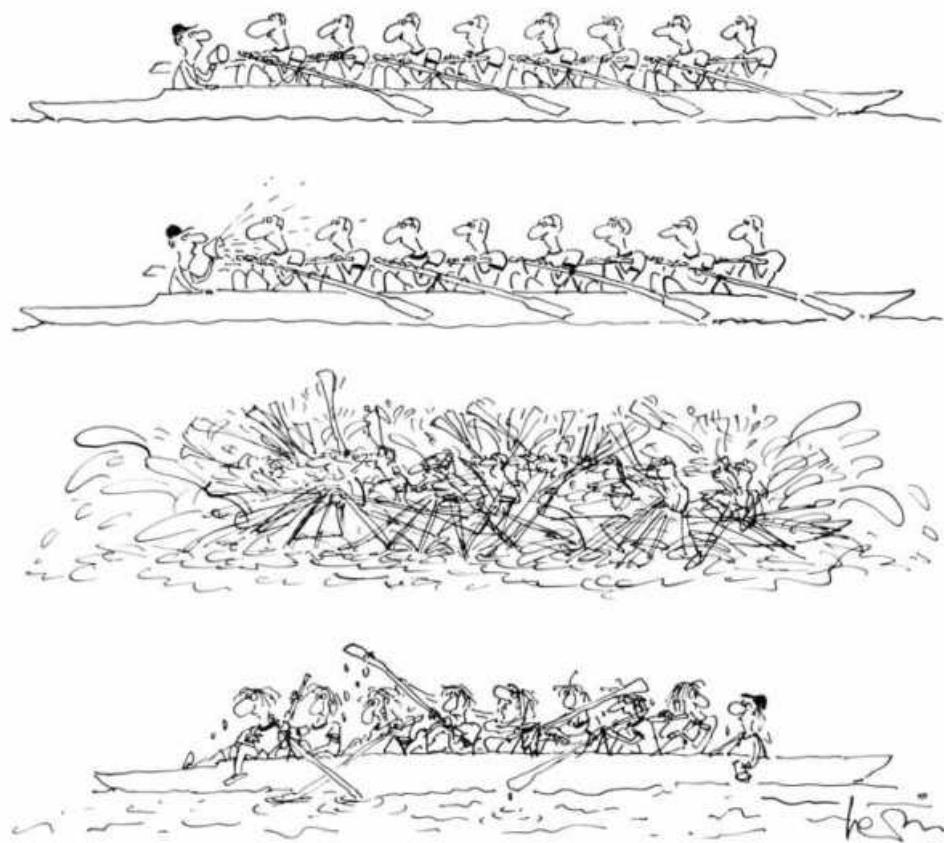


*"And don't disturb his naps. When you wake him,
he's an absolute fountain of platitudes."*





"All my gadgets are old. I'd like some new gadgets."





*"This is nothing. You should have been with us last year
at Fifty-third and Lex."*





"Do you think it's possible to love someone you don't like?"



"Ruling class."

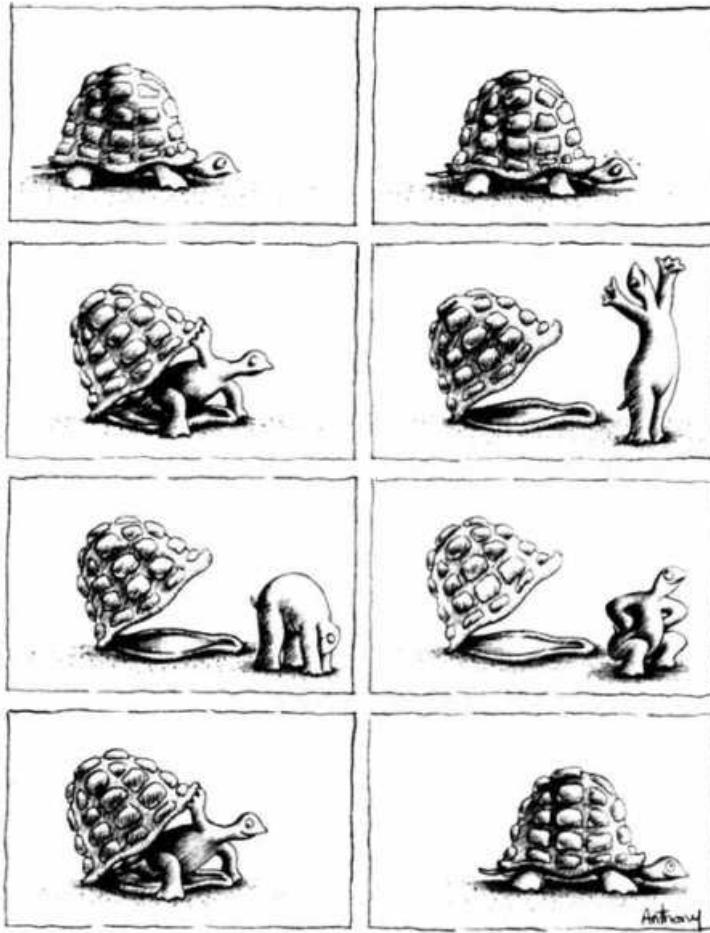




"You've never seen me before as a Lawrenceville person, have you?"



"When the damn thing tolls, I'm the one tolling it. For whom it tolls is not my problem."





"I don't mind your acting as your own attorney, but would you please stop hopping on and off that damned chair?"



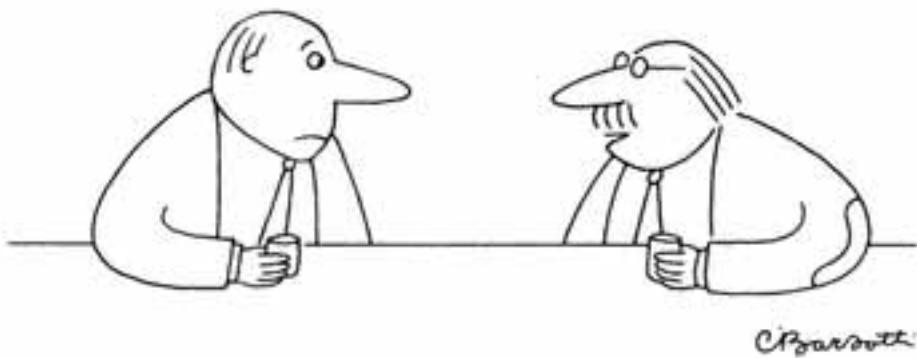
*"Uptown local now arriving, featuring early work by
Tico '88, Baco-Loco, and Zazoo 101."*



"Mr. Beech, I wonder if you could give Mr. Pruitt some encouragement."



"Looks like housing starts are up in this area."



"I disagree with what you say, sir, but, as you know, Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, and far be it from me to do otherwise."



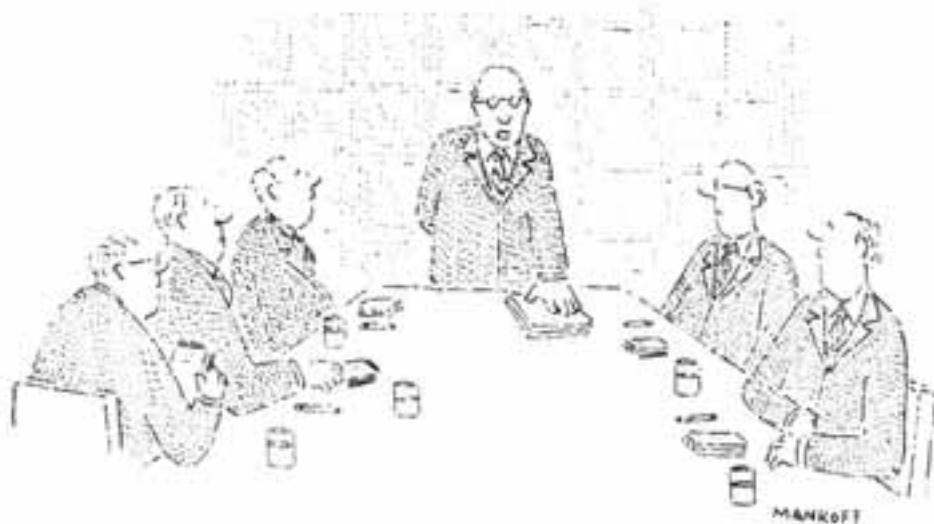
"Don't just sit there—recline!"



Favored Lamppost



"If Coke can change after so many years, why can't you?"



*"There you have it, gentlemen—the upside potential
is tremendous, but the downside risk is jail."*



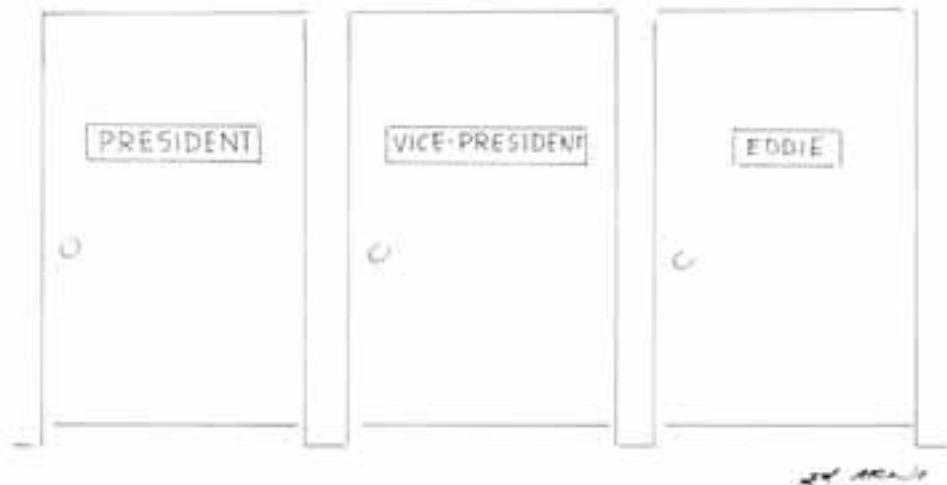
"This past weekend, my parents took me to see 'The King and I.' 'The King and I' is a musical version of 'Anna and the King of Siam.' Siam is a country that is now called Thailand. Thailand is next to Kampuchea. Kampuchea is a country that was once called Cambodia."



"I like it."



"Turns out Egbert and I weren't really made for each other, but we endured."





*"For God's sake, man, not 'I've got a mule, her name is Sal,
fifteen miles on the Erie Canal.' "*



"Here comes the knife of logic."



*"I'm sure you've heard of the good old Good Olds Guys.
Mr. Groark was one for a short time."*



"I dreamed Mobil was sponsoring me at the Modern, Exxon at the Whitney, and Philip Morris at the Metropolitan."



"Yes, dear, I did say I lost my husband, but I certainly have no reason to believe he's dead."



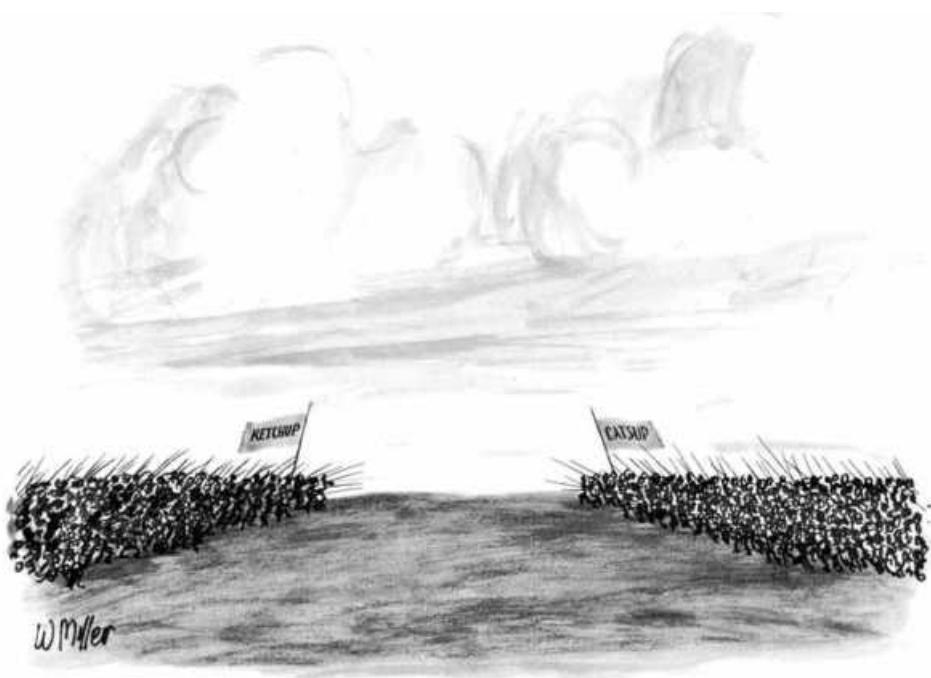
"You simply have to see our space. It's totally gutted."

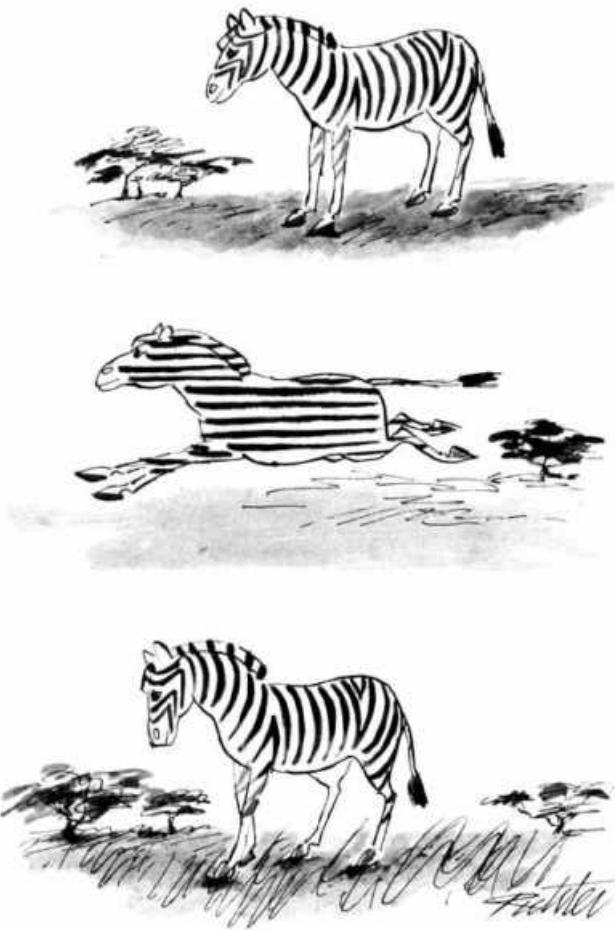


*"You're entirely welcome, Operator, and may I say that to
me using A.T. & T. is one of life's greatest pleasures?"*



"Since when was Madonna your cup of tea?"



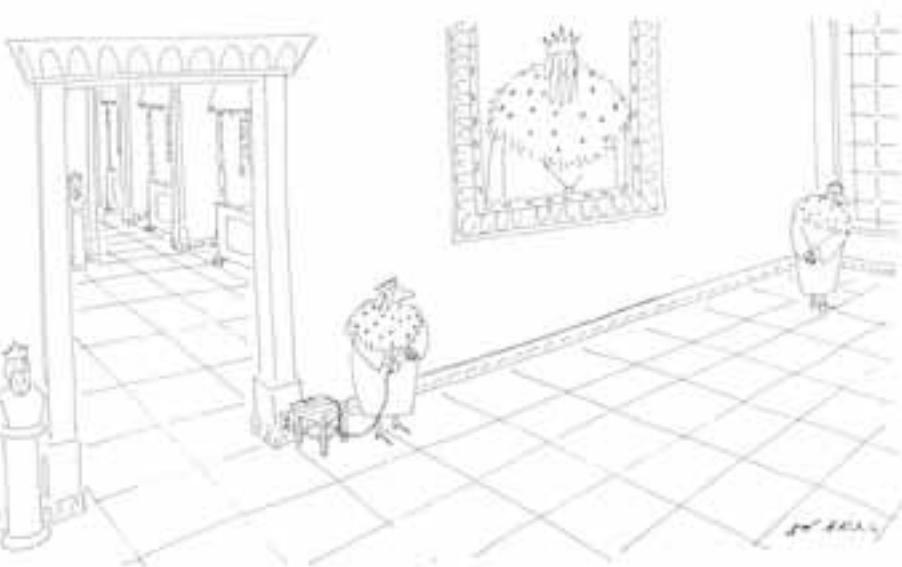




*"Damn it, Stevens, this is business. I need you to fly out to Tulsa,
and if there's someone you're trying to forget in Tulsa I'm sorry."*



Collector



*"It's the rental agent. He's got a couple from Milwaukee
for two weeks in July."*



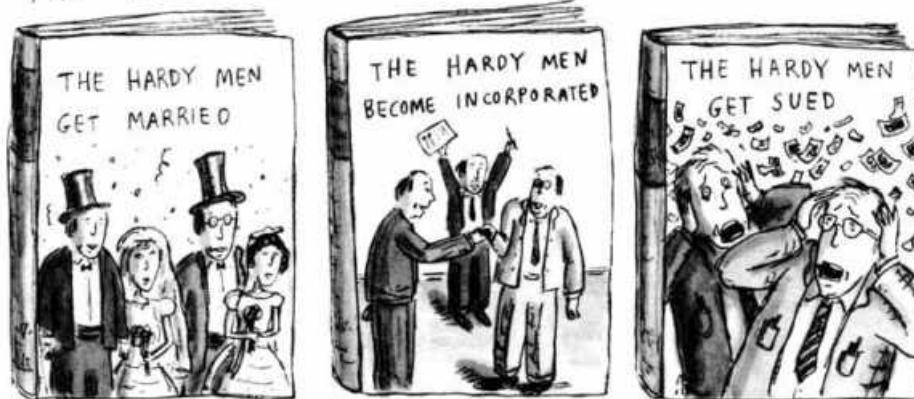


"You know, R.B., I read somewhere that Bach and Handel never met each other, and I was thinking we shouldn't let that happen to us."



"Where in hell is today's Melon Fruit Jubilee?"

THE THREE BEST OF THE "HARDY MEN" SERIES



Roz Chast



"I know what you're wishing. You're wishing I'd never learned to talk, that's what you're wishing."





*"Please, Jason. Don't you want to grow up
to be an autonomous person?"*



"Metro-North is proud to announce that this morning's trains are running on or close to schedule. The eight-oh-two, however, is not among them."



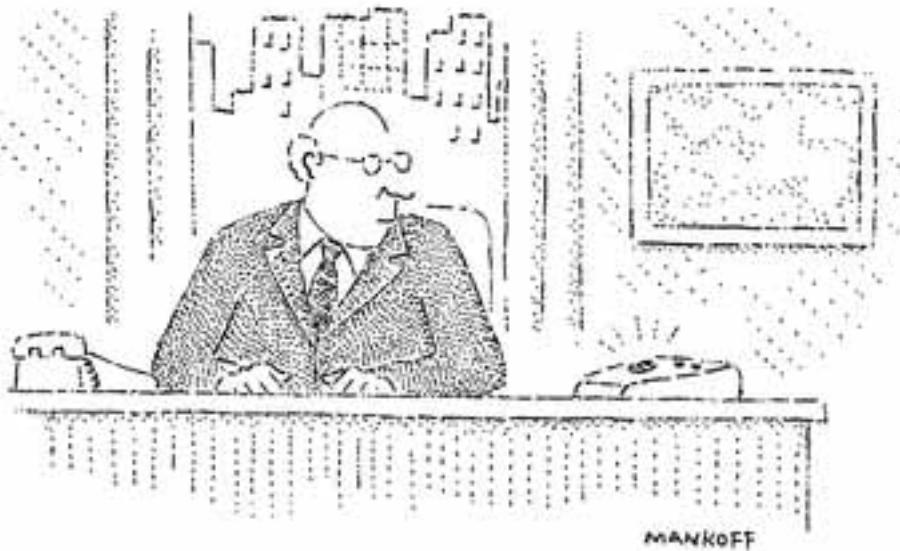
*“She turned out to be all I ever wanted in a woman—
and more, unfortunately.”*



*"What I'd like, basically, is a temporary line of credit
just to tide me over the rest of my life."*



"The food is very good, but I've found the celebrities tend to be somewhat disappointing."



"While you were out, Stevie Wonder just called to say he loves you."



"Fellas, this is Natalie Kaufman. Natalie represents a new, softer image of womankind."



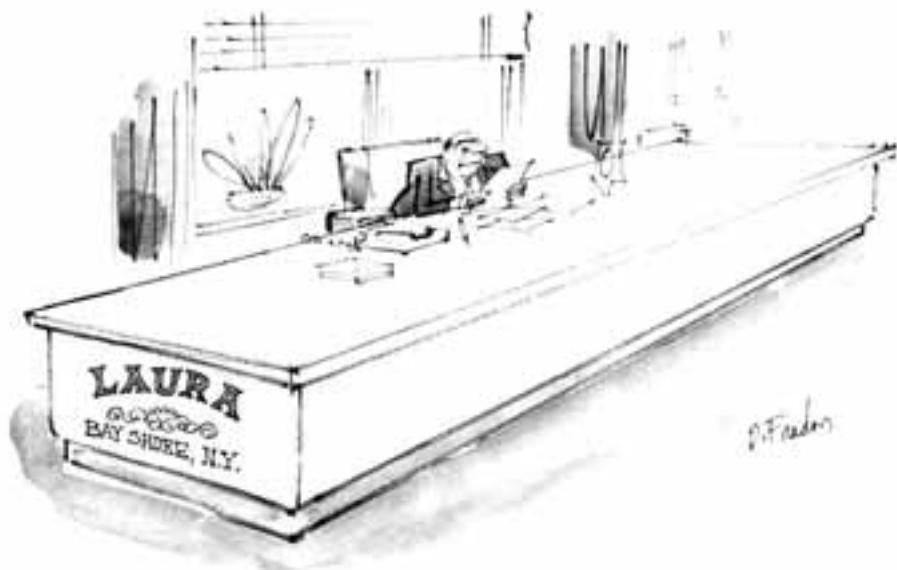


"To fine stores everywhere!"



"I'm honest, but not scrupulously honest."







"Damn it, Negelson, I like the way you keep using 'awesome.' "



"It's a message from your mother. She says to sit up straight and keep your elbows off the table."



"I'll say I'm losing my grip, and it feels terrific."



*"You don't turn out people like us in just
a couple of generations."*



"And a side order of fries."



