



*"Chief would seem to be in a fractious mood."*





*"Good news. The 'Times' has upgraded us from a 'junta' to a 'military government.'"*



*"It has movement."*

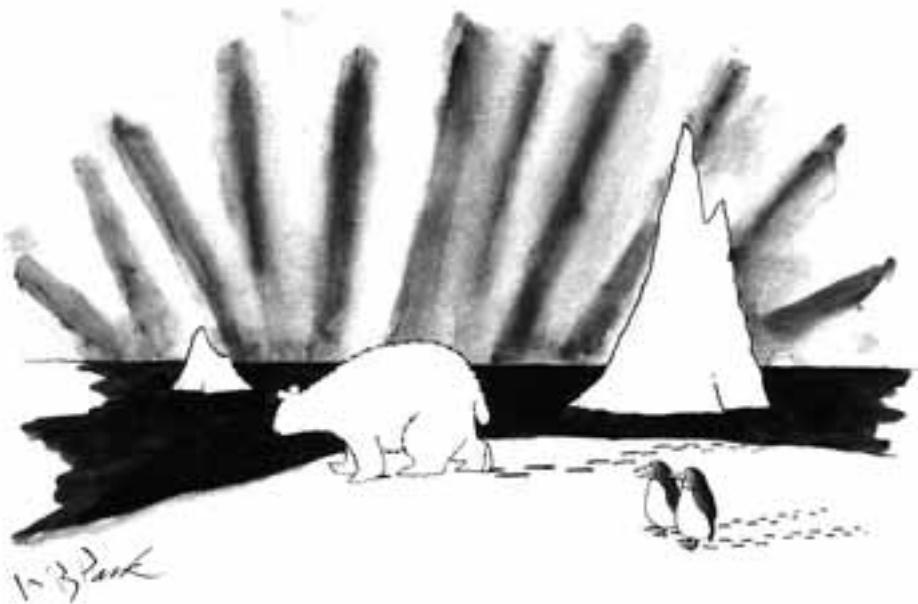


*"Well! We got that one out of the way."*





*"Just in case we feel like busting loose come midnight."*



*"Every now and then, I think 'Wouldn't a fur be fun.' But it just isn't really me."*





*"What's it to be, Tuxhill? Briefing or debriefing?"*



*"Hi, guy."*



*"This has been a Christmas when everybody sent us grapefruit."*



*"Oh, sweetie! Art Deco! Don't you love it?"*



*"I dreamed Malcolm Forbes took me up in his balloon."*



*"I don't suppose I'm the first person to point out the strong resemblance between you and your father."*



*"Try to remember, Corelli, that an air of compassion costs nothing."*



*Really, Happy New Year!*









*"I ask you, gentlemen: How come hell hath no fury like  
a woman scorned?"*



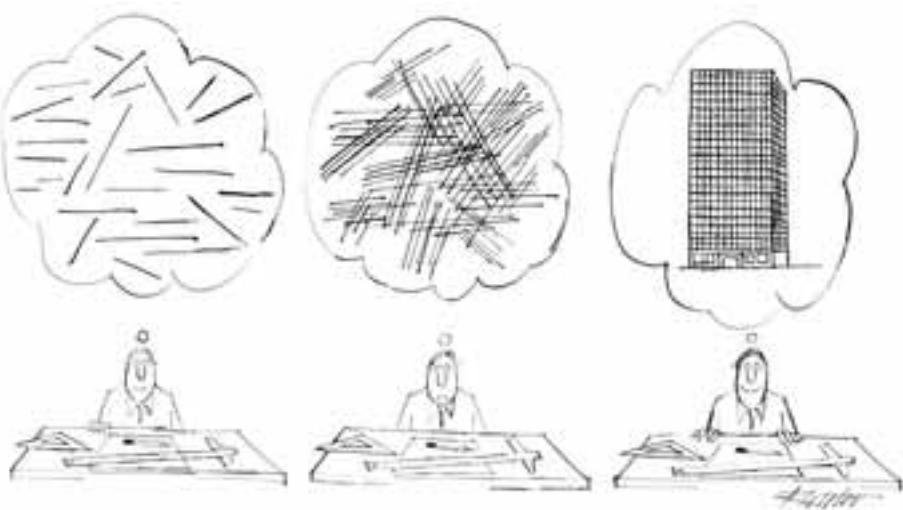
*"When I first arrived in this country, I had only fifteen cents in my pocket—and a willingness to compromise."*



*"You have a strongly developed Mount of Jupiter, showing pride and ambition, but hardly any Mount of Apollo, which suggests that you are an ape."*



*"This place is, perhaps, too intimate."*





*"You sprang that question on me quite unexpectedly, Karen. Could you give me a few minutes to get in touch with my feelings?"*





*"It's Mr. Bochild, from upstairs, wanting to know when in blue blazes you're going to go out and build your snowman."*



*"Is there anyone in the house who can sing Siegfried?"*



*"Wrong number? This never happened with Ma Bell!"*





*"Laura Broderick is the eighth wonder of the world."*



*"All I want to know is how far away from here I can get  
for under two thou."*



*"Do you believe in booze on other planets?"*



*"Adjustment granted. Next."*

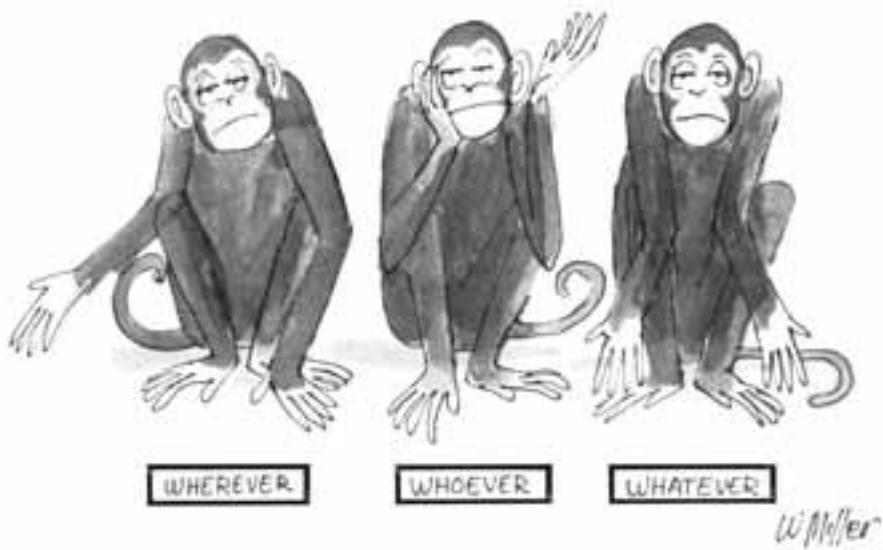


*"The Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan, President of the United States, requests the honor of your support and participation in the congressional elections as a Sponsor of the G.O.P. Victory Fund."*



*"Miss Benton, give me an A."*







*"Will you stop telling me how 'The Farmer's Almanac'  
always hits it right on the button!"*



*"Why don't you go talk to some other people a little bit?"*



*"Veni, vidi, vici—eh, Mrs. Henderson?"*





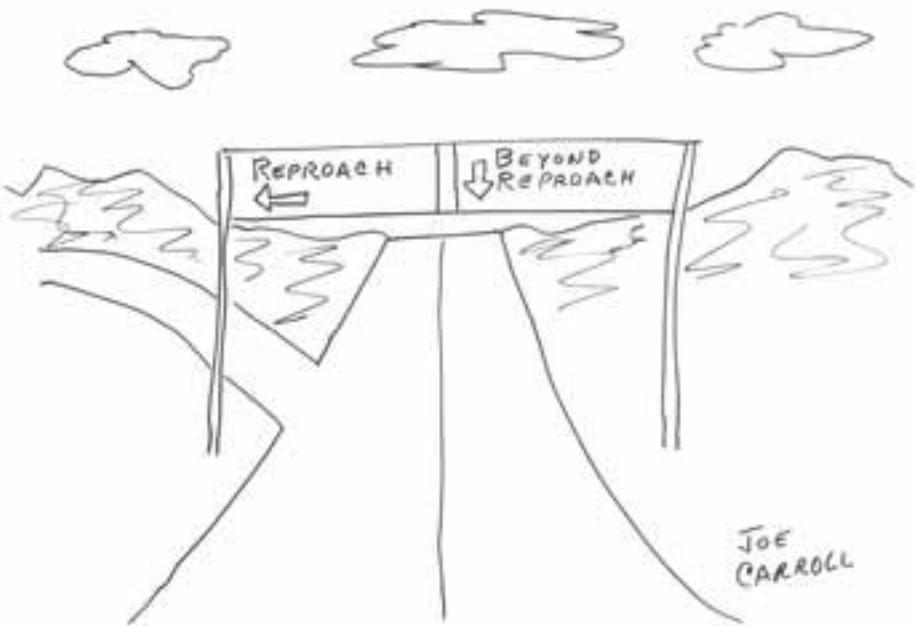
*"You're the host, Edwin. You're not supposed to look bemused."*



*"Look, kid, there's almost never an opening for Master of the Revels."*



*"Waiter, please have this napkin Xeroxed and notarized."*





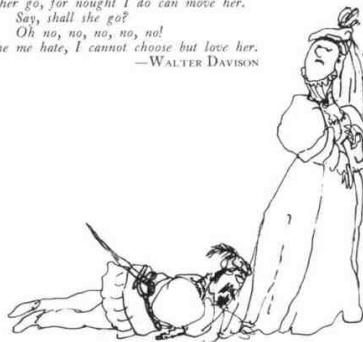
*"I, on the other hand, find it frustrating that we have more missiles than we know what to do with."*

## ELIZABETHAN LOVE (1 OF 2)



*Heart, let her go, for nought I do can move her.  
Say, shall she go?  
Oh no, no, no, no, no!  
Though she me hate, I cannot choose but love her.*

—WALTER DAVISON



*Have I found her? O rich finding!  
Goddess-like for to behold,  
Her fair tresses seemly binding  
In a chain of pearl and gold.  
Chain me, chain me, O most fair,  
Chain me to thee with that hair!*

—ANON.



*At liberty I sit and see  
Them, that have erst laughed me to scorn,  
Whipped with the whip that scourged me:  
And now they ban that they were born.*

—ANON.



*The birds upon the trees  
Do sing with pleasant voices,  
And chant in their degrees  
Their loves and lucky choices:  
When I, whilst they are singing,  
With sighs mine arms am wringing.*

—THOMAS LODGE

## ELIZABETHAN LOVE (2 OF 2)



*Love all the senses doth beguile  
And bleareth all our eyes;  
It cuts off freedom of the mind  
And makes us gape for flies.*

—JAMES SANDFORD

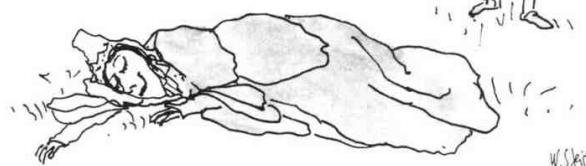


*Take heed of gazing overmuch  
On damsels fair, unknown;  
For oftentimes the snake doth lie  
With roses overgrown;  
And under fairest flowers  
Do noisome adders lurk;  
Of whom take heed, I thee arced,  
Lest that thy cares they work.*

—THOMAS RICHARDSON

*Thou sleepest fast, and I with woeful heart  
Stand here alone sighing and cannot fly:  
Thou sleepest fast, when cruel Love his dart  
On me doth cast, alas, so painfully!  
Thou sleepest fast, and I, all full of smart,  
To thee, my foe, in vain do call and cry:  
Any yet, methinkes, though thou sleepest fast  
Thou dreamest still which way my life to wast.*

—ANON.



W.S.



*"I think you're being swell about this Super Bowl business, Roxanne."*

## GRANTS & RECIPIENTS





*"Try to forgive me. I'm afraid I haven't been very good company for the past forty-six years."*



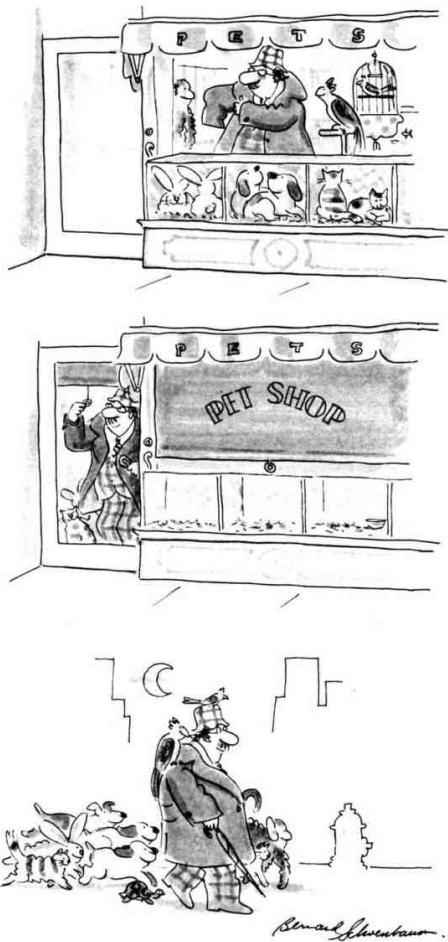
*"He's a big man, you know. He can handle a big plaid."*



*"I'd like to take this moment to announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States."*



*"Hello. I'm Harold Dwyer, and this is my façade."*





*"Well, we finally have cable, and it hasn't made one damn bit of difference."*



*"This is not an answering machine. When I go 'beep,'  
state your business."*





*“Sometimes I have to pinch myself to make sure I’m not dreaming.”*



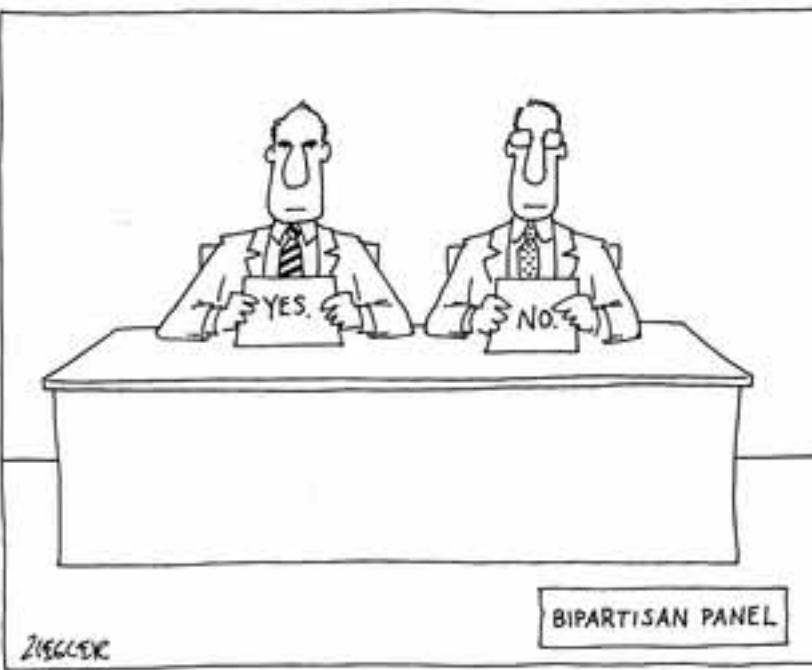
*"I am sick of being looked at like one of your Brazilian bank loans!"*





*"Doesn't anyone else have cabin fever?"*







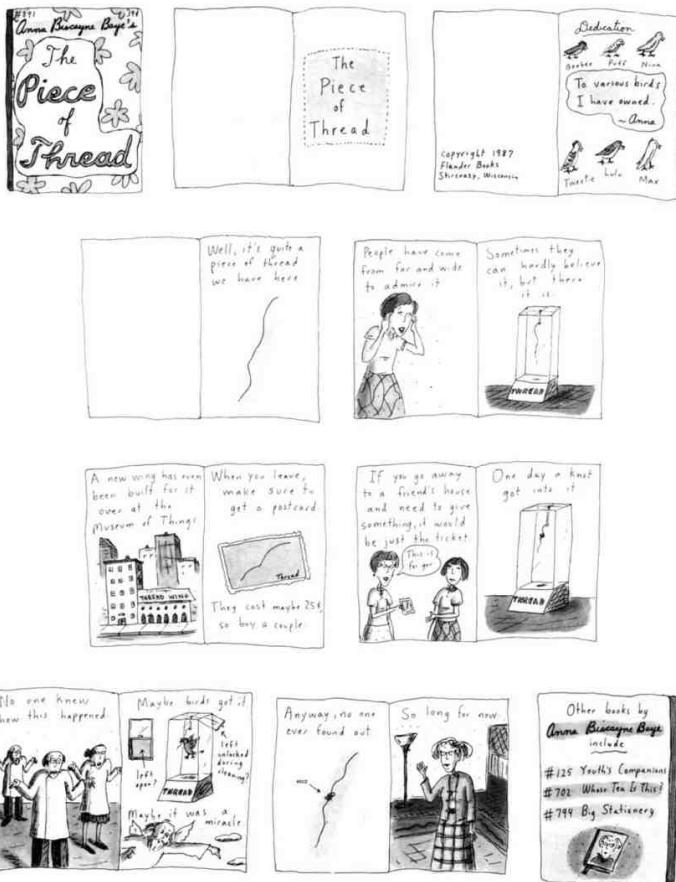
*"Hit it. I'm hungry."*







*"Gentlemen, being a superpower is no longer enough. We must become a super-duper power."*



Roz Chast



*"Where would you like to go tonight—north, south, east or west?"*

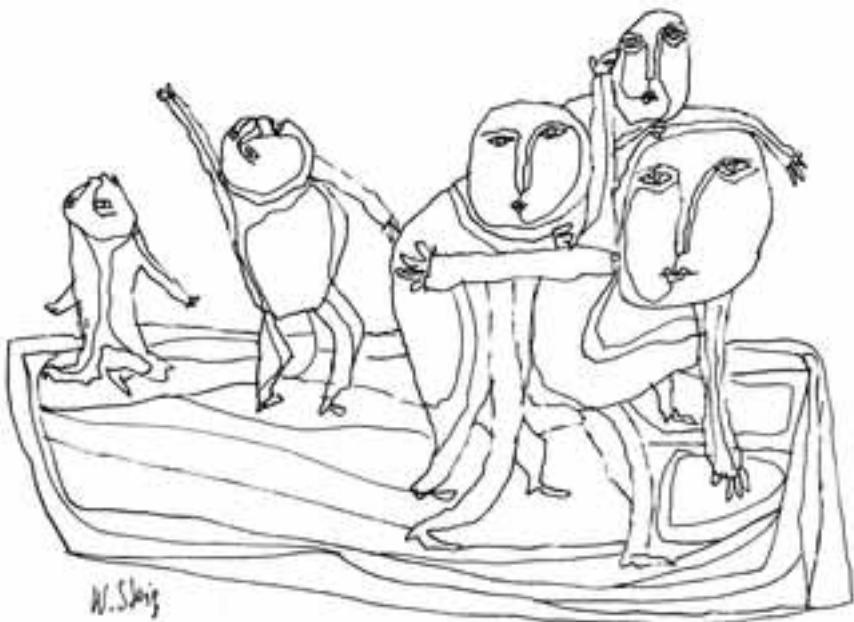


*"Sorry, but nobody around here reads anymore."*





*"Attention, please. At 8:45 A.M. on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, you  
are all scheduled to take the New York State Bar Exam."*



*The Slow Movement*



*"By the way, the critics were right about you all along."*



*"I don't own a wood stove. I burn oil!"*

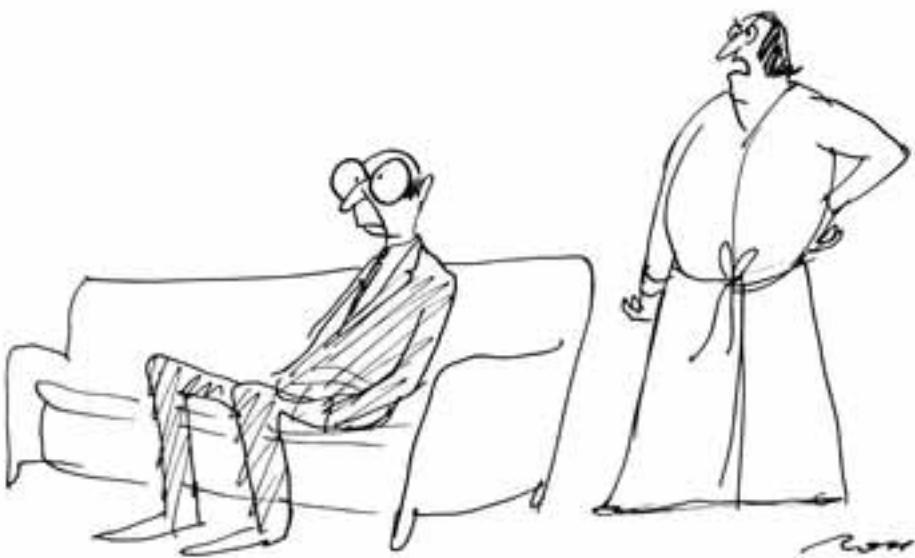




*"Do you realize the Rolling Stones have been together longer than we have?"*



THE BIRTH OF THE MARTINI



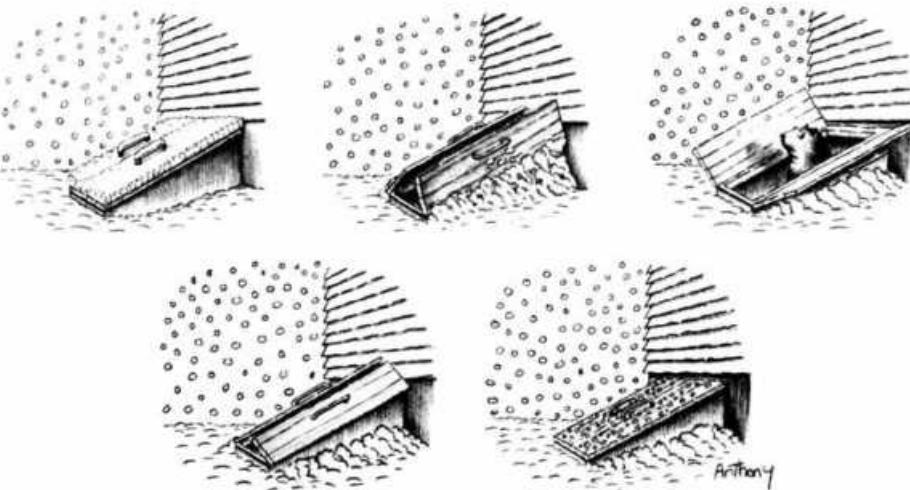
*"You know, there's such a thing as being too damned owlish!"*



*"The talks are in a delicate stage."*



*"They're the Veterans of the Cabbage Patch Doll Wars."*





*"Can you believe it? Another pair we're always  
bumping into going around the reservoir."*



*Four Beers*



*"Phil Donahue and I were talking about you today."*



*"Mind if I join you folks? Everyone else here is too smart for me."*



*"Will you please come sit down, Margot? This stuff  
cost a hundred and fifty bucks a cord."*



*"Genghis Khan, Alexander the Great, meet a man with  
branches in all major cities."*

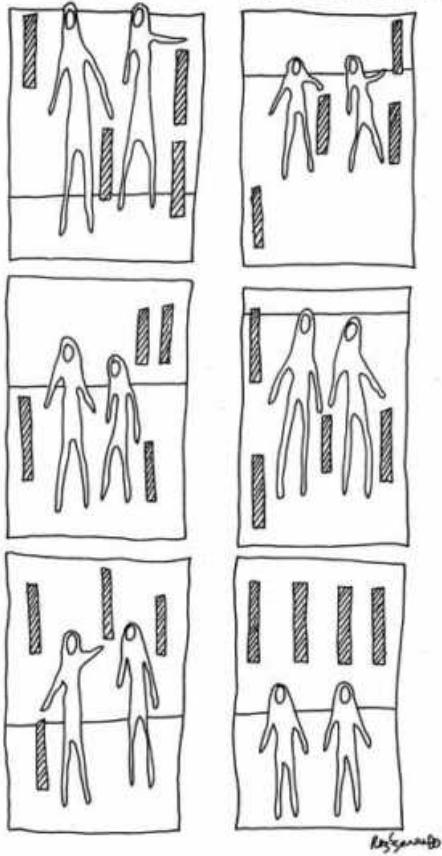


*"There are five elements, son—earth, air, fire, water, and women."*



*"It's been up two days. If there are no damn birds by tomorrow, down it comes!"*

1984  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNDERSTANDING





*"If it would please the Court, my client would like Your Honor  
to take a card—any card."*



*"You'll be happy to know, sir, that this restaurant encourages diversity of opinion."*



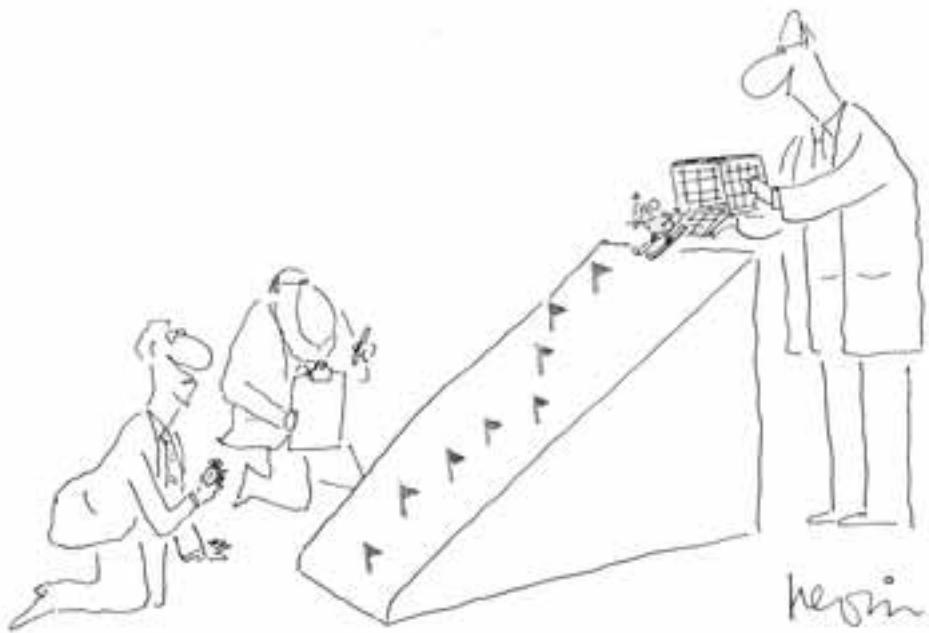
*"That wasn't very nurturing of you."*

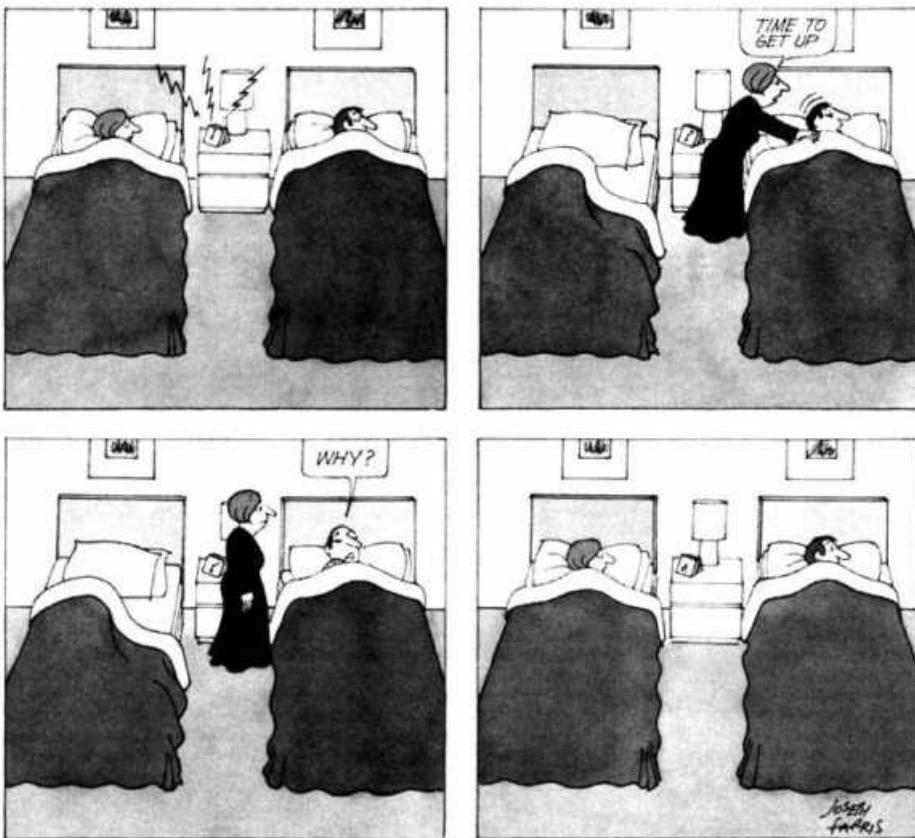


*"That's about the size of it, Melissa. You're now a minority stockholder in a corporation in which I maintain a controlling interest."*



*"The Supreme Court says we can tape this if we want."*







*Late Arrivals*



*"Look. I could just sell you a car, but that doesn't happen to be my primary objective."*



*"Albert, is that you?"*



*"If I should come to work for you, Mr. Hysop, I could transform this organization overnight."*



*"This is the Sandra Hollingsworth. The 'the' is underlined."*



*"I ordered the businessman's breakfast.  
The businessman's breakfast always  
includes those little plastic things  
with different kinds of jelly."*





*"I can fully understand your being furious, Your Honor.  
I'm furious with myself!"*

THE MINUTE-STEAK WALTZ





*“Yes, I can see where this material could make one laugh.”*



*"Of course I'm not hungry. Nobody's hungry.  
But I could use a drink."*



*"You have beautiful paws."*



WACKO UNMENTIONED IN "MAYOR"





*"Well, that takes care of that—unless, of course, somebody can suggest an even harder line."*



*"Triple whammy."*



*"I'm Joe Frimet, and I watch every night!"*



*"After the New Hampshire primaries! That's  
your answer to everything!"*







*"I'm sorry, Timmy, but you are wrong. You are terribly, terribly wrong."*



*"I can't sleep. But neither can the city sleep. Nor can justice, health care, round-the-clock banking . . ."*





*"This isn't a coup, Generalissimo. This is your tea."*



*"Not this one. I hate public displays of emotion."*



*"I may be crazy, Leo, but I'm not stupid.  
Or the other way round."*



*"Just because I'm your pet, you don't own me."*



*"I hope you don't mind—I've brought my own yogurt."*







*"You may tell the waiter he can take his time. I've conquered my neurotic need to be served immediately."*



*“Surprise!”*

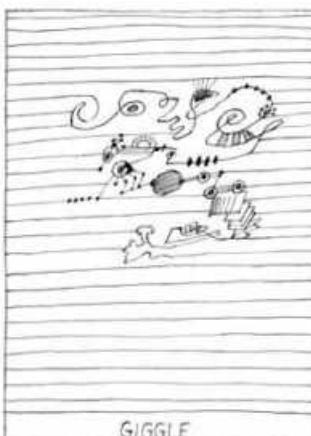


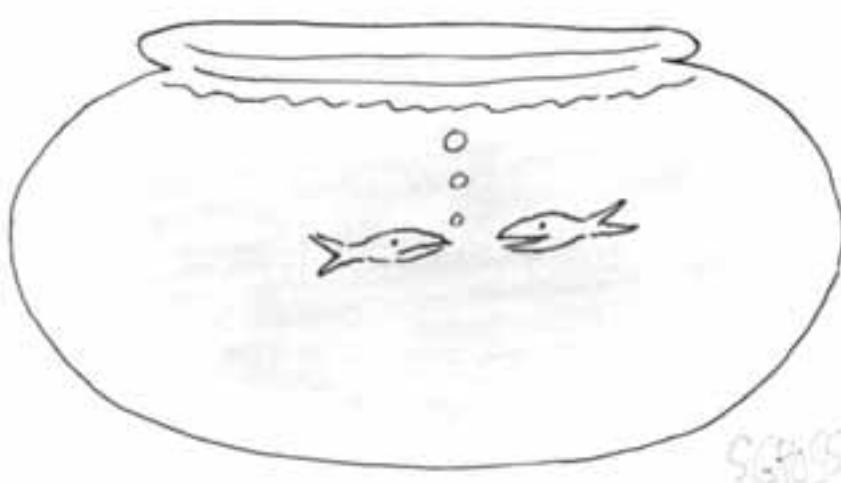
*"I'll be on the porch, minding my 'p's and 'q's, watching my step,  
and keeping a civil tongue in my head."*



*"I warned you about them, Sire.  
They call themselves the Council  
of Economic Advisers."*

BODY ENGLISH





*"I just figured out the true meaning of life. Water!"*



*"We do pretty well when you stop to think that people  
are basically good."*



*Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*







*"The market may be iffy, but, as Raymond says, we built our house of brick."*



*"He's never accepted his divorce."*



*"O.K., everybody! Lights! Camera! Situation! Comedy!"*



*"Anywhere!"*









*"When I married you, you were twenty-two and you were nothing."*





*"If I understand you correctly, you're trying to say something very, very profound."*



*"Well, between their side and our side we now have one hundred and forty-five years of life experience."*



*“According to our estimates, a campaign budget around six point two million is needed to successfully sing your praises.”*





*Zack Brillard and Live-In Companion*

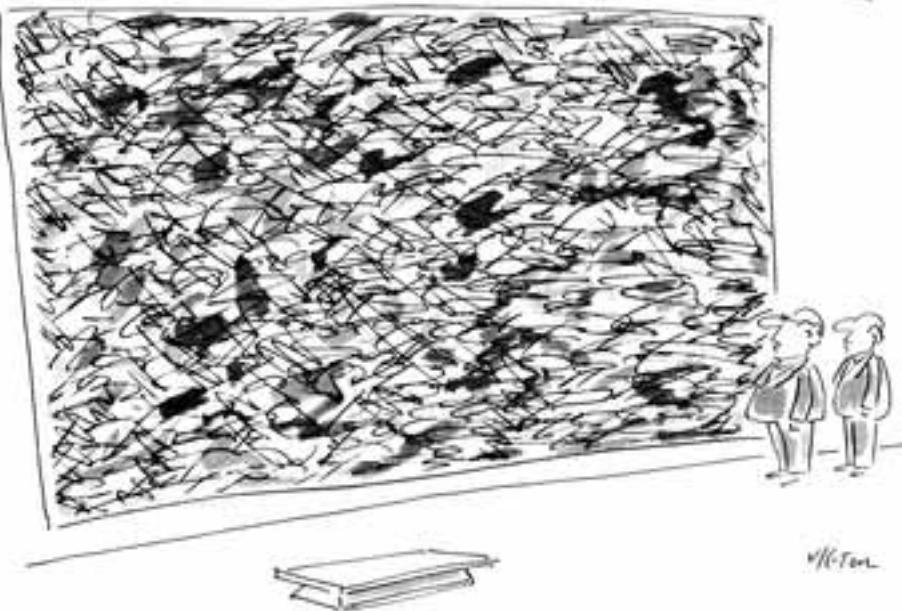


*"May I remind you that here at Atherton, Pembroke & Wills  
we do not take fashion risks."*



*"It looks like the ornithosuchians are attempting a comeback."*





*"My dentist paints."*



*"To my data, right or wrong."*



*"Boy! Are you a sight for sore eyes!"*



*"That's the Fairlawns—Ed and Dottie, who plays his unhappy wife."*





*"Time sure does fly. It's Mardi Gras again."*





*"Oh, Kate, Kate, Kate. I don't like the name Kate."*





*"I am too listening!"*



*"I'm sure if you'd met me you wouldn't have forgotten me!"*





*"And for God's sake, Kennedy, stop referring to me as 'cher Maître'!"*





*"Herbert says everything without fear of contradiction."*



*"I used to do just medicine, but lately I've been moving into economics."*



*"Is there a yearning with the churning, or is it mostly just churning?"*



Tom Cheney (3/5/1984)

