



*"Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and not in some sneaky relativistic way?"*



*"We're here to experience pleasure."*



*"I suppose I should have let a few minutes elapse between declaring my love for you and announcing that I also loved lobster."*



*"Pomp, greed, conquest, intrigue—it's been a fun year, hasn't it?"*





*“Could you pick me up? I’m between a rock and a hard place on Thirty-ninth Street.”*



*"There, there, dear. It's only a commercial."*



*"Have the papers ready, Miss Mitchell—we're into the choreography."*



*"That was not a quote, that was an original."*





*"I thought I loved it, but Gordon said we were just manipulated."*



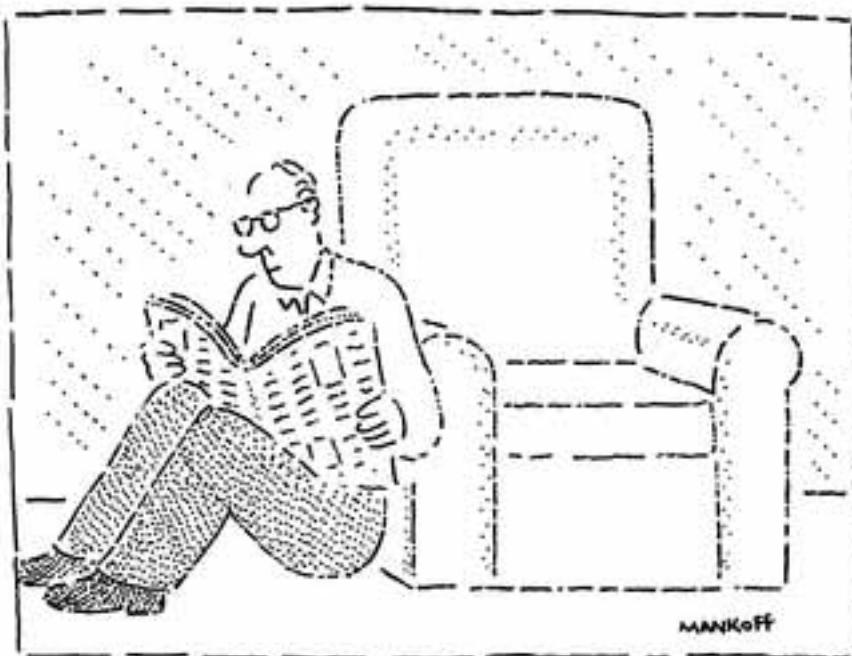
*"The gods have mixed feelings."*



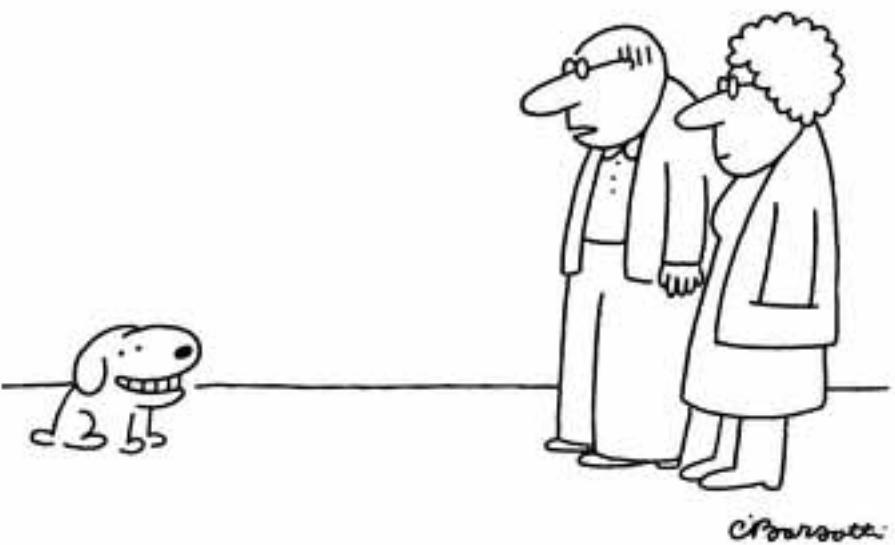
*"Invulnerable, if I may say so, sir."*



*"You moved."*



ROUGHING IT



*"You're right, he is smiling. Now get him to stop."*





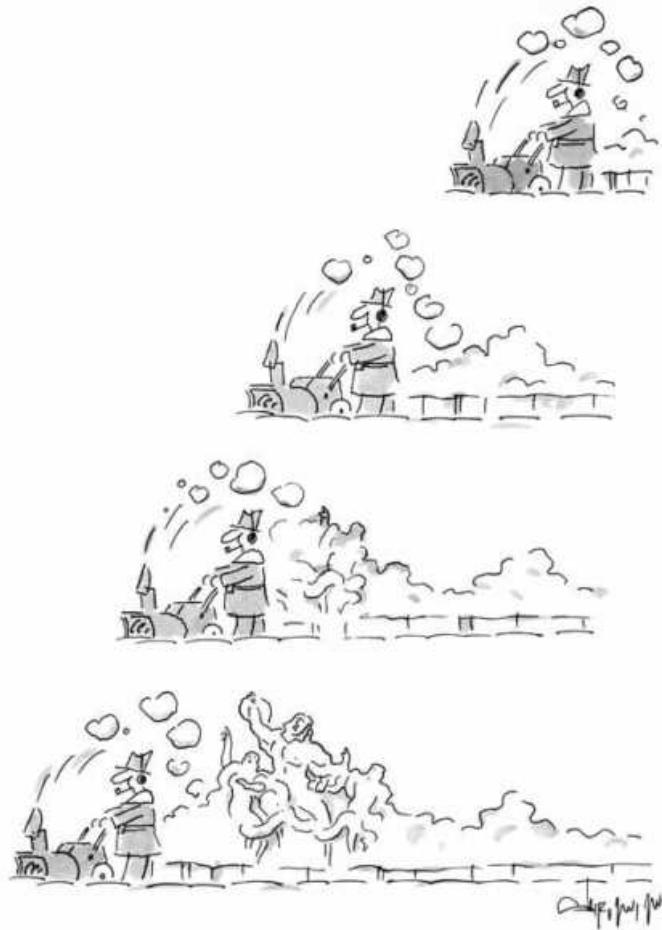
*"Well, there was a Malone who tried that in 1942  
and won, but, on the other hand, there was a Parker  
who tried it in '63 and lost."*



*"Listen, pal! I didn't spend seven million bucks to get here so I could yield the floor to you."*

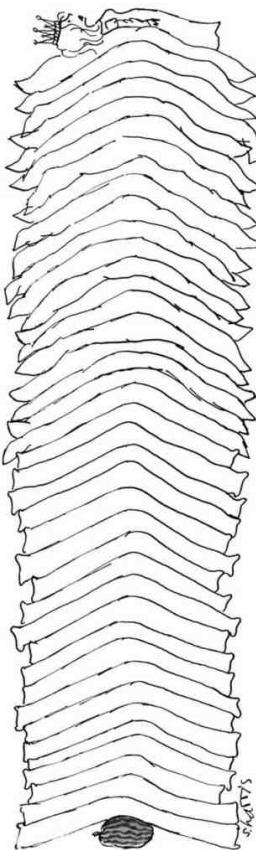


*"Mind you, my particular kind of wit  
doesn't appeal to everybody."*





*"Why are you the way you are?"*



THE PRINCESS AND THE WATERMELON



*"He is cute, but you already have a dog."*



*"I'm surprised. I understood he was an extremely good listener."*





*"I used to wear a rug, and then I decided  
that bald says integrity—right?"*



*"How are you and New York City getting along?"*



*"If I never hear another goddam 'Hey, nonny-nonny'  
out of you, it'll be too soon for me!"*



*"A fantastic evangelist was on TV, and I sent him everything."*



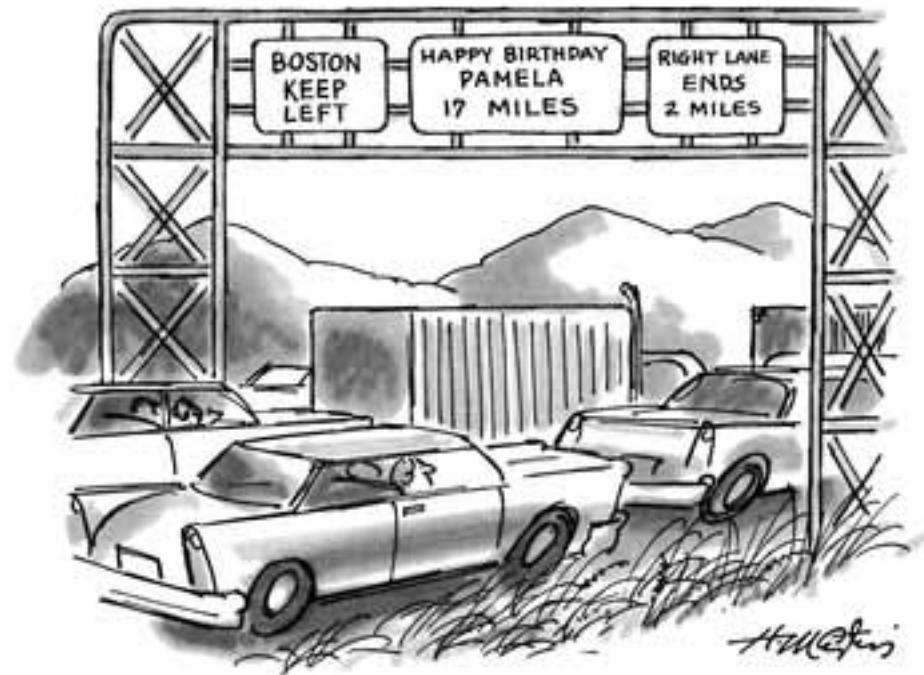
*"What would you suggest as a dinner strategy?"*





*"Steve used to be a slave to TV."*









*"I was a used-car salesman, but I was terrible at it."*



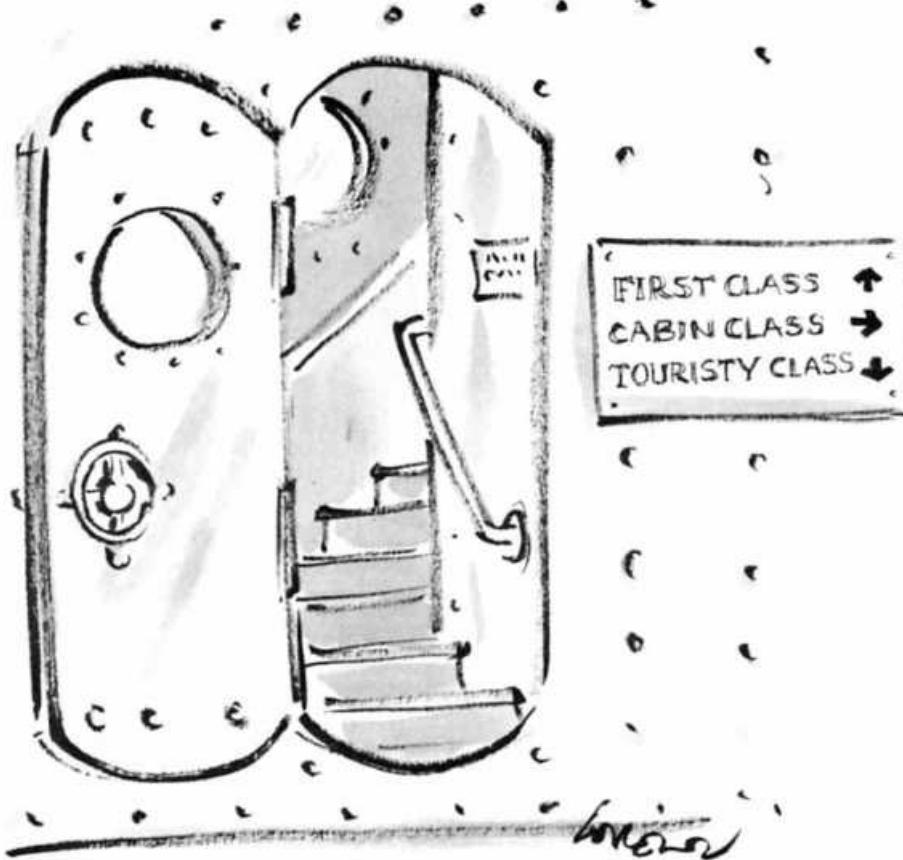
*"Well, here he is. He just grew on me  
until I couldn't stand it anymore."*

AMERICA'S CUP FEVER



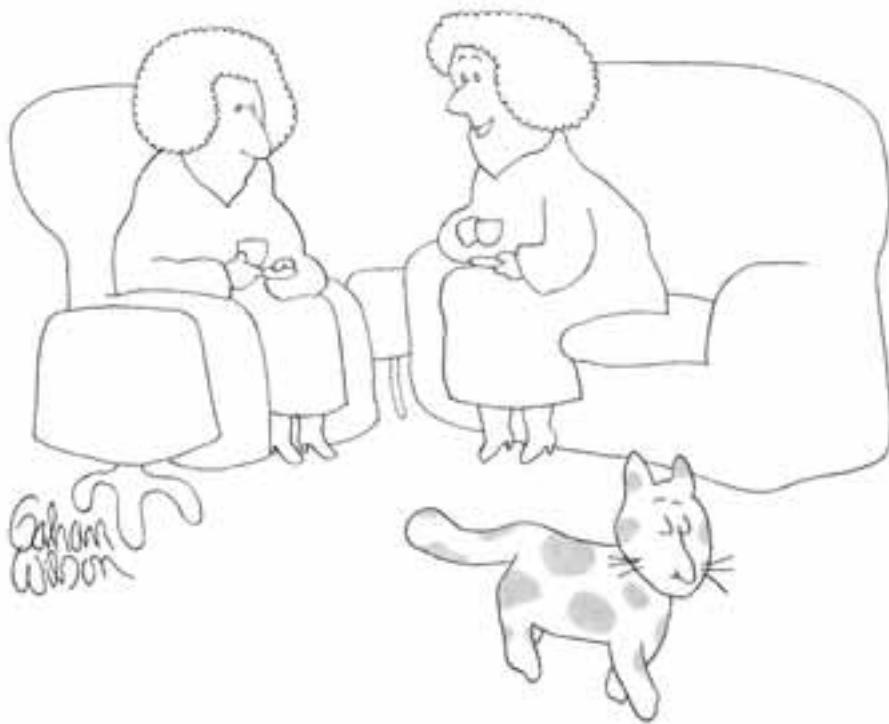


*Difficult Letter*

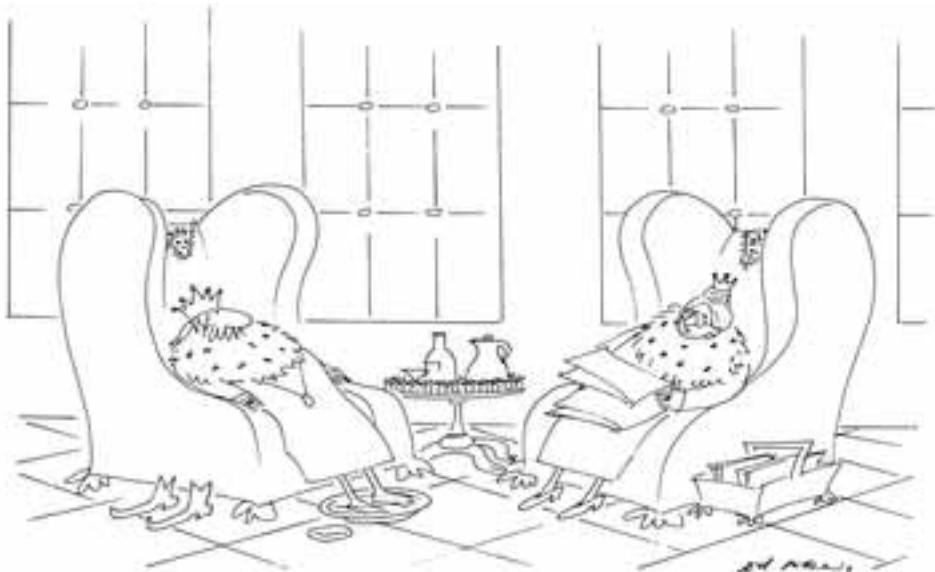




*"We were away over Christmas. How did it go?"*



*"I've never seen him pause next to anyone longer!"*



*"The kingdom is down four and a quarter today."*

FUTURE CANDIDATES FOR "COLORIZATION"





*"Don't you think after thirty years of marriage you could  
stop referring to me as 'the military'?"*



*"Larry never gains an ounce!"*



*"I guess no man's a hero to his comptroller—right, Higgins?"*



*“Snipes is our in-house Chicken Little, and he says the sky is falling.”*



*"Katharine, I'm going to be completely frank about the film,  
even though you bought the tickets."*



*"I thought I had everything covered, but now  
she wants four-wheel drive."*



*"Looks as if the clean-air crowd turned out in force."*



*"Your assorted Danish cookies, sir. And may I have one?"*



*"This reminds me of the day I first met you, coming up Madison—slicing through the crowd."*



*"It's a fez, Chief. It's going to be my trademark."*



*"This is the last vestige of my former self."*



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

O.K., LET'S SEE WHAT  
ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT.





*"Don't mention Pat Buchanan, pro or con."*



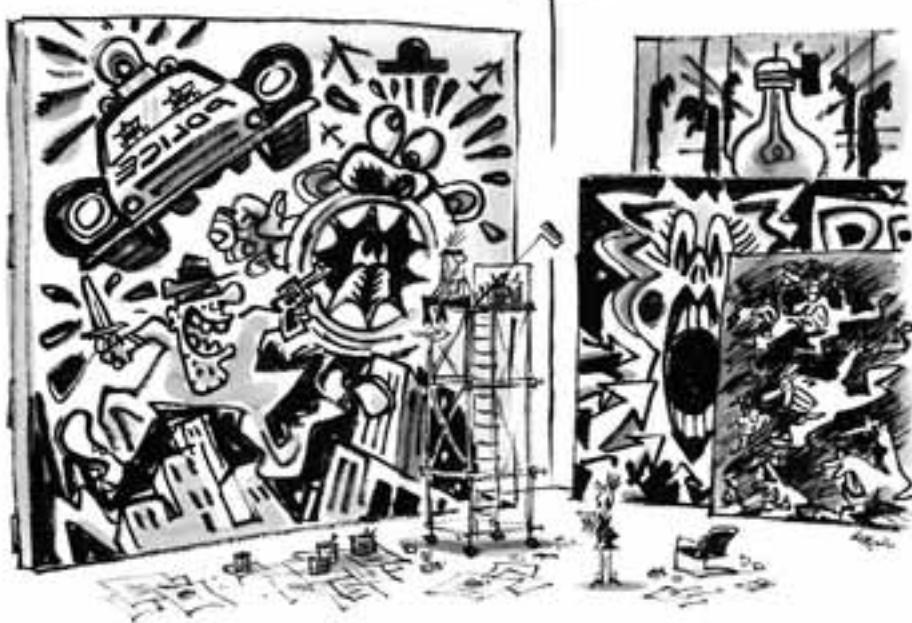
*"It's been unanimously decided that we don't like this  
table. Could you show us another model?"*



*Arcane Ritual*



*"I saw David Letterman on the street today. He looked bemused."*



*"I said the National Endowment for the Arts is offering you a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to lie fallow for a year."*



JOSEPH  
FARRIS



*"Washington, New York; New York, Boston; Boston,  
Washington. How was your day?"*





*"Dear Sir: You're probably asking yourself,  
'Why do I need another credit card?'"*



*"He's been mentioned as a possible husband."*



*"I want two days and one dazzling night on the Orient Express!"*



*"You used to treat me like a child. What's happened?"*



*"Frankly, I wouldn't have him found dead in that."*



*"Why is it every time I press the panic button you show up?"*



*"I'm not speaking to you as a Republican or as an American.  
I'm speaking to you as your grandfather."*

*Low-Rent Stockbrokers*



Roz Chast

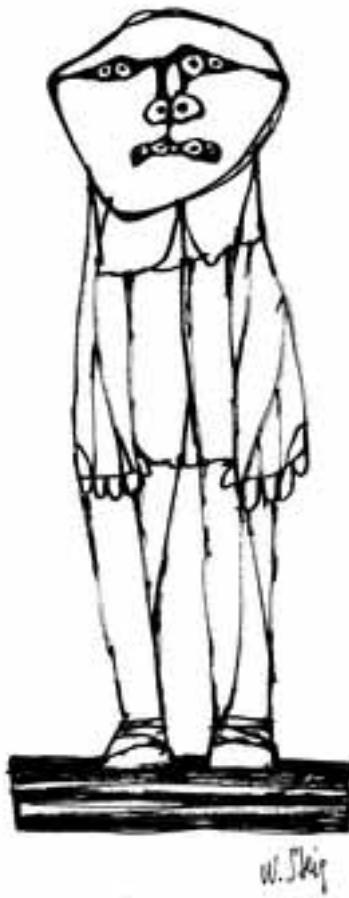


*"I'm a paralegal. I don't exactly represent the defendant, but  
I'm in his corner, so to speak."*



*"Let me put it this way, Haroldson. Here at Bannister, Redman & Pinter, we do not consider life one part Seagrams and two parts fun."*

1987



*Joe Blow*



*"Don't you have any pot holders that aren't cute?"*





*"For God's sake, Felton, would you stop with that  
'He-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-ere's So-and-So'?"*

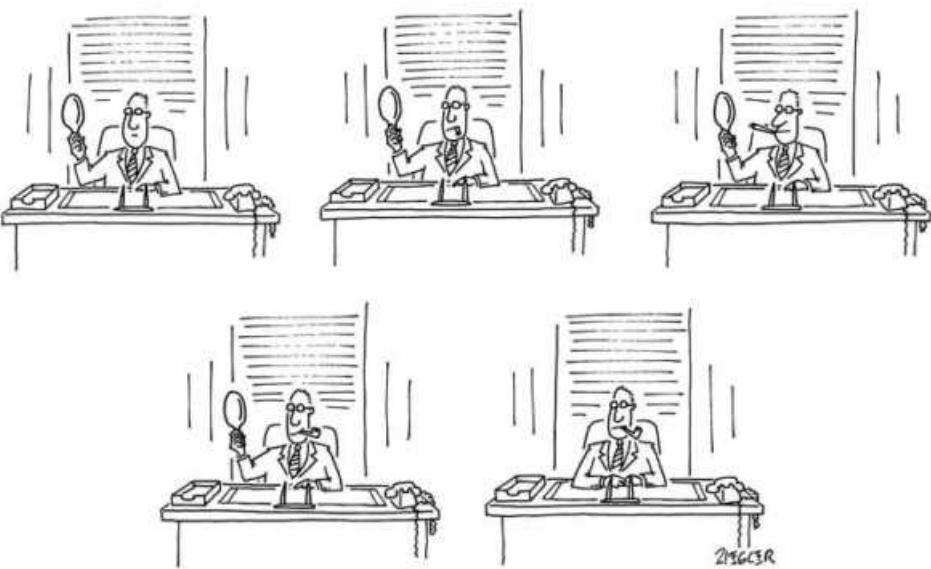


*"I probably shouldn't admit this, but when  
it comes to war I'm just a big baby."*



*"Well, Eggleston, of all the philosophers, which ones would you most like to have join us for a drink?"*





ZIEGLER



*"Beneath that gruff exterior he's a sucker  
for reruns of 'Casablanca.'"*



*"Betty, am I just a sequel?"*



*"I don't suppose you get many sovereign rulers in here anymore?"*



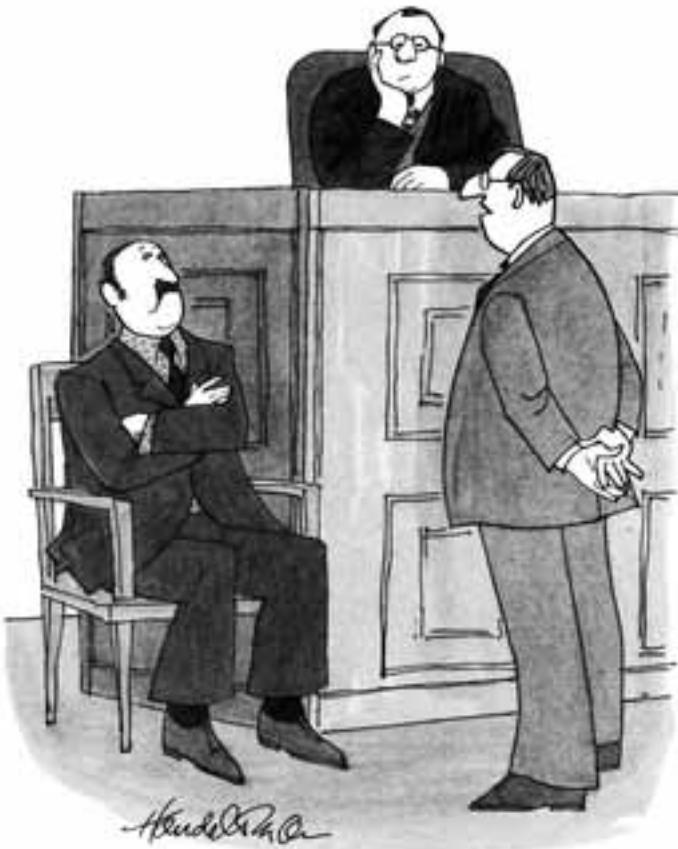
*"Your friend Andy thinks I'm sexy."*



*"Miss Eisenhart, considering the weather, I've decided to take the afternoon and February off."*



*"For thirty years we've been known as a fun couple.  
Do you mind if we ease off in the homestretch?"*



*"Walt Whitman may well have contradicted himself, Mr. Dobkin,  
but chances are he wasn't under oath at the moment."*





*"By now you should know which is Kate and which is Allie."*



Dana Fradon

*"Fred Hartner! How are you doing these days—vis-à-vis  
the yen? The franc? The mark?"*



*"When I say 'Please pass the butter,' why  
do you say 'Hey, no problem.'?"*



*"It's very touching. She was his first teacher."*



*"For God's sake, Miss Andrews, bring me a paperweight."*



*"I used to have a Paul Newman role in our marriage,  
but now I'm taking the Harry Dean Stanton part."*



*Joy Unconfined*



*"Sweetie, is this the kind of person you always wanted to be?"*



*"I'll have the Investigator's Special."*



*"I just love the way he goes  
Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.' "*





*"Bless Mommy and Daddy, Emmy Lou, Uncle Dud, Aunt Francie, Miss Pettingill, Cousin Ernie, Orkey, and Fluff."*



*"I see here, Walters, you started with  
the firm when you were very young."*



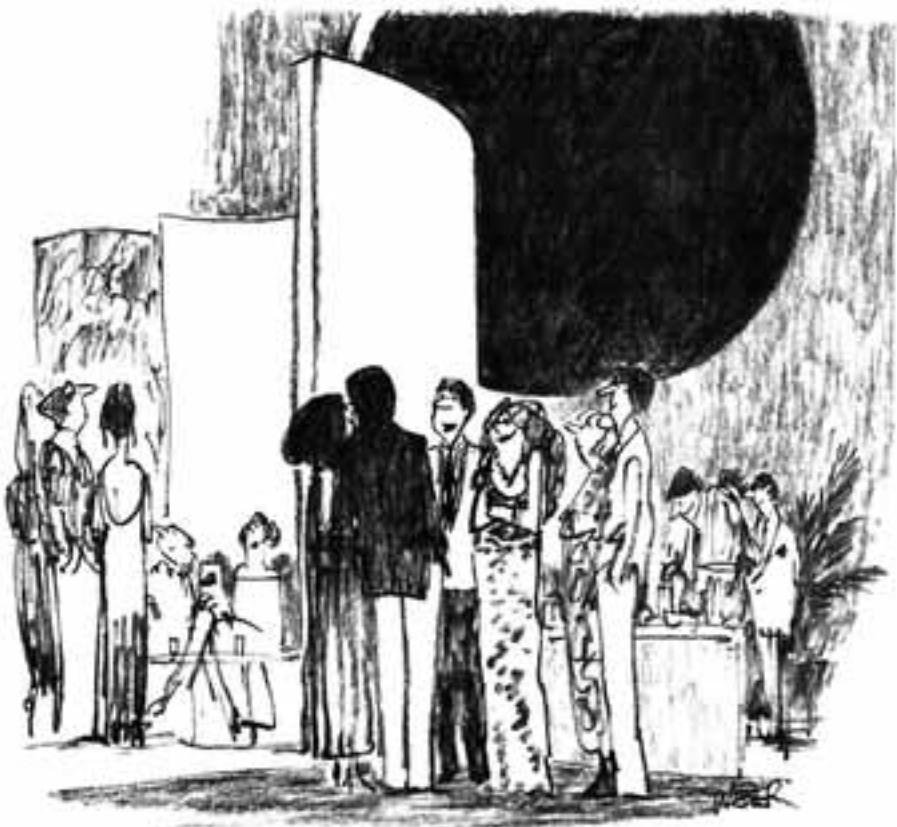
*"Now, remember, you promised not to be crotchety tonight."*



*"He's new. He's the God of Arbitrage."*



*"I hope you're going to read it."*



*"This has always been Kathy's and my dream—to live in a contemporary house, surrounded by our contemporaries."*



*"Not right this second, but I'm very unhappy with that refrigerator."*

A LATE ENTRY FOR "POOR RICHARD'S ALMANACK"





*"A word to the wise, Louise. Mr. Herrick  
is a miracle of protective coloration."*



*"Look, Martha—you contribute, I contribute, we all contribute to the pulse of the city."*



*"As your attorney, Roger, I feel it's my duty to charge you an enormous amount of money."*





## RADIATOR COOKERY



Roz Chast





*"I'm perfectly willing to call you Russell from now on, dear.  
I'm just wondering how you decided you were no longer a Russ."*



*"Timothy, success is nothing to fear."*



*"I'm going out to take a peek at the new car by moonlight."*





*"Don't mind me, folks. I'm just here to check the sprinkler system."*



*"Welcome aboard!"*



*"Martha hates clutter."*



*"It's six o'clock, Family Network time.  
And now, here's Mom with the news."*



*"You know what sticks in my craw, Harry?  
Never in my life have I ever received the benefit of the doubt."*



*"Could we talk Girl Scout cookies?"*



*"Take your time. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day."*



*"Wilbur is consistently unpleasant—a sort of Dr. Hyde and Mr. Hyde."*



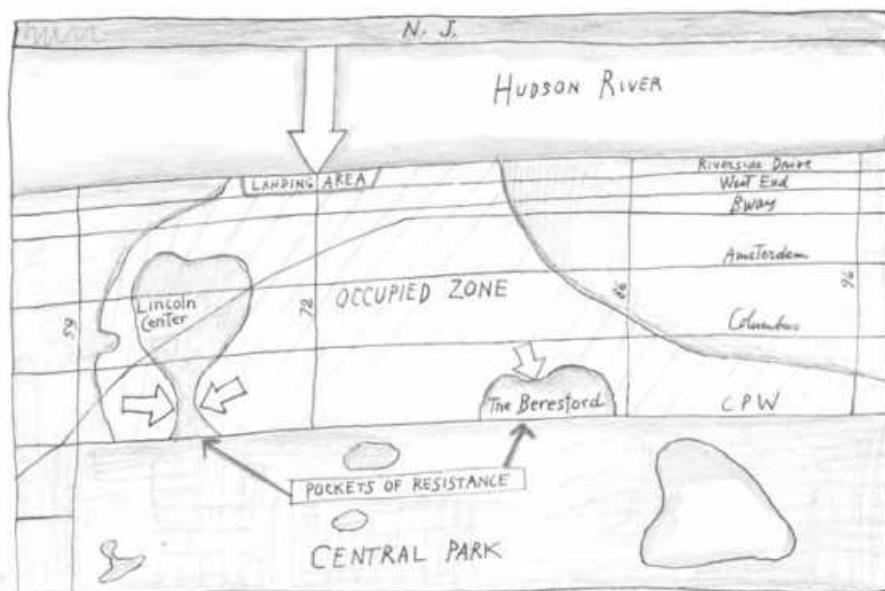


*Only a Month Till Spring*



*"Tonight, you're dessert!"*

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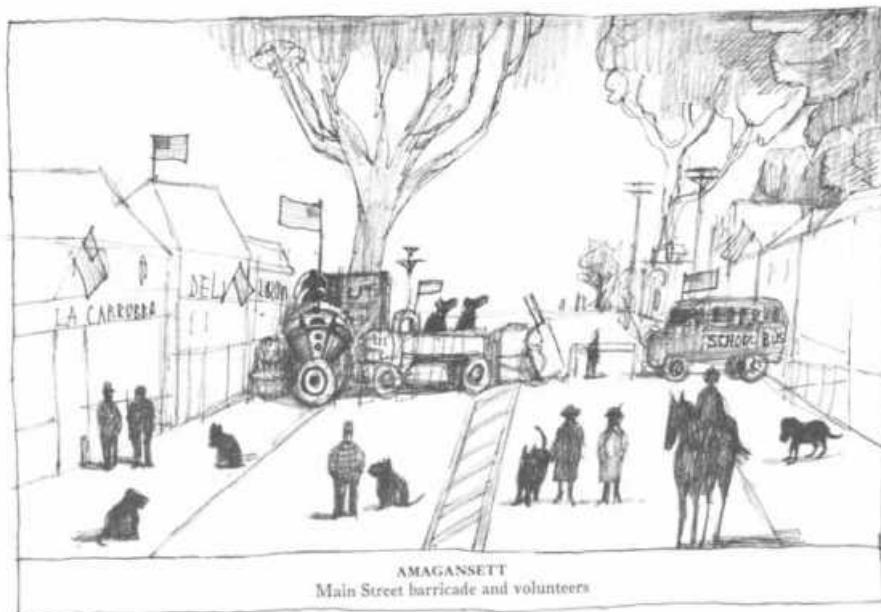


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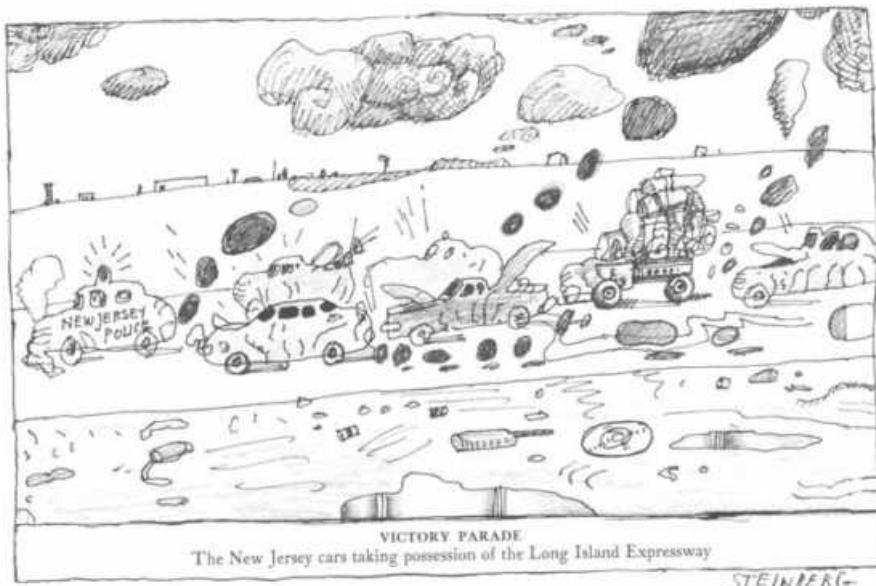


THE DAKOTA CROSSING  
Crossing to the occupied West Side during a brief ceasefire

THE WAR WITH NEW JERSEY (3 OF 4)



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*“Sir, I’ve been debriefed, deprogrammed, and debugged.  
May I go home now?”*