*"I understand that you flew in from Kansas City
just to be here tonight."*

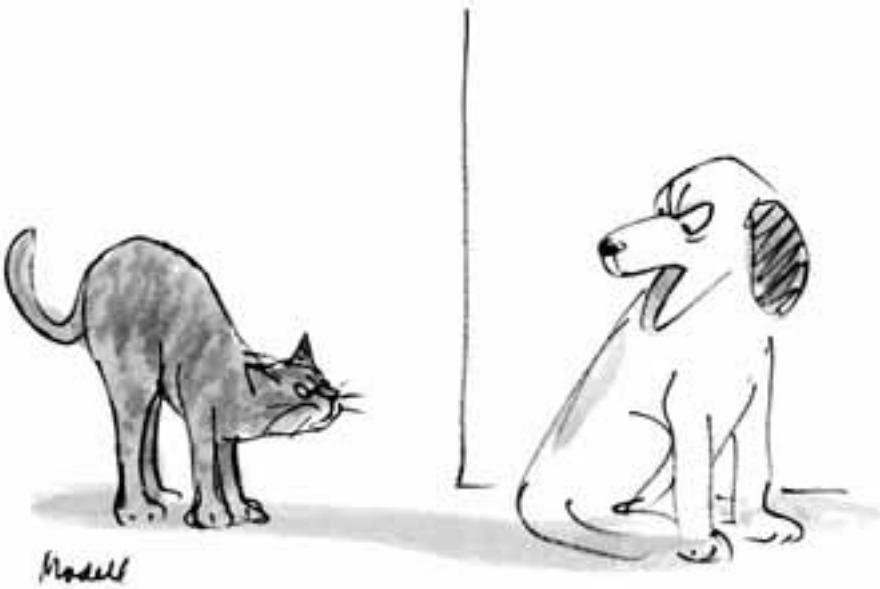


"I want you to cut down on fatty foods, sugar, alcohol, and your unyielding Reaganism."



"Well, I was a blue-collar worker and then I became a white-collar worker, but now I'm pursuing my original interest of not working at all."





"What is it with you, anyway?"



"Quick, Jonathan—a local craftsman."



*"Today's number is two thousand four hundred and seven.
That's sixteen above normal for this date and thirty-eight
ahead of last month at this time."*



"Tweet, tweet . . . something, something, something . . . tweet, tweet."

WOMEN (1 OF 8)



WOMEN (2 OF 8)



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WOMEN (7 OF 8)



WOMEN (8 OF 8)





"I'm glad to meet you, too—but not, I'm afraid, quite as glad."



"Why can't you be like Malcolm Forbes and have fun all the time?"





Demerits



"It simply never occurred to me that a messy desk could be grounds for a coup d'état."



"That's Robert, done in polyester resin, standing on the platform waiting for the eight-twelve, and watching me as I drive off in the station wagon waving goodbye."



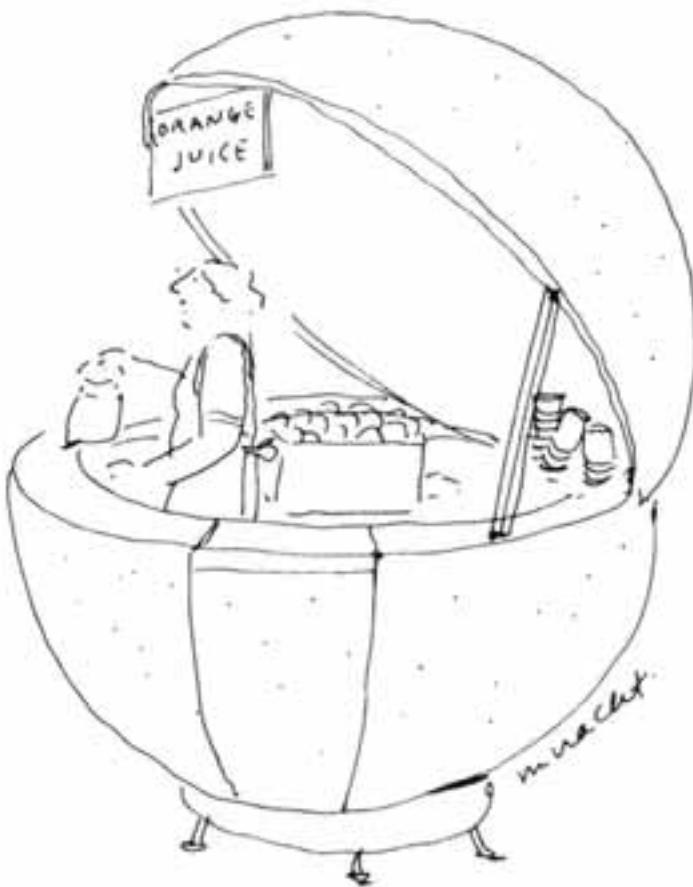


*"People tell me how valuable it is, but I just
bought it because I like it."*





*"Thanks for waiting for me, Jocko, but I still
can't play. I've decided to go for a Ph.D."*





"It is not in the lap of the gods! It's in your lap, damn it!"



"Well, I'll be."



"Look, Mac. I may be partly to blame, but I'm not solely to blame, for the decline of Western civilization."





"I'm sorry, but there's no room at the top, and there's no room in the middle, but there's a little room at the bottom."



"Withholding support from President Reagan seems to be hurting you more than it's hurting him."



"Edgar, your breakfast is on the table, and Bryant Gumbel, Jane Pauley, Willard Scott, and Gene Shalit have a lot of interesting things they want to tell you."

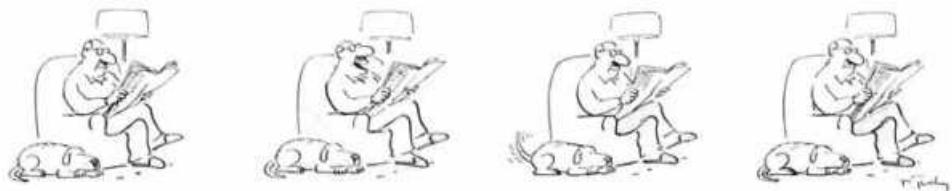


"I love who he is, but I can't stand him."



*"Very impressive, Mr. Crawley, but no one on our side
of the table wants to feel your muscle."*







"Well, sir, how does that look to your jaundiced eye?"



*"I think we're about to hear the title track from Ed's
album 'Our Nation's Economy.'"*





"I once saw a painting just like this. I didn't believe it then and I don't believe it now."



"You pitched a pretty good game, Wilford, but I'm divorcing you."



*"Mom, can me and Nat go down to the
corner store and get some gelato?"*



*"Whatever Arthur McNab says—whatever—I want
you to promise you will not fail to comprehend.'"*

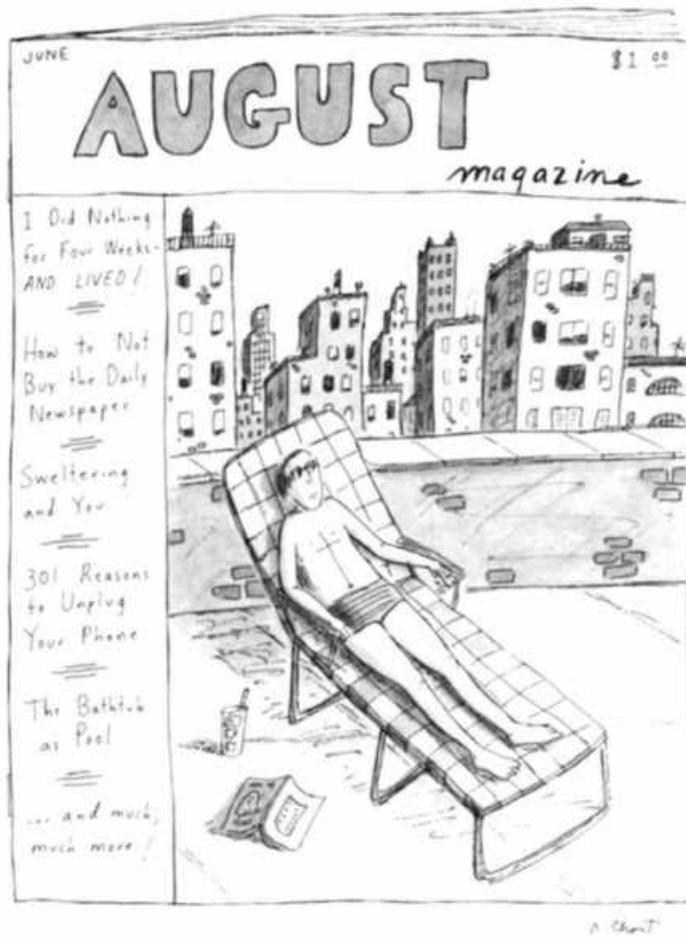


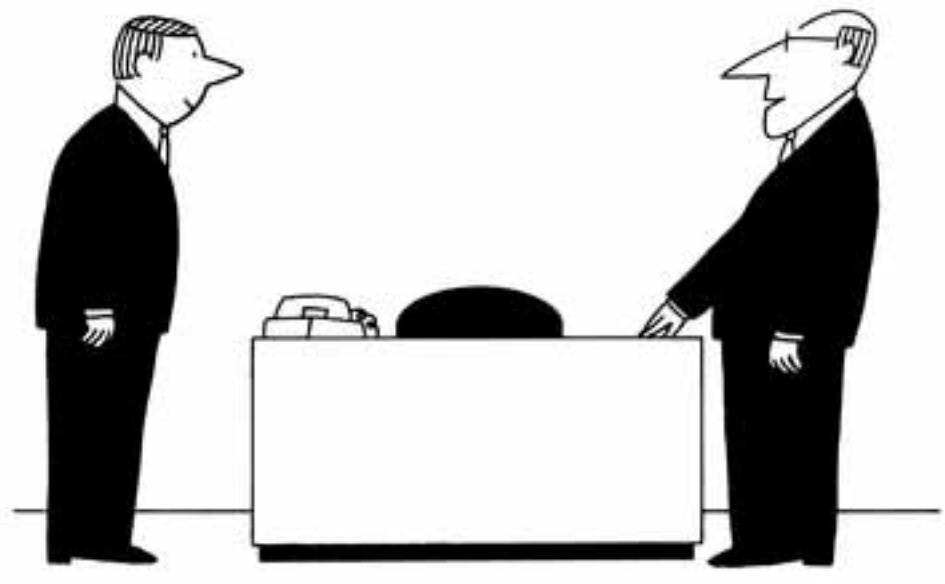


"You're very perceptive, sir. I really am an actress."









“And this will be your new home.”



"On the one hand, I know I could make more money if I left public service for the private sector, but, on the other hand, I couldn't chop off heads."



J.J. Sempé (6/10/1985)

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"I envy you and Sean your counterpoint."



*"We've tuned in someone called Dr. Ruth,
but we don't know what to make of it."*



"I hate to inconvenience you, sir, but would you kindly pick a different lobster from the tank?"

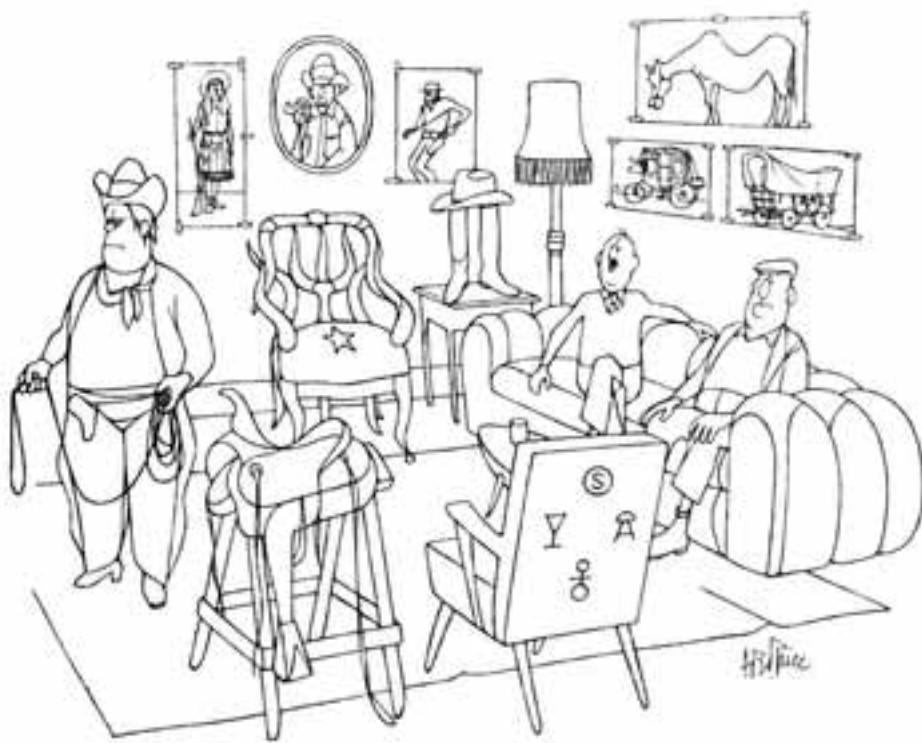




"You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you can't lead a horse to water and make him drink. Right?"



"Poor Homer. He was hoping the aerospace industry might be interested, but so far the only feelers have been from Toys 'R' Us."



*"Lily Mae's a blue-eyed daughter of the
Lone Star State, aren't you, hon?"*



Edward Koren (6/17/1985)

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WHY SPEND PRECIOUS DOLLARS CONVERTING POP SONGS INTO ADS?
CUT OUT THE MIDDLEMAN WITH...





"This is the nightly news, with Jim Watson in New York sitting in for Walt Bolling, who is on vacation, and Herb Henry in Washington sitting in for Stu Farnell, who is too liberal."





"The way I see it, the eighties are the warmup for the nineties."



"This is Arthur. Arthur is graphically exciting."



SETTING DOWN FOR THE INTERVIEW ON THE PILLOW-PILED SOFA
IN HER SUN-DAPPLED, SPACIOUS CENTRAL PARK WEST APARTMENT



"It just occurred to me that it would be even more hellish if we left them just a little bit of hope."



"Monday morning, Fred. Go for it."



“Damn! I forgot to tighten the screws on old Sedgewick today.”



"I'll be taking a nap. If anyone tries to break in, bite 'em."





*"Would you mind saying we 'passed away'? I'd feel
a lot happier with the euphemism."*



"This is Dr. Emmett Walters, one of our most eminent authors and scholars, at forty-five."





"Just how much love should one give?"



School Is Out



"Another round for me and my friend here. It seems he was hip way back before there were any damn hippies, and I was a young urban professional way back before there were any damn yuppies."



"It was just a dream, Valerie. I sometimes dream that you run off and leave me. I assure you, it doesn't mean a thing."



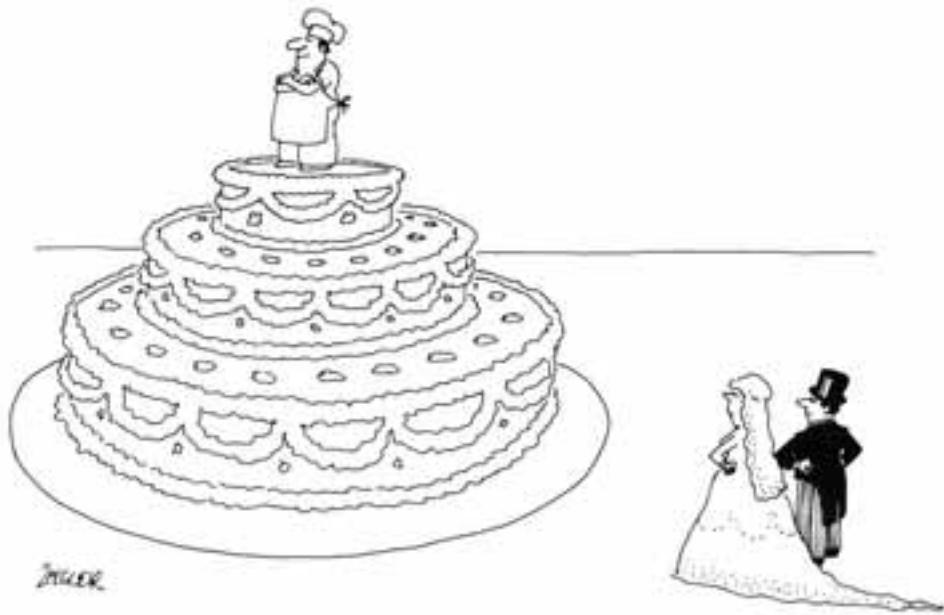
*"And now, if it please Your Majesty, a royal
welcome for my next guest."*



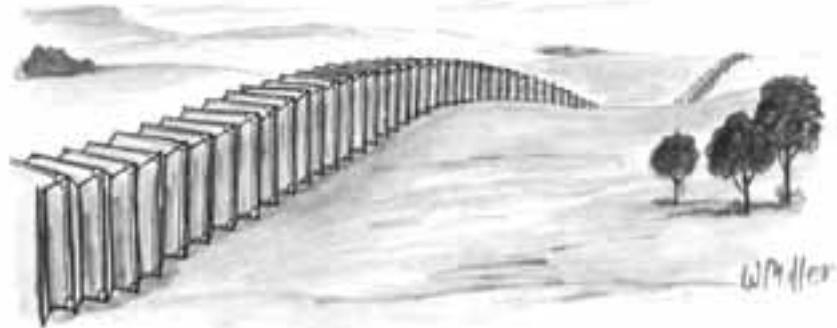
"And then, after a few minutes or so of conversation, Edgar and his friend lapsed into a companionable silence. That was two days ago."

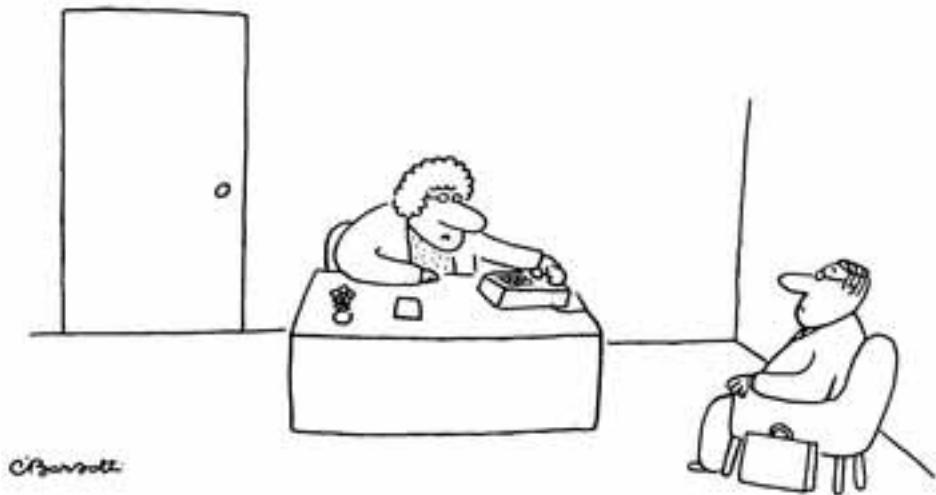


"Just to get me oriented, Colonel, where is Scarsdale?"



THE GREAT ACCORDION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA





"Rambo will see you now."



"Do I detect a hint of depression?"



"E-242 and 243 in the mezzanine! A couple riveted to their seats!"



"And, finally, a Bachelor of Arts degree to Anthony Zungolo, the absolute last of the Baby Boomers."



"Caught van Gogh. Caught Rousseau. Missed Caravaggio."



In the Doldrums



"As we run down the figures, Mr. Fell will do the play-by-play, I will do the running commentary, and Mr. Russell will provide the color."





"Your 'classic navy wool overcoat that offers warmth and authority'—I'll have one of those."



"I'm pleased to say, Mr. Mulrooney, that all your tax data—checks, vouchers, W-2s, and 1099s—from 1928 through 1984—have been forwarded to us."



"Now that the merger is completed, Stahlmeyer, how's about a hug?"

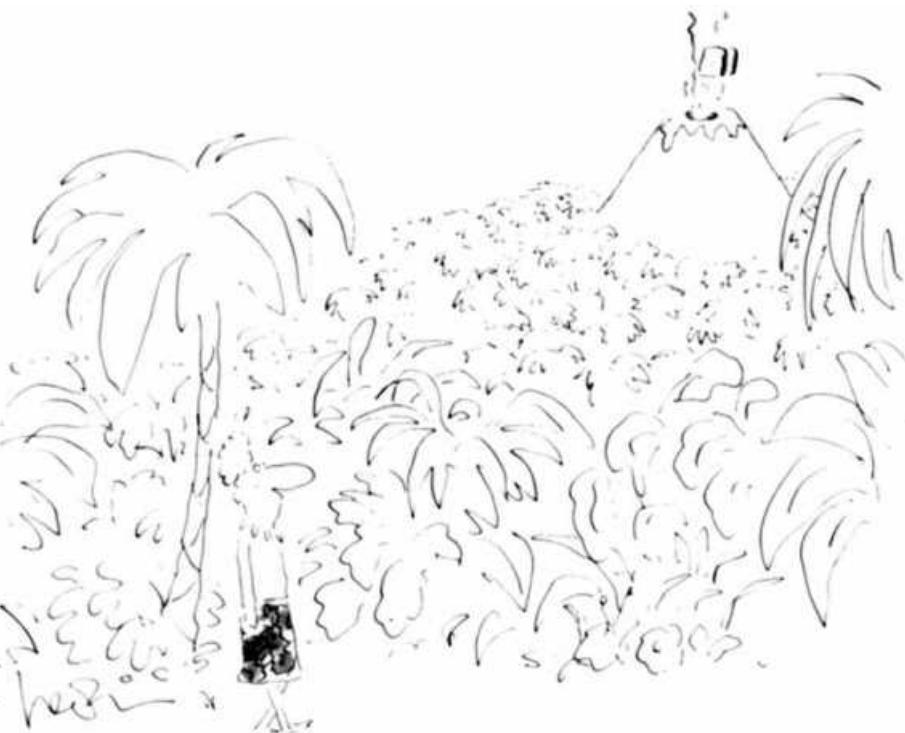




"You see, Byron thinks you can be fun."



"Wow, David, I've been proposed to before, but you're the first person who ever offered me blood, toil, tears, and sweat."

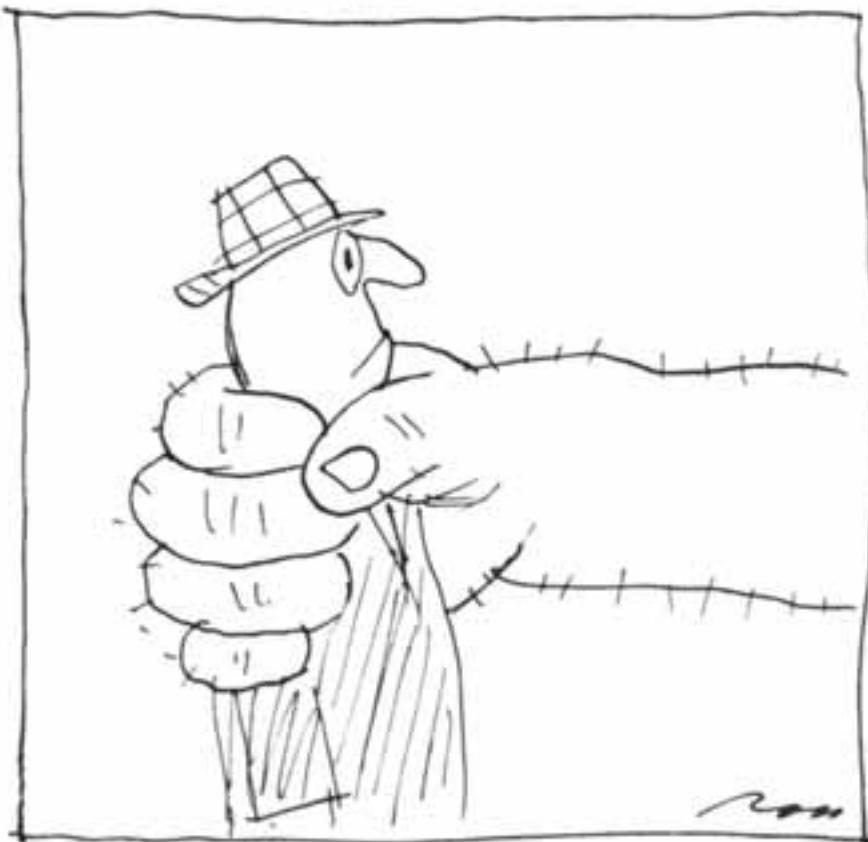




“And just which of your remarks did I take out of context?”