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*"It's just my little fantasy. A stranger comes up to me on the street, shakes my hand, smiles, and says, 'Thanks for being here. Without you the world would be a poorer place.'"*



*"Mr. Ferguson, I want you to meet Turgut Oyleet. Turgut made the most repairs on your car this year."*





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



*"Did anyone happen to find an earring on the beginners' slope?"*



*"The M.T.A. keeps trying, God knows."*



*"Let me see, that's two perjury at three each, plus two obstruction of justice at two each, plus . . ."*



*"Hutchins, what on earth gave you the notion that we want the rich to get poorer and the poor to get richer?"*



*"No, I haven't seen 'The Real Thing,' but I did see and  
enjoy 'The Right Stuff.'"*



*"It must be you. The computer, it so happens, is user-friendly."*



*"You know what I love? Butcher block."*



*"Can you imagine what it's like to be coming into a world  
where all the celebrity slots are filled?"*

STEADY EDDIE





*"It's called fettuccine Alfredo."*



*"What ever happened to your dimples?"*





*"Thanks for answering the questions. It's people like  
you who run this country."*



*"Instead of at one of the usual lunch places, Miss Slater has made us a reservation at a well-recommended Art Deco diner on Tenth Avenue in the Twenties."*



*"This sounds silly, but you're going to marry a pussycat."*

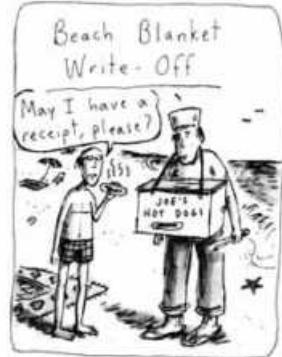


*"Socrates was an opportunist, Cicero was an opportunist, Voltaire was an opportunist, Samuel Johnson was an opportunist . . ."*



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*"Pop, am I experiencing a normal childhood?"*



*"Lester, shouldn't we be upgrading something?"*





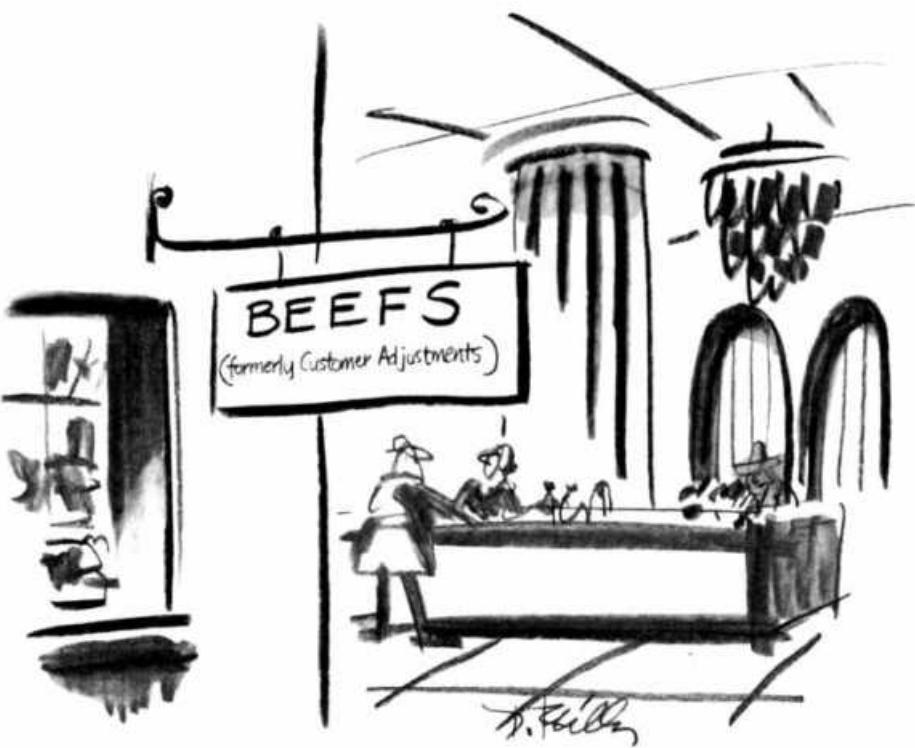
*"O.K., let's have the itty-bitty bad news!"*



*"Must you wear that cap all the time?"*



*"Why don't you just take your Martini and your rankling suspicions elsewhere?"*





*"Offhand, Mr. Fisher, I don't know who it was that oiled your casters, but I'll find out and make sure he's properly complimented."*

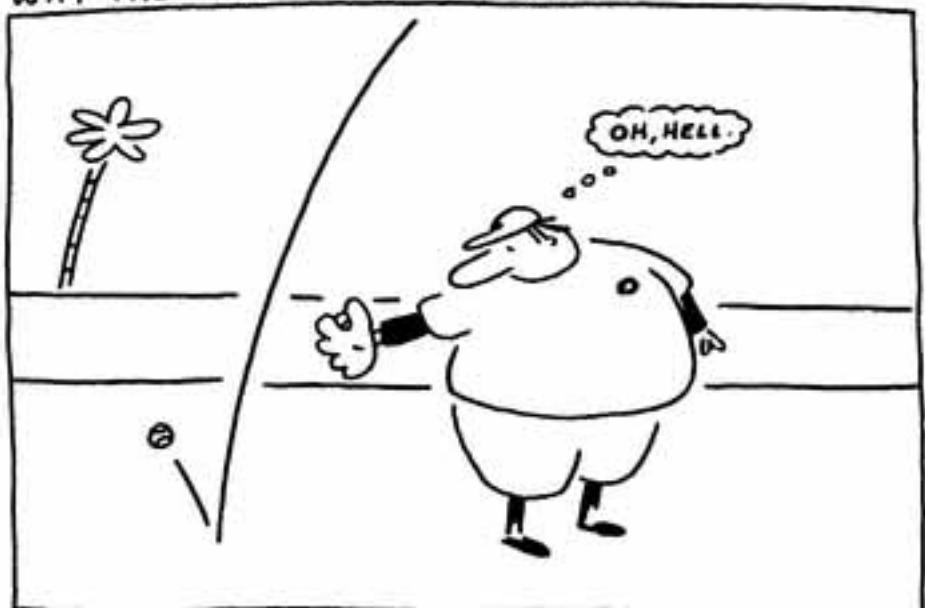


*"Well, Cunningham, it looks like we're stuck with each other for the next forty seconds."*



*"Pamela, too, dabbles in the stock market. A little gypsy tells her the best times to buy and the best times to unload."*

WHY THEY HAVE SPRING TRAINING



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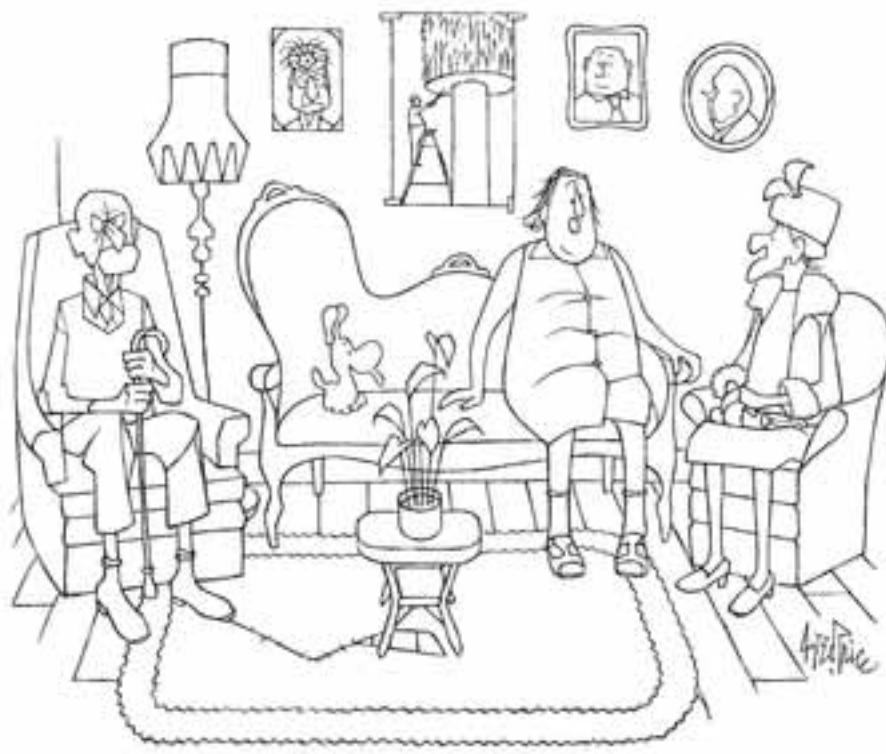


*"Hannibal got elephants over the Alps. Bearing that in mind, somebody think of something."*

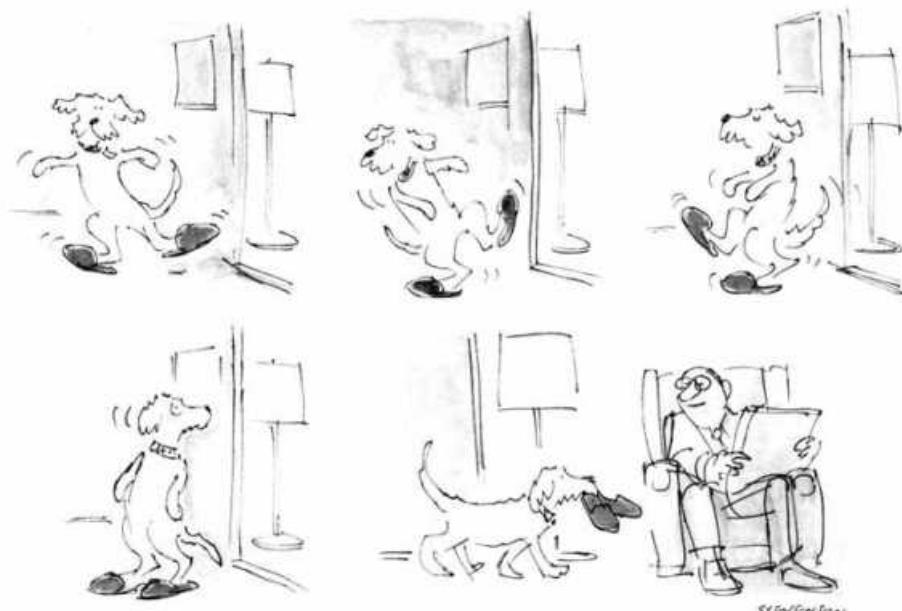


*"Gentlemen, please! I'm sure we can all agree that both the rowing machine and the stationary bicycle have a place in any serious cardiovascular exercise."*





*"Last March, he cancelled his subscription to the Hillsburgh  
'Weekly Clarion.' Currently he is an irate member of the  
Necktie-of-the-Month Club."*





*"If television didn't exist, it would probably have to be invented."*



*"Front desk? There are no little candies on my pillow."*



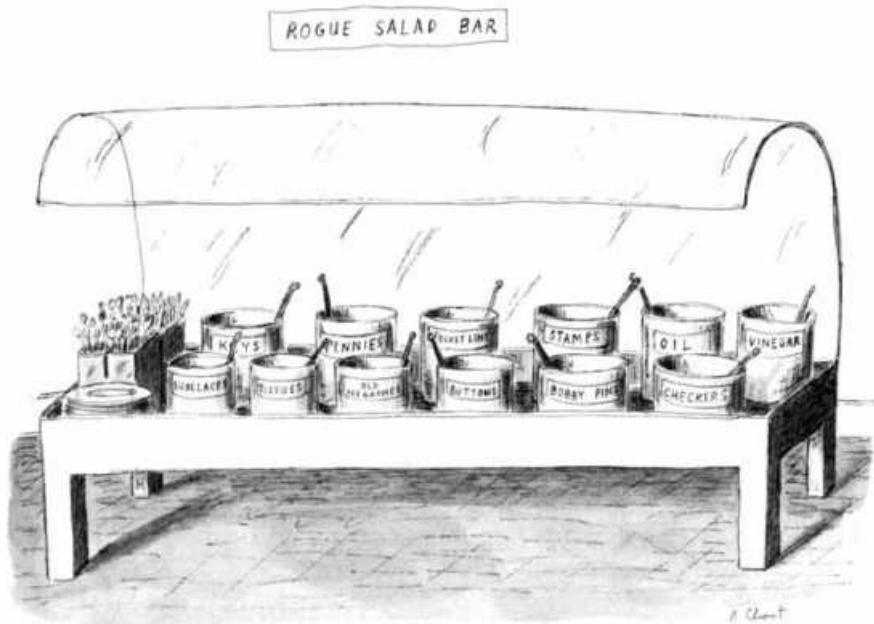
*"I'm an old-fashioned private eye, Miss Jones. If this little mystery of yours has anything to do with computers, forget it."*



*"Would you please pass the salt, too?"*



*"The question is: Which of his irritating mannerisms can be used to political advantage?"*





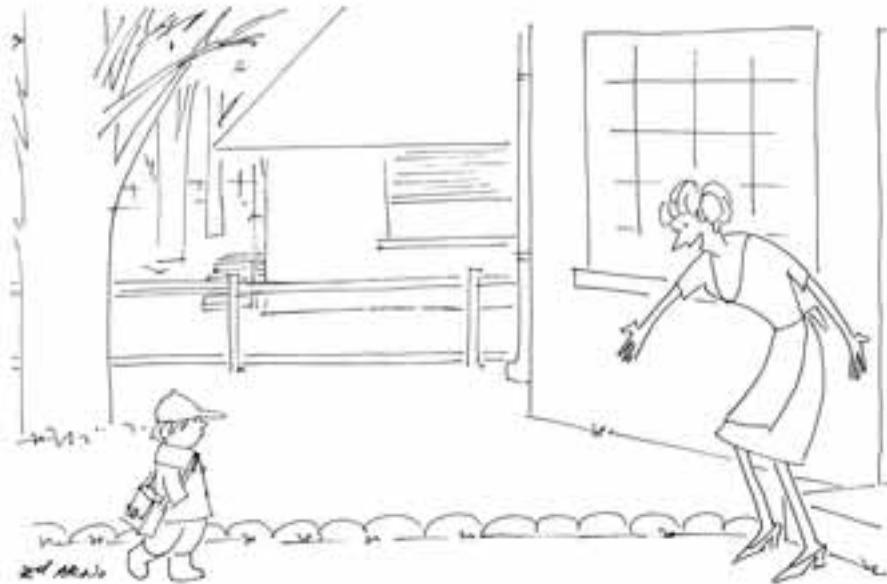
*"Before we get under way, just who is this Michael Jackson?"*



*"That's another thing I hate about her—she's crease-resistant."*



*"Hey, you guys were terrific!"*



*"And how is Mommy's little front-runner today?"*



*"When I get out of here in 2013, I certainly hope  
I will have learned my lesson."*





*"The person we have to thank is Arthur here. He's the one with the infectious grin."*



*"I've listened to all the Presidential hopefuls, Mary Beth, but none have defined the issues for me as well as you just did."*



*Humor*



*"I'd say we were served adequately but not lavished."*





*"Mr. Johnson, this is Mr. Belknap.  
Mr. Belknap defies explanation."*



*"General Hoskins, I don't care if you are in charge of our star-wars defense. You must wear a regulation uniform."*



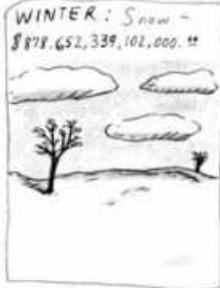
*"Henry is into total loyalty."*





*"Any plaudits for me while I was out, Miss Jenkins?"*

### SEASONS AND THEIR BUDGETS



Roz Chast



*"How much will I hate this?"*



*"Let me say in advance: If you boys are ready to play by the rules, we're ready to play by the rules."*



*"John, I've had it up to here with both the man and the legend."*



*"It's basket clocks this year, Lucy. Babcock sells them to the wicker freaks in the Hamptons."*



*"And, might I add, that's a lot of suit."*



*"I would like the businessman's midnight snack."*



*"You missed the end, but it came out happily. She shot him."*



*"I'm sorry, Mr. Clayborne. For safety reasons, our insurance company doesn't allow customers in the service area. Also, there are personal reasons."*

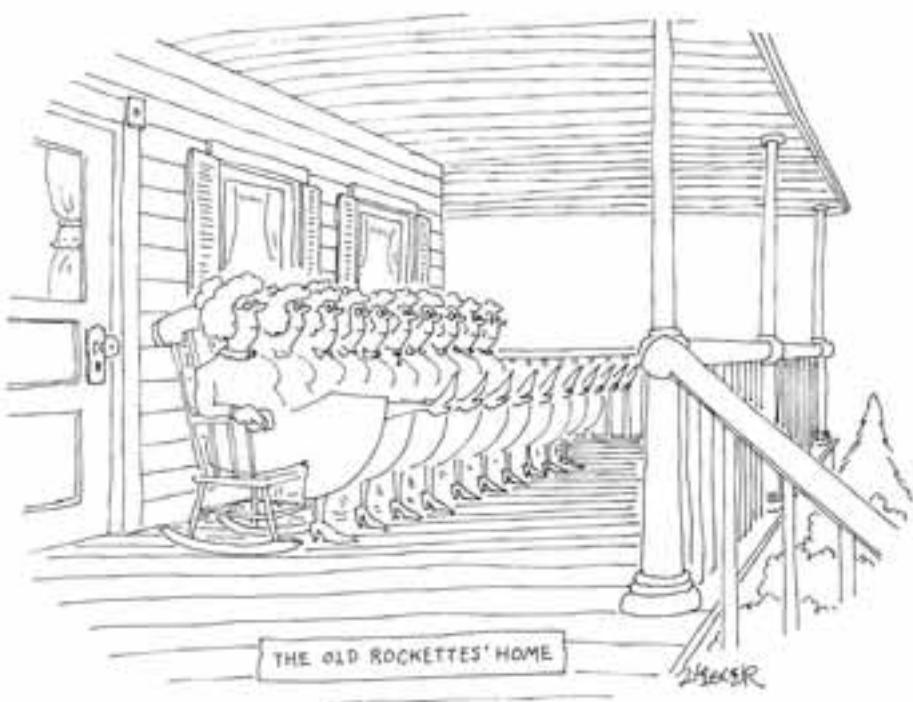


*"I certainly am worried about the whales. It's just that  
I'm not worried about them right this minute."*



*"Leon, I think I'd like to have a farm."*







*"All the experts say the market is going to turn around, but I say maybe."*





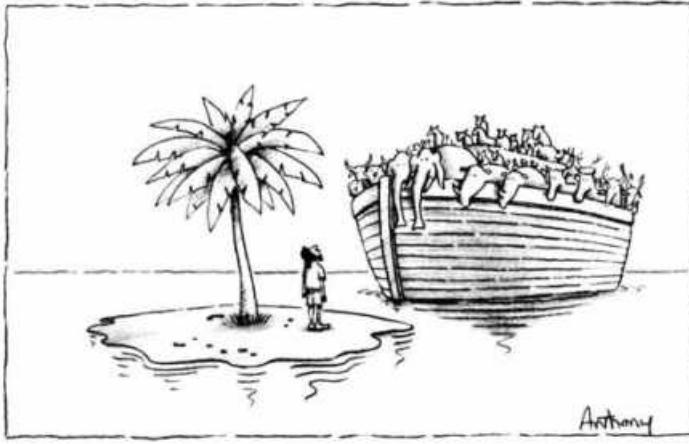
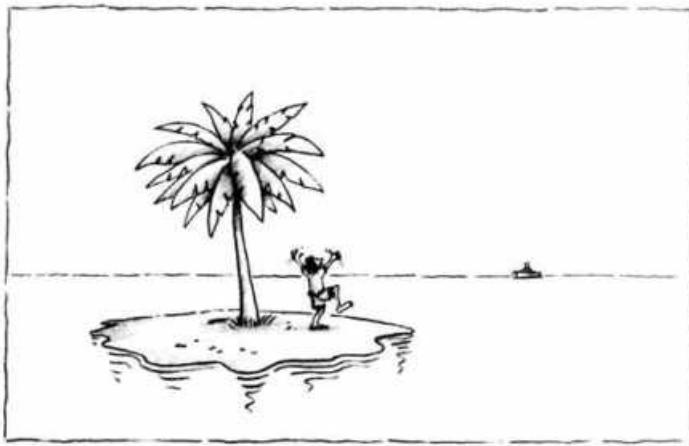
*"We are not under siege, Your Majesty. You just have a siege mentality."*



*"I don't care what you do as long as it says 'spring.' "*



*"The only thing I regret, really, is the club tie."*





*"I had this terrible dream last night, Forbisher,  
that you were a left-wing guerrilla."*

THE THREE WISE MEN OF GOTHAMERNIE -

Is a total intuit-lum,  
but gets invited to every  
single party all over town.

LARRY -

Lives in an 18-room apartment  
on Central Park West.  
Rent? \$167.25

RAYMOND -

Can make bus, train,  
or taxi show up  
merely by  
visualizing it.



R. Chast



*"At dinner, try to stick to vignettes."*



*"What this place needs is a film festival."*



*"Watch your step with Branford. He's been MIRVed."*



*"You might as well take a seat, Mr. Gallagher.  
There's a Reuben sandwich ahead of you."*

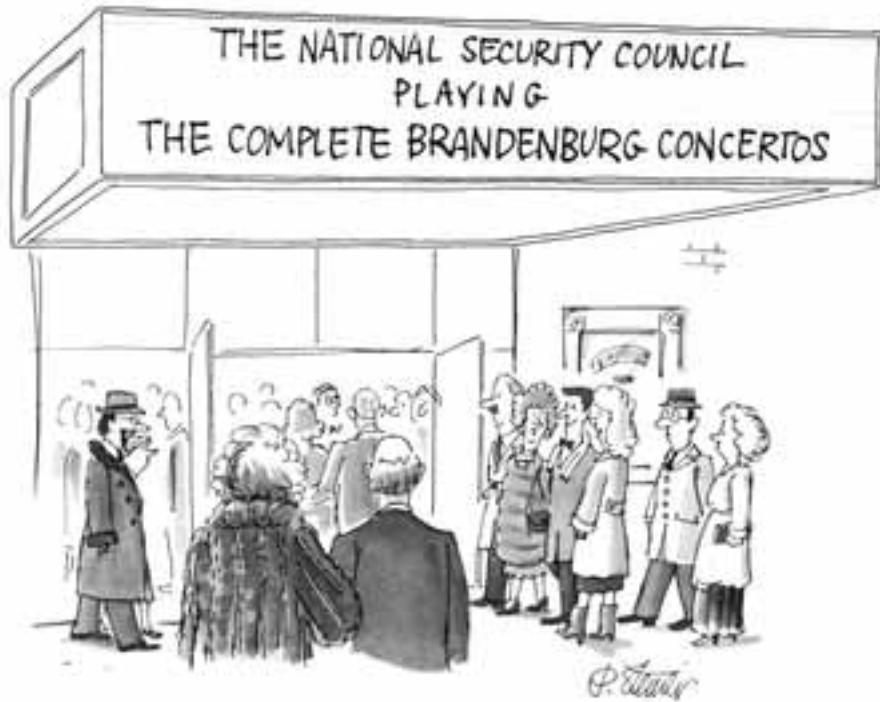


*"His career profile, financial profile, and psychological profile are all absolutely marvellous! His actual profile leaves something to be desired."*



*"My Raymond, here, thought up the Banana Daiquiri,  
but he never did anything about it."*









*"And now, ladies and gentlemen, the Chairman of the Board,  
and I don't mean Ol' Blue Eyes."*



*"Of course I'm a good lawyer, Mrs. Wagstaff. Can't you tell?"*





*In The Dell*



*"Did you do the marathon?"*

## THE END OF INNOCENCE





*"And from the mailbag this week—a woman in New Harmony,  
Indiana, writes, 'Keep up the good work!'"*



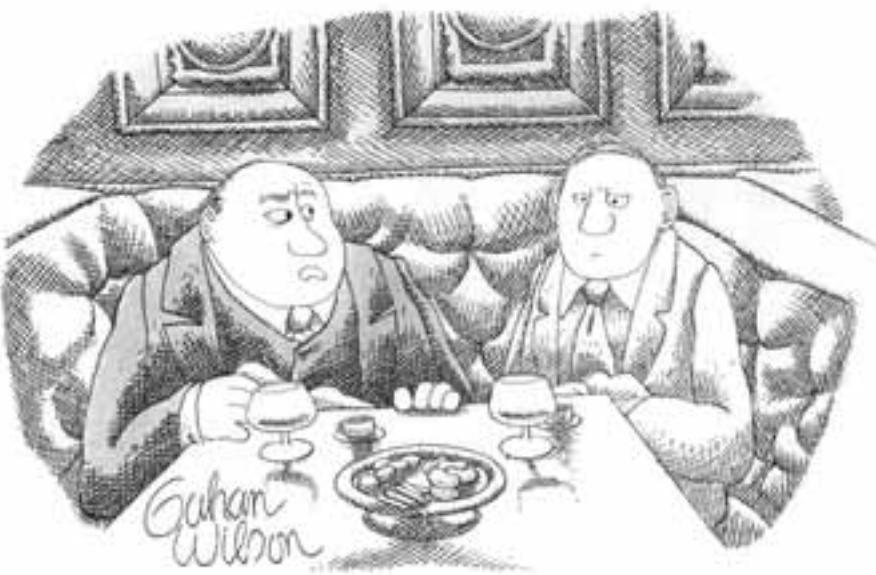
*"Welcome to an evening of doo-wop! Just kidding, folks.  
Now for the Berlioz."*



*"Isn't it exciting, these our cocktail years?"*







*"I hate to think the fact I could buy and sell you is getting  
in the way of our friendship, Al."*





*“Ann Landers is beginning to play an important role in my life.”*





*"It's Ethel. She's continually taping me."*



*"Naturally it's me. Who were you expecting? Boy George?"*



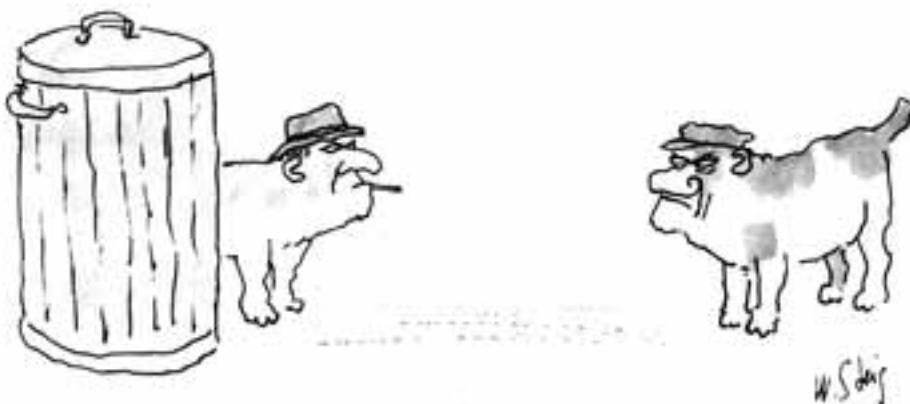
*"This isn't really necessary, sir. You can buy a Scotch-and-soda without a prescription."*



*"I hate to admit it, but I got that information from  
Phil Donahue's show."*



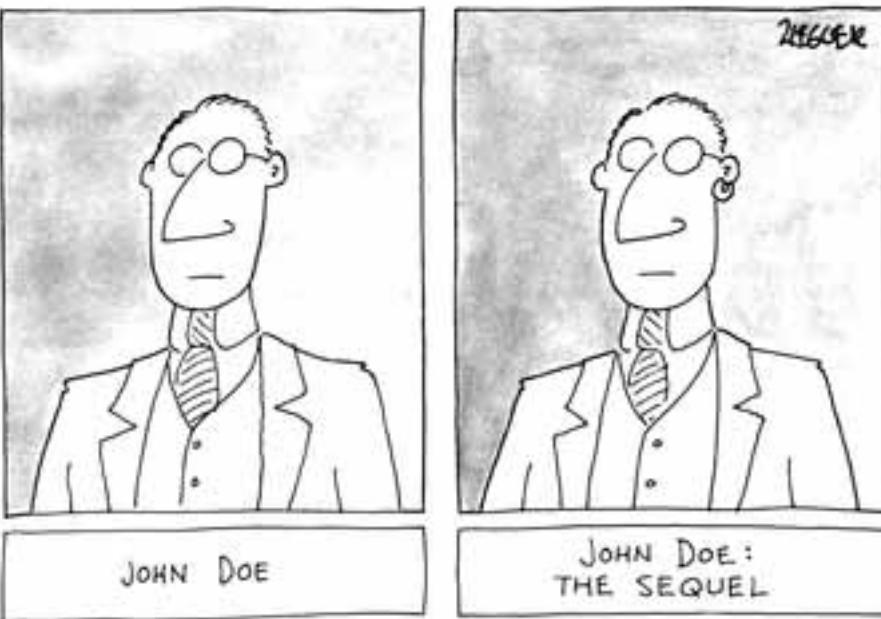
*"I've lost track. Am I making charges or countercharges?"*



*Tough Guys*



*"I'm Maxwell Stapleton, and this is my wife, Sue. Any questions?"*





*"Is there a place around here where we can get a bite  
to eat while we're waiting?"*





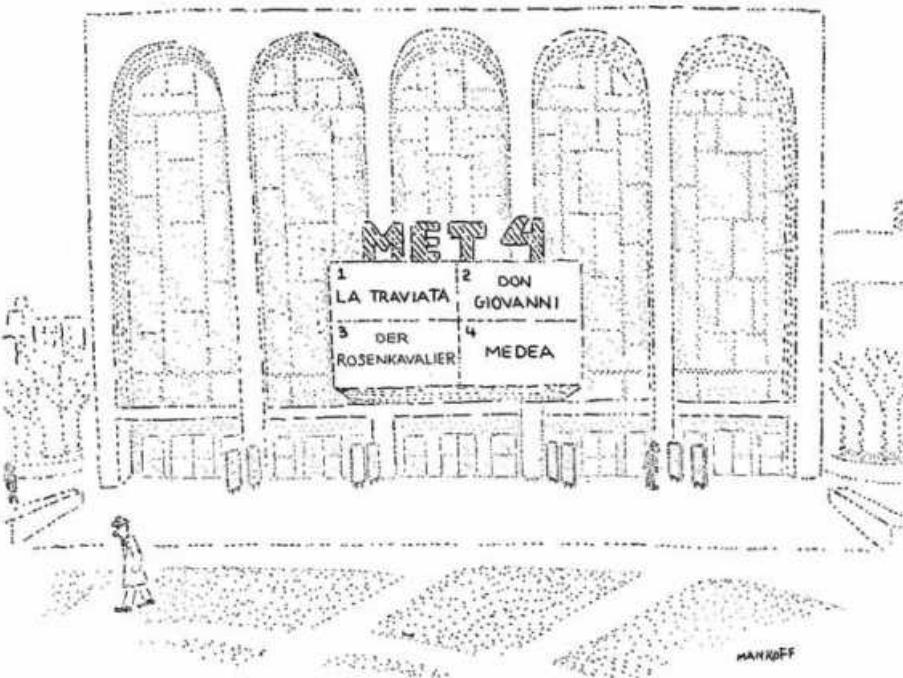
*"In twenty-five words or less, how are you?"*

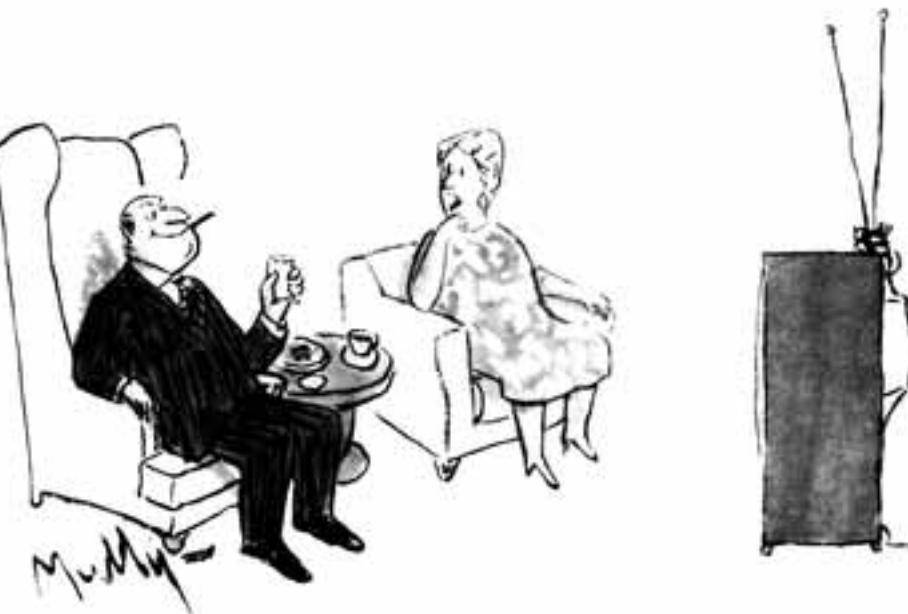


*"There goes a man who believes wholeheartedly in what he is doing, and what he is doing is getting rich."*



*"He'll be a year old at Easter."*





*"But you used to hate the Muppets."*



*"I believe that's Roger Hillard. He's never mastered  
the art of entering a crowded room."*



*"That's a cloud, too. They're all clouds."*





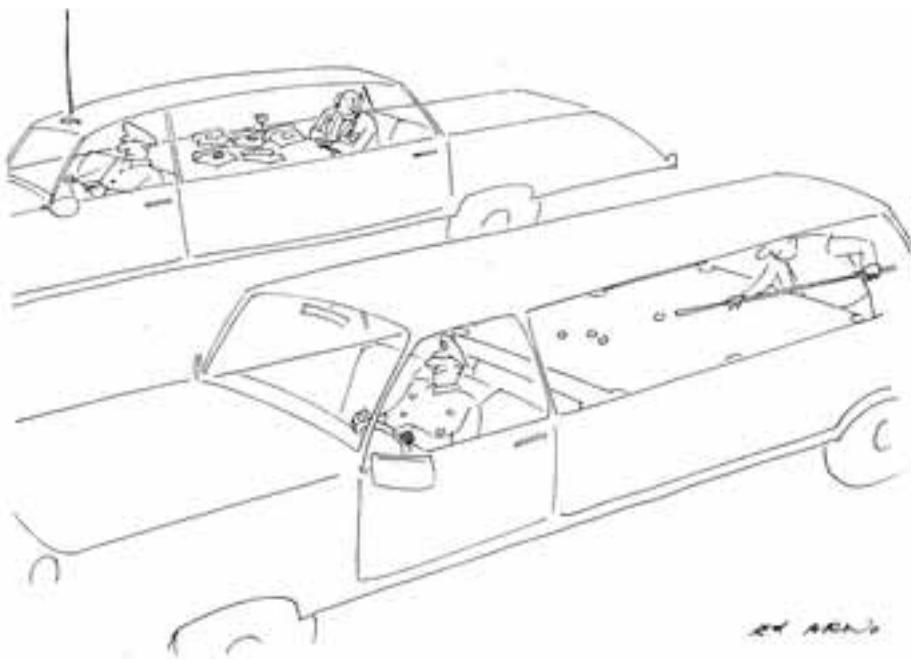


*"I can forgive you, but can you forgive yourself?"*



*"Perhaps we've cut the royal budget too much."*







*"Your Honor, the jury has reached a sensational verdict."*



*"This is only a test."*



*"Needs more vaboom."*



*"I want Yumpies, Yuppies, Baby Boomers, and anything else out there you hear about."*