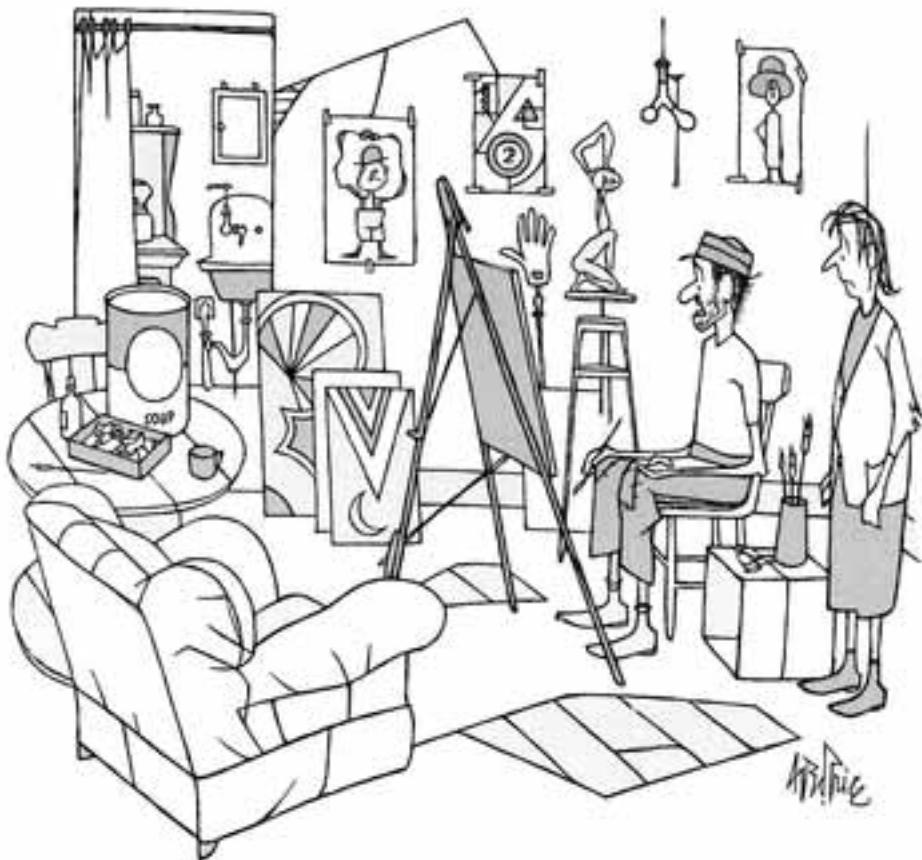


*"Beethoven hasn't changed, and neither have I."*





*"I always thought I was a pretty good father,  
though I'm the first to admit I'm no Bill Cosby."*



*"Maybe I just haven't suffered enough. Why don't you whip up some of  
your curried pork balls and refried rice for dinner?"*



*"Harris here is one of our limited partners."*



*"Our panel today includes Hurley Throod, the opinionated Washington bureau chief; Dennis Wurtner, the lightweight TV commentator; Marsha Boyle, the contentious syndicated columnist; and Sydney H. Hall, the self-styled political expert."*





*"Actually, there's no factory, but it's something, you know, people expect."*



*“Frankly, I can’t tell one duke from another.”*



*"Excuse me, but was that 'to wit' or 'to woo'?"*

SUNRISE



SUNSET





*"It's your dentist, Charlie. He says it's been five years!"*



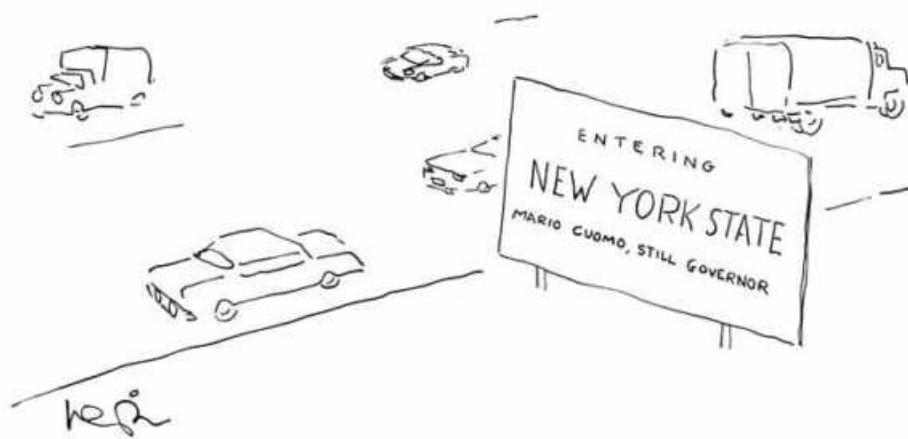
*"If I'm not being too bold, Chief—shut up."*



*"Morrison, you know, has always had extremely sound judgment,  
but he has never had occasion to exercise it."*

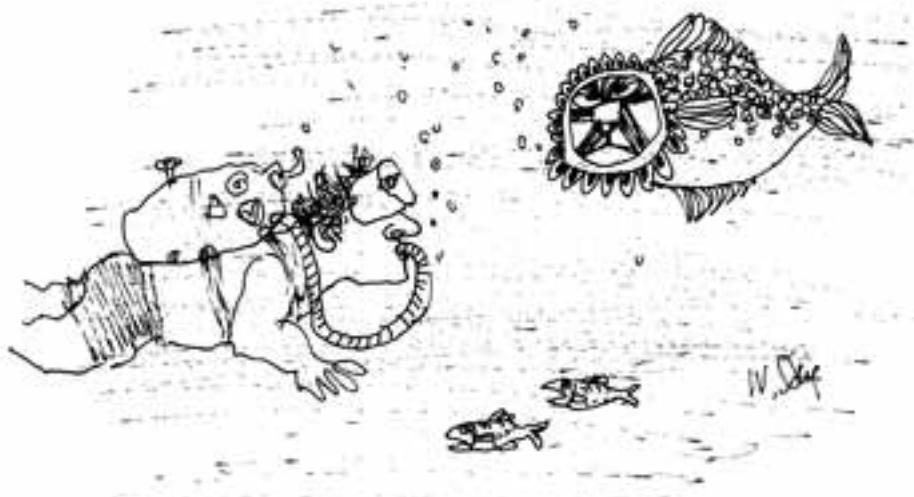


*"Actually, I'm just down here on business."*





*"I forget who our cult actually worships,  
but we have a hell of a good time."*





*"Your tax return, Mr. Ferguson, for 1985 shows you want four hundred twenty-one dollars and sixty-six cents of the amount you overpaid applied to your 1986 estimated tax. However, we applied only one hundred sixty-six dollars and twenty cents to that tax, because we adjusted your account. The correction will be explained in a separate notice. Since we have not applied the full amount, you may want to: (1) correct your copy of the tax return, (2) amend your declaration of estimated tax, and (3) increase your estimated-tax payments. Otherwise, you may be charged a penalty for underpayment. No further action is required of you, Mr. Ferguson. Thank you for your coöperation."*



*"Yes, this is exactly how wars start—because of someone's insensitivity!"*





*"I'm a Renaissance man."*





*"What we have here is technically impressive,  
Jason, but regrettably lacking in passion."*



*"Richard P. Ruggles—a man and his mantelpiece."*



*"Is it true you're getting twelve big ones for this lecture?"*



*"A Ms. Ramona Bissell, of West Allison, Vermont, writes, 'What the hell is going on?' We here at WVCN think that question deserves an answer."*



*"Great to meet you. I really, really like some of your work."*



*"Charlie, would it be O.K. if I came in only every other night?"*



*"Is that cute or is that cute?"*



*“May I say, sir, the staff and I just knew  
you'd see through that Beaujolais.”*



*"I'm sorry. I never comment on anything  
George Bush doesn't comment on."*



*barsotti*

*"Castle."*



*"Forty-seven years old and I'm still a small investor."*



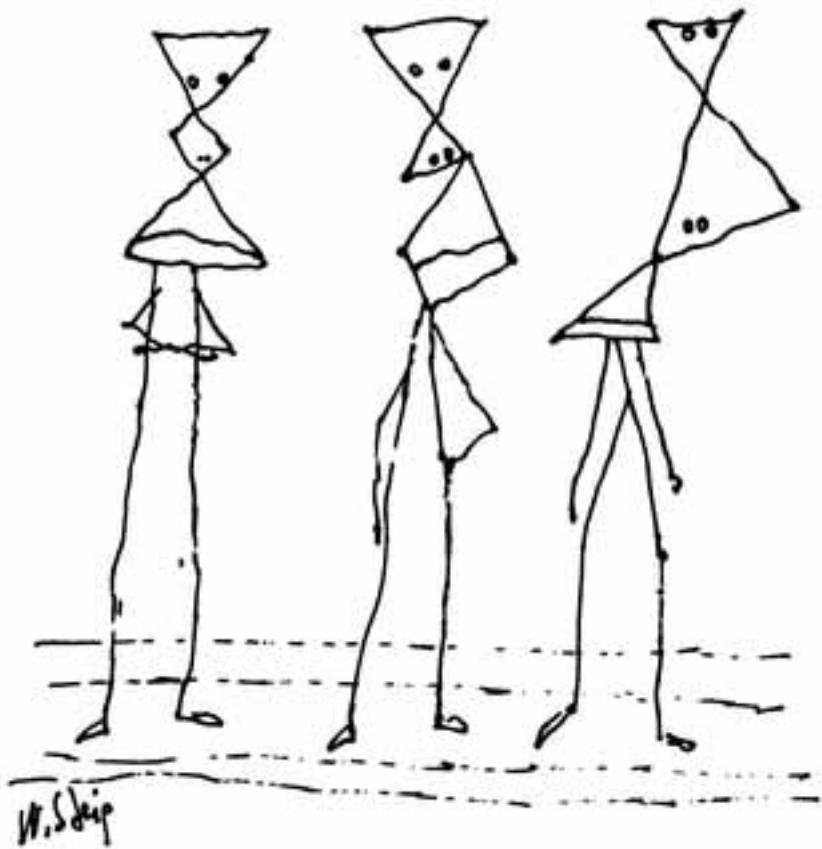
*"That's what I love about Ben—he's all Adirondack."*



*"Notice anything different about me?"*



*"And this brings to a conclusion, thank goodness, our broadcast day."*



*Three of a Kind*



*"Bad dog!"*



*"In addition to the regular menu, today's specials are . . ."*



*“Loving involves risk, but Michael and I are pretty courageous people.”*





*"I wish you would make up your mind, Mr. Dickens.  
Was it the best of times or was it the worst of times?  
It could scarcely have been both."*



*"I knew all the right people, but, remarkably,  
all of them wanted me jailed."*



*"Charles has offered his personal image for us to project as our corporate image."*



*"My compliments, Stefan. Marvellous wine, excellent reception."*

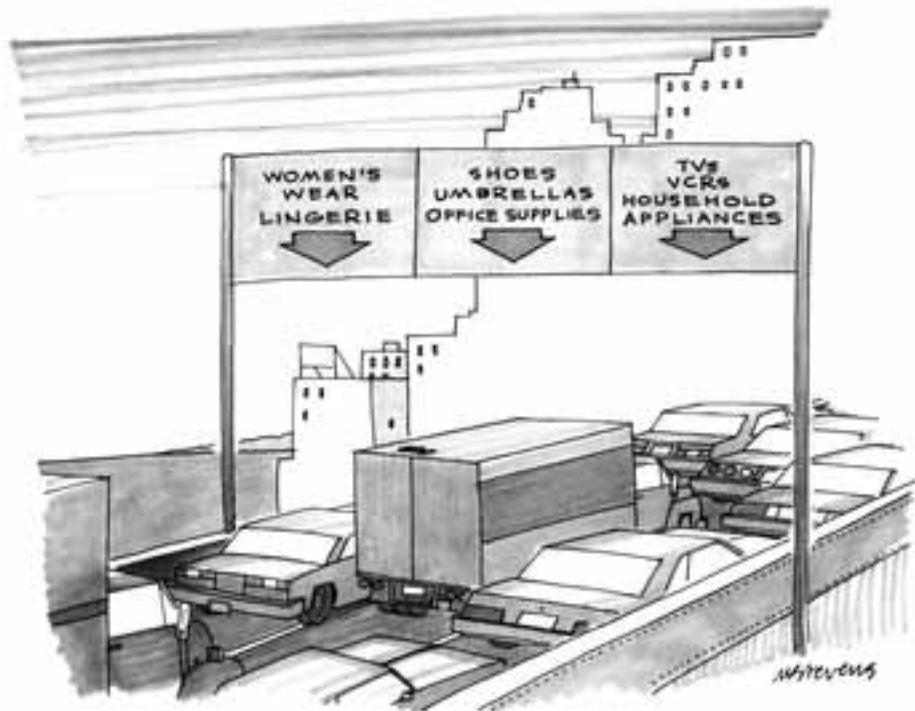


*"You knew I was grounds for divorce when you married me."*





*"It's perfectly all right. I used to do the same sort  
of thing when I was a little boy."*





POWER TANNING





*"I needed an infusion of cash, Your Honor."*





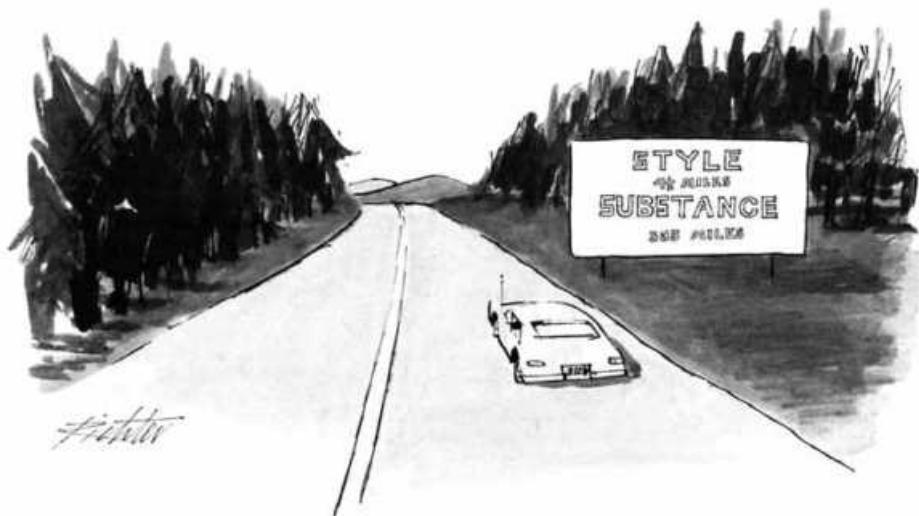


*"This is Teddy Bonesteel.  
Teddy is rapidly becoming competitive with Japan."*



*"I tried to tell you we were overstaying our welcome."*







*"The gods seem in touch with their anger tonight."*



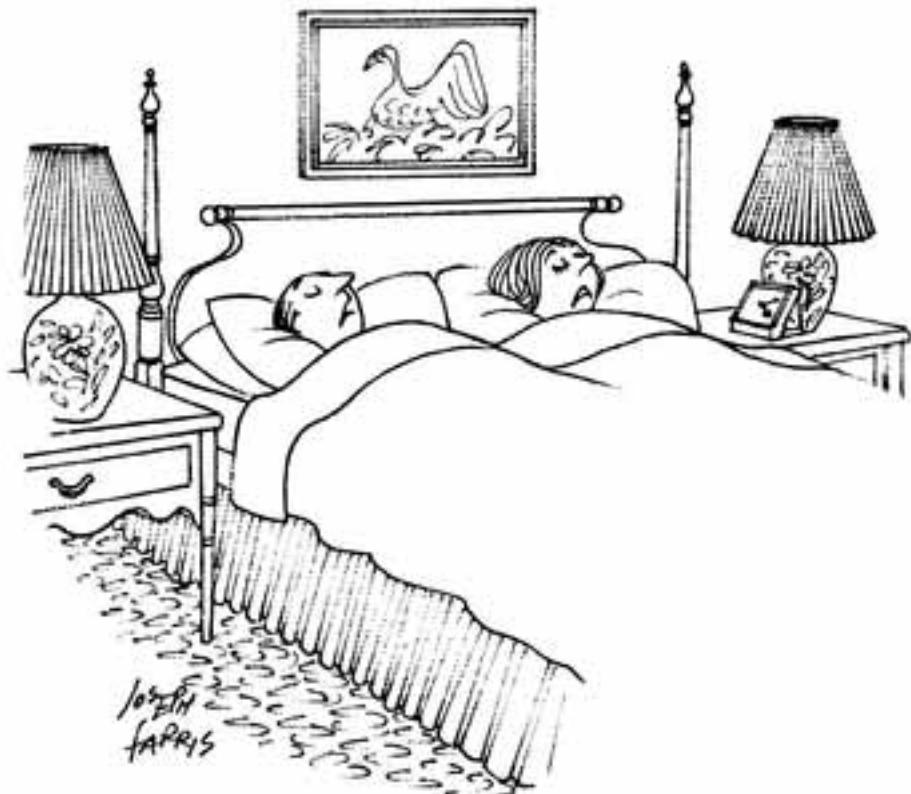
*"What happened to one o'clock?"*



*"Miss, could I have some, ah, just bread?"*

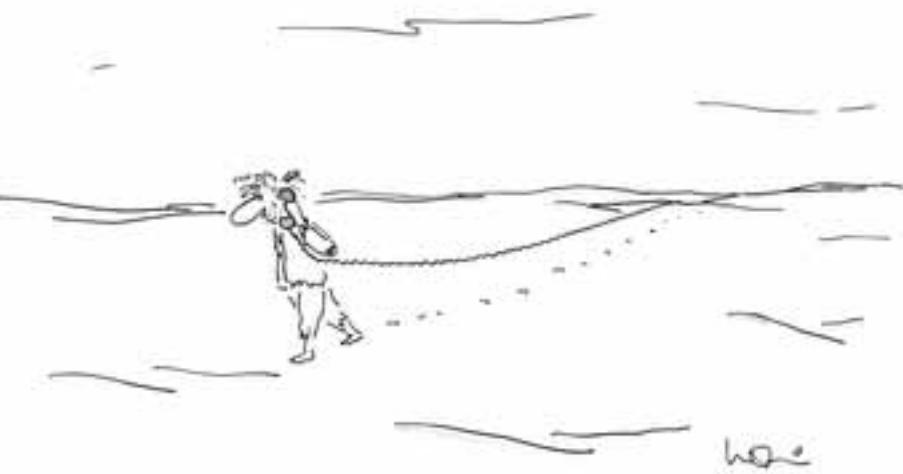
A REAL FIND





*I object!*

*Overruled!*





*"That's Stuart and Vivian Muntner. They're a one-marriage family."*



*"That will be all, Mallison. I must say I like the way you kept your mouth shut throughout our little talk."*



*"Now, here's a pretty how-d'ye-do just in."*



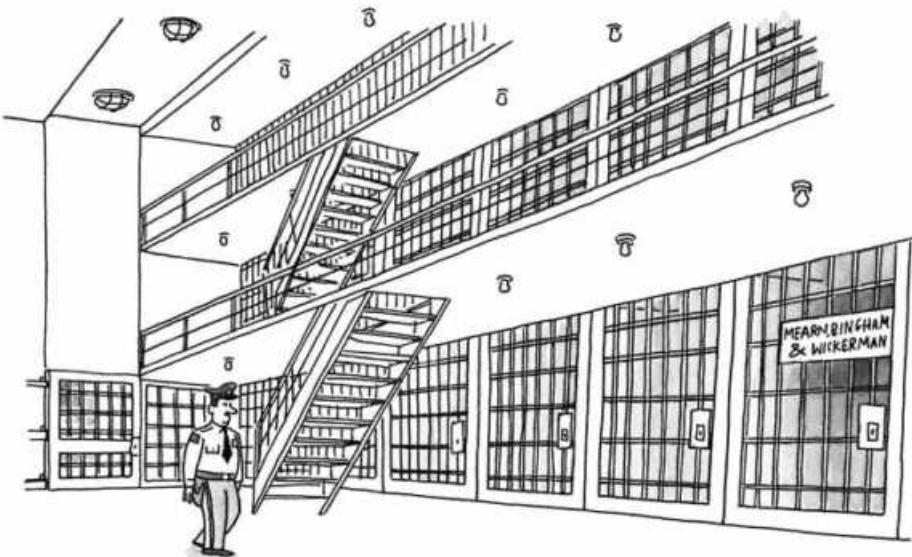
THE CALM BEFORE THE COFFEE



*"Owing to cutbacks in our news department, here is Rod Ingram to guess at what happened today in a number of places around the globe."*



*"I'm bored."*

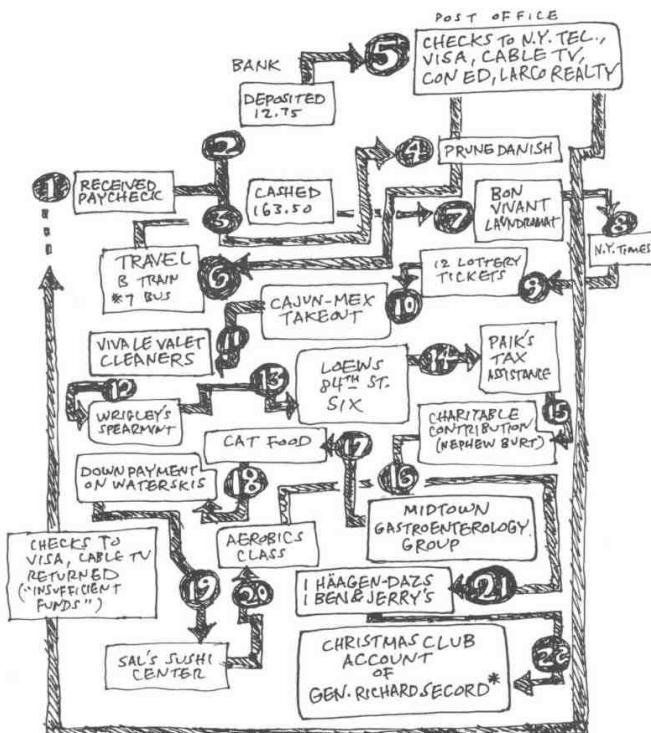




*"Try to work harder, Moorhead. You'll feel better for it."*

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Putting aside for the moment the questions "What did I know and when did I know it?," here, to the best of my knowledge, is where the money went:



\*I have no memory of this, and, frankly, I'm flustered.

—JAMES STEVENSON



*"Like Hemingway, I believe in grace under pressure—unless,  
of course, things get too hot."*



*"Cyndi Lauper on four, sir, with a bullet."*



*Grievances*



*"You resisted growing a beard in the sixties.  
I would say that's to your credit."*



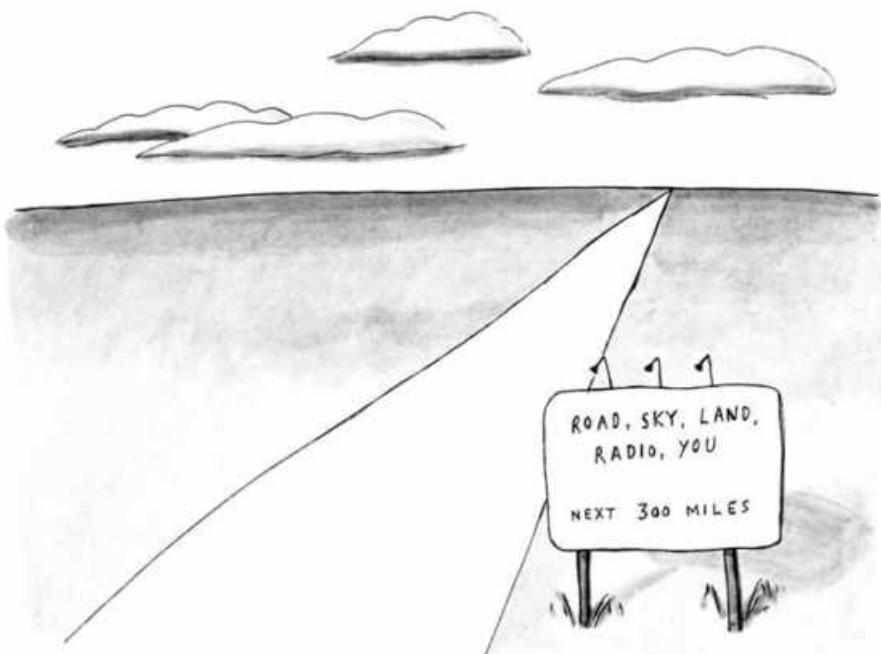
*"Do you have anything here that a certified  
public accountant might enjoy?"*





*"You'll go far in this organization, Taylor,  
unless I manage to stop you."*





R. Chast



*"Compared to the Howells, we still are young Republicans."*





*"Tell me, do we subscribe to this magazine,  
or do they just send it to us because we're  
the King and Queen?"*



MANKOFF





*"Conrad is so much happier now that  
he's put everything in storage."*

CAGED FURY





*"Oh—pardon the expletive—damn!"*



*“Another important influence in my life, of course, has been Gregory.”*



*"Ted's been down in the dumps since  
they started giving greed a bad name."*



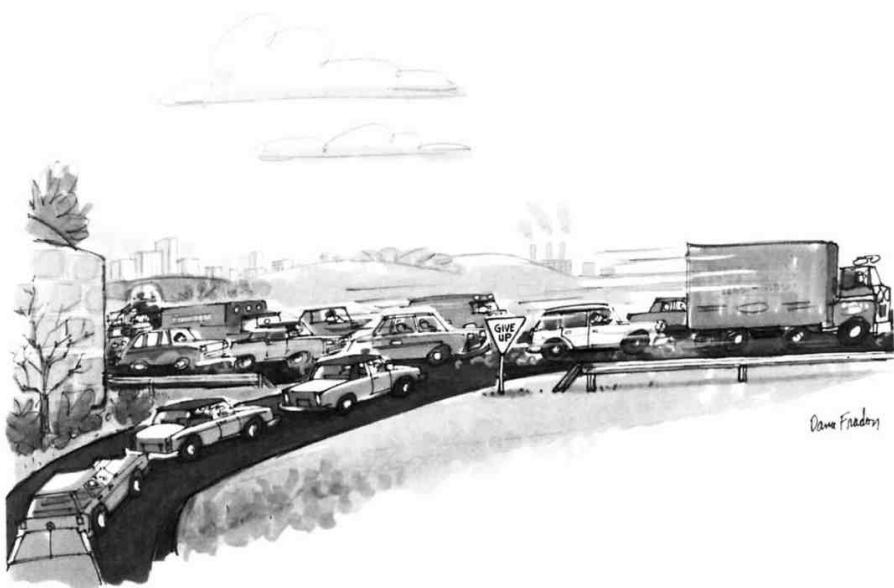
*"I suppose mere promises would not suffice."*



*"Ah, Les Misérables."*



*The Stolen Kiss*





*"We're still pretty far apart. I'm looking for a six-figure advance and they're refusing to read the manuscript."*



*"I'd like to see something in a watch. I want one with hands  
that point and twelve numbers I can recognize."*





*"Masterly presentation, R.B. Pure theatre."*



*"Is my best friend in here?"*



*"You know what I'd like to try someday? Landlubbing."*



*"We went out. Then we didn't go out. Shall I go on?"*



*"Do you think people had a nice time?"*





*"Would you mind terribly if I took back my last three moves?"*



*"Rain in the Northeast, clear skies to the south, while large portions of the Midwest continue to be blanketed by Shirley MacLaine's aura."*



*"I just can't shake the alumni newsletter."*



## Sideshow OF THE FUTURE

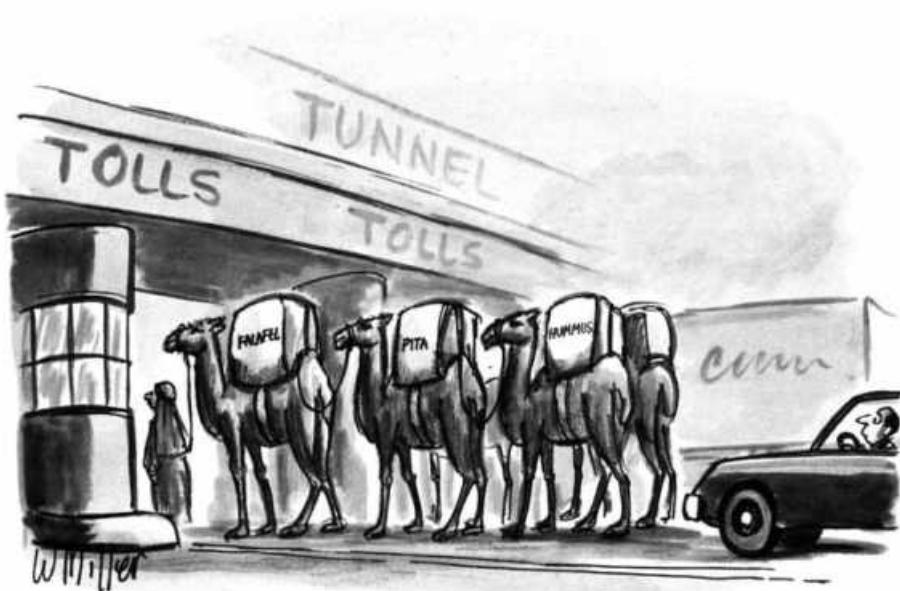


R. Chast



*"You'd best take off your hat and coat and make yourself comfortable, Milton. It's going to be a long, long marriage."*

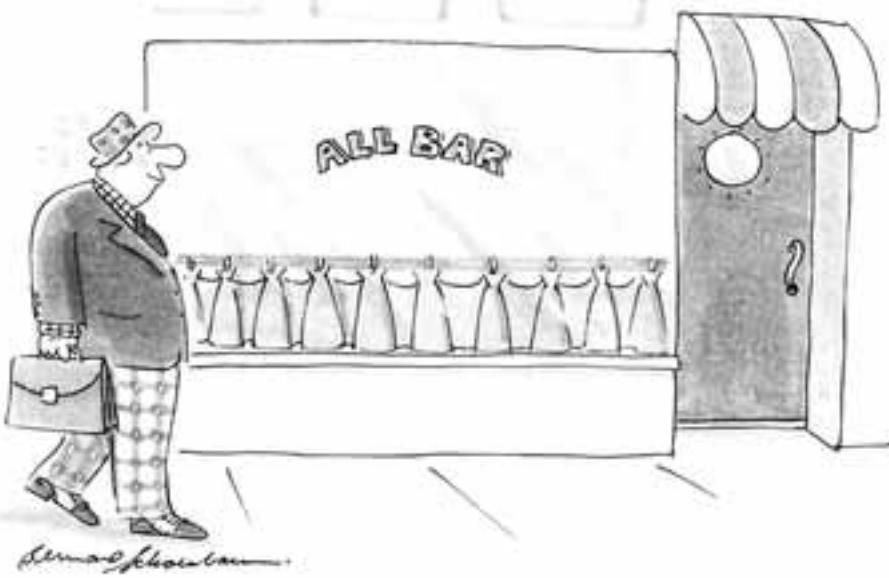








*"Money talking."*







NUZAK



*"I was just wondering if out there, somewhere,  
someone is still stomping at the Savoy."*



*"Your mother was young and restless and knew what she wanted. She wanted out."*



*"We can't come to an agreement about how to fix your car, Mr. Simons.  
Sometimes that's the way things happen in a democracy."*





*"Twenty-five cents, a phone booth, and—voilà!—thou."*







*"He appears to have lost all of his resilience."*





*"Somebody was unloading straw  
hats and I snapped one up!"*



*"Sorry, sir. I'll see that your candle is lit immediately."*



*"You may look Byronic, Hoagland, but you aren't Byronic."*

## JUST FIGUREHEADS



Roz Chast



*"I bet Pat Harper would be delighted  
to get a fan letter from you."*



*"I certainly hope you're not going to give me any trouble!"*



*Spring Is Breaking Out All Over*



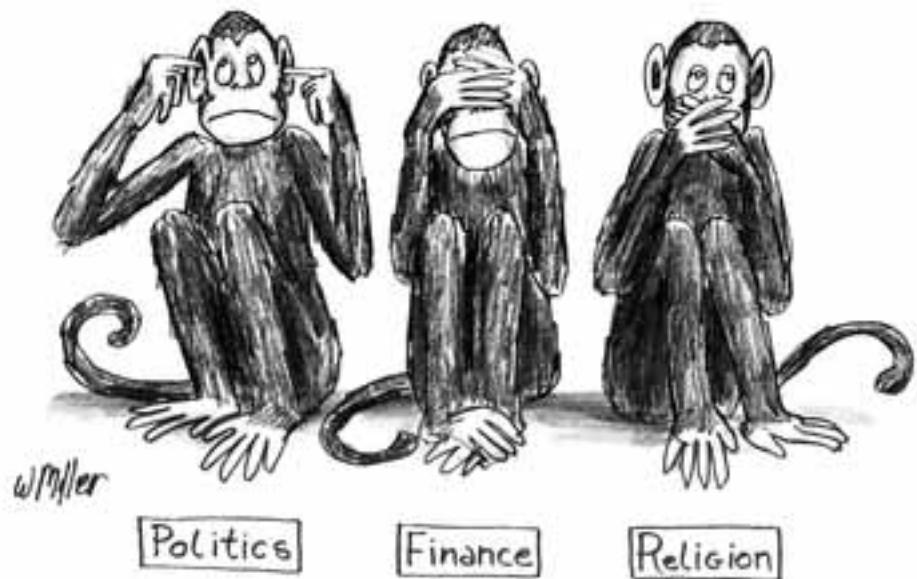
*"And this, as we used to say, is my boyfriend."*



*"This year, tax reform has radically changed the federal tables and methods for calculating withholding taxes."*



*"Here they are. Live from Lincoln Center."*





*"Do we tip it?"*



*"I do not hate you. You're projecting."*



*"Thanks, Pop, but today's kids don't want  
money, they want leadership."*





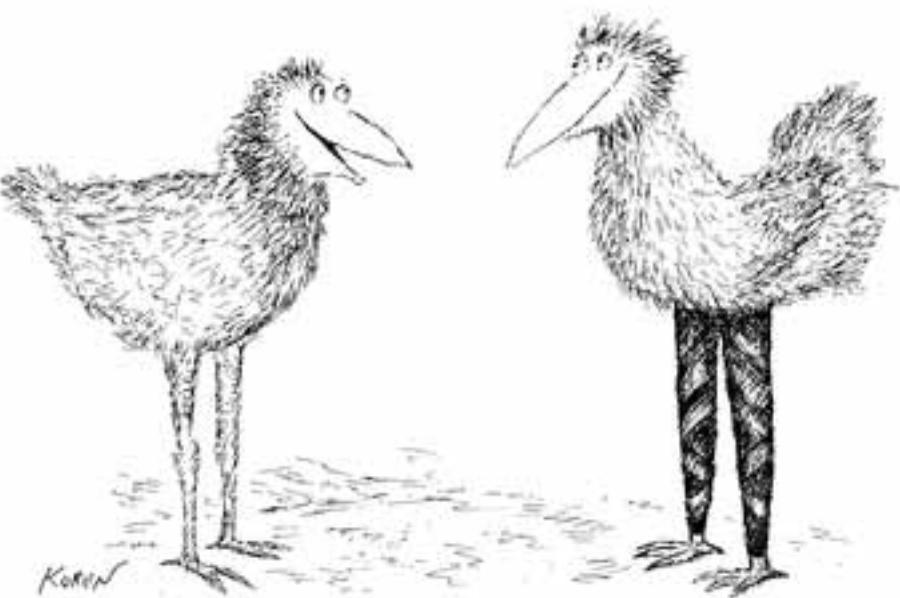
*"You dance divinely. And, coming from a secular  
humanist, that's quite a compliment."*



*Lunchward ho!*



*"Caldwell knows whereof he speaks.  
At least until around eight-thirty or nine."*



*"Great tights!"*



*"And here's one for you!!"*



*"No question it took a lot of guts to write this book,  
but it would take even more guts to publish it."*



