



"And, furthermore, if you think for one damn minute I'm going to put up with your lousy shenanigans . . ."



"I'd love to be a part of the big show in the Gulf, but they tell me they need lawyers right here at home."

ALTERNATIVE DICKENS



PIP IS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE



"I love you, too, but with my high cholesterol and your high triglycerides we could never have children."







"I love how there are still these little pockets of the eighties."



"You've got someone's shirt caught on your left horn."

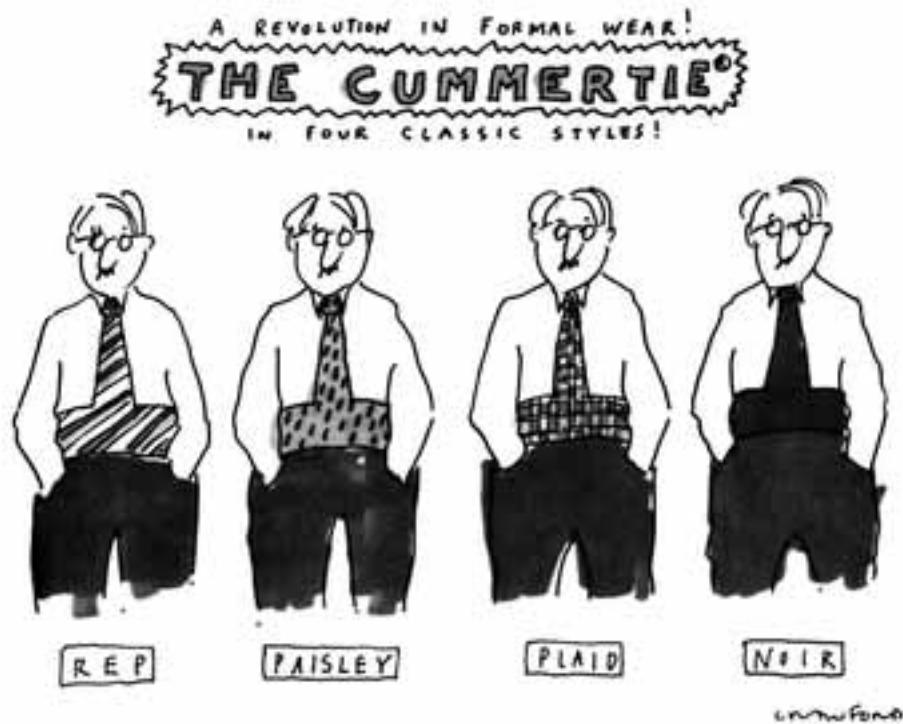


"Next Wednesday is Eddie's birthday, but, because of school and after-school activities, next Saturday will be Eddie's birthday observed."





"As it happened, my work as an accountant transcended the genre."

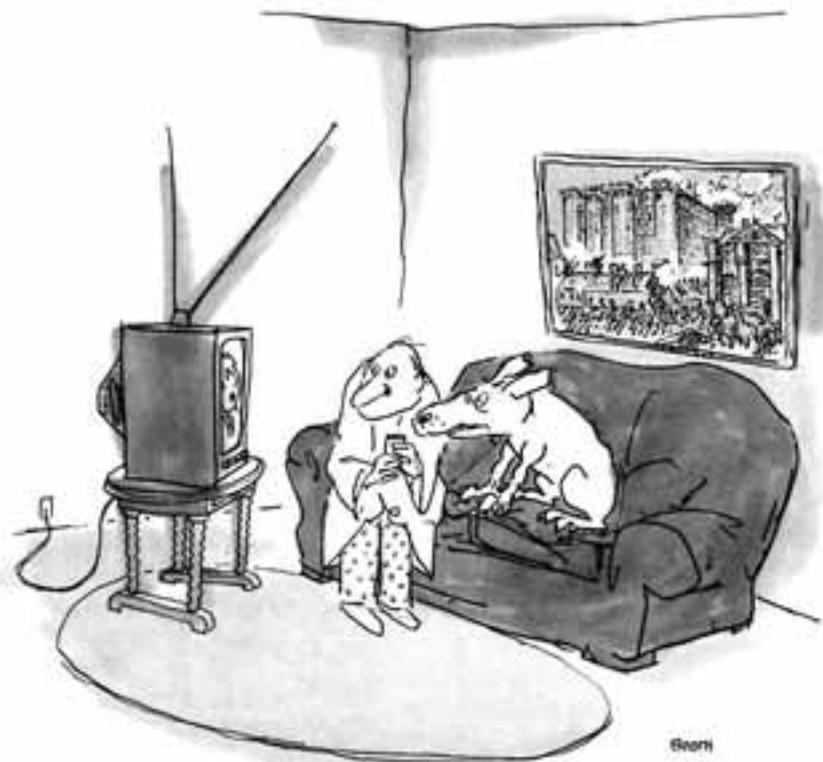




"No, you may not ask a really stupid question."



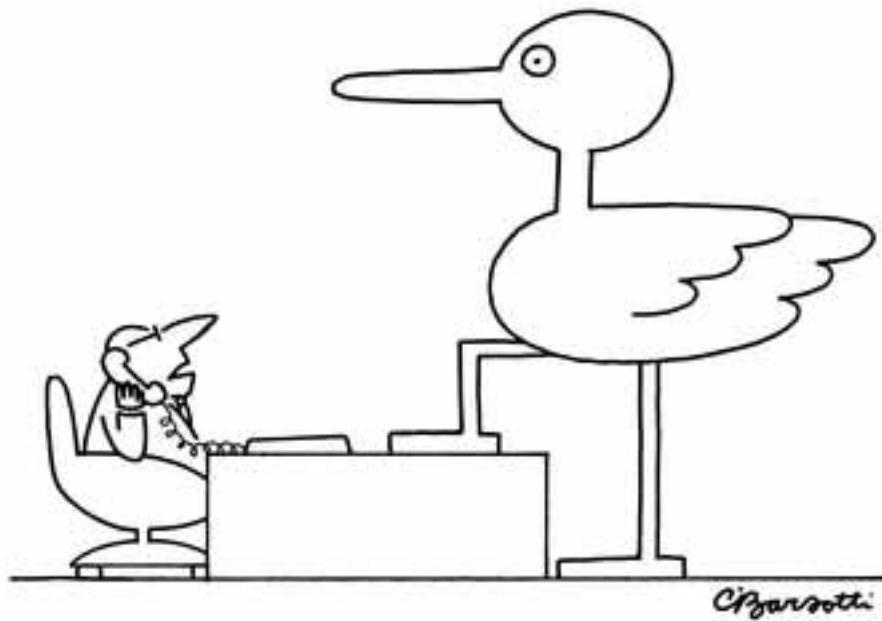
*"And may your union last for as long as it remains
in the best interests of the planet."*



*"Let me talk to you a few moments about holding on to
your lover, your hair, your money, your dog. . . ."*

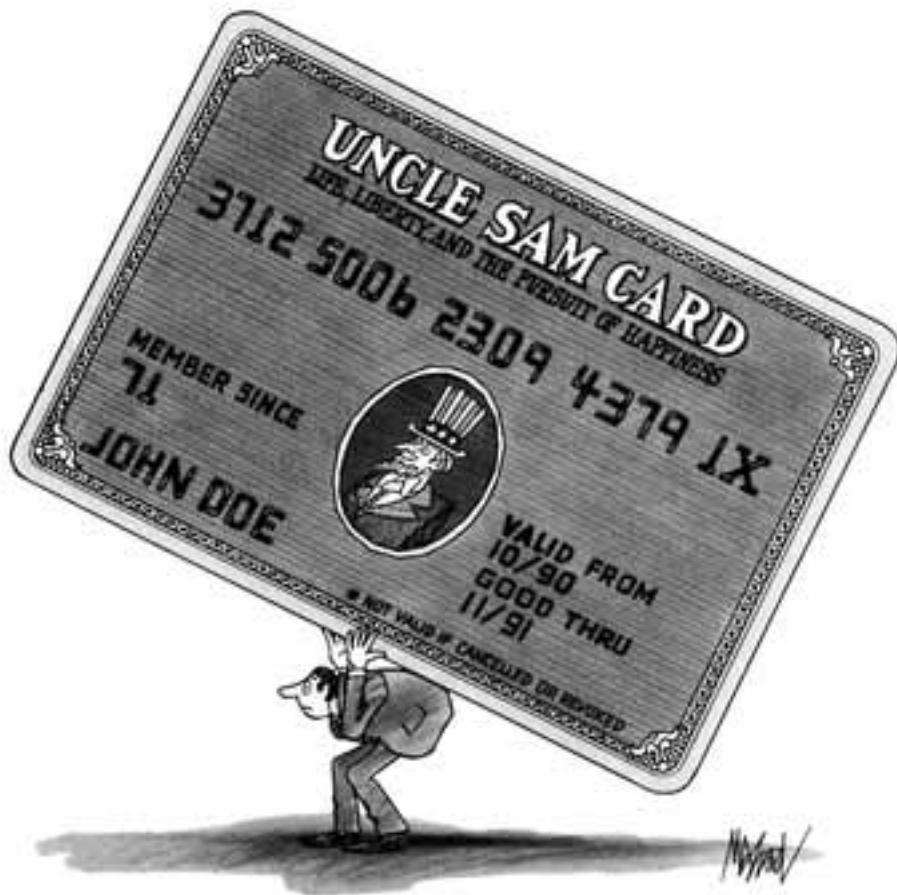






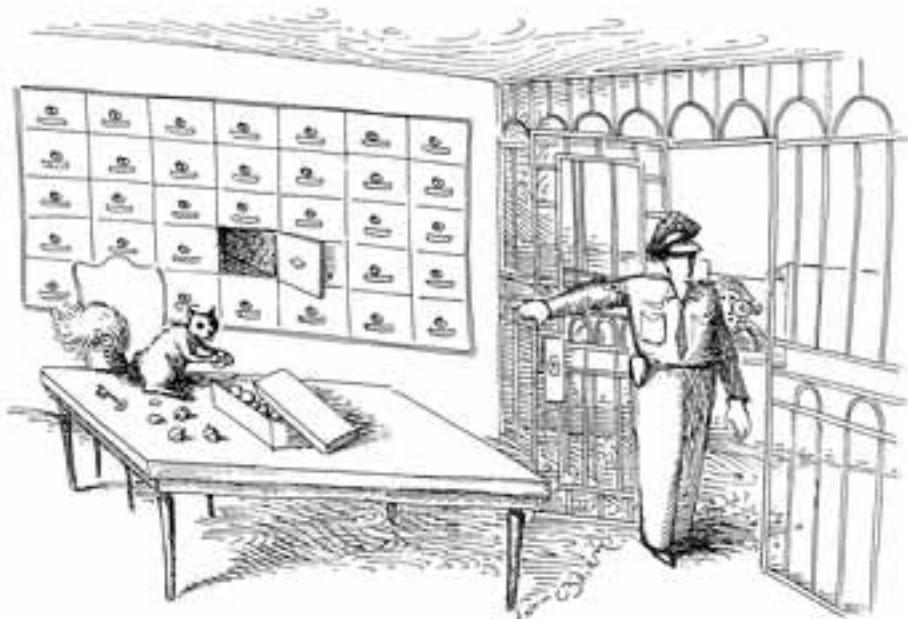
"Benign so far."







"I know, but all promises are off when Daddy's writing his grant proposals."





*"I'll have the fish chowder, hold
the flotsam and jetsam."*



"How dare you come home in this condition!"



"My people will get back to your people."



*"Say what's on your mind, Harris—the language
of dance has always eluded me."*



"I'm going to disqualify myself."



*"Dear H. & T. Plumbing Company: Thank you so
much for the handy little desk calendar for 1991.
What a thoughtful and useful gift."*



"The left rear has nice eyes."



CROSSED PATHS
Krazy Kat Meets Mickey Mouse



"Forget the Japanese. New York is still the information capital of the world."





"Oh-oh! Look who's back!"



"This is our first recession together."



"In my view, management overrates the motivational appeal of mackerel."





"My son the lawyer is suing my son the doctor for malpractice."



"How convincing are your jungle-bird calls, Ms. Haverhill?"

ALIEN SPACECRAFT VIEWED AS A SOURCE OF **AFFORDABLE HOUSING!!!**

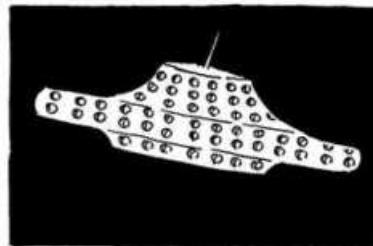
CHELSEA RESIDENT'S ASTOUNDING STORY—



"THEY KEPT ME ON BOARD FOR TWENTY-SIX MONTHS CONDUCTING TESTS."



"THEY RENTED ME A ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT WITH AN EAT-IN KITCHEN AND A WORKING FIREPLACE. IT COST \$516.28 PER MONTH."



"THE SHIP WAS FILLED WITH SIMILAR ACCOMMODATIONS. THEY TOLD ME THEIR WORLD WAS SO ADVANCED THERE WERE NO BROKERS."

Stuart Leeds



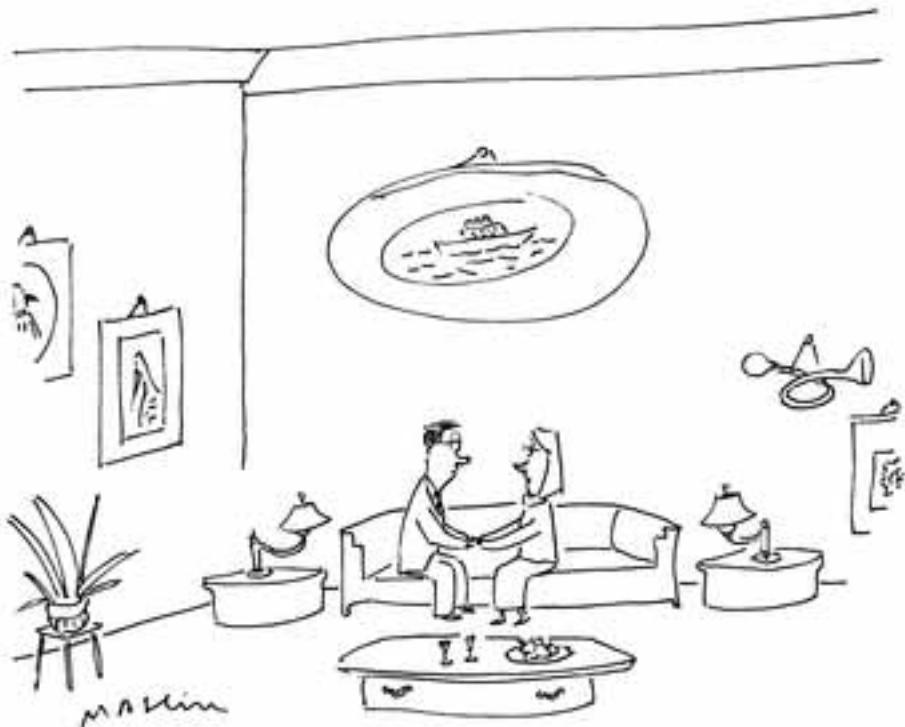
"You needn't bother. I've already erased the wedding video."



"Hon, what's an allegory?"



*Snow White and the Wicked Queen submit the
fairness question to binding arbitration.*



"Would it surprise you to learn, Felix, that we're already married?"



"Oh—now I see where we part company. You are cleaving unto the spirit of the law, while I am cleaving to the letter of the law!"





"How's your bank?"

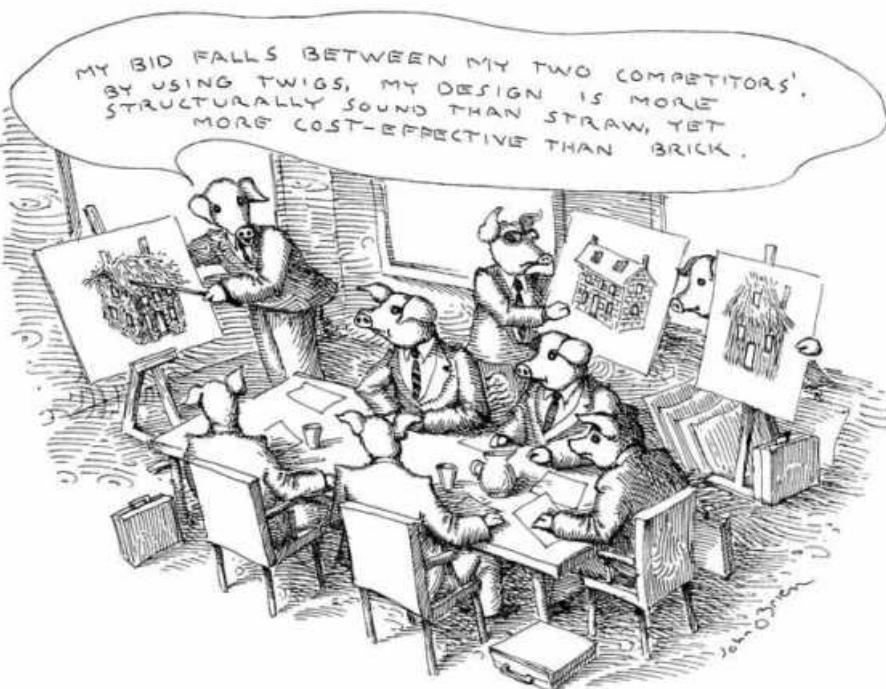




"Last night, my parents and I went to the Café des Artistes, located at 1 West Sixty-seventh Street, just off Central Park West. I had the jambon persillé, which was tasty and well seasoned. The staff is knowledgeable and ready with delicious tips. Here are a matchbook and a swizzle stick I picked up."









"We settled out of court."



"I don't go out with girls who won't eat things on menus."



MINIMUM-SECURITY PRISON



*"Mr. Smith's office doesn't have a door. You have
to batter your way through the wall."*



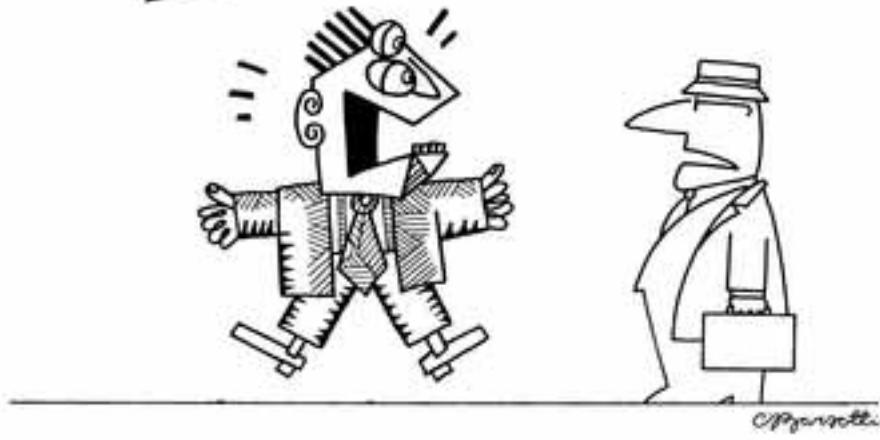
"Who's next?"





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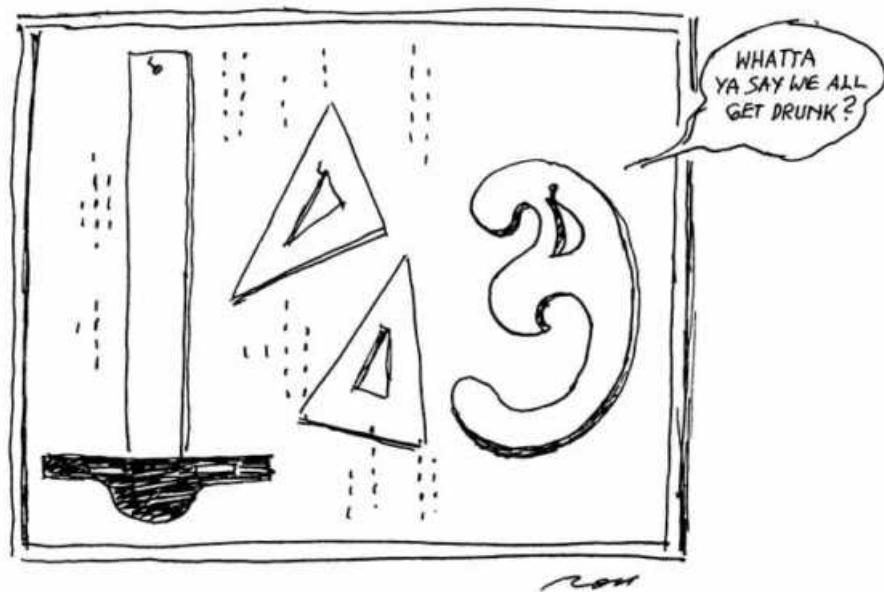
Crikey,
iT'S THE BOSS!



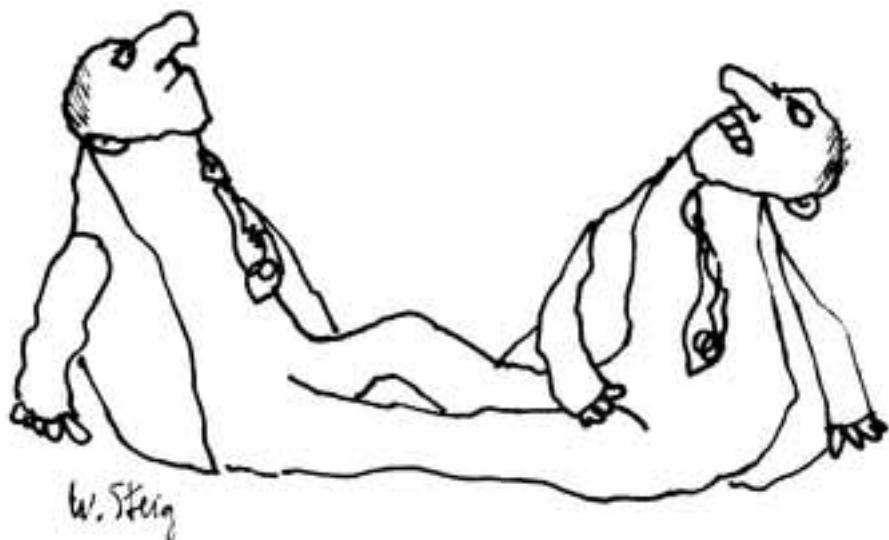
"Damn it, Edmondson, must we go through this every morning?"



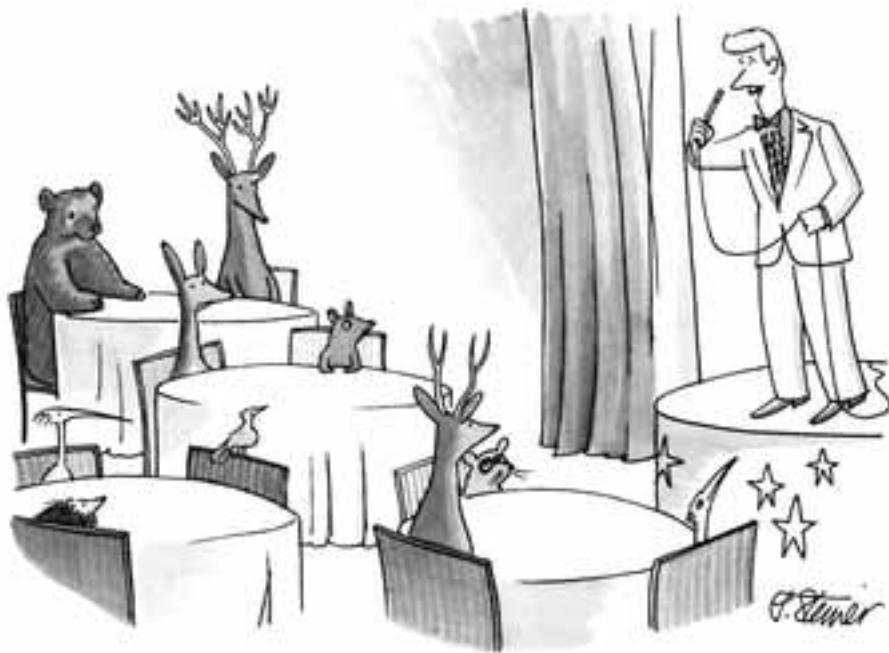
"It's the ghost of that pocketbook I gave you for Christmas."







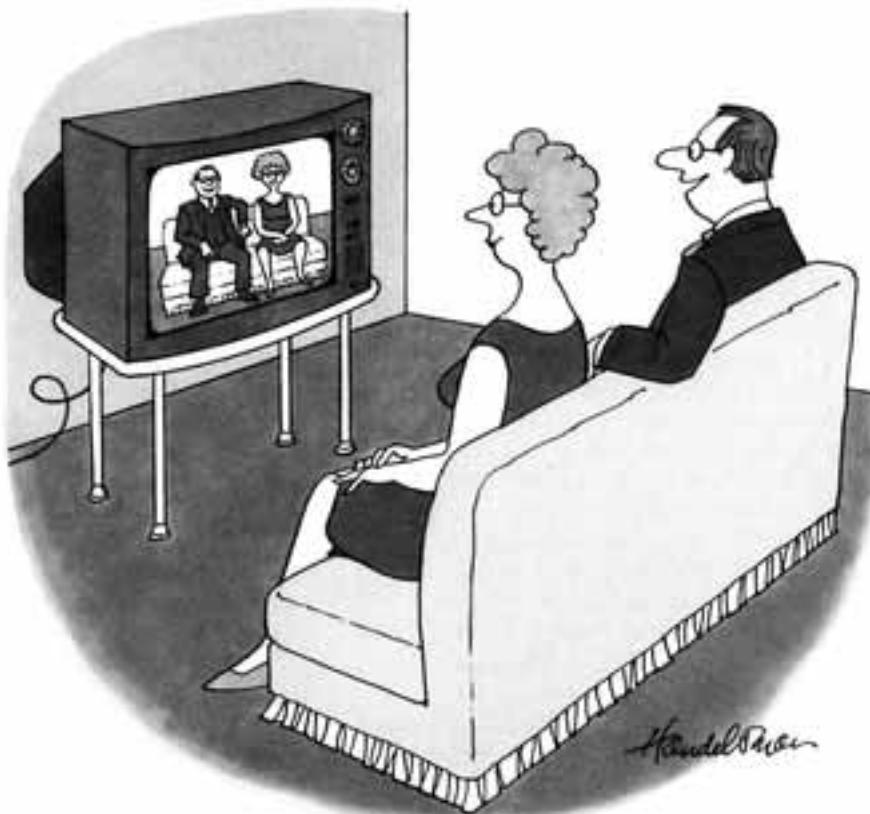
The Inescapable Self



"Hey, welcome to the Catskills. Anyone here from New Jersey?"



"Don't ask questions, Morton, just get this mess out of here."



"Say, I like this show."

PLenty of fiesta ware, but no fiesta

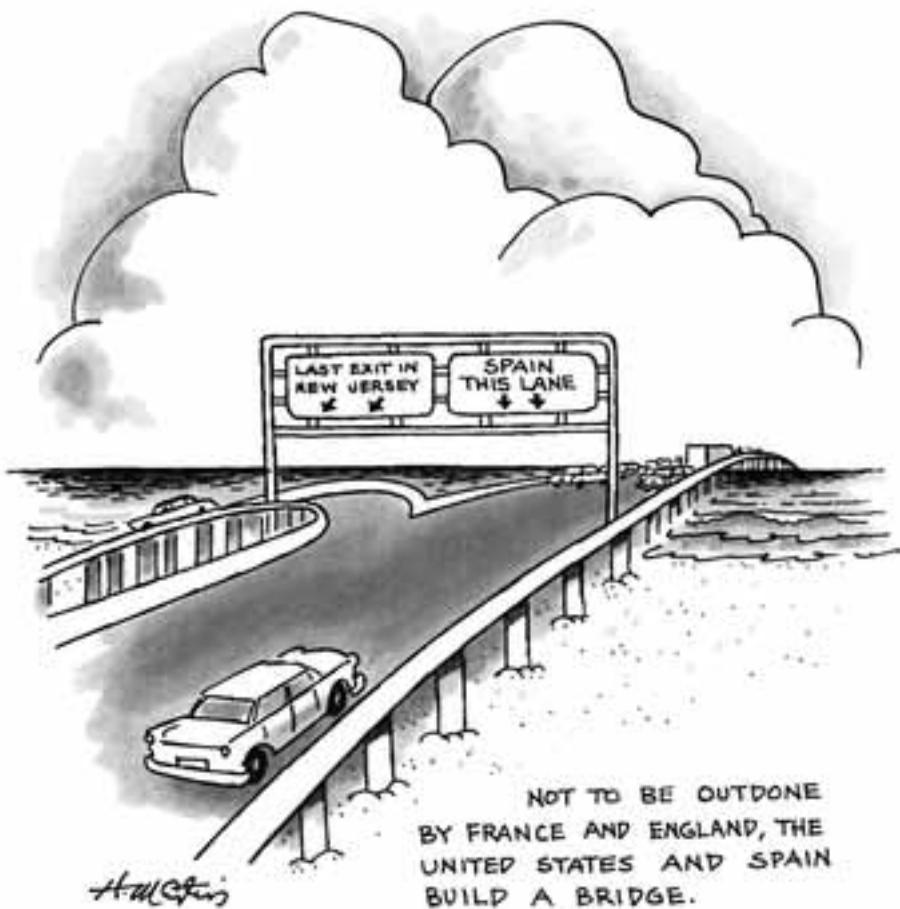




*"And I'll be right back with the conclusion to tonight's
story after a few words from Daddy."*



MOUTH-OFF AT THE O.K. CORRAL





"Harold, are my knees bumpy?"



*"It was a nice Christmas—I gave him a dog whistle,
he gave me a police whistle."*

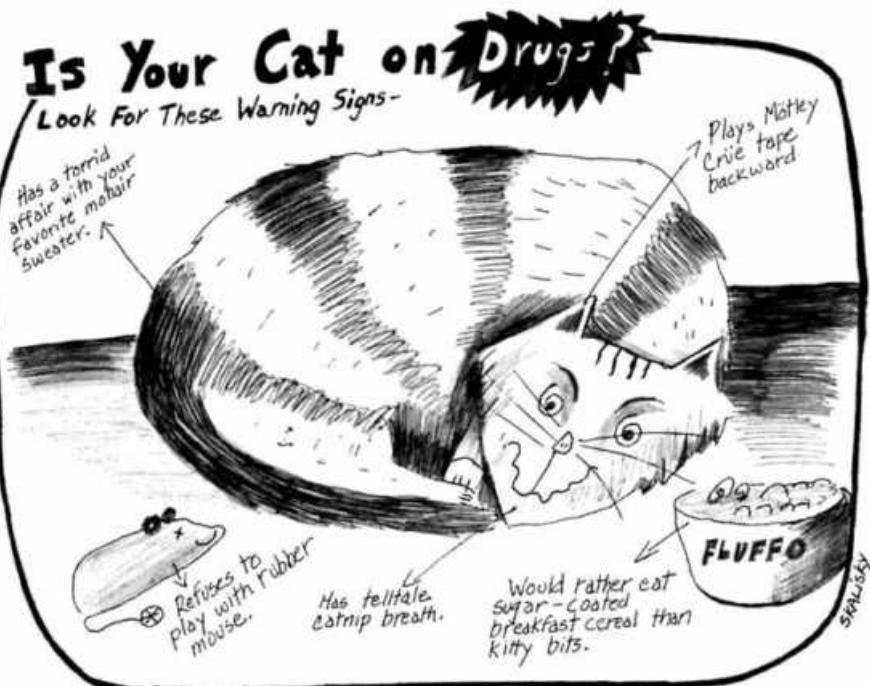


"I have dusk free."

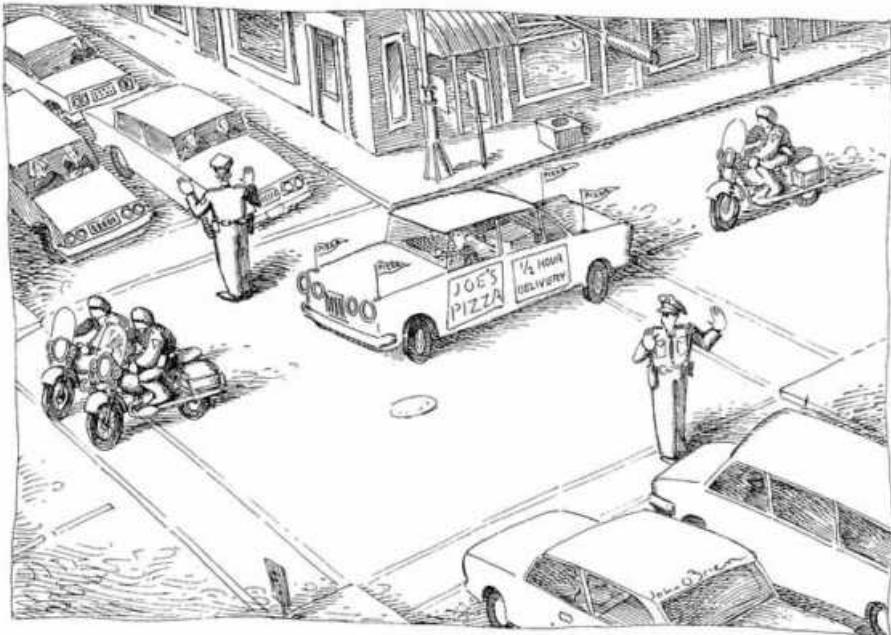




"Golly, bongos and espresso! You folks haven't changed a bit."





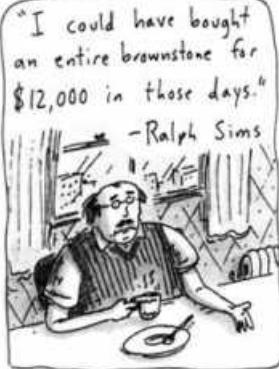






"At least on paper, you're pretty impressive."

Bartlett's Expanded Quotations



R.C.







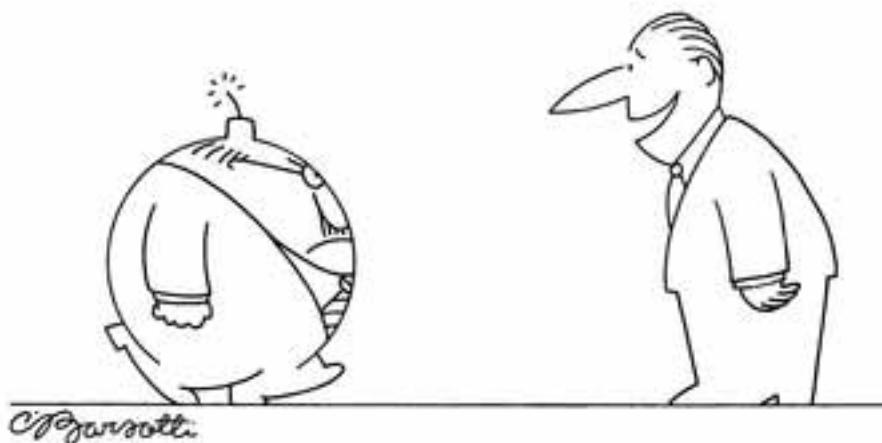
"Made with pride in our basement."



“Basically, we’re aiming at an audience of adventuresome, outdoor-oriented, upwardly mobile young males.”



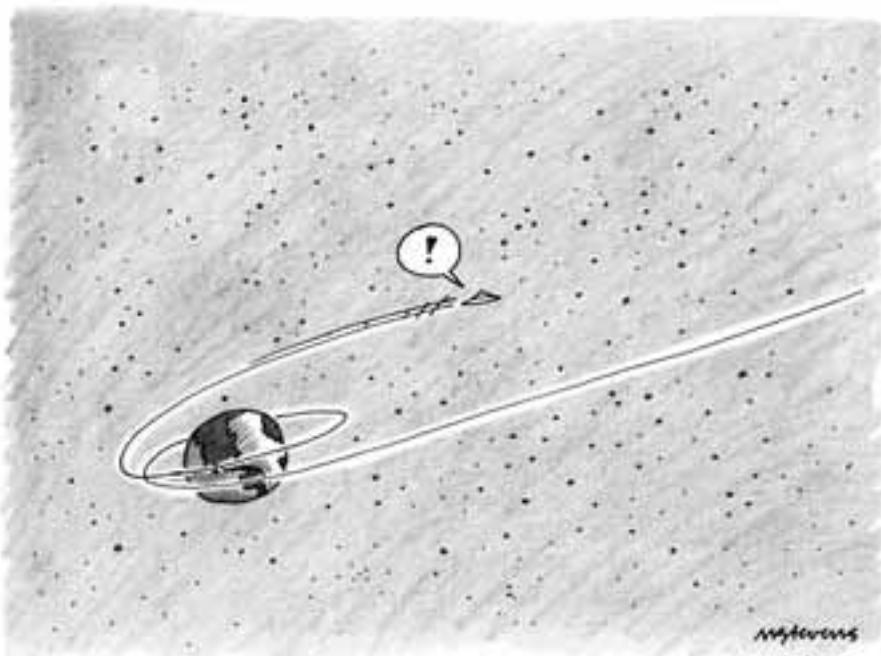
"Shadow, nothing. I saw Elvis."



"Ah, J.T.—just the man I was looking for."



"Don't worry. Fantasies about devouring the doctor are perfectly normal."



INTELLIGENT BEINGS FROM OUTER SPACE

ALTERNATIVE DICKENS



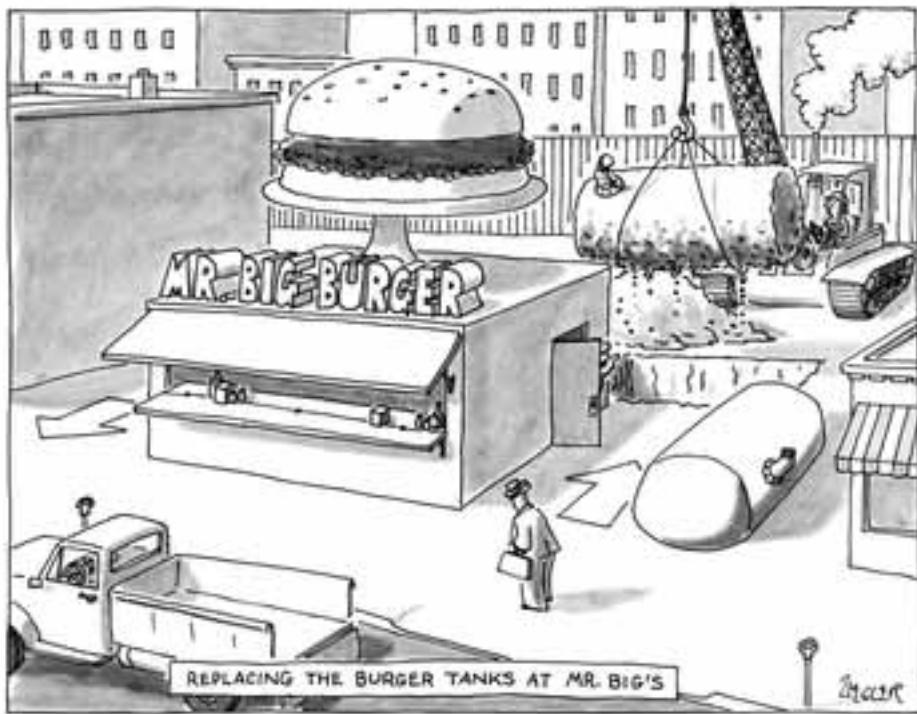
DR. MANETTE SINKS IN HIS DAUGHTER'S
ARMS AS SHE TELLS HIM THE SAD NEWS



"I'm sorry it hasn't worked out, Dennis. I'll really miss you—but I'll miss your cowlick even more."



"Are we at anchor?"





"Then it's agreed, gentlemen—we'll make a major motion picture."



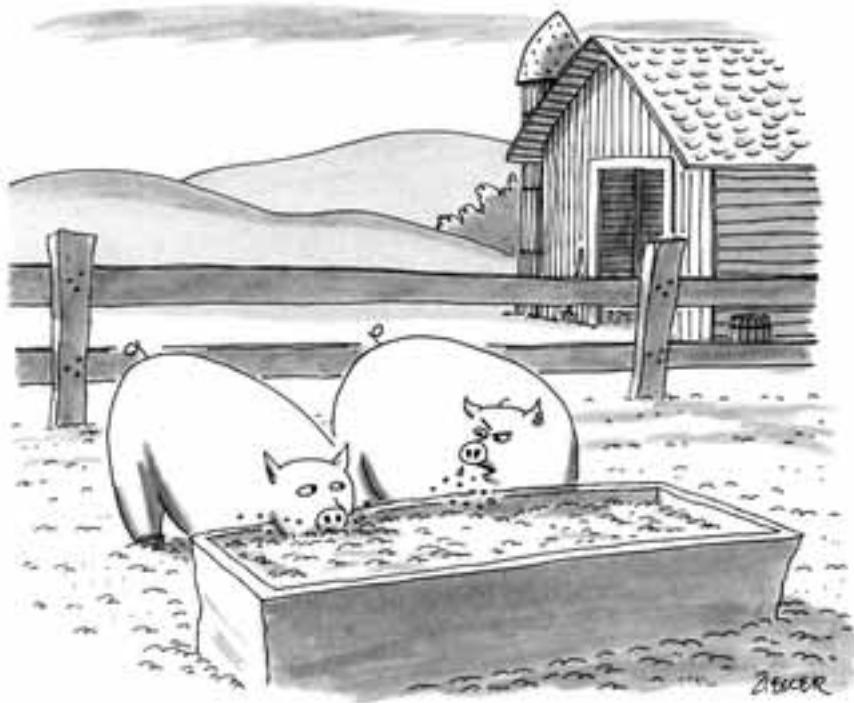
*"Dear, I'd like you to meet the Donaldsons
and their model marriage."*



*"And should you retain us, Mr. Hodal, you'll find that
we're more than just a law firm."*







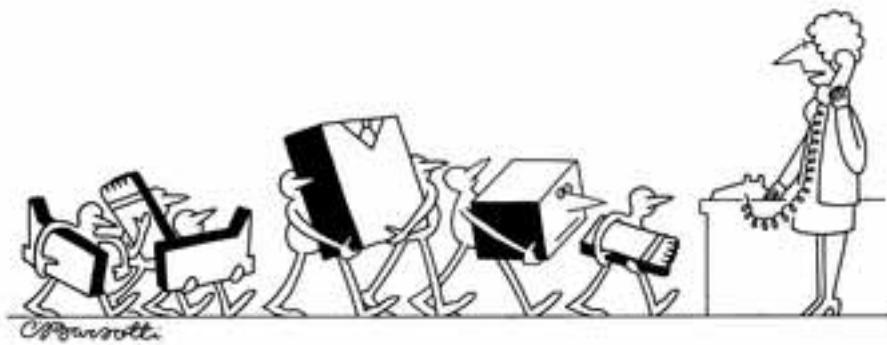
"The way I see it, we lived like pigs in the eighties and, with any luck, we'll continue to live like pigs throughout the nineties."



"We've been trying on religion to see if it fits, and it does."



"That tree doesn't belong in this room."



"Hang on, he's coming now."

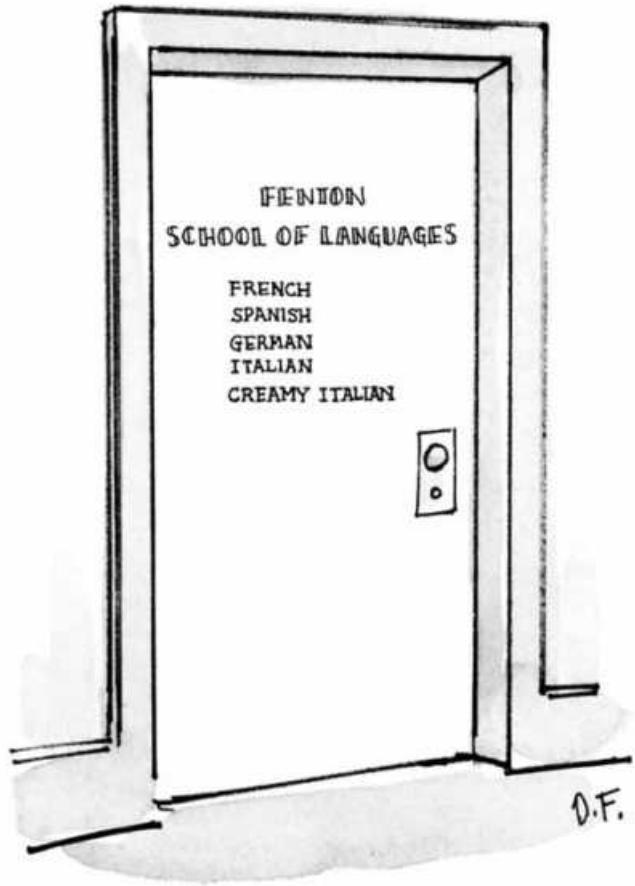




"Still prickly, but smart. Styling gel makes the difference."



