



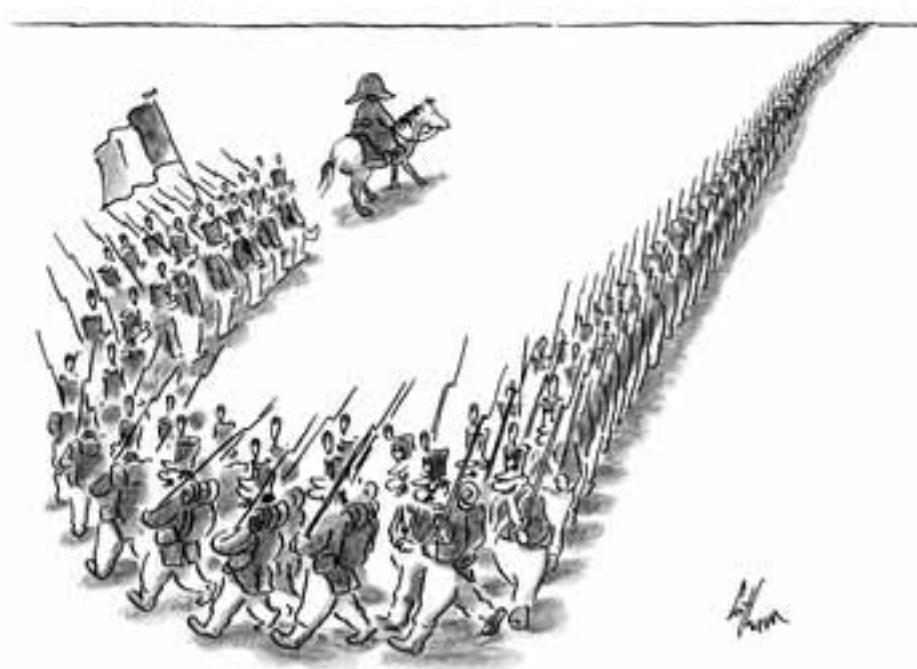
*"Today we're going to explore in paint how we feel when we're picked up late from preschool."*







*"Sorry, I can't—I have to be everywhere."*



*"He must have forgotten something."*



*"Whoever is driving the Dodge minivan, you left your lights on."*



*"What I love about our friendship is the way  
we never see or speak to each other."*



*"I appreciate the overture, Nick, but I'm trying to cut down on after-work cocktails with Mr. Wrong."*



*"Overly scripted."*

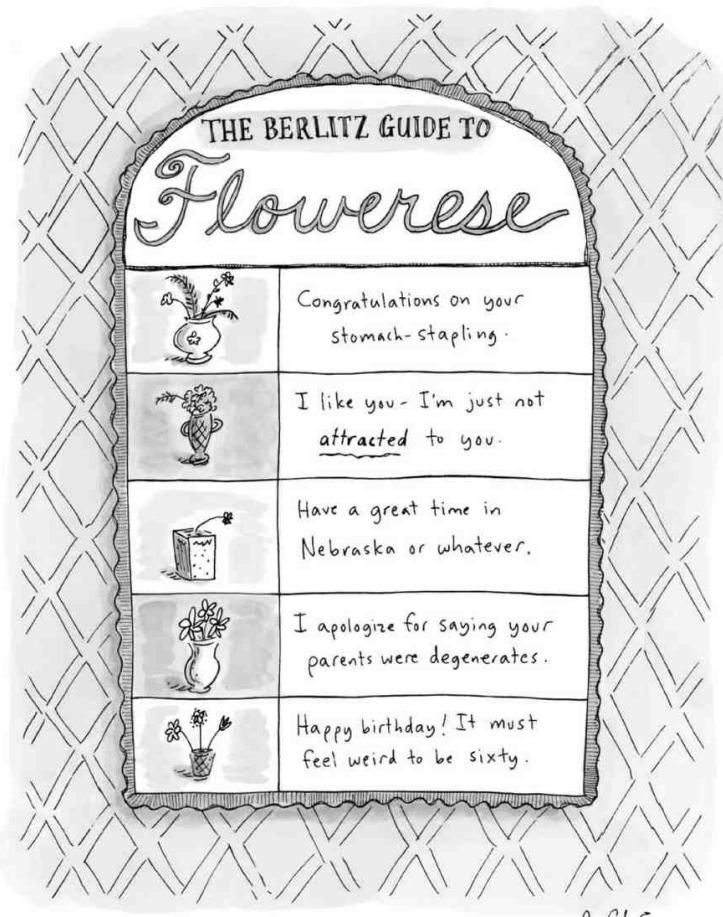


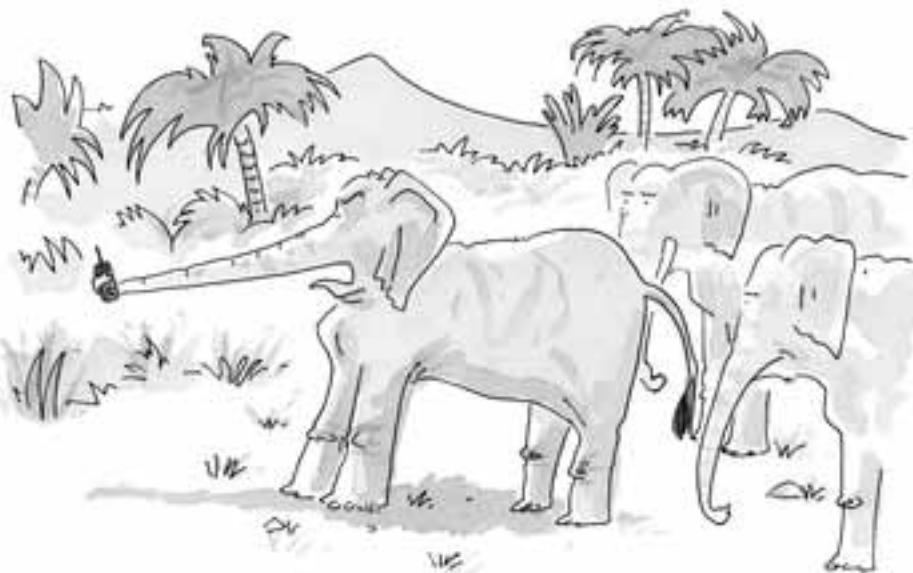
*"No, I'm not backing up our files—I'm just assuming  
that the F.B.I. is making copies."*



*"And, if you don't have an attorney, we have millions of them."*







Danny Shanahan

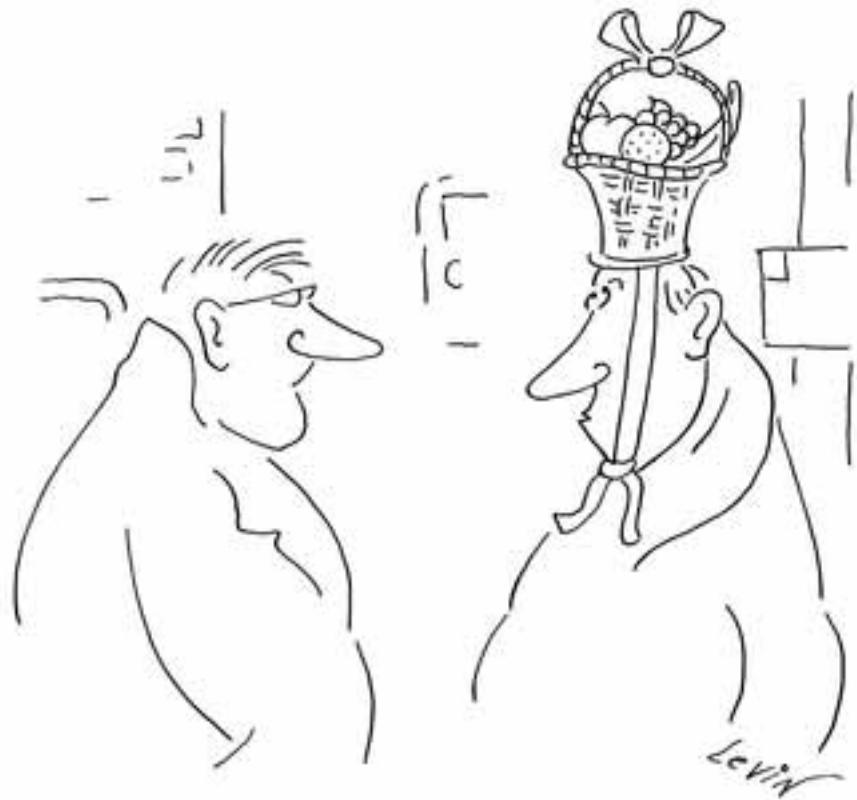
*"Hey, Tarzan—no need to yell."*



- B. Smaller

*'I've decided to spend the rest of my life with someone else.'*





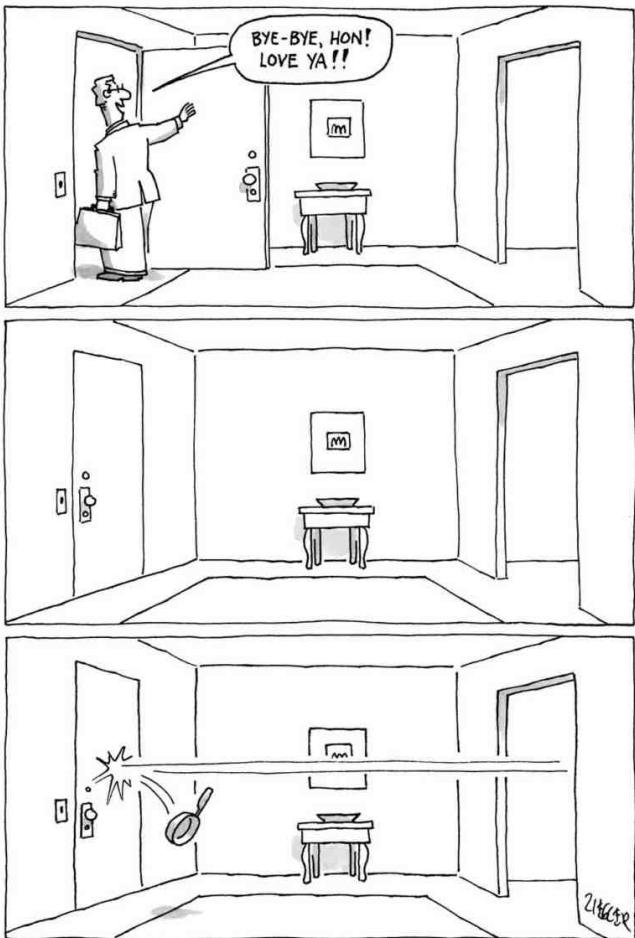
*"I really can't explain it too much except to say  
that it's part of a court order."*

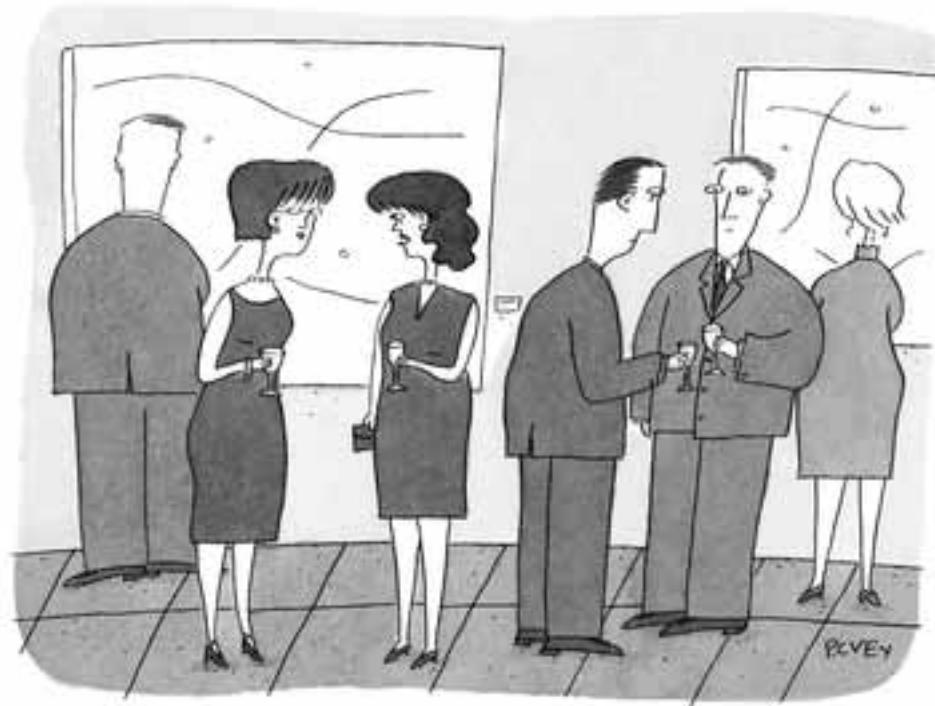


*"Now that I've been let go, the commute is all I have."*

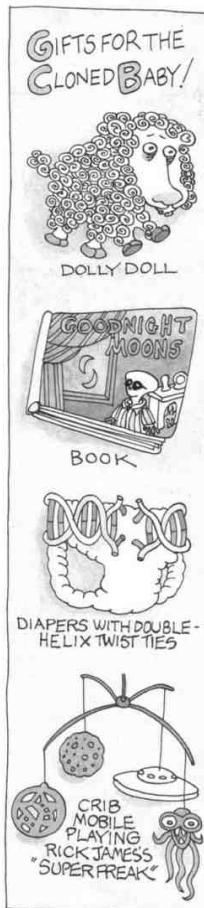


*"It's a pity they had to stop work on the new mall."*





*"I can't imagine bringing a child into the current art world."*





*"You used to love the way I annoyed the hell out of you."*



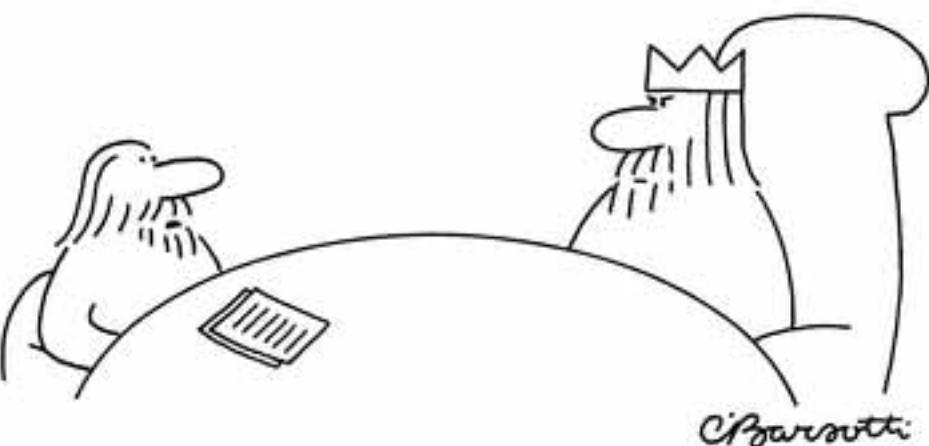
*“While you were out, there was a rift in the space-time continuum.”*





*"I converse. You claim."*





*"You might try avuncular."*



*“Frankly, I’m more concerned with our entrance strategy.”*



*"He's not here."*



*"It's boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy and girl do everything you've seen in every other movie."*



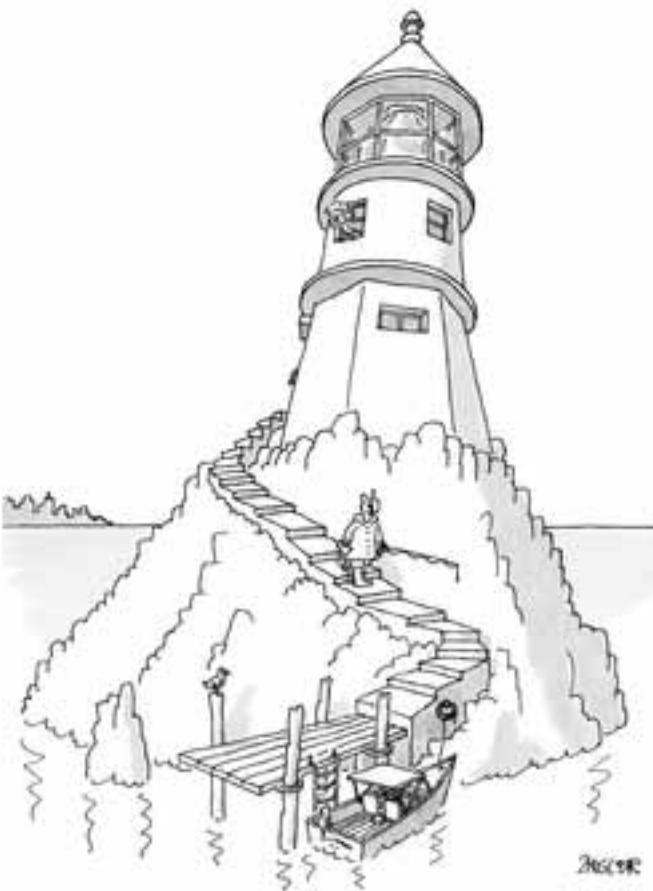


*"Well, Mr. Goddam Fancy-Pants Small-Town-Exposé hot shot!  
What makes you think we don't all have lusty, kiss-and-tell  
memoirs boiling away inside us?"*



*"How come there's no feel-good performance art?"*





*"And pick up a wine—something that goes with fish."*



*"Do we want to be members of a small, élite club of families willing to respond to insurance-survey questions during dinnertime?"*



*"We're going to try an insanity defense, so don't wear too nice a tie."*



*"By the way, that's not just my opinion. It also happens  
to be the opinion of some guy on NPR."*

## RECIPES FOR COMFORT DRINKS

### Cozy

2 oz. hot cocoa  
4 oz. vodka  
3 marshmallows

Combine cocoa and vodka.  
Garnish with marshmallows.  
Serves one nicely, but it's your call.



### Osama Who?

1/2 c. camomile tea  
2 tsp. sugar  
4 oz. Scotch

Mix tea, sugar, and Scotch. Makes  
one, but, hey, who are we to say?



### The Healing Begins

2 tbsp. hot milk  
1 tbsp. honey  
4 oz. rum

Stir everything together. Should be fine for  
one, but if a tad more is needed, that's O.K.



### Home Security

1/2 c. vanilla pudding  
4 oz. gin

Blend pudding and gin. One ought to do the  
trick, but these are difficult times.





*"I can't speak for everyone in the top one percent, but I'm fine."*



*"Take this declaration of war and punch it up."*



*"How's your beer coming, Eddie?"*



*"Finish your breakfast, honey, and then we'll go drop Daddy off at jail."*



*"Someone had to say 'Habeas corpus,' Your Honor—I'm glad it was you."*



*"This next blues is about the 5:37 to Scarsdale,  
and how it's frequently late, and crowded."*



*"You hit the ball—that's ping.  
Your opponent hits the ball—that's pong!  
Ping-Pong! Ping-Pong! Ping-Pong!"*



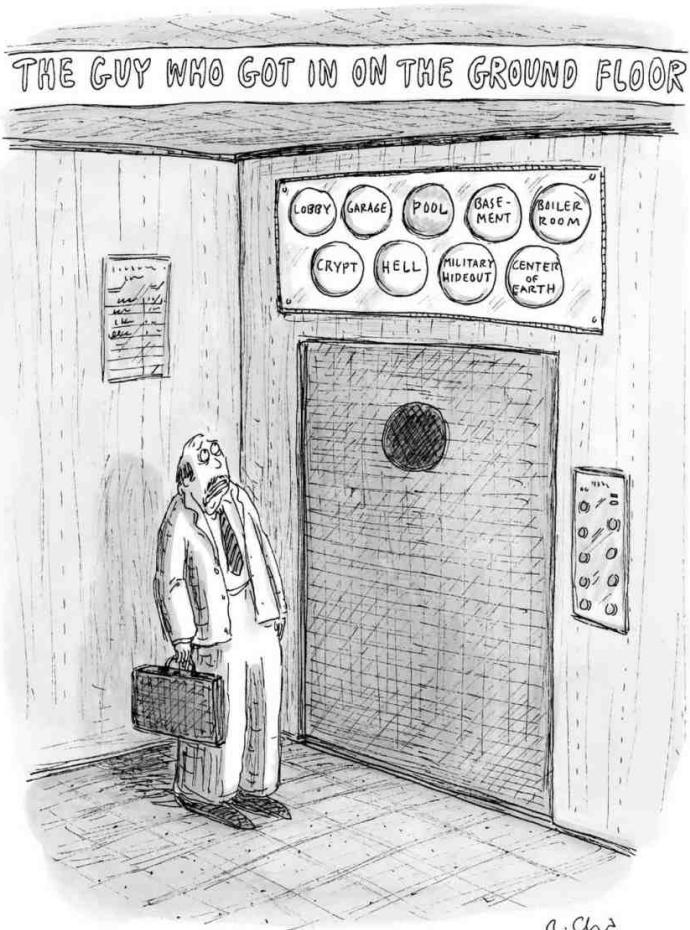
*“On the other hand, their accounting procedures are impeccable.”*



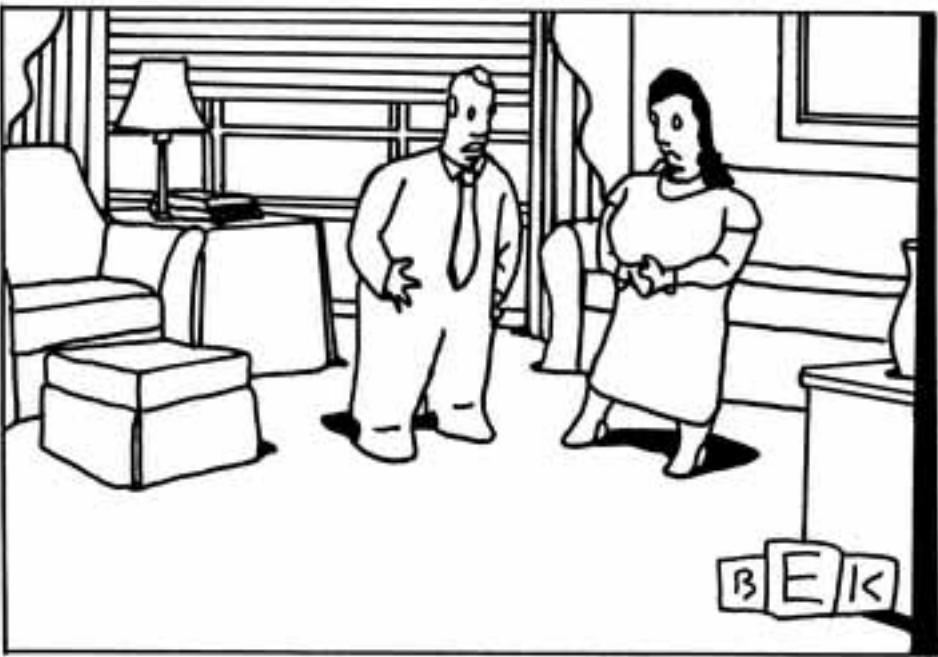
*"Just when you think you have nothing more to give,  
you have to work until eight."*



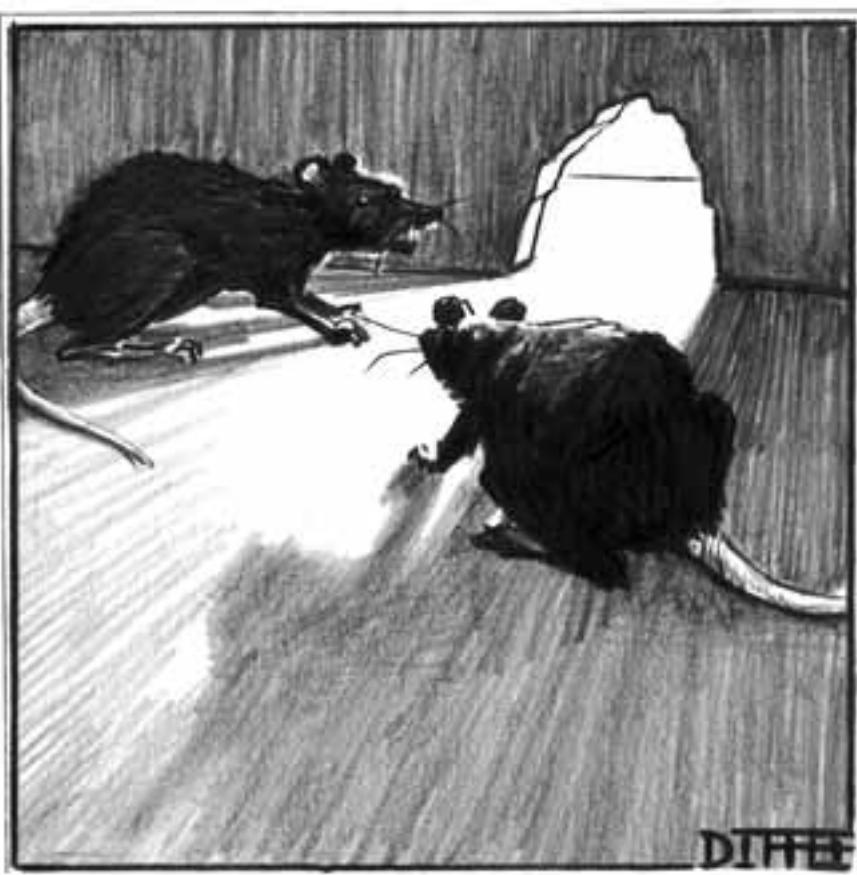
*"Incidentally—for what it's worth—she's your age."*







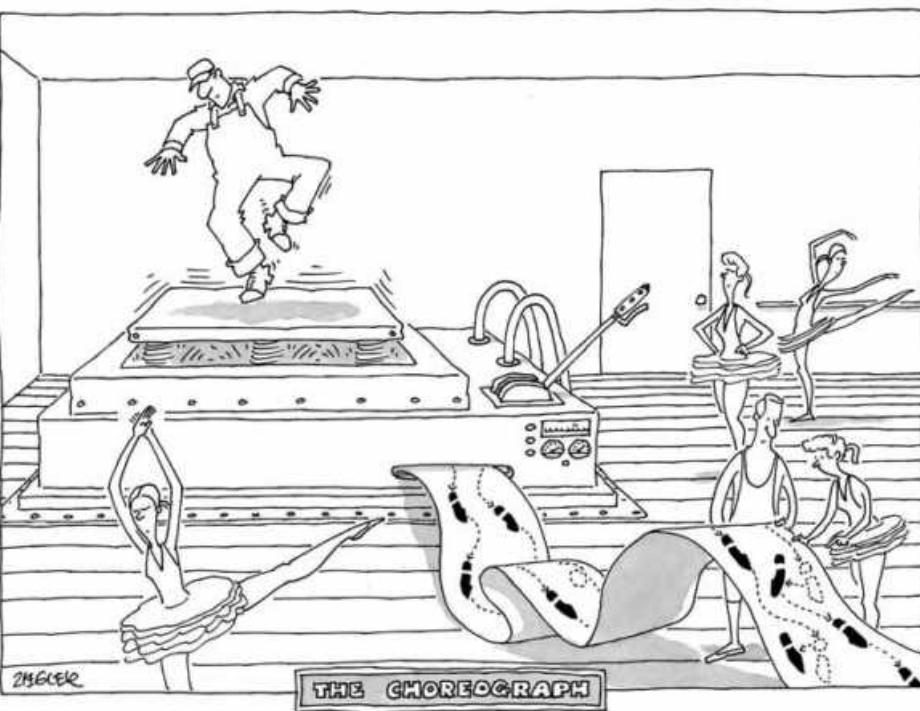
*"I went to farmers' markets with my first wife.  
I don't know if I want to go through all that again."*



*"Bring in the garbage."*



*"I'd like to have myself frozen until the Democrats  
regain control of Congress."*





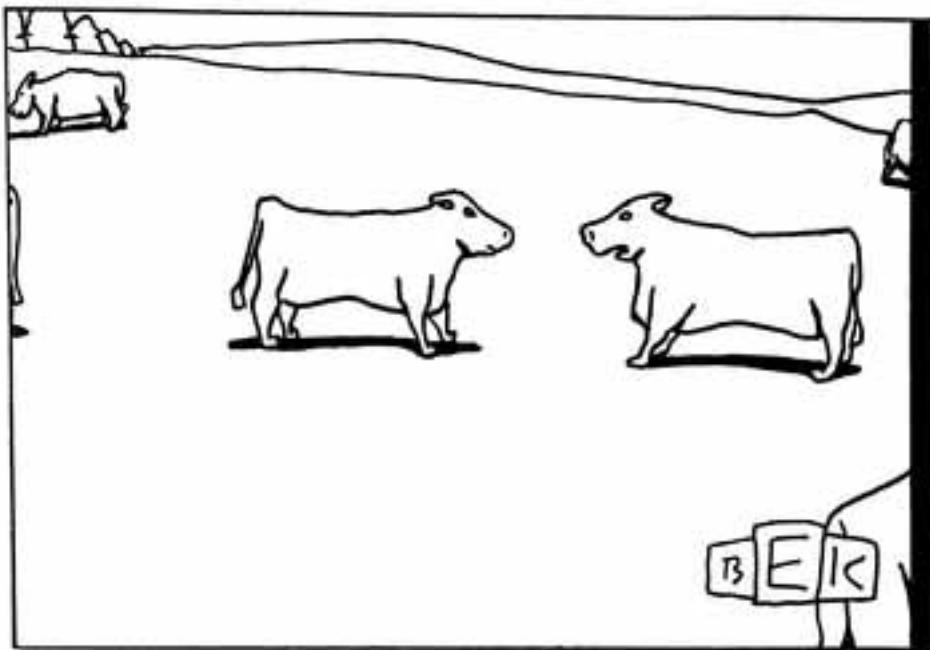




*"My heart is healthy, but my liver is shot to hell."*



*"That's amazing—I was just thinking the same thing."*



*"I suppose if I'm really honest with myself  
I'm not totally fine with being slaughtered."*



*"They got extinct because they didn't listen to their mommies."*



*"So much is written, so little advanced."*





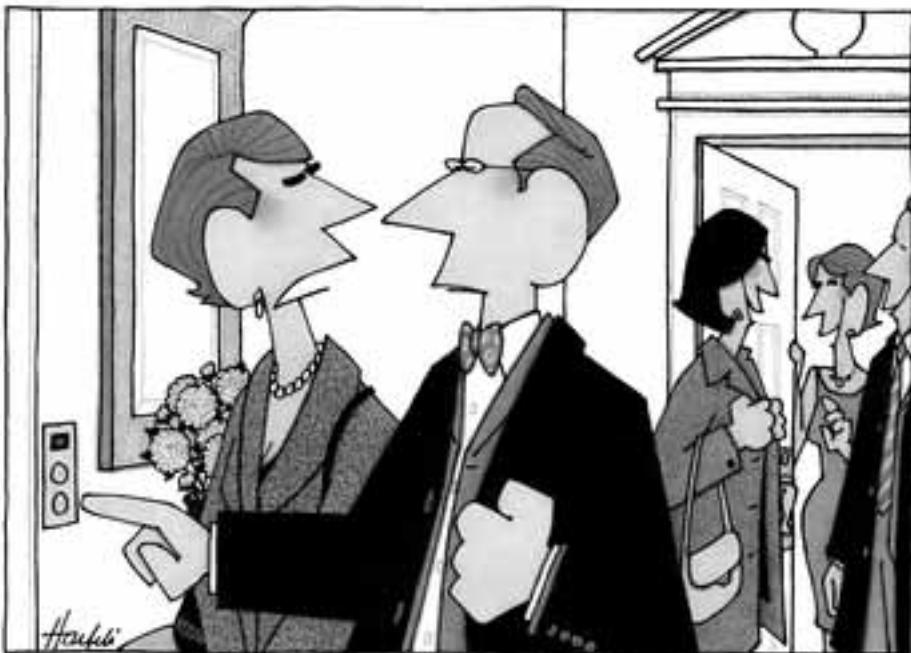
*"You'll like my parents. They're very child-centered."*



*"Mr. Happy wants to remind us that tragedy plus time equals comedy."*



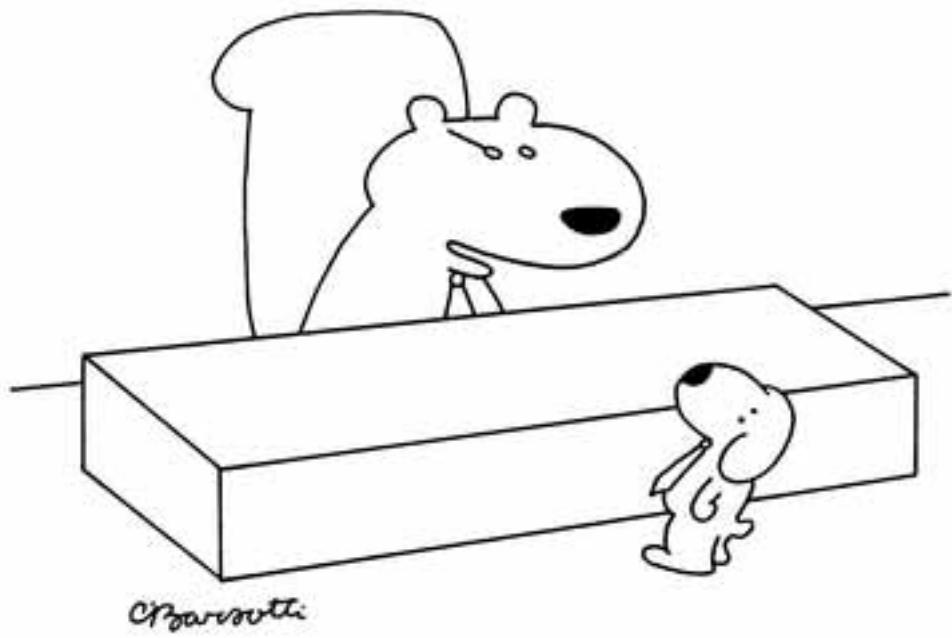
*"We'd better stock up on TV snacks in the event of war."*



*"When did you become the voice of the disenfranchised?"*



*"Somewhere along the line, our sewing circle took a strange turn."*



*"The old tricks, young fellow, have served me well."*



*"The damsel-in-distress thing is just one  
of several income streams that I pursue."*

Discontinued  
Sympathy Cards

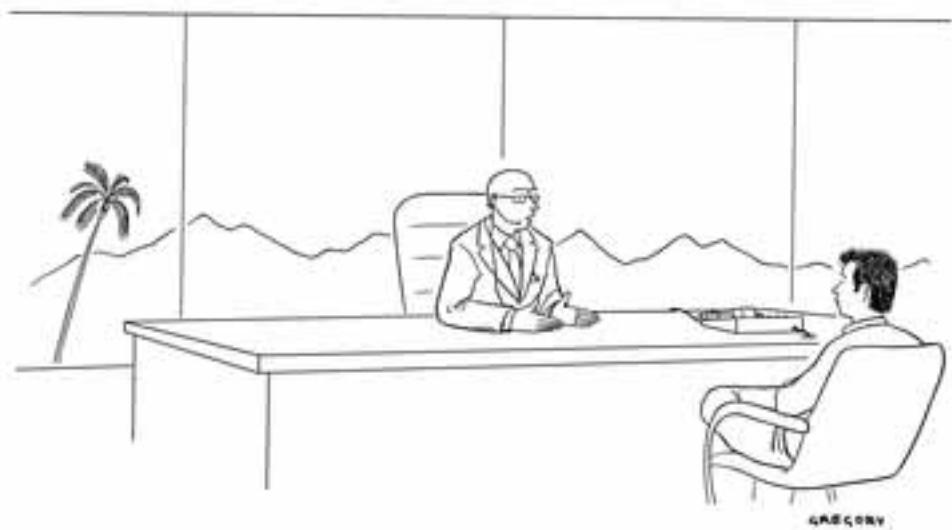




*"Now, sir, some of our customers prefer a longer,  
looser sleeve to cover the cuffs during a perp walk."*



*"Good Evening, ladies and gentlemen! If I may have just a moment of your time. My name is Edward, and I'll be sitting here reading the paper with my mouth shut. Thank you for your time, have a good evening, and God bless!"*



*"In terms of career guidance, access to A-list talent, and studio relationships, you couldn't sign with a better rehab clinic."*



*"Oh, and I've taken the liberty of sending  
anniversary cards to the axis of evil."*



*"I married money, son, so that you might never have to."*



*"Shaving your head takes the guesswork out of going bald."*

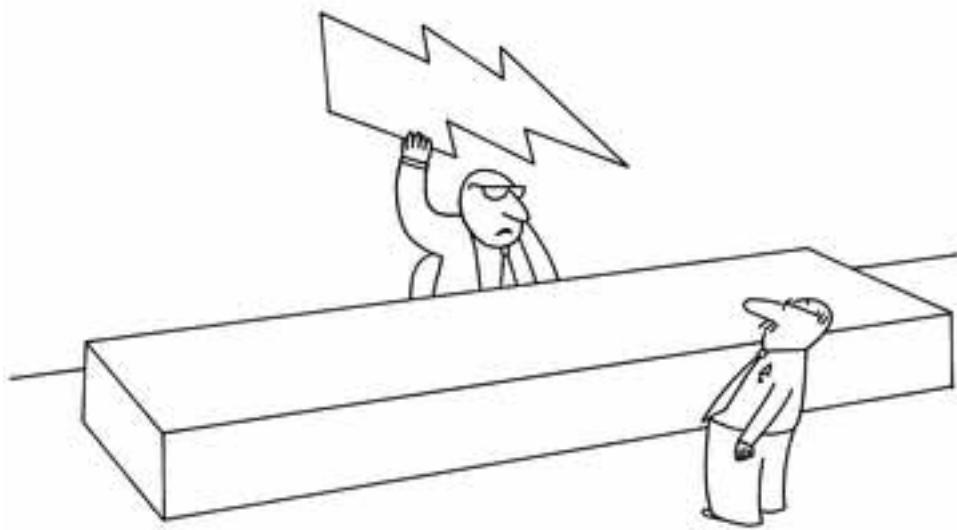




*"Should we have dinner now, or are you watching in real time?"*



*"On balance, Estelle, your party was not helpful."*



*"The board of directors has given me new powers."*



*"If I had it to do all over again, I wouldn't change much—  
maybe part my hair on the other side."*



*"Before you sentence me, I'd like to remind the court that I was just passing through the building looking for a bathroom."*



*"Would you take the guy at Table 4? I used to be his broker."*

COURTESY SHOWDOWN



*"He can wave till his hand falls off. I'm not going first."*

## THE RETURN OF MISS SUBWAYS



Millicent G.'s interests include cooking, table tennis, and avoiding eye contact whenever possible.

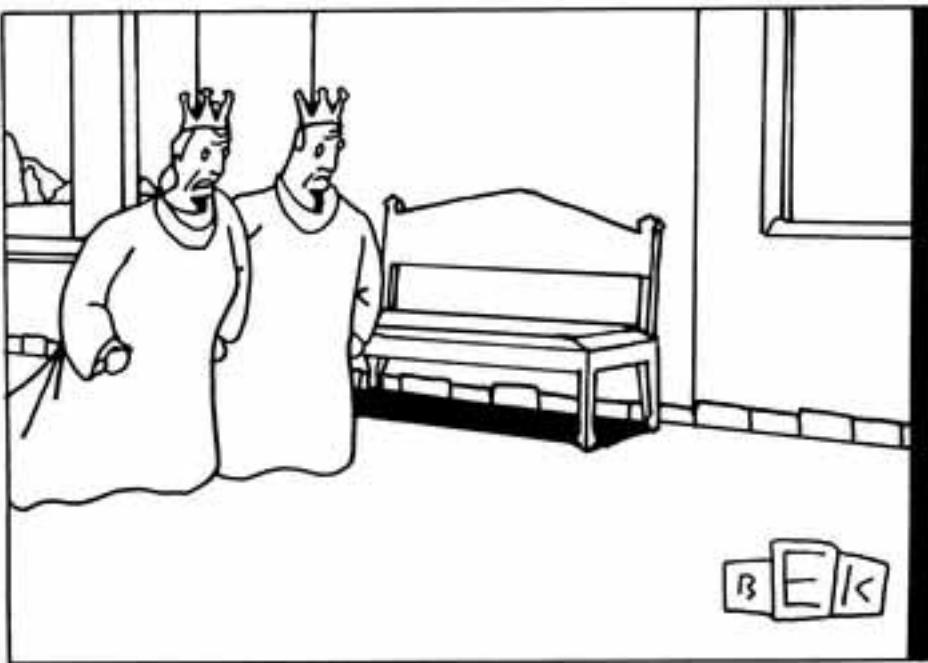


In addition to golf and poetry, Jan V. enjoys reading ads for torn-earlobe repair over and over again.

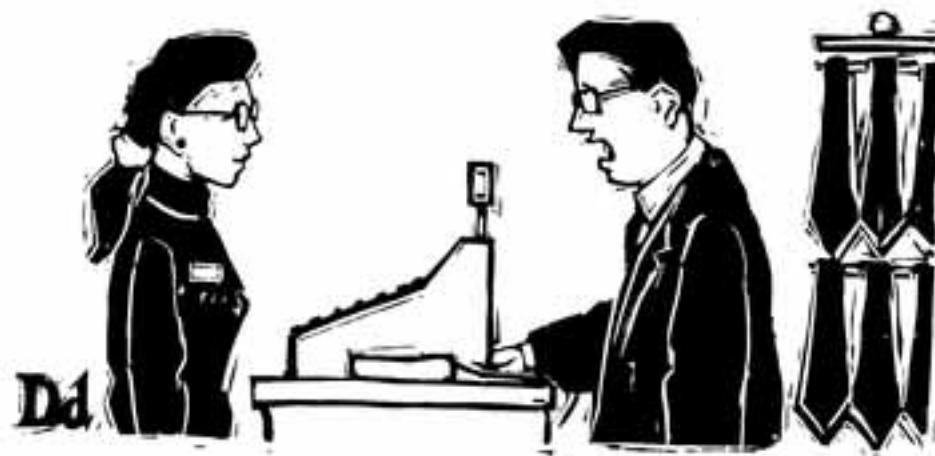


When not folk dancing or helping the needy, Hilda B. likes to think about the unlikelihood of tunnel collapse.

R. Chast



*"I told the cook I would prefer that she use some kind of artificial blackbird substitute."*



*"I'm looking for a tie that retracts a statement."*





*"We found a few barrels of stuff we didn't know we had."*





*“But I’m hot on the trail of my Google doppelgänger.”*



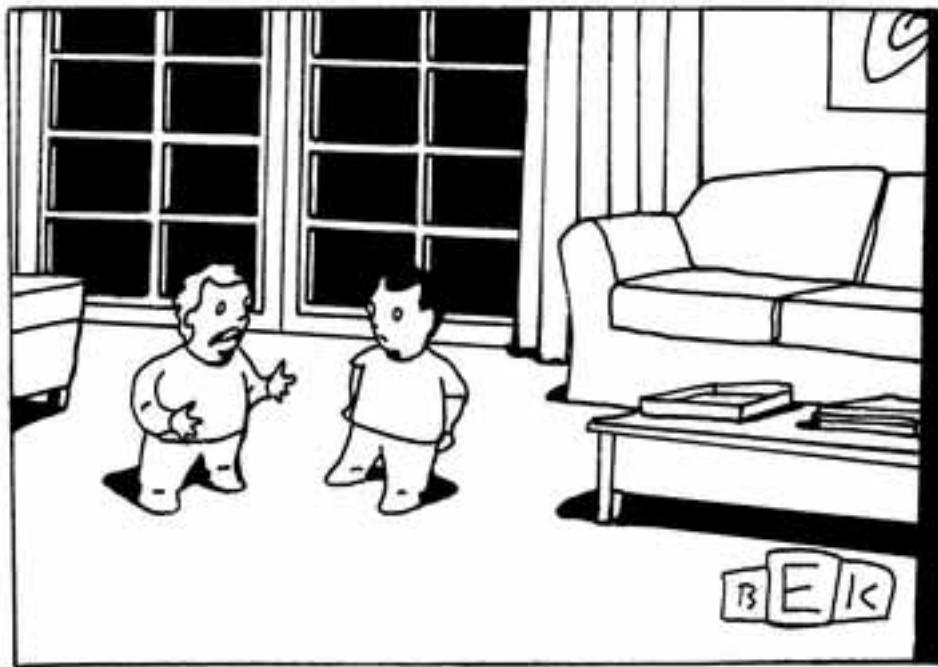
Charles Barsotti



*"Hey, look, before this goes any further, I should probably tell you we're married."*



*"Please listen carefully, as the menu has changed."*



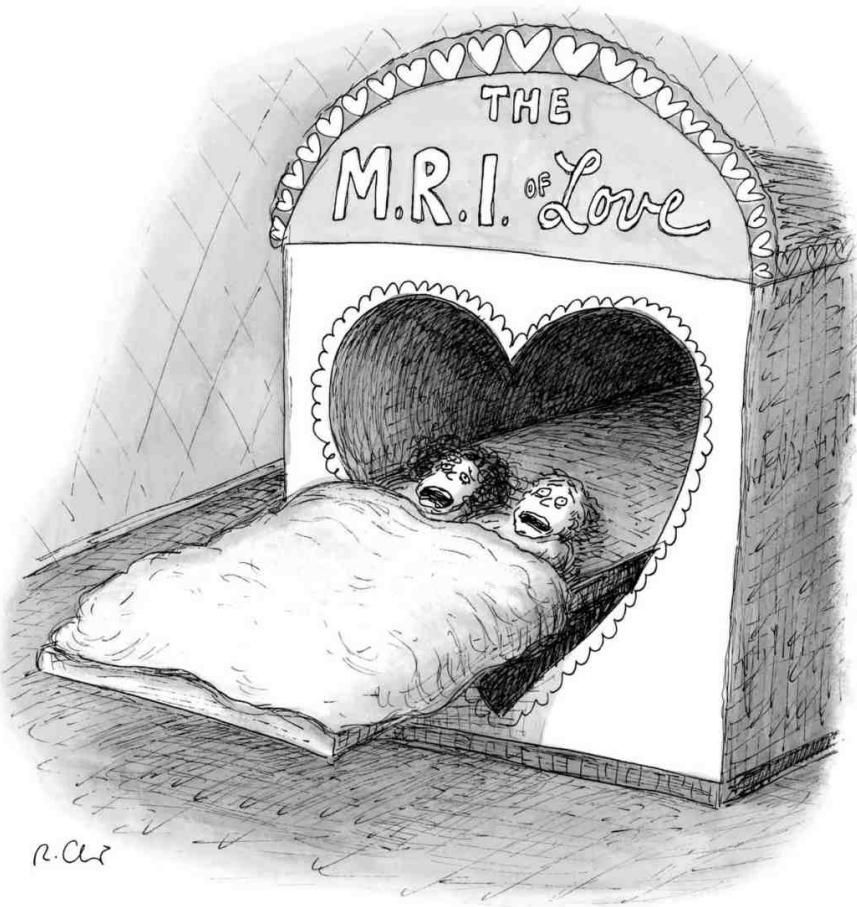
*"Now there's all this mythology about how I'm crabby."*



*"She's promiscuous. She's in five book groups."*



*"Isn't just knowing he's here for your appointment  
good enough—do you really need to see him?"*





*"It's taken me a while, but I can finally see  
the value in having tons of money."*





*"So! How is everybody today?"*



*"We'll always have the food court."*



*"Your client's refusal to grow up does not preclude  
him from being tried as an adult."*



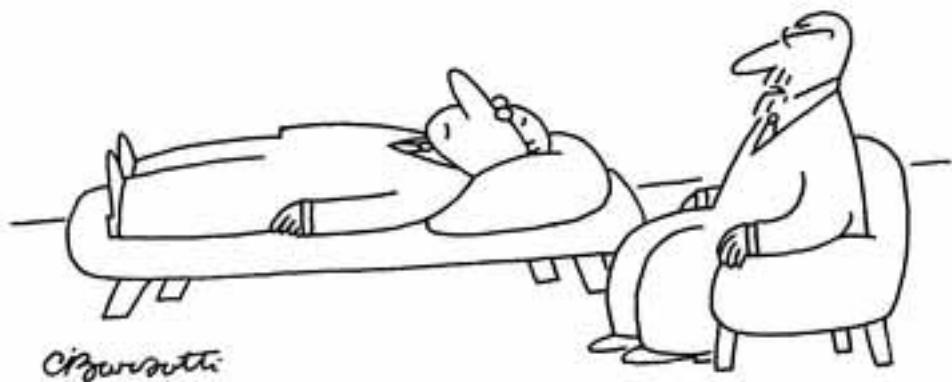
*"It may be expensive for fragrance, but it's cheap for aromatherapy."*



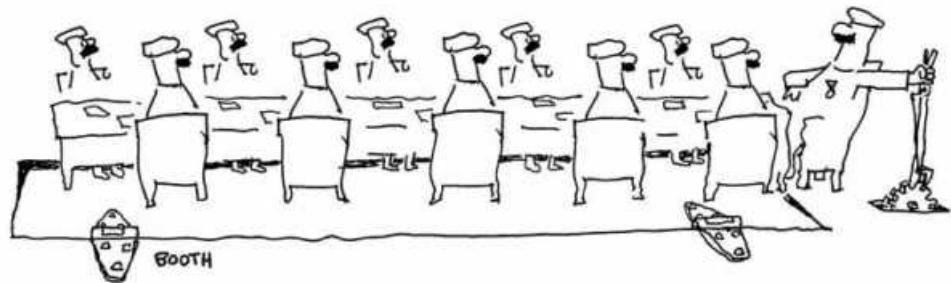
*"A word to the wise. When the gods speak, they'd better say 'across-the-board tax cut.'"*