*"That's it? That's the minority report?"*



*"Henry, is there a moral to our story?"*





*"You remind me of somebody."*

## COSMOLOGY 101

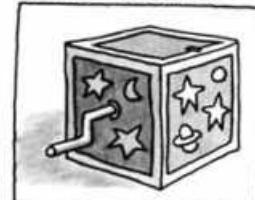
BIG BANG



SMALL BANG



BIG BOING



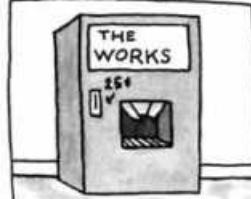
BIG IDEA



BIG CHICKEN



COIN-OP



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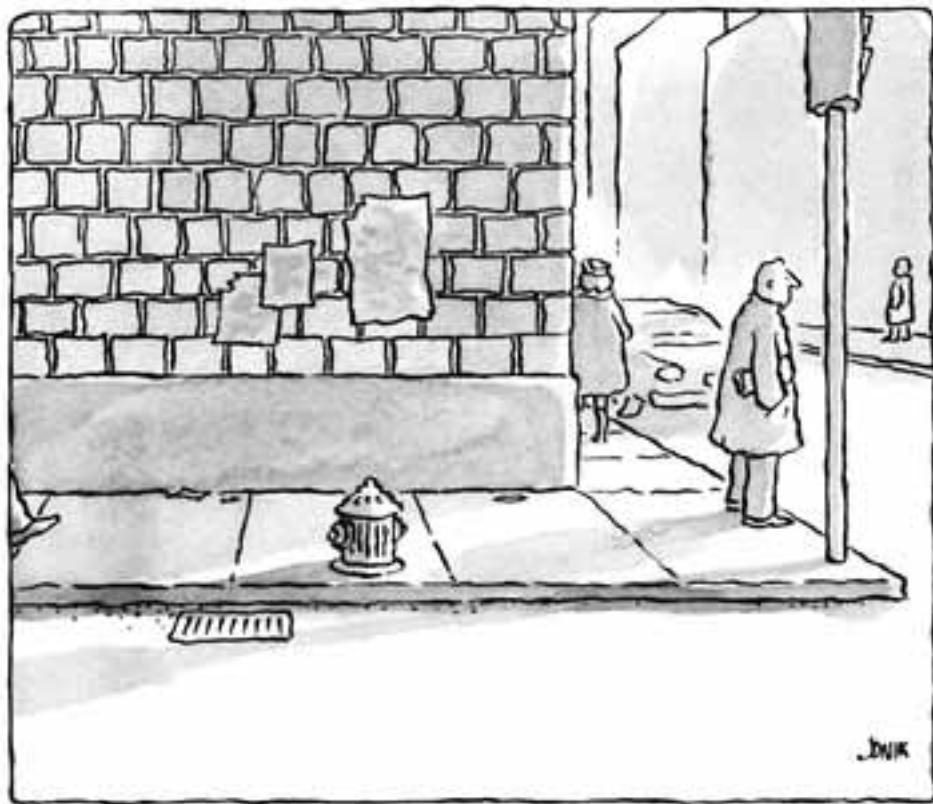


*"Vivian ends every set with 'Que Será, Será.'"*





*"When do we all start frantically buying gold again?"*



THE MILKY WAY  
(Detail)







*"This is one of those subway stations they've  
restored to their original state."*

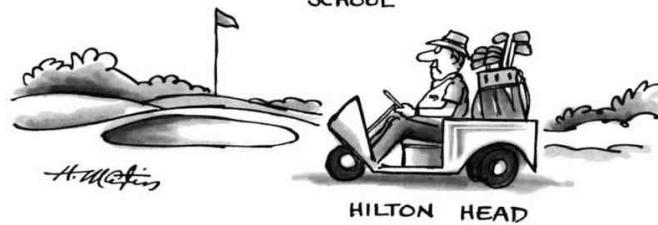
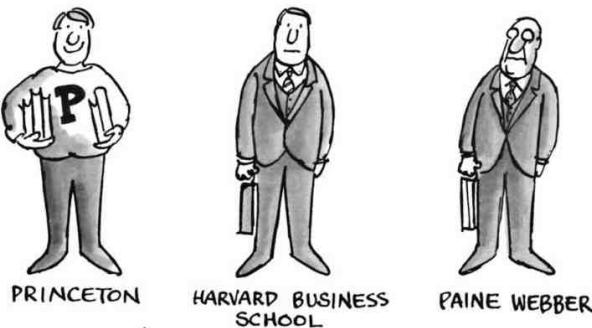


*"Right away I spotted you as a hard nut to crack."*





THE SEVEN AGES OF MAN



*H. Martin*



*"Hello, cutie pie."*



*"Find something dumb. Really dumb. I'm in the mood."*



*"Our goal is to modernize it but retain the historical flavor."*



*"What's the matter, Epley? Can't you decide  
where you've had it up to?"*





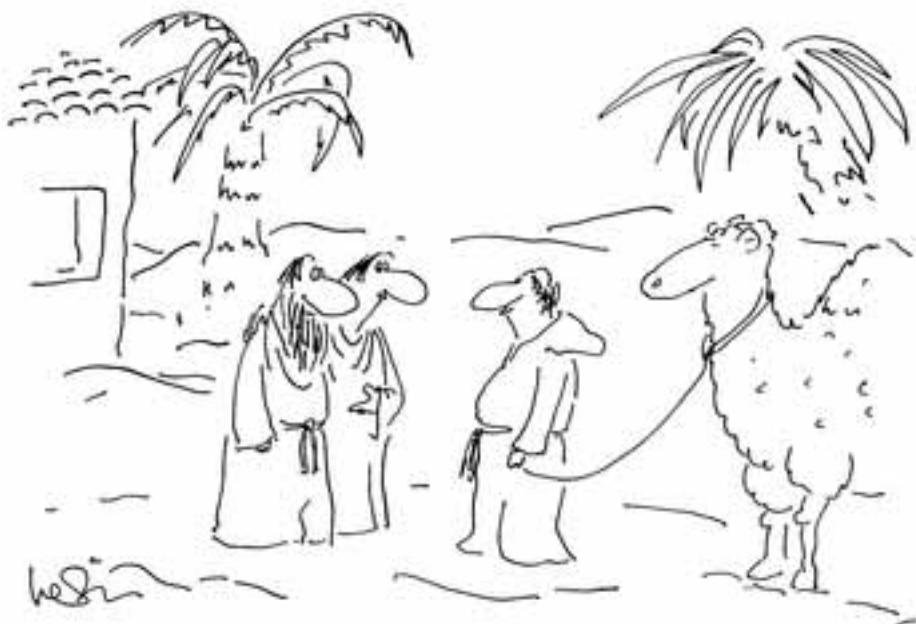
*"Then it's agreed. Watson, Smith, Teller, and Wilson go to Heaven; Jones, Paducci, and Horner go to Hell; and Fenton and Miller go to arbitration."*



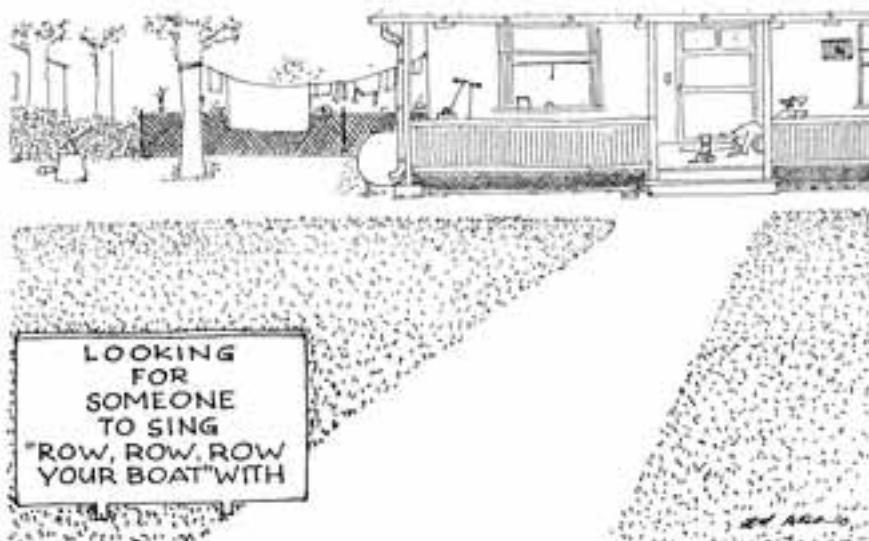
*"You weren't actually in the dream, but you did do the voice-over."*



*"I've taken to working in my shirtsleeves.  
We might mention that in our annual report."*



*"This is Mozab. I've known him since the year one."*





*"All those in favor of saying 'It's a wrap' instead  
of 'Meeting adjourned' say 'Aye.' "*





*"My wife and all her vice-presidents and all her executive secretaries don't understand me."*

## NON-CELEBRITY ROAST



R. Chast



*"Now, if I were you I'd lose some weight, get contact lenses, put lifts in my shoes, wear a toupee, grow a mustache, and start smoking a pipe."*

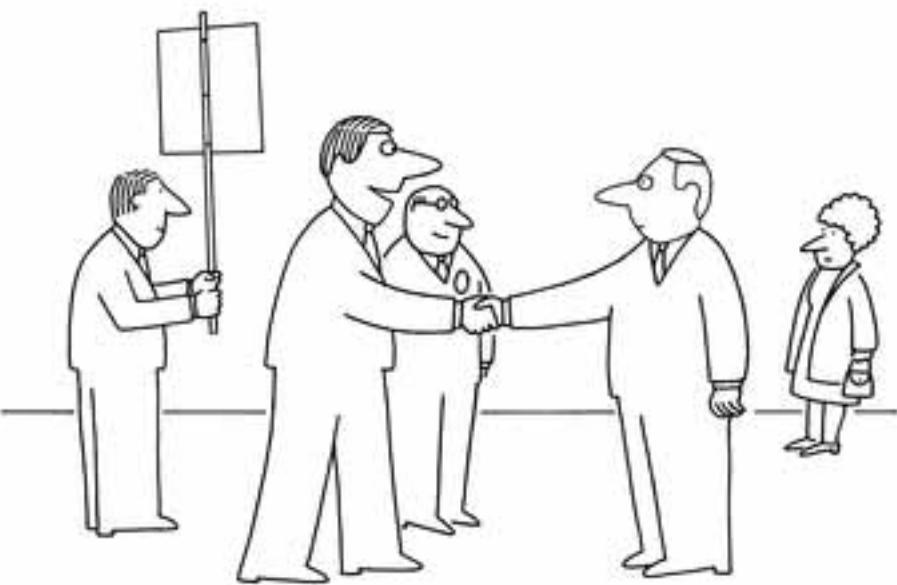


*"I'm tired of being Queen. I want to be First Lady."*





*"Oh, ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha, sir."*



*"Hi there. I'm governor of a large state somewhere out West, and I'm running for President."*



*"Springtime in New York. Ah, to be young, in love,  
and probably making two hundred and seventy-five thousand a year."*



*"Please sit down, gentlemen. I think that once around the table with the wave will be quite enough, thank you."*



*"It's my one indulgence."*



*"Your wife feels that your cat needs to hear  
an authoritative male voice."*



*"I can't think of anything I have no problem with."*



*"Plain or enhanced?"*



*Self-Portrait*



*Fun (circa 1955)*



*"Hello, and what kind of birdie are you?"*



*"Something you should bear in mind, James.  
Sam has recently come into a lot of money."*



*"I operate under the assumption that man is basically good."*



*"Sorry, Chief, but of course I didn't mean 'bimbo' in the pejorative sense."*



*"And, like a fool, I said, 'So sue me.' "*





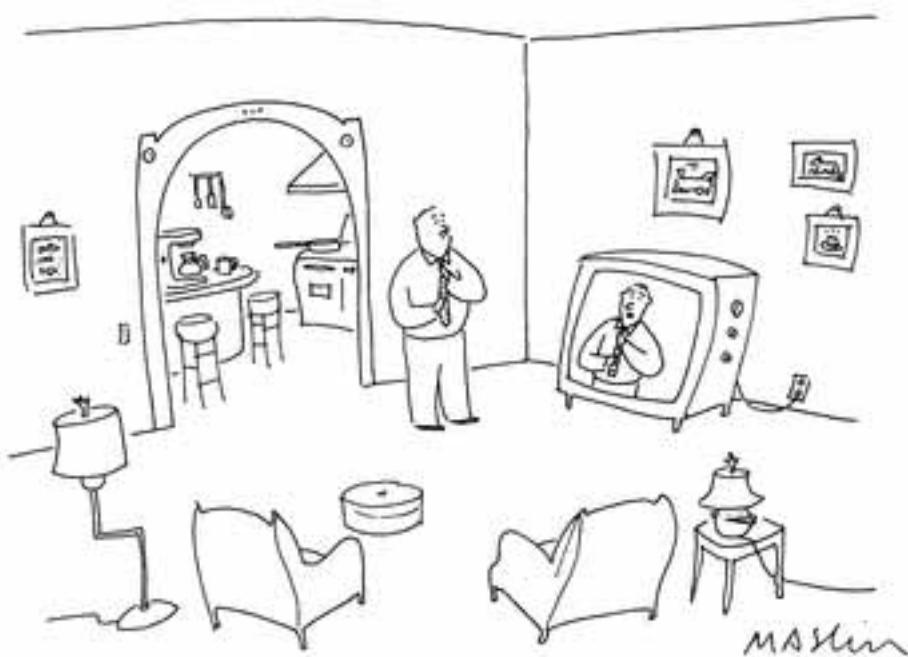
*"I'm starting to think stripes."*



*"I'd like you to excel."*



*"From here it looks like liver and onions."*



*"You've been getting dressed with me—Herb Henry.*

*Coming up next: juice with Louise Hay, two eggs, toast, and coffee with Stu Farnell, and then it's out the door with Kenny Mott."*



Roz Chast



*"I do have an embarrassment of riches. Oddly,  
however, I'm not at all embarrassed by it."*



*"He's wooing the press."*



*"I just finished it. It's yours for three dollars and fifty cents."*





*"This is my wife, Katerina, formerly of Bloomingdale's."*



*"Fix me something that reflects traditional values."*



*Rare Specimen*





*"I'd like each of you to share with us what  
you felt when we were at the Cloisters."*





*“Sir, I have a question that’s lunch-related.”*

ERWIN P. LITTERTON  
THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK





*"Please, dear. It's the Age of Reason."*





*"Goodbye, Howard. I'm returning to the business sector."*



*"I'm afraid we can't chance it, Barry. It's never been done."*



*"Over the years together, we've worked out who  
we are. She's wonderful, and I'm difficult."*





*"Oh, darn, and just as I was beginning  
to take charge of my life."*



*"Are these microphones, O Lord, on?"*





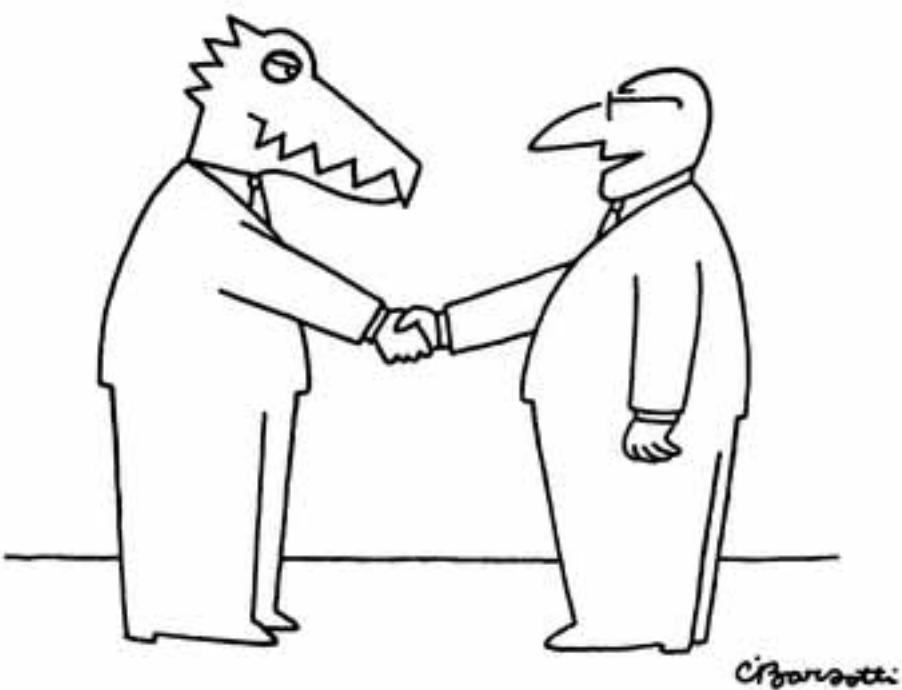
*"I gave you supper, I gave you water, I took you for  
a walk and threw the ball. Now get off my back."*



*"I'm just a number here, like you, Caswell—but a higher number."*



*"What do you liken our marriage to—football or baseball?"*



*"Of course. Your reputation precedes you, sir."*



*"In your wildest dreams, did you ever think you'd  
one day be cruising the Gulf of Mexico?"*



*"Listened to your latest novel. Couldn't switch it off."*



*"The hay looks good."*



*"The witness is hereby ordered to refrain from appending 'n'est-ce pas?' to each reply."*



*"Who or what should I sacrifice to relieve simple nervous tension?"*

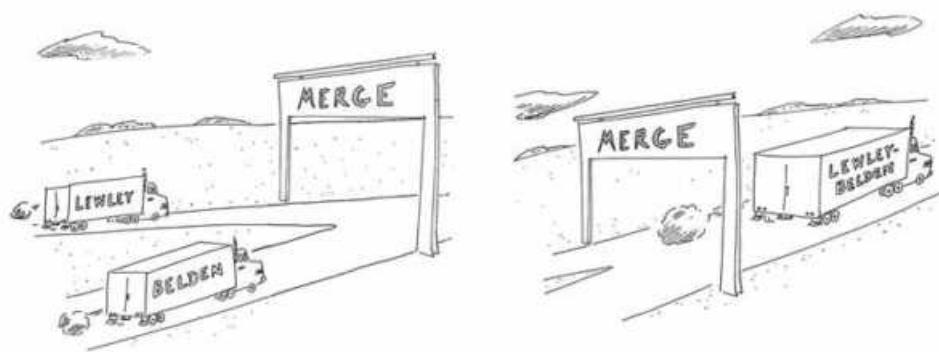


*"Look after Foster, will you, Kendall? He's the new kid on the block."*



*“Damn!”*



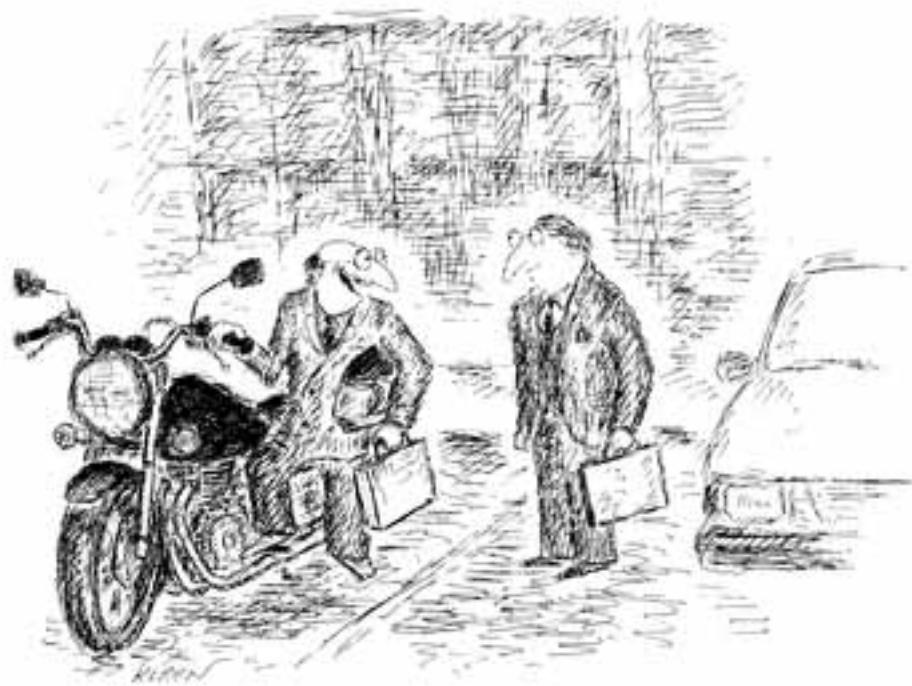




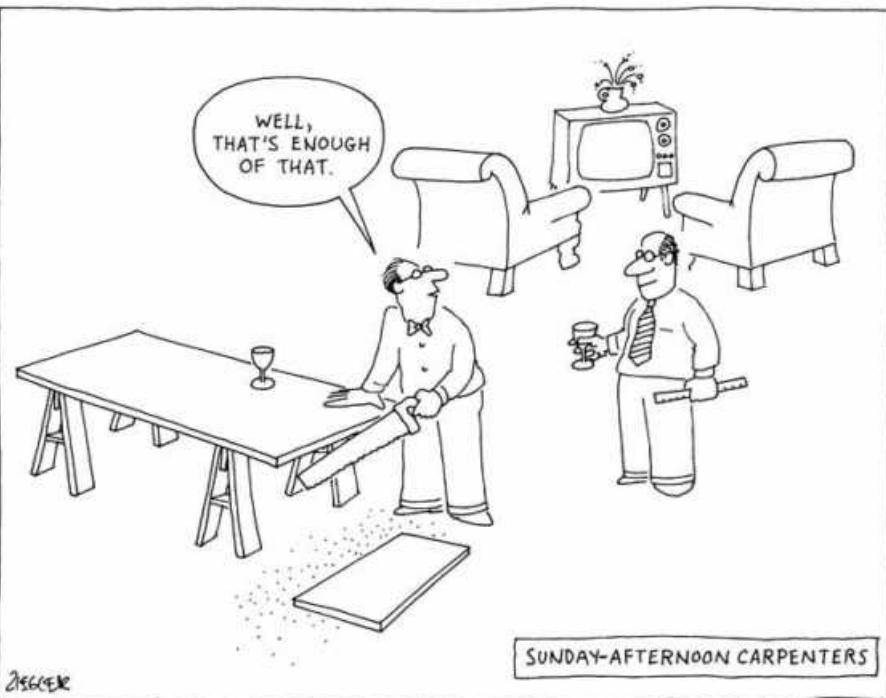
*"This is it, everybody. Jack and Harriet Schroeder sing Harold Arlen."*



*"Mr. Carmichael won't be in today. He was beset by woes."*

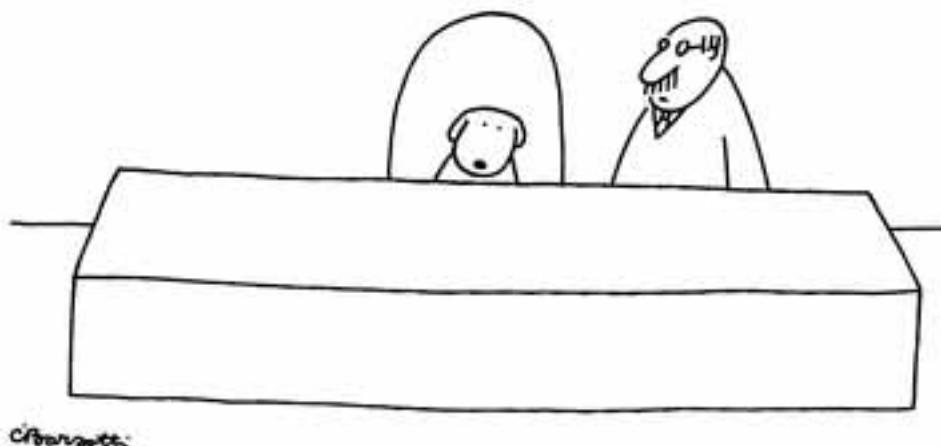


*"I'm just getting around to sowing my wild oats."*





*"I've had it up to here with him and his lilt of Irish laughter!"*

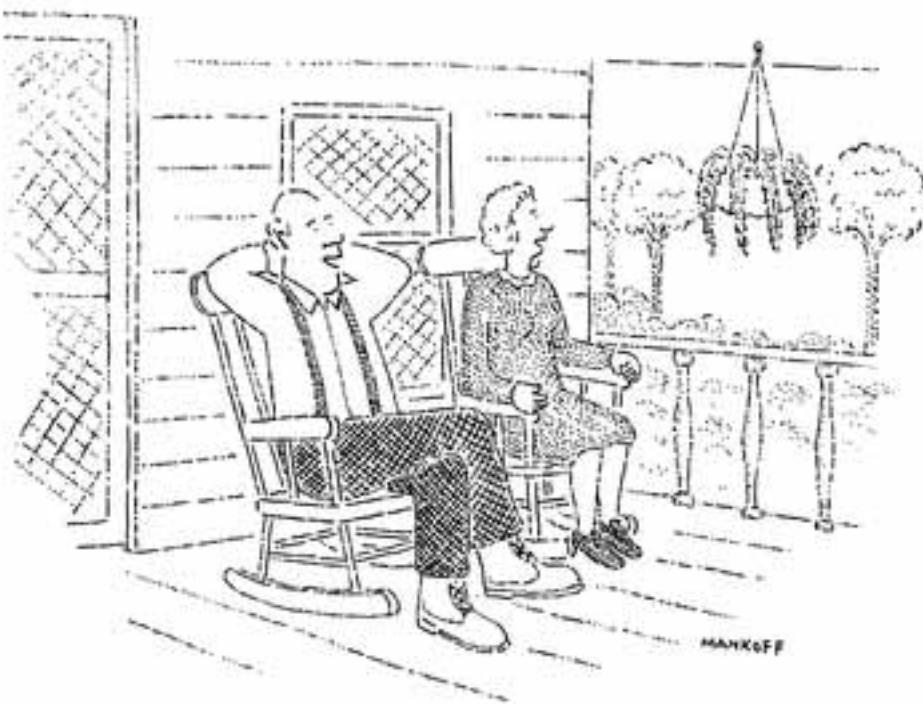


*"I'm back. Move."*





*The Right Chemistry*



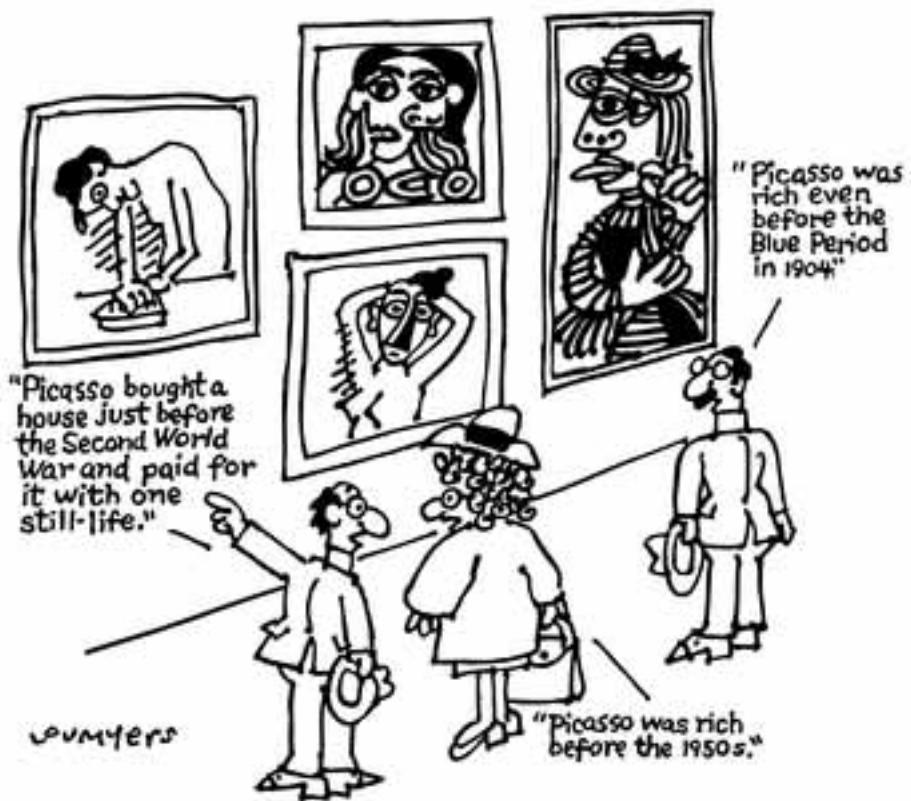
*"This is the life, eh?"      "No."*



*"It's hard to strike just the right balance. I didn't have enough fire in the belly for politics, but I seem to have too much for market research."*



*"Darling, do you have an extra token?"*







*"Once upon a time, allegedly . . ."*





*"It's Gorbachev. Can you chat?"*



*"Well, then, if and when you do consider moving, would you let us know?"*



*“‘Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.’ Now, what the hell is that supposed to mean?”*



*"I need a hug."*



*Zorba the Used-Car Salesman*



*"Money used to mean something.  
Now it's all just money for money's sake."*



*"The pleasantries having been dispensed with, we now go right for the jugular."*





*"When we were first married, I drank to her only  
with mine eyes. That was twenty-three years ago."*



*"I just love your poetry!"*





*"Sidney bought that jacket when it was morning in America."*



*"You don't seem to match the photograph on this license.  
I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to smile."*



*"Are you all right?"*



*"Everything, I take it, will be al dente."*



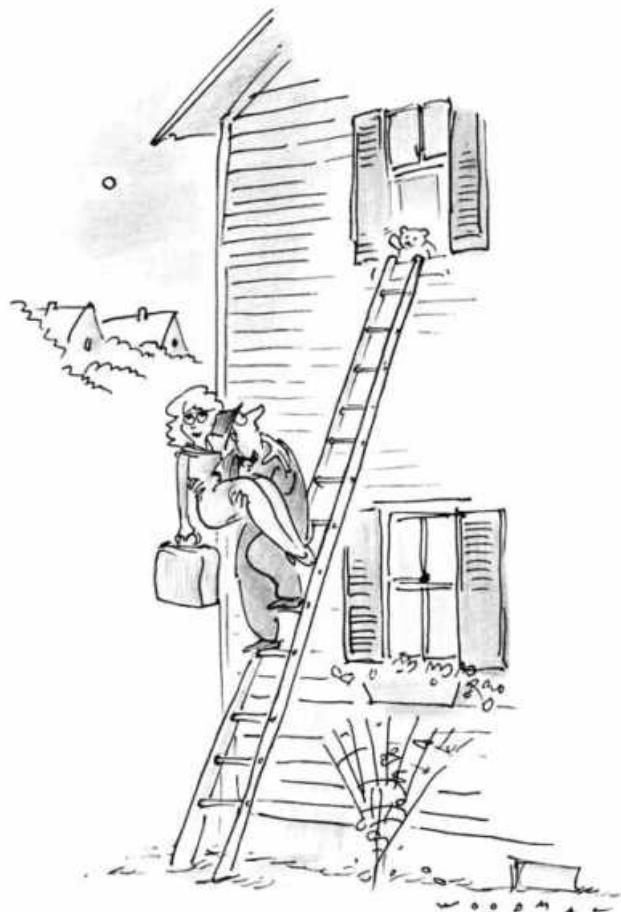
*"One plus one equals two. Two plus two equals four.  
Three plus three equals six, and so on and so forth. Well, that's life."*



*"I'm bored with triptychs. Paint me a quadriptych."*



*"Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention? It's 7 P.M. The cocktail party is now over. Please see that you pick up your proper wraps, check all tables for personal effects, and leave the building quietly. Thank you and good night."*





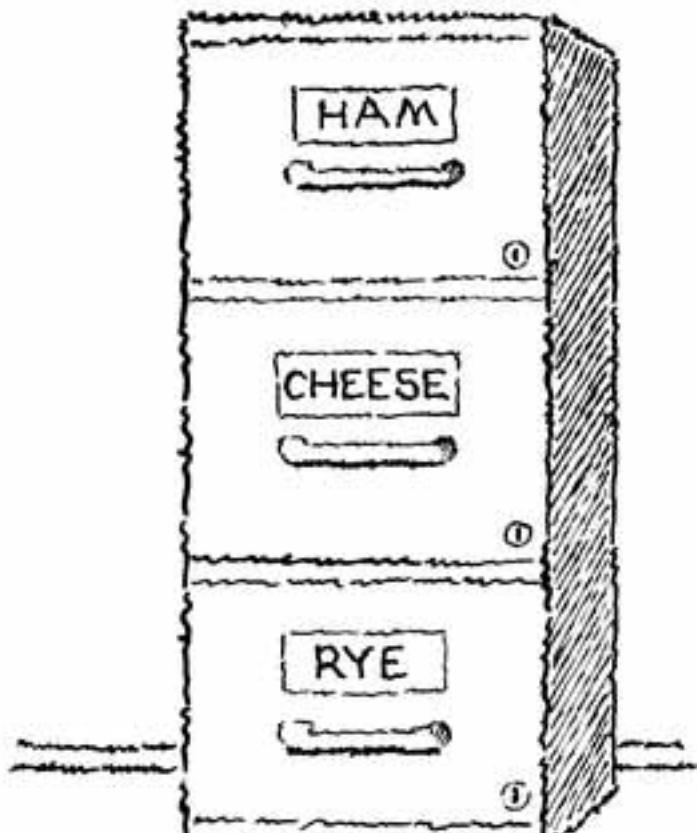
*"Your mother called to remind you to diversify."*



*"It's for you."*



*"Gosh, Ethel, all I know is he had a ready wit at Yale."*





## Approval Heaven



R. Chast





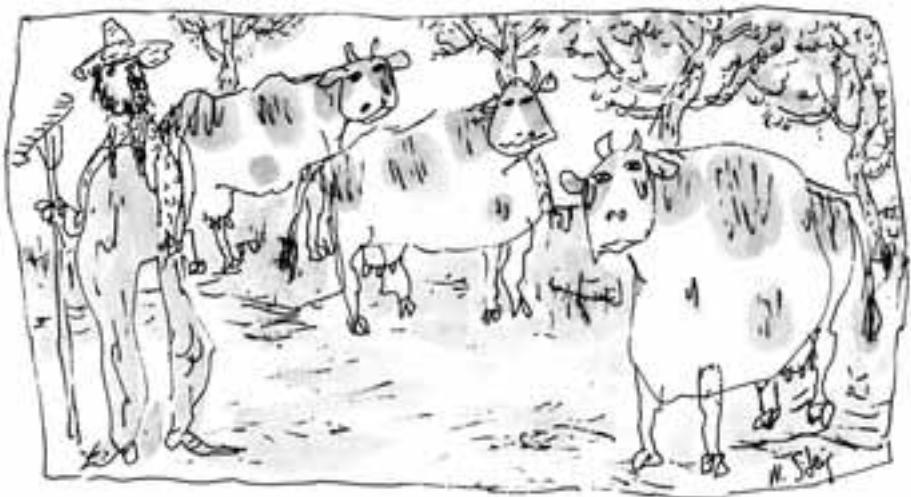
*"That is incredible. Do you know that I, too, want as much as I can get as fast as I can get it?"*



*"The Southwestern look. I love it!"*



*"No haircut today, Peter. Just tousle me."*



*In the Dingle*



*"I'm in here, rereading the great poets, myself among them."*



*"Edward the Good? Well, Eddie, we'll be the judge of that."*



*"I always thought of myself as a romantic, dashing-outlaw sort of person. But, alas, the law makes no distinction between that and a common criminal."*



*"Well, Marsden, perhaps we should get together for another pleasant but fruitless exchange again sometime."*



*“O.K., I julienneed the carrots and potatoes. Now what?”*





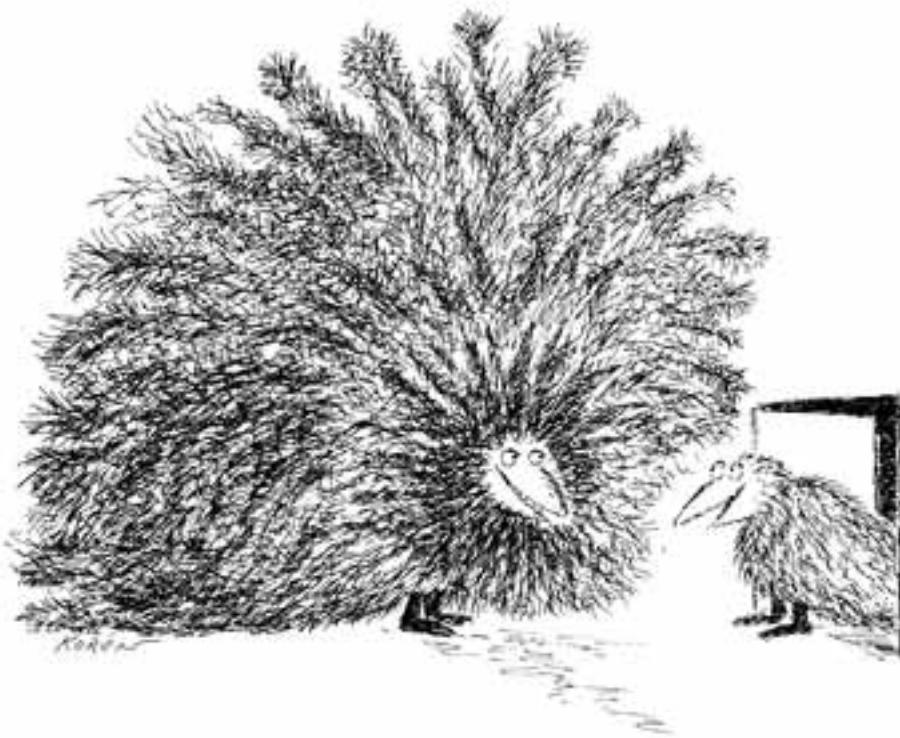
*"Tues., May 19: Nothing on television again last night."*