*"I see here that the universe is now thought to be
full of inexplicably dense clumps."*

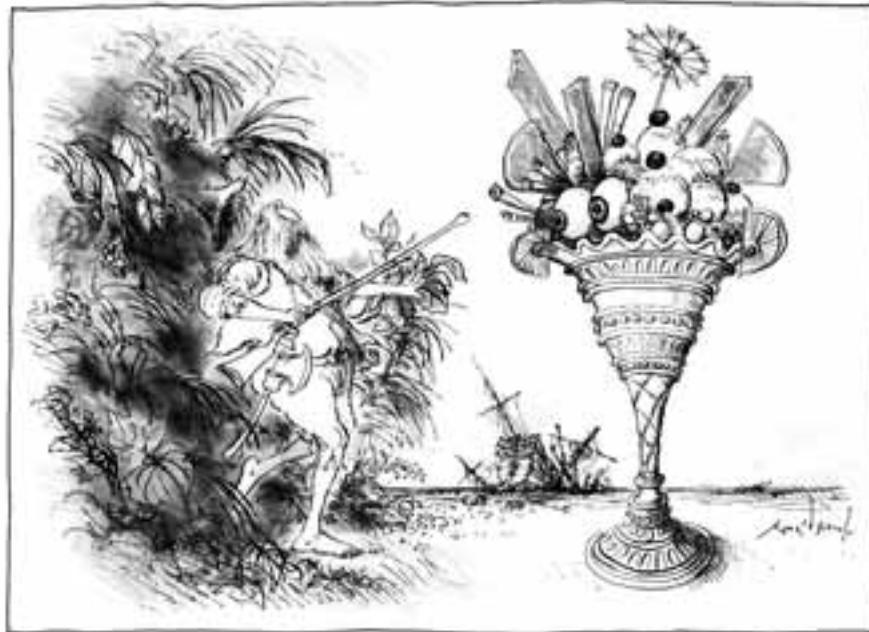




*Lucia is further maddened by the early departure
of a subscriber in a sports jacket.*



"Remember, Garvey, cash is queen."



CROSSED PATHS

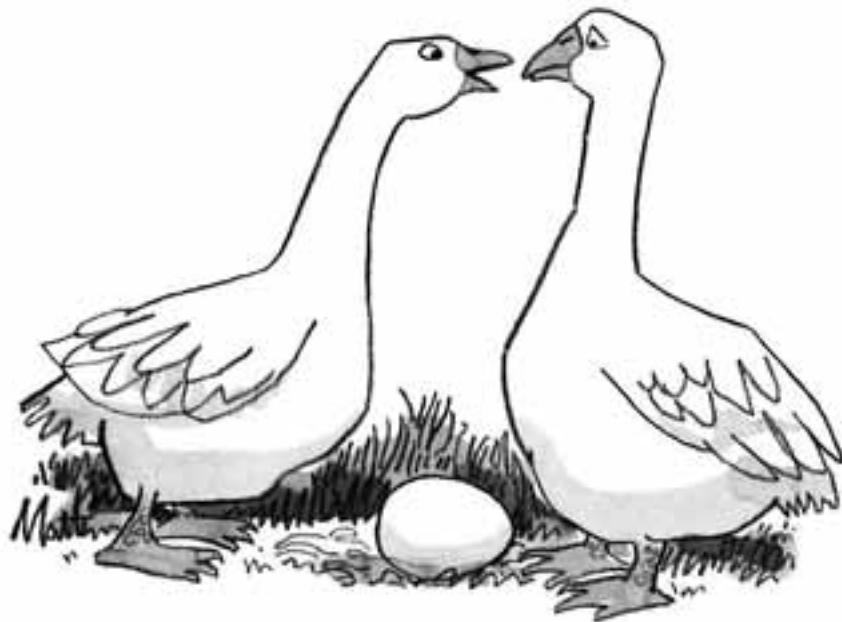
Robinson Crusoe Meets Man Sundae



"Others have tried to say something in macramé and failed."



HEINRICH COULD ALWAYS BE
RELIED UPON TO SERVE COFFEE
IN HIS OWN INIMITABLE STYLE.

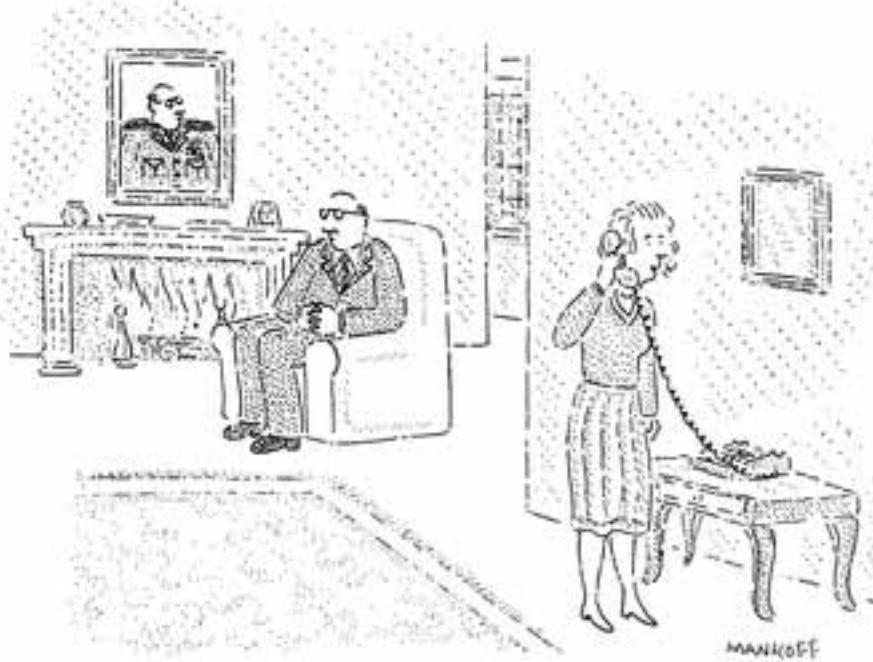


"There, there—a silver egg is no small achievement."





"This is Floyd, the new wrinkle I'm ironing out."



*"Oh, he's pretty depressed—he's the only retired general
the networks haven't called."*

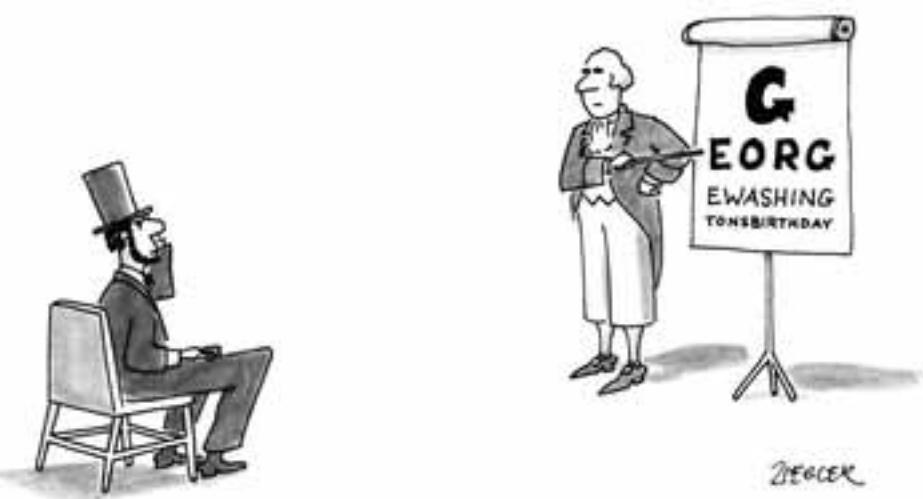


"Once upon a time, they lived happily ever after."







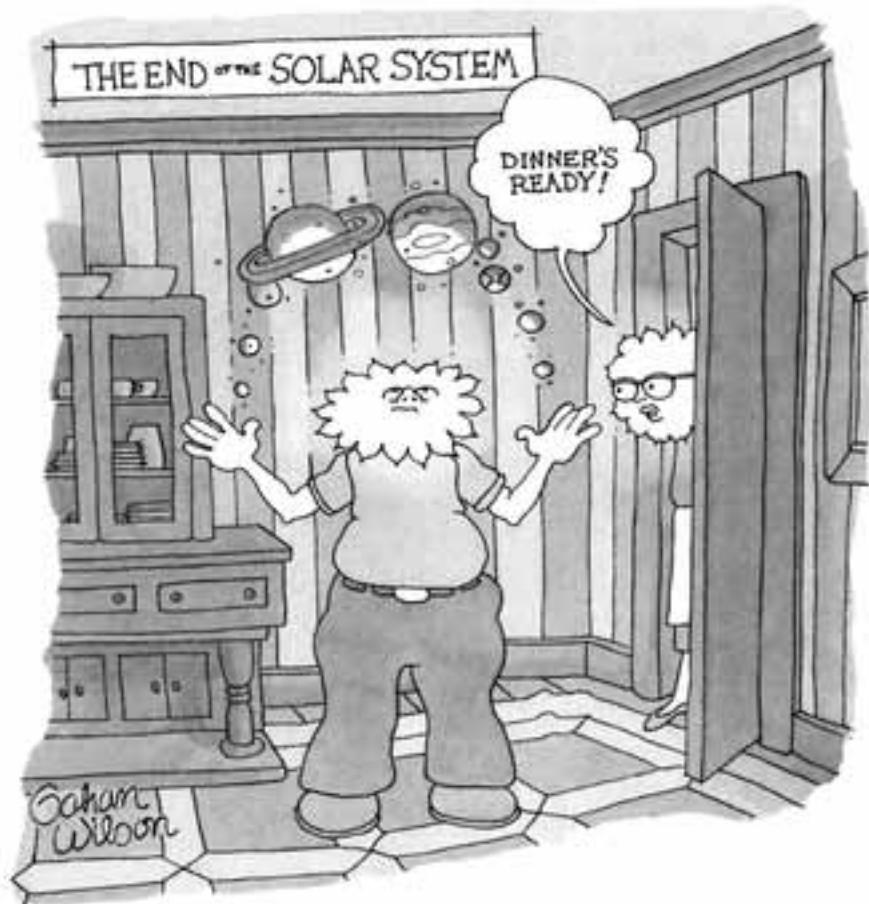




"I hear you may do a baby."



"Mr. Webster and I are, once again, in complete agreement."







*"Mr. Driscoll can't come to the phone right now. This is
Mr. Driscoll's Ficus benjamina."*

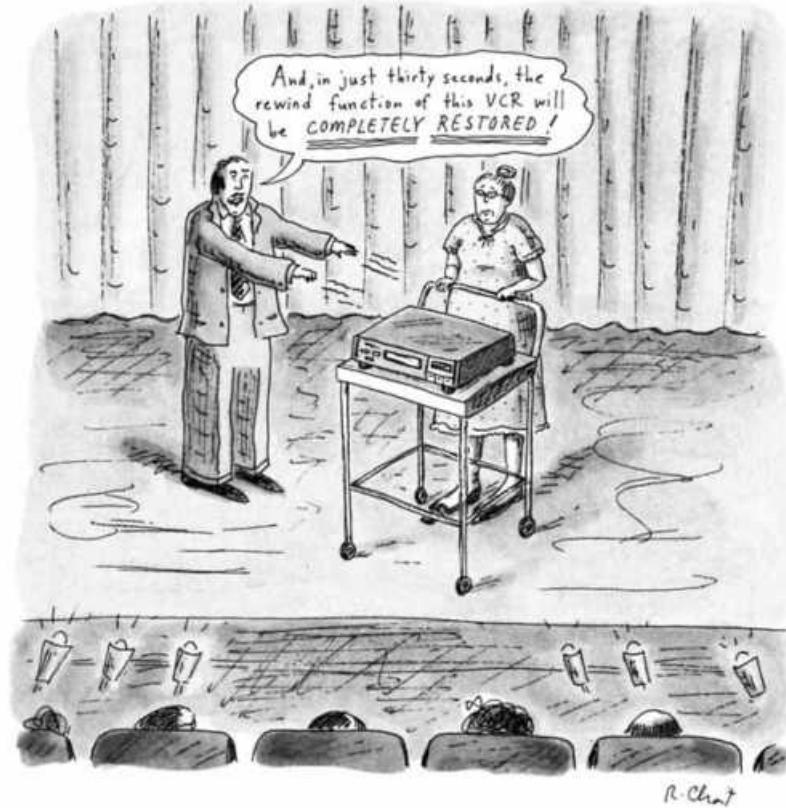


*"Timothy, if you never watch TV you'll never know
what's going on in the world."*



"Did you know 'fajitas' is Spanish for 'tiny girdles'?"

ELLIS K., APPLIANCE FAITH HEALER





*"You drive yourself too hard. You really must learn
to take time to stop and smell the profits."*

NIGHT OF THE LIVING WILL





"It's T. J. Wesington at Philbro, Tuskins & Dodd on Line Two. He wants to know if you'll be his valentine."



"From now on, Ted, I will speak only when adequately represented by counsel."



"Gee, Mr. Wilson, you have more money than anyone I've ever met."



"Give me liberty or give me a drink!"



CLEARED BY THE U.S. MILITARY



"Now, Winston, I have a very busy afternoon ahead of me, so please scurry back to your own desk and let's not have any trouble."



"I just said that for comic effect."



"War or peace?"



"You know who's dropped out of the news? Santa Claus."



"Dr. Millmoss!"

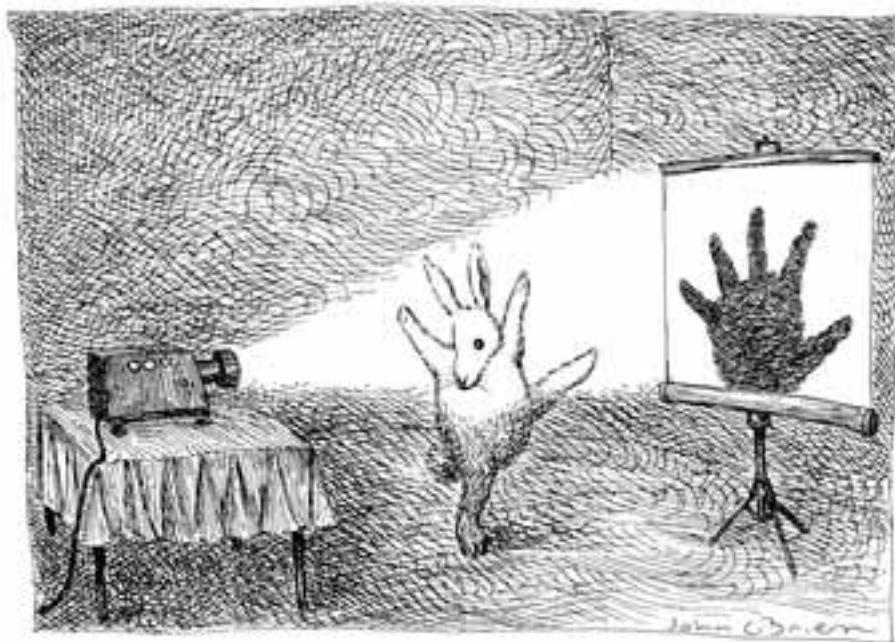




*"Is it starve a fever and feed a cat? Or feed
a fever and starve a cat?"*



"Something sleek and recessionproof, Edward."





"I think Jules is reminding Nat that each and every one of us produces four pounds of garbage each day, every day."



"Here's ten dollars off the books, Mrs. Gregory. It's our way of reestablishing customer confidence."



IT LOOKED LIKE BEING ANOTHER
TERRIBLY LONG EVENING.



*"Larry and Phil aren't sure what they want to do,
but Michael is interested in show business."*



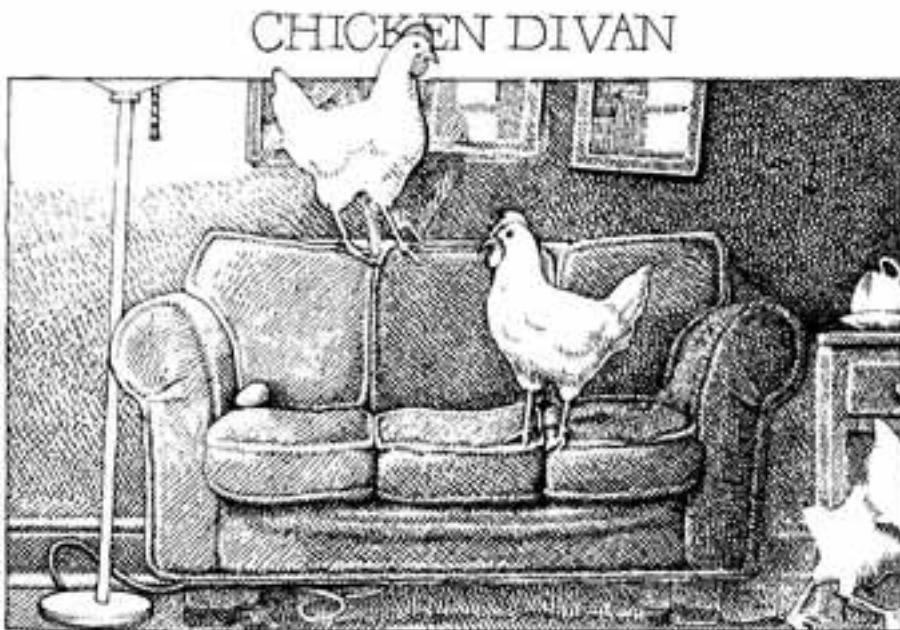
"He read for two straight hours without any training."

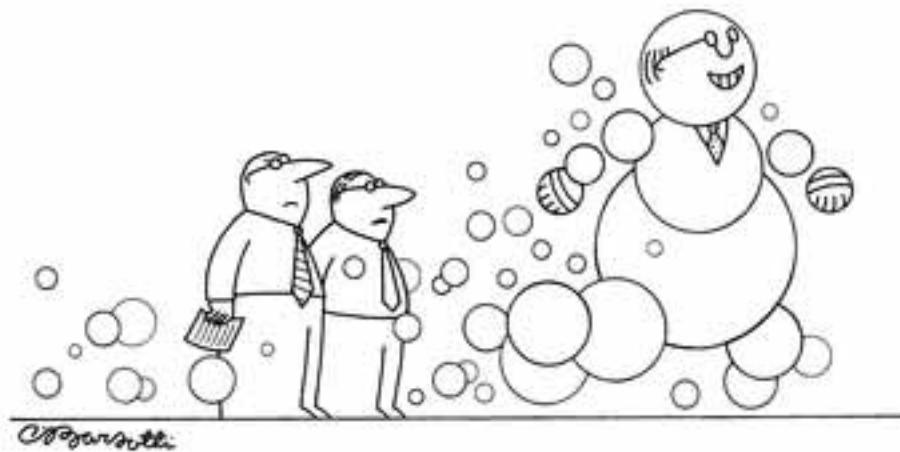


*"The sun goes up, the sun goes down. That's
as deep as I get."*

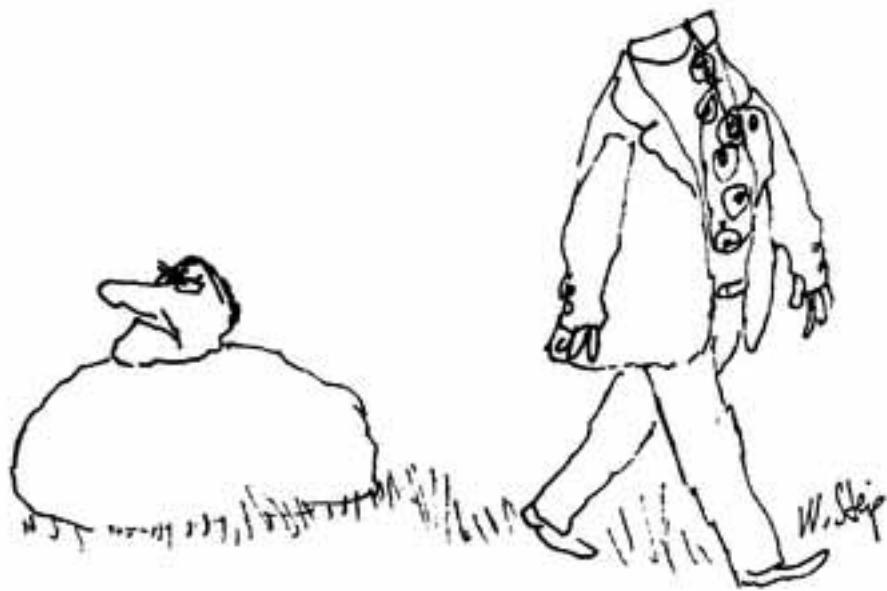


MEMPHIS WAS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT
THE VICKER FAMILY EXPECTED.





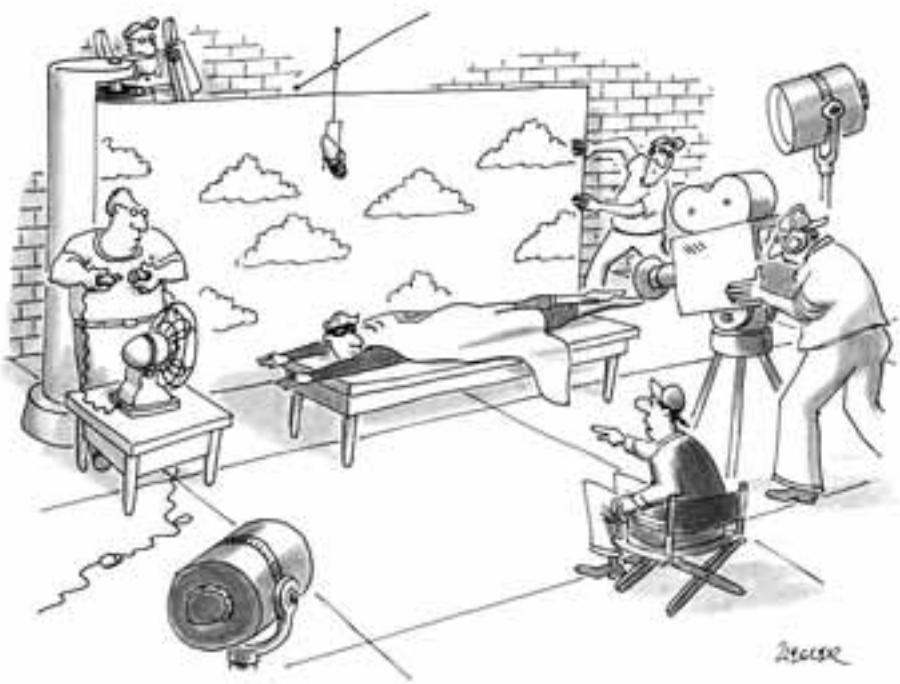
"Still, he's a vice-president and you're not."



Parting of the Ways



*“Could you give me a moment to collect my thoughts? It’s been
some time since I spoke over the phone to an actual person.”*



Action! And this time believe!!"



"How long have you had the drive-through?"



"Wasps are coming back, Dilston. Get us some."



"Ladies and gentlemen, is there a bankruptcy attorney on board?"



TED WALDERMAN: THE PING-PONG YEARS



"I'm sorry, Rhett, but now I don't give a damn."





"Perhaps you'd feel more comfortable talking on a non-skid surface."



"Surprise!"





"Careful—you're interviewing again."



*"Well, if you hadn't misfiled it in the first place it
wouldn't have been lost."*



"We have to go now. Robert's façade is beginning to crumble."





"Hi, I'm Ron. I'll be your waiter this evening. Previously, I was Billy Bigelow in the Center Moriches production of 'Carousel,' Biff in the Yardley Playhouse's 'Death of a Salesman,' Nathan Detroit in Oakland's 'Guys and Dolls,' Laertes in . . ."



The Self Has Its Memories



"He's not in, but this fresh snowfall will make him easy to track."



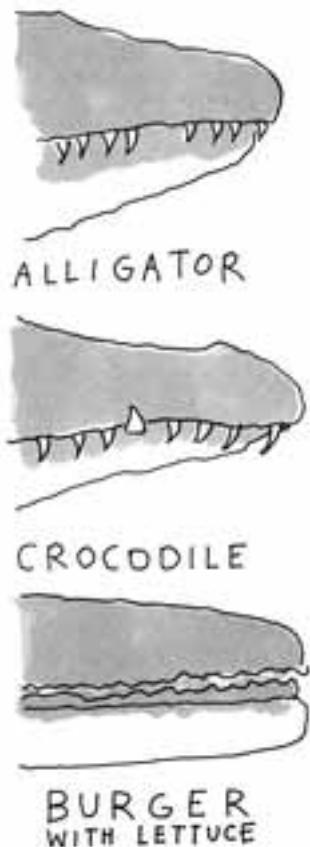
"I know this is going to sound completely crazy and off the wall—but do you, by any chance, know how to iron?"



OLD MACDONALD CHECKS HIS VOICE MAIL.



"Where did verve get us?"



CRAWFORD



"For all his brilliance, we're going to have to replace Trewell. He never quite seems able to reduce his ideas to football analogies."



"Big date tonight, Dad. Can I borrow the cardigan?"



"Mr. Bush, this is Vytautas Landsbergis, in Vilnius. Guess what."



"Counsellor, please advise your client that, issues of personal safety aside, gravity is the law."



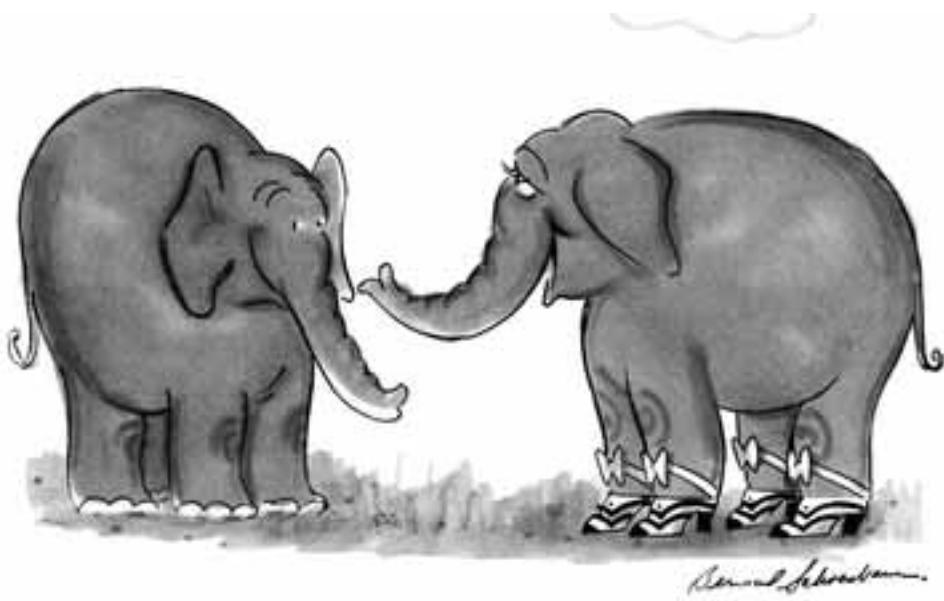
"It's kittens."



"He sounds like a papaya I bought that just went straight from green to rotten."



"Good, but not immortal."



"I couldn't resist—the second pair was free."



*"Would you consider donating your car to us, Mr. Framdon,
so that other cars like it might live?"*



"Let me try that!"



"I signed up for 'Dressage Without the Horse.' "



"Lately, I've been reading Jane Austen—just to clear my palate."



"After all, what is 'yo'? Only 'oy' backward."





CROSSED PATHS

The Frog Prince Meets Brillat-Savarin



"Wait! I have a vision! I see epaulets. Yes, I see epaulets everywhere. And women are not pleased."



"Stop, stop right there. That's it, that's the Anderson contract."



"Does this mean I'm out of the loop?"





*"I have a great weakness for men who make
me laugh. So go ahead!"*





"O.K., Jimbo, let's dance with wolves."

1991
ALTERNATIVE DICKENS



STILL WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO TURN UP,
MR. MICAWBER IS IGNORED BY A WOMAN
WHO IS TRYING TO LOOK LIKE CHER.



"We can pause, Stu—we can even try fast-forwarding—but we can never rewind."



*The author was most informative
about his latest novel.*



ENTERTAINING THE TROOPS ON WALL STREET

P. Steiner



"Don is an intellectual and a regular guy."



"Naturally, we like to think that all our preschool candidates have anchor potential."



"O.K., where's the famine?"





"It was a good script, but it didn't take me to a new place."





*"Can you give me a minute? There are a few key people
I want to take along with me."*



CHILDREN OF CELEBRITY CANINES

BRITTANY:

Daughter of Lassie. Hopes to become an actress/model. Not completely without talent, but close.

**LANCE:**

Benji's offspring. At the moment, wants to be a rock-and-roll drummer. A borderline sociopathic ne'er-do-well.

**ROVER:**

Son of Andalusian Dog. Happy and well adjusted. Nothing at all like his dad.



R. Chast



"We're perennials."

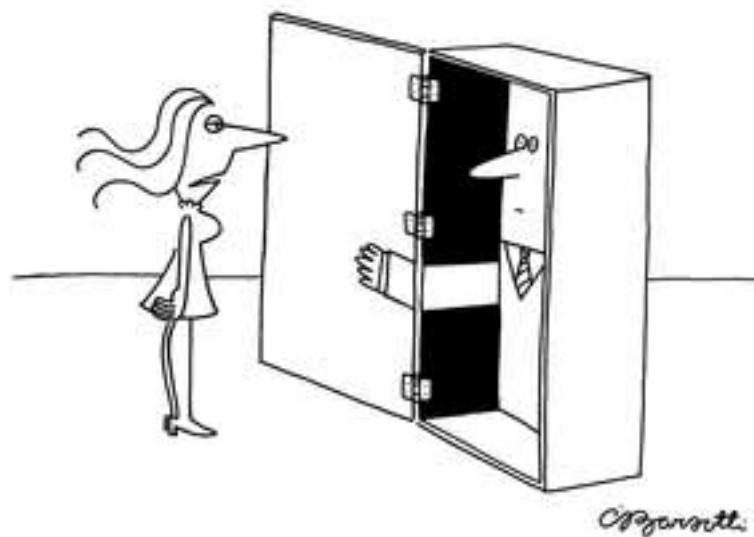


*“Lately, I’ve been thinking about becoming
really good at something.”*





"If that's Bo-Peep, tell her we're not here."



"I'm sorry, Wilson, but I liked you better before your therapy."



*"Let me reassure you. California has plenty
of water, albeit offshore."*



"I'd be the first to say 'Repeal the harsh old rule of tooth and claw' if somebody could show me that it wasn't working."



"Tag sale next door!"



"Who can afford not to moisturize?"



"I've changed in many ways, Adele—switching from leather to crêpe soles is just one of them."





"That's Teddy Ackerman—sevensomething."



*"Darling, you remember all that mission oak
on Central Park West."*



*"Under our holistic approach, Mr. Wyndot, we not
only treat your symptoms, we also treat your dog."*



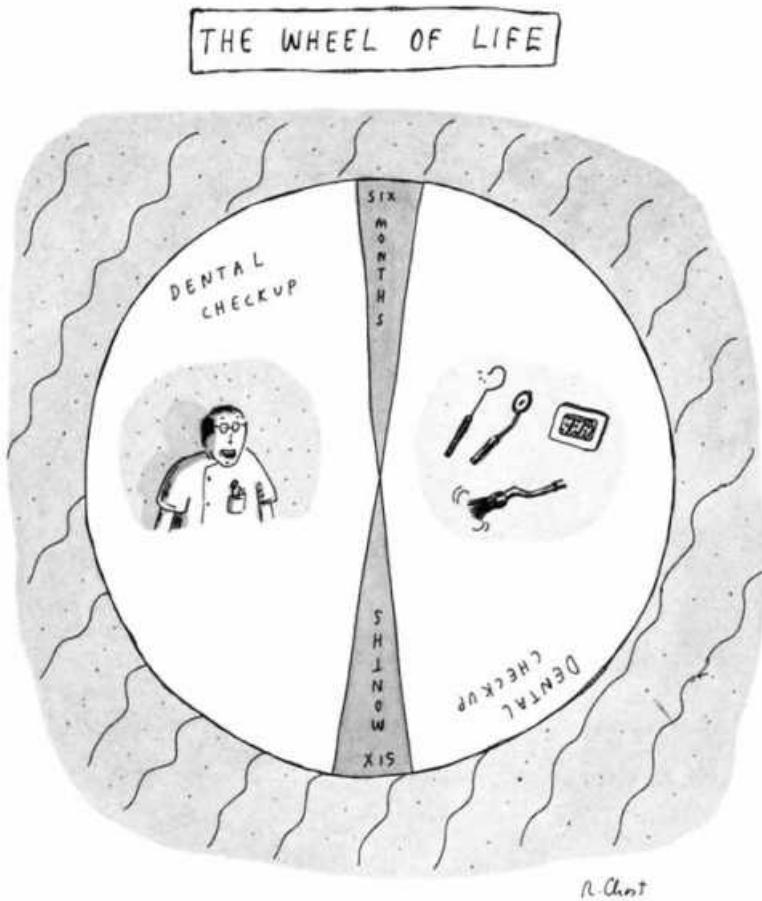
"Wow! What packaging!"



"Laugh if you will, but my kind once ruled the earth."



"She's a manizer."





"Hey! Forget your troubles. Come on, get happy!"



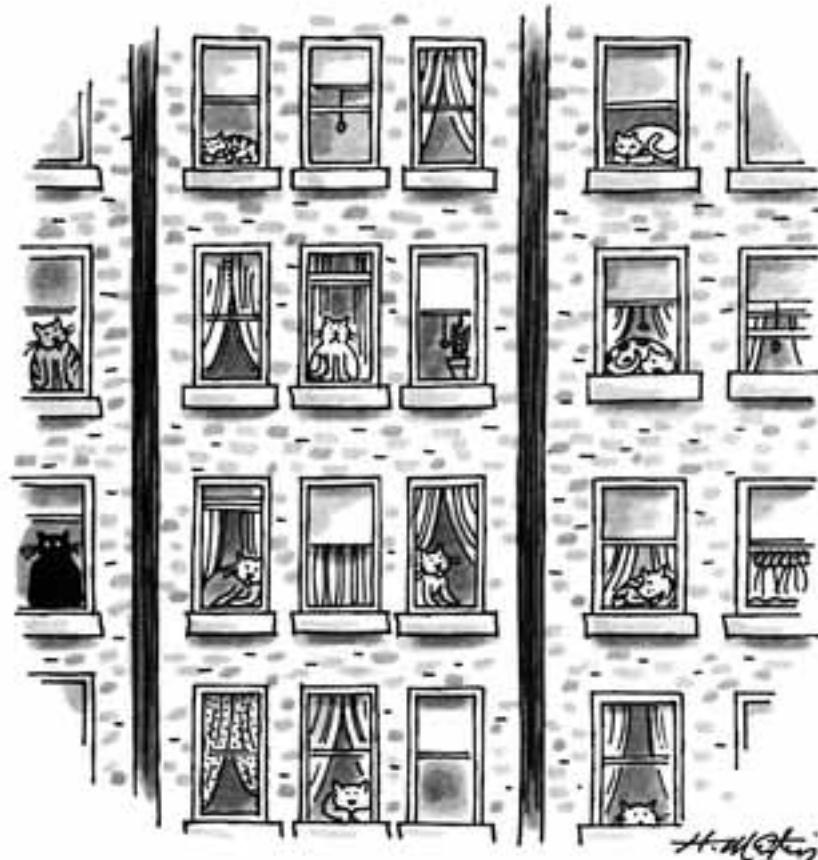


"Cactus leaves, chayote squash, or tomatillos?"



"Am I still your main squeeze?"

WHO'S REALLY RUNNING THE CITY





"My wife says I need professional help. You're a pro, aren't you, Ed?"





THE FIRST ROBIN OF SPRING: SCHEDULED
TO DEPART ORLANDO AT 1 P.M. AND
ARRIVE AT LAGUARDIA BY 4 P.M.



"God bless you, sir."



"I was against the war, but my objections fell on deaf ears."

POET'S CORNER (1 OF 4)



With the aid of an abacus, Elizabeth Barrett Browning counts the ways.

POET'S CORNER (2 OF 4)



T.S. Eliot lacks the courage to eat a peach.

POET'S CORNER (3 OF 4)



*Keats's heart aches, and a drowsy
numbness pains his sense.*

POET'S CORNER (4 OF 4)



*Walt Whitman sounds his barbaric
yawp over the roofs of the world.*



*"Make it one for my baby and one more for the road.
And while you're at it I'll have one, too."*



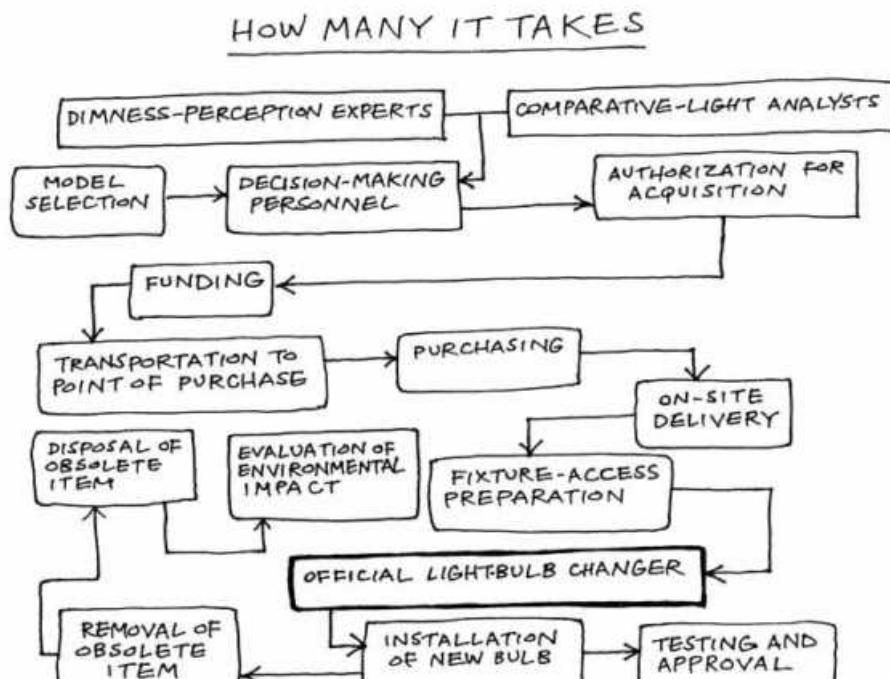
"With us, Michelle is the canvas, and I'm the frame."



*"Our specials tonight are baked meat loaf
and macaroni and cheese."*



"One of the old Greyhounds that used to inhabit these parts."



STEVENSON





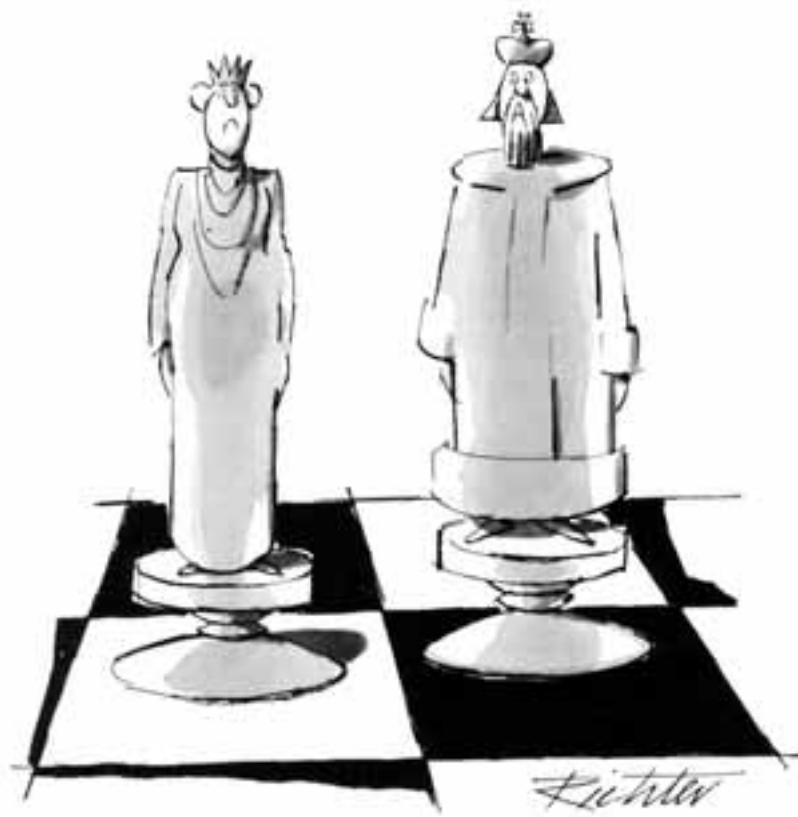


AFTER A FIERCE STRUGGLE, ROBIN
AGREED TO RELINQUISH POSSESSION
OF THE REMOTE CONTROL.

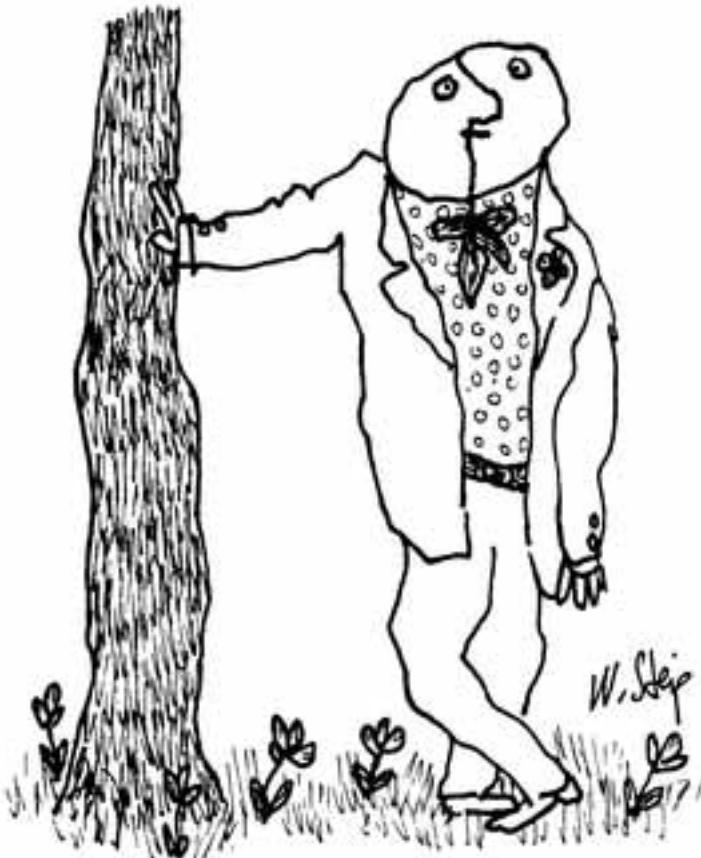


"This year I thought I'd go with a cowl neck, for a change."

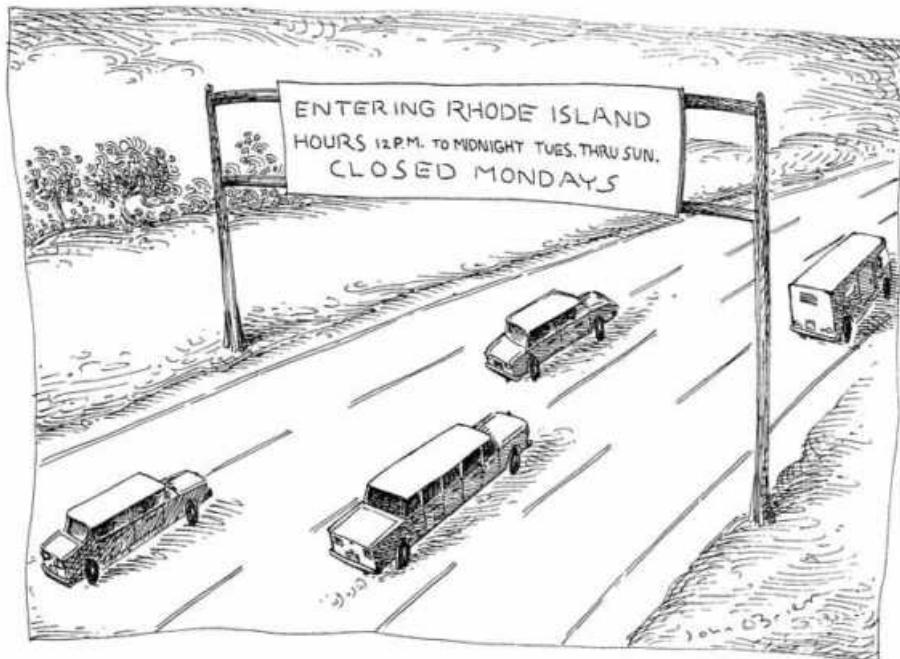




“Damn it, Gwendolyn, you knew when you married me I only moved one square at a time.”



Self-Discovery





*"I've got finger painting at ten. Meet you
at McDonald's noonish."*







"I'll bet you think I'm a terrible opportunist."



"I regard this as grounds for optimism."



*"It's time now for me to say good night. You've been
a wonderful audience, and thanks for coming. Till
we meet again, so long for a while, that's all the songs
for a while. Good night, good night, everybody!"*



CROSSED PATHS
Toulouse-Lautrec Meets Don Quixote





"Haven't I seen you on 'Adam Smith's Money World'?"



"Dorothy, I'm bored."

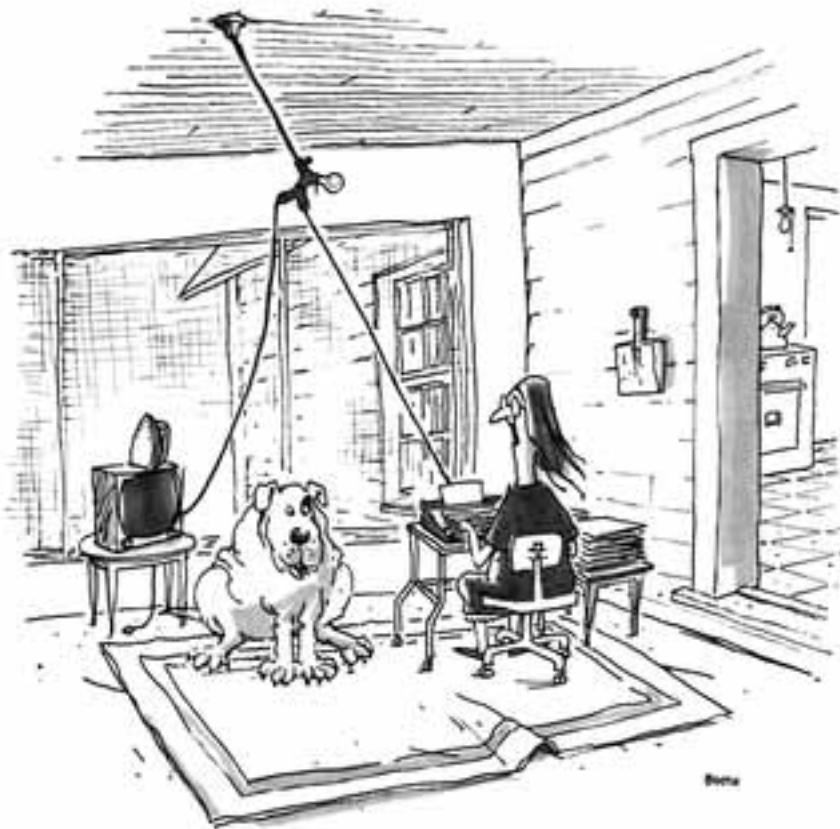


"The whole nine yards?"