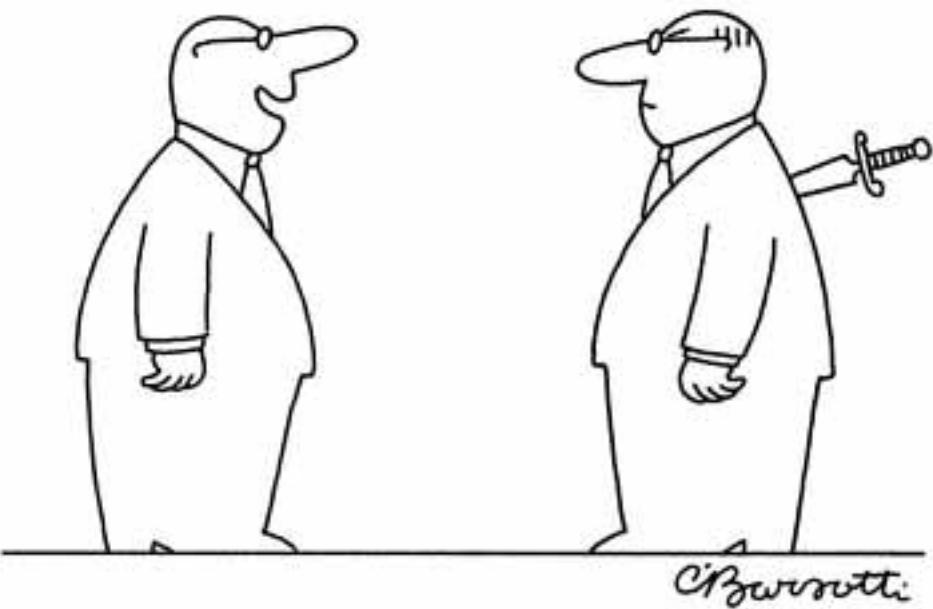


*"Is the Itsy Bitsy Spider obsessive-compulsive?"*



*"This is not about Schmidt—it's about you."*





*"Oh, darn, now I've ceded the moral high ground."*



*"Your problems make my fee seem insignificant."*





*"I've just found out what happened to the Hendersons."*



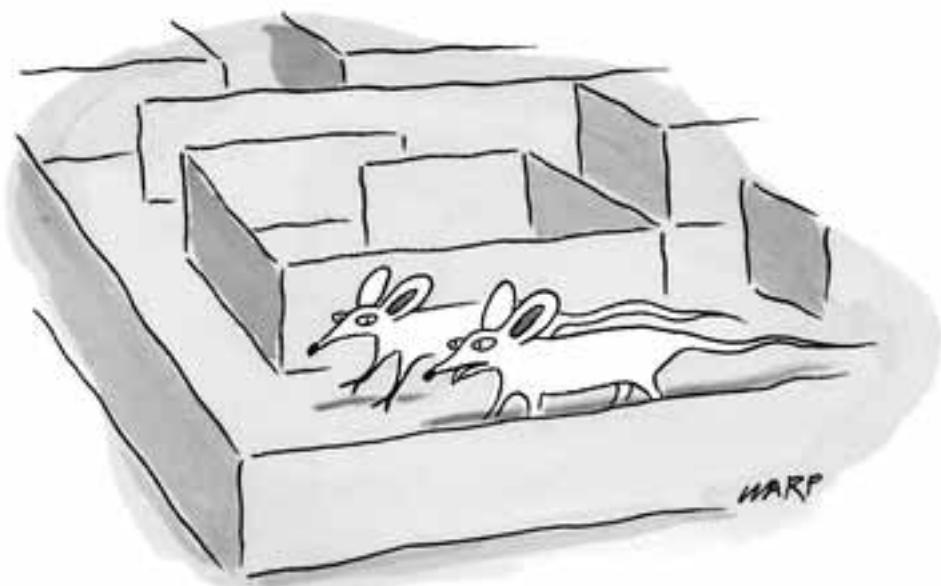
*"What are you pretending to be absorbed in?"*



*"So is Cameron Diaz really a babe, or is that another thing  
we've been led to believe by the biased media?"*



*"Regular service or affected?"*



*“Actually, I prefer crossword puzzles in the morning.”*





*"Very traditional. He's the noun. She's the adjective."*



*"Has there ever been a charming rogue state?"*



*Victoria Roberts*

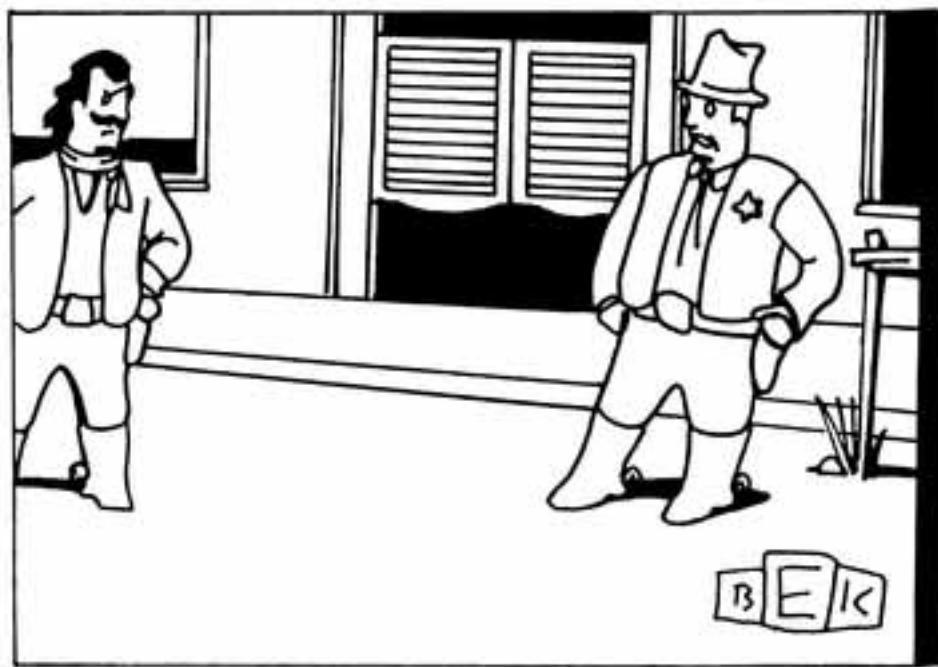
*"You know, Margaret, a lot of people who can knit don't."*



*"Uh-oh, Justin Legoed himself into his room again."*



*"He just came through a nasty engagement."*



*"To be on the safe side, let's just say 'noonish.' "*



*"Botox."*



*"As board members, we need to speak with one voice.  
I'm suggesting Donald Duck."*



*"O.K., so no animals were harmed,  
but were they adequately compensated?"*



*"I have everything tied up in making ends meet."*



*"Of course, this doesn't mean we can't still be contemporaries."*



*"Nice—but I thought we were transmuting base metal into gold."*



*"I do my part."*



*"I don't feel quite as fulfilled when I've saved a lawyer."*



*"Braithwaite & Starbucks. How may we help you?"*



*"He's never been very good with his hands."*

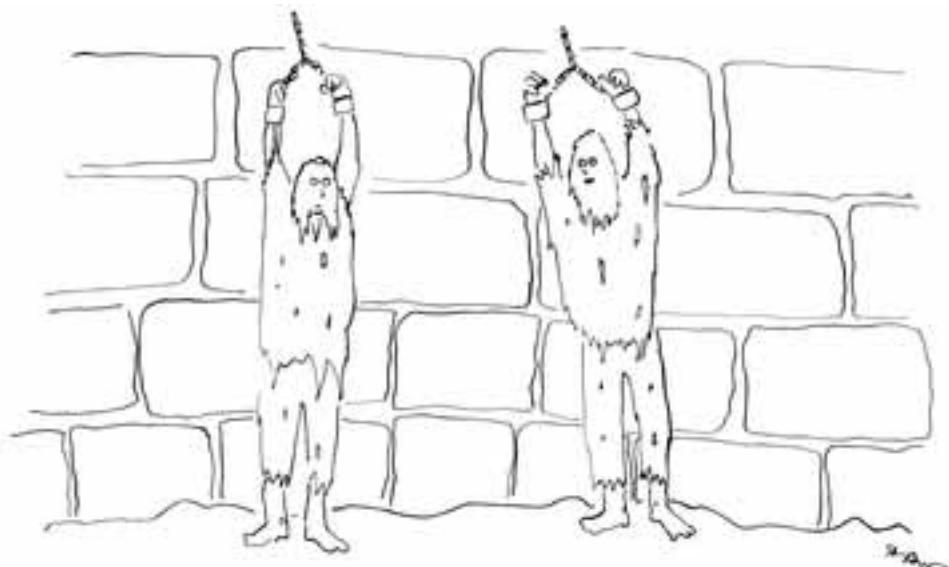


*"I used to give a damn, but now they have a patch for that."*

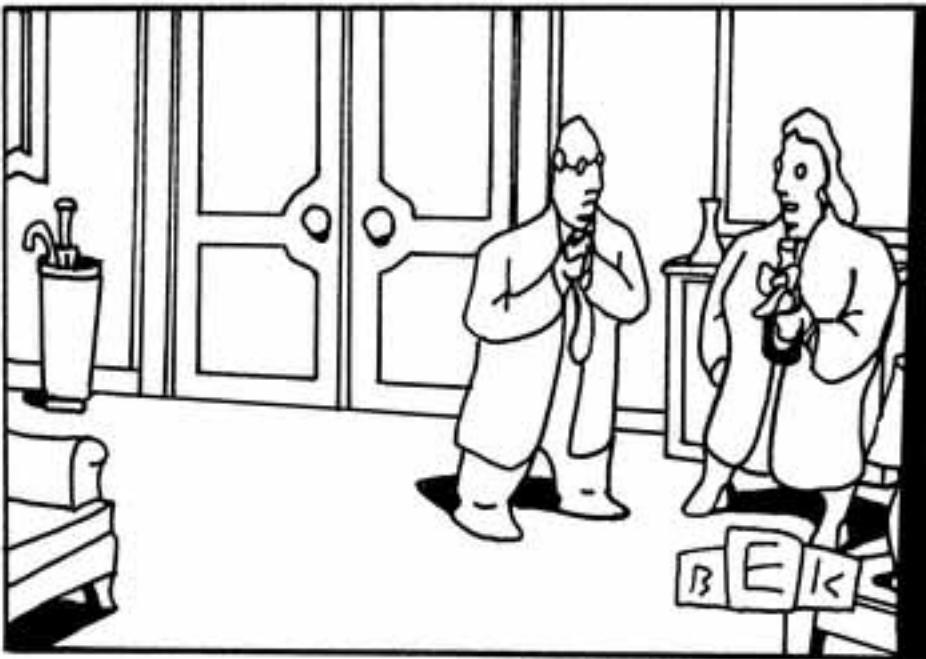




*"I have a taste for luxury."*



*"T.G.I.F!"*

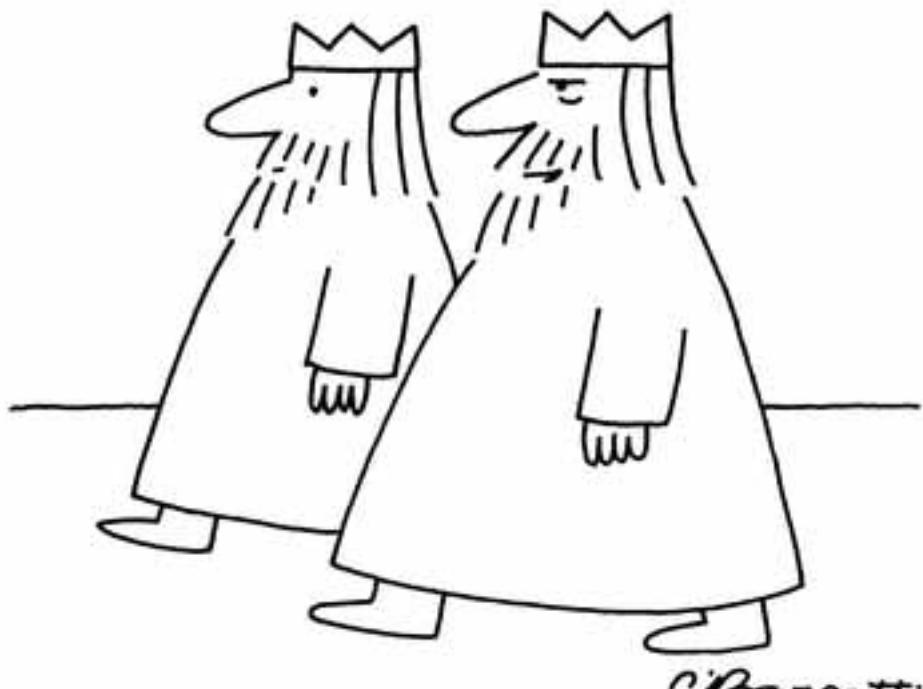


*"It will be nice to get out, have a few  
bitter generalizations, and come home."*



Danny Shanahan

THE CATS OF WAR



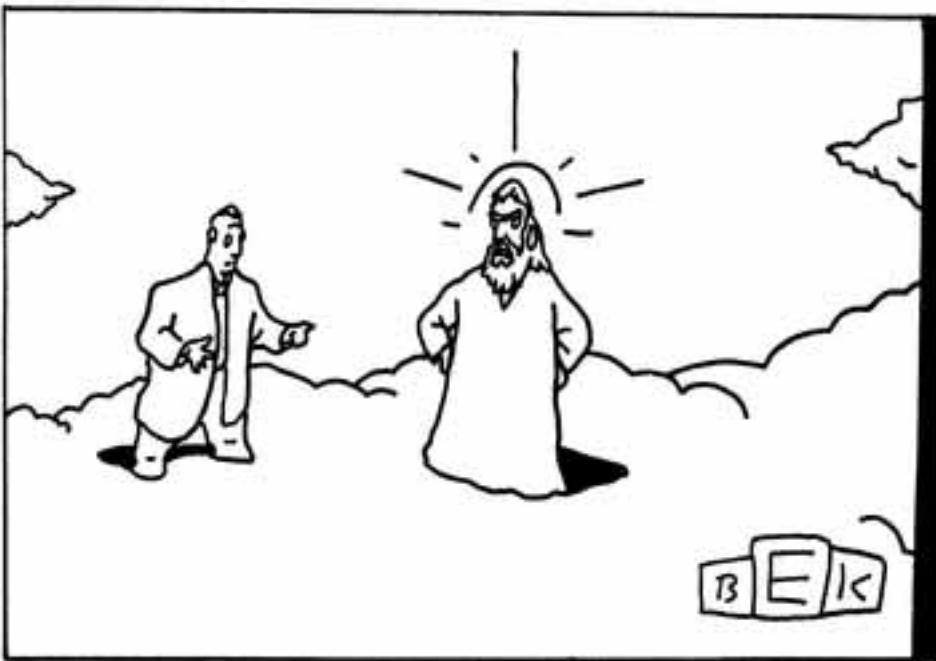
*"My loyal opposition wasn't loyal enough."*



*"While we finish our dessert, I thought we could all have a chat on matters fiscal."*



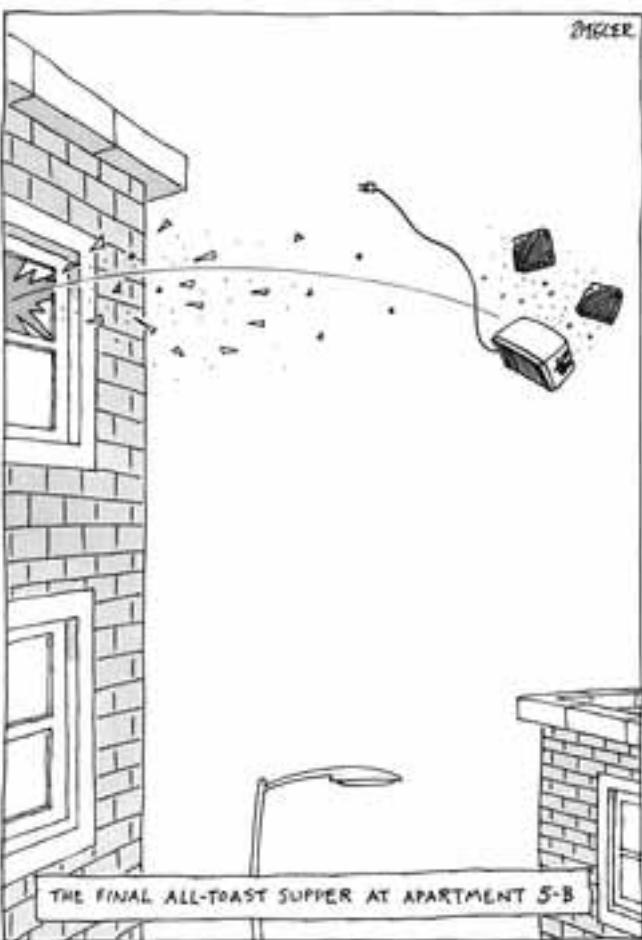
*"Miss Banks, I'm going to need a hacksaw, some green glitter,  
and a flounder for my four o'clock."*



*"I am big. It's the questions that got smaller."*



*"This stuff worked pretty well on me."*





*"I'm going to need a hug, Maurice—it's from the A.A.R.P."*



*"I think, Hayward, one can just slow down and still smell the roses."*



*"While the chef's dishes tonight are rather bland,  
his ideas are fresh and appealing."*



*“Sometimes spring can’t get here soon enough.”*



*"Honey, I'm home."*



*"I'm sure 'till death do you part' was only an estimate."*





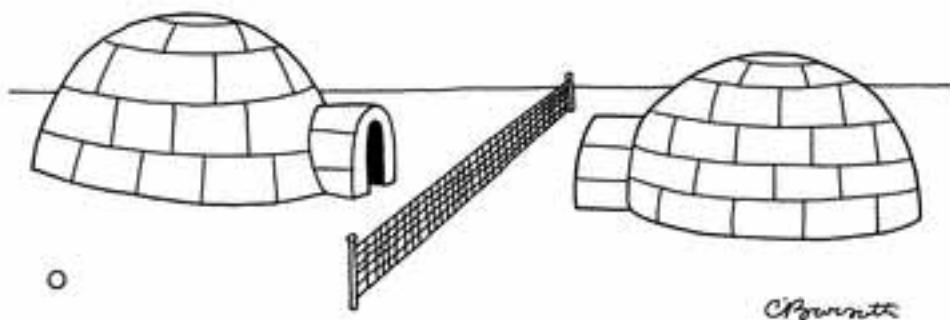
*"I spy something blue."*

# GANGS of NEW YORK





*"There will come a day when you'll no longer  
dot your 'i's with little hearts."*



*"Serve again—I wasn't ready."*



*"You take small bites out of life, Howard, and chew thoroughly."*



*"Oh, can't complain, but I do."*





*"My incompetence will become the basis of your appeal."*



*"Of course I'm paying attention—I've pressed the mute button."*



MANKOFF

*"This is Mr. Norris. He'll be coming on board as a human shield."*



*"It sounds like Osama bin Laden, but it could be your mother."*



*"I know the D train would have been faster,  
brainiac, but the B has a quiet authority."*



*"This week on, 'Celebrity Fear Factor,' contestants  
are threatened with total anonymity."*

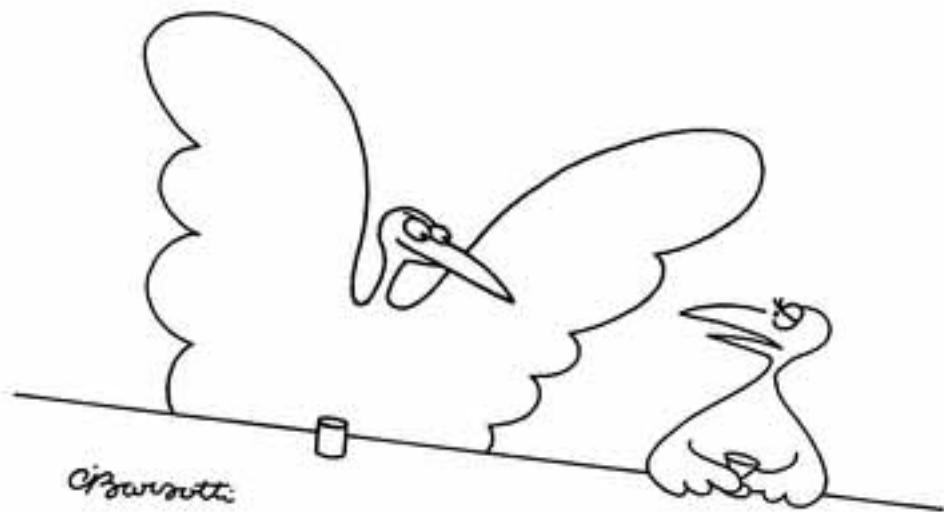




*"I just have to create a few loose ends for other people  
to clear up, and then I can get out of here."*



*"Loved the movie. Hated the audience."*



*"Stupid—yet irresistible."*



*“Personally, I prefer cremation.”*



*"I agree—the idea of cloning humans is disgusting."*





*“Somehow I remember this one differently.”*



*"Your French is correct, sir—that item is a sneaker filled with gasoline."*



*"Grandma had a favorite doll when she was your age.  
But, with no explanation, that doll was taken away from her  
and sent to live with some cousins in Wichita."*



*"Well, how long do you want to live?"*



*"I have an evacuation plan that includes Roger  
and one that does not include Roger."*



*"You're not in material breach, but you're not in full compliance, either."*



*"The view is all prewar brick."*



*"Daddy's going off to defeat terrorism in subtler, economic ways."*



Danny Shanahan

*"And just what the hell is that supposed to mean?"*



*"It wasn't until I discovered how much the upper one per cent were losing on dividends that I became a truly compassionate conservative."*



*"I can't believe 'Jackass' wasn't nominated.  
What was the Academy thinking?"*

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ALL LAWYERED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO



R.C.



*"Gimme the purse and the matching pumps."*

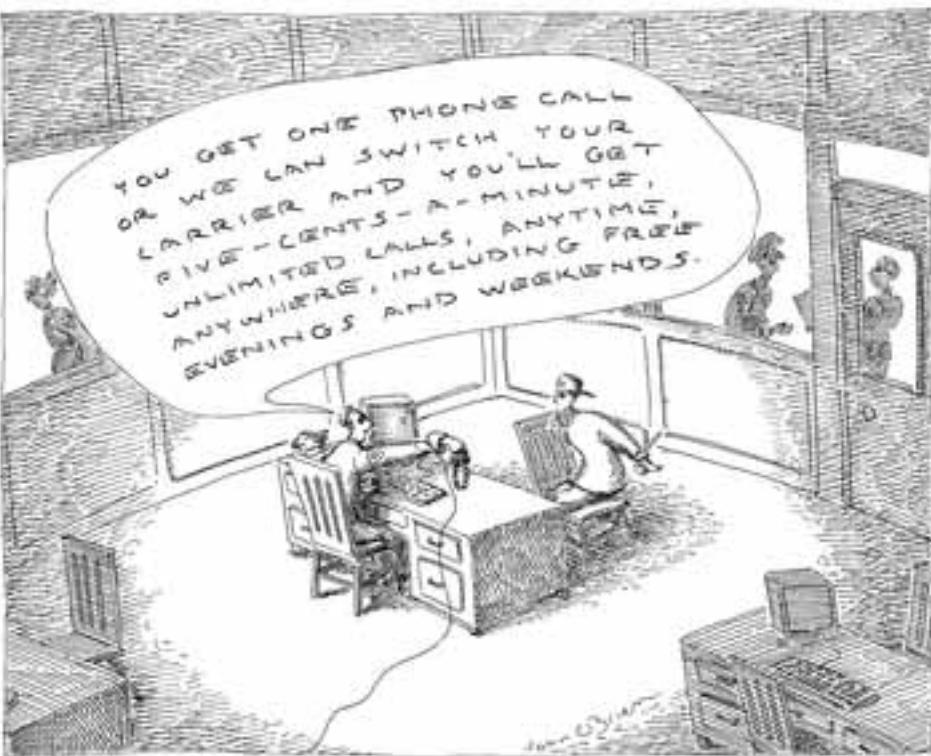


*"This is the coldest winter I can remember."*

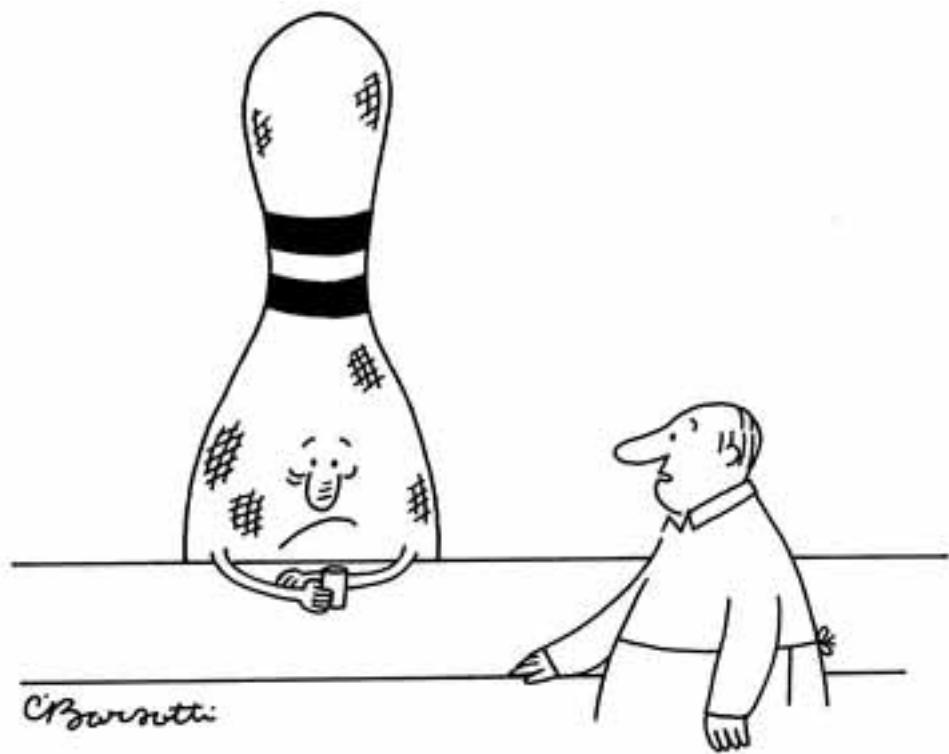




*"Hey, it's my turn to keep the Ray-Bans!"*







*"Have you ever considered another line of work?"*



*"Don't worry, Ma—I'm too big to fail."*



*"Helen! Well, I'll be damned."*



*"I just think you're going to need a better rallying cry than  
'Absence of evidence isn't evidence of absence.'"*



*"Nothing beats New York for sheer energy."*

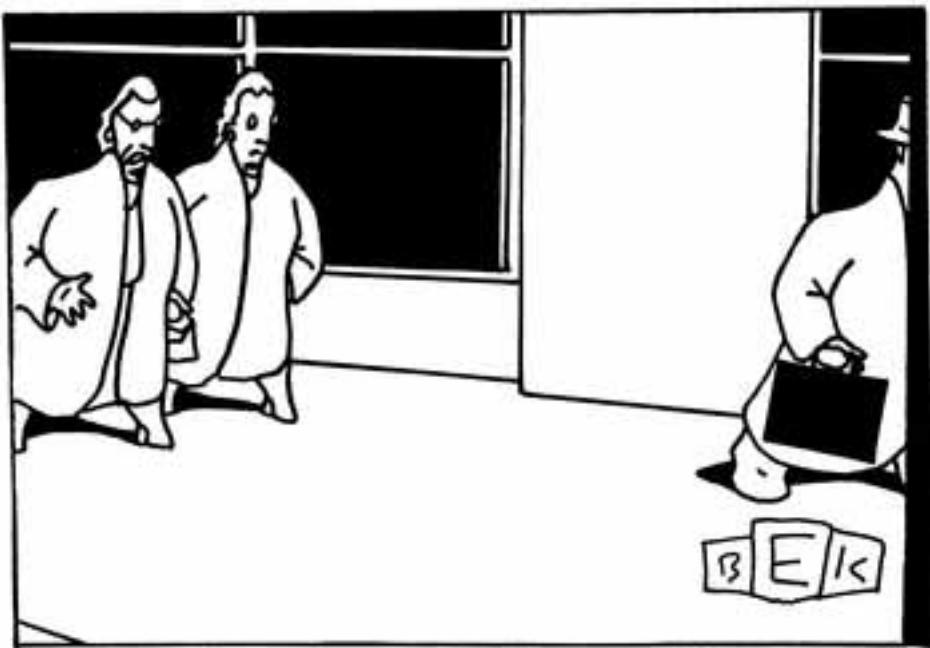


*"I'm not going to sit here and make fun of the very people  
I'm wasting my time watching."*

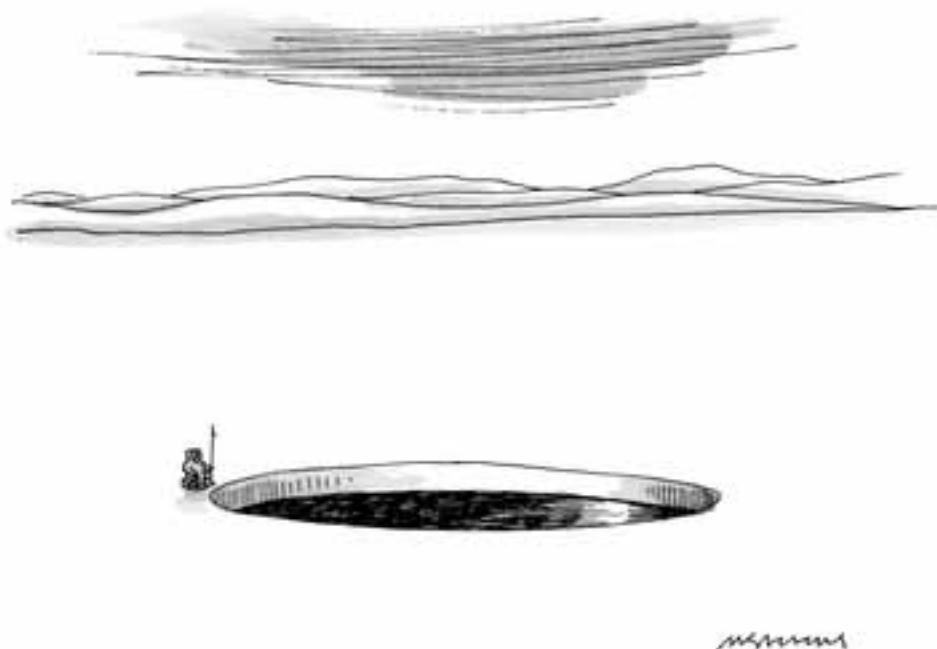




*"Not tonight, hon, I have a concussion."*



*"At this point, I'm just complaining on fumes."*



ICE WHALING



*"Want to come up to my place and deal with the moral implications?"*



*"This galaxy he's from—ask him if it's got oil."*

THE SWEET SPOT OF FLU





*"Yours is what's taking so long."*



*"What do you do when you can't sleep?"*



*"It could go badly, or it could go well, depending on whether it goes badly or well."*



*"Stella!"*



*"Might I sound a note of caution?"*



*"I never cared much for apple pie, and,  
as for mother, the less said the better."*

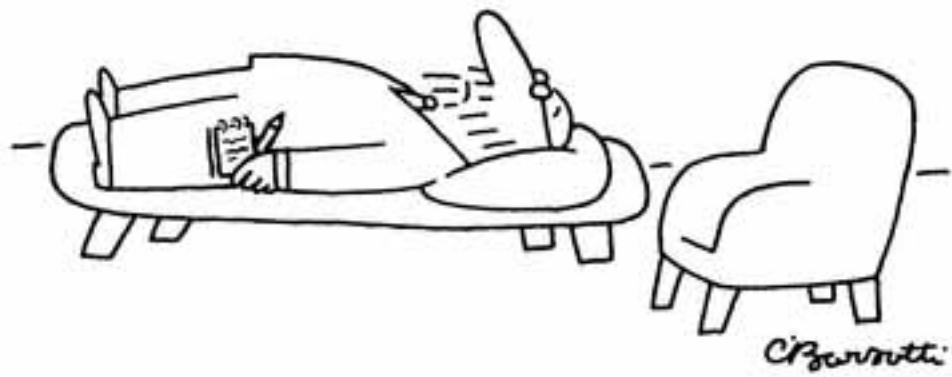


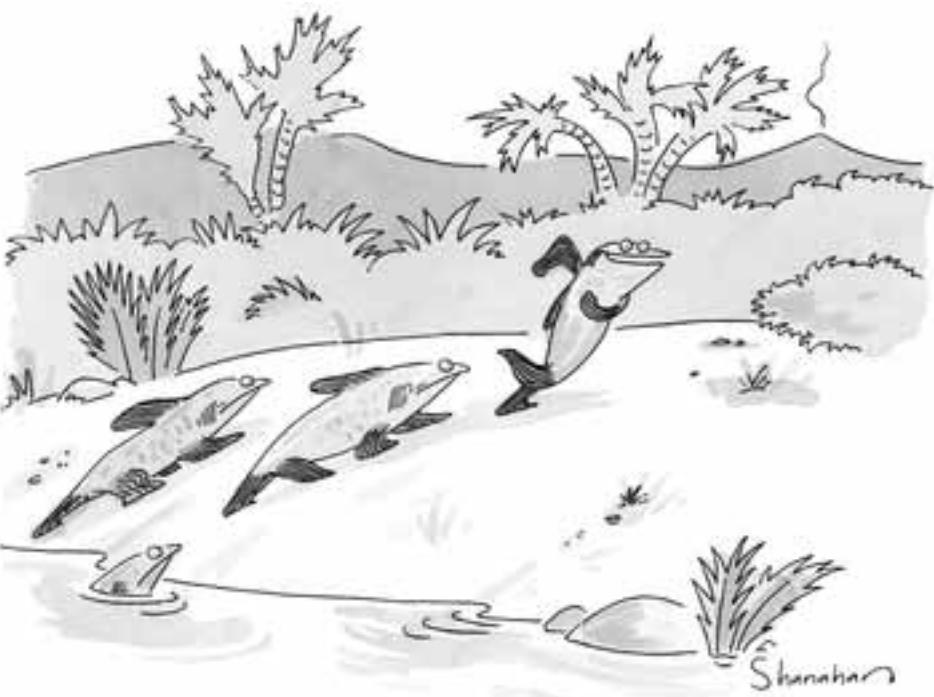
*"That's an interesting question, Clint. I don't know if my gun rack is an authentic regionalism or just a macho affectation."*



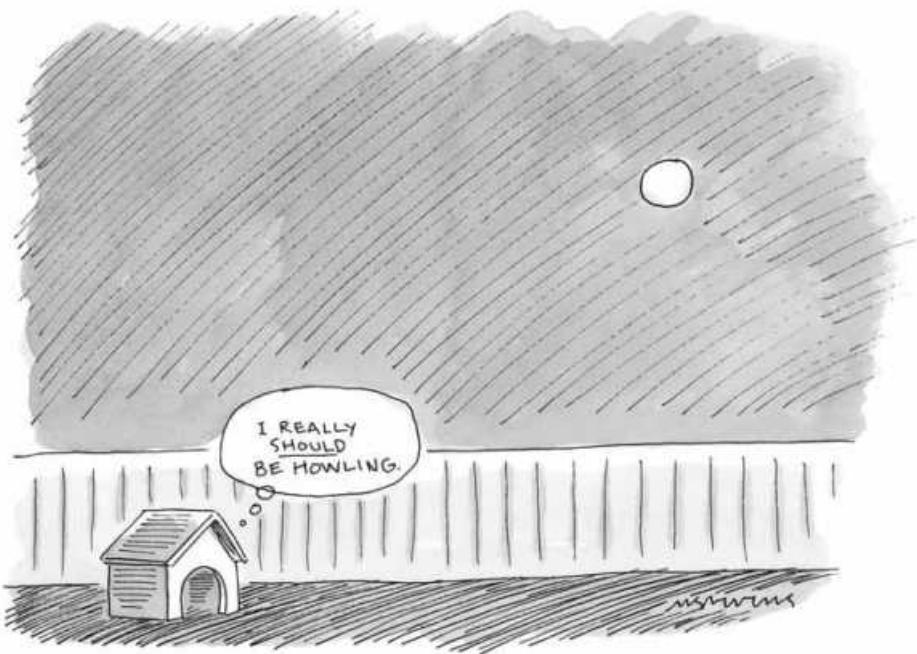
*"Your DNA doesn't match your credit history."*







*"Walk, hell—I gotta dance!"*



# TRADING SPACES

THIS WEEK:





*"This treatment cleanses your system of all of its excess money."*



*"Granted, we're living longer—on the other hand, we're out of it sooner."*







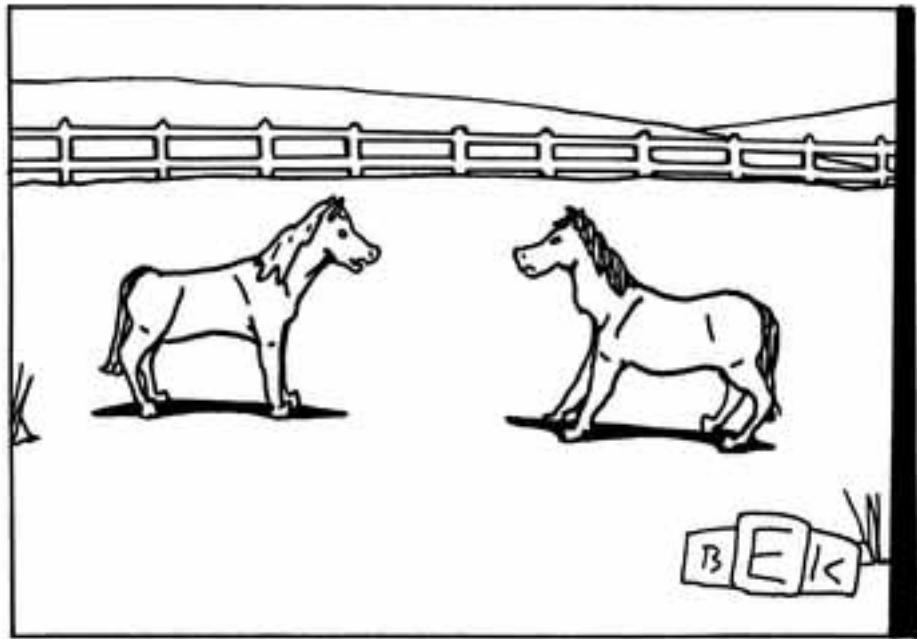
*"Nothing's wrong—it's a managerial technique  
I learned from my mother."*



*"Jim is a good old-fashioned modernist."*



*"I don't mind the whip. It's the cubicles I find demoralizing."*



*"Really, only you can tell yourself to giddyup."*



*"Who ever thought patriotism could be so complicated?"*



*"Sorry, Pop, but your message is no longer relevant to the younger audience."*



*"It's so nice out. Let's go do something weather-related."*

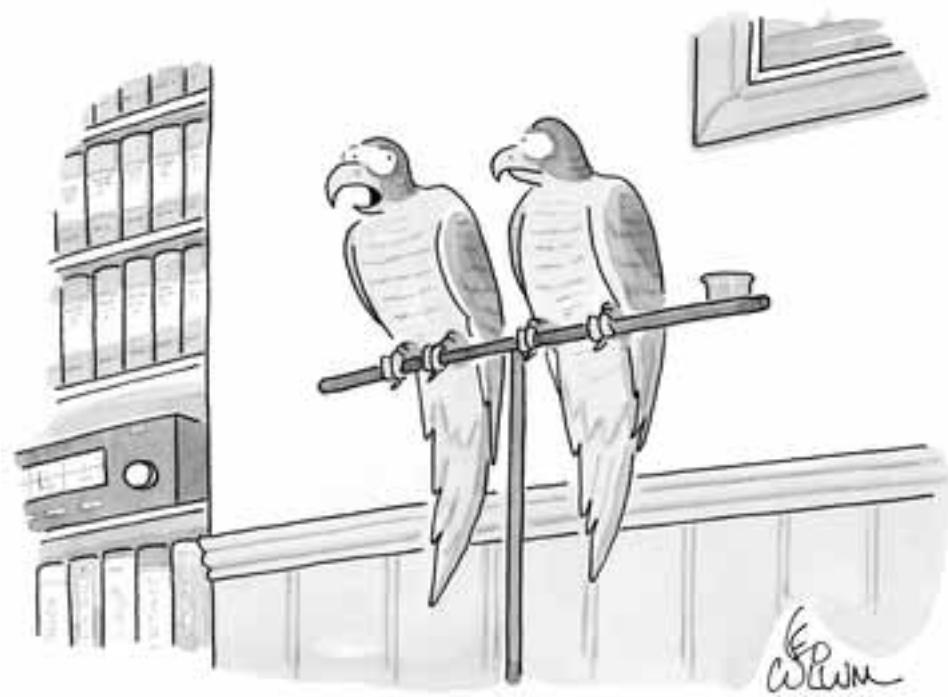


*“According to your carrier, this little piggy has insurance,  
but this little piggy has none.”*



*"As your chosen autobiographical ghostwriter, let me state up front  
that if I want any input from you I'll ask for it."*





*"That's not my political opinion. That's just stuff I hear on the radio."*



*"Junk mail."*



*"You can perform a satanic ritual in the poultry department when you're older."*



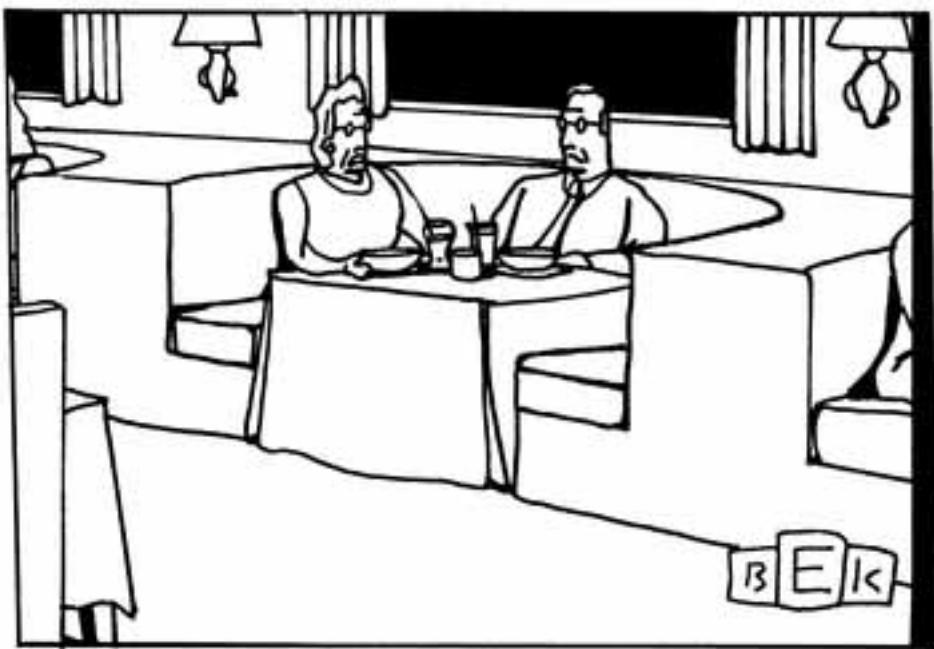
*"If containment doesn't work, we can always eat them."*

VINTAGE REMEDIES





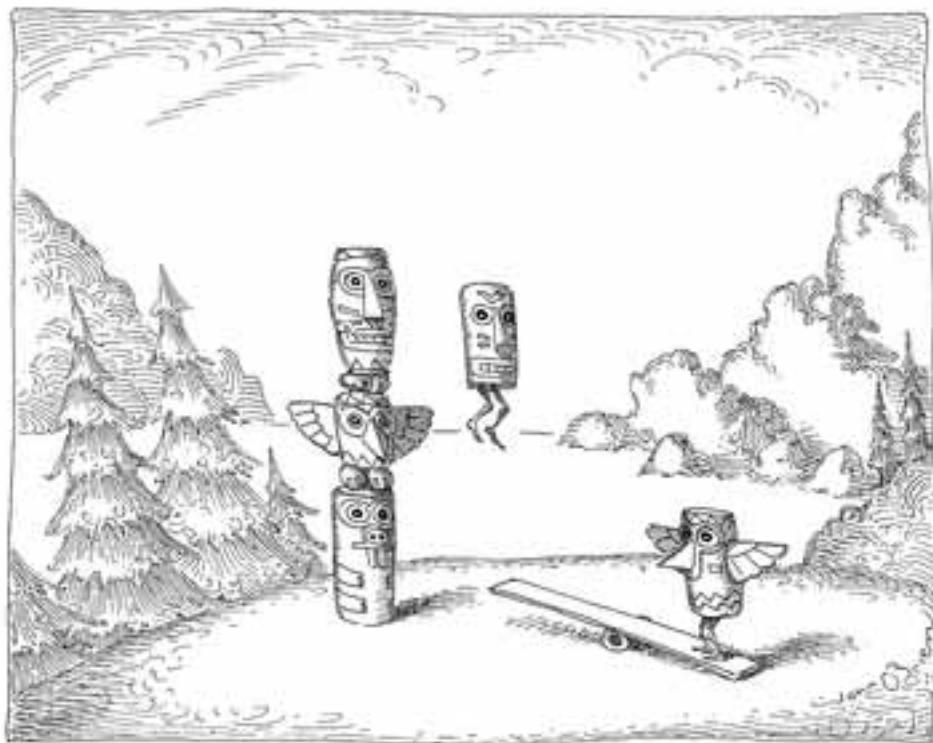
*"My boss is always telling me what to do."*



*"Why do we need some piece of paper to say that we hate each other?"*

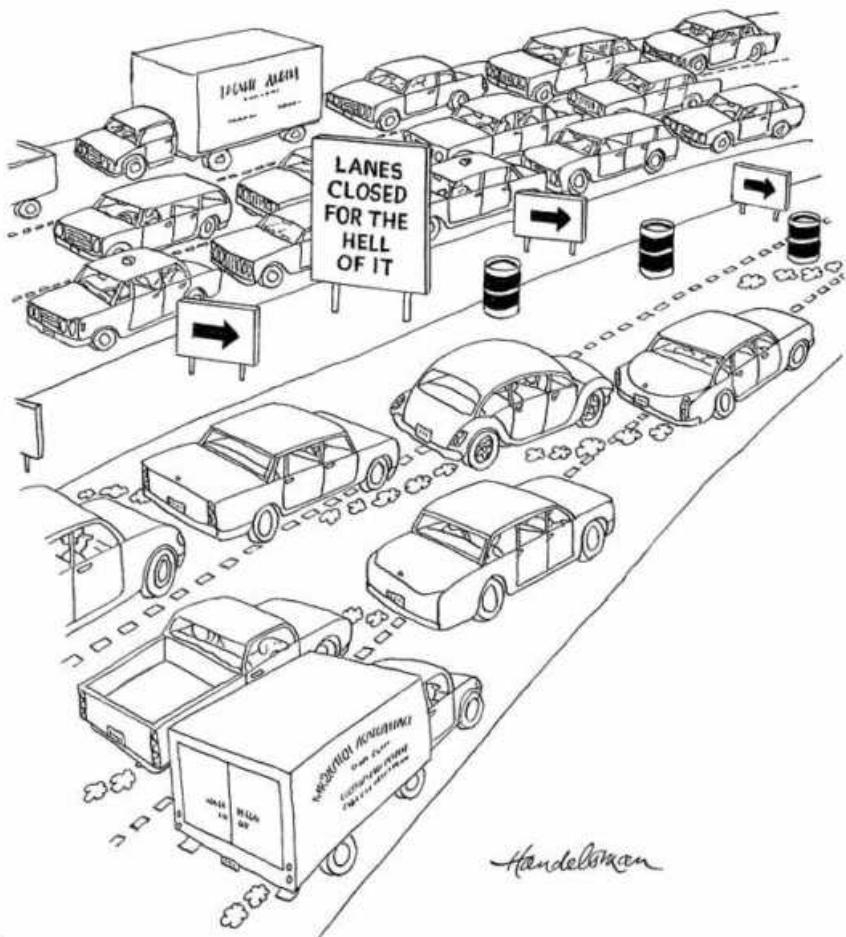


*"This song is very difficult for me emotionally. Plus, the chords are hard."*





*"Once again, zero income from endorsements."*

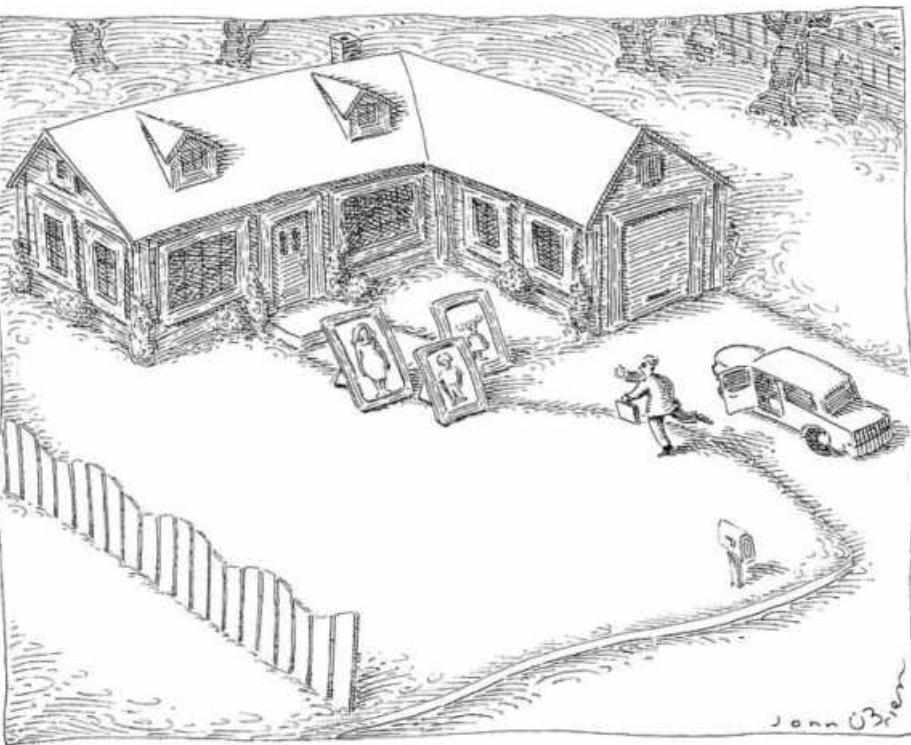




*"I thought I'd start things off with the  
'shock and awe' phase of the operation."*



*"It was an impulse purchase."*





*"I never appreciated nap time when I had it."*

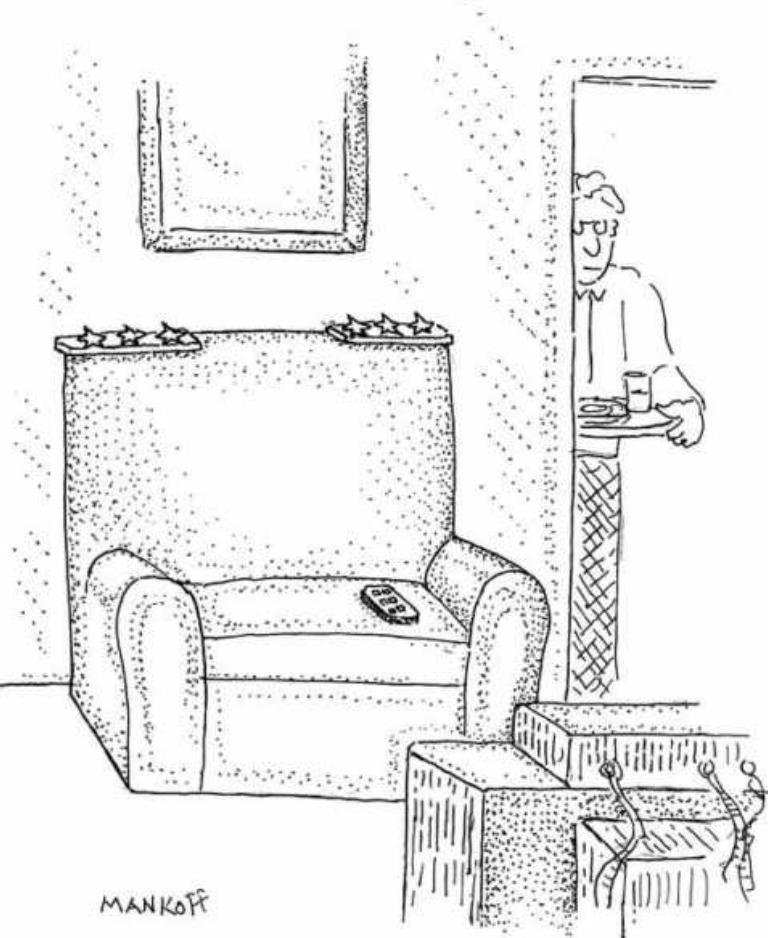


*"I should ask, before we begin, whether you're looking to repair your existing marriage or replace it?"*



