

*“And since Mr. Hussein did not see his shadow, we predict
only four more weeks of insurrection.”*





"Guacamole is the chopped liver of Mexico."



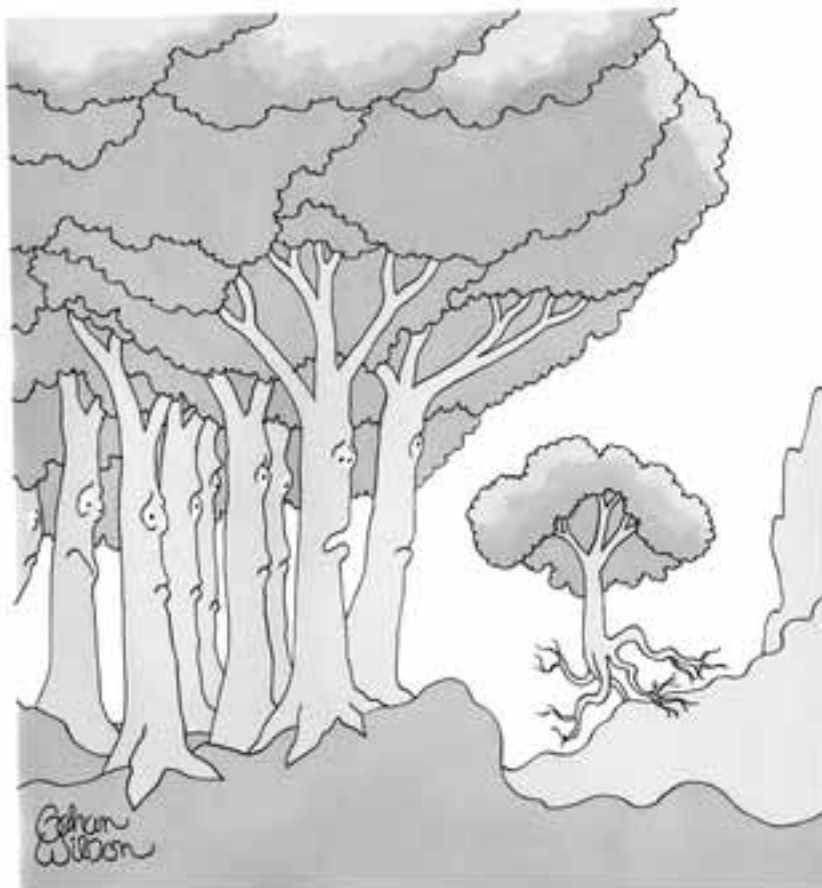
"No, he hasn't lost any weight—he's just wearing humongous pants."



“They’re going to clean up all the graffiti in the men’s room tomorrow. Want to get in one last obscenity?”



*"I could prescribe a massive amount of painkillers,
but I'm the computer repairman."*

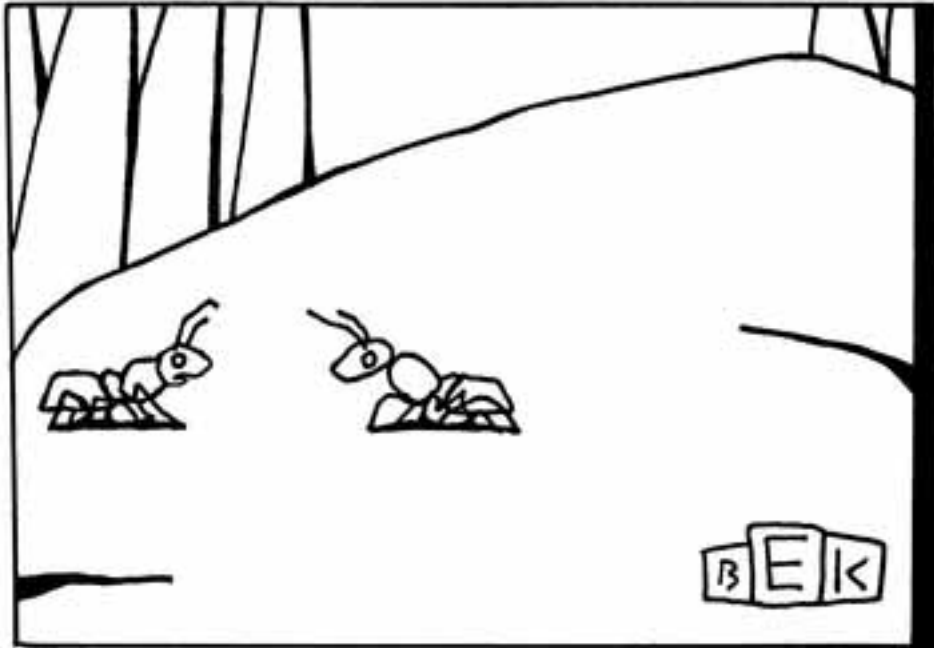


"Very few leave the grove!"





*“Say hi to your mother for me and tell her
I’m happy her bypass turned out O.K.”*



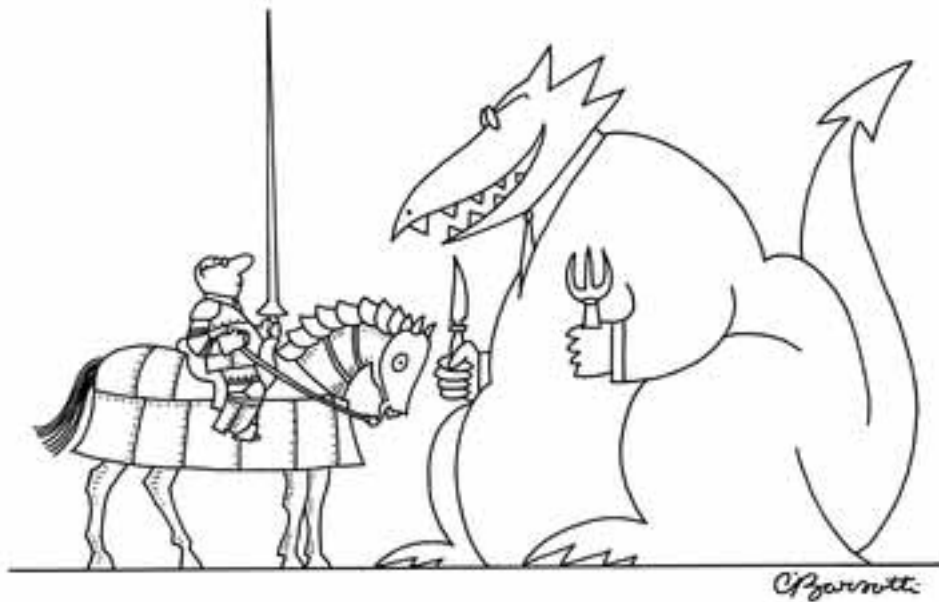
*“The other side of the rock is supposed to
be beautiful at this time of year.”*



"I used to be an idealist, but now I'm an independent."



“Shovel your runway?”



"Oh, good, you brought your pony."



"You'll be sorry you made that crack if I win the lottery."



"Anyway, enough about me."



"It may be wrong, but it's how I feel."



“Nope, no New Year’s resolutions for me this year—I’m still working on a backlog dating from ’87.”



"Another flu shot, Larry."



"How come they don't have mad-cauliflower disease?"

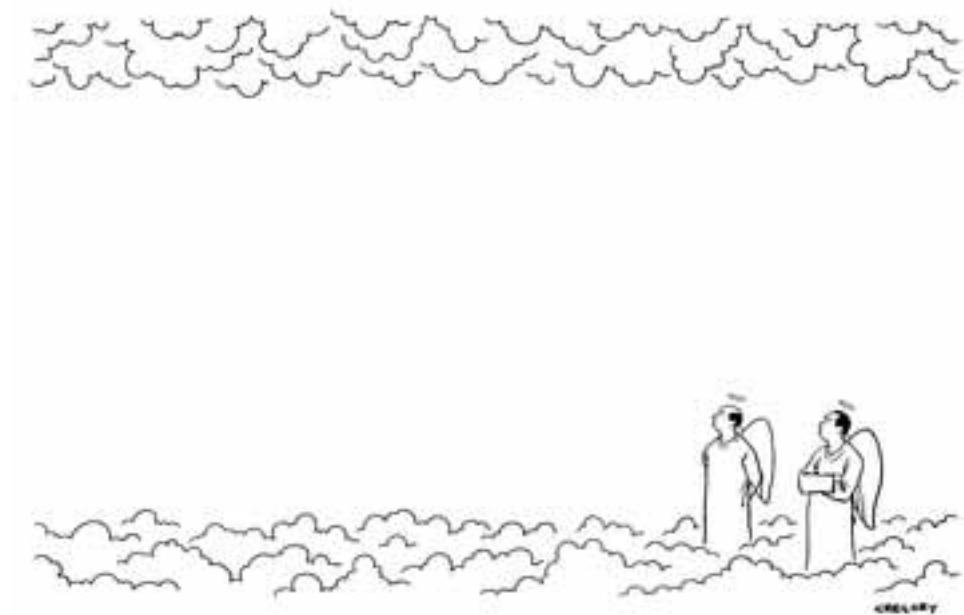


"Damn, I think I ate Plan B."