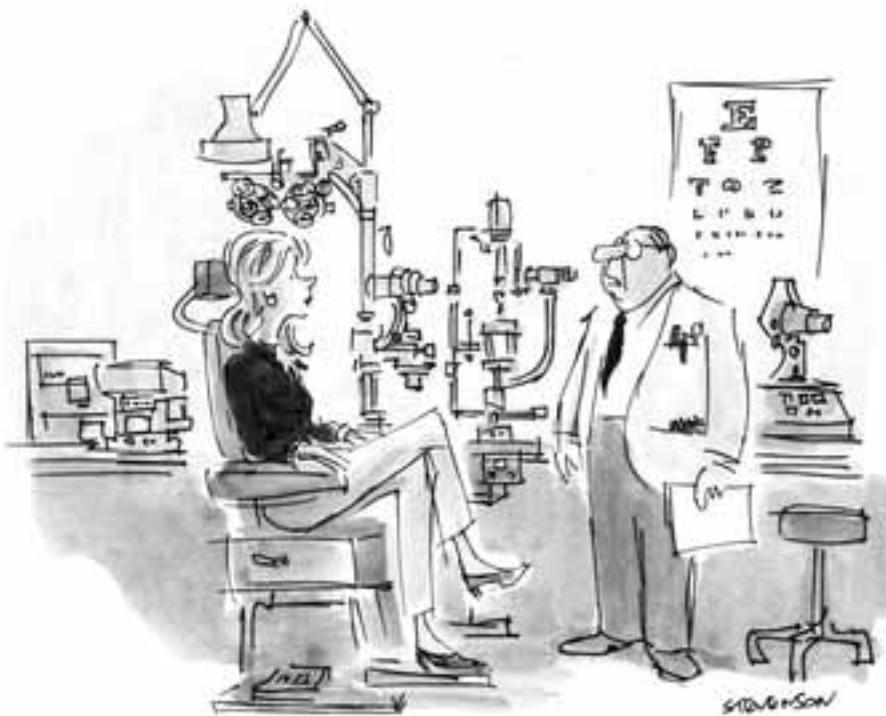




*"He was too cute to die."*



*"I was just thinking about you!"*



*"You're dewy-eyed."*



*"We've known each other ever since nursery school,  
Eric, and I still can't figure you out."*



*"Sincerely, the friendly folks at Amtex International."*





*"Logic—the last refuge of a scoundrel."*



*"Marvin, do you realize that if you continue to set the record straight about each and every little thing, then that's all we'll ever have time for?"*





*"Well, please look again, Operator. It's Fluffy—  
F-L-U-F-F-Y—and she lives in Larchmont."*



*"Forget about me, Doc. What's wrong with the Mets?"*





*"That's my Caroline. She's one of a kind."*



*"Quick, hon. I think he's got it."*



*"No prob."*



*"I despise my life, but I'm in love with my life style."*



*"Must we always cut right to the heart of the matter, Gridley?  
Can't we ever talk a little bit about it?"*





*"I know so much that I don't know where to begin."*



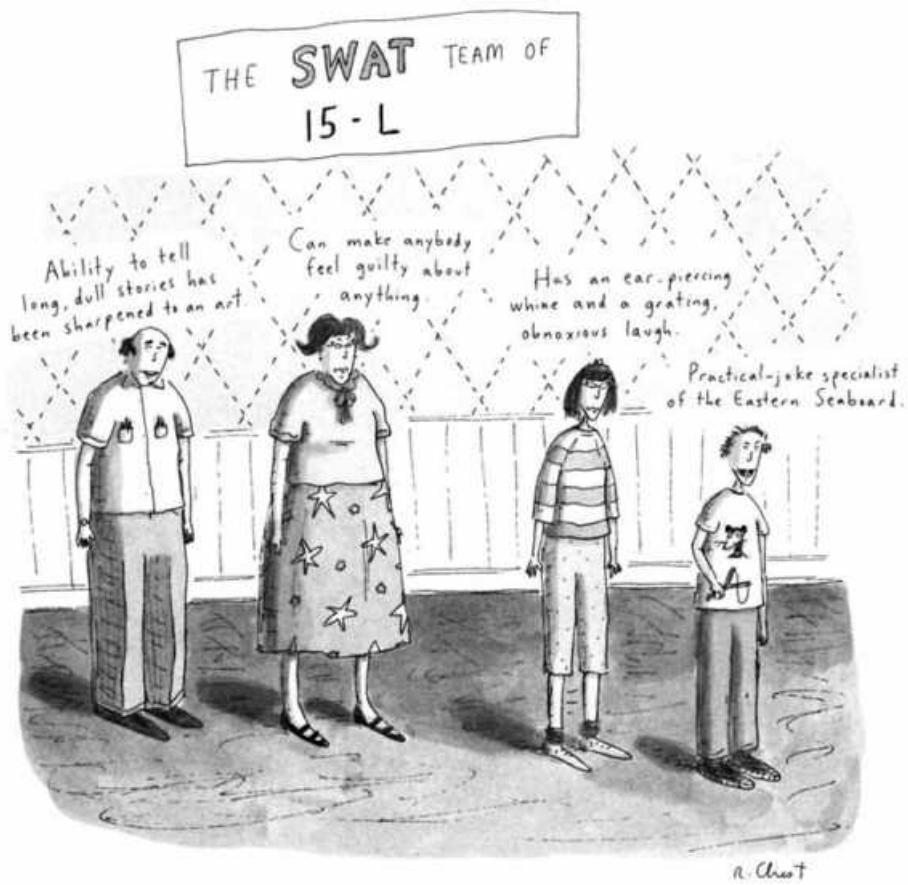
*"Miriam keeps me young."*



*"And the adjective of the day is 'Lucullan.' "*



*"You know what I think, folks? Improving technology isn't important. Increased profits aren't important. What's important is to be warm, decent human beings."*





*"I've been in public service thirty years, at  
great personal sacrifice to my family."*



*"Ladies and gentlemen, the Queen of the Hop and the Duke of Earl."*



*"Let me take you away from all this and bring you over to all that."*



*The Innocent Young*



*"Mr. Weston, while you were out I found your secret cache of M & M's and polished them off."*





*"We can still be friends, Roger. I just don't want you to be one of my vice-presidents anymore."*



*"That was a line from your first marriage, wasn't it?"*





*"Better late than never, eh, Herb?"*

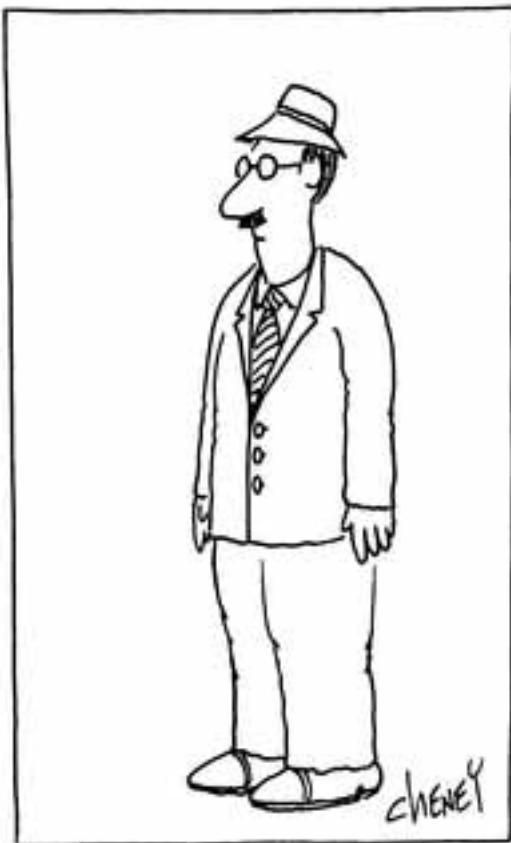


*"I'd say we're both multilayered onions."*





*"You can't insult me, sir. I've been mocked by the press."*



SUITABLE FOR HOME OR OFFICE USE



*"On the foreign-exchange markets today, the dollar fell against all major currencies and the doughnut."*



*"It's the Miami 'Herald.' They saw you go in the front door yesterday, but they haven't seen you come out."*

THE  
JUKES  
AND THE  
KALLIKAKS  
TODAY

El Jukes -  
prominent real-estate developer



Amanda Kallikak -  
attorney for Pastoral Nuclear  
Waste Manufacturers, Inc.



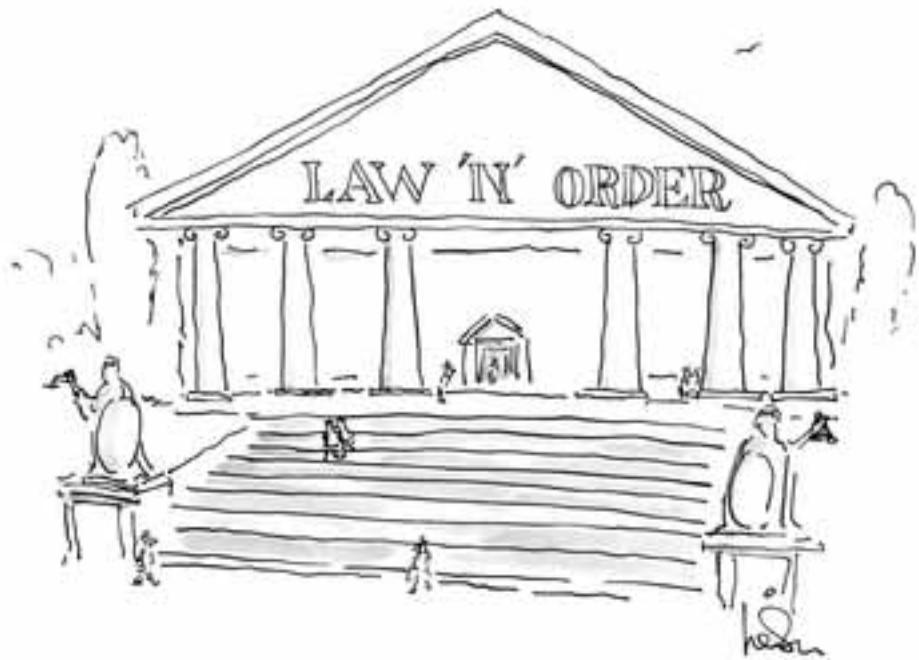
Lance Kallikak -  
hot young graffiti artist



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Judy Ann Jukes -  
newest queen of market videos



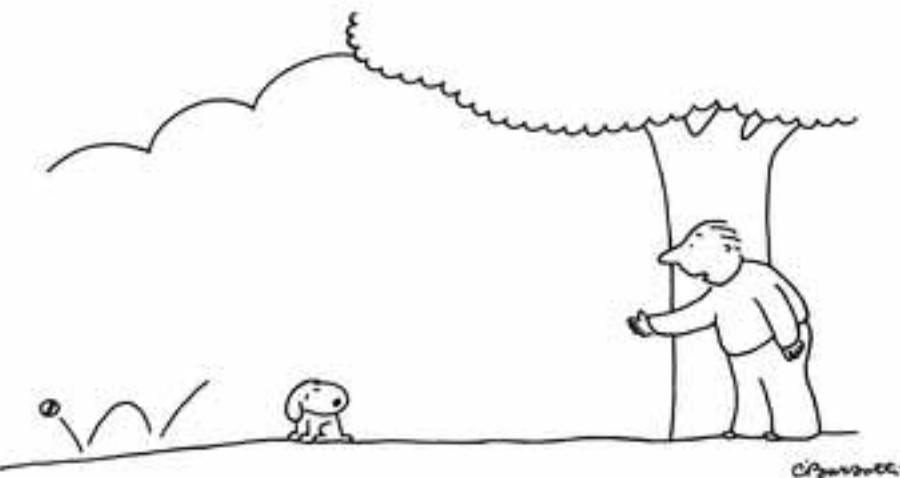




*"Someday man will find a peaceful use for my machines."*



*"Peter Pan isn't as young as he looks."*



*"Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were my dog Willie."*



*"I heartily concur with the others, Mr. Grimby. Expressing your thoughts on America in a full-page ad is a whale of an idea."*







*"People's own strawberries are so much more meaningful."*



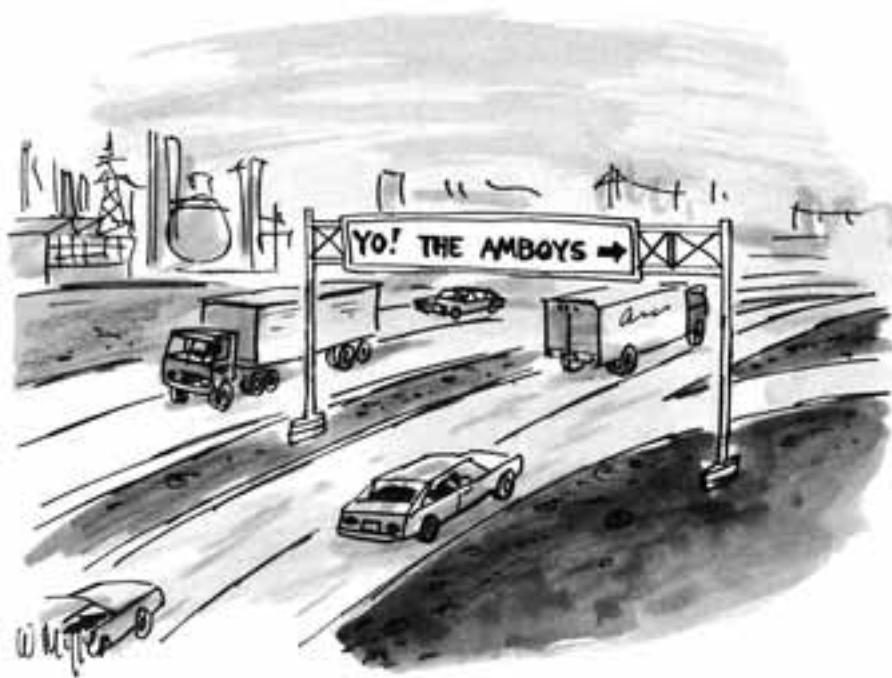
*"We didn't see anything so special about the light in Greece.  
We have the same light in Tuckahoe."*



*"Congratulations. You have finally reached  
Extension Five Million. Please hold."*



*"Like so many New Yorkers, I've lived here all my life  
and never been to the top of the Empire State Building."*





*"Who can say? I suppose I'm as happy as my portfolio will allow me to be."*





*Sumer is icumen in,  
Lhude sing cucu!*

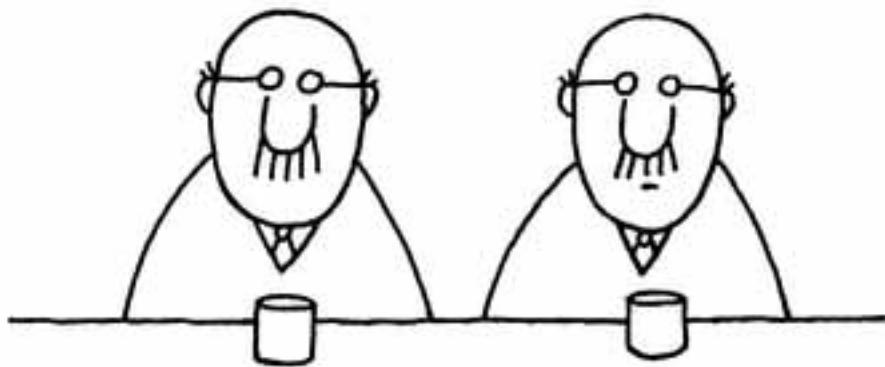


*"As you go through life, Billy, remember—  
a moving target is hard to hit."*



*"And what, sir, would you care for me to recommend?"*





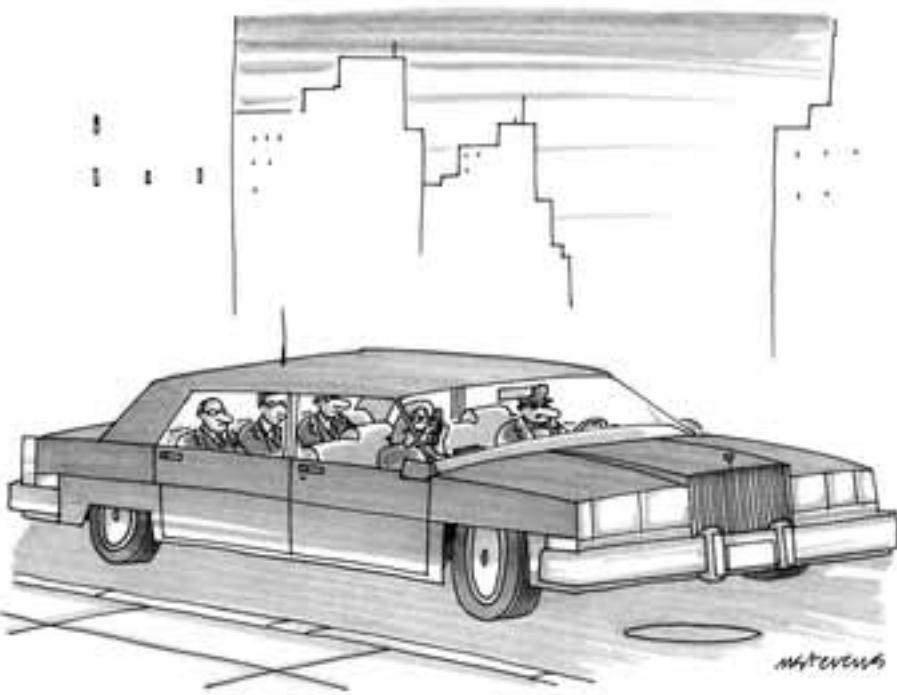
*Barsotti:*

*"I knew you'd like this place."*





*Comanche Territory*



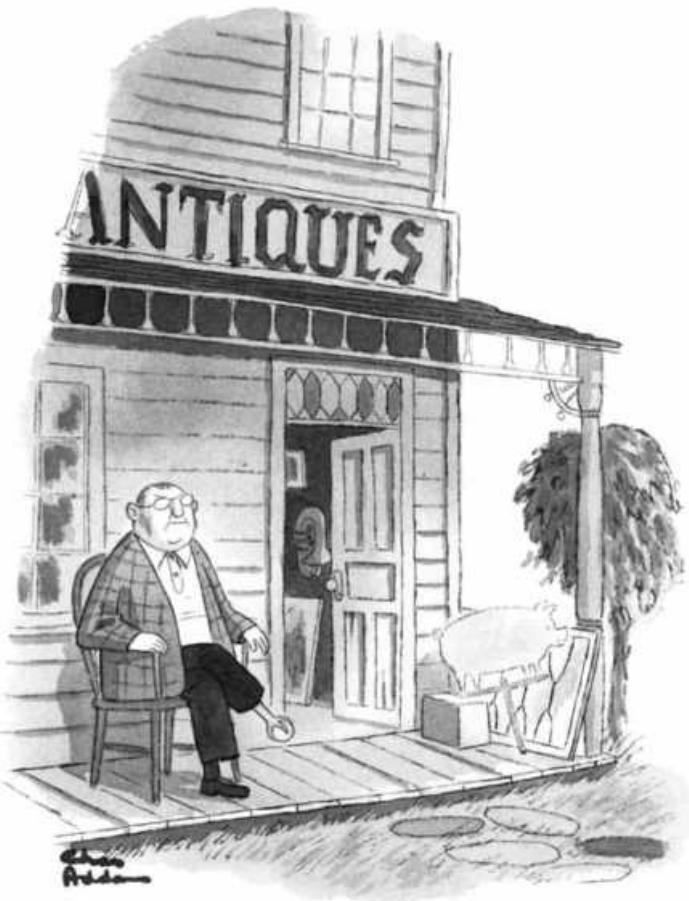
*"Good afternoon. Kelly, Henderson & Farnsworth."*



*"Congratulations, Dave! I don't think I've read a more beautifully evasive  
and subtly misleading public statement in all my years in government."*

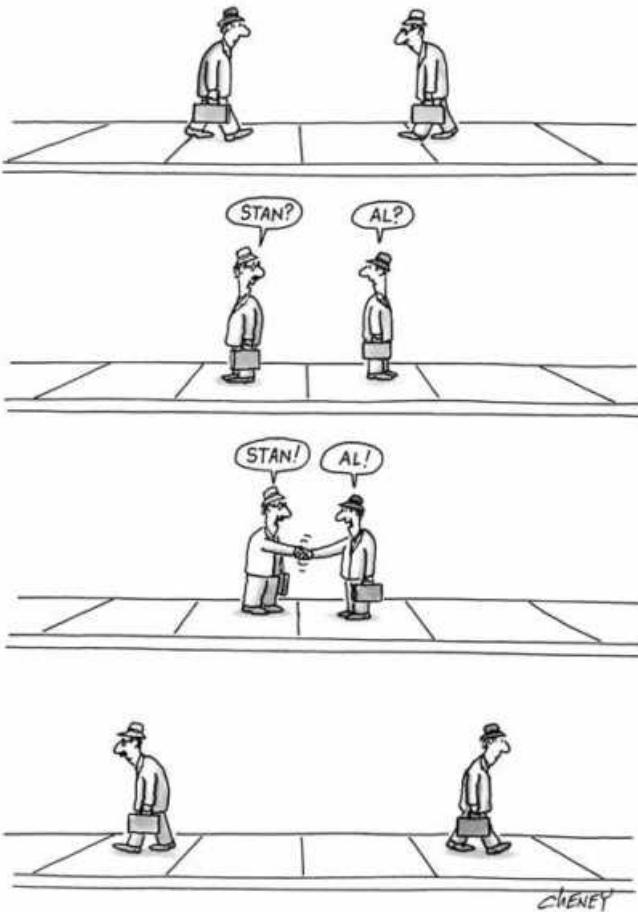


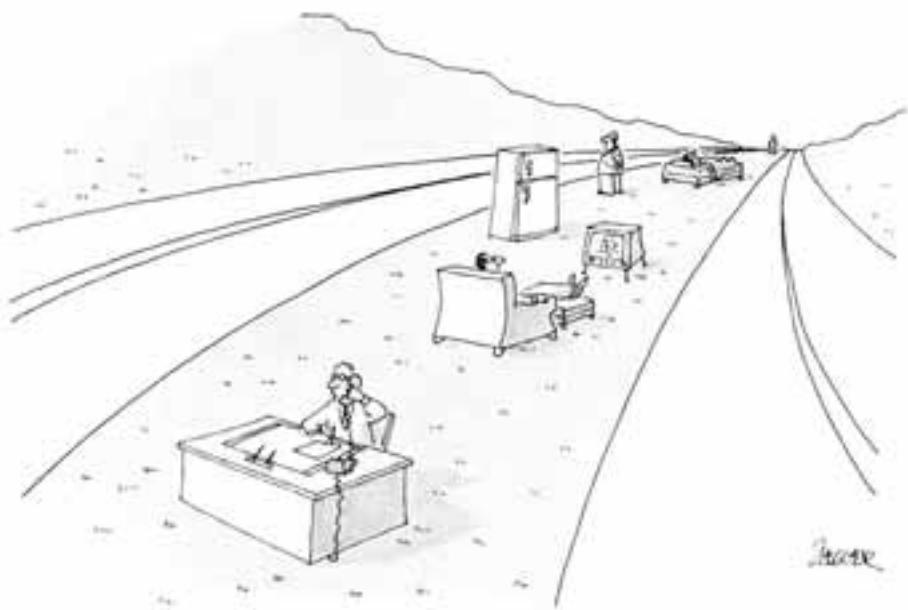
*"Goodbye, Florencia. I'm afraid you've outgrown me."*





*"Then we've agreed that all the evidence isn't in, and that even if all the evidence were in, it still wouldn't be definitive."*





*"I'm sorry, but there is no more fast lane. We all live on the median now."*





*"Oh, sweetie, I'm sorry. I've been coming on like gangbusters again."*





*"Being adamant is, I believe, my prerogative, Halbersham."*



*"Now, I know you'd like us to go away and let you get on with your dream, but, given the cutbacks in federal funding, without your pledge there may not be any more dreams!"*

## JUNK STAMPS FOR JUNK MAIL



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*"Gerald is a man of only one mood."*



MUSIC OF THE SPHERES

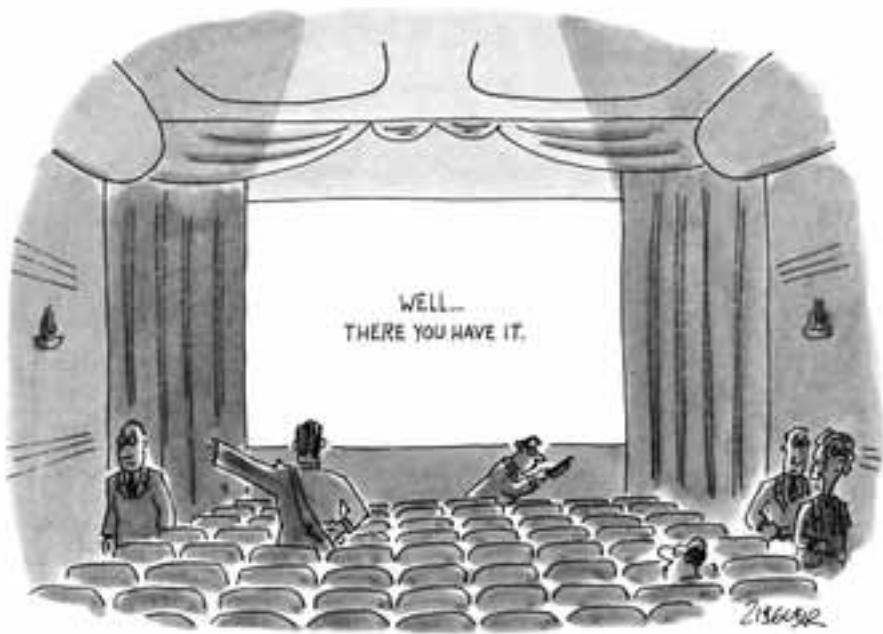


*"Let me add, my name is Martin. And the lobsters you  
have chosen are Jerry and Agatha, respectively."*





*"Hey, I think the long-term picture is generally bright!"*





*"I don't get it."*



*"You never get it."*





*"Excuse me, sir. Which way to Lexington Avenue?"*



*"Do I have to take sides between Ed Koch and Donald Trump?"*







*"Surf's up!"*



*"Lately he's been spending more and more of his time  
with bell peppers and less and less of his time with me."*



W. Miller



*"This is Amanda, everybody—of David and Amanda."*



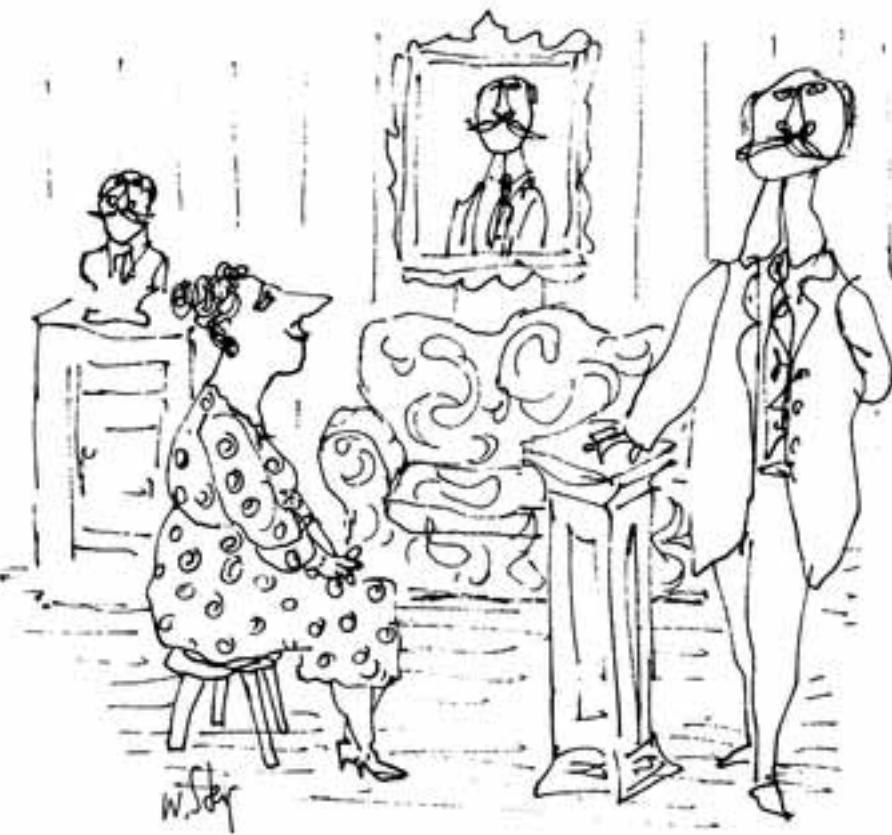
*"Mr. Wilmington, I'm tired of having a five-figure salary and would like a six-figure salary."*



**AN EMPLOYEE OF MERRIAM-WEBSTER, AT DAY'S END,  
PASSES THROUGH DECONTAMINATION**







*Him*



*"Et tu, Baxter?"*

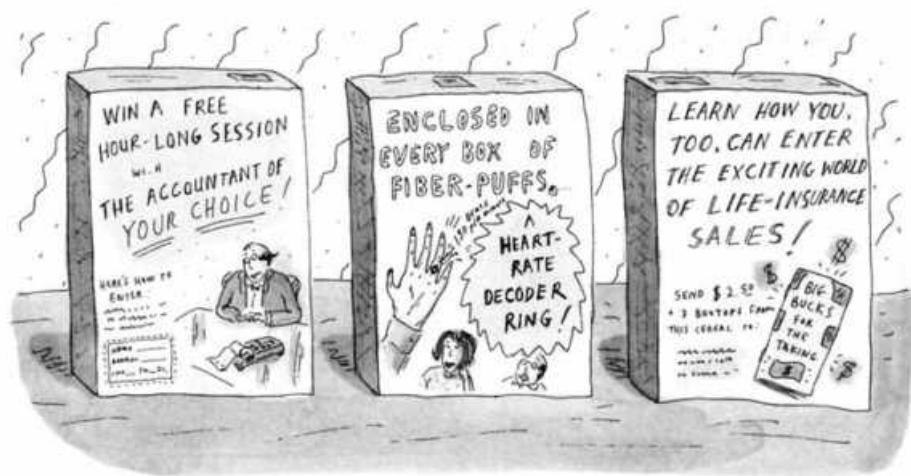


*"Hold it, sweetie. It's not for us."*



*"Hi. Steve Smith here. Just calling to say hello and touch base.  
Well, bye. Hi. Steve Smith here. Just calling to say hello and touch base.  
Well, bye. Hi . . ."*

THE BACKS OF  
ADULT CEREAL BOXES



Roz Chast





*"I've changed the company's name, Edith.  
Ours, of course, will remain the same."*



*“Actually, I’m what you might call a non-practicing vegetarian.”*



*"I'm aiming for boyish charm, but I  
don't want to appear vulnerable."*



*"And do you want your carbons whole, torn, or shredded?"*







*"It's the S.E.C. How do you plead?"*



*"Is rock and roll over yet?"*



*The Piranesi Mall*



*"Pleasure to meet you. I've been leafing through your book."*



*"It's a little white wine Stuart brought back  
from Idaho. Are you game?"*



*"You're on the forty-ninth floor now, Mr. Dowd.  
Up here, the world no longer revolves around you."*

## SYMPATHY CARDS FOR EVERYDAY USE



A house in the Hamptons  
Not one month but two!  
Sorry to hear  
Your plans fell through.



You went to a club.  
You didn't get in.  
All we can say is  
It's really a sin.



Inside you cry -  
Outside you're calm  
Too bad your party was  
Such a big bomb.

