



"I haven't changed my views. I just hadn't anticipated that Dan Quayle would become my spokesman."



"So the rumors are true—1967 is making a comeback."







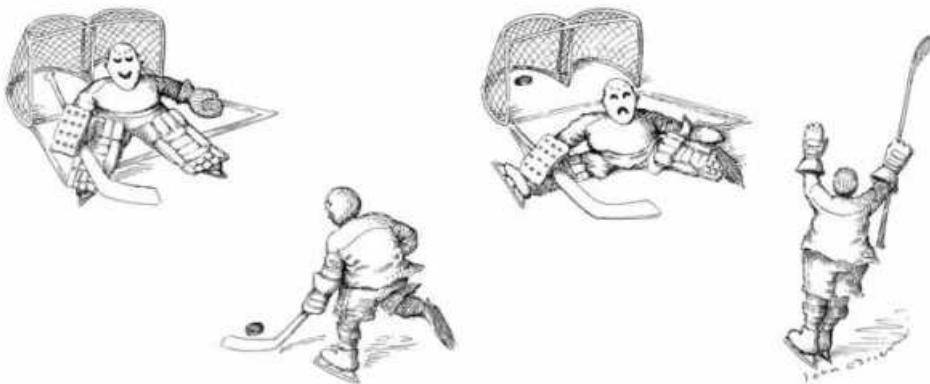
ABOMINABLE SNOWMAIL



Charles Barsotti

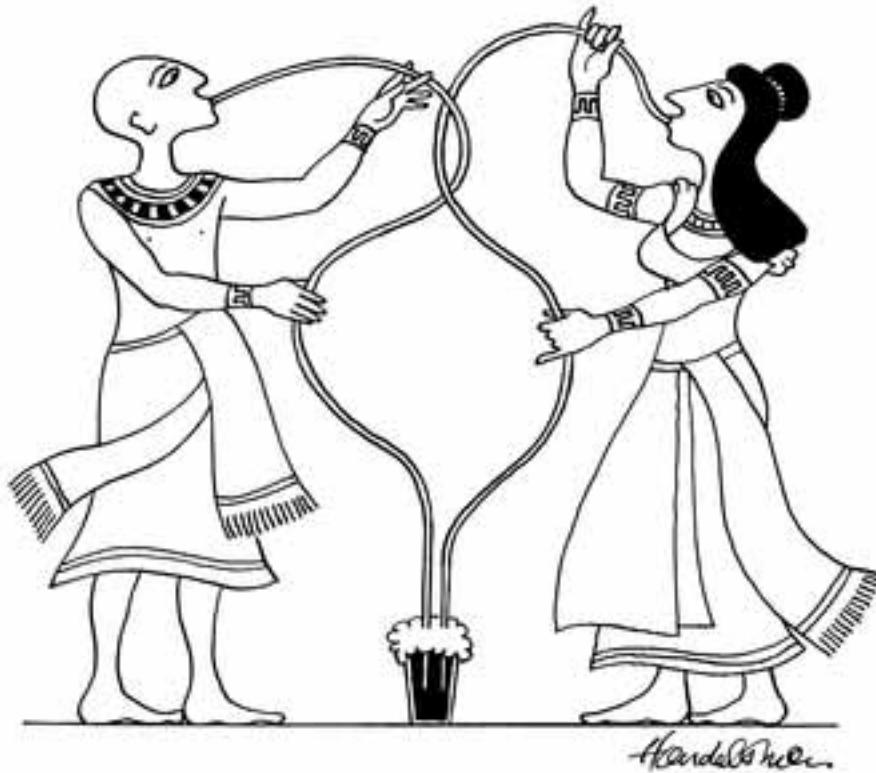


“Arnold, this is Tina Feldman, backlit.”





"Are you still mad? I thought I felt an aftershock."

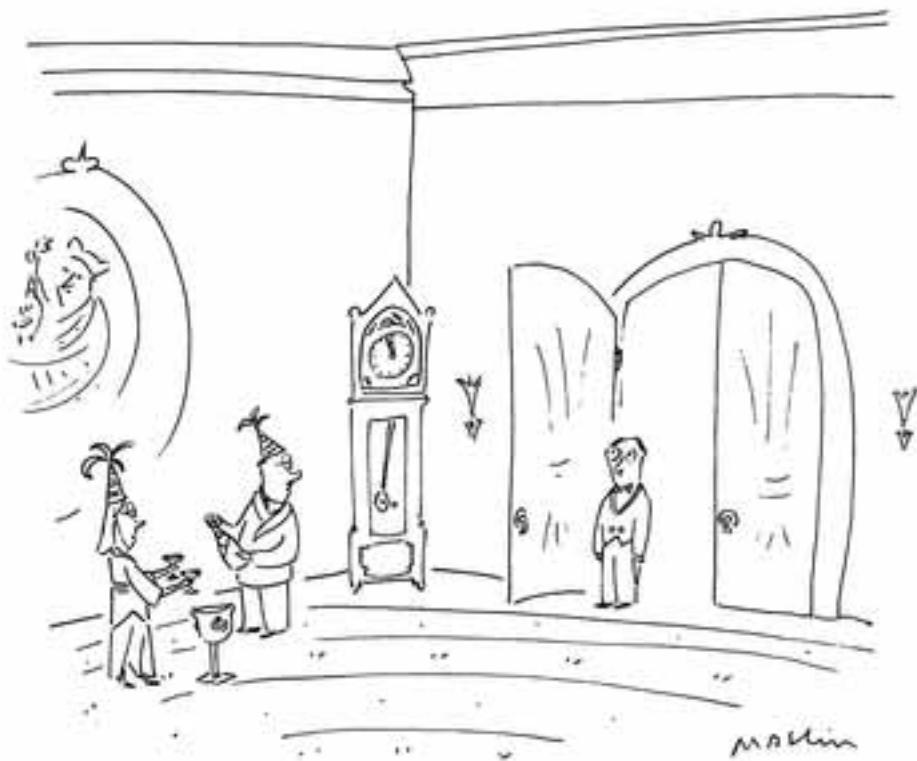


ANNALS OF TECHNOLOGY

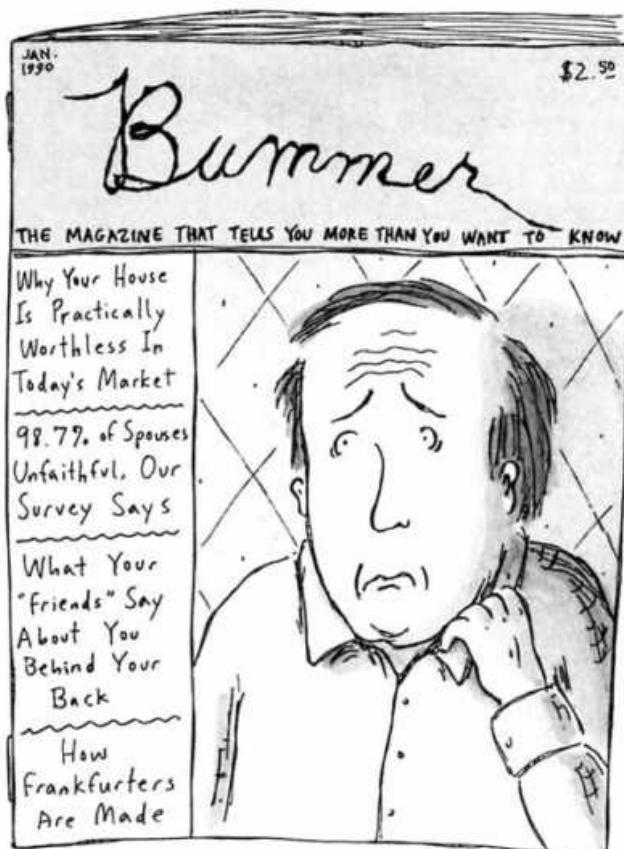
*The first crude drinking straws appeared
in ancient Egypt around 1200 B.C.*



*"Who would ever have guessed that there'd be
a golden age of debt?"*



"Would you see the nineteen-eighties out, Harrington?"









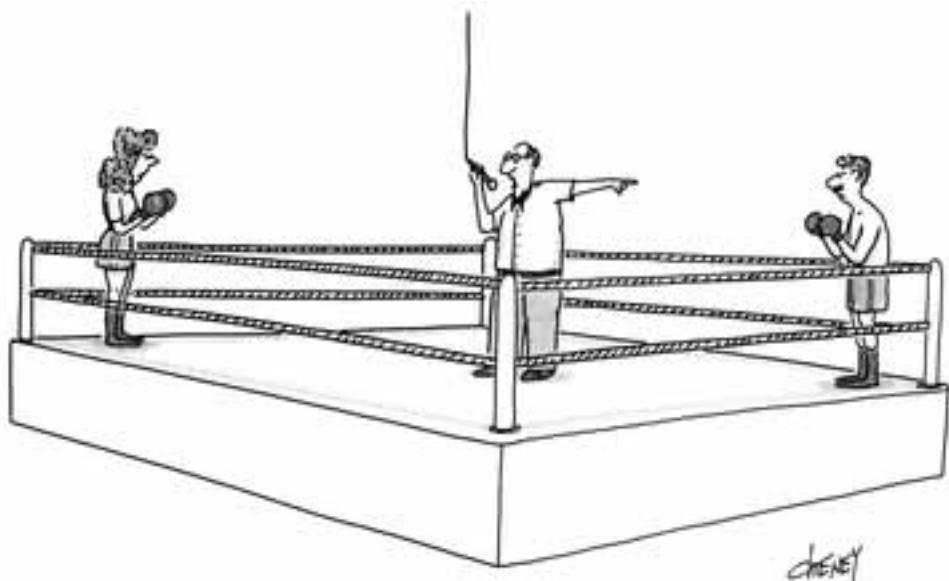
"No, wait a minute. I'm King. You're Rex."



"I'm all faux and loving it!"

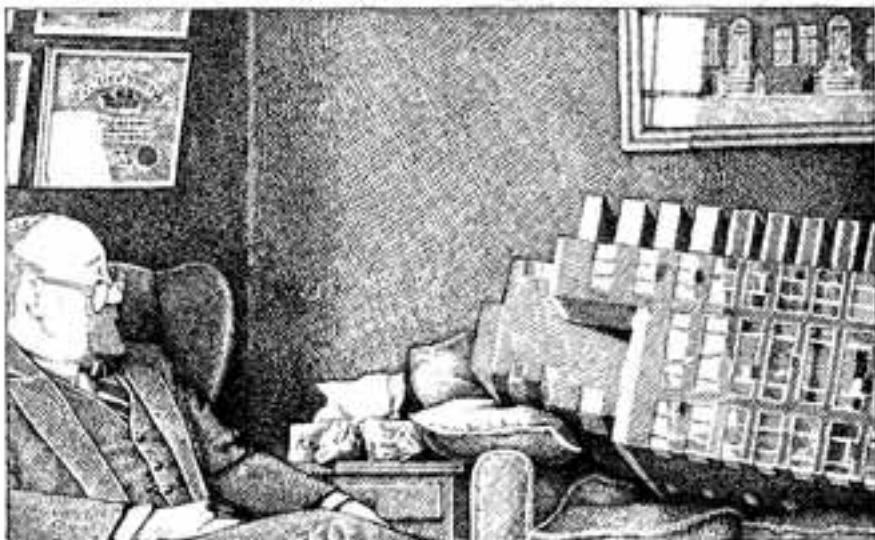


"You have cookie breath again."



"And in this corner, wearing the blue trunks, weighing in at a hundred and seventy pounds and insisting that the dining room should not be decorated in lime and oak tones but, rather, with a pastel canary-yellow and walnut trim . . ."

1990
THE APARTMENT COMPLEX

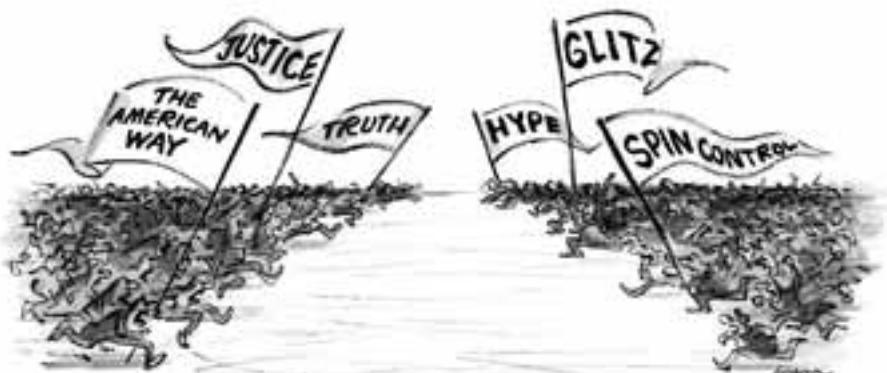




"There goes the 'peace dividend.' "



"While you were on vacation, Zooker, a motion was made and seconded to saw five and a half inches off your chair legs."





*"It equals out. I pay alimony to Laurie and Denise,
and I get alimony from Brenda and Suzanne."*



IT WAS FRANK'S SECOND ENCOUNTER
WITH BALKAN CUISINE.



"We have two offices throughout the world."



"This next song is for everyone who has ever been incarcerated."