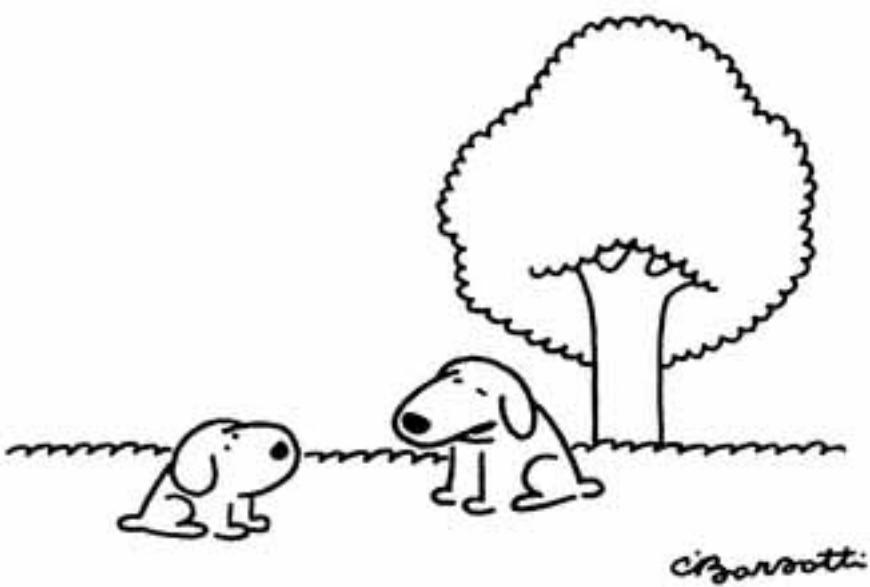


*"Are you from the neighborhood, sir?  
We're a neighborhood bank."*

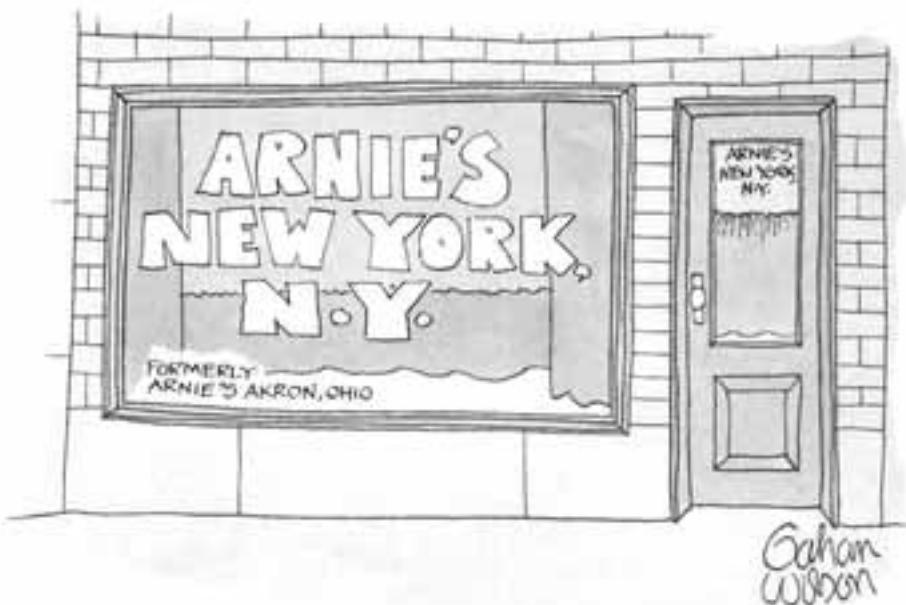


*"Love is blind."*





*"My advice is to learn all the tricks you can while you're young."*





*"I guess it's last night's second helping of German chocolate cake."*



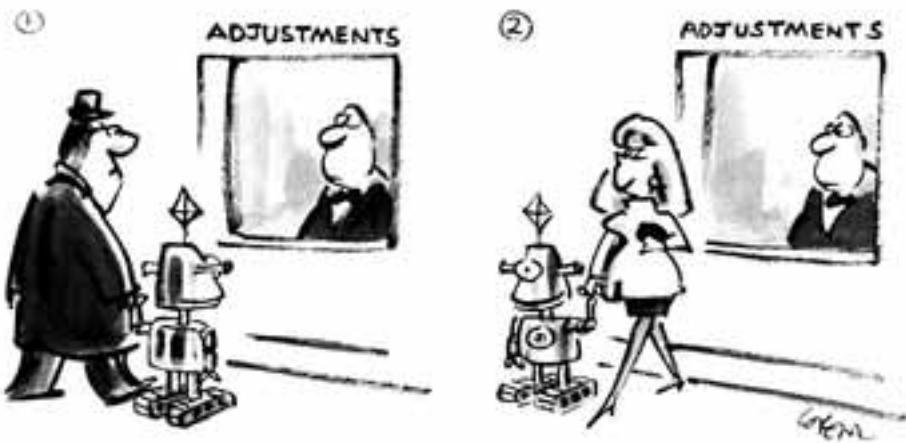
*"I can't promise you an ambassadorship, but if elected  
I certainly will consider you."*

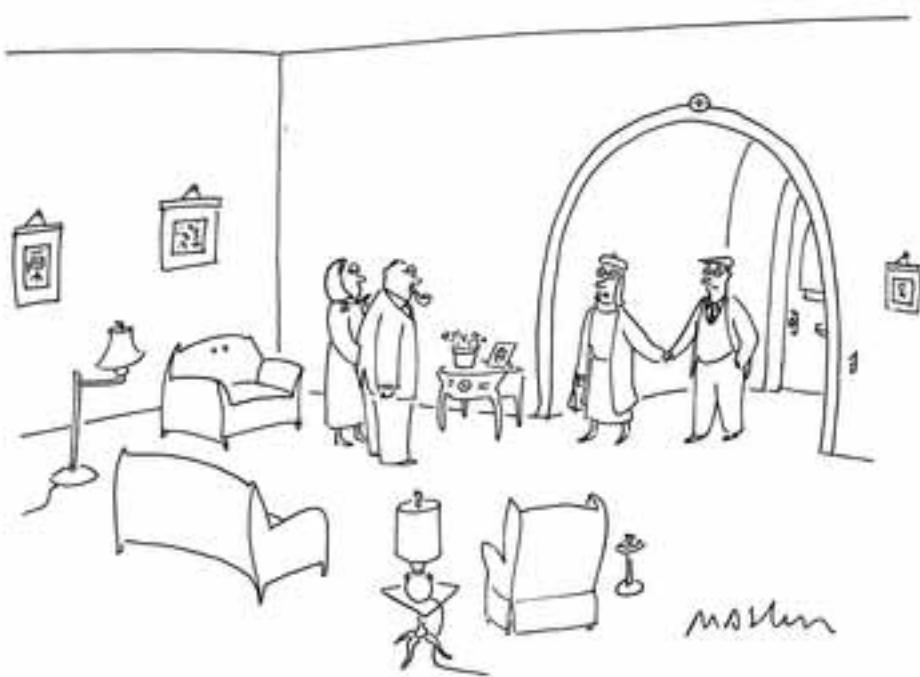


*"You don't have to smile to be polite, you know. You're king."*



*"Perhaps you would care for a demonstration, sir?"*





*"Mom, Dad, you remember Ed Fendeburg—the man I married."*



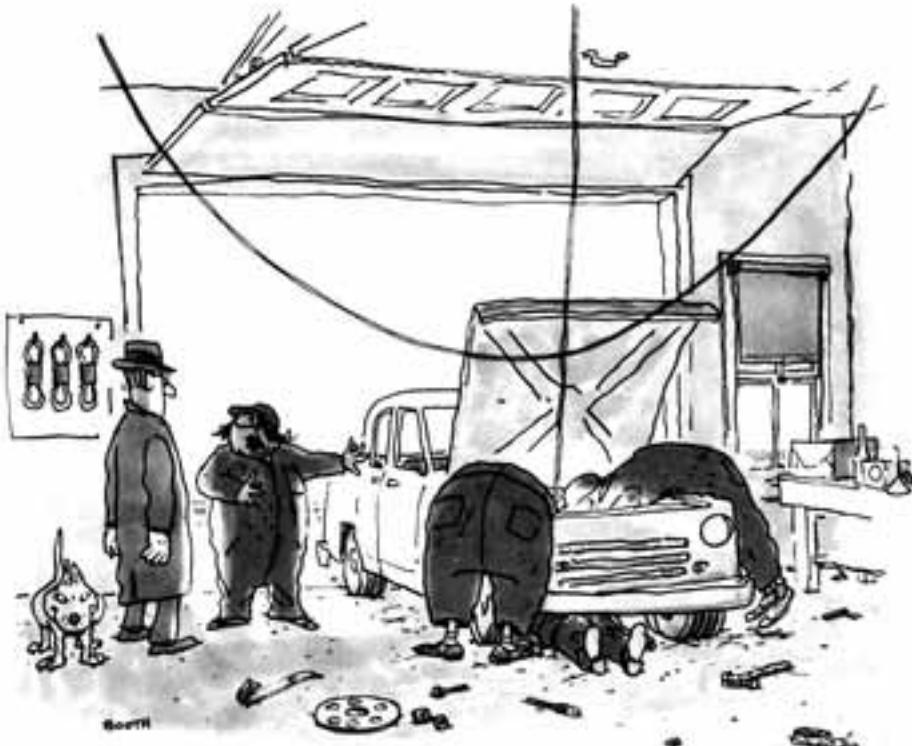
*"Oh, splendid—a comedy of manners!"*



*"Go away, Crawford. We've already merged with Dynotech."*



*"I'm missing and presumed dead."*



*"We see ourselves as a team. Wes may discover you have a radiator that won't make it through the summer, while Smitty may decide your transmission needs work, and at the same time Jamie may come to the conclusion that your whole front end has been twisted out of shape."*

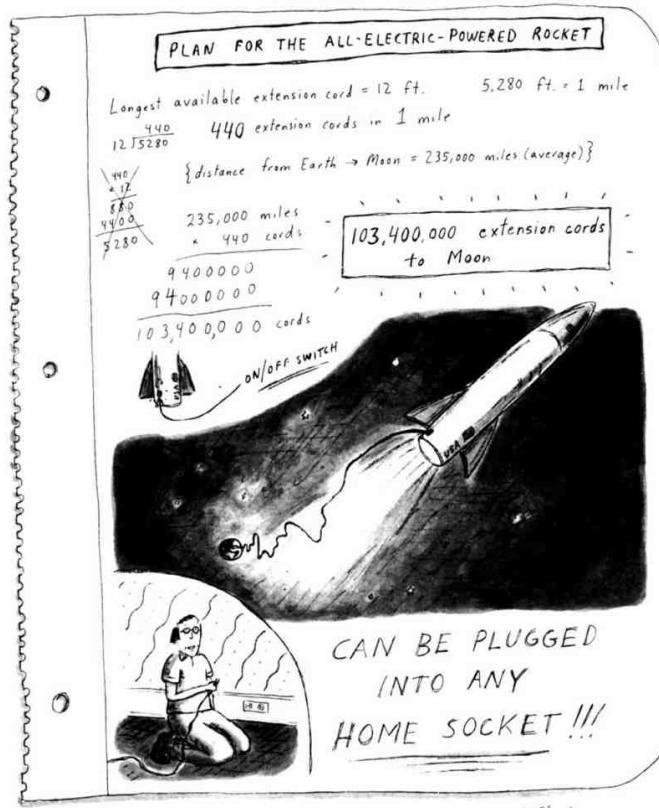


*"I understand it's about people like us, who have problems like ours. Except it ends happily."*



*"Billions for defense, but not one cent for Artie W. Hornblower!"*

FROM THE NOTEBOOK OF  
Lewis Commonsense, Ph.D.



Roz Chast (4/23/1984)

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*"I wish you'd get another T-shirt."*



*Lenin, Up Early, Freshly Showered, Makes His List for the Day.*





*"You six-year-olds are all alike."*



*"I'm sure you'll like Mr. Tufts. Mr. Tufts is technically perfect."*





*"George Shultz ventures his opinion. Philippe de Montebello ventures his opinion. Why don't you ever venture an opinion?"*

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER GALAXY...



## CURBSIDERS ON PARADE (1 OF 2)



In the beginning was the *Knights of the Curbside* series, issued in 1893 by Cincinnati's Revolv-O Automatic Door Co. Cass Horner's halcyon Lozenge career lasted until 1908, when he jumped crosstown to front door the new Salamander. In 1910 he begged to come back, but by then the Lozenge had hired a certain lad, fresh out of Cornell, name of Crump.



Here's an oddity: C. W. Goff of the Savonarola without his trademark taxi trumpet. (Could it have been retouched out?) Greatest of all the great London hotel doormen, C.W. went curbside only at age 65, after retiring as an Admiral of the Fleet. His naval getup set a style of dress that the hotel doormen of the world have been emulating ever since.



The magnificent Achille, who made the Maginot the Maginot. In 1914 the French Army had used his uncanny skills to round up the legendary "Taxis of the Marne," but ten years later, when Achille joined the British-owned Verdigris, *Boulevardiers* abruptly withdrew this card. A mint copy fetches \$500 or more on the open market today.



Standard Uniform & Cap's popular *Curbsiders* series of 1952 ran to 150 cards. How do you figure that Murph? He can't hang on even as a graveyard-shift sub at the Billingsgate but goes from freight entrance to main door at the posh Hearn-Lafadio in two years. Murph's '53 Xmas take was the richest on record up to that time.



"Irish Mike" K.O.'d a record 14 cabbies in his 32-year stint under the awnings and once kicked a two-suiter the length of a city block. Shortly after this 1956 card was issued, Mike left the Royal Wallon to go nightside at the Whetstone, which used to be the Spatz-Huguenot and has since become the IntraGrand.



The Japanese Shin-Kawa Hotel Supply Co. has been issuing its *Taxi Boy* series since 1960, but the set is little known outside Asia and includes bellmen and concierges. Rumor has it that *Taxi Boys* will soon be issued in English-language versions—with 3-D pix! By the way, can anybody identify this guy?

## CURBSIDERS ON PARADE (2 OF 2)



Shorty Abercrombie, sui generis, and here sans his traditional mustache-chop whiskers. A three-time Silver Whistle winner ('57, '62, '64), Shorty—a.k.a. "The Phantom of the Absalom" in recognition of his famous disappearing act whenever it rained or snowed—revealed to an interviewer for *The Epanet*, after hanging up his topper for good in 1981, "I never lifted a piece of luggage in my life."

Not all *White Gloves* cards featured hotel umbrella jockeys. Saluted in this extra 1977 series were the top apartment-house doormen—albeit only with black-and-white pictures printed on thin stock. Who doesn't remember Vernon Entwistle, the legendary "Vestibule Vern," late of New York's ritzy 1011 Fifth Ave.? Today, Vern's kid brother Vic awnings at the St. Vitus of San Francisco.

Federated Linen's 1978 *Cabstoppers* line depicted doormen of the oft-neglected one-star and unrated hotels—like Emil Cudahay of the Kibitzer. A worthy idea, but the interest just wasn't there, and Federated cancelled the series the next year. Ironically, the Kibitzer "cancelled" Emil the week this card was issued; one of the great natural whistlers of our time would never hail a cab professionally again.



If face and headgear don't quite seem to match, consult the trivia file! Wally Mattice subbed at the Knud-Imperium in late '81 while vacationing from his regular door spot at the Albenum, and they didn't have a regulation Knud-Imperium shako that would fit. More trivia: the made-in-Canada *DoorMania* series features not a single Canadian.

The handsome new *Jr. Braiders of Tomorrow* series tries to skirt escalating royalty demands of established hotel doormen by concentrating on up-and-comers like Dwayne Smickley, night elevator man at the newly renovated Esperanto. A future Foyer of Famer! Don't bet against it! No hotel has matched the Esperanto's 12 Silver Whistle winners since 1940!

Note that Artie Meach's name has been misspelled as "Meech," and that the guy alleged to be Artie in the picture is actually Boyd Pratt, night relief doorman at the Alpaca. Somebody sure goofed—making this *Braider* card, not yet even a year old, one of the most highly prized collectibles on the market.  
—BRUCE McCALL



*Weather*



*"It's true, Dave, that I have an unsavory past, but if elected to public office I hope to hold myself up to a higher standard."*



CONDOMANIA





*"Can we dispense with the exit poll, Norris?"*



*"Please, Daddy. I don't want to learn to use a computer.  
I want to learn to play the violin."*



*"I take it this is a very special occasion."*

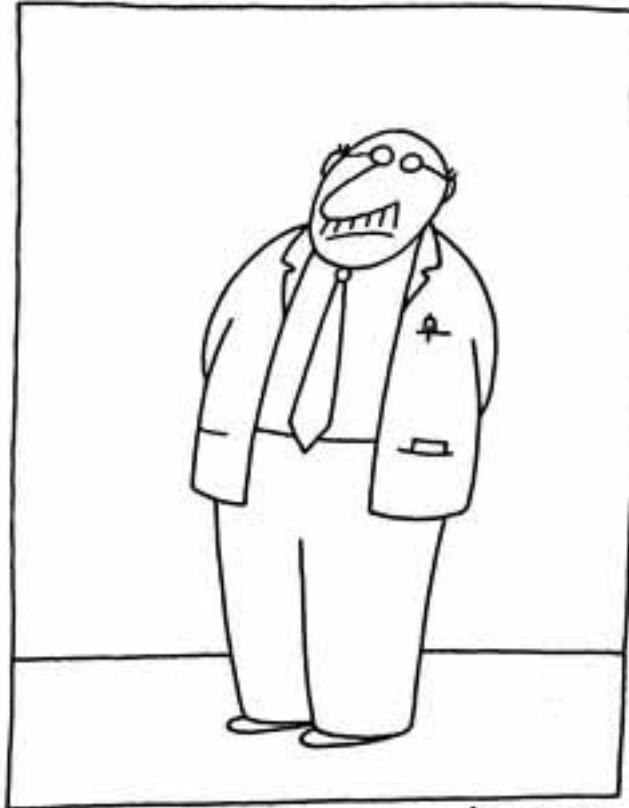


*"Dear Folks: Well, here I am at Madison Avenue and Forty-fifth Street, and everybody is honking like crazy."*



*"I guess I'm sort of like Argentina—I don't have the slightest idea how much I owe, either."*

30-YEAR CLUB





*"It would sure fool the hell out of me. What about you, Thompson?"*



*"The more I own of it, the more I realize what a beautiful country it is."*





*"When we start toasting the economy, send us home."*



*"Aren't you heartened by the return of elegance and good manners."*





*"It's not how the ball bounces that counts, Louie.  
It's how the cookie crumbles."*



*"If you like introspection and poetry, I'd say the Cuomo. If, however, you prefer something a bit more snappy—why, then I'd suggest the Koch."*



*"I love you, Amelia. Will you be my running mate?"*



*"Nothing but French Provincial all these years,  
then—whammo! The Country Look."*



*"I've heard it's one of those movies that make you stop and think."*

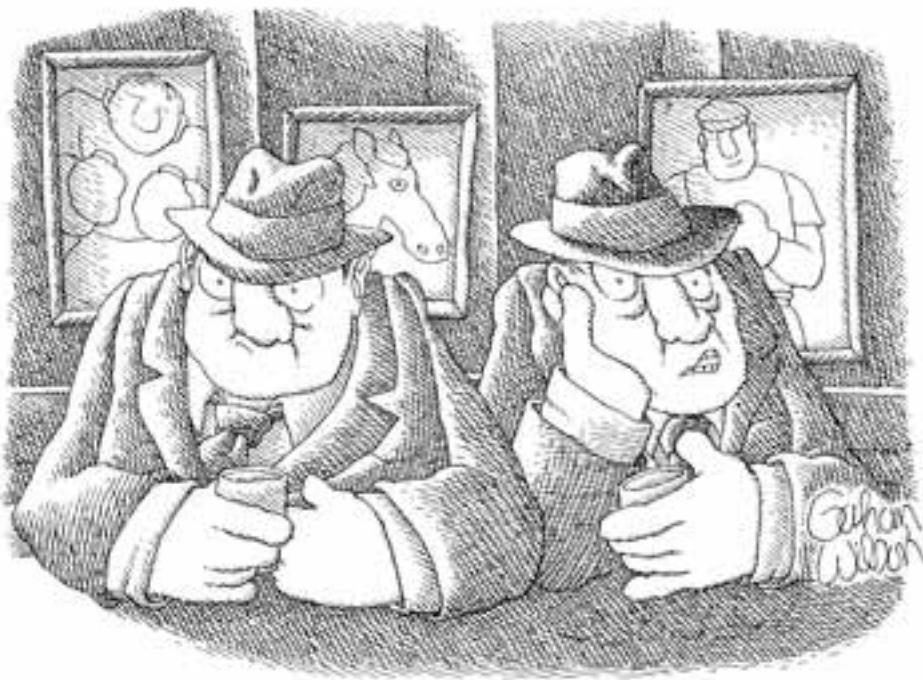


*Peace Offering*

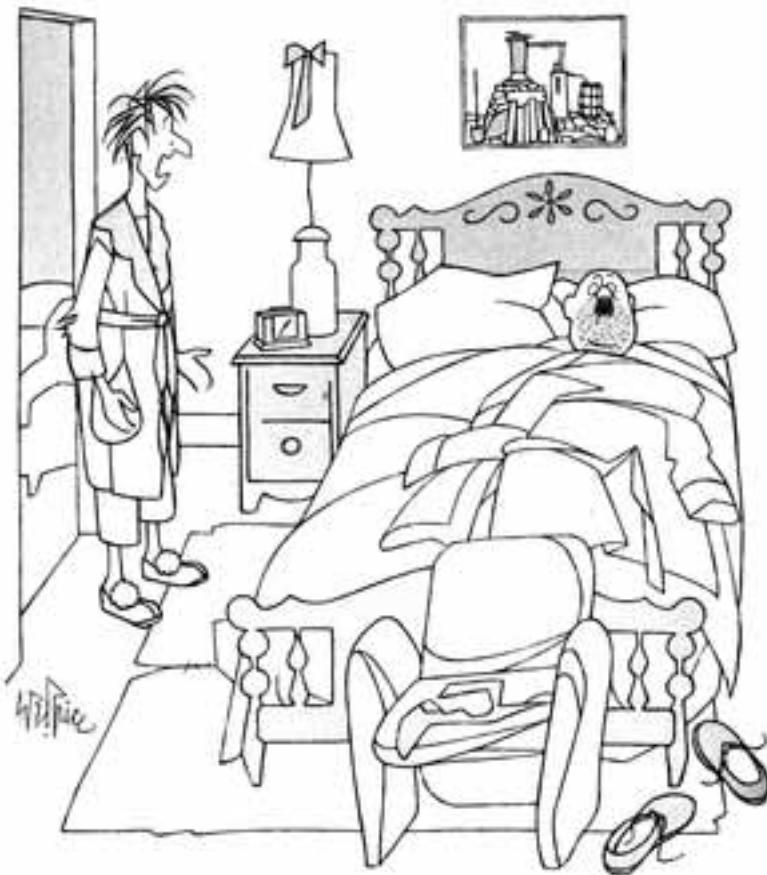


*"We'll take it."*





*"These days, I suppose it doesn't matter whether  
you've read Thomas Mann or not."*



*"It's Day One of the merry month of May. You want  
a piece of the action?"*





*"And if elected I will reunite the phone company!"*



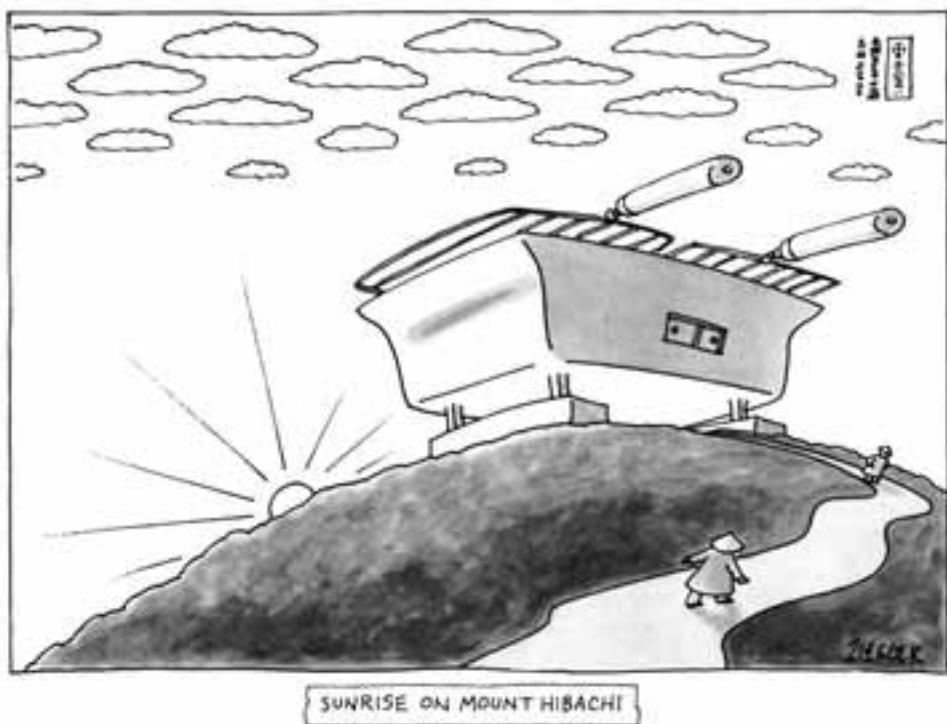
*"This looks like a nice place."*



*"He's getting ready for the moment to recite 'When  
Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed.'"*



*"My first husband was a good-time Charlie, and my second husband was a regular Joe. Now I'm not sure what I'm looking for."*

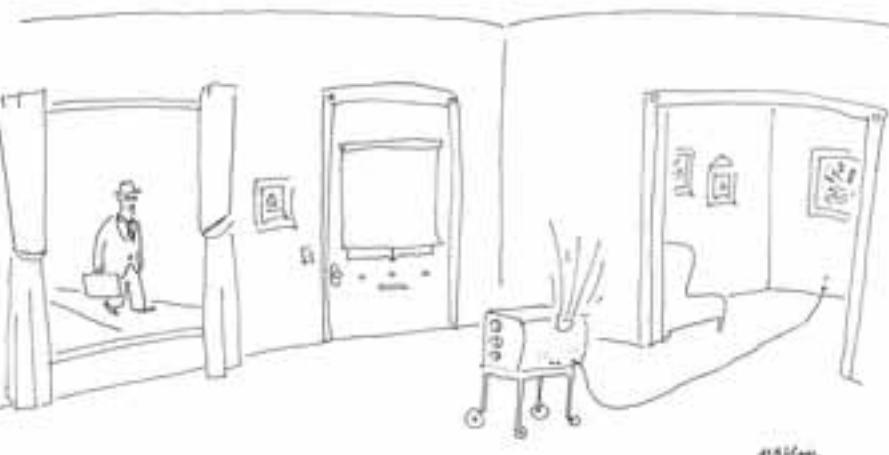




*"You loved it on Joan Collins."*



*"I bet Paul Volcker doesn't worry about interest rates  
nearly as much as you do."*





*"I've heard a great deal about you."*



*"Haywood demands instant access to his cash."*



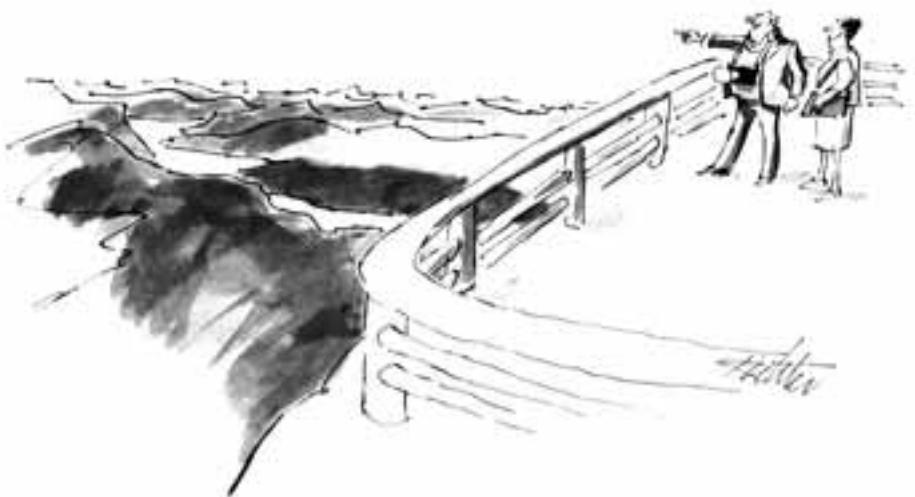
*"Hey! All I wanted was a white-wine spritzer."*



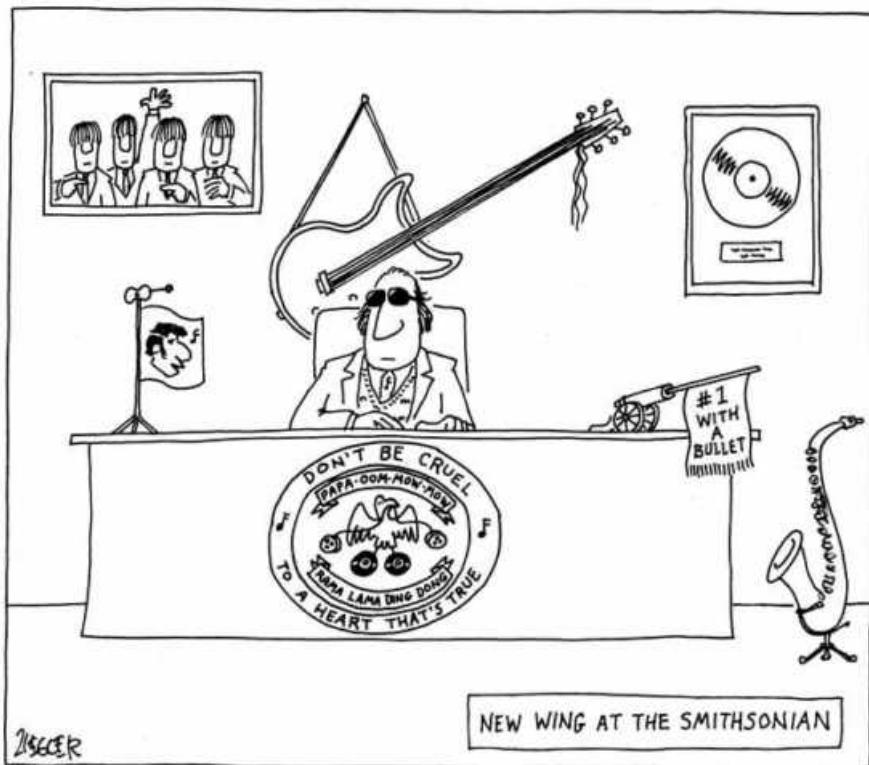
*Intruder*



*"I love the wind in your hair."*



*“On a clear day, you can see four states. And, by God, every one of them is solidly for Reagan.”*





*"Mobray is one of a kind, thank heavens!"*





*"Hastings, get Miss Pilson a chair."*



*"We've gotten along more smoothly since we gave up  
our grandiose expectations of each other."*



*“Oh, my, I can tell—everybody in there has read Barbara Tuchman.”*



*"Please don't get nervous, Mr. Feld. When the small investor gets nervous, the whole market gets nervous."*



*"I thought it was delicious, but he is very difficult to please."*



*"They feel right, but I just don't think they send the right message."*



*Just a little reassurance that we're on the right bus. I don't think that's asking too much.*



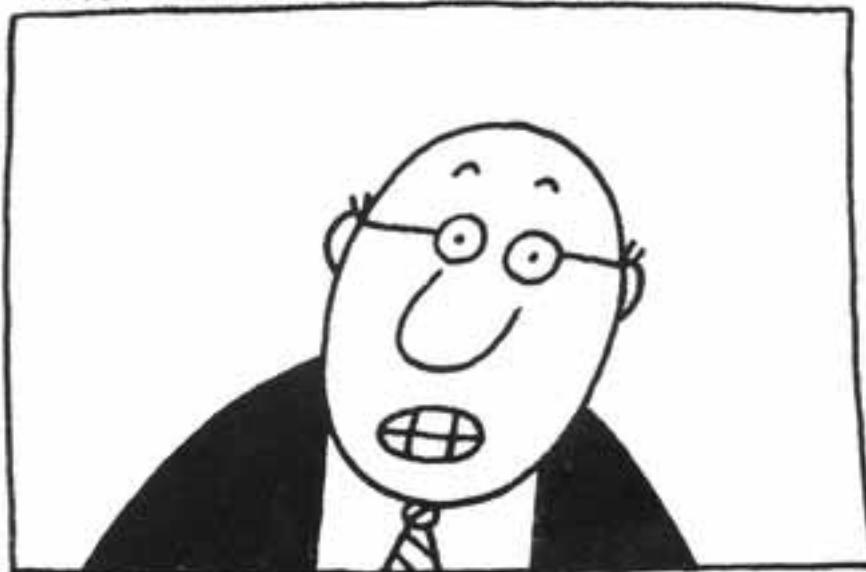
*"We're never going to get anywhere if you keep on  
reading the papers."*





*“Sure it’s nice to have, but do we need rustproofing?”*

1984  
THE LOOK OF THE EIGHTIES





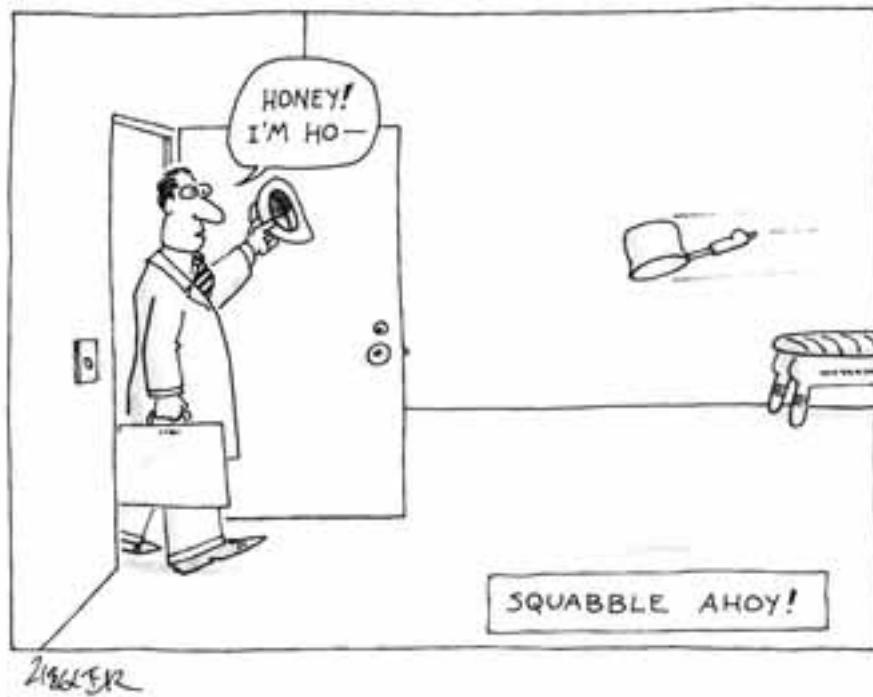




*"You're like President Reagan, Mr. Burnside—a young old person."*



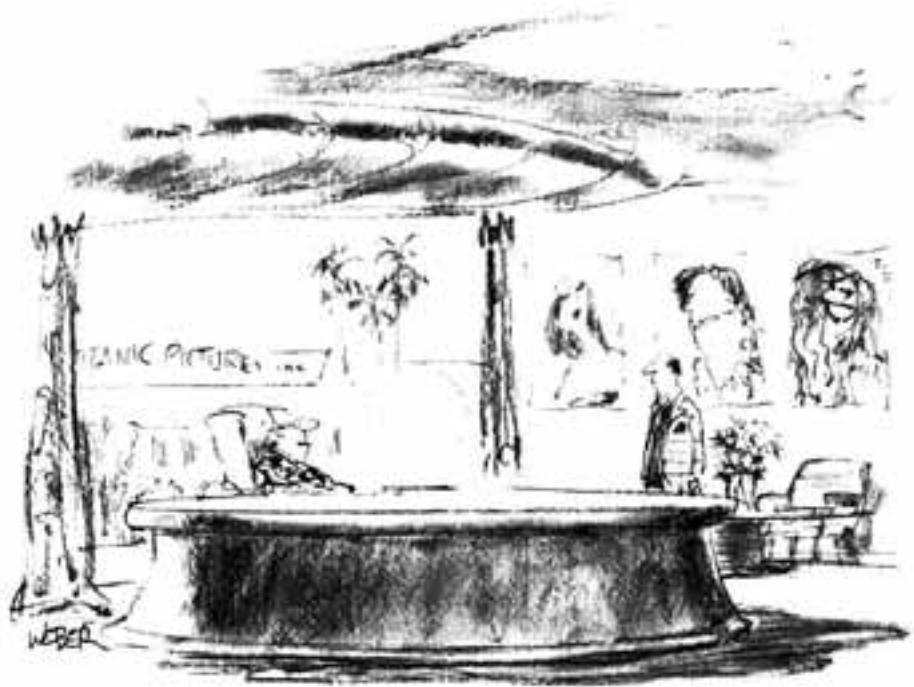
*"Harold P. Wembley III. That is both my name  
and my registered trademark."*