“And this is a crossword puzzle I’m working on.”





"That's where the celebrities are."

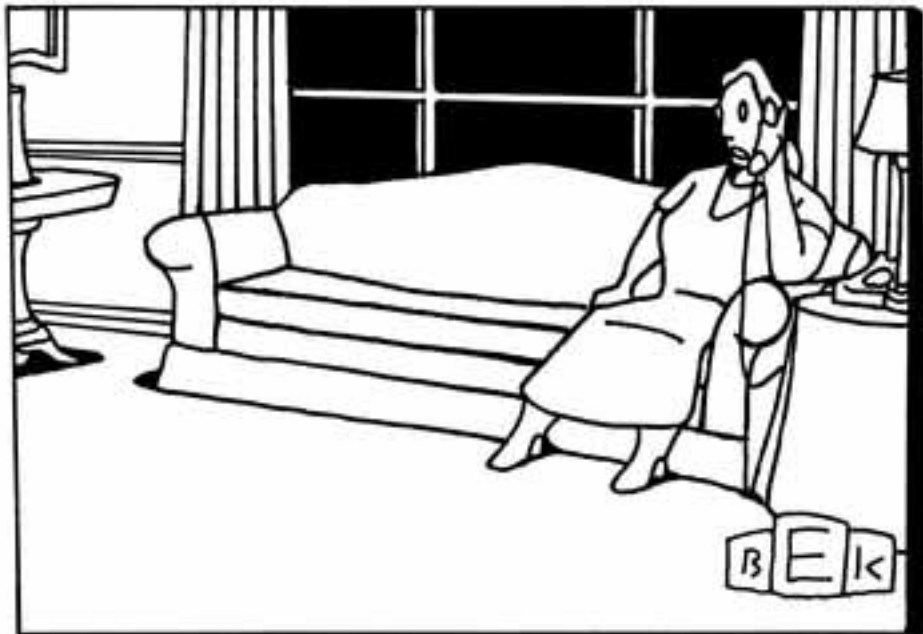


"I don't like hearing happy stories."

THE PESSIMIST AND THE PARANOID



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“Apparently, they’re going through a very bitter courtship.”



"I get it—the old caffeinated-cop, decaffeinated-cop routine."



"All my lunch money's in real estate."



"The pursuit of free agents in the off-season is too a sport."



"You got a monkey on your back? I got three monkeys."

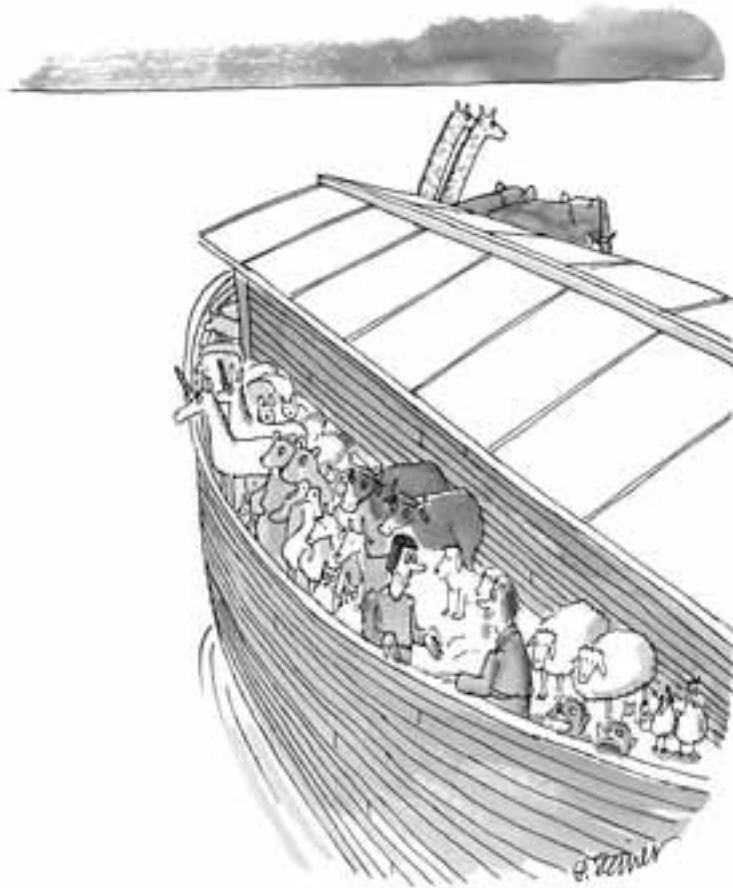


"Will it be necessary to wake the others?"





*"My client got twenty years, yet he paid me in full.
It just shows the system works."*



“Bad news—the unicorns are gay.”



"I'm looking for an outside interest I can do from my couch."



"You always get the good gossip out here around the vodka cooler."





“There’ve been reports of an increase in chatter among the women.”



"I can't talk now—he's right here."



*“If you don’t like the chicken, perhaps we can
have the air marshal shoot a goose.”*

Soccer-Parent Coach



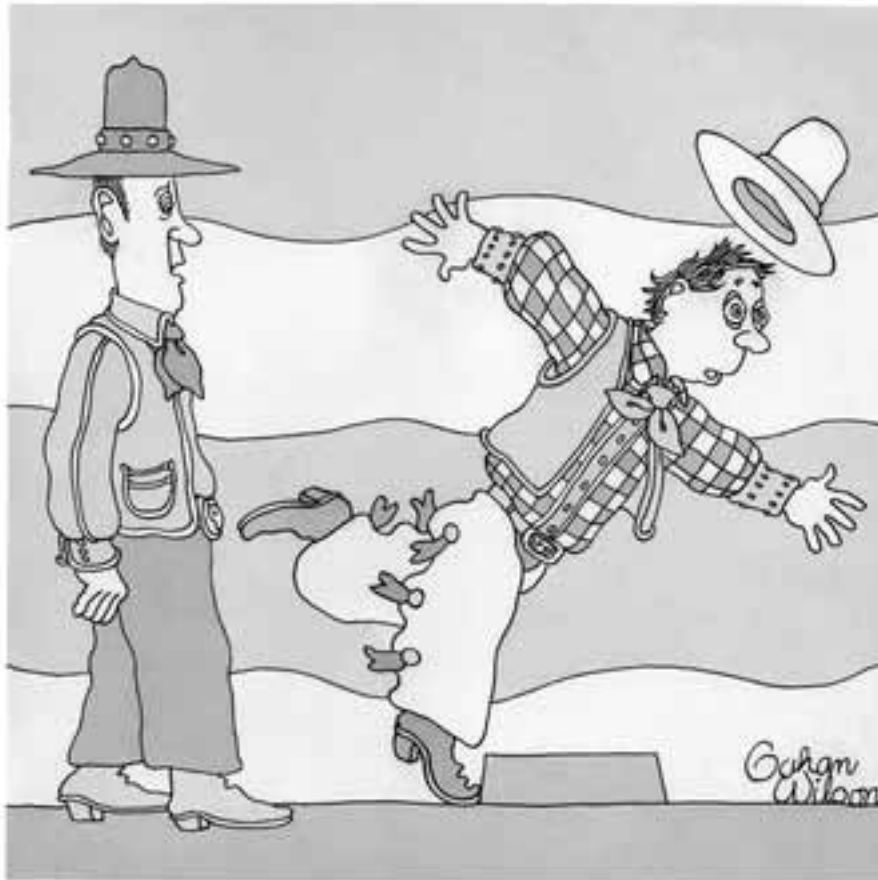
“O.K., big cheer here, but nothing that might be construed as pressure. Quiet now, but a supportive quiet. Watch your body language.”