"I run a little kingdom just south of here about twenty miles. And you—what do you do?"

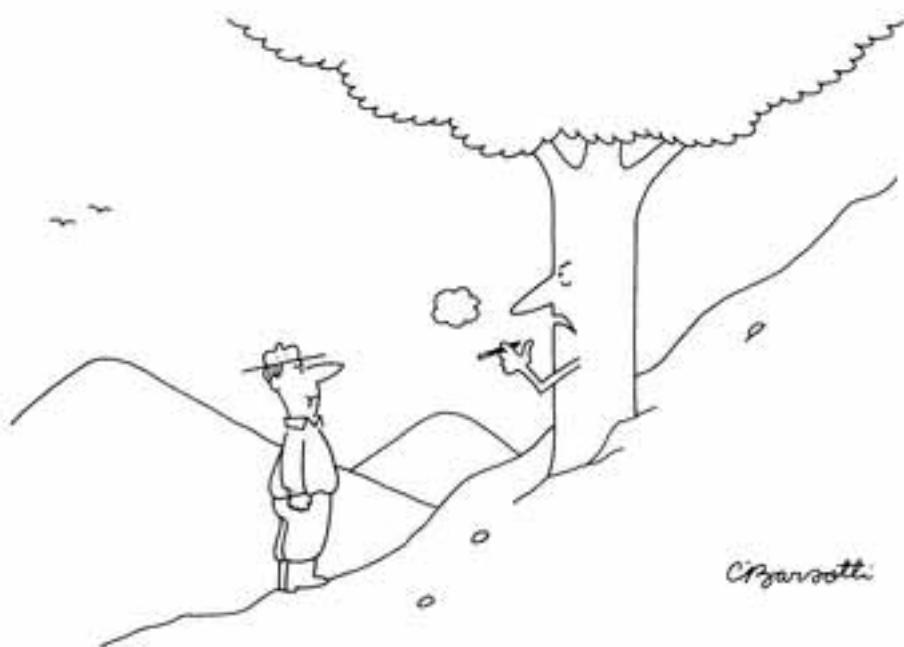


*"Remorse sits in my stomach like a piece of
stale bread. How does that sound?"*



"If at first you don't succeed, have a beer."





*"Hey, pal, what I do above the tree line is
my business and nobody else's."*



*"But everything seems so neat and orderly we'd never
guess that your lives are falling apart."*



*"I want to forewarn you—tonight's topic seems to be phallocentrism,
and Jessica is in a take-no-prisoners mood."*

The Big Questions



"Where are we going?"
"Where do we come from?"



"Why?"



"When do we eat?"



"Where are the men?"



"But is it Art?"



"Are we there yet?"

Huguette Martel





Interior Monologue



"And if she doesn't file?"



LA FORZA DEL CAPPUCCINO



*"You know, Ben, it's really cute how secure you
are in your sexuality."*



"Who's my best friend?"





"It's a vice-president thing, Berger. You wouldn't understand."



*But There Is Great Joy in Mudville as Casey Signs
for Sixteen Million over Three Years*



*“Sure, we all watch television—but how many
of us really see television?”*







*"My latest book is for three-to-five-year-olds, but I like
to think there's something in it for everyone."*



"I want to interrupt, class, to read you a report Jennifer has faxed us from Nashville about her visit to the Music Valley Wax Museum of the Stars."



"I really think Diana is going to be my watershed wife."





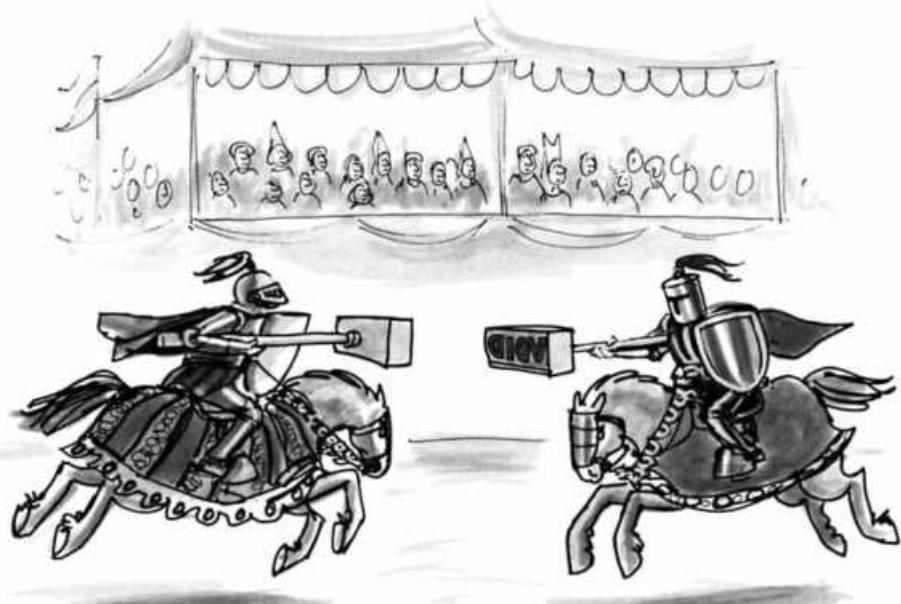
"You'll notice that I was born in 1968—a very prestigious year."



"Gee, I'd love to, but my espadrilles are in storage."

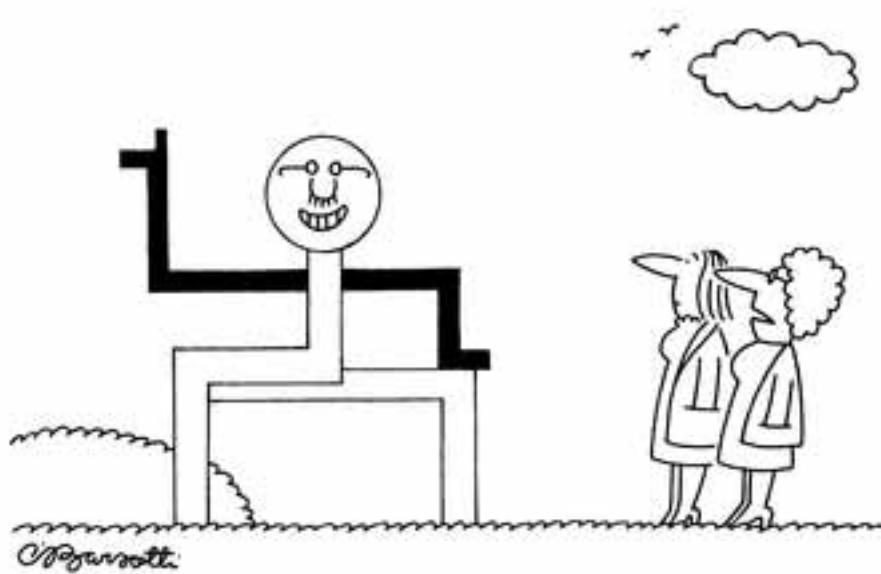


"The boss is pregnant, but she's still dangerous."





Phil at Fifty: Still Trying to Find Himself

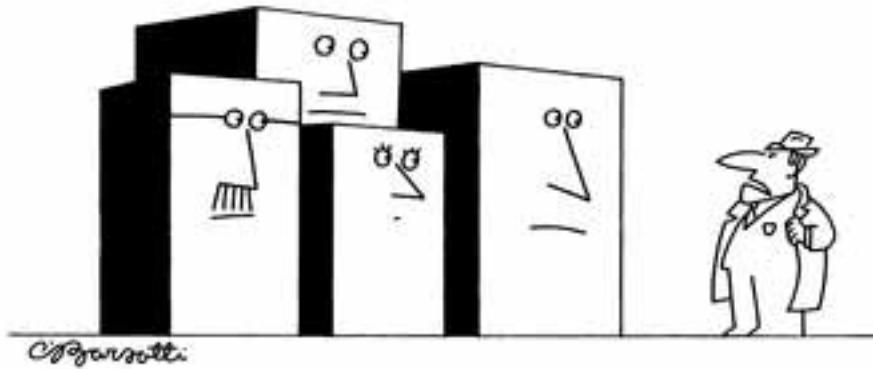


"He had it commissioned just before he died."





"Two Nancys to go—make that three."



"Nobody leave this room."





"I'm having an out-of-money experience."



"Kevin's sort of a negative person, while I tend to be positive, so we have an electrical connection."



"Love you!"



“Could I get a single perfect olive branch?”



*“Sure, kid. You start by working for the ecosystem,
but pretty soon you figure out how to get the
ecosystem working for you!”*



"Where did you get all those deep currents? College?"



"Yes, Ted, on this team we take off our jackets, but we don't loosen our ties."



At the Smiths', Sunday brunch was an occasion.



"It's a swell offer, Brad, and you're a great guy, but I've just got out of a bad limited partnership, and I'm not ready for that kind of commitment yet."





"He looks like a Björn."



THE BOYS ALWAYS FOUND SUNSET ON
THE PRAIRIE A PARTICULARLY
MOVING EXPERIENCE.



"Isn't that Paul Cézanne?"

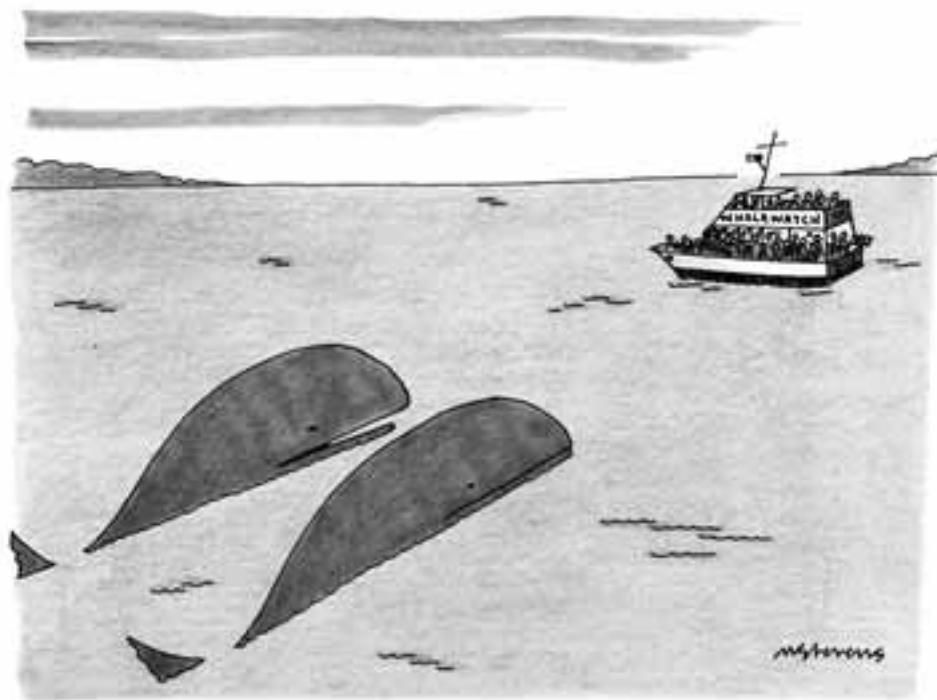




Absolutely not!







"Fascinating, aren't they?"





"Stand aside, Gruenwald! It's the computer I'm blowing away!"



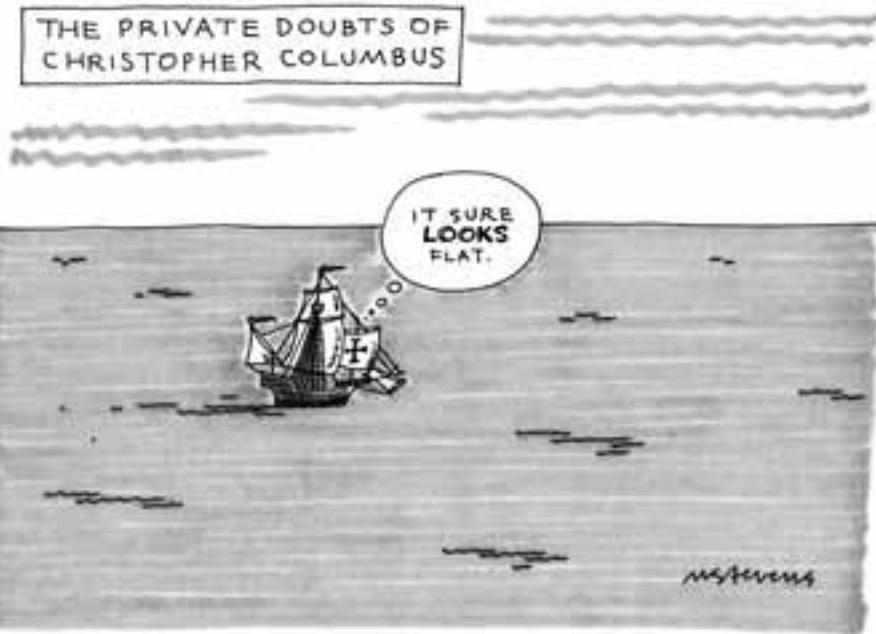


"It gives me great pleasure to welcome Jenji, the first sprite to serve on the board of the National Forestry Association."





"I'm just a passport photo of my former self."

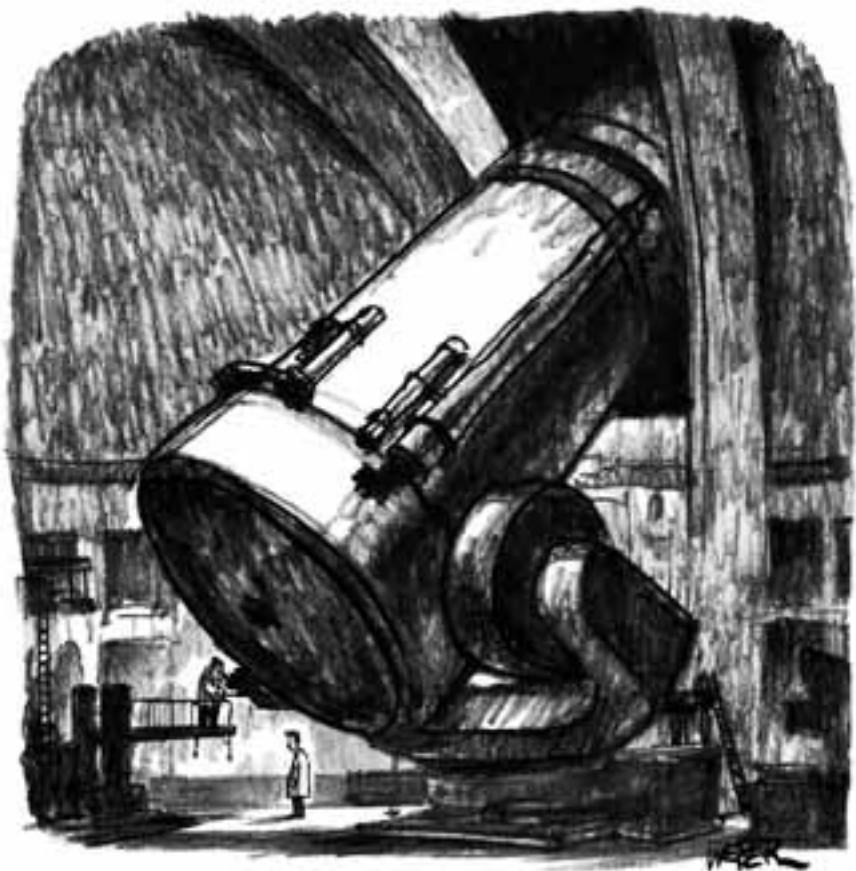






"We've found the problem. You folks don't own a car."

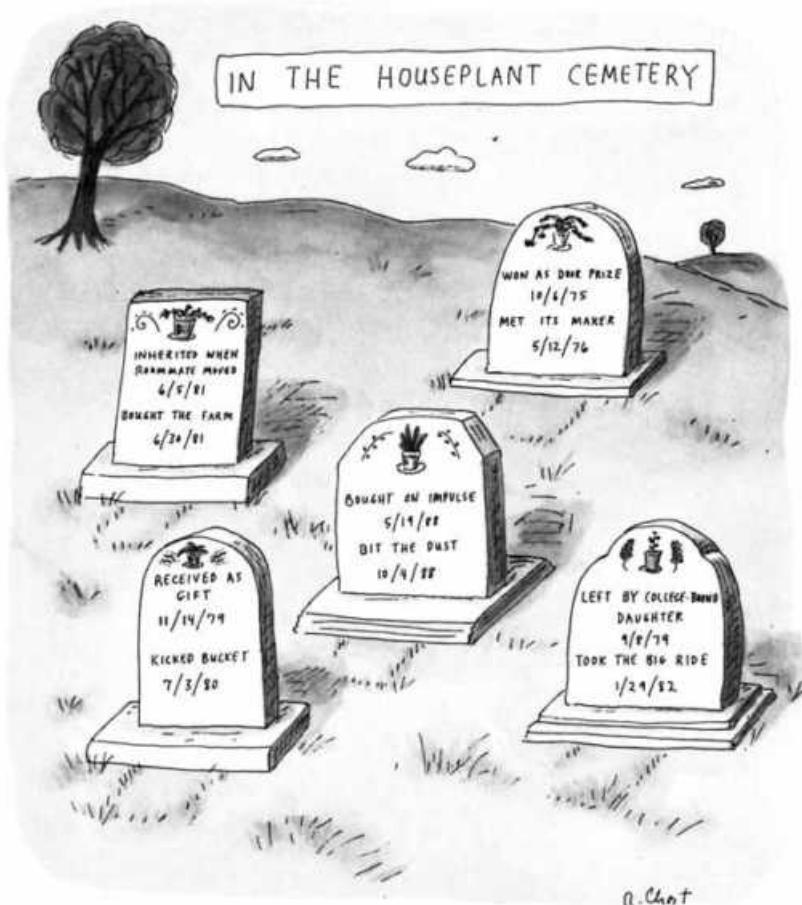


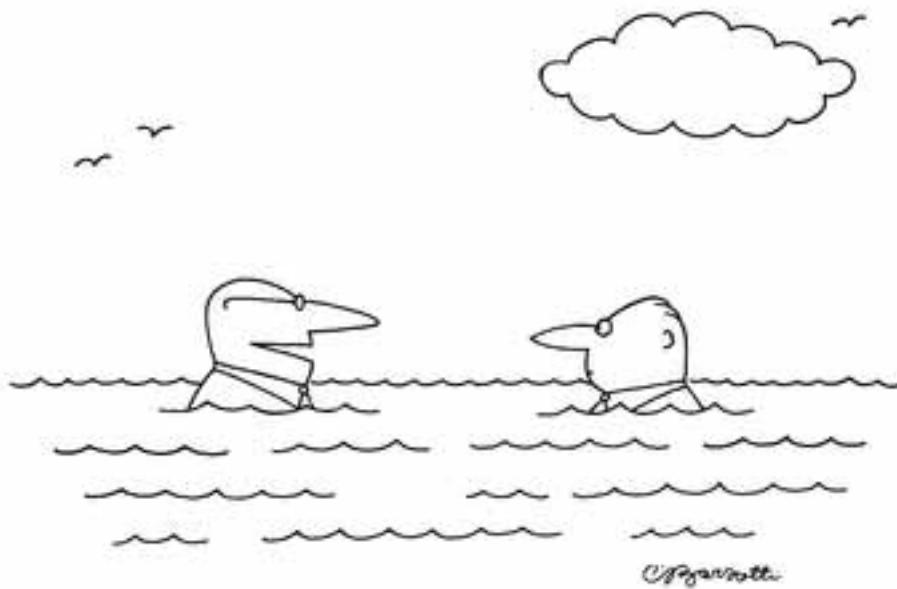


"See anything?"



"Dr. Gachet, call your office."





*"There's no need for alarm—the staff will be reduced,
but only by attrition."*



MARKETS AND MARKETABILITY

by Jane Austen



"I've been framed!"





*"First, you will meet Mr. Hot. Next, you will meet
Mr. Cool. Then you will meet Mr. Right."*

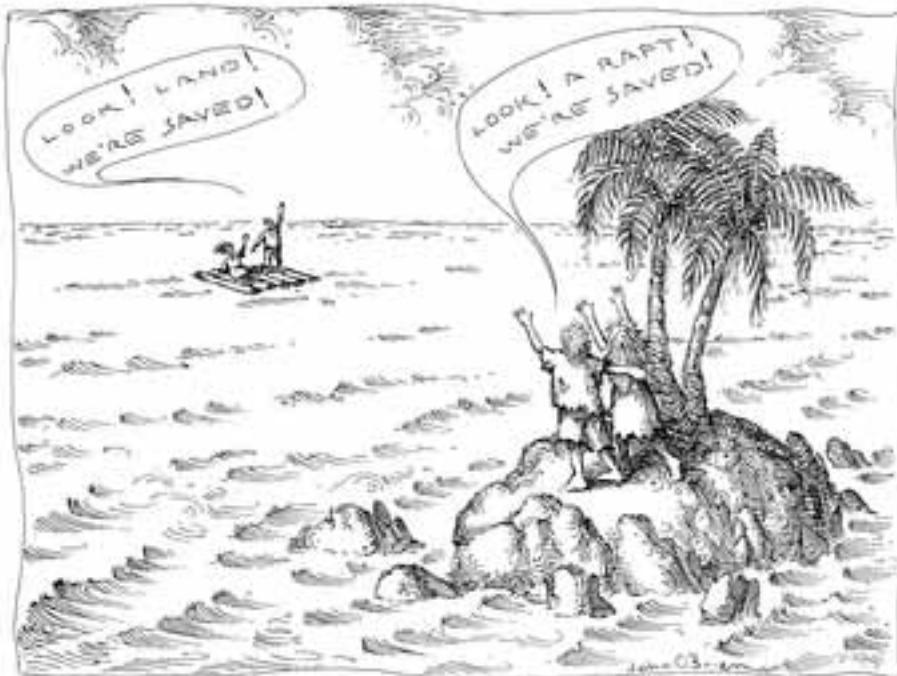


"Of course you're going to be depressed if you keep comparing yourself with successful people."





*"That was extremely empowering, Terry—I believe
I'll have another."*







"And this one is for being wounded by the media."



"Please! I am neither teen-age, mutant, nor Ninja."



"This is sort of my little homage to the American farm woman."



*"It's Amnesty International. They want to see
the people we're holding."*



"O.K., who else has experienced the best-friend relationship as inadequate?"



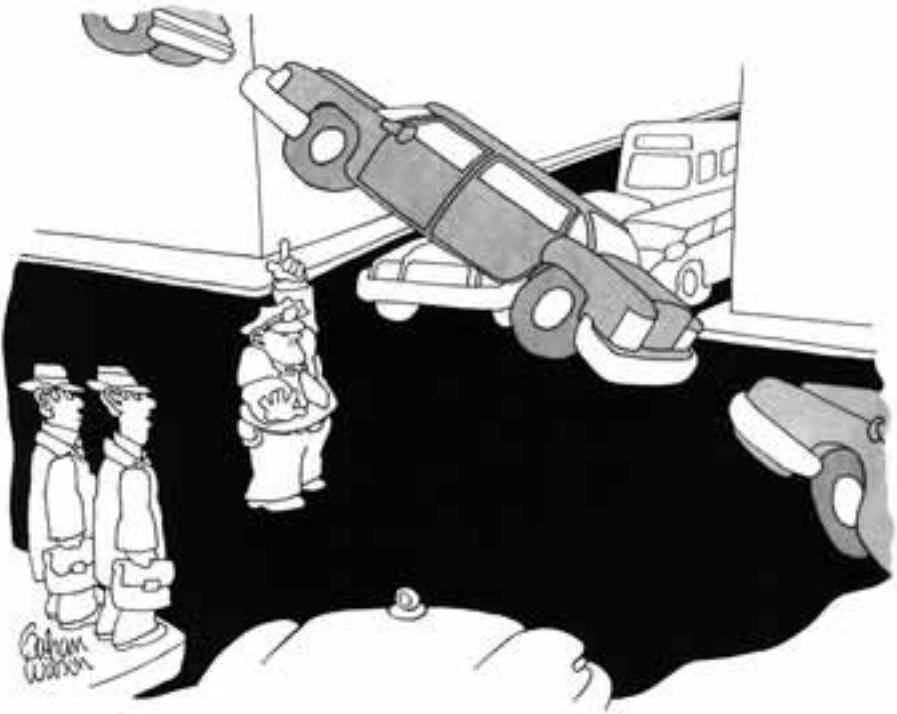
"I'm the kind of woman nobody calls pumpkin."



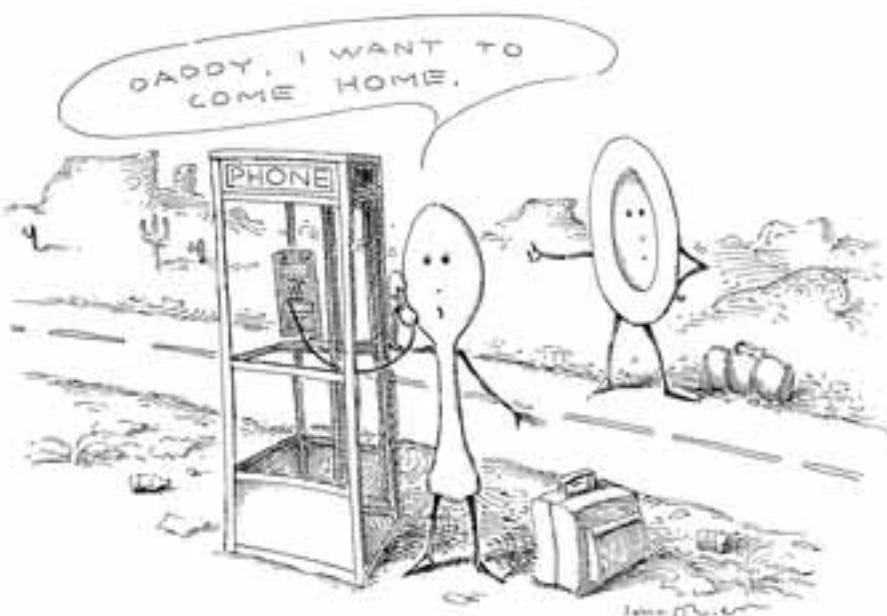
*"Mr. Reynolds can't go out to play until he wraps up
the Walderson contract."*







"Innovative stuff!"





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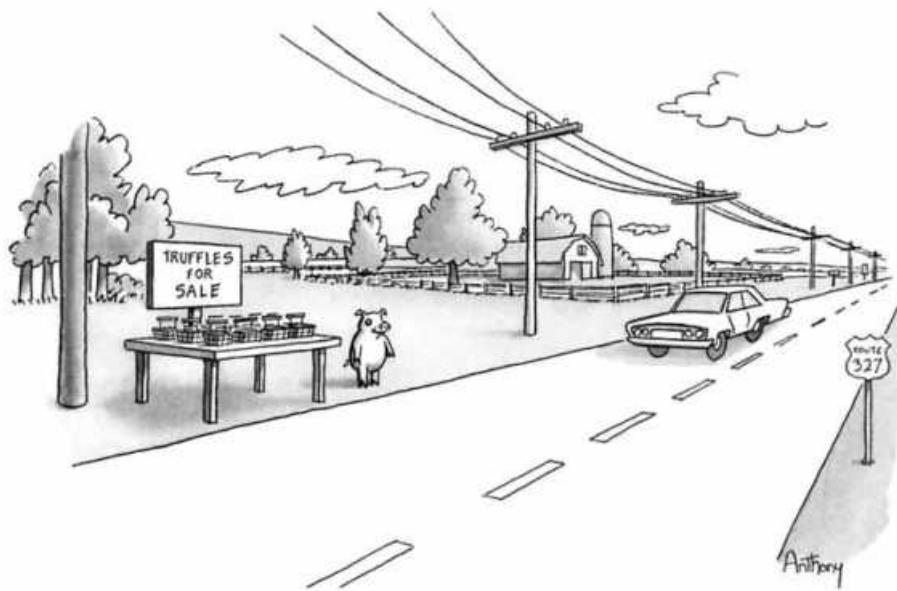
Edgar Allan Poe and Hemingway



"Of course you're a producer!"



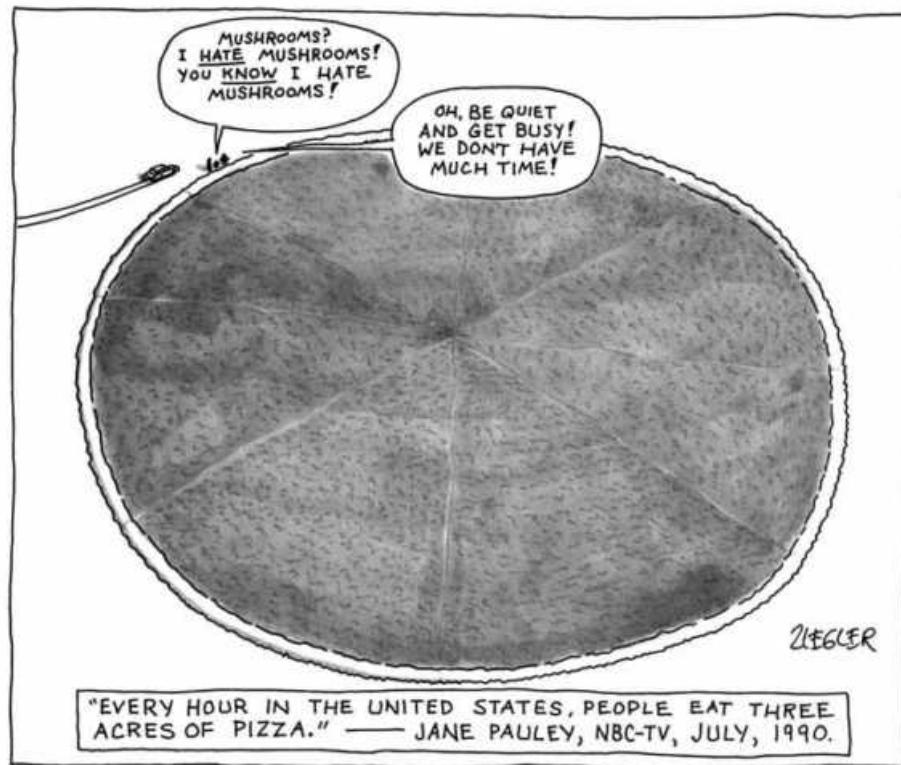
*"We make substitutions within reason, Madame.
We can give you courgettes instead of the aubergine,
but we cannot provide Jean-Louis Trintignant in
place of your husband."*

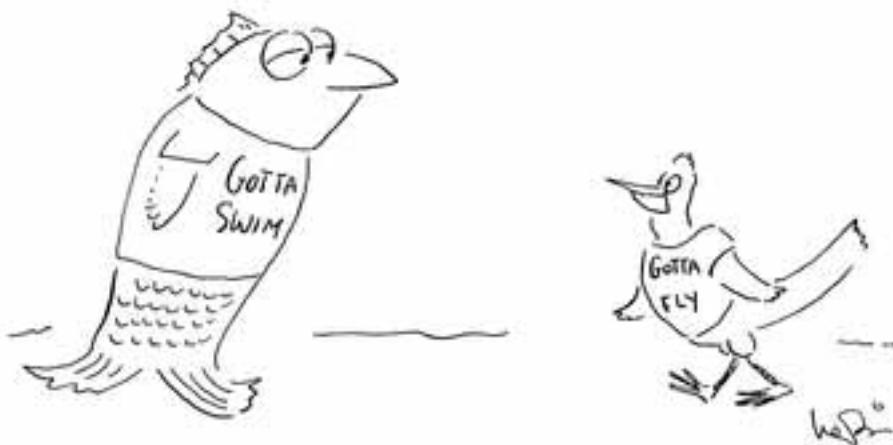


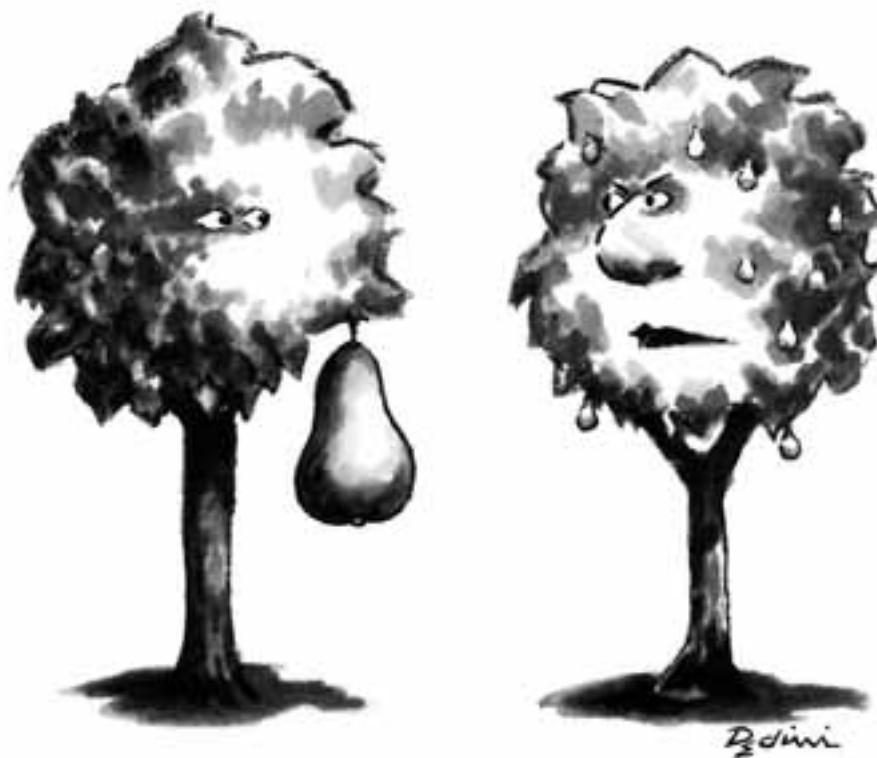


"Mind you, only one doctor out of ten recommends it."









"You're supposed to grow a lot of little ones."



*"There's a changing of the guard, and my weaknesses
are suddenly my strengths!"*



*"Gentlemen, yours is going to be one of this period's
seminal bankruptcies."*



*"Another thing I remember about the 1960 release is
that back then you identified with the slaves."*



Four Simple Things You
Can Do to Save the Planet



Eat your mail.



Don't drag your
feet when you walk.



Do crossword
puzzles in your head.



Teach your pet to
perform photosynthesis.



"Yes, son, in this great country of ours anyone can grow up to make his or her own decision about long-distance phone service."



"I'm off to lunch, Miss Heinecke. Keep her headed into the wind."



"The duck stays!"



"Well, then, how about a no-load mutual fund?"



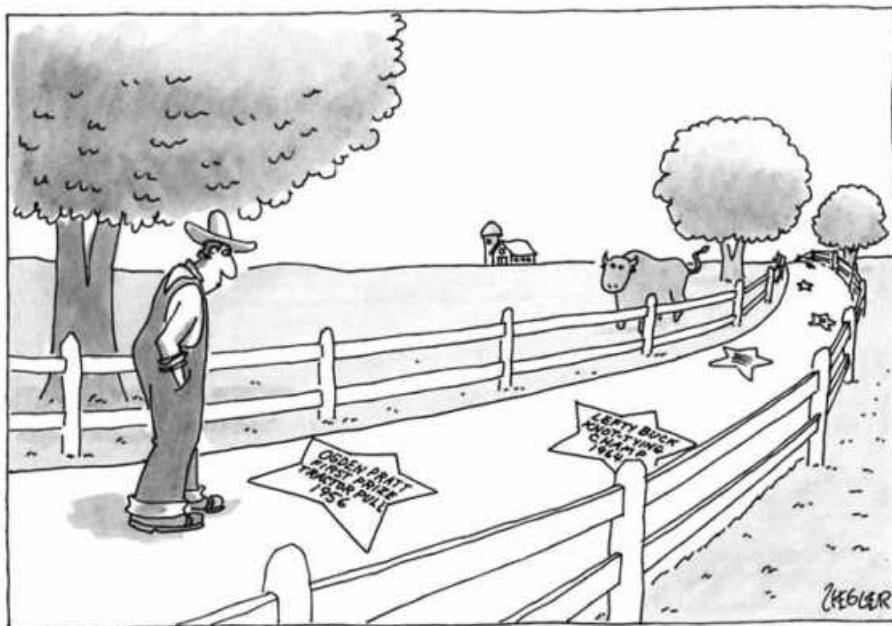
"Let me through! I'm a critic."



"We've decided, Carmichael, to give you back to the community."



"Incredible, but is it billable?"



WALK OF THE STARS : JASPERVILLE, ILLINOIS



"Don't think of it as seaweed—think of it as a sea vegetable."

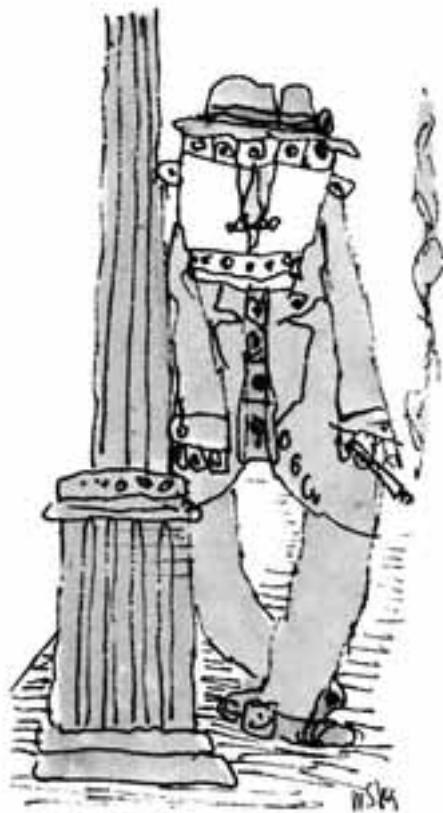


ALICE ENTERING the LOOKING GLASS



ALICE ARRIVING in BRIDGEHAMPTON





Organism and Environment

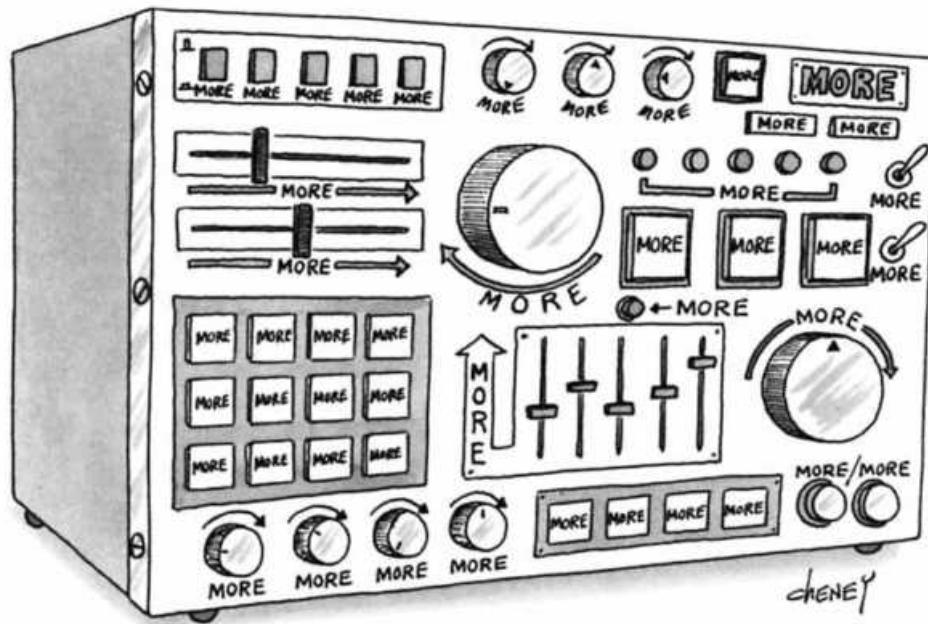


*"Being defeated at Waterloo was bad enough.
But then to lose all his contracts for product
endorsements!"*

SPARKS FLY WHEN
THE LITTLE GRAY SUIT
=MEETS=
THE LITTLE BLACK DRESS.

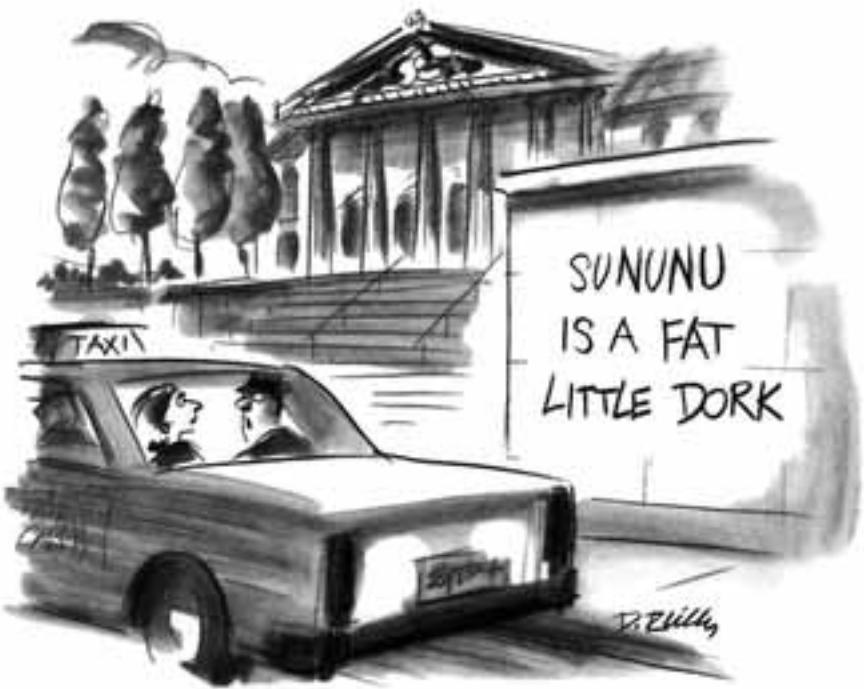


R. Chast





"Let's hope that with the passage of time the human race will become three-dimensional."



"I've had the growing conviction that the level and quality of our political dialogue have been eroding in recent years."



"Soybean futures edged higher today."



"T-shirt weather's coming. How ready are you?"



"If a weakness for anything caramel-coated is a crime, I guess I'm guilty."



"Yours!"

"Yours!"



*I'm so glad to meet someone Japanese.
I loved 'The Tale of Genji'!*



“Suddenly, you’ve gone all kind around the eyes.”



*"The Reverend Mr. Gunderson is here for the
annual blessing of the audit."*





"They don't look too happy. Do your Harpo Marx imitation."



"Nassau was impossible, Barbados was touristy, and you know what Trinidad is like. It wasn't until we reached Brazil..."



"Peggston was never actually fired. He was simply omitted from the renovation plans."

1991
ALTERNATIVE DICKENS



Sydney Carton Refuses To Go To The Guillotine Without His Cat.



"The recession seems to be deepening."



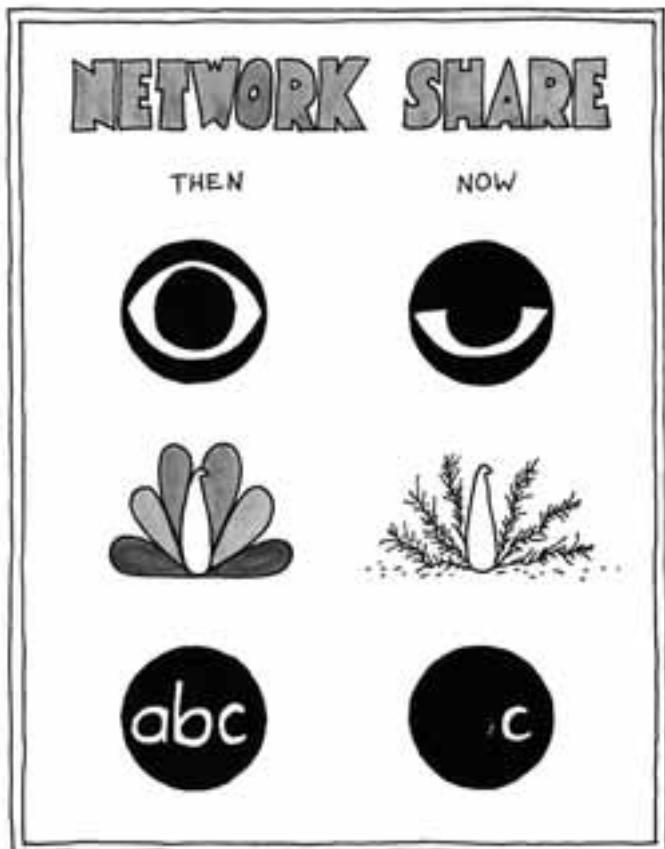
"More wine! Less truth!"