ZIEGLER



*"Here's something: 'Life Styles of the Moderately Well-to-Do.' "*



*"I understand you have something to say to me, Sid.  
Could you make it short and amusing?"*



*"When was the last time you cottoned to somebody?"*



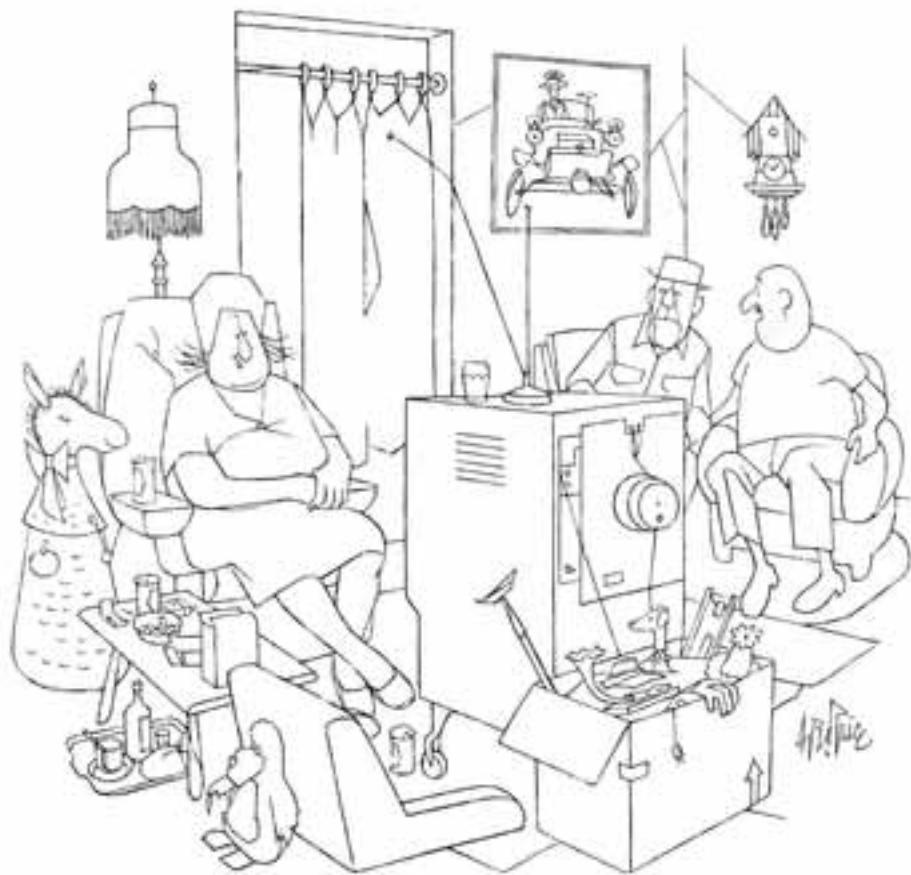
*"Golly, Mr. Napler, one million a year isn't so much nowadays.  
I don't know why your stockholders don't understand you."*



*Quartet*



*"I blame everything on the Russians, except for the few things, Stacey, I blame on you!"*



*"Just between you and me, I'm beginning to rue  
the day she emerged from her cocoon."*



*"One more time."*



*"Now, each and every one of these beautiful diplomas  
is suitable for framing."*

RUE DES REFUSÉS



*Stuart Leeds*



*"I'm afraid you've come to the wrong man. I'm only the titular head of this organization. The real chief is in an underground bunker in Idaho with an unlisted phone."*



*"It's nutty, but you know what I was thinking? Would we ever have met if I hadn't decided to try jogging counterclockwise around the reservoir for a change?"*



*"If the answer is no, say 'No.' Don't say 'Not Really.' "*



*"Harrison, can I expect you home for dinner tonight? The children have grown and gone, and I've fixed macaroni and cheese just the way you like it."*







THE PRESIDENT HONORS  
A HARDWORKING COMPOSER





*"You never knew it, but for many years I've been secretly in love with Joan Crawford, Greta Garbo, and Brigitte Bardot. I've also had a secret crush on Ginger Rogers, Cyd Charisse, and Raquel Welch, not to mention a secret platonic thing for Faye Dunaway and Jessica Lange."*



*"Oh, Harvey, Harvey! The whole idea is to look casual.  
Can't you even try to look casual?"*

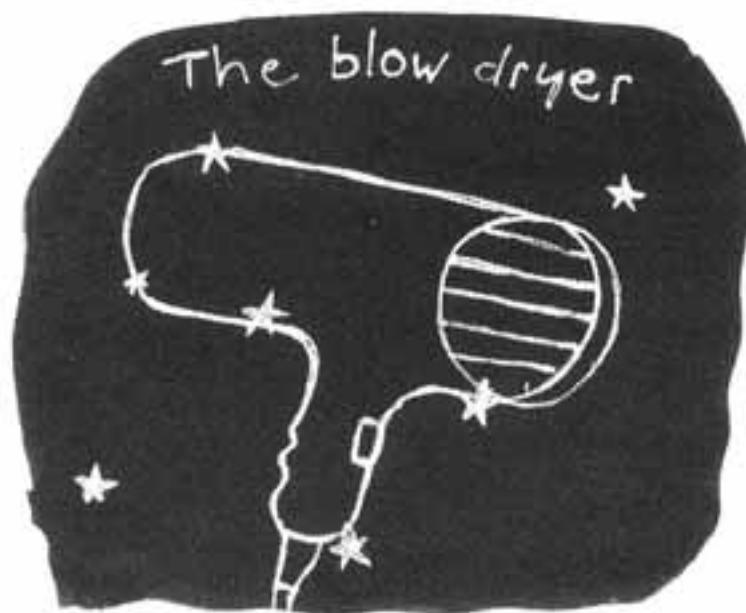


*"This is room 458. I'd like to be awakened at seven-fifteen  
and wished good luck on the Hewison deal."*



*"Stab is with us tonight to try very hard to say something coherent about his new album."*

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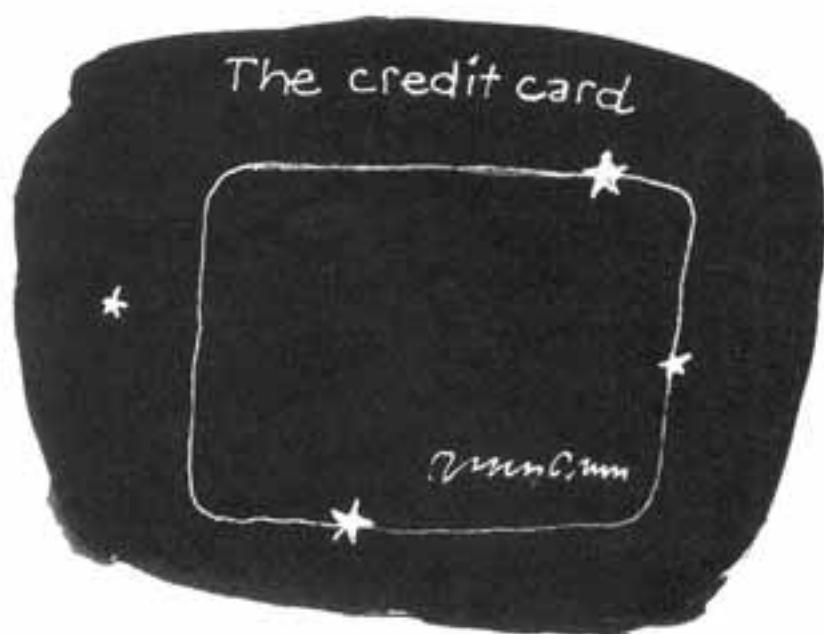
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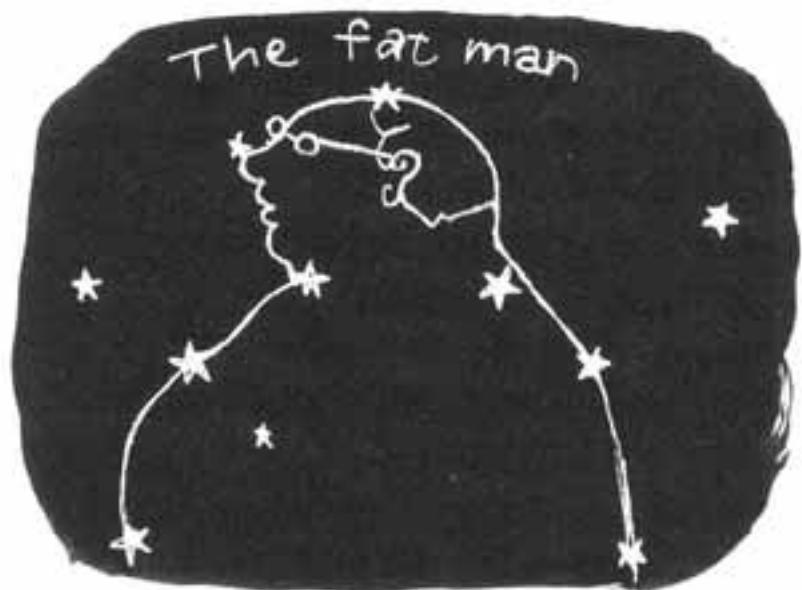
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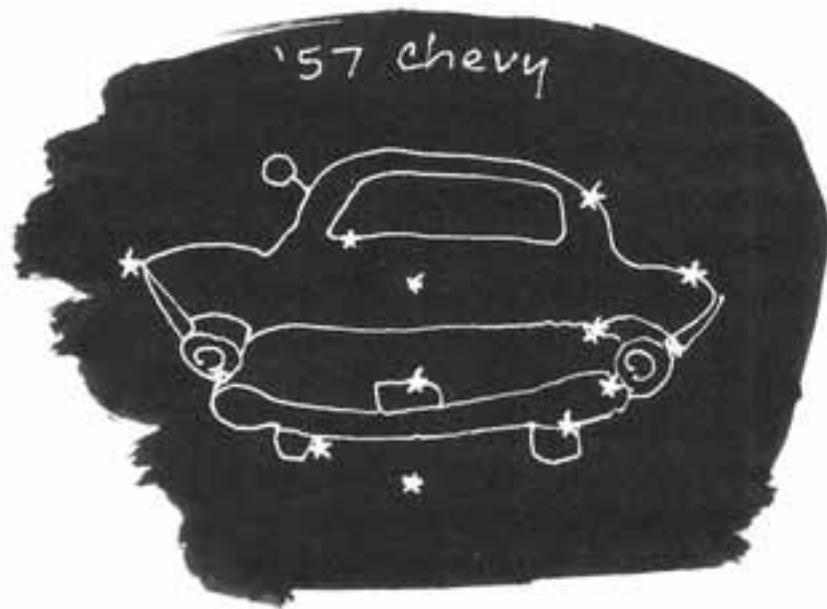
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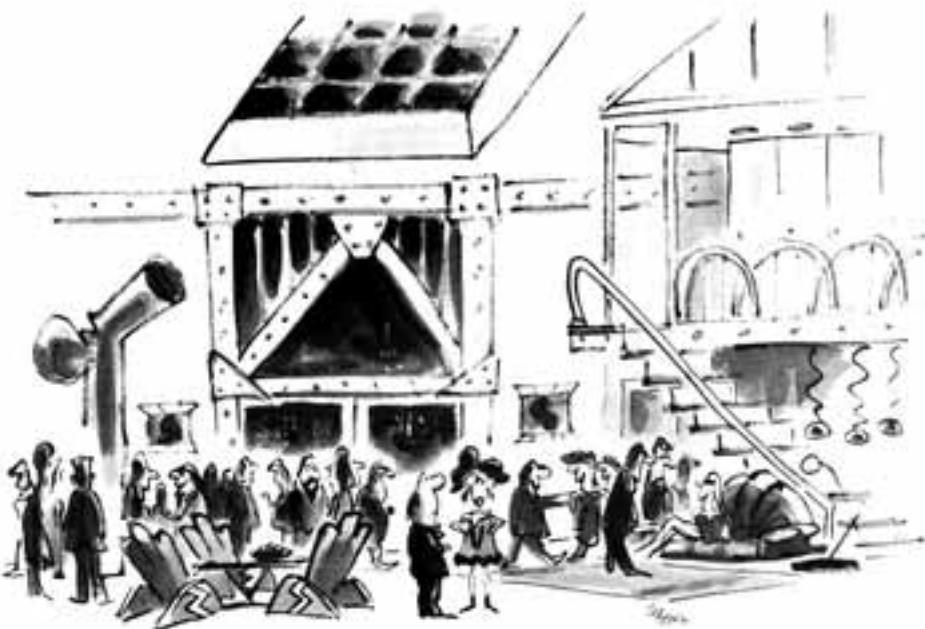


WALL ST. GLITTERATI

Leo  
Cullum



*"Well, sir, that depends. Are you having lunch or doing lunch?"*



*"Is this some kind of 'tech'?"*



*"Mr. Wilson has asked me to determine whether you come bearing gifts."*



*"Thank you. I think your ears are cute, too."*



*"We are being wooed."*





*"Hey, George! We can use some of your jokes over here!"*



*"I lied, cheated, and stole to become a millionaire. Now anybody at all can win the lottery and become a millionaire."*



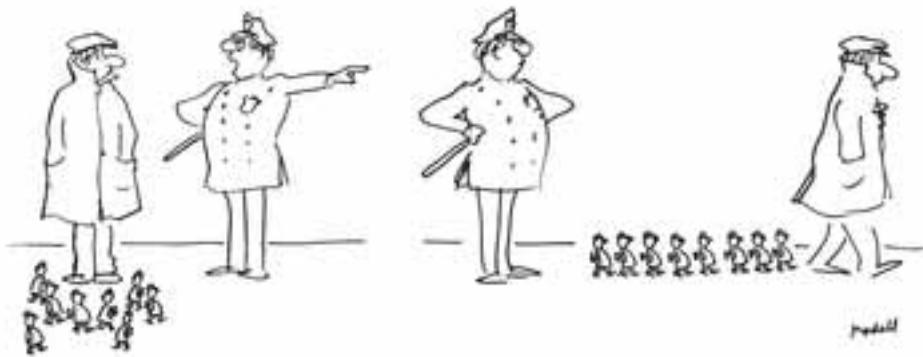
*"First, give me your word that no matter what I say later  
you won't sell me another herringbone."*



*"You might ask, 'Can two people who love each other find happiness in an era of skyrocketing deficits?' I think they can."*



*"How did it go today? And, if I may, I'd like a followup."*







Henry Martin

*"Well, what do you want to be when you grow up, Mr. Bromley?"*



*"Just a fluke. Everybody showed up."*



*"I'm sleeping better, and I just crossed the equator  
on my rowing machine."*

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN





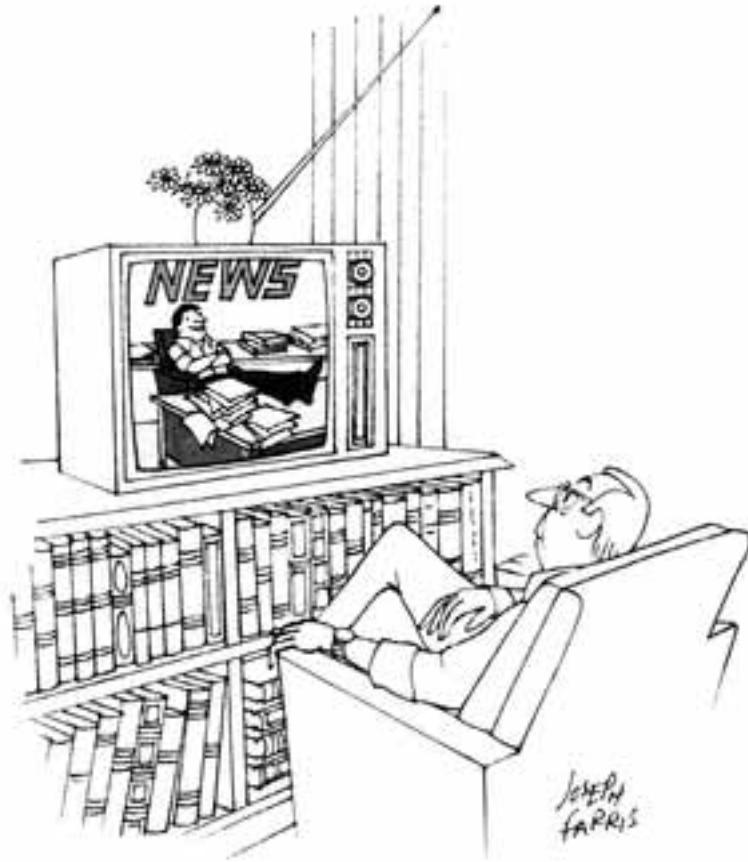
*"Just do me one favor, will you? Don't tell  
me what it reminds you of."*



*"Yes, this is the number of the European Economic Community,  
but I'll have to get back to you. Right now we're in disarray."*



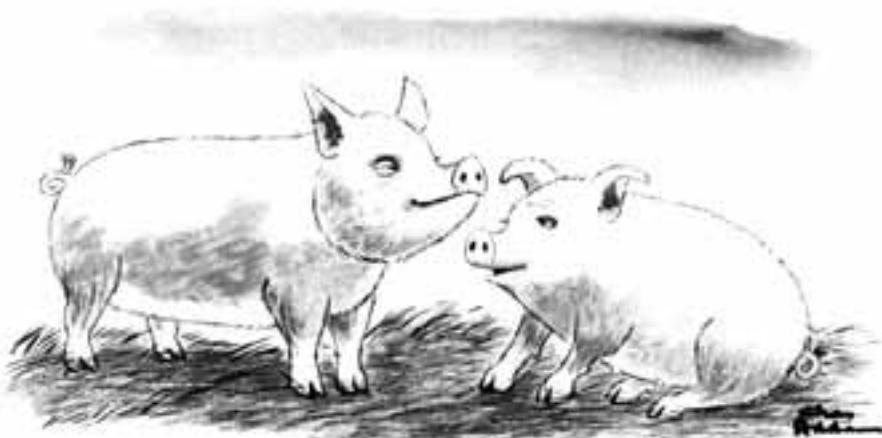
*"Harwell's also '54—Grand Cru Classé."*



*"Welcome to the laid-back six-o'clock news."*



*“And bless this fresh-roasted coffee. It has rich,  
full-bodied flavor, and it’s decaffeinated.”*

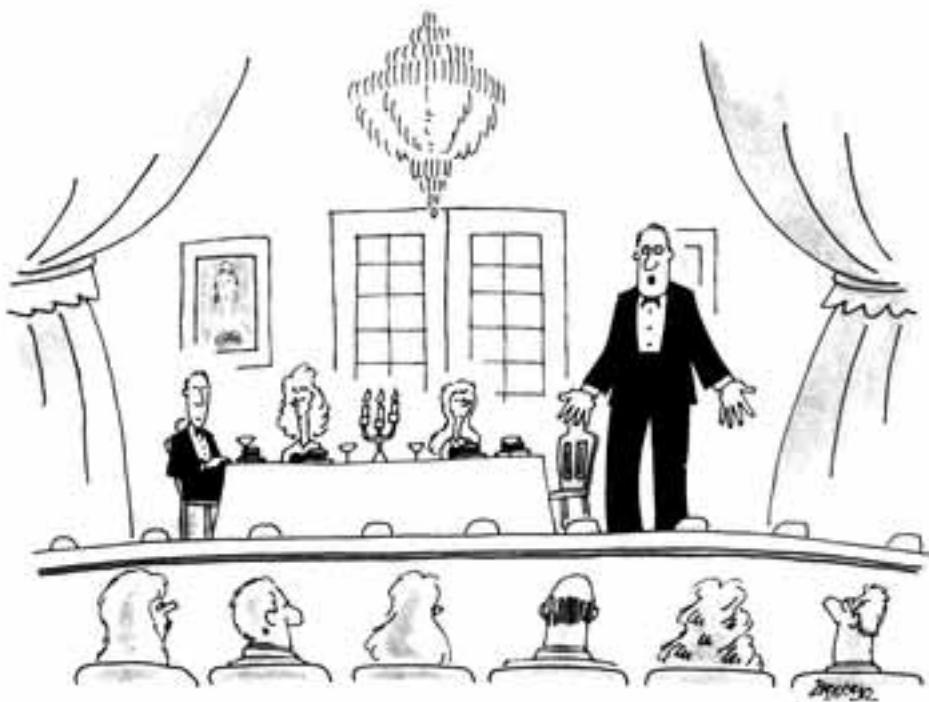


*"You're all swine, Albert!"*

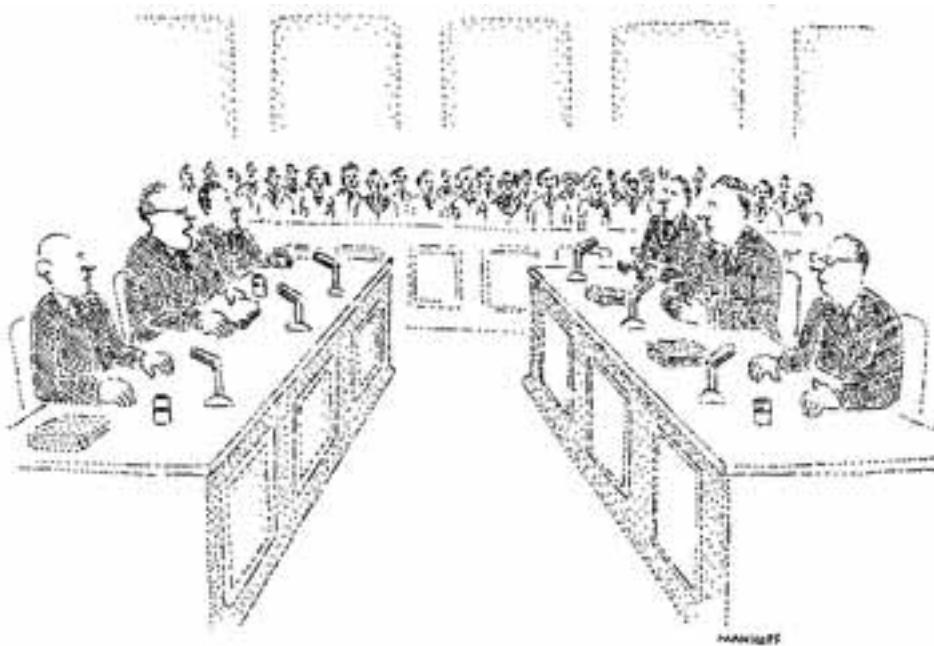




*“Don’t be humorous, Ed. Life is too short.”*



*"Is there any ketchup in the house?"*



*"Let's get one thing straight. Your commission didn't call my commission here, my commission called your commission here."*





*"Are you kidding? My husband, here, is compounded daily."*



*No-Frills Foreign Policy*



*"I had a terrific alibi, but there's just no satisfying some people."*



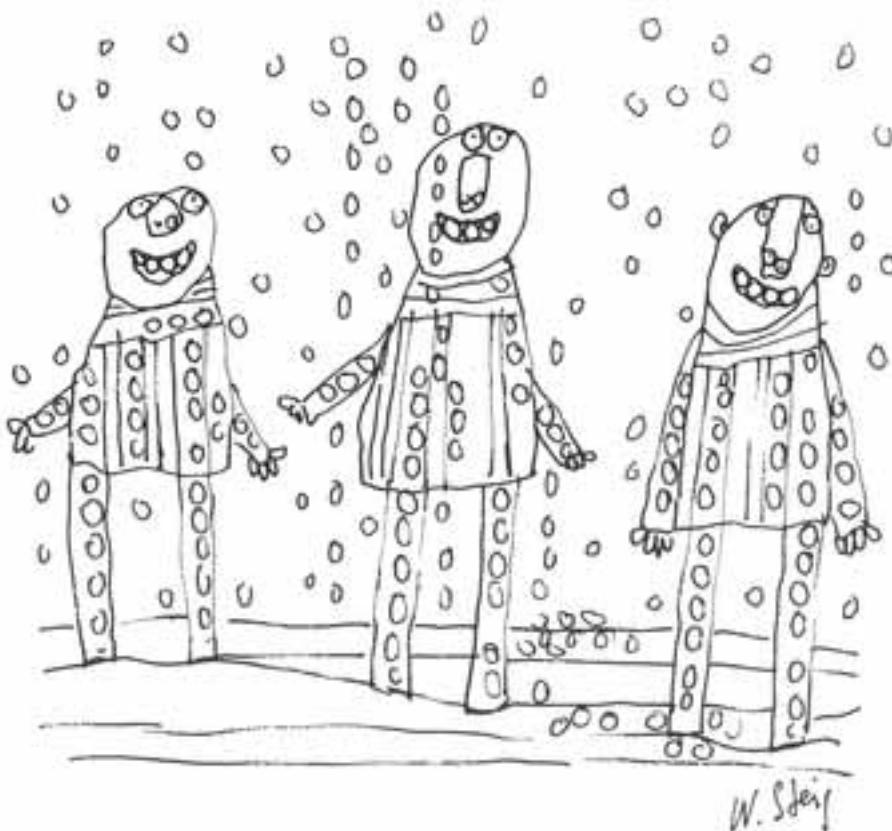


*"You never call me Queenie anymore."*





*“Say, fella, how’s your French?”*



*Pennies from Heaven*



*"New specs?"*



*"You have neglected to pay your bill, and Mr. Nauman,  
of American Express, is livid."*



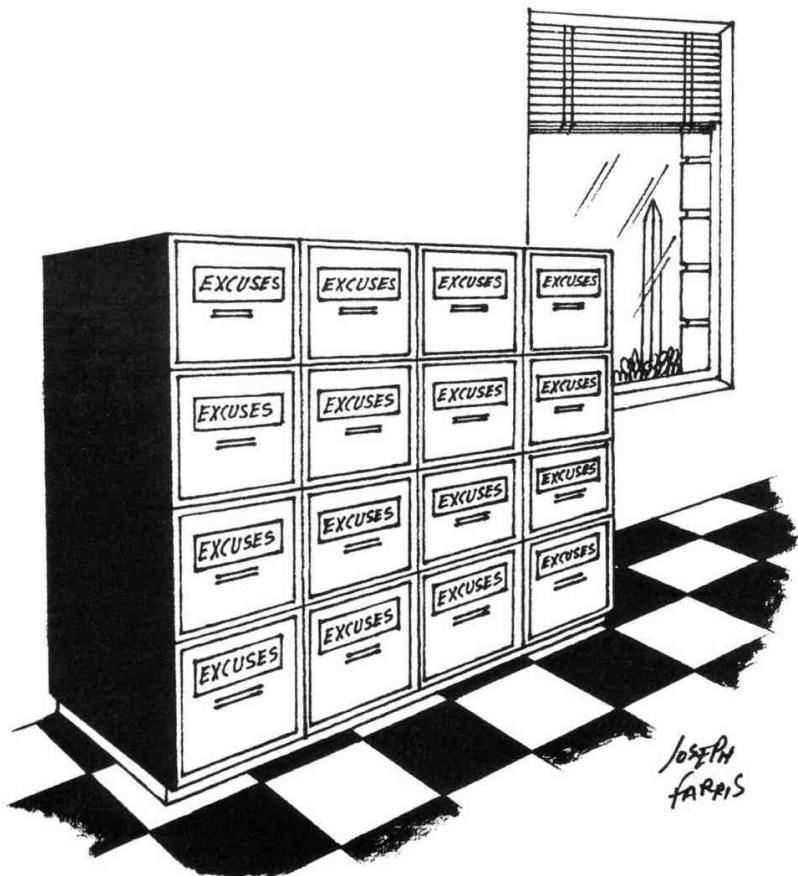
Charles  
Addams



*"I think I'll be wicked today and skip Anthony Lewis."*



*"I believe we're the first major corporation to have a full-time mascot."*





*"State of the art, sir. The only ice bucket you'll ever need."*

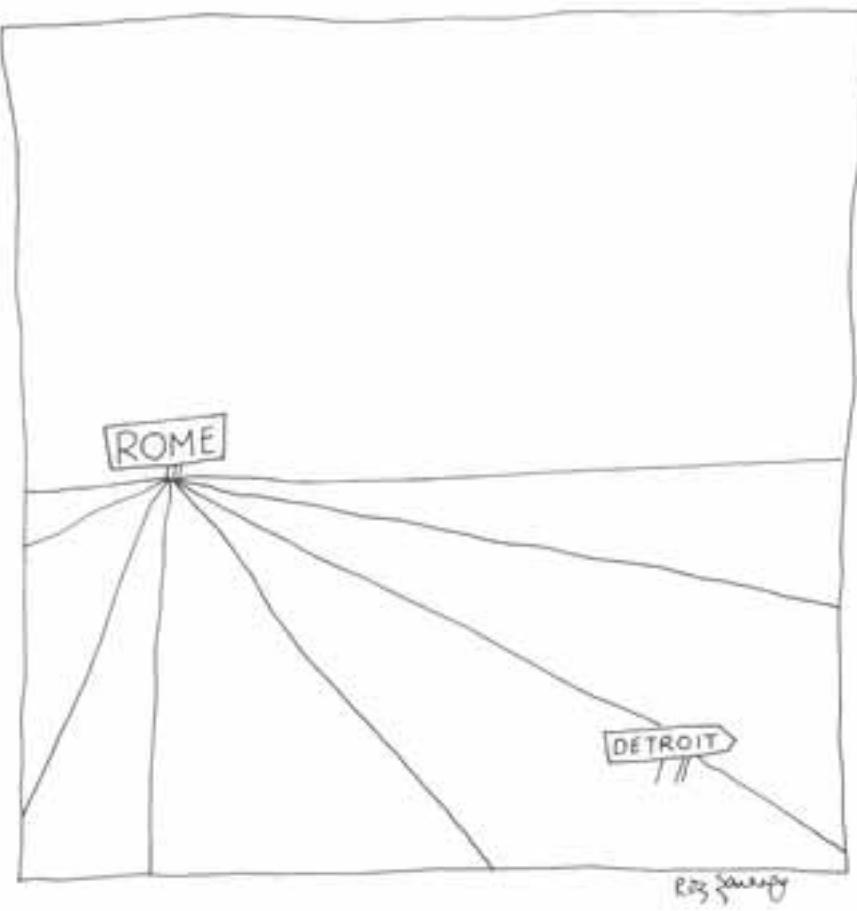


*"Anthony-at-the-Citicorp Center Atrium  
escorting Maritsa-at-Trump Tower."*





*"Al, you're great. I mean really incredibly great.  
And your dog is incredibly great."*



Roz Zanengo

BREAKING POINT



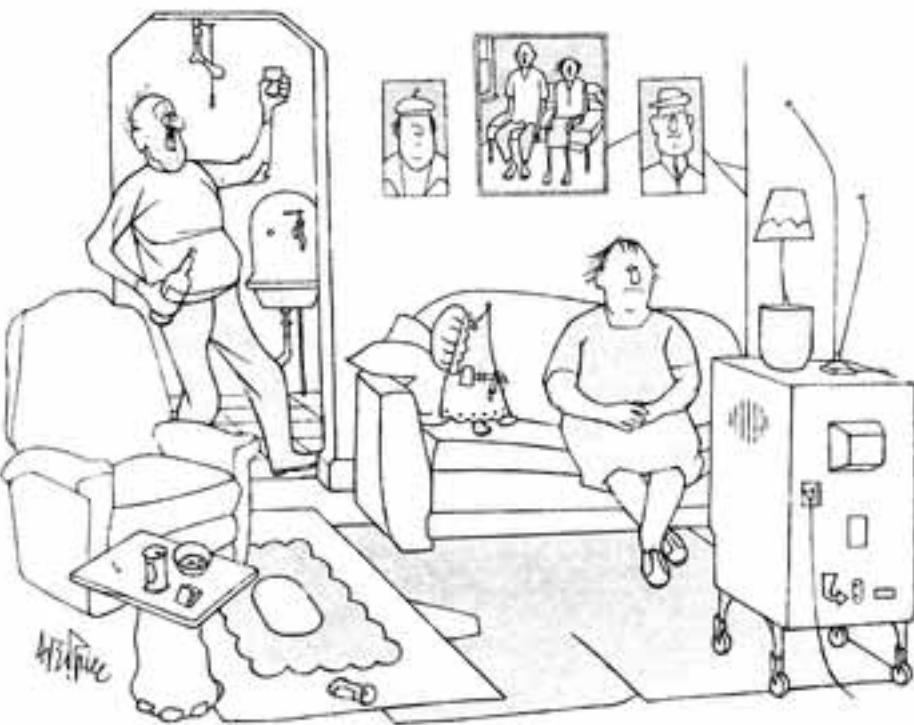


*"The local weather? Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha! Listen, folks,  
you don't want to hear about the local weather tonight.  
Go on into the kitchen and get a glass of warm milk.  
Back to you, Paula."*



*"It's Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom."*





*"To your brother. And, this being the Year of  
the Rat, to rodents everywhere."*



*"Why don't we take a look? It's twice as big, but you can leave when you've had enough."*





*Eastbound Traffic*



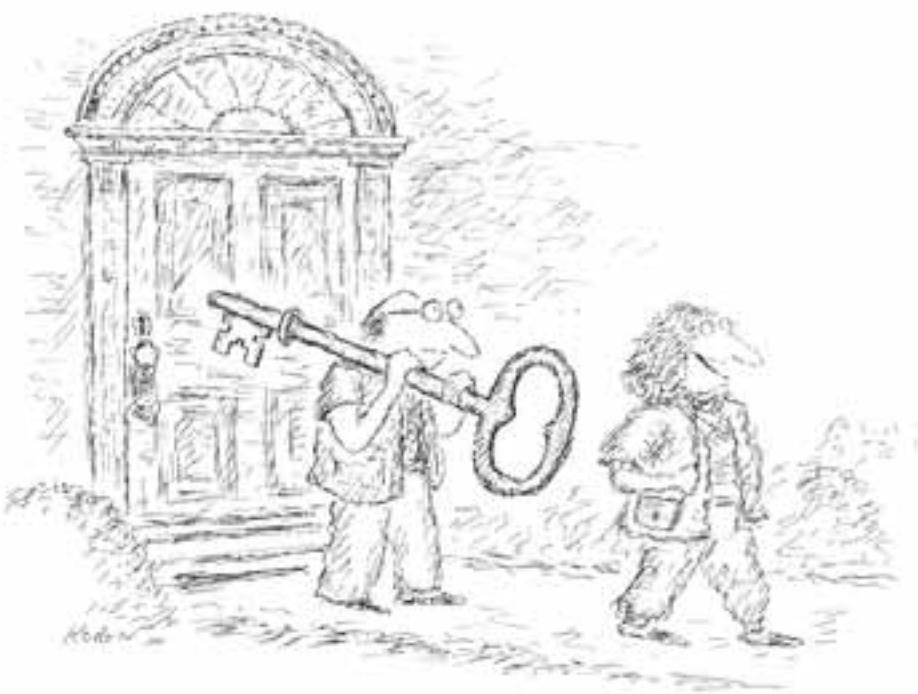
*"Something in a pearl gray for doffing."*