HADLEY K., ALL-DAY SUCKER



R. Chast

- 8:00 A.M. - Wake up. Ate oat bran followed by tons of vitamins.
- 8:37 A.M. - Called and pledged \$100.00 to the Your Condo in Heaven Foundation.
- 9:12 A.M. - Went outside, played a little three-card monte.
- 11:00 A.M. - Attended "Vortex Mind Control" Seminar at New York Penta.
- 12:39 P.M. - Bought Cartier watch from street vendor.
- 1:00 P.M. - Lunch: paid \$19.00 for spaghetti and meatballs.
- 2:02 P.M. - Bought Vuitten luggage from street vendor.
- 2:26 P.M. - Went home; talked to Aunt Shelley; got into argument over whether or not she was thanked for socks she gave me four years ago; let her win.
- 3:00 P.M. - Aromatherapy class.
- 5:21 P.M. - Gave money to guy collecting for the Save the Chrysler Building Foundation.
- 7:00 P.M. - Dinner: paid \$35.00 for hamburger and French fries.
- 8:18 P.M. - Went home. Agreed to write 50,000-word article on cold fusion for \$25.00.
- 9:04 P.M. - Ordered shoes from a catalogue.
- 10:36 P.M. - Read book on channelling.
- 12:11 A.M. - Slept on special orthopedic pillow while listening to "Learn French Overnight" cassette.



*"It's an unusual request, but, yes, for an additional consideration
I'm sure we can have him arranged on a bed of arugula."*



"Norman, let's lend out the Olmec head."





“Goodnight room. Goodnight moon.”





*"But is showing you this toy and telling about it the whole story?
Let's take a look at its sales record, as illustrated by this chart,
which compares it with other toys in its price class."*



*"Would you ever want to know if I'd done
something sort of all too human?"*





"You haven't been wearing the caftan I gave you for Christmas."



"Hey, just wanted to say loved 'Merchant.' "



"Sorry we're late, but that's our style."



*"Well, you certainly seem to have a lot to offer this company,
and, of course, the truffles are a hell of a plus."*



"The sixties are over, Ralph. The seventies and the eighties, for God's sake, are over. Give it a rest!"



"His roots are in the Cold War."



"Gentlemen: This is a follow-up on our recent Christmas card."





"Both of you are rotten and hateful—from a kid's perspective."



*"Couldn't I do a couple of hundred hours
of community service instead?"*



“Never mind why. Just watch her until I get back.”



“Gee, honey, this place has got everything.”



Trés Renaissance!



*"It isn't generally realized, Mr. Tully, but we bankers
are not in this business for the money."*

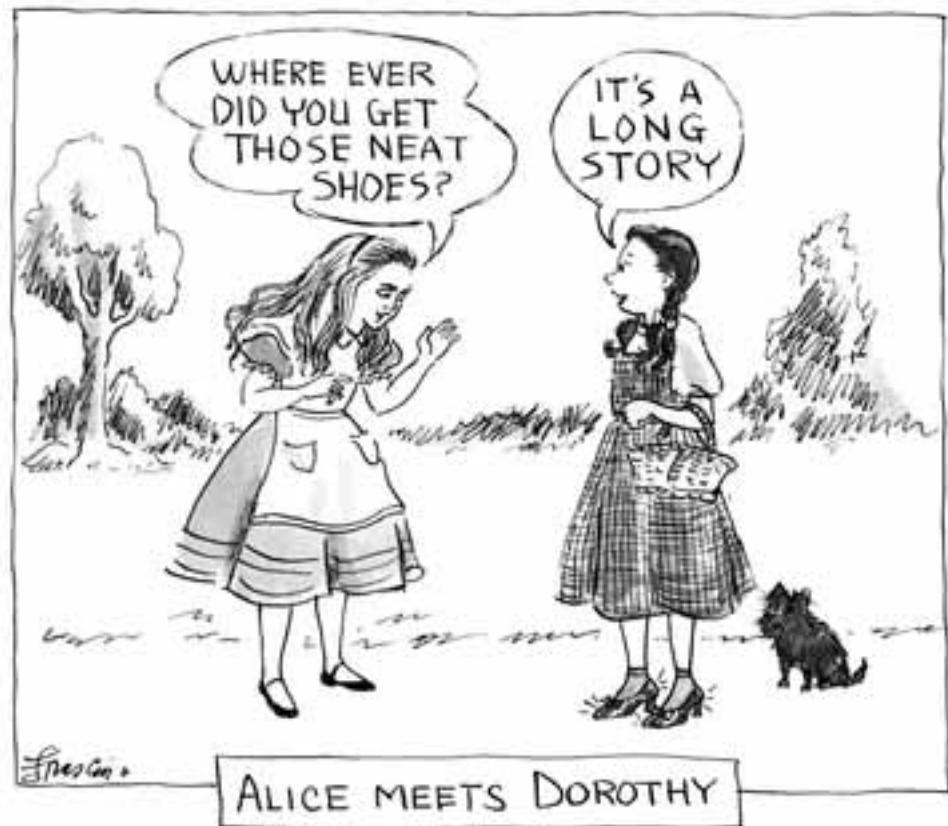


"But let's not dwell on the past."



"Tonight, I feel like eating something controversial."







"So far, in purely visual terms, I like her."



JOHN B.:

BEST ENTERTAINMENT VALUE FOR UNDER \$1.79





"I pronounce you man and wife. The clock is now running."





*"But won't you at least stay long enough to insure
a smooth transition to your successor?"*



"As I recall from the last session, you were born in Tennessee and raised in the woods, so you knew every tree. Then something happened when you were only three. What was that?"



"You're just in time. I permit him three skirls a day, and here they come."



*“Sure he’s nutty and cuddly, but that’s not
the message I want to send.”*



THE ART OF THE DEAL

by Uncle Sidney

CHAPTER 7: THE BUSINESS LUNCH

Step One:

Admire something the other guy is wearing.



Step Two:

Share a funny story about yourself.



Step Three:

Look for something in common.



Step Four:

Make observations about somebody else's business acumen with materials at hand.



Step Five:

Suddenly, get deep.



Step Six:

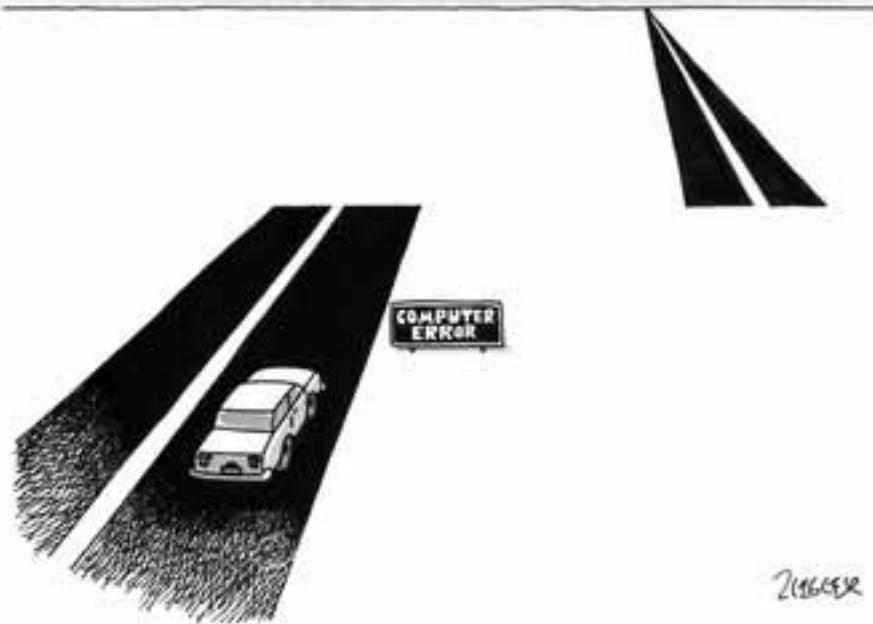
Go in for the kill.



R. Chast



"I don't believe I've ever shovelled snow. What's it like?"





"Judith is someone who needs her sleep."

THE TWELVE LABORS OF HERCULES





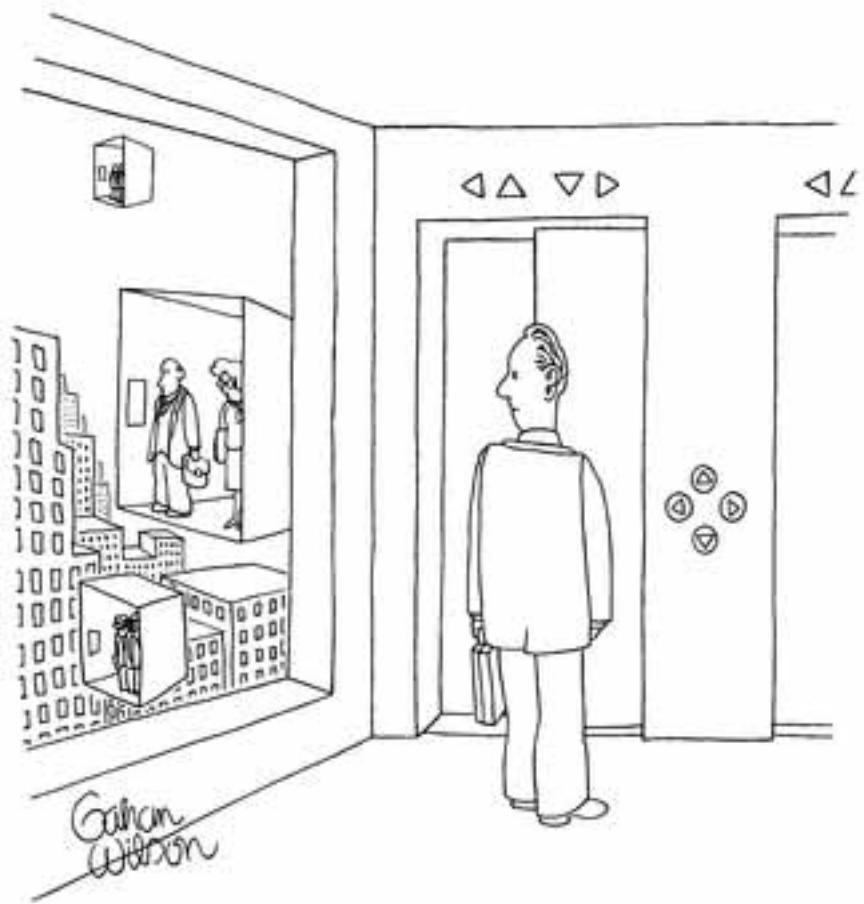
*"I'm going to get you, Manhattan!
I'm going to be one of the biggest things that ever hit this place!
You just watch, Manhattan! You just watch!"*



JAWS PHONES HIS AGENT



"Safari, Agnes, is a state of mind."





"To women—the gatekeepers!"

ENDANGERED ENTRÉES



SPAGHETTI IN ASPIC



BRAISED CABBAGE CARS



CROWN ROAST
OF MONTEREY JACK
(unwired)



LEMON-COLLARED
CHICKEN ÉTOILE



*"I found the settee and Dave exactly as you see them now—
I didn't have to do a thing to them."*



“To Mario—Good food, good fun. Thanks. Leonardo da Vinci.”



Man Considering a Purchase



"Hockersmith & Associates. May we help you?"





Now can we turn in?



"I sentence you to five years in prison. For your information, that's fifteen thousand billable hours."



"Why Bloomie's?"



"Do you like it? I got it right here on Madison at Executive Ponytails."



*"Phyllis was Roller Derby Queen of 1962,
and she'll never let you forget it."*



The Royal Touch, Believed to Be a Cure for
Scrofula, Pox, and Excessive Cholesterol



"Mrs. Davis, I think I have to slow down."



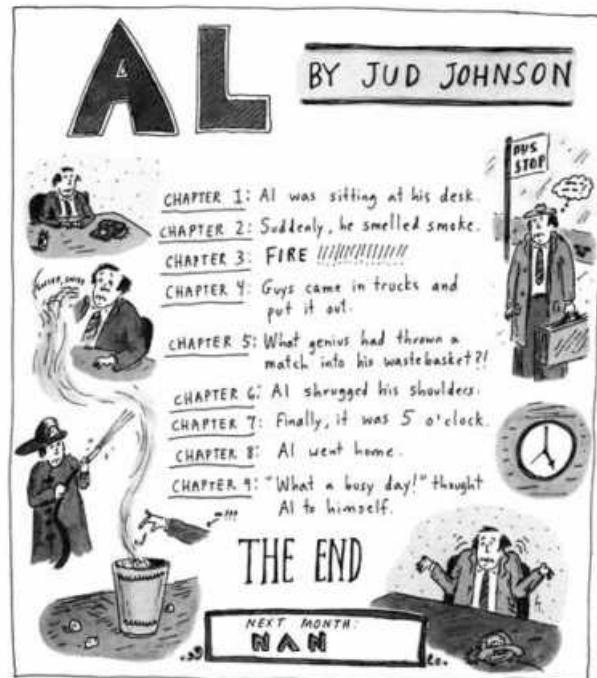
"Laundry—the great leveller."



"Perhaps I haven't made myself clear. I like it when you do your Elmer Fudd voice, but I don't love it."