WHY KIDS DON'T HOST TALK SHOWS



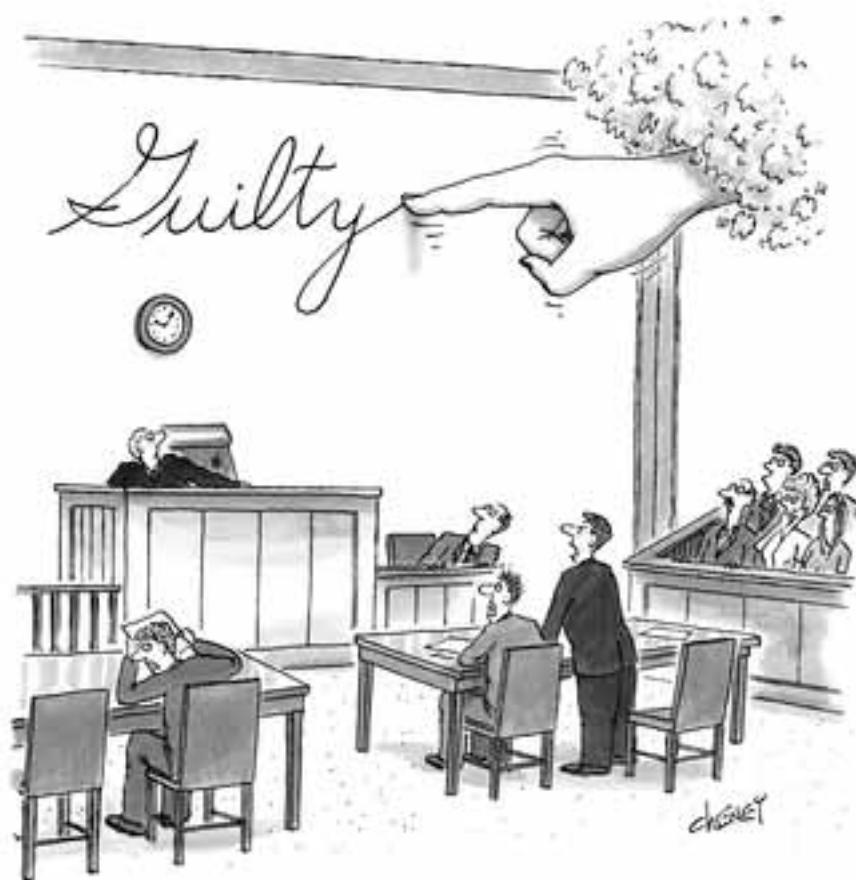
"Don't you hate Eric?"



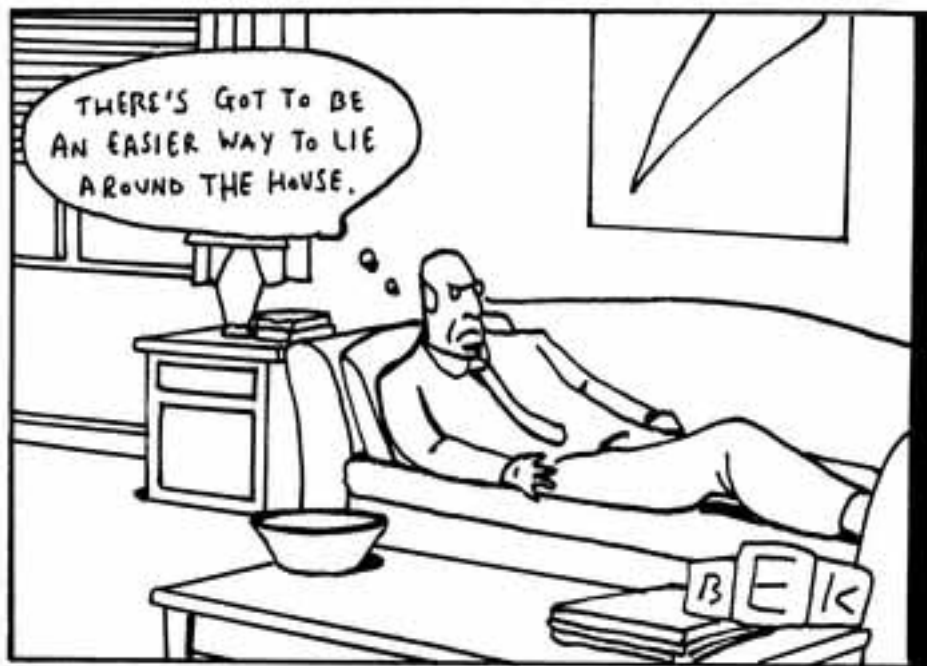
"I could have sworn that mesa was a whole lot farther away!"



"Who gets Meals on Wheels."



"Objection."





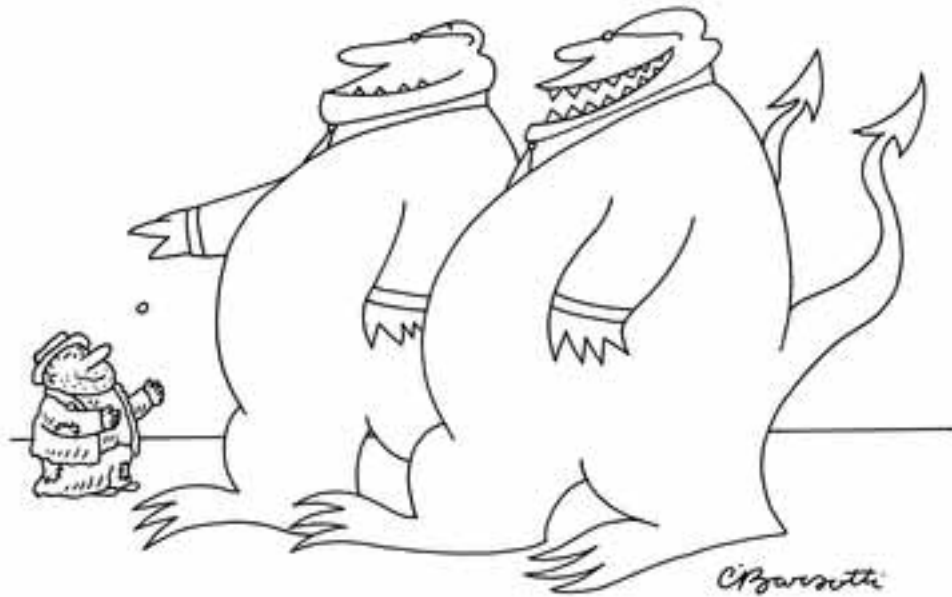
“What would you suggest to fill the dark, empty spaces in my soul?”



“You just have to accept some people for what they are and avoid them.”



"You were always subject to change without notice."



“Racked with guilt, eh, J.B.?”



*"I'll be your bitch at the finance meeting
if you'll be my bitch with marketing."*



"To absent wives."

BLEEDING-HEART CONSERVATIVE

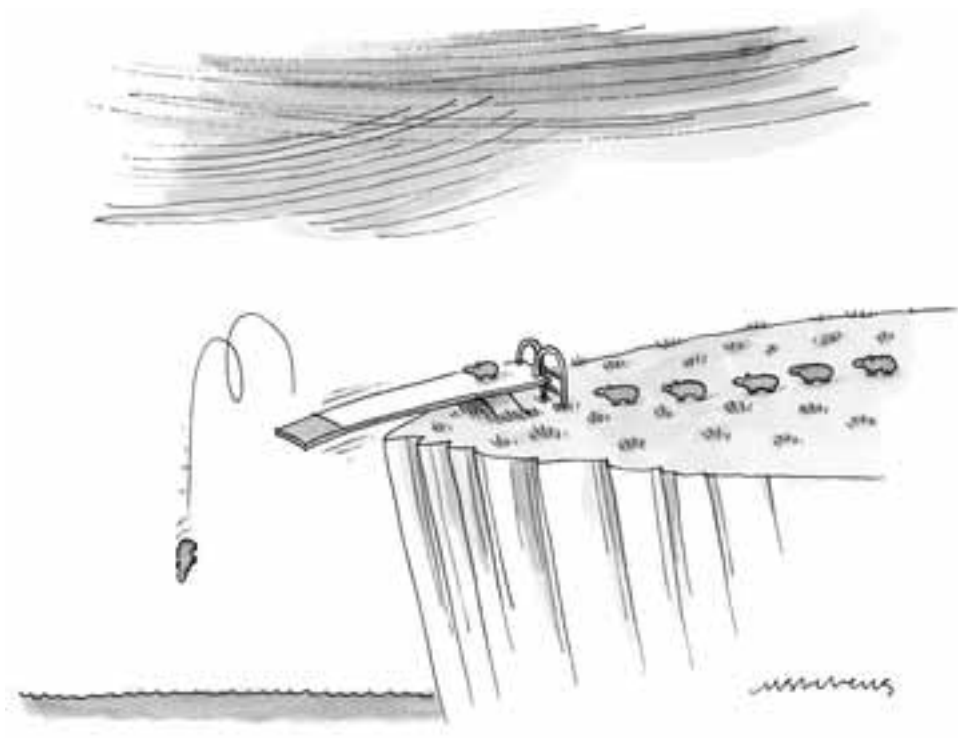


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"I know—let's call this one Operation Lowered Expectations."