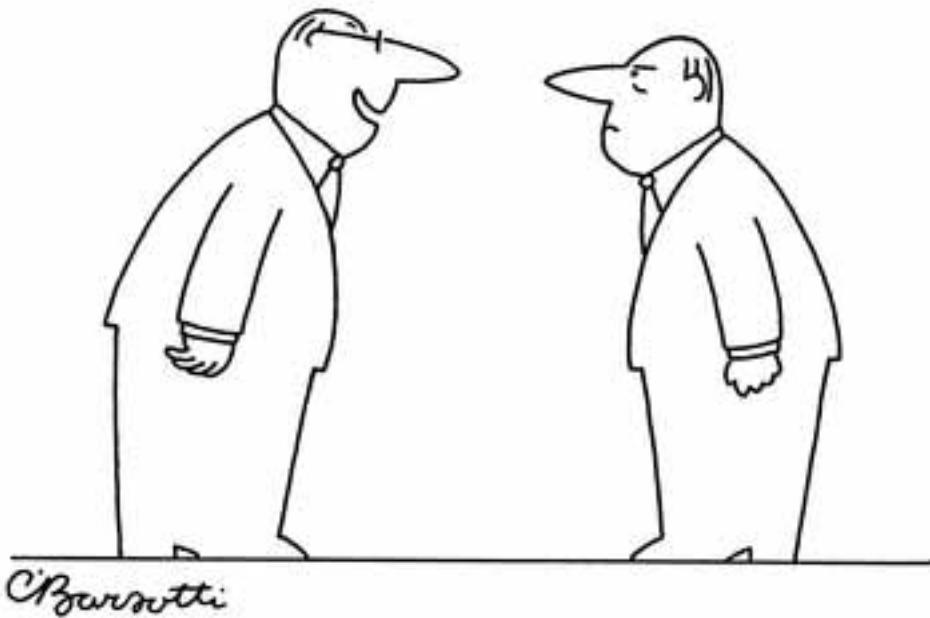


*"I noticed you've packed the gallery with your relatives."*



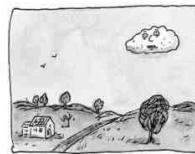


*“Supposedly he’s some kind of a person in his own right.”*



*"That's the game, Whitlock—somebody gets emasculated."*

## CLOUD CHART



**LONERS**  
Single clouds that like to hang out in an otherwise cloudless sky.



**SHEEP**  
Little clouds that always appear in bunches.



**SPEEDY GONZALI**  
Clouds in a huge hurry to get to the next sky.



**BLOCKERS**  
Mischievous clouds with a fondness for popping up just as one decides to go in the ocean.



**GRAY BLANKET**  
One vast gray cloud that usually covers several states at once.



**INDUSTRIOS**  
Beautiful clouds that are most often seen over large manufacturing plants.



**SIGMUND'S**  
Clouds with an uncanny ability to make you feel anxious or depressed.



**DUHS**  
No-name, generic clouds having no meteorological significance whatsoever.  
R. Chast



*"The clerk will call the roll."*



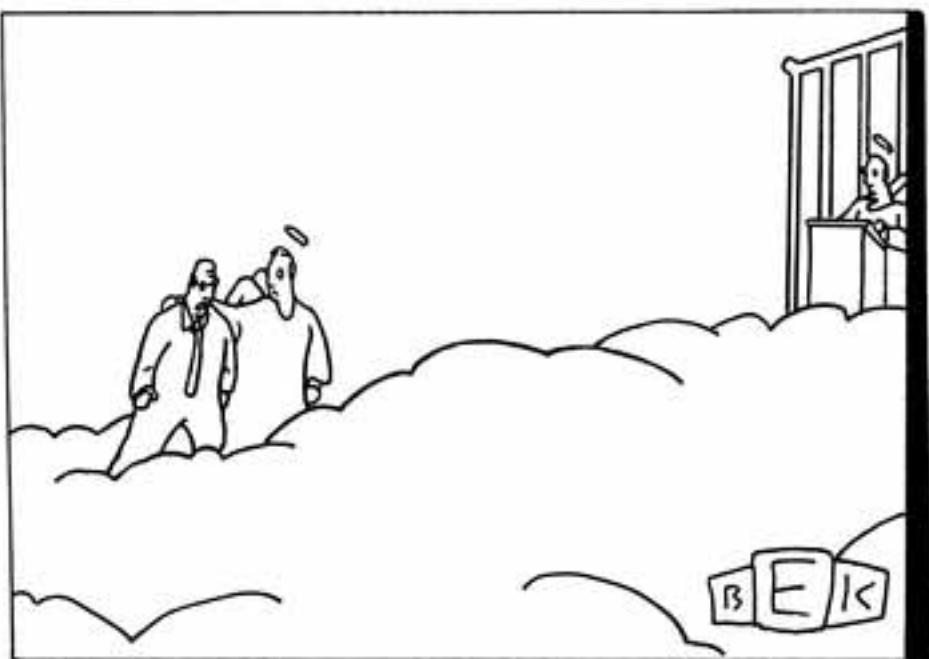
*"I'm looking for a tie that says I'm not afraid to ride the subway."*



*"You're right—I'm not listening to you—  
I'm reading the crawl on the bottom of your screen."*



*"Can I call you back? I'm having sex."*



*"Well, so much for antioxidants."*



*"So—how go the formative years?"*



*"No radio, but there's an orchestra pit."*



*"I'm a stay-at-work dad."*



*"I like to wear women's uniforms."*



*"Funny, you don't look hawkish."*



*"I didn't protest this war, but I'll try to protest the next one."*



*"Be honest, babe—do you still find me rich?"*



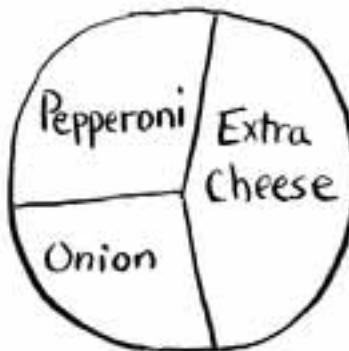
*"All righty, then, let's move on to the neck muscles."*

## YOUR PORTFOLIO

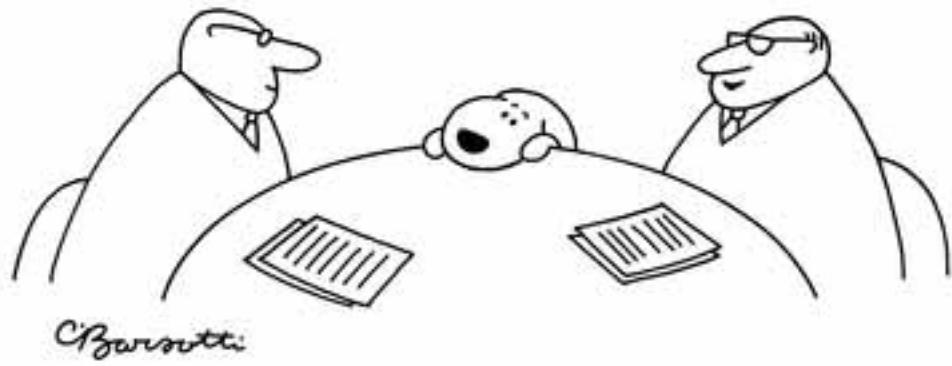
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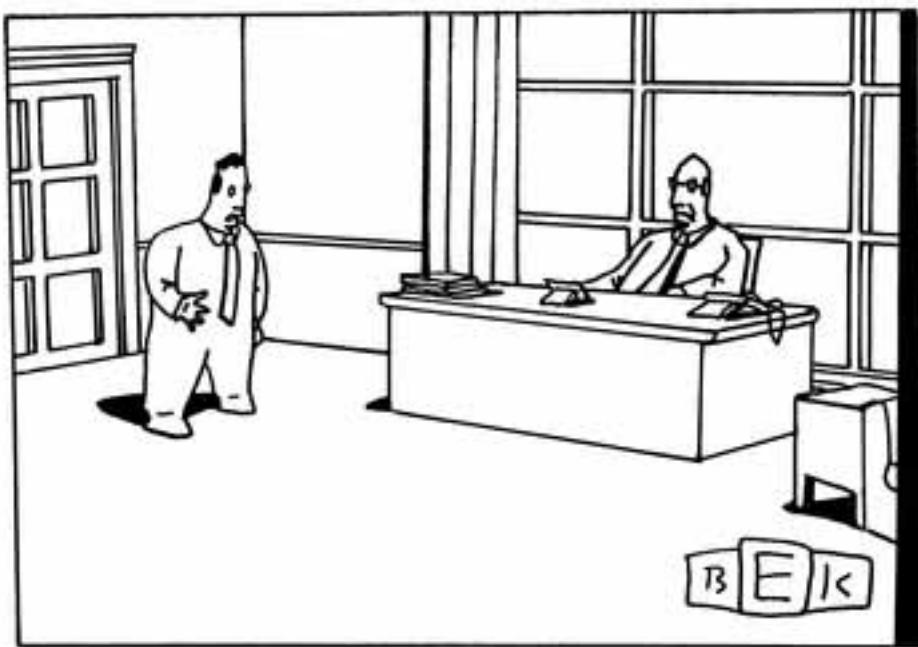
SIPRESS



*"I give you the seven-billion-dollar pup, then you give me back the seven-billion-dollar pup, and we've each made seven billion dollars."*

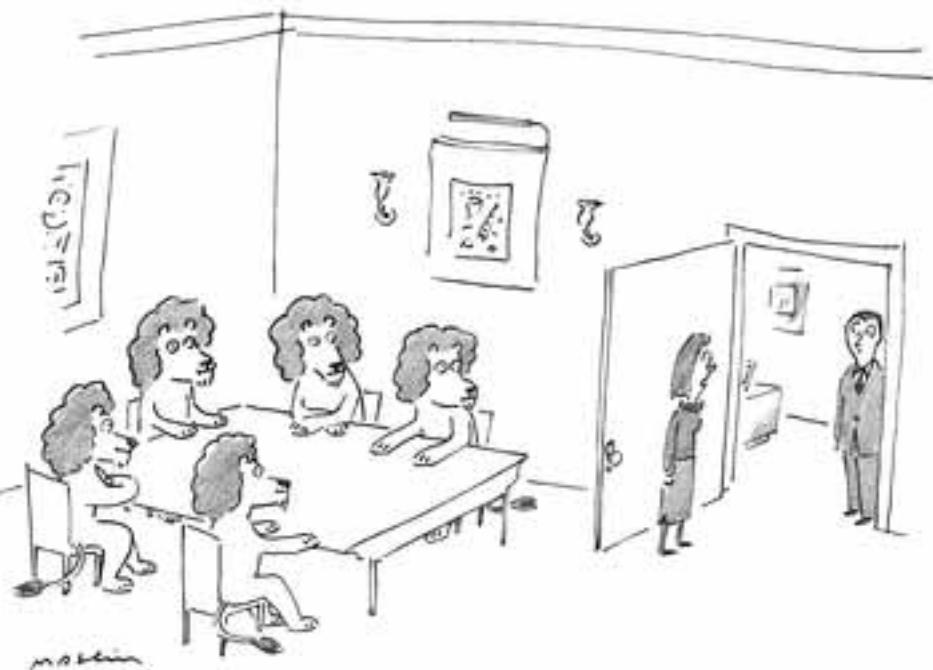


*"Teach a man to fish and you eat fish every damn day."*



*"I thought you said I should take the ball  
and slowly meander around with it."*





*"They're ready—may I throw you in?"*



*"Thank God for Donna. She's the only one who understands my ass."*



*"I approve of the way he's mishandling the economy."*

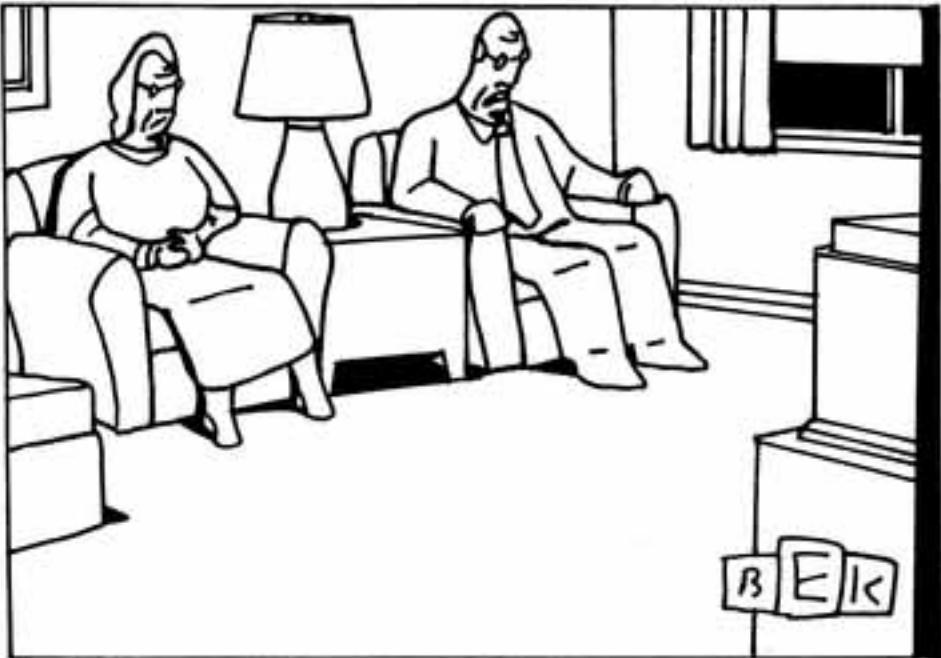




*"It's a vanity project."*

# ACCOUNTANT MANQUÉ





*"Why did we stop having people fade into obscurity?"*



*"But she'll come down eventually, and she'll come down hard."*



*"Nonsense, Jay—my wife's ballet loses far more money  
than your wife's little theater company."*





*"I'm afraid of the person I might become if I ever left New York."*



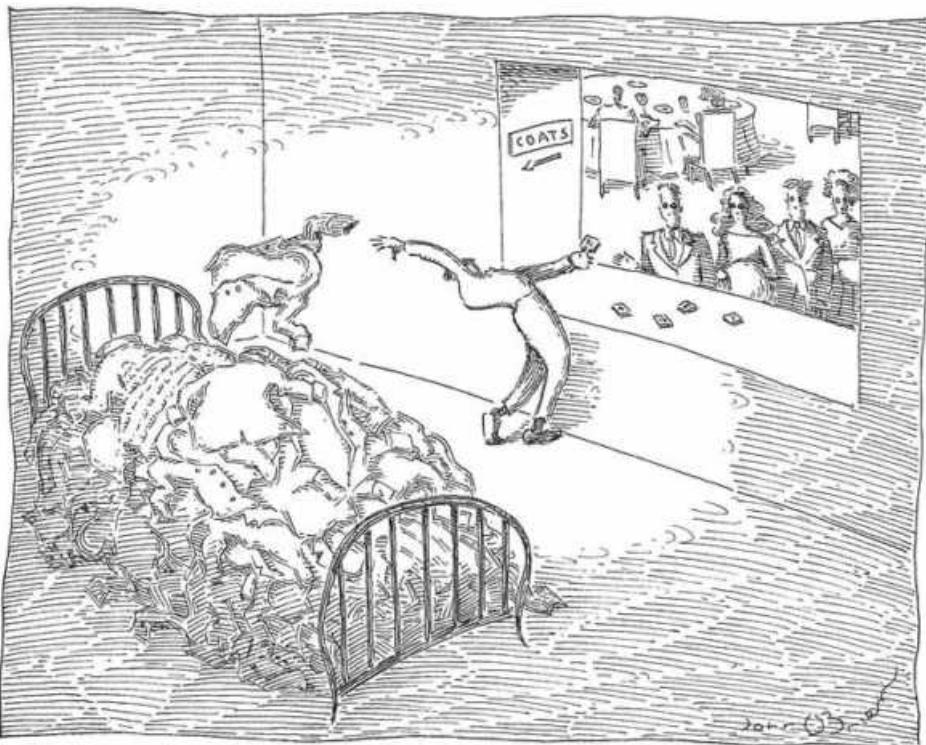
*"Why is the arts budget always the first thing to be cut, when you know damn well it's the only thing that separates us from the monkeys?"*



*"Don't come home till that bag is full of money."*



*"Not enough money is being spent on safety, so be careful."*





*"When the mayor closes a zoo, the animals have to go somewhere, Martha."*

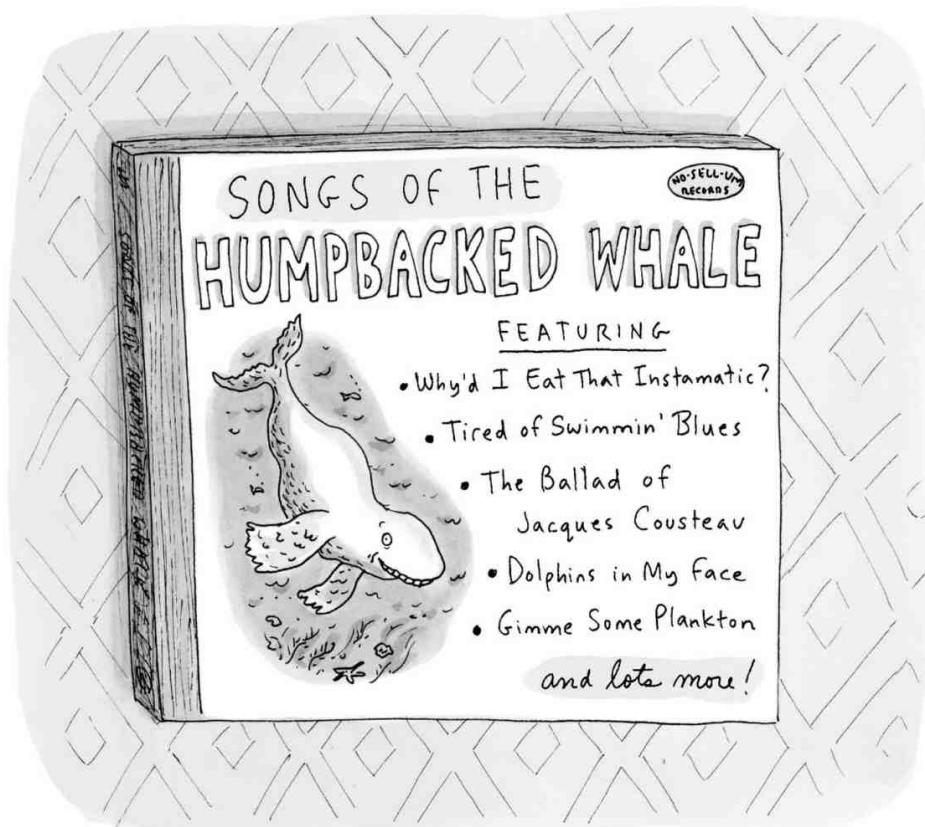




*“Must you precede everything you say with  
‘This is your captain speaking?’”*



*"My wife ran off with the guy who stole my identity."*



R. Chast



*"I started my vegetarianism for health reasons, then it became a moral choice, and now it's just to annoy people."*



*"You can make your own mistakes when you can hire your own lawyer."*



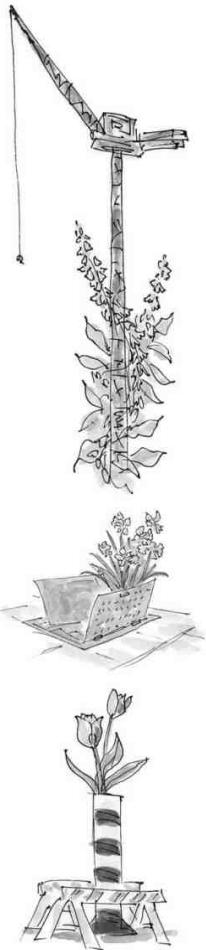
*"Go to work, I'll find out why Mom is agitated."*



*"Not tonight, Howard, but you have advanced to the next round."*



*"Let me remind you that you have the right to remain silent."*





*"I'm trying to look at it from my point of view."*



*"You two want to order something from the bored adolescents' menu?"*

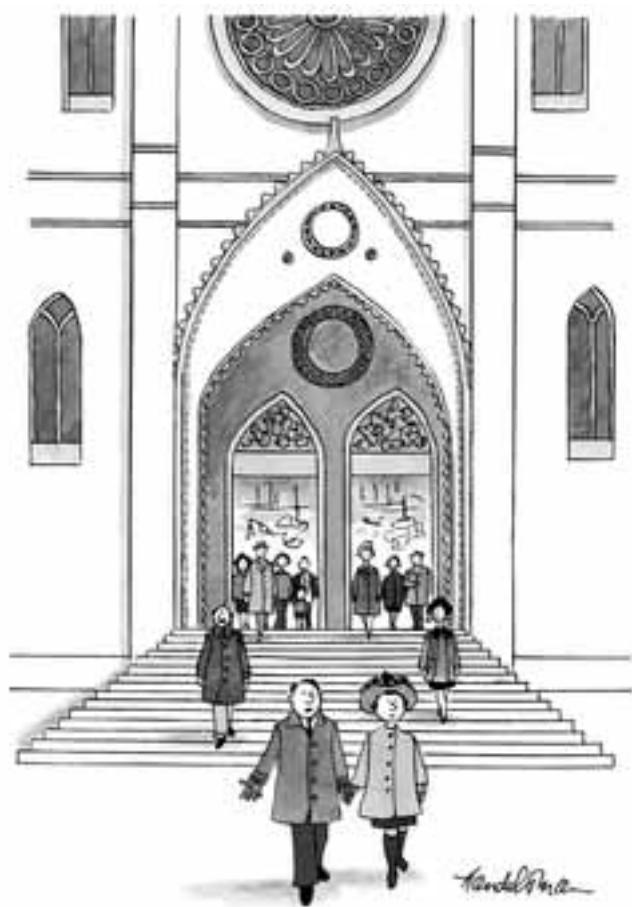


*"We stand to pick up some Iraqi waste-management contracts."*



*"He's been pointillized in the Wall Street Journal."*

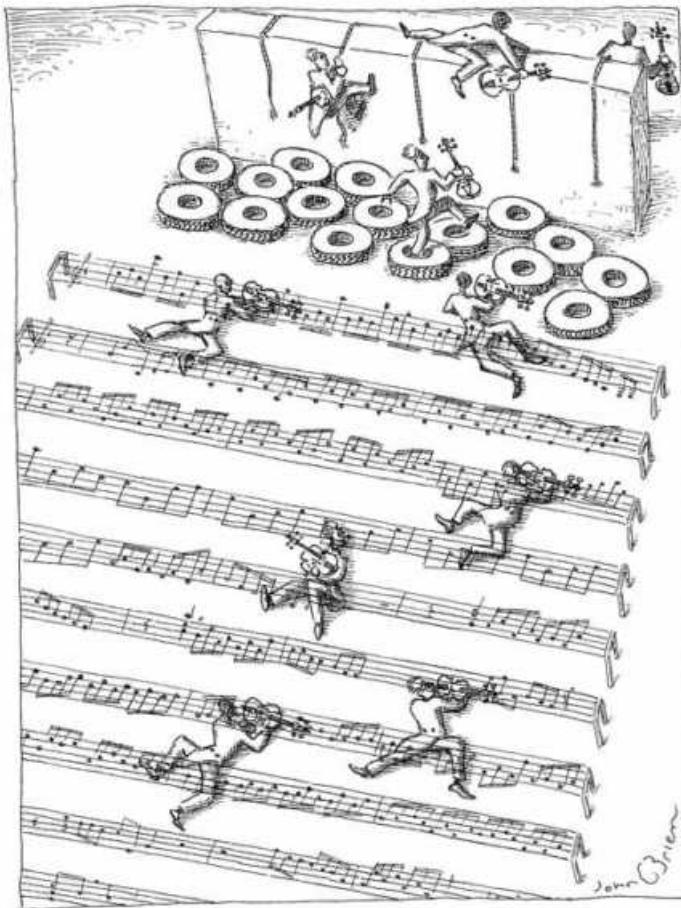


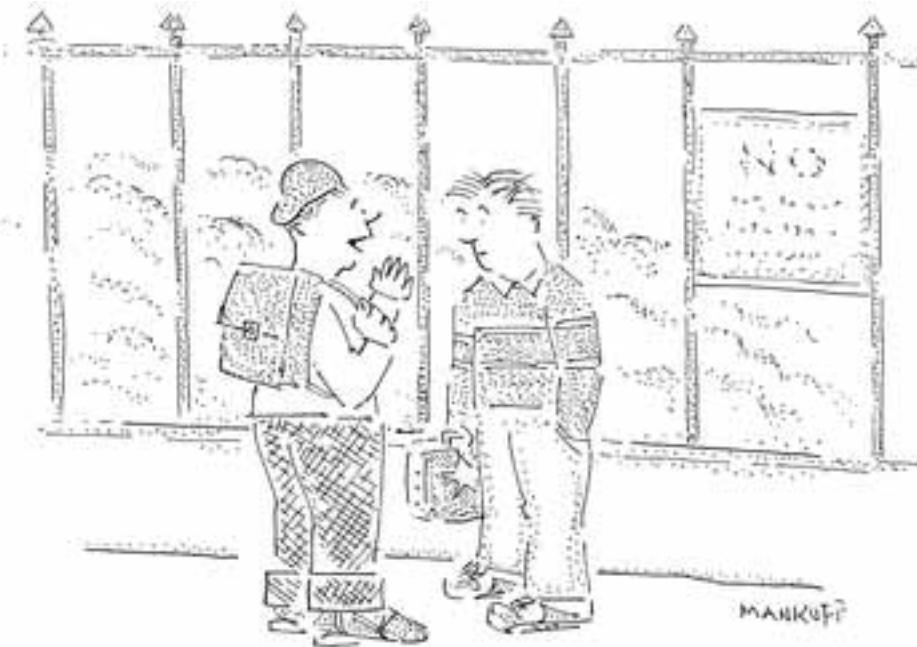


*"How can I love my enemies when I don't even like my friends?"*



*"That's it?"*





*"I'll trade you a Jeter and a Bonds for a Hikmat al-Azzawi."*



*"Don't think of them as terrorist states.  
Think of them as terrorist markets."*



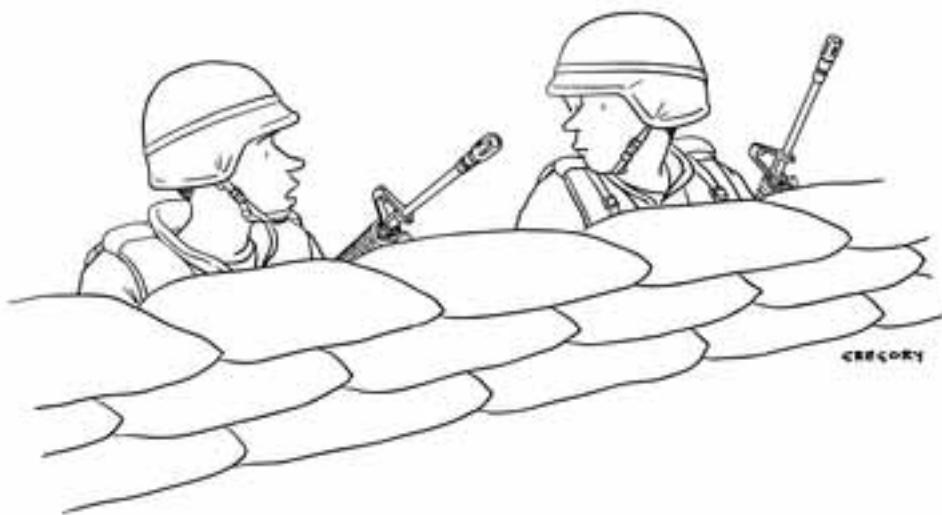
*"When it's eternity here, it's still early morning on the West Coast."*



*"Here's another one about Teddy bears."*



*"The big news around here is that Ned's gone all digital."*



*"How do you stay so calm about the stock market?"*

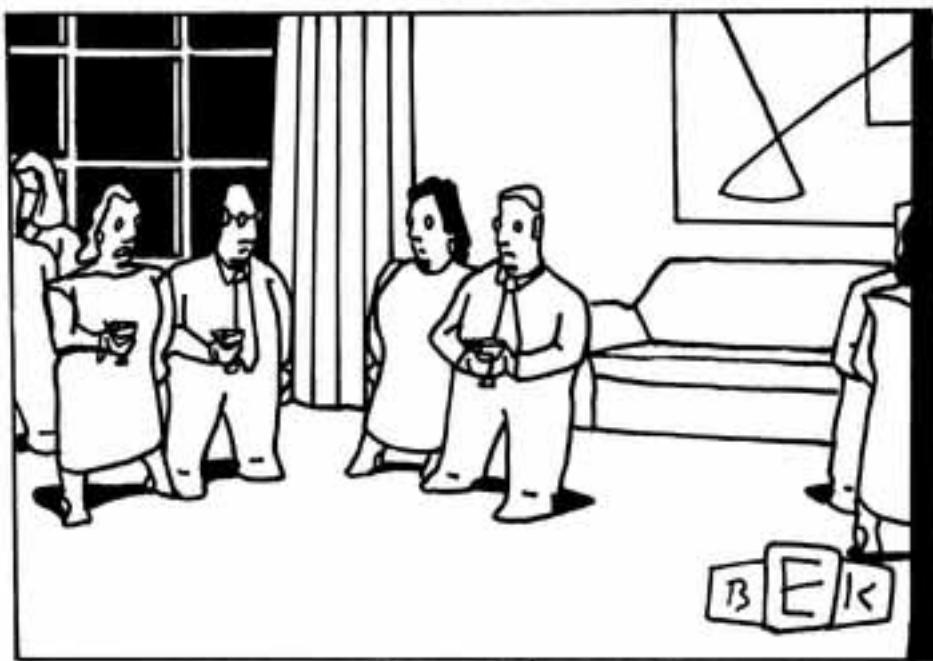


*"It's not what you think."*





*"Now, this is just a simulation of what the blocks  
will look like once they're assembled."*



*"We thought it was a rough patch, but it turned out to be our life."*



*"Which do you want first, the good news that sounds better than it is or the bad news that seems worse than you expected?"*



*"Oh, I still make good money, but I used to make sexy money."*





*"Fetching is for losers."*



*"If anyone tries to come through that door, I want you to blast away—  
unless, of course, it's Becky with the coffee."*



*"Apparently, he's not ready for stories filled with moral ambiguity."*



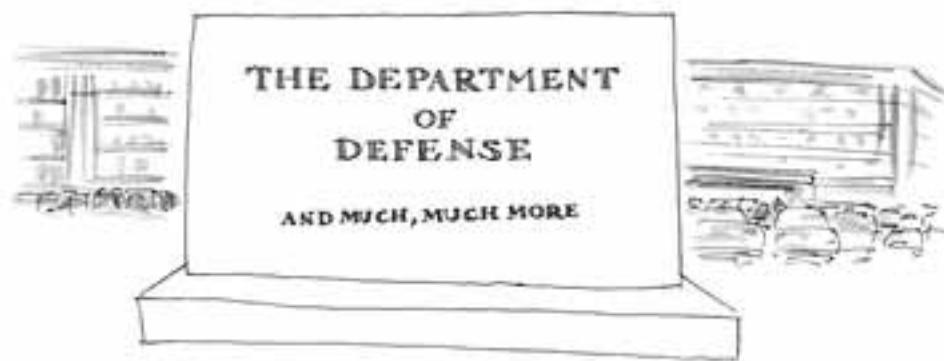
*"Adding to the tragedy was the fact that no one  
caught it on tape for your amusement."*



*"I'm getting a lot of negativity in this one—is it French?"*

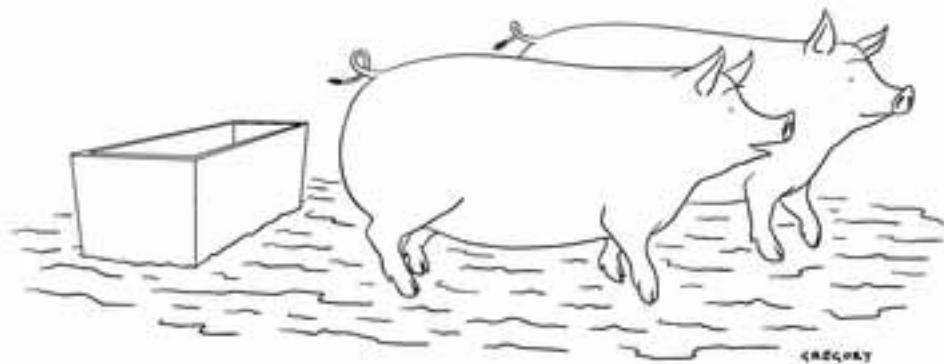








*"But in my screenplay the young female P.O.W. is in  
the shower when her rescuers arrive."*



*"That was the perfect amount of food—  
I feel full, but not fatted for the slaughter."*



*"He's nice, but he won't leave."*





*"Well, maybe we haven't found any weapons of mass destruction, but you can't deny that we've destroyed a massive amount of weapons."*



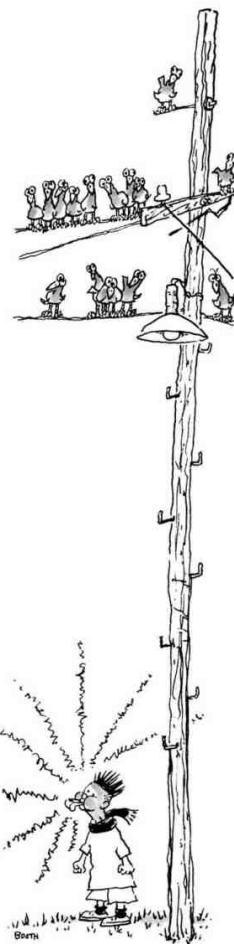
*"Honey, I'm home."*

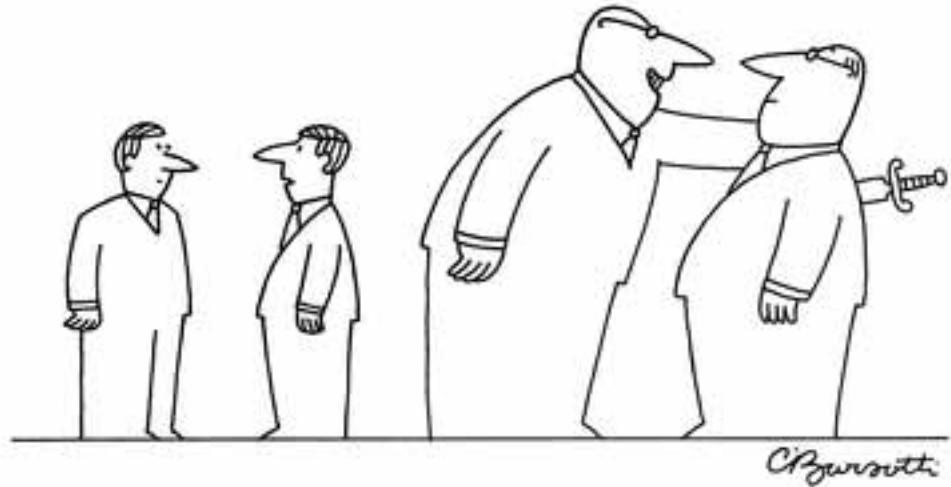


*"Meow, but don't quote me on that."*



*"Let's let them play through."*

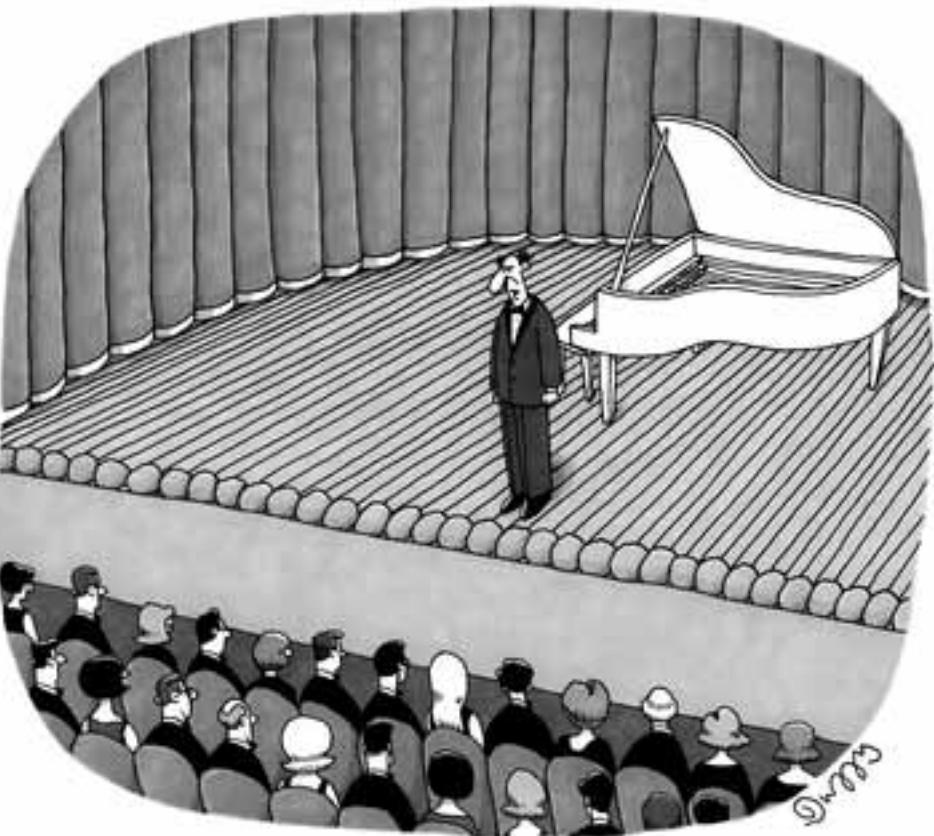




*"Watch these old guys—you can learn a lot."*

## 2003 THIRD-FLOOR RAPUNZEL





*"Don't make me come down there."*



*"I'm going back inside to get some air."*



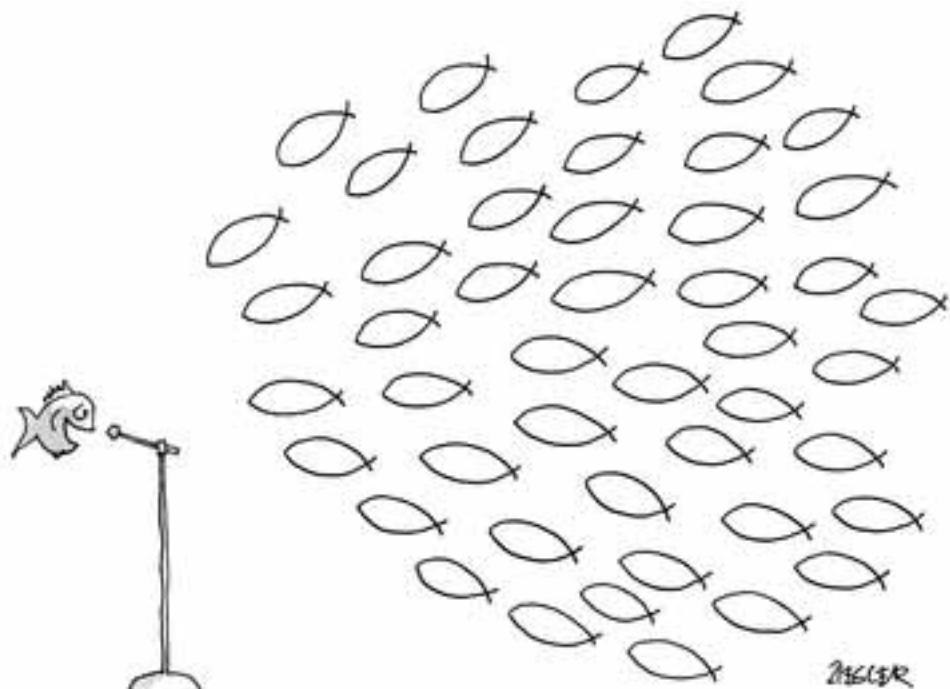
*"We made a miscalculation, but it's consistent  
with our over-all strategy."*



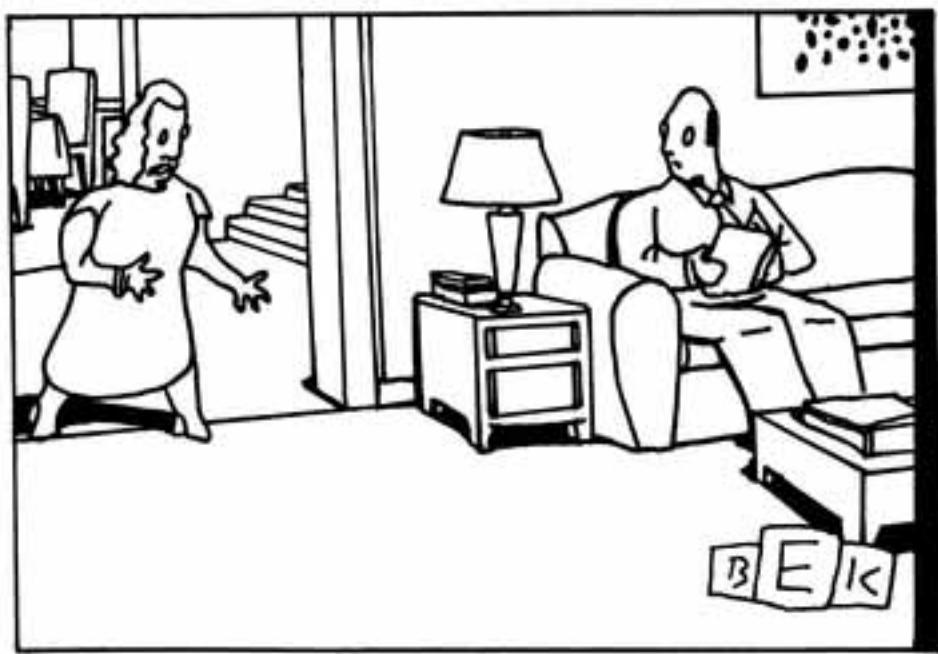
*"We've completely child-proofed our home."*



*“Don’t ask me. I don’t know what ‘my country  
‘tis of thee’ means, either.”*



*"Whew! Tough crowd."*



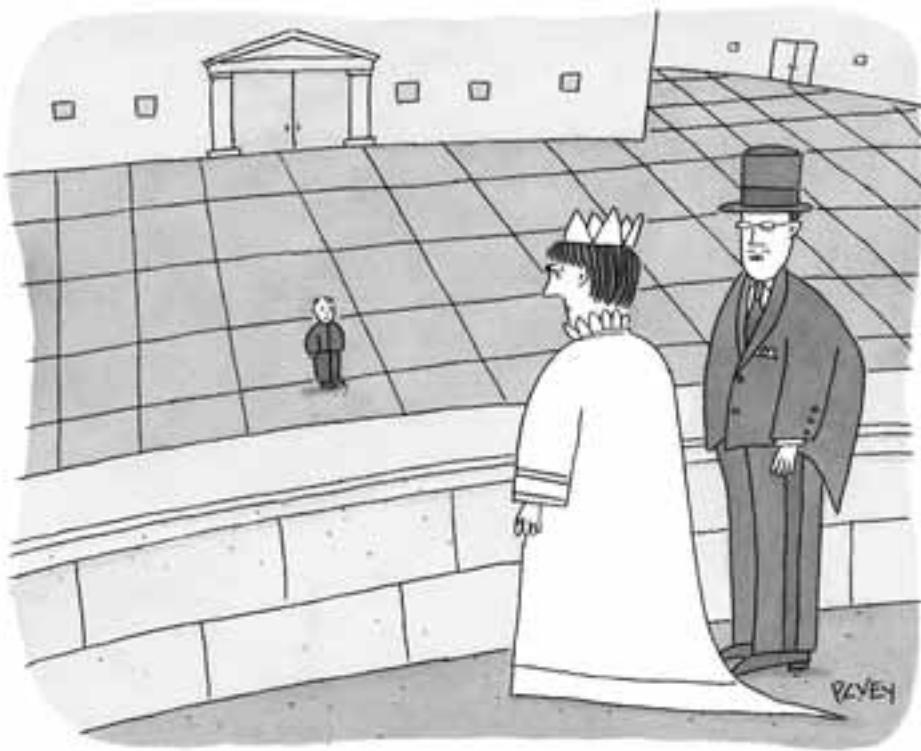
*"Here you are—I've been all over the Internet looking for you."*



*"What, exactly, did you say to the maître d'?"*



*"I'm about ready to forgive the French."*



*"Him? He's the guy who would actually vote  
for you if we lived in a democracy."*

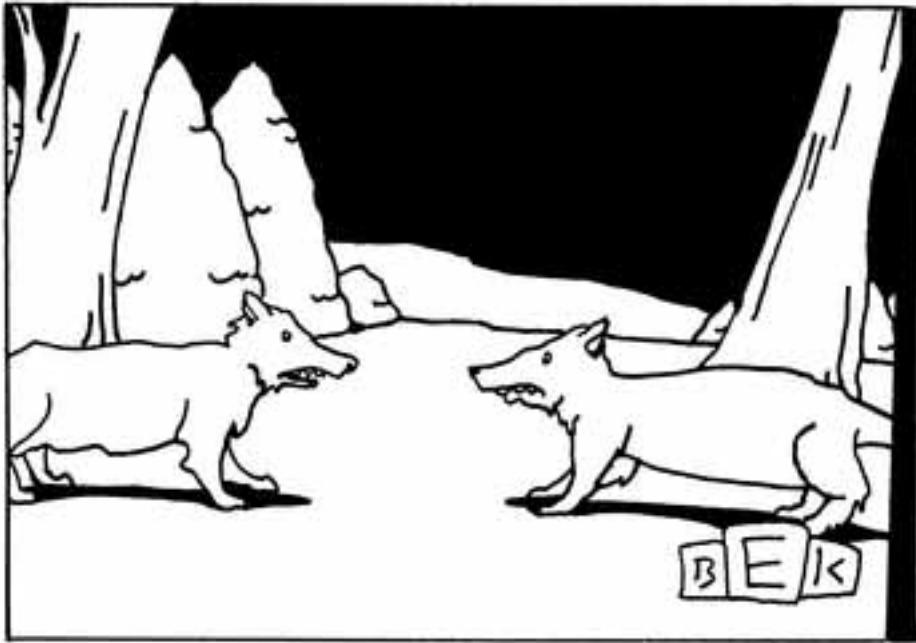


*"No, thanks, I'm just looting."*



*"The receptionist will see you now."*





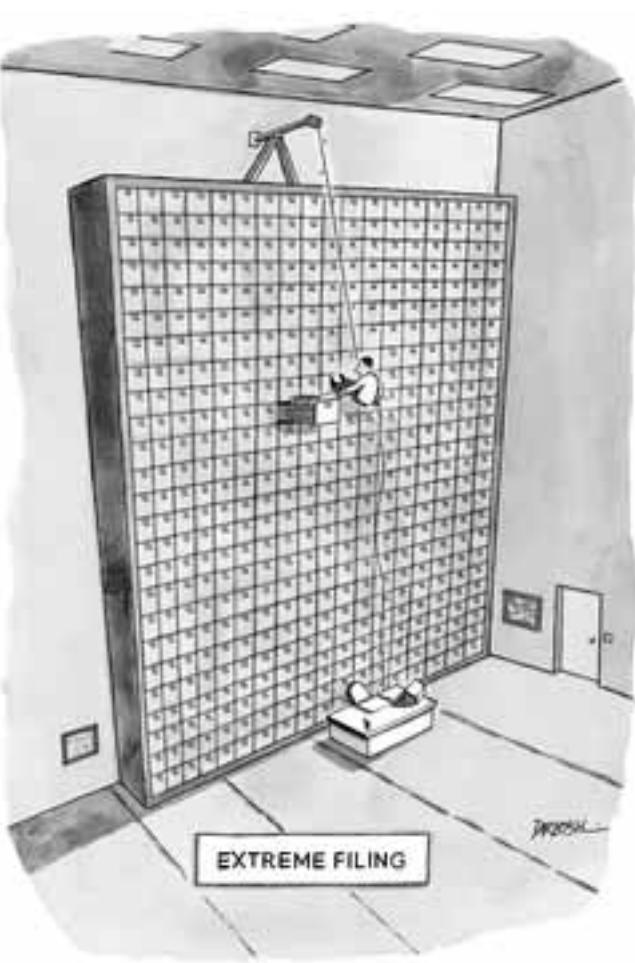
*"There's nothing sick about liking to dress up in  
grandmother's clothing."*

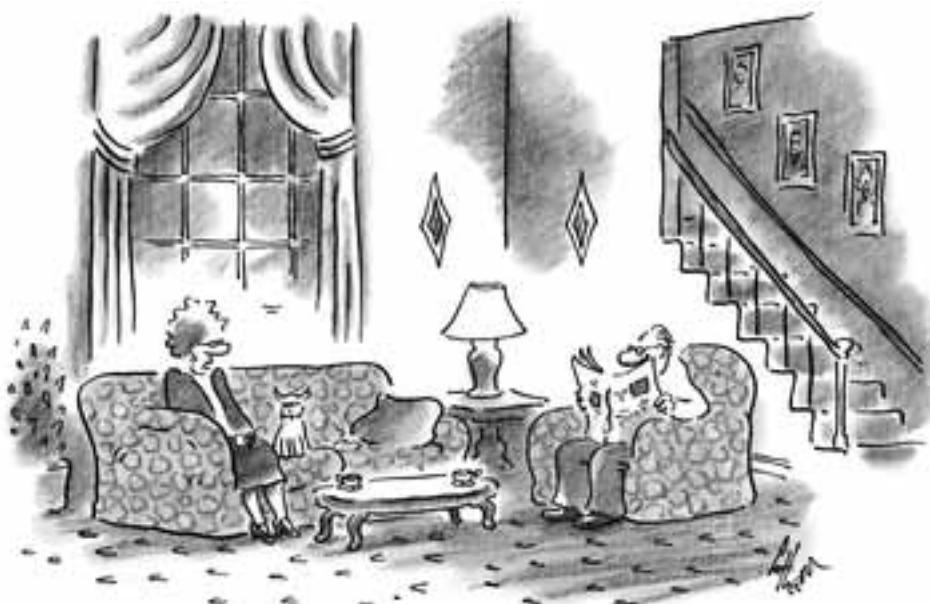


*"What'll it be, Mrs. Waltham—  
stolid workmanship or nervy brilliance?"*



*"I've got to admit I'm not crazy about the freeway."*

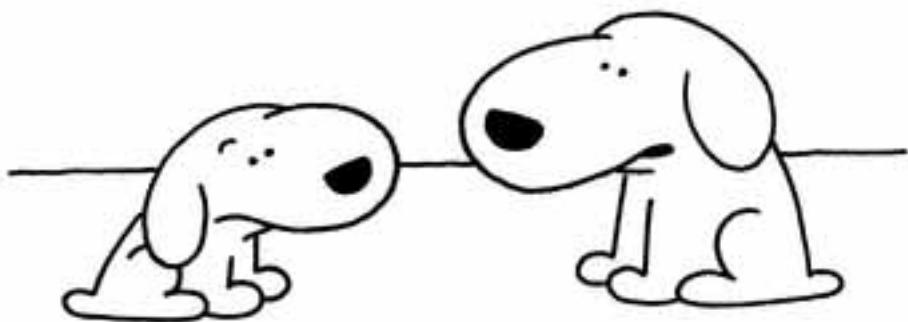




*"Let's update our will and go on vacation."*



*“Damn it, gentlemen, these are medieval times.  
They demand medieval ideas.”*



*"Yes, they are crazy, but they can open the fridge."*

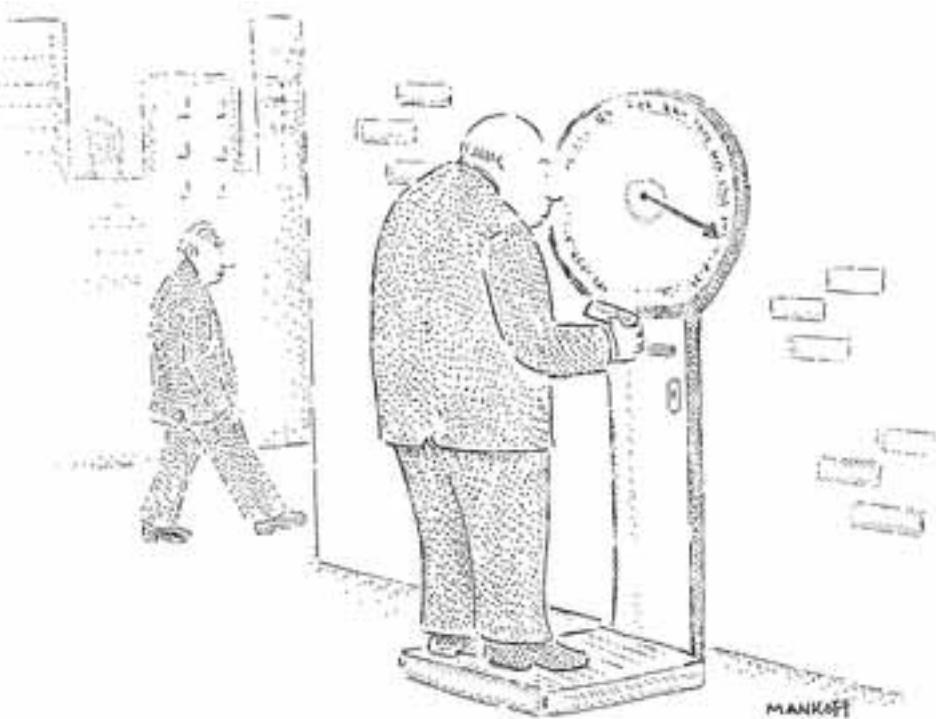


*"I'm trying to put my priorities behind me."*





*"I was thinking about what we should do this weekend,  
and I have a few ideas for you to reject."*



*"Get off me, lard-ass."*



*"What have you other than your bag of parrots?"*

MY SPAM SKETCHBOOK;  
OR WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE  
(1 OF 2)

MY SPAM SKETCHBOOK;



MY SPAM SKETCHBOOK;  
OR WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE  
(2 OF 2)

or, WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

Heaton Rommel

You know that weird guy in your building who looks like he collects Nazi memorabilia? Well, guess what?