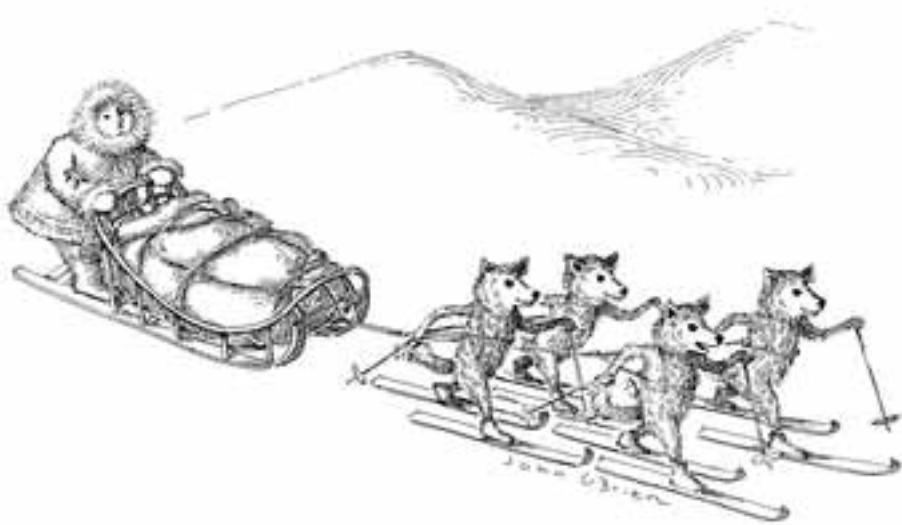


THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE LIMITED-ATTENTION-SPAN BOOK CLUB. HERE IS YOUR FIRST NOVEL:



R. CHAST







*"You're the kind who has plenty of opinions
but no suggestions."*

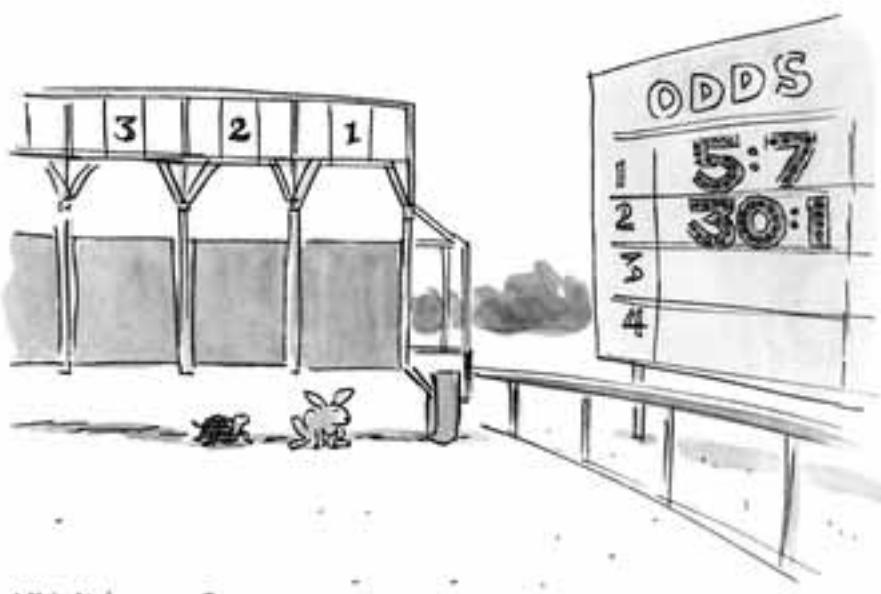




"It's the latest thing—warmth without weight."



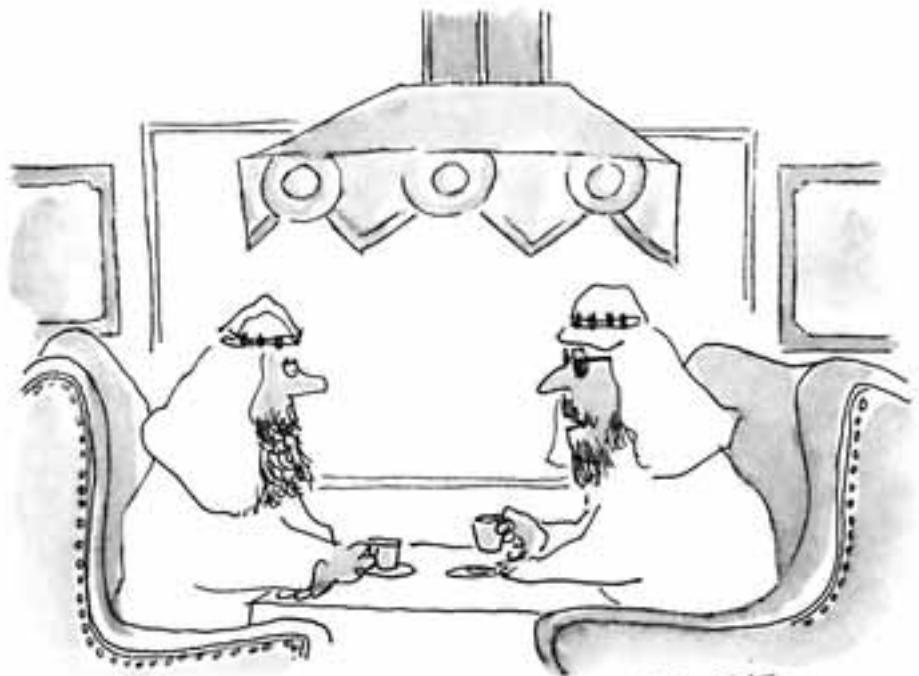
"I married you for your money, Leonard. Where is it?"





*"You'd better cut back on Channel 13.
You're beginning to say 'fortnight' a lot."*

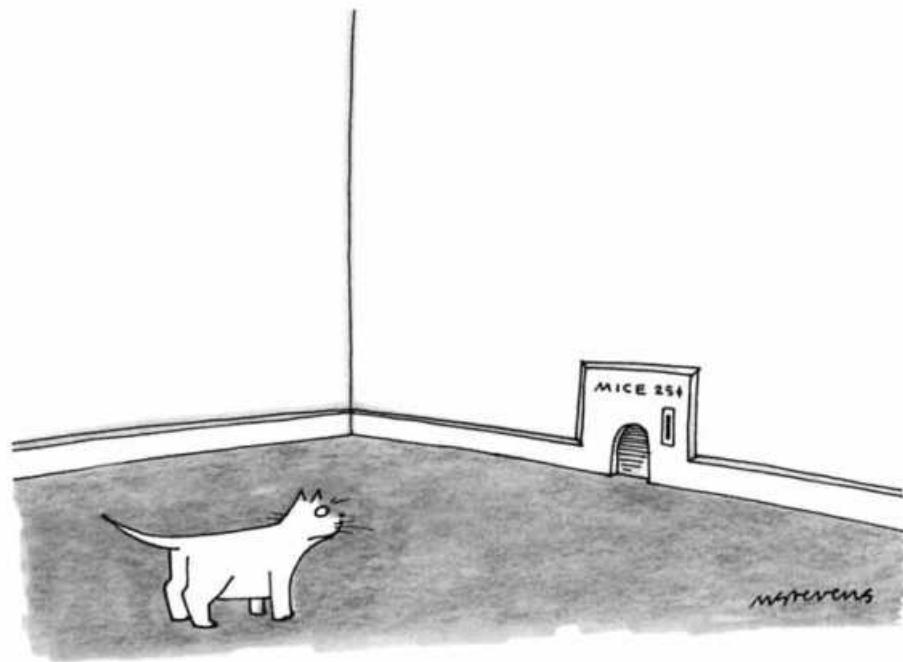




*"Through it all we're still heavily invested in oil—
primarily Picasso and Rembrandt."*



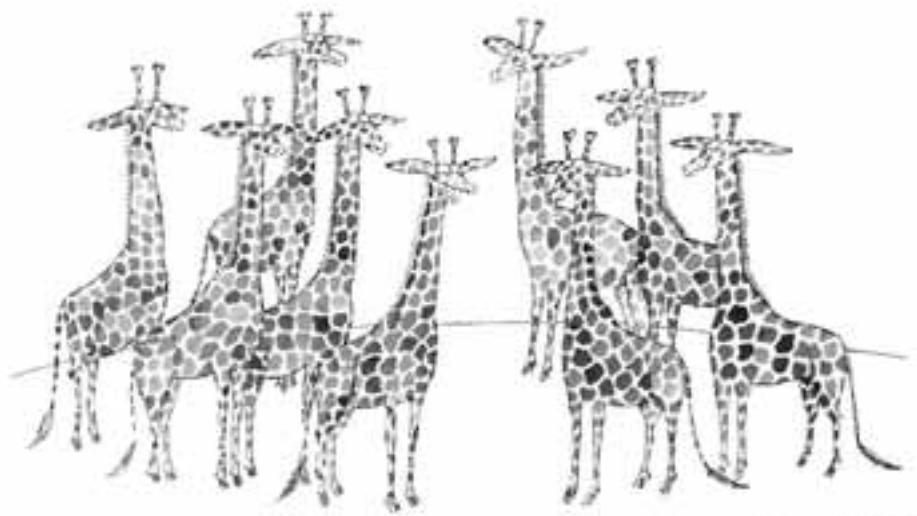
"This line represents my expectations."





P. Steiner

"Dad, can you read?"



"Same old crowd."



ZIEGLER

INFANTAS AROUND TOWN

La Infanta Judy Sue



La Infanta Lorraine



La Infanta Becky

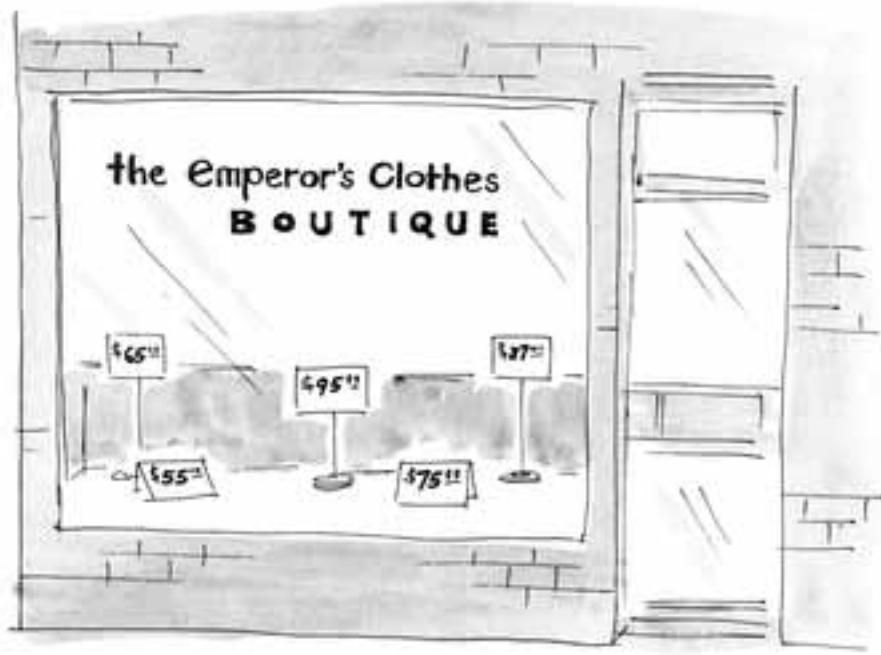


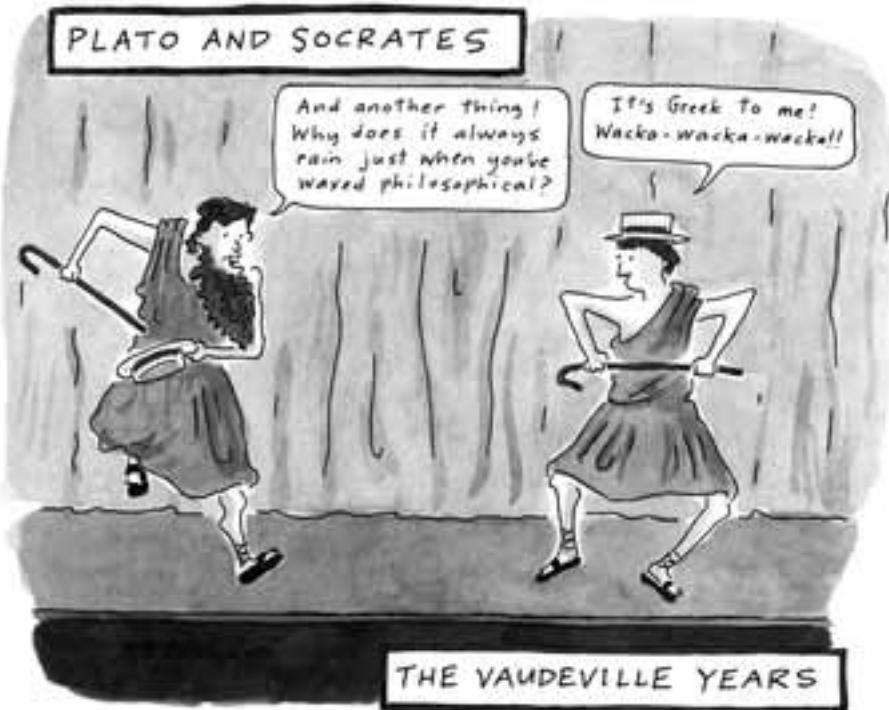
La Infanta Cheryl





*"Well, Bob, it looks like a paper cut,
but just to be sure let's do lots of tests."*