R. Chast



*"I love this place—its food, its ambience, and its political goals."*





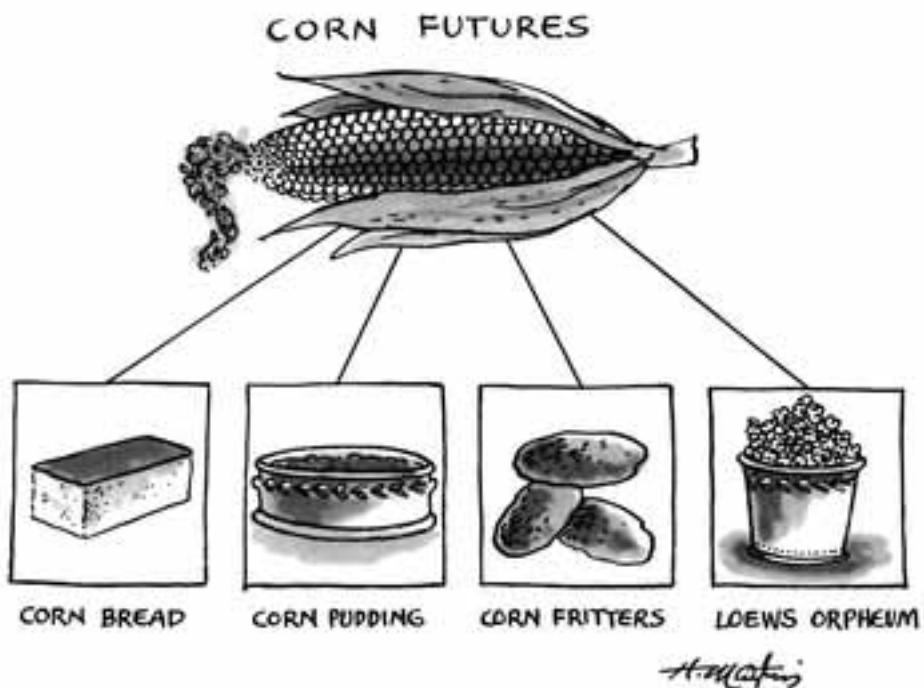
*"I don't think I'll go in today. I just dreamed  
a whole day's work, including lunch."*



*"I started young, I liked it, and I just stayed with it."*



*"They're the famous Flying Santuto Brothers."*





*"That's it? 'Polymath seeks intellectual sparring partner'?"*





*"Oh, come on back, Yin. I was only kidding."*



*In the Waiting Room*



*"My people have worked out many,  
many things to do with feathers."*

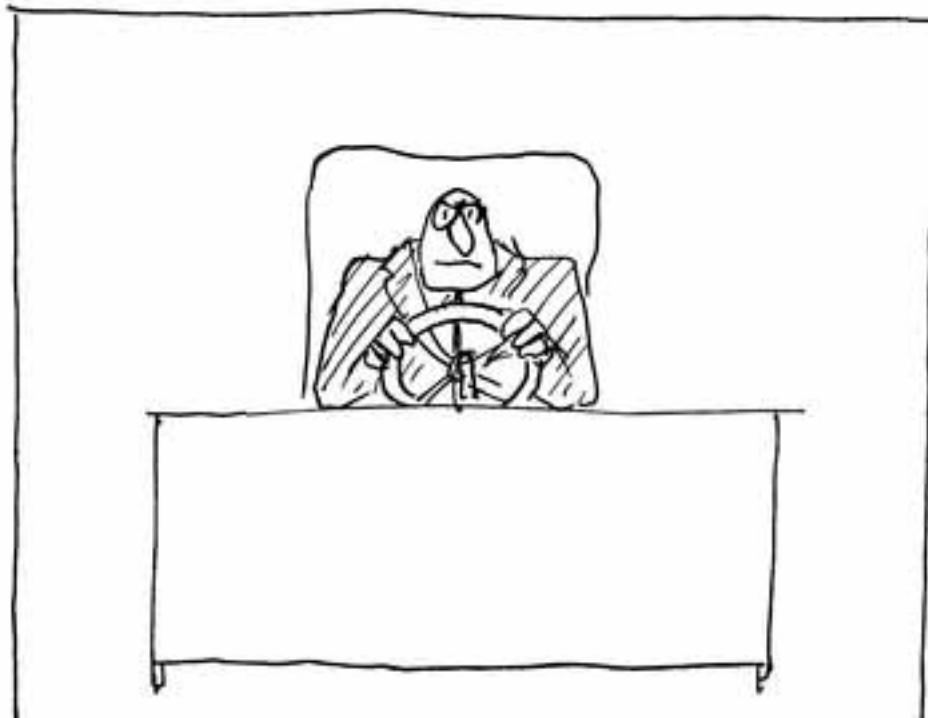


TYPE Z BEHAVIOR



*"Ogden, you're taking yourself too damn seriously."*

# LEADERSHIP





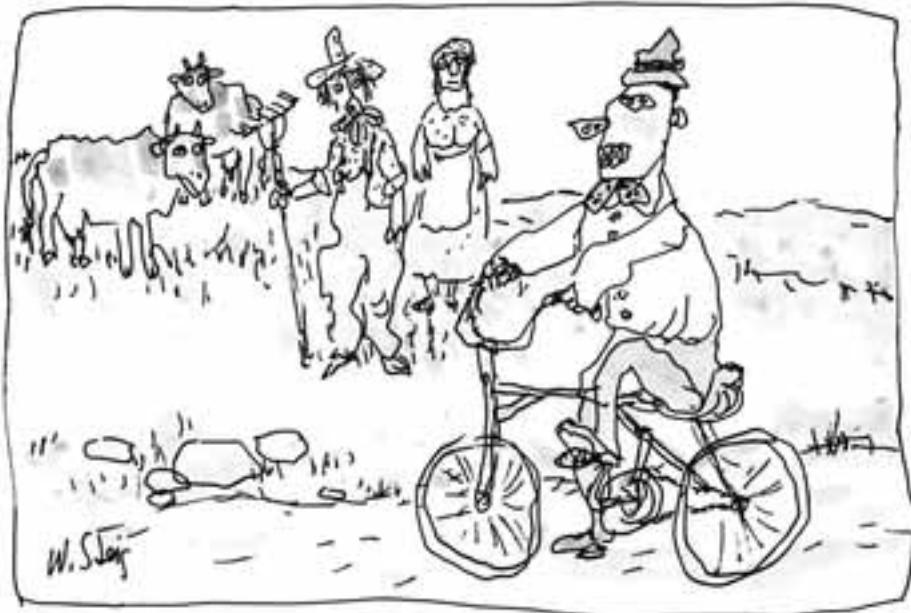
*"The word you're searching for is 'wife.'"*



*"It's linen. It's supposed to wrinkle."*



*"We're from out of town. What can you recommend that is very New Yorky?"*



*Sonny Goes Out Into the World*





*Washington Crossing the Delaware, Having Been  
Invited to Join the Faculty at Princeton*

## PROFILES IN COURAGE



Roz Chast





*"Hello-o-o, Dullsville here."*



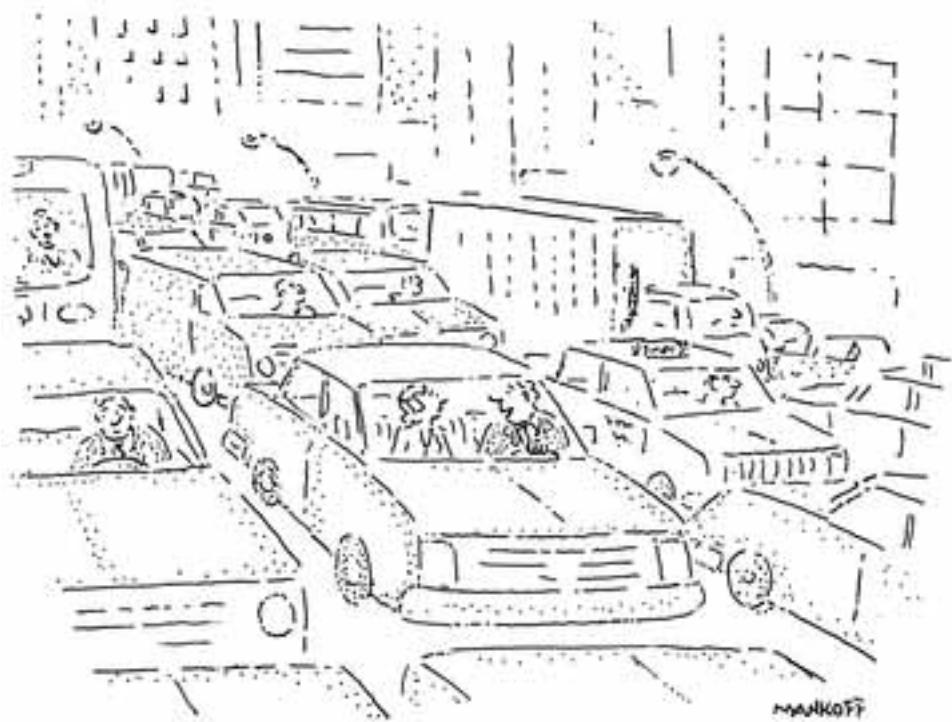
*"Excuse me, sir. Are you interested in going to Heaven?"*



*"Each to each, I always say! Share and share alike! I take pride in my cuisine, but at the same time I am willing to divvy up household chores with a wife. Say, a wife named Irma. That is, if Irma shares as breadwinner! I'll do the cooking! We'll split the cleaning and shopping right down the middle! Irma, you feed the dog! And help yourself to some more turnips."*



*"I've lost the will to obsess."*



*"Hey, is this great traffic, or what?"*

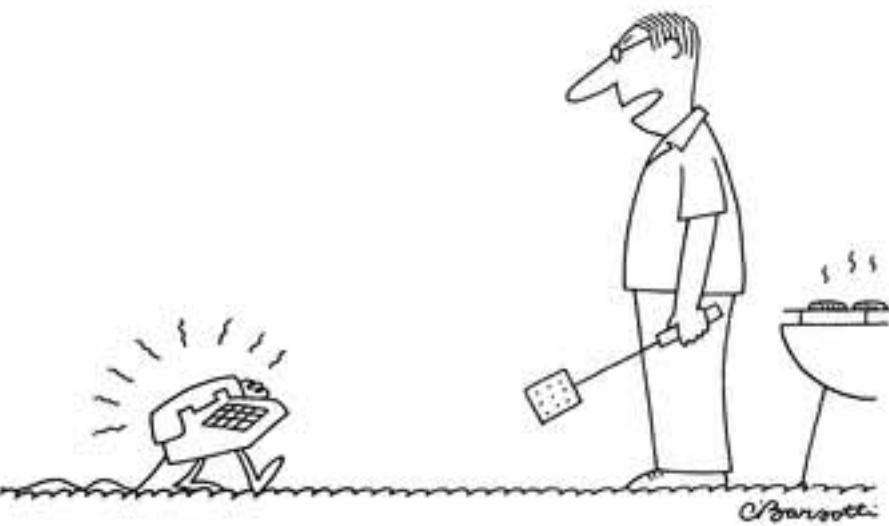




*"Before we set out, there's this little matter of a waiver."*







*"What the hell sort of convenient new feature is this?"*



*"Mr. Montague has closed his eyes.  
That means he likes your idea and will be in touch."*



*"Strike 'baloney, horsefeathers, and hogwash.' "*



*"When I first met Howard, he had a touch of class.  
As it turns out, it was just a touch."*



*"I take it, General Sedgewick, you're about to propose a surgical strike."*



*"Can he call you back? He's writing a property."*



*"I don't know if it's toward Iran, Iraq, or what,  
but ever since lunch he's been tilting."*

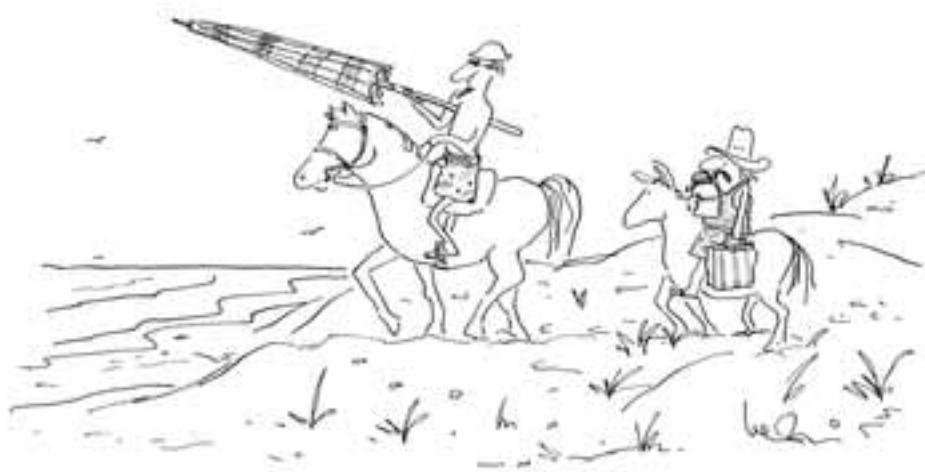


*"Ah, Fergie and Di!"*

MYRA'S LITTLE GARDEN

*The corn was as low  
As an elephant's toe.*







*"Starting immediately, Snead, I want you  
to surround me with only the best people."*



*"I'm afraid we'll need more time to fight for the check."*



*"Hi, I'm Gilbert. I come with the territory."*





*"Come and meet Mr. Haelkamp.  
He's the little painter we're beginning to collect."*



*"I don't know anything about women, but I know what I like."*



*"They say that every dog has its day, and this apparently is mine."*



*"I love this planet!"*



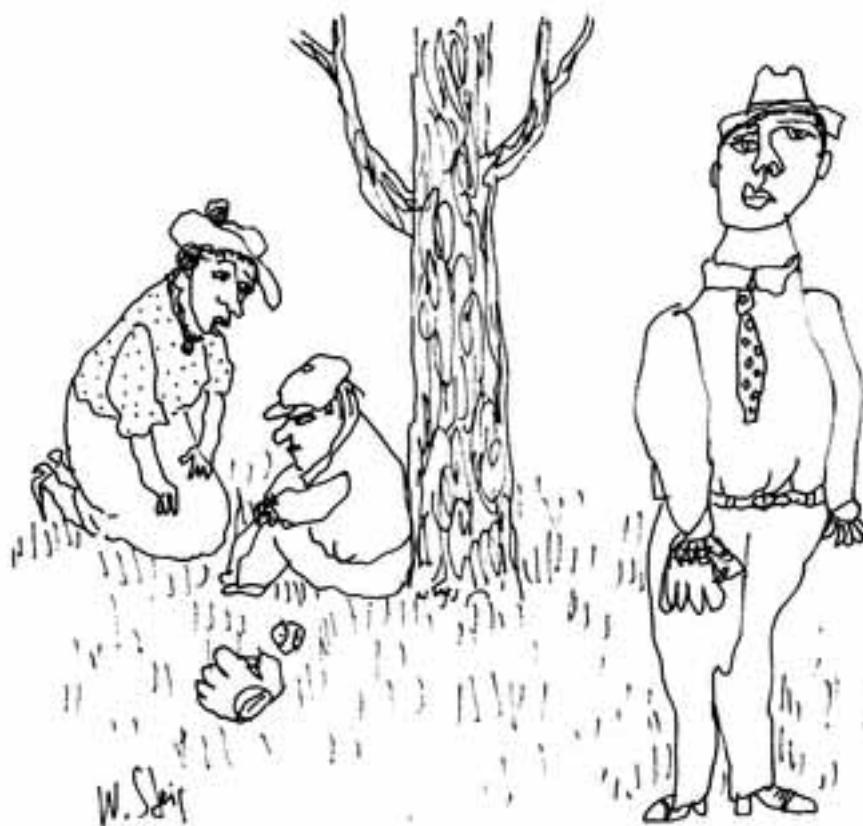
*"On the Coast, you sit on the desk. In New York,  
you don't sit on the desk."*



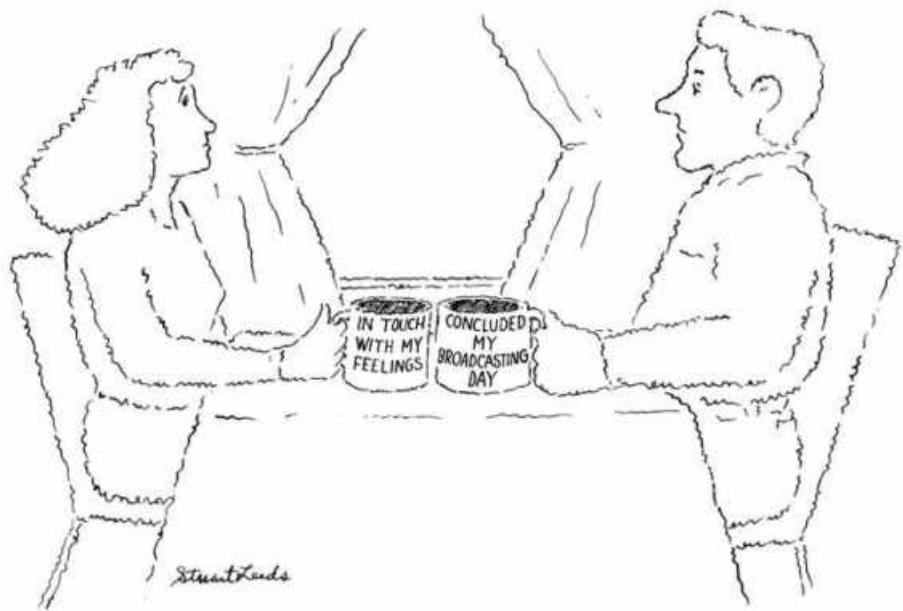
*"Gee, I really like this one, too!"*



*"Then remove the beef from the marinade and sauté with finely minced shallots and a sprig of fresh thyme."*



*"He didn't mean to throw it so hard."*





*"I know our marriage never would have lasted without a laugh track."*



*"My immediate predecessor says he blames his predecessor,  
and so, by golly, do I blame mine!"*



*"You have to admire the concept—early music performed on the original instruments."*





*"I'm afraid our little community has changed a lot in the past few years."*



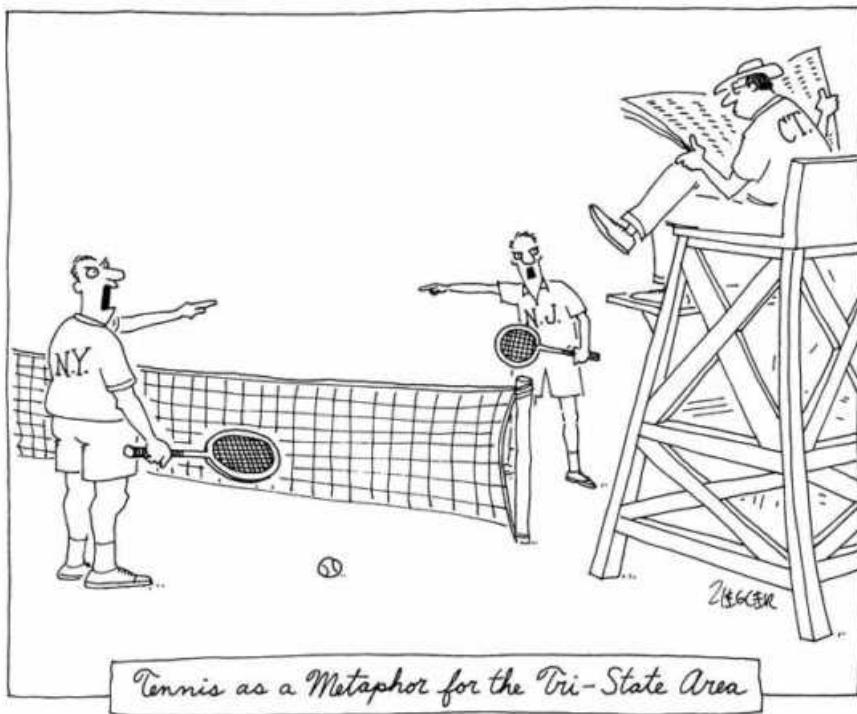
*"I always wanted power, but now, I don't know,  
the trappings of power may be enough."*



*"Dear Timmy: Today the Dow Jones Industrial Average hit an all-time high. Trading was active on a volume of a hundred and seventy-five million shares, and the broader market indexes also rose. It was fun. Love, Daddy."*



*General Haseltine Crossing the Potomac to Testify*





*"That's Joyce—Rob's second wife. She had  
to do quite a job of restoration on him."*





*“Darling, I’ve come crawling back to you,  
just the way you always said I would.”*



*"Waiter, there's a pom-pom in my soup."*



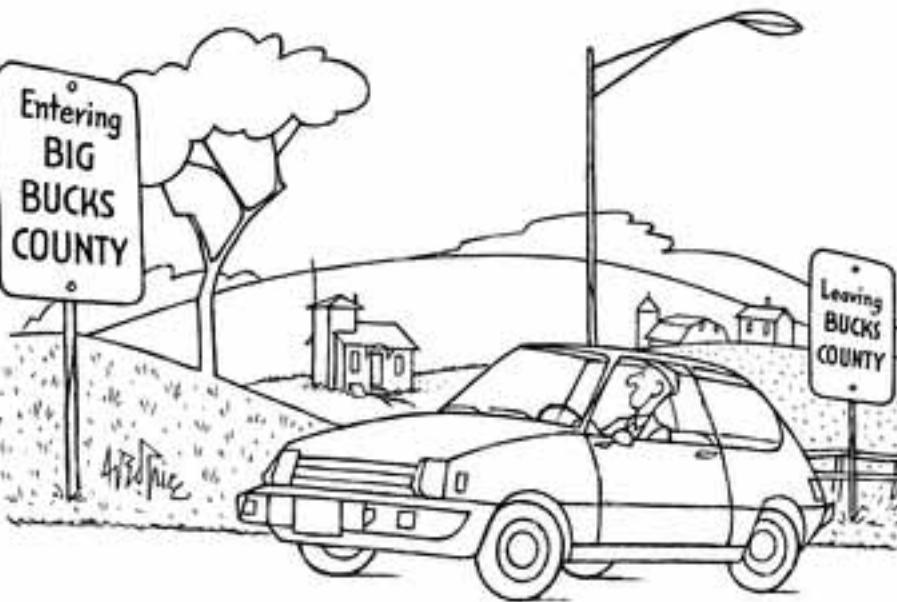
*"Armand, which summer did we become chair people?"*



*"Did you all know that Mr. Flowers is a poet?  
On his own time, of course."*



*"How are her scores?"*





*"Miss Andrews, take a postcard."*



*"Bravo, Paul. You've done more for the back  
of my head than I ever dreamed possible."*





*Four Geometric Forms and One Ed Brummelmeyer*





*"Hey! Just wanted to say I loved the Book of Kells."*



*"I'm going to try to settle you down, Halberson,  
but first a word about Fexler Lite Beer."*



*"It's a damned outrage, Faversham. Do you realize that in a mere fifteen years we've gone from fifty-five to seventy?"*



*"Let's just drop it, Andrew, and leave it to future historians to decide which of us was right."*



*"Every time he's right, he does that."*



*"I'm not quite ready to order. My lawyers are still studying the menu."*





*"You're fired! Read all about it!"*



*"Tomorrow, I'm taking him uptown for colorization."*



*"Admit it, Arlene—you're going to have to  
start marrying people at some point."*





*"Oh, not a hell of a lot. What's soaring and triumphant with you?"*



*"Fredric W. Desbrow & Son, plumbers."*



*"It's a remarkable write, but not an irresistible read."*



*"Crime certainly doesn't pay. With me, it's always been a labor of love."*



*Although Tall Enough to Play Basketball, Had  
There Been Such a Thing, the Emperor Charlemagne  
Was the Son of King Pepin the Short*



*"Come here a minute, dear. Skeeter's learned a new trick."*



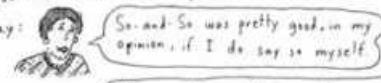
LEARN TO BE A CRITIC IN THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN HOME WITH THE

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### **LESSON ONE** - FREE OF CHARGE:

- ① If you want to say you liked somebody in a picture or whatever,  
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Say: **Move over, So-and-So; cause here comes SO-AND-SO!**

**OR,**  
**So-and-So gives the performance of a lifetime!**

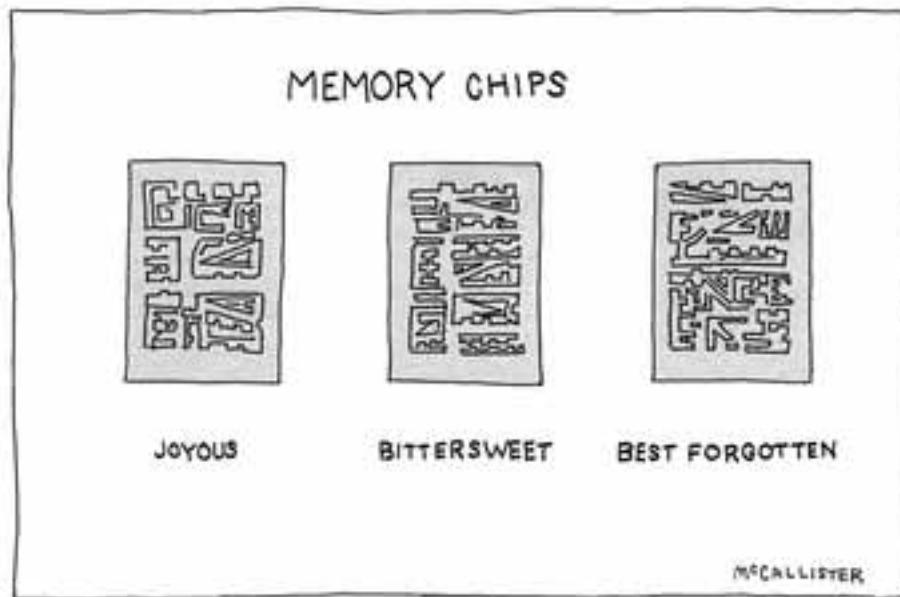
- ② Here's another tip: If somebody asks you what you thought of something,

don't just say:  
**Uh, I thought it was pretty good, I guess.**



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*"If you're going to put everything in its proper perspective, I'll have another espresso."*



*"You do competent work, Jennings, but you never take wing."*



*"Frankly, I think we'll regret introducing  
these organisms into the environment."*



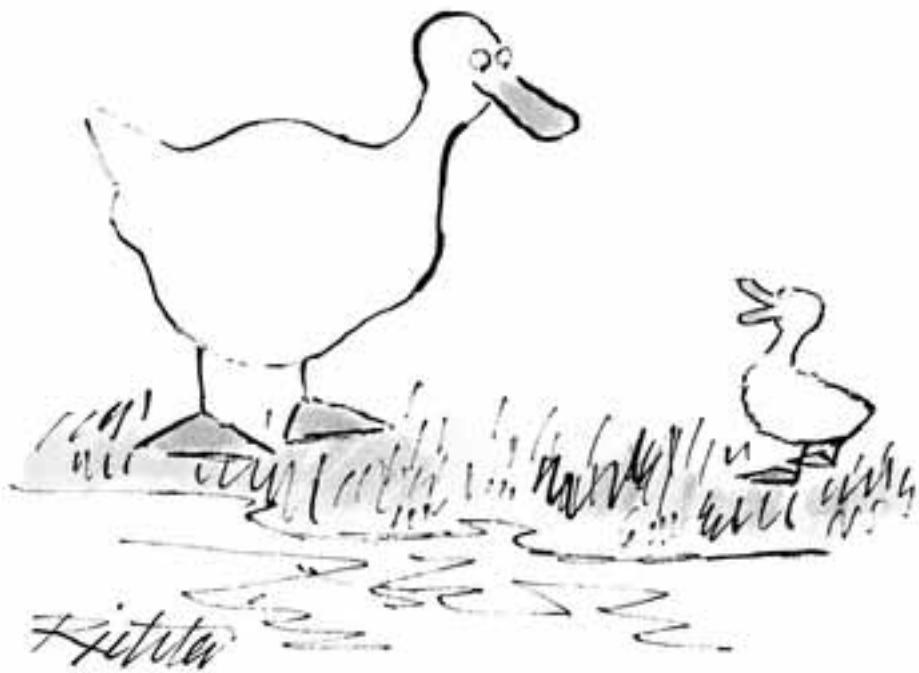
*"If I seem excited, Mr. Bolling, it's only because  
I know that I can make you a very rich man."*



*"This opinion has been rendered in compliance  
with the fairness doctrine."*



*"What's the matter with our way of life?  
It's a very popular way of life."*



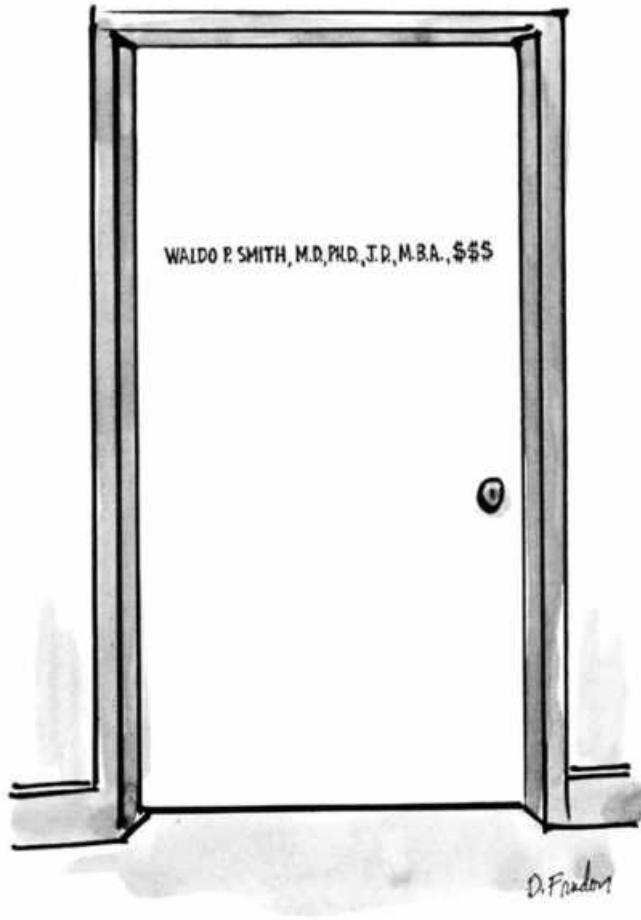
*"Mom, are we waterproof or just water-resistant?"*



*"Oh, still managing to keep my head below water."*



*"I'm afraid California just isn't me."*





*"Hi, I'm the tooth fairy. Want to buy back some of your teeth?"*



*"Bernie's problem is his technique draws attention to itself."*



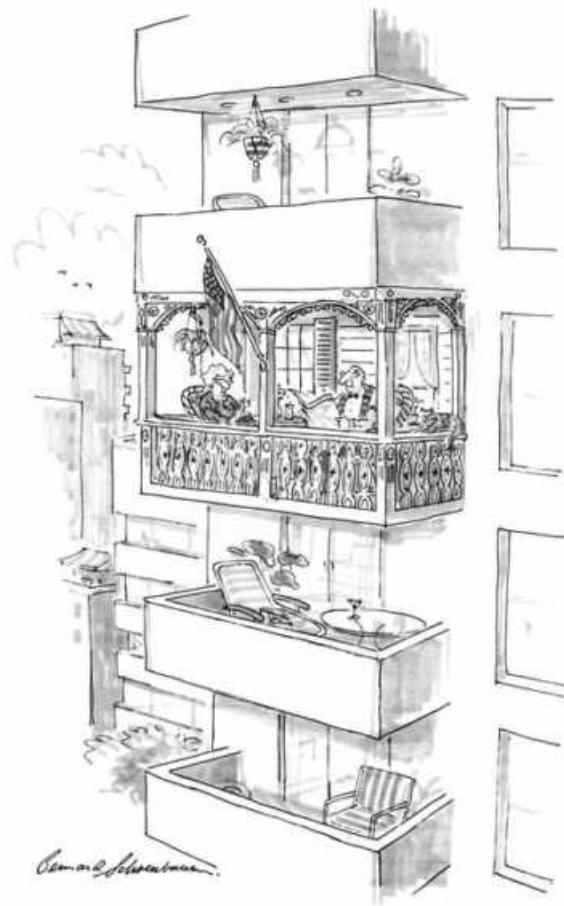
*"Religion is the opium of the  
people, Fred."*

*"Just say no, Karl."*





*"This is Harriet Felton and her sister ship, Dawn."*







*"We're just like one big happy family here."*



*"Here's a picture of some people doing the exact same thing we're doing,  
but they seem to be having a lot more fun."*





*"Isn't it sort of great when it turns out a couple like that really was too good to be true?"*



*"I used to think it was cruel to keep a dog in the city,  
but Homer's made a remarkable adjustment."*





*"Mr. Preston, I would like to ask for  
your daughter's hand in marriage."*





*"Mint!"*

## THE NERVOUS GOURMET



## This week: LOW-RISK CHICKEN



- ① Get or pay someone to light the oven for you.
- ② Place chicken in oven using six-foot tongs.
- ③ Bake it for 1-1½ hours while you are close enough to make sure that the heat from the oven isn't setting anything on fire, but far enough away so that if, by any chance, the oven should explode, you will escape with only minor injuries.
- ④ Make arrangements to have someone remove chicken from oven while you stand at the opposite end of the kitchen.
- ⑤ Put on oven mitt and turn off oven.

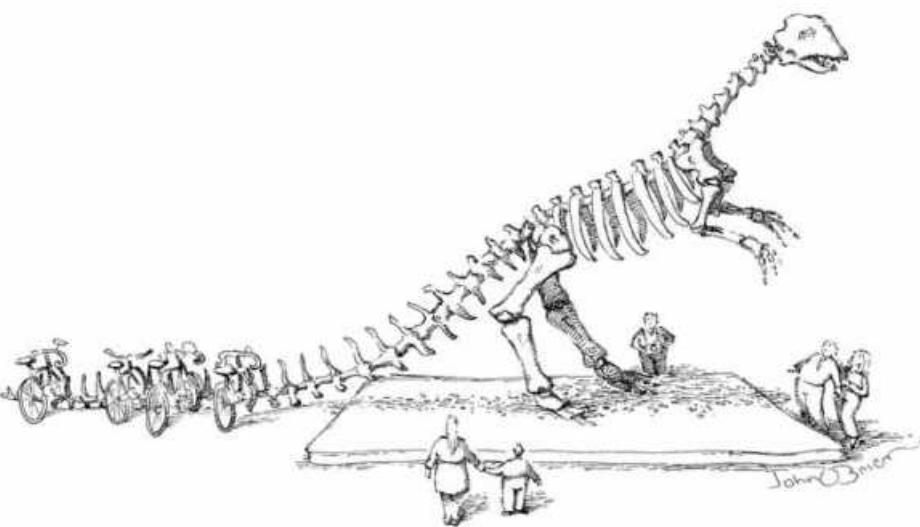


YOUR FRIEND

## Next week: TOAST WITHOUT ANXIETY



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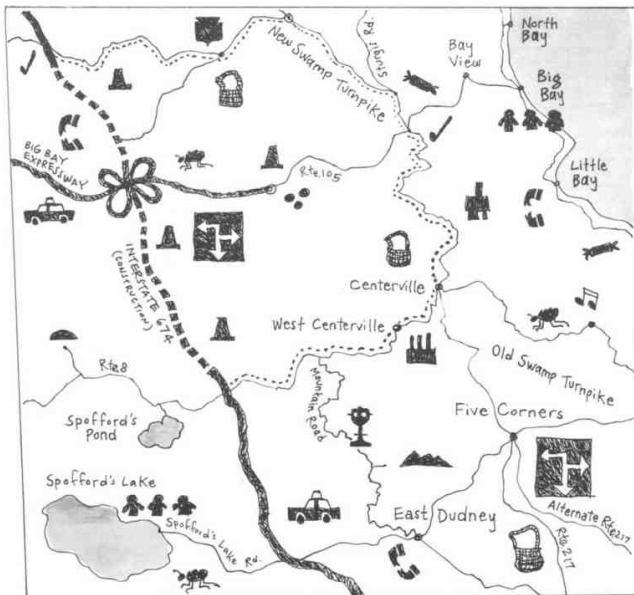
THE WORLD'S FIRST CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX BUILT ON  
LAND FILL CREATED FROM SHREDDED DOCUMENTS





*"I'm sure it was just an oversight, sir, but  
your subscription to 'Time' has lapsed."*

## GETAWAY WEEKEND



LUTE & ZITHER FESTIVAL	INDETERMINABLE DELAYS	BIRTHPLACE OF VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE (1838)
HISTORIC SITE (FORMER COUNTY SEAT 1809-13)	MOTEL	SUGGESTED DETOUR TO AVOID CONSTRUCTION (NO PASSING)
DEVIL'S LUMP STATE PARK	BROKEN PAY PHONE	CONFUSING SIGNS
SALTWATER TAFFY	OVERCROWDED BEACH	MINIATURE GOLF
TOXIC-WASTE OVERLOOK	OCARINA FACTORY OUTLET	SPEED TRAP
SOUVENIR SHOP OF LOCAL CRAFTS	VISTA MOUNTAIN (VIEW OF 2 COUNTIES)	CRANBERRY-BOG THEME PARK

—JAMES STEVENSON



*"I didn't mean to criticize him."*



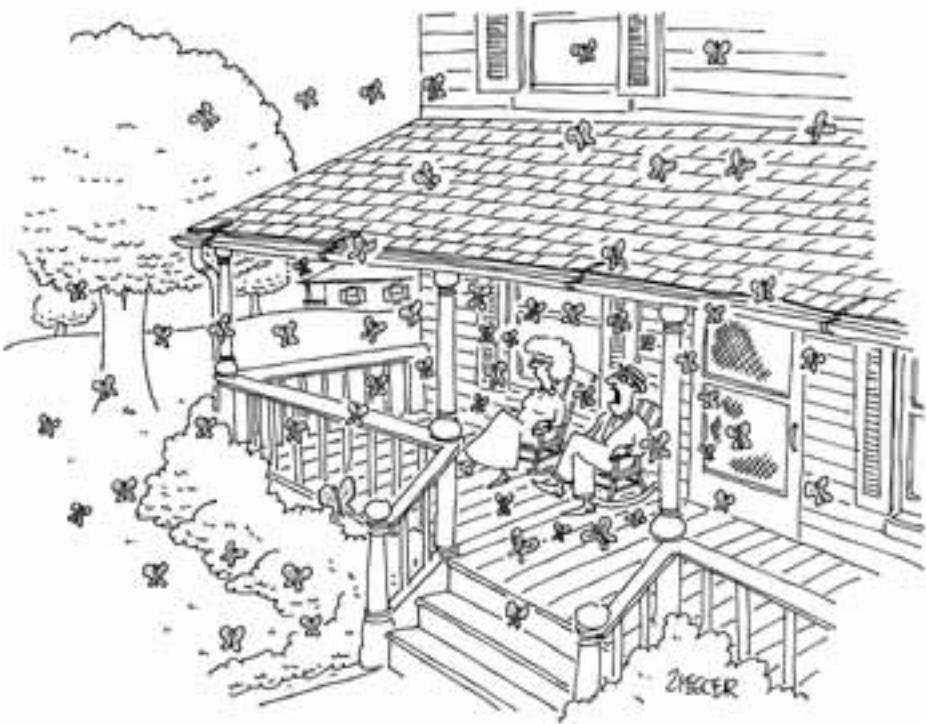
*"Well, Professor, I think we've finally tracked  
the Snowball Phantom to his lair."*



*"No sweat, Chief. I'm taking a personal day."*



*"I would certainly not like to take a minute to help shape the Bush agenda for '88 and beyond!"*