Radaker Catalina

Grew up on an estate in Connecticut. Private schools, maids, the whole nine yards. Now "works" for his dad.



Baroldy Souder

Performance artist, Tribeca.



Marcelynas Kirklen

Aging ingenue.



Brittney Ruldo

Mom was hoping for a Little Miss Junior America, but it didn't work out.



Chi Hand

Tough guy.



Lessie Calhoun

Mild-mannered account manager with serious Annie Oakley fixation. (Real name: Betty Smith.)



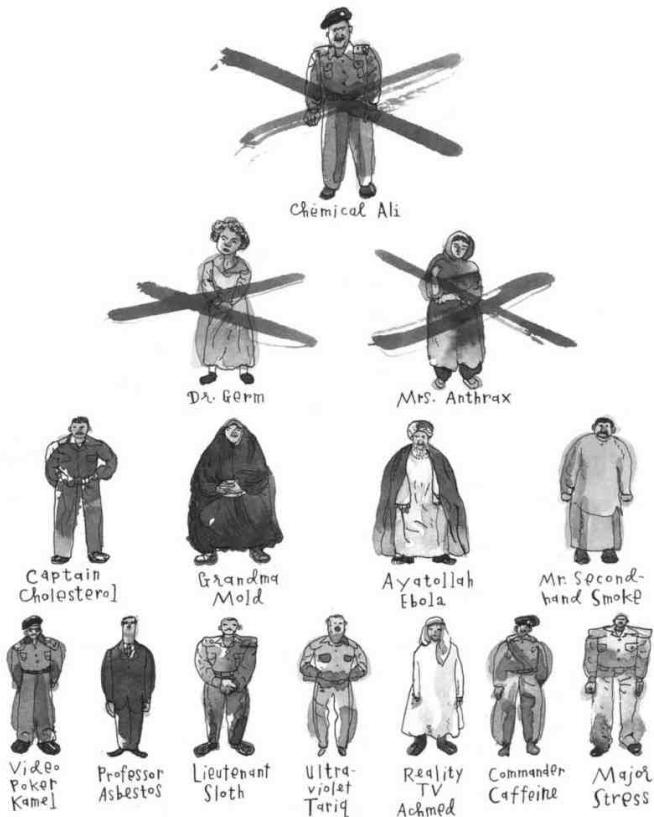


*"On the other hand, it's not going to put any artificial limits on the power of a child's imagination."*



*"My whole life stretches out before me  
as a series of egg-white omelettes."*

## Who's Still Out There





*"Who knew they had interns in the Hoover administration."*



*"I do intend to seek employment, but it will be at  
a time and place of my own choosing."*



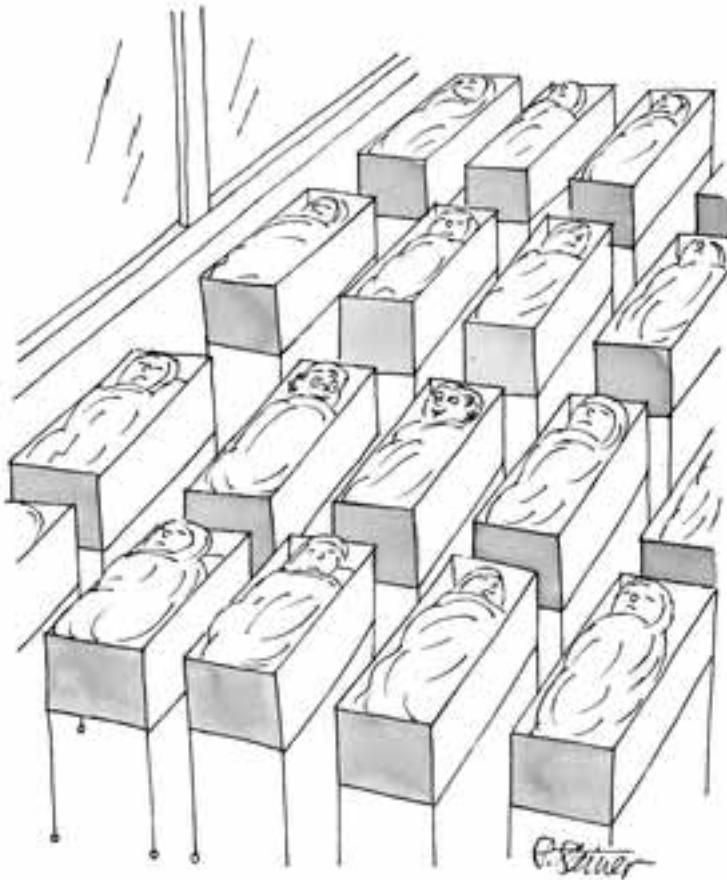
*"A story? Honey, wouldn't you rather a mild sedative?"*



*"Look familiar?"*



*"This is our rant room."*



*"Same old same old. How about you?"*



*"That was Swanson, sir. He wasn't on the list, but I'll add him."*

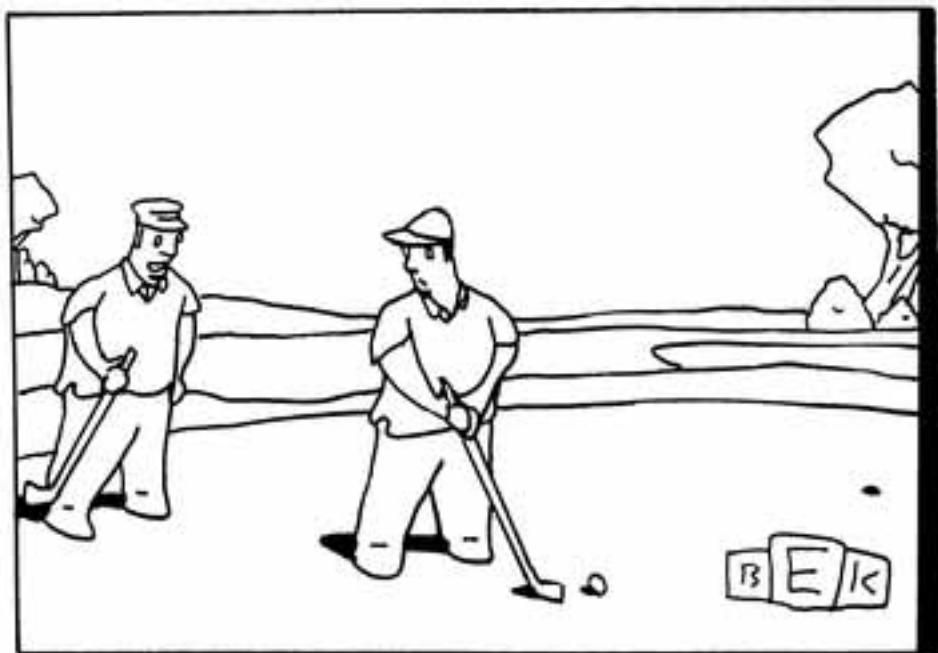


*"I see a couple of chairs over there by the naked guy working on his laptop."*





*"Instead of 'Roger and out,' can you go  
back to saying 'Good night'?"*



*"Remember thoughts?"*



*"Geez Louise—I left the price tag on."*



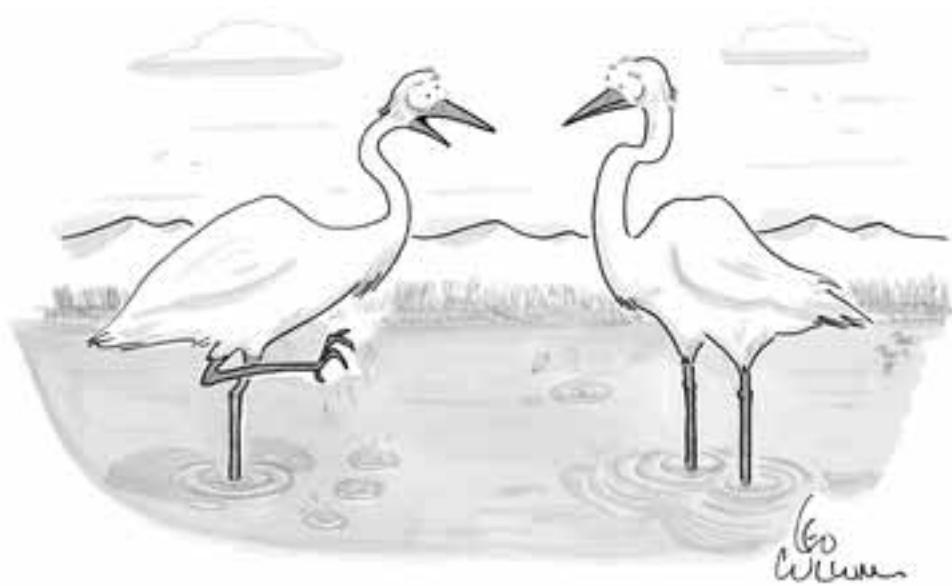
*"When I think of the as yet undreamed-of loopholes  
that are going to be available to you guys!"*



*"For me, it all began one gray and chilly morning  
in the grim maternity ward of a borderline hospital  
on the Upper West Side."*



*"We're operating here on pure adrenaline."*

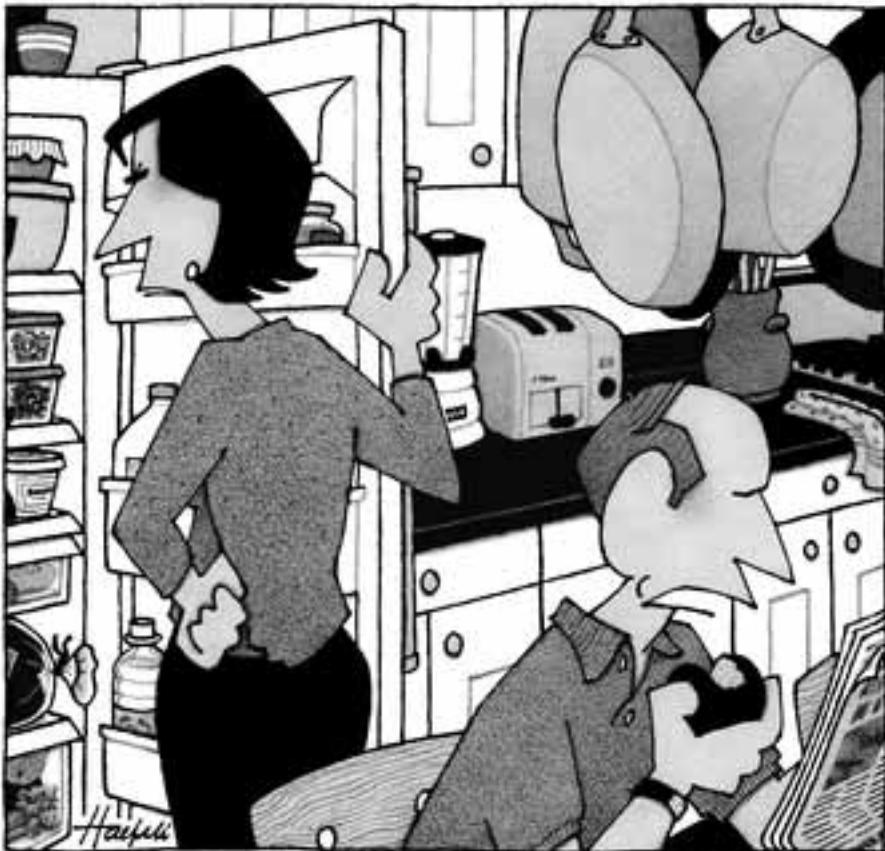


*"Oh my God! I just stepped on something squishy."*



*"On the other hand, it's been a great year for Berlioz."*





*"I don't care if everyone else is getting one—we are not buying a refrigerator with a learning curve."*





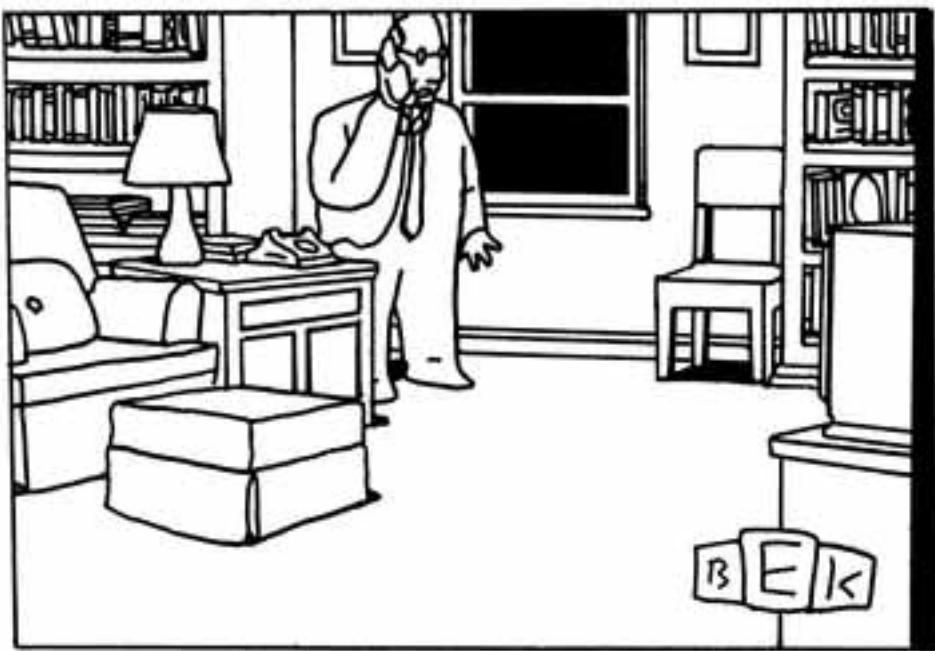
*"Now, if all of you would do me the favor of arranging yourselves into a human pyramid, I will reenact my ascent of Everest."*



*"If one gets sick, we'll have to destroy the entire herd."*



*"Where do you want to worry that we're spending  
too much money this summer?"*



*"I'd love to, but I have a million lonely ritualistic things I need to do."*



*"Can a rising tide lift a boat that has a huge hole in the bottom?"*





*"The jury has found you guilty. Let's see how America voted."*

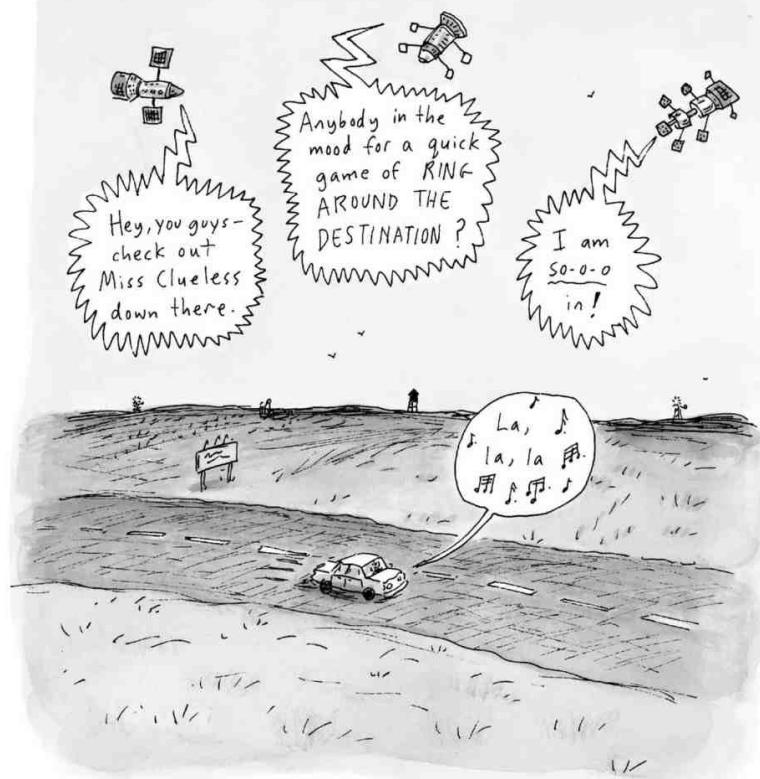


*"I credit our long marriage to Stockholm syndrome."*



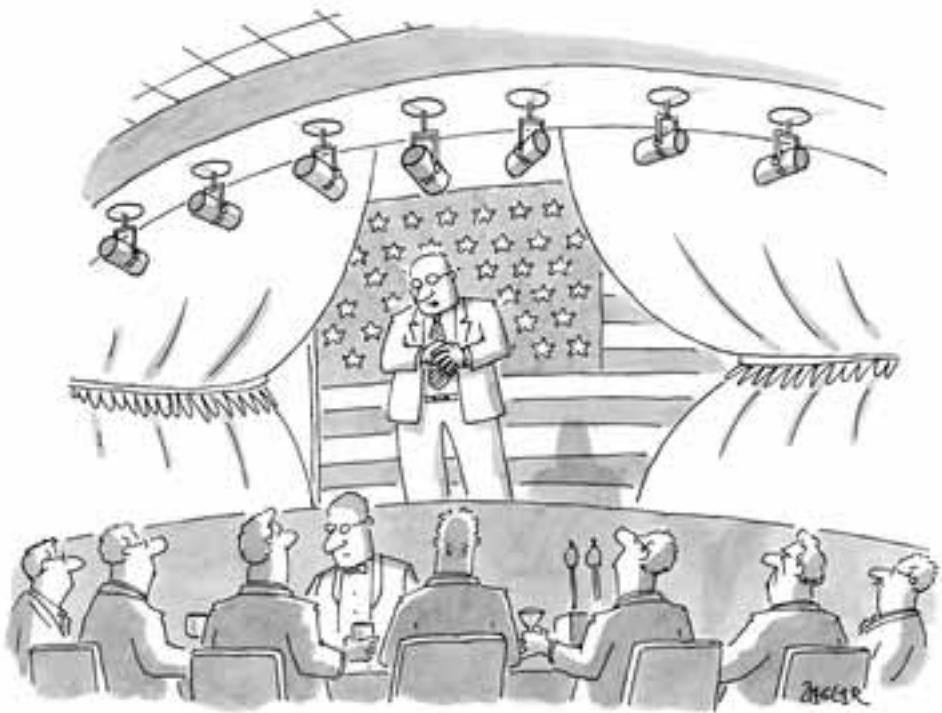
*"I'm going to hold up a number of outstanding medical bills. Tell me how many you see."*

## G.P.S. SATELLITES GONE BAD





*"My new business model is to ride on the coattails  
of somebody else's new business model."*



*"How about one more round of 'God Bless America'  
before we bring out the naked broads."*



*"She thinks I think it's real latte, but I know decaf when I taste it."*



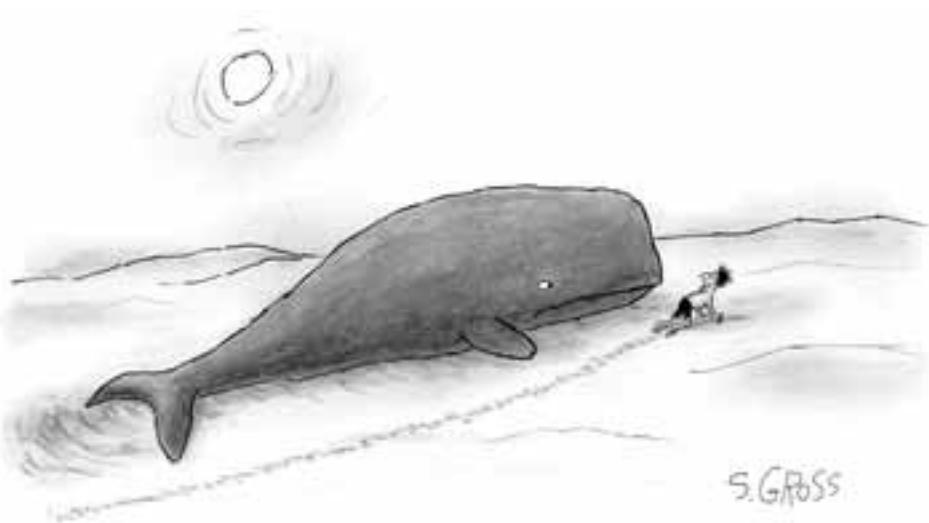


*"Did I say Henny Youngman? I meant to say Sergei Prokofiev."*





*"Sorry, sir—we seem to have lost five million dollars in the fog of accounting."*



*"First, let's concentrate on water. Then we'll worry about krill."*







*"I try to write a little bit every day."*



*"I wish Donald Rumsfeld had a hobby."*



*"I like to think of myself as a vital link  
in the homeland-security system."*



*"Today's lesson is about targets of opportunity."*



*"Just hope my fiancée doesn't find out about this."*



*"Can Hilary come out to abstain from having sex?"*

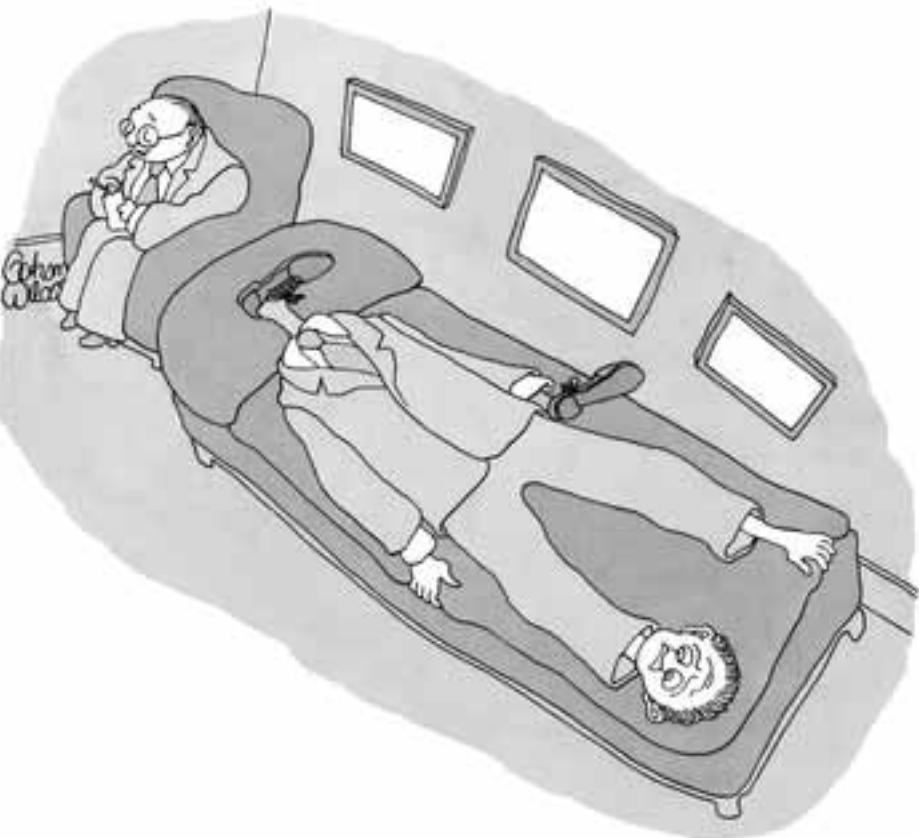
THE SWISS BANKERS' CONVENTION





B. Smaller

*"Those are the books I never had a chance to finish,  
and those are the books I never had a chance to start."*



*"We'll soon have you sorted out, Mr. Fenton."*



*“Actually, I’m not a New York Yankees fan.  
I’m a New York Yankees cap fan.”*



*"Wait! Is it 'Serve from the left, clear from the right'  
or the other way around?"*



*"I'll handle the jokes, counsellor."*



## DEAN ORNISH'S FAIRY TALES





*"His prose is so muscular."*



*"Ballroom dancing helps us over our rough spots."*



*"And lastly, for all eternity, French, blue cheese, or ranch?"*



*"There's been a massive ink spill!"*



*"You have written more than a book, Ms. McBean—  
you have written a franchise."*



*"It sort of makes you stop and think, doesn't it."*

WRITER'S FOOD PYRAMID

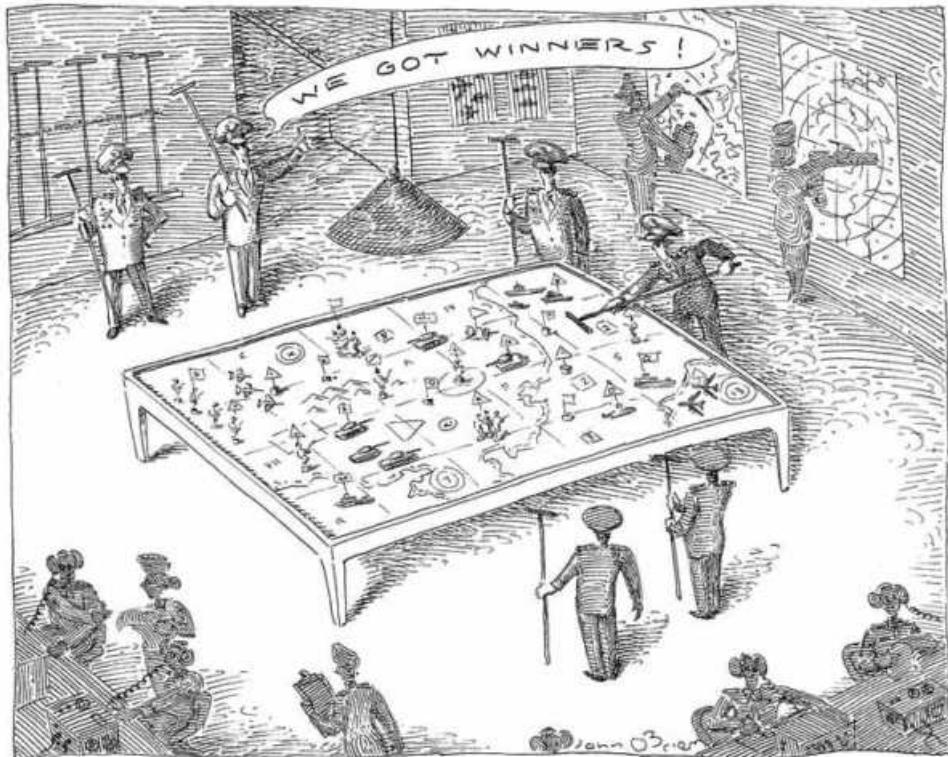




*"Work with me!"*



*"Truthfully, we don't know if he's going to rock on."*





*"Nice—but my heart's still set on a helicopter gunship."*



*"Your meat-loaf serenade, sir."*



*"I'd like your honest, unbiased and possibly career-ending opinion on something."*



*"Do you think now that we're doing fewer illegal things  
we can scale back the legal department?"*





*“Susan, this might be just the wine talking,  
but I think I want to order more wine.”*



*"School's out—academic summer camp is in."*



*"Oh, perfect. I can't remember what I wanted from the basement, and you've remarried."*

THE DELUSIONAL WORLD OF THE  
**FREE-RANGE CHICKEN**







*"Virginia Woolf meets 'Car Talk.' "*



*"I'm still digging out from my parents."*



SHARING AN APARTMENT WITH A CREATIVE-  
DESIGN VISIONARY WAS NOT WITHOUT  
ITS OCCASIONAL DRAWBACKS.



*"I'm treating you like a living deity for one day."*



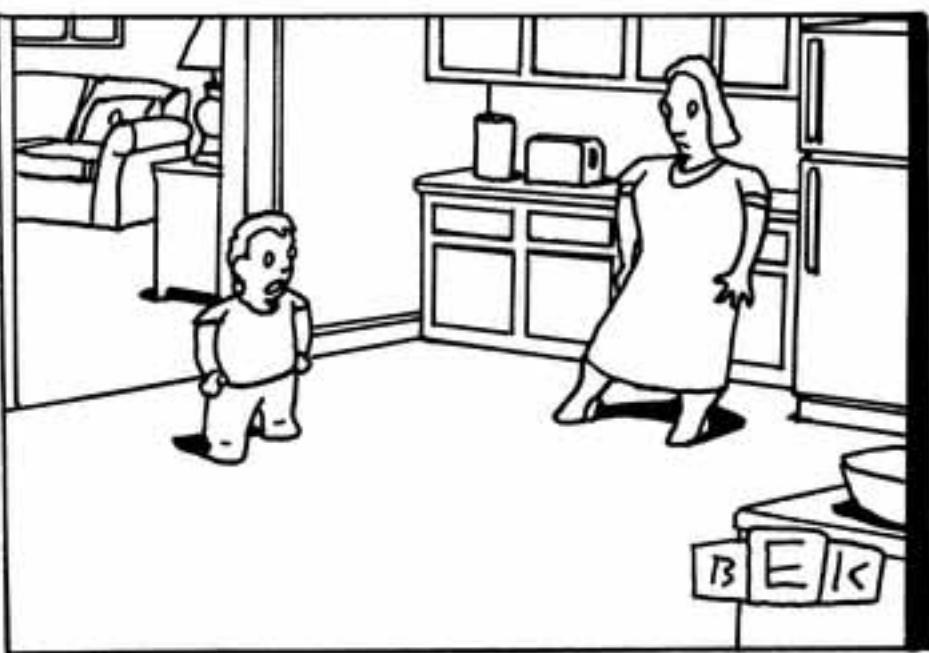
*"So, do you come here often?"*



*“Damn it, Persky! I ask you for a fiercely choreographed  
rite of destruction and rebirth, and you give me a  
febrile study of dehumanized angst.”*



*"I woke up in a tattoo parlor in Tijuana.  
You can imagine my surprise."*



*"Do you have any other snack concepts?"*



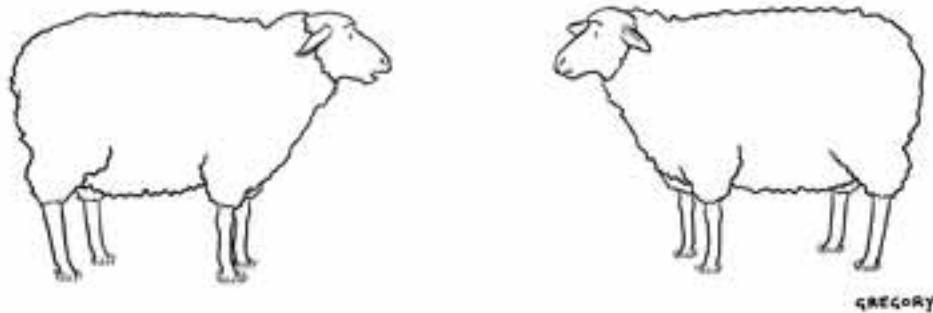
*"There's no easy way I can tell you this, so I'm sending you to someone who can."*



*"Work with us, we're trying to screw you."*



*"The guide book says it's the best B. & B. in the Carpathians."*



*"Sure, I follow the herd—not out of brainless obedience, mind you, but out of a deep and abiding respect for the concept of community."*



*"Frankly, I never would've figured you for an S.U.V. person."*



*"I just said, 'Open sesame,' and there they were."*



*"Look, I can deal with a sexless marriage, but,  
for God's sake, we're having an affair!"*



*"I just got a great idea for a war!"*



*"If we take a late retirement and an early death, we'll just squeak by."*



*"How'd you know I was from New York?"*



*"I always feel a tad secular on Saturday nights."*



*"Howard works from home."*

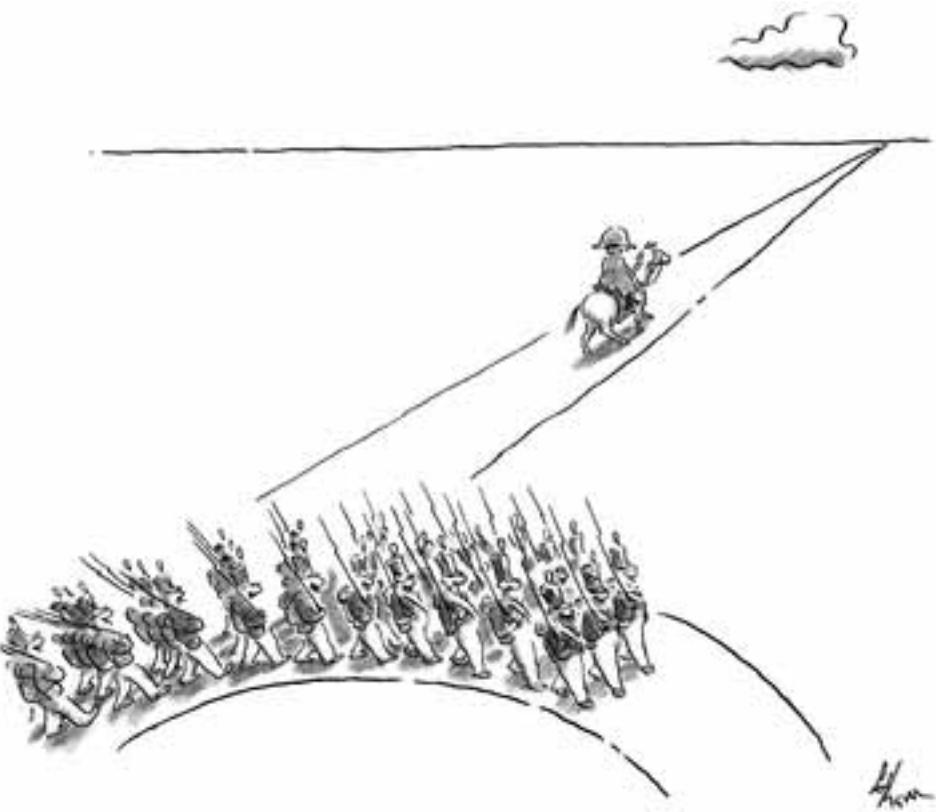


*"I'm sorry—I'm a left-foot podiatrist."*



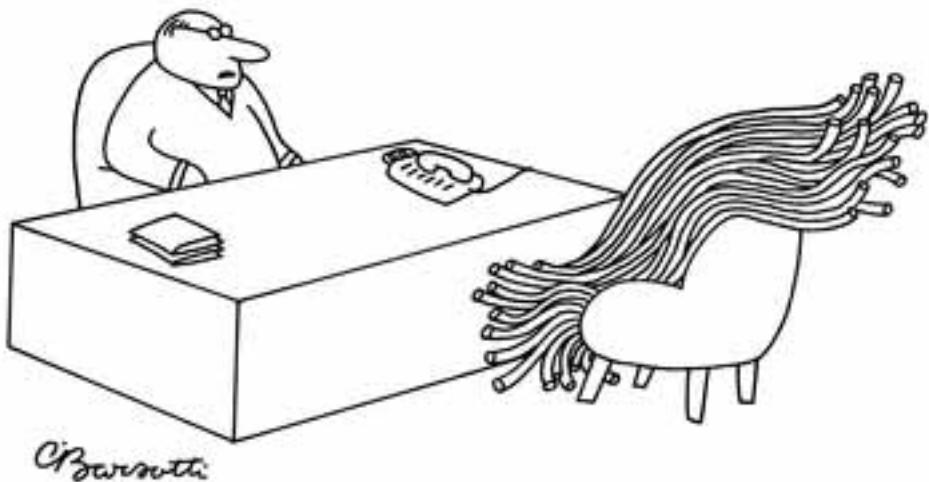


*"We went dutch—he must have reached his  
two-hundred-dollar dating deductible."*

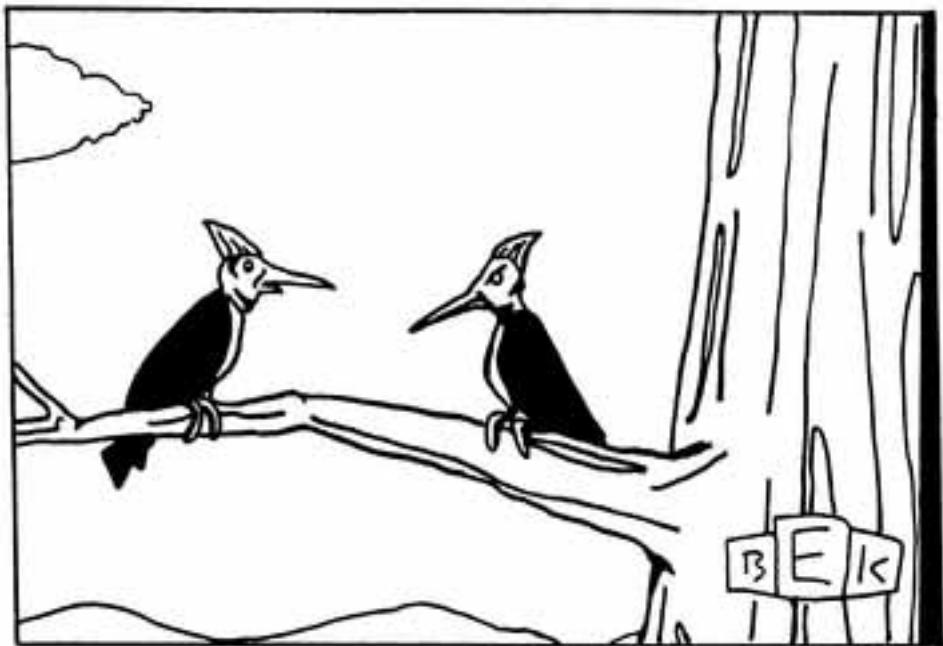




*"Would you like to purchase a videotape of your transaction?"*



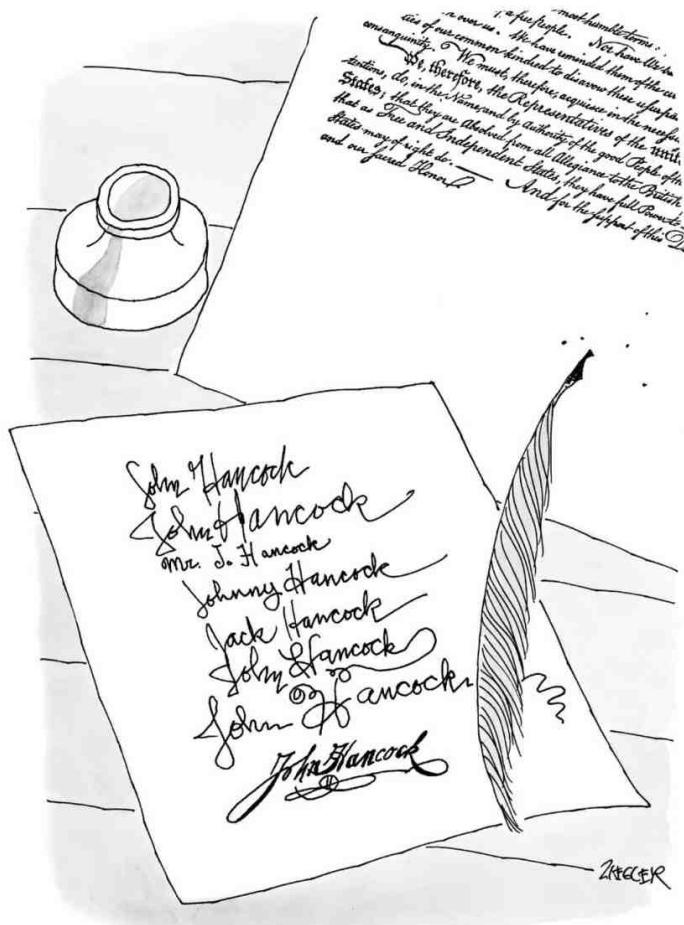
*"Throw in some marinara sauce and you've got a deal."*



*"You might want to save some of this rage for your woodpecking."*



*"The senior moments don't freak me out as much  
as the 'Death in Venice' moments."*





*"Did you hear that Henderson ascended to Heaven amid the entire angelic assembly? You can't buy publicity like that."*



*"Get a life."*



*"Could I have the fries al dente?"*



*"What if my bliss happens to be suing people?"*



# 2003

## SECULAR CLOISTERS

### FRED'S PRIORY

for menfolk only. Fishing, model railroads, football, gun talk, farm-machinery repair, etc. No women or woman talk allowed.



### HEARTS SANCTUARY

Behind a sixty-foot-high wall, a quiet haven for men and women whose only wish is to play hearts from dawn till dusk.



### THE CONVENT OF BARBIE

A place where girls aged five through eleven can devote themselves to the study of Barbie, with no distractions from the outside world.



### CINEMA ABBEY

A shelter for people who have renounced everything in life except movies.





*"Rufus, come on! We're doing this as a family!"*

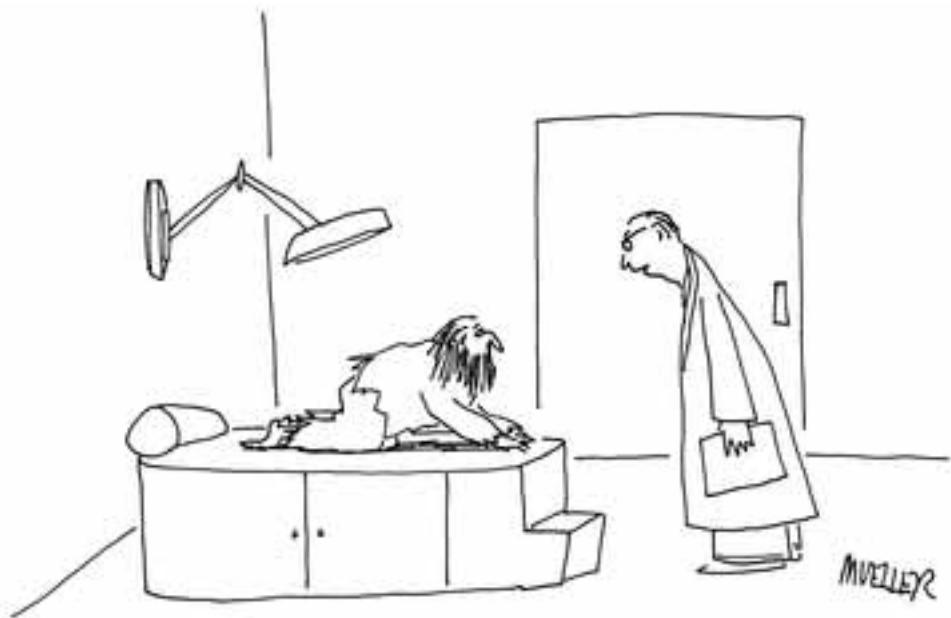




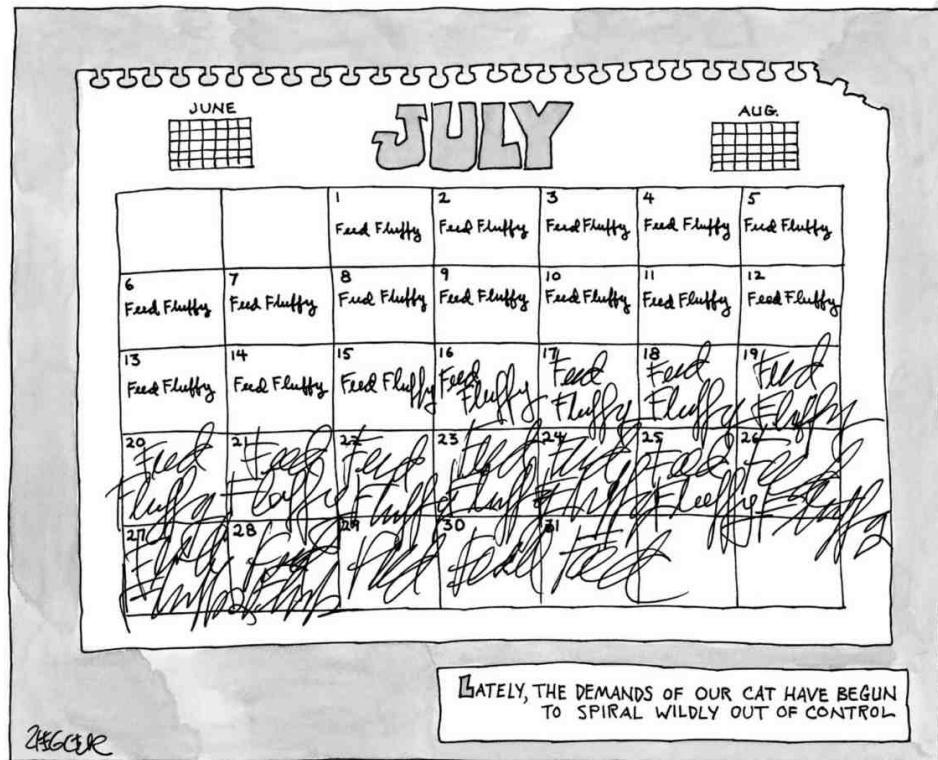
*"What do you have that you haven't touched?"*



*"And now, with apologies to Cole Porter."*



*"Drink plenty of fluids and stay out of the sun."*





*"This is what happens when ethical standards are set artificially high."*





*"Globally warm enough for you, buddy?"*



*"Oh, sorry, wrong cubicle."*

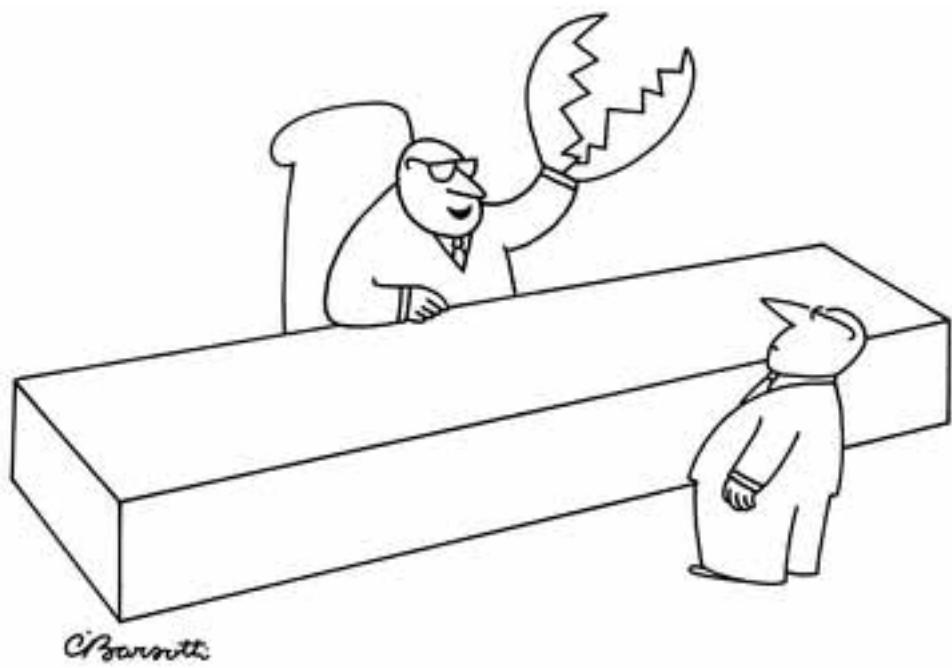




*"This is one of those days when I would've been better off just getting out of bed and leaving the house."*



*"If your mother asks, we crossed at the corner."*



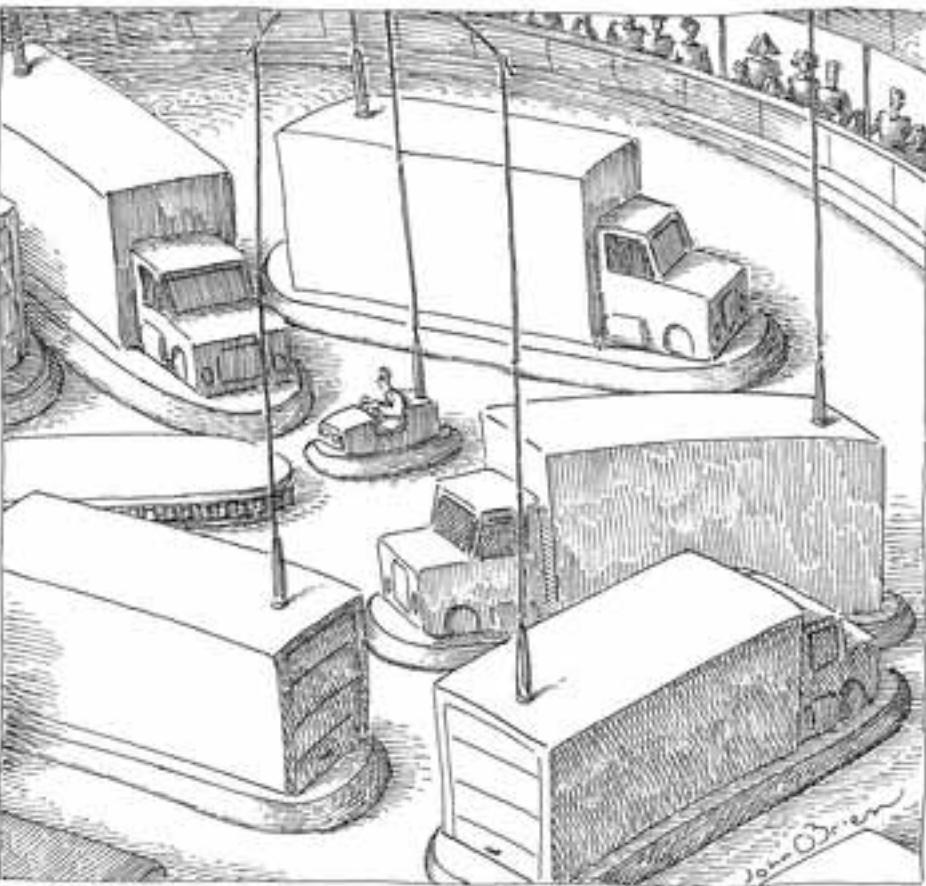
*"Look what I grew."*



*"I'm not so sure anymore where the sofa ends and you begin."*



*"We know them socially—not politically."*





*"What say we find another way to say hello?"*



*"Look, I love the city, too, but wouldn't it  
be cheaper to shoot this in Canada?"*