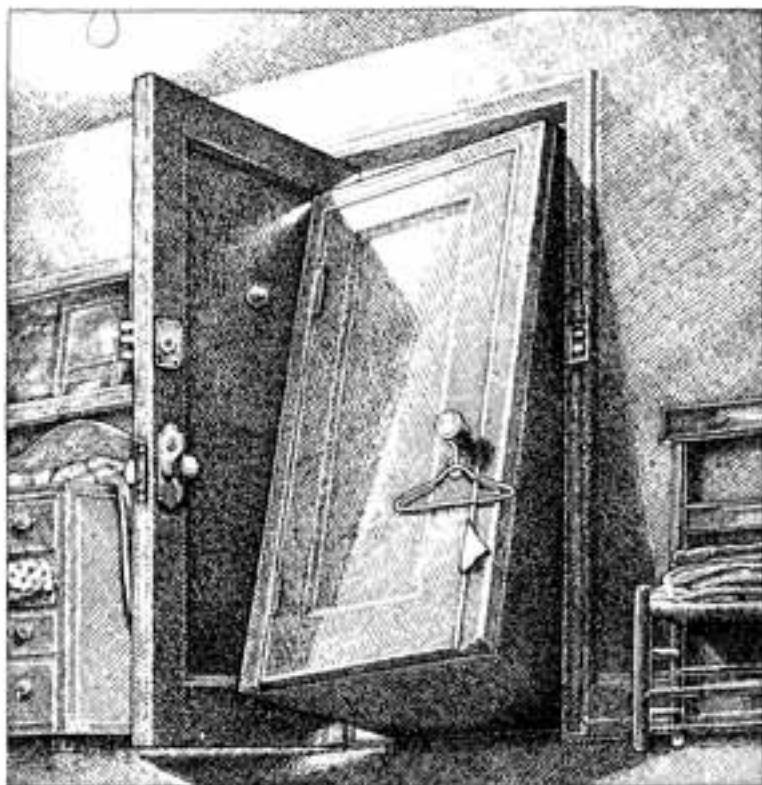






*"As you may have guessed, Stu, I asked you over tonight
for more than just a little wine and cheese."*

THE WALK-IN CLOSET



A. McCarthy



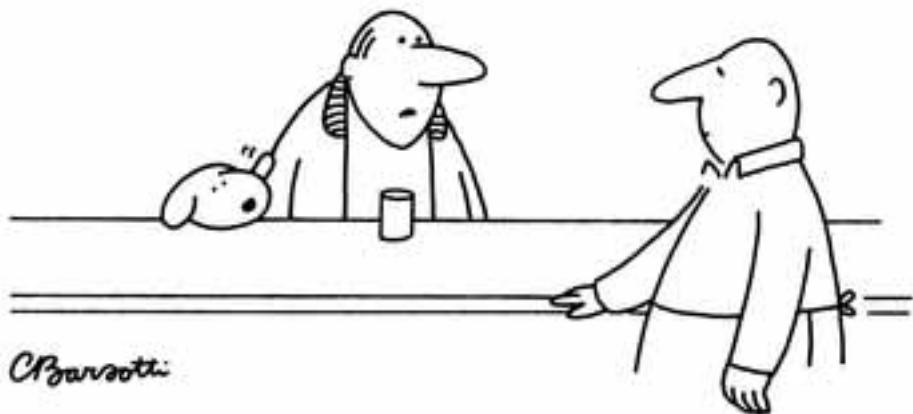
"This dates the episode to 'seven years after the closing of the last decent seafood restaurant in the Great City.'"



"Can you describe this china shop?"



"Oh, nothing. How about you?"



"And a bag of peanuts."

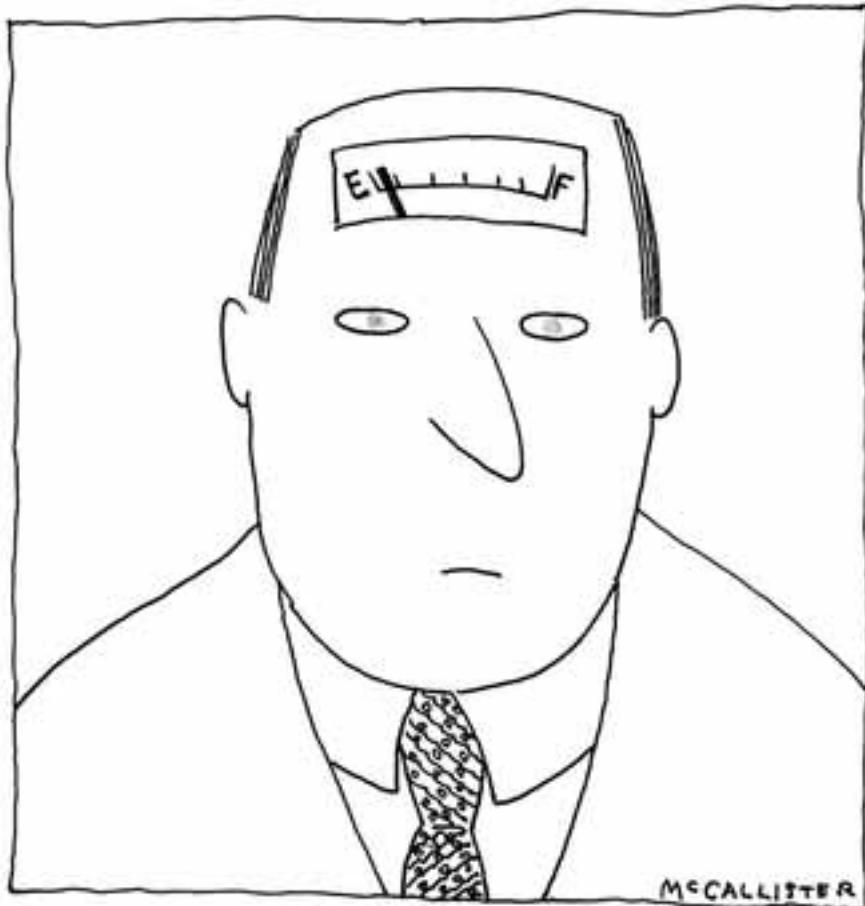


*"Wendell and I dropped our tango lessons.
They were starting to take us over."*





*"This is my son Sam, the doctor; my son Winston, the lawyer;
and my son Alden, the lawnblower."*





"Why, certainly, son. In this great land of ours, anyone can aspire to become another Marlin Fitzwater."



*"Is this the year our relationship
goes into the black?"*

OUT OF THE REPERTORY

Tarzan und Jane-

Wagner's classic opera, in which the star-crossed Tarzan and Jane meet and fall in love, only to be parted in the end.



L'Homme-Araigné-

Bizet's tragedy of the lonely Spider-Man, whose only aim in life is to fight crime.



Gli Angeli di Charlie-

The story of "Charlie" and his three female employees. One of Puccini's least performed yet most revered comic operas.



R. Chast



*"I didn't realize, Your Honor. I assumed the law
here was the same as in New Jersey. As you may know, dog
eat dog is permissible there."*



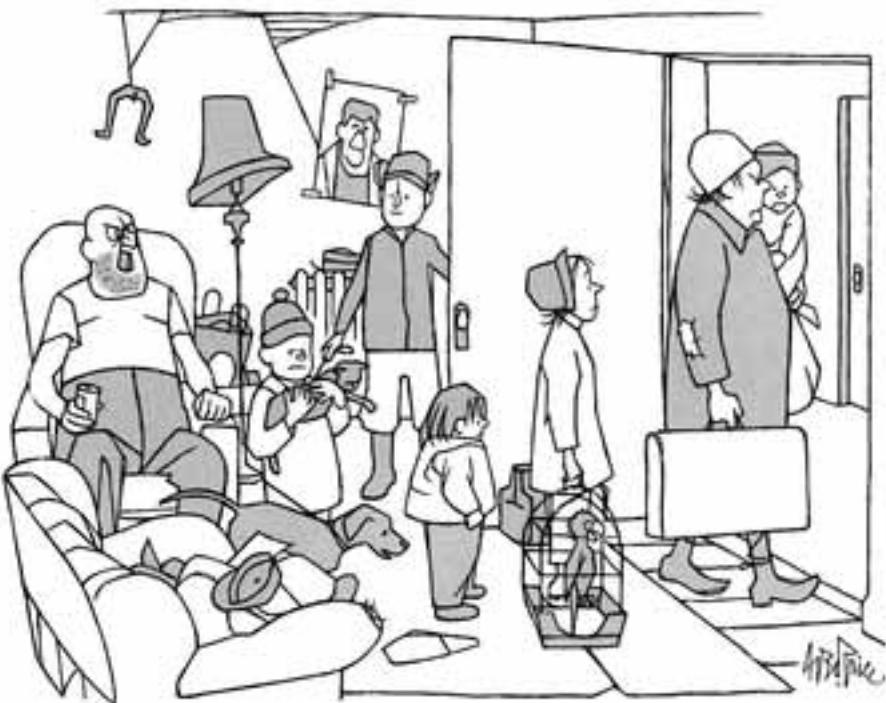
*"I thought I'd try him in there, but I'm beginning
to think he works better in here."*



"I'm stone-cold sober. What do you recommend?"



"Haven't we met in a previous life style?"



*"Damn it, Maureen! You just don't break up
a winning combination!"*



"I think glamour is fine until it slips over into glitz."



"Gentlemen, we're being wooed by GTE, Xerox, and Bodine."



"Just a trim. Keep it about 486-480 B.C."



*"Of course, it doesn't pay as much
as during the season."*



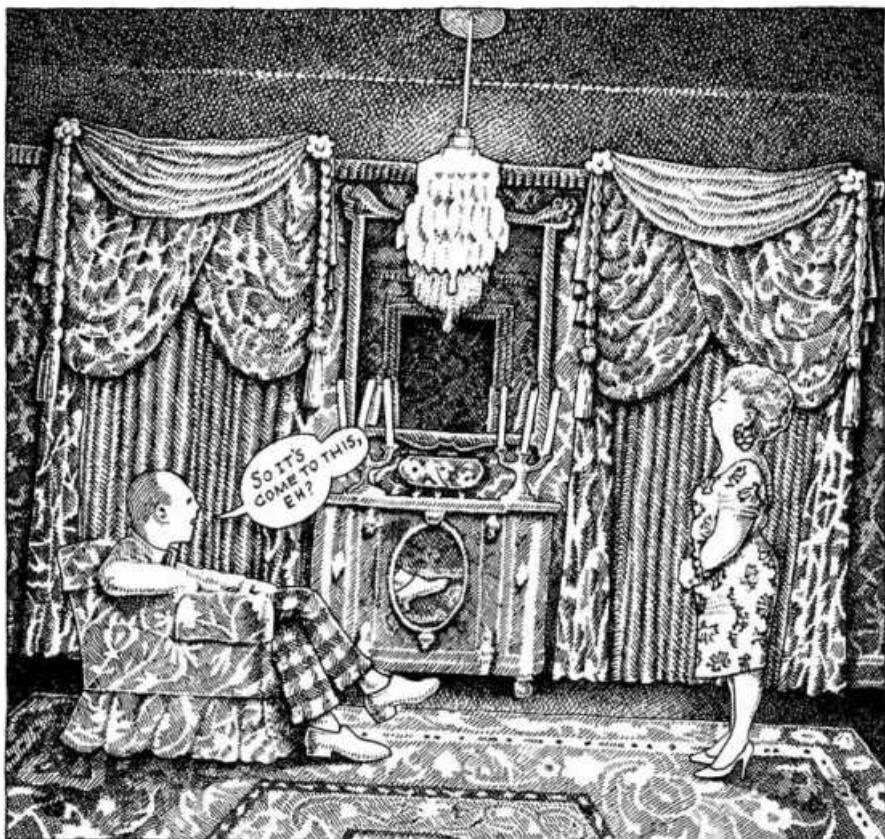
THE AMERICAN TEAROOM, MOSCOW



"I'm not easy to draw."



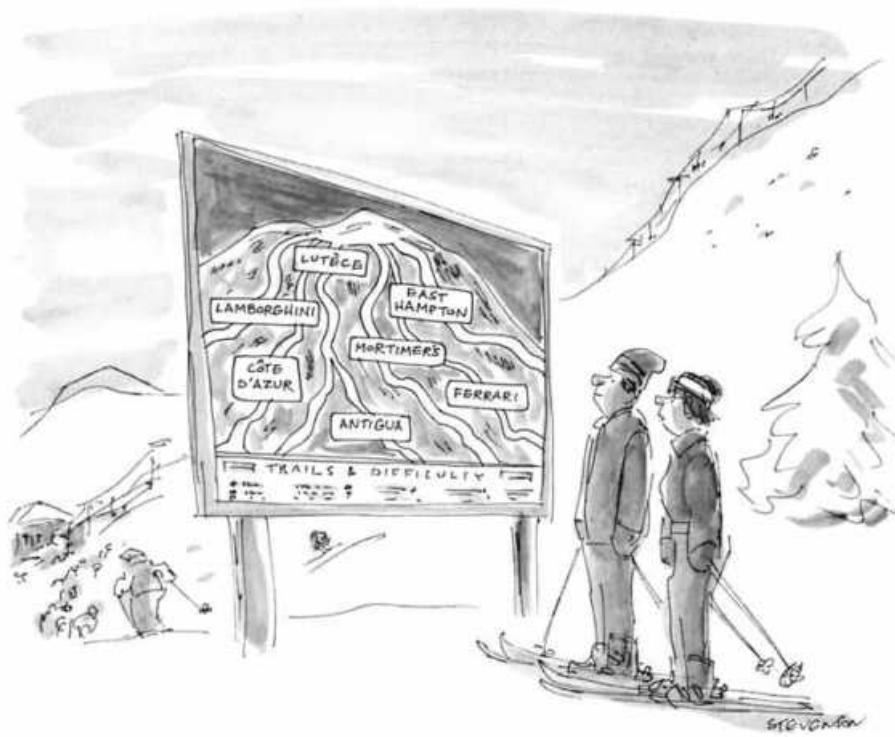
*"First, milk and cookies, Excellency, then a nap,
and then OFF WITH THEIR HEADS!"*