"He said he'd 'no longer brook' my insolence. I said he'd 'brook it or lump it.' Then we got so busy justifying our locutions that we decided we needed a few drinks."



Seized by the Imagination



"Well, for heaven's sake! I was positive you'd been beheaded."



"Your tomato surprise has become predictable."



"Lemme tell you, this is one hell of a husband!"







"In Washington, I'm Stu Trumbell. However, in Baltimore I'm usually Freddy Wilcox."





"I'm glad you like my stuff. Are you guys foodies?"



Card Sharp

GREETINGS FROM DOWNER BEACH

(YOU SHOULD BE HOME, READING A BOOK)

R. Chast

THE THIRTIES (1 OF 14)



Roosevelt was President the way the King was King of England. Before Roosevelt, there was Hoover. Everything was a nickel except the Fifth Avenue bus, which cost a dime. You could see everything from the top of the bus.

THE THIRTIES (2 OF 14)



*Many people sold apples, but
nobody you actually knew.*

THE THIRTIES (3 OF 14)



Cousin Arthur went to Spain to fight Franco.

THE THIRTIES (4 OF 14)



*We took violin from Mr. Capobianco.
It was too bad if anybody saw you
wearing knickers.*

THE THIRTIES (5 OF 14)



*Uncle B. knew a lot of strange people at
the Life Cafeteria on Sheridan Square.*

THE THIRTIES (6 OF 14)



*One day, we visited ex-Governor Sulzer.
He was a very sad man.*

THE THIRTIES (7 OF 14)



*On Sundays, we bought charlotte russes from
the stand outside the German soda fountain.*

THE THIRTIES (8 OF 14)



At dance classes, they played "Country Gardens," by Percy Grainger.

THE THIRTIES (9 OF 14)



Besides Radio City, you could go to Loew's State and the Paramount. The Paramount was best, because they air-conditioned the whole outside area around the marquee.

THE THIRTIES (10 OF 14)



Everybody read a morning paper and an afternoon paper. There were the "World-Telegram," the "Sun," the "Graphic," the "News," the "Mirror," the "Times," and the "Brooklyn Eagle." Besides the news, everybody read F.P.A.'s column.

THE THIRTIES (II OF 14)



We were too old for "Uncle Don," and began to listen to the "Make Believe Ballroom" on the radio. We read "Ballyhoo" and said "Oh, Mr. Zilch!" to each other.

THE THIRTIES (12 OF 14)



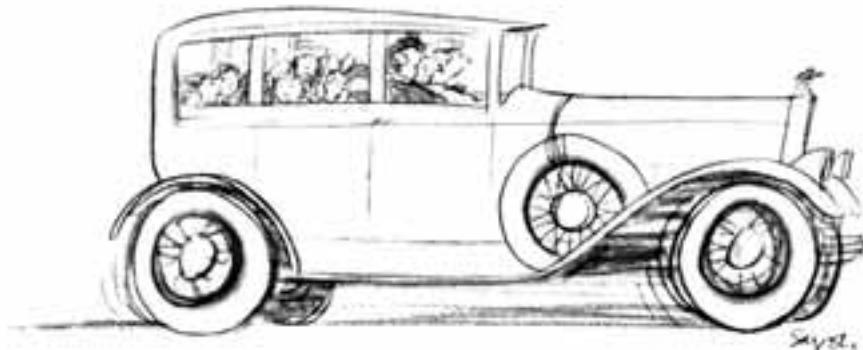
*My mother said Jeanette's parents
were divorced, but she said not to
tell people at school.*

THE THIRTIES (13 OF 14)



*We all had a pack of Luckies, which we
hid in our Boy Scout uniforms.*

THE THIRTIES (14 OF 14)



Aunt Lily had a Pierce-Arrow. Sometimes she took us to Jones Beach on the Sunrise Highway. Rockaway was nice, but it was too rowdy. We watched for Burma Shave signs.



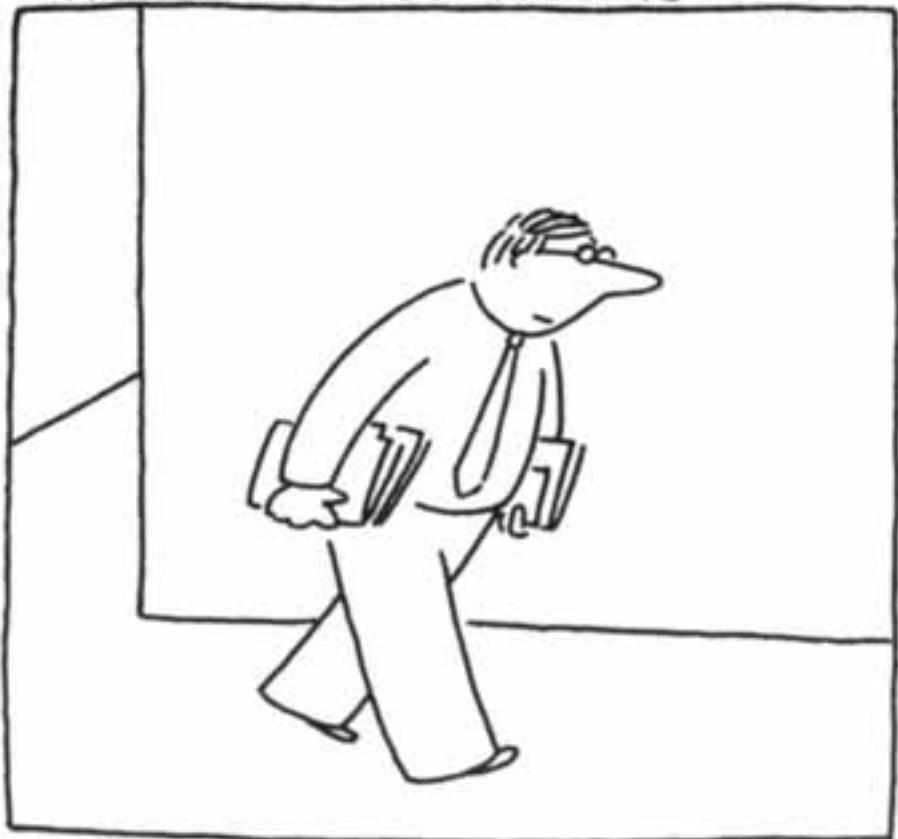
"Well, I see the Goonies are all here."



"I'm Robert Walken III. I put people together."

1985

THE COLLECTED WORKS



C. Barsotti



"He's back!"



“Some people like my gruff exterior.”



"But I see you're having difficulty following my argument."



"I suppose one could say it favors the rich, but, on the other hand, it's a great incentive for everyone to make two hundred grand a year."



Heartbroken Fans



"It's me—albeit bruised by the cola wars."



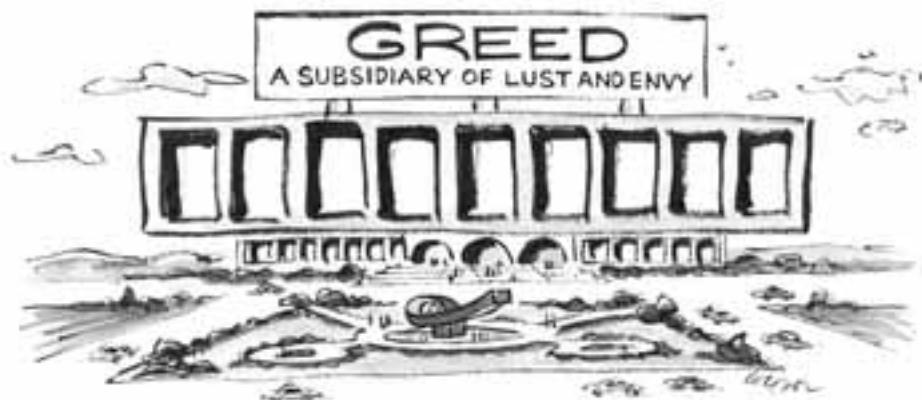
*"When she was little, we had a very close relationship,
but now we're just friends."*



"Strange, isn't it? Normally, I'm a very caring person, but in your case, for some reason, I don't give a damn."



"Of course you have déjà vu. We were here last year."





"Relax, Haskins. What could be worth all this grief?"





"One thing about Martin, he doesn't mince words."



"So you see, son, back in those days, before the VCR, people were forced to remember the shows they liked."



"Hon, perhaps the Thompsons would like to see your collection of toll-free telephone numbers."



"Why, this is simply amazing! You've taken ordinary happenstance and through the use of simile, rhyme, and metaphor turned it into poetic imagery!"



*"These are for reading. These are for driving. And these
are for weekends out in Southampton."*

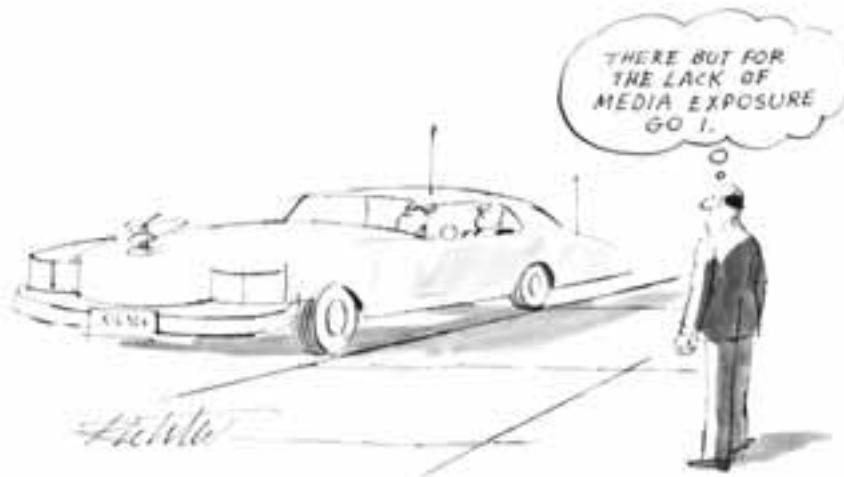


"Mind if I look at some cards? Today is my birthday."



"Please—stand by me forever!"







"I'd thank you Harrison, but, as you well know, yours is a thankless job."





"A good late-afternoon misting really perks them up."



"At least once in my life I'd like to have hit high C."



"Why not?"



"I'll thank you to stop referring to my research, Whatley, as sci-fi."



"Who made up this guest list—Norman Lear?"



"You've changed, Irma. You used to love Sousa marches."





"The way I see it, good losers are a dime a dozen. But good winners like you and me are damned hard to find."



*"I won't hold it against you, Austin, if you don't
give me the exact quote."*



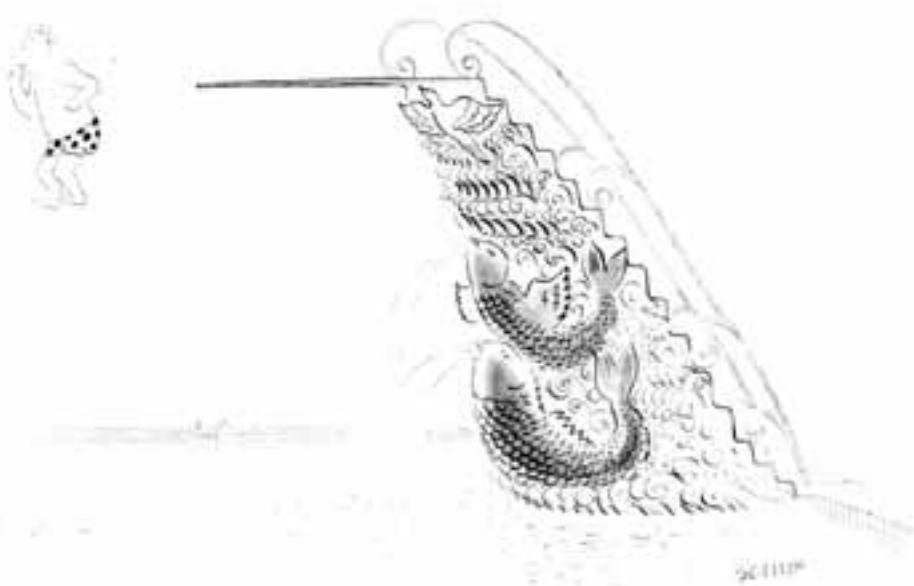


"You get a good suède jacket—I mean a good suède jacket—and take proper care of it, and it will last you the rest of your natural years. You betcha!"





"My client would like Your Honor to know he's one hundred per cent behind you no matter what your decision happens to be."

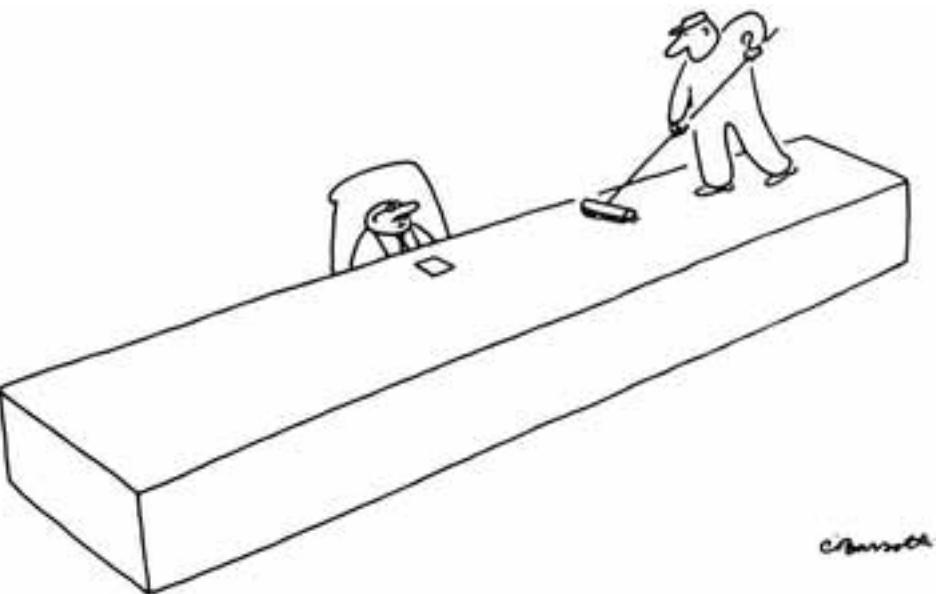




"Today I'm going to do something nice for me."



"I tried to make it from the windowsill to the top of the refrigerator. How about you?"



"Do you have to do that now?"





"She must have come to terms with something."

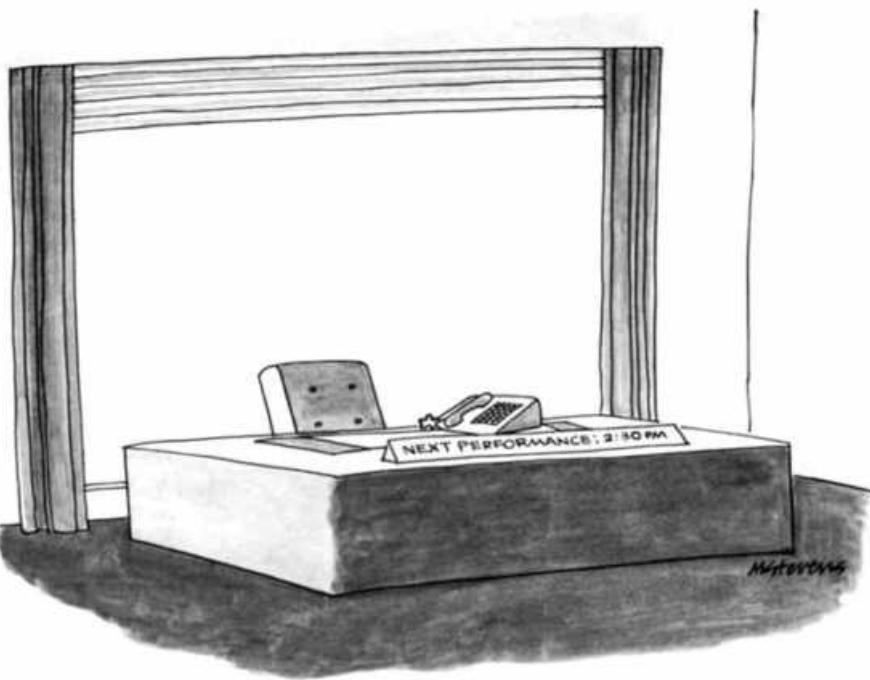








"He's with Ken someplace, luxuriating in their maleness."





"And yet he could be a barrel of laughs when he wanted to be."



"Tough about Taylor. He was blindsided by the new technology."



"Finish it? Why would I want to finish it?"



"I'm sorry about this table, Mr. Stenman, but today it's just been one terribly important person after another."





"Well, yes, we've put your money to work. As for what it's doing at this very moment, I have no idea."



"I envy your talent—I never had much luck with cactus."



"I'll be on the porch, pushing ninety."



*"Miss Adamson, pluck someone from nowhere and
put him in a position of responsibility."*



"May I introduce the Dorner twins? One's good, one's bad."



"Wilbur! It's time to get up and fly around!"



"Have you ever thought, Richards, how unfair it all is?"



"I don't tell you my dreams anymore, because you always go 'Hmm.'"



*"My love, who said 'Brevity is
the soul of wit'?"*

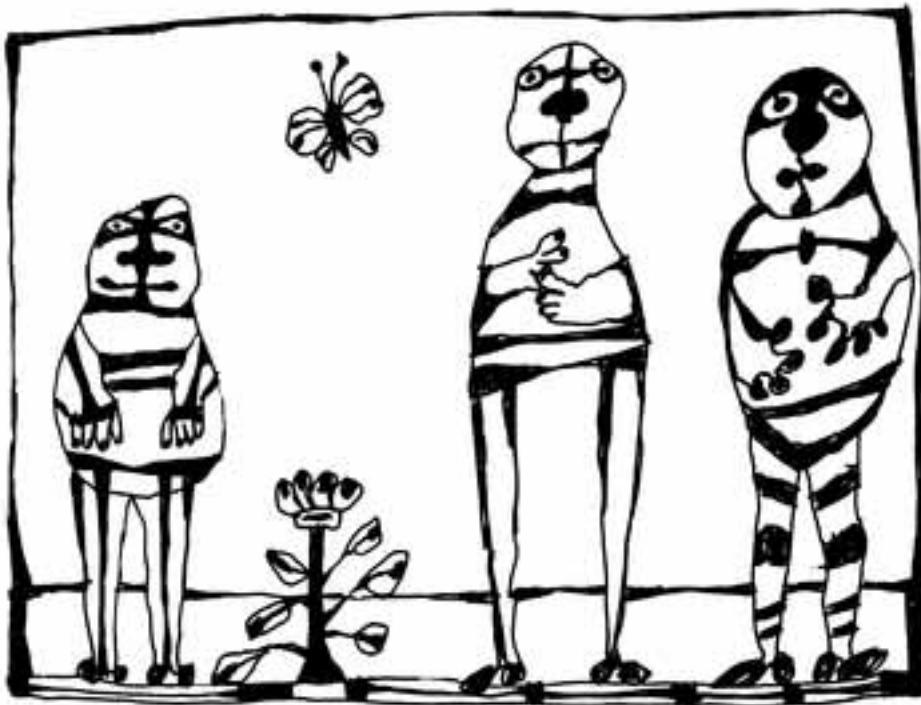
"You did, of course, dear."



"Jim and I believe in simplicity. That's why when we were in Corfu we stayed at the Hilton. It was simpler."



*"Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests,
old Coke, new Coke . . ."*



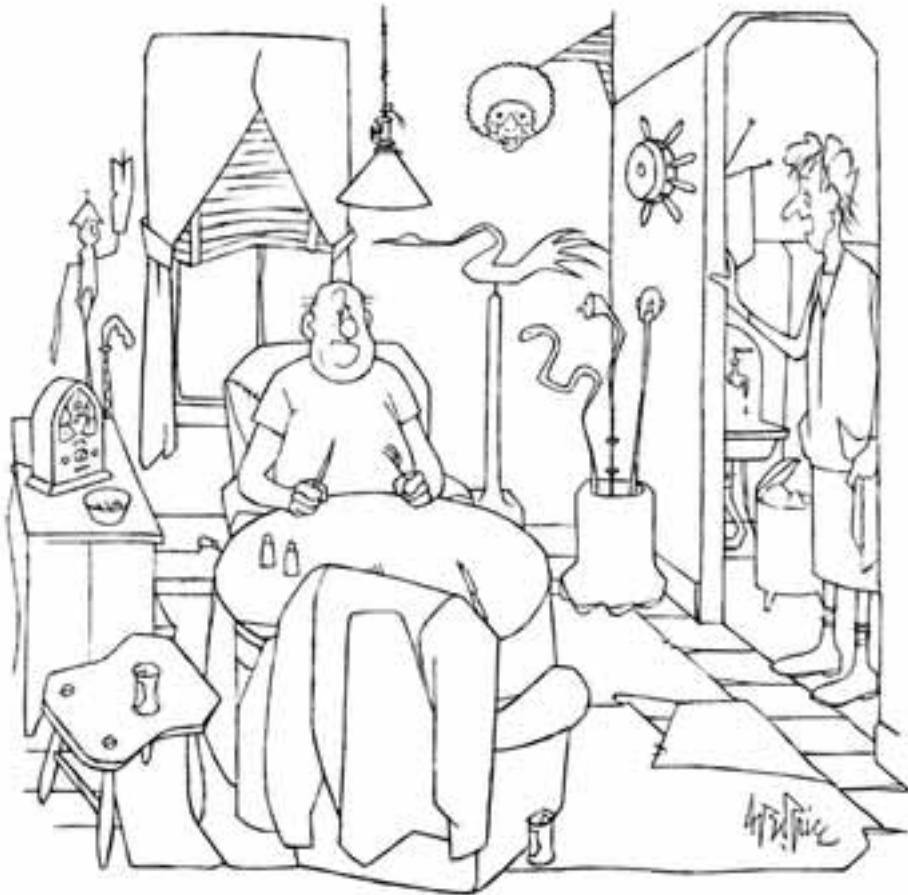
W. Steig

Silent Observers





"And, Mama, would you call Miss Simpson, my third-grade teacher, and tell her I made it to the top?"