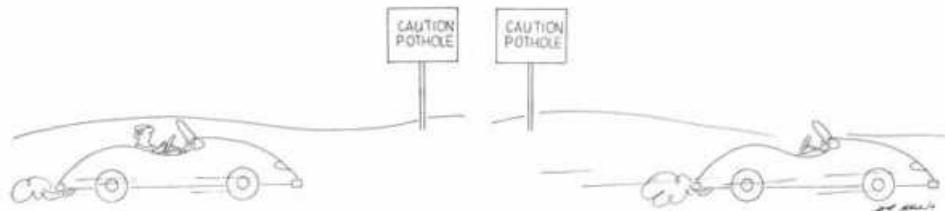


*"The butterflies are merciless today!"*





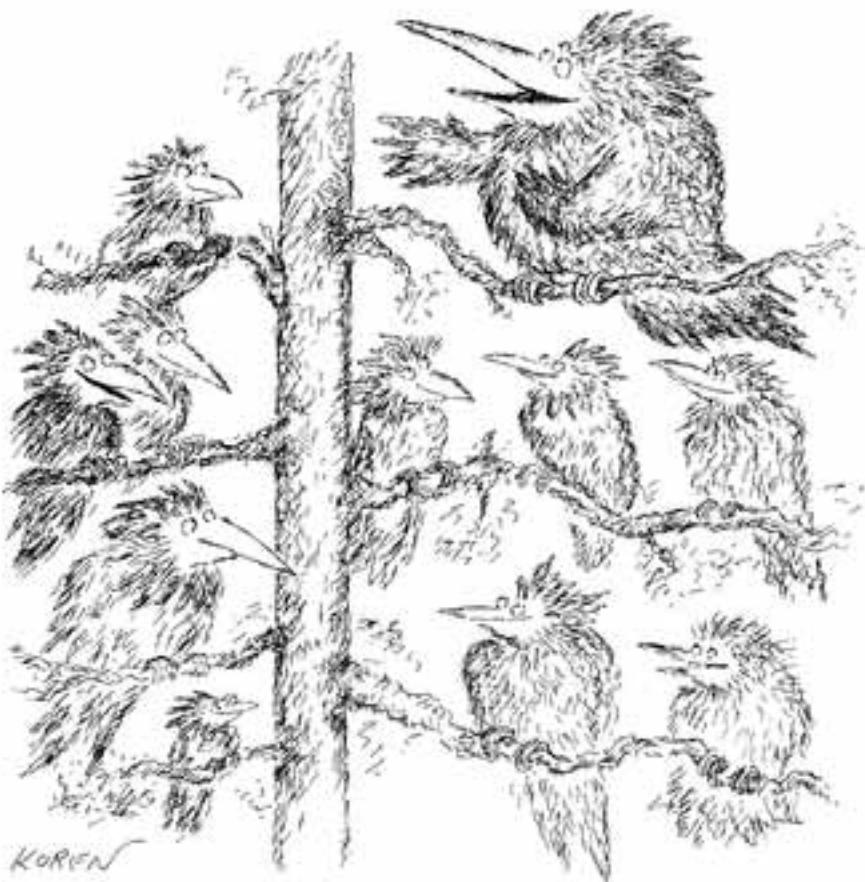
*"No kidding, you're at Met Life?  
I'm practically next door, at Irving Trust."*





*"Osmond! Lower your eyebrows!"*





*"Great set of pipes!"*



*"Poor Henry—he never returned from the All-Star break."*



*"Dr. Livingstone will see you now."*

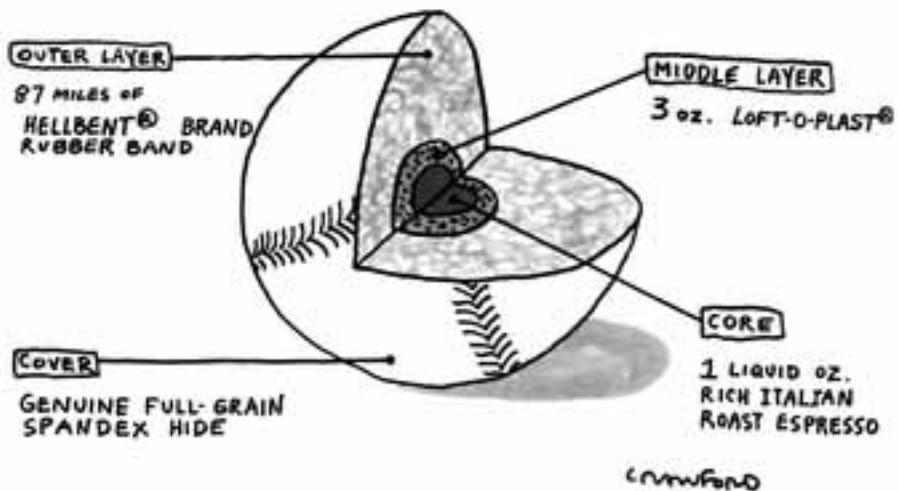




*"My sinuses are killing me."*



*"Let's see, now, that's cappuccino, cappuccino,  
cappuccino, and cappuccino—right?"*

**WHY THE BALL IS JUMPING OUT**

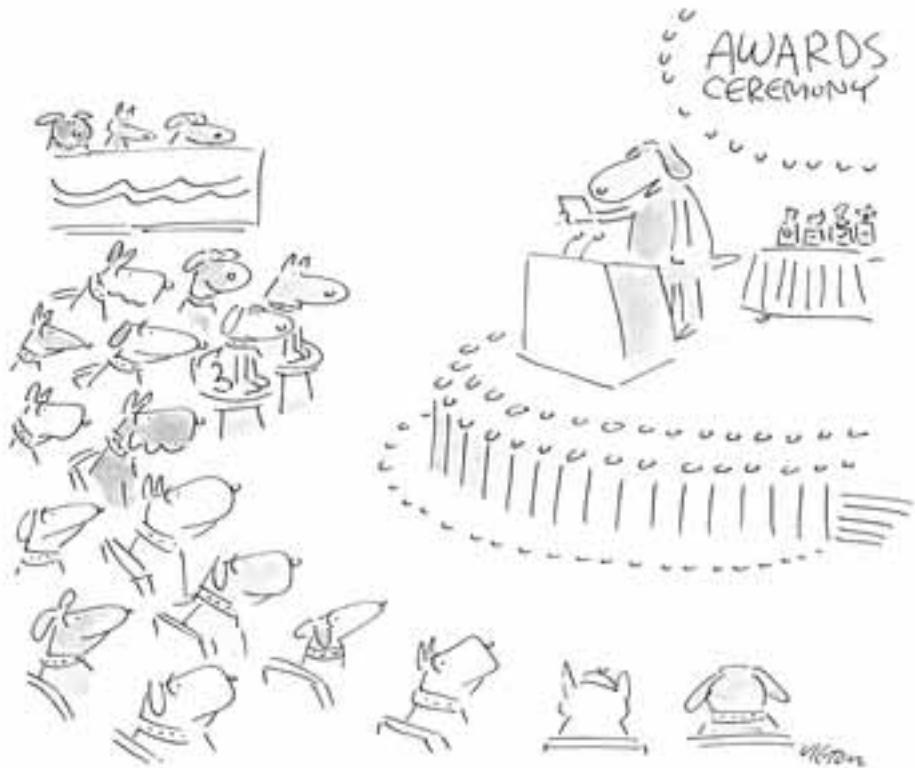


*"I haven't seen you since Woodstock!  
Do you still make your own shoes?"*

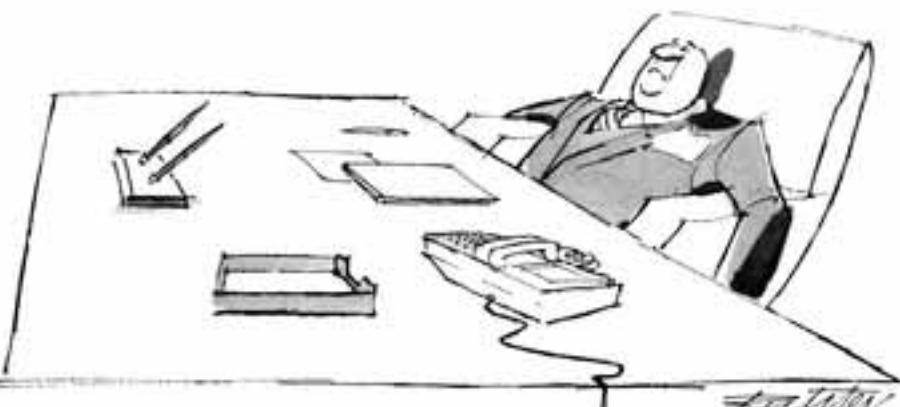




*"It tells the entire story of the Ming Dynasty  
through the eyes of a lustful courtesan."*



*"And now, for best performance as a worthless cur . . ."*



POWER NAP

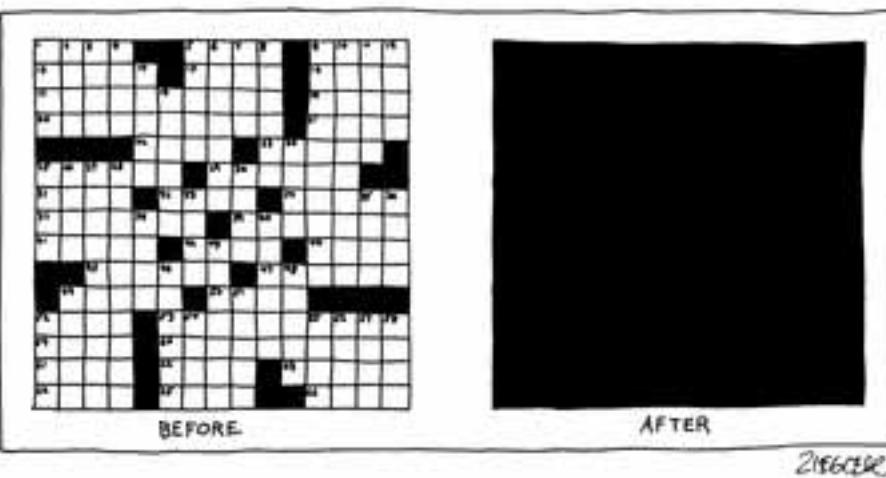


*Laugh and the World Laughs with You, but Not on the I.R.T.*





*"I'll have the Blue Plate Special. The ball is now in your court."*





*"You keep insisting that this isn't happening, Edwards, but in my opinion you're mistaken. I really believe myself to be firing you."*



*"Thus ends another evening of dancing on the edge of the volcano."*



*"All we know is that he seems to winter in Cuba."*



*"So tell me, Fletcher, have things at the bank  
calmed down any since I retired?"*



*"Don't wait up."*

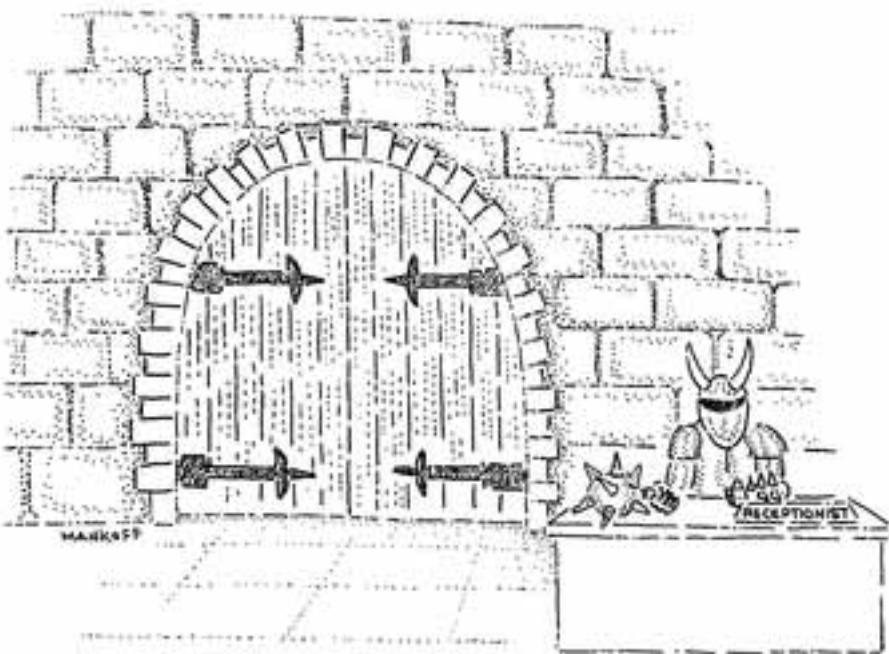


*"All right already, take it easy!"*



*“Could you walk a little faster, buddy? This is New York.”*







*"Priscilla, could we not talk tonight about your biceps?"*



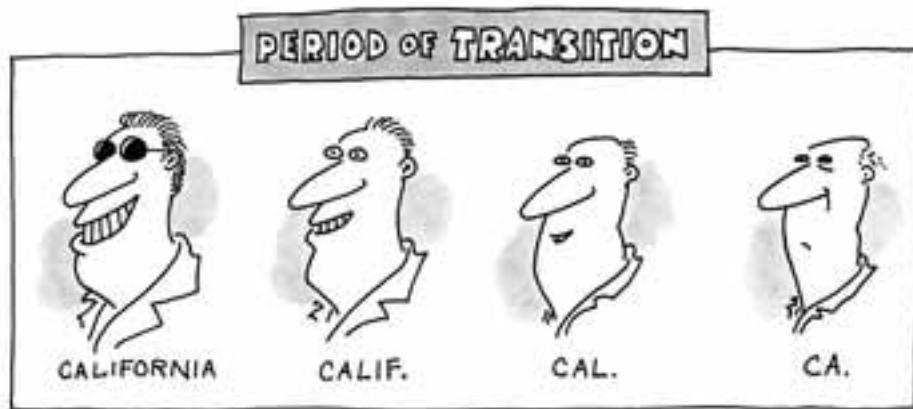


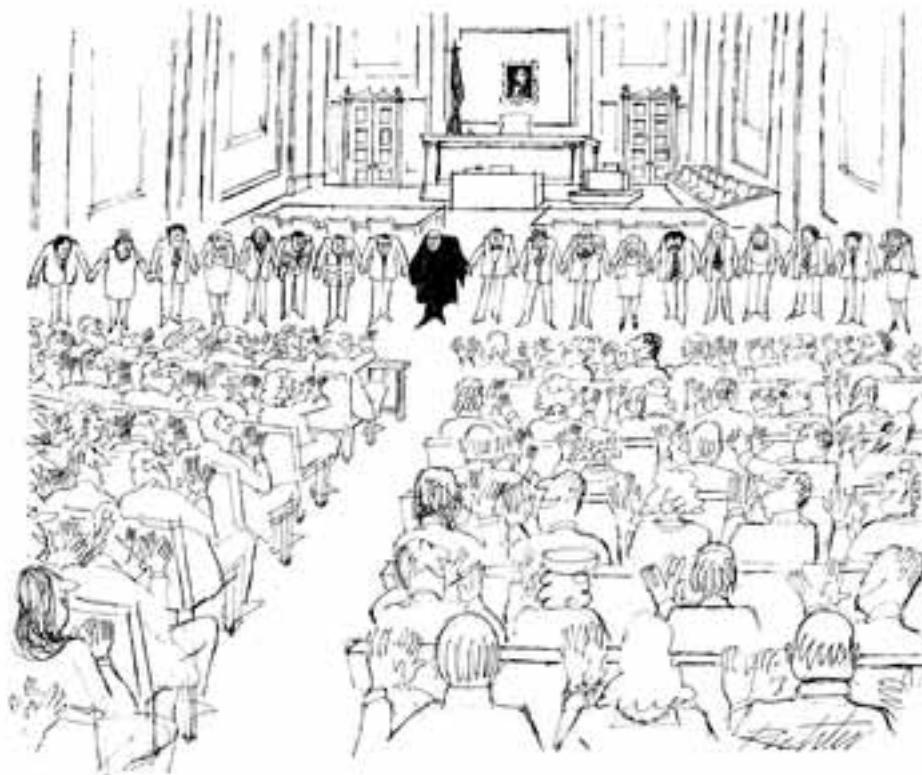
*"Here comes our first V.P., Mrs. Byers, now.  
Mrs. Byers is results-oriented."*





*"They bought a cow, and now they call it a ranch."*







*"Klenson, I'd like a word with you—alone."*



*"She's very driven."*



*"The moment I saw Ted I fell for him hook, line, and sinker."*





*“Mmm! Qu'est-ce que c'est?”*



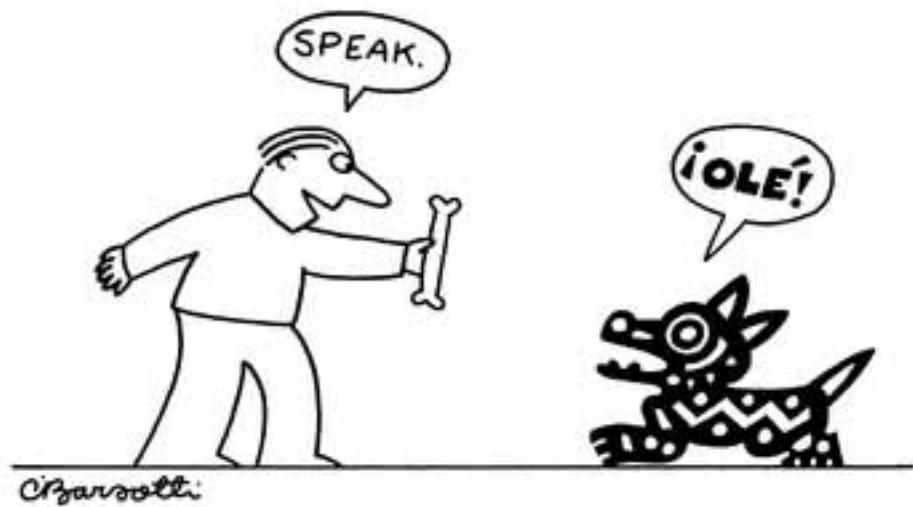


*"What's up? It's been aeons since you last  
whistled 'Old Buttermilk Sky.' "*





*"What signifies the life o' man,  
An' t' were nae for the lasses, O."*





*"Here to see you on official business, the state bird  
of New Jersey—the eastern goldfinch."*





*"But enough about the dollar.  
Let's talk about me!"*



*"Gentlemen! Gentlemen! May we please start the meeting?"*

THIS SUMMER, SPOIL YOURSELF SILLY WITH A...

# POCKET BARBECUE!





*"3,000 or bust, Higby!"*



*"Yes, I saw 'Snow White,' but I'm not  
ready to talk about it yet."*



*"Thanks, but there's really nothing to  
do while the meat's smoking."*



*"There may be a moral equivalent of war, but, by God,  
there is no moral equivalent of money."*



*"The weather looks a little iffy."*



THINGS NOT TO TELL YOUR KID

Sometimes we drink milk from cows  
and sometimes we drink milk from  
horses like the ones in Central Park.



"The Wizard of Oz" is a true story.



There's a big stopper at the bottom  
of the ocean, and every once in a  
while it gets accidentally pulled out.



Anything electrical can suddenly  
BLOW UP for no reason whatsoever.



R. Chast



*"My not wearing a hairpiece indicates to others  
that I'm comfortable with myself."*

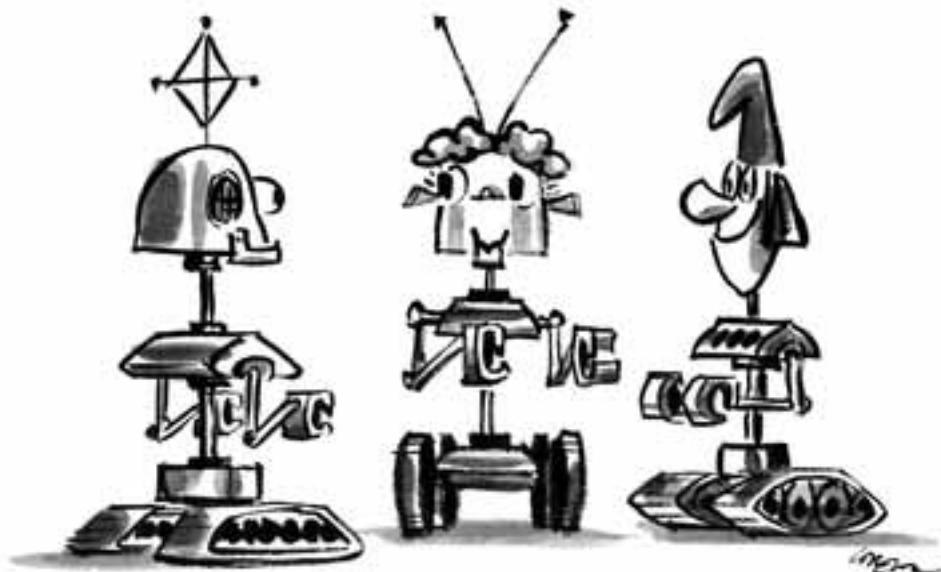




*"Is there an accountant in the house?"*



*"People used to think of Miriam as zany.  
Later, she was generally perceived as kooky.  
Now, I'm afraid, the consensus is that's she's flaky."*



*"Arthur is a cast-iron lawn ornament on his father's side."*

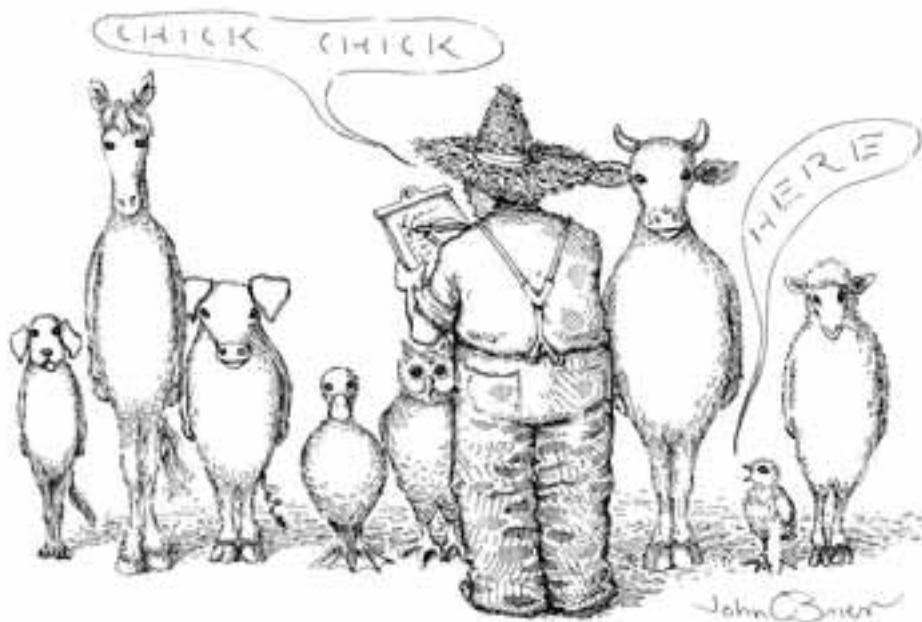


*"I just hope I'm there the day they let  
the air out of your balloon."*



*"Fifty is plenty."*

*"Hundred and fifty."*



A ZIRCON IS FOREVER





*"Yes, I've seen it before. It's a double-dip, double-Dutch-chocolate ice-cream cone. I recognize the sprinkles."*



*“Say, how about a book by Koch, O’Connor, and Bob Hope?”*



*"Lionel's been calling for more minesweepers for years."*



*"Ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to wish the lady at Table 5  
a happy birthday, the couple at Table 13 a happy anniversary,  
and the gentlemen at Table 2 a pleasant retirement, and the couple  
at Table 8 good luck with their steak béarnaise."*



*The Man with the Purposeful Stride*

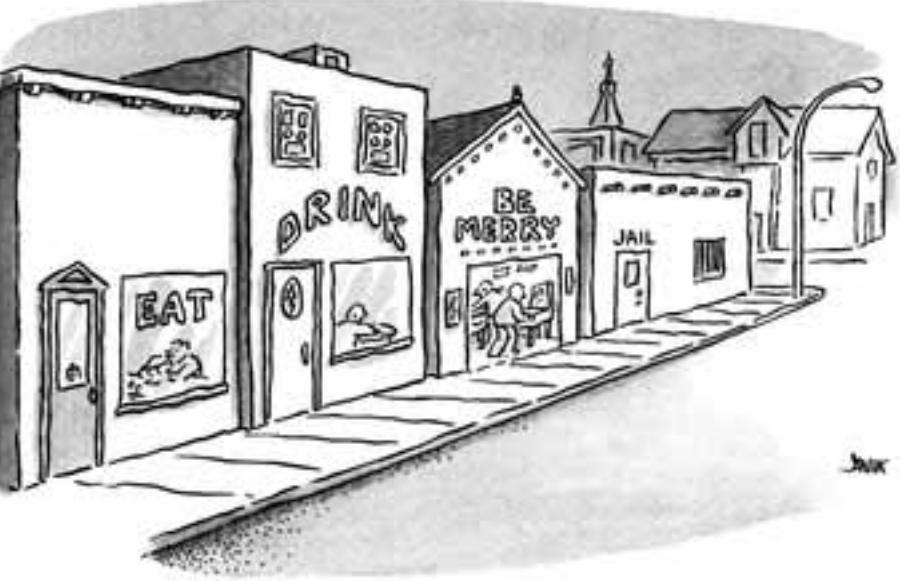


*“And I believe you know Demon Rum.”*





*"Judge Wycoff is a strong advocate of swift justice."*





*"Sorry, but I'm going to have to issue you a summons for  
reckless grammar and driving without an apostrophe."*



*Troth*



*"I don't think of us so much as 'the Board' as of a Walt,  
a Phil, a Pete, a Flo, two Chucks, and a Moe."*





*"What posture are you assuming in your pas de deux with life today?"*

## DIARY OF A CAT



Roz Chast



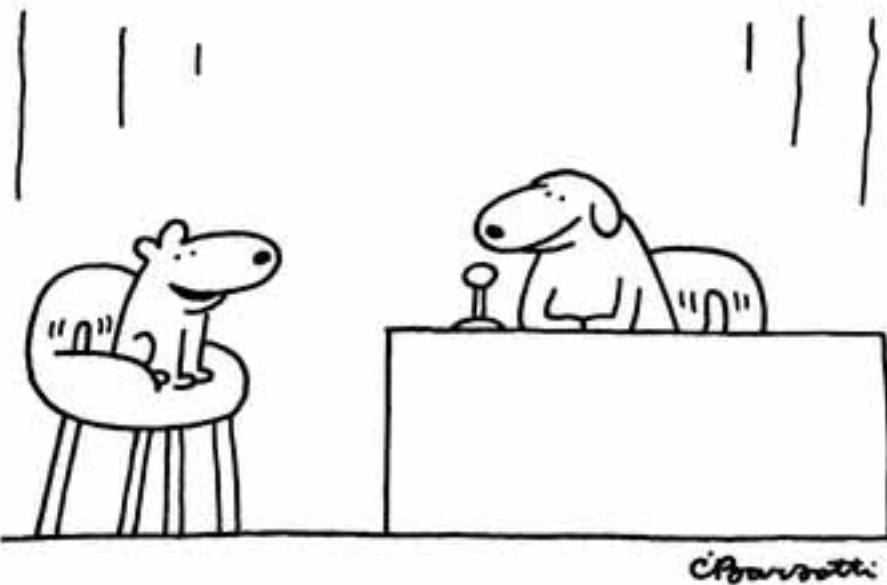
*"For the sake of a good relationship, I'd even consider leaving New York. Right now, I'm looking at somebody in Poughkeepsie."*



*"I can carry you across the threshold, and I can disarm  
the alarm system, but I can't do both at once."*

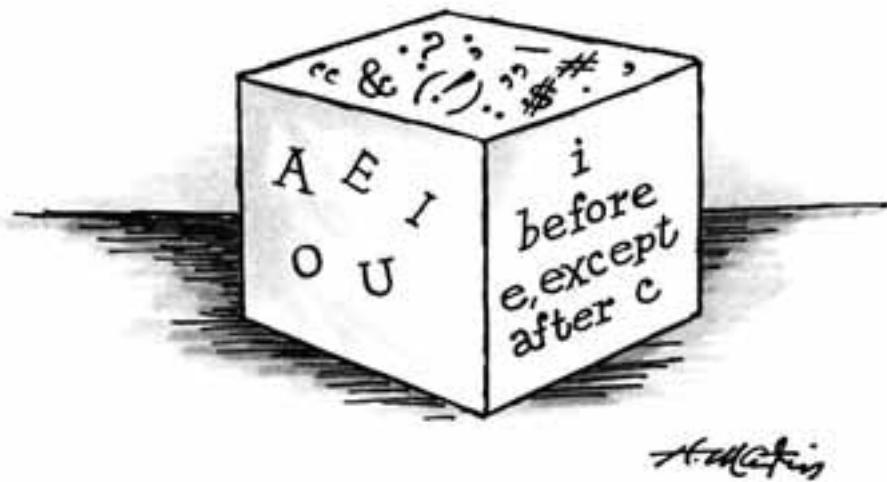


*"Gosh, Grandma, what a big office you have!"*



*"And I'm happy to be here, Johnny."*

## WRITER'S BLOCK



POTENTIAL POLITICIAN



*"Did you say something?" "Not to the best of my recollection."*



*"You get out of line, Mitchell, and you'll never work in this town again. By 'this town' I mean, of course, Hollywood."*



*"Lifelike, isn't he?"*

## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL RECIPE TEST





*"I said all those in favor say 'Aye.' "*



*"Everybody in! We have videotapes of the first hour of the party!"*



*"I'd ask you to marry me, but we'd have  
to live with my parents."*



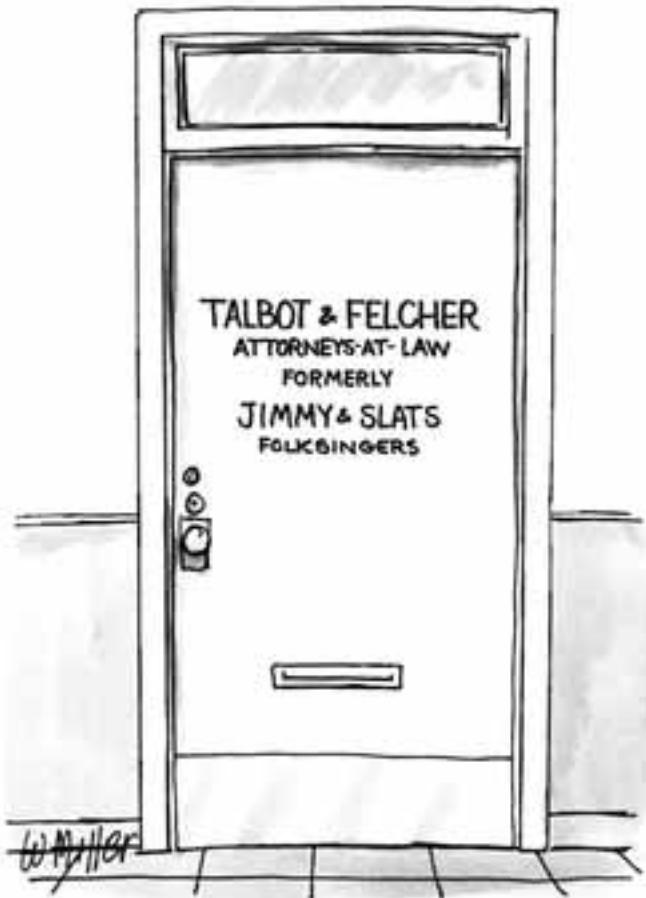
*“Sorry. You want Manny Hanny. This is Henny Penny.”*







*"An excellent defense. Let's give her the doctorate."*





*"Your dated look is an absolute tour de force."*



*"Whither goest thou so gaily attired?"*



*"Hemingway! Is he any good?"*



*"Rusty is a product of my first marriage."*



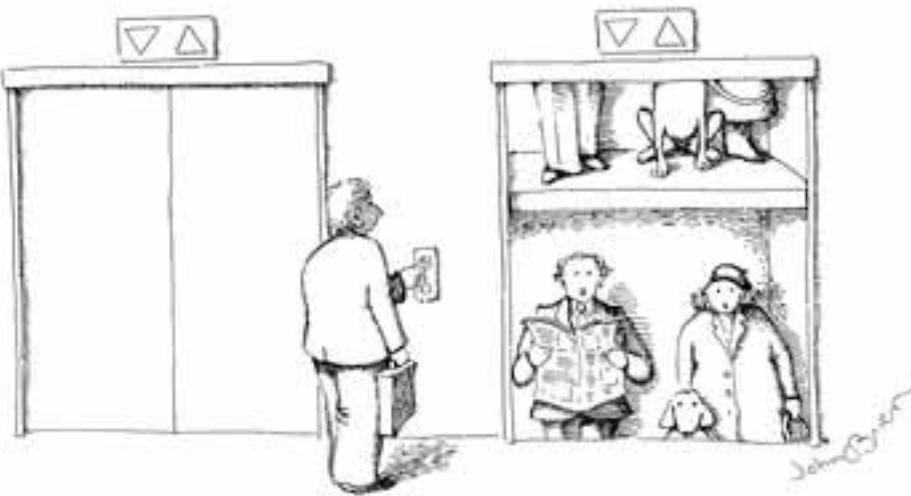
*"Shush, darling. Daddy's delivering his opening monologue."*

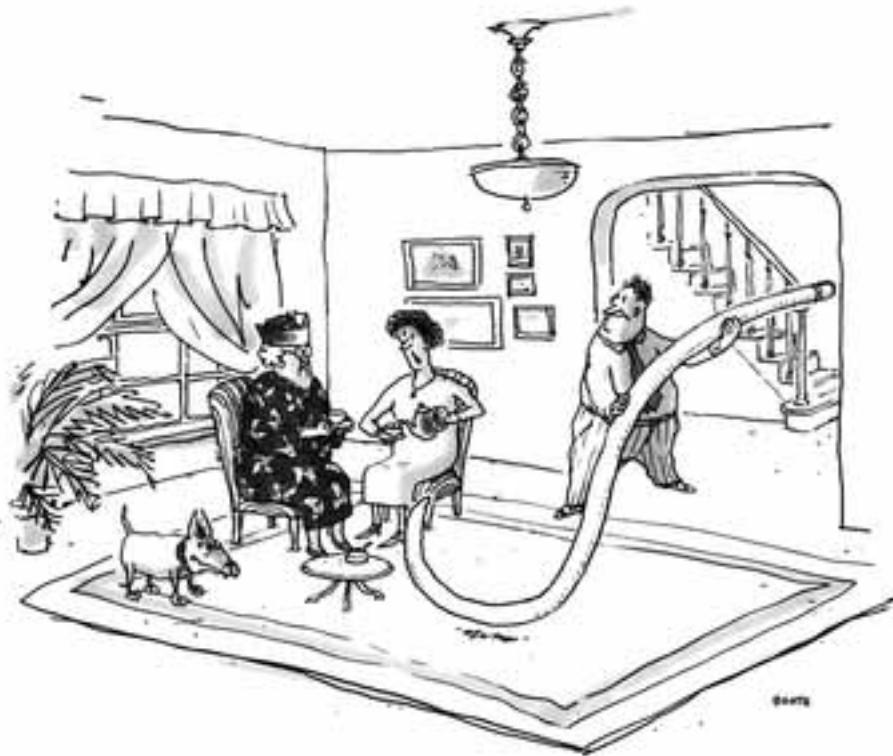






*"Ahoy, there! Can you give me an A?"*





*"Have some more tea, Mrs. Van Sickleford. Wendell  
is going to show you his mastodon tusk."*



*"Do you see what I see?"*



*"Until the morning news then, good night."*



*"Dole—who needs him? Kemp—forget it! Bush—are  
you kidding? Dukakis—gimme a break! Babbitt—who?  
Biden—no way! Haig—don't make me laugh!"*



*"What's your mood tonight?  
Trash, splash, or flash?"*



*"Several groups have claimed responsibility."*



*"Before you launch in, Maynard, is this a major policy speech?"*



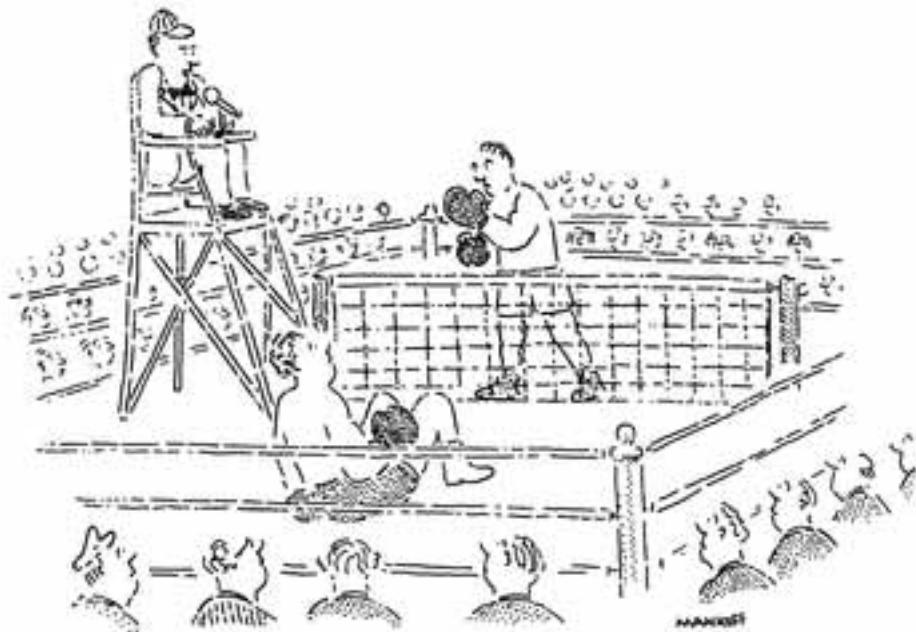
*"Roger Balcomb! I hardly recognized you without your hype."*



*"And lastly, Your Honor, I would like to present Mr. Richard Coan in the small but crucial role of the defendant."*



*"Well, there goes our last chance for meaningful reform in this session!"*



*"Advantage Mr. Edmonson."*



*"When I ask questions, I expect answers!"*

EXECUTELEPATHY





*"More salad?"*



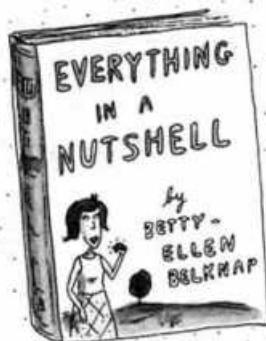


*"I've fallen in love with red paint."*





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*"It's O.K. I'm not really in the mood, either."*



*"How does it feel to wreak havoc eight hours a day?"*

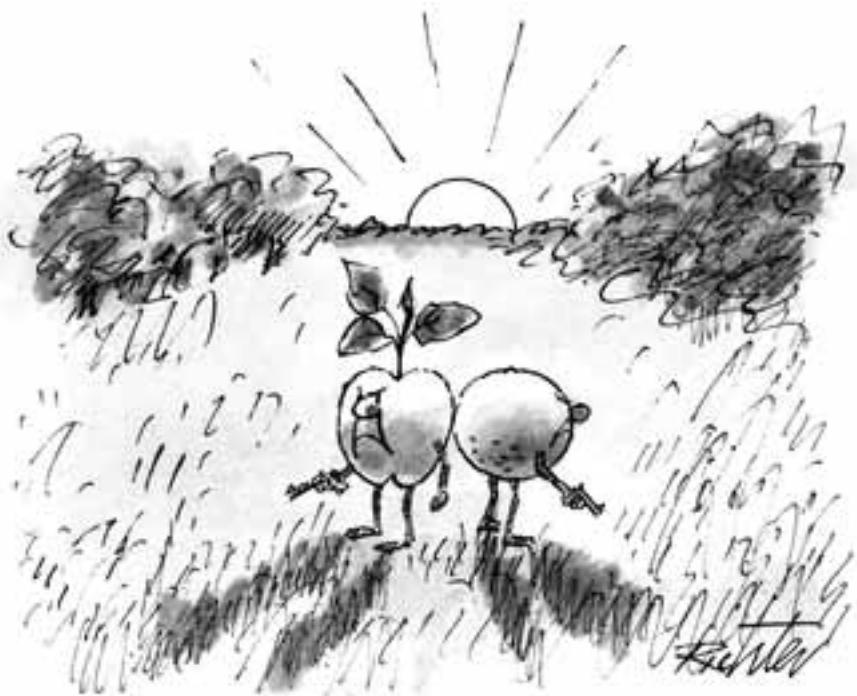
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*"Does the fireplace work?"*



*"We have posted lower second-quarter earnings, reflecting placement of loans to Brazil, Ecuador, and Ms. Dunwoodie on non-accrual status."*



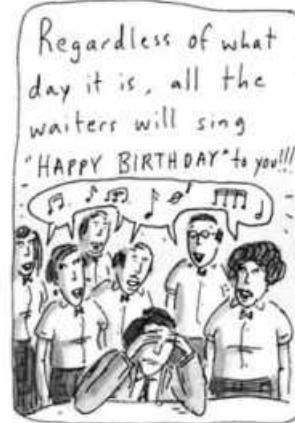


*"It makes sense for Elizabeth Dole to be at her husband's side, dear, but I think you should stay just where you are."*



*"Thank you. Have a star-quality day!"*

TONIGHT... DINE AT ~  
THE TERROR ROOM!