A. McCarthy



*"And now Professor Weyfeld, of Columbia University,
with some liberal claptrap."*



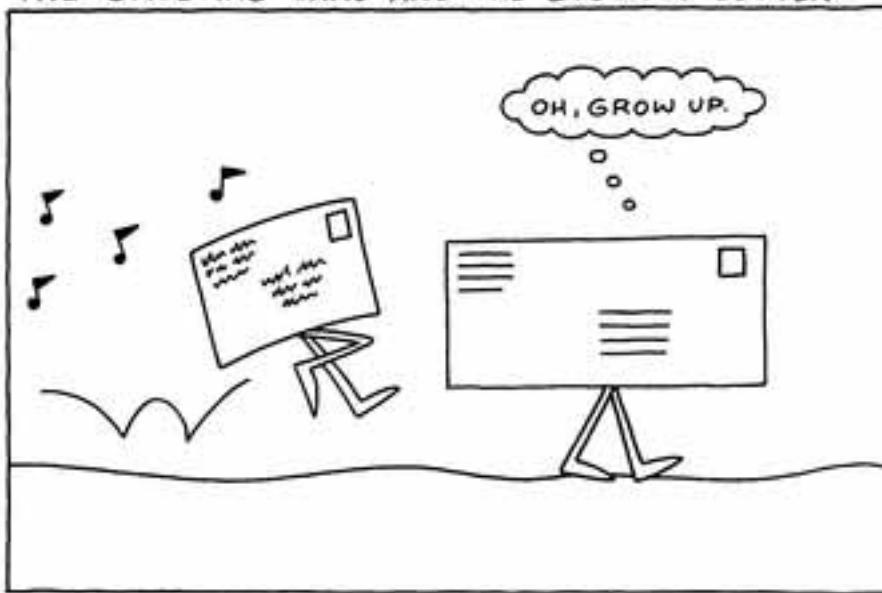
"As mountains go, this one is fairly yuppie."





*"But when she got there, the cupboard was bare,
and so the poor dog had none."*

1990
THE GREETING CARD AND THE BUSINESS LETTER





"Well, so much for oat bran."



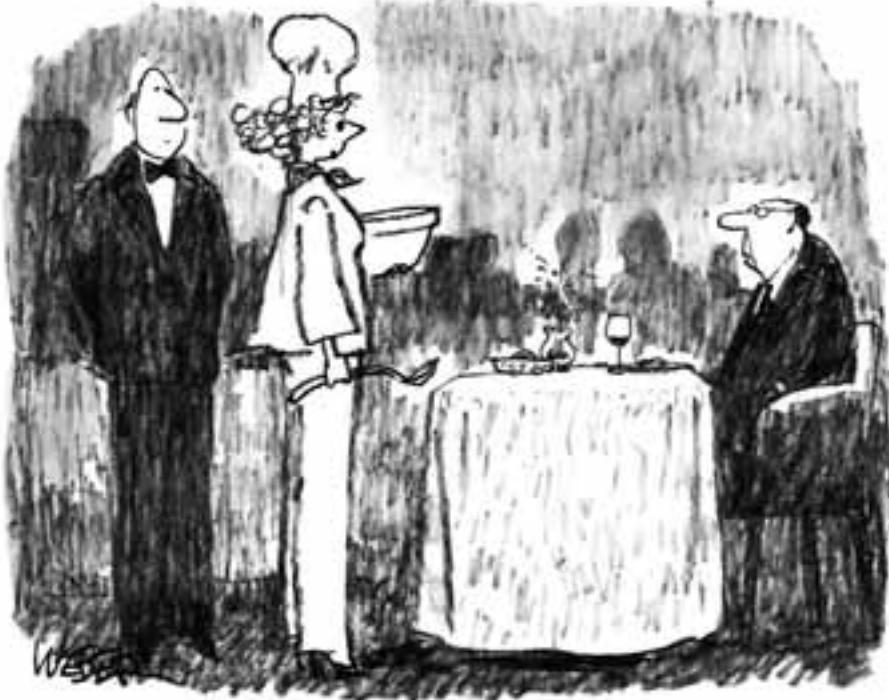
"Power! Power!"



"Nobody cares whether I drink Coke or Pepsi."



*"Hard to believe this was all rain
forest just fifteen years ago."*



"You're the chef? Well, my compliments anyway."



*"And today in Washington a top Administration
apologist issued an apology while denying that there
was anything to apologize for."*



"You're home now, Adele. Why don't you take off your shoulders?"



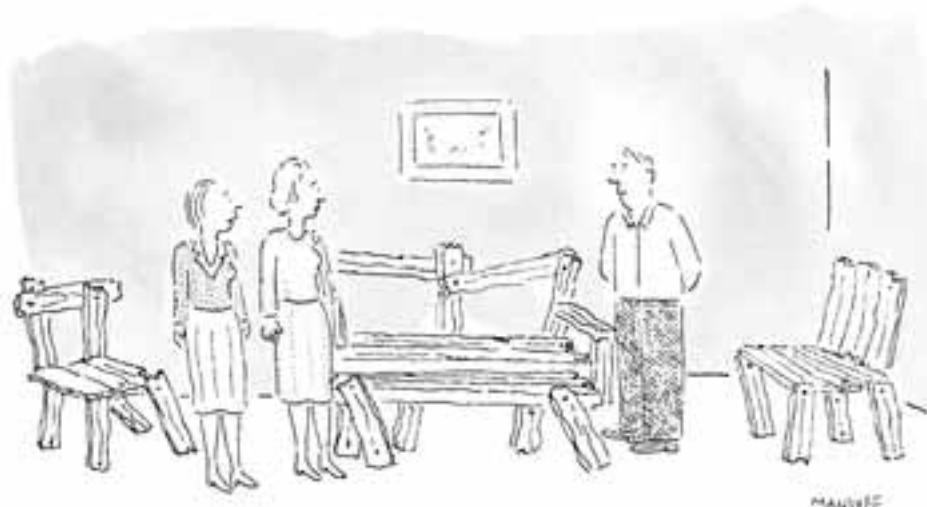
*"O.K., Mr. Spinelli, you're up. Now bank her to the right,
and I'll talk you back in for a nice smooth landing."*



"I've told you why I need a dog. Now suppose you tell me what makes you think you might be that dog."



"Oil or vinegar?"



"Jeffrey makes all our furniture himself."

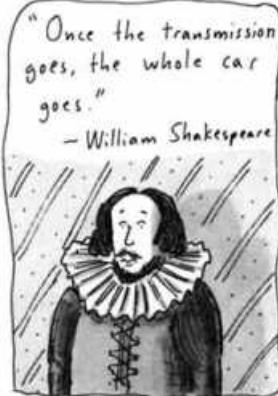


"The usual, Ben."

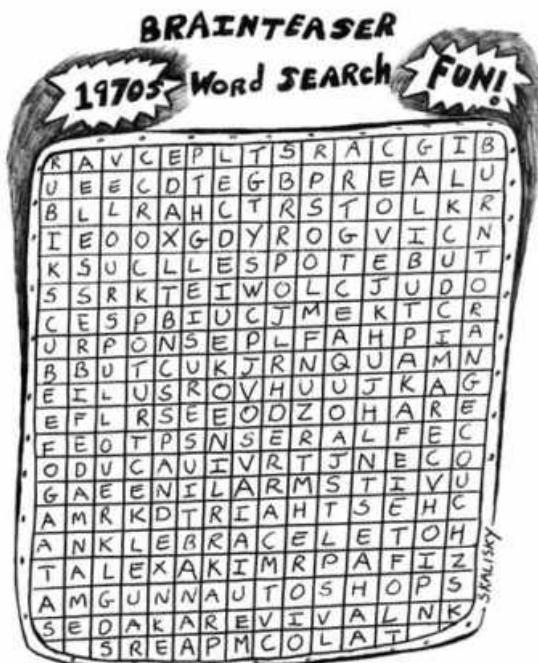


"Welcome to Club Dead."

BARTLETT'S UNFAMILIAR QUOTATIONS



R. Chast



WORDS GO BACKWARD AND FORWARD.

FLARES	CROCK POT	MAN-MADE FIBRES
BIG CARS	SPANDEX	CERAMIC DUCK
VELVETS PULLOVER	EST	SEDAKA REVIVAL
RUBIK'S CUBE	CHEST HAIR	ANKLE BRACELET
BURNT-ORANGE COUCH	TUBE TOPS	LEISURE SUIT
PET ROCK	PET	GUN'N'AUTO SHOPS

If you found all the words in this brain-teaser, you may be eligible to win a denim tote bag, a Civil War chess set, a nudie-girl pen, or a book of stain-removal tips!!



"There are far too many balls in your court, Brintner!"



"They say if you breathe in when you're supposed to blow out and blow out when you're supposed to breathe in you'll lose weight."



*"You've got him. Edward the Accessible
at your service."*





"Guess who?"



"Just stay out here with the motor running."



"No, no fights yet—we're still circling each other."





"You and I are quits, big boy!"



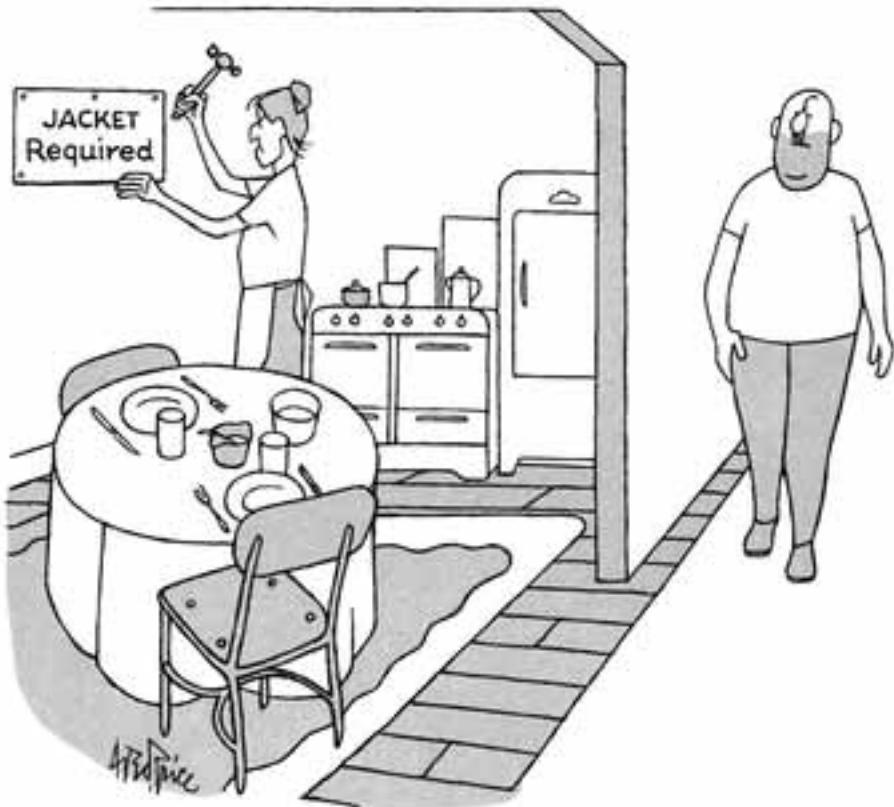
"Don't give the dog any more coffee."





*"Women want more these days, Bill—it's not enough
just to be a jerk anymore."*







"It's people like you, young man, who ruin it for everyone else!"





"Pecan pie with rum-raisin ice cream is the best revenge."



**ROBINSON WAS A FIRM BELIEVER IN A
THOROUGH FLOSSING PROGRAM.**



"Your living relatives, sir."



"I think globally, but I spend locally."

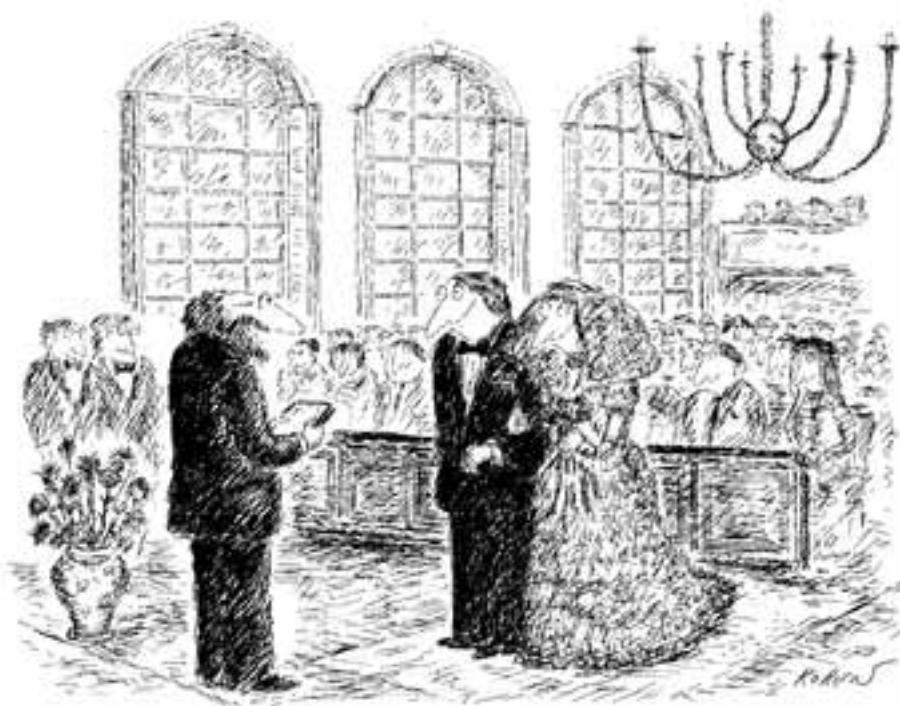




"They're lucky little guys: home, hearth, and family are definitely the hot buttons of the nineties."