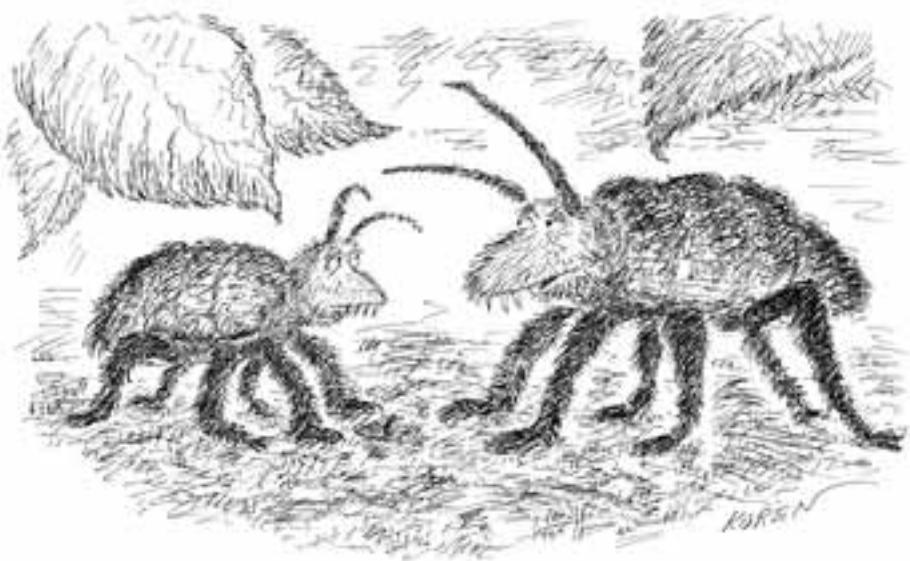
*"After the whole W.M.D. thing, I don't know what to believe."*



*"Hold on, this is the stick—I asked for the ball."*



*"Now there's a relationship that's working!"*

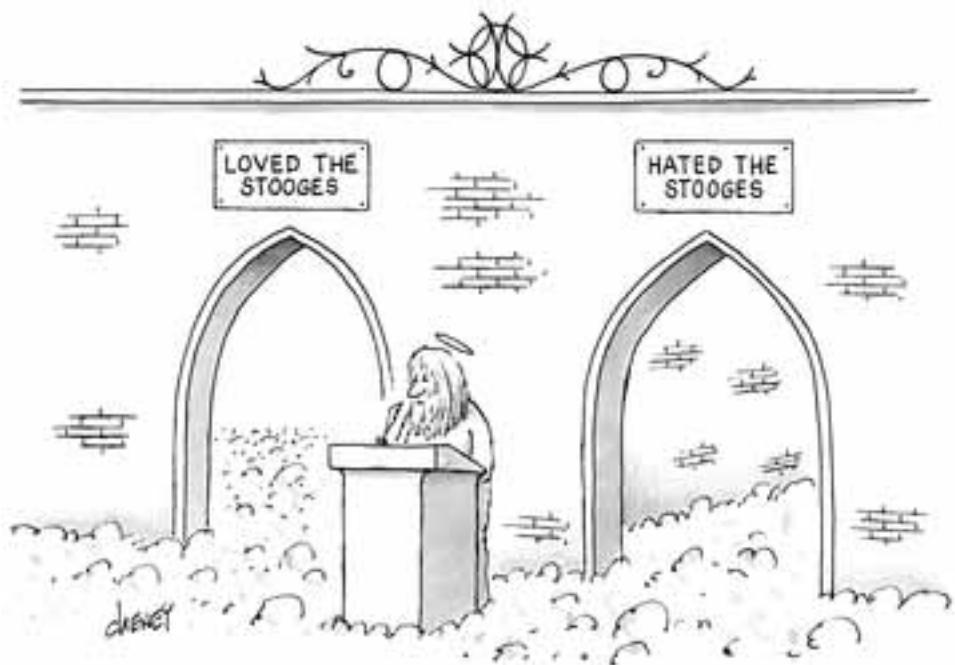


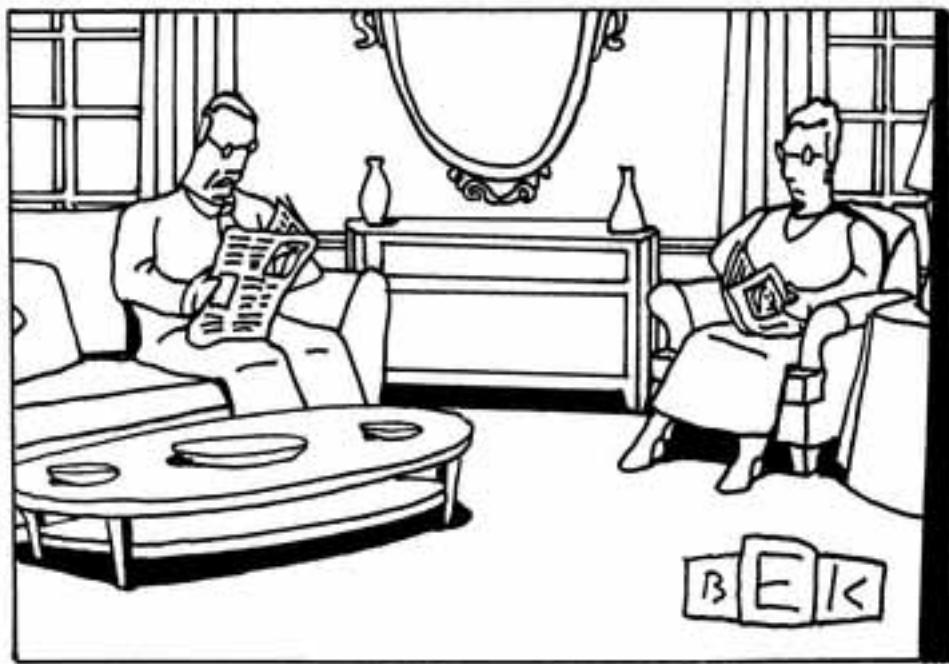
*"Just a pear? Is that all you're having for dinner?"*





*"Help!"*





*"There's a new art exhibit we could pass judgment on."*





*"I love to curl up with a good book and watch television."*



*"The body's been in the water for a long time."*





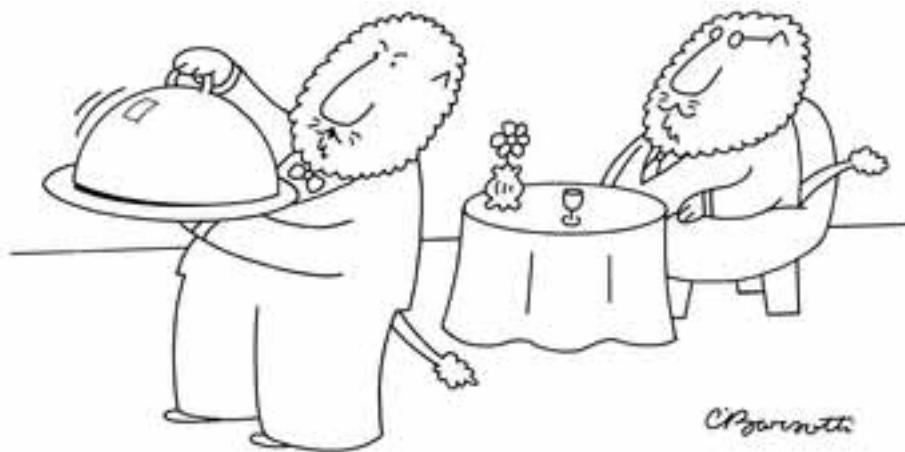
*"My pension has been renegotiated, and in lieu of a monthly check I'll receive a crateful of seasonal fruit."*



*"Thank you for helping me grieve."*



*"It won't last—they can't afford each other."*



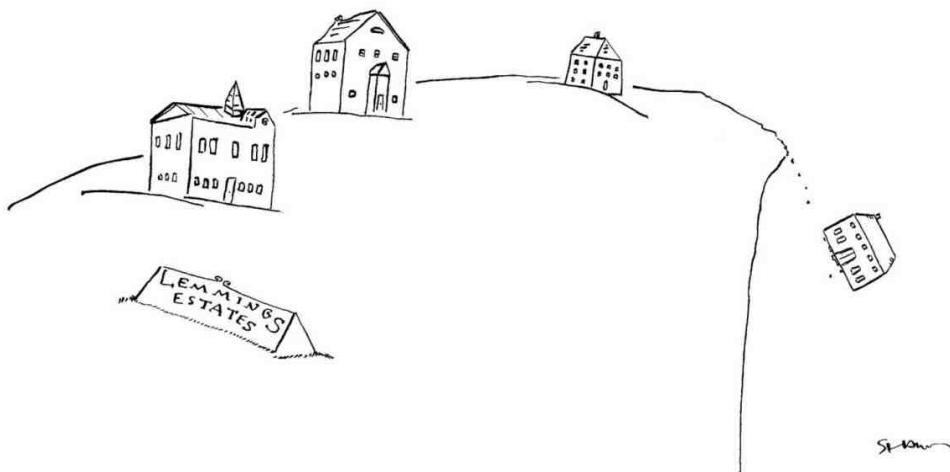
*"Behave—this guy's a good tipper."*



*"Ah, the ecstasy of moving all the right muscle groups."*

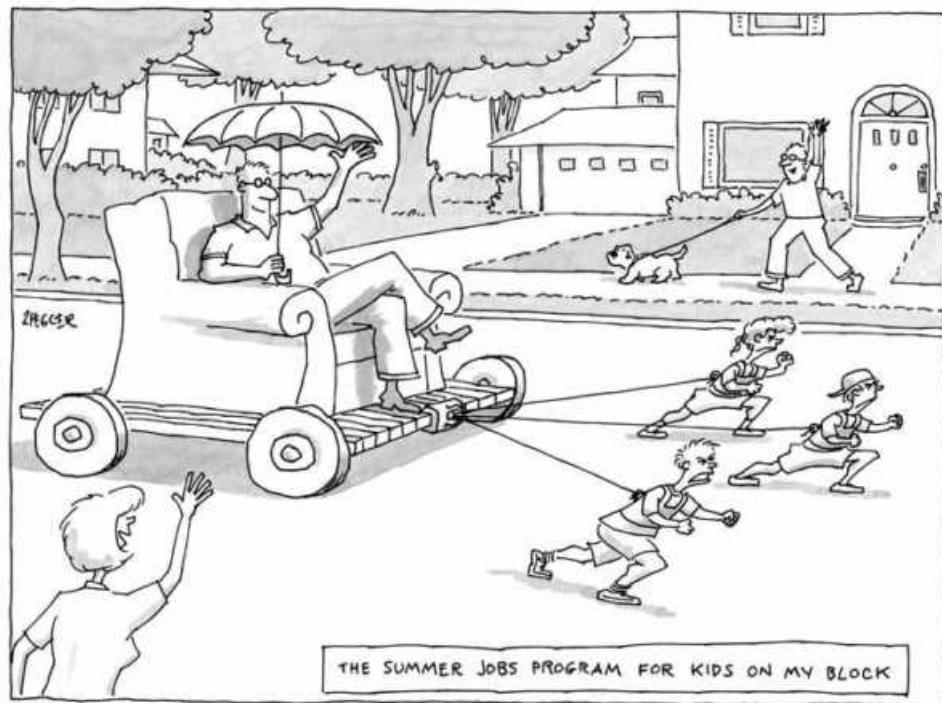


*"Leave some shells for less fortunate children."*





*"How accurate is our misinformation?"*





*"The point is, Hutchens, a younger man could jump higher."*



*"I'd be fun, too, if you had her money."*



*“And remember—make it look like an accident.”*



*"Extra! Extra! News of a gentler, bygone time!"*



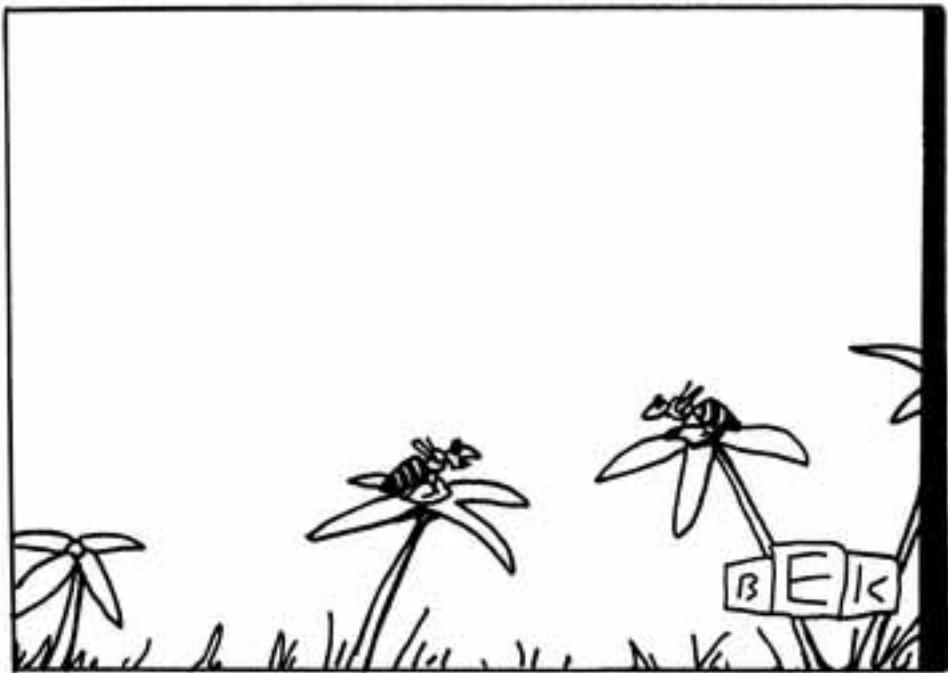
*"Oh, eternal life is fine, but what I really like is getting to wear flip-flops all the time."*



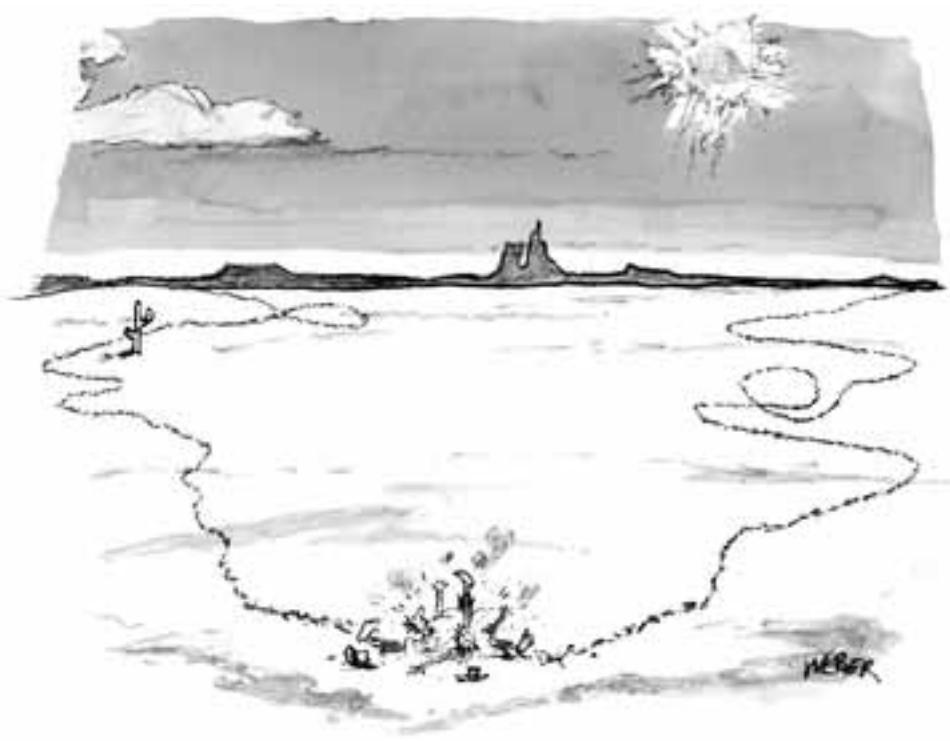
*"Our intelligence shows that everybody loves us."*



*"Have you considered substance abuse?"*



*"If they knew what really went on in hives,  
they'd never eat honey again."*



*"Oops."*



*"I'm not asking for your hand in marriage—  
I'm asking you to pull me up off the floor."*

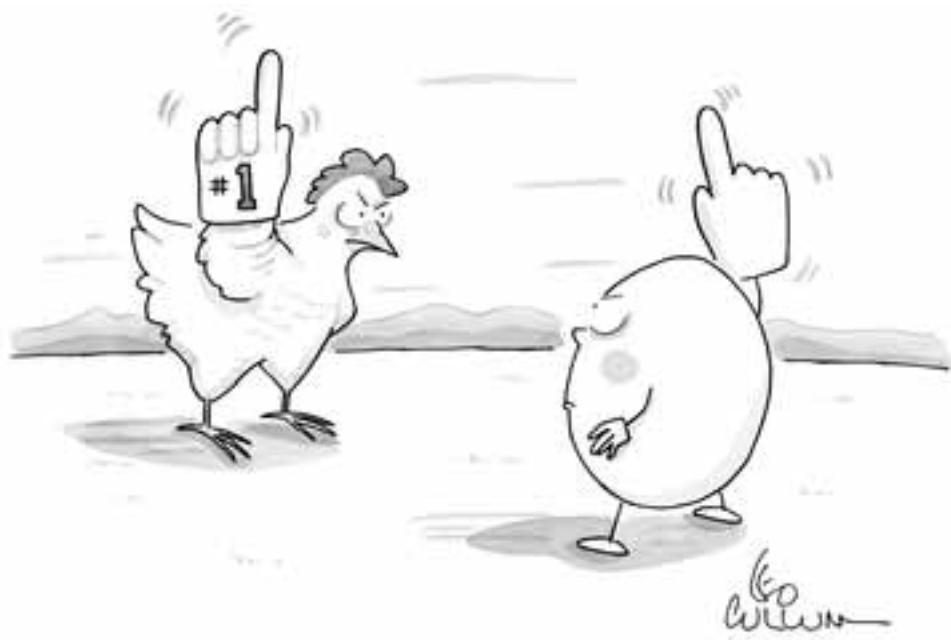




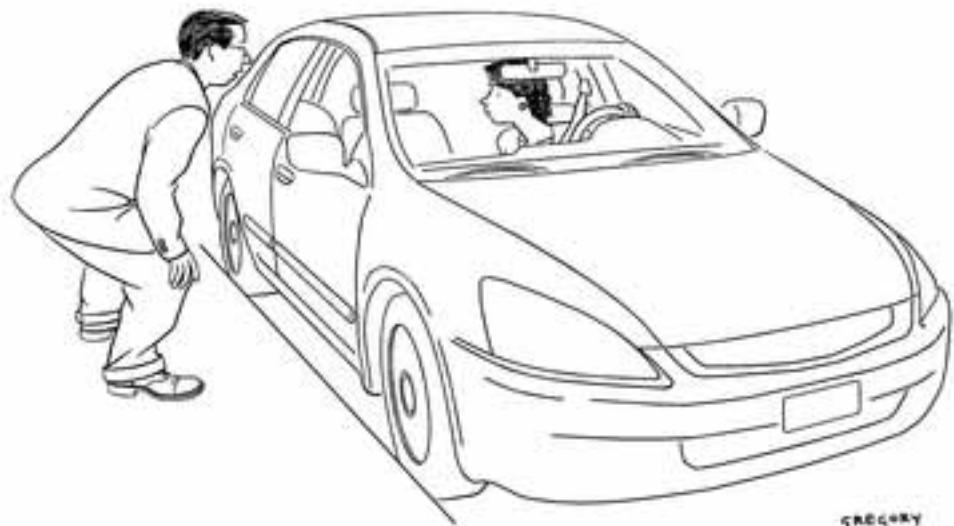


*"The truth serum made you say some very hurtful things."*





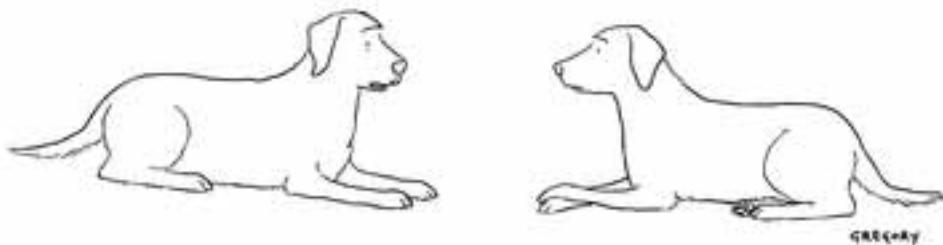
## MALE PROSTITUTE



*"Oh yeah, baby, I'll listen to you—I'll listen to you all night long."*



*"I don't have to be a team player, Crawford. I'm the team owner."*



*"There they were, sitting around the dinner table, knocking off a bottle of Côtes-du-Rhône and blathering about the Middle East—you've never heard such shallow, simplistic reasoning in your life—and one of them turns to me and says, 'And what do you think, Barney? What do you think we should do?' and all I could come up with was 'Woof.' I felt like such an ass."*



*"Come on in. The water's fine."*



*"Do you think those less fortunate are at least having better sex?"*





*"Don't be scared, David! Mommy's here with your crumb of validation."*





*"Maybe you're not underrated."*



*"A word to the wise—he's sick of 'La Bamba'."*



*"O.K., O.K., we get the point."*



*"He's not a bad person, but he wants to own  
two TV stations in the same market."*



*Victoria Roberts*

*"I think Italian is spoken in Heaven and Dutch is spoken in Hell."*



*"I don't know if he's a great artist, but he's certainly annoying."*



*"I can't stop thinking about all those available parking spaces back on West Eighty-fifth Street."*



*"I'll handle this."*



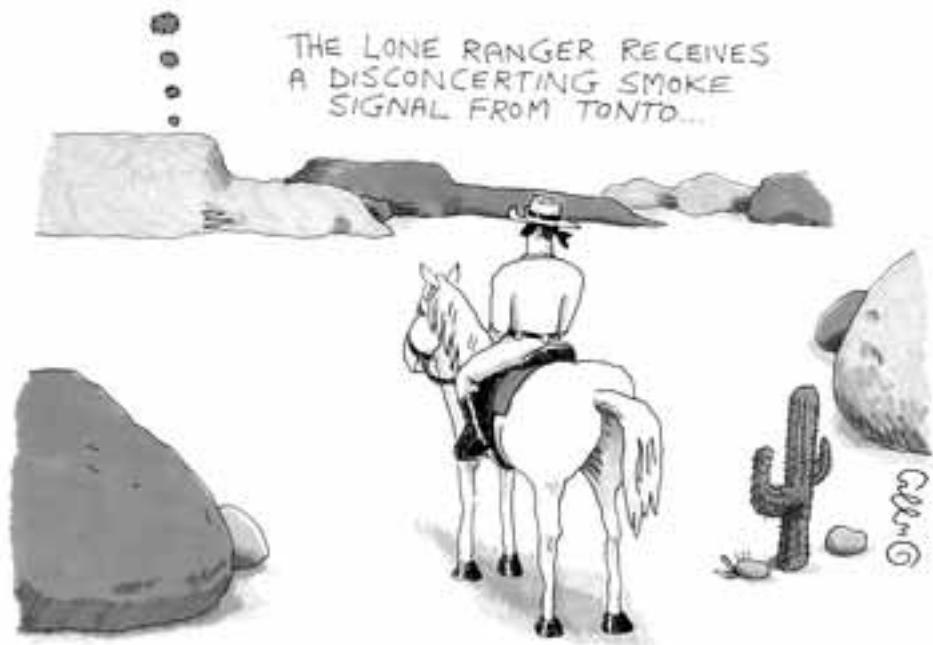
*"Nature can be cruel, but occasionally there  
are instances of great compassion."*

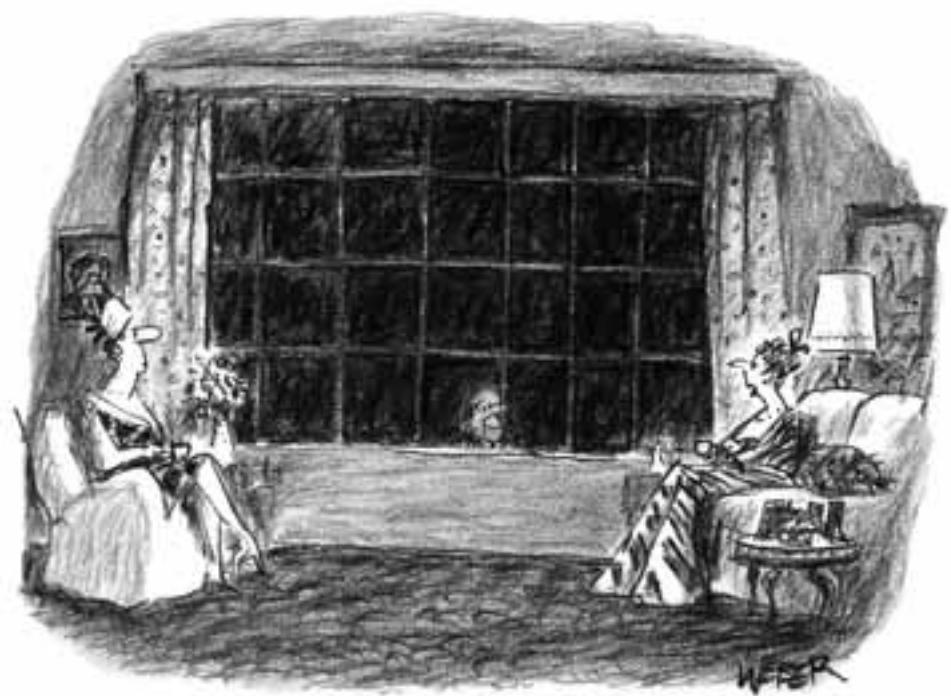


*"I set a goal, I met it, I proved that I could meet it,  
and now the hell with it."*



THE LONE RANGER RECEIVES  
A DISCONCERTING SMOKE  
SIGNAL FROM TONTO...





*"That's Arthur, my first husband. I usually leave food out for him."*



*"Don't make me come down there!"*



*"I'm sorry, you want Glutes—this is Pecs."*



*"When you lie about yourself, is it to appear closer to or farther away from the middle of the bell curve?"*



*"This is our son, Eddy. He's just graduated from school  
and is entering a void this fall."*



*"Of course I want to have kids, Claire—just not all the time."*





GREGORY

*"Only child."*



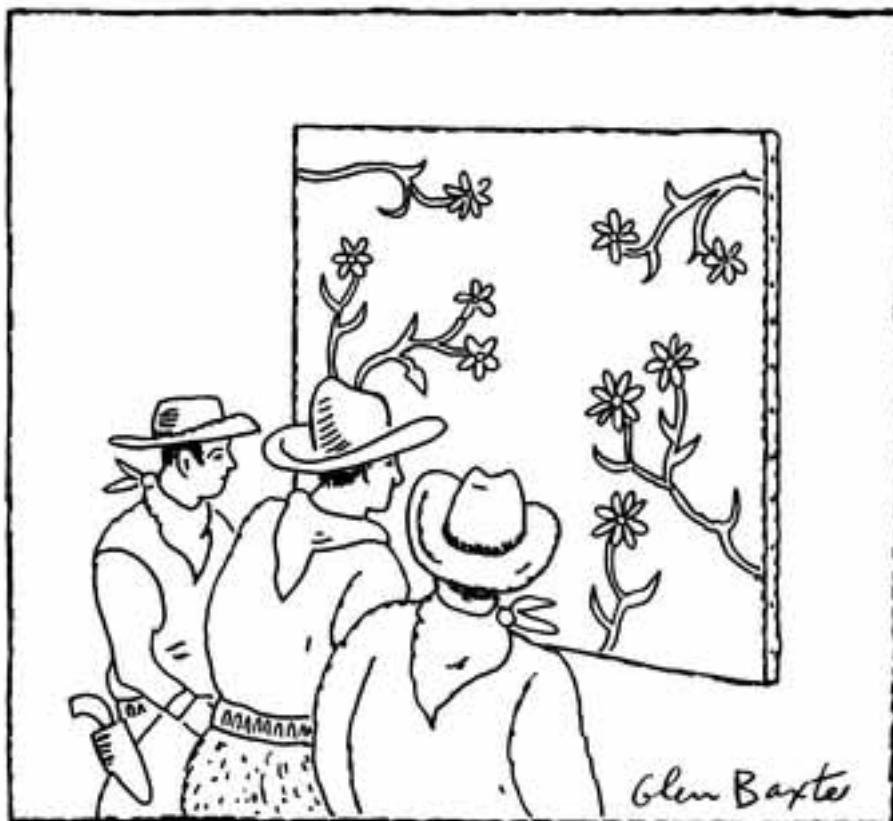
*"We're not on vacation anymore. The company folded."*



*"If we don't comply, they're threatening us with liberation."*



*"Oh, thank you, Lord! Do I have to tell my partner?"*



THE CRITICS SPOTTED THE BOGUS  
ROTHKO ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.



*"We've come here to smoke."*





*"We would like to request a change of venue to  
an entirely different legal system."*

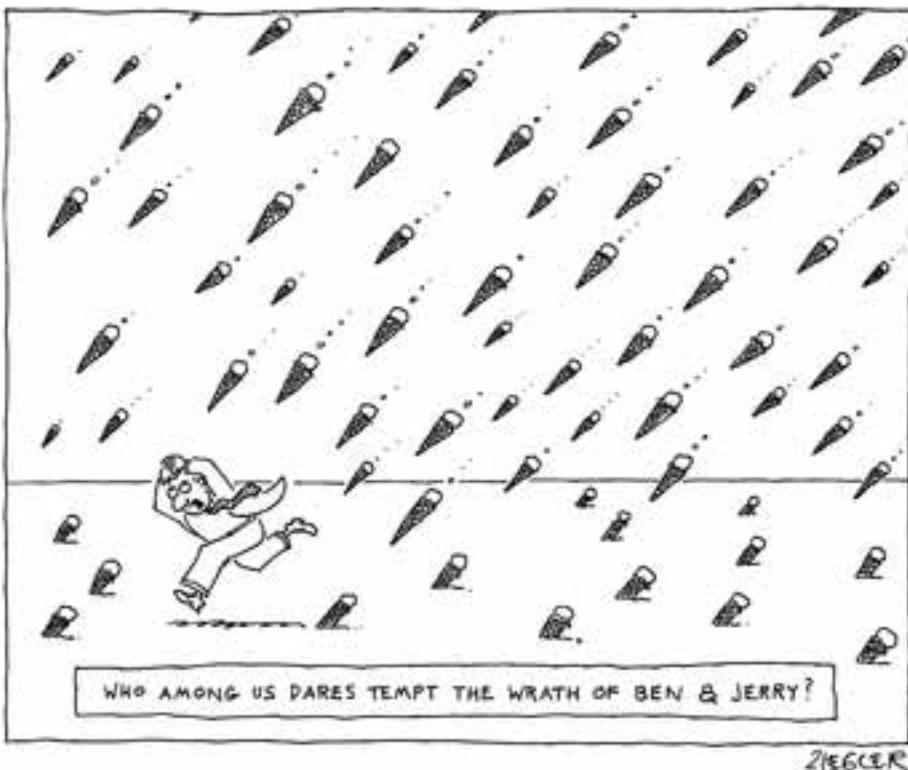




*"We also have urns, if you want to think outside the box."*



*"He doesn't have wasabi, dear."*

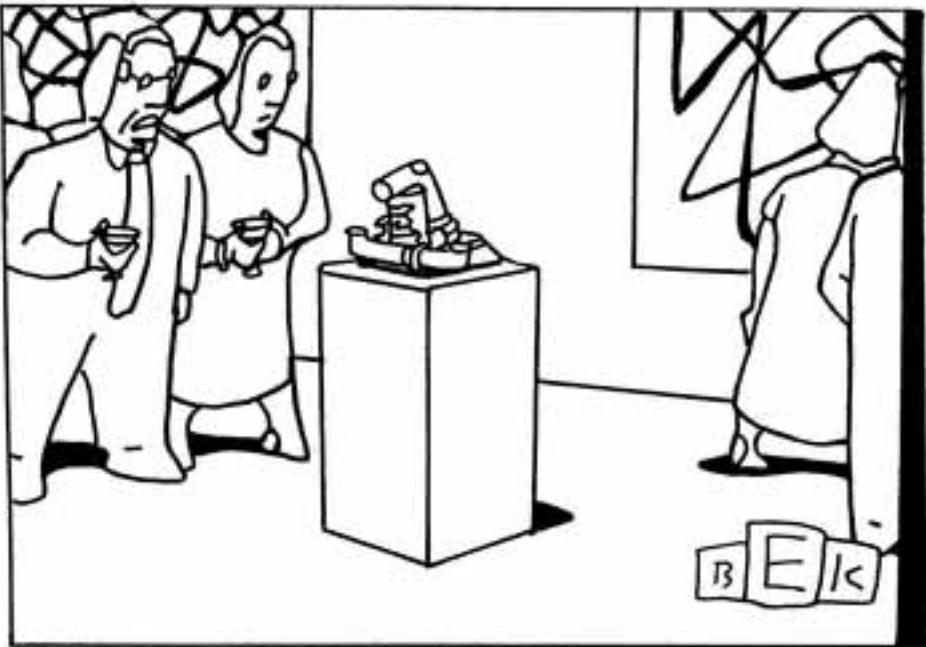




*"Look what we found yesterday when we were cleaning out the attic."*



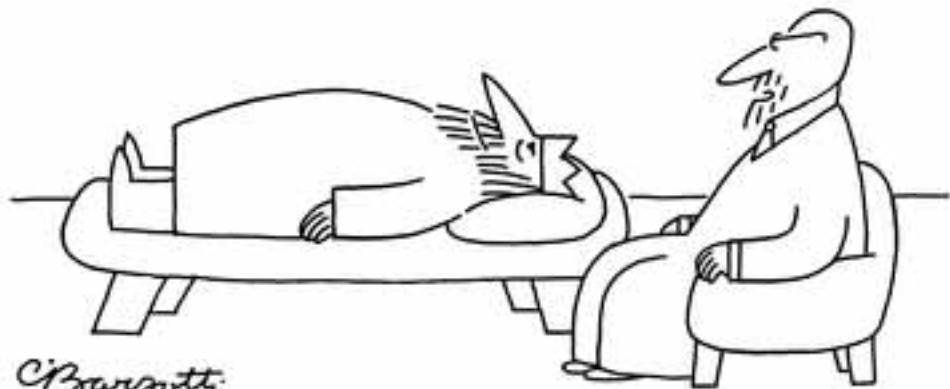
*If you must know, I'm not West Point—I'm home-schooled.*



*"It's found crap."*



*"Will you please stop trying to appear larger than life?"*



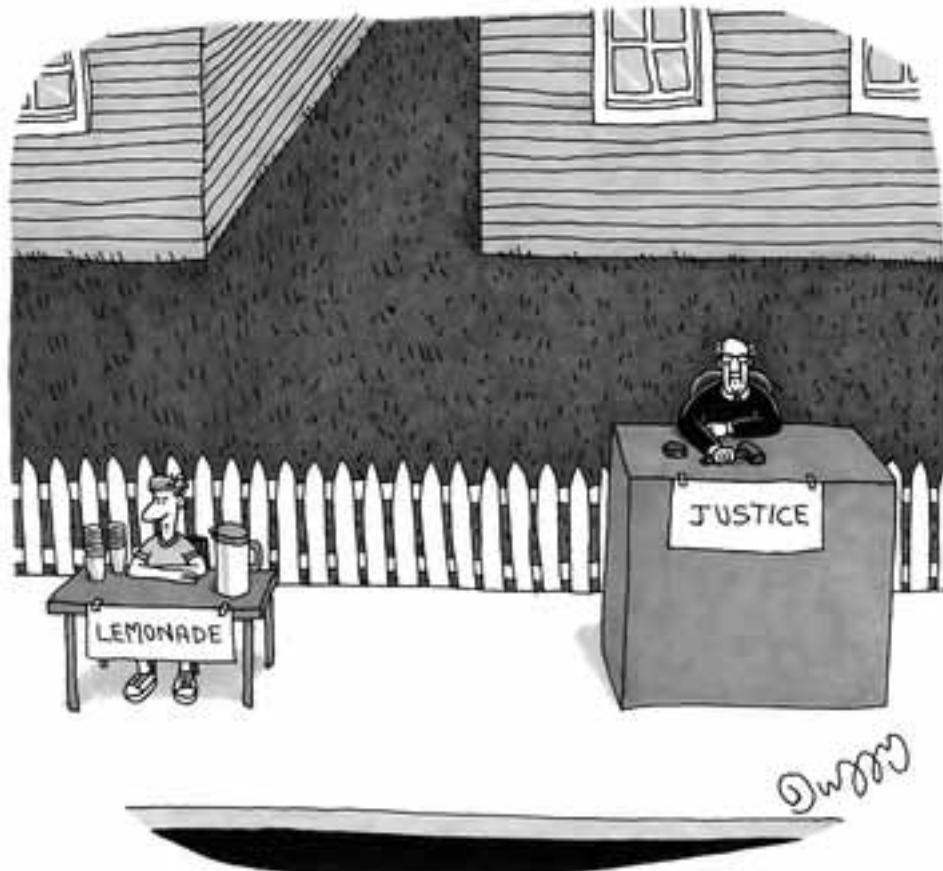
*"Well, you certainly solved your little  
Oedipus problem since I saw you last."*



*"You need two more gazelles."*



*"And this is Kabob."*





*"So where's the good cop?"*



*"The title of my science project is 'My Little Brother: Nature or Nurture.' "*



*"No, sweetie, we don't go to the beach. We're from  
New Jersey—we go to the shore."*





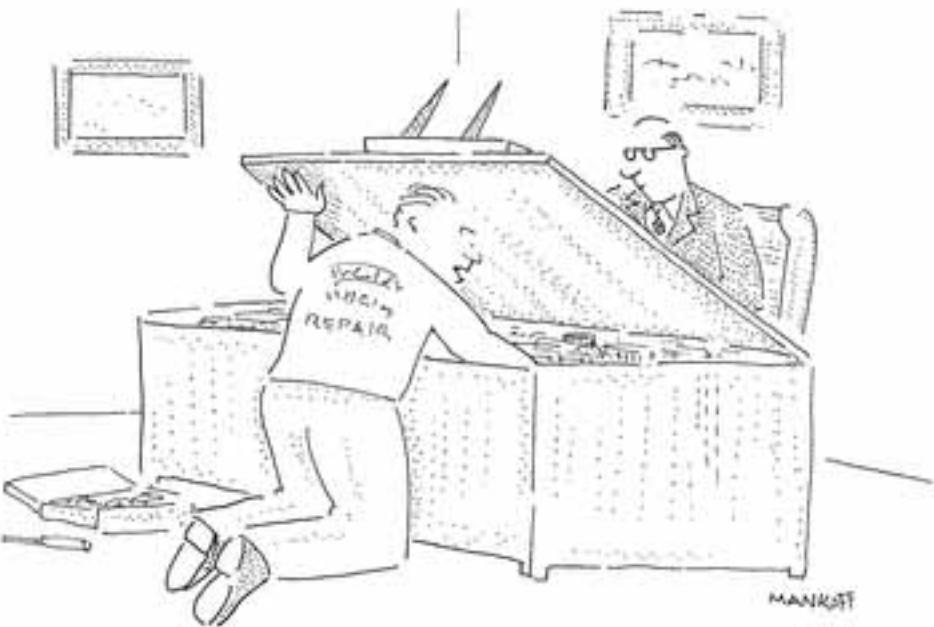
*"You say it's a win-win, but what if you're  
wrong-wrong and it all goes bad-bad?"*



*"It was horrible. I was stuck on an escalator for six hours."*



*"Mom, Dad, this is Andy—the man I'm collaring."*



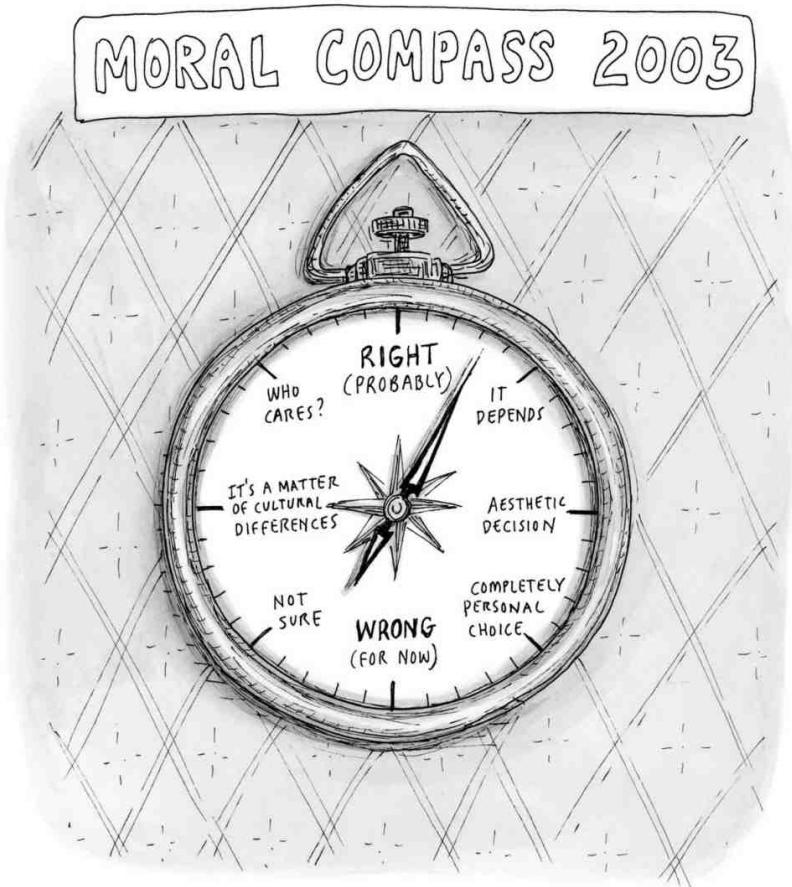
*"O.K., chief, see if she starts now."*



*"This is how I'd like to remember the Hamptons—  
with someone's gold Rolex sticking out of the sand."*



*“Some boots on the ground to see you, Mr. Grunwald.”*





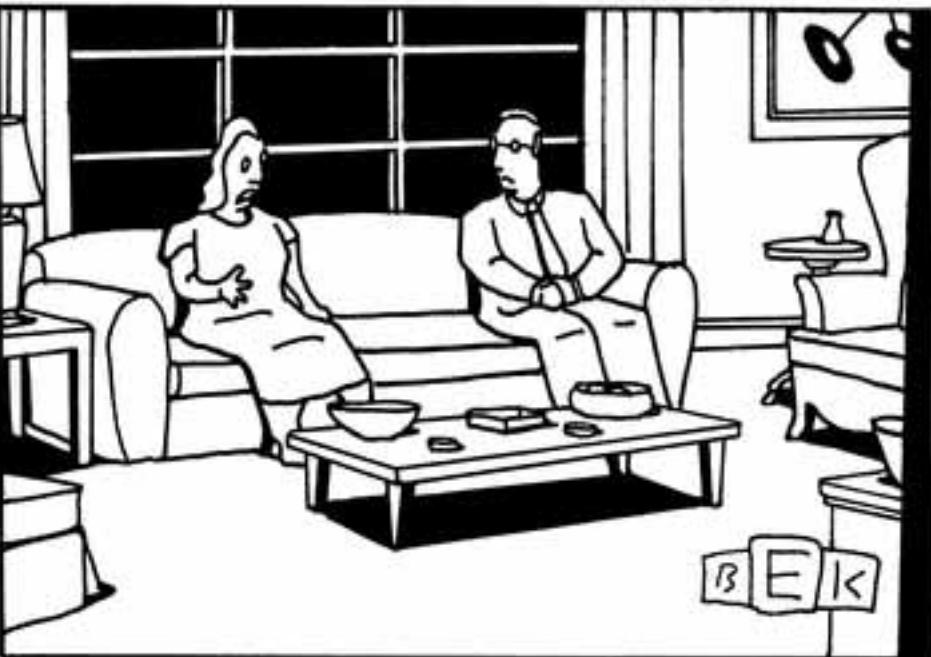
*"Don't forget to click Reply."*



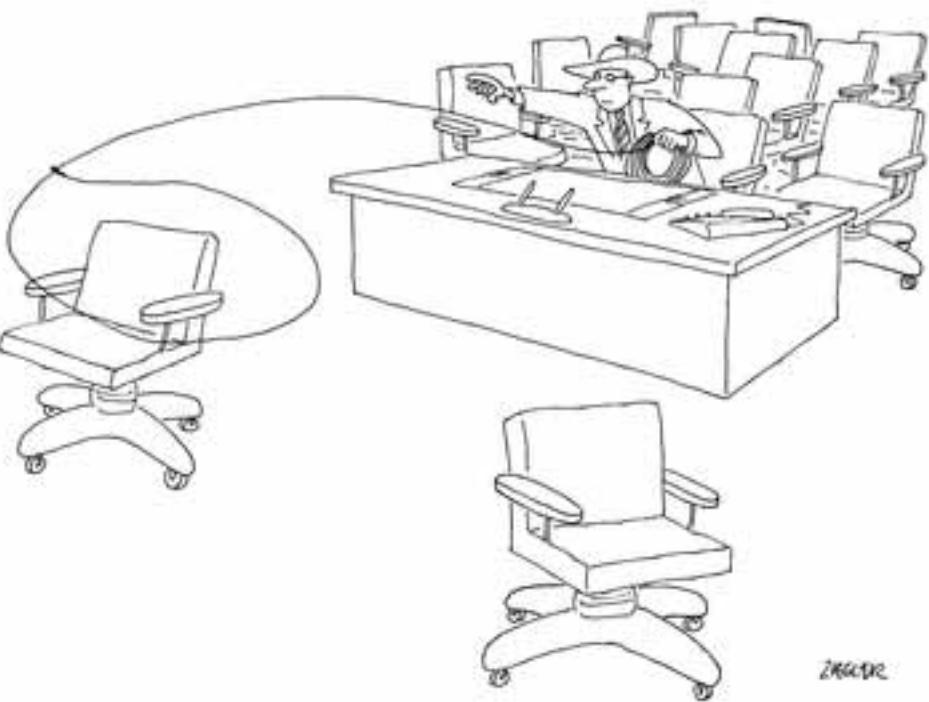
*"Someday, when we're old, we're going to  
look back and embellish this."*

TWO BARBARIANS AND A PROFESSOR OF BARBARIAN STUDIES



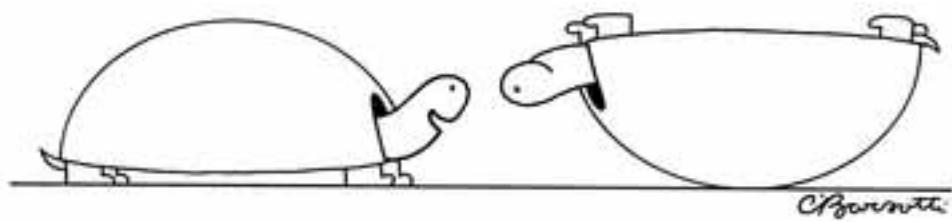


*"We never have any activities that make for cute anecdotes anymore."*





*"This next song is about love—that special kind of love between a man, his ex-wife, their delinquent children, her attorney, several stockbrokers, and the Internal Revenue Service."*



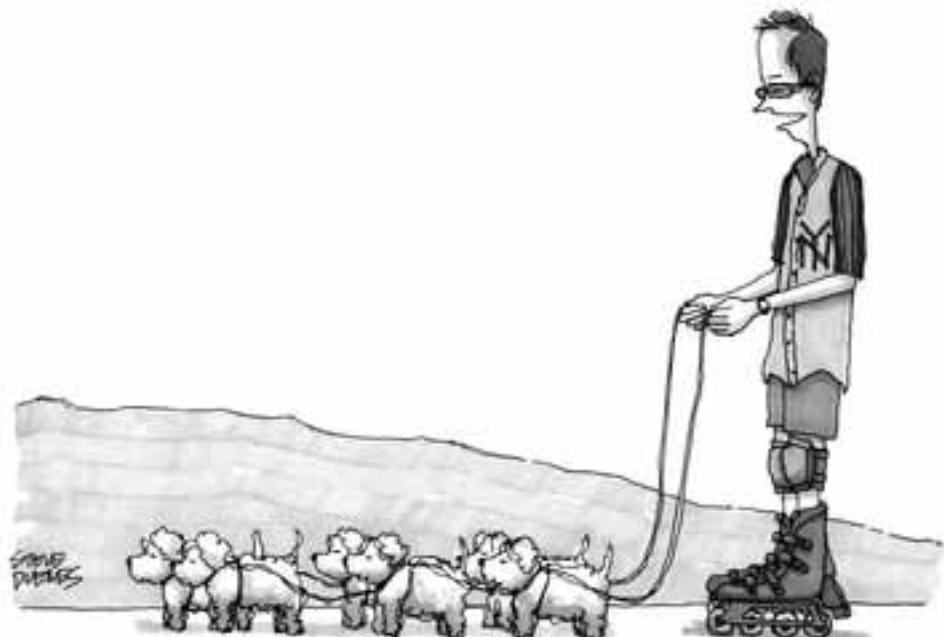
*"Wow, I've never met an astronomer before."*



*"How are the smiling exercises coming along?"*



*"The whole fun of accounting was that willingness to suspend disbelief."*



*"Mush."*







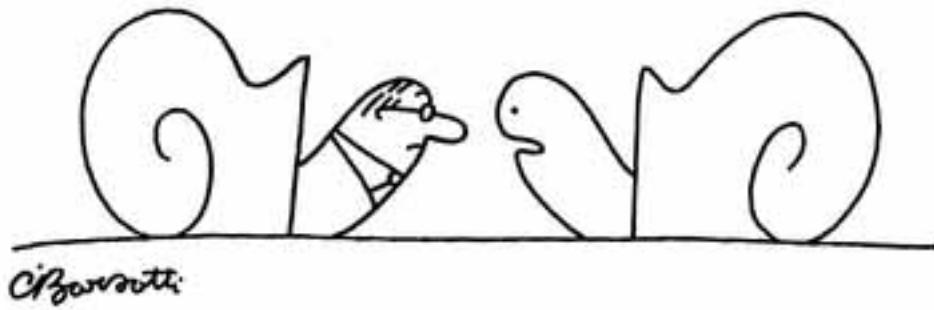
*"I'm horny. Sex up this document."*



*"And then one day the grid went down and never came back up."*



*"I'm sorry, we don't have anyone named Mr. Peterson working  
in this office. Would you care to hold until we do?"*



*"Sorry, you're overqualified."*



*"I try to focus all my sexual energy on sex."*



Frank  
Cotham



Gahan Wilson (9/8/2003)

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*"Look, it's not you, it's me, O.K.?"*

## SUBURBAN LEGENDS

That weird, skeevy guy who's always picking through people's garbage is a Rockefeller Scion.



Girls do "things" with boys on the high-school bus.



They're building a huge sewage-treatment plant behind the Food Baron.