“Or maybe you’re at the office and you discover that somebody has been using the copy machine for personal purposes.”



THE ACME MARITAL ADJUSTMENT TEST

- 1) When did you realize that you couldn't stand your partner?
 - ☐ A minute ago
 - ☐ About an hour ago
 - ☐ Last night when I was watching "E.R."
 - ☐ Sometime in the last month
 - ☐ Before that, even
- 2) When your spouse does something annoying, how do you feel?
 - ☐ Mad
 - ☐ Queasy
 - ☐ Betrayed by life
 - ☐ Annoyed
 - ☐ Morally superior
- 3) Rank the following in order of how much it makes you want to lose it, from 1 to 4, 1 being the most:
 - ☐ Tuneless humming
 - ☐ The way s(he) clomps around in too-loose shoes
 - ☐ His/her handwriting
 - ☐ That noise s(he) makes after s(he)'s finished laughing
- 4) Which movie best exemplifies your marriage?
 - ☐ "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines"
 - ☐ "The Godfather, Part III"
 - ☐ "The Crawling Eye"
 - ☐ "Clan of the Cave Bear"
 - ☐ "Milo and Otis"
- 5) If you could go back in time, would you still marry this person?
 - ☐ No doubt about it
 - ☐ Of course - this is as good as it gets for people like me
 - ☐ Probably. Why? Do you have any better ideas?



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"He's energizing his base."



*Nobody Wanted the Wright Brothers to Succeed,
Least of All the Wrong Brothers Across the Street in that
Stupid Stucco House with the Dumb Green Shades.*



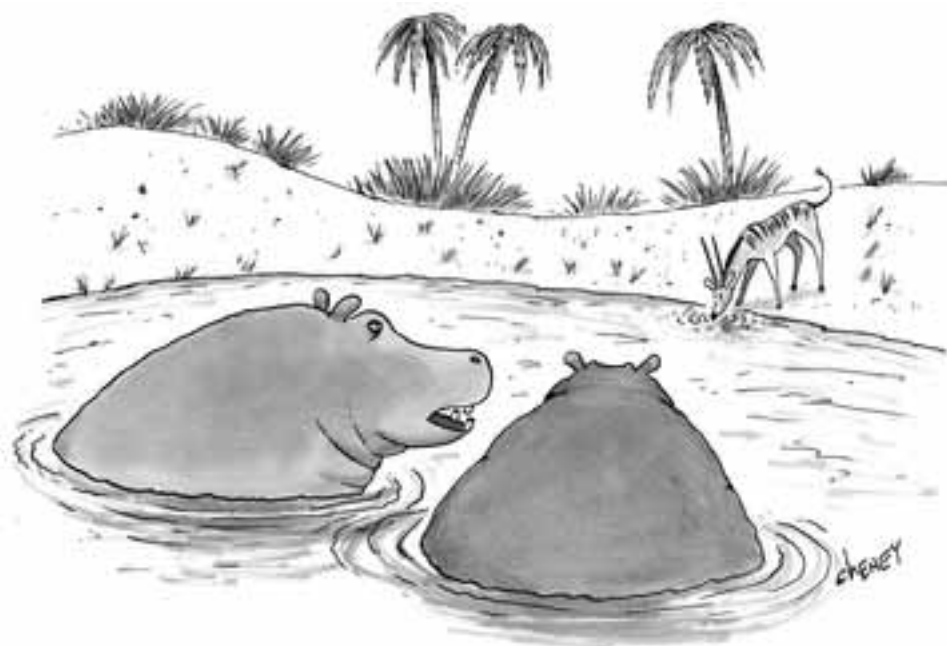
“That kid we raised is tracking us.”



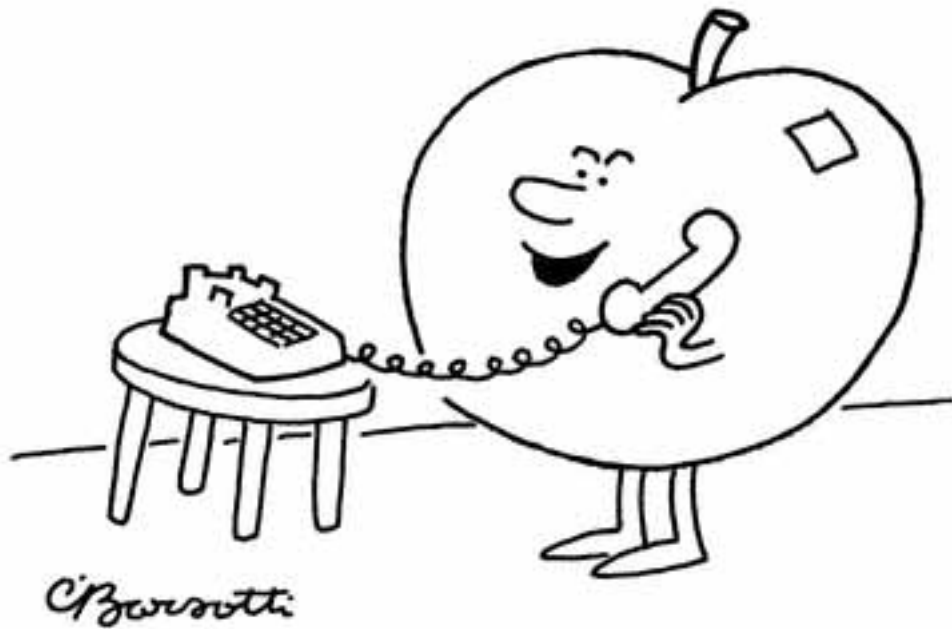
“Remember when everything used to be so nice and solid?”



“Wanna see my virtual colonoscopy?”



"I hate her."



*"Oh, baby, hot caramel? You're going to dip me
in hot caramel? I'll be right over."*



“Remember—anything said on this butte stays on this butte!”





“This is goodbye—there are one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five meals for you in the freezer.”



*"I'm not against having more children—
I'd just like to finish with this one first."*

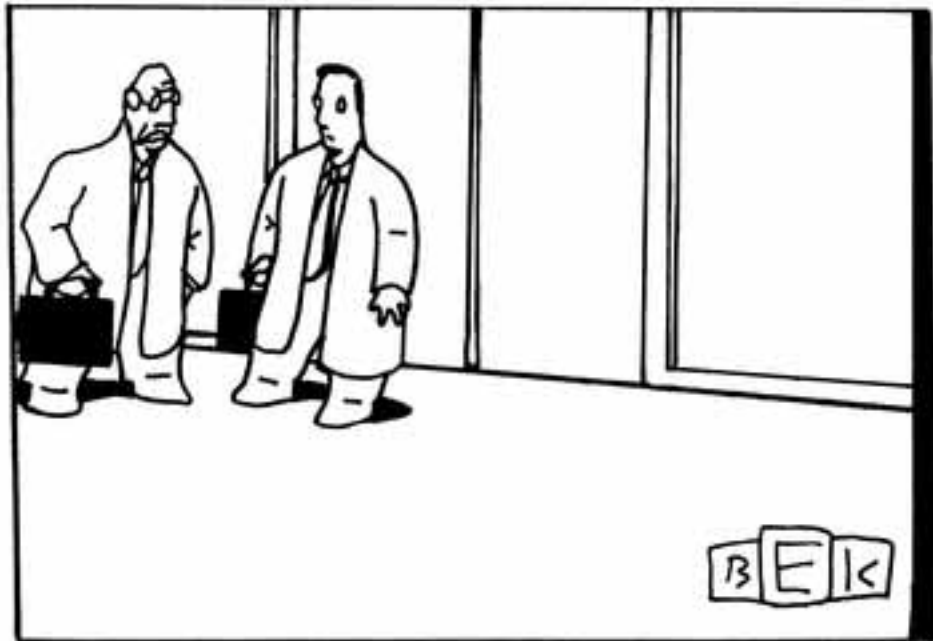


*"I've stopped looking for work, which, I believe,
helps the economic numbers."*



"We had a huge fight on our first date, too."





"I'm tired of being chained to myself twenty-four hours a day."



"So this is where the magic happens."



"You have that innocent-until-proved guilty look."