R. Chast



Anthony



*"Stop moping. Lots of people who don't make  
a million by thirty make tons later on."*

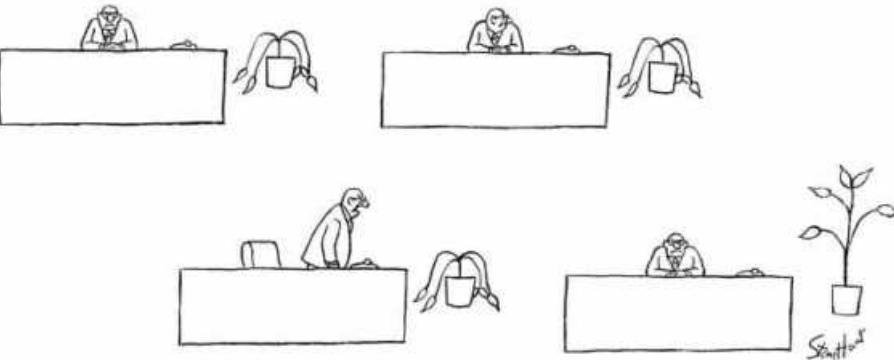


*"Valhalla."*



*"Your case is pretty weak. I suggest preemptive litigation."*



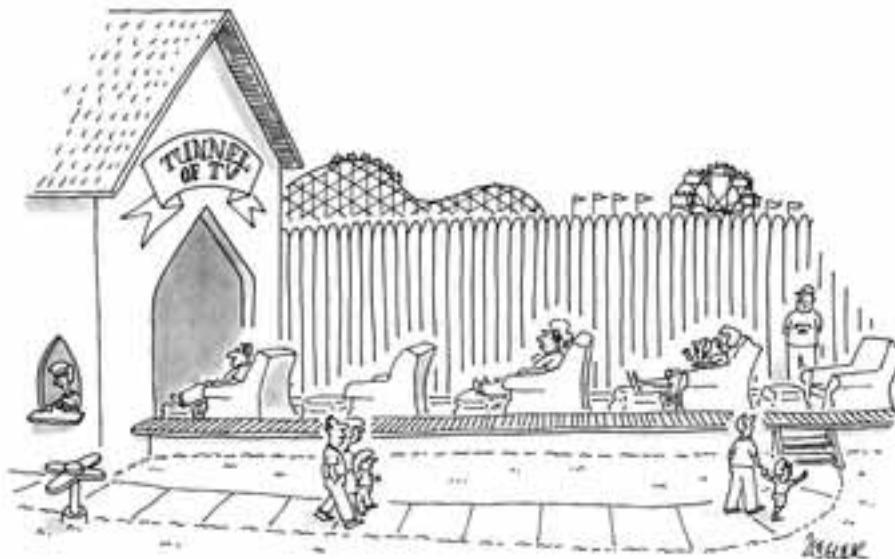




*"The Mercedes handles beautifully, but I miss  
the rapport I had with my Chevy."*



*"Mmm, apple pie—an American icon."*





*"I'll give them this—they've certainly introduced  
an efficient new management style."*



*"There you are. So near and yet so far."*





*Dickens' First Encounter with a Martini*







*"I don't know why, but you look particularly mousy today, dear."*





*"But please feel free to correct me. I really  
do hate to be always right."*



*"And the lighting. Candle, incandescent, neon, or house?"*



*"Bork! Bork!"*



*"I beg to differ, I find 'Bad' to be every bit as good as, and in some respects far superior to, 'Thriller.'"*





*"Is it too much to ask for you trust? I've already explained that my dealings with Jennifer Monahan are of a covert nature."*







*"I love a man with street smarts."*



*"Popcorn's done, honey."*





*"My God, it's your mother!"*



*"While you're up, Miss Rayburn, fetch me a vice-president."*

## WHAT WENT WRONG?



Roz Chast



*"I almost fell off the treadmill."*





*"You just keep me around to fill in the gaps in your persona."*



*"I switched. Mint chocolate chip is my favorite now."*





TV ACTOR RON WESTMAN HAVING DINNER  
AT HIS FAVORITE RESTAURANT



*"Good evening, Edward. I believe I'll have the beef Wellington . . ."*

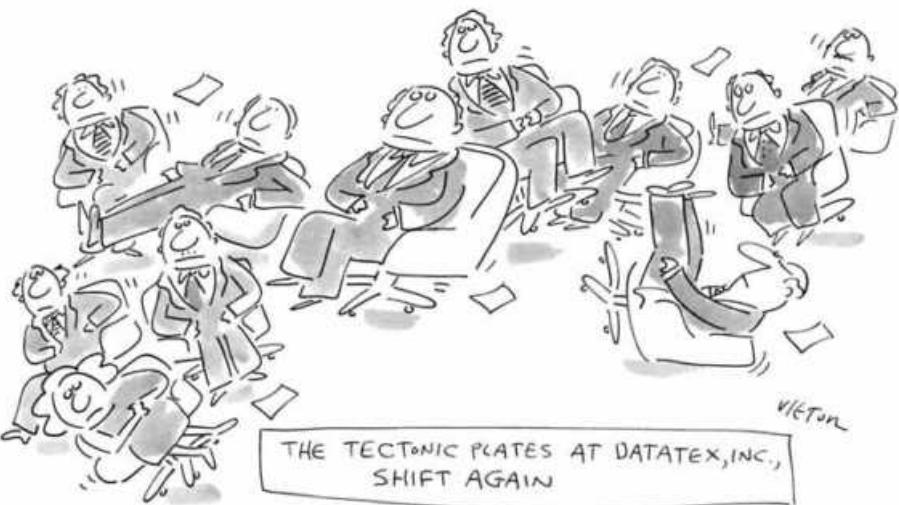


*"I think the thing I like best about him is  
that he's guaranteed machine washable."*





*"I'll abandon my medium- and shorter-range  
missiles if you'll abandon yours."*





*Confrontation*



*"I see you've flown around the world in a plane, and settled revolutions in Spain. Around a golf course you're under par. Metro-Goldwyn has asked you to star. Very impressive, I must admit, but we're looking for someone with marketing experience."*





*"Sorry, boys. I was told to keep my big mouth shut."*



*“Actually, it was a day not without interest. As I approached my office, I was mysteriously drawn into an alien spacecraft which transported me at the speed of light to the far reaches of the universe. There I was the subject of bizarre sexual experiments which continued until I was returned to earth just in time to catch the 5:27 back home.”*



*"It didn't tug at my heart."*



*"If you promise to be very careful, Mommy  
will let you carry the baguettes."*



*"You call that worrying?"*



*"Everybody loves money. Too bad there  
isn't enough to go around."*



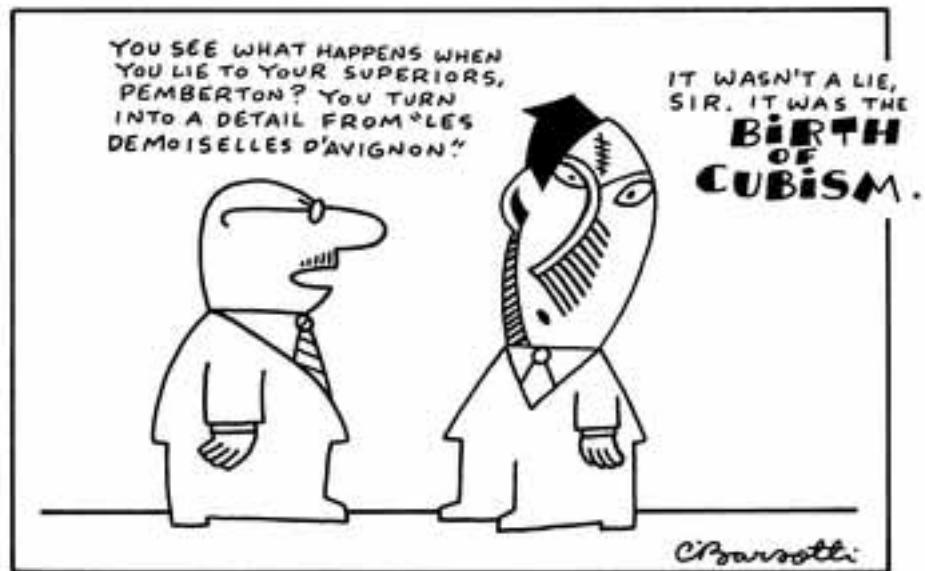
*"Do you want Regular Hold or our new Power Hold?"*



*"Would I be a friend if I didn't tell you the truth?"*



*"Remember, you're in charge."*







*"Why, Ed Phillips! I haven't seen you since our divorce!"*



*"I haven't read it, but it's excellent."*





*"Edgar isn't here. He's working out with the Dallas Cowboys."*



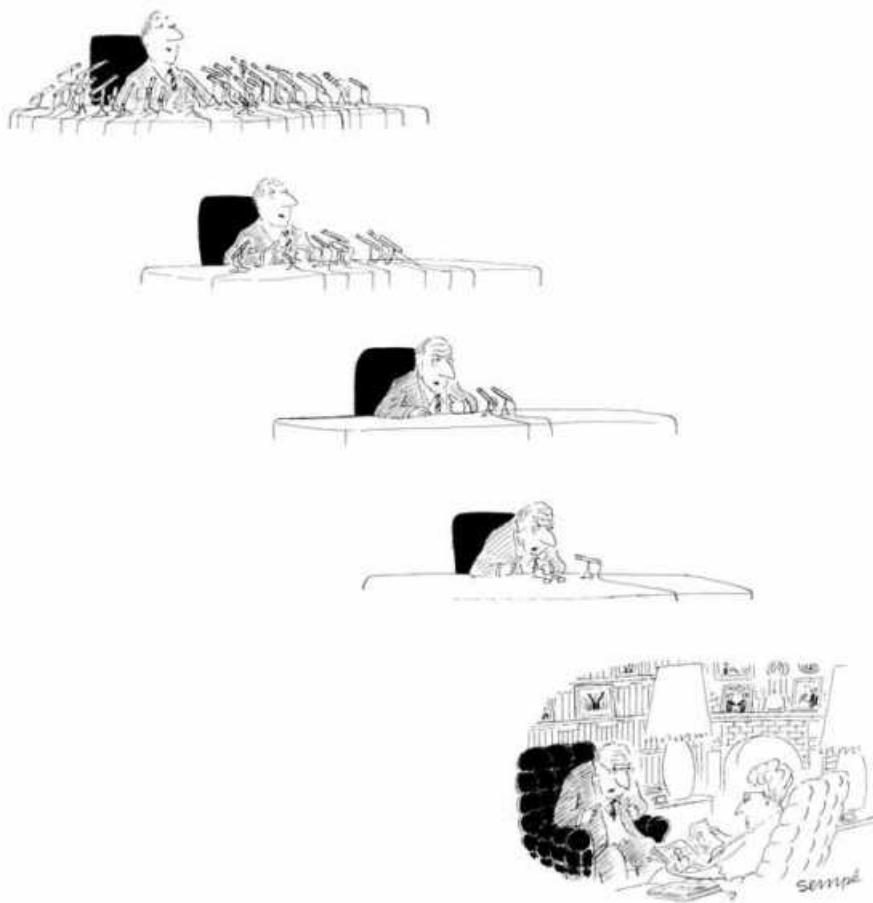
*"Stuffy in here, isn't it?"*



*"You're going to meet a tall, dark, and handsome stranger,  
who's been burned twice and is looking for guarantees."*



*"I would like what's left of the missing box of chocolate-covered graham crackers returned to the kitchen table as soon as possible.  
There will be no questions asked."*





Everett Opie (10/19/1987)

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*"Oh, that's O.K., Grandpa. I already know  
there are no free lunches."*



*"I'm telling you the truth, sweetie—the stork brought you."*



*"This is Solange—my magnificent obsession."*





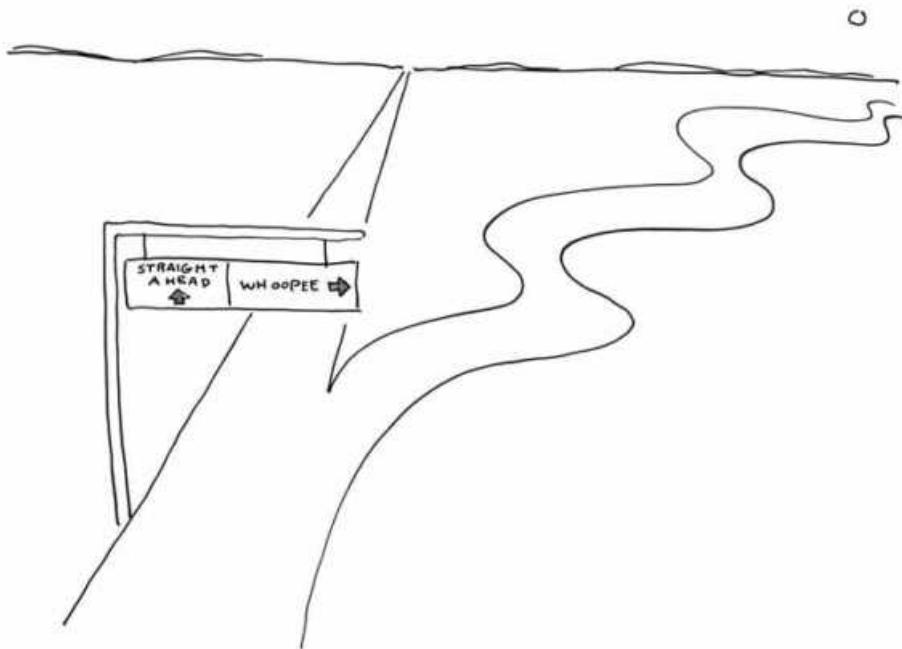
*"Have a safe trip!"*



*"You misquoted St. Thomas Aquinas, Albert Camus, and me."*

THE MAN WHO COULD TALK TO DOGS





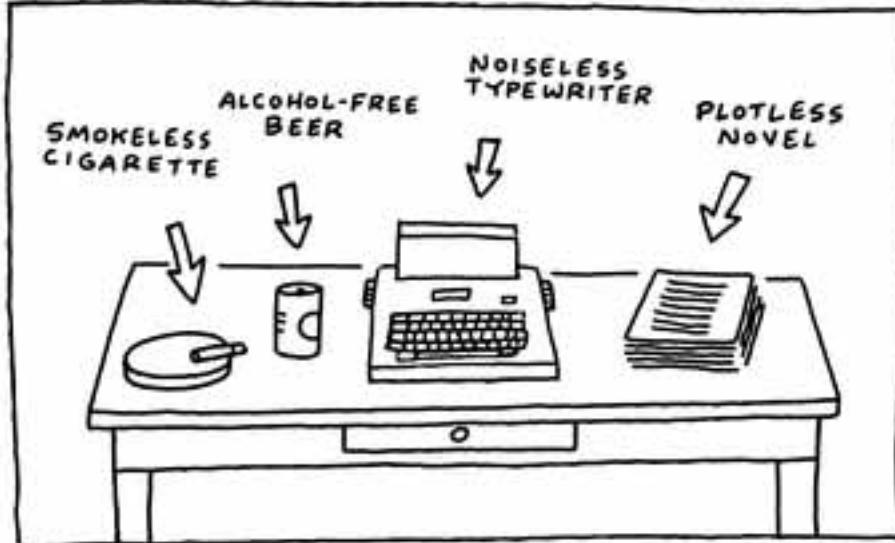


*"It's wonderful, darling. It really says Manhattan."*



*"Finally, let me put to rest the  
so-called 'character' issue."*

LIFE IN A GARRET - 1987





*"A penny for your thoughts."*

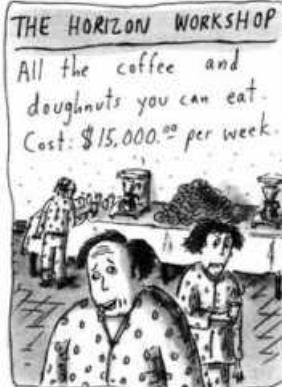


*Just as Epimetheus had been warned, Pandora  
opened the mysterious box and permitted the  
escape of Insider Trading.*



*"Oh, yeah? Care to step outside and say that?"*

# ODD SPAS



R. Chast



*"Didn't we meet at Madison Square Garden last year?"*



*"No calls for the rest of the day, Miss Bromley—  
I'll be carving my pumpkin."*



*"It's breakfast. Assume nothing."*



*"You laughed in all the wrong places."*



*"I'll be out in the great world, wearing many hats."*



*"Tarzan no want computer."*



*"I know you young guys have a hard time believing it, but there was a time—and not all that long ago—when a man telling a woman he was in investment banking could expect a yawn."*



*"Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers. Details at eleven."*







*"You won't believe this, Bert. I think  
I've got a children's book in me."*



*"Who shouted 'Way to go'?"*



*"I thought of you the minute I saw it, Mrs. Webb."*





*"It's my usual—a double rum raisin."*





*Manhattan Woods (After Everything Has Moved to New Jersey)*



*"I know you want me to be someone else—  
but someone else is not me!"*





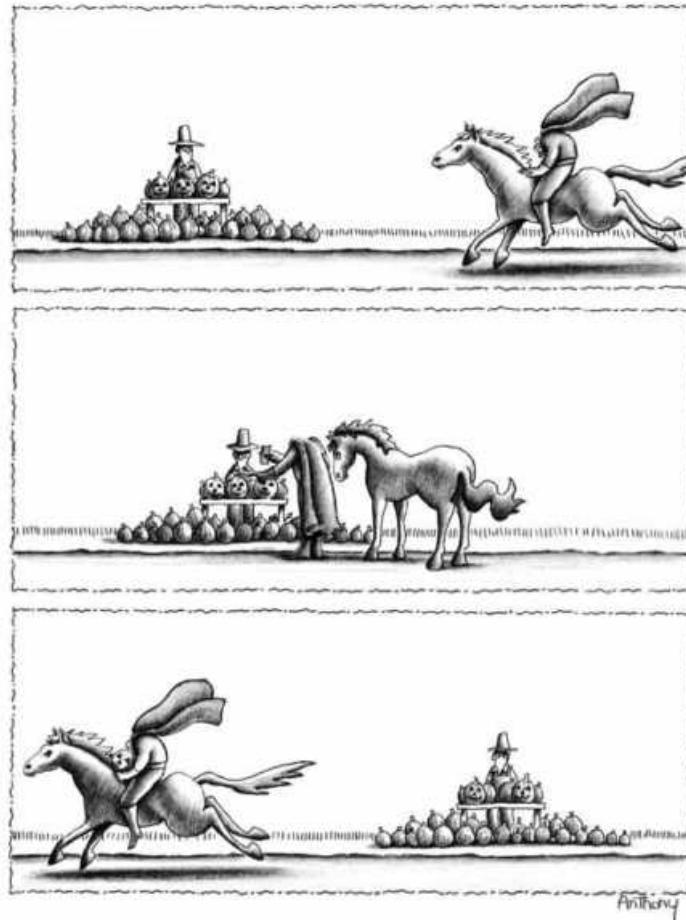
*"I told him to lay off the high-fibre diet."*



*"When you're Grandpa's age, you will have  
accumulated a lot of baggage, too."*



*"Chester! Remember hats?"*





*"I need a sounding board, Mr. Wiley. Could you be that?"*

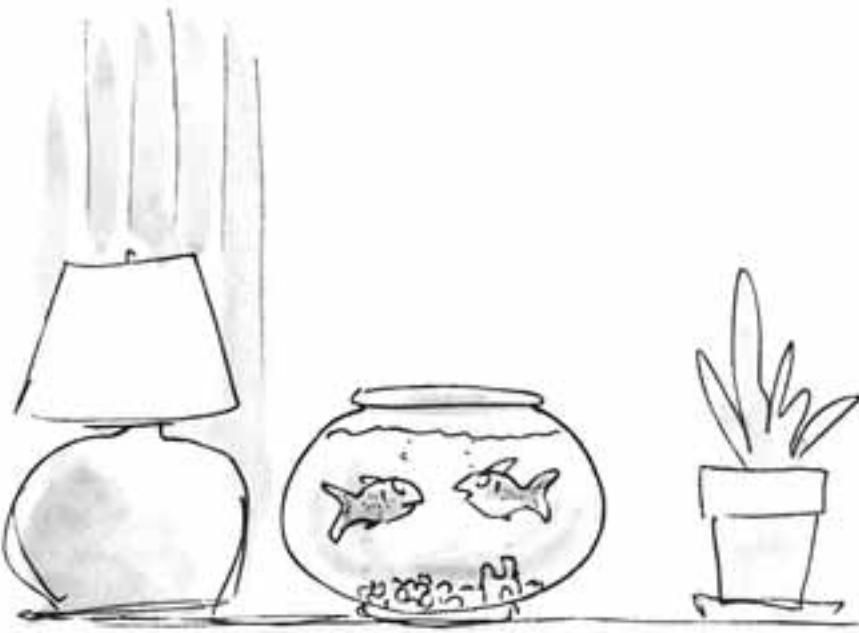






*"Thanks, R.B., but I prefer to stand."*





*"I'll tell you something else I think. I think there are other bowls somewhere out there with intelligent life just like ours."*



*"An excellent selection, Madam. Yours was O.K., too, sir."*



*"Ascending!"*



*Entomologist*



*"Would you mind getting lunch? All my money is in a blind trust."*



*"I'm not running for reelection. I already have enough material for my book."*





*"I'll have an ounce of prevention."*





*"She has her own agenda."*



R. Chast



*"Always exaggerate. It makes life seem more interesting."*



*"Flowers in a lobby are good P.R."*



*"Benedict will learn that Shana is his daughter. Mike will resign from the police force because of his involvement with Carla. Jim will share a kiss with Nora after accusing Hope of having a fling with Nate to spite Derek. Philip and his sidekick Addison will plot to abduct Shana from Khalif's warehouse hideaway, but during the shootout your vacuum will cause a short resulting in the complete loss of your TV reception."*



*"Pity Albert can't find a nice girl his own age."*



*"It just seems to me, Howard, that you're missing the whole point of having a terrace in the city."*







*"I don't know what's wrong with me today.  
I just can't seem to opt."*

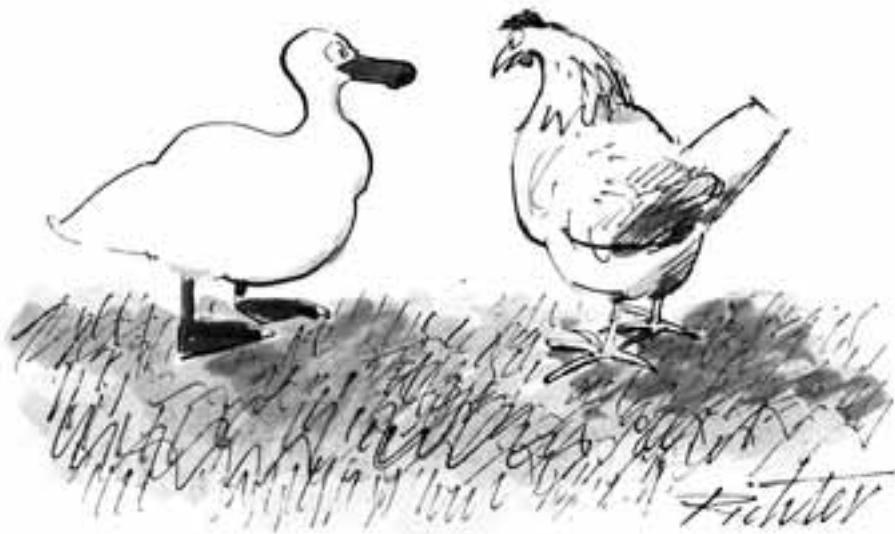


*"Here's a letter from a housewife in the southern tier of the kingdom. She writes: 'Sire, would it or would it not be appropriate to use a sand-finish latex paint on a wall on which there remains some painted-over wallpaper? Respectfully, Mrs. R. Jones.'"*





*"Of course you remember Newport. '69. The summer  
we were placed under house arrest."*



*"Just between us, I came first, but I shredded the evidence."*



*"I was proud of you tonight. You were just hostile enough."*



*"When I kick off, that one goes to the Met, if they're nice."*



*"Harold and I were staying home long before it was fashionable."*



*"If we have inconvenienced you by neglecting to fork-split  
your English muffin this morning, we are truly, truly sorry."*





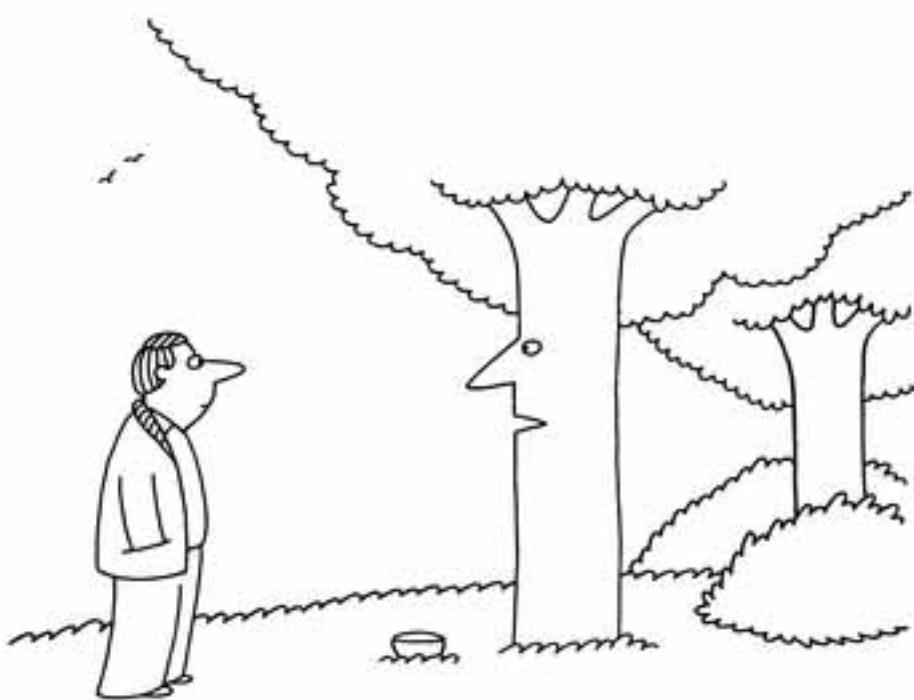
*"I came out O.K. Everything I had was in baseball cards."*



*"Open marriage? All right, open marriage it is!"*







*"There's no charge for wandering around in the woods,  
but a three-dollar contribution is suggested."*

MAX P.  
AND THE WHOLE BALL OF WAX





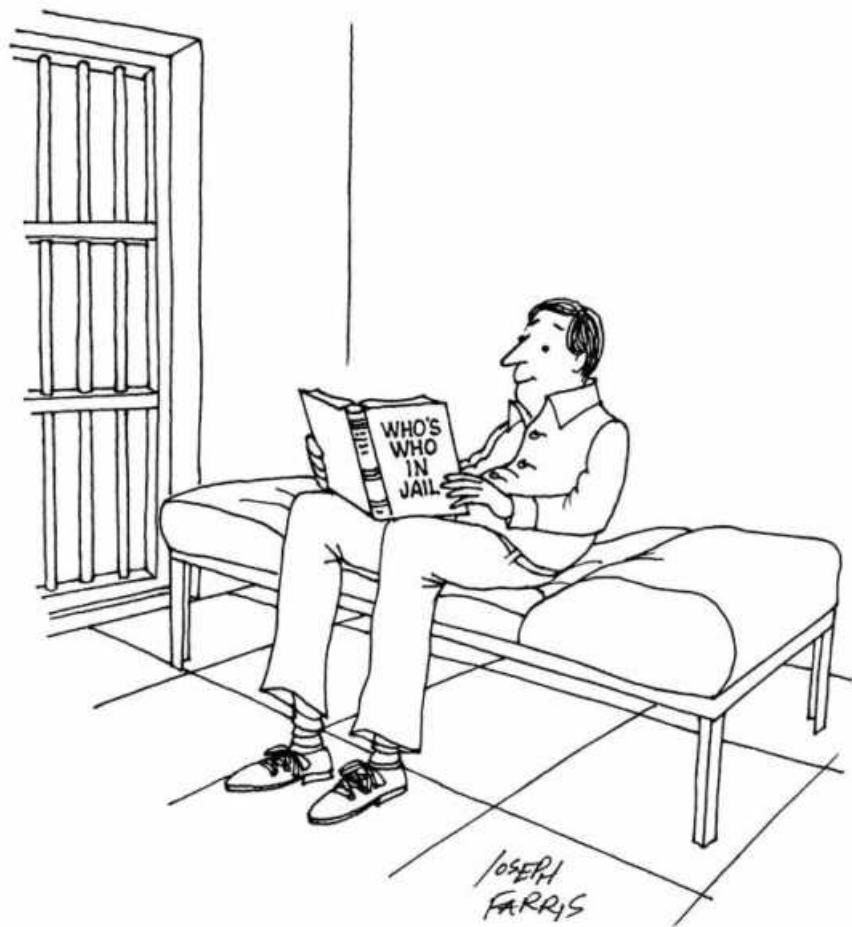


*"I don't read a lot, but I've found that the stuff I like to talk about is the same stuff writers like to write about."*





*"Uh-oh! They seem to have loved it!"*





*"If the past is any indication of the future, he'll have a cruller."*



*"'Good' is not good enough."*



*"Your move, Wendel."*





*"Morton's on the cutting edge of pooped."*



*A Passing Fancy*





*“Dauphin! Stop teasing La Infanta!”*



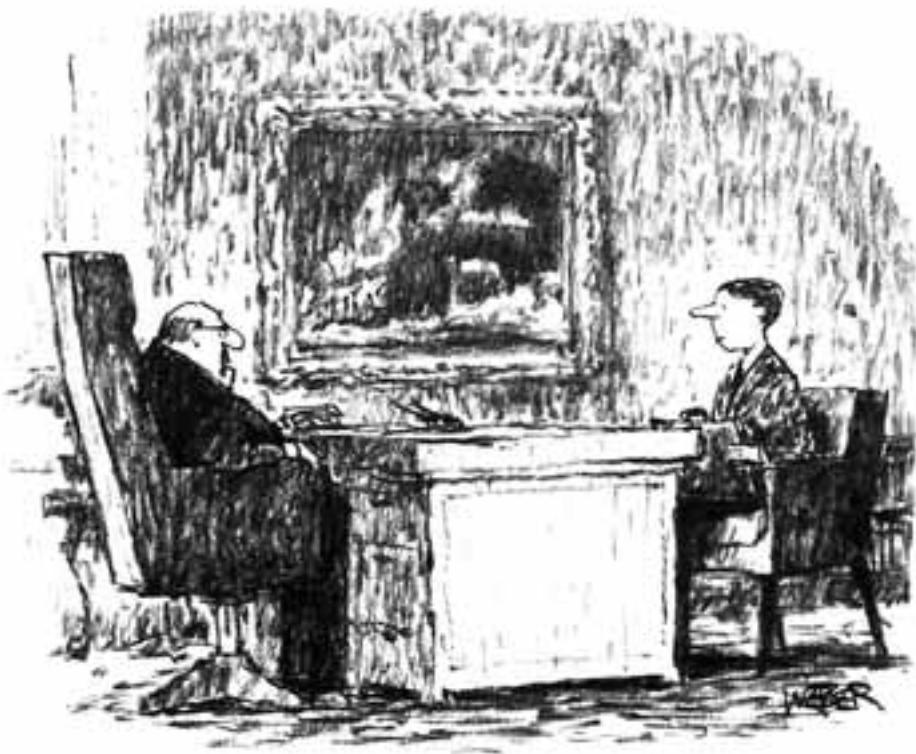
*"I made a new friend today."*



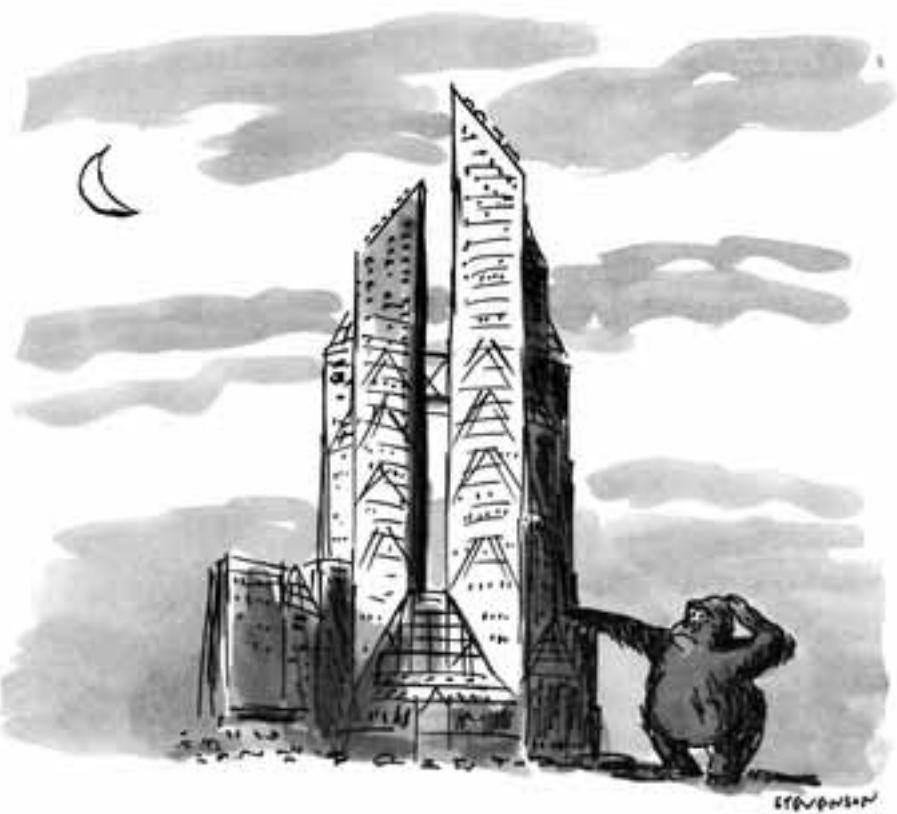


*"Today opened as November 10, 1987, swung wildly to  
March 7, 1996, and closed as December 5, 1902."*