*"I wish I'd known about that plan Hodgson is in. He still gets his pension on the first of each month even though he's dead."*

FOUR PRESS AGENTS  
OF THE  
APOCALYPSE





*"Do you have the key?"*



*"I'm Timothy, a child for the eighties."*



*"He just isn't happy unless he's in the eye of the hurricane."*



*"True, you're a butterfly now, but you still think like a caterpillar."*



*"And now, Reynolds, a word from you."*



*"Rex is coming. Get out there and give him a blast."*



*"Of course, I didn't always have the ability to intimidate people."*





*"I've measured a great deal of humidity in my time, son."*



*"Everything's a trap if you're not careful."*

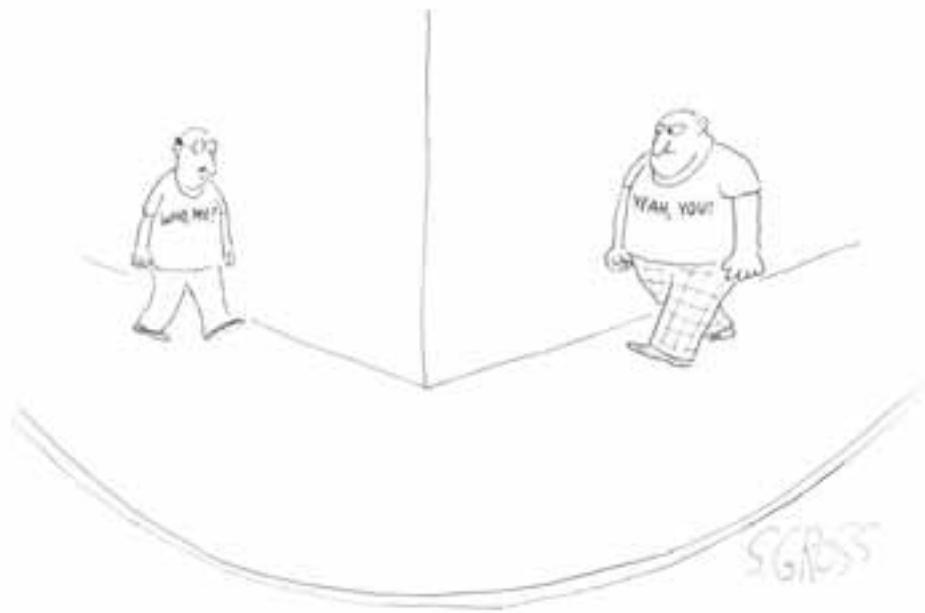


*"If you're ever in the Pentagon, look me up."*





*"I think I already ate the truffles without realizing it."*

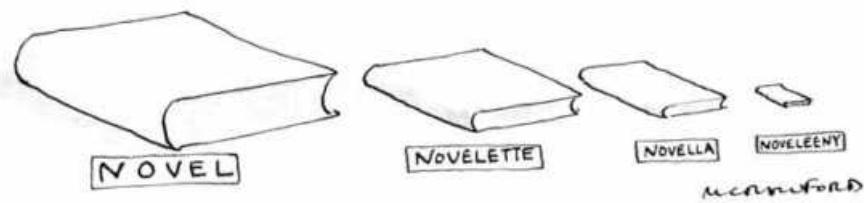




*"Like Shirley MacLaine, Doris is fifty and has great legs."*



*"I must say, Nelson, you've always been a good provider."*

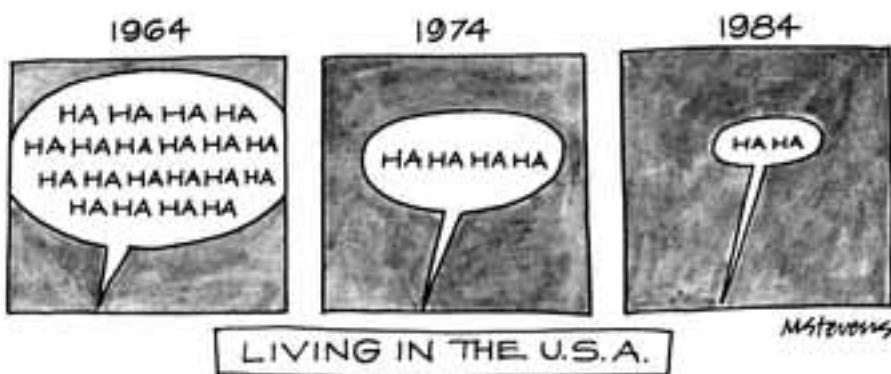




*"Well, you are indeed fortunate, ladies and gentlemen,  
as Lord Edmond himself is seldom on the guided tour."*



*"Which is it I can't abide—sushi or sashimi?"*





*"When we close this deal, Everett, I'm going to do a little dance, but I'd like to do it at the Harvard Club."*



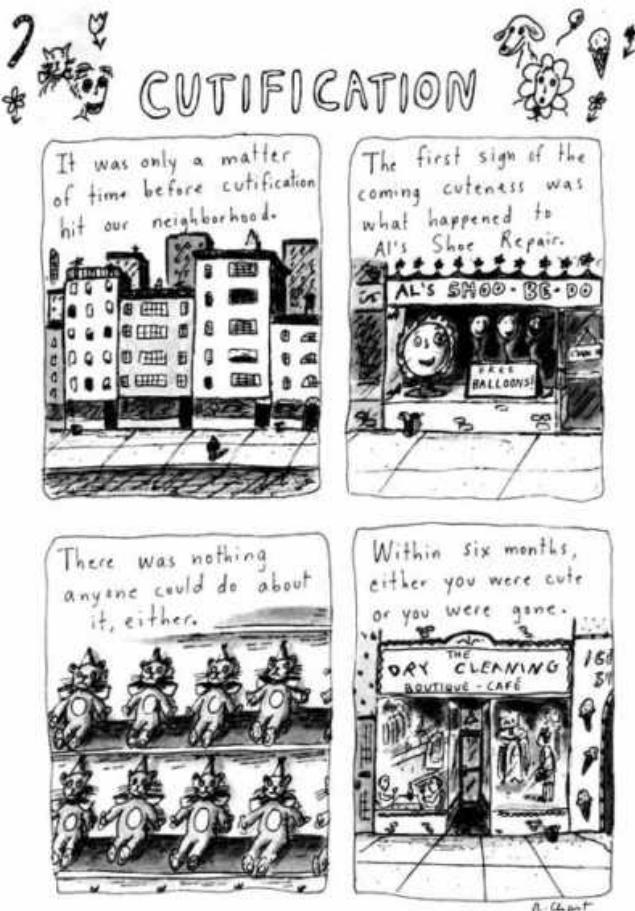
*"How's the egg?"*



*"Soviet-American relations reached an all-time low today for the fourteenth consecutive day, establishing a new record for consecutive all-time lows."*









*"I'm afraid getting away from it all is a concept of yesteryear."*



*"You've been sweet, Bill, but I really had something  
a bit more turbo in mind."*



*"For Albert, today is the first day of the rest of 'War and Peace.' "*



*Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witherspoon and Fugitive  
Financier Robert Vesco*



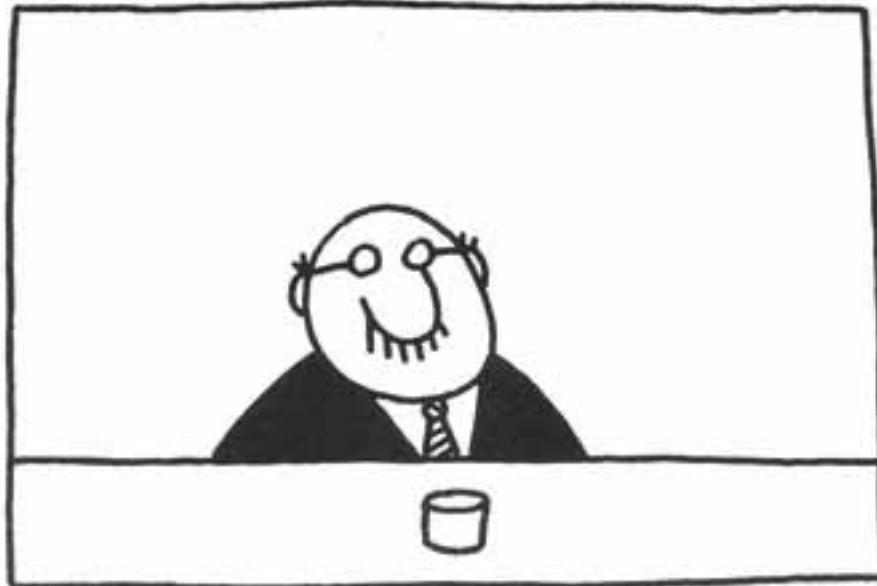
*"Mr. Winthrop here wonders if he should have confidence  
in our bank. Tell him, gang!"*



*"The cat is out late tonight, but don't worry about it.  
She'll come home pretty soon."*

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ORIGINALLY FROM BOISE, IDAHO



Charles Barsotti







*"For you, Jerry. Mondale."*



*"Looks like they've initiated a big-band policy."*



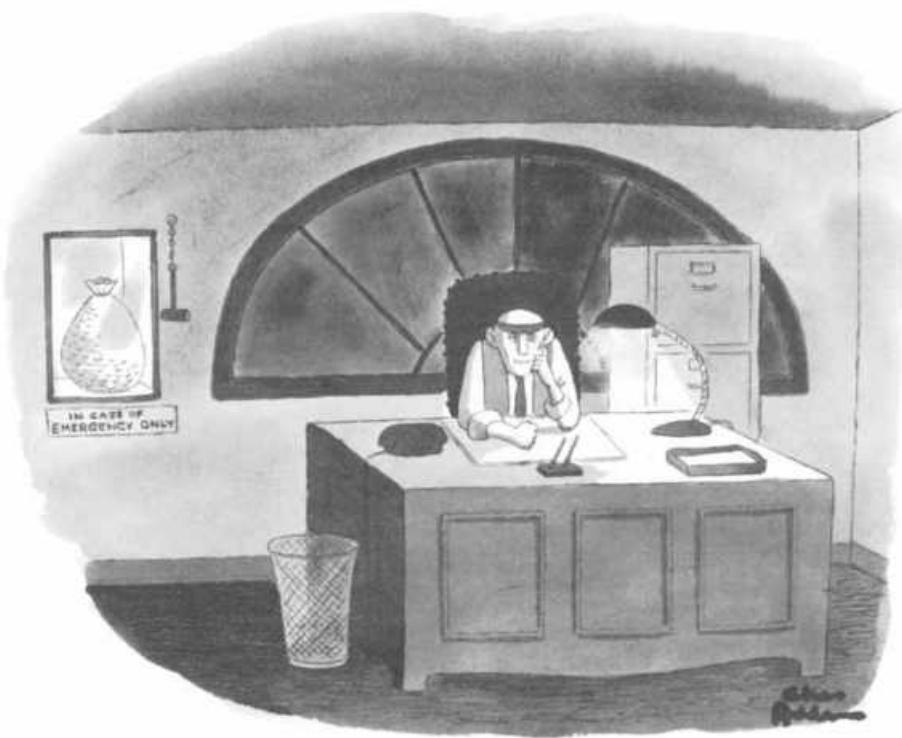
*"The thing I like about New York, Claudia, is you."*



*Memories*



CHAPTER II-A. OLIVER FALLS AMONG BLEEDING HEARTS.





*"We call this one the Presidential Hopeful."*



*"Beg your pardon, but I couldn't help noticing that we're both reading this summer's blockbuster beach book."*





*"Hey! If the big crunch is going to blow us all to hell,  
why don't we pass out some medals in advance?"*



*"James Waterstone III, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Fairtex Industries. Dear Jamie: Thank you very much for the lovely towels you sent me for my birthday. Yours truly, V. Farnsworth Bridgely."*



*"I can tell you this much. If we admit Vermont and Kentucky,  
we'll have to find a bigger place to go for lunch."*





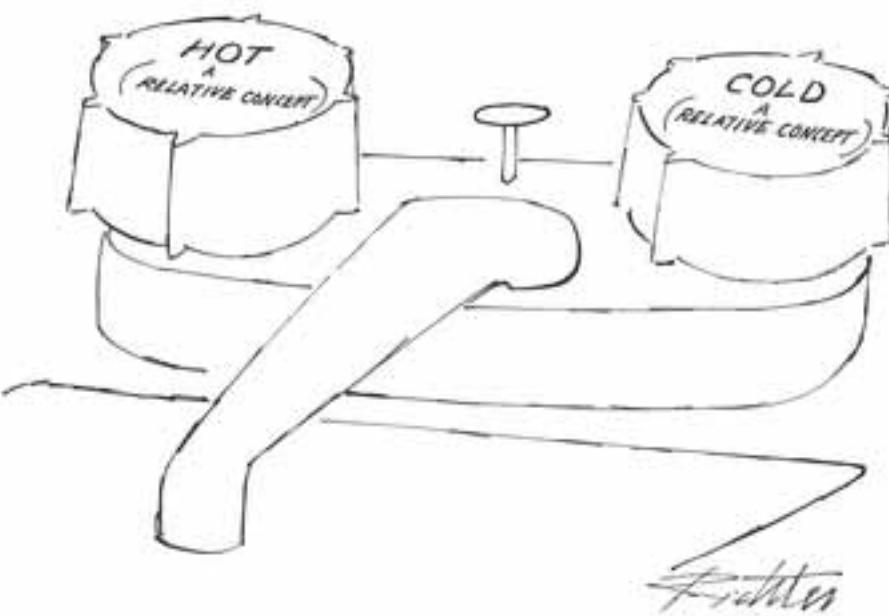
*"Ted, I love the way you make drinking seem so damned effortless."*

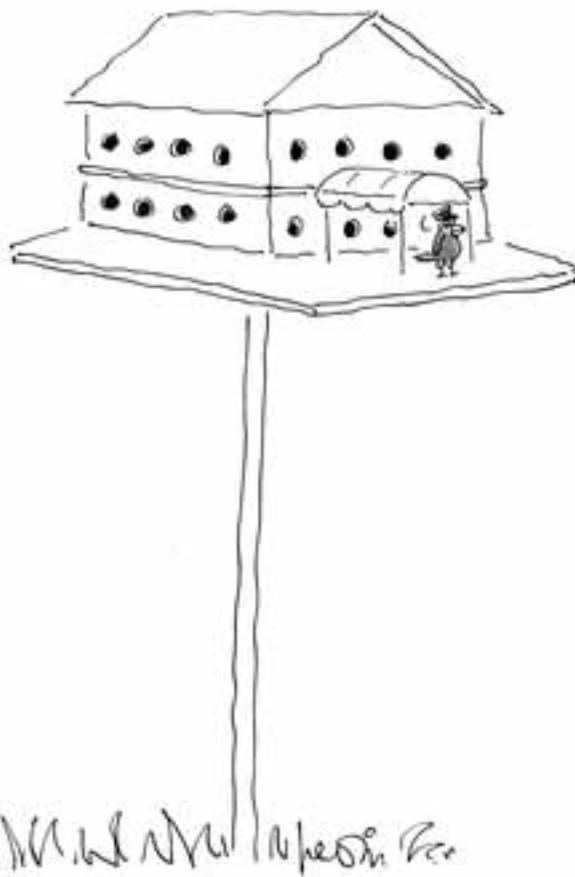


*"Hi there, philodendron fans."*



*"Why not marry me? Just go for it!"*







*"You've been selected to appear in the forthcoming edition  
of 'Who's Who on the Lone Prairie.'"*





*"Very authoritative, Franny."*



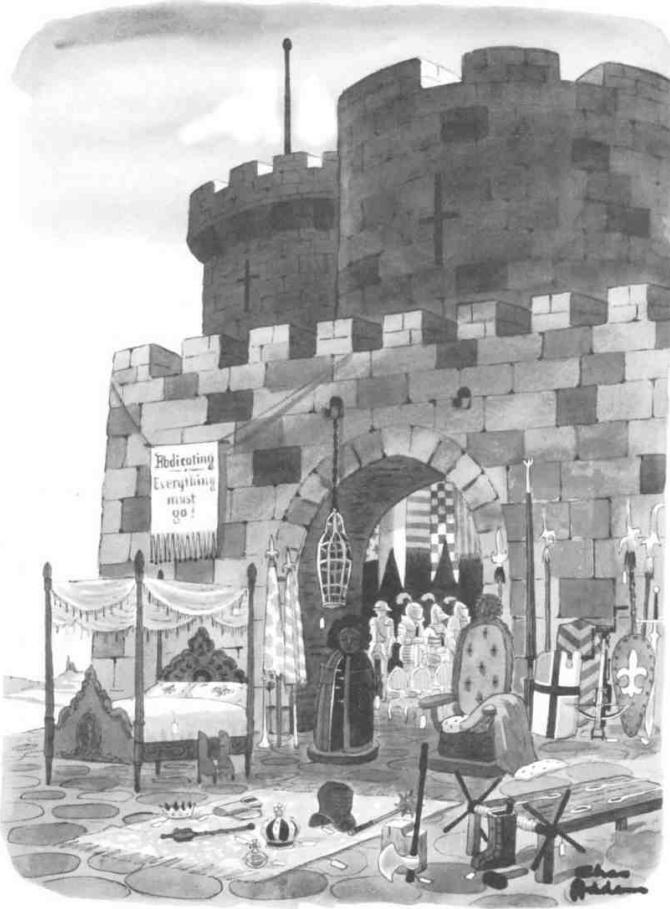
*"As I suspected all along, Mondale and Hart  
are really quite fond of each other."*



*Ancestor and Scion*



*“Damn, Emily, I’ve got to get new glasses. I swear, for a moment I thought you were Twyla Tharp.”*





*"You're not having much fun, are you? I like that in a man."*



*"The chill factor, as I make it, is \$3,776.83."*



*"Yes, sir, it's made right here in this country with  
Japanese know-how."*



*"It's me, sweetheart—the madman you married in 1946."*



*"No harm done. I'm a grievance collector."*



*"The Pentagon couldn't send out all those contracts and do all the important things they do every day without your grand strategy, Keatley. Of course you have a grand strategy! Let's not hear any more of that 'I don't have a grand strategy' talk!"*



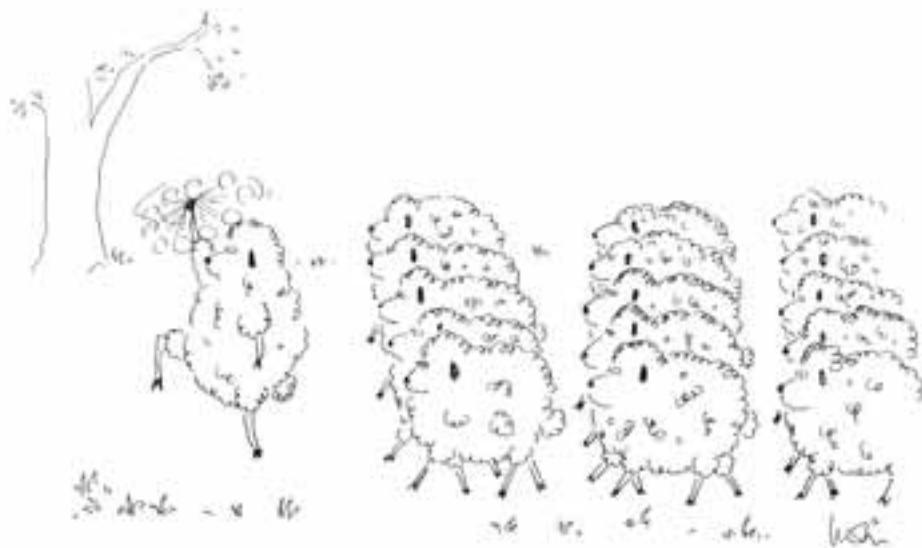
*"I've found it! It's a cure for the common cold, or it will increase fuel efficiency five hundred per cent, or it will make washday brighter!"*



*"Then she began picking on the long-distance phone company I chose."*

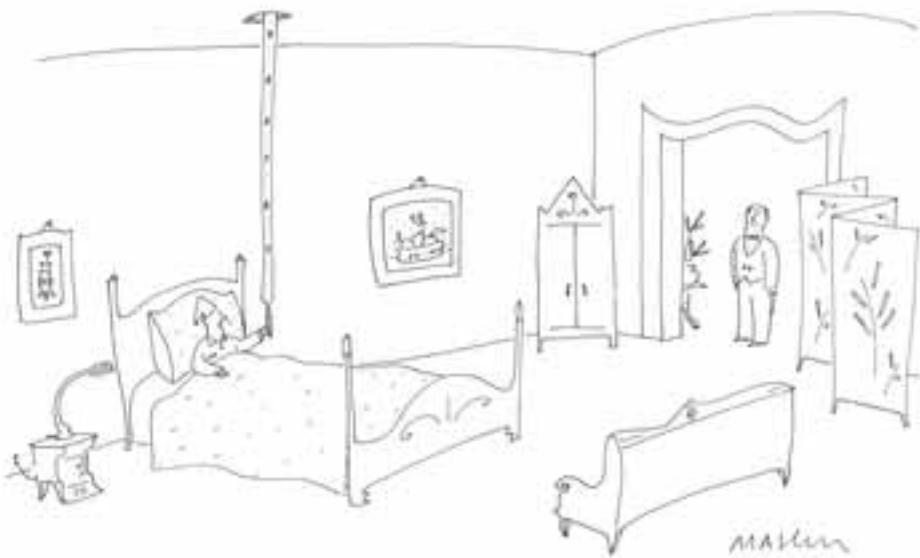


*"If this were the Hamptons, they'd be asking a million five easy."*



HERE TO HELP YOU



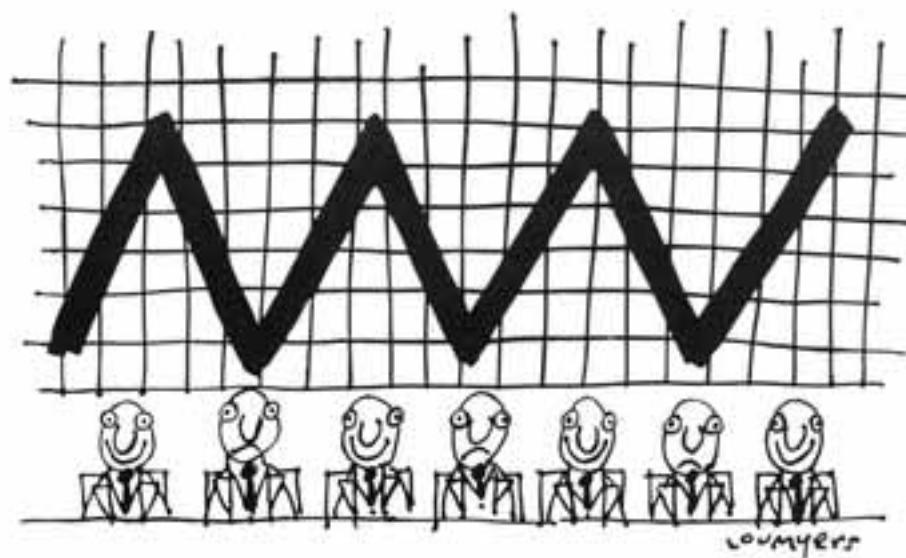


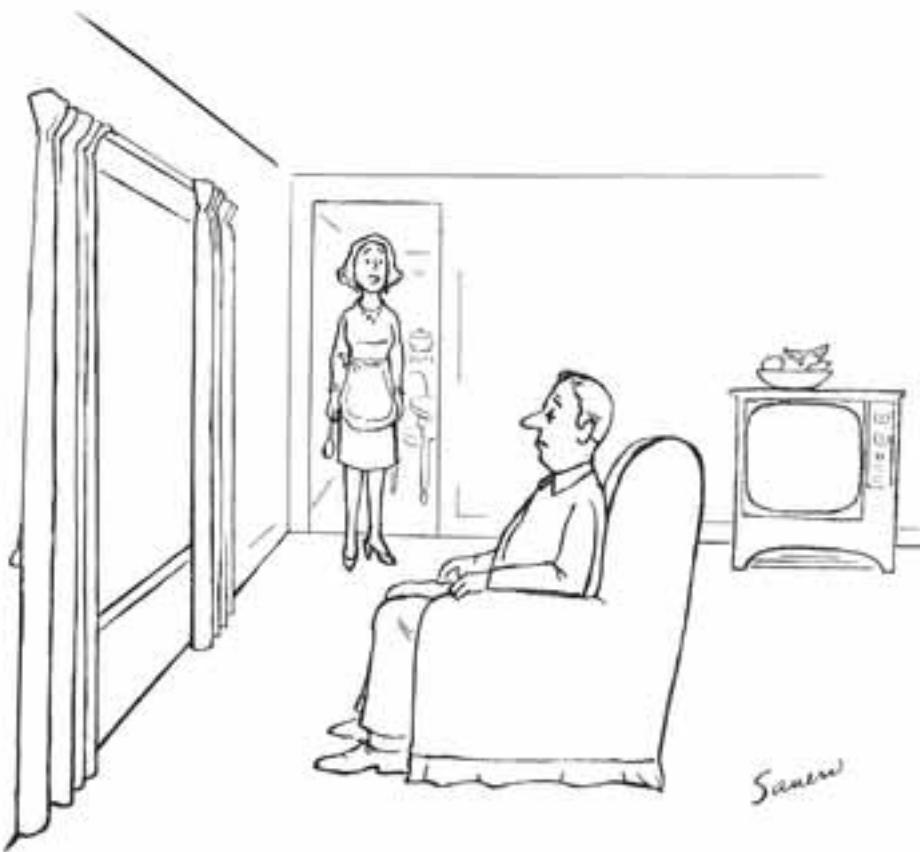
*"Chalmers, you may usher in the day."*





*"I think you'll find me listed under plumbing contractors."*





*"Nothing on?"*



*"I'm the Raider Fedora on the extreme left."*





*"Please don't misunderstand me. I think running a woman for Vice-President is a charming idea."*



*"I'm absolutely against total war, but then I'm  
not for total peace, either."*



*"It's me—the much-maligned Harold Critchlow."*



*Vacation*



Chon  
Day

*"I'll have whatever is in bountiful supply."*

BANK LINES OF THE OLD WEST (1 OF 4)



*Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1648*

BANK LINES OF THE OLD WEST (2 OF 4)



*Fort Mandan, Missouri Territory, 1813*

BANK LINES OF THE OLD WEST (3 OF 4)



*Sutter's Mill, California, 1849*

BANK LINES OF THE OLD WEST (4 OF 4)



*Dodge City, Kansas, 1877*



*"Can I go home at three today, sir? There's  
something good on cable."*



*"Everyone in our family has a commitment to something."*



*"David is a very intense person."*



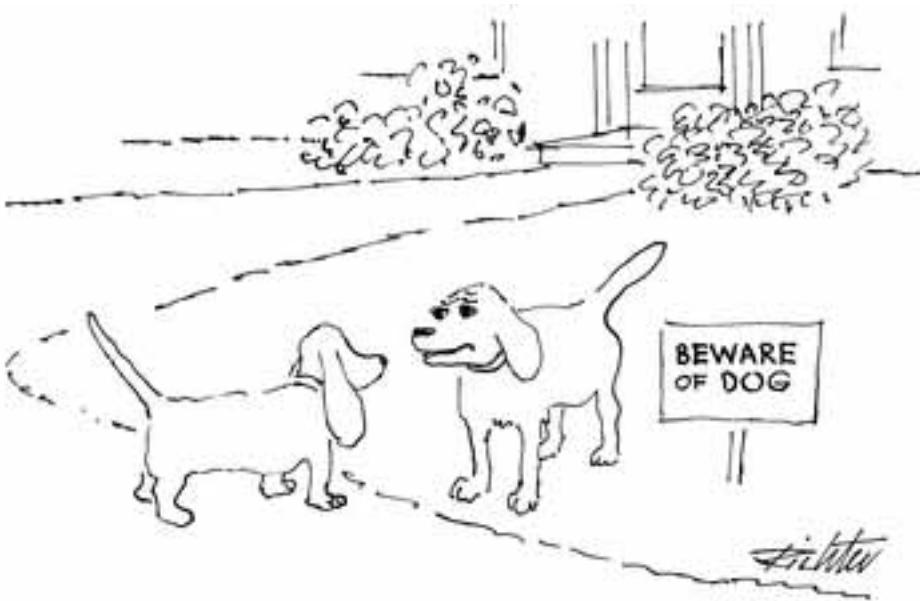
*"I wouldn't call our first meeting love at first sight,  
but you were in the right place at the right time."*



*"A word to the wise, fella. No one around here  
calls this the 'slurbs.'"*



*"Something about this clear, clean Swiss air  
makes one want to boogie, doesn't it?"*



*"It's very gratifying, but there's a lot of responsibility  
that goes along with it."*



*"Hi, I'm Monica Lamont. Let's delve."*





*"Did Yogi Berra ever say anything besides  
'It ain't over till it's over'?"*





*"Did we ever tell you about the night we almost went bowling?"*





*"The Countess of Aldershot and her damn poodle!"*





*"But let us try to forget politics for the moment."*



*"I'm thinking of repositioning you in my life."*



*"Bob up and down."*

WEATHER (1 OF 9)



*Sleet*

WEATHER (2 OF 9)



*Drizzle*

WEATHER (3 OF 9)



*First Snowfall*

WEATHER (4 OF 9)



*Sun Shower*

WEATHER (5 OF 9)



*Downpour*

WEATHER (6 OF 9)



*Balmy Day*

WEATHER (7 OF 9)



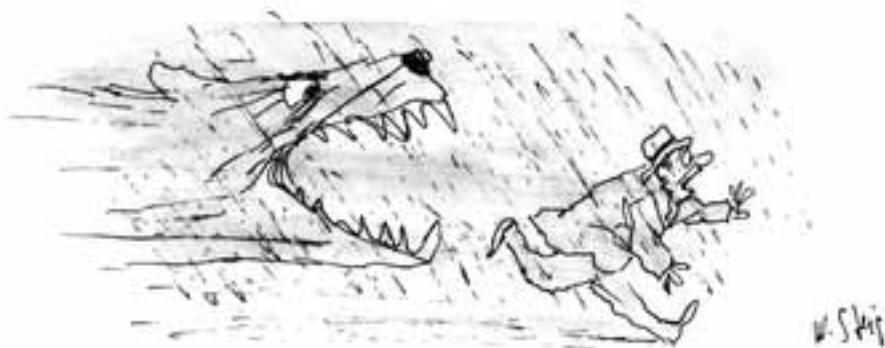
*Wind*

WEATHER (8 OF 9)



*Hail*

WEATHER (9 OF 9)



*Hurricane*



*"Miss Spinelli, I'm in place and ready to deal with the major problems confronting management today."*



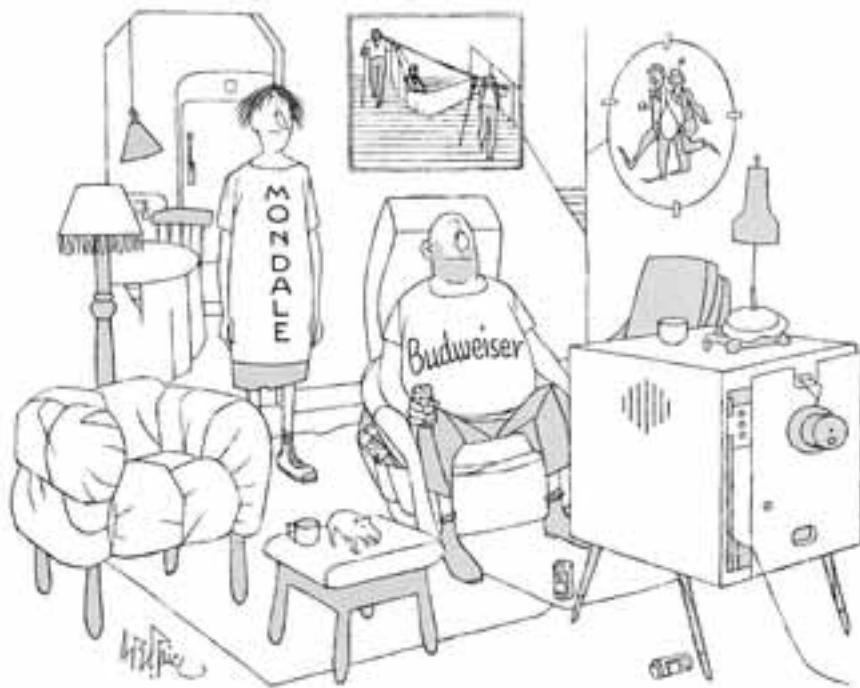
*"Well, what's going on in the world?"*

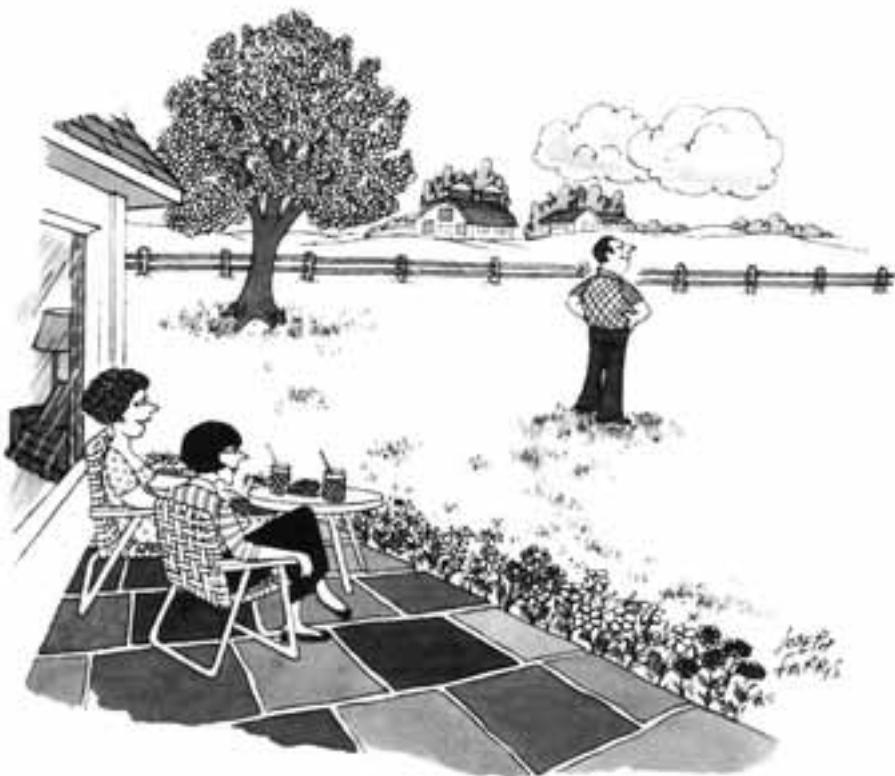


*"They know me here."*



*"My old man says your old lady's a knockout."*





*"For Roger it's the realization of a lifelong quest—the perfect lawn."*



*"Today, all of the Administration's leading apologists apologized."*



*"Tourist class, and proud of it!"*



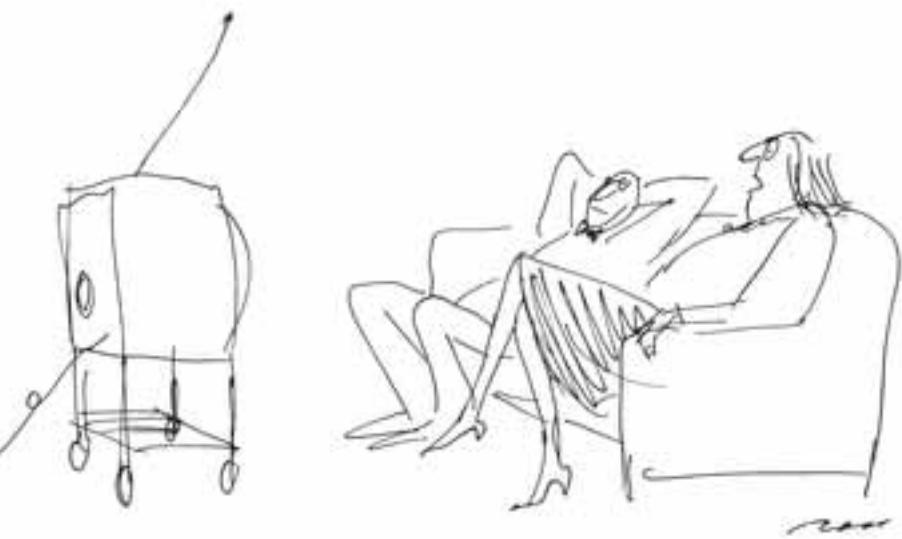
*"Oh, it's you, John. Since when are you J.B.?"*