*"Gotta run, Sid! The cashmere everybody's been
talking about is now twenty per cent off!"*



"I'm between congregations."



"Same time tomorrow."

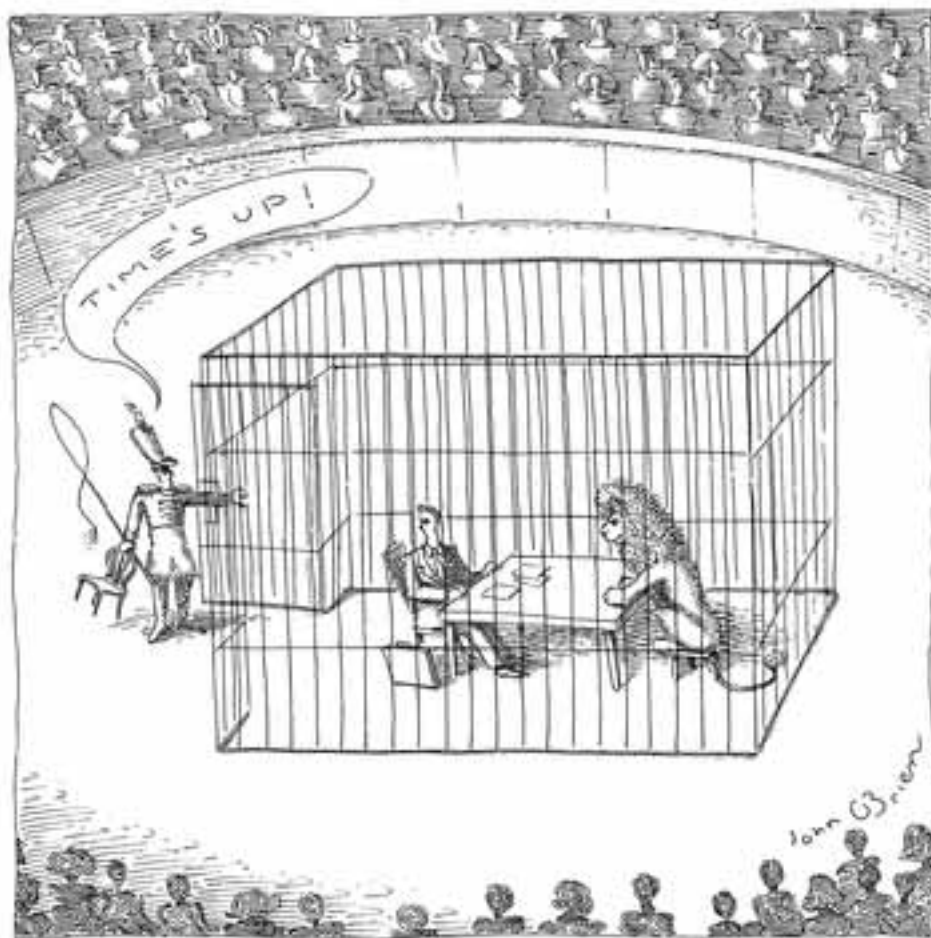




"Howard's fine—I've had him curtained off."



"I'll begin today's proceedings by saying that we have enough food and water to last us until some sort of eventual turnaround."





"I'd like Daniel Libeskind to take a look at our kitchen."



*“‘President Bush’s tax policies are deeply flawed,’
candidate Dean shrieked today.”*



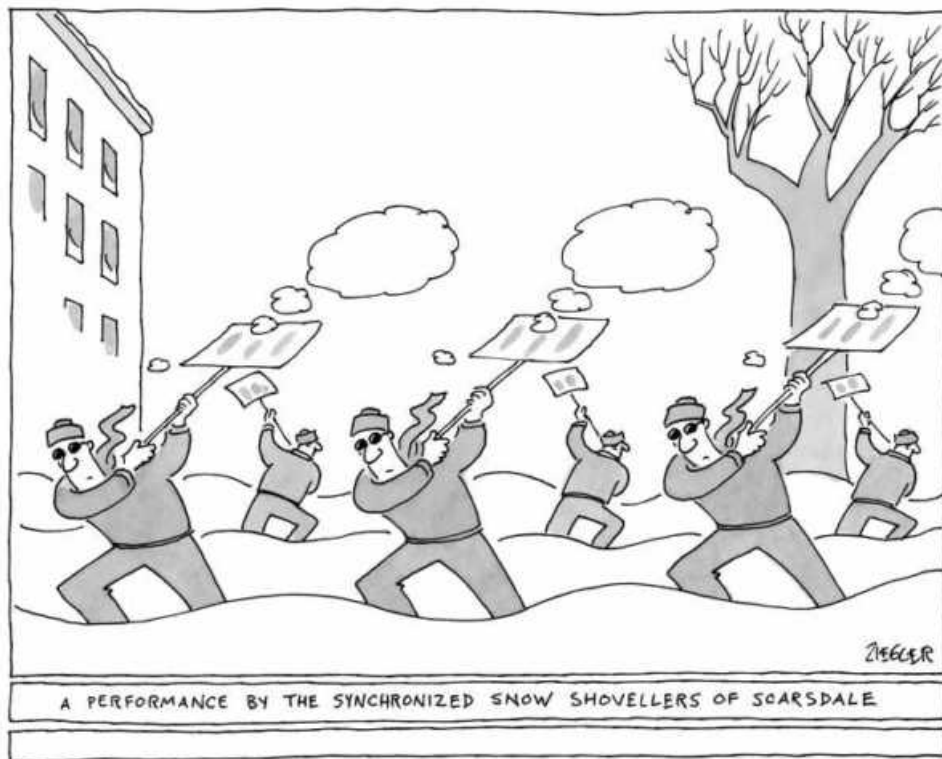
*“Many women are more at ease with a female doctor.
That’s why I’m wearing the wig.”*



"I don't belong to an organized religion. My religious beliefs are way too disorganized."









"Naw, they're not like us—they don't feel pain."



"I'll check and see if he's available."



"I was addicted to porn before there was an Internet."



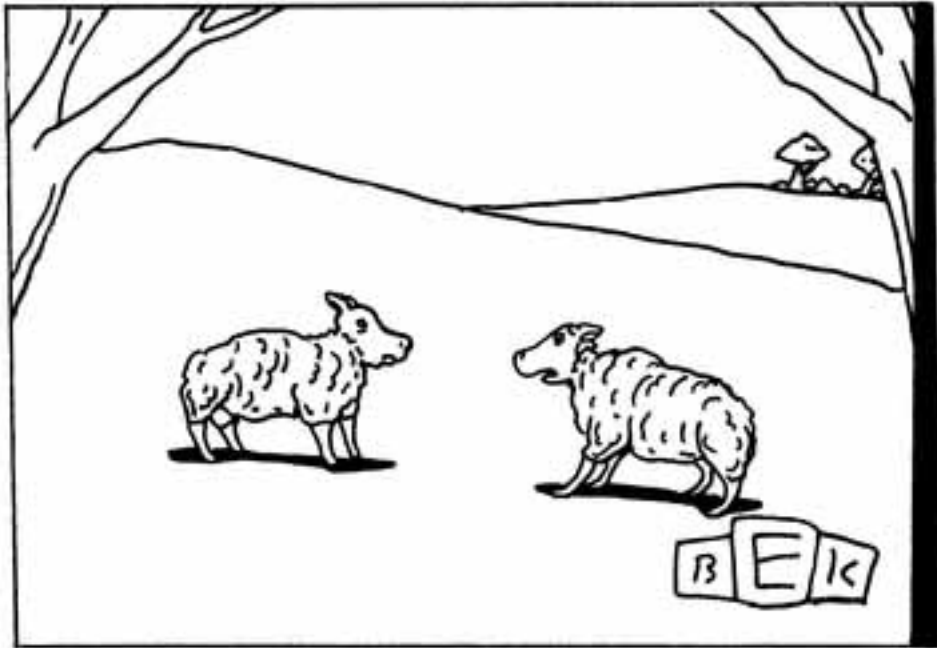


"I'd leave Redford for George Clooney in a heartbeat."



"It saddens me to think that so many of my customers are going to Hell."





"Sometimes I worry I'm a wolf dressed as me."



*"I put them up after the divorce so he knows
his father is still a part of his life."*

TV FOR ONE

SITCOMS FOR THE NON-SOCIAL

One of a Kind

Show about a gal who minds her own beeswax, with hilarious results.



Just Us Chickens

Thirty minutes of sidesplitting comedy as a young woman keeps to herself.



Me, Myself, and I

Laughfest about a guy who doesn't quite see the point of "relationships."