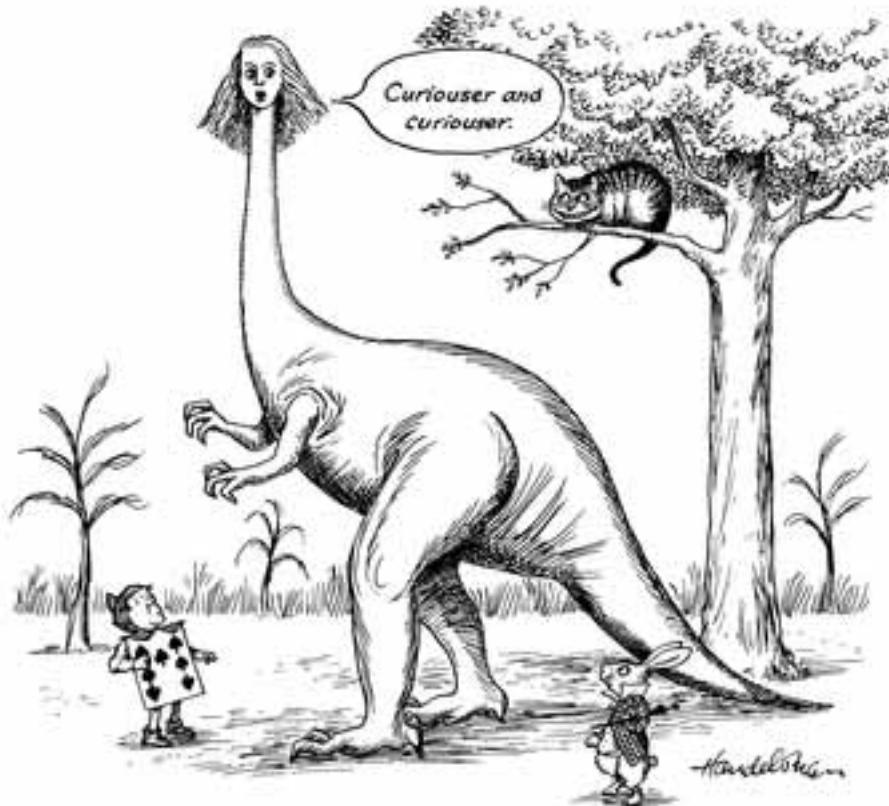
*"You have reached our 800 number. . . . If you
are a preferred account, please dial B-I-G-
S-H-O-T now. . . . If you are an ordinary account,
dial J-O-E-B-L-O-W now. . . . If you have a ser-
vice complaint, dial G-E-T-L-O-S-T now."*



*"And, finally, do you, Don, or do you, Allison,
have a problem with any of this?"*

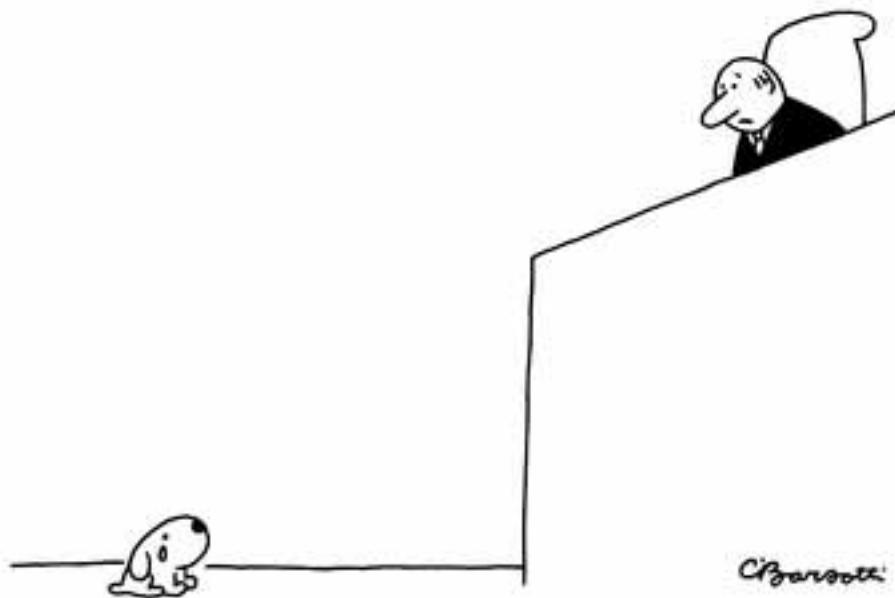
INFLATION





ALLOSAURUS IN WONDERLAND





"Well, perhaps 'guilty' is too strong a word."



"Wine! Men! Song!"



"How many in your party?"



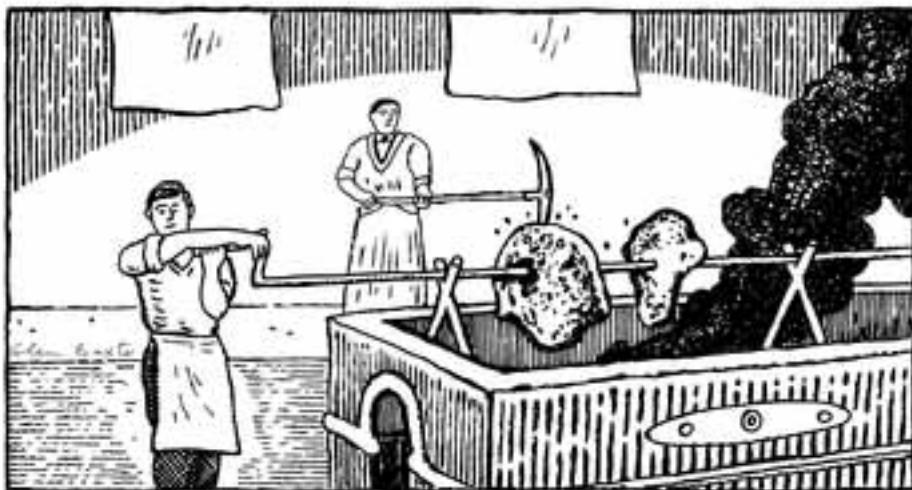
ROBERT P. (ALL THREE FORMATS)



"And the challenger, in Teutonic plate armor, with protruded rivets and incised floral-motif repoussé."



"President Gorbachev had his hands full again today."



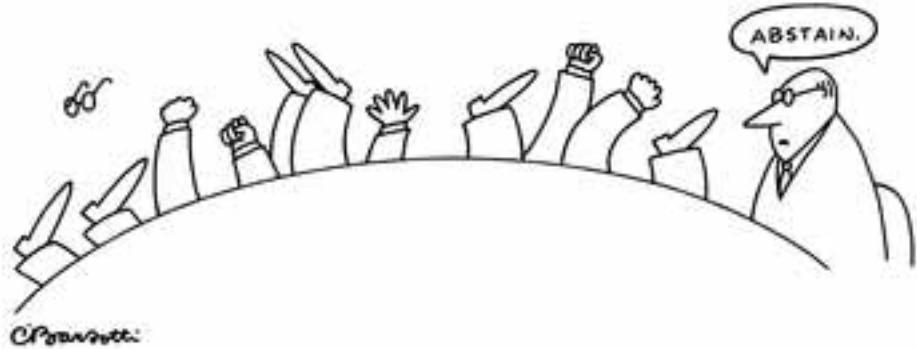
A GLANCE INTO THE KITCHEN CONFIRMED MY DEEPEST SUSPICIONS.
THEY WERE COOKING THE OMELETTES 'FLEMISH STYLE.'



W Miller



"If the truth be told, I prefer Biedermeier."









"Edwin Davis Cartwright has been made C.E.O. of Bufco International, Truman Dorrance Tressler would like to hear from fellow executive vice-presidents, and Parkinson Trumbull has joined the University Club. And that's it for tonight. This is Willis Carrington Jordan IV saying good night for the Old Boy Network."



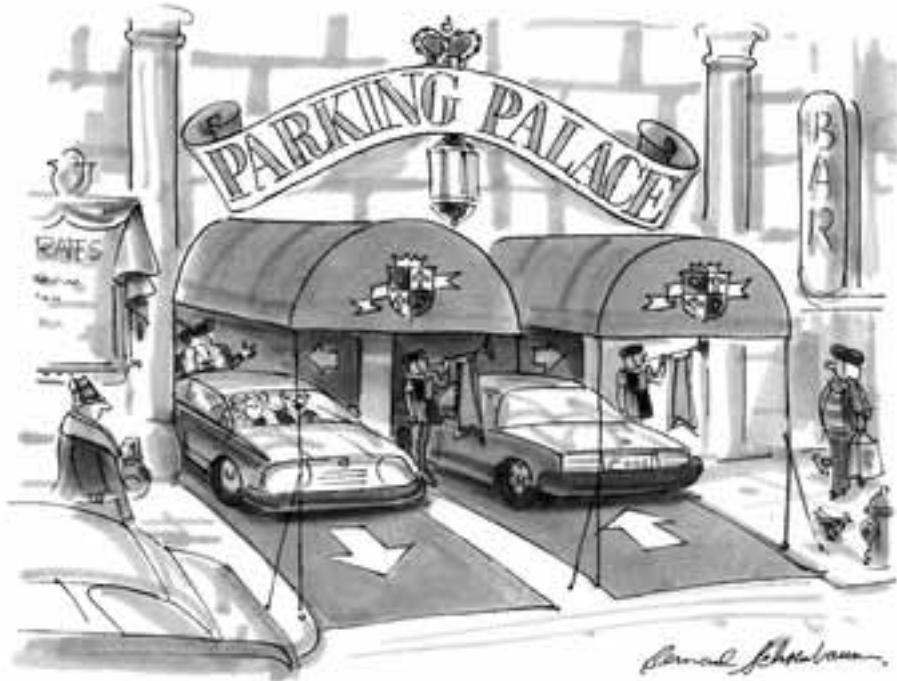


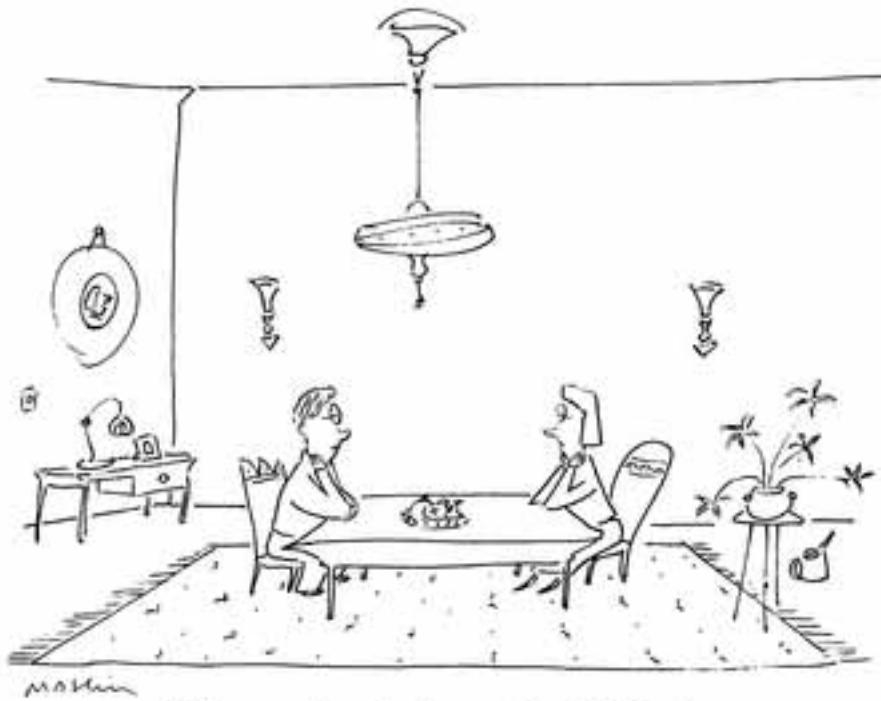
"This dog has wheels!"





"I'll have some fish, while the poor things are still around."





*"Since we're both so tired, let's just
reheat last night's argument."*



"The great is \$54.99, and I do have a near-great for \$23.99."



"He'll be damned difficult to replace!"



"Guilty of flaunting it without having it. Sixty days."





*"Dear, I'd like to roll our marriage over
into an amicable divorce."*



Further Studies in Pigeon English



*"Welcome aboard. You are now exempt
from federal, state, and local taxes."*

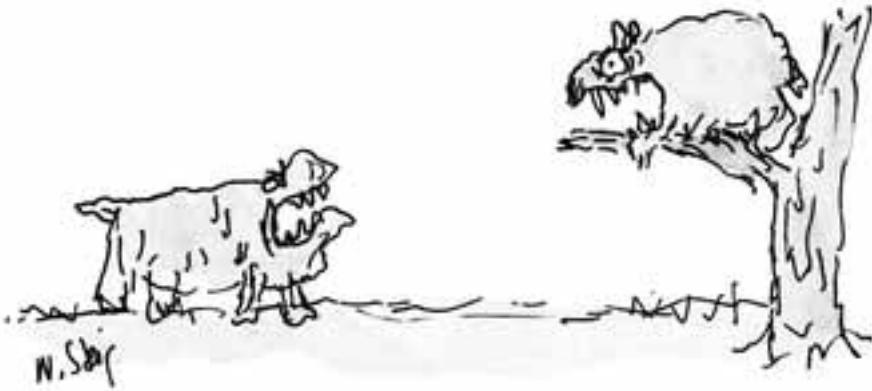


"And at the end of the season the camper with the most merit points gets to be the star of next year's promotional video!"