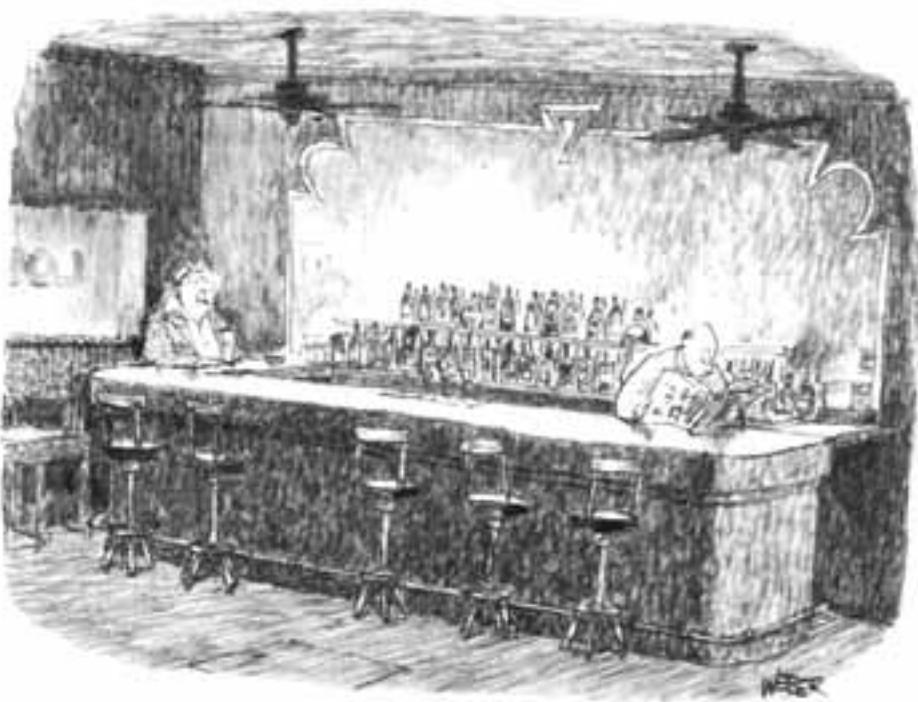


*"Do you want beer with your pigs' knuckles, or will
you meet them head on?"*



"Look, you've said 'Hello, Polly' three times today, and I've said 'Hello, Edith' three times today. Suppose we call it quits!"





"You know, a Bobby Short could do wonders for this place."





"I never pause to consider anything after five o'clock."



*"You are fair, compassionate, and intelligent, but you
are perceived as biased, callous, and dumb."*





"Now, you wait right here while I go ask my wife for a divorce."



*"You would rather let a guilty man go free than punish
an innocent one? How do you figure that?"*



*"When you say, 'I'm just back from Europe,' it's tacky
to add, 'On the Concorde.' "*





*"We didn't meet in the Hamptons? Then where
the hell did we meet?"*



“Sometimes I have this awful feeling I’m really a West Side person.”



*"Henry curled up with a good book, and now
he can't seem to uncurl."*



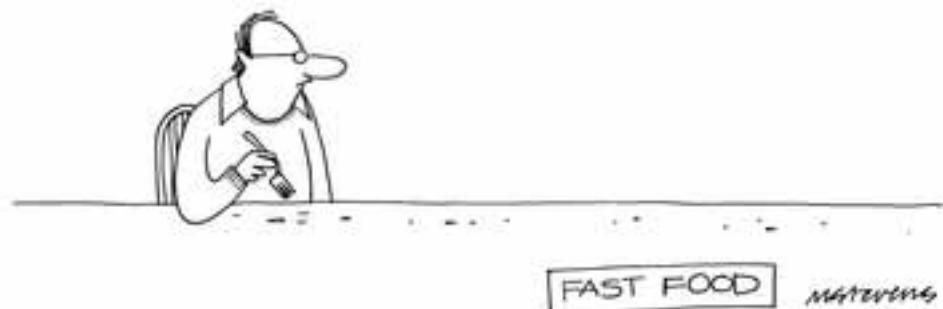
"Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are falling upstate, while simple showers of sulfur and nitrogen are blanketing the central counties. Toxic air pollutants will be prevalent in all areas and may endanger some lower forms of aquatic life. For the rest of us, enjoy the sun and the weekend."



"In a controversial move today, the State of Rhode Island made a tender offer for the State of New Jersey."



*"All right, I'm a little cranky. So is George Will,
and you think he's cute."*





*"Let me not to the marriage of true minds admit
impediments. On second thought, let me."*



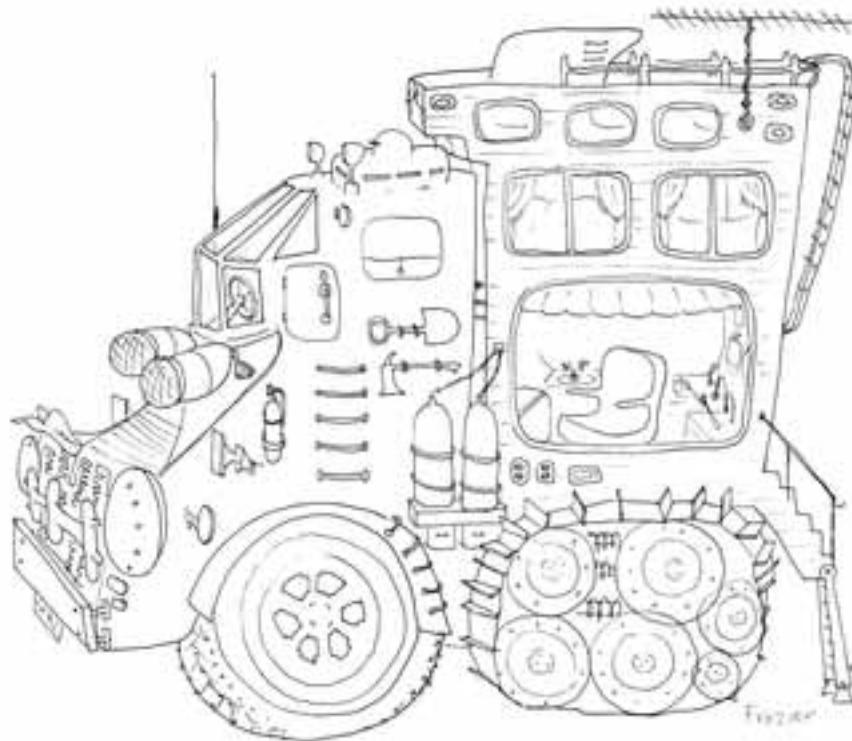
*"We laughed at first, but now it seems NASA
is terribly interested."*



"It's unintentional deadpan humor, Hazel. Ludlow just naturally has a dead pan."



"Oh, cute, cute. Very cute."



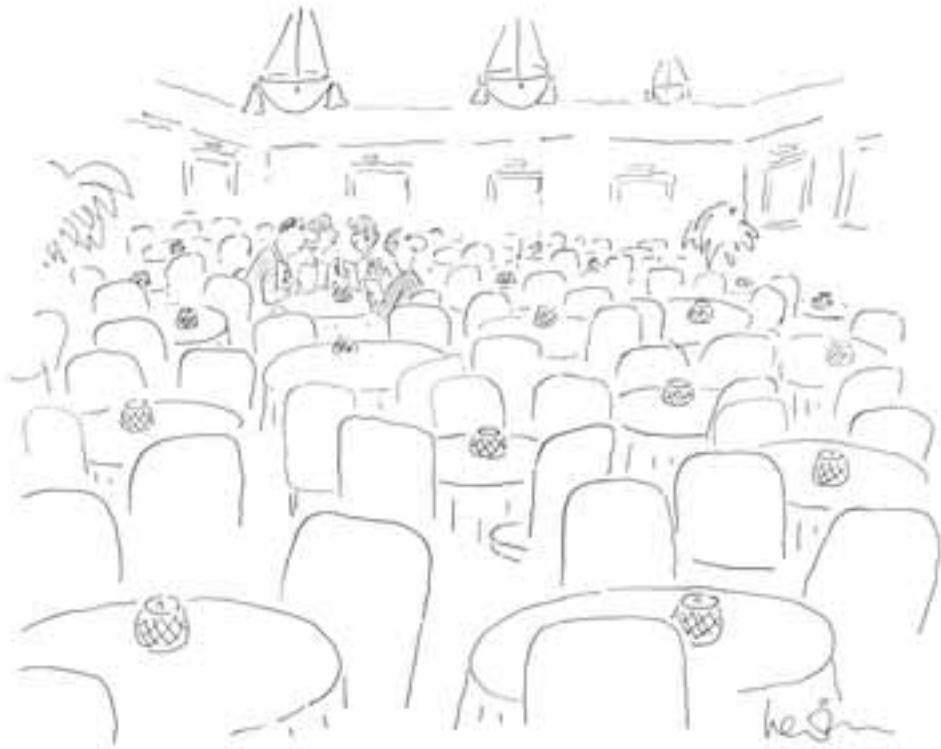
THE MOST IMPORTANT PURCHASE YOU WILL EVER MAKE



"This weekend, I thought I'd pop over to Vegas and grab a smoke."



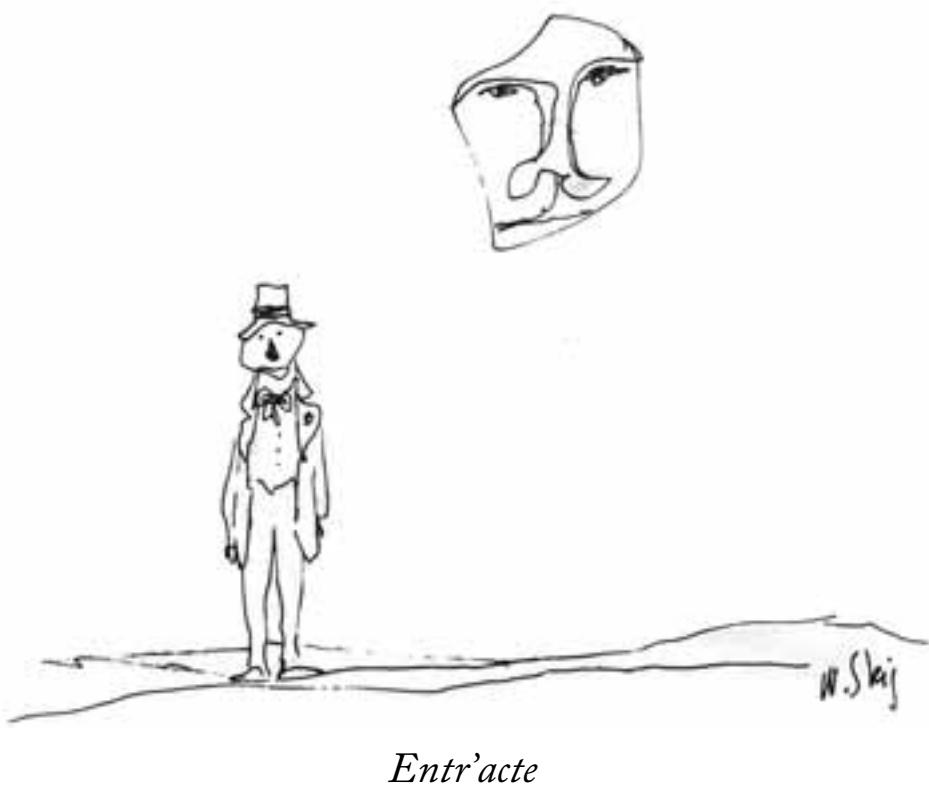
"For the present, Ashland, you'll have to take it, and perhaps someday, if you play your cards right, you'll be in a position to dish it out."



"Nobody, but nobody, knows about this place yet."



"Well, I had a little drink to unwind, and now I think I'll have a big drink just for the hell of it."





"You've got the right number but the wrong mood."



"No, I don't want to see a note from your mother."



Healthy Harry Harcourt Takes a Sick Day



“Damn, Langdon. That ‘Quién sabe?’ of yours was about the suavest thing I ever heard at a board meeting.”





"Miss Corcoran, please bring in my Care Bear."



*"I'm afraid, Mr. Wallberry, that I know of no legal mechanism
by which you can bequeath them all a swift kick in the pants."*



*"He's still seething. He was the victim of a memorable
witticism in the thirties."*



“Could he call you back? He’s doing a feasibility study.”



"How obscene is the rent?"





*"No, thanks. Somehow Satyajit Ray and Milk Duds
don't seem right to me."*

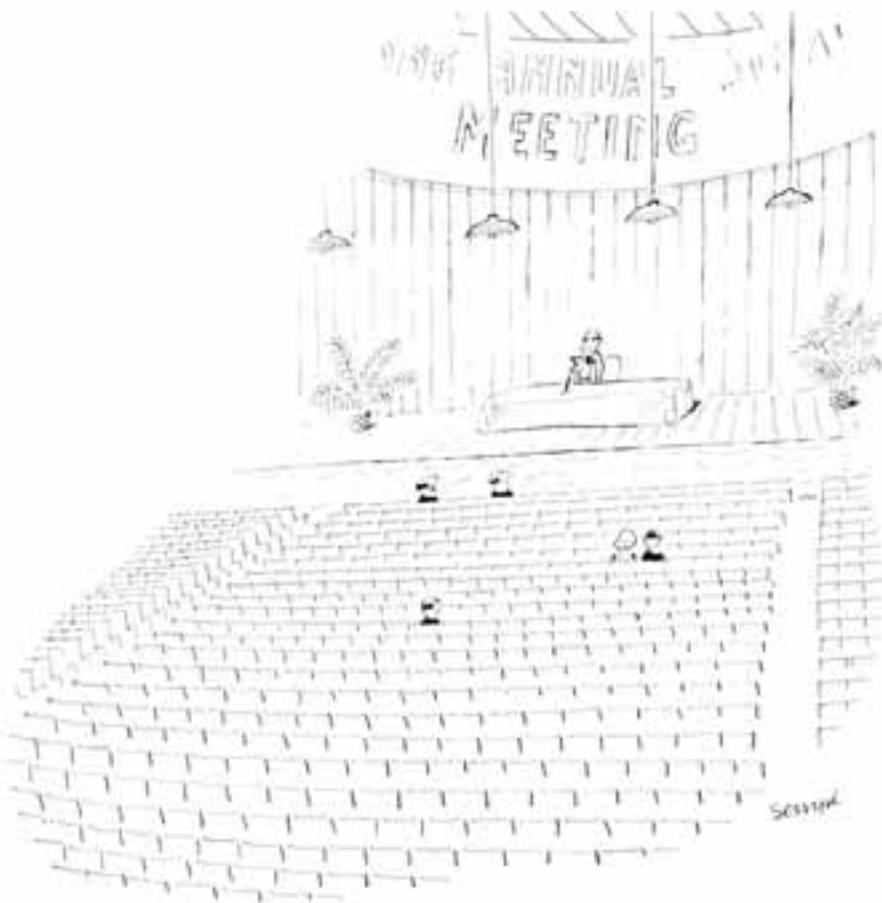




"Well, there's mid-life."



"Miss Kessler is our poison pill here at Tolan, Merle & Fender."



"This year, our annual meeting will not end with a ball."





*"My husband and I are tired of the living room.
We'd like it to look more like Vermont."*



"I don't think it's supposed to have any special plot or anything. It's just about a bunch of rich, neurotic people who are hypnotized by money."



CATS ARE NOT AS INTELLIGENT AS YOU THINK.



"There's so much talk these days about this kind of guilt and that kind of guilt. Isn't anybody just plain ashamed anymore?"



*"That was your father speaking. Now hear
this—this is your mother speaking."*



"Suede says 'Back off.' "



"Tonight's specials are coq au vin Pierre, caviar omelette with mushrooms and truffles, and fresh brook trout. Tonight's celebrities to ogle are Senator Bill Bradley, Joan Collins, Mookie Wilson, Ted Turner, and Jeane Kirkpatrick."



"That's one hell of a painting, isn't it?"



"Sir, a Mr. Krueller, of the real world. Are you in?"





"The jury just laughed at my alibi. Now, when I think about it, I find myself chuckling."



"It's lonely at the top, that's why."



"But don't expect too much. Carl hasn't touched his kazoo in years."



"Kids today don't care about anything except money—thank God."



“Am I to interpret your silence, then, as acquiescence?”

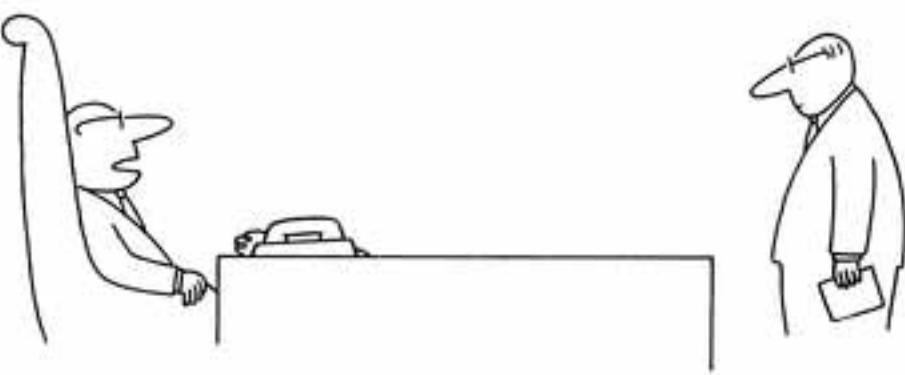




"Just what do you think you're up to?"



"Tonight's movie was brought to you in tiny bits and pieces by . . ."



"Send Williamson a signal. Tell him he's fired."

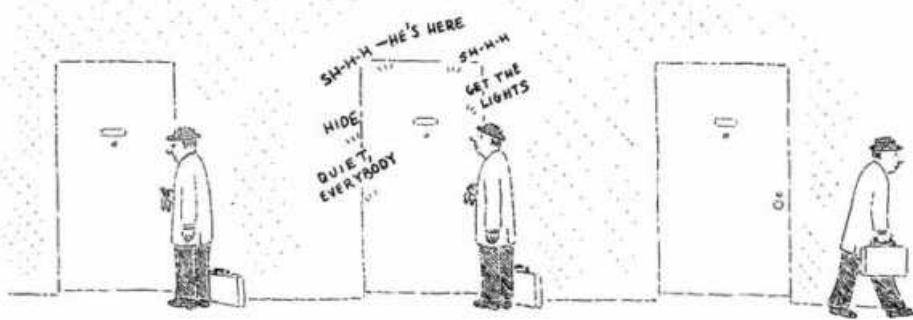


"No, George, I do not want any more food for thought."

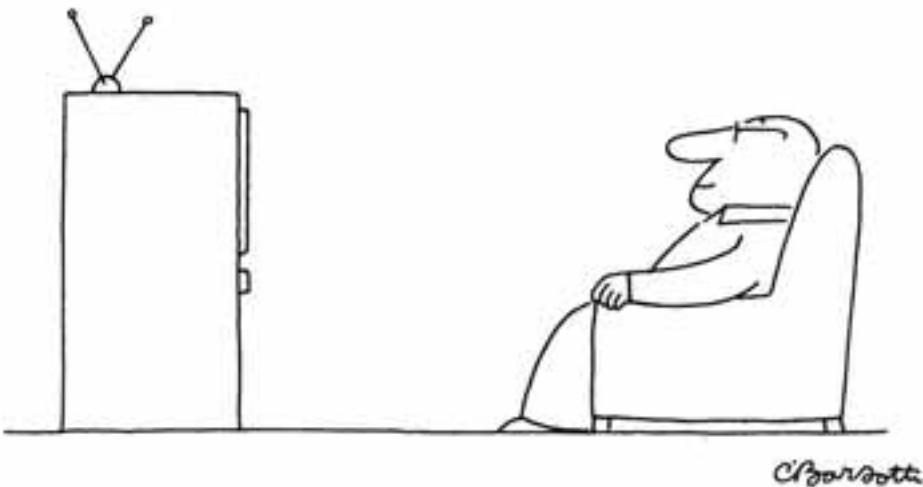


"Maybe an M.B.A. is a smart career move. After all, you've been a good-time Charlie for over eight years now."

NARROW ESCAPE



MANKOFF

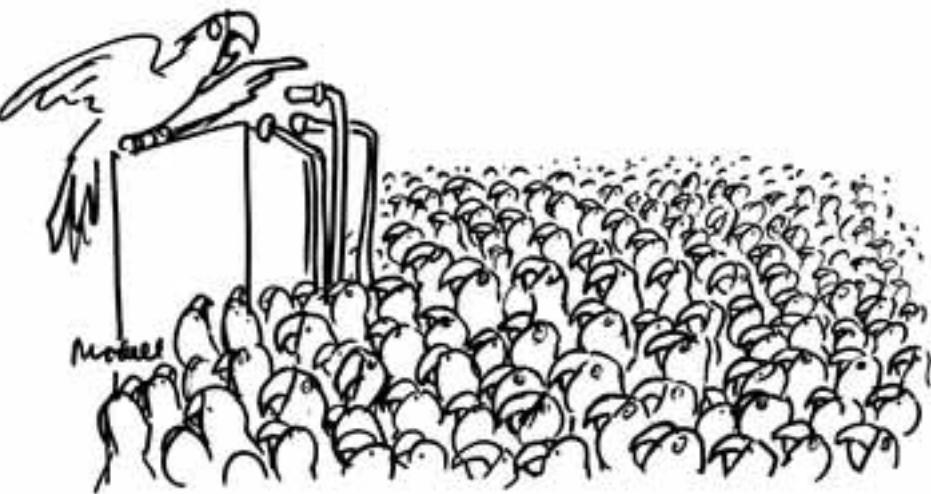


"In today's headlines: Koch was outrageous, Moynihan was witty, Cuomo was wise, and Dwight Gooden pitched a no-hitter."



"Robert came into a large inheritance as a child."





“Not only do I want a cracker—we all want a cracker!”

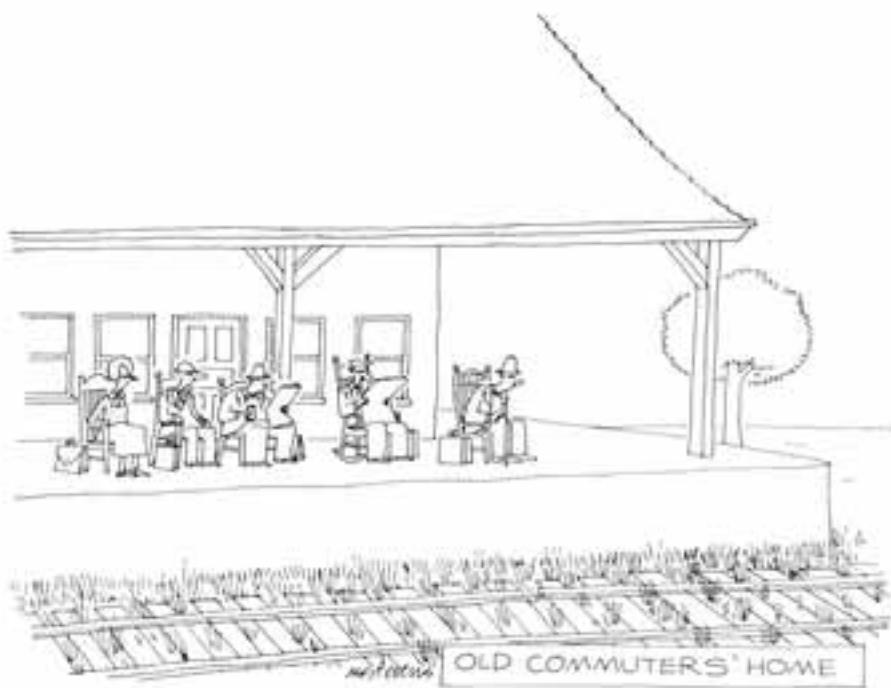


Booth

"Mr. Blanny has suggested that, this being almost September, and he finished late getting the storm windows in place, perhaps it would give us a chance to catch up if we skipped replacing them with the screens and go right into winter with the storm windows already in place just this one time."