*"I'll have whatever he's having."*



*"Here's old What's-His-Name again to entertain the troops."*



*"Do you think there are Johnny Carsons on other planets?"*





*"The one on the left is her personal nutritionist."*



*A Hexing in Progress*



*"Thanks, Helen—actually, I think we're both delightfully American."*



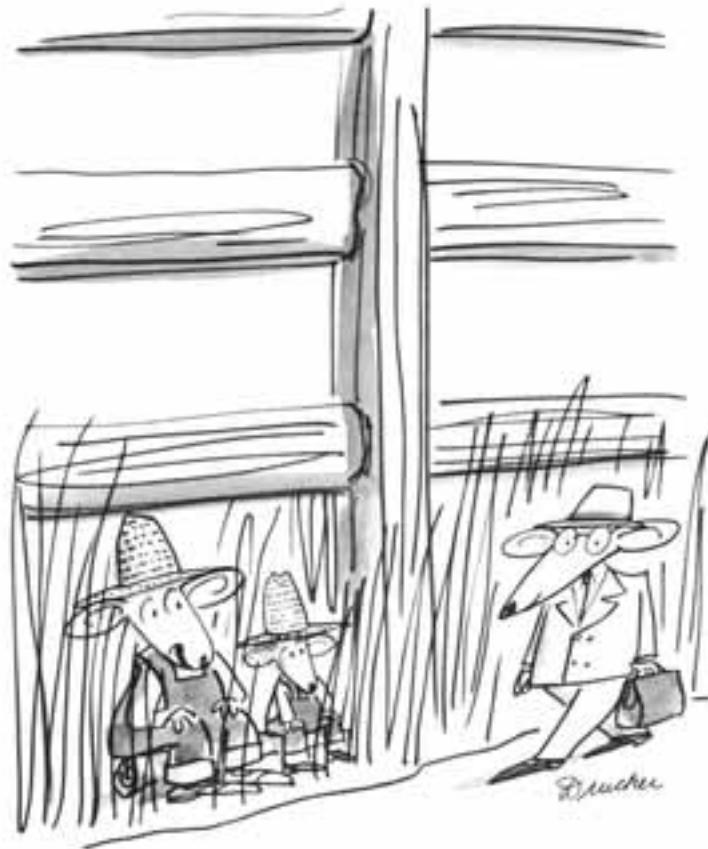
*"My prices used to be insane, but my wife said I was crazy."*



*"All right, men, this is it. There is no tomorrow."*



*"Well, that ends all discussion of the 'electability' question."*



*"There! That's a city mouse."*



*"Hey, wait a minute. What kind of writers' Workshop is this?"*



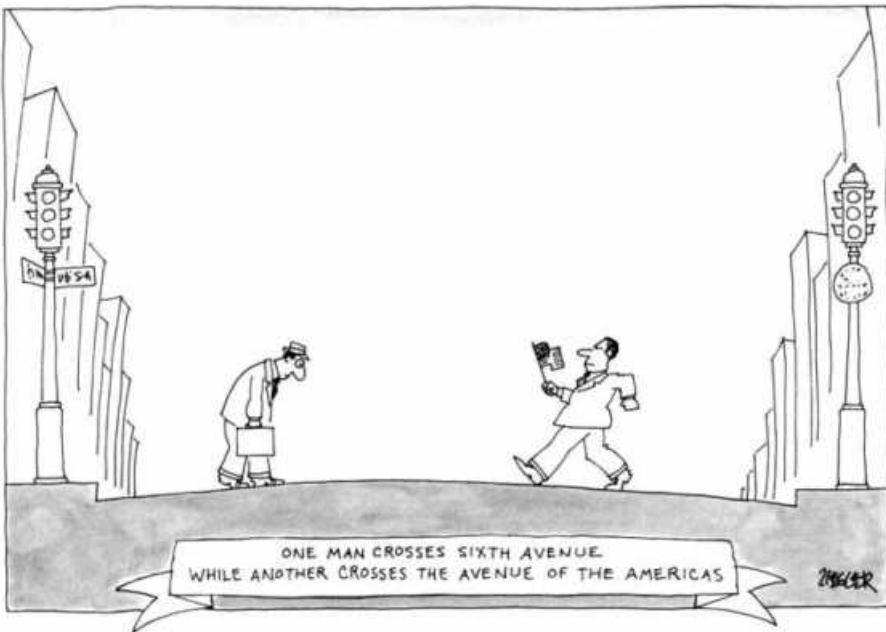
*"I don't know why everybody complains about how the Pentagon spends its money. If they had any idea how hard Keatley works to save money for everyone concerned, they would thank their lucky stars to have a man like him doing what he does in the Pentagon. Lucille, he takes those fourteen- and fifteen-year-old Vietnam airplanes, assigns them to our Air National Guard units for a while, and then eventually sells them to a little-bitty Central American ally for eight hundred thousand dollars each. That's the kind of money Keatley is saving every day. Every day, Lucille! And, of course, the little-bitty ally doesn't pay a dime of that, either, because Keatley and the Pentagon have all those details worked out in advance with the Congress."*



*"My Mom says to come in and have a seat. She's on two lines and has three people on hold."*



*"Now that we're friends with China, I could go for some  
Moo Goo Gai Pan and a side order of ribs."*





*"Trudy, I think you've done some significant  
gardening here."*



*"Wake me at six."*



*“While Joyce was in Zurich writing ‘Ulysses’ and Lenin was in Petrograd writing revolutionary tracts, I was in Columbus, Ohio, in Miss Lenley’s third-grade class writing ‘I promise to be a good boy’ on the blackboard one hundred times.”*



*"He's loyal, but he's no fool."*





*"This is everything a vacation should be. You and I, sand and saltwater in our hair, tanning beside the deep blue sea. Laughter, soft music, and the scent of suntan lotion in the breeze. And hot dogs with mustard on sale right over there."*

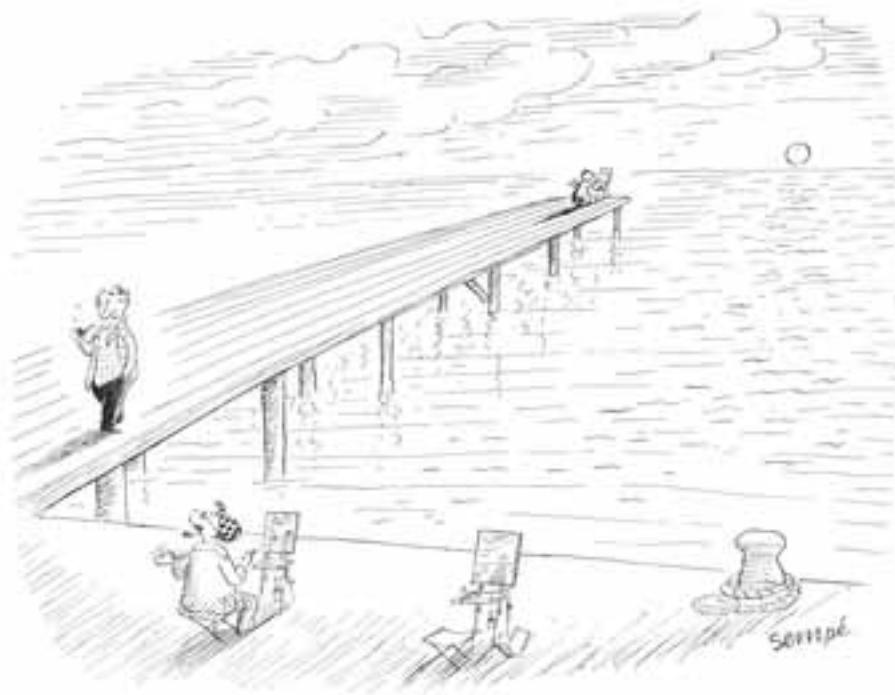


*"A Gerry!"*

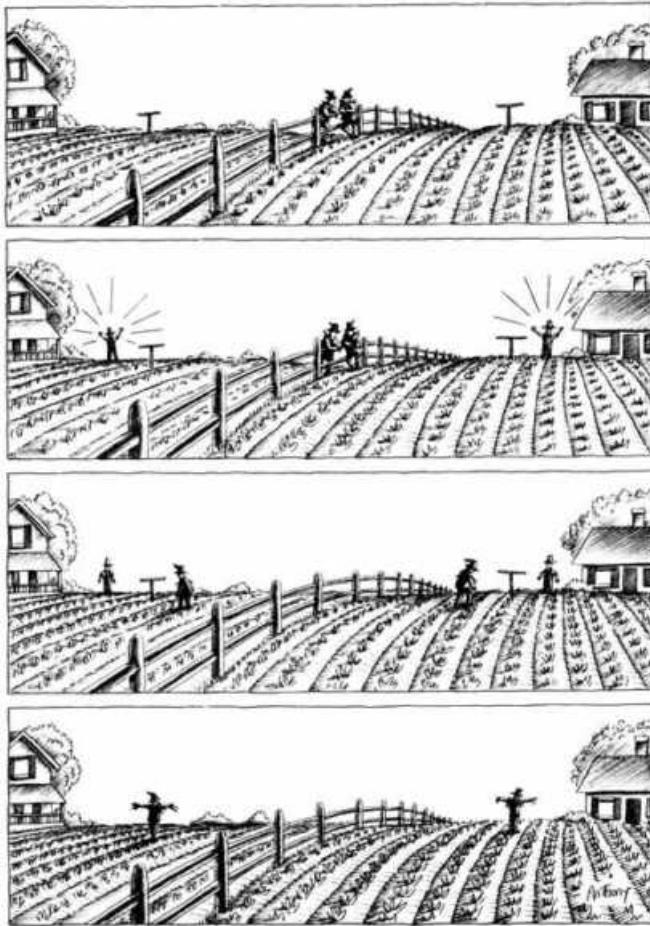
*More Hamptons*



R. Chast



*"He's closer, but not better."*



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*“Surprise me.”*





*"Am I to understand that my proposal is greeted  
with some skepticism?"*



*"I'm sorry, Mel, but we're letting all our anchormen go.  
Our viewers don't want any more news."*



*"I'm a frog. You're a frog. Hell, we're all frogs. Except, of course, for Prince Charming over there."*



*"I'd like to have you meet Mr. Grispin. Mr. Grispin  
is a Book-of-the Month Club Alternate, publisher's price  
fifteen ninety-five, members' price twelve ninety-five,  
plus two Book Dividend Credits."*



*"Young Kellerman has a lean-and-hungry look. But, of course, these days everyone has a lean-and-hungry look."*



*"Well, here we are in the grand scheme of things."*

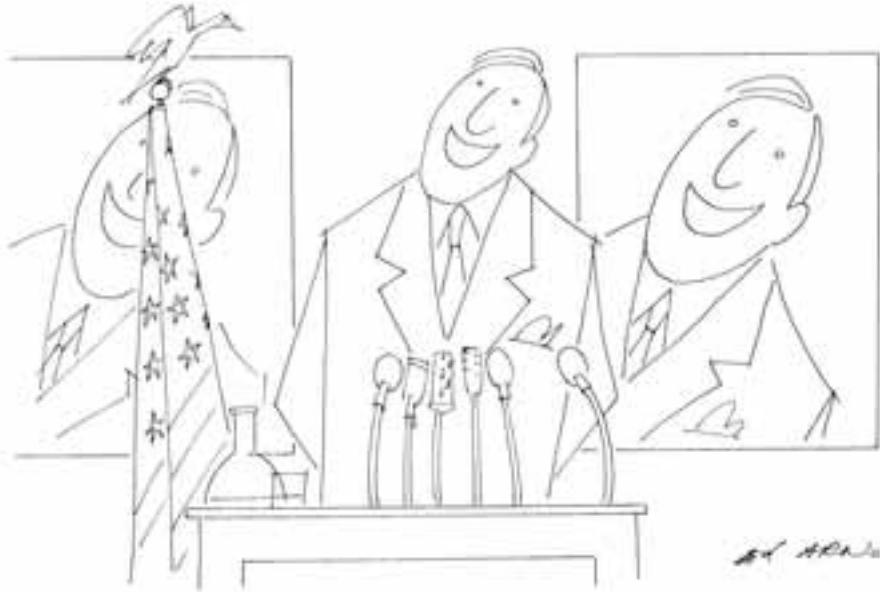


*"May I assume, then, that we are in agreement on the  
President's 'Star Wars' proposal?"*

TWO TICKETS TO THE JACKSONS' CONCERT



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*"And if elected I promise to keep smiling."*





*"And now this just in."*





*"If you're not entirely satisfied, feel free to come back here and punch me right in the nose. Now, who could ask for a better deal?"*



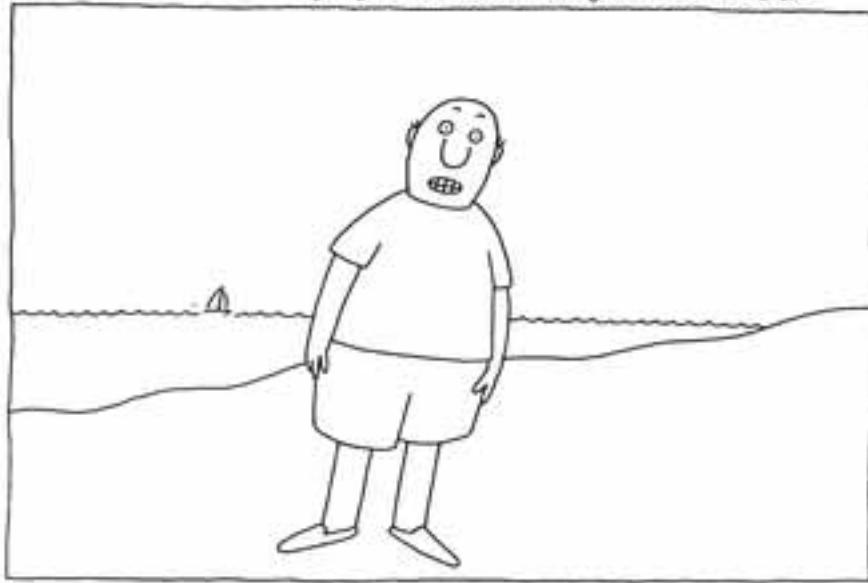
*“Are you quoting the old Nixon or the new Nixon?”*





*"Joan Rivers and Boy George are good friends. I think that's nice."*

*On the third day of vacation I began to relax.*





*"A Mr. Squirrel Nutkin and a Mrs. Tiggywinkle are here to see you."*



*"I'm certainly not better off. Four years ago, I was out  
on my own recognizance."*



*"We got it! We got the pyramid contract!"*



*"To living very New York but feeling very California!"*



*"How about one of those sunny old grandpas who  
make things look honest?"*





*"I don't talk about myself anymore."*



*"You keep parading around in that wetsuit, but  
you never get wet."*

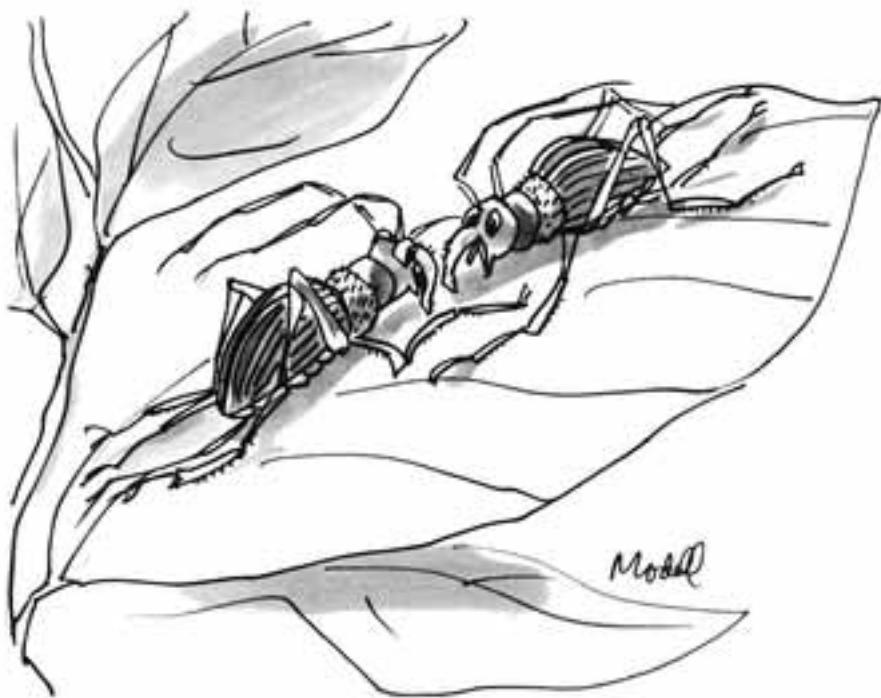


*"This is my favorite spaghetti joint."*





*"The truth hurts, Leo, and this is going to hurt a lot."*



*"At first I thought you were scary, too."*

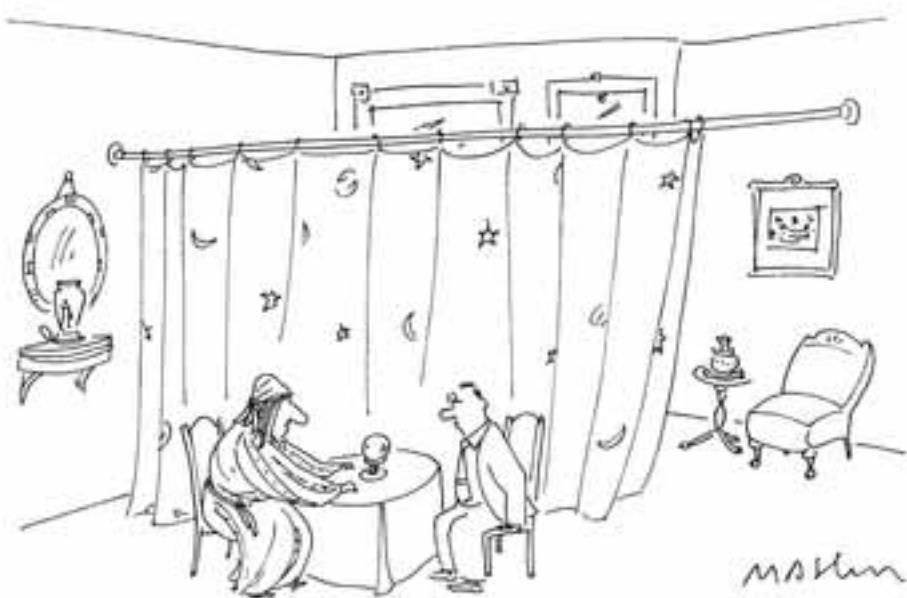




*"Wait a second. Are we talking covert covert  
or just plain covert?"*



*"Earl is my severest critic."*



*"Like Andy Griffith, you've recently had to make a most difficult decision regarding your telephone."*



*"Well, Koch is at least right about the middle class. I think  
a pretty terrific bunch."*



*"Everything that was bad for you is now good for you."*



*Chez Eux*



*“Don’t spend it all in one place!”*



*"The zucchini's in!"*





*"A small-craft advisory is in effect."*



*"For pity's sake, Myra, I'll only be in Des Moines for two days.  
It's not like I'm distancing myself from you permanently."*



*"Schisgall is happy these days to forget about staying on top of the heap, and, as for me, I certainly am just as happy to let the heap do whatever it does without Schisgall on top of it all the time."*



*"I'll call you back, Phil. I'm just going out to spend some quality time with my son."*



*"Esther worships the sun, and Fifi worships Esther."*



*"I should have known we'd get simplistic answers."*





*"Nobody ever calls anybody the big enchilada anymore."*



*"What's par around here?"*



*"You'll want to wait a moment. The Howells are making their entrance."*





*"Oh, for God's sake, Banwell! If Roosevelt could occasionally get testy with Churchill, I can occasionally get testy with you!"*





*"Sorry about this, but I just ran out of sand."*

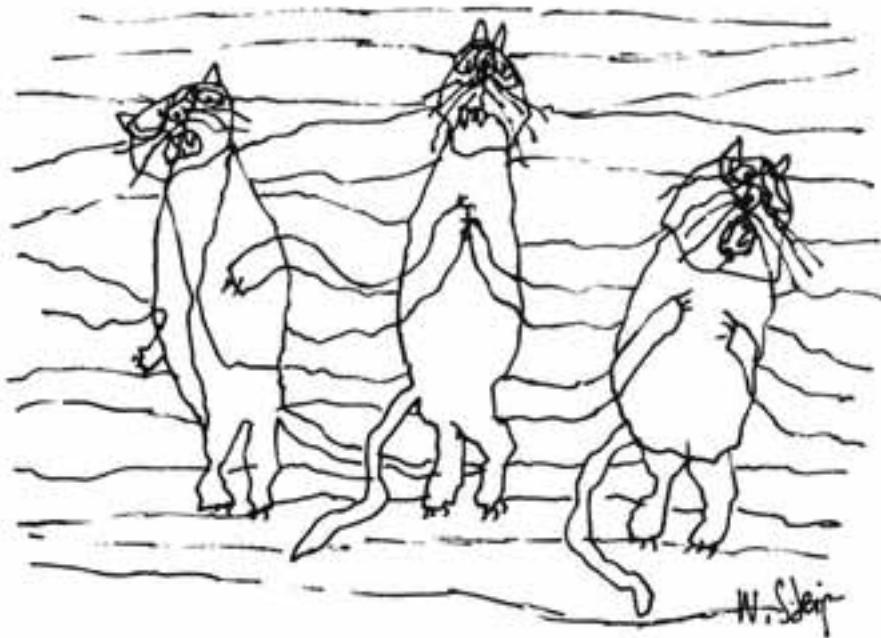


*"Oh, it's you. I thought I heard the rustle of silk."*





*"Too bad they don't give a gold for hanging around the house."*

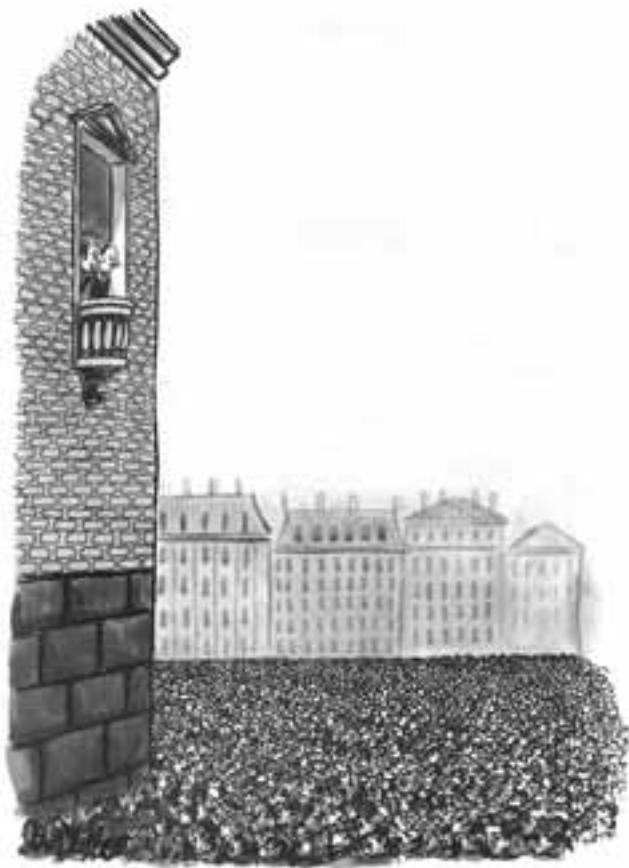


*Scaredy-Cats*





*"Look, I'm tired of things being true 'by extension.' "*



*"I suspended alternate-side-of-the-street parking.  
Now what do they want?"*



*“Stop bouncing bits of trivia off people.”*



*"From the Sensibility of C. L. Henshaw . . ."*



*Must you bark at people like that?*



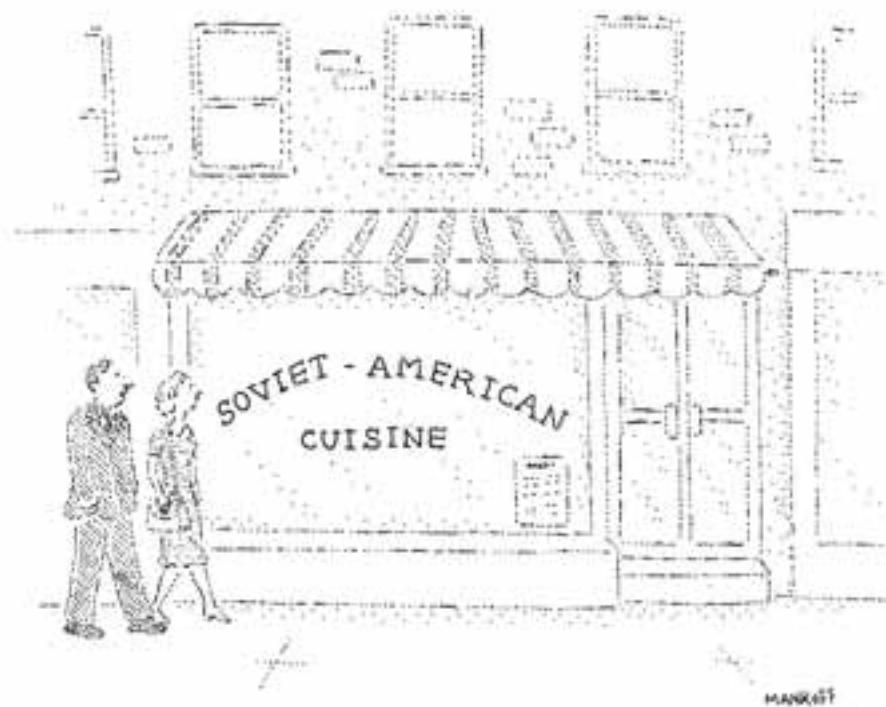
*“‘God forbid, God forbid’? Is that to be your sole contribution to this discussion?”*



*"The press today hopped on both Mondale and Reagan and fifteen candidates for the Senate, a hundred and thirty-five for the House, and seven for governor, and toward the end of the day were hopping on each other."*



*"Hello? Kidder, Peabody? I just found a note in  
my wallet that says 'Northwest Gas & Electric.'  
Am I too late?"*



*"Well, that's a hopeful sign anyway."*





*"I had a mustache once, but everybody said I used it to hide behind."*



*"Donald Duck and I are the same age, and we've seen  
a lot of political fads come and go in our fifty years."*





*"Max, you're a prince."*



*“Can’t you enjoy the passing parade without gawking?”*



*"I hope you won't take this amiss, Charles, but I don't think I've ever met a man who reminded me less of Jeremy Irons."*





*"The Macrocystis pyrifera of the great Pacific kelp forest  
is the world's fastest-growing plant. You may know it  
by its common name—the giant bladder kelp."*



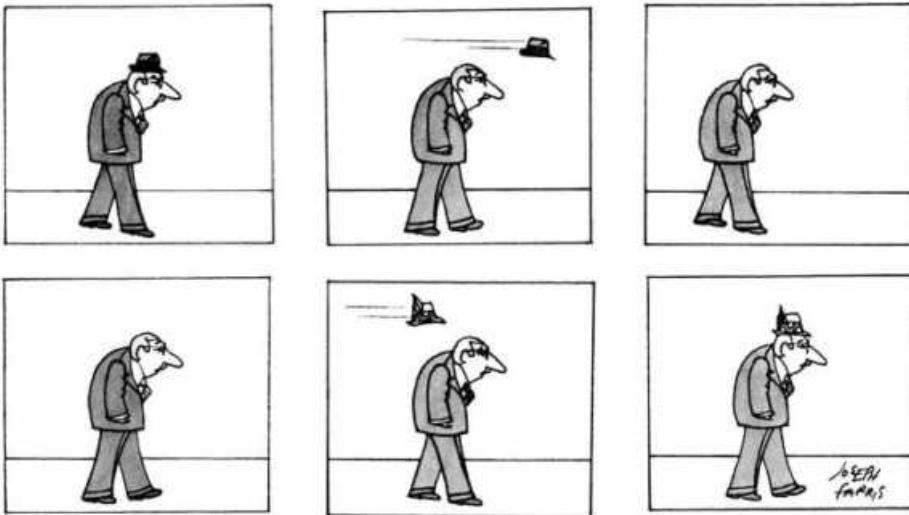


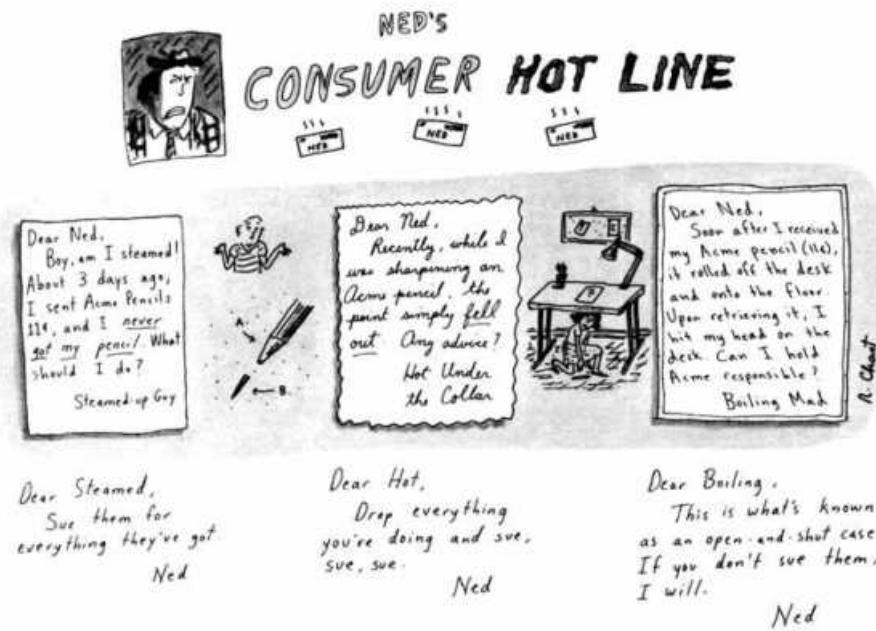
*"Enough small talk! Let's discuss money!"*





*Was It the Butler?*







*"I want a frame that will bring my face up to date but  
not a damned bit more."*



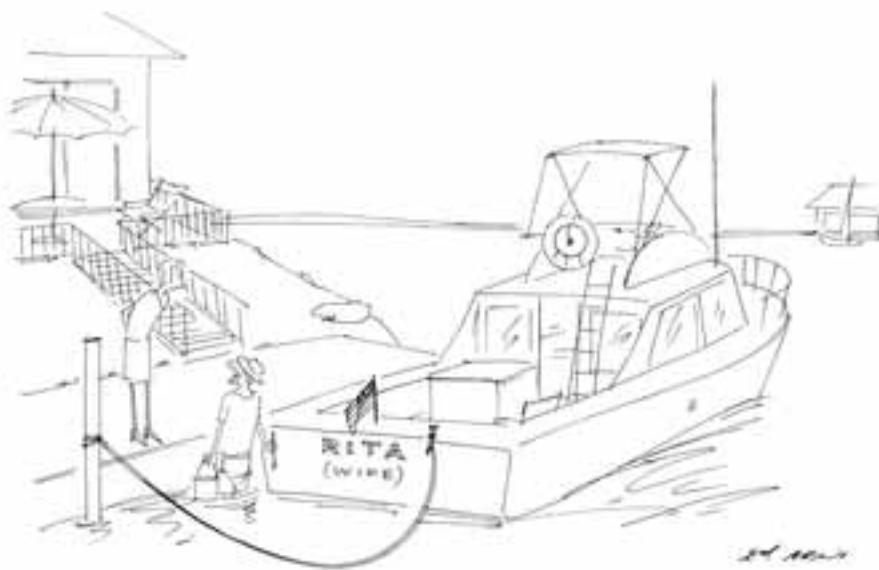
*"Play!"*



*"Two lone corporate lawyers sitting down to do battle.  
Don't you find something rather thrilling about that?"*



*"Glad you brought that up, Jim. The latest research on polls has turned up some interesting variables. It turns out, for example, that people will tell you any old thing that pops into their heads."*



*"Satisfied?"*





*"I am an angry person, but I don't like to share my anger with just anyone."*



*"Sometimes I just wish I were happening on a larger scale."*



*"Mr. Coughlin over there was the founder of one  
of the first motorcycle gangs."*





*"I'll spring for the double cheeseburger.  
You only go around once."*



*"Here at R & W Motors, we see to it that the man and the car synergize."*



*"I love gold when it rallies."*



*"I think there should be an Olympics of the mind."*



*"Let's leave Jane Wyman out of this, shall we?"*





*"Oh, I'm still living with my best friend.  
What have you been doing?"*

## COUNTRY-EASTERN MUSIC

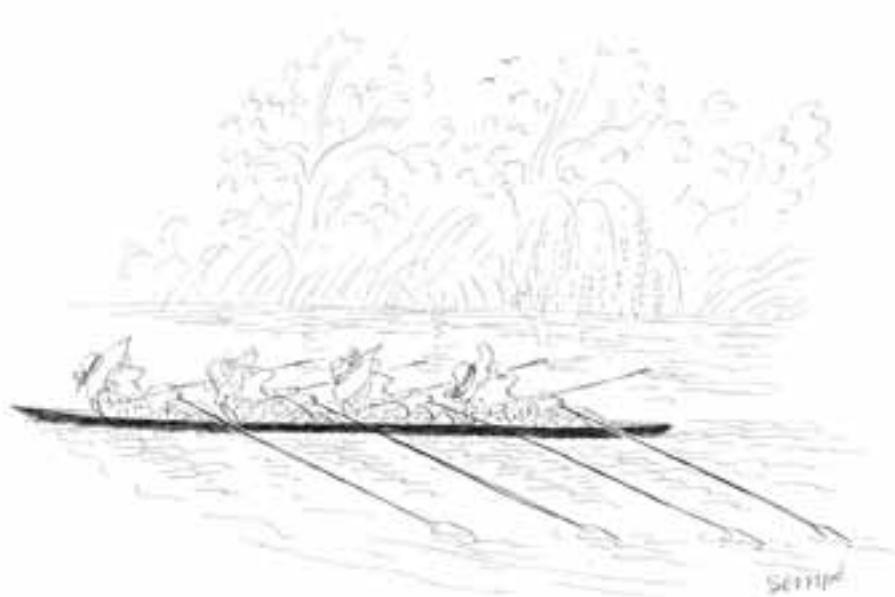


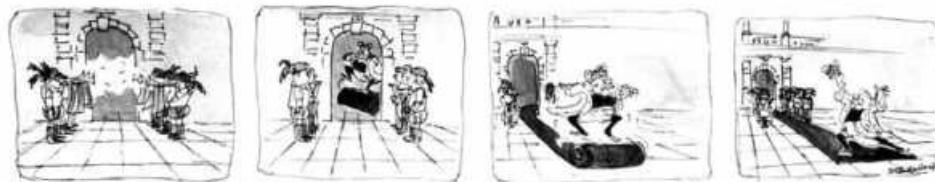
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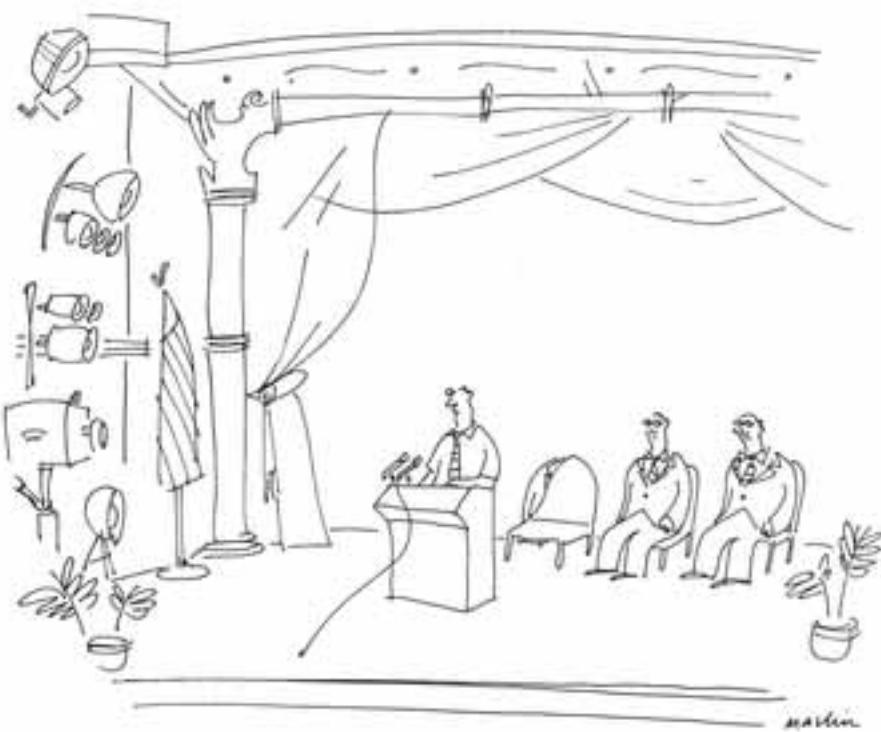




*"It's taken me years, but I finally got rid of my anger."*







*"I stand before you in shirtsleeves, more comfortable  
than my opponents."*



*"Thank you, sir. May you be one of the few  
who Vincent Canby thinks will find this  
film enjoyable."*



*"We had a dynamite marriage, and now we're having a dynamite divorce."*





*"How would you like to have dinner on Columbus Avenue?"*



BILL SIKES GOES ON JOHNNY CARSON.