Single Serving Size

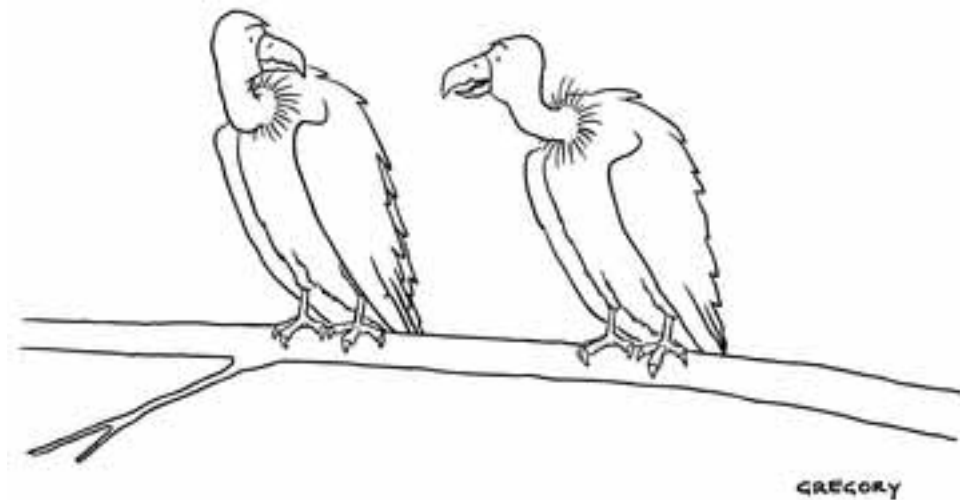
You'll love this new mirth-'plosion about a fellow who is tired of dealing with others.



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"In the store it was kitschy—in my apartment it was tacky."



*“Sure, I’d like fresh meat, but it’s hard to argue with
carrion’s convenience and affordability.”*

QUEER EYE FOR THE DEAD GUY





"I'm slowly weaning myself off employment."

THE MARS PRIMARY

KERRY	1%
EDWARDS	1%
DEAN	3%
CLARK	.5%
LIEBERMAN	1%
SHARPTON	.5%
KUCINICH	93%

SIPRESS

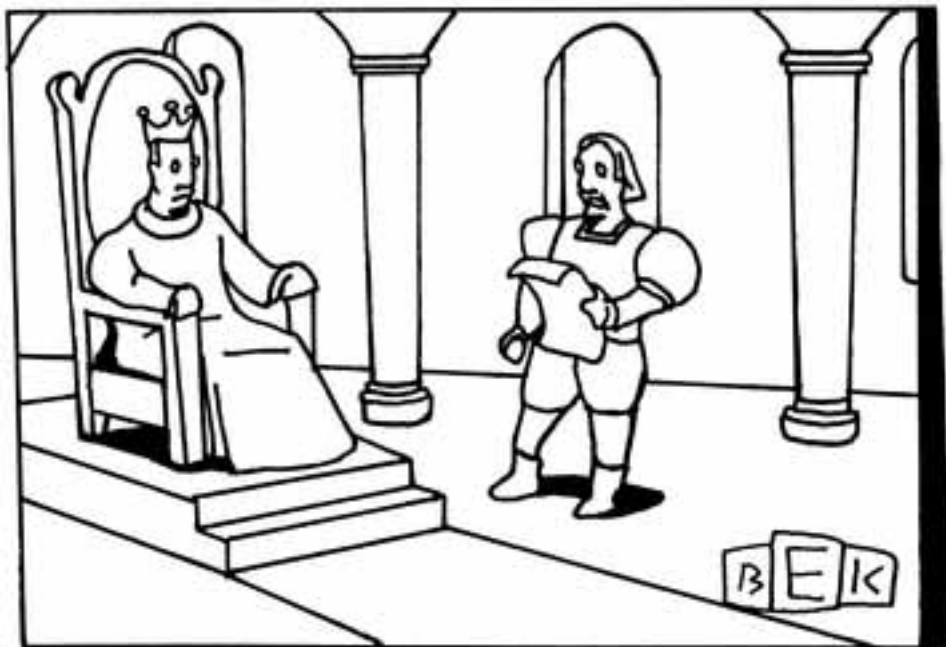


“Your mom cooks the chicken, but your dad makes it dance.”





"He's a working dog, but I don't know what he does."



"You've got a power beheading at 8 A.M."

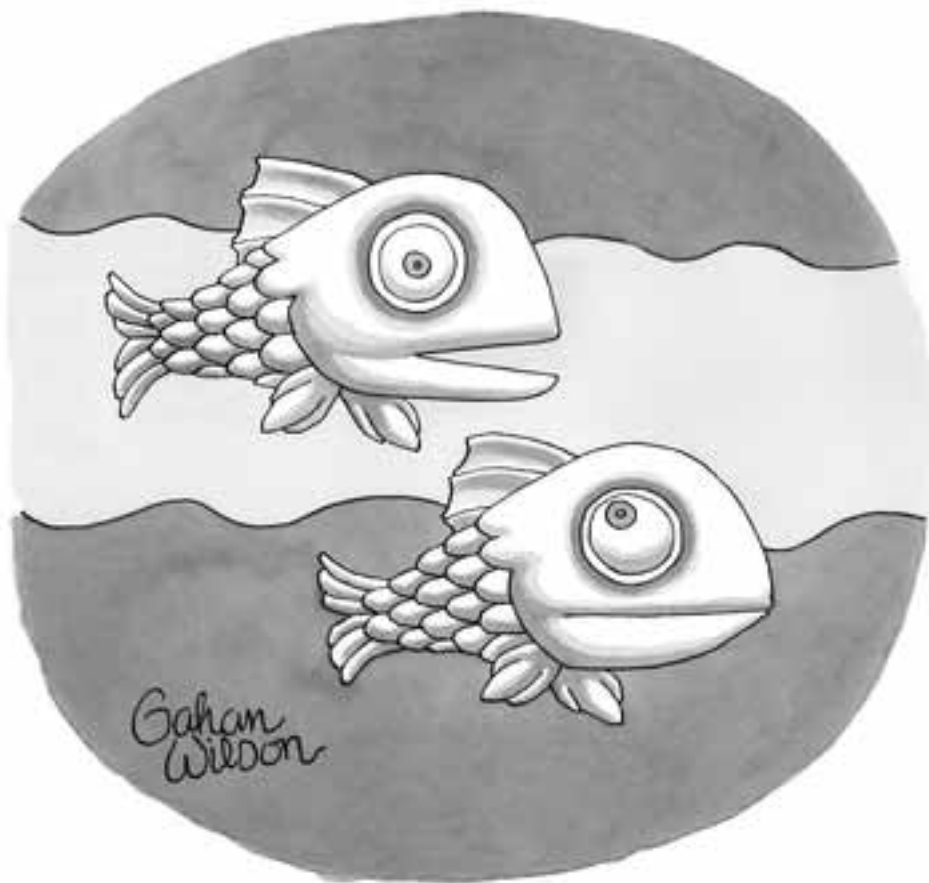




"While you were incarcerated."



"As part of new security measures, Doris has locked me out of the house."



"Just once I would like to laugh or to frown."



BUSH'S FOREIGN POLICIES

The Leave-War-to-the-Professionals-
and-Don't-Bother-Your-Pretty-
Little-Head-About-It Policy



The What's-the-Matter-Don't-
You-Love-Your-Country? Policy



The Here's-Fifty-Bucks-Now-Go-to-the-
Mall-and-Quit-Bugging-Me Policy



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"And you're telling me this because?"



“Everything tastes so divinely artisanal.”





The Night Before the Big Meeting Frank Receives a Visit from the PowerPoint Fairy.



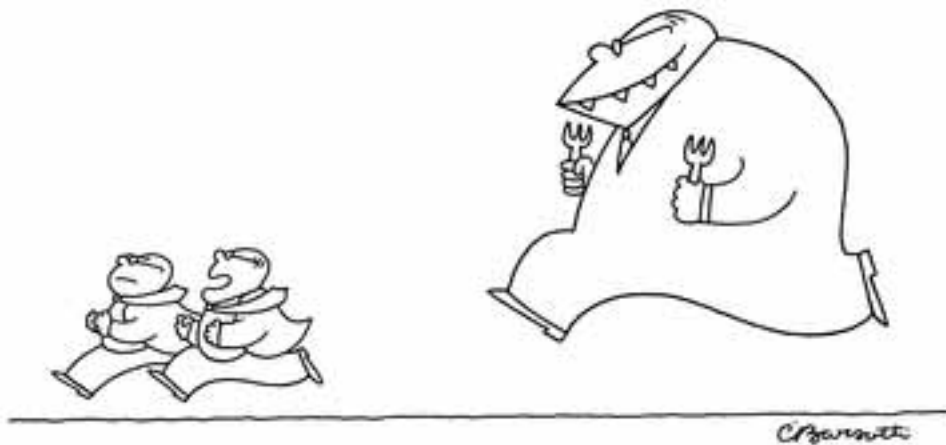
"I hope I still look that good when I'm her age."