"Verbally speaking..."





"Sorry, Marge, but I've got to be me."



*"That's why I've succeeded in this business,
Whipple—I love glass!"*



"The market was volatile."



"You are what you drink, and I drink only the best."



"I did not complain—I merely brought the matter to your attention."





*"Management, Labor, Special Interests, the Media, the Military,
Government, may I present you John Q. Public?"*



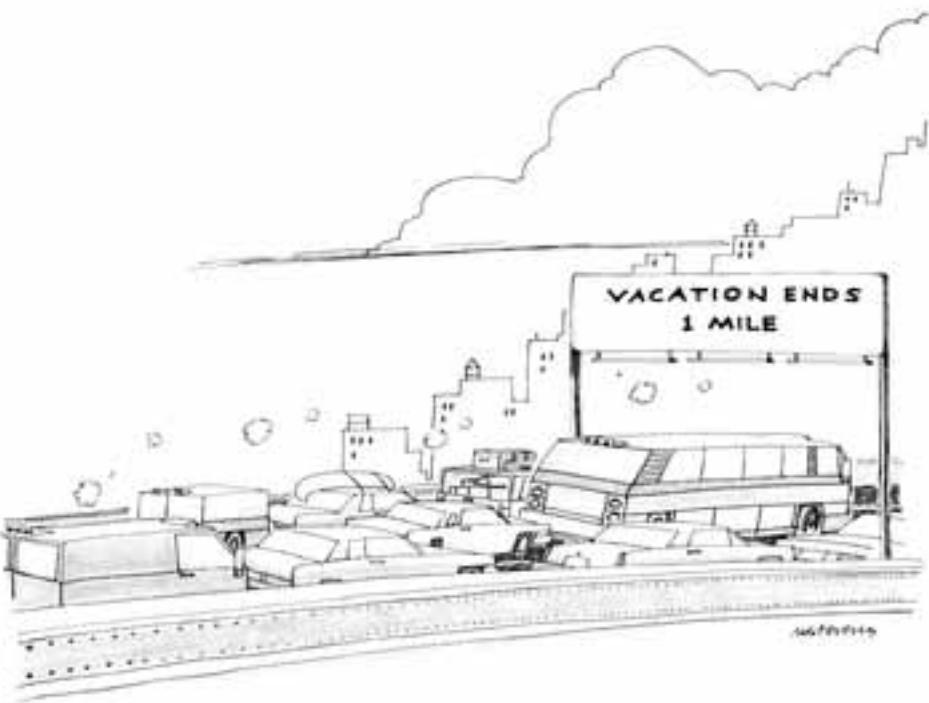
*"There're a billion people in China. At some point,
some of them are going to need agents."*



*"Brooke Shields is yesterday, Madonna is today.
You, baby, are tomorrow."*



*"Now that you ask, no, I don't believe there is a
bottom to my little bag of tricks."*





*"Your husband is still at Grogan's Bar, and he said to
tell you he's staying at Grogan's Bar."*



"Have a good day, God bless, and for heaven's sake lighten up."





*"Mr. Ralston appreciates that these were flown in from Paris,
but he still prefers your little raisin-pumpernickel rolls."*



"This is Fred Monder with the news. The Slovodian capitol was bombed at ten o'clock this morning. We now take you live to Slovodia and Sam Niles."

"This is Sam Niles in Slovodia. The Slovodian capitol was bombed at ten o'clock this morning. And now back to you, Fred Monder."

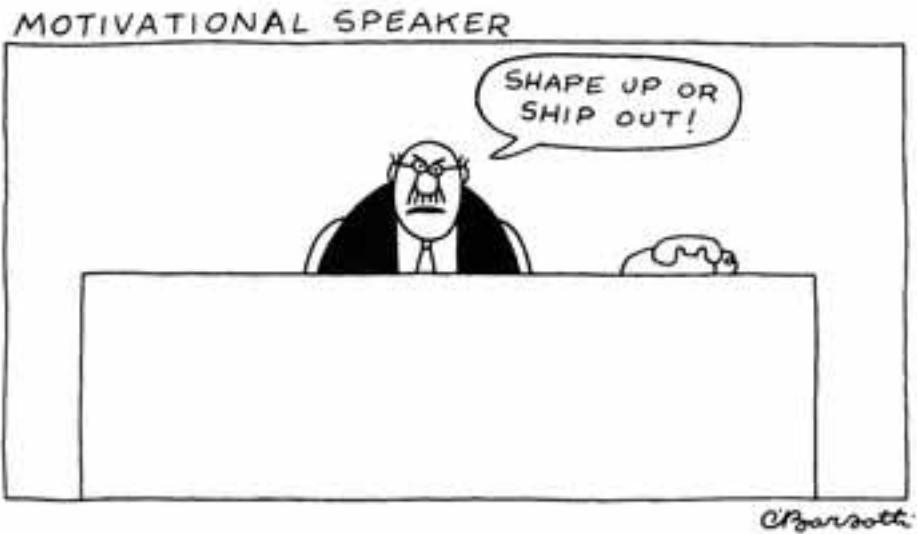
"Thank you, Sam. That was Sam Niles in Slovodia reporting live on the bombing of the Slovodian capitol at ten o'clock this morning."



Charles
Addams



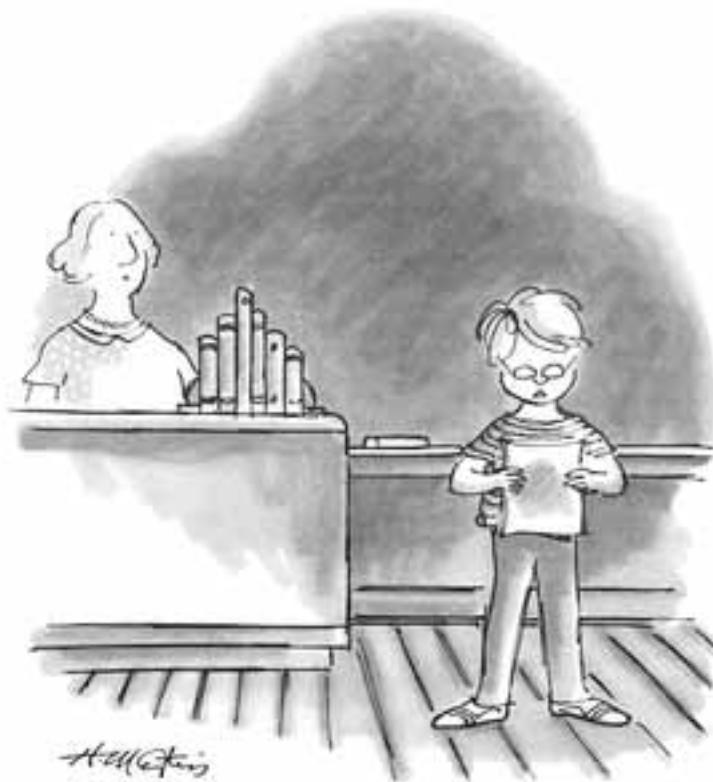
*"I want to see Halley's Comet, all right.
But I could skip the hype."*







"Welcome to life styles of the insolvent and unsung."



“What I Did This Summer.” This summer, I went to camp. I hated it. I hated every minute of it. I hated my counsellor. I hated the food. I hated the woods. I hated the nature walks and the nature talks. I hated the outings. I hated the campfires. I hated the overnights. I hated . . .”



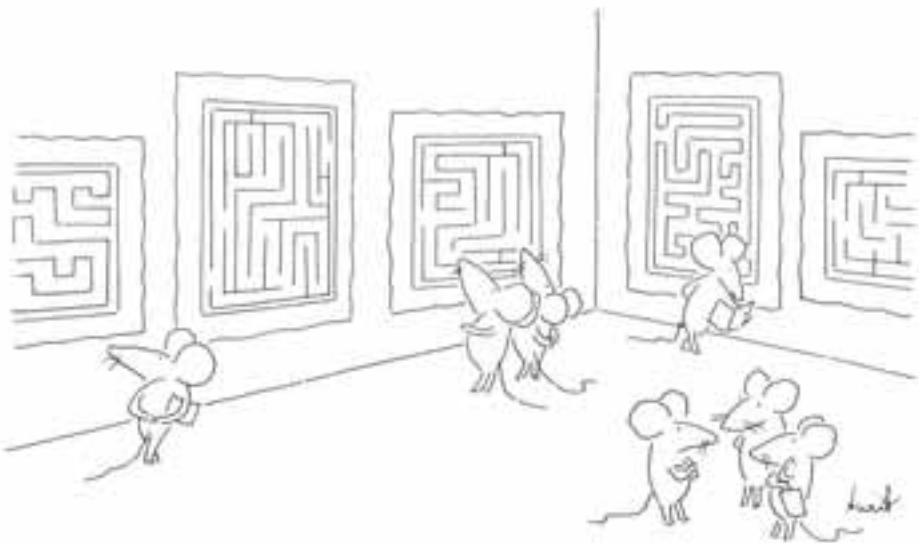
*"And now at this point in the meeting I'd like to shift
the blame away from me and onto someone else."*





"I'm curious, You never had a song in your heart, did you?"







"I can't tell you the meaning of life, son, but I can tell you how to get India ink out of cotton chambray madras."



Time to Feed The Cat





"An enormous amount of advanced engineering has gone into our latest models. That's not to say, of course, than an enormous amount of advanced engineering hasn't always gone into all our models."



“David is just back from Italy—with his rage intact.”

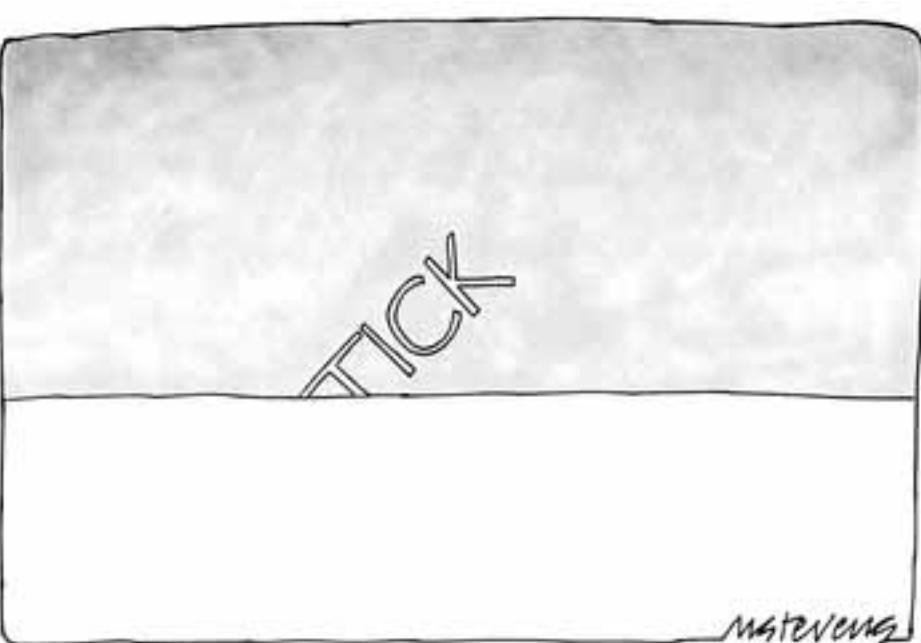




"Thank goodness I don't have to have a yacht broker."



"I'm sorry, I'm not speaking to anyone tonight. My defense mechanisms seem to be out of order."







"My wife went to Vassar, but she doesn't beat people over the head with it."



"What's your thinking on cracking the Pacific Rim markets?"



"To Pete Rose and Ty Cobb!"



"Maybe I've been in satellite-reconnaissance too long, Macpherson. One global trouble spot is beginning to look like every other global trouble spot to me."



"Leona learned about economics from me—by osmosis."





"How was your lonely little dinner, sir?"



"See here, Higby! I'm the only authorized personnel around here!"



"The bidding will start at eleven million dollars."



*"He's tall, dark, and handsome, but he's
no genius. Is that O.K.?"*





"It was a terribly moving play. There wasn't a dry eye in the house—unless, that is, you count Hollister."



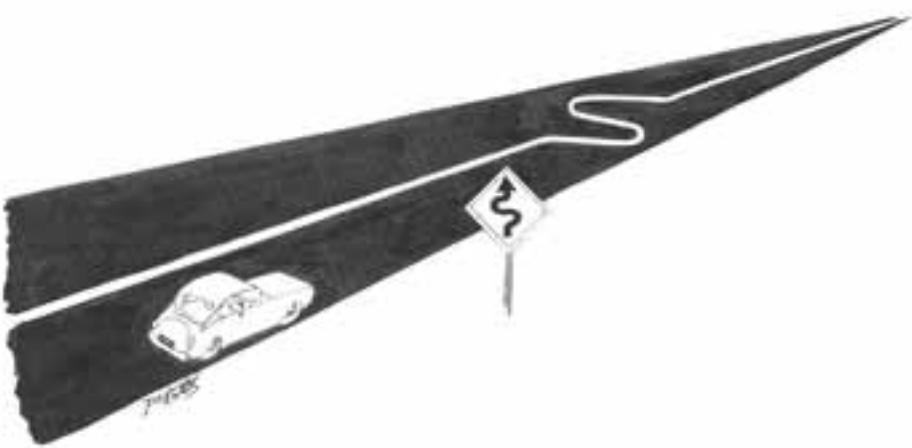
"You'll set sail on the outgoing tide. You'll cruise around the Spanish Main for seventeen days. You'll go ashore at six colorful ports, where you'll tipple, pillage, and decimate."



*"In your opinion, Rob, have I still got the
old sensuality and lyricism?"*



"You'd make a formidable enemy."

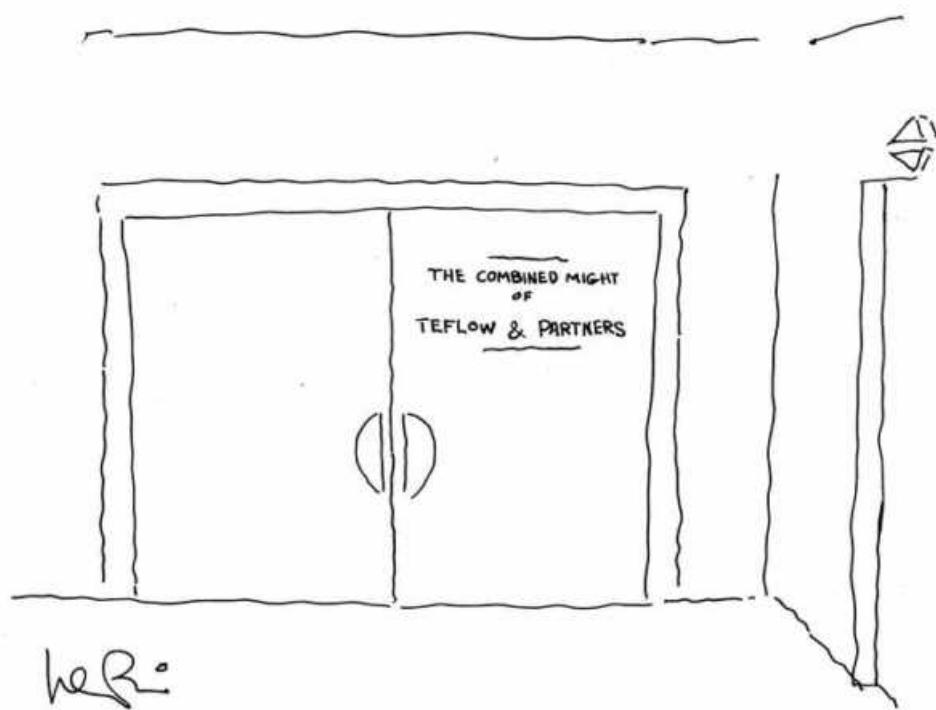






"Then, gentlemen, it is the consensus of this meeting that we say nothing, do nothing, and hope it all blows over before our next meeting."







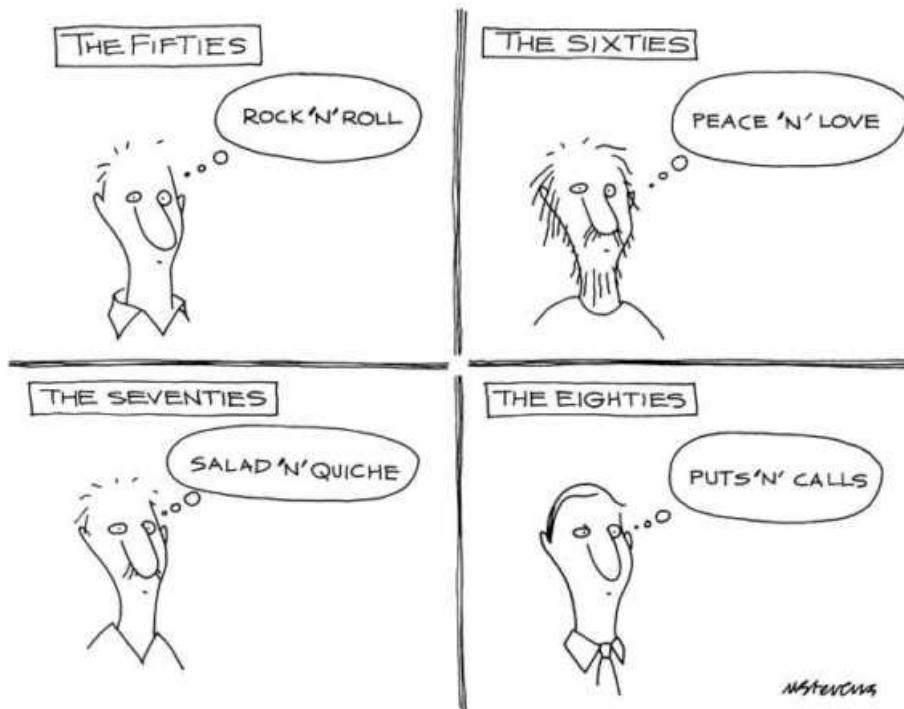
*"Are you going to tell me what you did today, or should
I ask Larry Speakes?"*



"If I couldn't fly without all that racket, I wouldn't fly at all."



"He's all king."

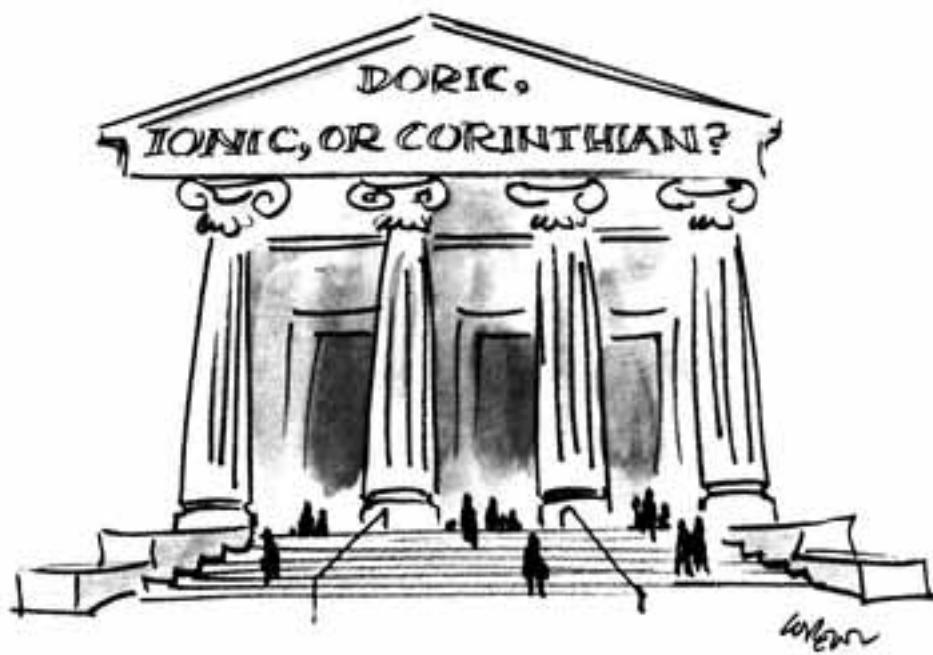




"The world is too much with us."



"For God's sake, Williston! Why can't you just have a drink at the end of the day, like the rest of us?"





"I think you'll find this an excellent Bordeaux. As for me, you will find me witty and urbane."



*"Remember, son, these are your tax-free years.
Make the most of them."*





*"Damn it, Conway, when I say cheer up, don't give me
that halfhearted smile. Cheer the hell up!"*





"How are the Royals doing?"



“Someone once labelled me a reactionary, and it stuck.”

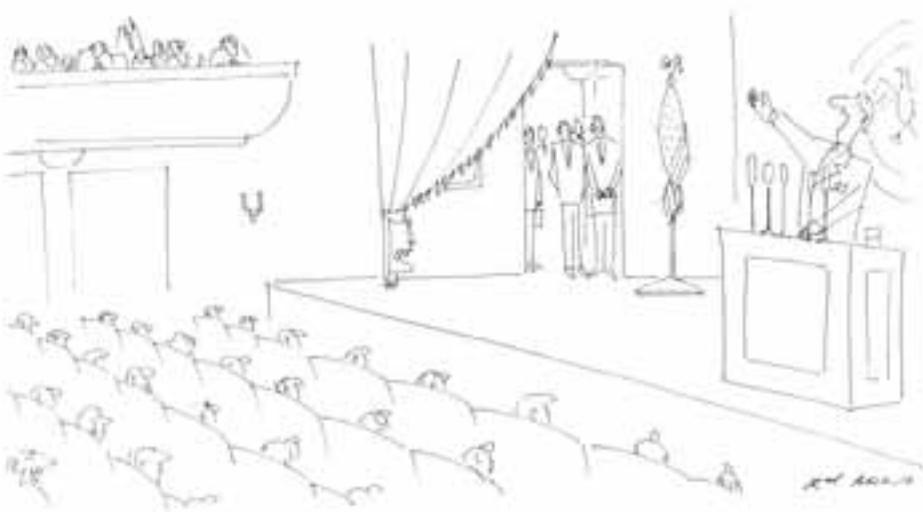


"You mean no one remembered to bring a rock?"