CABLE-READY

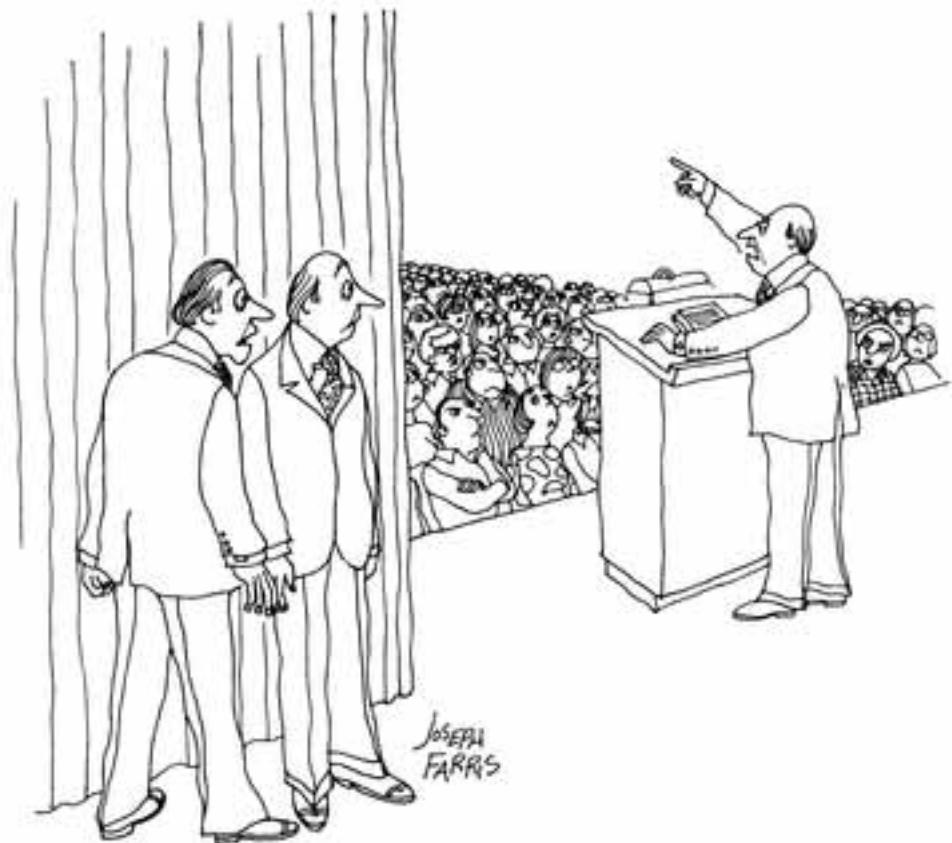




*"Nicholas, I want to thank you for sharing."*



*"What makes you think Joan Rivers invites her  
guests with you in mind?"*



*"Good God! He's giving the white-collar voters' speech to the blue collars."*



*"I didn't actually build it, but it was based on my idea."*



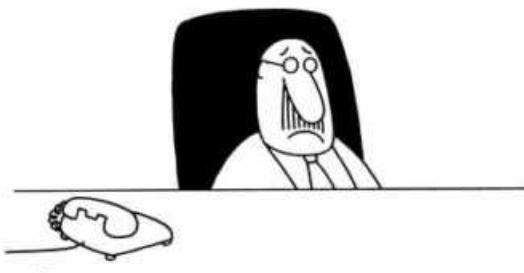
*Poet in a Raptus*



*"You're looking at one and a half million smackeroos."*



*"No, this isn't Lover Boy."*





*"It is fun being French, is it not, Henri?"*



*"I know it's beautiful out here, but what's for supper?"*



*"They're not just an awful couple. Each of them is awful in his or her own right."*



*"You think I'm dishonest? My brother Tom is  
a hell of a lot more dishonest than I am."*





*"I don't give opinions, I shape opinions."*



*"And you can skip the amenities. This is a power lunch."*

## HUMPTY-DUMPTY



Humpty-Dumpty  
sat on the rug



You can guess what  
happened next.



It's very sad, but  
what was he doing  
on the rug, anyway?



Not that he would have  
been much better off  
in the refrigerator.

R. Chast



*"No doubt about it. Scientifically speaking, knowledge of the river will expand in direct proportion to the length of Mr. Van Gundy's new air hose."*



Bernard  
Schoenbaum

*"Let's see something else. I'm afraid it's not me."*



*"My home entertainment center blew up, and  
with it my marriage."*





*"You're a good man, Washbourne. I like the way  
you use nouns as verbs."*





*"My husband is no-frills, and I'm all-frills."*



*"Just the kit, please. I don't need the caboodle."*



*"Hi! I'm Walt Wilson. I'm hated by both the extreme left and the extreme right, so I must be doing something right! Hi! I'm Walt Wilson. I'm hated by both the extreme left and the extreme right, so I must be doing something right! Hi! I'm Walt Wilson . . ."*



W. Steig

*Family Group*







*"Just how fresh are these insights?"*



*"There isn't a damn thing worth watching  
anywhere in the world."*



*"The New York 'Times' called."*

*"Would you be interested in  
home delivery?"*

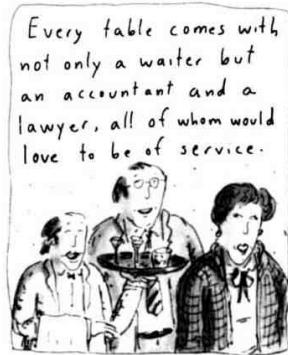


*"There's something I must tell you about myself,  
Estelle. I'm a bigamist."*



*"Their intentions are, in fact, quite simple. They say they would like to be here inside and for us to be outside."*

## Dinner at the Mortgage Restaurant





*"Roger, it won't kill you to help your own father  
with his computer."*



*"One day, there will be no room for yet another chocolate-chip cookie, regardless of its quality."*



*"He's very depressed. There were no messages for him today on the answering machine."*



*"I'm very sorry, sir, but just this morning we adopted  
a new policy whereby we don't care."*



*"Vote for me—a man with over three dozen known family values."*



*"I liked it better on the hanger."*



*"There's nothing available in the Pacific or South Atlantic. Shall I check the Indian Ocean?"*



*"Try to limit yourself to innuendo."*



*Kine*



*"Harold has managed to retain his bookish appearance without ever actually reading."*





*"To Richard, and to his forty years of intellectual curiosity  
and solid critical achievement."*



AUTUMN IN ACCOUNTING



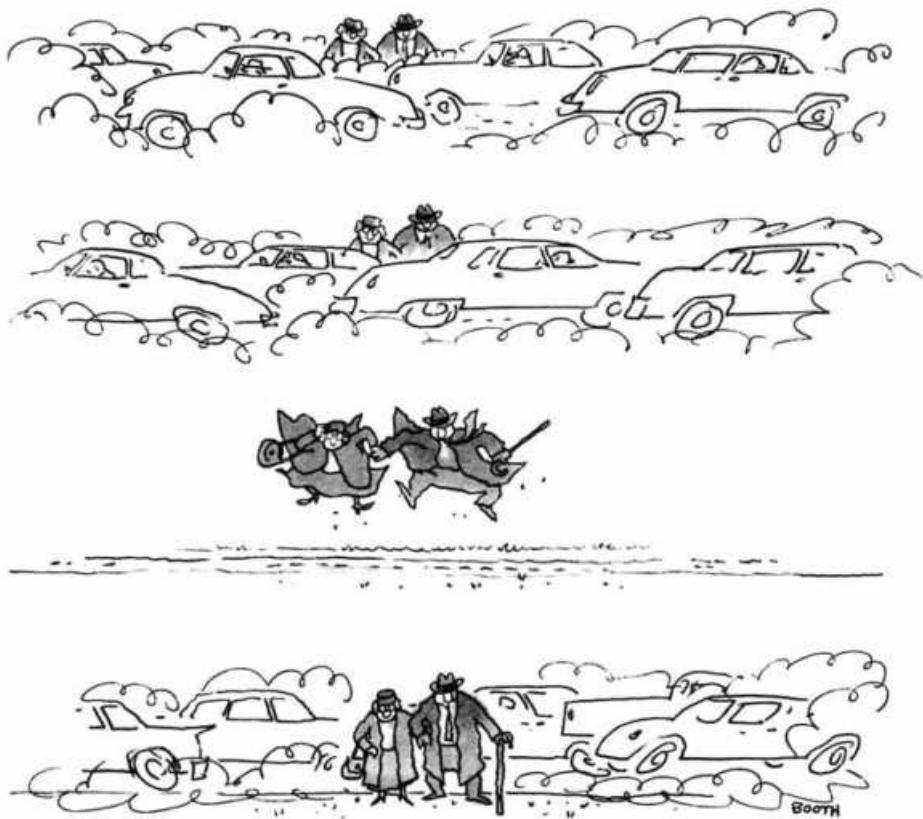
*"Please, Hobart, would you kindly confine your speeches about the damned deficit to the floor of the Senate? You've already got my vote."*



*"We always assumed they were grooming Wingate for something down at the plant, but as it turned out they weren't."*



*"Do you realize we are living through the second time  
people got tired of Art Deco?"*

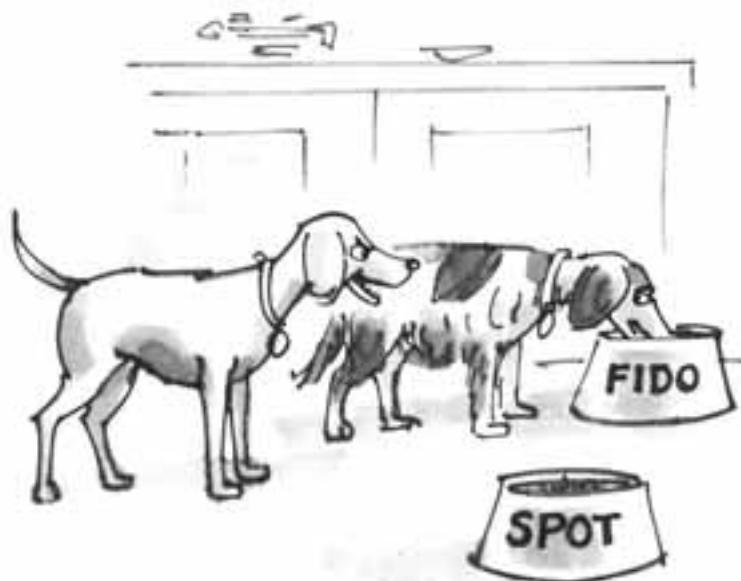




*"I find there's a lot of pressure to be good."*



*“Quite a stimulating discussion. I can’t remember when I’ve been so frequently interrupted by applause.”*



*"Hey! I'm Fido."*



*"Oh, wow! I always thought that was just a figure of speech."*



*"In this particular part of the world, we don't have any friends, but this is a friend of a friend, and over here is a friend of a friend of a friend."*



*“Every four years at just about this time, he ups and hits the old campaign trail.”*



*"We would like a no-disco, no-social-director, no-casino cruise."*



*"You advertised a winter rental?"*



*"The question before the board is this: Do we believe Milton Friedman, Alan Greenspan, or Jimmy the Greek?"*





*"Armbruster is famous for his laugh."*



*Cogitations*





*"Before I introduce tonight's author, I thought perhaps  
I'd read something of my own."*



*"Tell me, sir, is there any such thing as just a plain  
Republican, or are they all staunch?"*



Handelsman

*"It says, 'If you are a scofflaw, please disregard this ticket.' "*



*"I'll give you a little tip. Try to be more like me."*

## LAUNDRY SURVEY

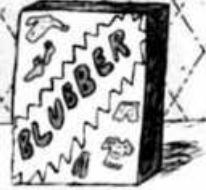
1 How many loads of laundry do you do per week?

1  2-4  5-7  8-10  
 11-20  21-56  57-125  
 126-930  931-2,765  more



2 What is your favorite kind of laundry soap?

BÖZ  NERZ  PHÜZZ  
 PINNEY  DURL  GING  
 CLOF  SUD  BLUBBER



3 If you had a choice, you would rather:

Spin in a washing machine, or  
 Spin in a dryer



4 Your ultimate goal in life is

To own a washer-dryer  
 Other



A Chart

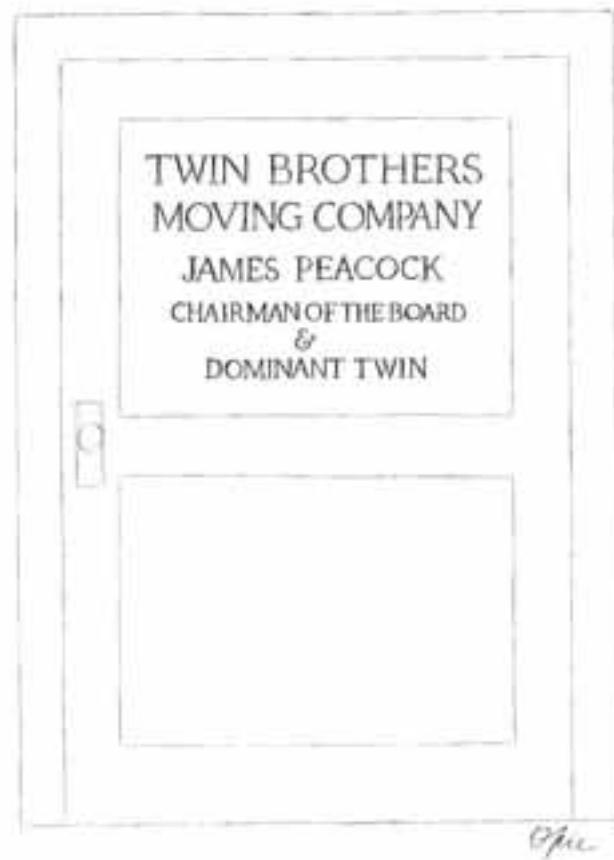


*"By forty-five, all the bugs are out."*





*"Dear Diary: Parades, concerts, dancing, banquets, gala balls, fireworks. Today is my birthday and the whole kingdom is making quite a fuss over it."*





*"What's even more astonishing is it coincides exactly  
with the World Series."*



*"The Professor is one of life's little secrets."*

THE DEBATE

SAYS YOU!



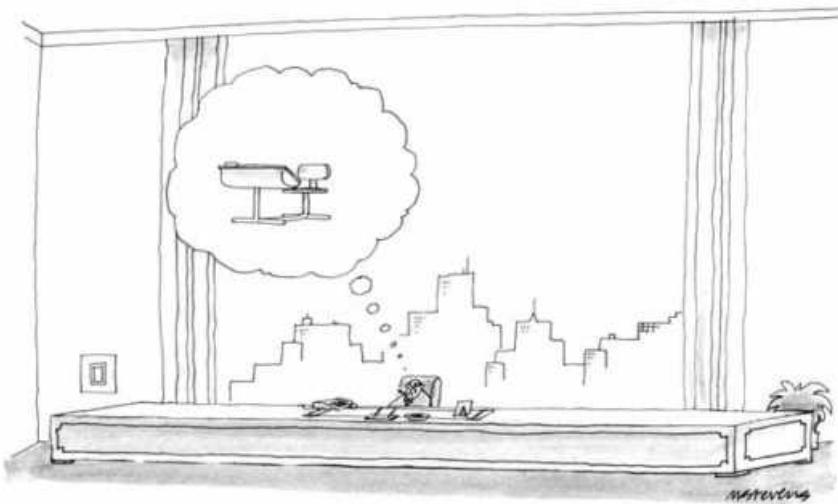




*Writer Interrupted*



*“As it turned out, my battery of lawyers was no match  
for their battery of eyewitnesses.”*



Mick Stevens (10/15/1984)

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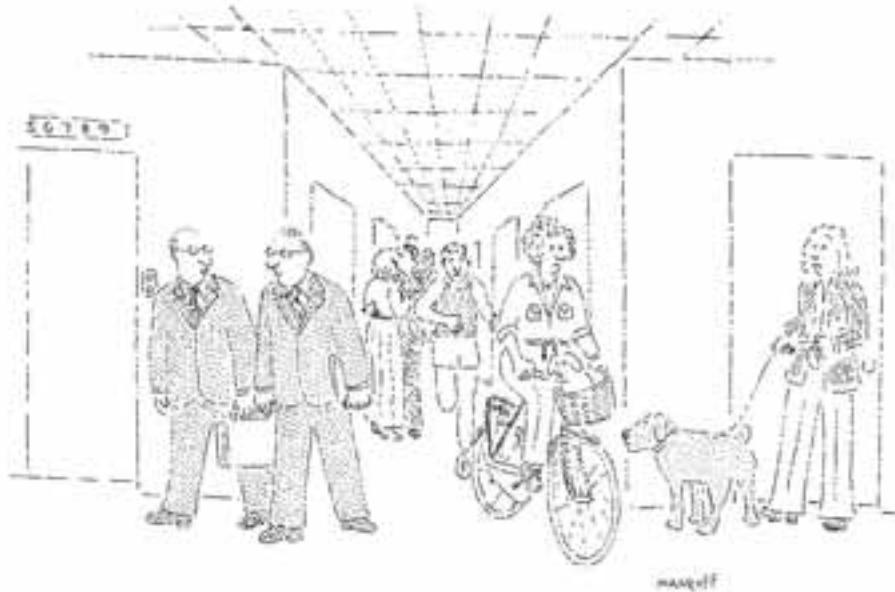


*"Mr. Pomeroy is currently sixty per cent combat ready, but with adequate funding he expects to be at full strength by 1988."*



*"It's called 'the divine right of kings.' You should have  
your people look into it."*





*"Lots of new faces around here."*



*"You mean, after all these years, that's a crumpet?"*



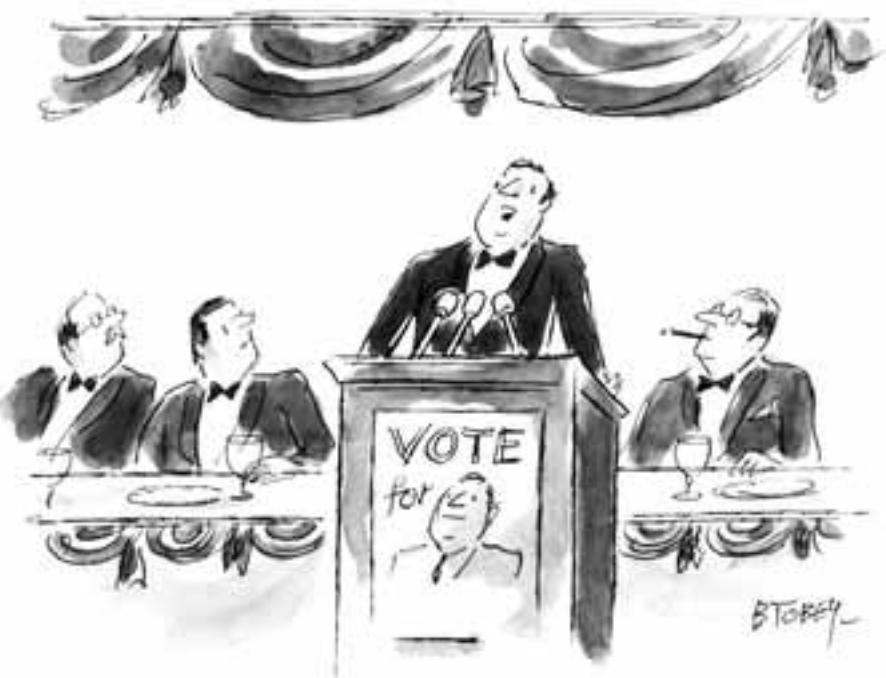


*"One, I don't want a cracker. Two, I'm  
not a Polly, I'm a cockatoo."*

WITHDRAWALS



*"Yes, the whole thirty-eight dollars!"*



*"Ladies and gentlemen, I've put aside my prepared speech. All I want to say is I'm proud to be an American. I love my mother, I love apple pie—and I love you all!"*



*"John, do please stop calling me a wench."*



*"Did you pull any strings for me, Dad,  
or did I make it entirely on my own?"*





*"Looks good, looks good, looks good.  
Oh, it's a spare! Wait! No, no! It's  
a strike! It's a strike!"*



*"Mrs. Ritterhouse charges her violin students six dollars an hour.  
That's two bunches of asparagus and a black-and-white cookie."*





*"And another thing—my gym is tougher than your gym!"*



*"Bob, as a token of my appreciation for this wonderful lunch  
I would like to disclose to you my income-tax returns for the  
past four years."*



*"Its mere possession is immensely satisfying."*





*"Melvin takes a dark view of things.  
He's a lot like Strindberg in that."*



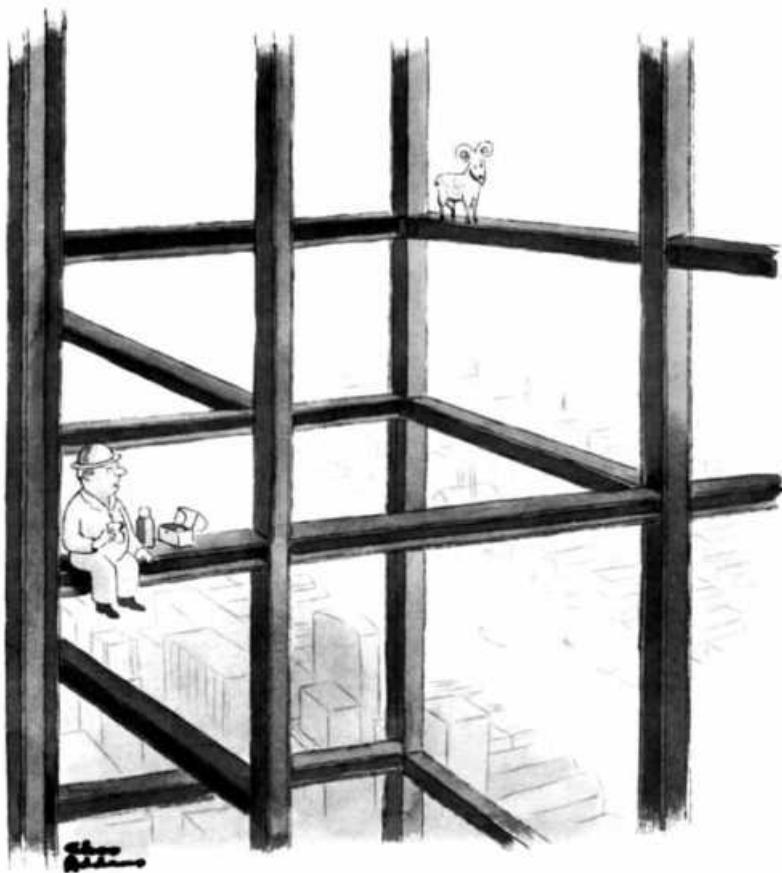




*"Mr. Shotwell, before we proceed will you  
kindly adjust your swivel?"*



*"Oh, my goodness! You are going to be  
the first woman to land on Neptune."*





*"And another thing. I've been advised not to say 'hopefully,'  
but, by God, I'm going to say it anyway!"*







*"You used to be a lot more fun, Paco.  
Now all you ever want to talk about  
is rescheduling the foreign debt."*



*"I'll have the usual."*



*"At this point in the campaign, you have to expect a certain amount of erosion."*



*"Goodbye, Alice. I've got to get this California  
thing out of my system."*



*"All right, gentlemen, here's the new game plan: Budley, you take Management; Franks, you take Publicity. Wiggins goes to Finance, and McCall goes to Sales. Dinkins will handle Inventory, and I'll be carrying the ball."*



*"Your sake's getting cold."*



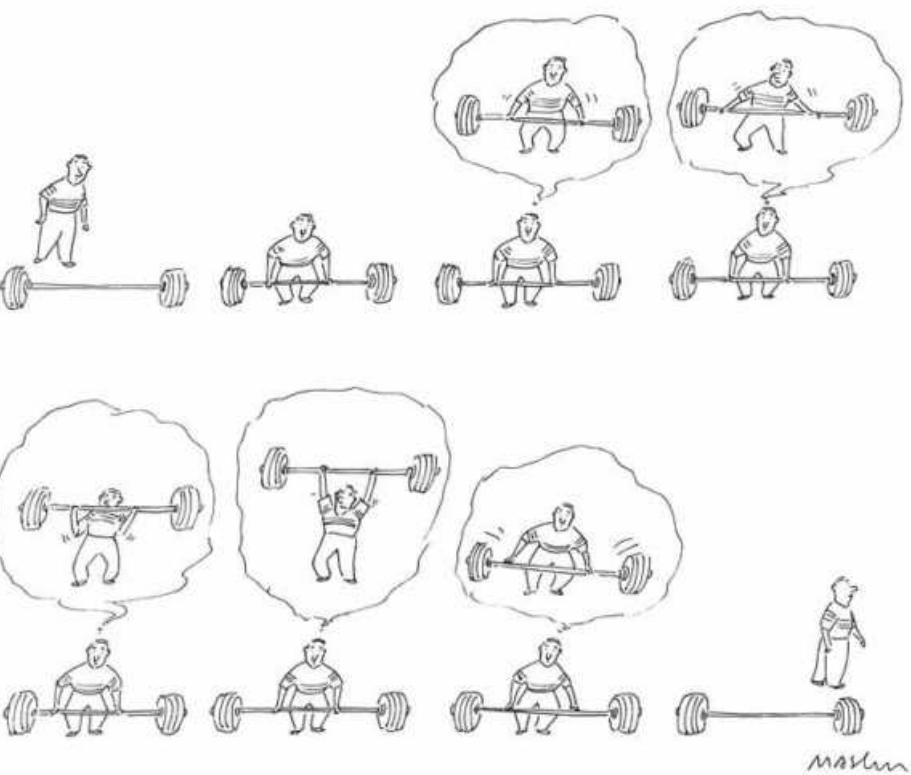
*"Why, Chester, what ever do you mean 'I wish I'd said that'? You've said things like that hundreds of times."*



*“Six Martinis. Mission accomplished.”*



*"Why don't you go fetch something?"*





*Nostalgic Pair*



*"No one can go in now. They're having a corporate imbroglio."*





*"I deny any wrongdoing!"*





*"I dread to think of all the inaccuracies there would  
be if you wrote my biography after I'm gone."*



*"Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth even though the American people don't necessarily seem to want to hear the truth?"*



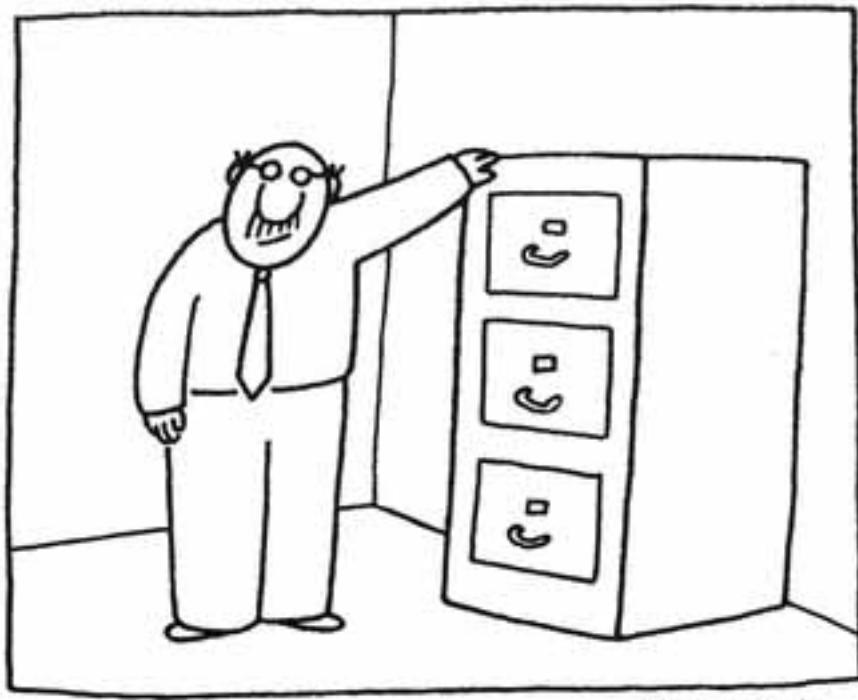


*“Major, you tell that idiot in Procurement this means war! Figuratively speaking.”*



*"Basil, do you think the center is going to hold?"*

1984  
PRIVATE FILES





*"Help!"*



*"How about that? I recently became my own person, too."*



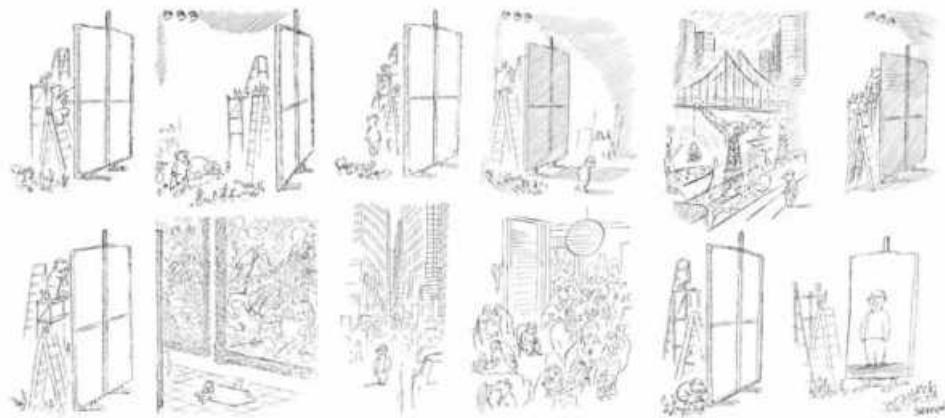
*"Years ago, they hiked the Appalachian Trail from end to end, and they never let you forget it."*



*"Cajun!"*



*"No, we aren't experiencing low voter turnout. Everybody's here."*



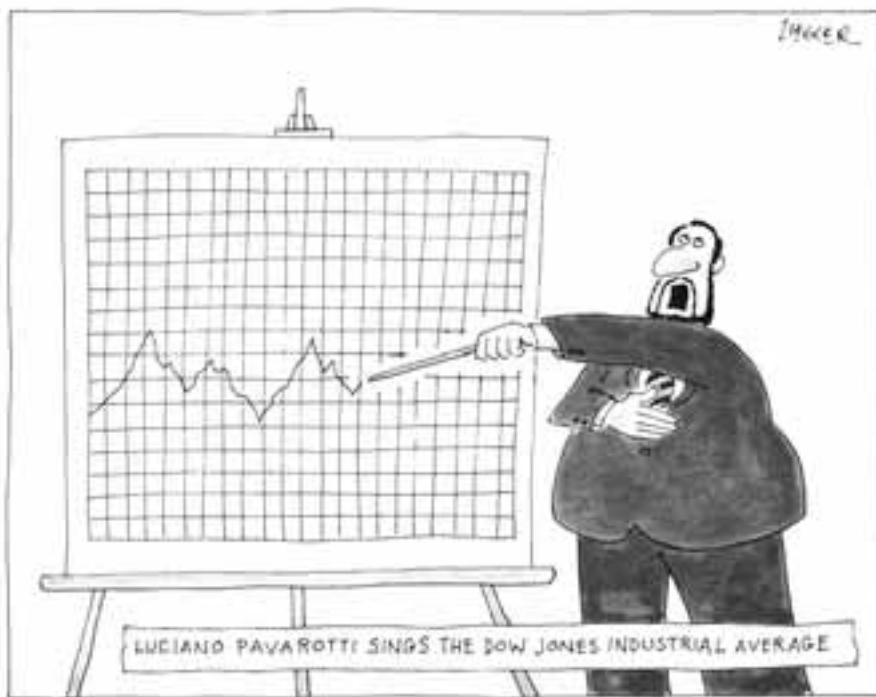




*"Well, that's the last of the fall catalogues."*



*"I was laid back long before it became a goddam trend."*





*"Something's happened to us, Ephraim. What is that something?"*





*"We're in the market for a good time."*



*"I am cooking for Daddy, honey, but don't forget that sometimes he cooks for me. We do it because we love each other."*



*"But enough about my unique brand of Americanism.  
Tell me about your unique brand of Americanism."*



*"And this is the proverbial husband, I presume."*



*"The Martinis may not be perfect, sir, but then  
we live in an imperfect world."*





*"When Bert married Mona, he took vows for  
this life and the next."*

SUPPLEMENTARY SCARLET LETTERS



Roz Chast



*"Mr. McElroy, this gentleman wants to withdraw over  
a thousand dollars from his account."*



*"What really hurt, the judge commended the jury on their verdict."*



*"Mr. Hobbs wants to know how upset you'd be if he turned you over to an underling."*



*"Have you noticed? Labels are going back inside."*



Bill Woodman (11/12/1984)

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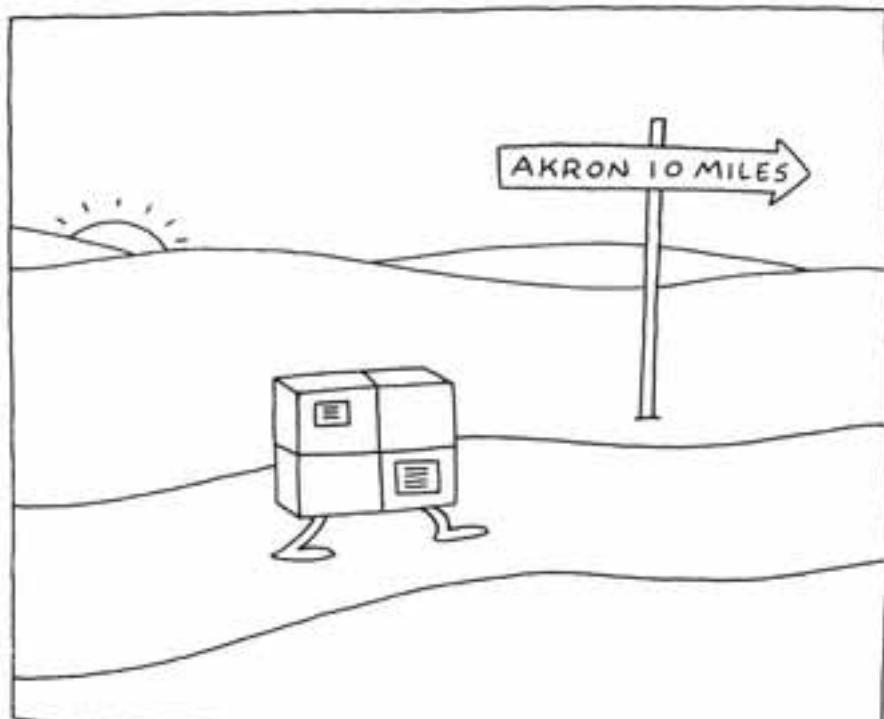
*"Van Gogh was a good painter, but he couldn't draw trains."*