*"I may seem like a dour sort, Mr. Penfeather, but, I assure you,  
I can smile with the best of them when the occasion demands."*





*"Granted, a deliberate derangement of the senses  
worked for Rimbaud—but would it work for us?"*



(Leo Cullum)



*"Isn't it about time we stopped being  
Reaganites and started being Bushites?"*



*Henry Martin*

*"I'd like to read a telegram  
that's just poured in."*



*"I thought I'd give Western medicine one more chance."*



*"I seem to be all right for now. Please bless my underwriters and my family, on an as-needed basis."*



*"Have you ever noticed how some people resemble their pets?"*



*"I don't ever want this moment to end, Darla,  
but someone's got to stir the tortellini."*



*One of the chief causes of the War of 1812 was  
British insistence on impressing American seamen.*



*"How much time do you expect to do?"*



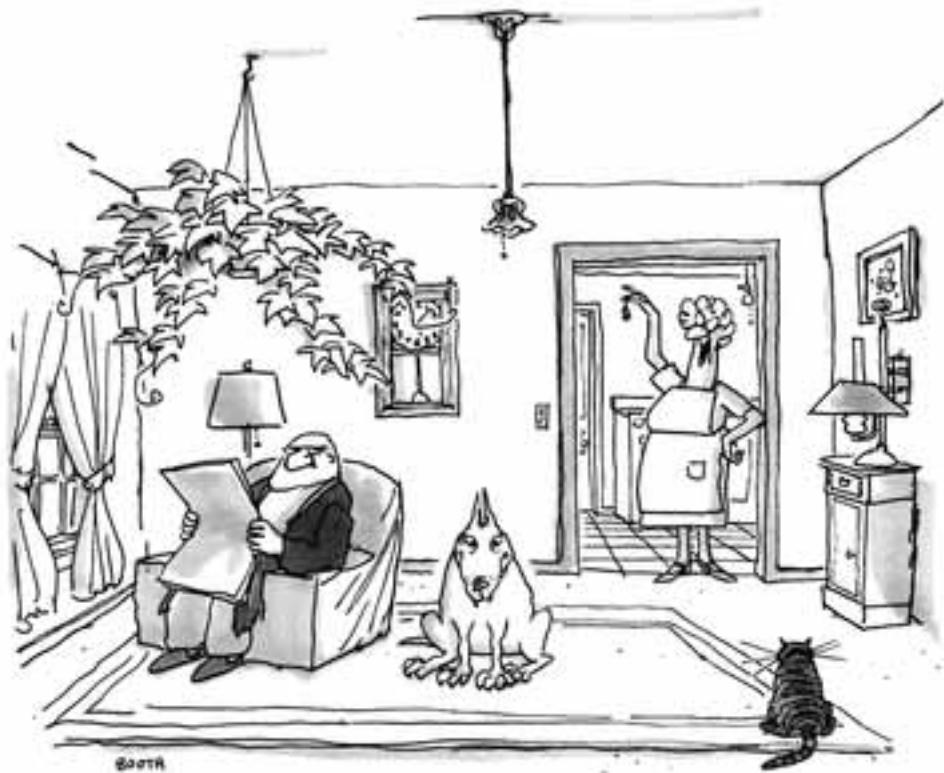
*"We'll have the Highwayman Special."*



*"I'm getting the gist of it."*



Female, unattached, desires meeting male,  
of any age, for sharing life's pleasures.



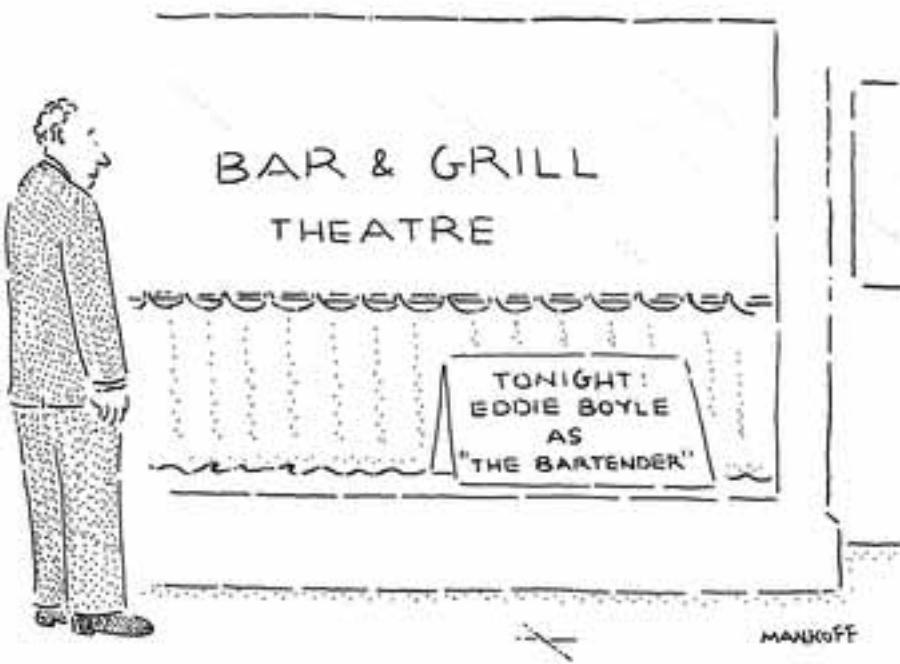
*"And whose little mole is this?"*



“... ‘The Guns of Navarone,’ ‘Von Ryan’s Express,’ ‘The Immortal Sergeant,’ ‘Rambo: First Blood, Part II,’ ‘The Bridges at Toko-Ri,’ ‘Back to Bataan,’ ‘The Commandos Strike at Dawn’...”



*"Today is my wife's birthday, Miss Paulson. Let's have lunch."*





*"Hey, neat visuals!"*



*"Listen to me as your friend and lover. And lawyer."*



*"First it was no football, now it's no money.  
I don't think they know what they're doing."*



*"Let's invite the Gorbachevs to have dinner with us at Windows on the World. The worst they can do is say no."*



*"This might not be ethical. Is that a problem for anybody?"*



*"Before we begin, I think you should all  
know that I once smoked a reefer in 1935."*







*"I see here the party of the first part says 'potato.' The party of the second part says 'potahto.' The party of the first part says 'tomato,' the party of the second part says 'tomahto.' Both parties, by mutual agreement, wish to call the whole thing off."*





*"For his next picture, my client wants creative control,  
script approval, and a percentage of the gross. Is that clear?"*



*"I have some good news, Mr. and Mrs. Montly.  
Your drive shaft is going to be all right."*



*"How do! I'm Ed Worthington. I'll be substituting for your husband,  
who has been temporarily transferred to the Minneapolis office."*



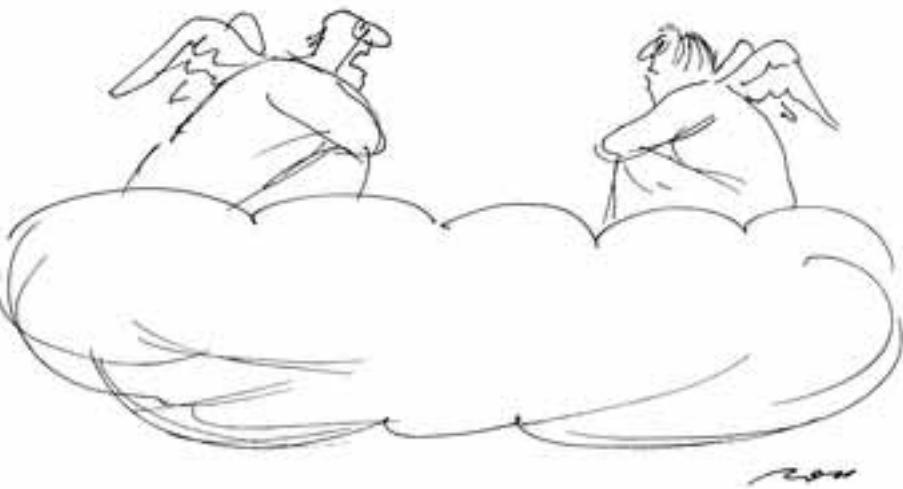
*"This looks like a good spot."*



*“Mrs. Gilray says women aren’t going to take it anymore. Pass it on.”*



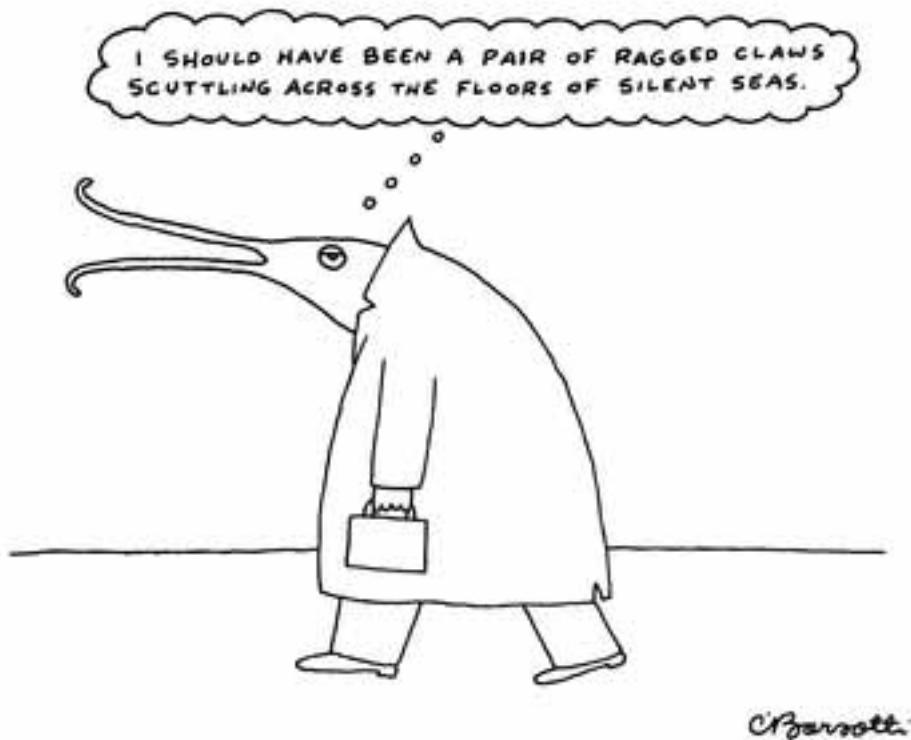
*"Listen to this, Calvin: 'Quiet acres. Mountain views, nature walks, bird-watching, and much, much more.'"*



*"Well, this proves it. You only live once."*



*"You know why you like me? You like me because I like myself."*





*"Mrs. Beasley wants to borrow a cup of money."*

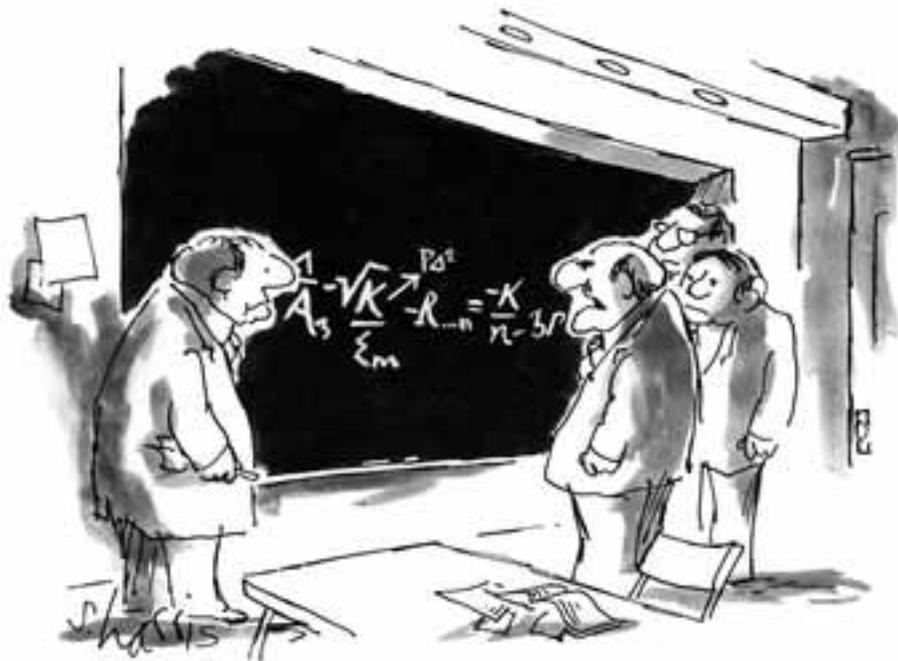


*"No, you're not too late. Cathy's just beginning  
to put calcium into perspective."*



*"Oh, come now, Morton, surely you can't be serious."*

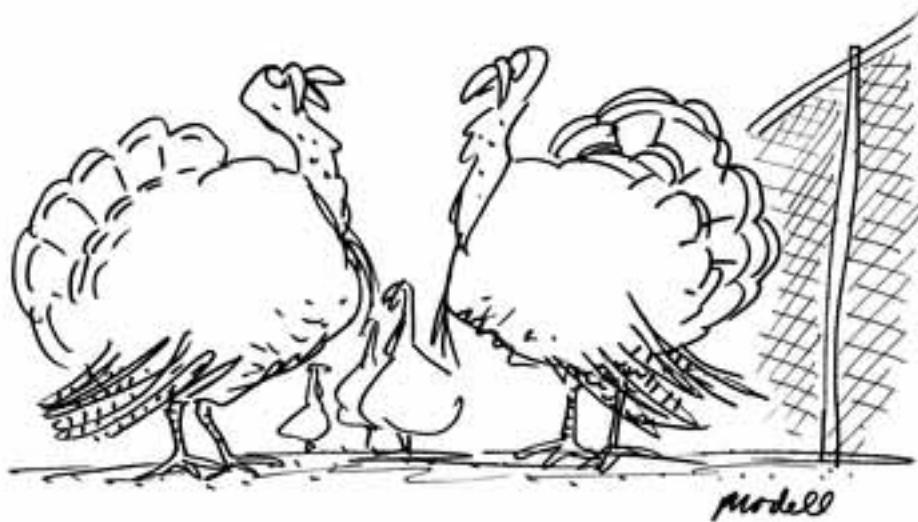




*"You realize, of course, that this means war."*



*"And now a traffic update: A parking space has become available on Sixty-fifth Street between Second and Third. Hold it! A bulletin has just been handed me. That space has been taken."*



*"Well, at least the worst is behind us."*



*"Dad, tell me about the birds and the bees and safeguards."*



*"Get the S.E.C.! I've got Bernard Baruch on hold."*

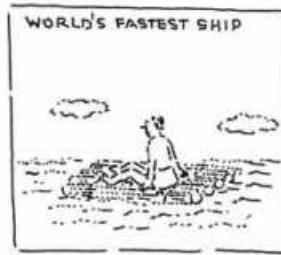


*"I said does he or doesn't he have a cleft in his chin?"*



*“Damn it, who ate all the chèvre?”*

THOSE WERE THE DAYS



MANKOFF



*Tar*



*"Look at it this way, Crosley—unemployment  
could be a real stretch for you."*



*"Hey, you guys, don't you remember? The big word here is 'compromise.' "*



*"Next . . . next . . . next . . ."*



*"I read manuscripts."*



*“One dollar is worth a thousand words.”*





*"The little match girl realized too late what her mistake had been. She had failed to diversify."*



*"I have an annoying tickle in my throat. What do you recommend?"*



*"And will you take my name even if you  
wind up making more money than I do?"*

ED FLANDERS,  
DECONSTRUCTION WORKER











*"Intimidation may be your game, Wurthowser,  
but Yours Truly isn't playing."*

GORBACHEV ADDS AN UNSCHEDULED  
STOP TO HIS ITINERARY



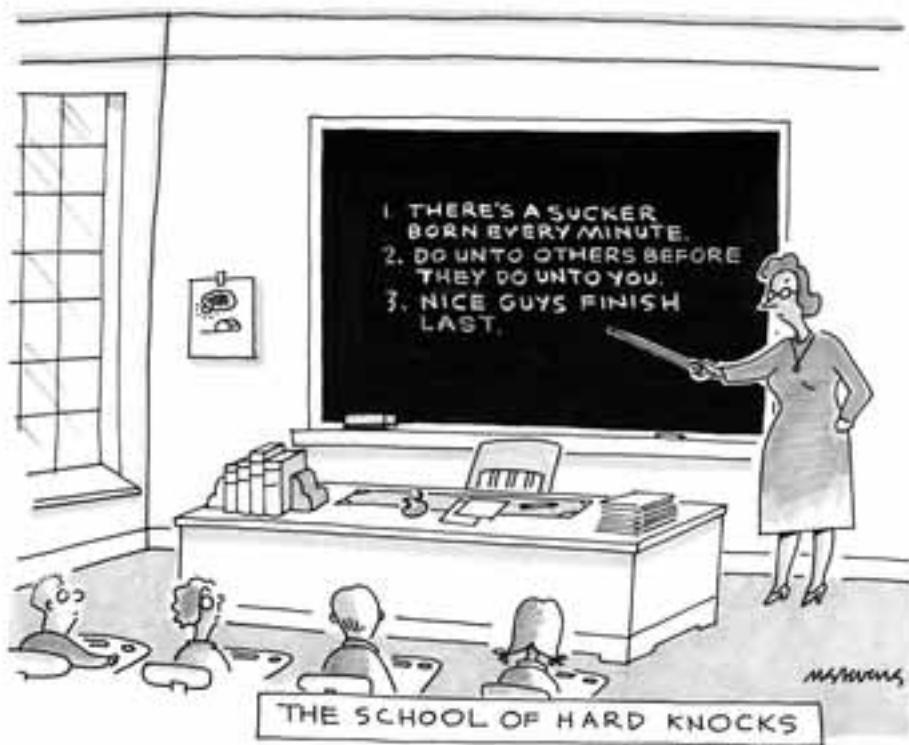
*"I'm sorry, sir, but we do not have your new book in stock,  
and I don't know when we'll get it."*







*"I'll have a nice day when I get  
damn good and ready."*







*"Well, I'll be! Let me call you back—O.K., Steve?  
Jane Fonda just popped in."*



*"Just getting the hell out of here is worth the price of admission."*



*"Don't worry about me. I'm a survivor."*

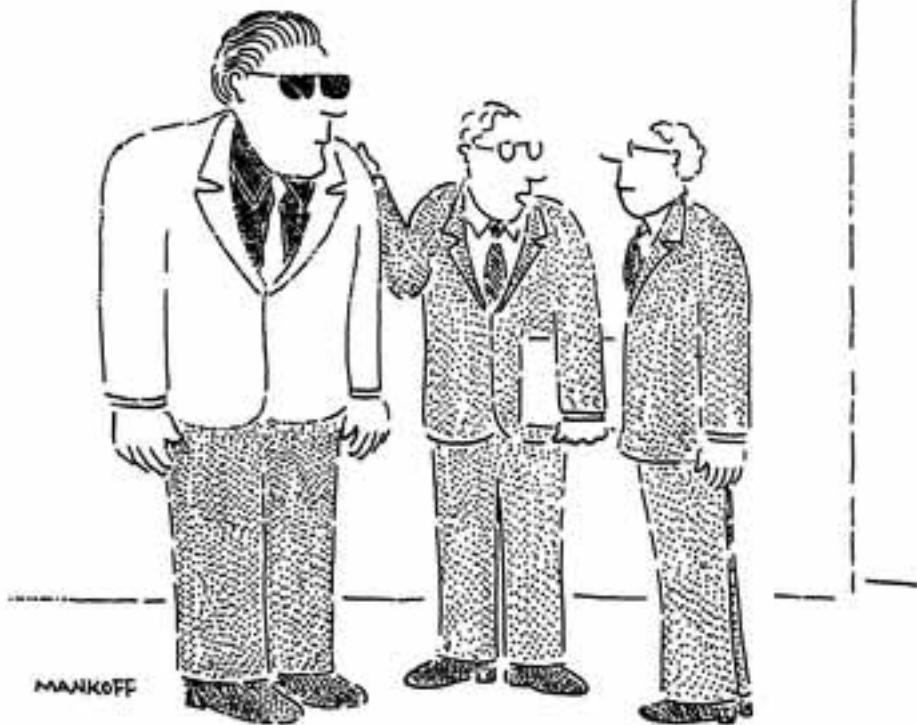


*"Dear Jean: Confirming our phone conversation of earlier today, I no longer love you, and want a divorce."*



*"Mirror, mirror, on the wall,  
who is the fairest of them all?"*

*"Oliver Wendell Holmes."*



*"This is Roscoe. He's in Accounts Receivable."*



*"Senator, we've just been advised that your car is blocking the delivery entrance to the building. Would you care to comment?"*



*"Not guilty, because puppies do these things."*



*"Now let's turn to the business of us."*





*"There's a little jelly or something on your chin."*



*"Do you know what I like about being with you,  
Mr. Buskin? You make history come alive for me."*

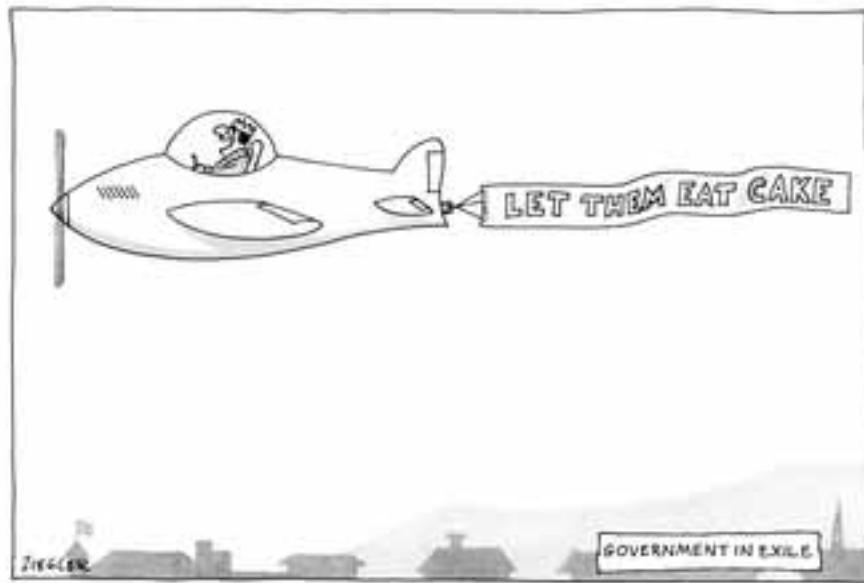




*"We're just pleased he can still get into the Christmas spirit."*



*"This isn't going to do the old ozone  
layer any good, that's for sure."*





*"All right, now. I want you and Grandpa  
to run along and interact."*







*"On the left is Senator Binghamton, giving his views, and on the right is Mr. Plimpton, his aide, echoing those views."*



*"I'll be on Fifth Avenue, pressing my cold little nose  
wistfully against shopwindows."*



*"Avarice, gluttony, lust, and overweening pride.  
Well, welcome aboard, Mr. Dexter!"*



*"I'm in the mood for meat."*

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*"Psst. Two expired meters and a double-park  
at Thirty-fourth and Third."*



*"Knees peeking out of jeans are sexy, but what would you know?"*

THE MAN WHO KNEW HOW TO DELEGATE



*"Thomson, I'm not feeling so well.  
Would you mind coming down with the flu?"*



*"My ex-wife doesn't understand me."*



*"Everything all right?"*

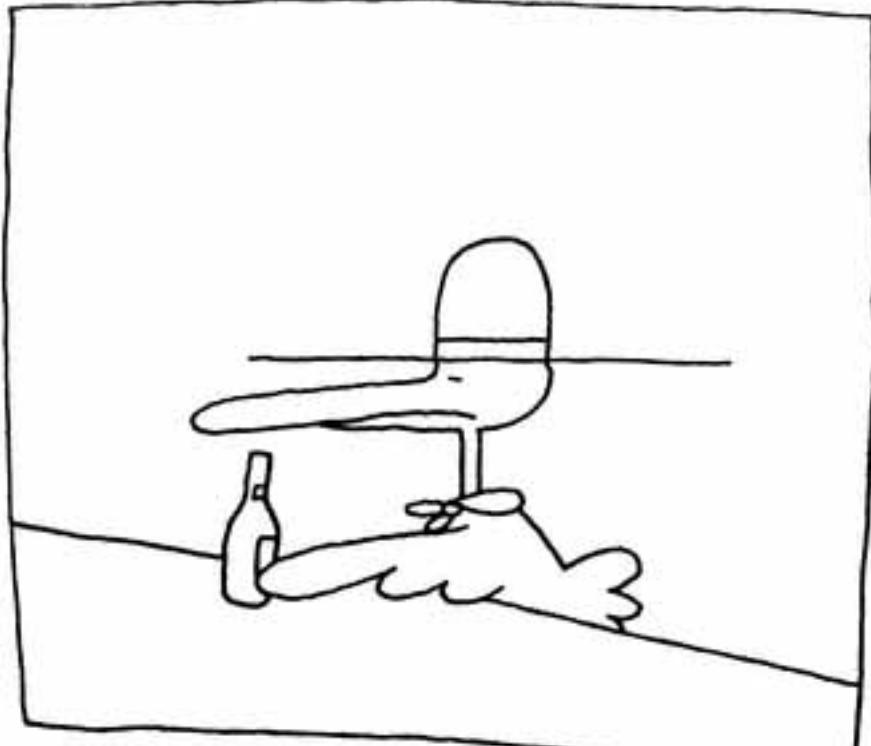
NEARLY FATAL ATTRACTION





*"And now Channel 4 is happy to bring you scenes from last year's Christmas, which, as you may remember, was a whole lot merrier than this Christmas."*

ONE TOUGH BIRD



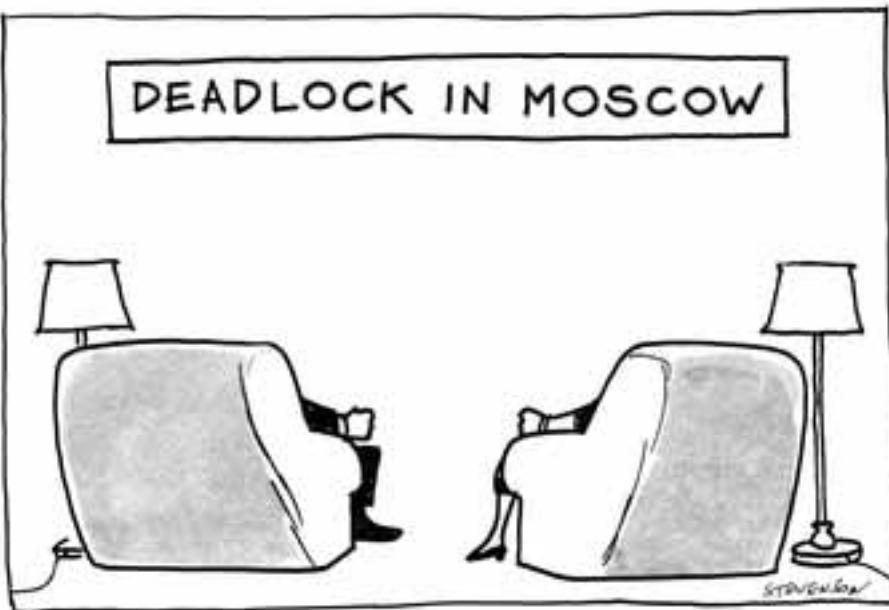
Charles Barsotti



*"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
in addition to having a nice day."*



*"I threw myself at her.  
She gave me her work number."*



*The General Secretary Insists That Mrs. Gorbachev  
Write a Nice Thank-You Note to Mrs. Reagan.*



*"He's not one of my favorites."*



*"I guess Mallory & Company are having  
one of their top-echelon shuffles."*





*"Is that you again?"*



*"Your Honor, please ask the defendant to stop using the word 'fries' where 'French-fried potatoes' is implied."*



*"What say, Al, we liven up the conversation  
and toss some numbers around?"*

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*"Are we all ready for an energy survey by Con Ed?"*



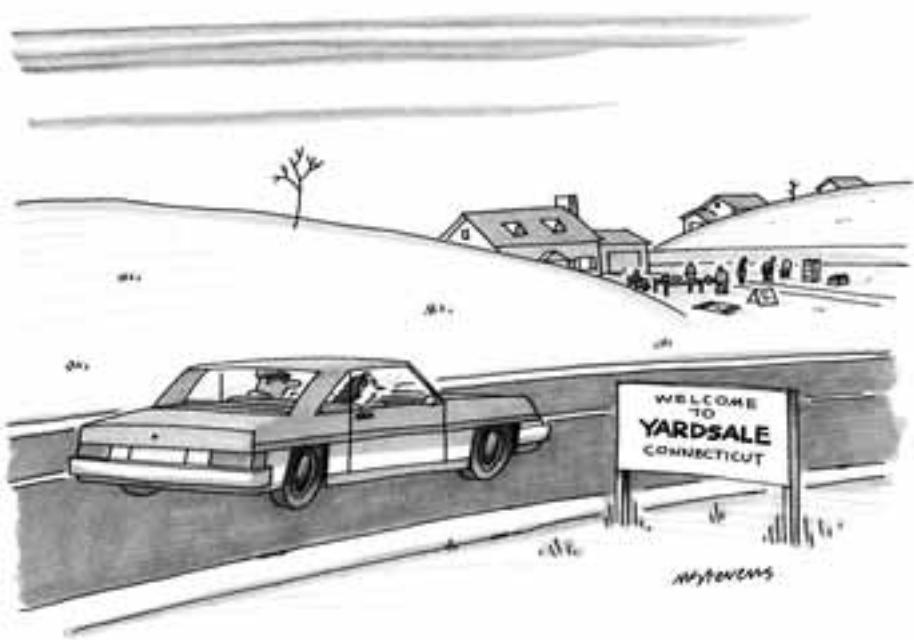
*"Hendrickje, I feel another self-portrait  
coming on. Bring in the funny hats."*

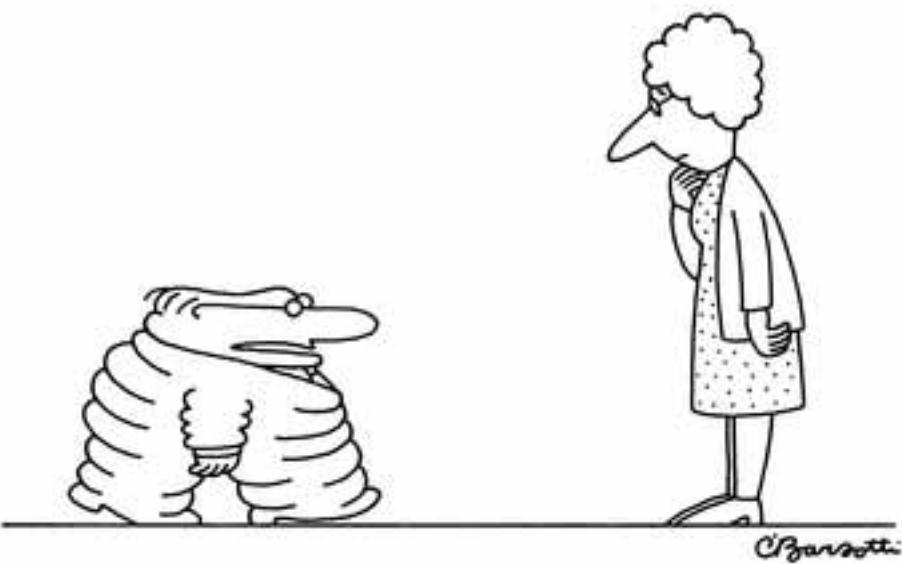


*"Our real first line of defense, wouldn't you agree, is our capacity to reason."*



*Scene from Dickens*



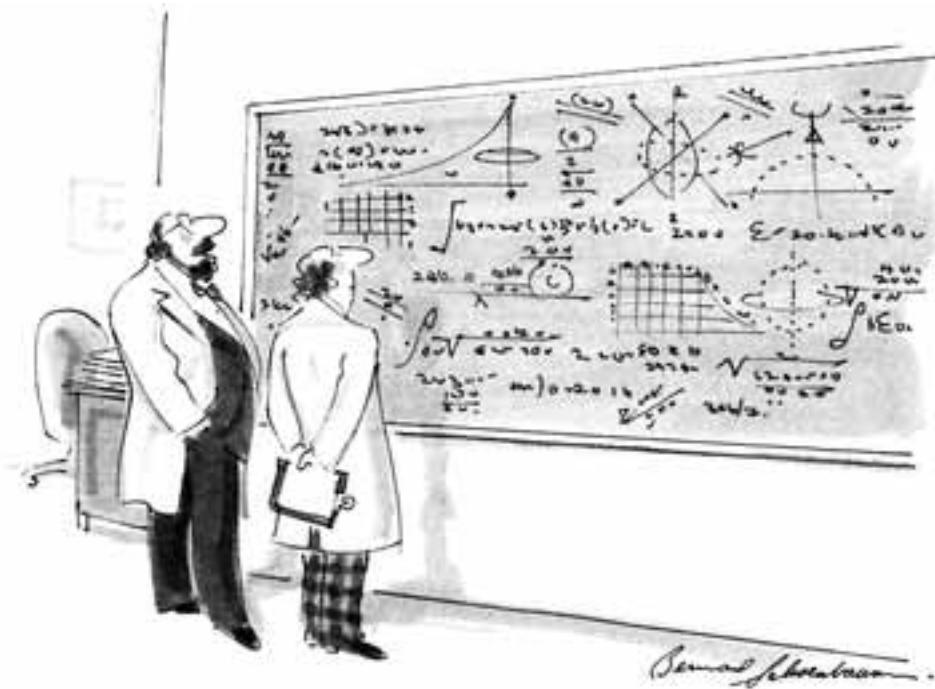


*"It could have been worse."*





*"Not 'Miracle on 34th Street' again?"*



*"Oh, if only it were so simple."*



*"On second thought, I'll have sangria. I had  
rosé the last time we buried the hatchet."*