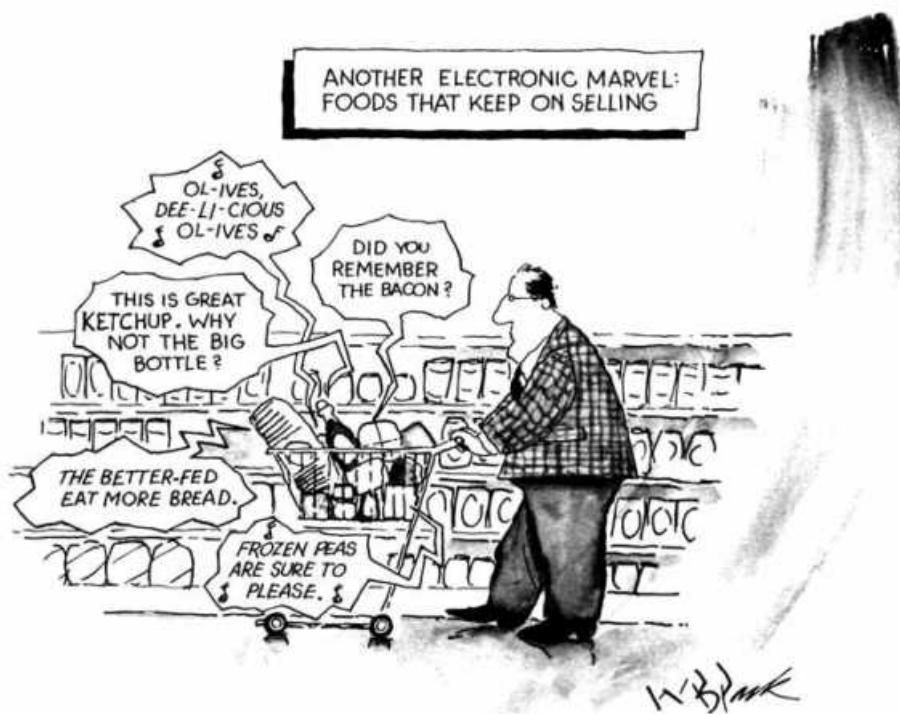
*“Some of these things are just going to have
to go on hold until Monday.”*



"And if elected I promise to shut up."



*"My ancestors were honored temple guards
somewhere long ago, but here in Rockville
Centre I'm just weird."*





*"Watch out for Dave Reslow. He's started
feeling good about himself."*





"It does my heart good, Finley, to see a smokestack industry that is a smokestack industry."





"We need a token man, and I guess you're it."





The Changing Face of East Hampton



*"Now that you're six, son, I'm putting you
in charge of your own childhood."*



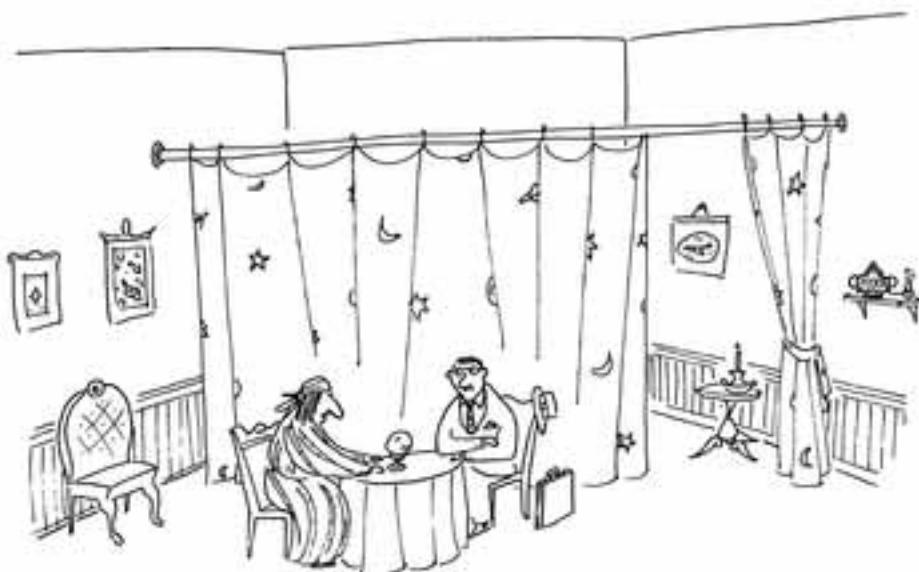
"Affirm me!"



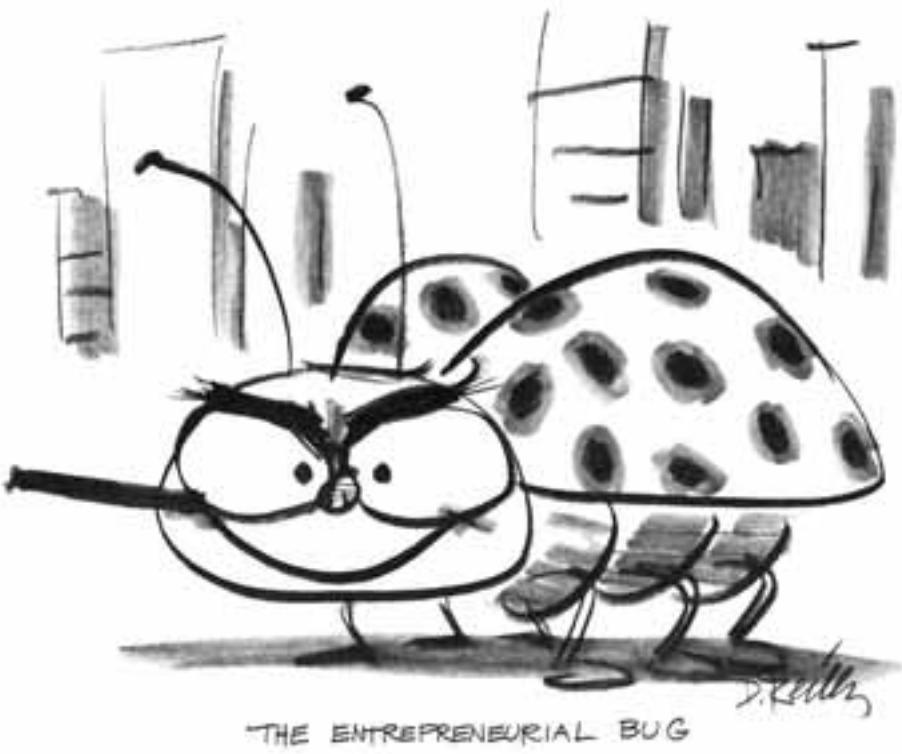
*"Counsellor will instruct his client to remove his hat
and put on some pants before sentencing."*



"You just need a little fresh air and publicity."



"Soon you will be given an inch. You will take a mile."



THE ENTREPRENEURIAL BUG



"Now, Tex Sanders, with tonight's world-news roundup."



"That's bass with broccoli and mushrooms. Stop calling it animal, vegetable, and fungus."



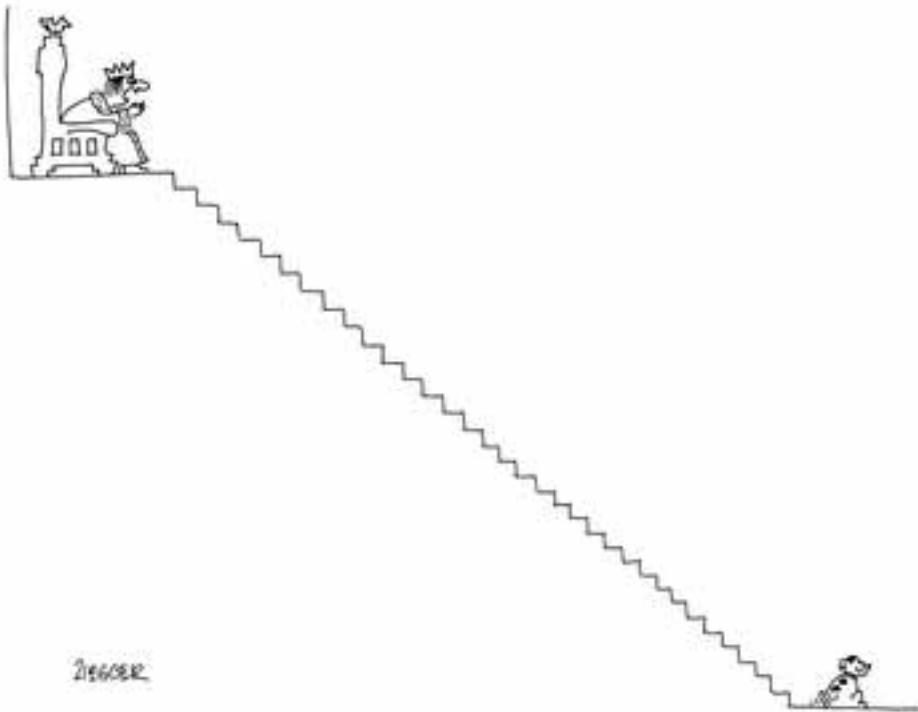
"We find the defendant guilty as all getout."



*"Meet the Clean Tones—the leading edge of our
new Moral Rock division."*



"Every time I decide to get rid of it, it puts out a new leaf."



"Yo, Fido. Come here, boy. Here, boy. Here, boy! HERE, BOY!"





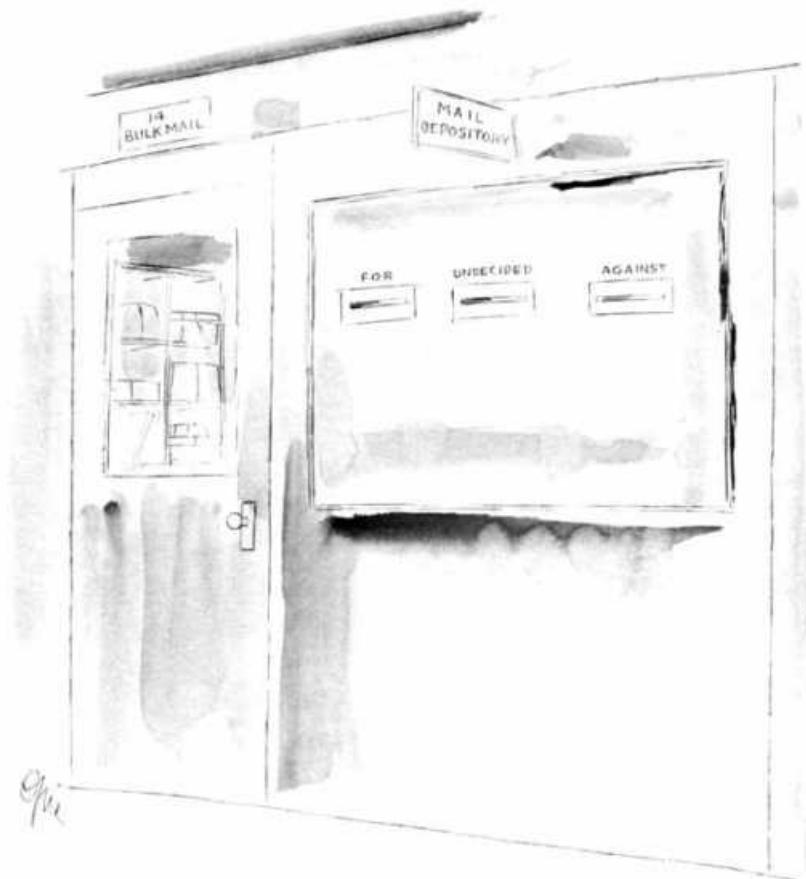
"We hate to shop."



Cute Couple



"I'm afraid we can't right now. We're entertaining."





"I do what I can."



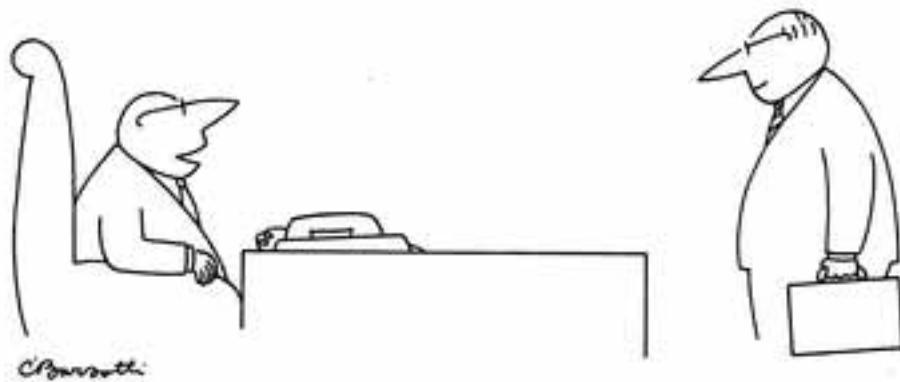
*"Obviously, some people here do not appreciate
the gravity of our situation."*



"Thank you. Very sane and normal."



"Mitchell—herd offour."



*"Have a good meeting. Give my best to B.J., and on
your way back pick up a DoveBar."*



*"I beg your pardon. Would you care to either celebrate
or mourn the demise of Westway with me?"*





"Now you're talking!"



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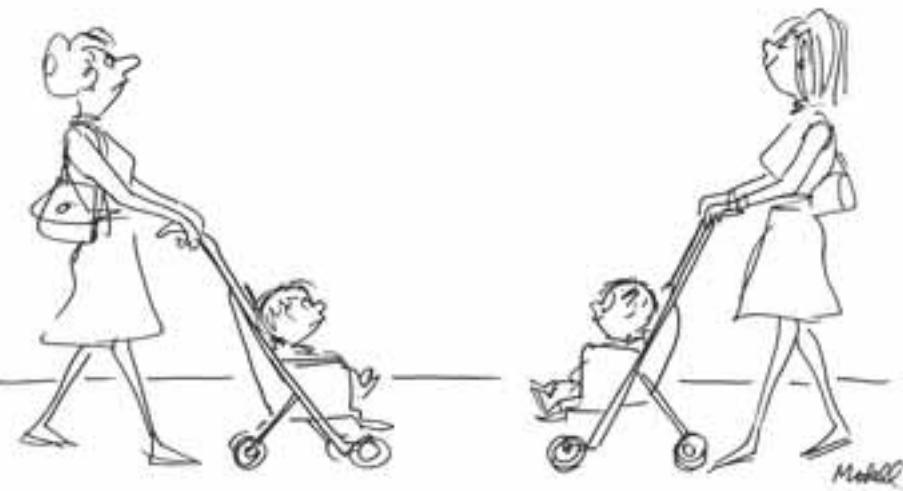
*"I saw Harvey Yerkow today. He said, 'How's it going?'
I said, 'Doing all right!'"*



Ornithology



"It all began when I sought national recognition."





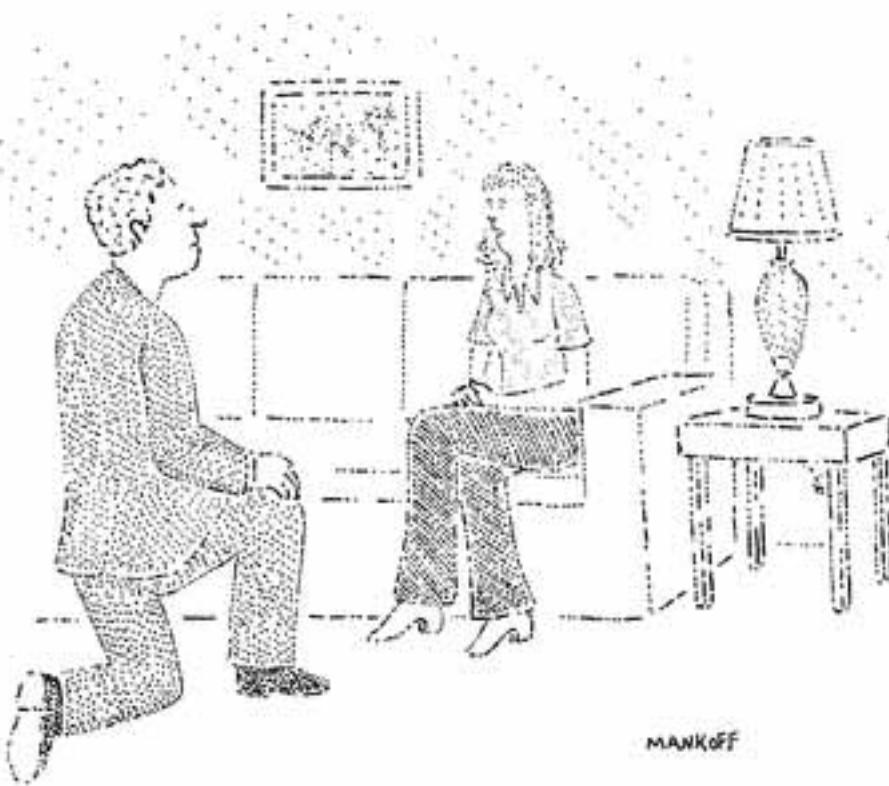
A. Chast



"According to Mr. Grogan here, he was sent into deep cover in 1948 but he can't remember by what agency."



*"In response, may we remind you that sticks and stones
may break our bones but names will never hurt us?"*



"Interesting. Have your lawyer call my lawyer."



*"If you plan on entering the Kingdom of Heaven,
you'll have to sever all earthly ties."*



“And now for the sermon behind the sermon!”

2:00 A.M.





*"It's a dog-eat-dog world, present company and
yours truly excepted."*



"Oh, boy! Get a load of that ravaged face!"



"Mr. Chairman, distinguished fat cats . . ."



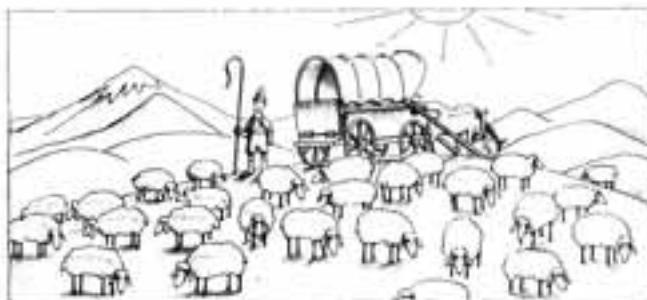
FEATURING MYRON W. KRANTZ IN "THE RETURN TO MAMARONECK"



"Mr. Tolan is no longer with us. He was swallowed by the deficit."



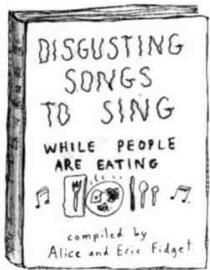
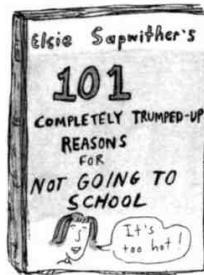
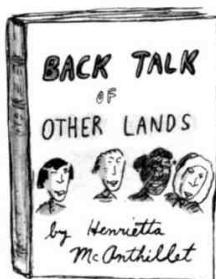
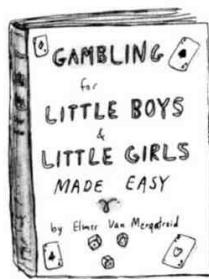
"We're jaded, but we crave airport bustle."





*"Please, Laura. I know how acid rain turns out, but I don't
know who's going to win the ballgame."*

NEW TITLES FROM
BAD SEED HOUSE



R. Chast







"According to this survey, you've become credible, though not quite electable."



"King me!"



"Phil's been working on a new type of doll, but I don't know if it's going to sweep the nation."



"Whose birthday did I not forget?"



*"Jonathan is associate professor of soups and salads at
our local culinary institute."*





"Sometimes I think Roswell is too much of a moderating influence."

THE POET AND HIS DOG



C. Barsotti





*"Relax, Bisler. You have nothing to fear except fear itself.
And me, of course."*



"I really enjoyed talking to you. I'm sorry I have to turn you over to the federal authorities."



"Vino—'Classic.'"



*"The way I see it, nothing is going to change for you
and me no matter who wins."*





"Give him the old one-two!"



"I think you're a little crazy, too—but a healthy crazy."

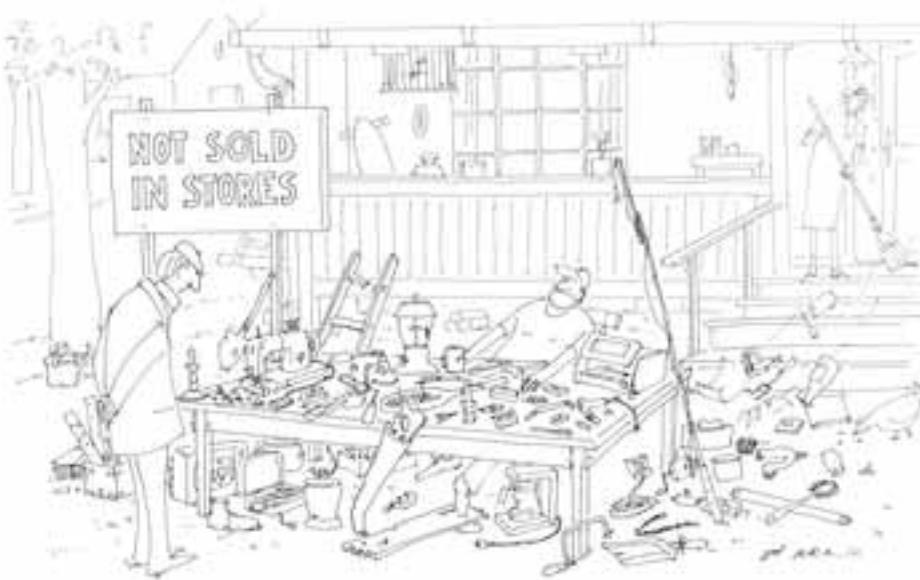




"You do have good ideas, Philips, but around here we don't rush wildly ahead and do any damned thing just because it happens to be a good idea."



"Would you mind changing seats with my husband?"





*"Would you like me to tell you how to add
fifty yards to your golf drive?"*



"Boy, that was the best cry I've had in weeks."



“Sure, I went to college, but I really didn’t need it.”

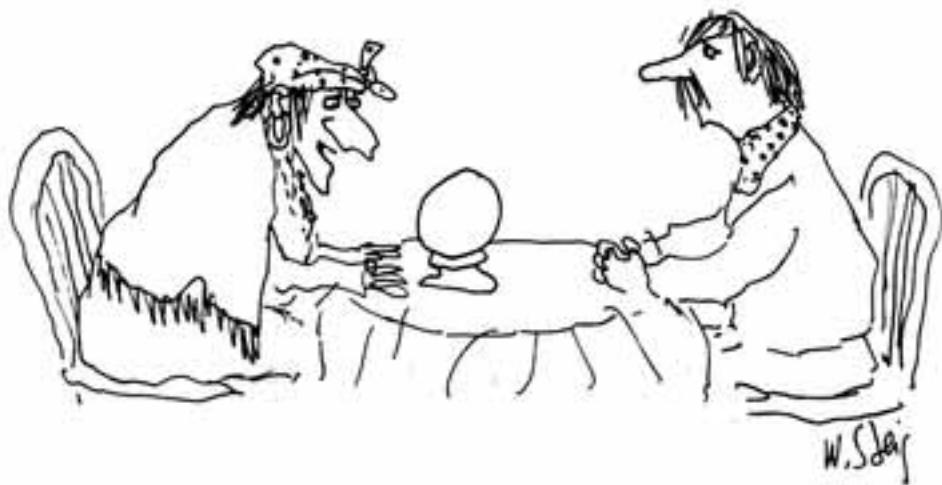


"And this just in: Lulu's back in town."

TWO-MINUTE MANAGERS



Roz Chast



"This is amazing!"



*"I'm sorry, but I'm not very good with
children. Here's twenty dollars."*



"Love ya, Al, but something big just came up, so let's undo lunch."

TICK
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TIRK





"Boy! Talk about divestiture."





"It says 'Heartwarming.' " *"Forget it."*



Tea for Three





*"Are you sure it's the Op-Ed page that has you boiling,
or is it something I said?"*



“Didn’t they tell you on the way in that I’m important?”



"Thanks for flying Mammoth, and letting us have the chance to make a fuss over you."



"The meat and potatoes are good today."