Muffy's Golf Boutique sells whips and chains in the back.



Our town is owned by Bill Gates. He was passing through in '97 and thought it was "cool."



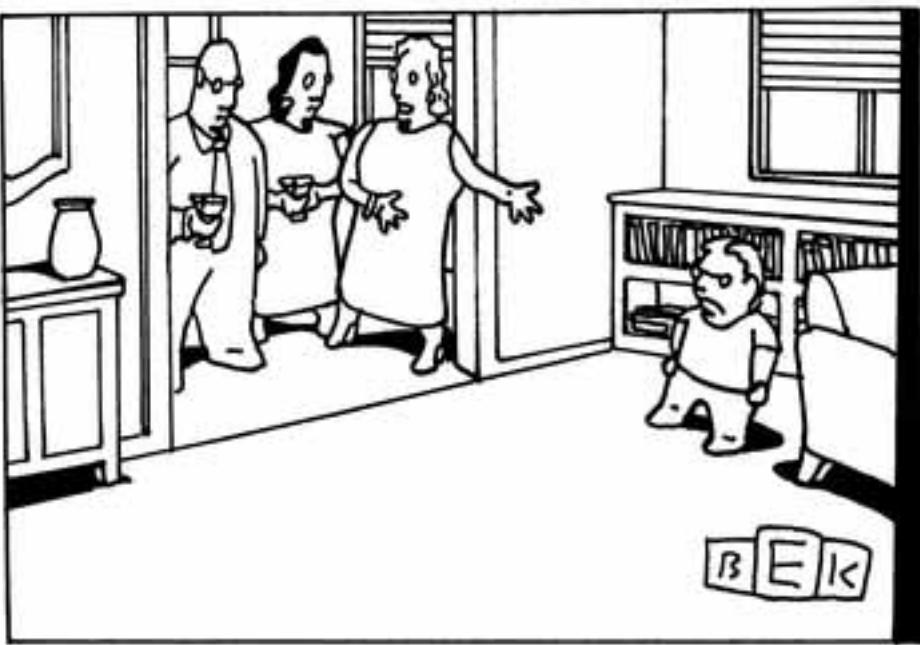
R.C.



*"Do I look ridiculous in this hat or does this hat look ridiculous on me?"*



*"Everything he says comes straight from the communal joke pool."*



*"And this is our child, but we never use him."*





*"Pull over."*



*"Well, I finally did it—I told my boss you said he should go to hell."*



*"Margie, we need to talk."*





*"Are these just guidelines, or are they actual new policies?"*



*"It followed me home. Can I domesticate it?"*



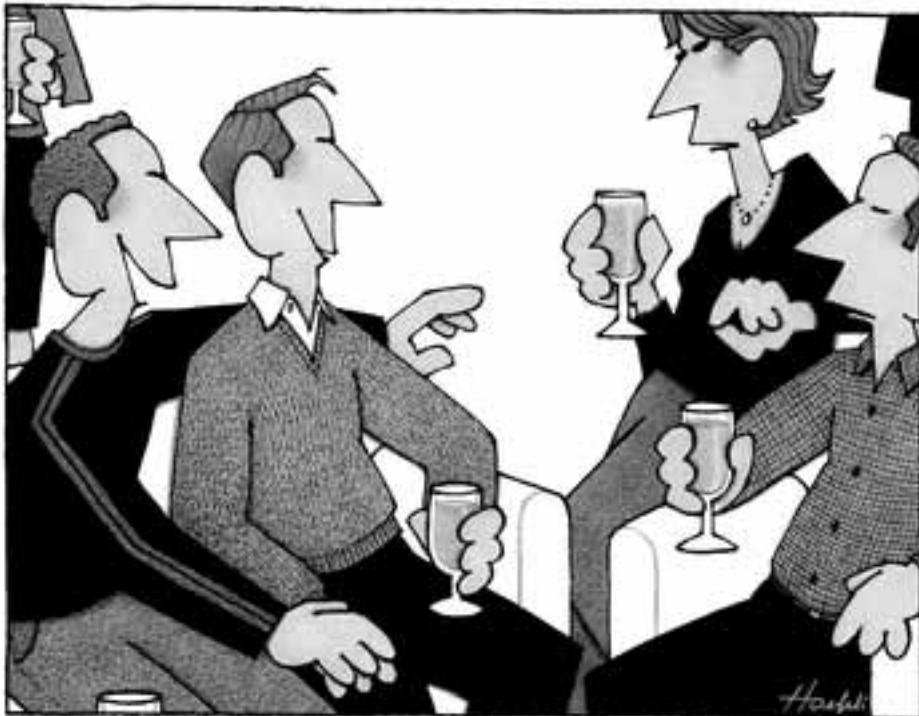
*"You appear to be suffering from the effects of secondhand litigation."*



*"Postwar is hell."*



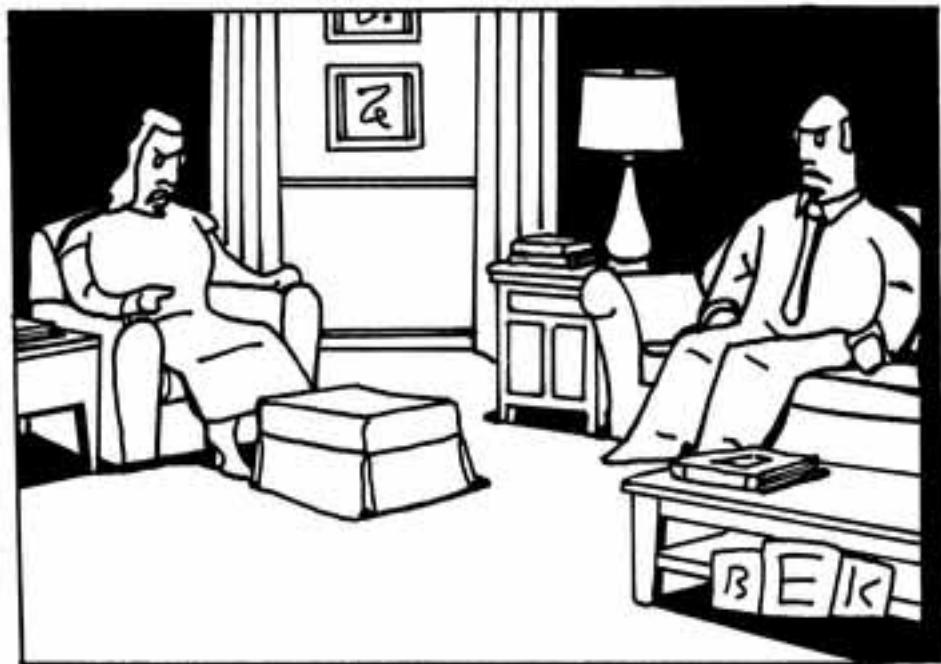




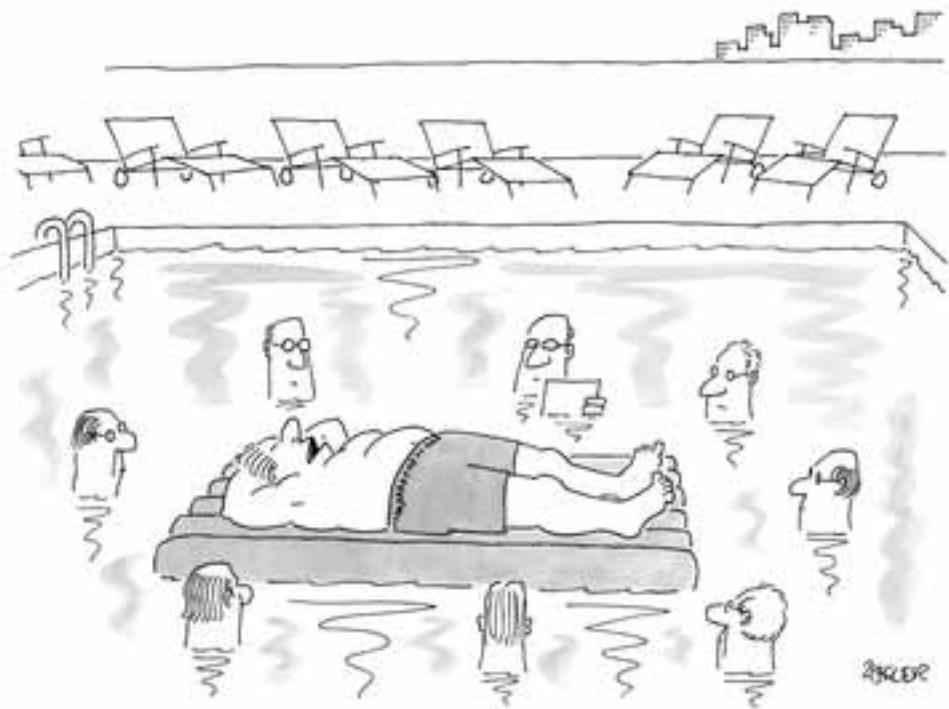
*"We're a traditional gay couple—we don't have kids."*



*"Did you ever get the feeling you've done this job before, in a previous economy?"*



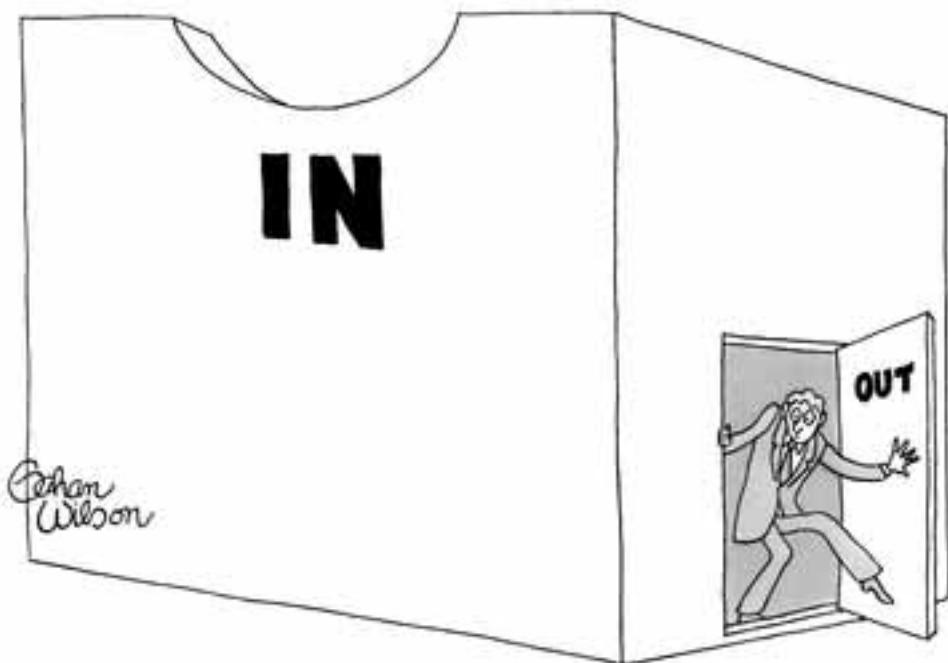
*“Don’t take that tone of thought with me.”*



*"Jenkins, read me back the minutes from the last dip."*



*"It's not that I'm too old. I've always been a lousy driver."*





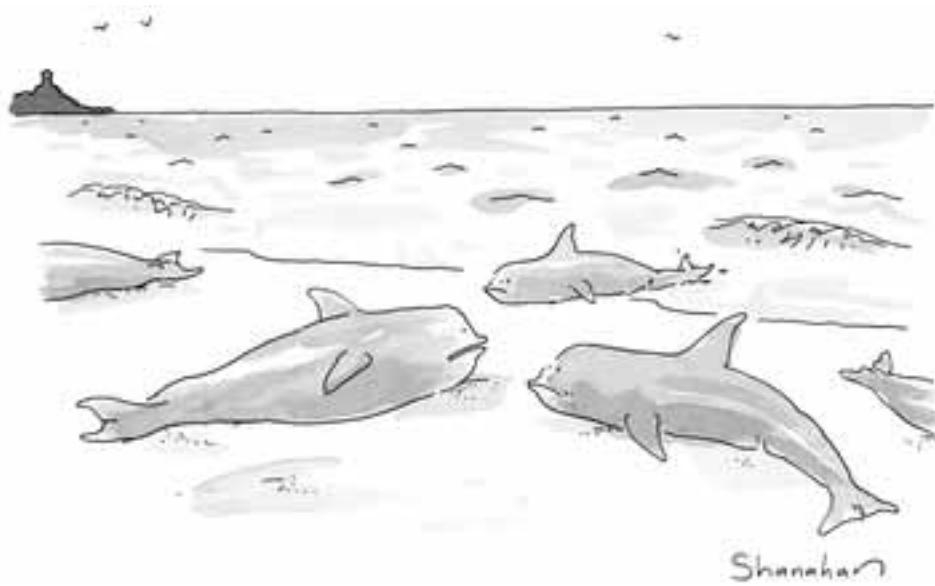
*"We had to try to figure it out without broadband access to porn."*



*"Can I nuke something for you?"*



*"Not to toot my own horn, but I was doing time for stock manipulation when you were still in business school."*



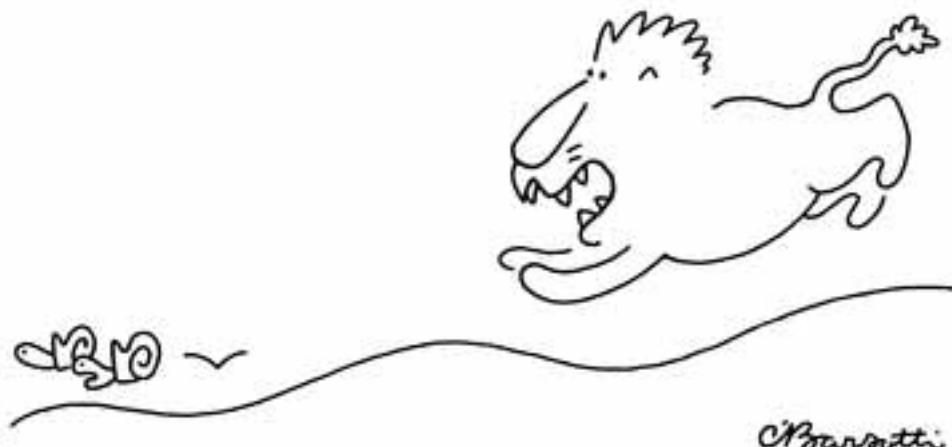
*"Now I remember why I hate the beach."*



*"It occurred to me that there's no rule against having mutant telekinetic powers and pepper spray.*



*"So, you're still doing the Western thing."*



*"Times must really be tough!"*

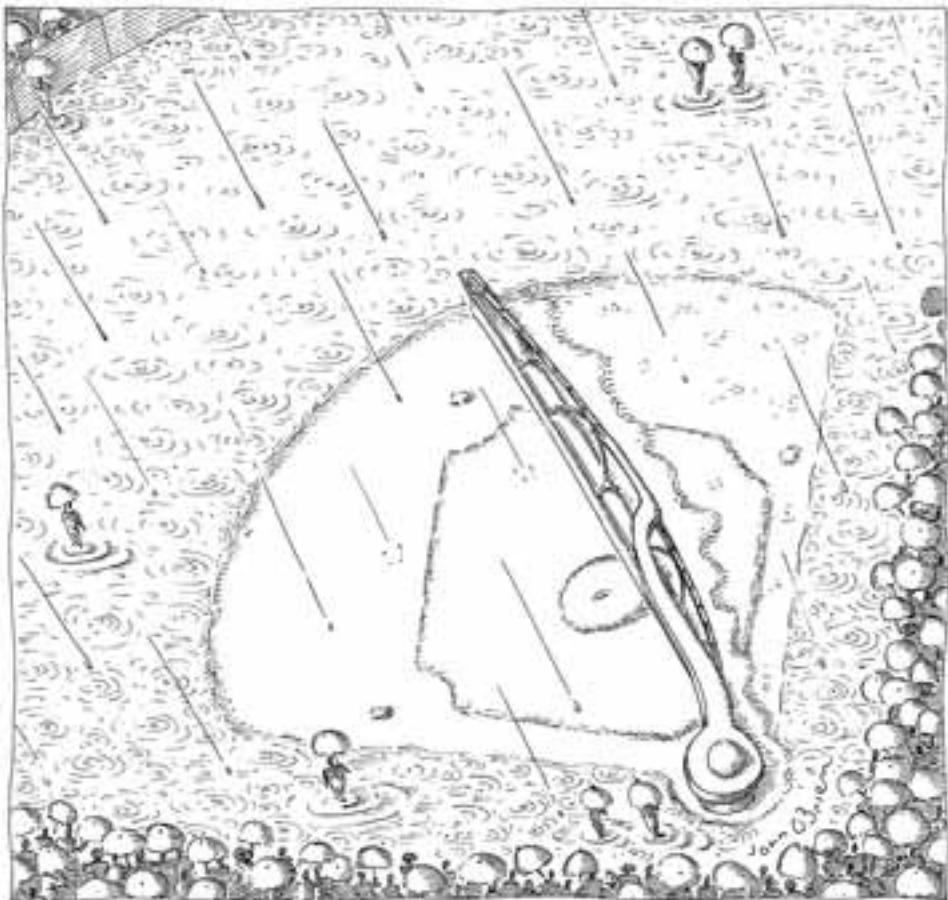
## NEW DUNCE CAPS







*"Legal advises finger-pointing."*





*“Sure. Unless, of course, he’s in doggie Hell.”*



*"You'll need an unobstructed view of the southern sky."*



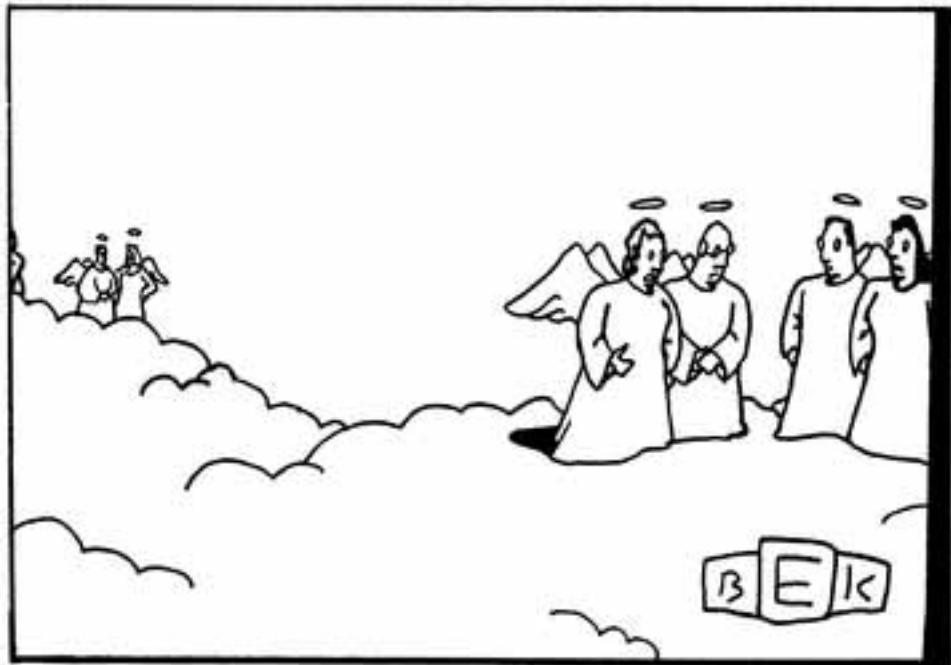
*"We've got enough rocks—what we need is better intelligence."*



*"The long and the short of it, doctor, is that I'm ready to change from a soccer mom to a NASCAR dad."*



*"There are only three signatures on this recall petition. Monday Night Football, therefore, will remain in effect until further notice."*



*"We're thinking about getting a little pied-à-terre in Hell."*

OBSCENE HOLLYWOOD  
PHONE CALL



GREGORY

*"Who are you wearing right now?"*



*"I can't walk in these shoes, which is a problem,  
because I can't sit down in this skirt."*



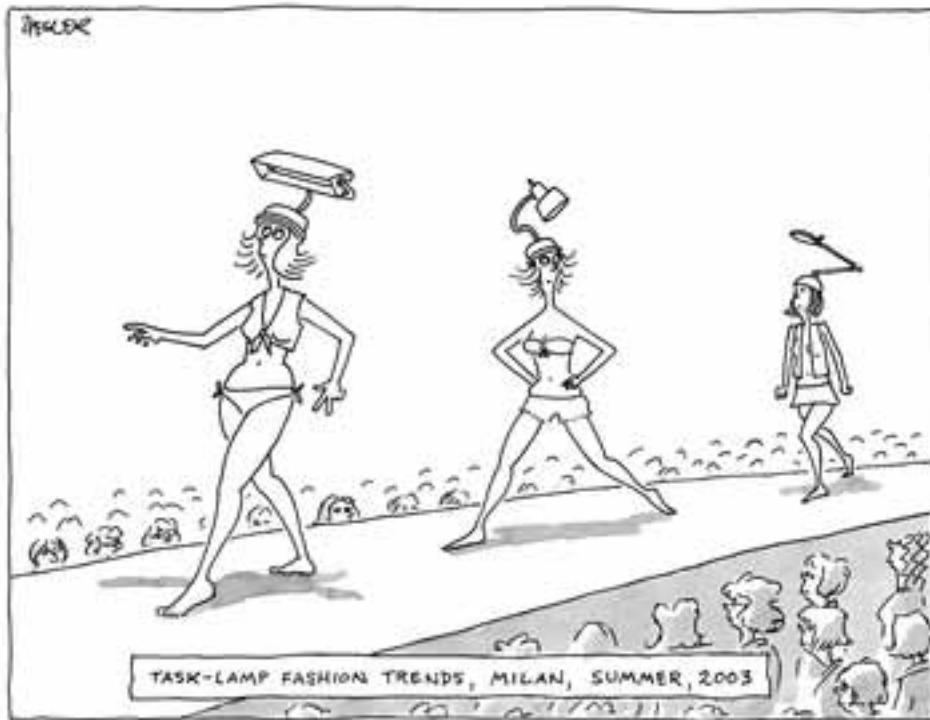
*"I've had those books for years. They represent  
the person I once aspired to be."*



*"It runs on helium."*



*"Any nibbles yet, hon?"*





*"I don't speak Yoga. I speak Pilates."*



© Barsotti

*"If you go left and Albert goes right, where do I go?"*



*"I just don't get these reality shows!"*



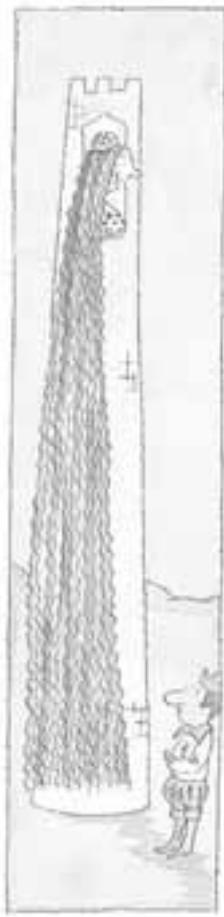
*"Do you ever stop to think about the nepotism issues I've spared you?"*



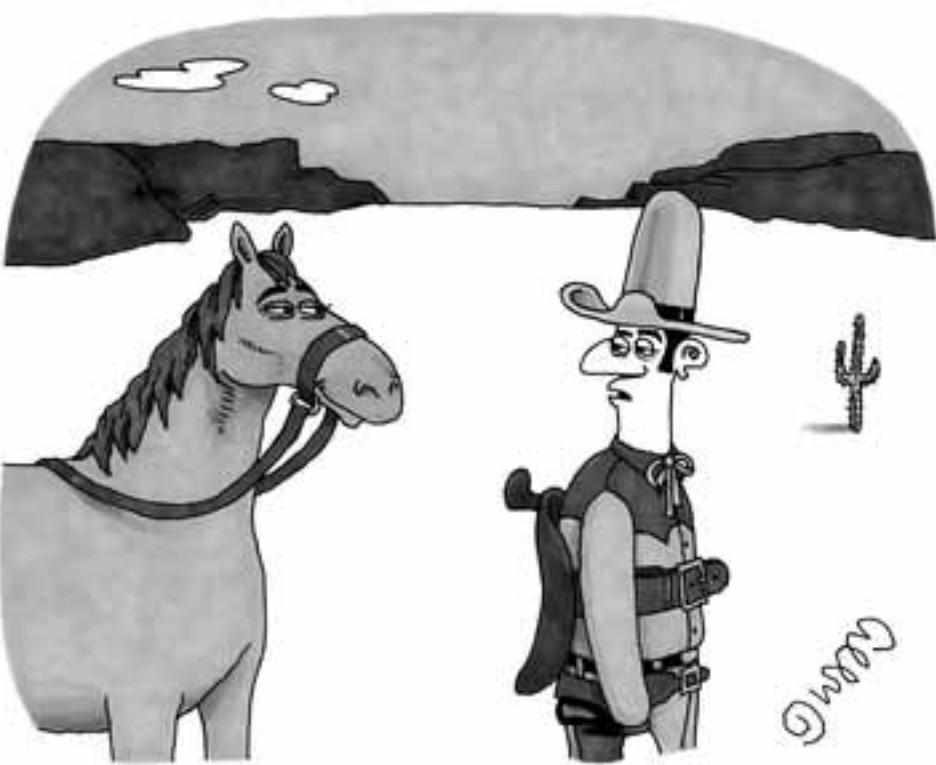
*"I'm through with apparel. From now on, it's just accessories."*



*"You are going to wish you had cancelled this appointment."*



*"When I'm not having a good  
hair day, you'll know."*



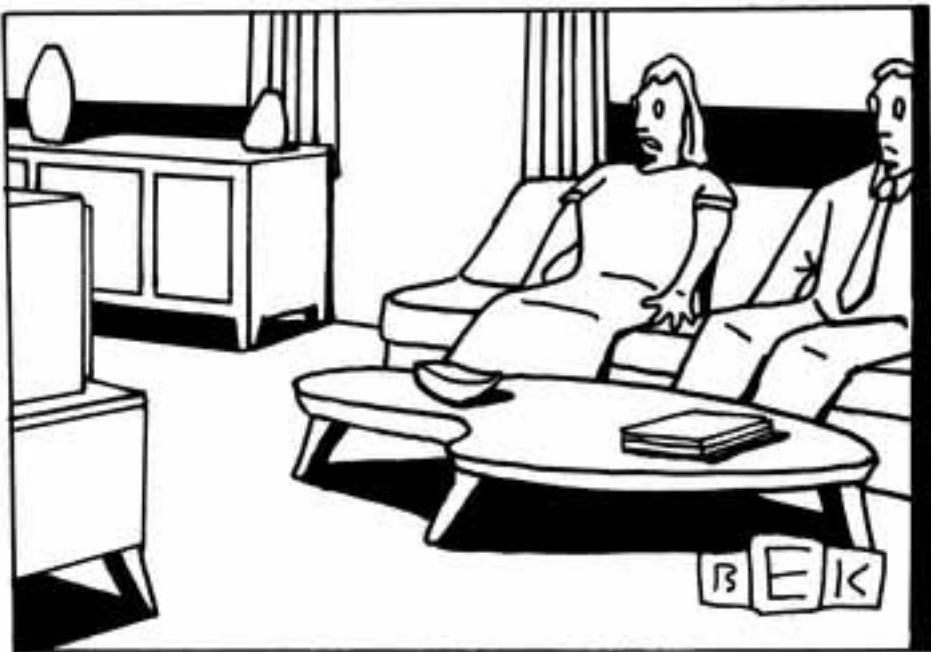
*"Just remember, we switch back before we get to town."*







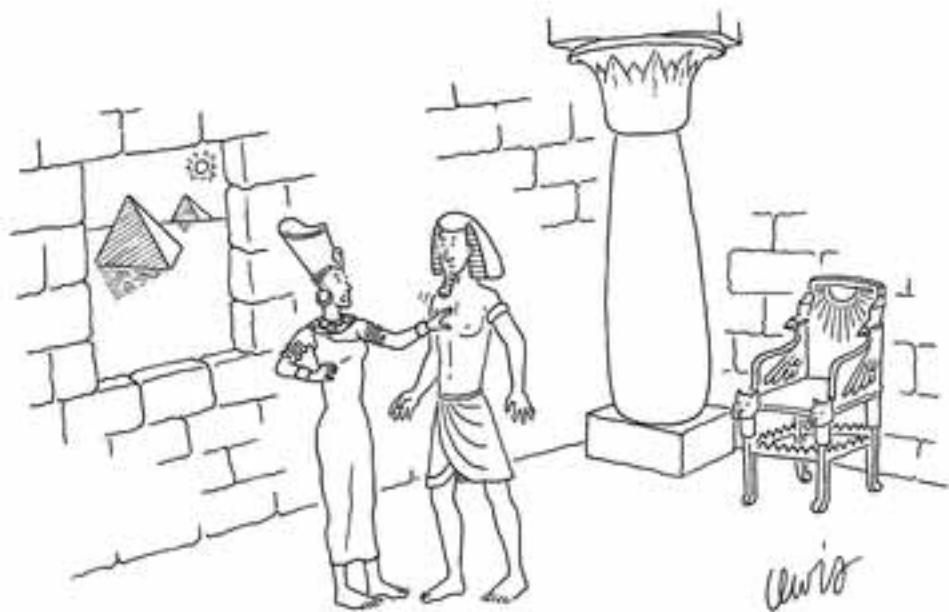
*"I knew the woodpeckers were a mistake."*



*"Why can't David Blaine just stick himself somewhere  
and not involve the rest of us?"*



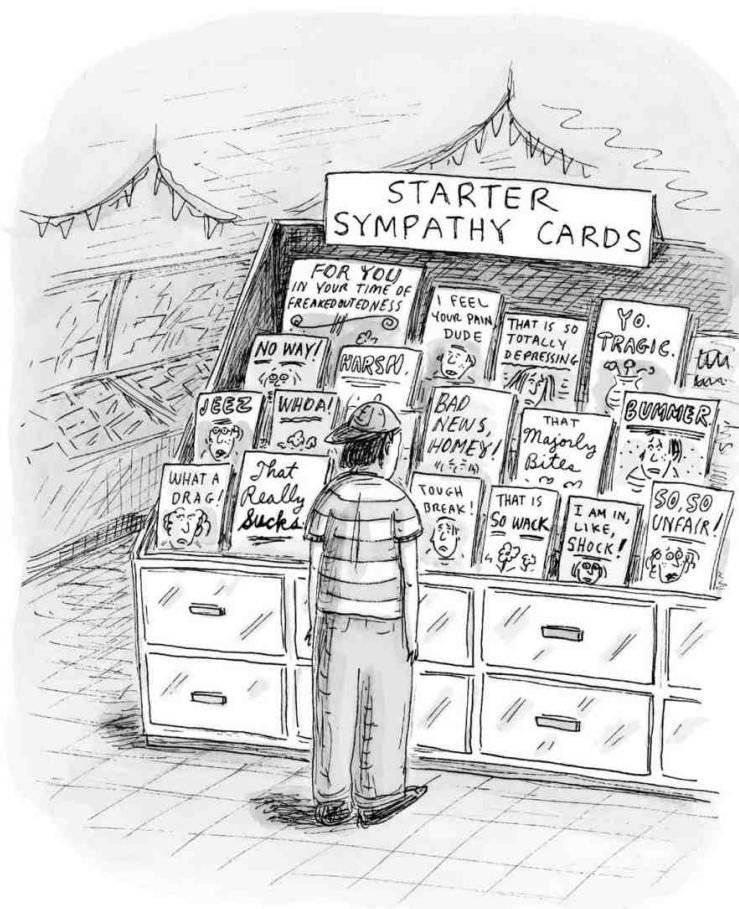
*"Could you direct us to the pre-pre-pre-teen department?"*

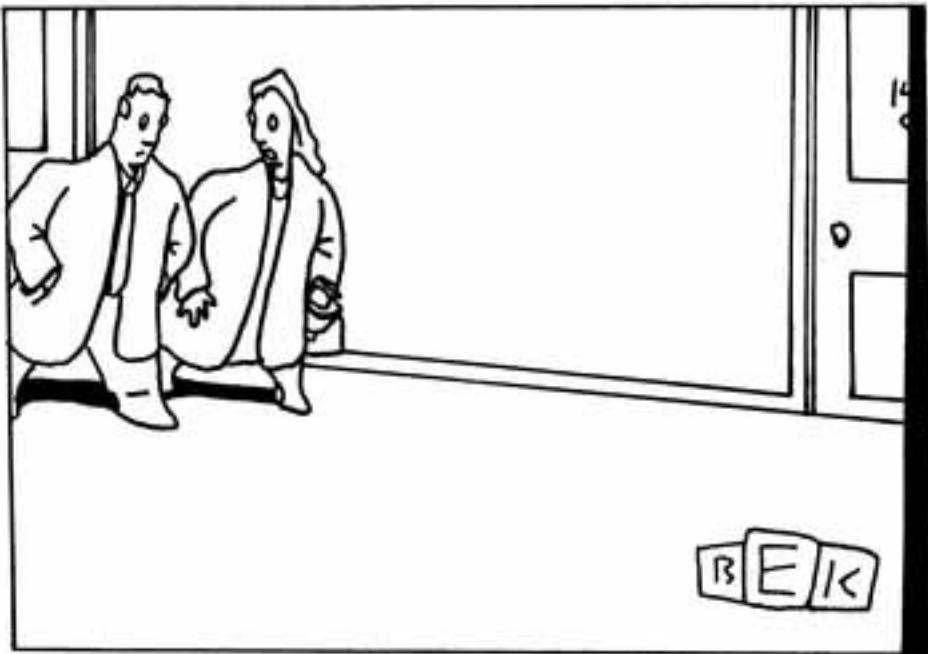


*"What part of oil lamp next to double  
squiggle over ox don't you understand?"*



*"So it's true. You really are all business."*





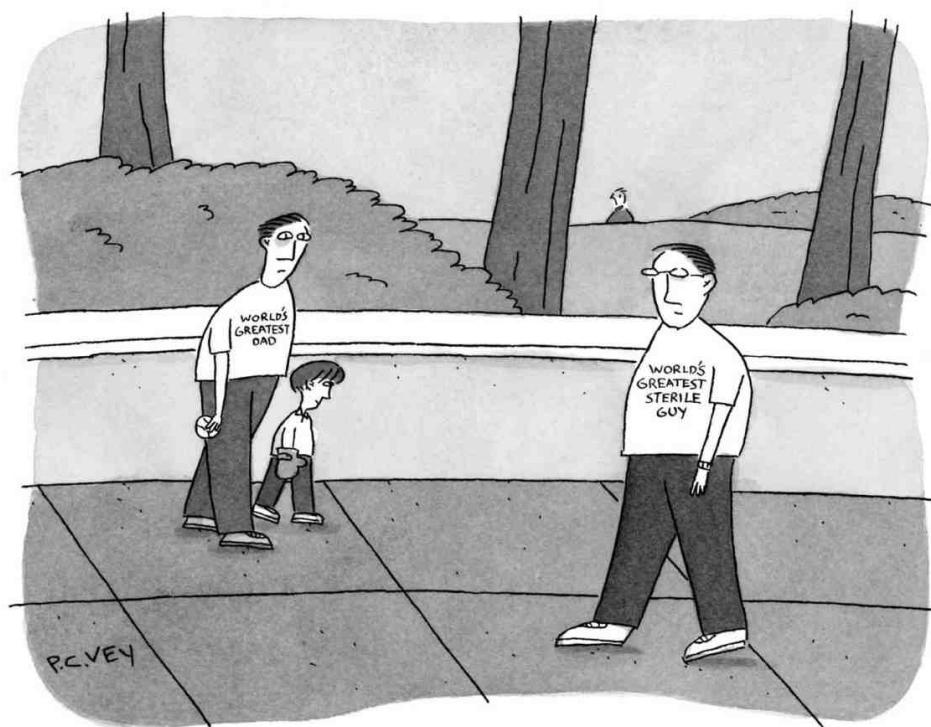
*"She already had someone taking care of dessert.  
We're bringing forced gaiety."*



*"That's for staying married for thirty-five years to a difficult woman."*



*"They've redesigned our cubicles."*



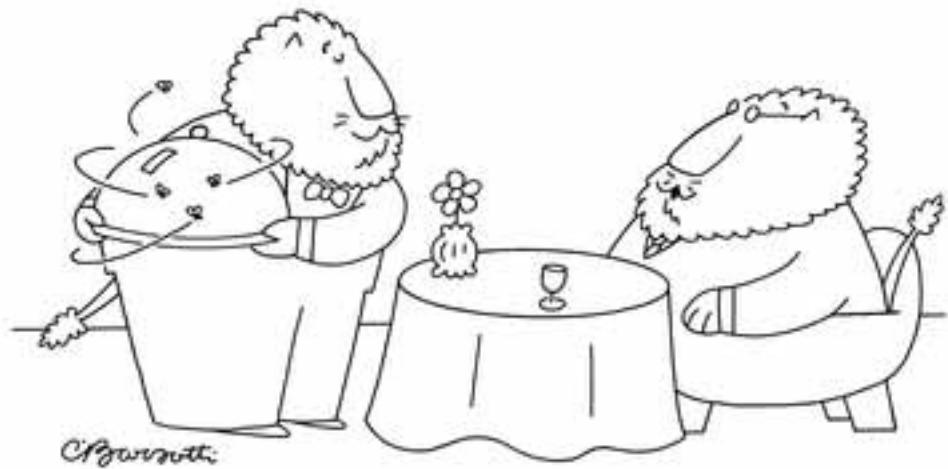


*"I'm sorry, but someone has to put a stop to  
this endless cycle of apologizing."*



*"This one allows release of your information to a sitcom."*





*"Ah, Louis, I can tell already that it's going to be terrific."*



*"Until the weapons of mass destruction are found."*



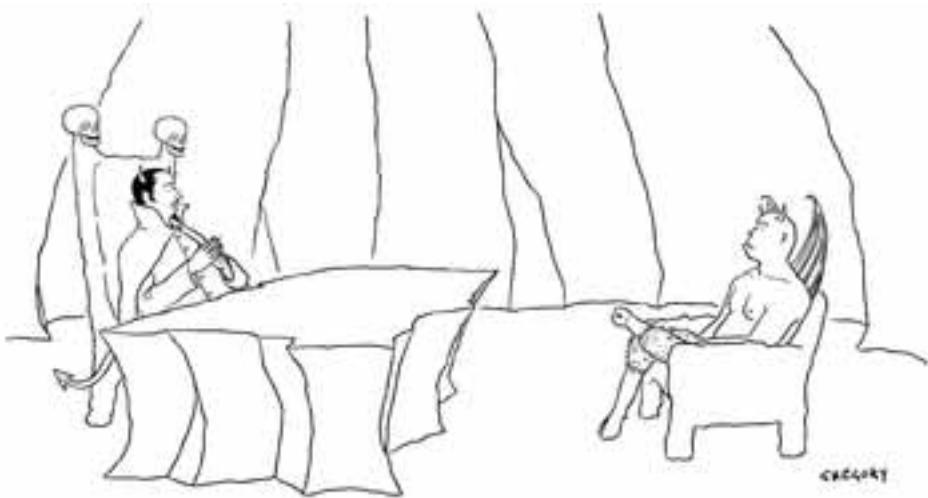


*"So who did you beget?"*





*"It cost a bundle, but I can't tell you how much better  
I feel about myself."*



*"I need someone well versed in the art of torture—  
do you know PowerPoint?"*



*"Loved Jamaica!"*

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*"I understand it's a Category 5 divorce."*

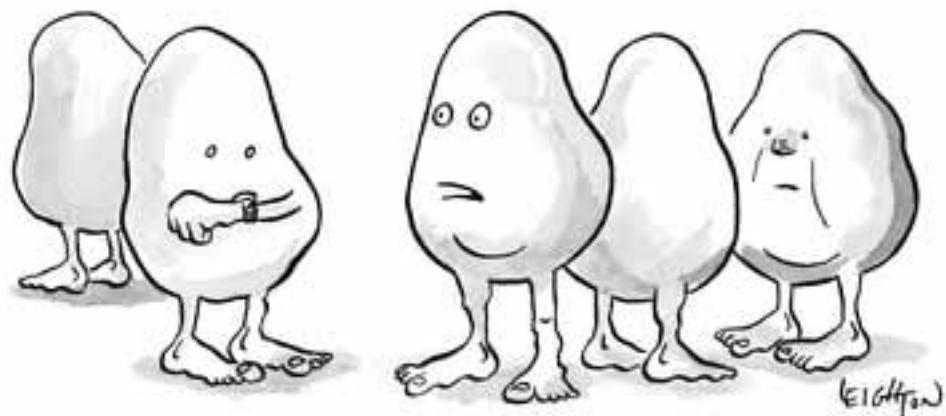


*"Omigod—the style section is announcing threesomes!"*



*"They think they're accidents."*

YOUR LOST WEIGHT



*"Ready to head back?"*







*"My normal law-office hours are over, Mr. Hodal,  
but I always have time and a half for you."*



*"He's more of a retrosexual."*



*"How many bad habits do you have to have to equal one vice?"*



*"You want maybe to nap with the fishes?"*



*"How do I get an outside line?"*



*"Wow—good job!"*



## LOW TIDE





*"It's only emission is water vapor."*



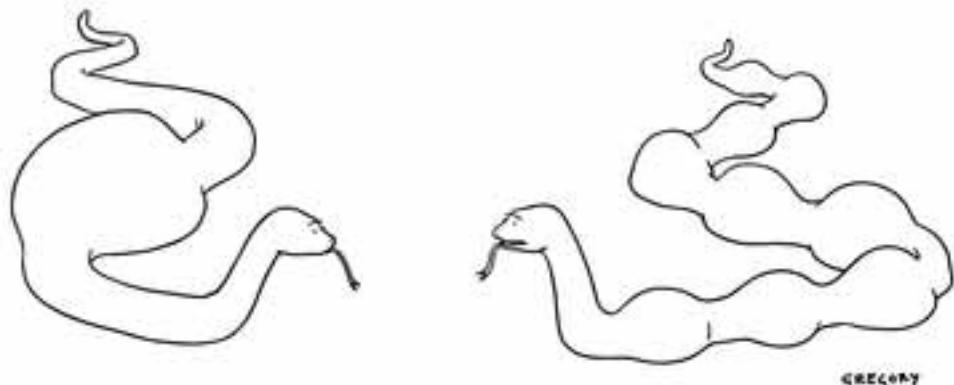
*"I really didn't enjoy working five days a week, fifty weeks a year for forty years, but I needed the money."*



*"Everybody was kung-fu fighting."*



*"Do you have anything newer and more useless?"*



*"I went with the tasting menu."*



*"I live in the Brooklyn arrondissement."*



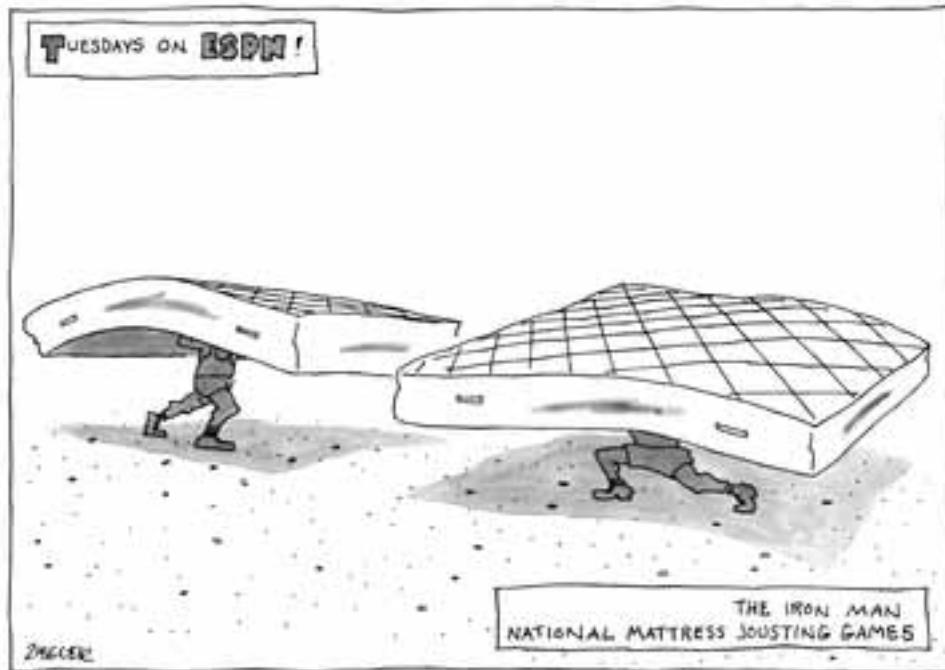
*"Put me on your do-not-call list."*



*"I'll give you a few moments to recover from the prices."*



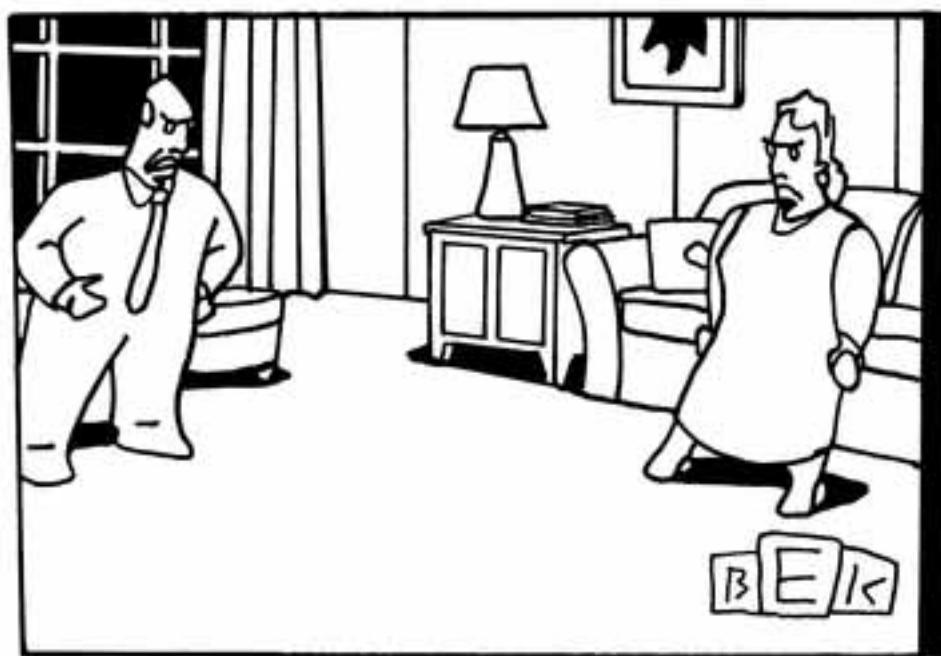
*"Do you have a phone that doesn't do too much?"*



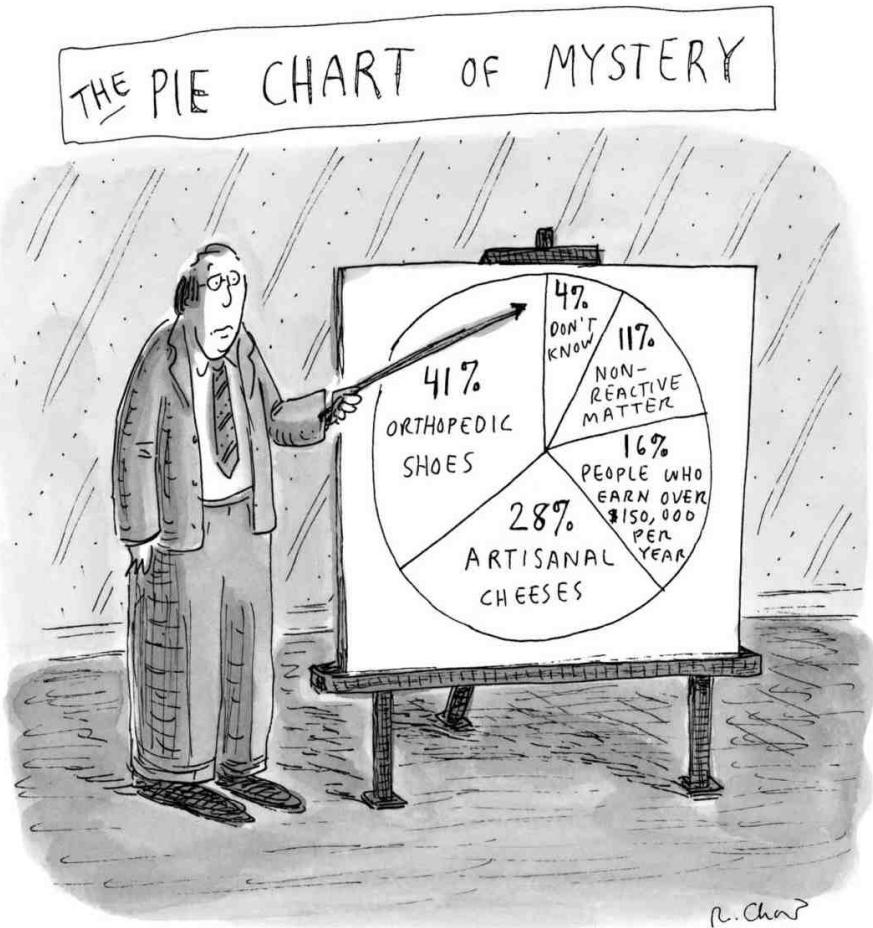




*"We are prepared to offer you a compensation package that includes  
a significant portion of the Western Hemisphere."*



*"Yeah, well, the Dalai Lama never had to deal with your whining."*



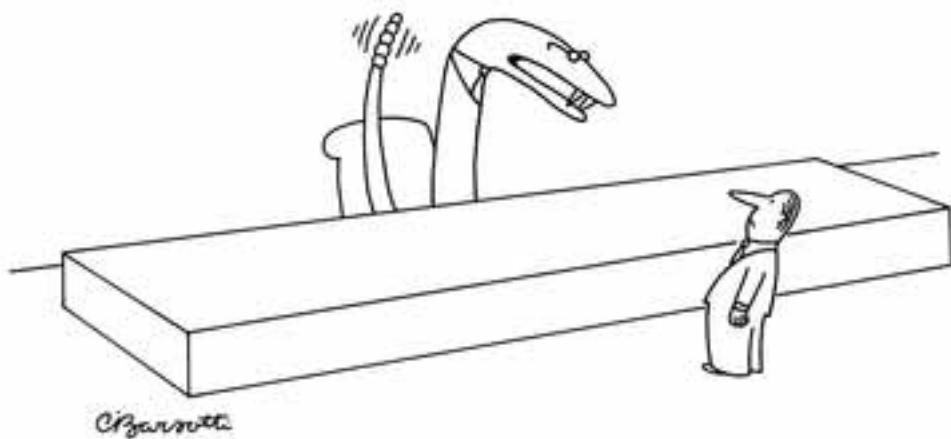


*"Don't you remember me?  
During the blackout we slept on the same sidewalk."*





*"Not tonight, honey. I'm filing for divorce."*



*"You've been warned, Hoskins."*

# TOURISTS IN NEW YORK- WHERE ARE THEY FROM?



LONDON

TOKYO

PARIS

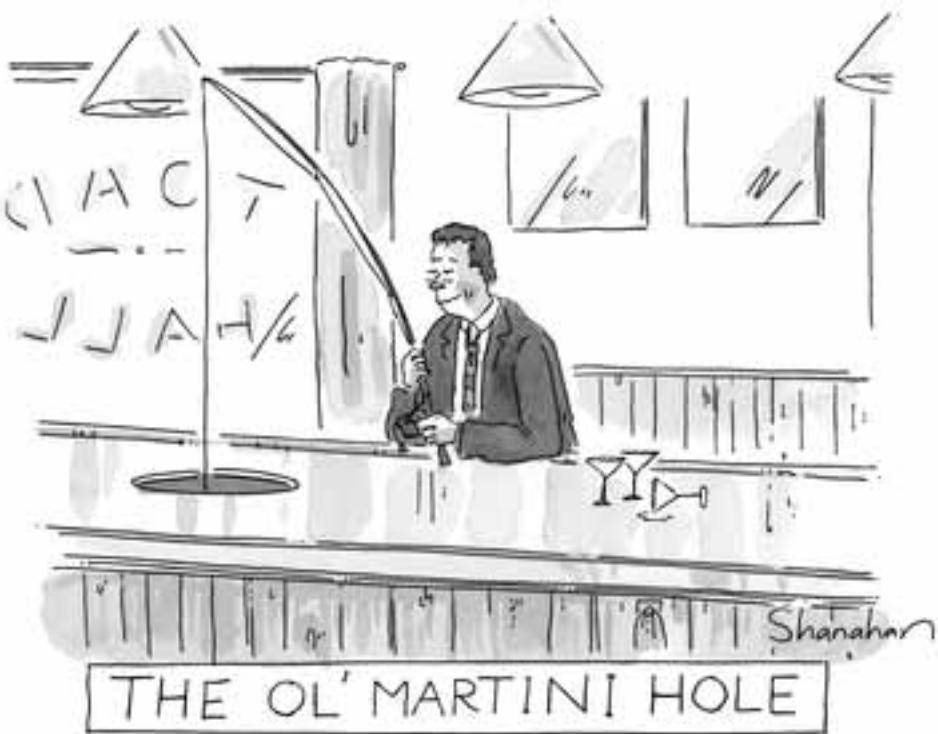
OMAHA



*"Monogamy works for me, but it doesn't work for Enid."*

MIDLIFE CRISES OF THE SERENGETI





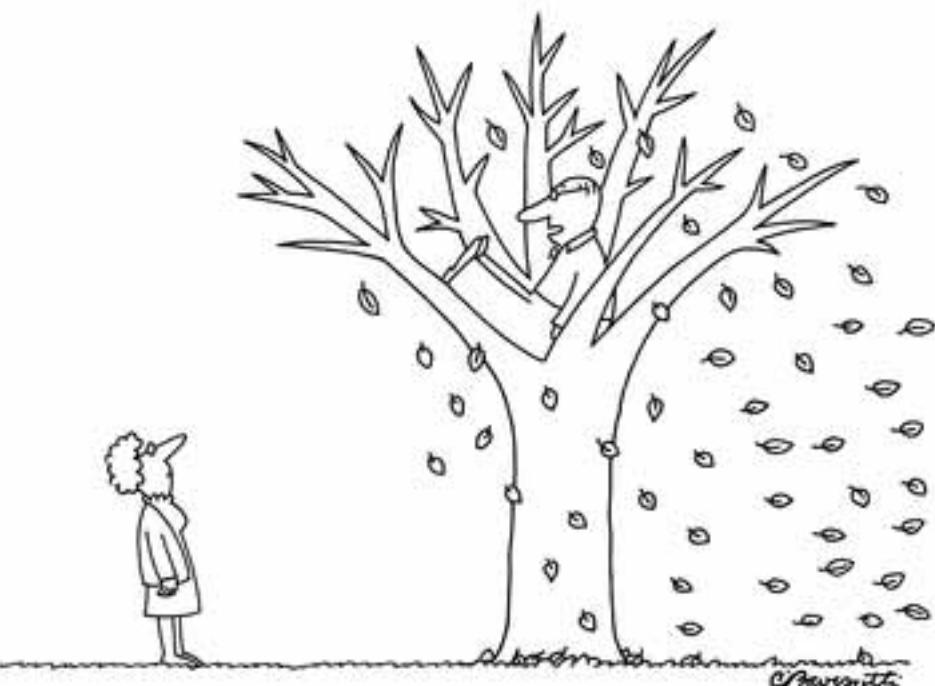


*"Let's face it. If the hot and horny sluts really wanted us,  
they would have called by now."*



*Without Making a Big Deal Out of It, Dogs Often  
Question the Existence of an Almighty.*





*"Autumn already? O.K., I'll come down."*



*"No movie deal yet, but Kinko's is extremely interested in the idea of making multiple copies of your screenplay."*



*"Improv—that's where the big money is."*



THE WICKED WITCH OF THE SOUTHWEST







*"I seized yesterday."*



*"I'm married, but it's not serious."*



*"When I was your age, our nannies had to carry backpacks."*



*"You ready to order?"*



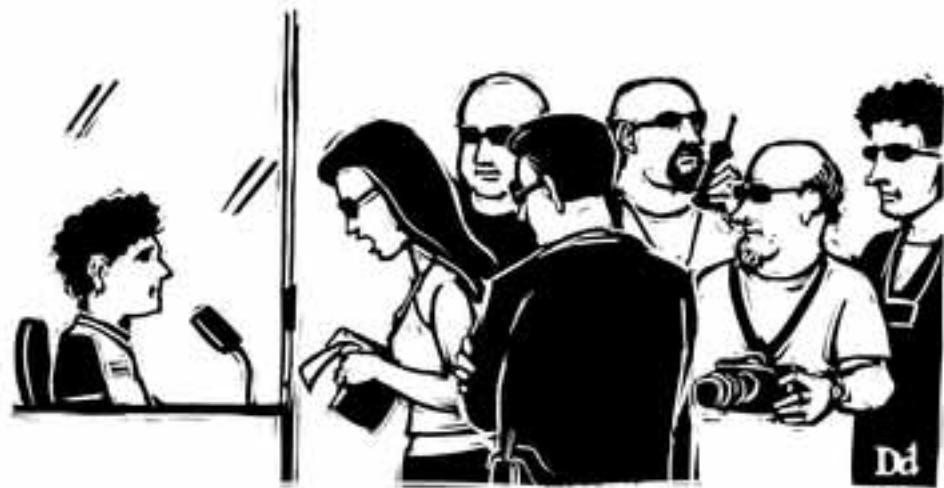
*"Don't tell anybody, but I still believe in the tooth fairy and  
in the ability of tax cuts to stimulate the economy."*



*"It strayed too far from the video game."*



*"This coconut represents your head."*



*"One posse, please."*



## TRANSLATION INTO NON-CELEBRITSE

ENTERED REHAB

Went to Starbucks'; hid out with the paper for two hours.