*"Sometimes I miss the old days, when men were  
ashamed to cry in public."*

THE LITTLE OVERNIGHT PACKAGE THAT COULD



© Barsotti



*"How come you never seem to have this kind of patience at home?"*



*"Philip has said everything there is to say."*





*"We're not blocking and tackling the way we should."*



*"Here he comes with his damn yearly contract!"*





*"Nine hundred and eighty years from now, the Everly Brothers will be reunited."*

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A. Chast



*"Herbert never had any real ambition. All he ever wanted to do, really, was to grow a nice, long beard."*







*"How do you want that businessman's lunch—  
small, mid-sized, or big?"*



*"Gripping, greedy, grasping, grotesque, gruesome,  
grisly—do you know any other good 'grr' words?"*

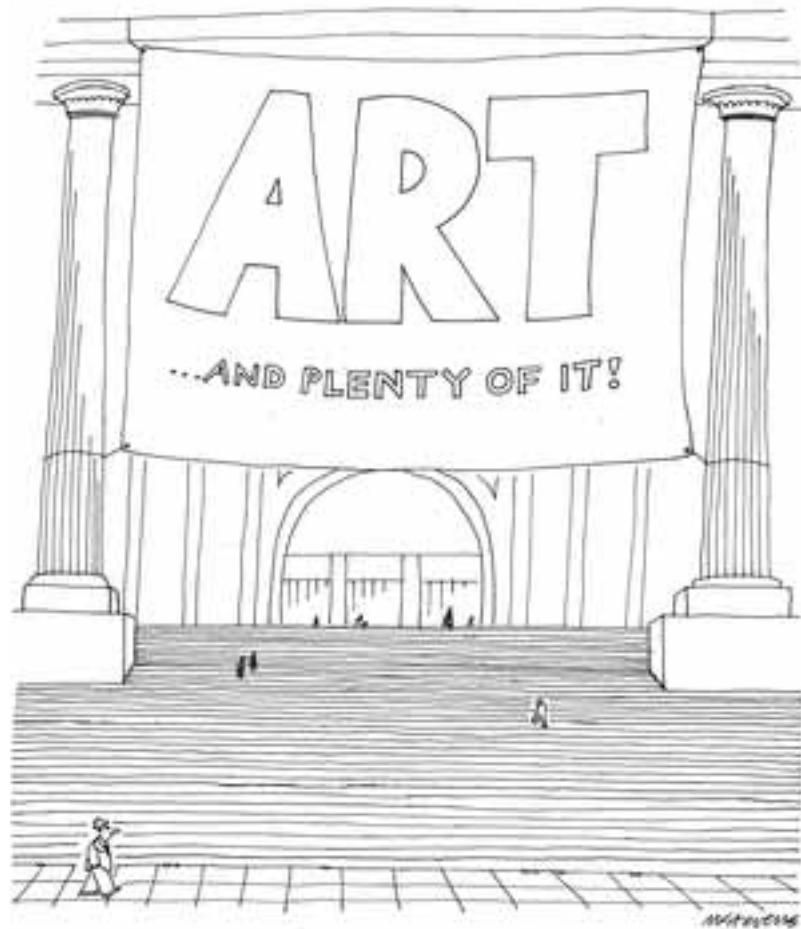


*"Let's begin by taking the blood pressure. Would you  
and your lawyer roll up your sleeves, please?"*



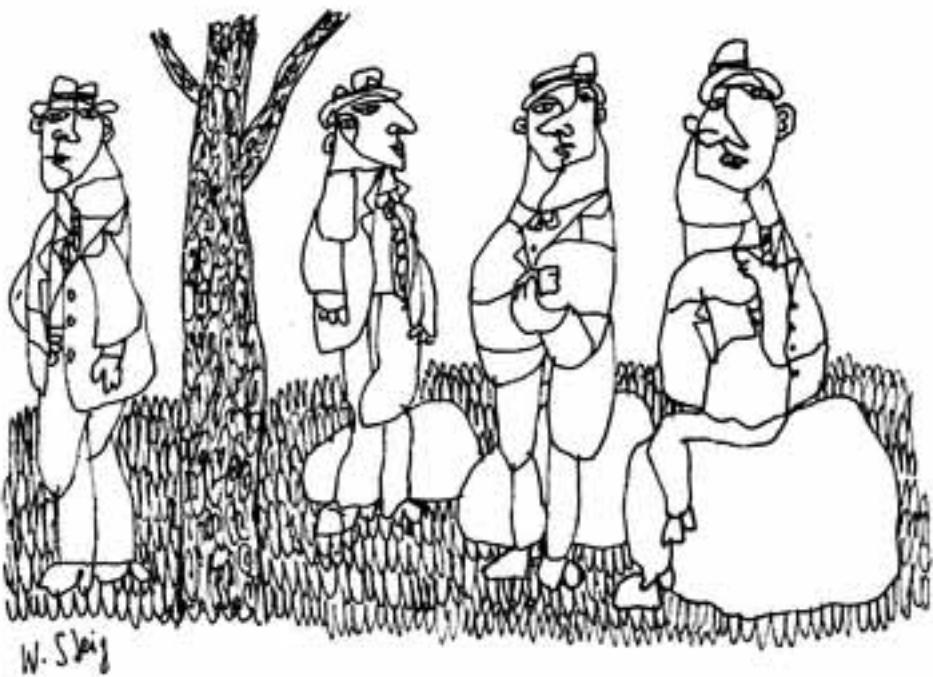


*"I remain yours, as ever, blameless."*





*"O.K.! So four and a half billion dollars for six hundred and eighteen guns is not a bargain-basement price, Keatley honey, but they most certainly do not need to be discussing your every decision in the 'Wall Street Journal' day after day after day!"*



*Men Without Women*

## UNWISE INVESTMENTS



R. Chast



*"Apathy has served me well."*



*"I won't be home for dinner, dear. I'm stuck late at the office."*





*"I just realized, Howard, that everything in this apartment  
is more sophisticated than we are."*



*"The American people have spoken, and I, for one, accept their decision."*

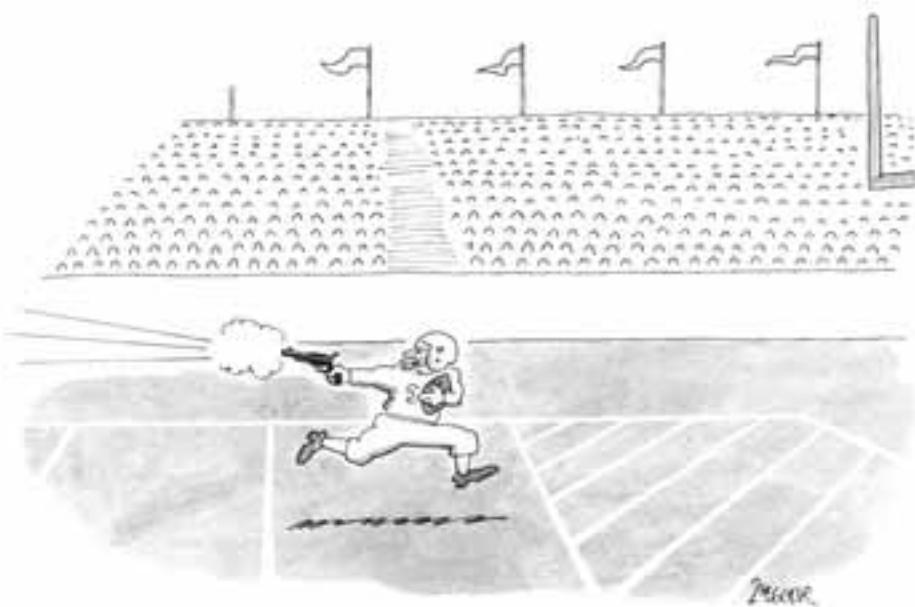




*"When I grow up, I hope to win the lottery."*



*"I'll say this for Edgeworth—he's certainly a world-class,  
state-of-the-art nincompoop."*





*"I am old and tired, so I am  
stepping aside. From now on,  
television will rule your lives."*



*Your deep aura of serenity, Stephen—how much  
more of it can I take?*



*"No, you can't help me. I'm McGill."*



*"Oh, no. I happen to love Swedish ivy!"*



*"Scrambled eggs. And let's not have a critique  
of my methodology."*



*"Some people think I'm nuts when I tell them  
that hot-water heaters have feelings."*



*"Ego trip aside, ladies and gentlemen, I think  
I've built a pretty good case."*



*"I want a turkey I can trust."*



*"He's on a diet. Tell him he looks thin."*



*"My first husband was very modern, and my second husband was a real primitive. Both of them turned out to be no-good bums."*



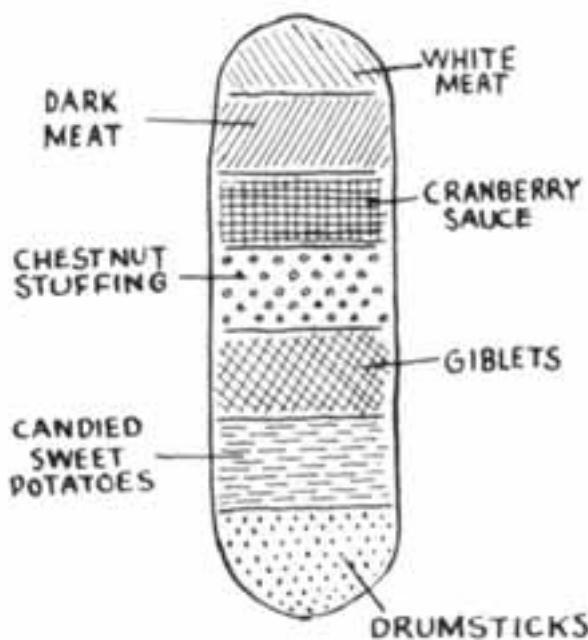
*"You traded your kingdom for a what?"*





*"Well, folks, it appears we've been caught in some kind of time warp. Don't worry, though. We're still within forty miles of Albuquerque."*

## HOLIDAY SUPPLEMENT



*Stuart Leeds*



*"They've properly given me an A in Business, an A in Money,  
and an A in Power, but somehow an F in Life!"*



*"Lest you forget, we've already talked about interest  
rates this morning—twice."*





*"Baldwin is the sleaze factor at McQuiddy & Nelson."*



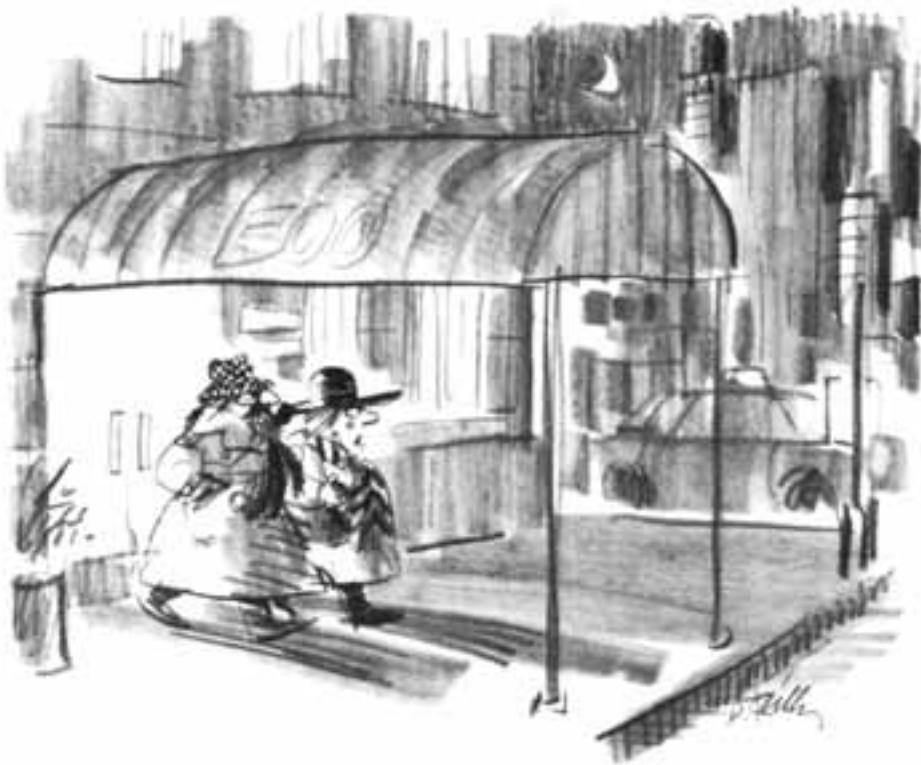
*"Well, little Susan is not so little now. She's married,  
and she's in a field that's rife with jargon."*



*"Do you have anything less stylish?"*



*"What ever became of the comity once deemed essential  
to civilized discourse?"*



*"You have rebuttals but no friends."*



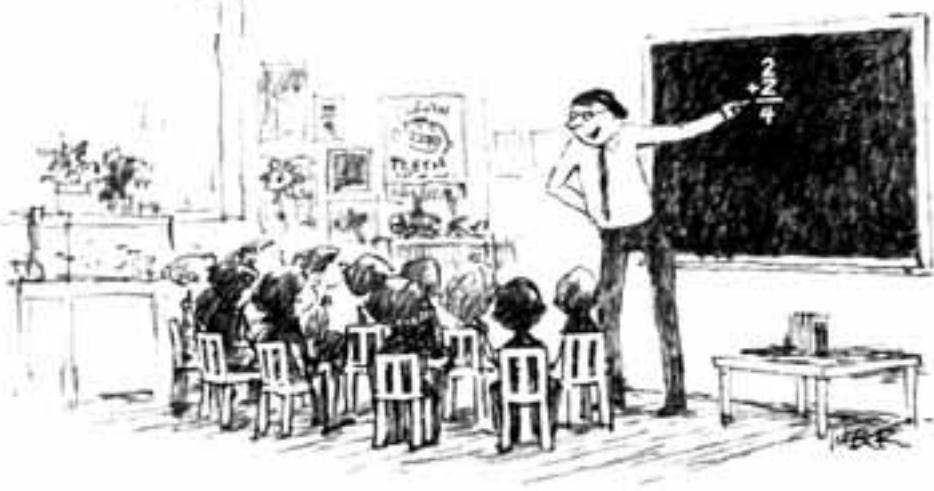
*"Would a requisite for the job be to take pride  
in the product, sir?"*



*"Your engine has stalled. Your engine has stalled. Carefully, now coast completely off the highway and stop. Release the hood and get out of your car. Look at your engine. Look at your engine. There are six metal-and-ceramic objects with wires attached to your engine. These are your spark plugs. These are your spark plugs. Your spark plugs are dirty, dirty, dirty.*

*You did not release the hood. Release the hood and get out of your car.*

*Look at your engine. Look at your engine. There are six metal-and-ceramic objects with wires attached to your engine. These are your spark plugs. These are your spark plugs. Your spark plugs are dirty, dirty, dirty."*



*"This, class, is basic stuff."*



*“Ab—the celestial Mozart!”*



*"I do miss it, Adrian—the way you used to puff thoughtfully on your pipe."*





*"Frankly, Mr. Poole, I would strongly suggest you make one last, desperate bid for happiness."*



*"I'm a victim of my own generosity."*



*"Julia Child says it's delicious, James Beard loves it, Craig Claiborne is crazy about it, but Stanley J. Tischler, Jr., hates it."*



*"Those drums! Tap-tapping incessantly, with barely a change of timbre or rhythm! Do you suppose it could be something by Philip Glass?"*

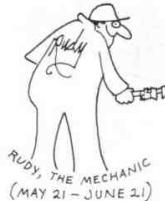
## HOROSCOPES OF THE NEW ZODIAC (1 OF 2)



You will be handed a piece of paper and find yourself suddenly thrust into a large room filled with people. Eventually, it will cost you \$1,200.



A bizarre young man in garish white makeup will humiliate you in front of a multitude of strangers. You will leap at him, and in turn be sued for \$100,000.



A simple front-wheel alignment will wind up costing you \$1,955 and will take over eleven weeks to complete. Soon after this, your brakes will go.



You will meet a person of the opposite sex with whom it turns out you have a lot in common. Romance will blossom, eventually leading to a \$40,000,000 palimony suit. You will settle out of court for about half that amount.



You will receive a phone call at three in the morning from the Save the Carpenter Ant Committee. Assuming that you are dreaming, you will pledge \$3,000 and four hours a week of your time. Your nightmare will begin soon thereafter.



A well-dressed acquaintance will insist that he has only your welfare in mind. You will spend \$5,800 and never fully understand why.

## HOROSCOPES OF THE NEW ZODIAC (2 OF 2)



HARVEY, THE TAX AUDITOR  
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

You will share your deepest personal secrets with a stranger. This will cost you \$877.32, plus another \$568.02 in interest and penalties.



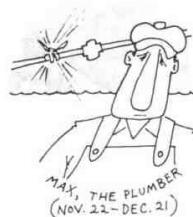
IRMA, THE BAG LADY  
(JULY 23-AUG. 22)

An exotic woman will approach you on the street and ask for a dime. She will remind you of your Aunt Trudy, Guilt-ridden, you will hand her what you think is a dollar bill. It will turn out to be the certificate of title to your car.



AMOS, THE DOG  
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

A large animal companion will eat your \$97 pair of cordovans. He will be replaced by a \$2 goldfish.



MAX, THE PLUMBER  
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

A taciturn man in overalls will hand you an estimate and then proceed to ignore it.



MONSIEUR HENRI, THE WAITER  
(OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

You will seek sustenance. It will be denied you at first, and then undercooked and then overcooked. You will be charged an extra \$12.95 for a crabmeat quiche that you did not order.



LAVERNE, THE NEIGHBOR  
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Dissonant chords of music will gradually make themselves at home in your walls and will not go away until you have spent \$937 on cork insulation.

—JACK ZIEGLER



*Wrongdoer*



*"Miss Bremmer, get me whatever coast I'm not on."*



*"The following program has been judged likely  
to erode the national will."*





*"That's six affirmatives and one balderdash."*



*"Very Republican. I love it."*



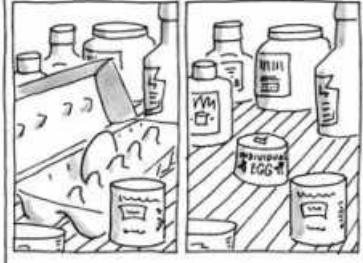
*"His birthday is coming up. I'm going to try to get  
him Donald Trump's autograph."*

1984  
**ANNALS OF MADISON AVENUE**

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HOW MANY  
EGGS WILL WE  
BE NEEDING  
THIS WEEK,  
HONEY?



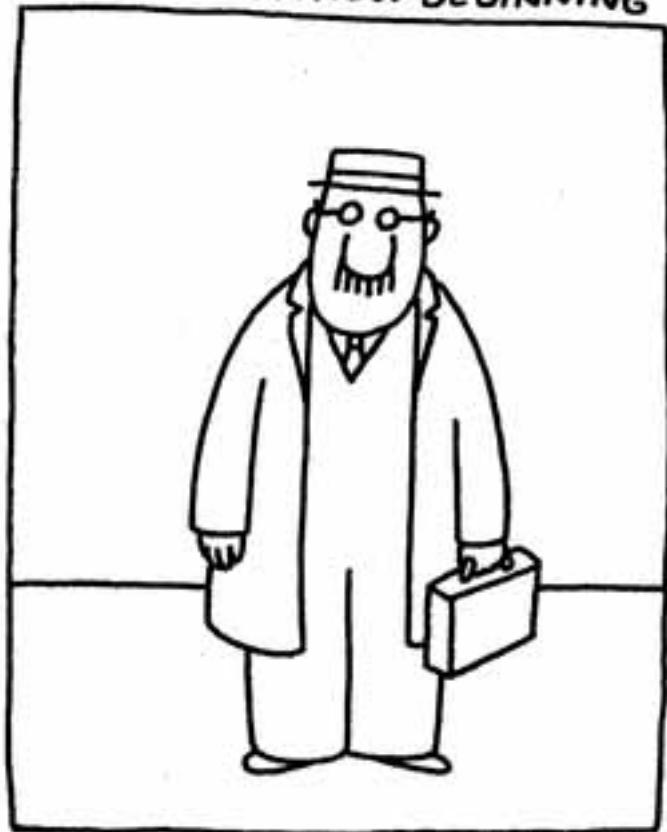






*"No, we're not rich. We just have what appears  
to be a whole lot of money."*

EVERY DAY IS A NEW BEGINNING







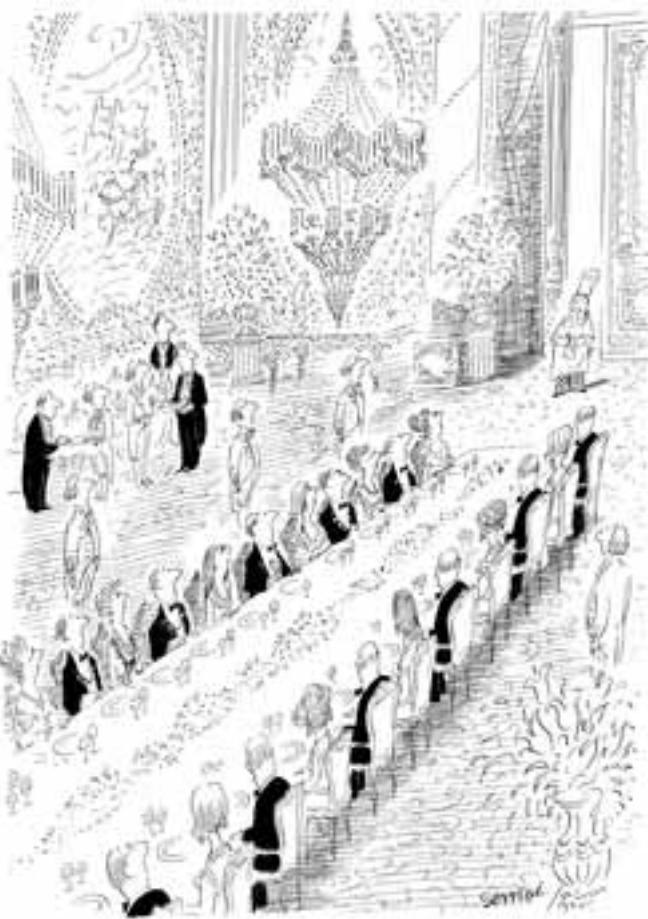
*"Walpole and I never entertain."*







*"To my wine, right or wrong."*



*"Everything O.K.?"*



*"No, dear. Those were Daddy's beads."*





*"Who is the fairest one of all,  
and state your sources!"*



*"I apologize for what I said last night, Edwina. I am incapable of apologizing gracefully, but I do apologize."*



## How Much Should You Tip?



10% of purchase price  
is adequate, but 15%  
is gracious



20% of tuition at  
the end of the semester  
is the usual amount.



**LANDLORDS**  
25% of rent at  
Christmastime is deemed  
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R. Chant

Roz Chast (12/10/1984)

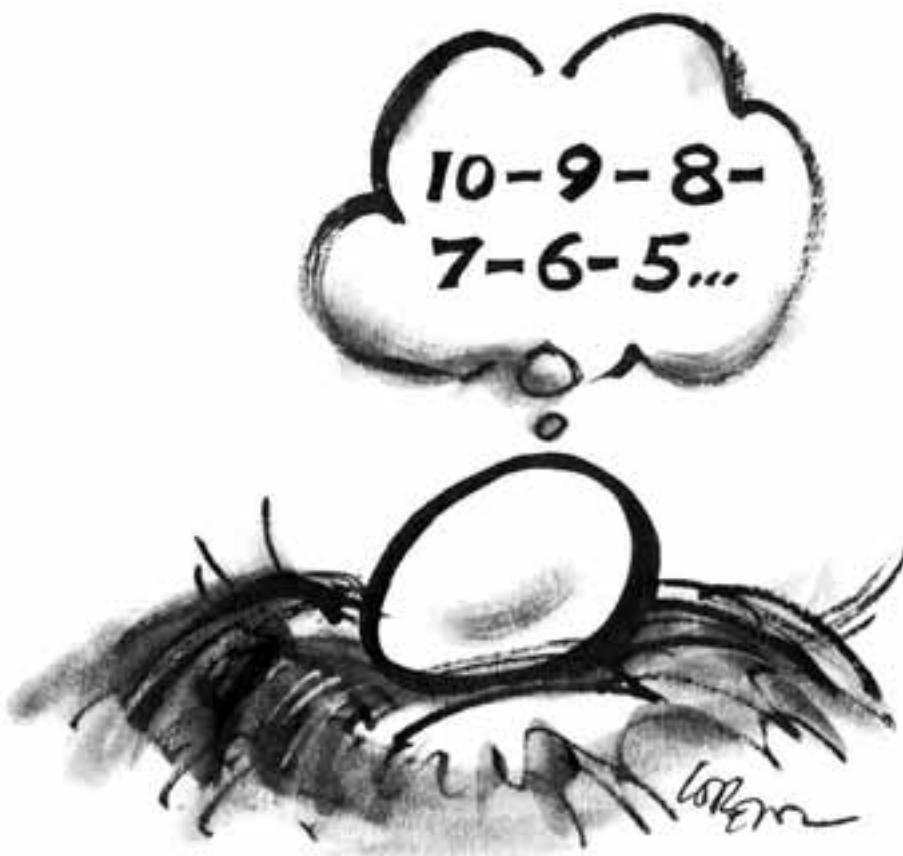
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*"I'll wait out here for you, Hal.  
My generation doesn't read."*



*"You're the one who wanted a quiet walk through  
the first soft winter snowfall."*





*"Yes, I'm somewhat depressed, but seasonally  
adjusted I'm probably happy enough."*



*"This makes the third time I've been a victim of a travesty of justice!"*



*"It's nice to see David Stockman's name in the news again."*



*"Tell him I'll only be a minute, and then put him  
on hold again with that awful music."*



*"I'm sorry, sir, but 'that damned "Love" stamp' is  
the only twenty-cent I have in sheets."*



*"New bunny slippers? Bravo!"*



*"No, it's not Ralph. Ralph will be home late. It's me—Julio Iglesias."*

WHAT YOU CAN DO



Roz Chast





*"Oh dear! I put all the post-articulates on the same side of the table."*



*"Of course, there's the editorial 'we' and the royal 'we,' but I've always felt the corporate 'we' carried the most weight."*



*"You can't beat live music."*



*"From your description, sir, I don't believe you could give her anything she'd like, and I'd suggest you save your money."*



*"Along about the third quarter, I finally realized that  
I no longer have what it takes."*



*"Oh, and she should be into Mozart, long walks, whales, Fats Waller, Thai cuisine, Richard Nixon, self-hypnotism, the Poconos, commodities, options, Zoroaster, and spelunking."*





*Confession of Love*



*"Everybody at Macy's wished me a Merry Christmas."*



*"Isn't this fun?"*





*"It's nice to see he hasn't lost his sense of humor."*



*“Damn it, Quigley, you know I’m a pompous ass.  
Don’t just stand there—state your business.”*



*"I see a big bone at Forty-seventh and Lexington Avenue."*



*"My ex-wife is bringing a class-action suit against  
me on behalf of ex-wives everywhere."*



*"My God. Is that what I look like?"*



*"Let's see. That's one dish fit for a king, one dish fit  
for a duke, one dish fit for a cardinal . . ."*



*"Now that you've demonstrated your clout, let's  
get on with the negotiations."*



*“Maine? What an authentic place to come from.”*



modell

*"Just because the I.R.S. might be cracking down on some tax shelters doesn't necessarily mean they're going to be cracking down on your tax shelter."*



*"Then I realized I could buy and sell him, so I bought him and sold him. And I didn't feel a damn bit better."*



*"The Ambassador says he does not care what we have heard—  
he speaks for both Secretary Weinberger and Secretary Shultz."*



*"Leonard, I'd like very much to get in touch with you if  
it's humanly possible."*



*"This is Mr. Feldon—the next of kin."*



*"Who are you tonight—Cagney or Lacey?"*



*"We find the defendant guilty of pride, covetousness,  
lust, envy, gluttony, anger, and sloth."*





*Respectful Attention*



*"Eight regulars and one light with sugar."*



*"When you come right down to it, I'm just a collection  
of clichés, but I think I've managed to combine them  
in a rather exciting way."*



*"I'm so glad you came. Just throw your clothes on the bed!"*



*"Edward was once a member of the President's Task Force,  
but which President or what task I'm not at all sure."*



*"To begin with, you were a dog in the manger last year."*



*"Set by Thornton Rainer, flowers by Country Maid, lighting  
by Jastrom, and music by yours truly."*



*"Loved your last memo, Ted. You're beginning to find your own voice."*



*"Hey!"*

LLOYD:

A MAN WHO WOULDN'T KNOW A GOOD TIME  
IF IT HIT HIM ON THE HEAD, KNOCKED HIM OUT  
COLD, TIED HIS HANDS AND FEET, AND LEFT  
HIM IN A LITTLE TOOL SHED TO PERISH.





*"My God! I went to sleep a Democrat and I've awakened a Republican."*



*"Remember how we used to look in the window driving by?  
Now here we are—the people at the Klingers' party."*



*"First off, lighten up on the daily bread."*



*"Let's do something silly."*

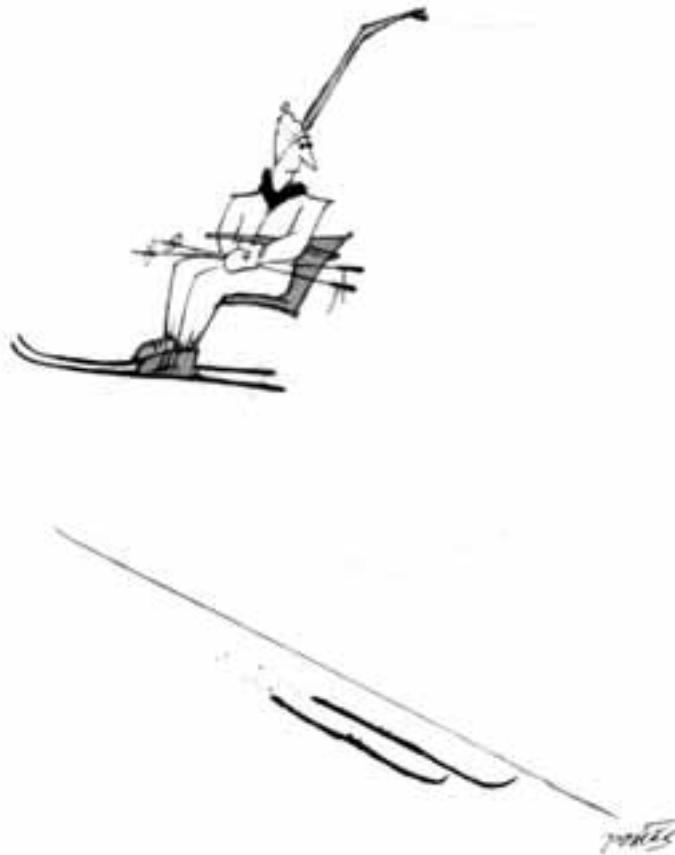


*"I think I like you better with your hair down."*



*"Webley is an elitist."*





SHRINKS AS MOM AND DAD



*"Will you attempt intervention or shall I?"*



*"I didn't say I wasn't happily married. I simply said it's been quite some time since my happiness knew no bounds."*



*"For heaven's sake, they know you're Number One."*



RATINGS WAR

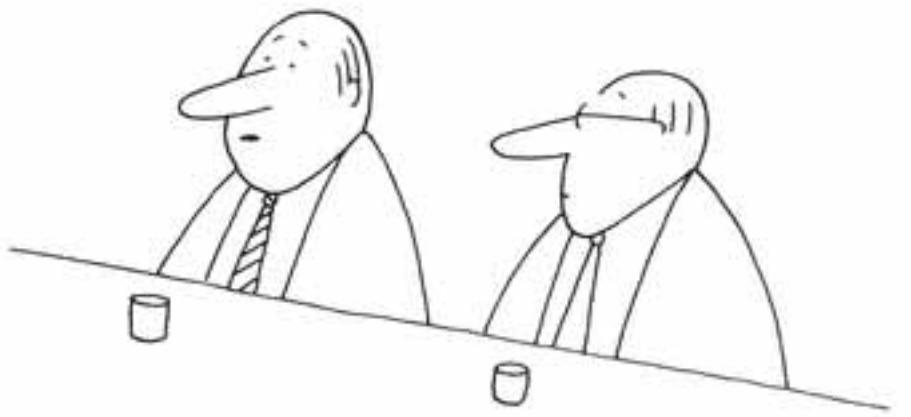




*"You'll like Ed Grigsby. He's a real nuts-and-bolts kind of guy."*



*"It must be snowing or sleetting someplace, because they're cancelling things in Brooklyn."*



*"I answered a telephone survey the other day. This woman asked if I'd take a few minutes to answer some questions about the kind of movies I liked. I said, 'Sure.' She asked how many times a month I go out to the movies. I said, 'Three or four.' She said, 'Oh, good.' Then she wanted to know about my work and my income. All good. Then she asked how old I was. I said, 'Fifty.' She said, 'Thank you,' and hung up."*





*"I didn't know you dreaded New Year's. I thought it was just Christmas you dreaded."*



*"Brockhurst has an M.B.A. from Harvard and a Ph.D. from Columbia, but everything he does is deeply rooted in the blues."*

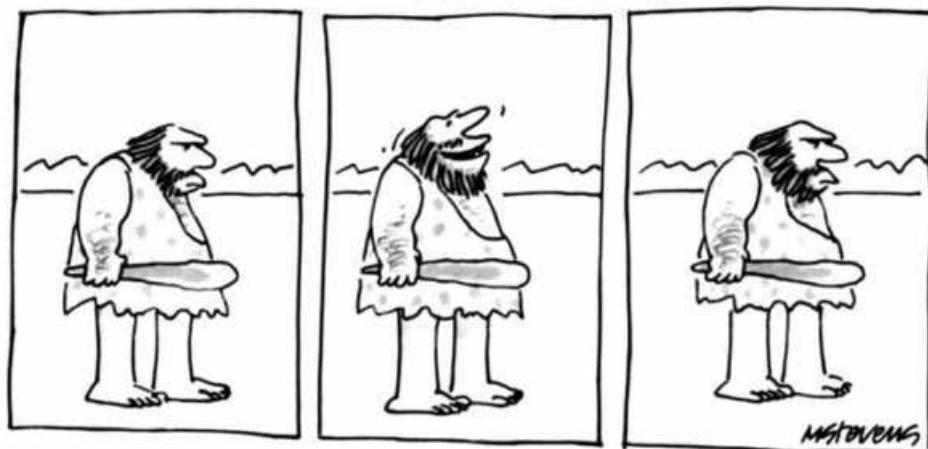


*"Ladies and gentlemen, the cheerleaders to the President  
of the United States."*



*"Gentlemen, I've called you here today to discuss greed."*

WORLD'S FIRST PRIVATE JOKE





*"Up, up, and awaaay!"*



*"You've got to come. We need your luminosity."*





*"The basis of our defense will be that a man of your standing in the community, whatever else he may be, is certainly no thief."*