*"Freddie says you're an optimist. I have a neighbor
who's an optimist."*



*"I don't know why I should worry.
It seems harmless enough to me."*



*"He's my best friend and he works hard all day.
Couldn't you at least wag your tail?"*



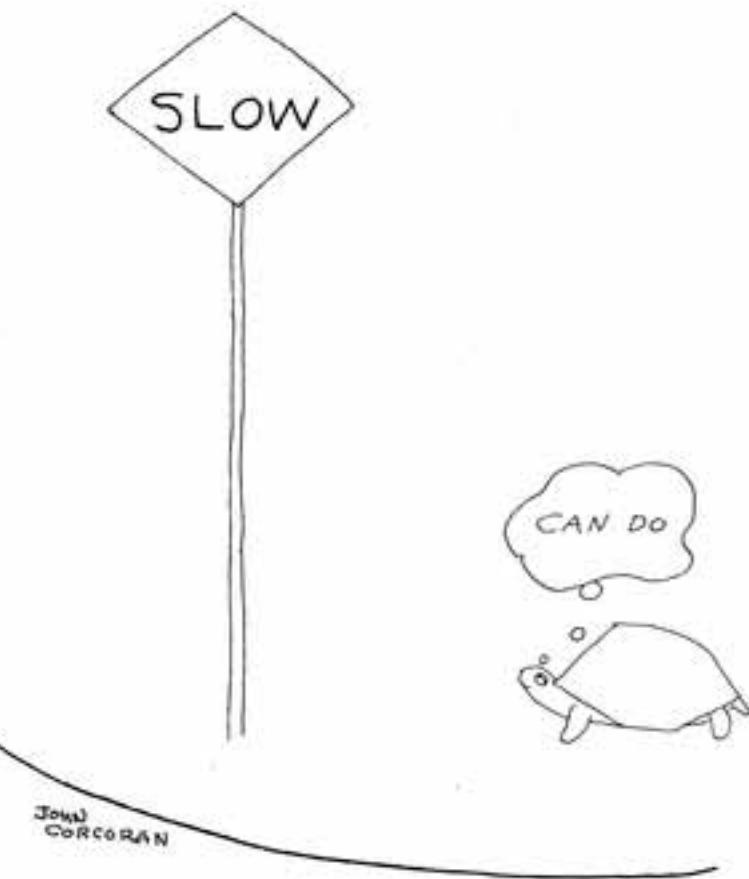
"Of course, it will have to be shortened."



"Let me through, please! I'm an impulse buyer."



"Tell me, Baxter, does my father seem to you to be smiling approvingly or frowning disapprovingly?"





"In this country, Tom, you're completely free to do absolutely anything you like. Oh, sure, sometimes you have to go to jail for it."



"You're being awfully nice."



Bill Woodman (11/18/1985)

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"Goodbye, Howard. I've written you out of this season's episodes."

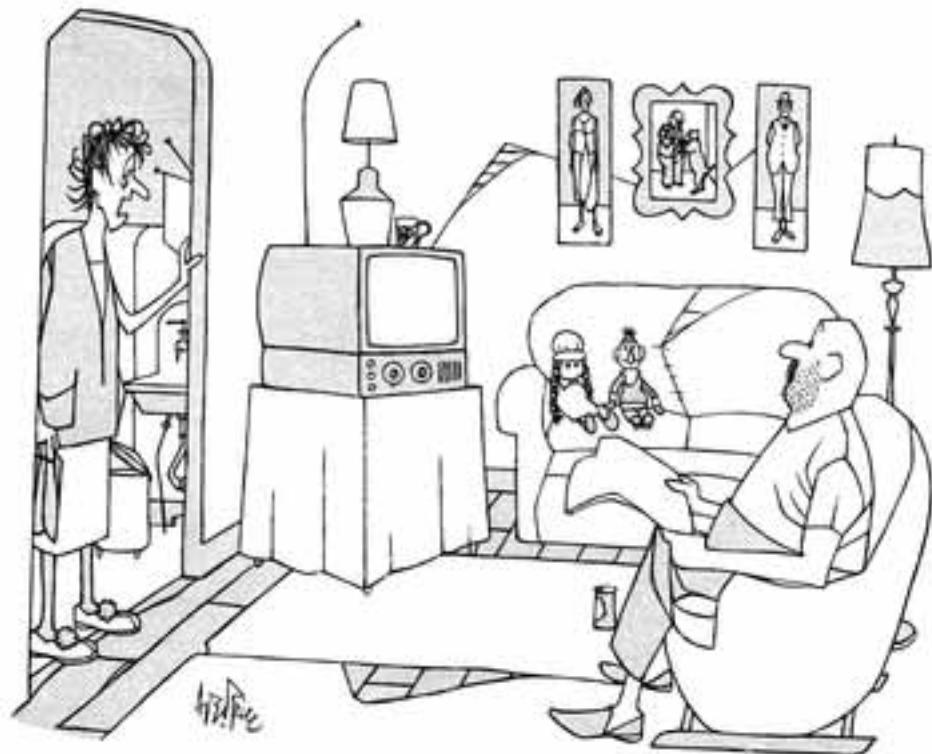




"Edgar is a simple theme elegantly stated."



"I do? That's funny. You remind me of Prince Charles."



"If you're about ready, it's cockamamie time in the dining room."



"In the nineteen-fifties, I came to Greenwich Village to be a poet, but now I find myself a major force in real estate."

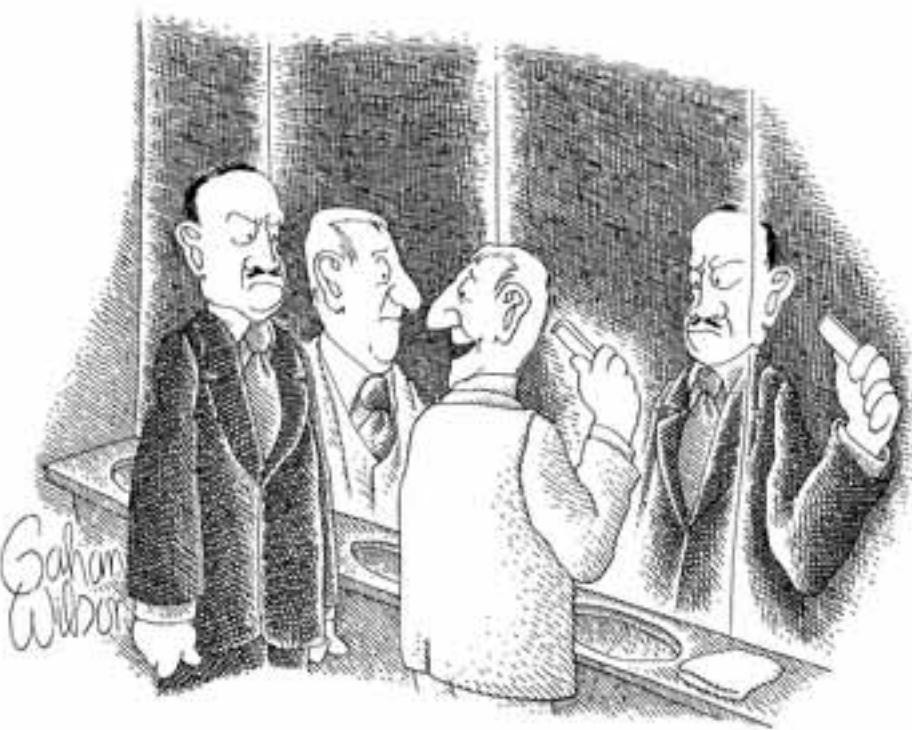


*"You take two of these at the first sign of the onset
of boardroom turbulence."*





"For heaven's sake, Miss Wheeler! When I asked you to screen my appointments, I did not mean checking people out to make sure they shared my philosophy!"



“Oops, sorry. Wrong mirror!”



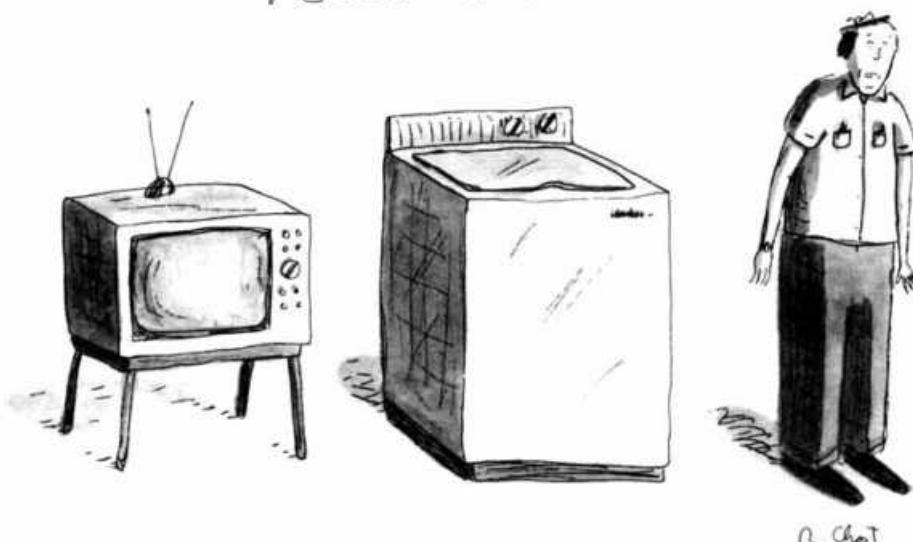
*"Eileen, these are the Gundersons from New York,
the city that never sleeps."*





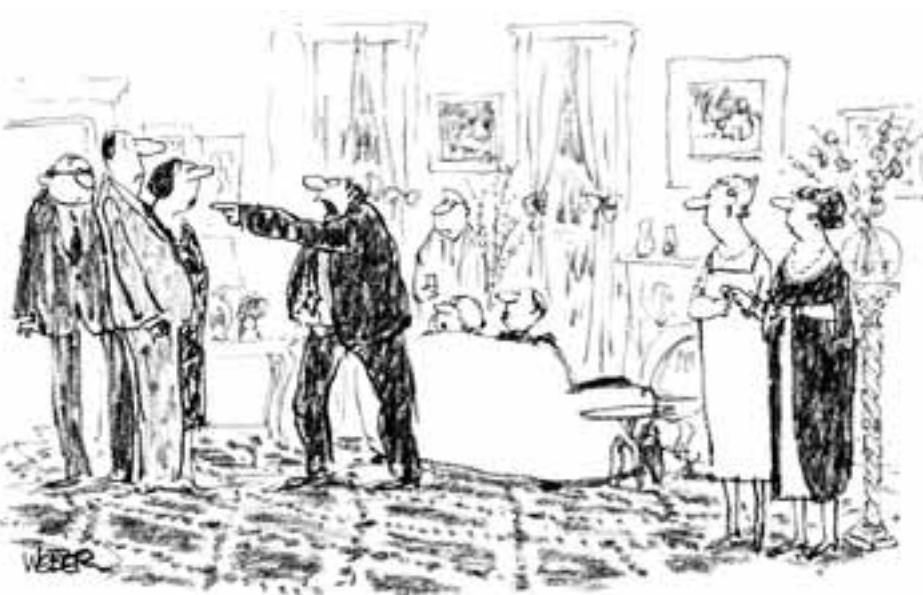
"It's not just my imagination, Carl. Through the use of sophisticated sensing equipment, I've been able to detect a trace of irony in your voice."

FLOOR MODELS





"You know, as the days go by and I pay my debt to society, I get a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction I've never experienced before."



"It isn't often that George comes out of his shell."



"Well, shall we meet back here at six, then?"



"You can't move we adjourn, Wilson. We just started."



"We're Number One!"







"We find the defendant guilty, and, what's more, the Founding Fathers and Ed Meese would have found him guilty, too."





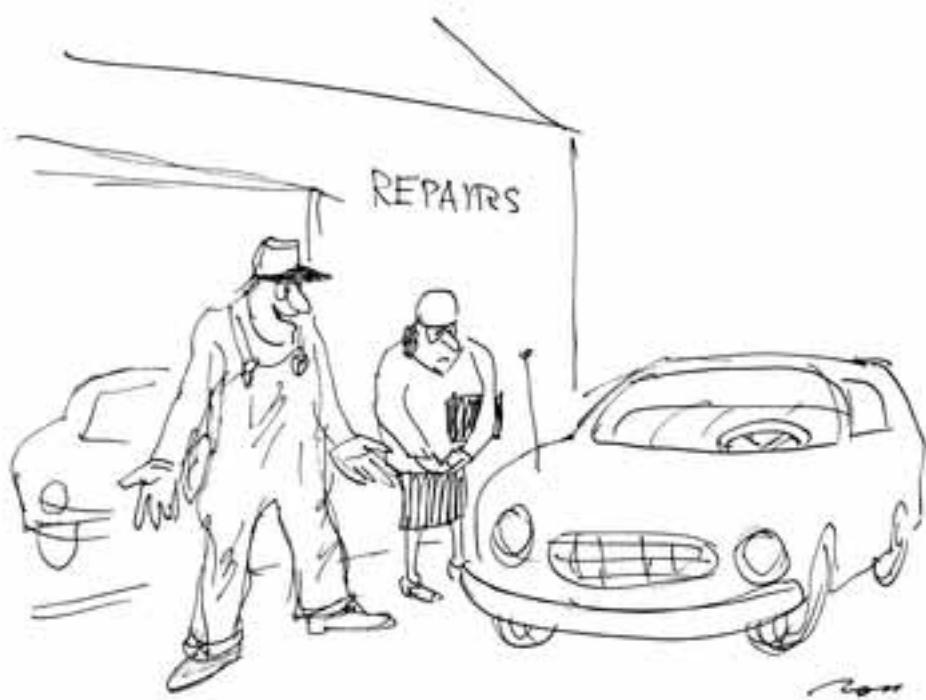
*"Very pleasant, but in answer to your question: No, I don't
think tango lessons would draw us closer together."*



"And good night to all my critics!"



"Great professor. Dresses kind of odd, though, doesn't he?"



*"It's bound to make funny little noises, Mrs. Holmes.
It's a funny little car."*



*"Notice how it's been all downhill ever since they
opened King Tut's tomb?"*



“Murray, I love you. And, coming from me, that’s a compliment.”

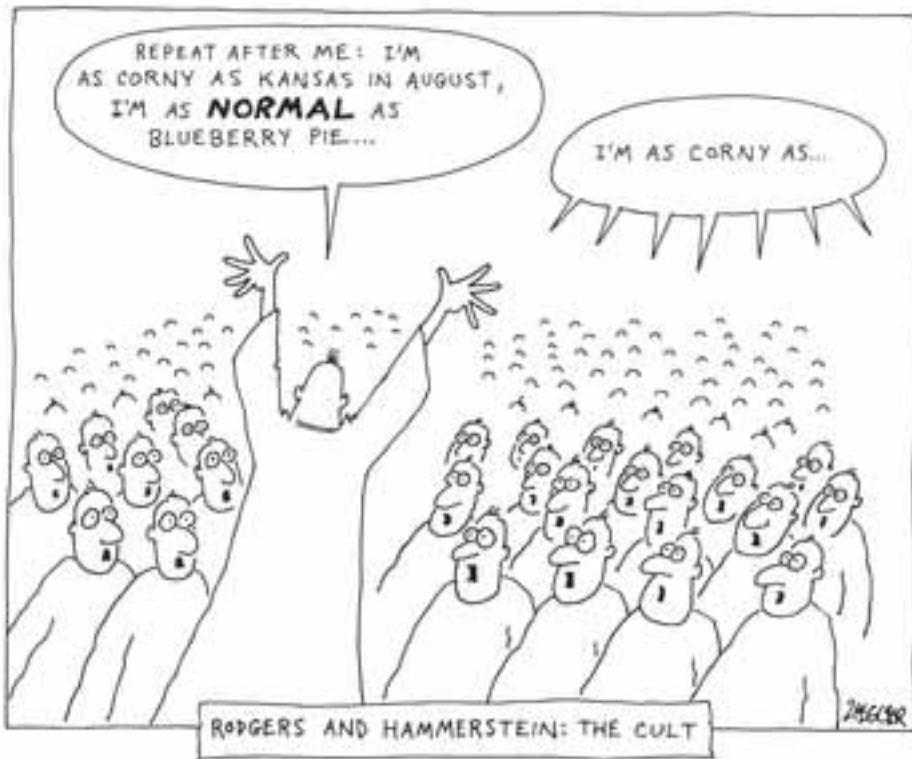


"How about some little pads and pencils?"



"Sixteen-ninety-five seems like an awful lot of money for a first novel."







"Well, they started exchanging wisecracks, then good-natured barbs, then openly hostile barbs, and then blows."

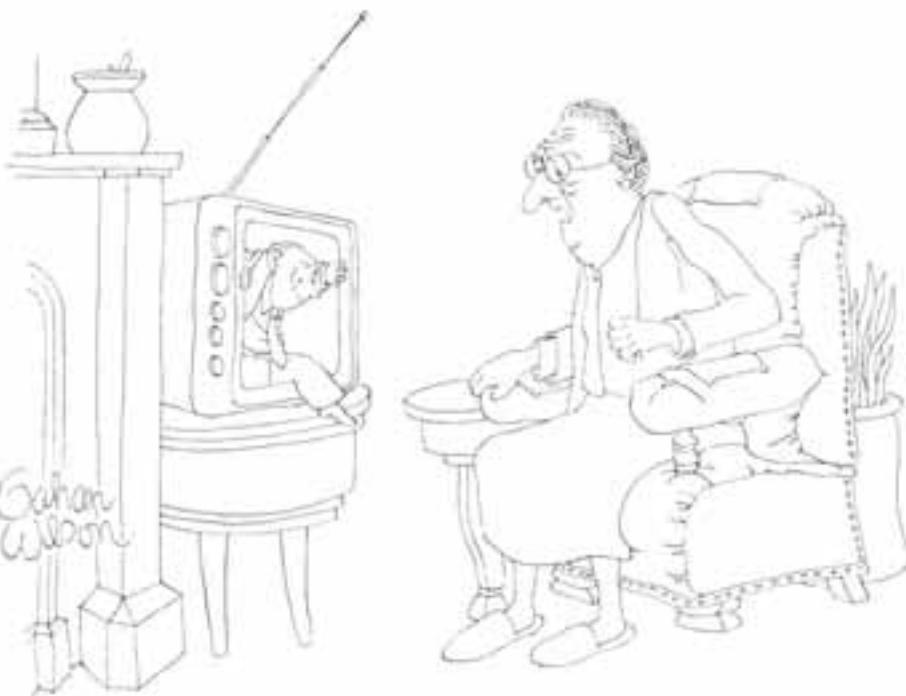




“Something goes around something, but that’s as far as I’ve got.”



*"Steve is a very lucky guy. He just married into a
fantastic condominium on the East Side."*



"You get right back in there!"





*"Type that up, make ten thousand copies, and send them
to all the important people in the world."*



"Our living room, with my husband, A.J. Boddle, presiding."



"I read that the Refrigerator eats tons of ratatouille."

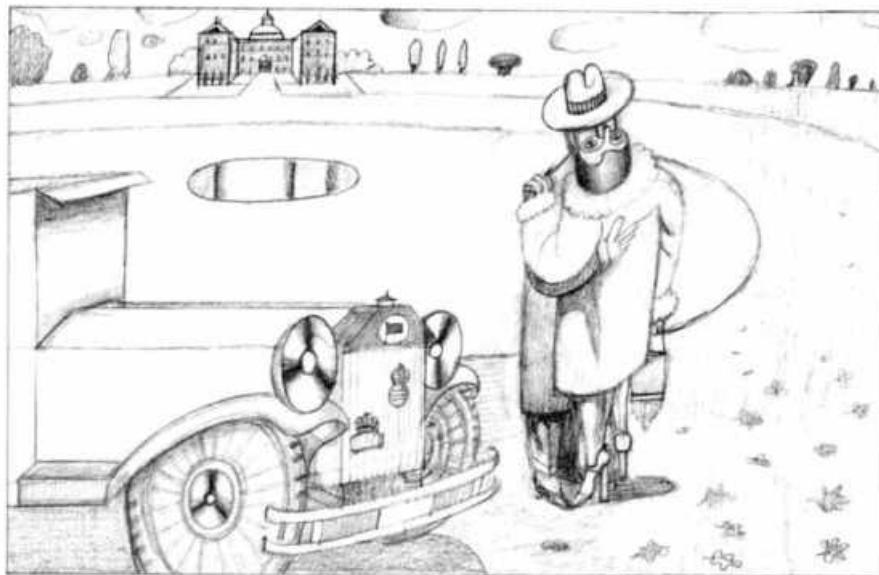


THE ALL-COLLISION CHANNEL



"Well, you missed another big year, Herm. They found the Titanic, Halley's comet returned, and somebody named Madonna became real famous and got married."

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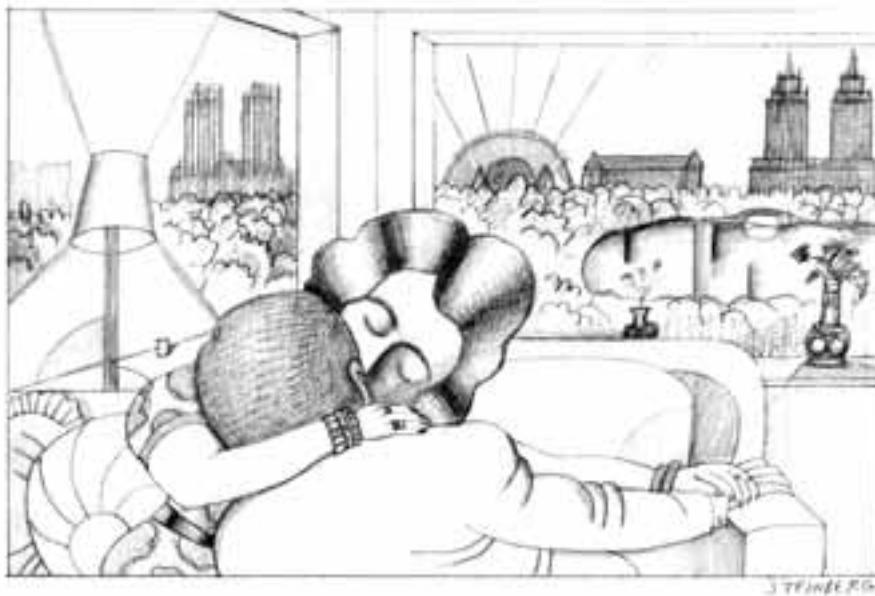
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"Look, I know Alan M. Dershowitz at Harvard has pronounced on it. I'd just like to wait till I hear that somebody at Yale, too, has pronounced on it."