"We try to think of the mold as green space."



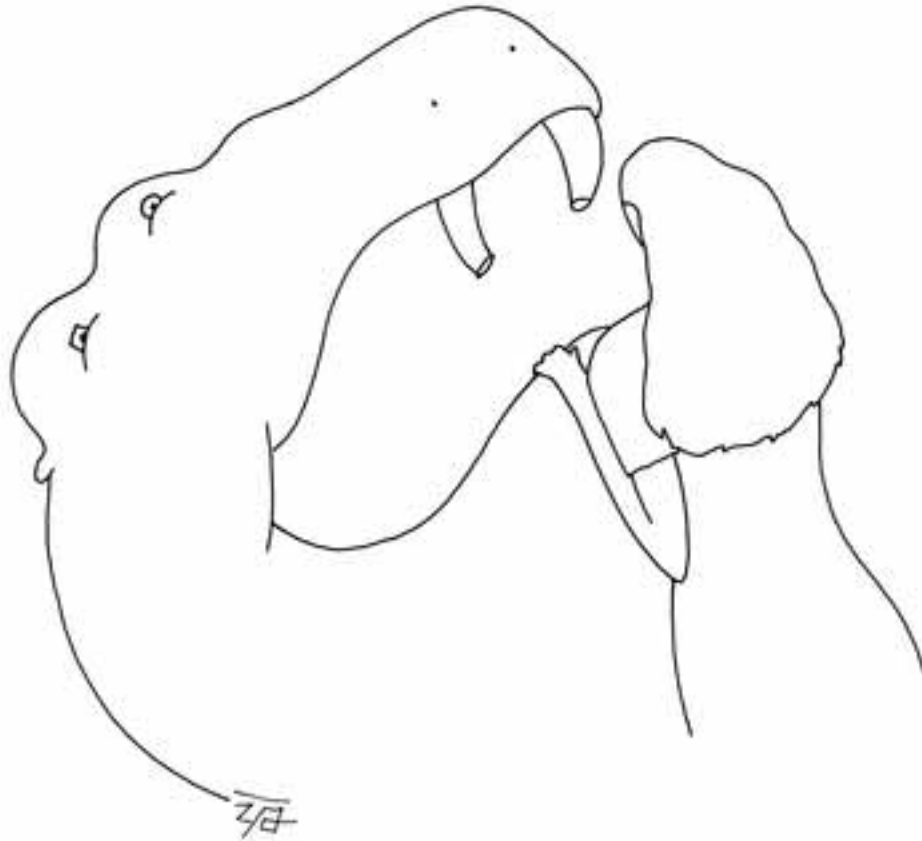
"I question your choice of locations."



“No, I didn’t. I never said there should be no government regulation.”



"I'm sorry—I meant to say 'island paradise,' not 'soft target.'"



*Why Should the Hippo Be Denied the Intimacy of the
Modern Dental-Hygiene Experience?*



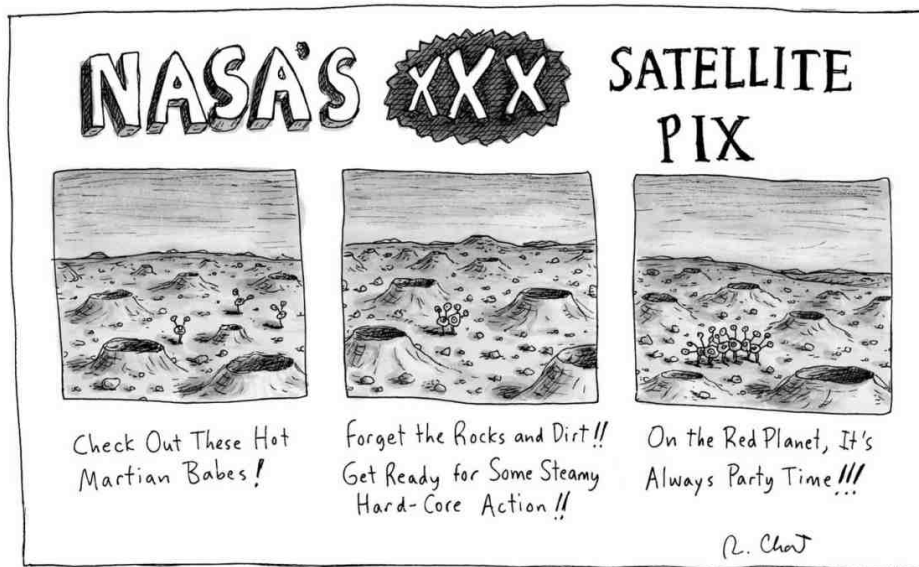
"That's right, honey—it was a wardrobe malfunction."



"The security screener said I have exquisite feet."



"I'm going to have to recuse myself."





“What are you going to do when you become enormous?”



"Can you hang on a sec? I think I just took another picture of my ear."



"I was happily married once. It wasn't pretty."



"If you hurry, you can make the matinée."



"Oh baby... oh baby... oh baby..."





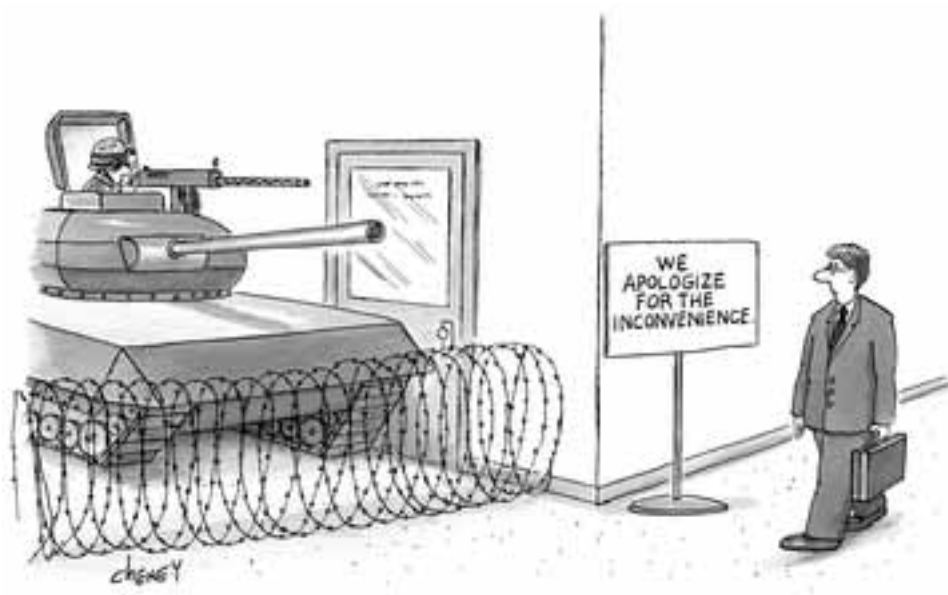
"You know all those anonymous gifts to charities—that was me."



“The word ‘slave’ is so degrading. Why don’t we call you ‘intern.’”



*"If you like, we can donate ten per cent of your total purchase price
to our Get Drunk After Work Employee Fund."*







*“Why carry malpractice insurance if you
don’t malpractice once in a while?”*



"You ever think about upright bipedalism?"