*"Help you look for Elvis? Sorry, I'm a
Louis Armstrong fan myself."*

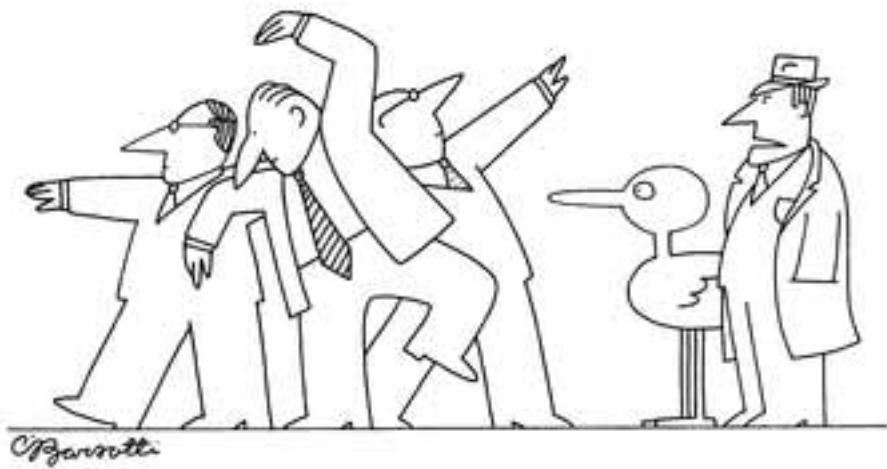


ZIEGLER



*"Howard may have a few miles on him, but I'm not ready
for a trade-in just yet."*





"You were right to call me immediately."



"Read him his rights!"





"Oh, he's the one that went to market."



"I happen to be one of those who do not hold with the view that Dan Quayle is less than mediocre."



*"My scoop-back tank comes in Mango, Morning Glory, and Scallion.
Don's Maori surfers are available in Iris, Mustard, and Prawn."*



"Where did all the money that no one seems to have go?"



Running on Empty



"As you were."



“Damn! I forgot to disconnect my personal alarm system.”



"Great. You've touched all the bases without getting bogged down in constitutionality."



"You know, Mark, your tabouli salad makes us look bad."





"Orbistic medicine? You treat whole planets? I never heard of such a thing."



"Flypaper, Mister?"



"When was the last time you started her up?"



AUNT SOPHIE ARRIVED PROMPTLY
AT EIGHTEEN MINUTES PAST SIX.

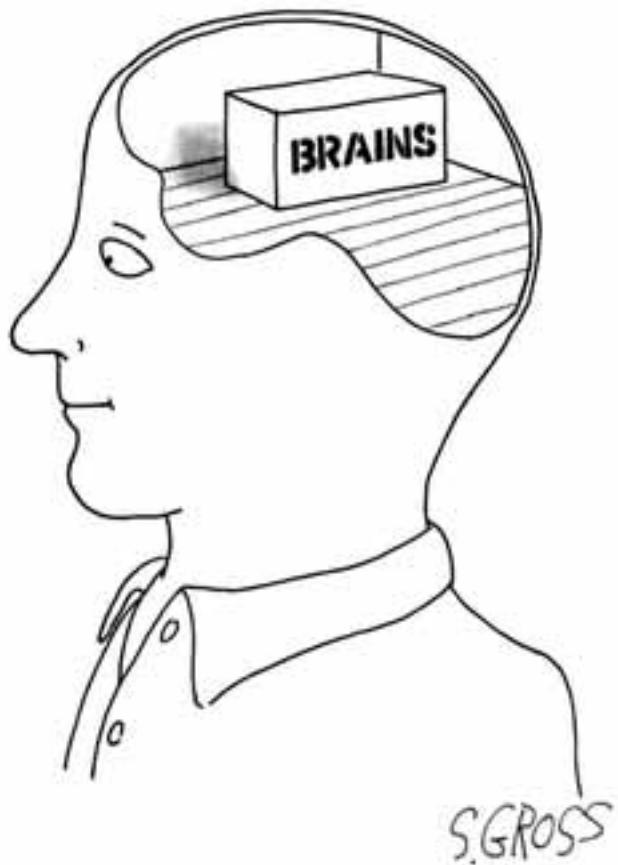


"Yes, you are good-looking, but how can I be sure you won't lose those looks over the years?"





"You will be going on a long walk."





He Knows His Rights



"I'm afraid I wasn't watching my speed, Officer—we're fleeing from New York."



"Ray Brown on bass, Elvin Jones on drums, and Alan Greenspan on interest rates."



"Oooh, wind chimes—how New Age."



"Listen to this: 'Extensive research has recently been completed which proves there are other businesses just like show business.' "



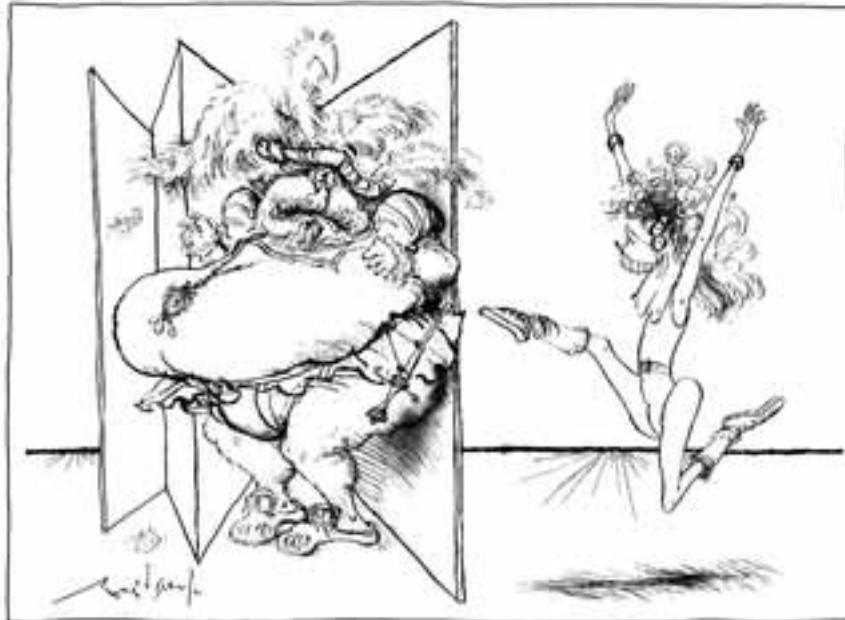
"It's just my way of saying 'Bowwow.' "



"I took power in 1983."

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CROSSED PATHS
Gargantua Meets Jane Fonda



"The gods are antic tonight."



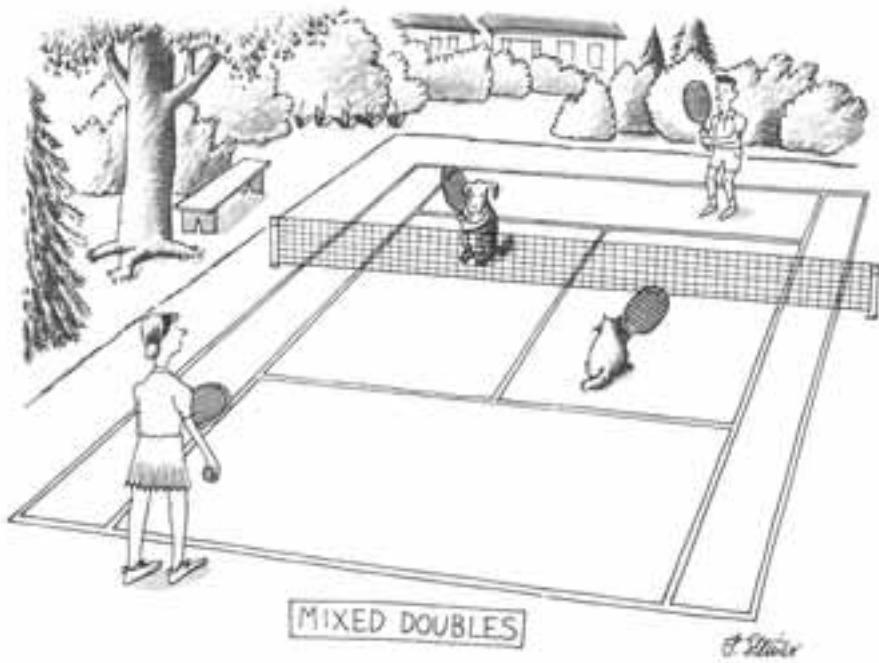
*'I'd rather not talk about my pain right now,
Linda—I'd rather talk about my book.'*



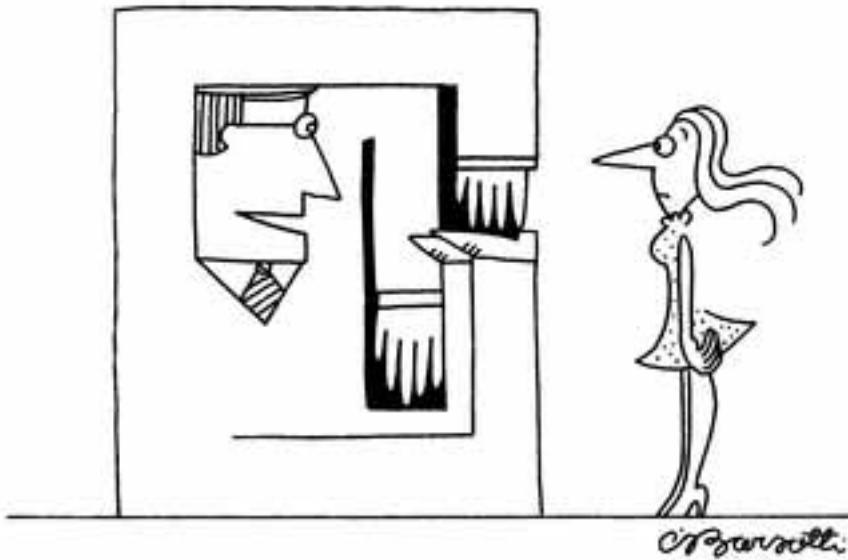
"Maybe we should cut back on those lawn catalogues."



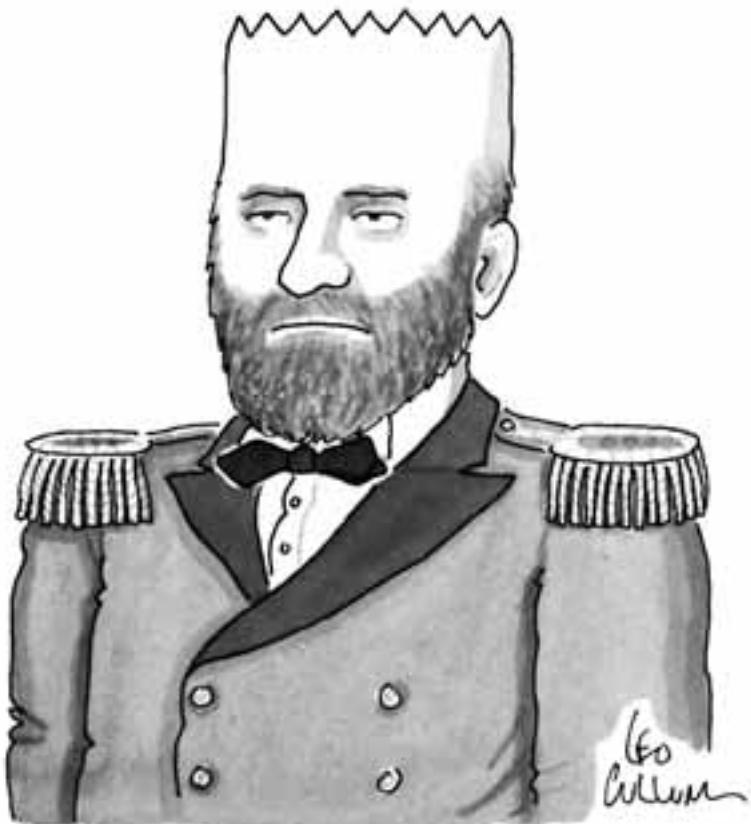
"I can't wait to grow up and be happy."







"Actually, Claudine, I like you very much—probably more than any other woman I've known."



ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT

Leo Cullum (6/3/1991)

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"Does the doctor make mouse calls?"



*"We can't imagine what a spider thinks, Louisa, because
it's a whole different life style."*



The Self at a Gathering



*"Are there any here today who feel this union is not
in the best interests of baseball?"*



"We're no longer standing in the wind, Roger."





"Well, so much for pre-Columbian."



"If he tries to dip, Mrs. Callister, you mustn't hesitate to use the choke chain."



"We're just ordinary folks, but we try not to make a big deal of it."



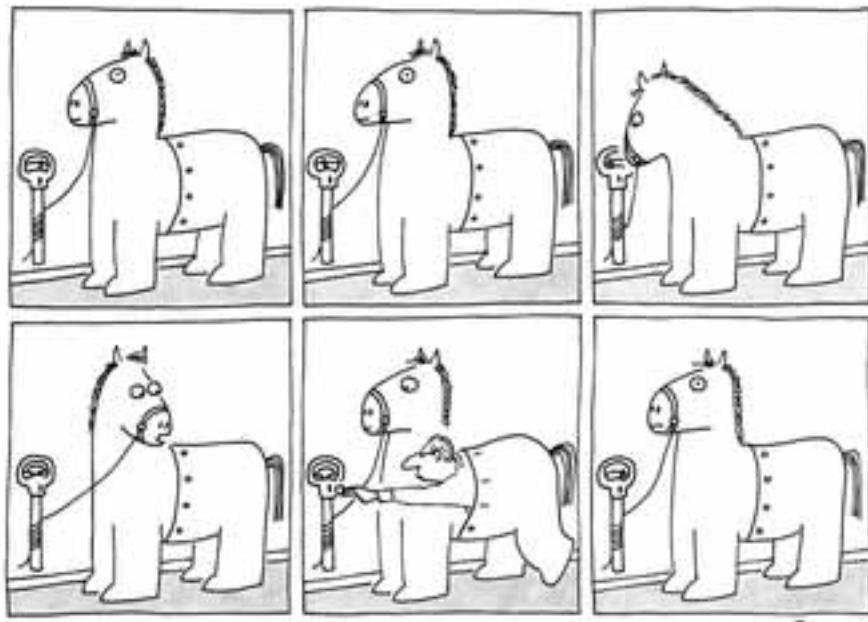
*"Have you determined yet whether you will or
will not eat your cereal?"*



"Any objections to my throwing more light on your apology?"



"In accepting this hemlock, I should like to thank the entire team for its dedication in making 'the Socratic method' a byword. And, of course, my devoted wife, Xanthippe."





"I'm not as old or as young as you think I am."

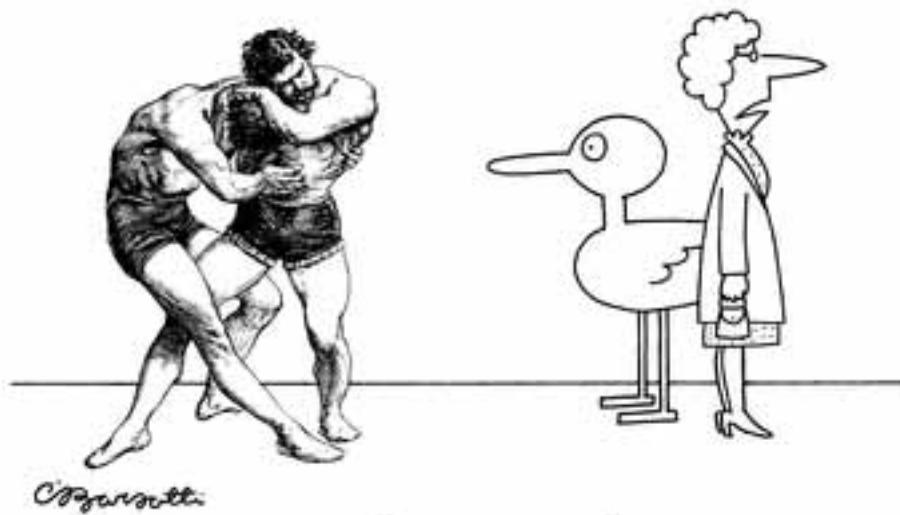








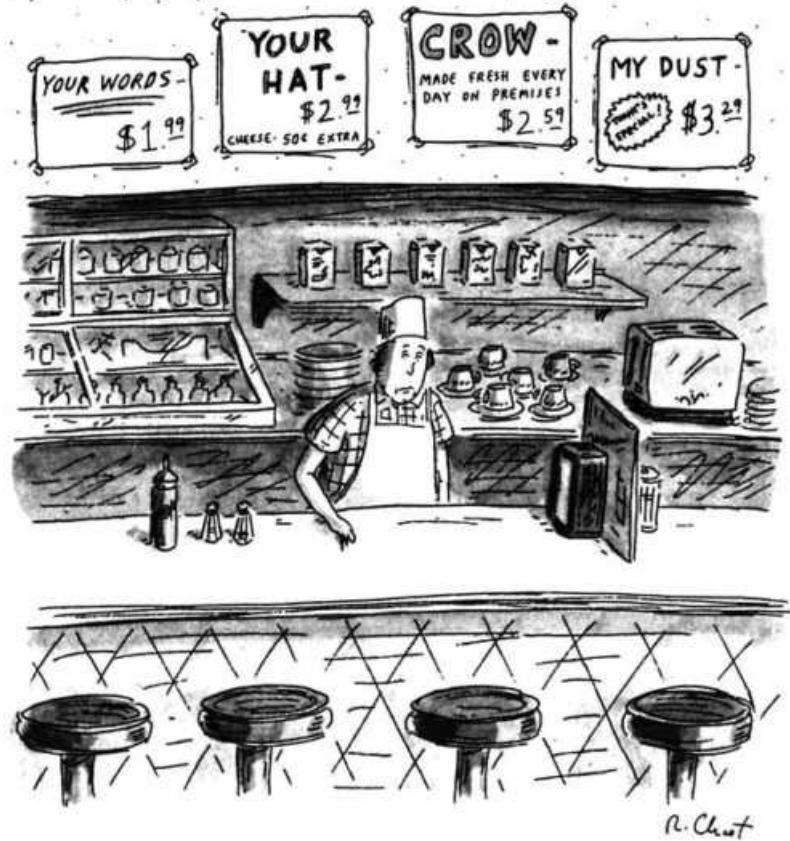
'ONE REALLY MUST PAY ATTENTION
TO THE SHADING AT THE TIP OF
THE HORN, CECIL,' ADVISED TIM.



"Ignore them."



*"It's as though everything nice about you had been just
some kind of introductory offer."*





"He's got to be in here somewhere!"



"Fellow M.B.A. graduates of the Class of '91—hey, what can I say?"



Ed Fisher (6/17/1991)

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"Help!"

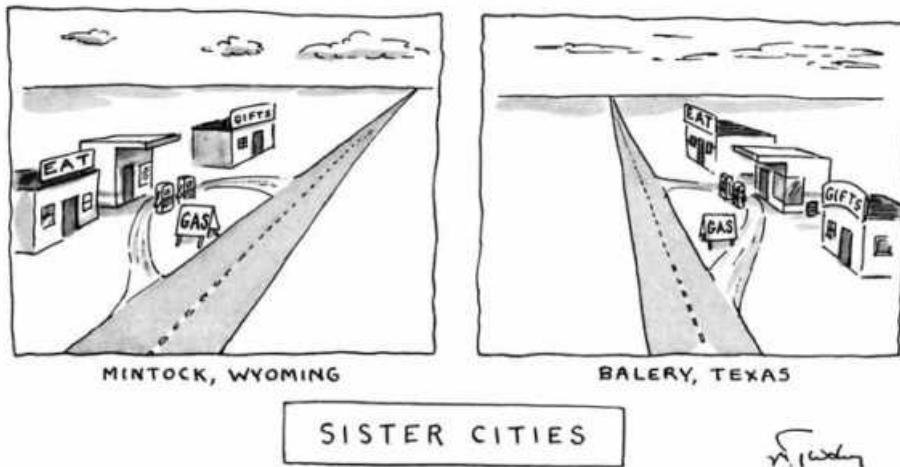


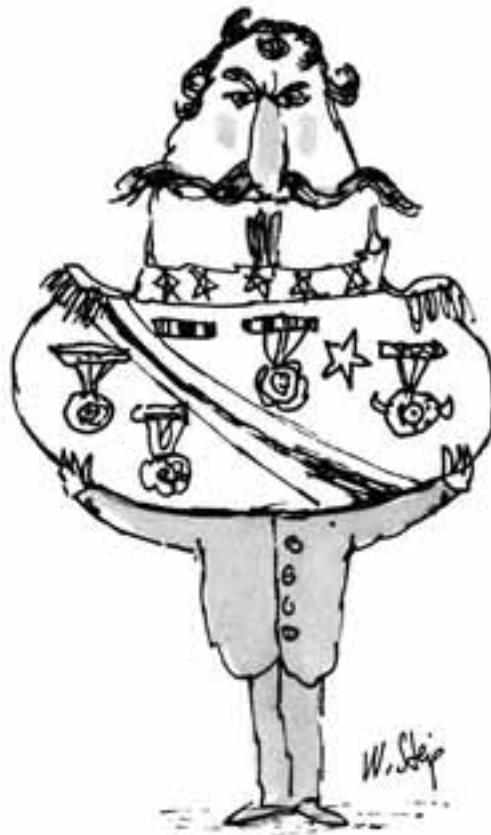
"I'm tired of food."



"Out? What are you, blind?"







Egomaniac



*"Your shepherd, Louie, has retired. I'm Mr. Smathers.
I will be your grazing-resource coördinator and flock
welfare-and-security manager."*

CORRECT COMICS*



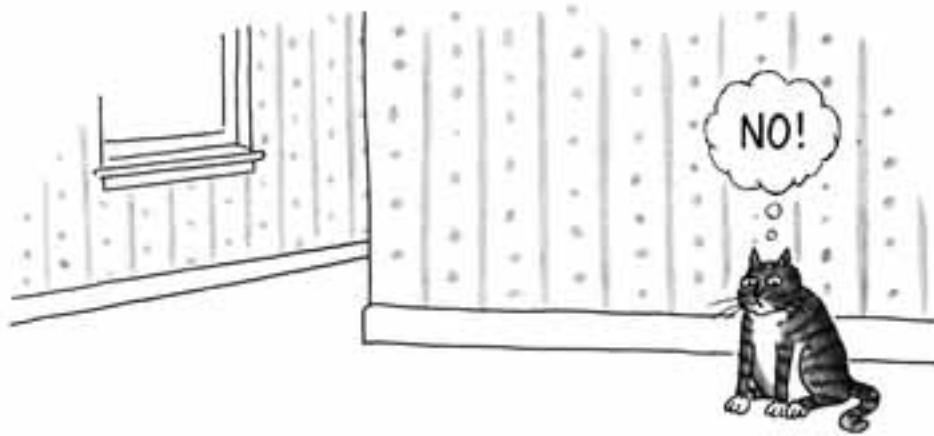
* DRAWN BY A VEGETARIAN ON ACID-FREE RECYCLED PAPER IN A DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT



"Don't remind him it's Father's Day."



"Fancy running into you in field of marjoram!"



S.GROSS



"Oh, I've had a few failures, followed by a string of successful marriages."





*"Oh, look at this one—it offers grooming and
inside and outside runs."*

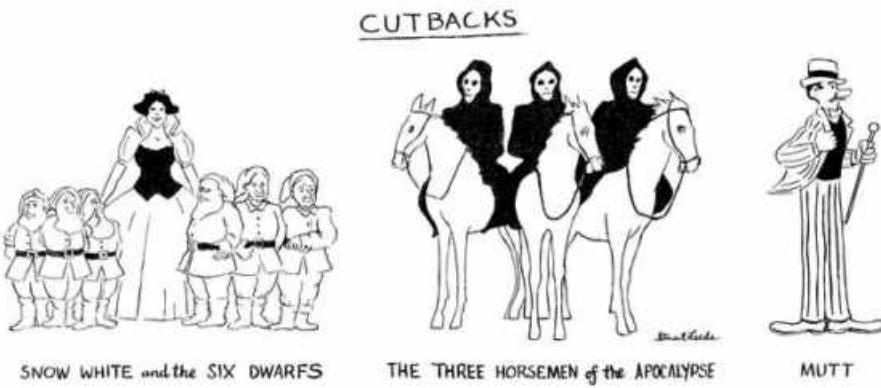


*"Myrna! Feel sorry for Mrs. DeStefano. She's
never read Eudora Welty."*





"One checker, two packs of cigarettes, two screws, one teapot bird, one piece of coal, three lighters, one Christmas light, one clove of garlic, four boxes of matches, two books, three pieces of broken dish, eggshells, one saltshaker peg, one pen, one cream-cheese wrapper, and one wishbone. All that stuff under the dish cabinet."





"Mommy says she's lived in a cage without bars for years."





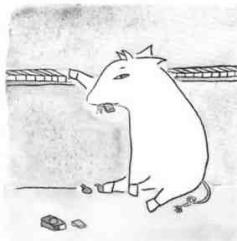
The Annual Bob Dylan Imitators' Contest held at Elston Gunn Dairy



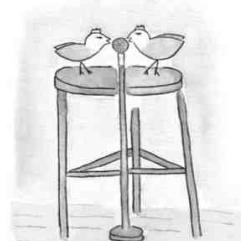
1st Prize: Cat, for version of "Tell Me Mama" learned off of bootleg



2nd Prize: Cow, for "Nashville Skyline" medley



Honorable mention: Goat, for eating piano bench + harmonica during performance of "Wearin' Up Confusion"



Chickens disqualified for performing

Everly Brothers song

John S.P. Walker



"You remind me of why I found the eighties wanting."



"I feel like there are two people in this body!"



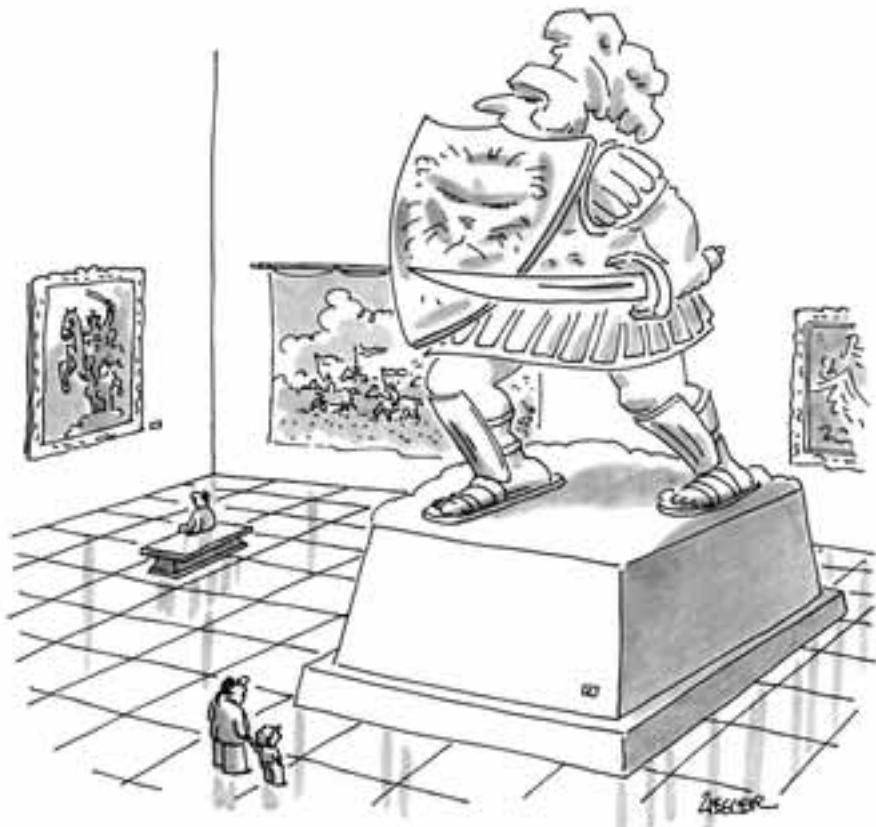
*"Today's starting pitcher will be Matt Goss, and the
starting manager will be Carl Ernst."*



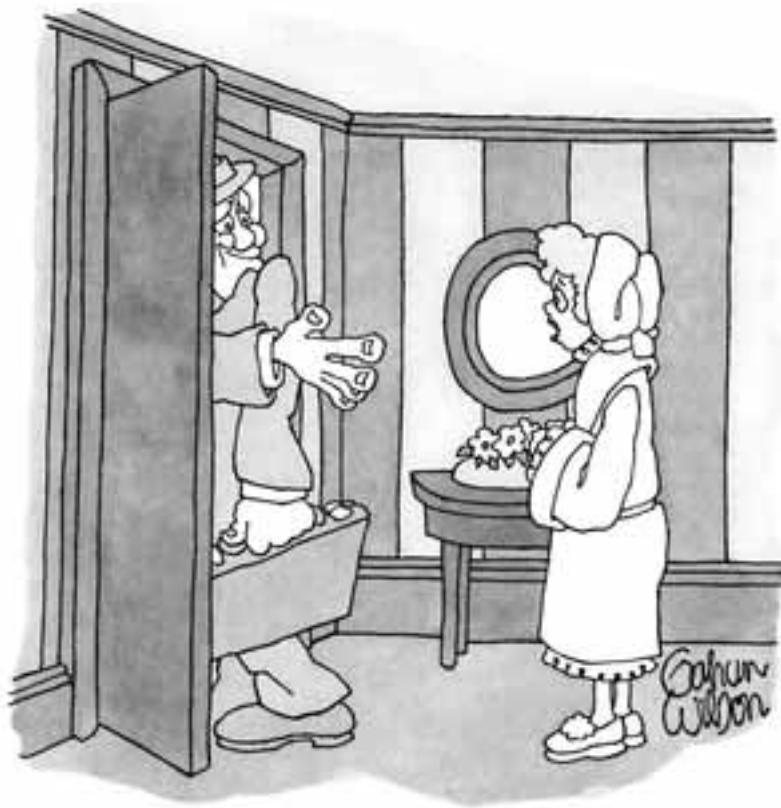
"I hate it when they do this."



"I haven't the heart to tell him vaudeville's dead."



"It was a time when men regularly performed great feats of valor but were rarely in touch with their feelings."



"No, dear, the Martini is when you come back!"





*"And another thing, Beckton, I don't recall ever
saying, 'Correct me if I'm wrong.' "*



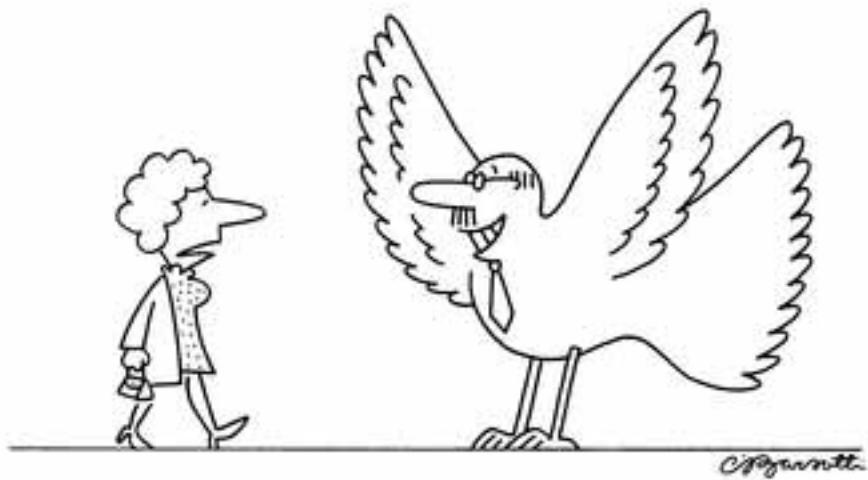
HANK APPEARED TO BE HAVING A
LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THE
CONCEPT OF EGGS OVER EASY.



"To be or not to be, that is the question. Next question?"







"Forget it."

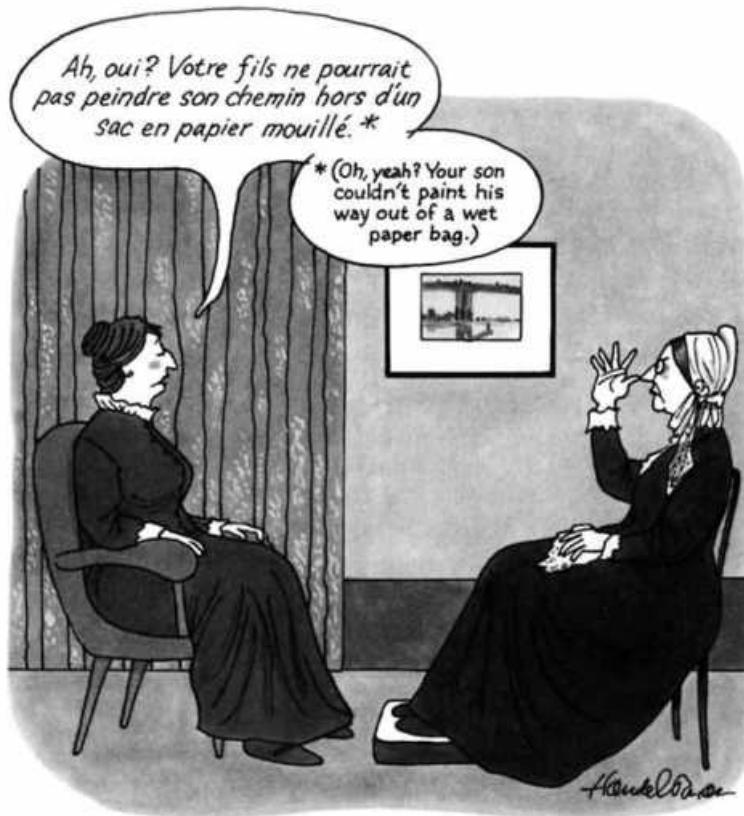


"Darling, will you feed the meter?"

IT'S A BREEZE

	Feels self to be tiny cog in huge, grinding piece of machinery, with no hope of escape.	Eat more fibre.	
	Cannot forget about unpleasant punctuation at end of stay on planet.	Add potassium to diet.	
	Realizes has caused pain to others in the past and is <u>entirely</u> <u>likely</u> to cause more in the future.	Cut back on saturated fats.	
	Feels incapable of changing self in any truly major and positive way.	Increase intake of Vitamin C.	

R. Chast



La Rencontre des Mères de Toulouse-Lautrec et Siffleur
(The Meeting of the Mothers of Toulouse-Lautrec and Whistler)

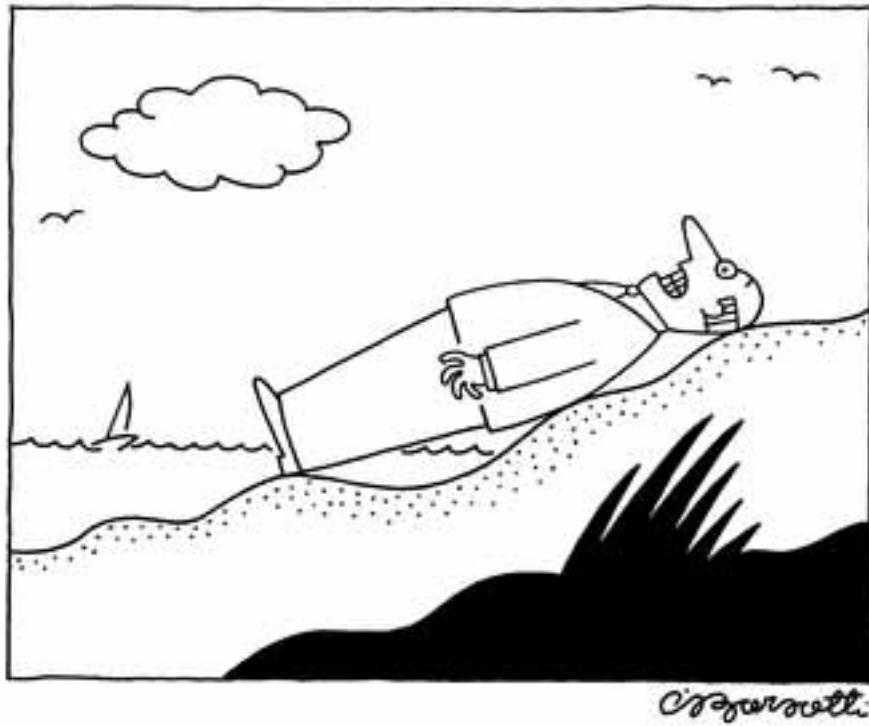


"O.K., Steve, Act One—the go-go eighties. Yuppies, Wall Street, the penthouse on Park, that sort of thing. Act Two—the nineties. Recession, depression, banks going under, blah, blah, blah. You and Denise are out on the street. Act Three—ba-da-boom! Suddenly it's the fin de siècle!"



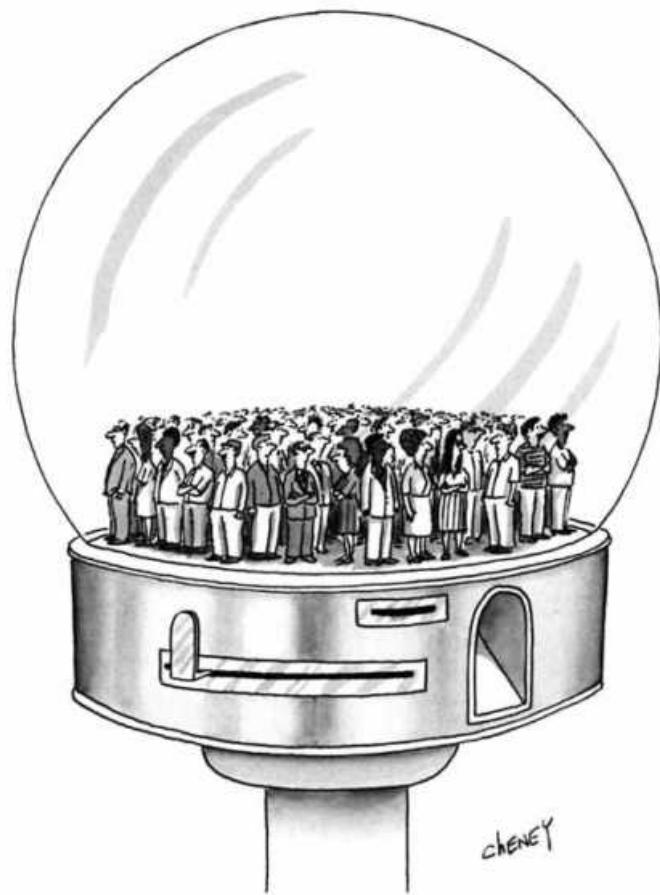
"I should like to buy a handgun while it is still legal," said Alice very gently.

WELL-EARNED VACATION











"Take me out to the ballgame! I don't care if I never get back!"



"Hey, let's do lunch."

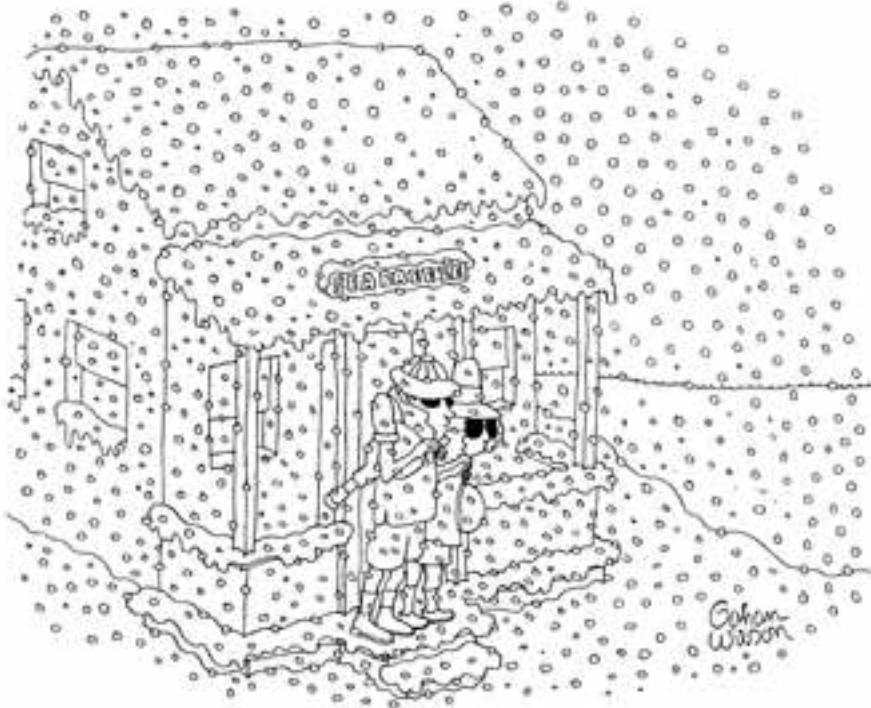


"I'm sure it's a rug."



"I was middle class once. Some of it was fun."





"When you think back, it was a weird winter, too."

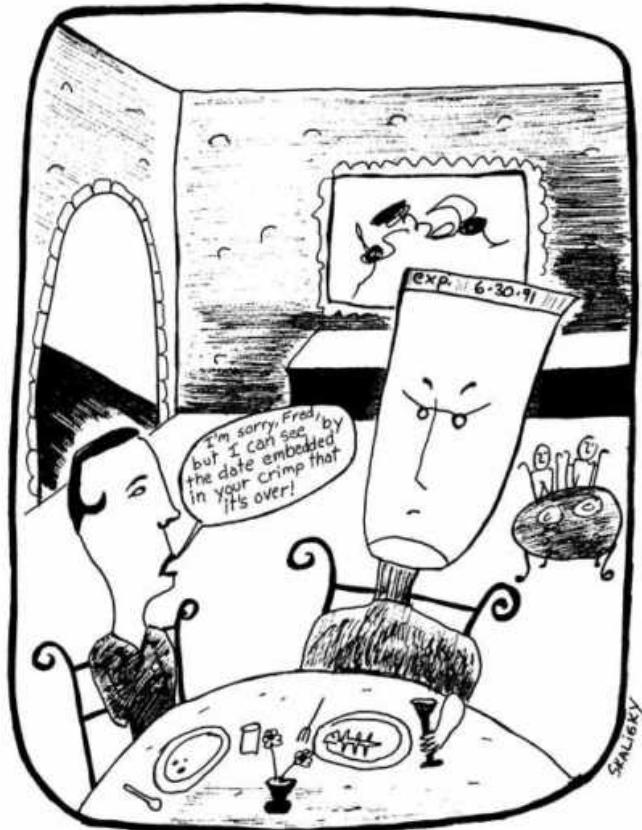


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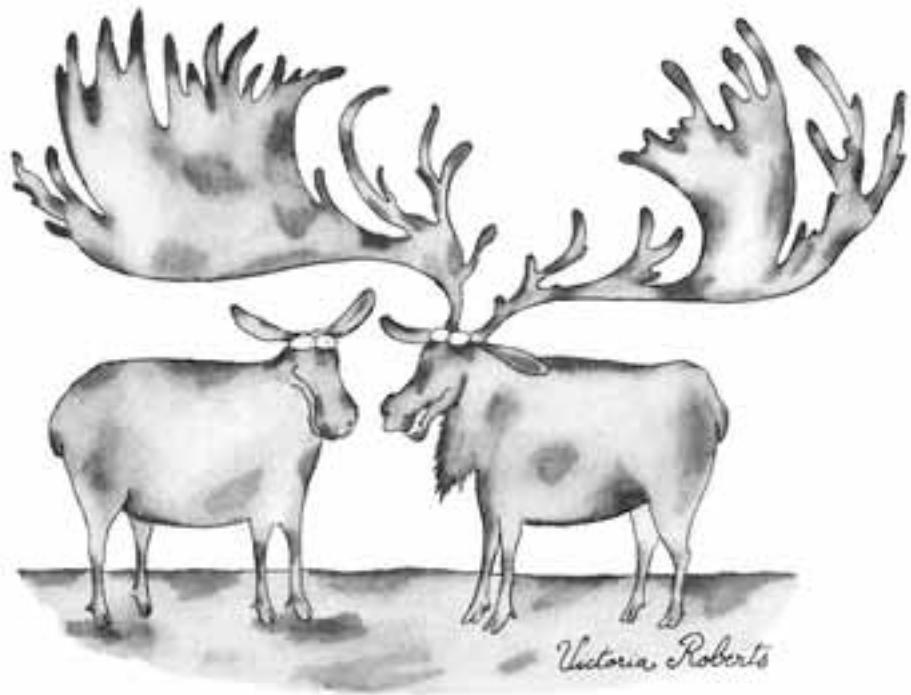
Omar Khayyám and Lawrence of Arabia



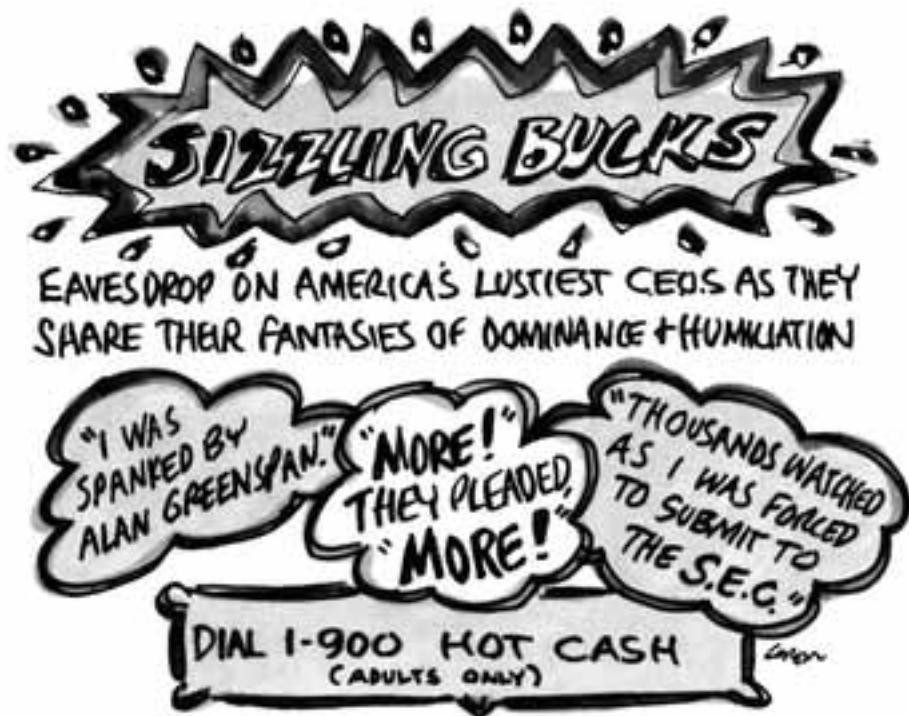
"I want each of you on the way home tonight to stop, look up, ponder the heavens, and consider how insignificant our second-quarter loss really is."