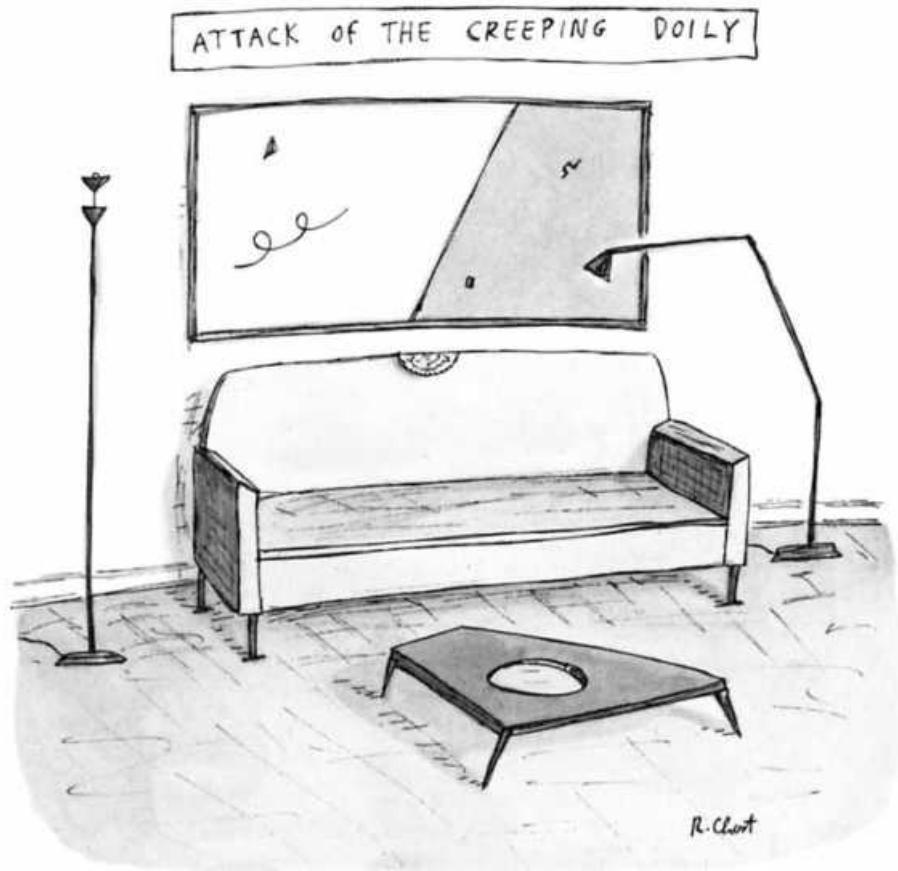
"King me!"



Disagreement



"Here at Jackson & Bellnot casualization has gone too far."







"Operator, get me my hair!"



"Frieze!"





"I rub my body with animal fat and swim around Manhattan."



"This late news item. The ugly rumors that I've been secretly dating a news director at another network have proved to be true, and, starting Monday, I'll be anchoring the 'Early Evening Report' on Channel 6."





*"Good evening and welcome to Food Odyssey.
This is Ramón. He will be your guide."*



"If nothing else needs welding, Paula, I'm going to lunch."



"Stay away from him. He has an unbelievably long attention span."



"You can't argue with success."



*"I like P.R., but I want to walk
where the kings walk."*



"I'll take it."





THE REDECORATION OF BASE CAMP III WAS
THE MOST PERILOUS ASPECT OF THE
ENTIRE EXPEDITION.



"I think it's very considerate of people to separate their trash."



*"If you like Sally's new hairdo, dial 1-900-555-6220.
If you don't like Sally's new hairdo, dial 1-900-555-6221."*



"'No war' is hell, too."



"It's nice to get out of Okefenokee for a few days."



Man-Slaying Hector's Farewell to Eggplant-Cooking Andromache



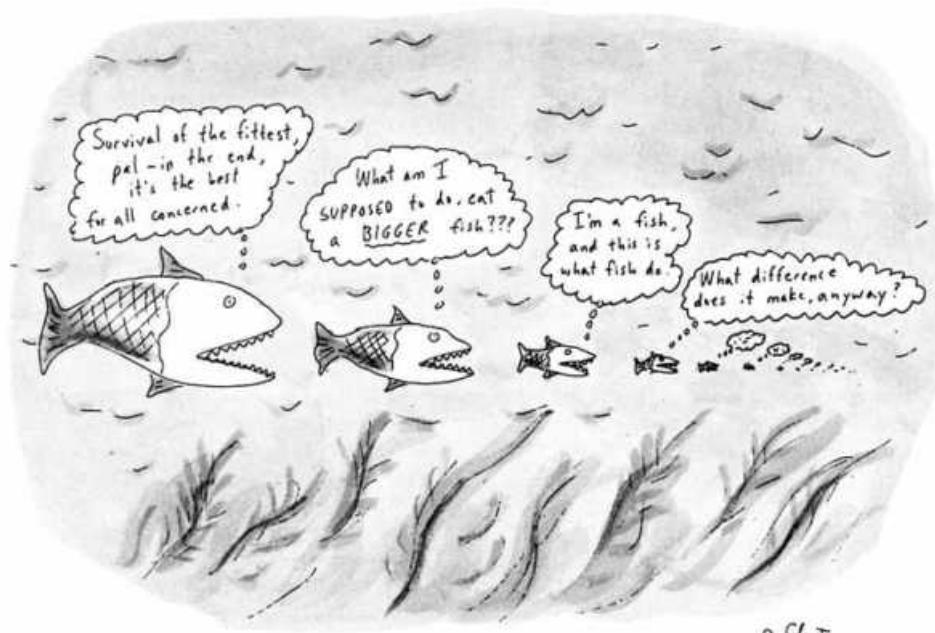


*"If there's any one lesson we've learned from
the eighties, it's how to shop!"*





*"Just so you understand in advance—we're not old-time craftsmen,
and we don't take pride in our work."*



R.C.J



"I think we should employ more powerful levers and more subtle webs."



“Care for a sleazeball?”

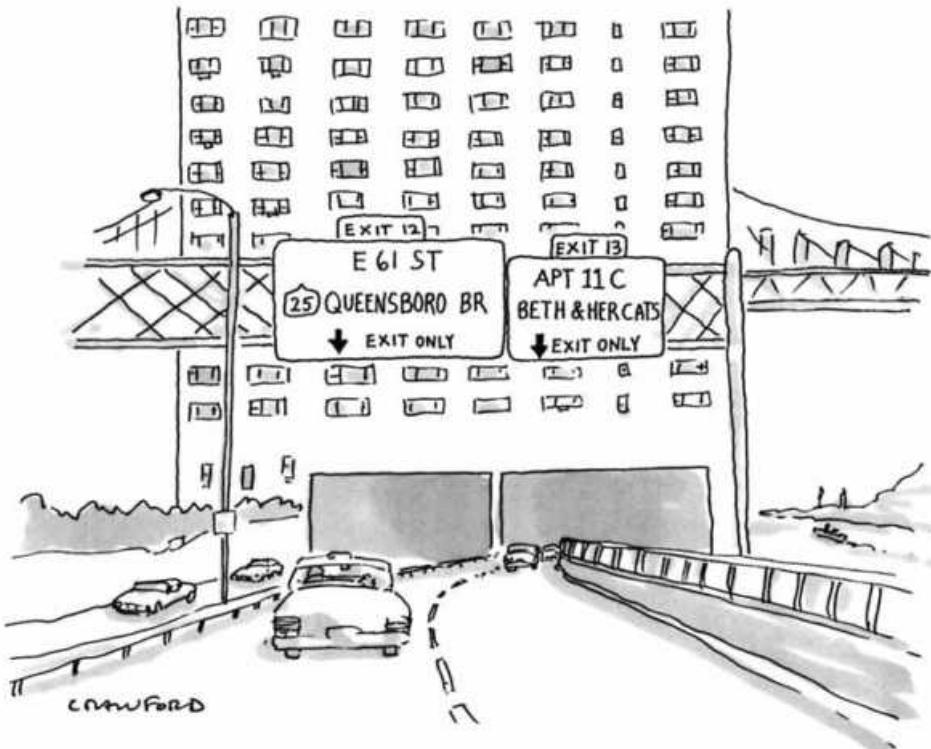


"I address all of Daniel's spelling and long-division needs."



"Of course, if you feel you must pick up the tab . . ."







"I'm leaving my subconscious to science."



*"The changes are coming much too fast—I never dreamed
I'd see the hully gully in Estonia."*



*"What good does it do to send signals to
someone who just scrambles them?"*



"When did the industry target you for smoking?"





*"Excuse me, Senator, but isn't that the same tune
the Administration's been singing?"*

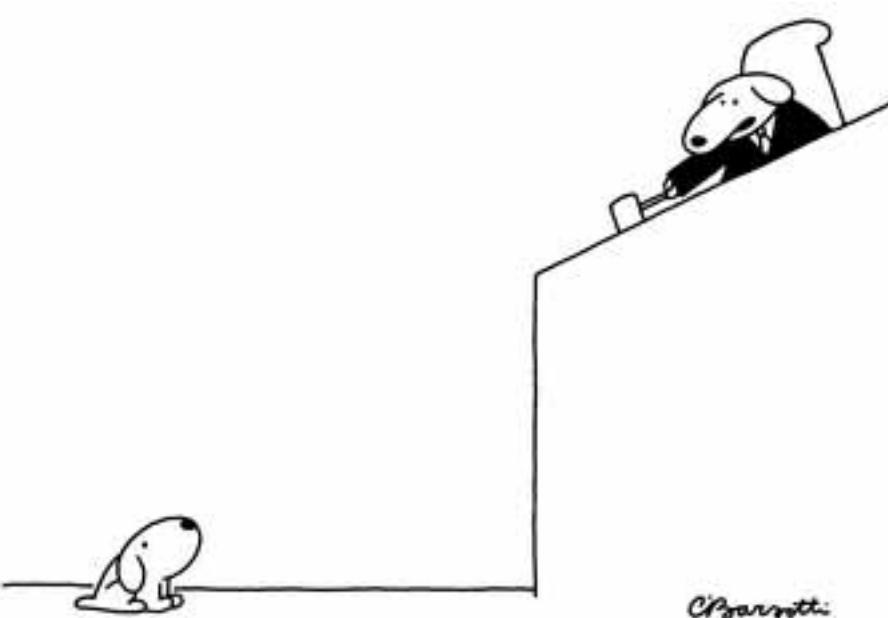


*There Were Conflicting Opinions on How
to Combat the Shanghai Flu*









*"Not guilty. If they hadn't read Safire yet,
Safire shouldn't have been on the floor."*



"So. When the cat's away the mouse will play."



"Speak to our friends in Paris, and tell them that you've spoken to me, and that I said yes, there will be fringe this spring."



"She's family."



"I was never for the eighties."

1990

NEW ACQUISITIONS AT THE
MUSEUM OF MODERN FOOD



Broccoli - Jarlsberg Quiche
c. 1975

Donated by Natalie Hapsburg



Blackened Redfish
c. 1982

Donated by Pierre Blynetter
of Some Good Eatin' Restaurants;
Buckets, Louisiana



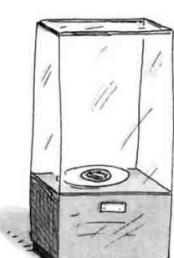
Chicken With Kiwi Sauce
c. 1979

On loan from
the Laura Lattimore
Collection



California Roll
c. 1984

On loan from the collection
of Bobbo and Rikki Smithers



Tofuburger
c. 1976

Donated by The Health
Hot, Muu Muu, Arkansas



Purée of Turnips, Pears,
and Beets
c. 1987

From the collection of
Cora Pennywether





"That's the man, Officer. That's Mr. Right!"



"My goodness, if I'd known how badly you wanted democracy I'd have given it to you ages ago."



"Well! Those poems of yours are lovely indeed, Mr. Khayyám—but actually I asked you to drop by so we could discuss a little job of tentmaking."



*"Well, for starters, Matt has been showing
definite improvement in risk-taking."*





*"We signed an iron-clad pre-eternity agreement;
I got to take it with me."*





*"Eat your borscht. Don't you want to be President of
the Soviet Union when you grow up?"*



*"I'm empowered . . .
I'm unempowered . . .
I'm empowered . . ."*



*“And, of course, I want to thank
all the little people!”*



"All rise."



"I don't know anything about women, but I got one."