*"We want you to have fun, as long as it's fun that
enhances a college-admission application."*





Charles Barsotti

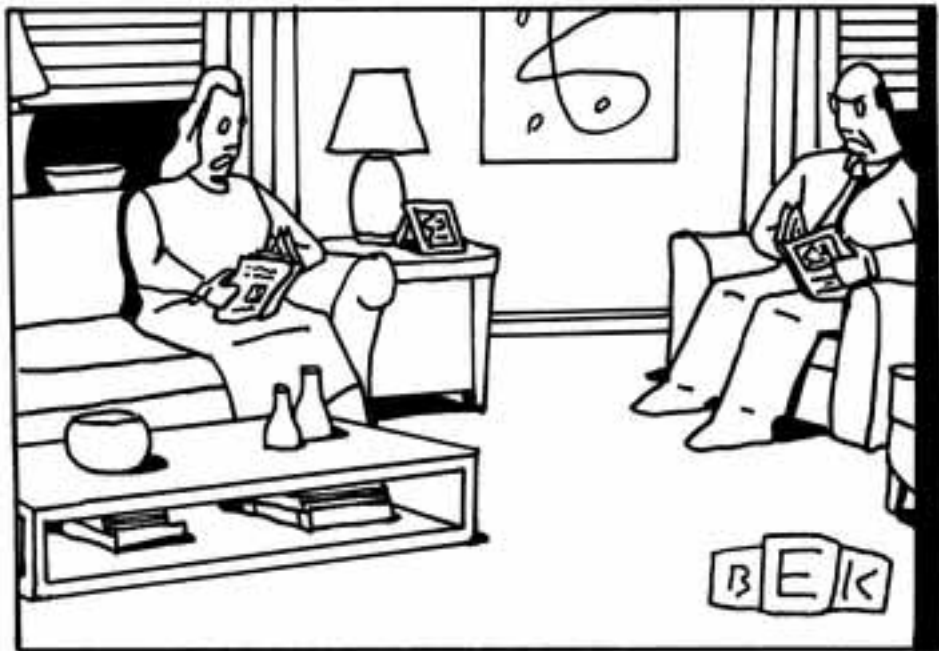
"Your clone, Melford, has come of work age—you must leave now."



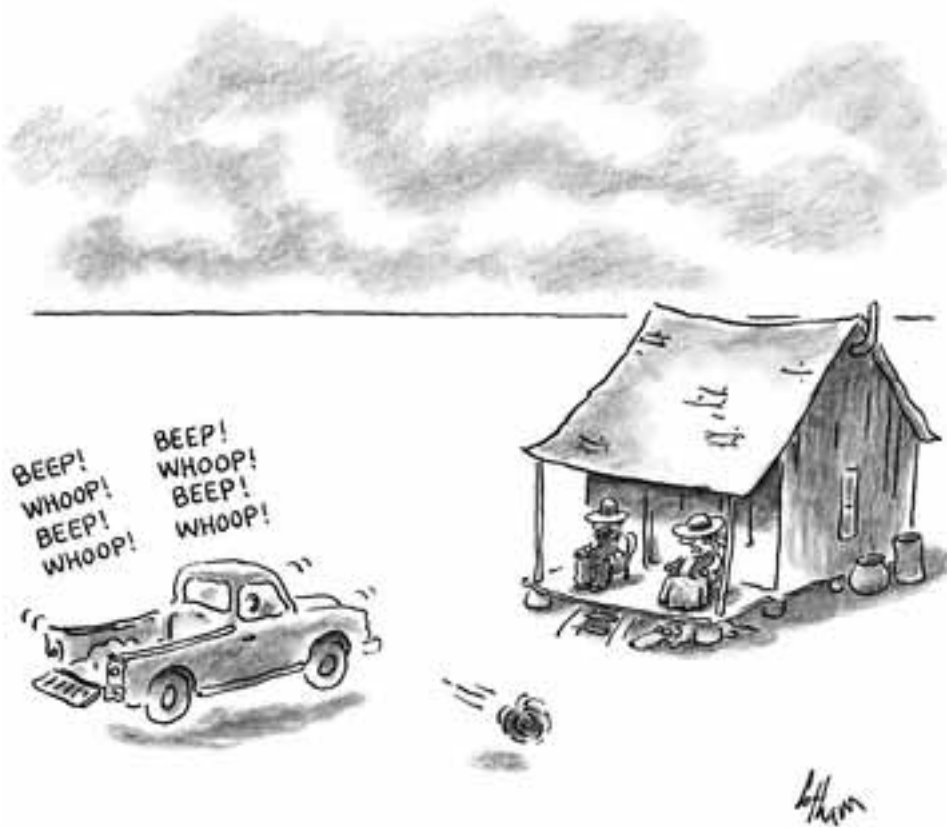
"I won't need a bag. I'll eat it here."



"You're on kid. Break a string!"



"I am just being hysterical, but I do hate you."



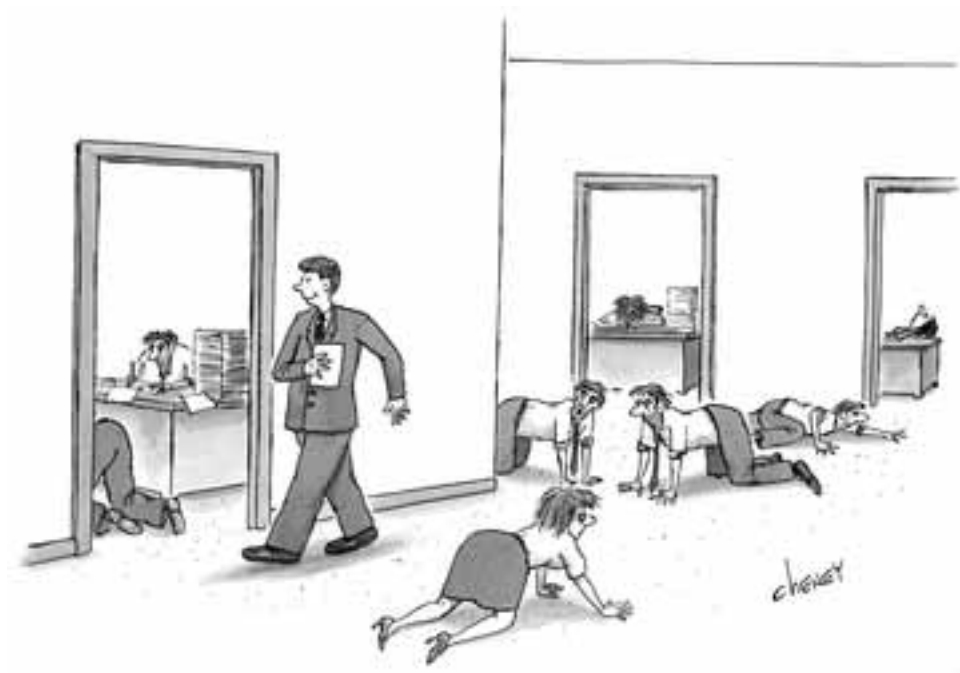
"The tumbleweed probably set it off."



"Honey—this is soooooooo special!"



“How do I feel about us? I feel that America is a safer place today because of the steps taken by this Administration. That’s how I feel about us, Carolyn.”

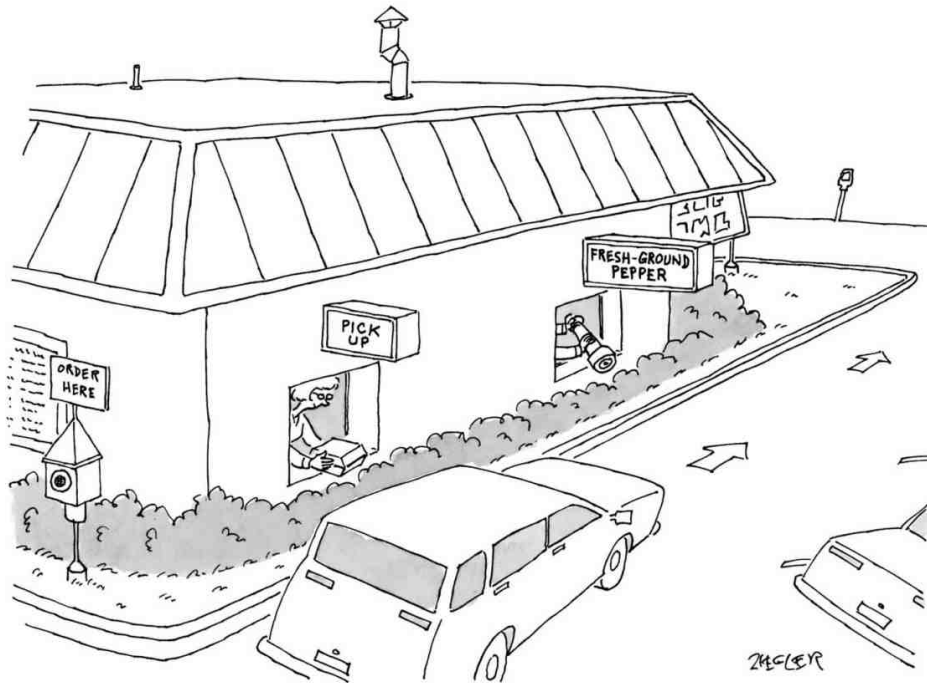


"Check out the new guy."





"It's a period piece."





*Originally, Watches Were Worn on the Ankle,
Then Around the Neck, Until It Was Finally Decided
to Carry Them in the Safety of the Wearer's Mouth."*