Expiration Date



"Honest, Martha, I don't mean to crowd you."





"You never told me your dad was so delightfully old-fashioned."



"We were getting along fine—then she began trying to bring out the best in me."



"This is Sunday. Monday's down the hall."



"Ed, this is Art Simbley over at Hollis, Bingham, Cotter & Krone. What did you get for thirty-four across, 'Persian fairy,' four letters?"

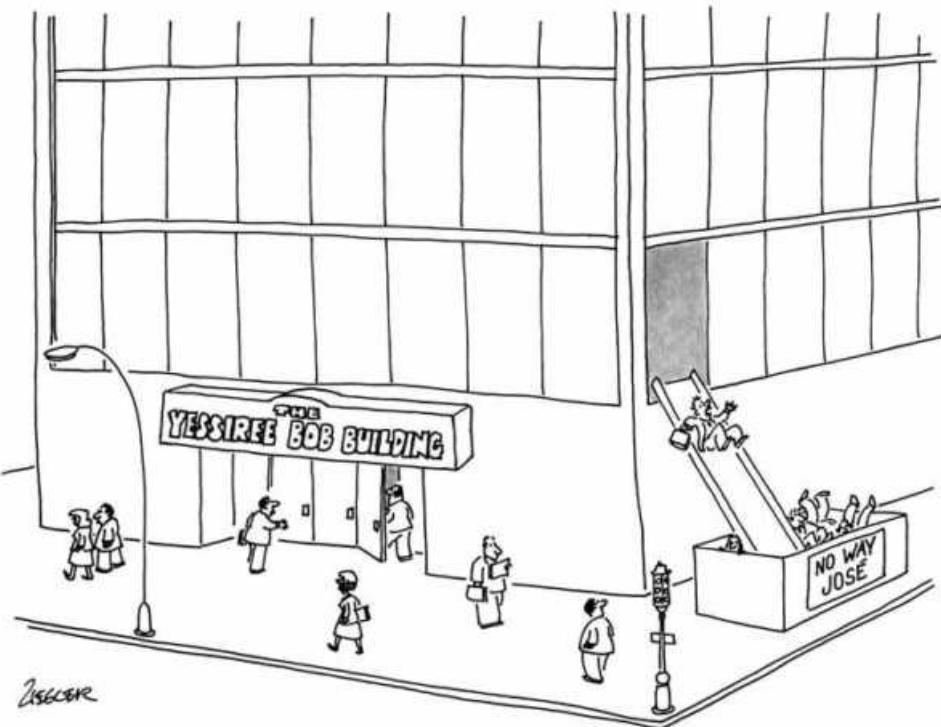


"We thought we were going out with Laverne and Shirley, but it turned out to be Thelma and Louise."





"You're awfully tame this evening."





*"Tell Mrs. Pomeroy we've found the source of
that strange hint of musk."*



*"Alexa here is my sixty-eight-year-old, and Nat
here is my seventy-two-year-old."*



MANKOFF

DEATH DECIDES NOT TO TAKE A HOLIDAY

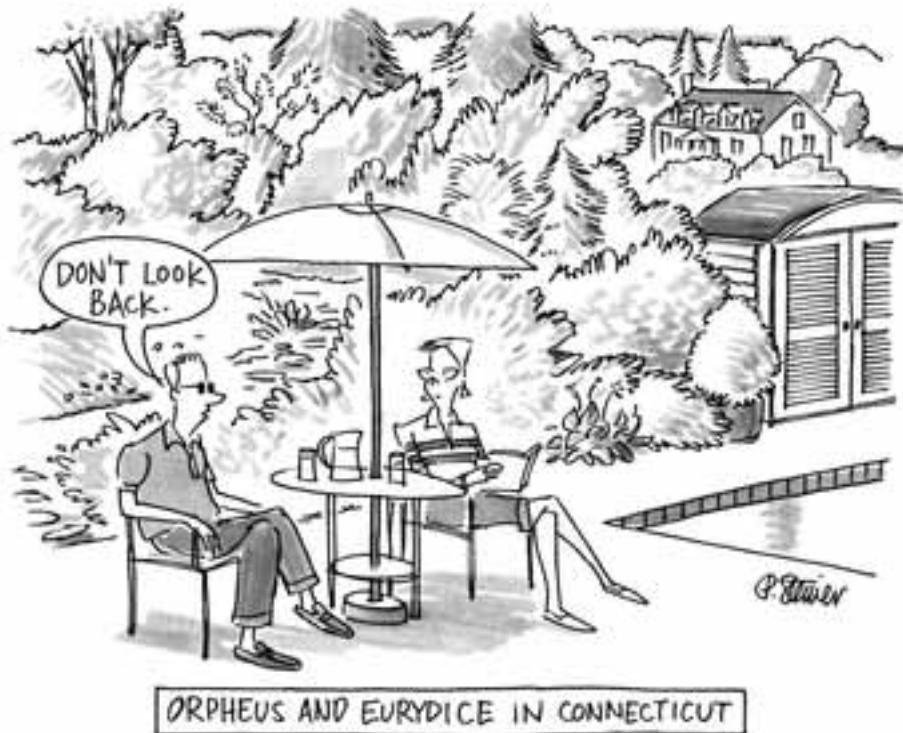




"It's a fine résumé, but the best I can offer you right now is a cameo in accounting."



*"That's the same old thirty pounds that's been coming
and going for as long as I've known her."*

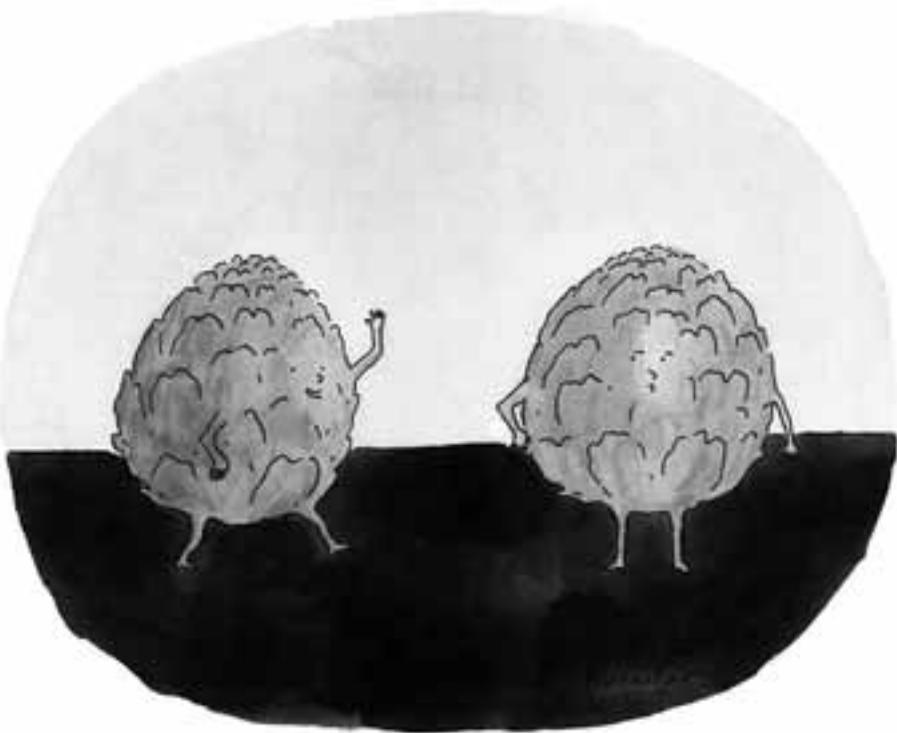




"Well, darn, C.J., that wasn't me, either. Want to try again?"



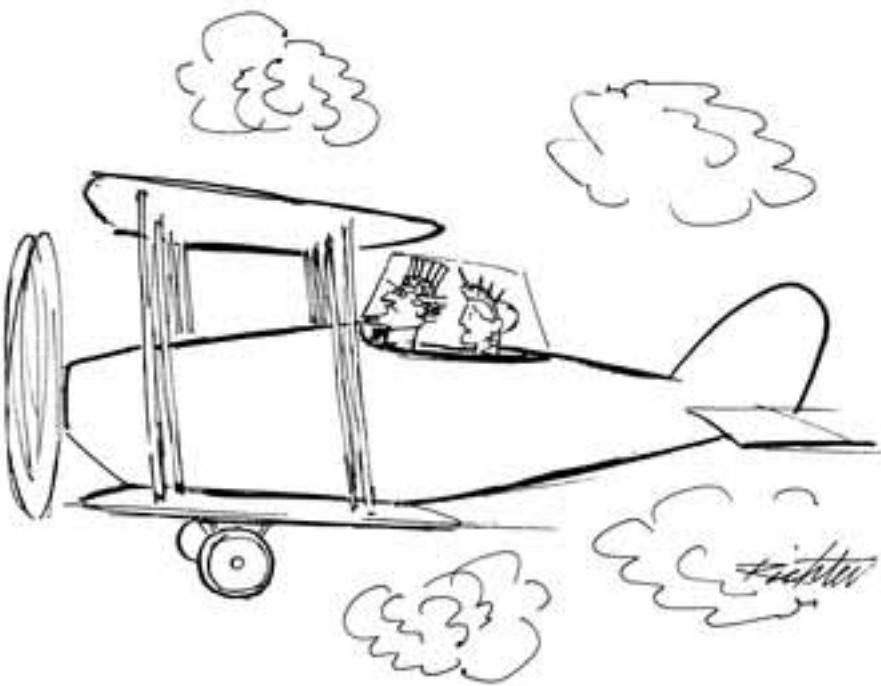
"Who produced your first marriage?"



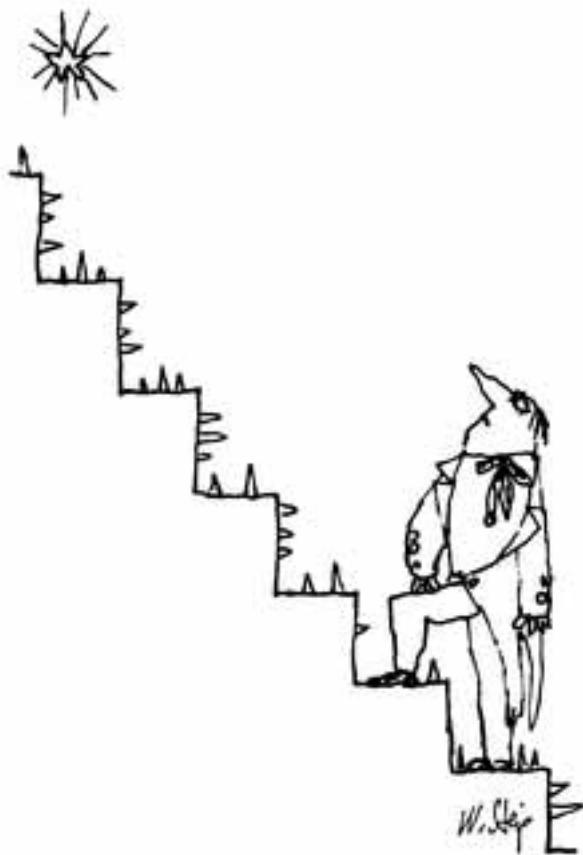


CHIANTIS IN TRANSLATION





"I say we renounce world leadership and just have fun."

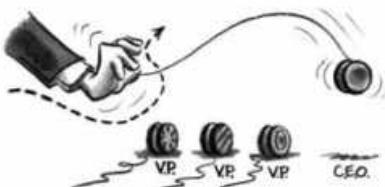


The Self as Something to Be Improved

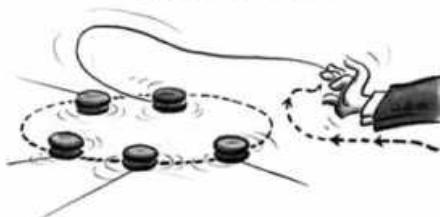


"Leon, do you think it's all psychological?"

YO-YO TRICKS FOR THE NINETIES



JUMPING THE QUEUE



BREAKING INTO THE INFORMATION LOOP



SLICING THE OTHER GUY'S STRING



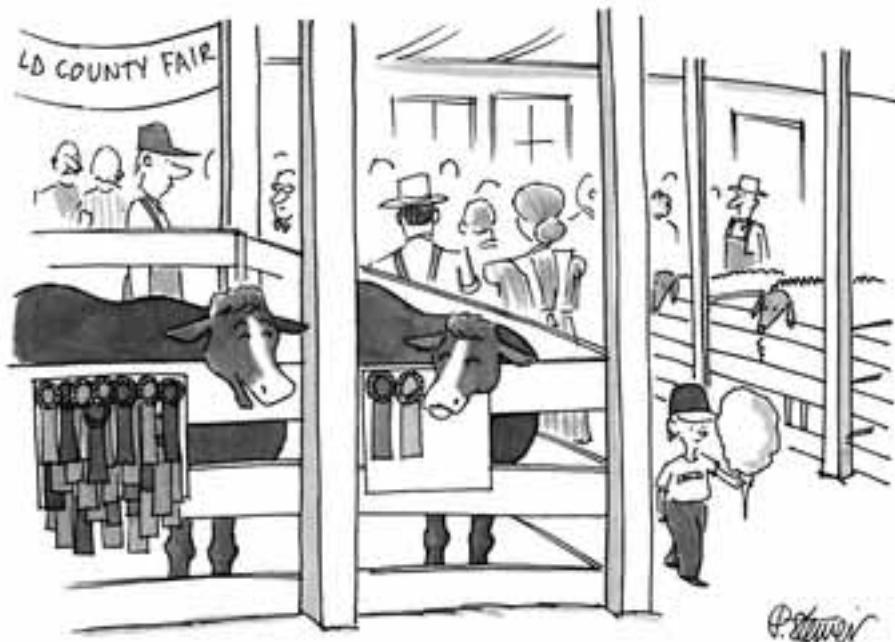
"I'd like to point out that our cars lead the field in declining auto sales."



"Still, Edgar, you were loyal longer than most, and I'd like to thank you for that."



*"I'm Danny Felner, a soft-edged kind of
guy. We're coming back."*



*"I don't care about winning. I care about being
the best cow I can be."*

The Key Lime Pie Bed





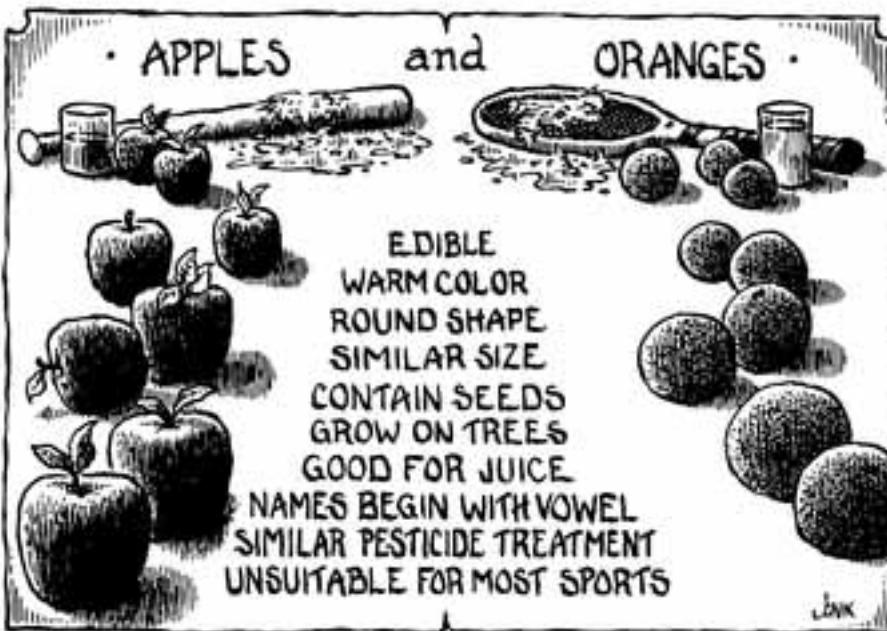
"We're slapping you with a stress suit, pal!"



"I'm thirsty. What kind of water does your mother buy?"

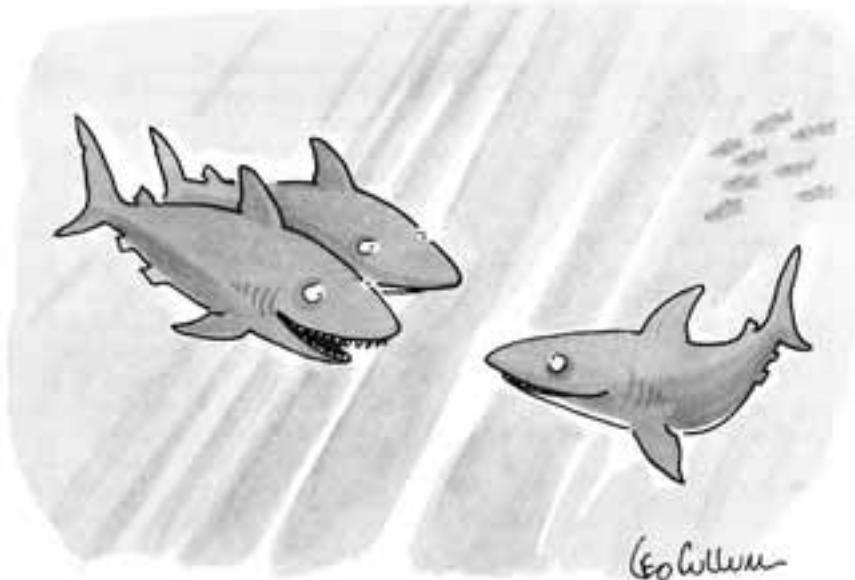


"I thought 'viola da gamba' and then, of course, I thought of you."





"The stories are false. The names are real to stimulate sales."



"We usually have a light breakfast, then a feeding frenzy in the early afternoon, and that's it for the day."



*"Well, of course it's going to end badly. For Sybil
that's the whole point."*



KENNETH PREFERRED TO REMAIN
INDOORS, WORKING ON HIS PRONOUNS.



"I think the Greeks are running out of ideas."



"This area has a long and rich history. First, the Indians lived here, then it was a plantation with slaves, then poor people lived here, and now it's a magnificent condo complex."



*"I'm sorry to disappoint you, Roger, but I'm
not the marinating kind."*





"Witness will confine herself to answering counsel's questions, and refrain from giving opinions as to constitutionality and the like."



*"How many times have I asked you not
to discuss stubbornly high interest rates
in front of the children?"*



"I don't see anyone breaking a leg to get a video of this."



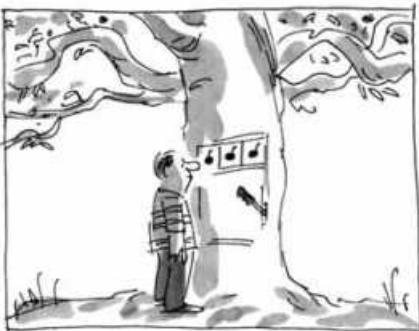
*"Don't forget—grubs, mites, worms. I want
this to be a very special evening."*



"My hair has been a great source of comfort to me."



"What gear are we in, biscuit?"





*"Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McCarter James request the honor
of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Deirdre
Belknap, to her job."*

BETWEEN BEING AND NOTHINGNESS





"We sing her to sleep with songs about recycling."





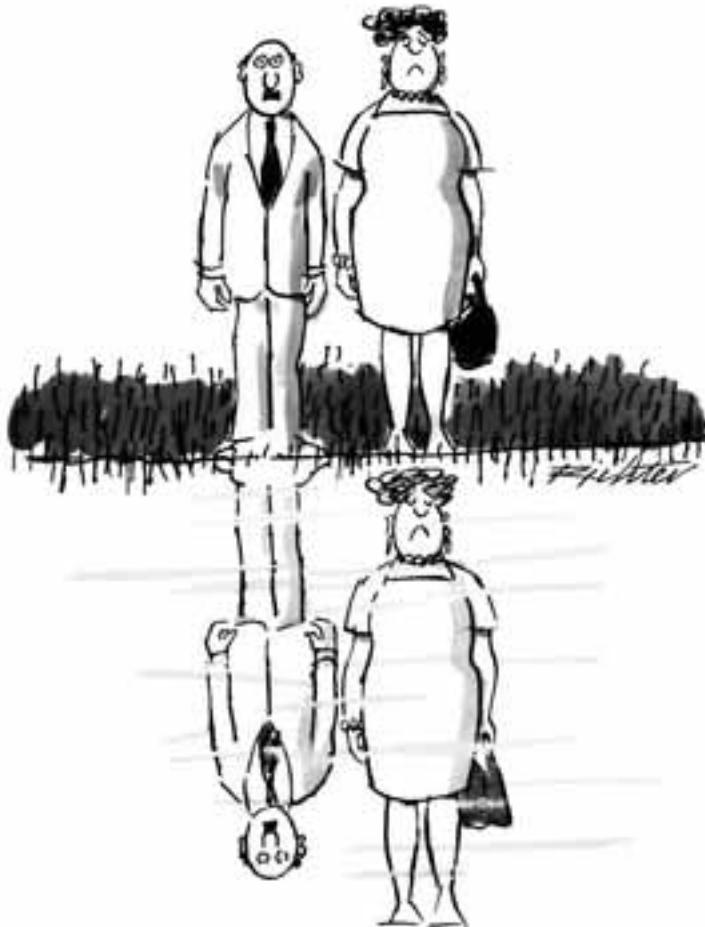
*"There's an Officer Ripley inside who
sure could use a hug."*

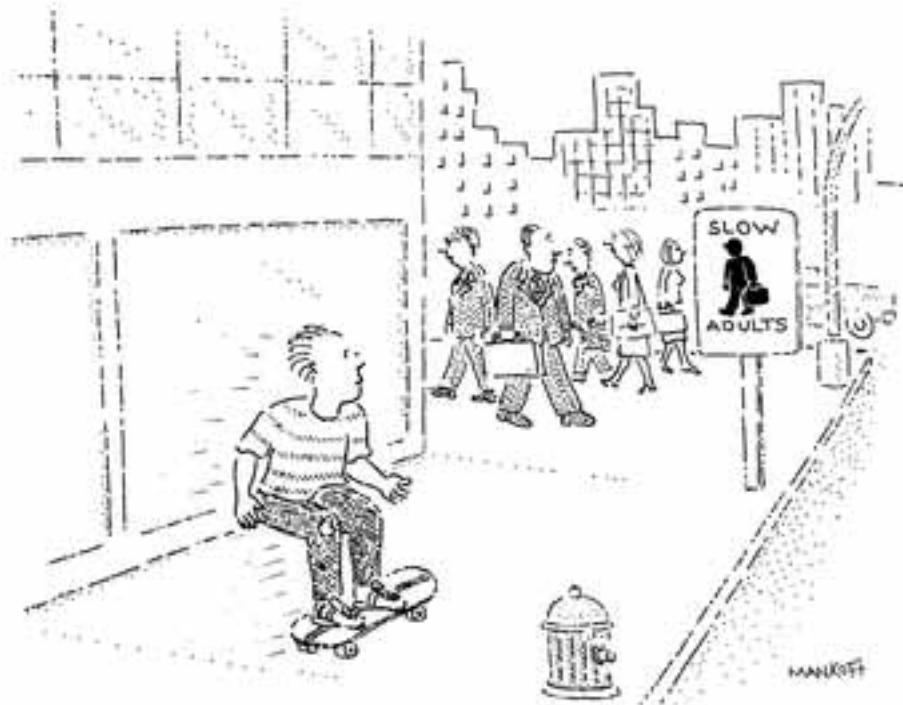


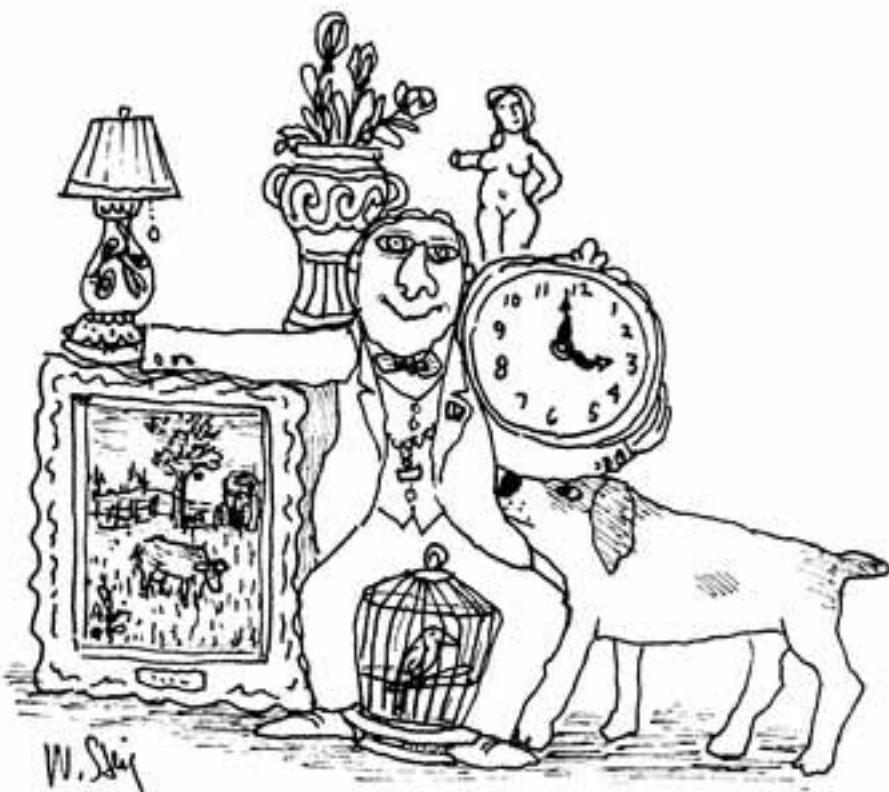




"Hey! Applause!"







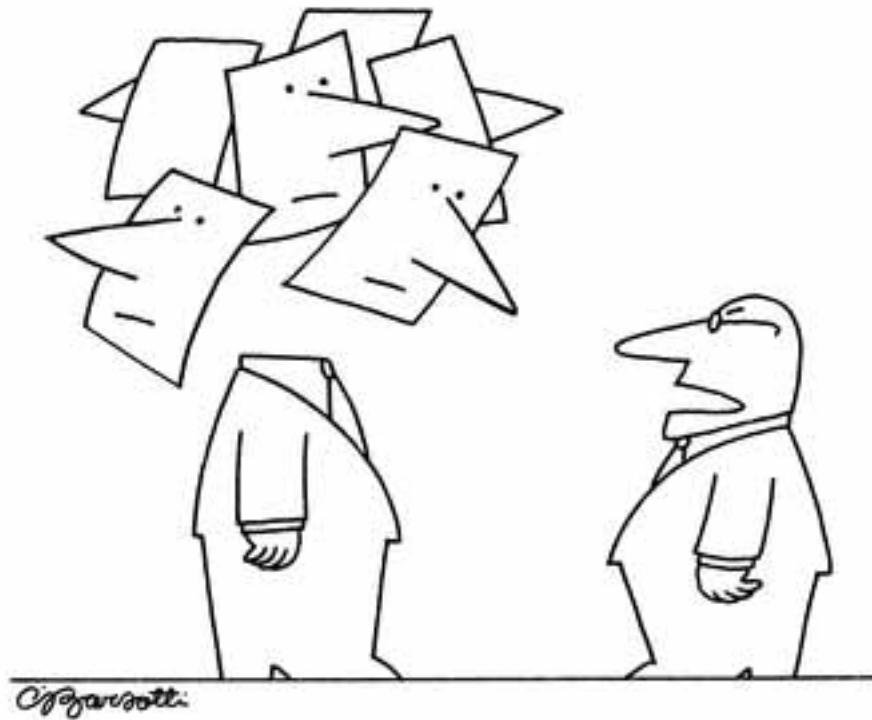
Possessions are part of the self.



“But, Dad, in your day sex was still in the future.”



*"I remember a time when you thought sectioning
my grapefruit was fun."*



"Are you listening to me?"



"I like you, Jim, not because you're black but because you have excellent qualifications."



"I talked Vladi into skipping the transition to democracy in his country and just shooting straight over here with me."



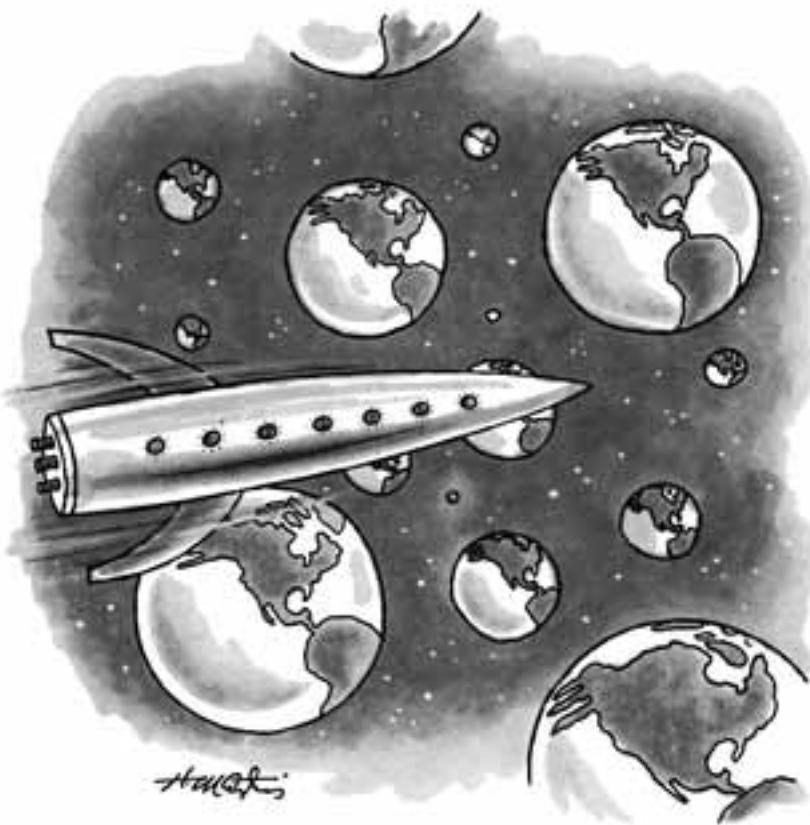
"Just when citywide reading scores were edging up!"



*"Oh, yes, absolutely! Your work is much
more important than my work."*



"Our quarry, ladies and gentlemen—the great American consumer. Fetch!"



*"Well, this mission answers at least one big question:
Are there other planets like ours in the universe?"*



"It lets me be me."



CROSSED PATHS
William Tell Meets Magritte



"You grab the food—I'll grab the wine."



"You'll just love the way he handles."





"Just waiting for Icarus to fall. And you?"



*"No, I don't think I have a book in me. I think I
have a chicken in me."*



"Curiosity."



"Actually, I'm going up—and I'm going down."

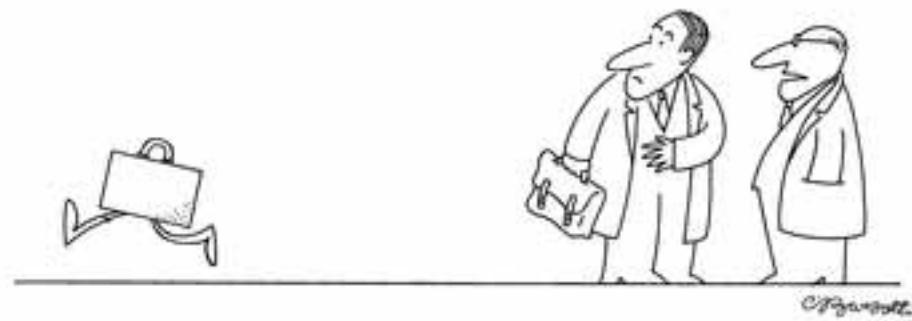


"It's not like the old days, is it?"





Erato makes a stupid suggestion.



"Let it go. I was thinking of taking early retirement anyway."

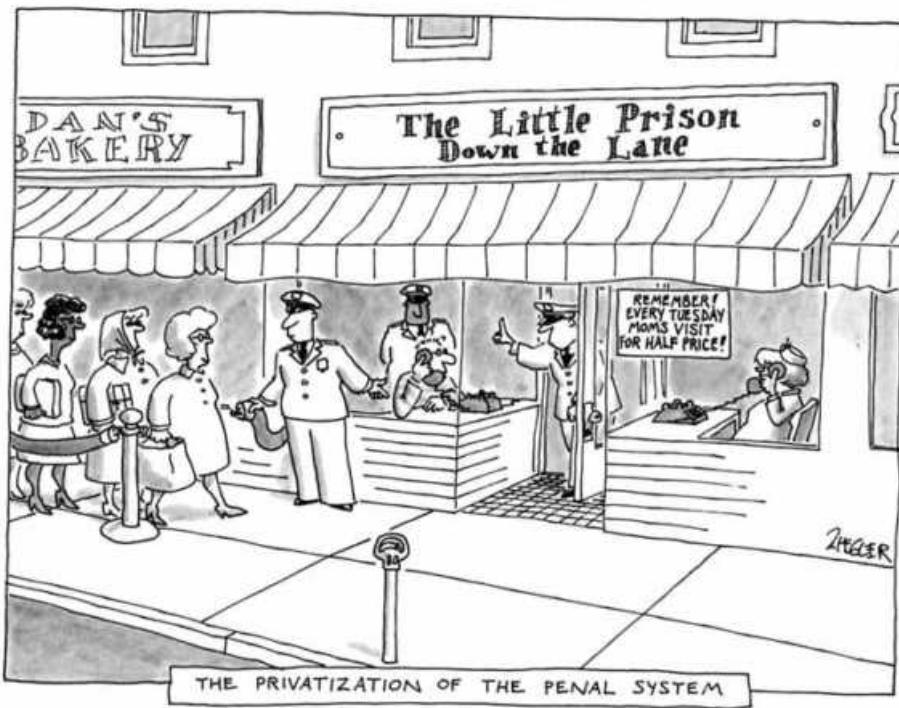




"The Cape's not what it used to be."



"If it's really over between us, Lyle, it's only right that you take back your lava lamp."





"Thank you for choosing the Lying-In Hospital. As soon as your parent or guardian has settled your bill, you may leave, and good luck in recouping your payment from your insurance carrier."





"My question is: Are we making an impact?"

FRED'S TIE:

A MOMENTARY LAPSE OF JUDGMENT

OR

A CRY FOR HELP?





"This cab was first, everybody, but I do want to thank the rest of you and tell you how wonderful it is to feel wanted."



"Could you explain split ends to me?"



“Sure, the New Testament looks like a winner, but has it got legs?”



*"While you were out, the Yanks rallied for three in
the bottom of the seventh."*



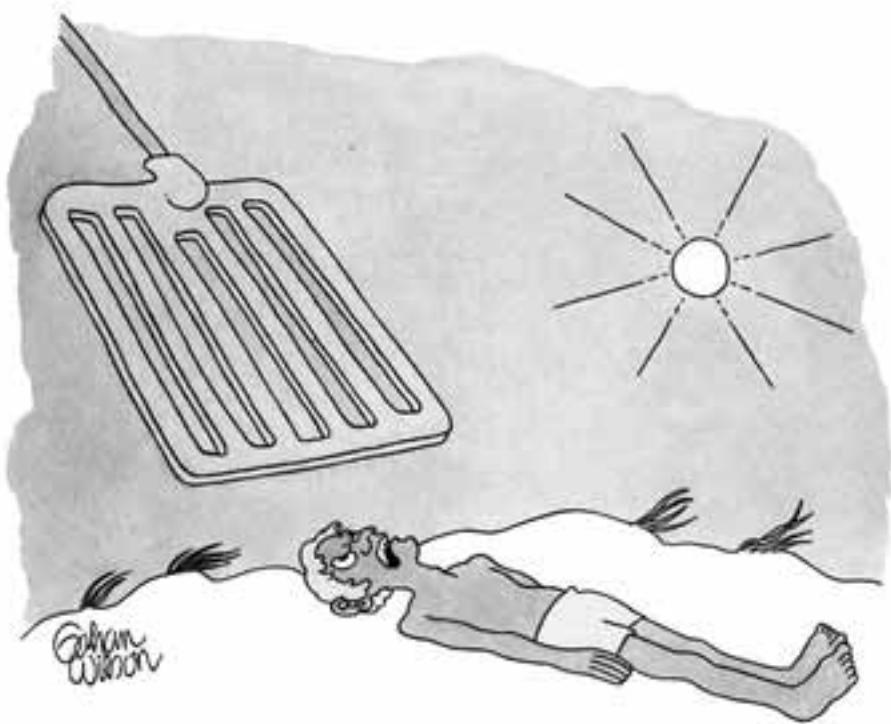
"I found the surfers on the West Coast to be intellectually flaccid."



*"Since you have already been convicted by the media,
I imagine we can wrap this up pretty quickly."*



"You remember Champ . . ."



"High time!"



*"The following news has been edited for the
twenty-one-to-thirty-five-year-old age group."*



*"Still-Life of New Mexican Grilled Quail with Cilantro
and Fennel-Flecked Confit."*

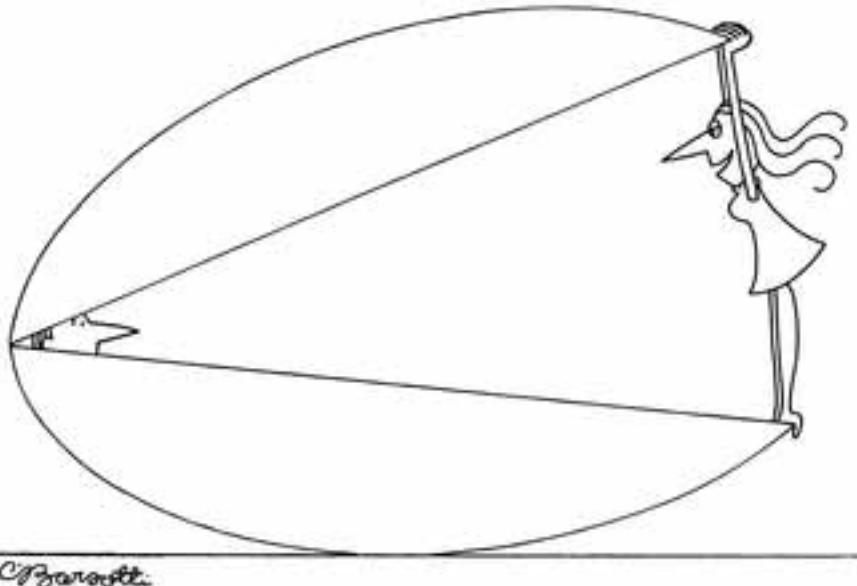


DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, MRS. GRINDLEY ALLOWED US TO TRAIN UPSTAIRS IN APT. 210-B.





He was once young and foolish.



"I warn you, Collinsworth, I'm a very determined woman."

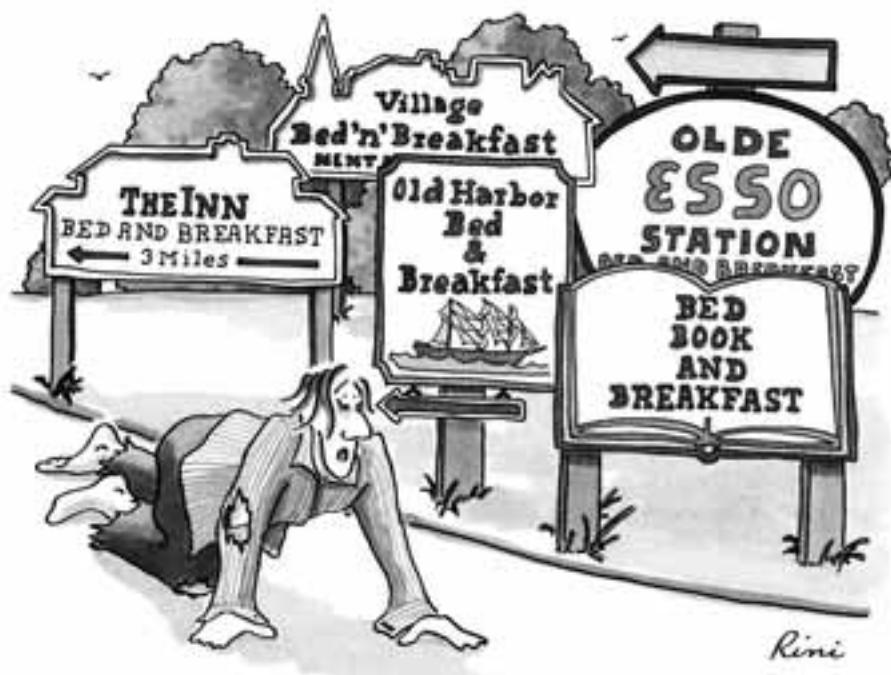


"While you were out."



*"You'll find B. Altman over there, Madam, not far from
Best & Company and Franklin Simon."*



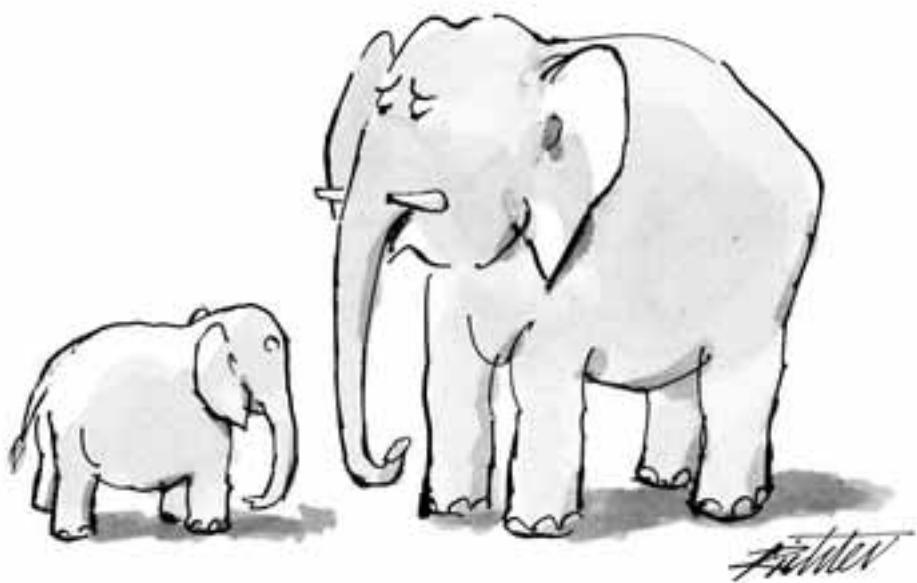


"Lunch! Lunch!"

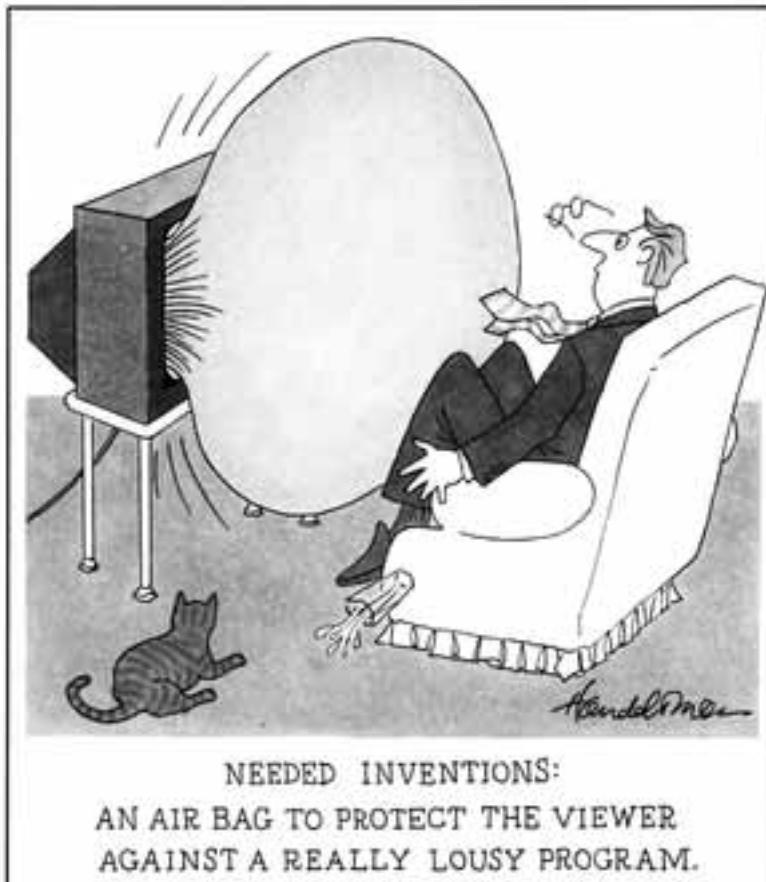


"And you—what star system are you from?"





"Yes, son, we're Republicans."





"Is there a doctor who accepts Medicaid in the house?"