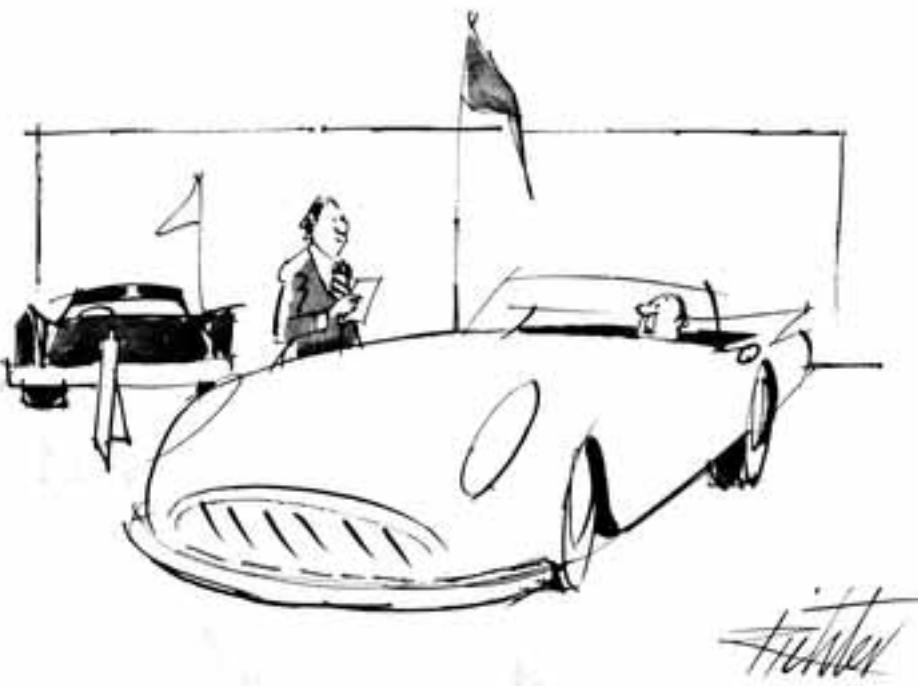
"To the lady in the harbor."



"I came right from work."



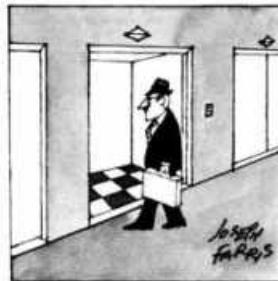
Mood Indigo



"Are you sure this doesn't have mid-life crisis written all over it?"



*"My appearance this evening is funded, in part,
by the family fortune."*





*“Your horoscope says that it’s a good day for you to shop
for socks and underwear.”*





"Hey, buddy. Got any spare change?"



"Roll out the red carpet, sweetheart!"



"You have a truculent look, Mr. Nydorf. Before we go into your tax liability, let me just mention that menacing behavior toward an employee of the Department of Revenue is a Class D felony."



"That one there is Marvin's personal pussycat."



"Advertising is a wonderful profession, Doug. It gives us the opportunity to get excited about a lot of things nobody else gives a damn about."



"You take compliments awfully well, really."



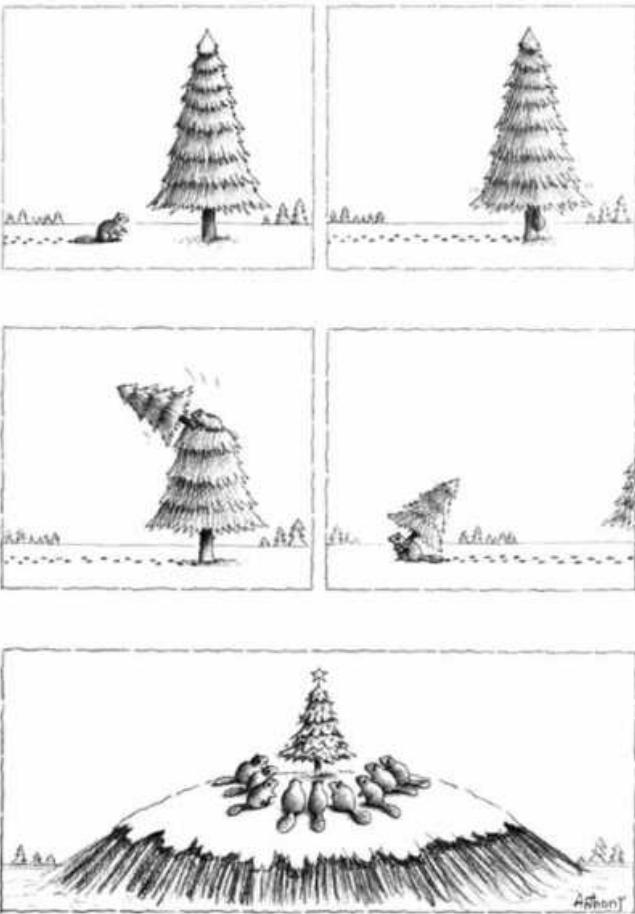
*"Last night, I dreamed I was Donald Trump and I built
a seven-story building right here in Eagle Falls."*



Willard R. Culpepper, Beating the Holiday Rush



*"Will you say something nice to Mother? She misses
Bobby Ewing something awful."*

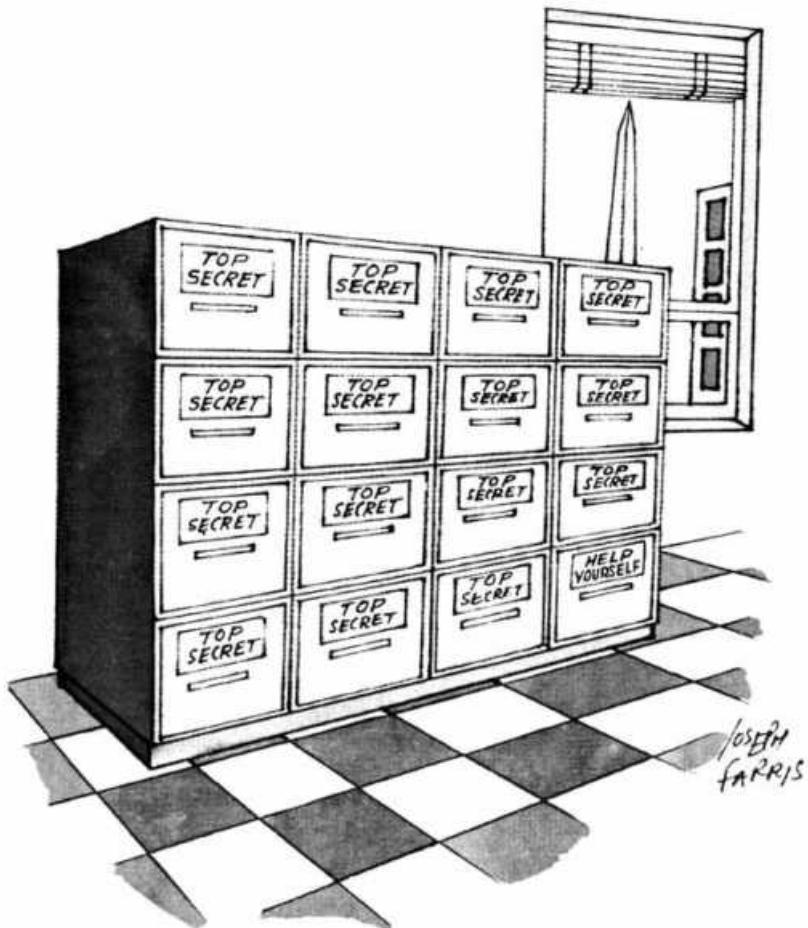


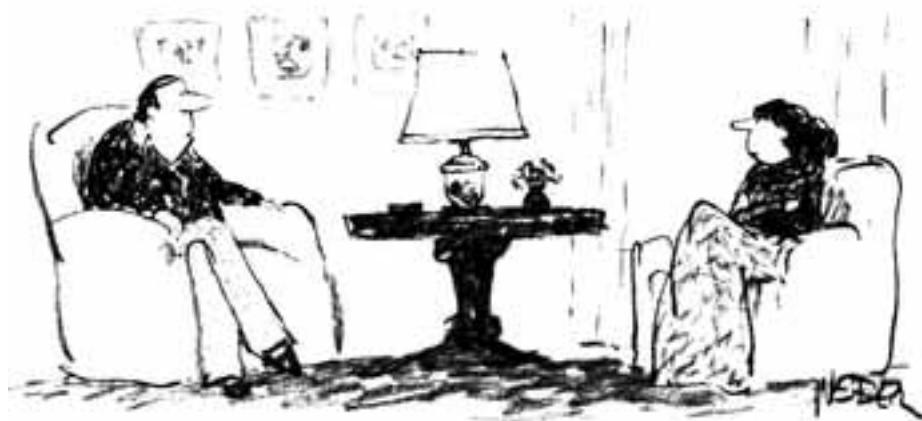
Anthony Taber (12/9/1985)

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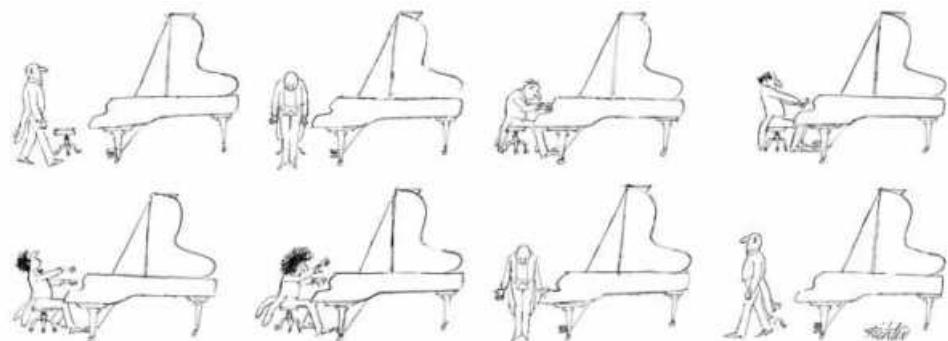


*"How about Hardee's, Dunkin' Donuts, Holiday Inn,
H&R Block? How did they get started?"*





"Do I love you? How do you mean?"



SPECIAL OFFER

R. Chast



"Please, don't even try to discuss it with Edgar. The alpha and omega for him was 'Sugar Babies.'"



"Thanks so much. The evening was beautifully crafted."







"Mr. Hanson asked me to look in on you. He couldn't remember whether you were still with the company or not."



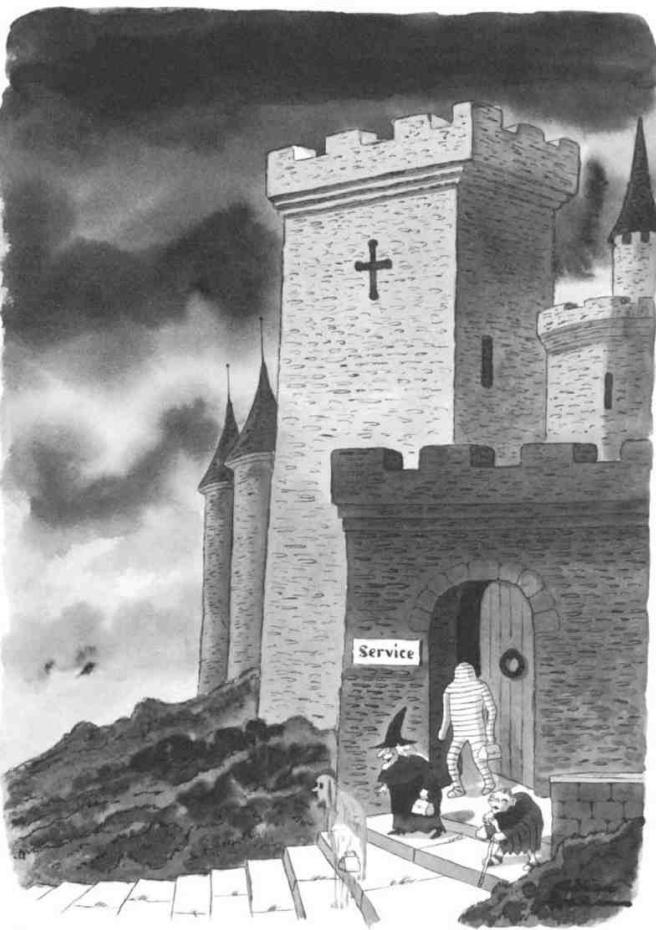
*"I'm afraid we're booked solid through the holidays,
but if you'll give me your address I will send you
an application for the second week in January."*



"And now the Christmas shoppers' traffic update: Macy's—packed like sardines. Bloomie's—jammed to the gills. Saks—stuffed like olives. Altman's—wall-to-wall shoppers. Conran's—packed to the rafters. Bergdorf's . . ."

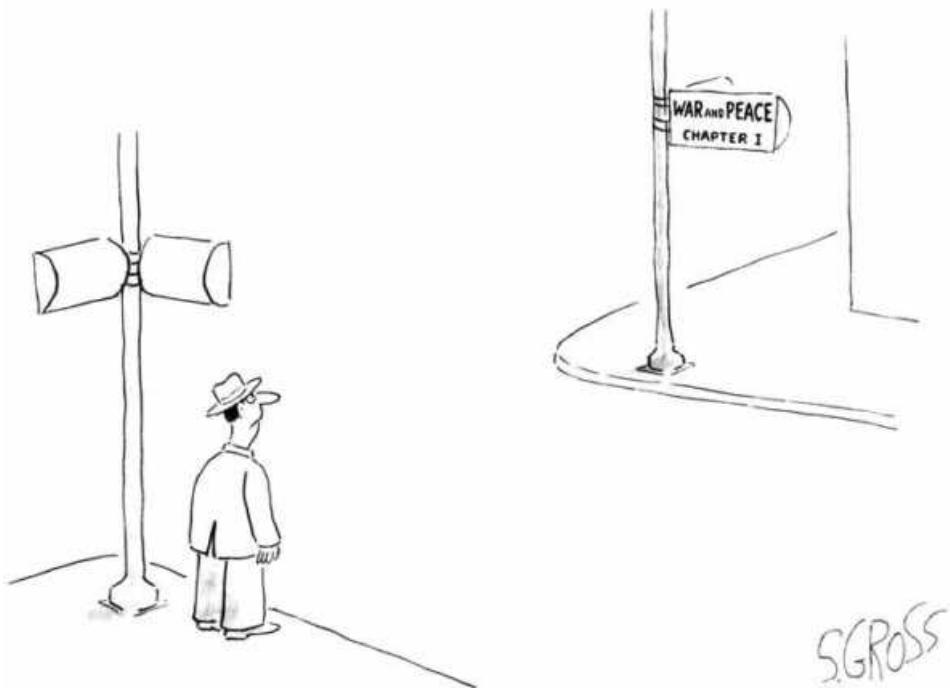


"It's Mr. Stallone. He says he has another idea for a movie."





*"Is it true, Marion, that some of our friends have
begun describing me as 'kindly'?"*





CHILD FROM ANOTHER PLANET



"Ever kind of wonder what we should do next with our might?"



"Stop this, Arthur! We're far too rich to quarrel!"



*"All right, Rogers! I know I made a humorous remark,
but in my opinion you've laughed enough."*



"You are guilty of fraudulent advertising! You really don't like Mozart, long walks in the country, or candlelit dinners! You are not a nonsmoker! And you are neither sensitive nor caring!"



"All right, Miss Barcher, you can start sending them in one at a time."



First Big Snowfall of the Season Takes Albert Cranfield by Surprise



"Is it my imagination, or are people today more alive?"



"It's our latest—the Pee-wee Herman look."



"Uncle Walter won't be celebrating Christmas with the rest of the family this year. He tells us he plans to go to Salonika and ride a donkey to Jordan."



"I told him I've decided to leave him, but he doesn't seem able to take it in."



The New Apartment



"I wish you'd stop saying that! You're not my opposite number. You're my husband."



"My name is Susan, and I'm your serving wench for the evening."



*"You're loyal and I'm loyal, but
nothing like George Bush."*



"God bless us every one!"

FACTS and FIGURES



Roz Chast



“Sure, I could tell you what I want you to say, but then you’d just say it because I told you to say it, so it wouldn’t count.”



"We are a very aggressive company."



"Yes, yes—angst, indefinable cravings, sleeplessness, weltschmerz, and occasional outbursts of rage. Just something that's going around."



"Since you're new here, I should fill you in on my background. I was born on May 31, 1938 . . ."



"I'll tell you what it does. It speaks for a you otherwise unspoken for."



"Gentlemen, we dug deep down into our conscience, and two million five was all we could come up with."

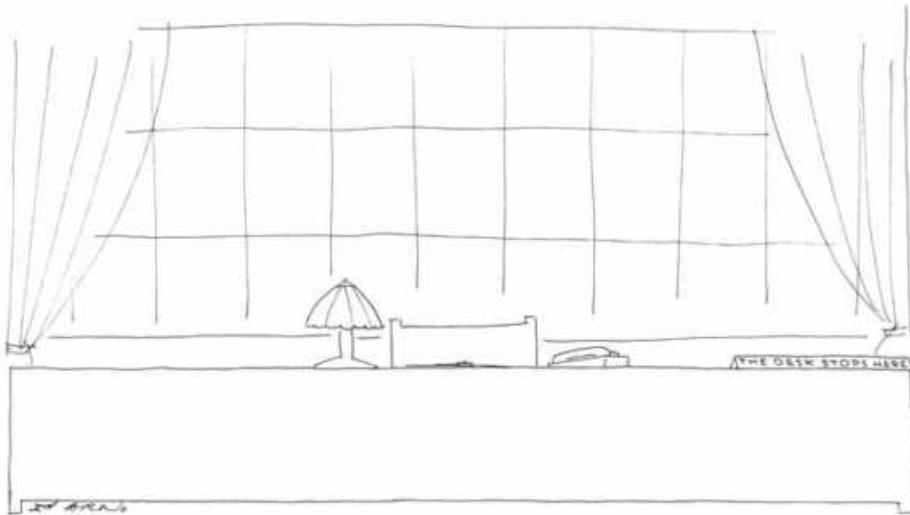


"Lights! Cameras! Christmas!"



"Men are coming back."







"Fakes! Fakes! All total fakes! But I love every one of them!"





*"Mrs. Youttsey's Floating Island is not floating.
It capsized and sank."*



"Let's face it, we're both fundamentally decent."



"Lily Belle is cross with me today."



"That's Good King William."



*"So you've mastered the art of living,
and this is it? Goofing off?"*



"Mr. Phelps is in conference. Hey, trust me."



"Don't act Pentagonial with me!"





"Oh, I'm happy enough—I just wish my life were more like Sting's."



"Kate, this is the wonderful man I told you about who has such a strong hand with garlic and fresh thyme."



*"I imagine it's far more hilarious with a
theatreful of laughing people."*

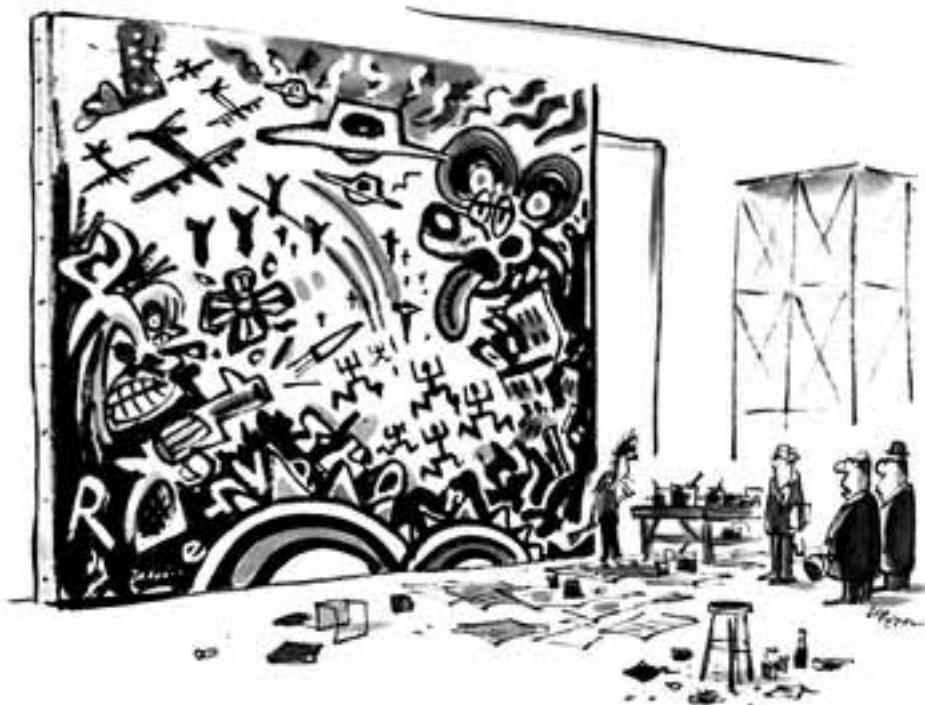


"But does she let you live in your world?"



*"No two flakes are alike. It almost makes you want
to believe in something."*





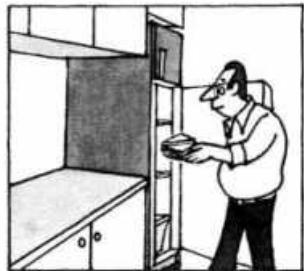
"Powerful, but does it say executive dining room?"







"Ah, the iceman cometh."





"Dear Diary:

To be of greater service to my subjects, we have installed this day an 800 number in the palace."





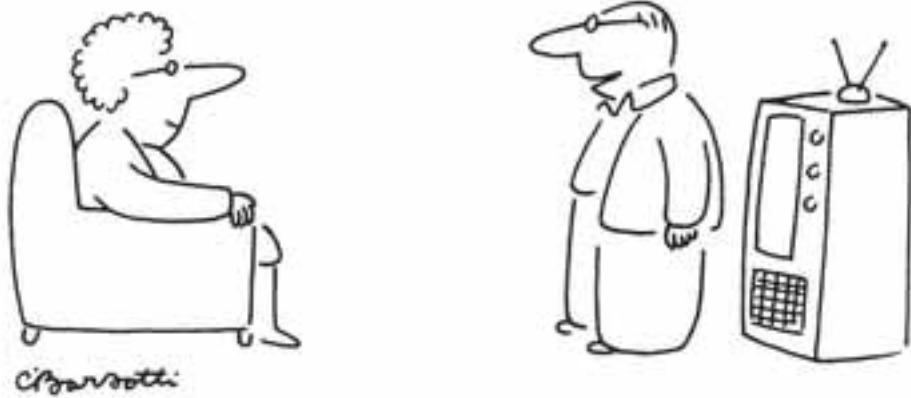
*"Excuse me, Ma'am, could you please tell me if Spurt
is a toothpaste, a detergent, or a breakfast cereal?"*





"Hi, I'm Freddie Wenzle. I'm typical of the kind of people you're likely to meet at this gathering."





"What'll it be—the Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, the Evening News with Dan Rather, World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, or, the heck with it, a Martini with a twist?"



"Now that you've all put in your two cents' worth, I should like to interject my fifty-one per cent controlling interest."



*"I've got the Los Angeles office on the line.
Does anyone need avocados?"*

GET-WELL CARDS
for
UNDER-THE-WEATHER APPLIANCES



Contrasts gone?
Picture shot?
Don't know what it is
you've got?
You'll soon be fixed,
but even so
We miss your cheerful
little glow



Cold blows warm,
Hot blows cold
Fact is, friend,
you're getting old.
HOPE YOU'RE
REPAIRED SOON



You burned a shirt,
You cheered the socks,
You gave the folks electric
shocks.
A leaky hose, a missing screw,
We hope that's all that's
wrong with you

R Chast



"Mother's finest quality is her willingness to forgive."

1985



Man with His Nose Out of Joint



*“Never mind the song and dance, Higgins.
What about the Atkins account?”*