HOSPITALIZED FOR EXHAUSTION

Took drool nap on sofa.



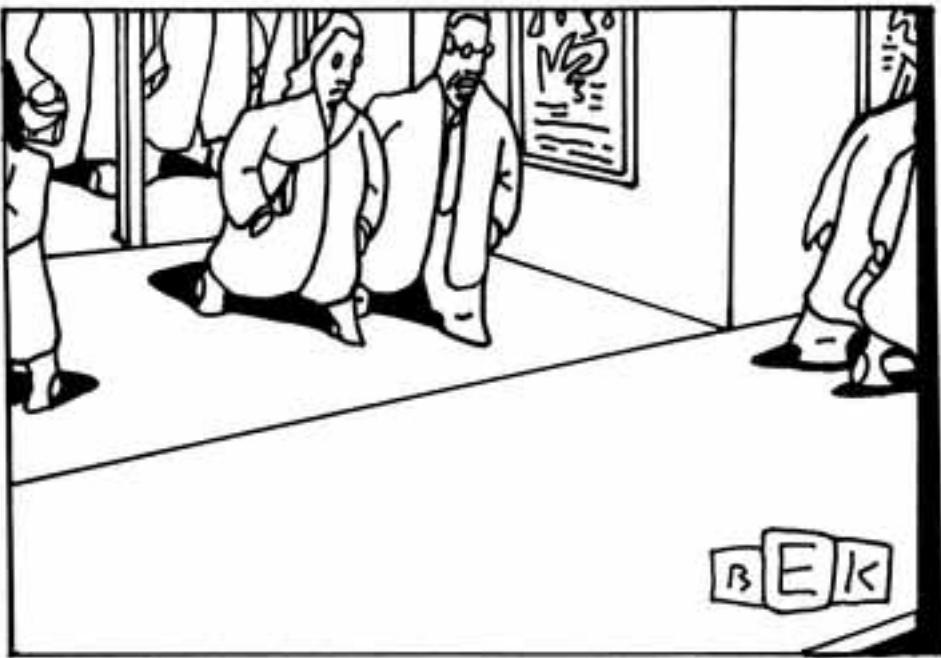
TAKING TIME OFF TO RE-EXAMINE PRIORITIES

Shopped for and purchased new dress, even though it was kind of expensive and not absolutely necessary.



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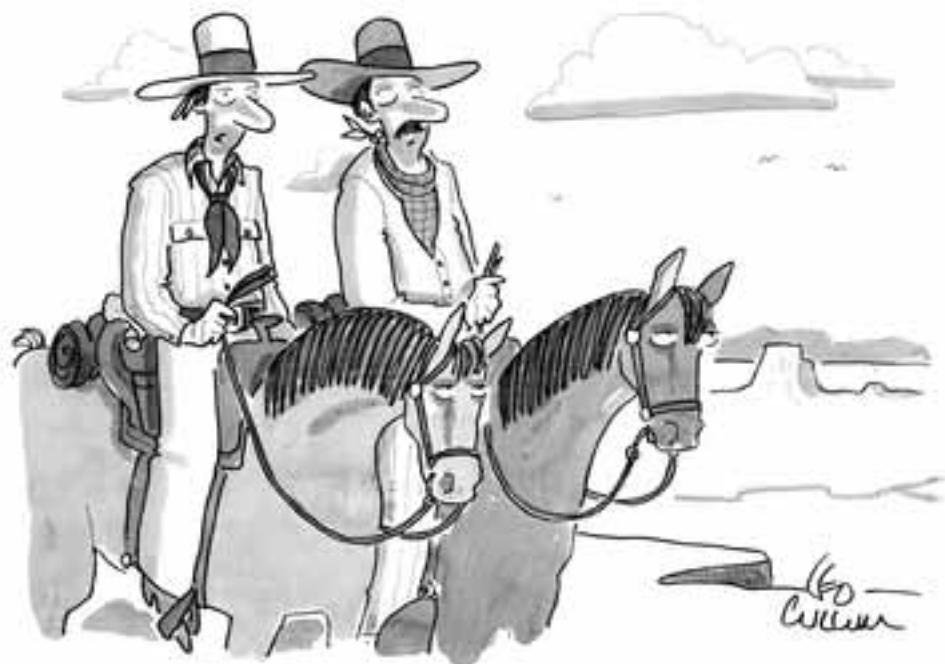
*"I wasn't in the mood for exquisite observing."*



*"Oh, God—It's going to be one of those days."*



CLUB MEDS



*"What's the point of being your sidekick if the courts won't recognize it?"*



*"That thing you just said—I'd like to option it for a movie."*

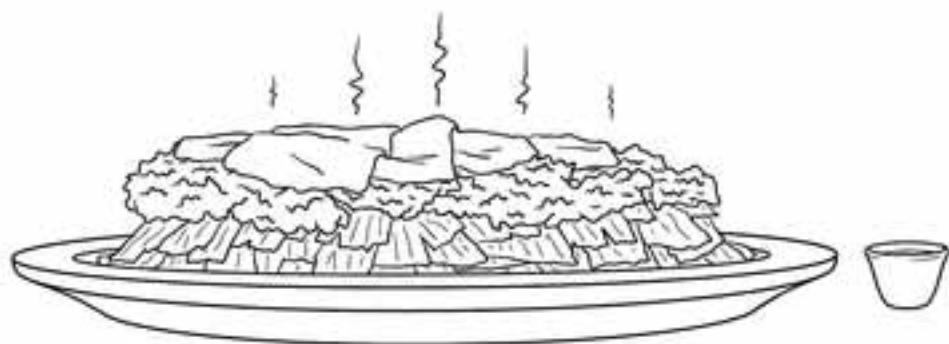


*"I'm getting a preëmptive divorce."*



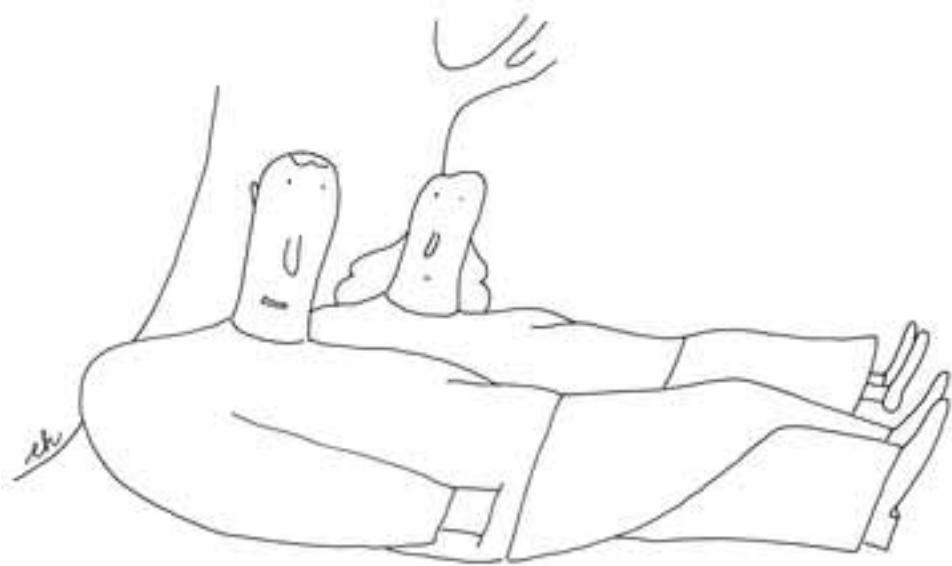
*"So, what are you two up to these days?"*

## FOOD-SNOB FEAR FACTOR



CHICKEN - FRIED STEAK WITH MELTED  
AMERICAN CHEESE OVER ICEBERG LETTUCE  
WITH A SIDE OF RANCH DRESSING

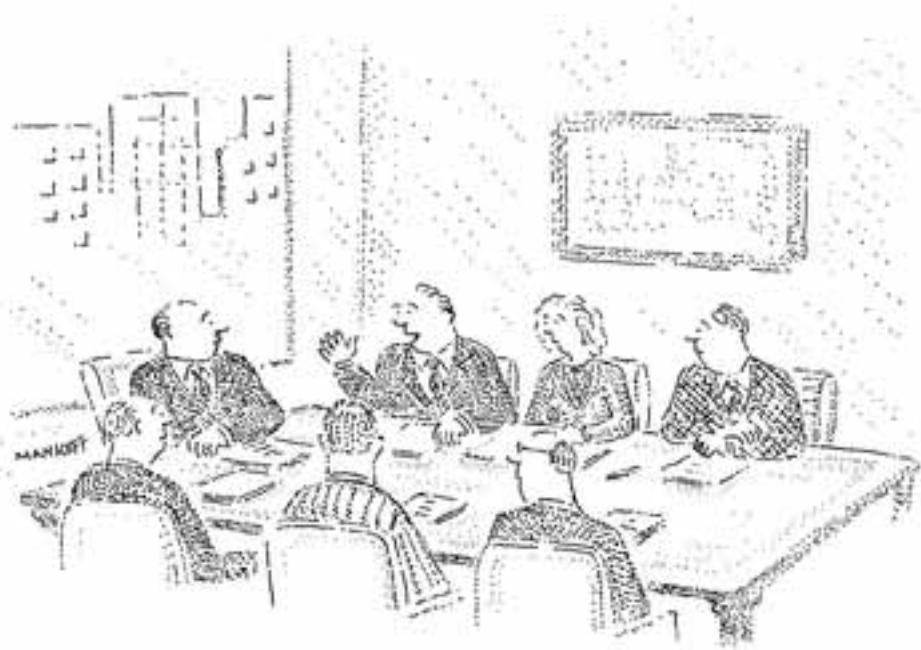
GREGORY



*"It's no use, Brenda. You're a vegan, and I'm the Eastern Seaboard senior sales rep for Amalgamated Pure Pork Portions, listed on the New York Stock Exchange as APPP. Yum yum, and not a bad buy at that."*



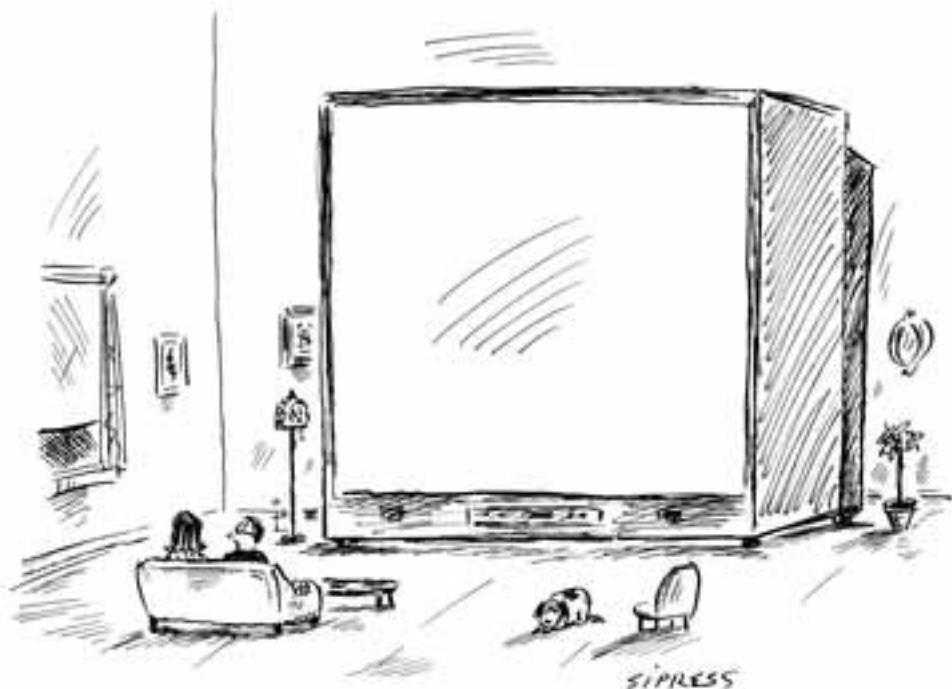
*"Shrek snapped at her nose. She nipped at his ear.  
They clawed their way into each other's arms.  
Like fire and smoke, these two belonged together."*



*“Actually, we all think you’re doing a pretty good job. We just feel it would be more fun to have a celebrity for C.E.O.”*







*"I don't know, honey. What do you feel like doing?"*



*"Sheer will, I tell you—sheer will."*



*"In my ad, I lied about my age."*



*"How can a fund that's losing us money call itself socially responsible?"*





*"I make big batches and freeze it."*

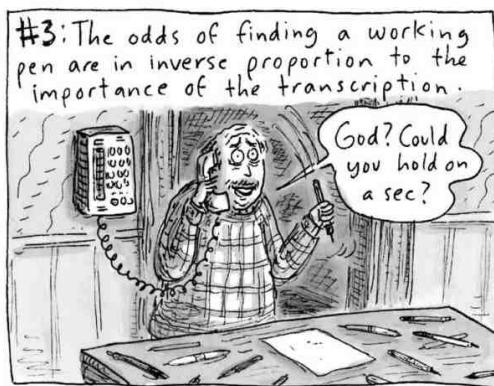


*"You may believe you've been overcharged,  
but, remember, you're overmedicated."*



*"His body washed up in the tub."*

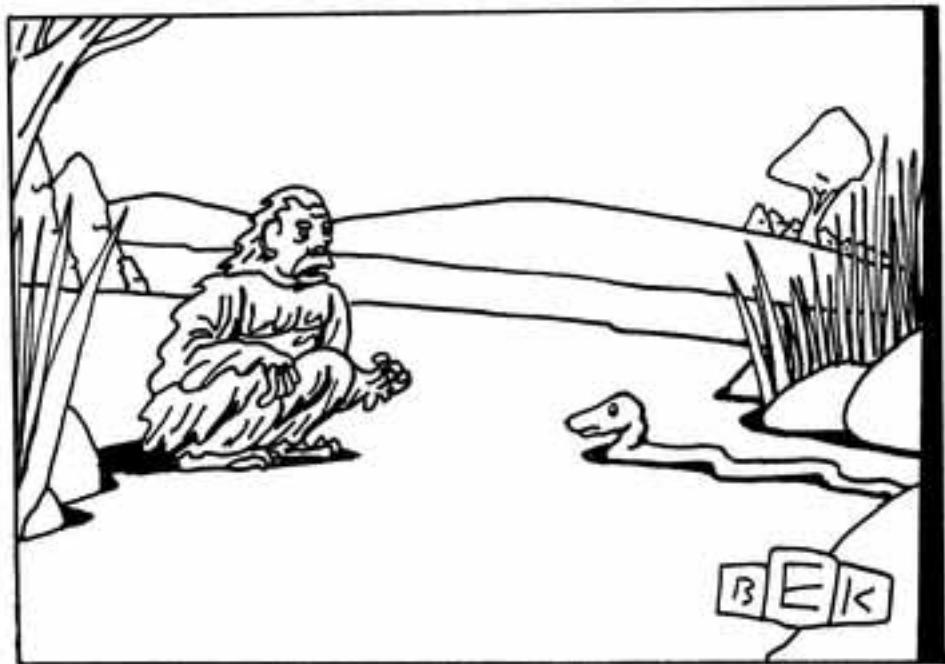
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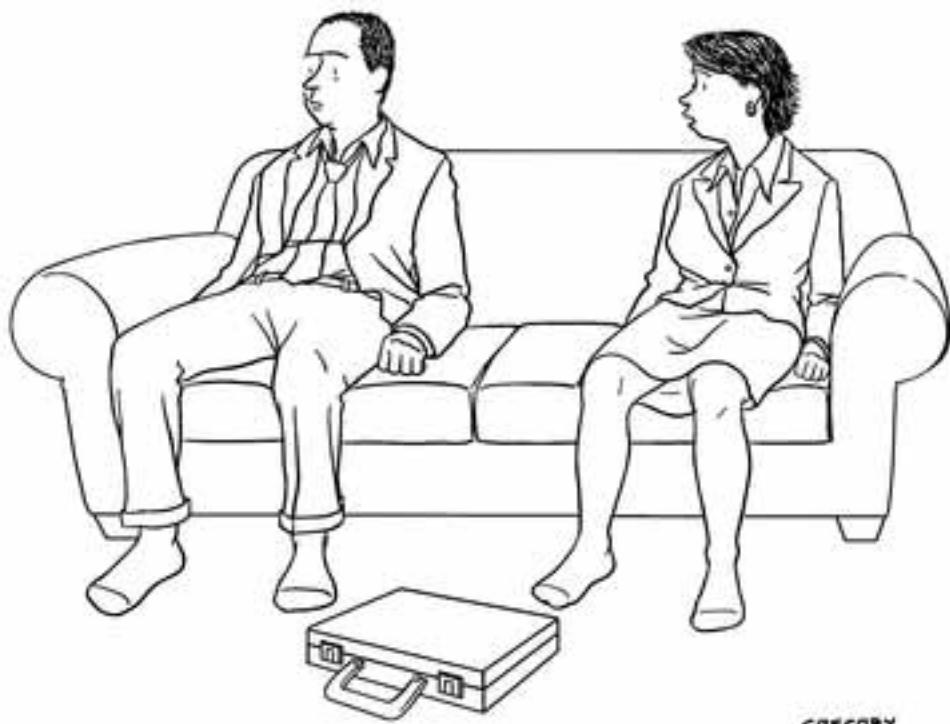
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*"Pardon us, Harrison, if the board fails to share your enthusiasm for the foliage up in Darien."*



*"I'm sorry—I'm totally blanking on your species."*



*"Well, we can eat out, order in, or just sit here and let our bodies slowly gnaw away at our muscle tissue."*



*"He's running late this morning. He unexpectedly snapped out of denial."*

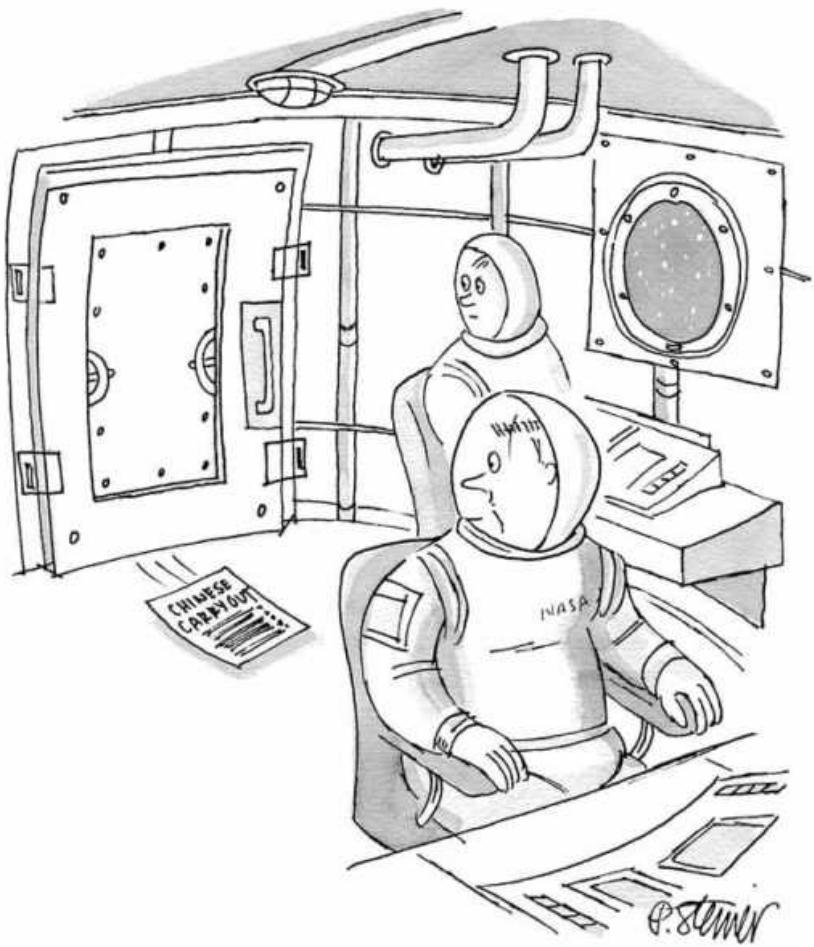


*"Would you like to buy some Girl Scout crack?"*

## SUICIDE HOT LINE

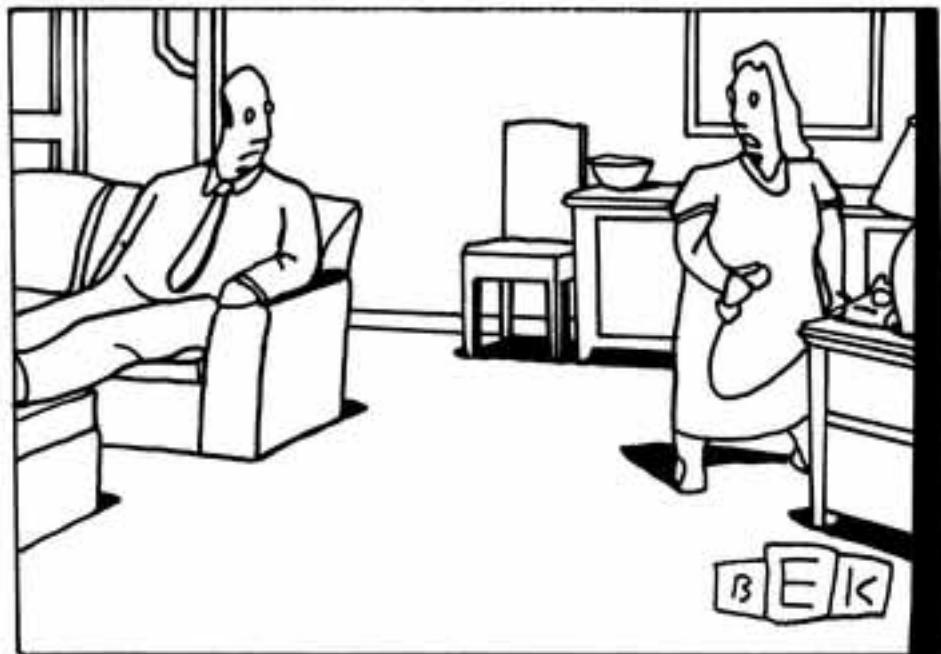


*"O.K., calm down—move away from the window  
and tell me whether you're a Cubs or a Red Sox fan."*





*"We'll catch 'em and cook 'em when the sugar wears off."*



*"We're going out with Joe and Rita next Tuesday. They want to know whether we want to talk about Tuscany or carbs."*



*"You're just troubled enough, Herbert. I like that in a man."*



*"O.K., we'll try it your way—let's ignore any problems that come up in the next twenty years and see what happens."*



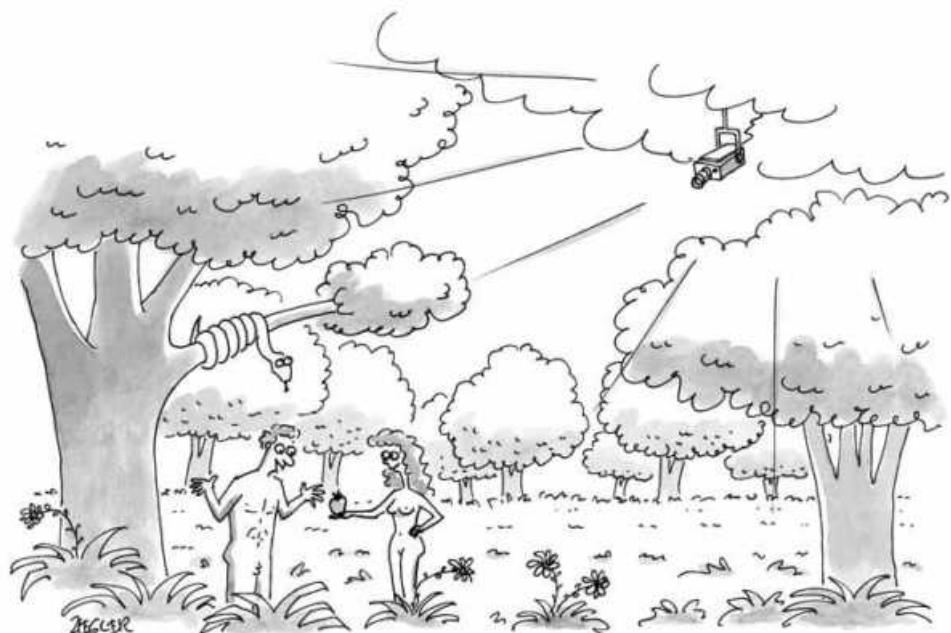
*"After tonight, you're going to need a prescription."*



R.C.H.



*"Trick or trample!"*





*"I much preferred the backstabbing to the paint-balling."*



*"God damn it, Walter—I'm not even indicted yet!"*



*"I've discovered a timing device on my wall."*



*"I've been thinking, Neil, I'd really like to get to know you less."*





*"You know I'm not a telemarketer, Jimmy, and you are not going to fine me eleven thousand dollars. Now, for the last time, put your mother on."*



*"Leak this against my wishes."*



*“Quick, get it while its molecules are still vibrating.”*





*"She's a Rolex. He's a Timex."*



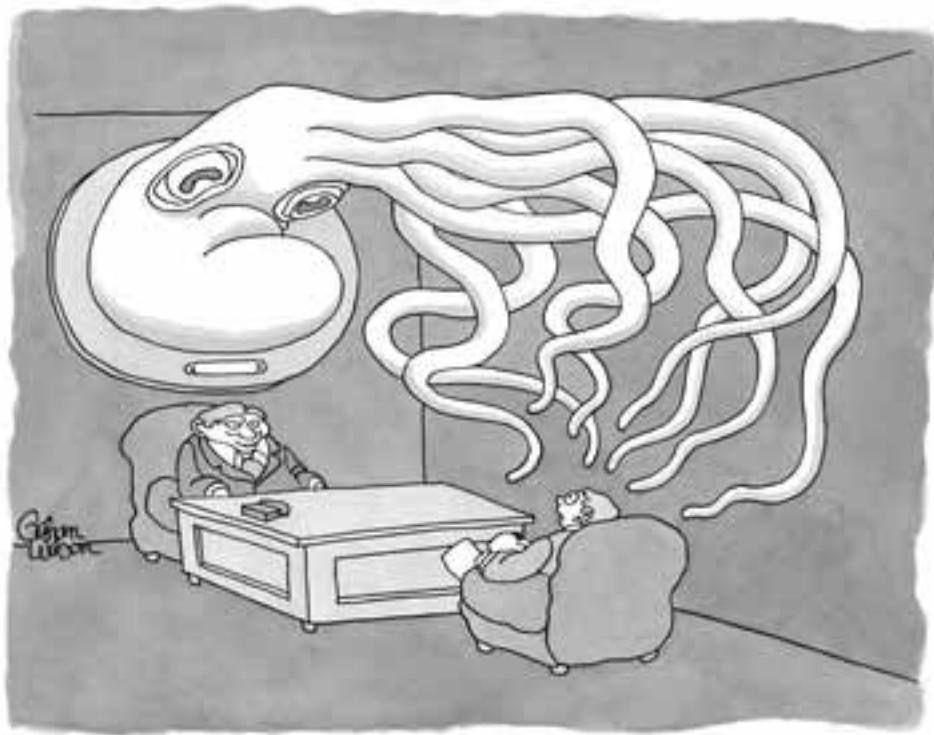
*"Don't mind me, Richie—it's just the rabies talking."*



*"This is Cliff. He's a neo-con."*



*"I'm making this decision on principle, just to see how it feels."*



*"Intimidating, isn't it?"*



*"Once you get some breakfast in him and send him off to work,  
he does make a fair-to-middling breadwinner."*



*"If you don't like it you can always use it as another example  
of how I have no idea who you really are."*



*"I dread his sarcasm even more."*





*"You know, lately I've been fantasizing about having a twosome."*





*"I'm looking for a man who doesn't want anything  
to do with the wedding planning."*



*"That's my lunch."*



*"Play the old Winston jingle."*



*"Hello again, and welcome to another edition of 'This Old Issue.' "*



*"It's not the heat—it's the eternal damnation."*



THE ART OF THE TATTOO (1 OF 4)



*The Dadaist*

THE ART OF THE TATTOO (2 OF 4)



*The Pointillist*

THE ART OF THE TATTOO (3 OF 4)

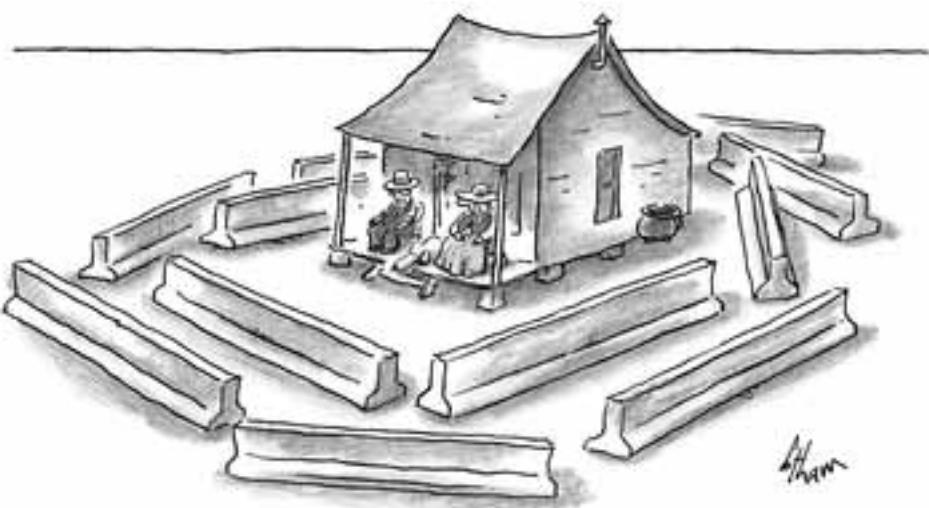


*The Action Painter*

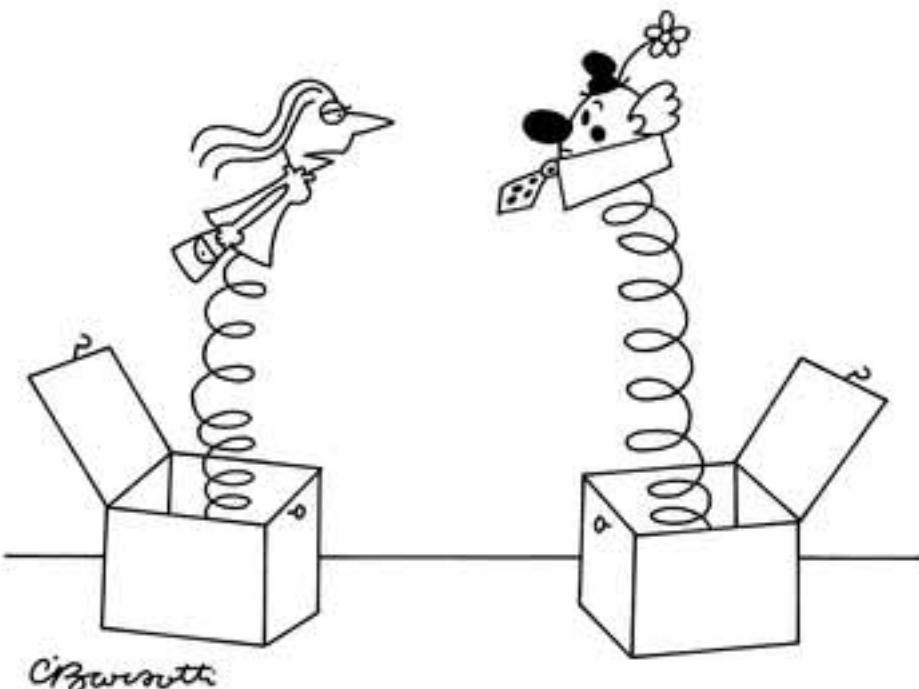
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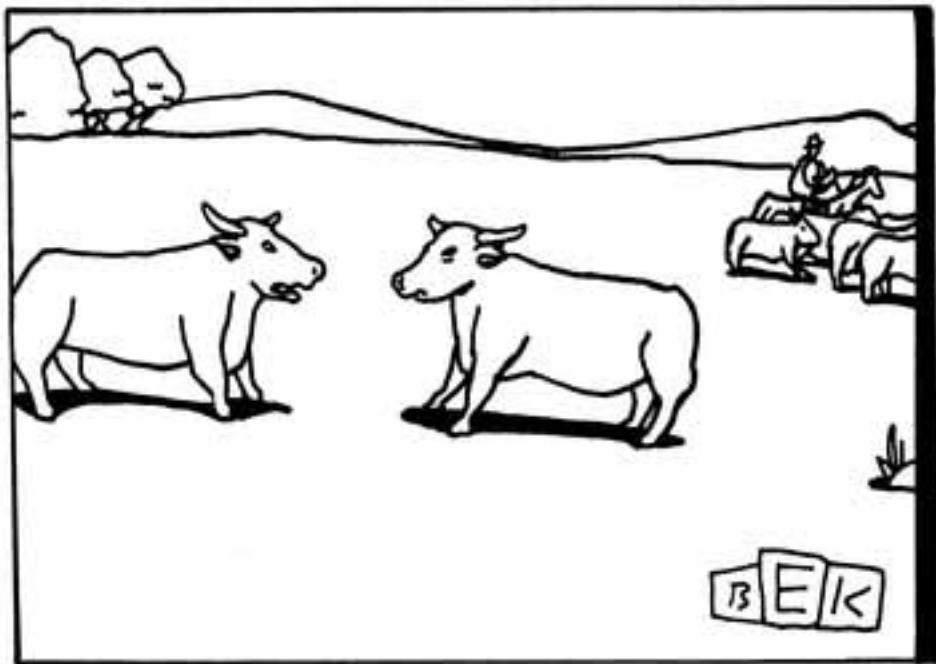
*The Muralist*



*"The terrorist barriers seem to be working."*



*"Oh, I'll give you that—we had a few laughs."*



*"I disagree with a lot of the way he herds."*



*"Hey—I'd write a book, too, if I could find the time."*



*"Vodka on the rocks, in the rocks,  
around the rocks, and under the rocks."*



*"He's bipolar."*



*"No. Now all of our pillaging is done electronically from a centralized office."*



*"We could put it in the bedroom."*





*"More!"*

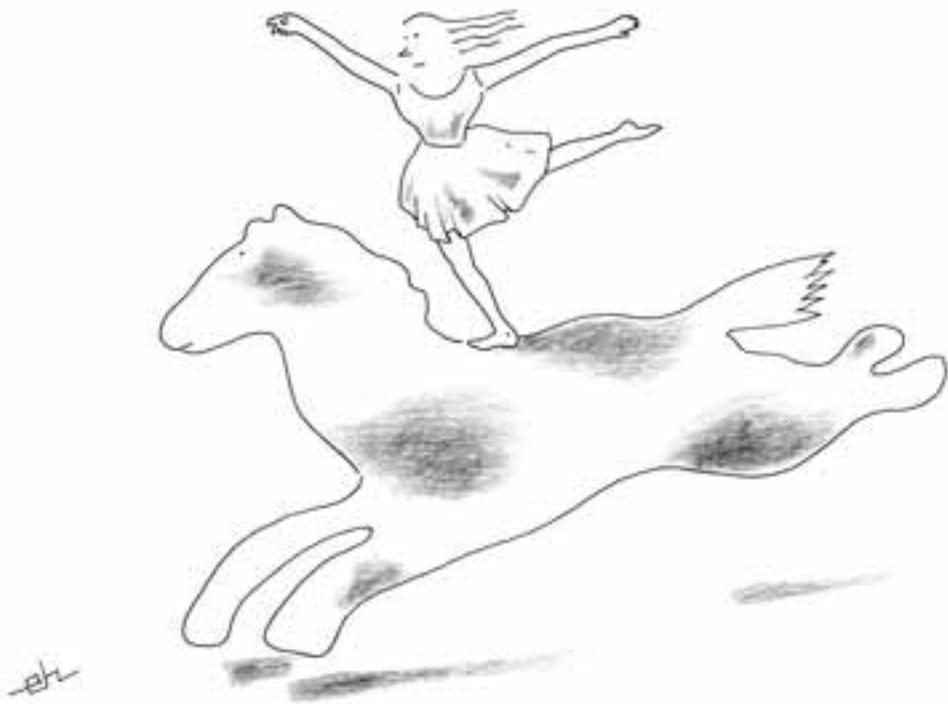


*"Of course I'm allowed to jump on the bed, as long  
as I'm wearing my bed-jumping helmet."*

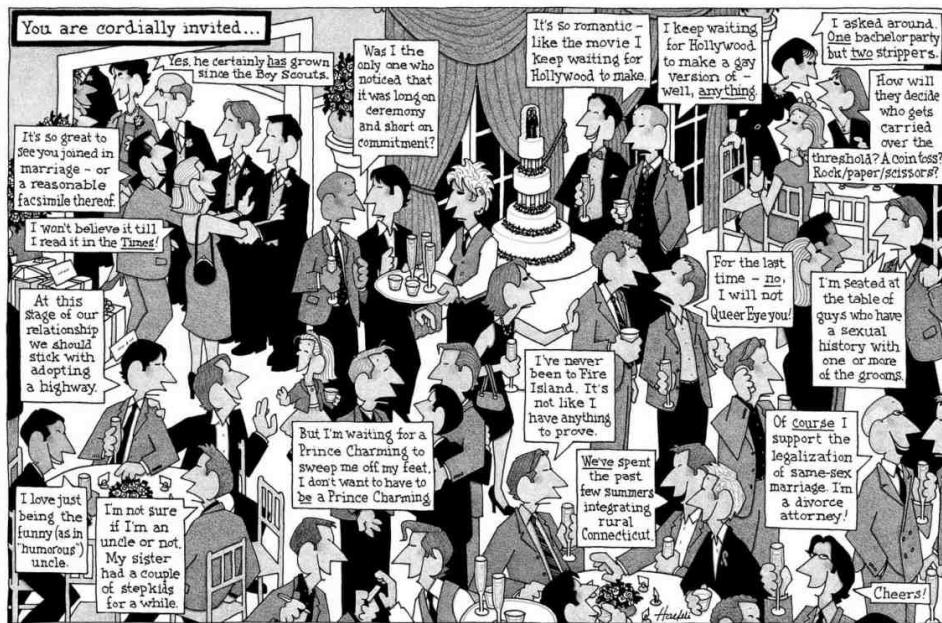


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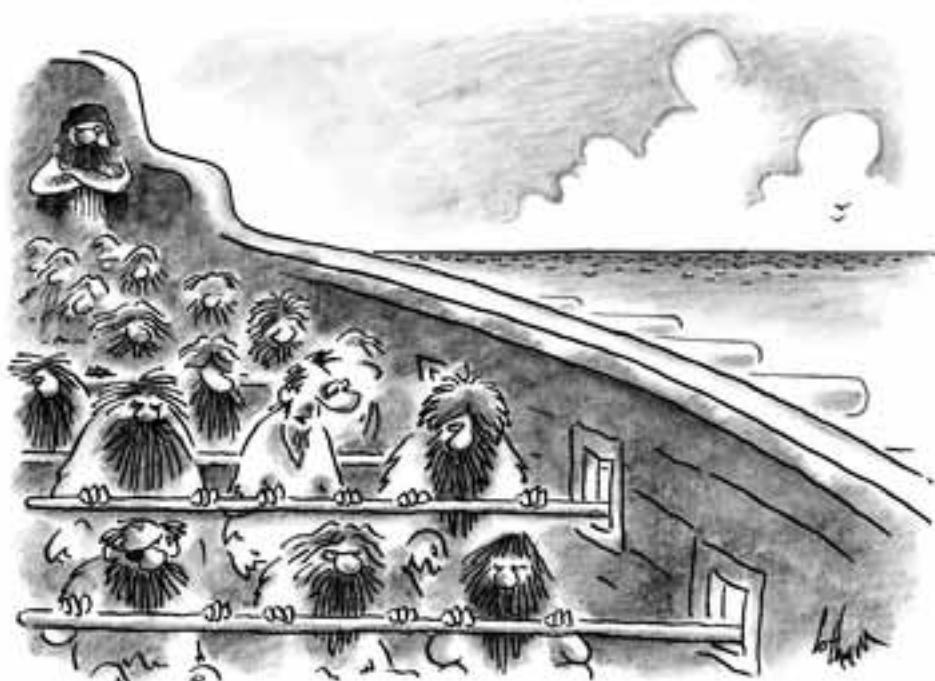


*She Should Put Up the New Curtains in the Kitchen  
Before They Get All Wrinkly*





*"Can I get back to you? I'm with a customer."*

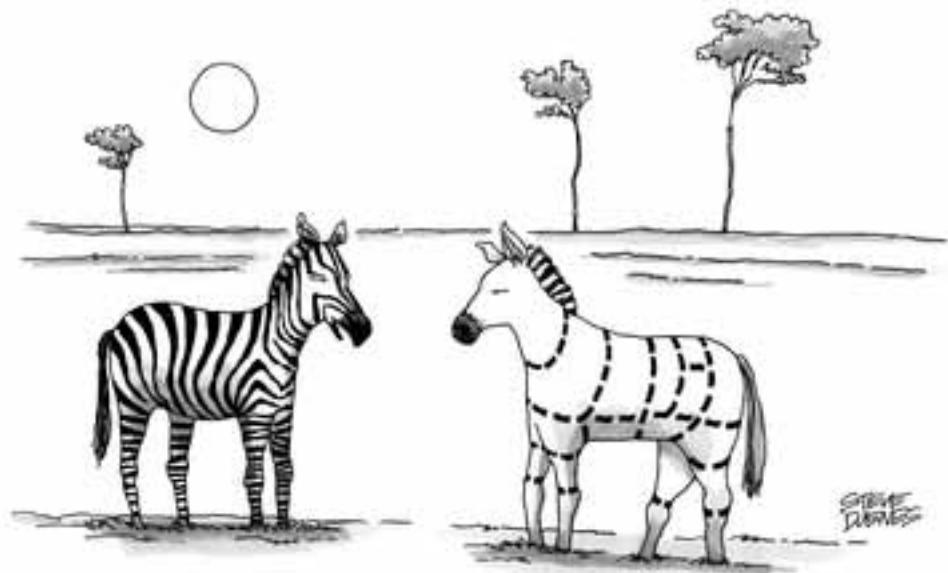


*"May I sit by the window?"*

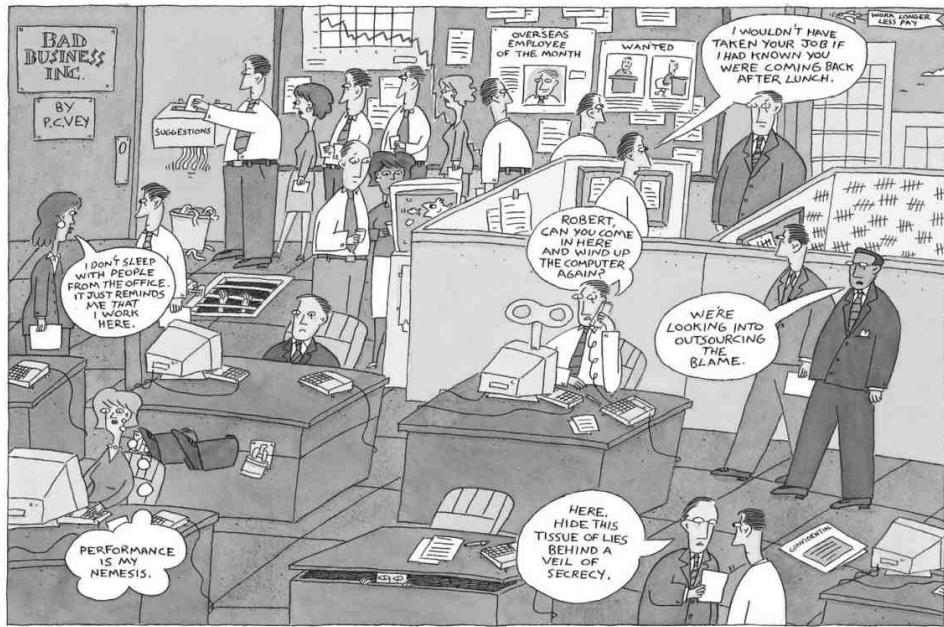




*"You're better than ever at something we don't need done anymore."*

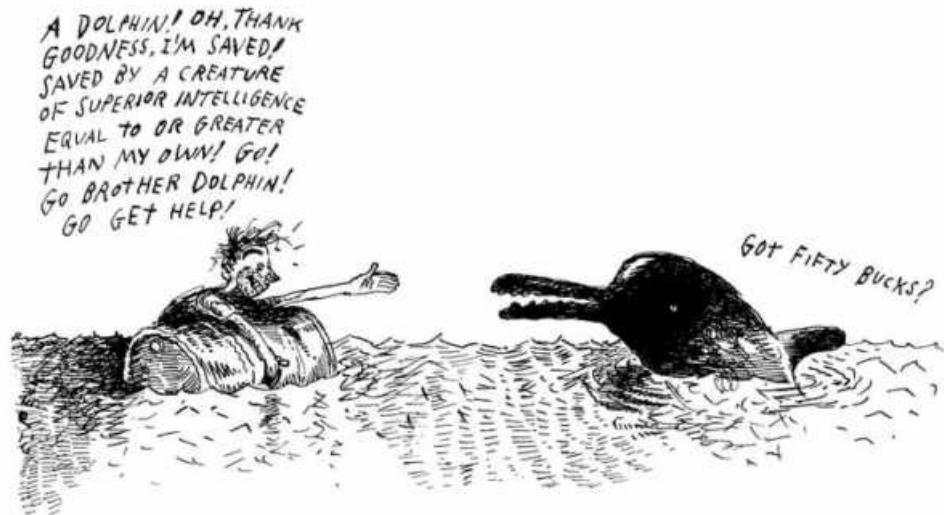


*"Bummer."*





*"You go back and tell your playground buddies that  
your daddy was only accused of committing a felony—  
he was never convicted."*