PRAYERS TO ZYP, THE GOD OF POSTAL SERVICE



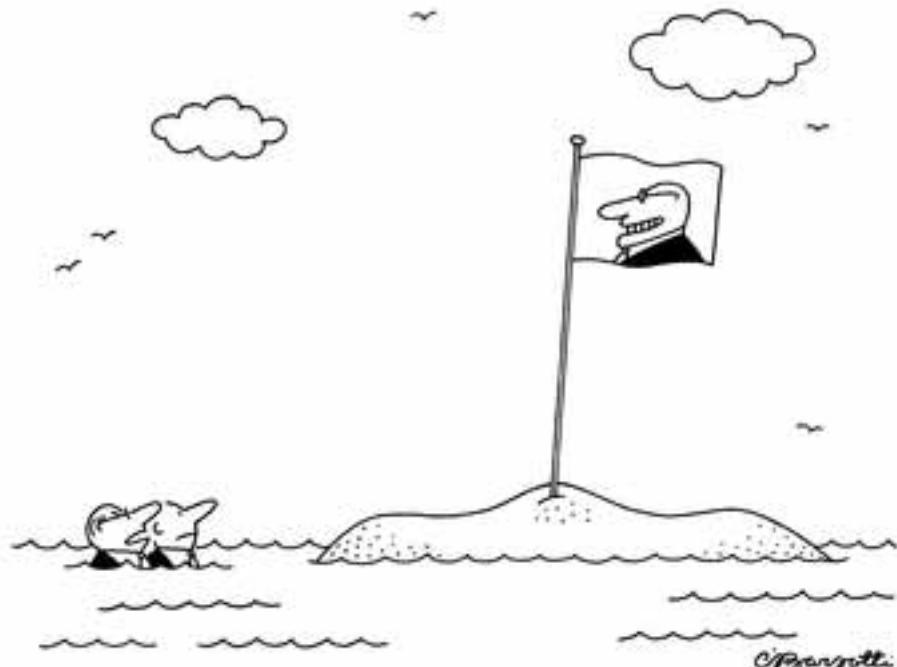


"How frustrating. The crystal ball is down again."





SUPERSTITIONS



"I'd rather drown."





"All right, everybody, recess is over!"



"Some genetic engineers we turned out to be!"



"You are where you eat."

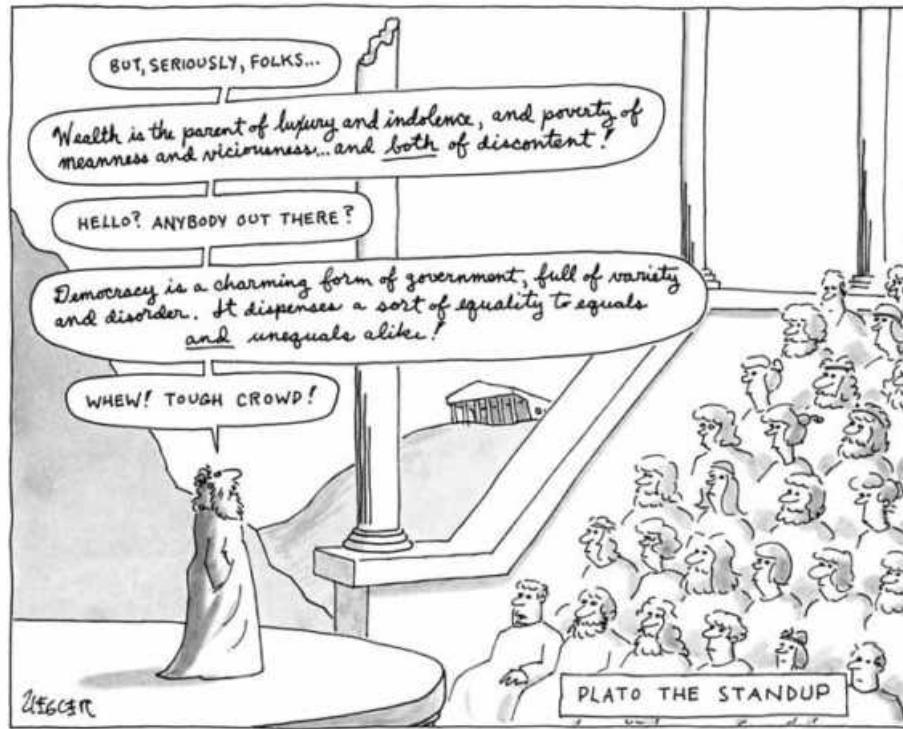


Victoria Roberts

"Farewell, my liege!"



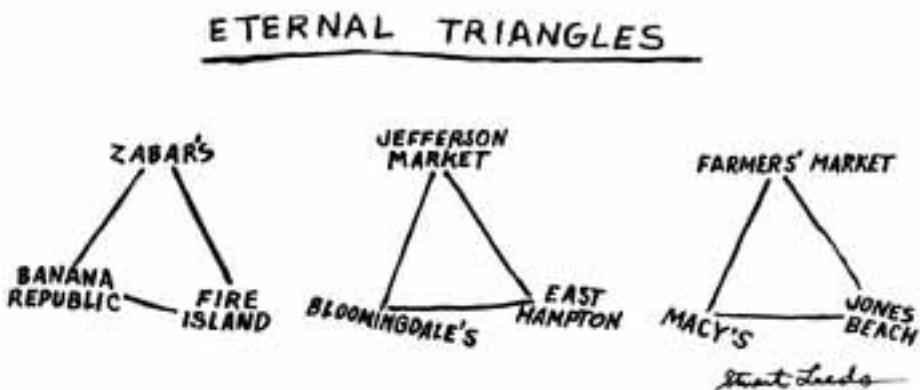
"I know I haven't been much of a master to you, but then again you haven't been much of a pet to me."







Descendant of a Great Man





*"What good is it to be the victor if the vanquished
are no longer around?"*



"I should like to propose a bonanza for the rich."





"Checkmate!"



*"Don't say a word! Your eyes, your hair, your T-shirt,
your luggage—they say it all."*

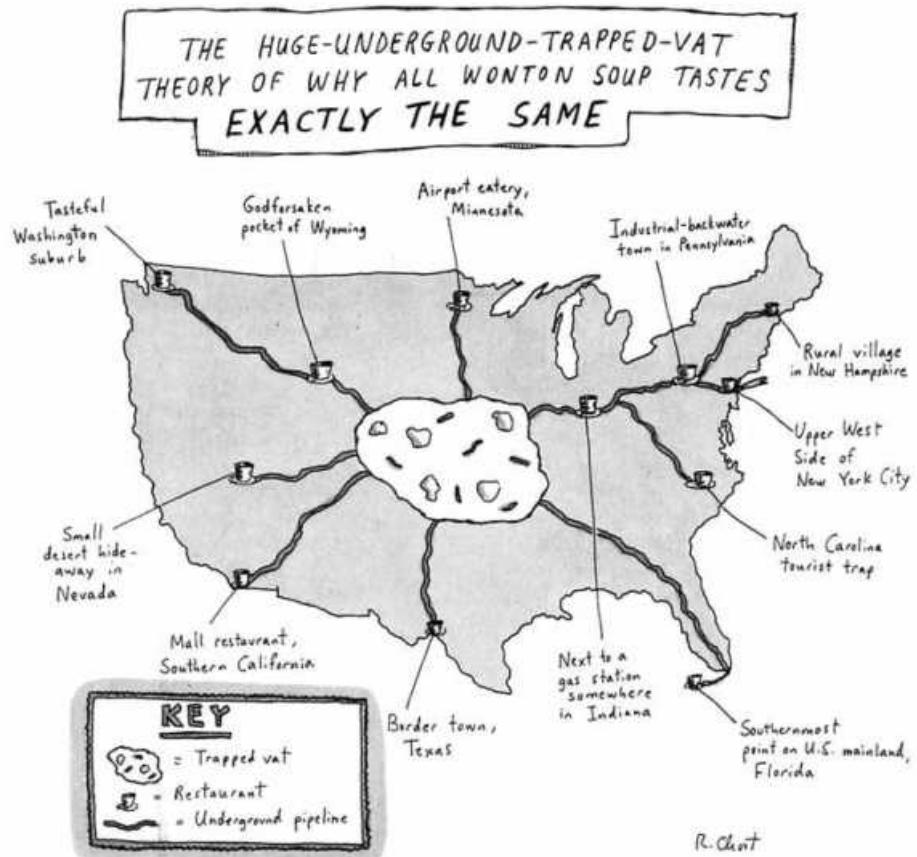




"Oh, hi."

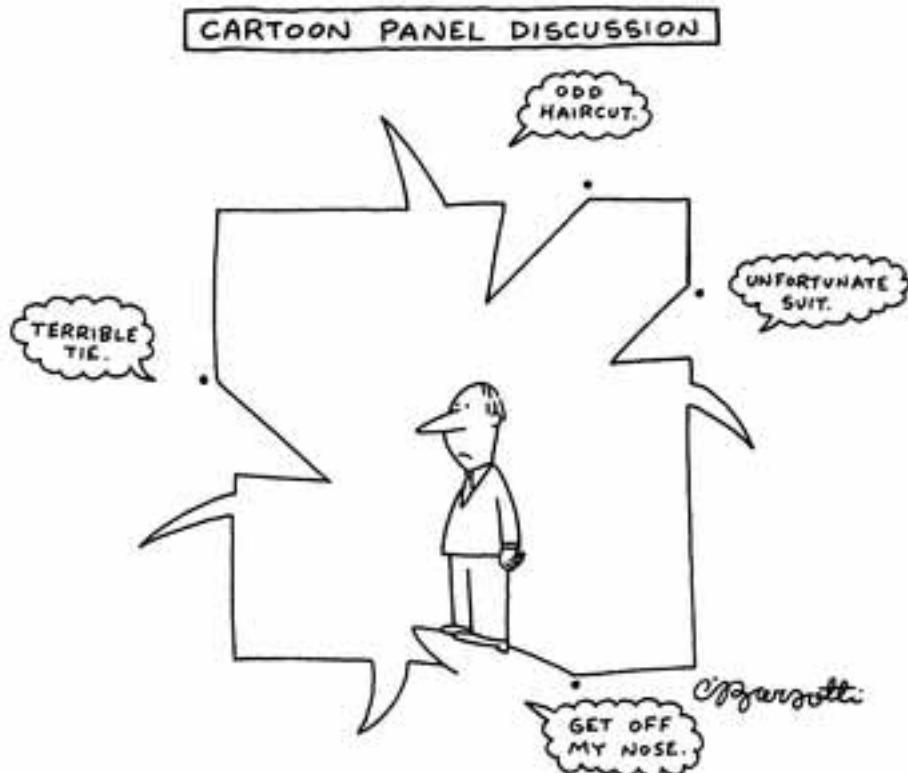


"A working haircut. And you?"











The Lady!

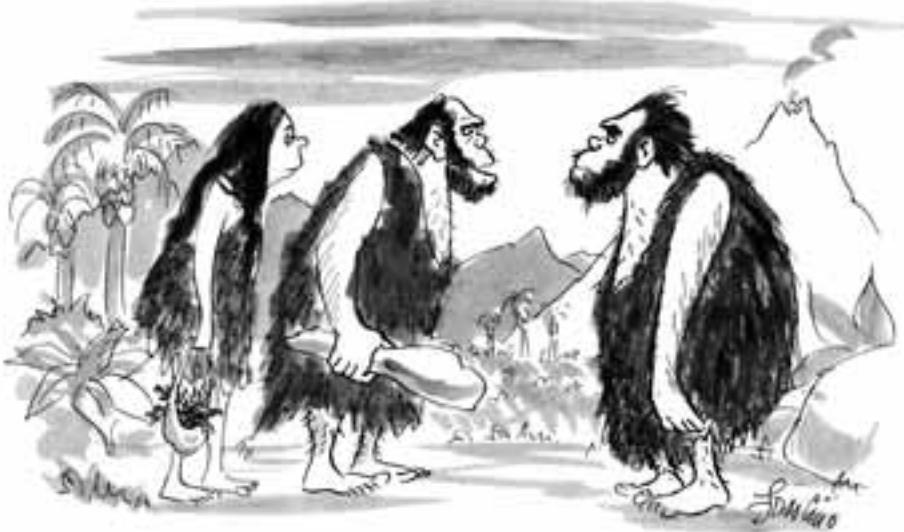


"SO, CLUMPY MCPHERSON! WE MEET AGAIN, EH?" RASPED THE BURSAR.





"And to whom do you wish to leave the bulk of your estate, sir?"



"I hunt and she gathers—otherwise, we couldn't make ends meet."

1991 Know the **four** warning signs of



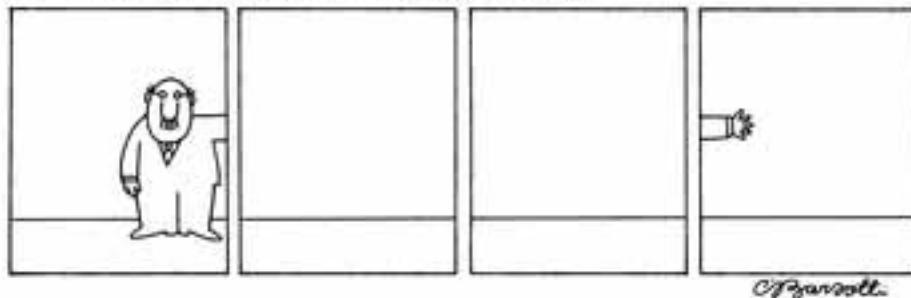


"Ann tells us you experimented a little with light beer in college."



*"Thornton, now that the children are grown
and gone let's adopt a highway."*

THE SPACE-TIME-COMIC-STRIP CONTINUUM





"You're not at all like your answering machine."





"Tonight, we'll be eating hot dogs with a mustard-ketchup-and-pickle purée, accompanied by peas lightly sprinkled with ketchup. Then fettuccine al dente with a ketchup sauce, followed by applesauce maison with a dollop of you know what!"



"Why won't you cuddle?"



"A little less West Coast this time, Eddie."



*"It's up to you now, Miller. The only thing that can
save us is an accounting breakthrough."*





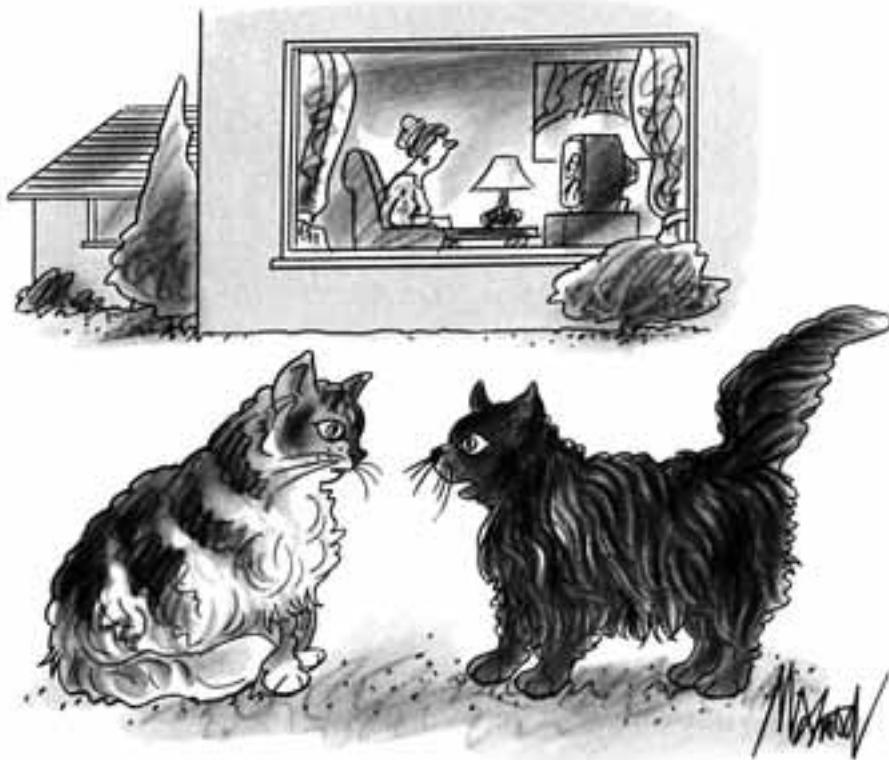


*"What's wrong with one hundred per cent attention
twenty per cent of the time?"*



CROSSED PATHS

Rip van Winkle Meets Sleeping Beauty



*"I know it's illogical, but I feel guilty about wearing
a fur coat these days."*



"You ungrateful little beast! How dare you accuse me of being an overbearing stage mother! Go to your room and stay there!"



"I thought we agreed that the dining room was a buffer zone."









WILL ROGERS' CAT





The Gramma Awards



Nana Novosel
Best Remake of an Old Standard:
"When I Was Your Age..."



Mrs. Emily Branca
Album of the Year:
"Sit With Me a Spell."



Emma Lou Dill
Best Novelty Single:
"Every Doggone Bone in My Body Hurts" b/w "Are We Living
in a Refrigerator?"



The Summer Ridge,
Virginia, Quilting Bee
Lifetime Achievement Award
Shanahan



*"We seem to be getting away from the separation
of church and state."*



*"What do you say we call this the end of
Date One, and just start Date Two?"*

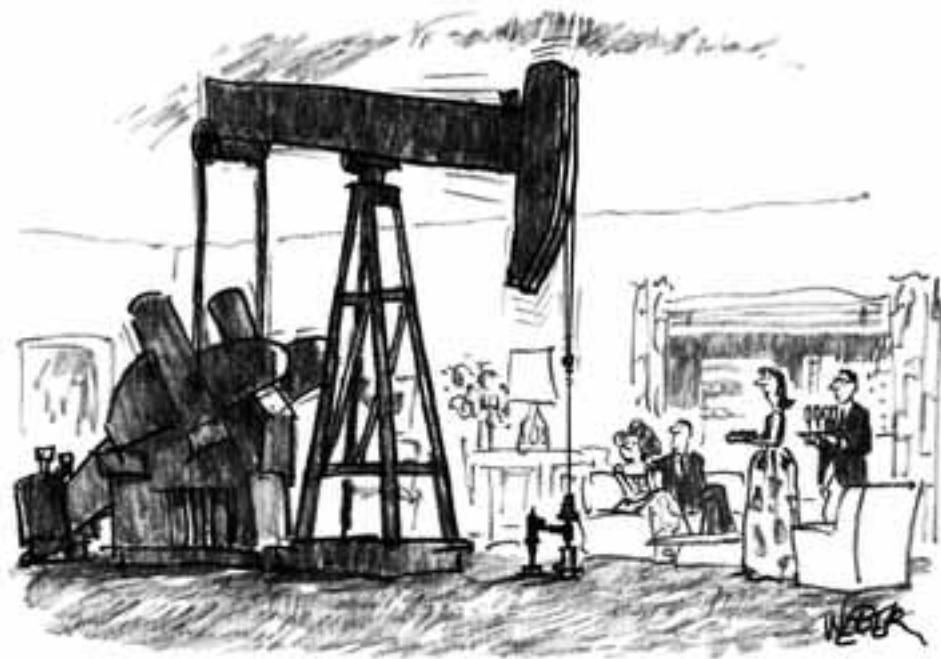


*"Wernock, here, sees your suit as half empty, but
I see it as half full."*



"We have a very special relationship with our barber."





*"We got a great buy on the apartment, but, unfortunately,
it didn't include the mineral rights."*



DAVID AND GOLIATH AND DAVID'S PERSONAL TRAINER, ROLF





“Gentlemen, I am happy to announce that as of today we are closing down our Washington news bureau and moving the entire operation to L.A.”



*"I don't sing because I am happy.
I am happy because I sing."*



JED HAD ORGANIZED ANOTHER
OF HIS MINI-PROTESTS.





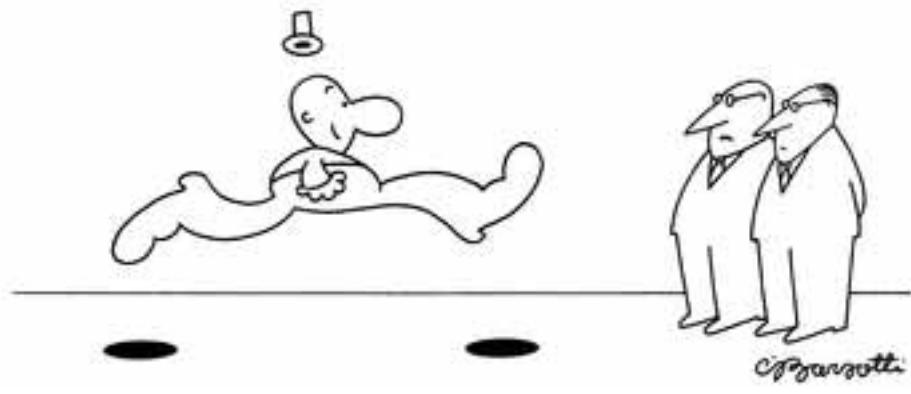
"We have to talk, Evelyn—but not now, not here in the breakfast nook."



"Mine says, 'Fortune cookies are a strictly American invention.'"







"Hire him. You can't teach shadows like that."



"You won't find Miss Miriam Hirschman an easy nut to crack, Mr. Leno."



"No one stops to smell the coffee anymore."



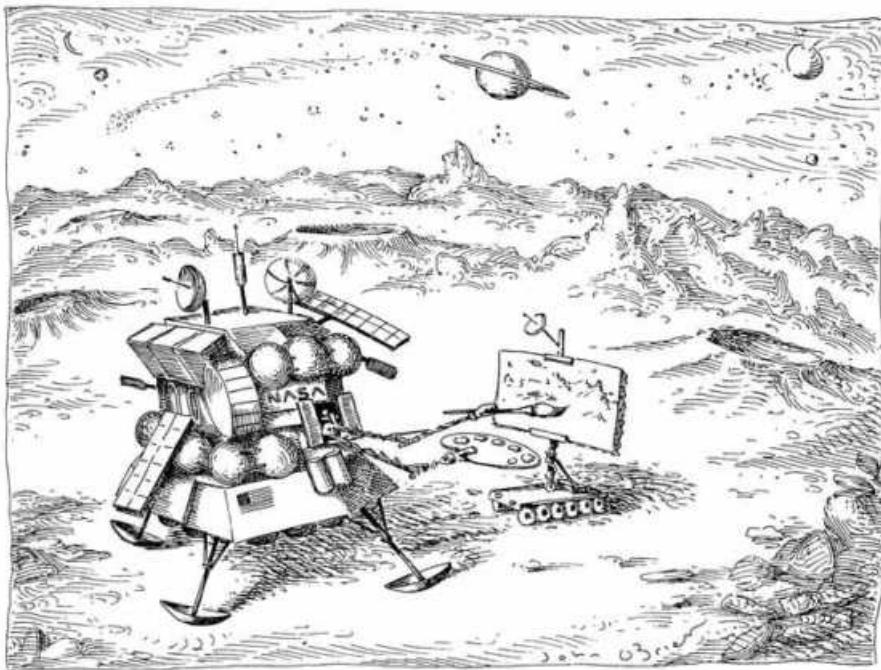
*"You will like Mr. Woofard. He has an
attention-deficit disorder."*

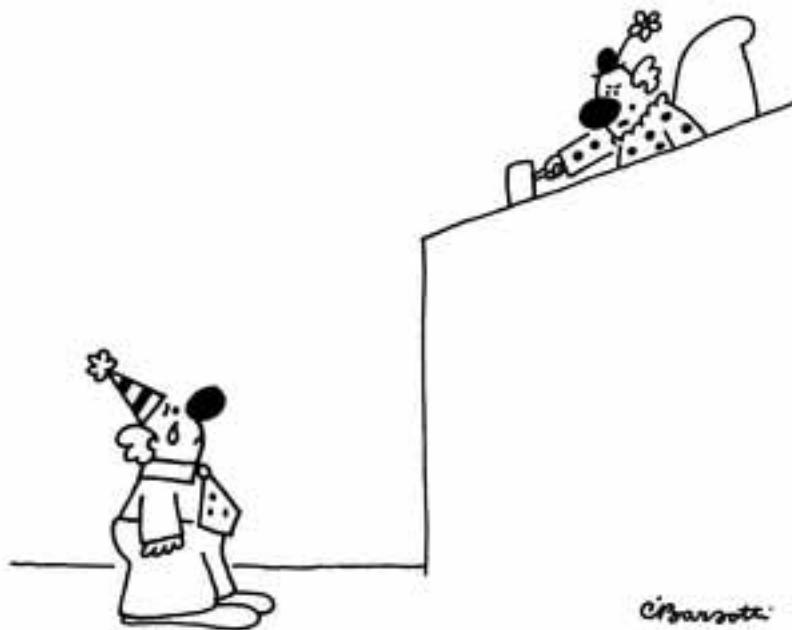


"This really gets you empathizing with those pickers."





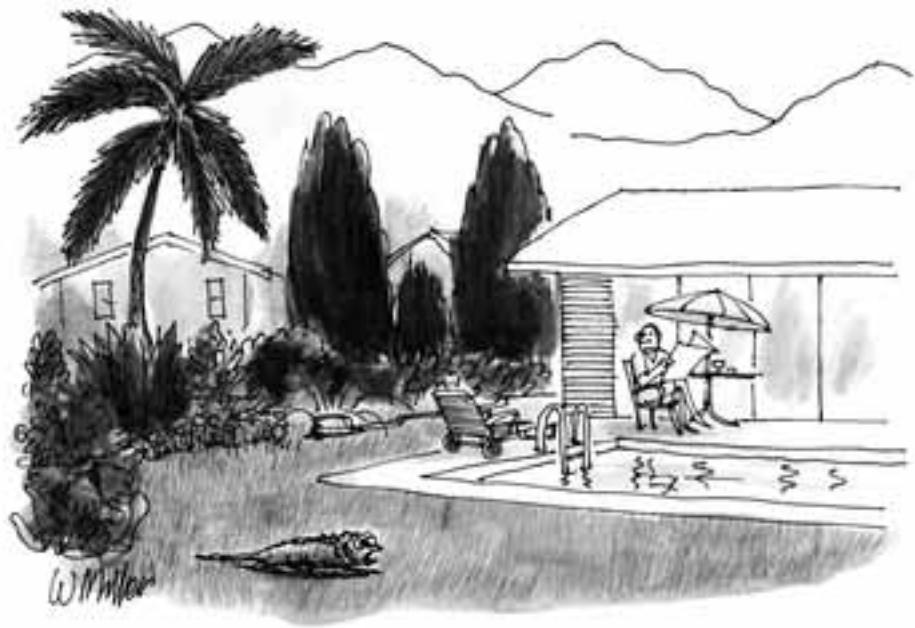




"Counsel is warned again: this court will not tolerate bathos."

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE





"Sand! Sand!"



"During the next stage of my development, Dad, I'll be drawing closer to my mother—I'll get back to you in my teens."



"Bad news—that fire in your belly is an ulcer."





*"I'm in love with you, Miss Bales, retroactive
to the day we met."*



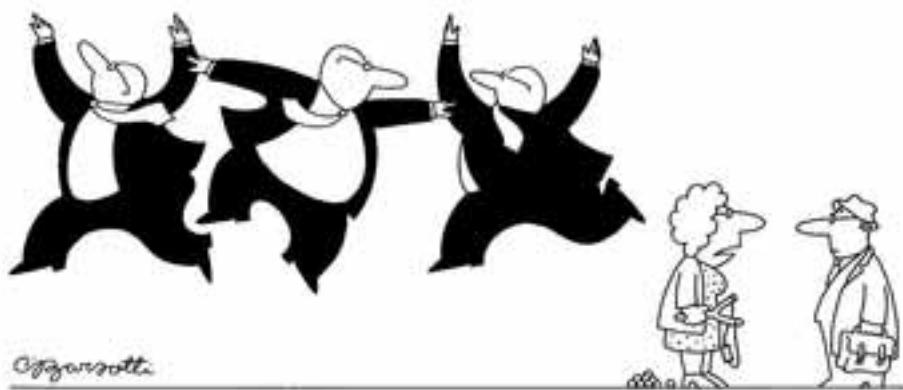
Graphic Designer



*"I don't know anybody here but the hostess—and,
of course, in a deeper sense, myself."*



"You're kidding! You count S.A.T.s?"



"Look, it's no problem. Just tell me which Mr. Kessler you had an appointment with."





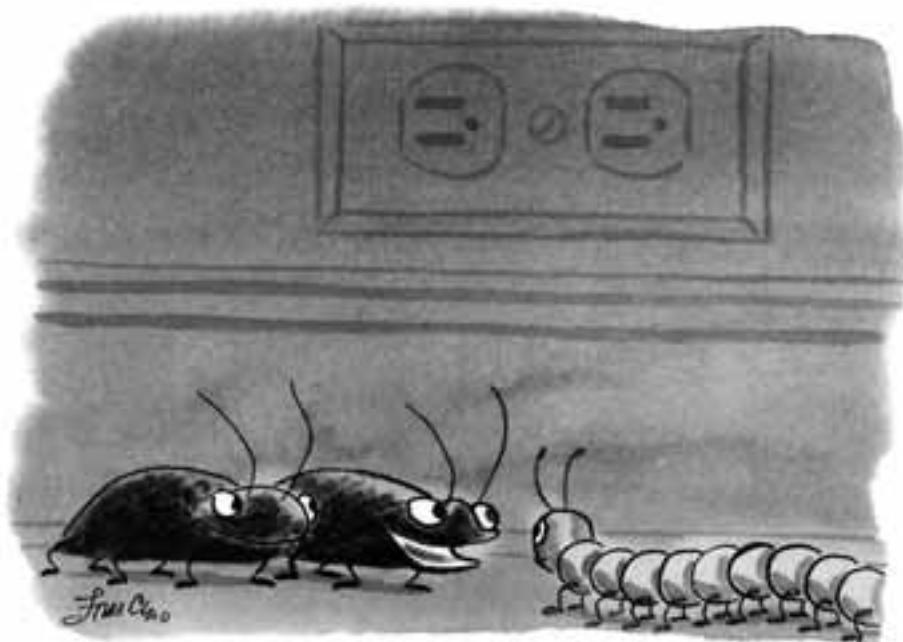
"Whew! I dreamed we'd been released into the wild!"



"Just hear me out, then tell me I'm wrong."



*"Anybody who doesn't like our one-party
system can go to Russia!"*



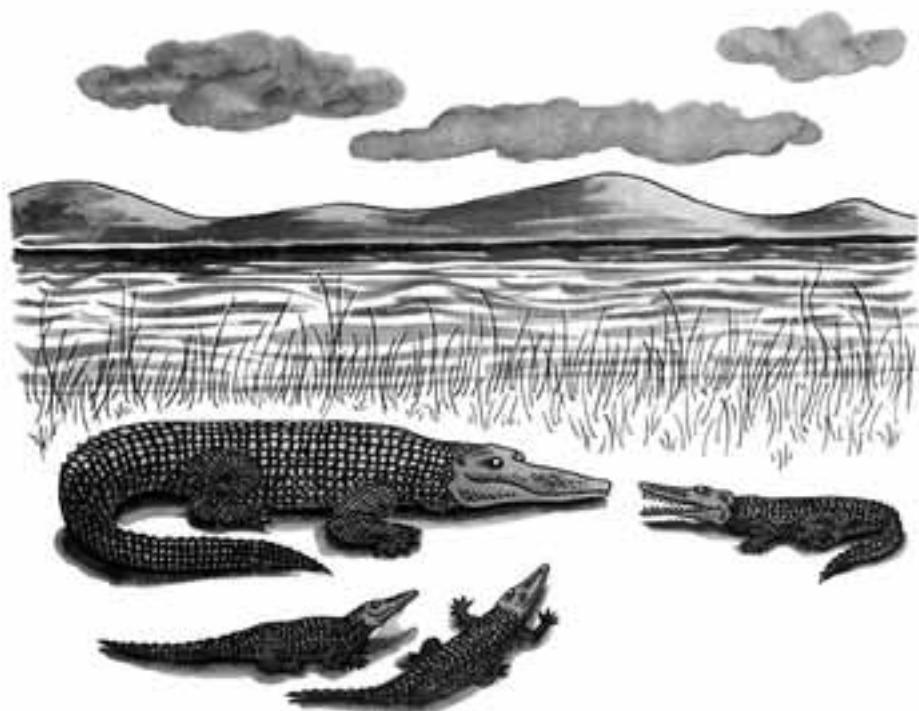
"We had a great summer! Seven hundred and fifty thousand of us shared a house in the Hamptons."



*"I think what this committee wants to know is whether or
not the situation at the end of the rainbow can be sustained
without a bailout."*







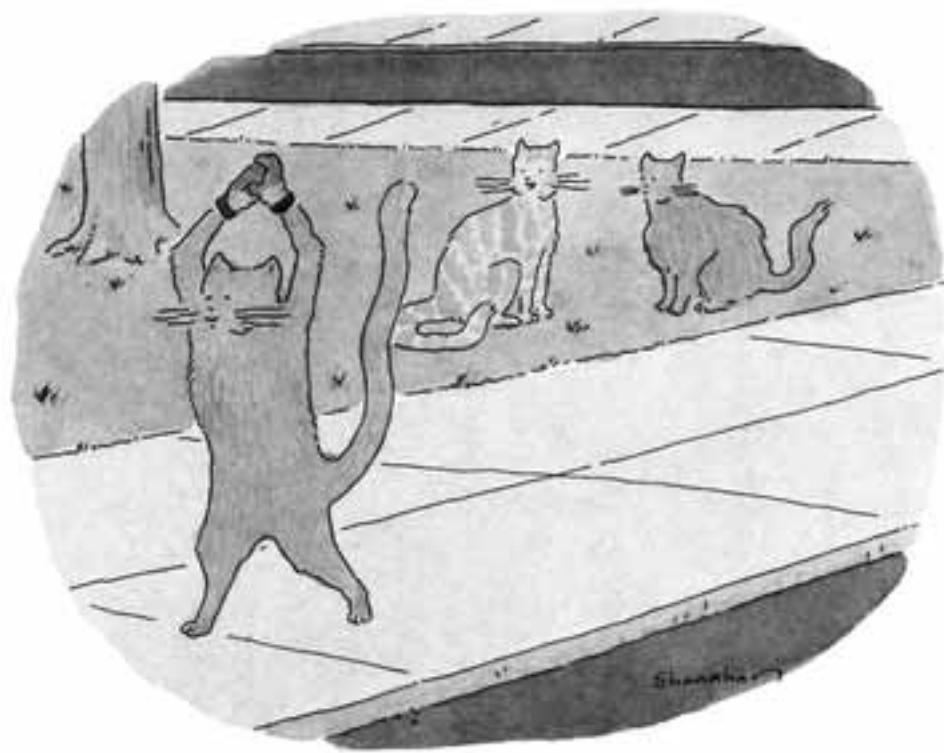
*"Tell us again about Bogie and Hepburn
coming up the river."*



"What d'ya think, Boss?"

*"Adorable, Dobson, but
baby pictures will suffice
from now on."*





*"He may have found his mittens, but he's lost
all sense of propriety."*



"I'm not wasting this year. I'm learning Catalan."



*"It's true, Darlene—until I met Ben I didn't care
if my cone was sugar or wafer."*

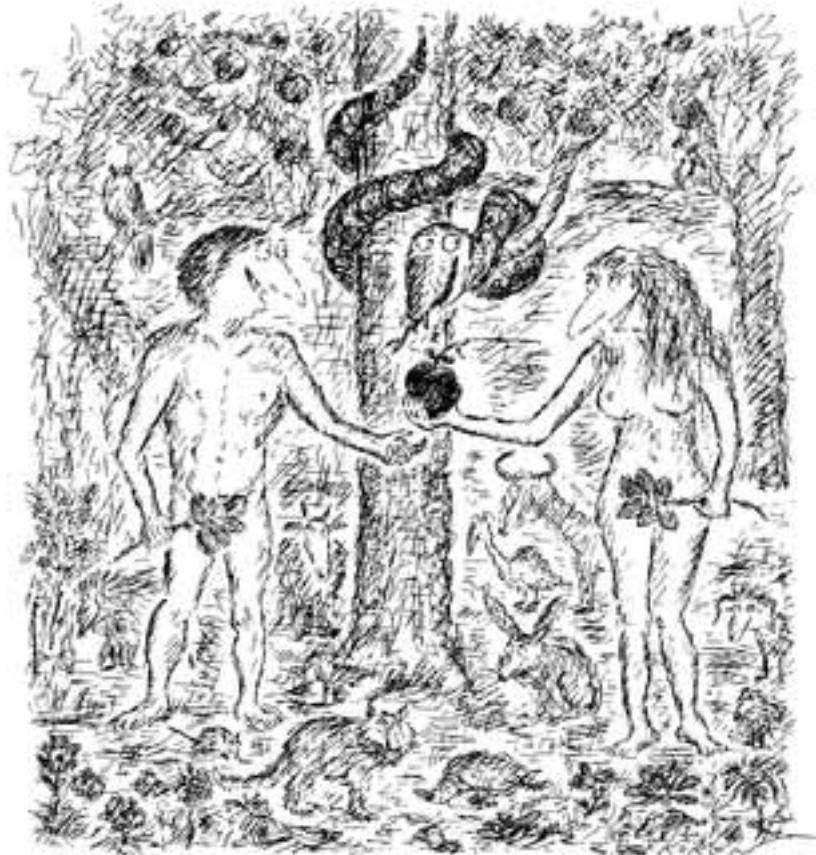


*"The reason it's going to keep flashing on and off is that
we love you, and we want you to love us, too."*



"Thank heavens! Some work."





"You guys are certainly in the right place at the right time."



"Before Carlo did us, we thought the whole nineteenth century was clunky."

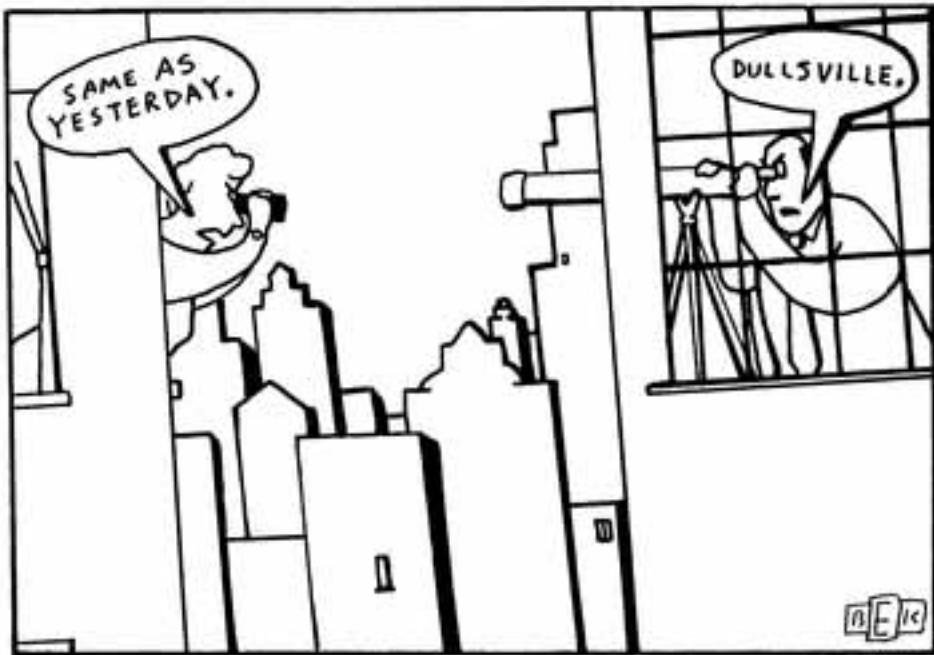


THE GAUGUINS AT HOME





"I love the way you never mention love."



Voyeurs shouldn't live across from each other.







"A year nowhere near Provence."



CROSSED PATHS
Whistler Meets Mother Goose



*"You may never have hissed at me, but it's
certainly been implied."*



*"I've always found enough to keep me busy right
here on the Atlantic Rim."*



"Even just sitting here, I'm receiving a tremendous amount of information from you."

GOSSIP OF THE STARS







*“Because my genetic programming prevents me from
stopping to ask directions—that’s why!”*



"No, thanks. I'm in training."



"She married the world's best tennis player, and they lived happily ever after."



*"Your records clearly indicate that you should be visible
to the naked eye, Mr. Preston."*



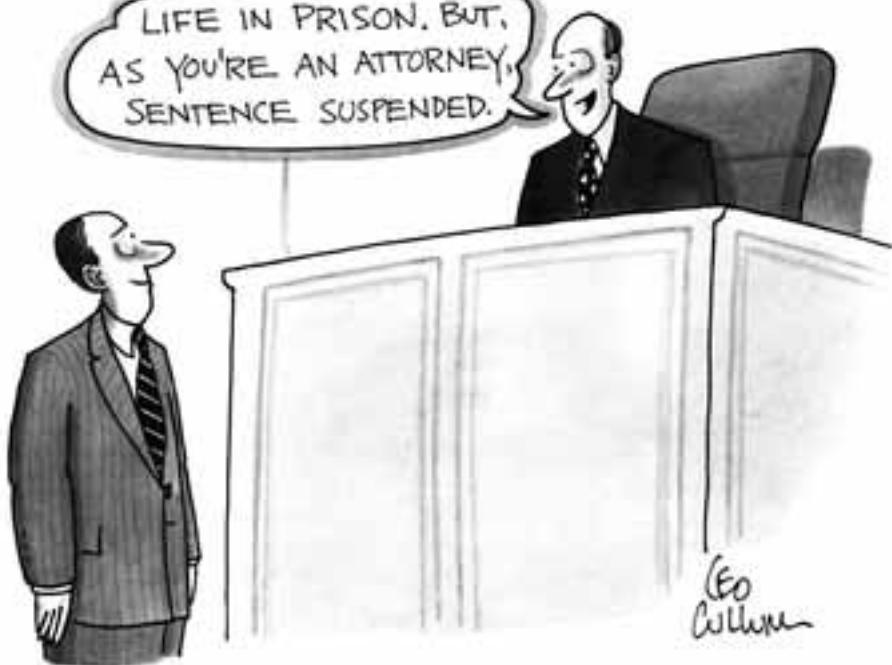
"I'm only doing this to support my writing."



"O.K., who can put a price on love? Jim?"

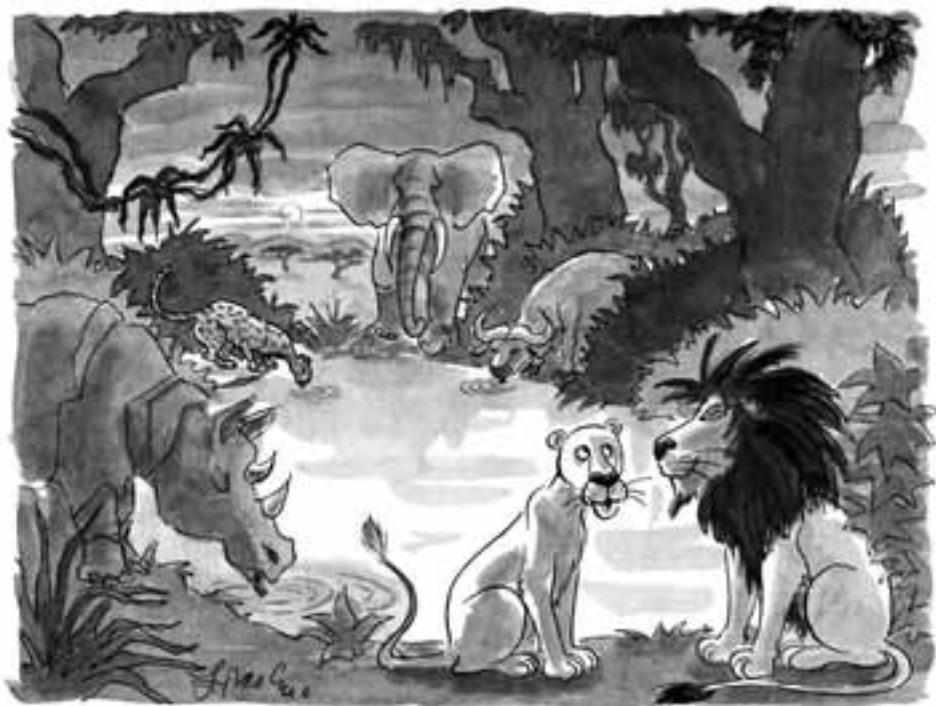
PROFESSIONAL COURTESY

LIFE IN PRISON, BUT,
AS YOU'RE AN ATTORNEY,
SENTENCE SUSPENDED.





*"Those are the headlines, and we'll be back in a moment
to blow them out of proportion."*



*"I must confess I've noticed your stopping by for a drink,
but I never dreamed you'd noticed me."*



Clothes make the self.



*"Wow! The Ukraine, Moldavia, Uzbekistan,
Kazakhstan, Byelorussia, Tadzhikistan,
Kirgizia, Turkmenistan . . ."*





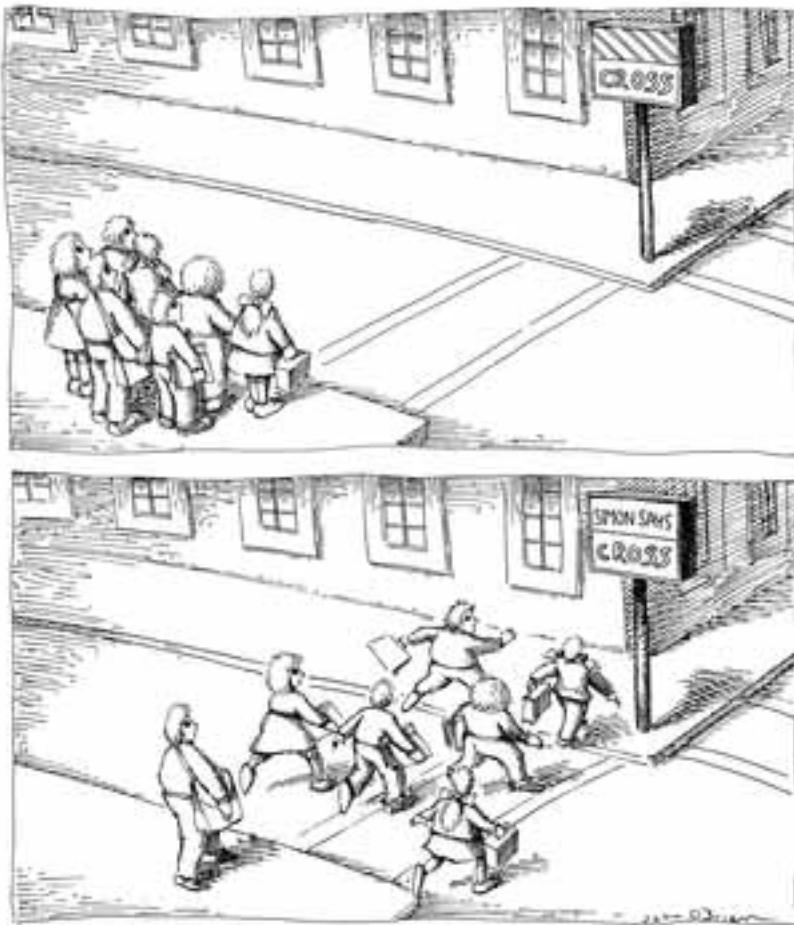
"If I hard-sell, it's because you need a car like this!"



"Here's your problem—you forgot the sleaze factor."



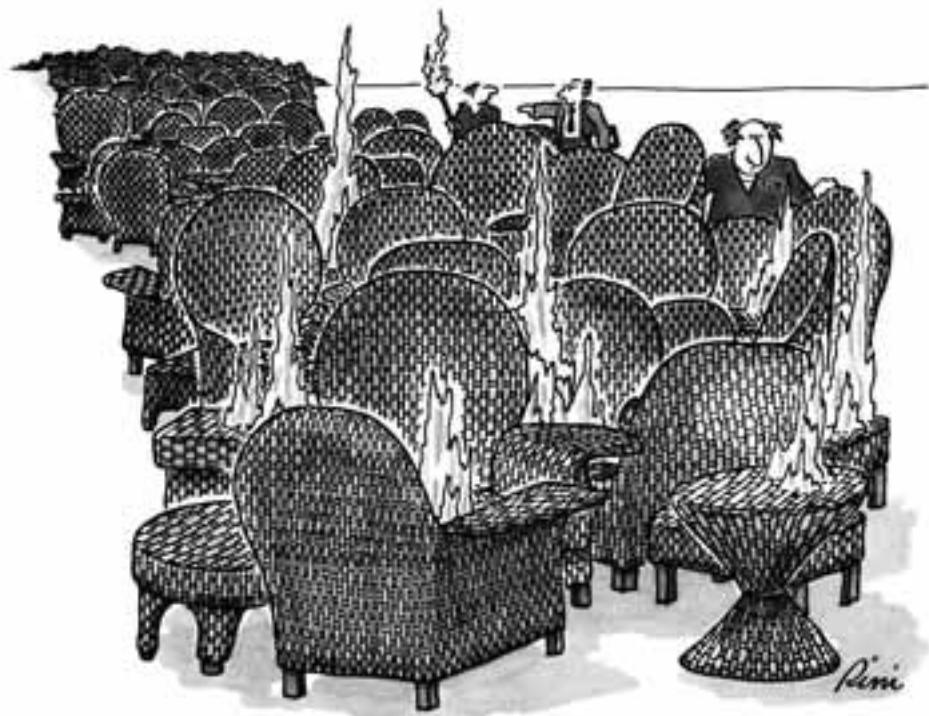
"And it was a good year for the Mets, too!"





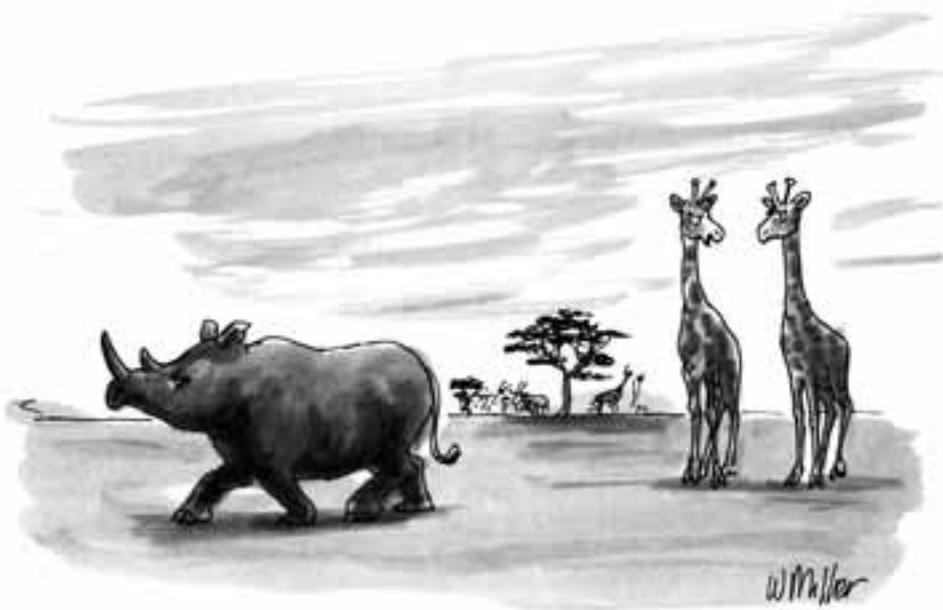
*"For services rendered, I award you the Medal of
Discretion, the better part of valor."*

Burning Off Last Year's Wicker
to Make Room for New Growth





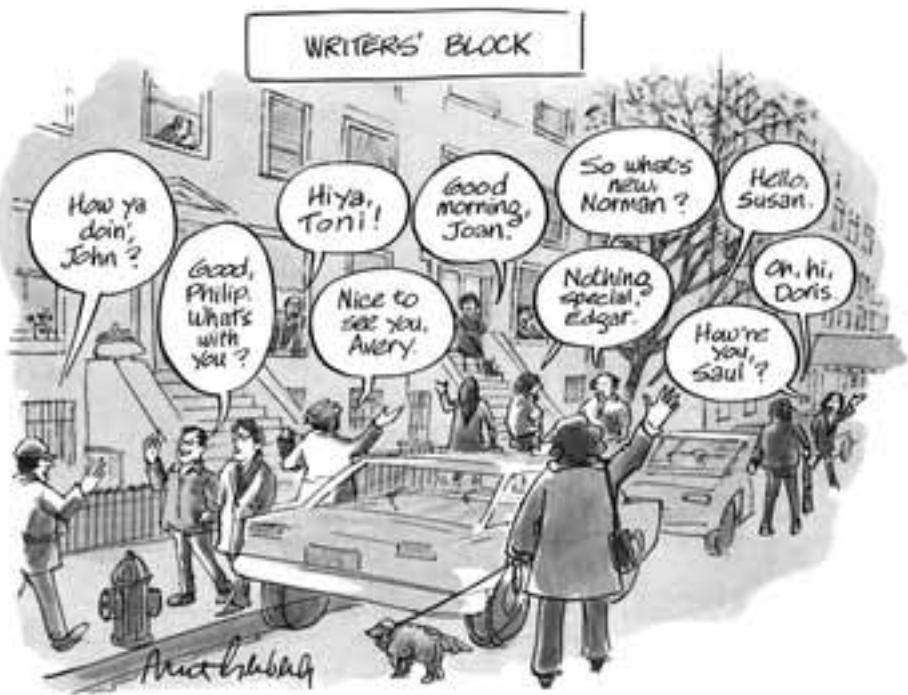
"Film blanc."



"It's that 'rarer than thou' attitude that gets me."



"Pawn to King Four."





"Joking or non-joking?"

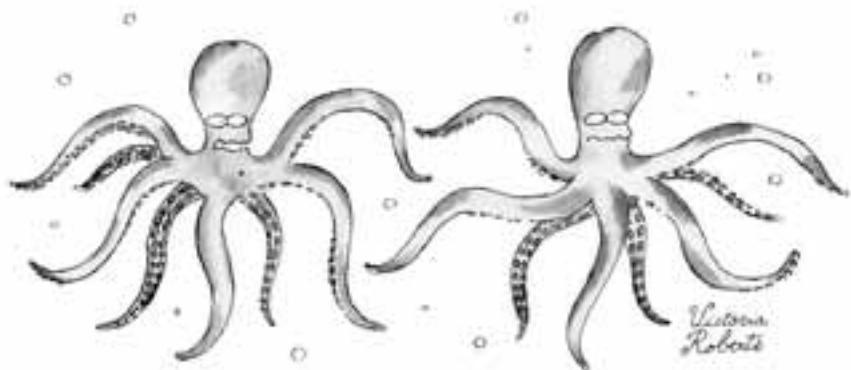


"We're planning a very long shelf life together."

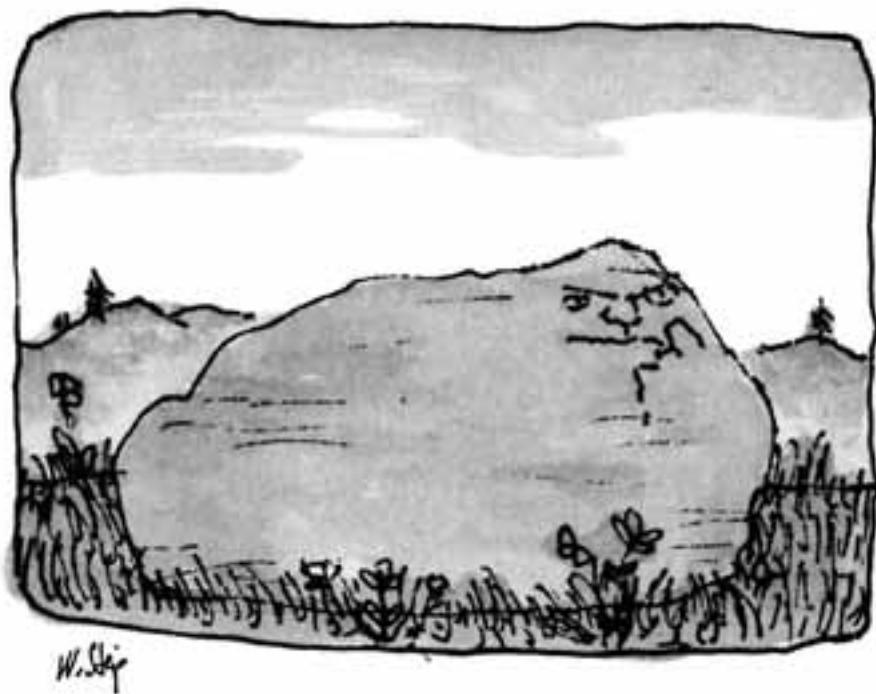




"Woof woof, to coin a phrase."



"I don't trust the Atlantic and I don't trust the Pacific."



Deep Thinker



"How Georgia O'Keeffey are you thinking?"



"Hey, gang! Before this blast gets under way, would you all please stand for Whitney Houston's rendition of our national anthem?"



"Curtain in five minutes, Dad!"



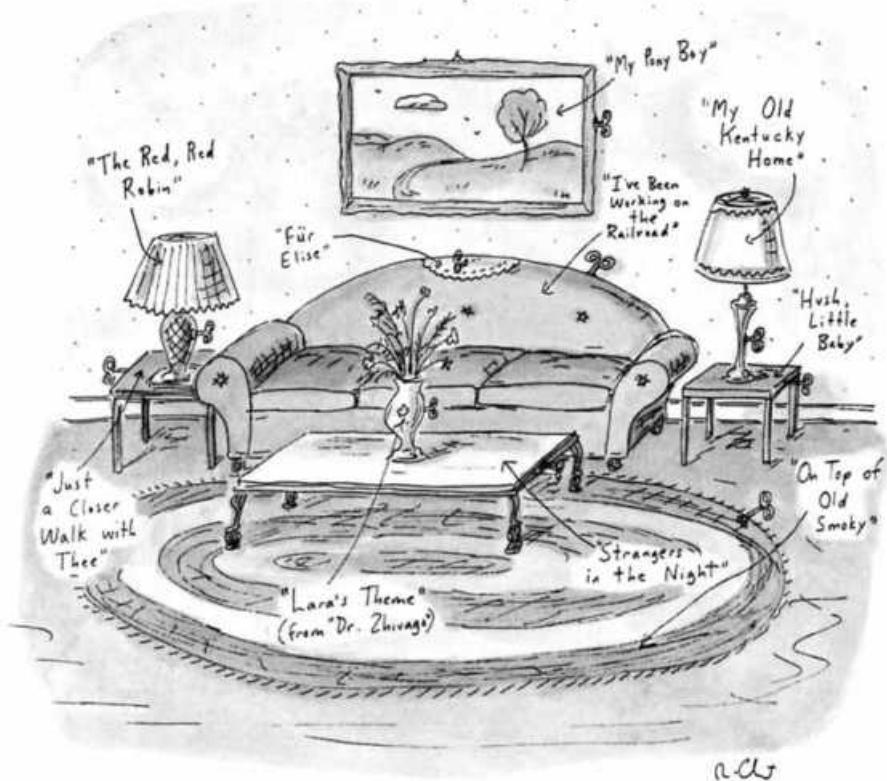
"He hasn't been the same since Hurricane Bob."



"New York is amazing for movies and women."



"It's the quarterly estimated Christmas list from some kid on Central Park West."

1991
THE HOUSE WHERE EVERYTHING WOUND UP AND PLAYED A TUNE



*"While you've been out tormenting your bodies, I've been
enjoying an active and satisfying gastric life."*





“But I digress.”



"Excuse me, sir. May I see some identification?"



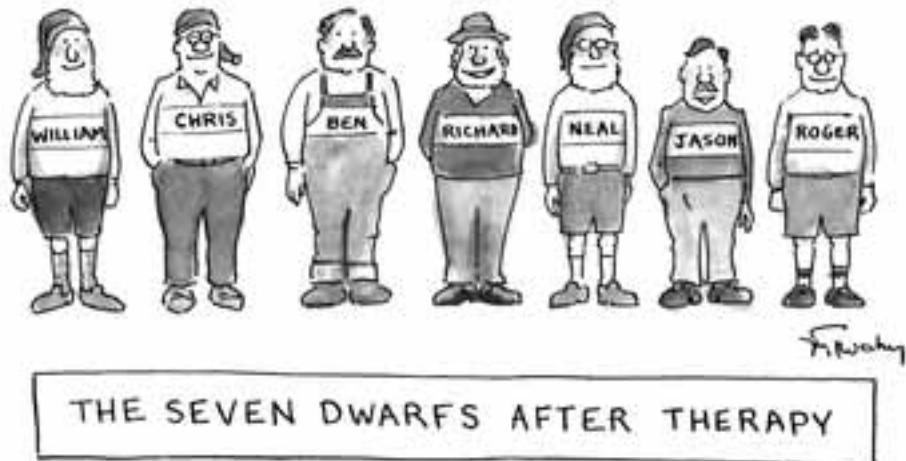
"California has always been too big for its britches."



"Geese today just don't seem to take pride in their appearance."



"I never thought I'd grow up to be the matinée crowd."





"I hope you don't mind. We're workaholics."





Dana Fradon

"The combined total of major-league batting averages was down three and a half points today. Outs outnumbered hits four to one, on a total of fourteen hundred at-bats."



Man of Two Minds

1991
ALTERNATIVE DICKENS



*Tiny Tim, Who Did Not Die, Grows Up To
Marry Little Nell, Who Did Not Die, Either.*



"Albert, this is Ron, the person I have to thank for introducing me to falafel."

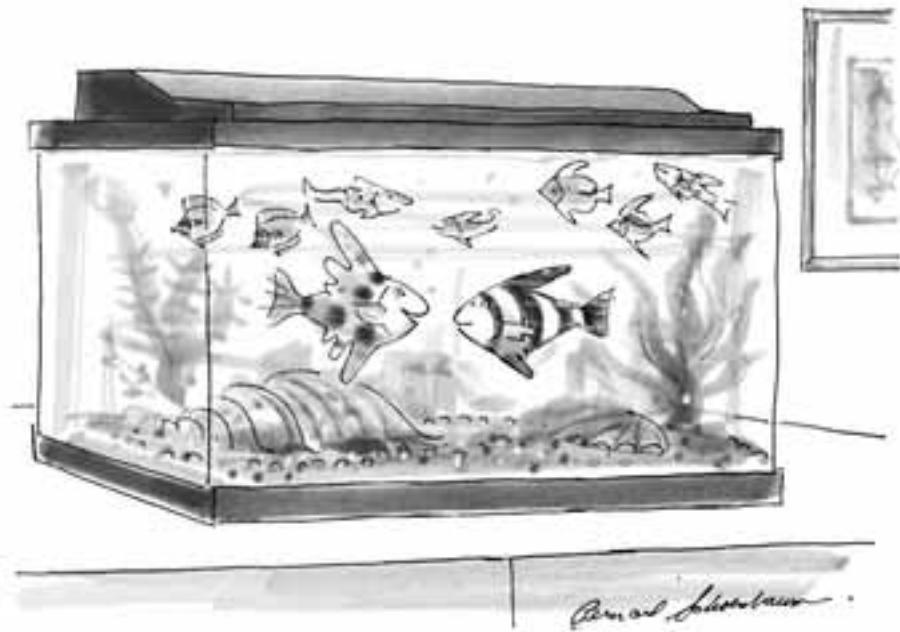


*"Please turn now to Judy's mirror' in your copy
of 'Pat the Bunny.'"*





"Brad, we've got to talk."



"I'd love to chat, but it's one of those 'get things done' days."





"Who could have imagined that such a wonderful recipe for brownies would be hidden away in the Dead Sea Scrolls?"



*"Boys, boys. You're getting loud and no one gives a damn
how big your salaries used to be."*

FOR THOSE WHO DON'T FEEL THAT DRIVING SCHOOL IS QUITE ENOUGH, THERE'S...

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THE GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN OLDIE



*"Will any of your wonderful friends who
found themselves through tap dancing
be at this party?"*



*"We'd like to take this opportunity to apologize
for the white man."*



*"Frankly, your mother and I think you did better
work when you were two."*





“Someone’s been tinkering with your adjustable-rate mortgage.”



"After probate, family members will receive duplicate videos."



"I suppose one could say that stress is an inescapable part of the human condition."



LIFE WITH HANS WAS NOT
ALWAYS A BOWL OF CHERRIES.



"I need a vacation. Everything is starting to smell like a bomb to me."



"He's torn between whiskey and port."

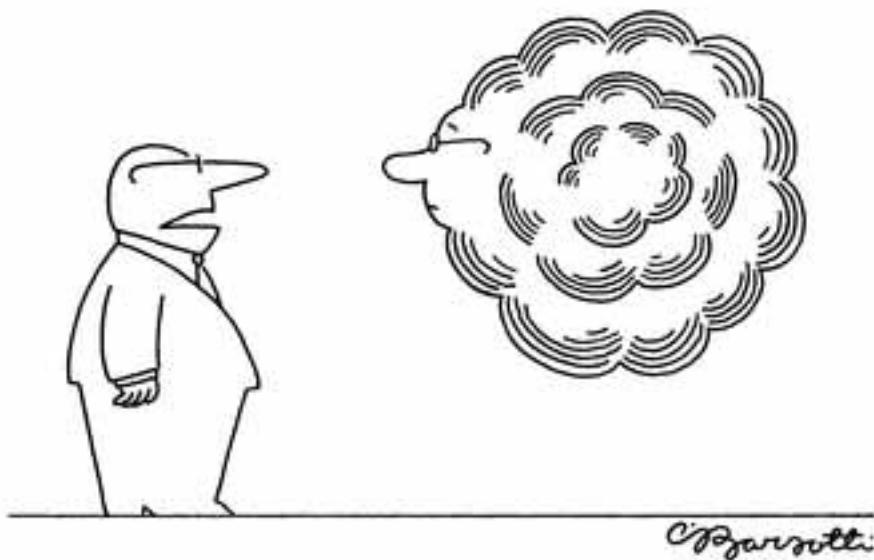




Vegetarian Watch confronts a notorious carnivore.



"It's thrilling to watch them come out in the morning, ready for the kill!"



*"You're fired, Pembroke. We're turning the office into
a smoke-free environment."*

OEDIPUS APPROACHES THE WRONG SPHINK
AND IS REBUKED



"Don't dis me."



"Hooray! The last of the summer people!"

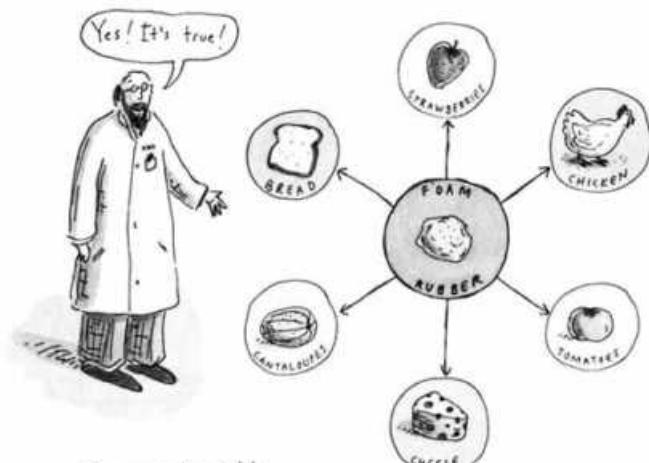


"Everybody should live in a market economy. It's terrific."



"Damn it, Eddie! Not during the getaway, too!"

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*“‘City Slickers’ was O.K., but, let’s face it,
it was no ‘Claire’s Knee.’”*





"And where have you previously moused?"



The self is easily offended.



"This one's going down."



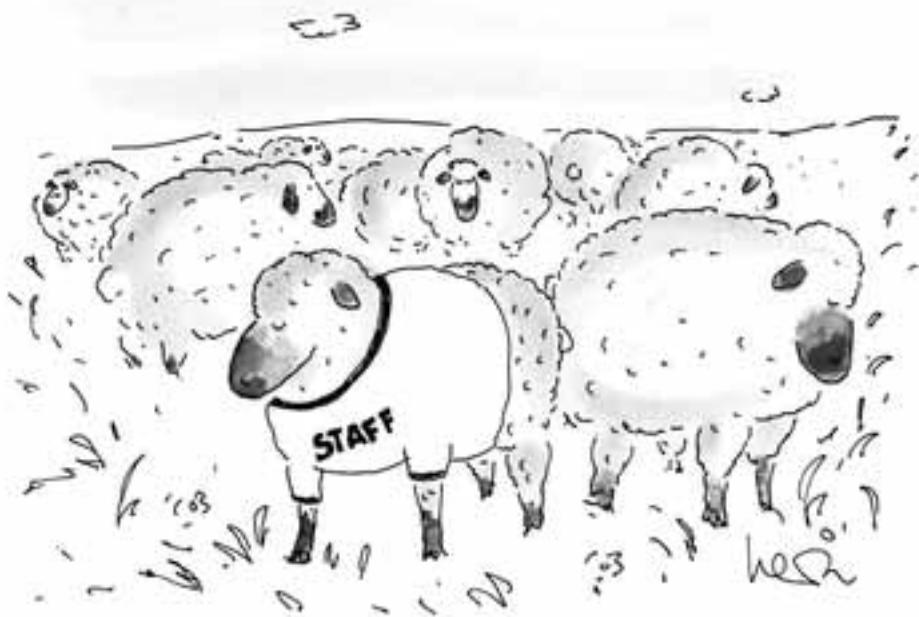
CROSSED PATHS
Boswell Meets Andy Warhol



"You're close, but you're not the record. The record for one family in one booth—all from out of state, each ordering a complete breakfast—was set in 1978, with fifteen."



*"Summer is behind us; winter is ahead.
I guess we're on course."*





"Joel! Killer crust!"



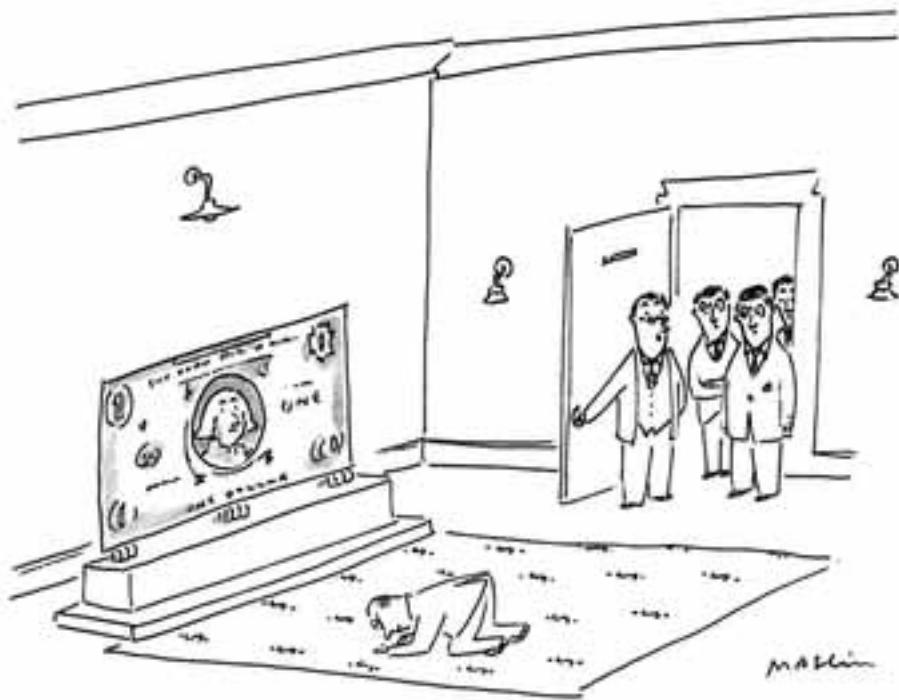
"Don't worry, Howard. The big questions are multiple choice."



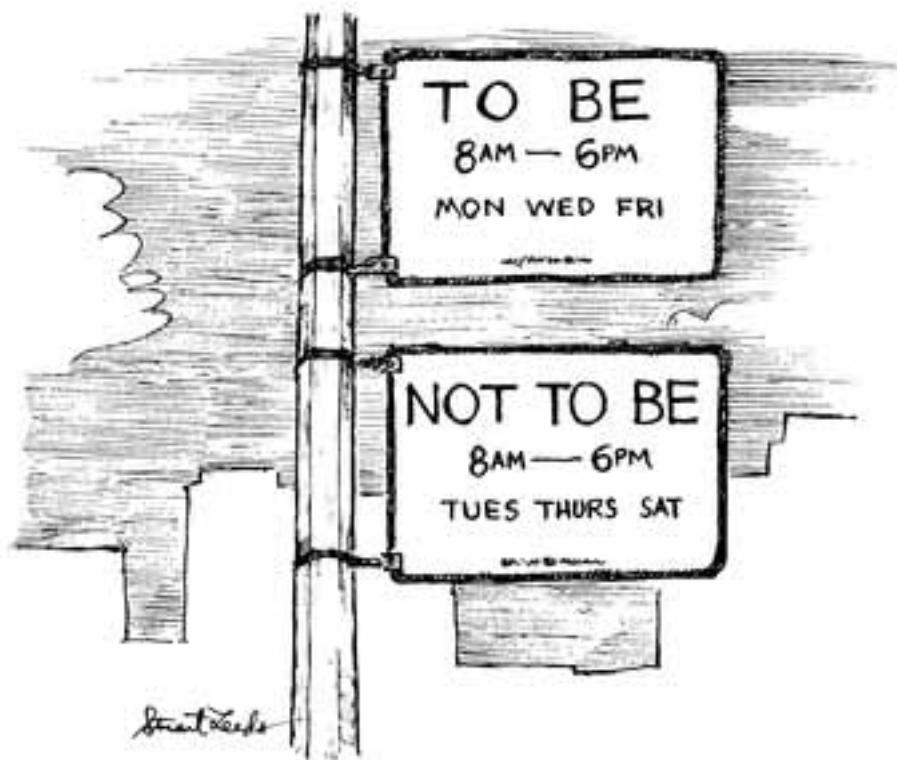
"Galeries Lafayette, we are here!"



"My God, now what?"



*"We've set aside this particular room for those who
still worship the almighty dollar."*





*"This song is dedicated to our parents, and is in the form
of a plea for more adequate supervision."*





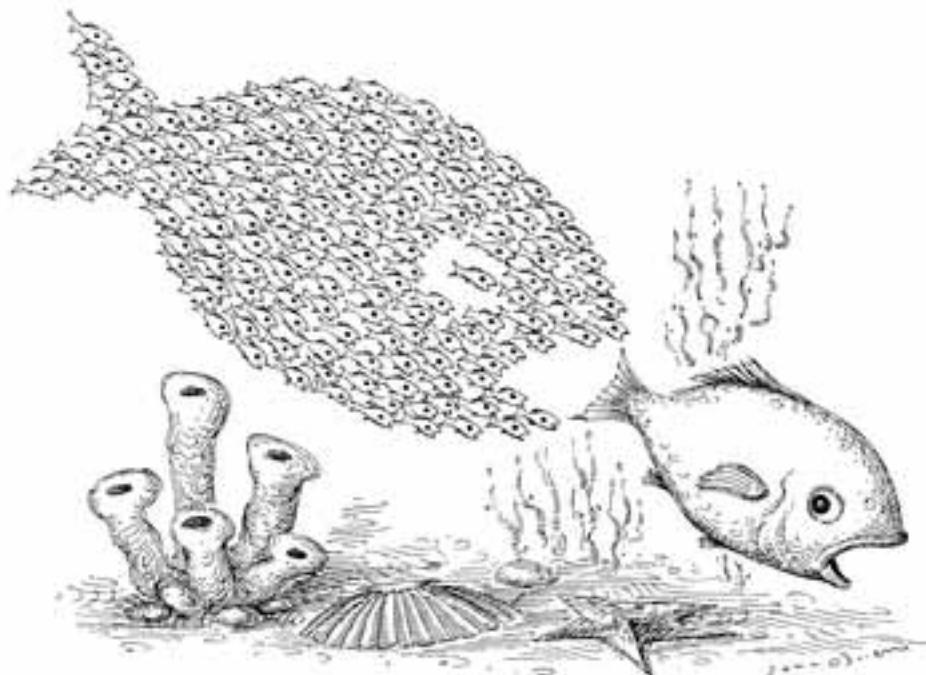
"Quite frankly, I'm a bit disappointed."



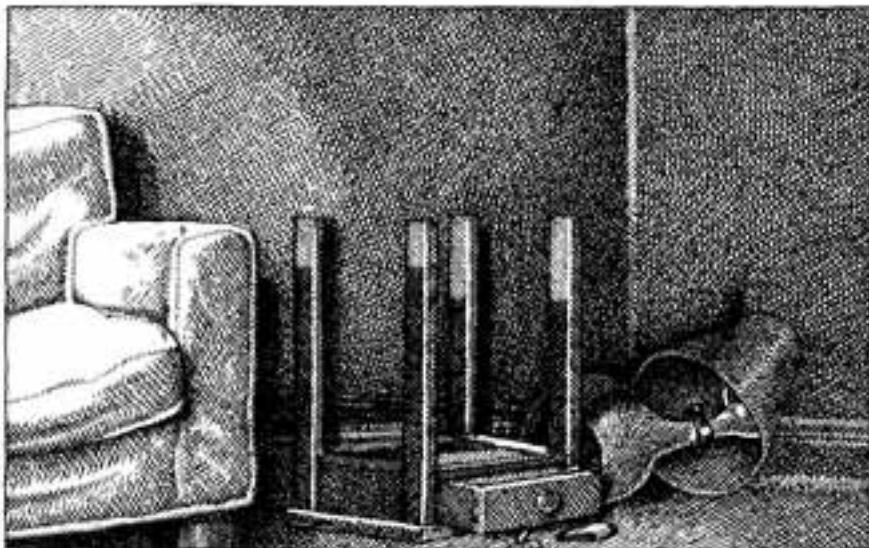
"We're starting to get media coverage. Pass it on."



"As soon as the leaves turn, my hair goes crazy."

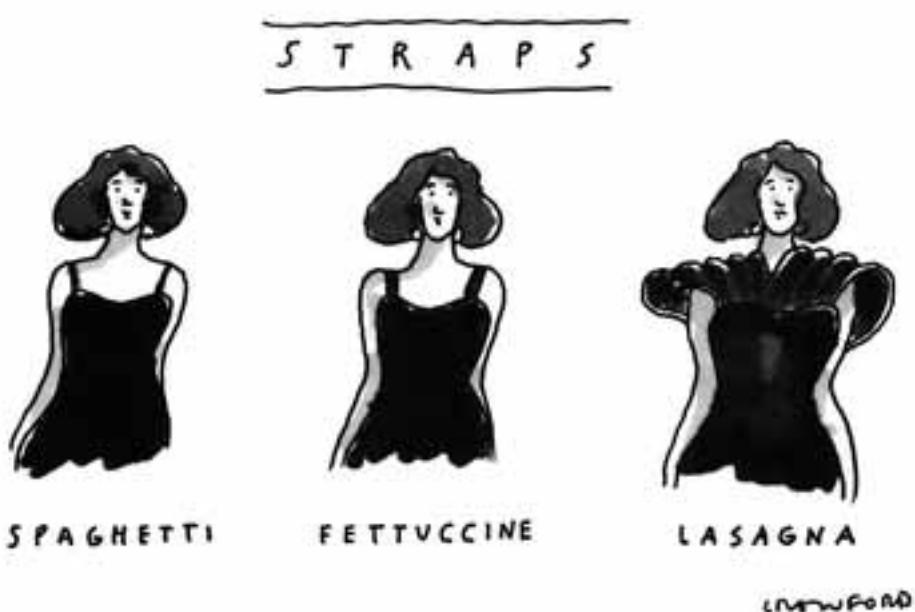


1991
THE DEAD END TABLE





"You will fall backward. But eventually you will spring ahead."





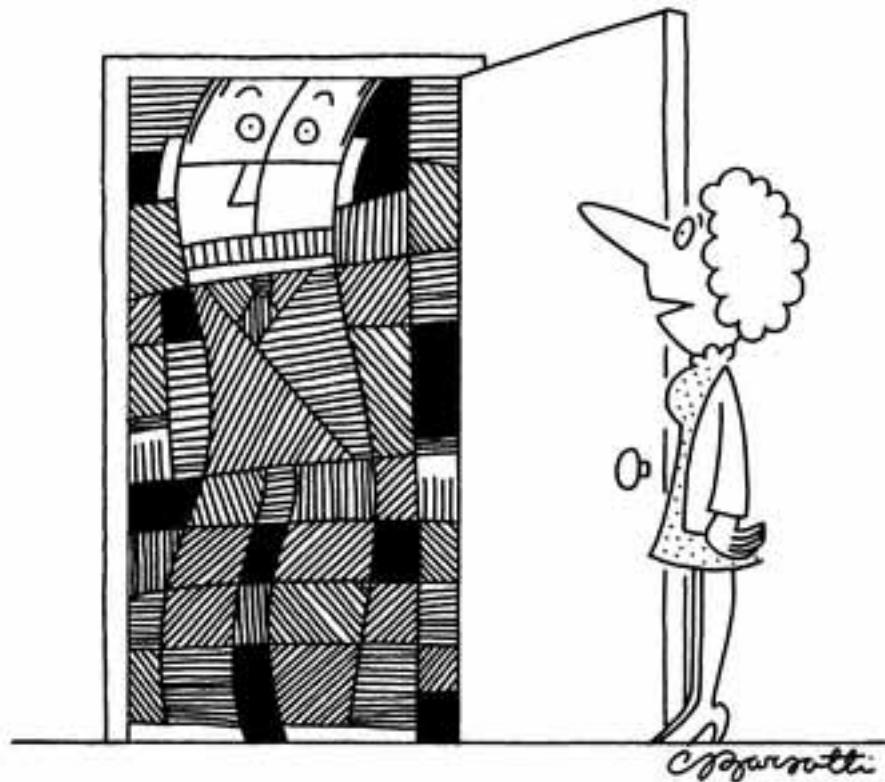
"Each one is numbered, dated, and signed by the grower."



"I suggest that in future you eat all your lunch."



"If anybody calls, say I'm at the vet's."



"You're home now, dear—relax, and we'll get you all sorted out."







*"It's tough, but their right to keep and bear arms
must not be infringed."*



"I'm dropping the Halloween grind after this year. I'll do some consulting and open a little occult bookstore."



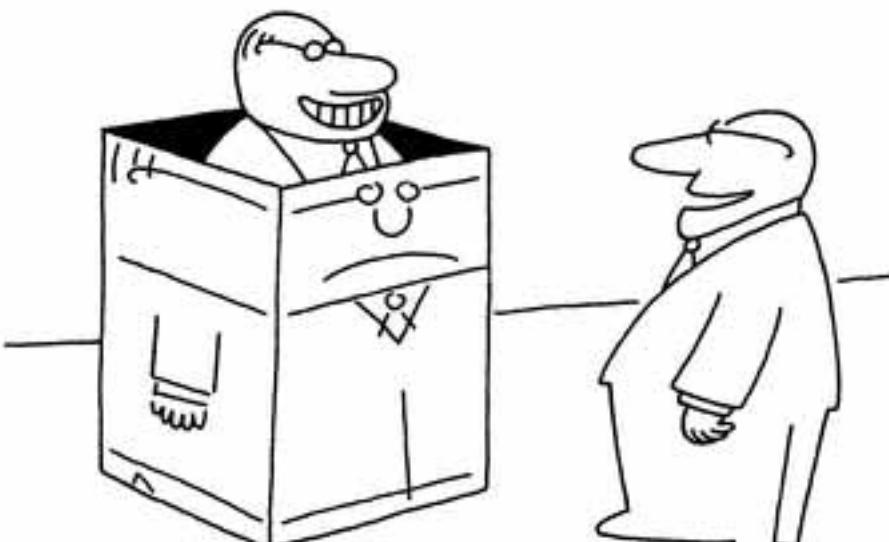
*"It's remarkable, Mr. Volmer. You have the clothes
of a man half your age!"*



"But, hey, what is 'recession' but a word? And the same goes for 'money,' right? And how about 'human beings'?"



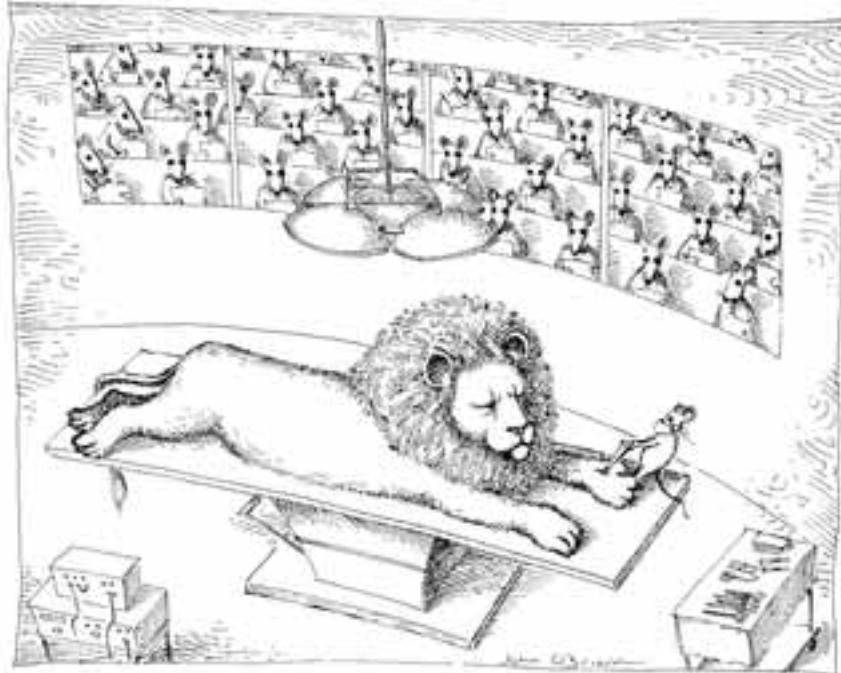




"Ah, there's that big smile!"



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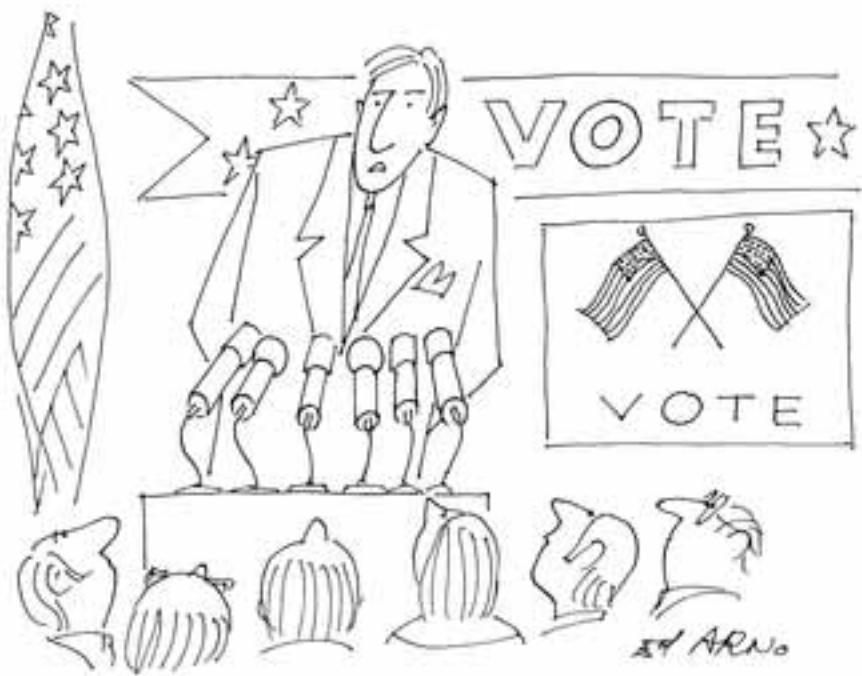




"In Washington today, the sun rose over Capitol Hill and received broad bipartisan support."



"Frances tells me you're a communications major."



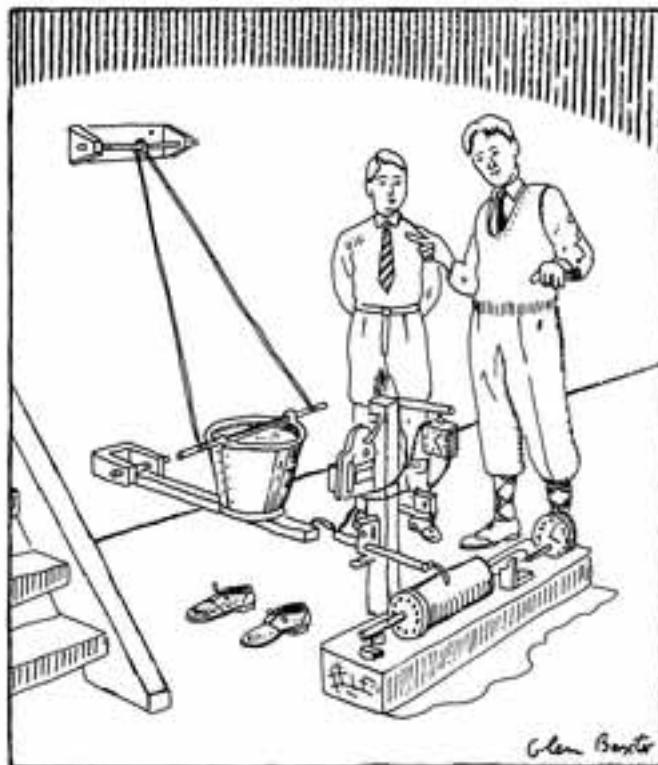
*"If indicted, I will not stand trial; if convicted,
I will not serve time."*



"You realize I'm taking an enormous personal as well as professional risk just being seen with you."



You Tarzan?



AS A WAY OF FILLING BROGUES
WITH GUACAMOLE, IT WAS CLEARLY
IN A CLASS OF ITS OWN.



TOMORROW'S ASTRONOMY:



DETITUS MAJOR

THE LITTLE PLANET THAT GREW RICH BY OFFERING
ITSELF AS A GALAXY-WIDE GARBAGE DUMP





The self feels trapped in a relationship.



*"I'm an optimist. I'm convinced that everything is going
to go to hell, but not for a while yet."*



"We've checked, and it's fine with women."



*"Listen, you guys, it's O.K. to sell your apartment
at a loss. It's a badge of honor."*



*"Well, you don't have to bite my head off—I didn't
cancel the Cold War."*



"Quote, Bill, unquote."

How well do you really know your household pets?





Andante Sostenuto



"When it comes to loving someone, I never seem to get it right."

1991
THE GREAT SCREEN OF JAPAN





"Not only do you look marvellous but all of you looks the same age."



SINCE YOU ASKED



Ingredients: snips, snails,
snail by-products, puppy-
dog tails, other puppy-
dog by-products.



R. Chast

Ingredients: sugar, aspartame,
spice, everything nice, a blend
of nutritive and non-nutritive
sweeteners.



*"Honestly, Debbie, that was a long time ago.
I don't 'gotta be me' anymore."*



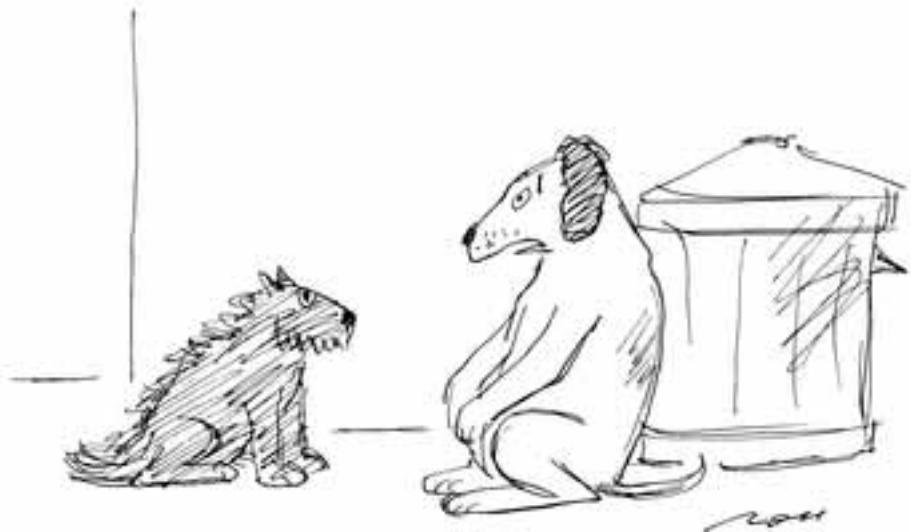
DANTE & VIRGIL
A BUDDY MOVIE



"You really miss her, don't you, Lou?"