*"Sorry, Ed, but the revisionist historians finally caught up with you."*



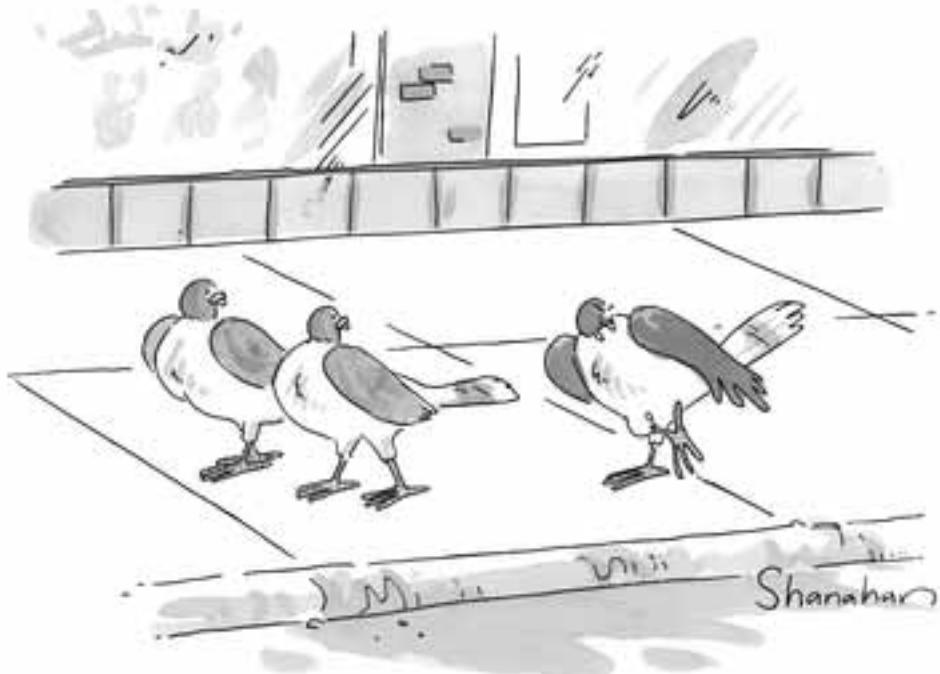
*"Humiliation is a very important part of the process, Mr. Keifer."*



*"Did you remember to kill the Petersens?"*





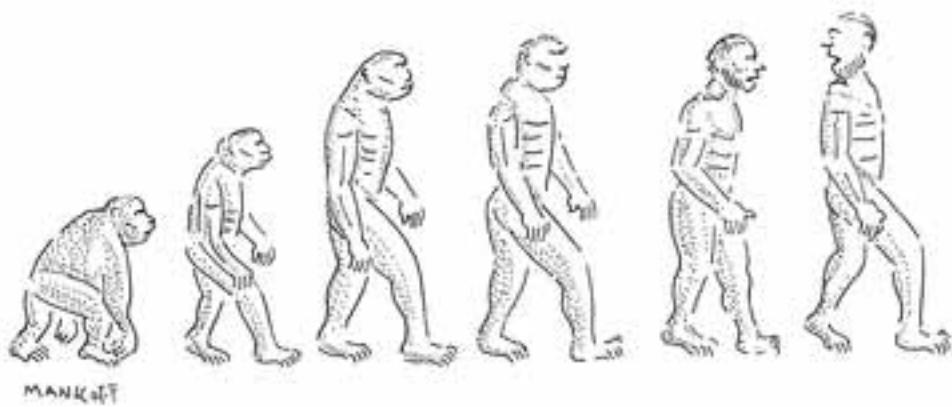


*"Goddam Dogs!"*





*"I'd always hoped that our marriage  
would be more of a screwball comedy."*



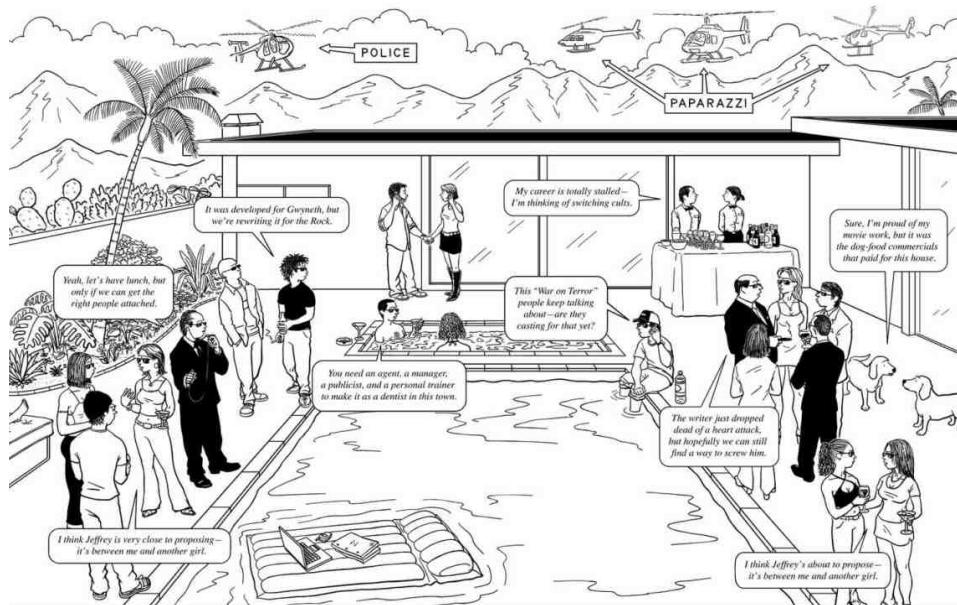
*"Hey! Cut out the grab-ass."*

## VIVA LAS VEGAS (1 OF 2)



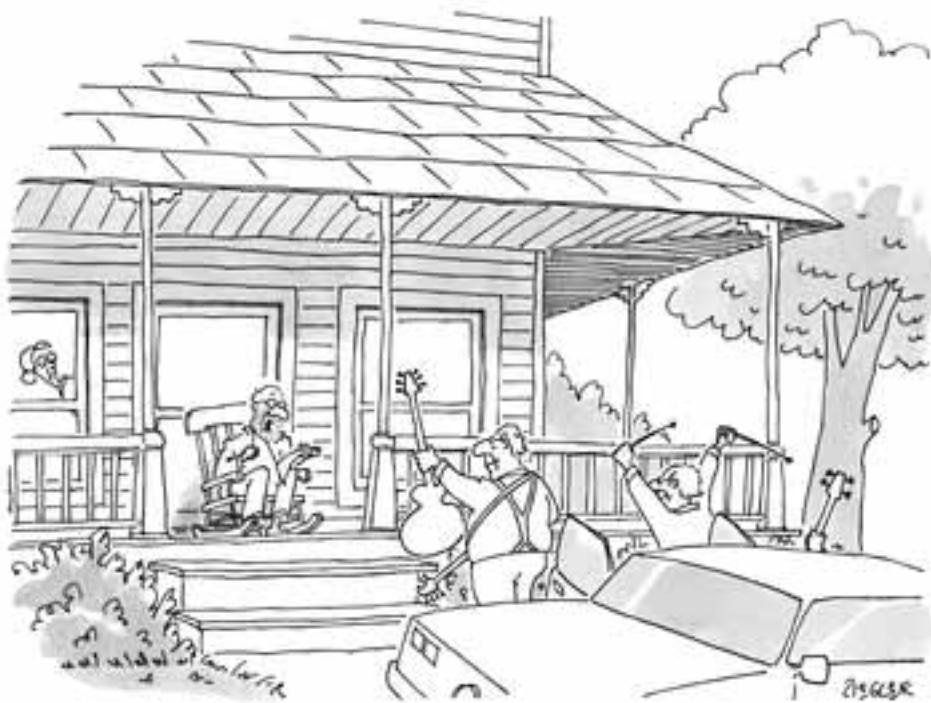
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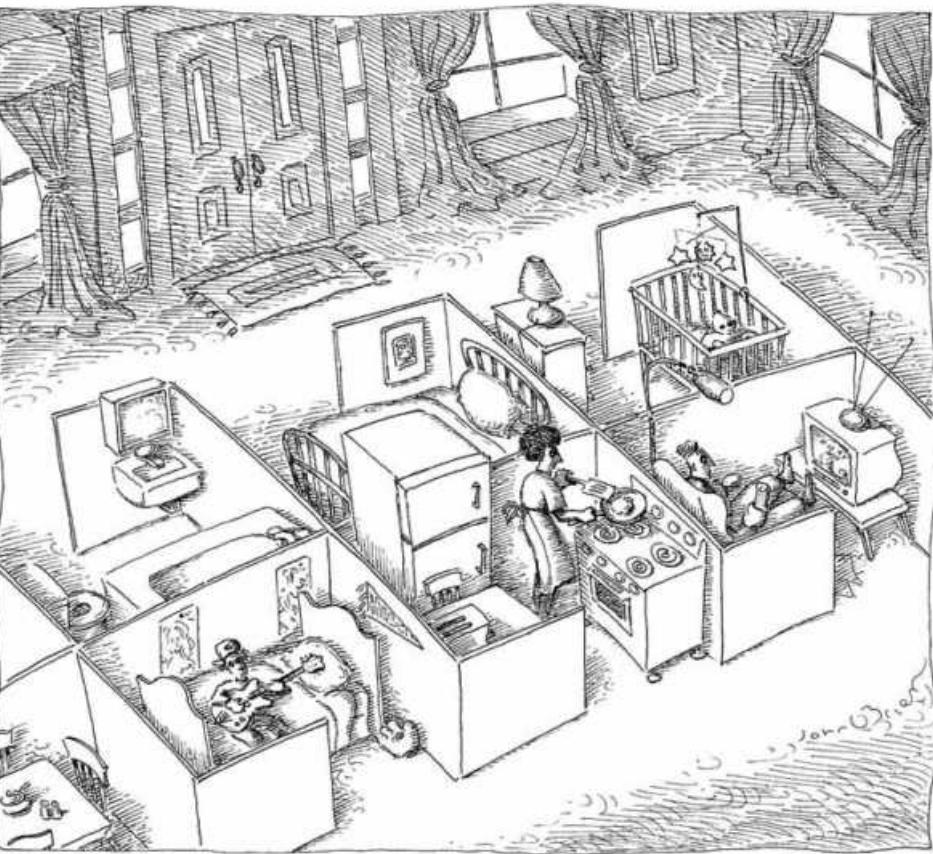




*"Hey, buddy, can I bum a sip?"*

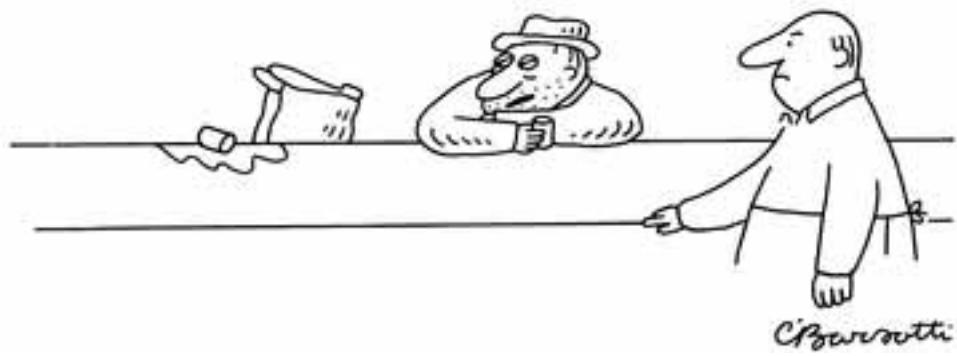


*"Oh, hell, Artie. Not another farewell tour."*

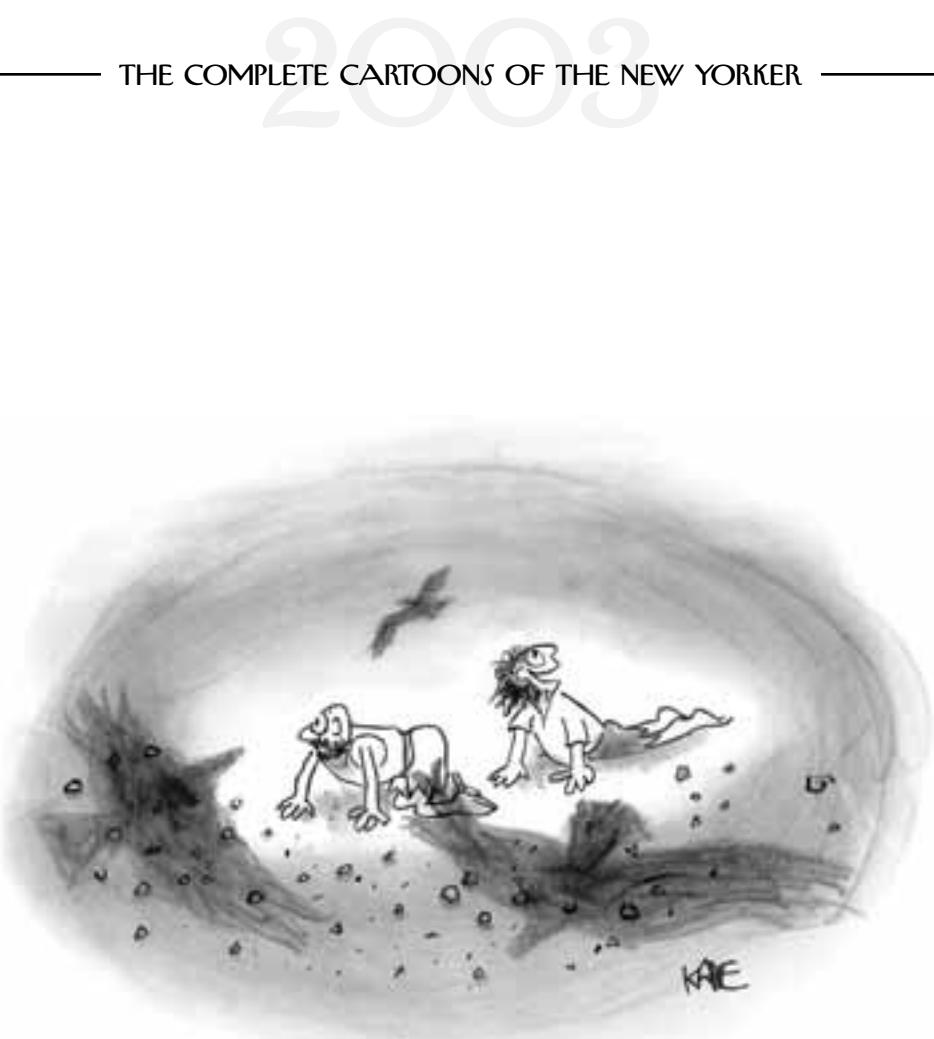




*"Everything was better back when everything was worse."*



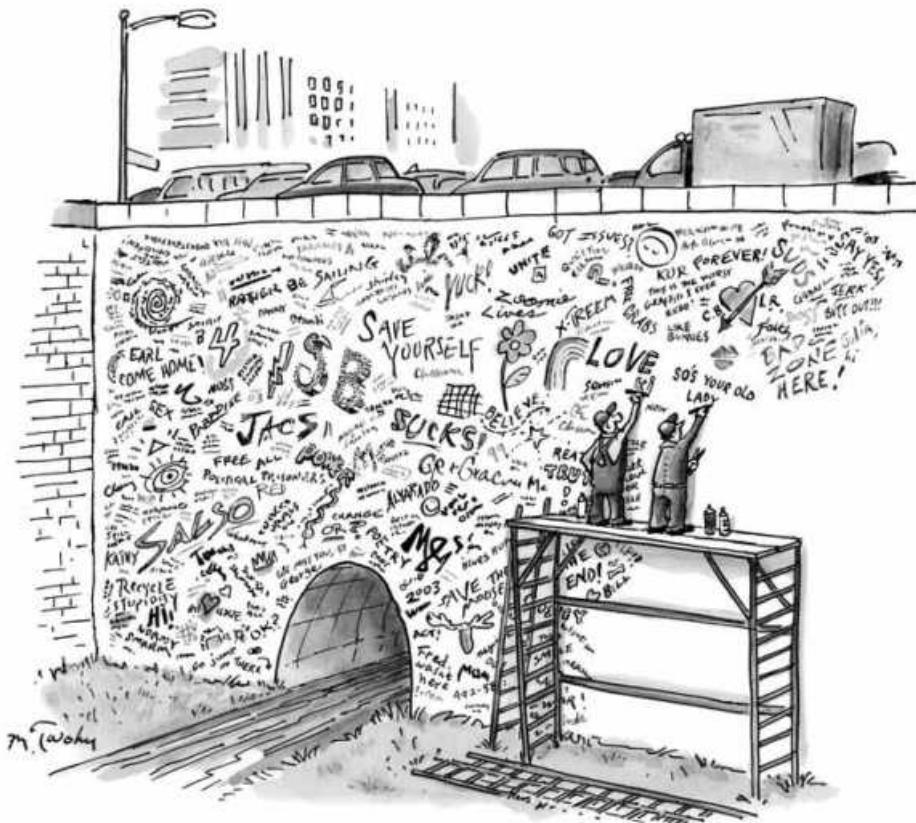
*"Let Halliburton clean it up."*



*"I'll be darned—*Coragyps atratus*!"*



*"I find that I don't need to hibernate as early if I wear a cardigan."*





*"Try not to get irrepressible."*

## OPTION #43

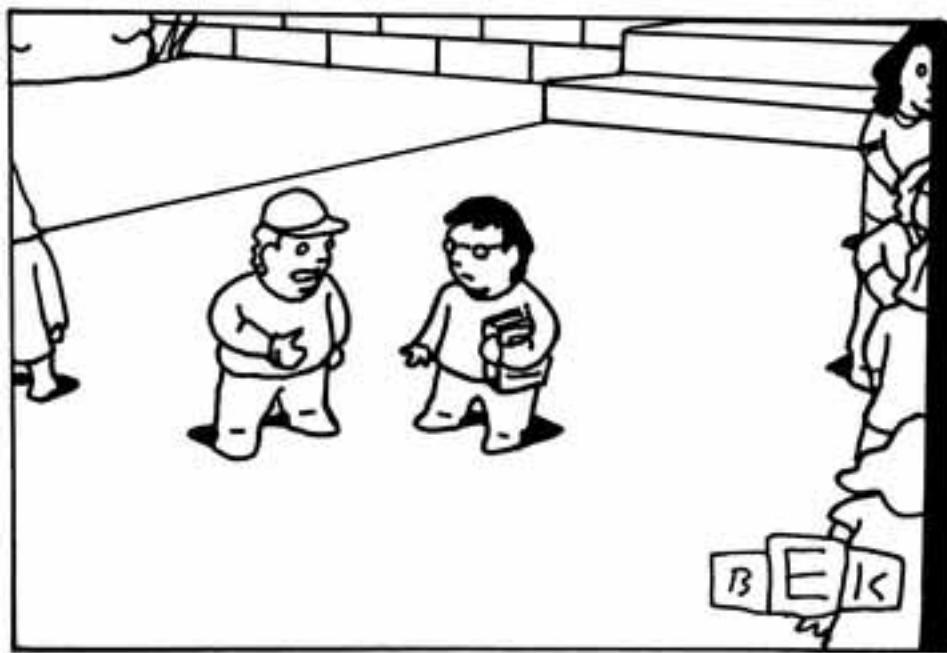




*"With the caveat that the only certainty in this life is uncertainty, I still want to entertain the possibility of being a pundit when I grow up."*



*"The grilled snapper also comes with a bonus  
audio commentary from the chef."*



*"It's nice to finally be able to put a face to the humiliating nickname."*



*"I'll tell you what I really think about the Lone Ranger if you tell me what you really think about Don Quixote.*



*"He'll finish your nap for you."*



Danny Shanahan

*"They're especially bold at this time of year."*



*"Mr. Billings isn't available right now. Would you  
like to speak to his apologist?"*



*"Budget cuts—I'm good cop and bad cop."*

POST-TAXI TRAUMA

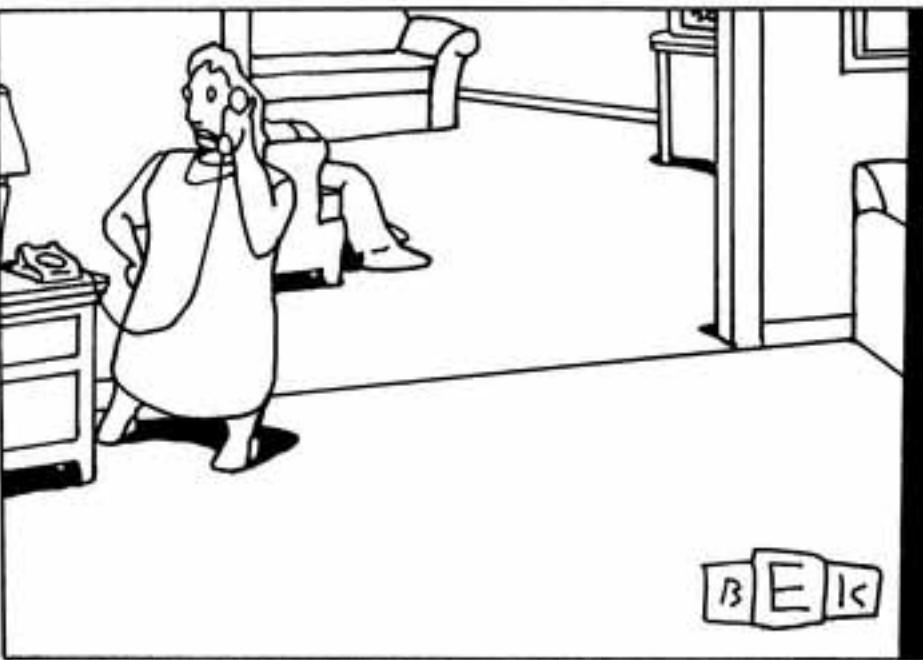




*"And this time—no ark!"*



*"Still, this beats my old job working at Wal-Mart."*



*"He spends all day sitting, so the last thing he wants to do when he comes home is do anything else."*



*"It's not a shawl, hombre—it's a hand-woven poncho."*



*"The innocence seems forced."*



*"I'd hang up on you right now if I didn't have  
such an unbelievable rate."*



*"This martini is canonical."*



*"I miss the security of a walled city."*



*"Our parent company wants us to be in bed by ten."*



*"There's something you need to know about me, Donna.  
I don't like people knowing things about me."*

## THE THREE WISE MEN OF THANKSGIVING





*"Somebody in Boise needs my help. Run a credit check."*



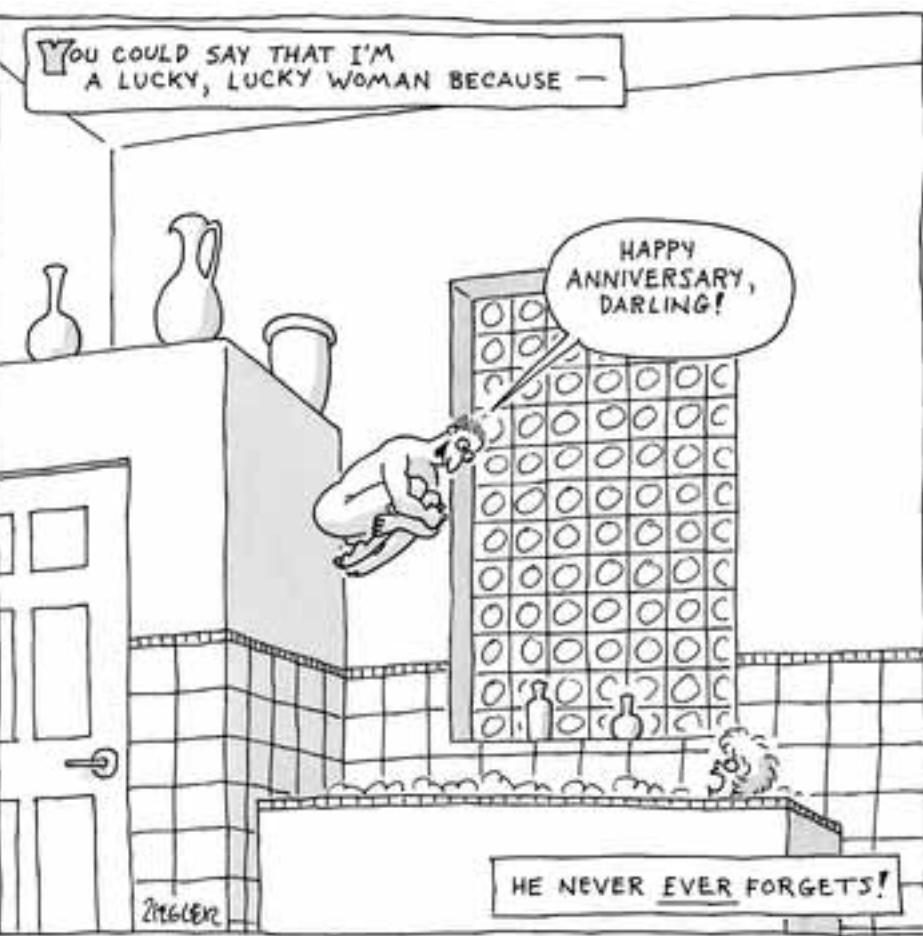
*“Maybe you’re overdoing the scarf thing.”*



*"Looks like the new Tarzan was raised by personal trainers."*



*"Let me be vague."*







*"Good sermon, Reverend, but all that  
God stuff was pretty far-fetched."*





*"I trust him on military issues."*



*"I would go to the doctor, but I can't afford to take on any new conditions at this time."*



*"PG my ass!"*





*All the Towns Look the Same to the Lion—He's a King, After All, and Has No Need for Names and Names and More Names.*



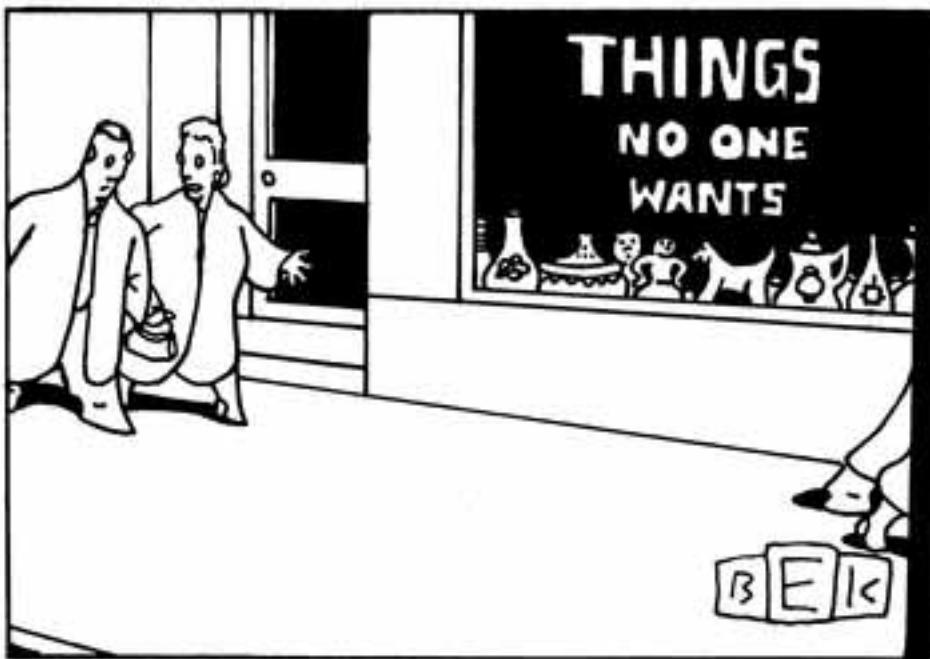


*"This is the house I'm growing up in."*





*"It's confusing when everybody has a pointer."*



*"Let's just stop in here and get her a little something."*



*"Honey, this is Pierre. He's from Masseurs Sans Frontières."*



*"It's not so much riding off into the sunset as it is  
heading west till my asthma improves."*



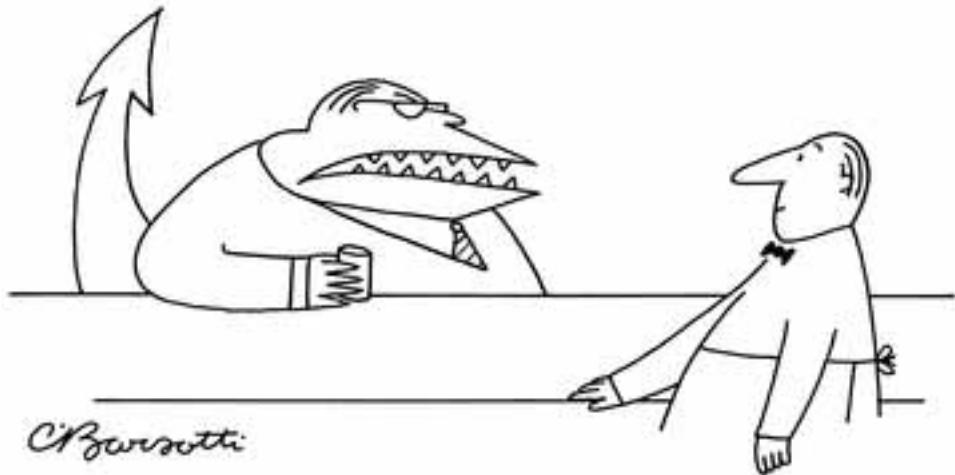
*"I would never do a nude scene, unless the part really called for it."*

THE FATE THAT AWAITS US ALL  
**CREEPING ROONEYISM**





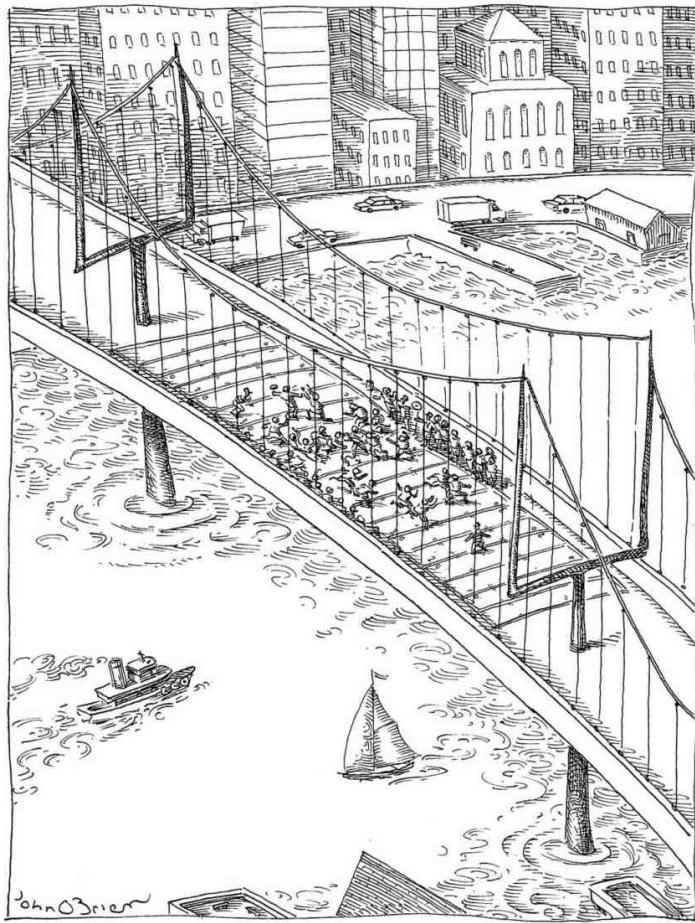
*"I date everything before I freeze it, so I know when to throw it away."*

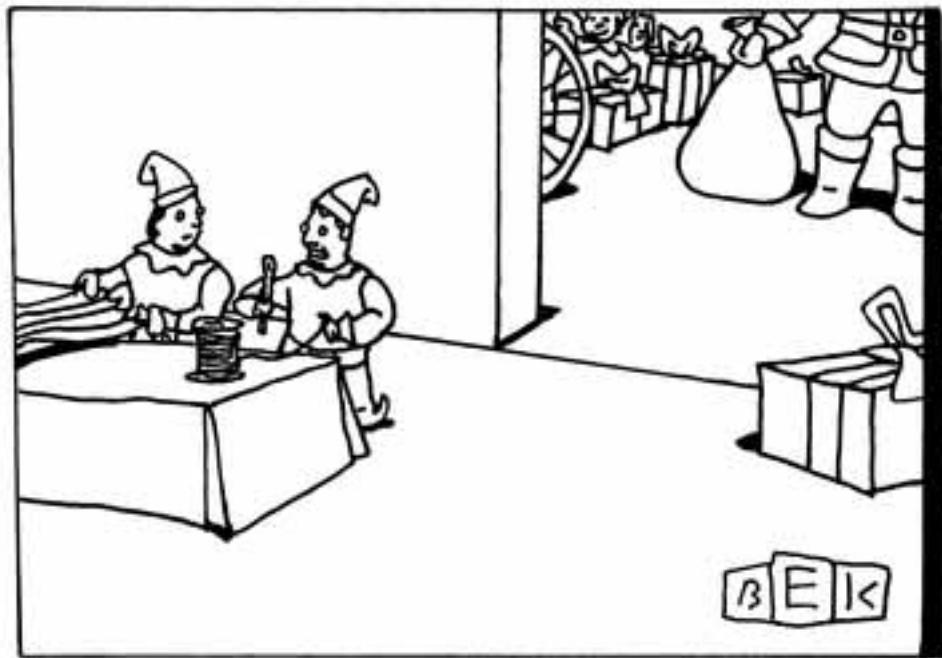


*"Of course I had a good day."*









*"Obviously, behind all the jolliness there's a lot of rage."*



*"I'm not sure if I'm ready to commit to one phone number for life."*



*"This time of year, with the office parties and the family visits, and having to shop for everyone you know—I'm truly thankful that I'm inside."*



*"We were two ships that passed in the night  
for a couple of nights in a row."*



*"When you die, can I have this couch?"*



*“Anybody feel like arm-wrestling for shots?*



*"I just thought that a horrific, humiliating defeat at the hands of the French, plus time, equaled comedy."*



*"What do you get the man who appreciates nothing?"*



*"Oh, I'm just riding out the cycle."*

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*"You'll do."*



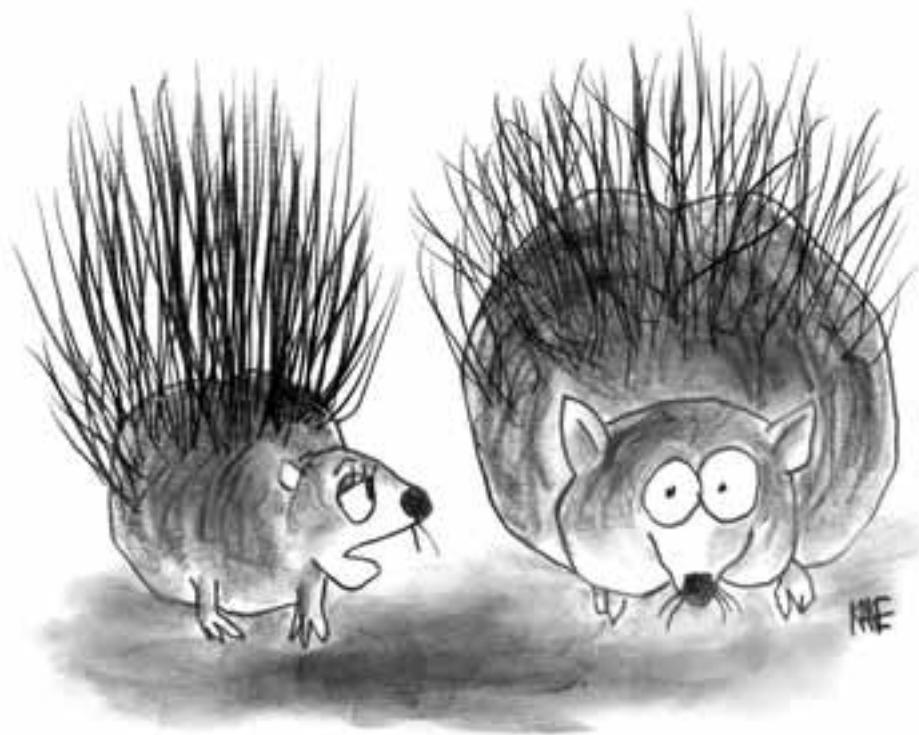
*"I just got home. Can you call back tomorrow when I'm still at work?"*



*"The gentleman behind me has invited you to join him on a four-day holiday package to Orlando, Florida, which includes airfare, deluxe accommodations, two free passes to Disney World, all transfers, and a V.I.P. tour of the area's most exciting new condominium opportunity."*



*"Can you start right away?"*



*"Why won't you cuddle?"*



*"So much for moral clarity."*



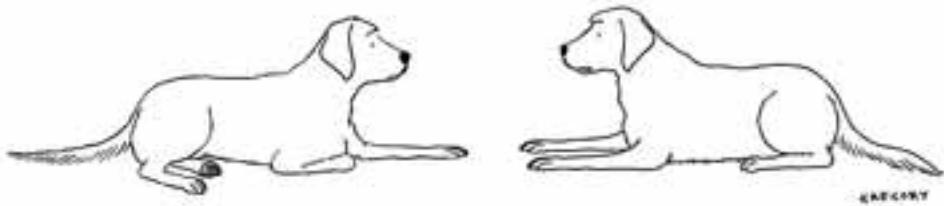
*"This is a 'warts and all' biography with some really great warts."*



*"Remember, Ms. Harkins, you're still under oath."*

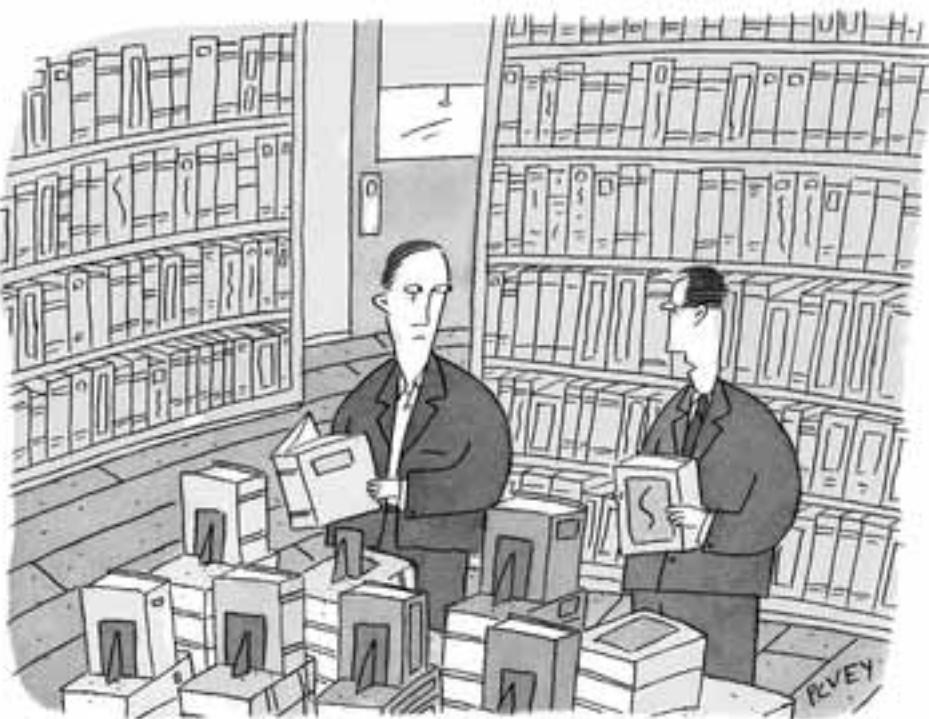


*“While you were out, tiny ponytails came back.”*

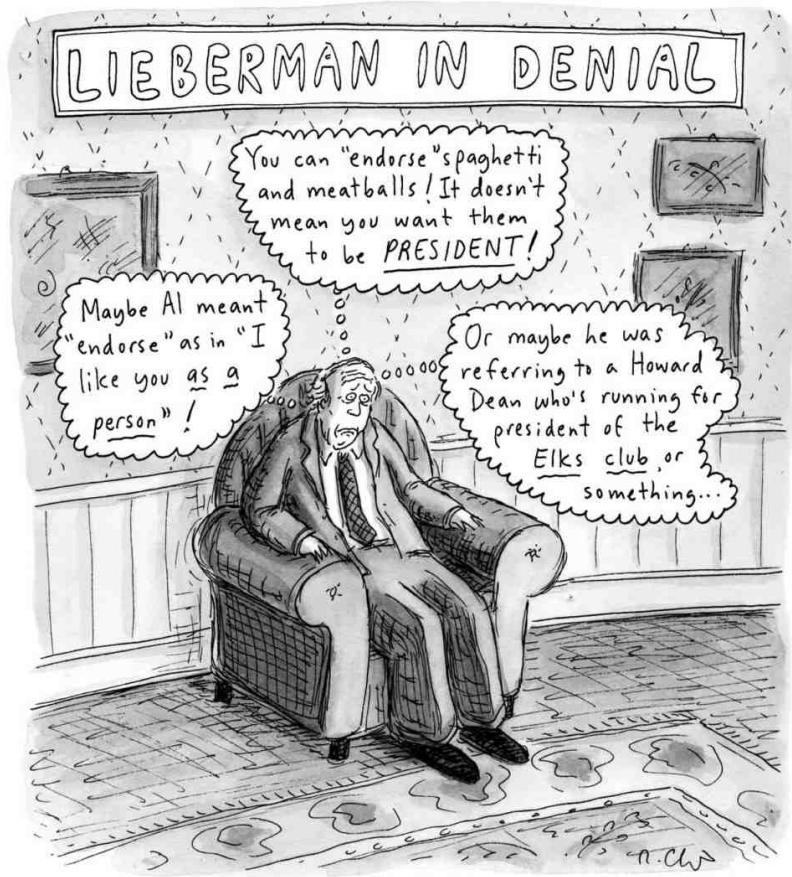


*“Sure, he seems like a dog person, but I’ll reserve judgment until after the primaries.”*





*"Do you ever get to the point where you think if you read another book  
you'll burst, but you do anyway, and you don't burst?"*





*"Remember when we used to have to fatten the kids up first?"*



*"Just as we suspected—they're beginning to form a boy band."*



*“Sorry, this block is closed for filming a gritty,  
hard-edged tale of passion and violence.”*

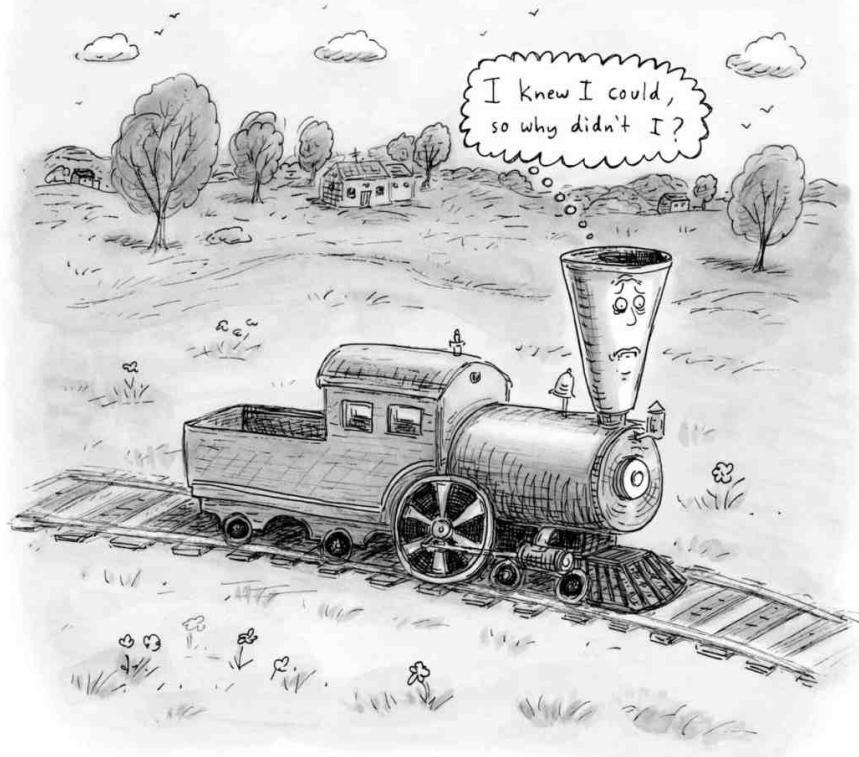


*"Hastings—get rid of my lavish life style."*



*"No offense, but your mother couldn't fry bacon,  
couldn't make toast, and couldn't heat up last week's beans,  
and her famous raisin pie would make a buzzard tremble."*

THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULDA WOULDA SHOULDA



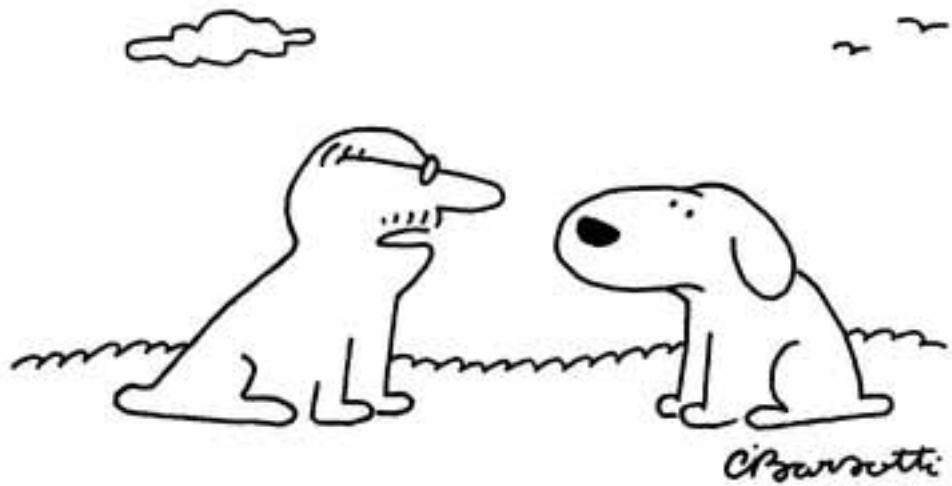
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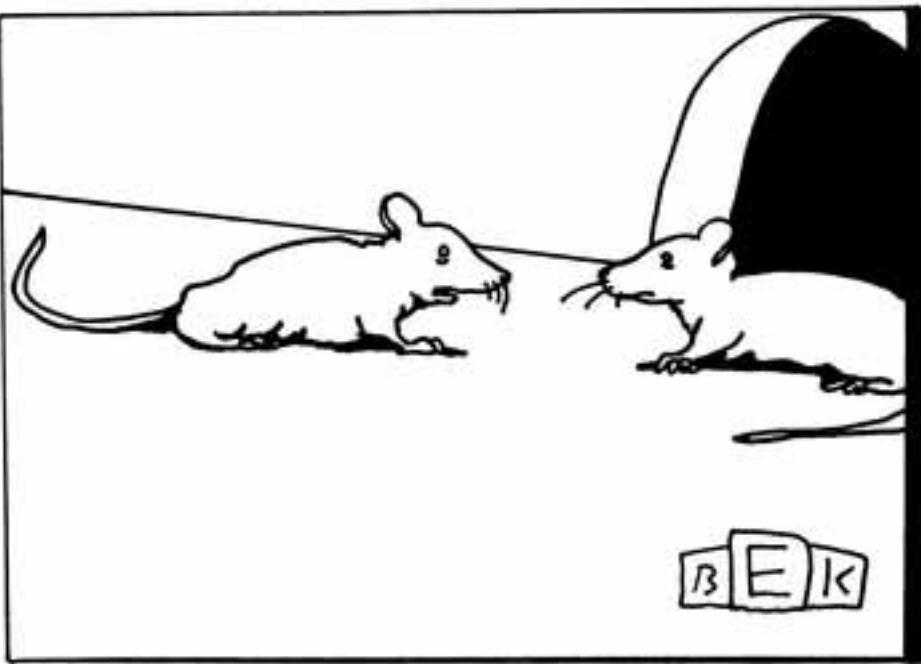
*"I'm looking for something I can read while stuffed  
into the trunk of an El Dorado."*



*"When I said I didn't want a bunch of yes-men,  
I didn't mean I wanted a bunch of no-men."*



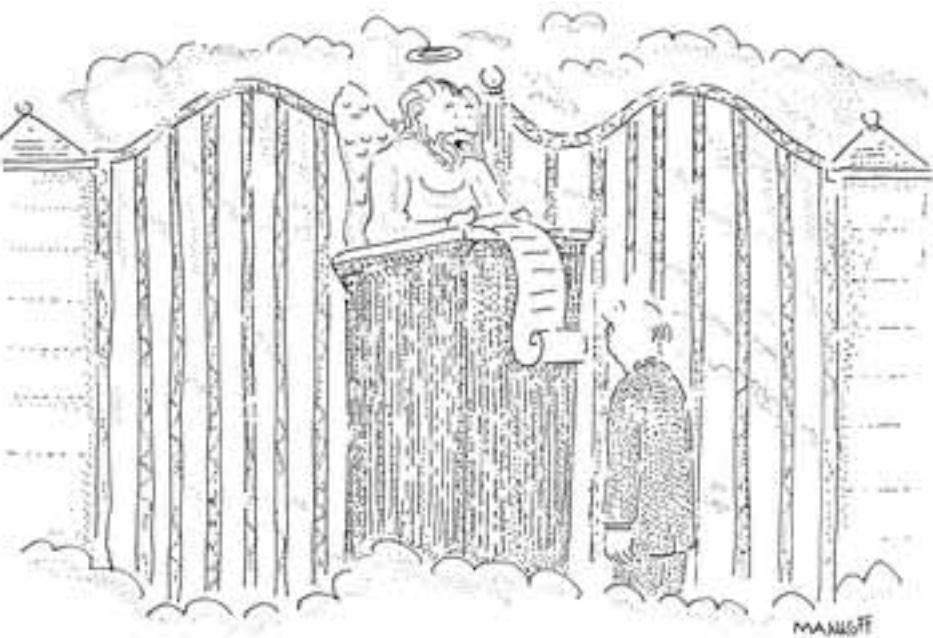
*"It turned out that the powers that be had powers beyond my imagining."*



*"I'd much prefer to hide inside walls with original moldings."*



*"We're not here to talk about what I want for Christmas—  
we're here to talk about what you want for Christmas."*



*"Actually, he's not all that big, but he's really ripped."*



*"You may enjoy swimming with the dolphins, Howard,  
but do they enjoy swimming with you?"*



*"It's supposed to be a comedy, so I've had Steve,  
here, red-flag the funny parts."*



*"Dear Mom and Dad: Thanks for the happy childhood. You've destroyed any chance I had of becoming a writer."*



*"Why do we have separate accounts, anyway?  
It's like our money has intimacy issues."*



*"He was never one to waste words."*



*"We need a leader who is not afraid to dream incremental dreams."*