MY FIRST CAMERA





*"I don't know. I may be man's best friend, but I'm
my own worst enemy."*



*"So, for Ralph, Betsy, and the rest of us here at
Action News, good night!"*



"What's the opposite of a multiple personality?"



"Good news, Mr. Vanderfirth. We've traced your lineage back to a woman who lived in East Africa two hundred thousand years ago."





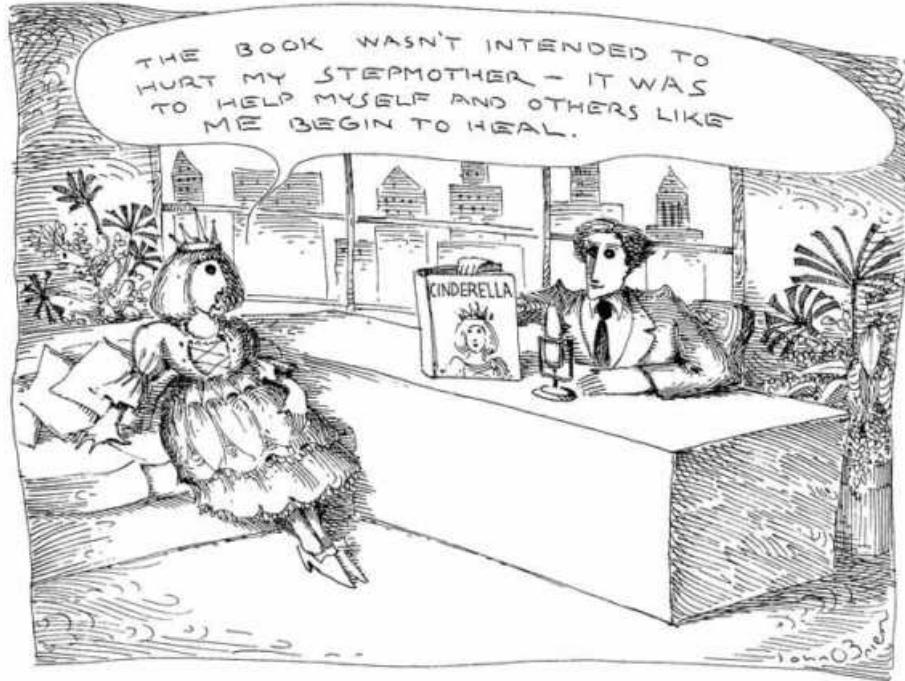
*"I may not know much about the Constitution,
but I certainly know what I like."*



"And this is Ivy."

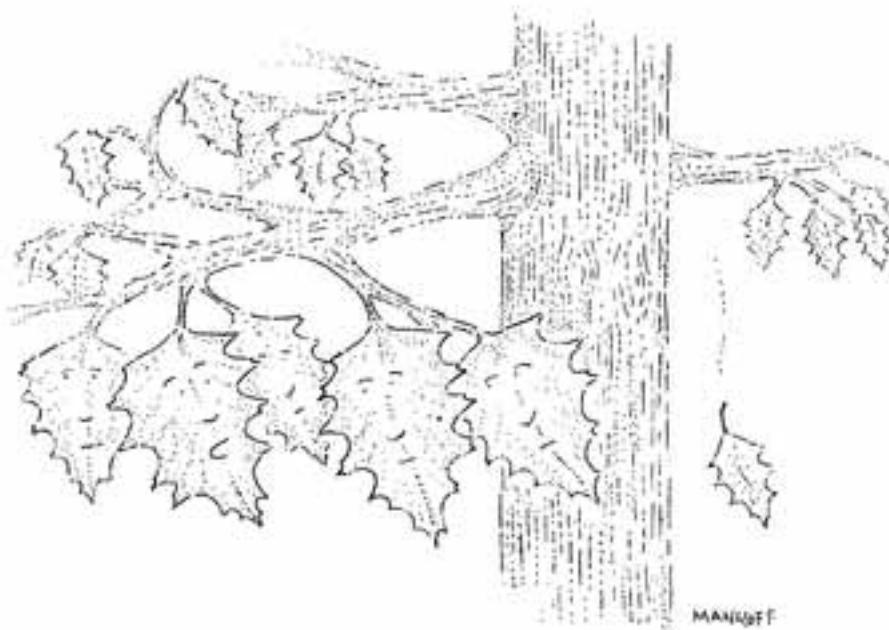


"Bill did the voice-over for this commercial."





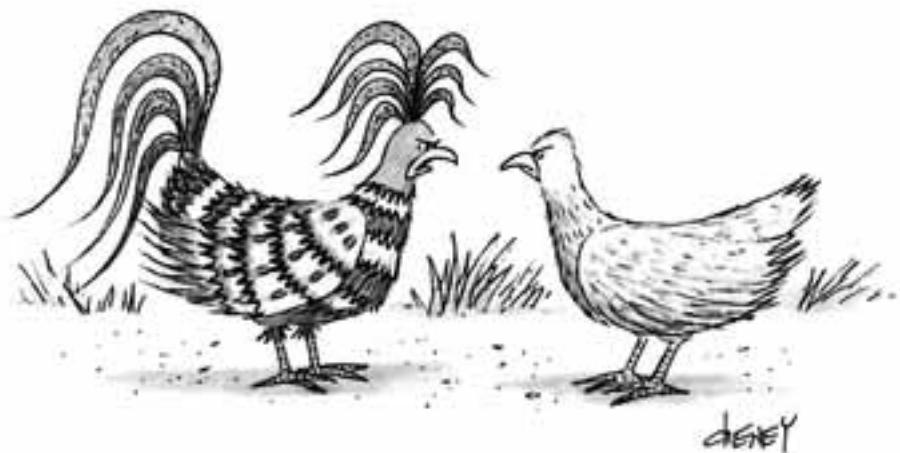
"Divide and conquer. Then, a merger."



"Personally, I'd rather be incinerated than composted."



CROSSED PATHS
Munch Meets Beethoven



"I refuse to apologize for having plumage!"







"We teach them that the world can be an unpredictable, dangerous, and sometimes frightening place, while being careful not to spoil their lovely innocence. It's tricky."



"Odd finger finishes the fettuccine."



"Mrs. Helper, do you really want me to grant you this divorce? Mr. Helper informs me that passages from 'The Velveteen Rabbit' were read at your wedding ceremony."



"Now that they dig our singing, let's wow them with a little tap."



"I'm glad to hear you're happy, Charles—that accounts for the smile."





DOWSING FOR COFFEE

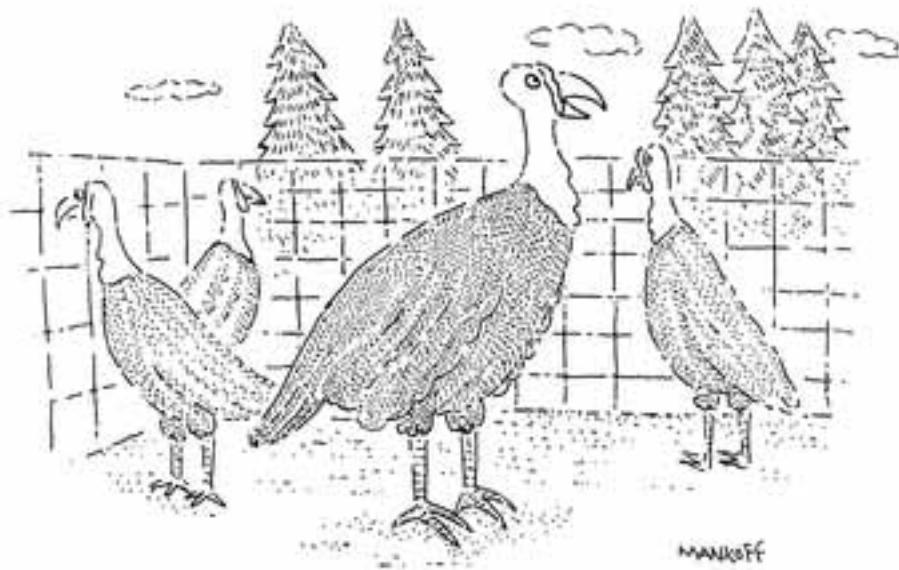


R. Chast



"The problem is to get rid of the perception that we receive perks but not get rid of the perks."

DREAM ON



"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas."



"I always thought white-collar crime was done by computer."



*"You're lucky, dear. I was a hat-check girl
when everybody wore a hat."*

LAMBADA: THE FORGOTTEN DANCE



R. Chast



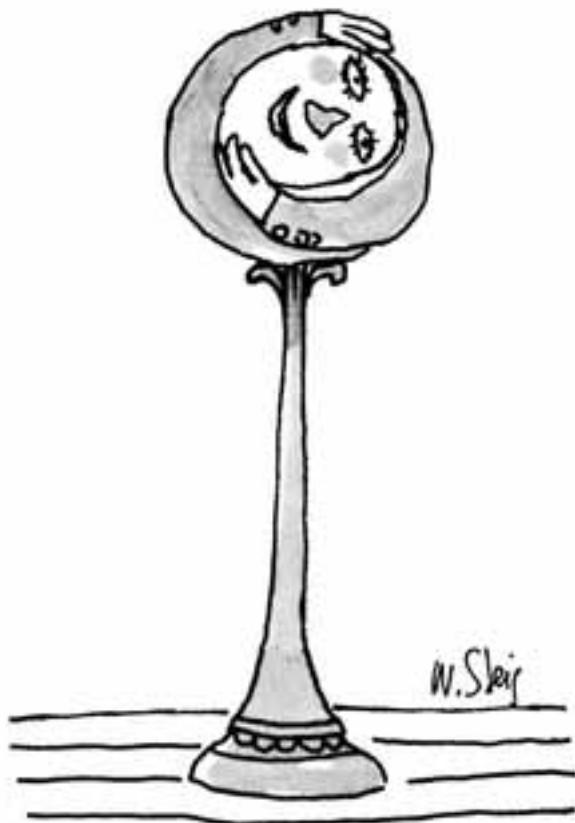
"O.K., now put Tab A into Slot B."



*"You and your brother portray a great many wicked
giants in these tales of yours, Herr Grimm. Do you
think you could balance them by depicting a couple
of good ones?"*



"We collect cowboy-and-Indian paraphernalia. How much would you take for your pickup?"



The self is one's chief interest.



"Down, boy."



"Infusion break, honey bun."



*“Owing to an impetuous act of your Great-Great-Aunt
Pumpkin’s, we now have owls in the family.”*



"Then it's agreed. We walk out of here with our hands up."



EDNA REMAINED STEADFASTLY
IMPERVIOUS TO SVEN'S LATEST
ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS.







"It would take more than your pleats to drive us apart, but not much more."





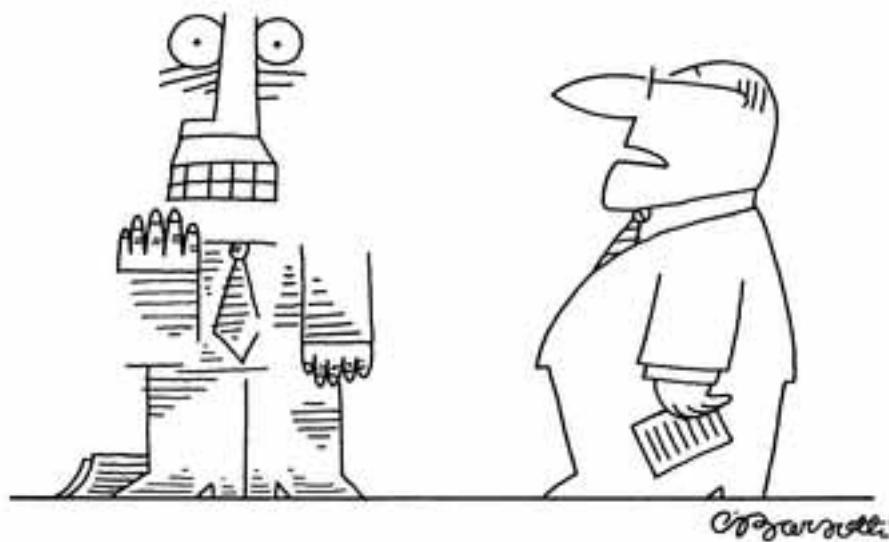
*"You will have more than one scatter rug, and all of
your lamps will be gooseneck."*



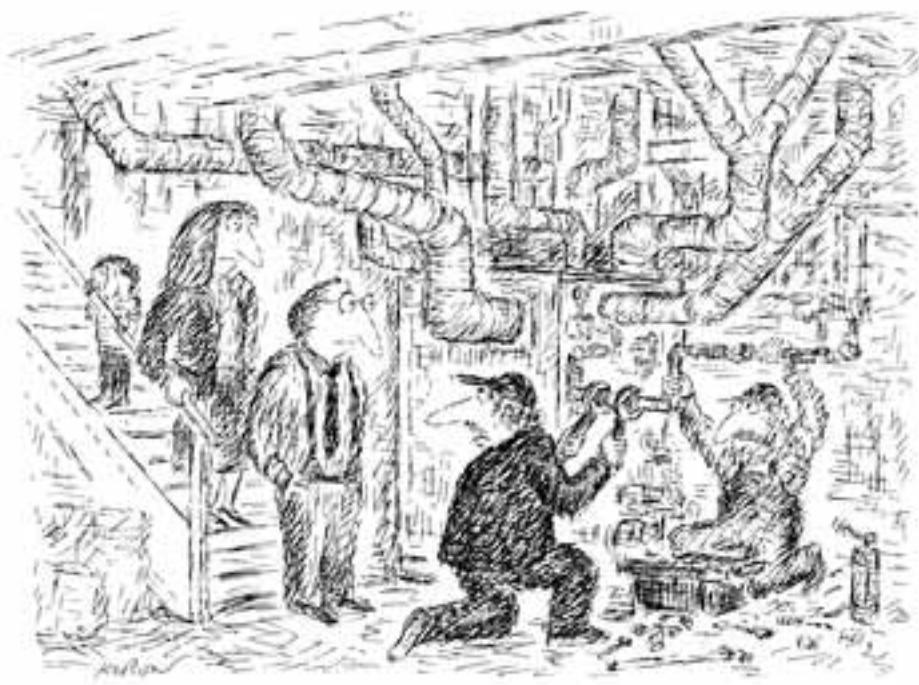
*"You were happy when you were making a lot of
money. Maybe that's what you should be doing."*



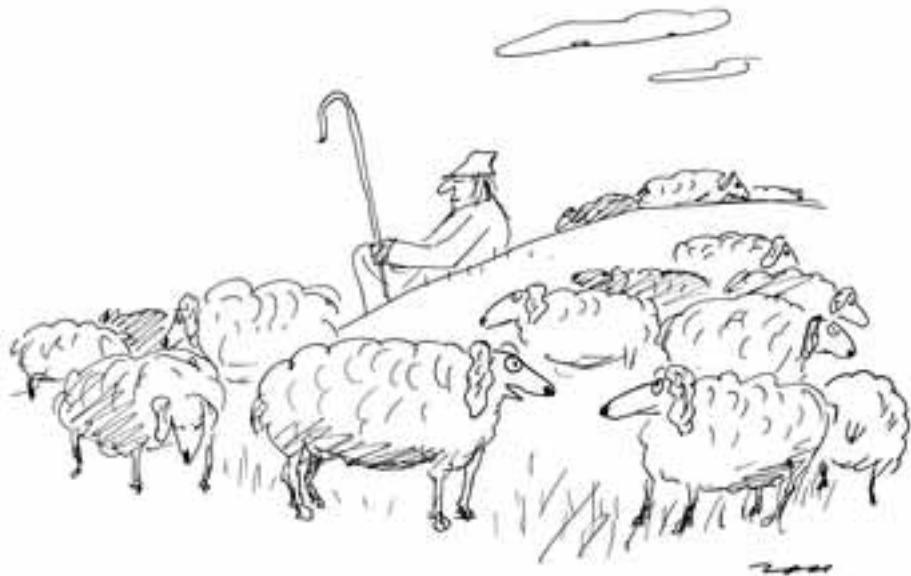
"Look at me. Do I look worried?"



"Weltschmerz? Is that like the flu?"



"We can't tell yet if it's a malfunction or a dysfunction."



*"For my part, I'm proud to be associated with a product
such as Harris Tweed."*



*"You're a latitude-and-longitude person, which will
be helpful to you, I'm sure, in 1992."*



"Mr. Thomaston's people are here to talk to your people."





*"So, while extortion, racketeering, and murder may
be bad acts, they don't make you a bad person."*



"You forget sometimes how much football owes to the dance."





"And let's remember, children, that the Little Engine That Could was a locomotive of the female gender."

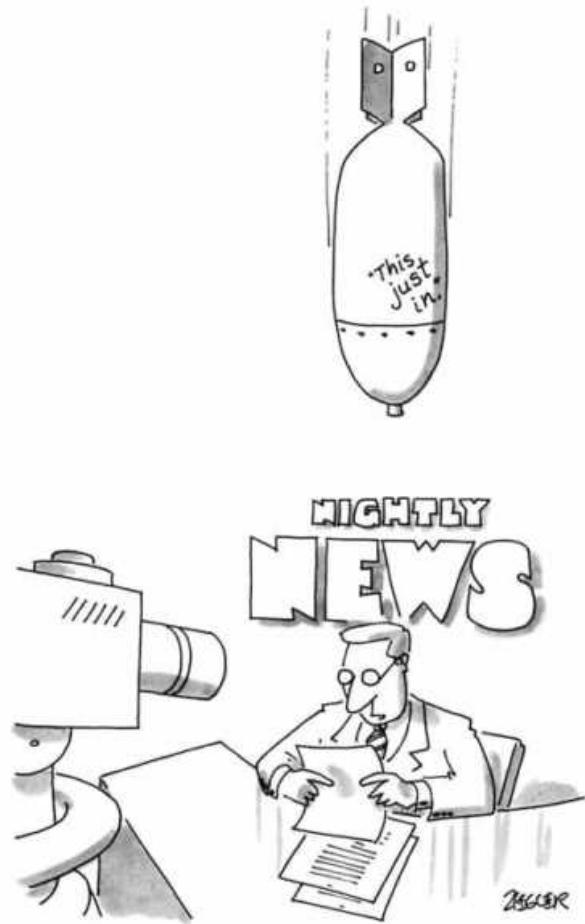




"It's a nonworking fireplace, but Ursula loves to fantasize."



"You do like octopus?"



ALTERNATIVE DICKENS



Oliver, Having Received More, Requests A Doggy Bag.



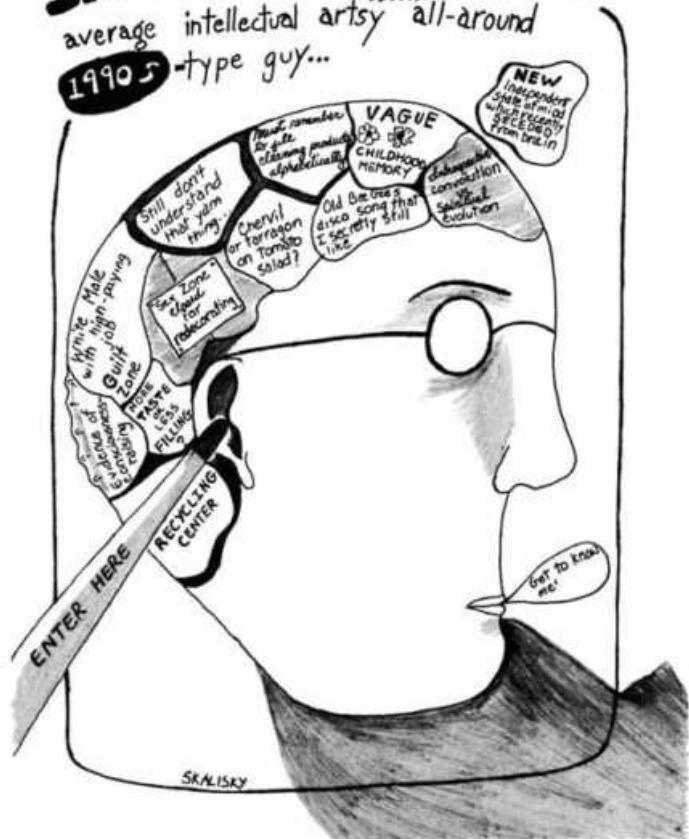
"I used to love power, but now I'm more interested in mileage."

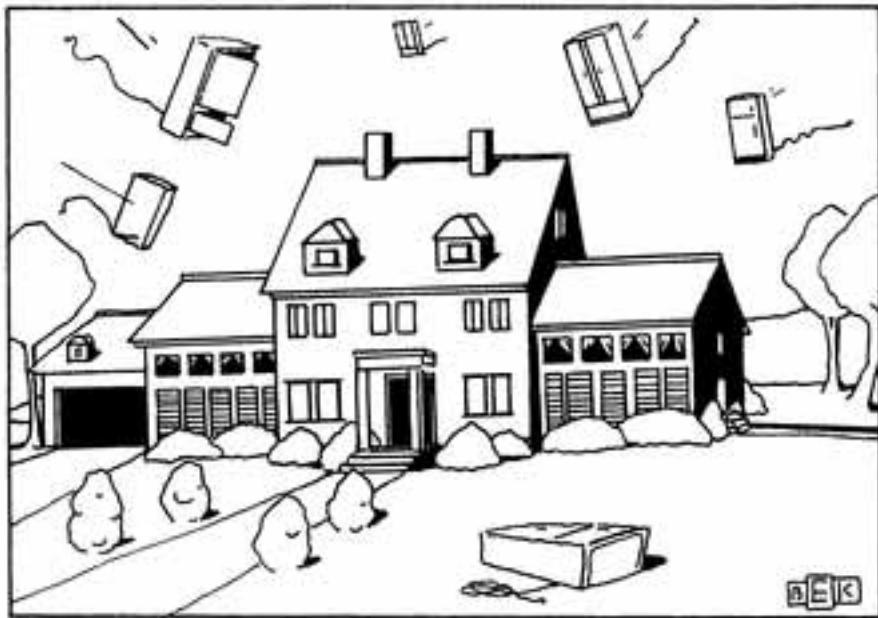




"I'm sorry, Herbert, but you're no longer part of the story I want to tell about myself."

INSIDE THE MIND of the average intellectual artsy all-around 1990s type guy...





OBVIOUSLY, THEY HAD TOO MANY REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS.



"So how many of you are from Brooklyn?"

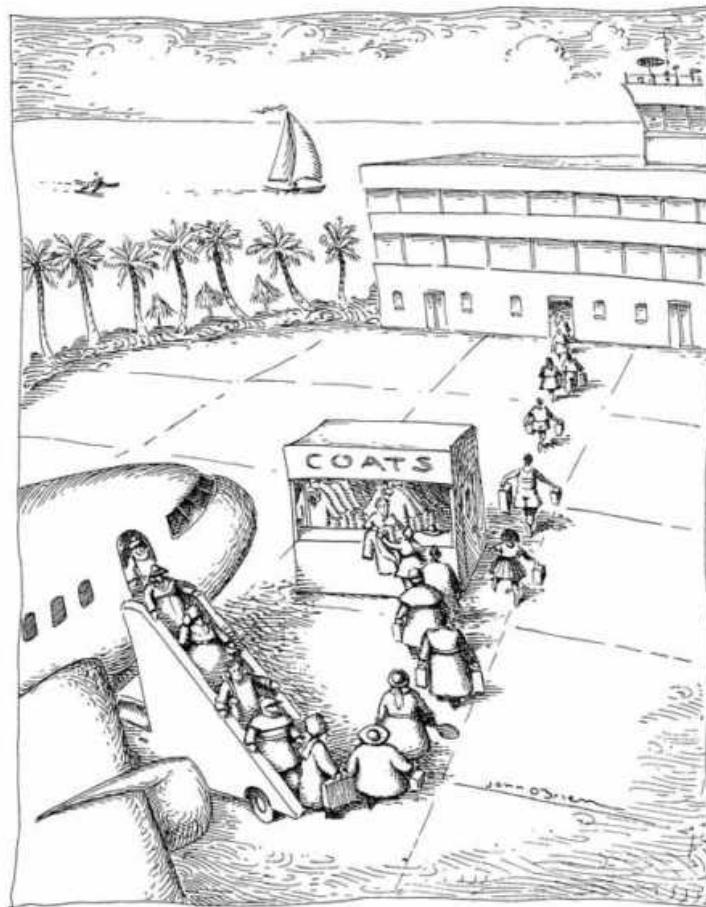


"I detect a little laxity in your flossing."



"Please stand by for a series of tones. The first indicates the official end of the recession, the second indicates prosperity, and the third the return of the recession."







SOMETIMES A GOOD EXCUSE TO GET OFF THE
TELEPHONE IS HARD TO FIND.



"The Number Three isn't usually quite this civilized."



Know Thyself



"What was that party against?"

Frederick's OF WINNIPEG

143 Flannel Two-Piece P.J.s -

Warm, comfortable, machine wash/dry.
What more can you ask for?



507 Electric Granny Gown -

Say goodbye to winter's chill
with this extra-toasty sleepwear.



639 His'n' Hers Nightshirts -

They'll pay for themselves within one
month on what you'll save on your
heating bill - OR YOUR MONEY BACK.

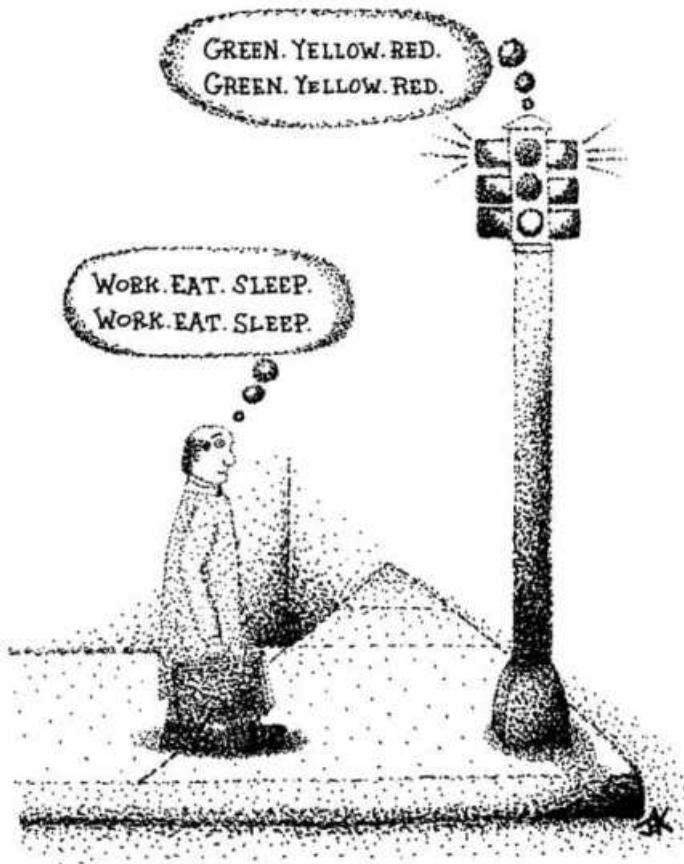


805 Down Union Suit -

Fasten yourself in one of these
some cold December eve, and you
won't want to emerge till May.



R.C.S.





"I'll stay."



"Let's not send each other cards this year."





"You have a right to know—I've been married occasionally."





*Mr. Duhamel's fall from the sideboard
went unnoticed.*

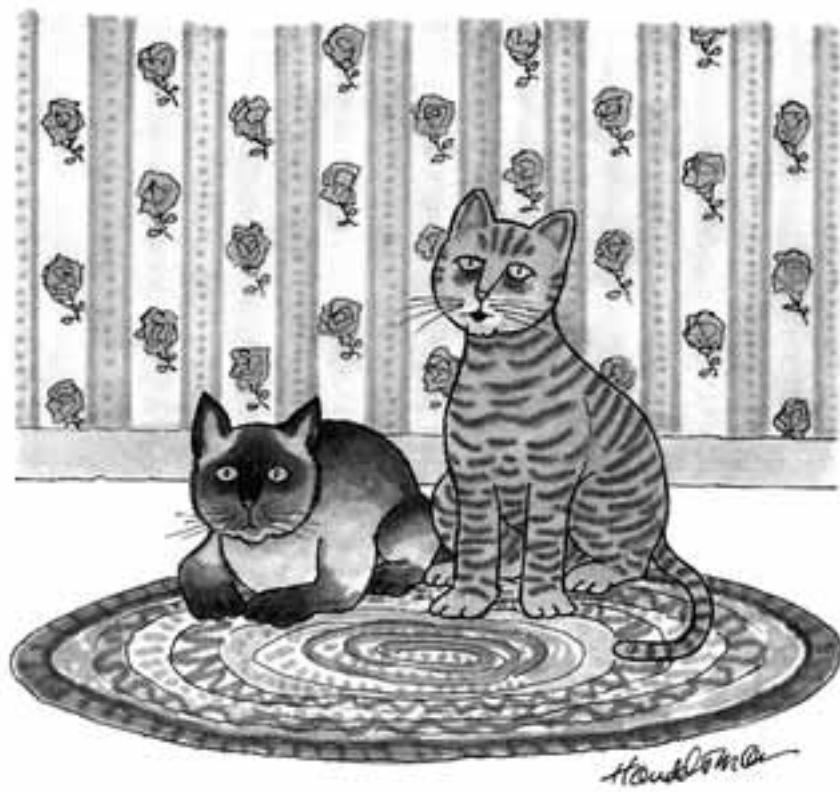


*"I ran across something today you don't see
much anymore—a guilty conscience."*



"I happen to be somewhat in a rush. Would it be possible to discuss the various aspects of multiculturalism at some other time soon?"

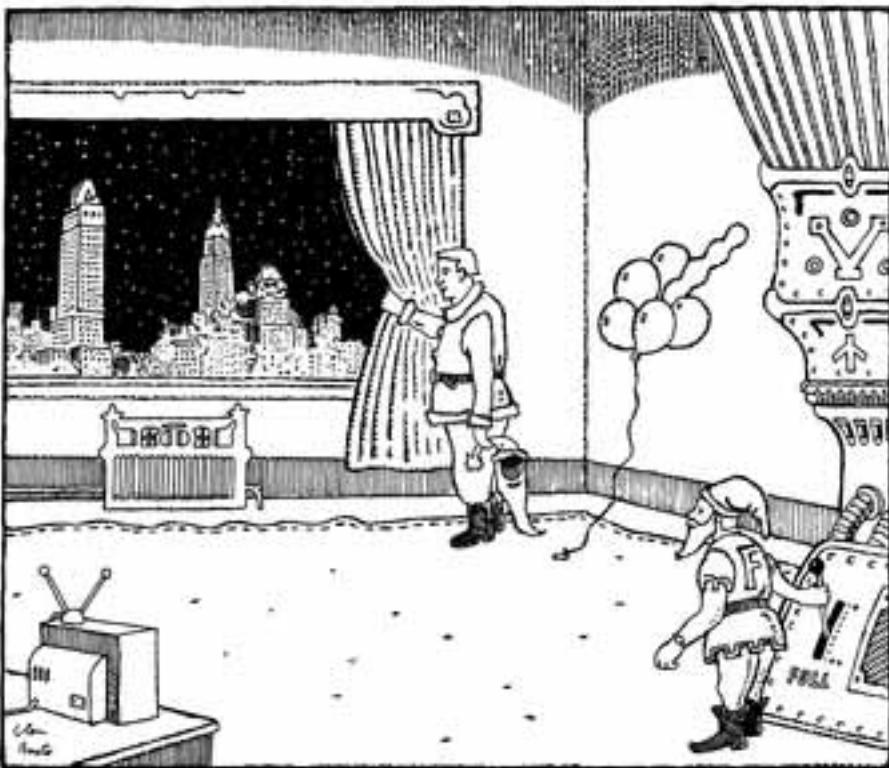




*"I've been wondering if there isn't some way we could
capitalize on the cat craze."*



"I never know when you're kidding."



"THEY'RE STARTING TO RELAX AGAIN. SWITCH
THE FESTIVE VORTEX UP TO MAXIMUM!"

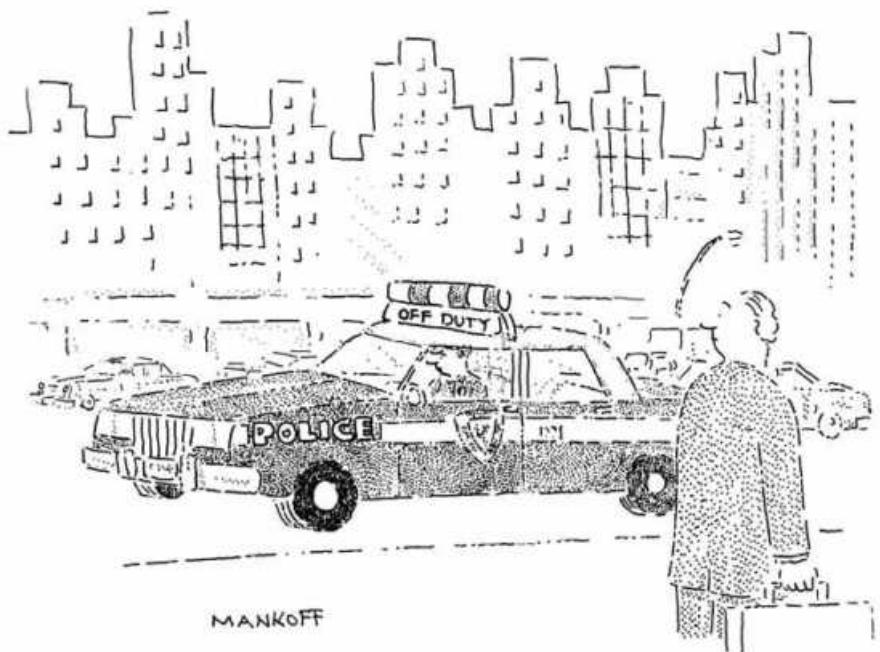


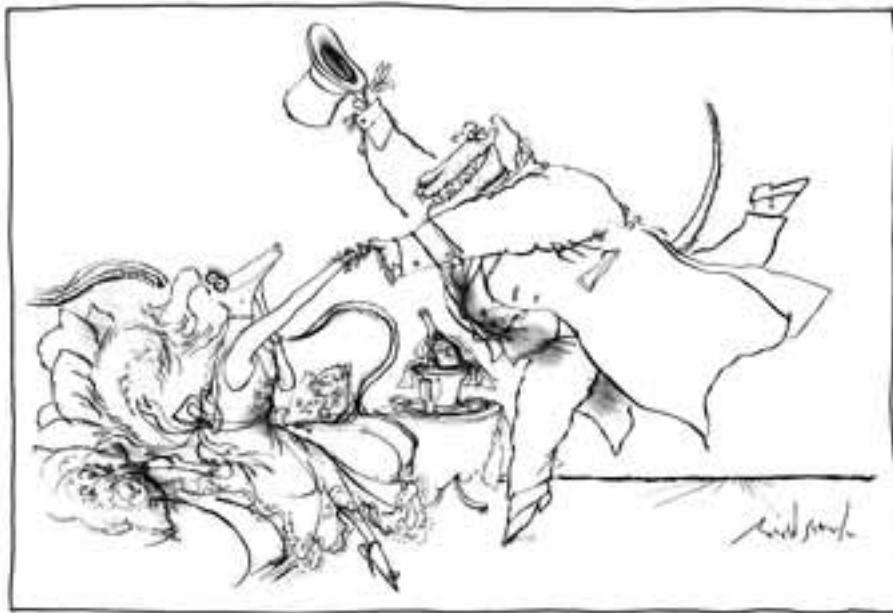
*"I beg your pardon," said Alice, "but which of
you is the Democrat?"*





"I wish I could say that it wrote itself, but New York wrote it."





CROSSED PATHS

Lassie Meets the Hound of the Baskervilles



*"When you testify, Marty, tell the truth
and let the lawyers go to hell."*



"We do our best to give people the most courteous and attentive treatment possible, especially during the holiday rush."

BREAKFASTS at TIFFANY'S



*"When I was in business school, at the first big snowfall
we'd all go out and make a snowman."*



"I flew South once. Couldn't buy a decent soft pretzel."





"And so, kids, if you don't find this awesome new game under the tree you've really got to ask yourselves what you're doing there."

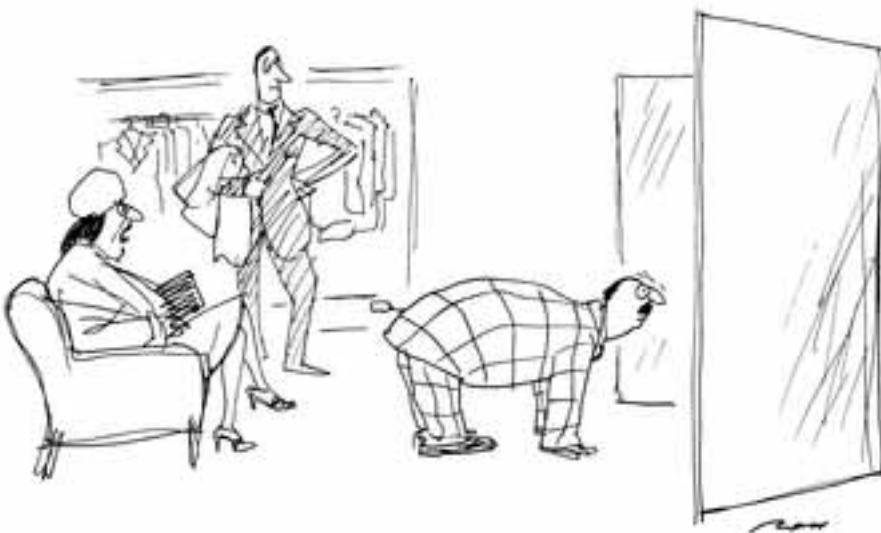




"I managed to hang on to the house and the car, but I had to spin off the wife and kids."



"So how are you doing with your community service?"



"Now let's see it on two."



"The smile frozen on your face, Glen—how long will it take to defrost?"

CUSTOMS AT THE L.A. AIRPORT





Victoria Roberts

"You can add 'Men who say "Ciao!" who are not even Italian or of Italian descent' to that list."



"Interesting guy. He predicted the collapse this year of the Mets, the Giants, and the Soviet Union."



"It is too a period of recovery."



*"Why don't the women's movement and the men's movement
get together and form a women-and-men's movement?"*





"Today is the day I start the new me!"



"And this is Brother Elvis."



*"Forceful, yes! But not lucid, as the 'Times' would
have me believe!"*

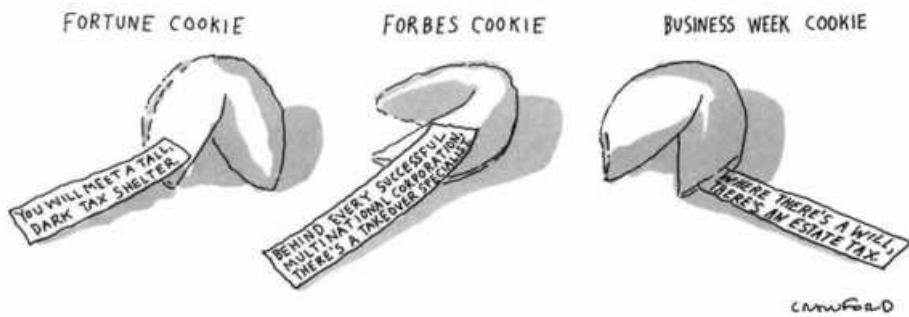




"My friends, after our many happy years together, it is with feelings of both joy and sorrow that I announce my decision to abdicate my throne and marry a commoner."



*"Edward, you are already more than
Christmassy enough."*





"I do all the shopping, but he's responsible for his own meals."



"A. T. & T. wants me back."



"Put Mattel and Fisher-Price on hold, Miss Leahy. I'll take Nintendo on Line Six."



*"I like walks in the rain, old barns, and Edna St. Vincent
Millay. Does that ring any bells?"*



"What is your honest opinion of me?"



"It's pronounced 'hee-la' monster. The 'g' sounds like an 'h.' "



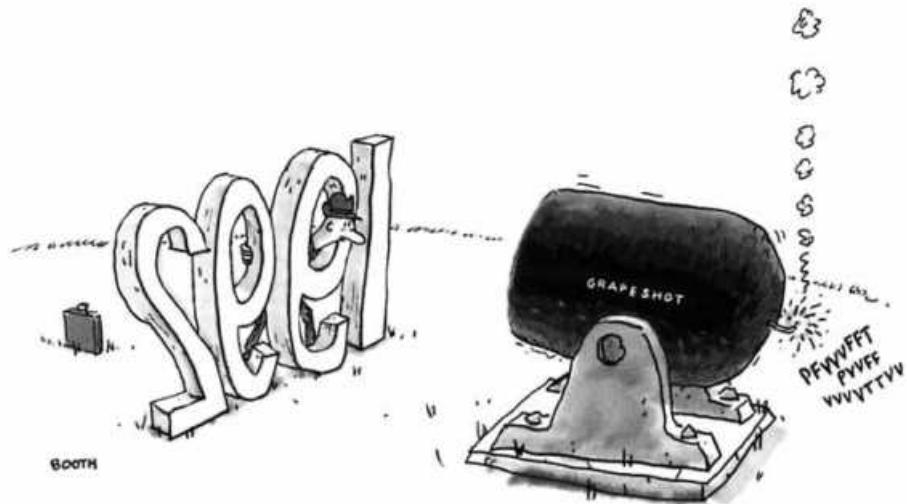
I WAS DETERMINED TO INSURE THAT
UNCLE FRANK'S BIRTHDAY CAKE WOULD
NOT BE FORGOTTEN IN A HURRY.



"You smell like a chimney."

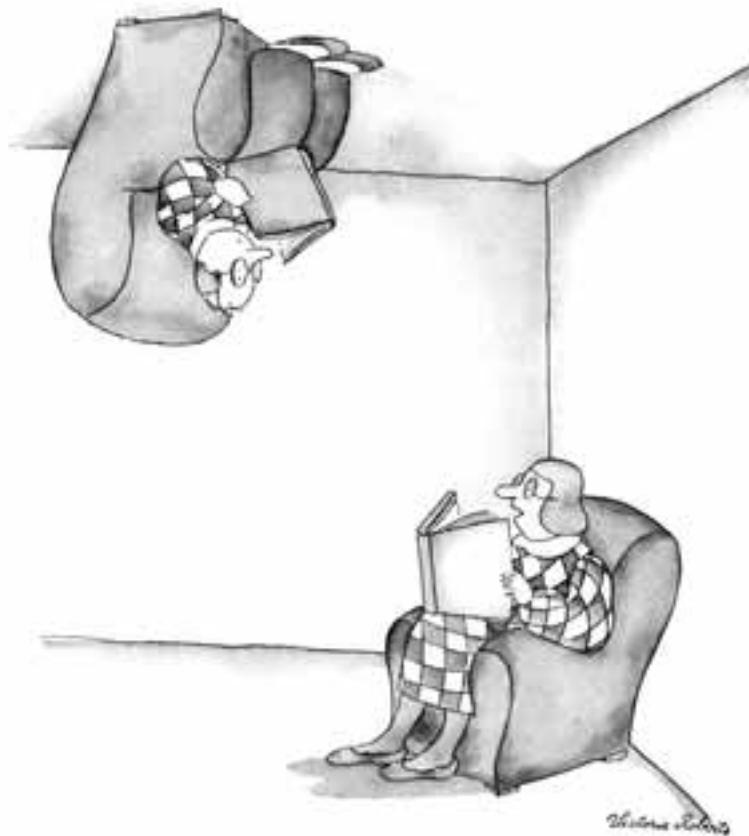


"This should jump-start the economy."



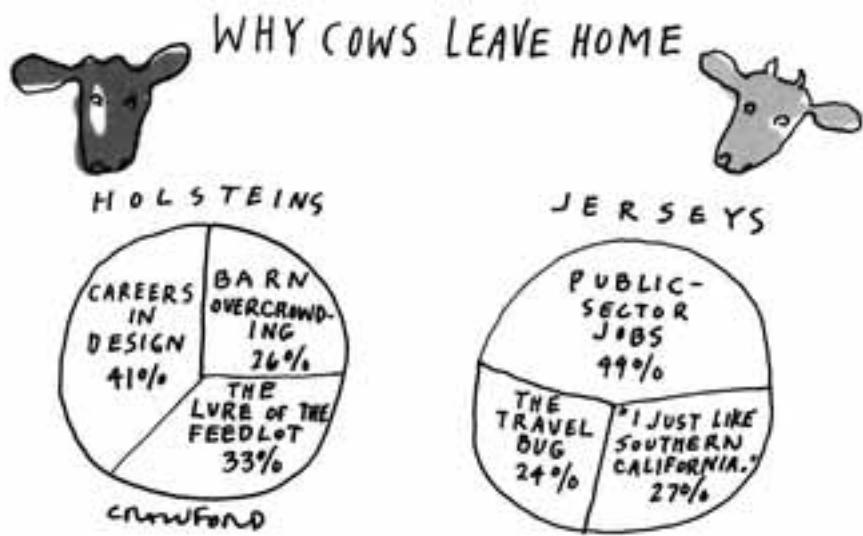


"We had the usual exchange of gifts—she gave me this diamond collar, and I ate all my dinner."



"Things change, people grow apart, but life goes on."







"I think we've satisfied all our basic needs."



"You're amazing, Hargrave—fair weather or foul, good times or bad, boom or recession, you're always the same."





"Remember to mention how we miss the change of seasons in L. A. It means so much to people who are still back here in New York."





In 2156, the sociologist L'Amonti declared that at the end of the twentieth century most people, regardless of social rank, wore clothes of this sort.



"You're on next. Break a leg!"



| TWO-THIRDS APPROVAL RATING |





"1991 never really did grow up."



"Your signature, Your Majesty, as well as your driver's license and a major credit card."







"Marriage and water, I find, don't mix."