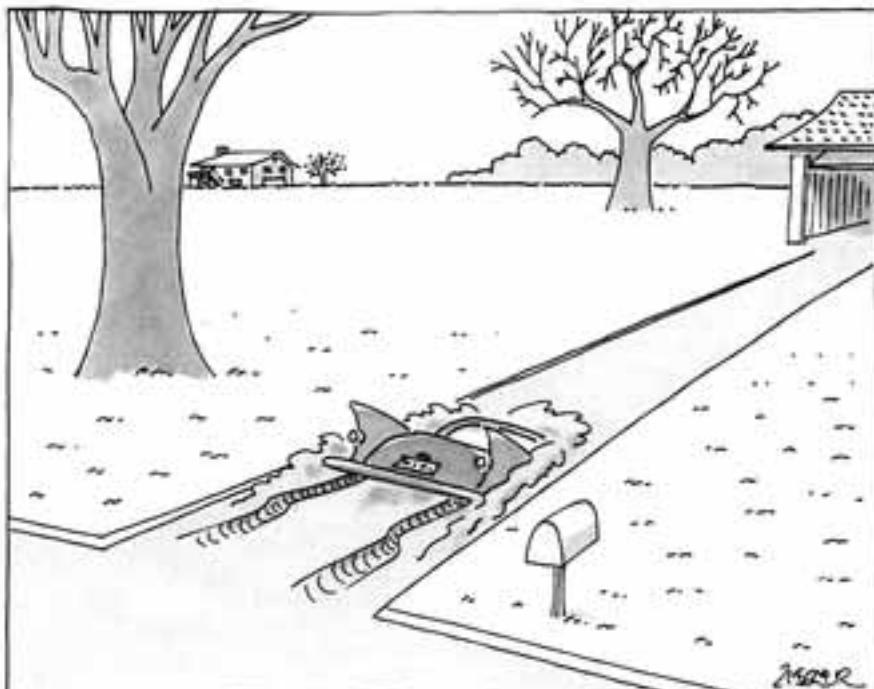
"Gosh, Grandma, what big drinks you pour."







"This looks good."



SPRING THAW HITS SCARSDALE

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

A boxful of arugula goes bad at the Westview Market in Manhattan.



A de-luxe coffee-, espresso-, and cappuccino-maker is dredged up from the Hudson River.



In a secret rite at Battery Park City, eight men burn their yellow ties.



Somewhere, an aerobics class folds.





*"Any qualifications other than being very
comfortable with yourself?"*



"I've had a lovely evening, Keith, and may I say that I found you every bit as caring, sensitive, warm, witty, emotionally available, open to commitment, eclectic, values-rooted, stable, cultured, centered, fit, sincere, adventurous, unglitzy, down-to-earth, spontaneous, and fun as your ad promised you would be."



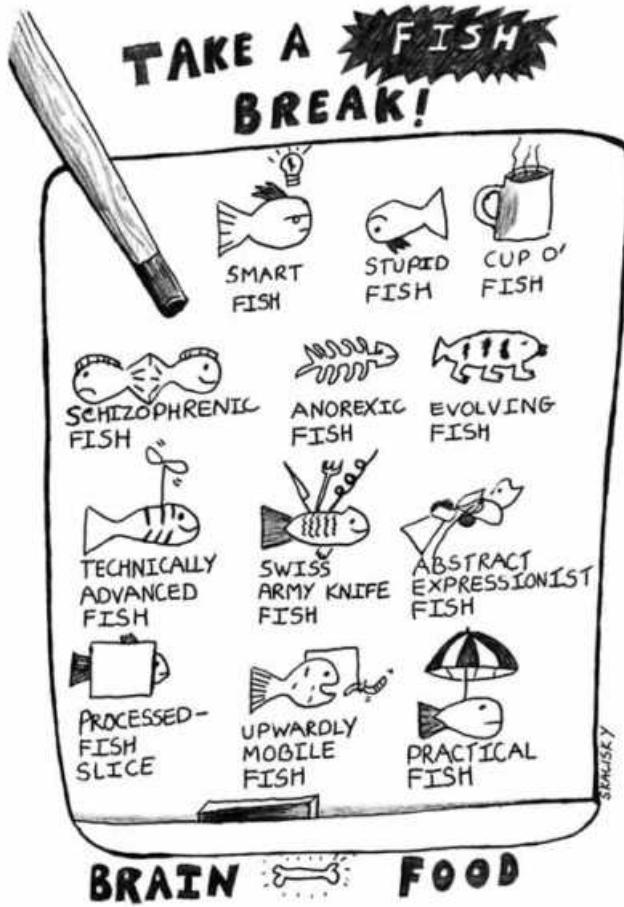
*"By the way, does either of you chaps happen
to know anything about Bonsai?"*



"Just in time. We need ballast."



RAPUNZEL AT THE HOP





*"And that was my day at the office. Thanks, Alice,
you've been a great audience!"*



"Martin and Rusty are virtually inseparable."



"I'd like you to meet Phil and Marnie Schmidt, Sally and Dave Tuttle, Don Berenger, Kathy Leach, Ellie Cramer—and Mike Kobrick, an advertising supplement."

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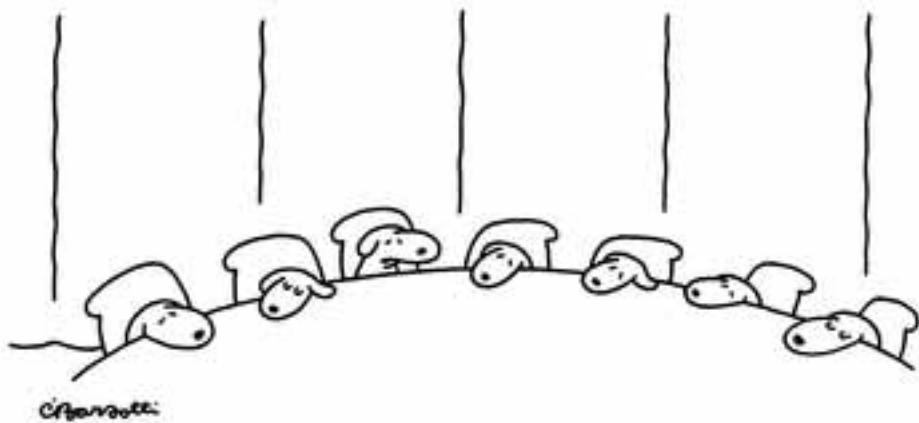
ALICE IN THE DRESSING ALCOVE OF
HER STUDIO JUST OFF GRAMERCY PARK



Stuart Leeds



I've had a ponytail since 1968!"



*"It's been moved that we adjourn for an
afternoon nap. Is there a second?"*





"See anyone who tickles your ivories?"



*"Did I tell you that Phil and I are planning
to collaborate on a marriage?"*



Lefty Duke Signs for a van Gogh Painting

Hard-hitting outfielder K.T. (Lefty) Duke signed a four-year contract with the Baltimore Orioles for which he will receive van Gogh's painting "The Crooked Road."

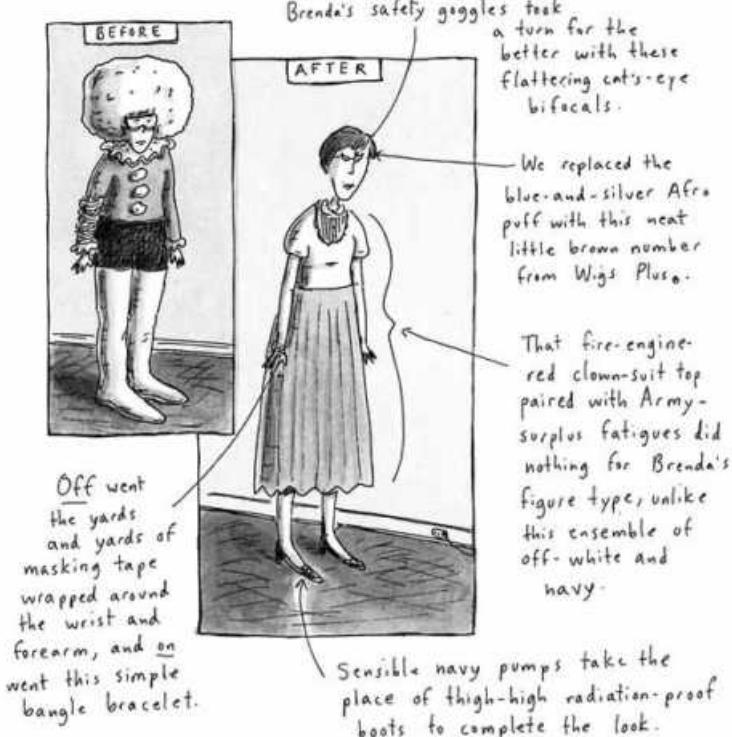
This contract exceeds that of Bananas Rohak, who signed yesterday for three years. Rohak will receive an early-nineteenth-century Regency desk. If he hits over .290, he will get the matching chair.

Duke hit .287 last season. Van Gogh painted "The Crooked Road" in 1884, and was unable to sell it in his lifetime. It was most recently owned by a private collector in Caracas.



1990

THE COMPLETE MAKEOVER OF BRENDA L.





"Would you mind bringing me a Western utensil?"



"Elinor, honey, isn't Mr. Stripes pretty? He just had his shots."



"Tell the National Endowment for the Arts that we think funding for the B-2 is fully justified by the magnificent way it defines volumes with concave and convex spaces."





*"Sometimes I can't help wondering how Hilda and
I will get on in a soft market."*



"Well, they certainly have brightened things up around here!"



"Let's face it—I'm a bit of a control freak."



Mother and Children



P. Steiner



*“Say! While I’m off in the Holy Land, why don’t you find
a little crusade of some kind that interests you? ”*

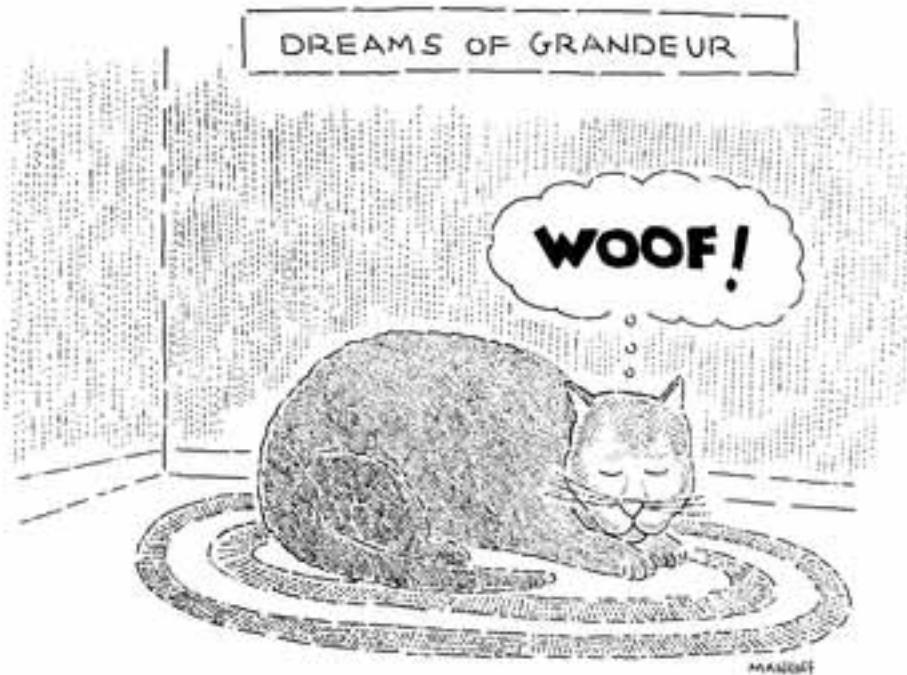




*"We've done what we can. Now it's all in
the hands of the accountants."*



"And, of course, when the King said 'A horse, a horse! my kingdom for a horse!' you assumed he was serious?"







A MAN LOOKING LIKE MIKHAIL GORBACHEV
APPEARING YESTERDAY WITH A MAN LOOKING
LIKE GEORGE BUSH TO ANNOUNCE A PLAN
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA



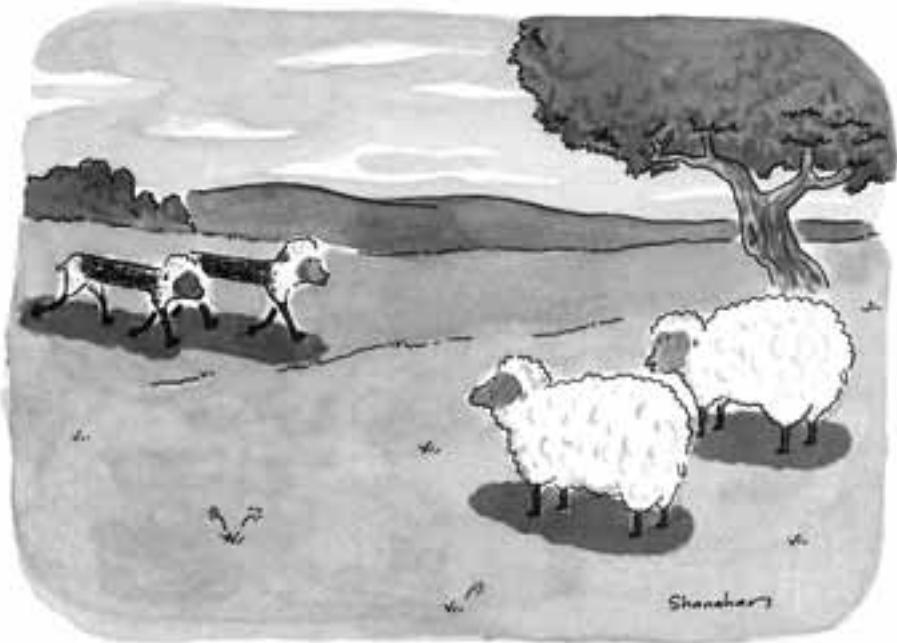
*"I'm going to go home, turn on a kung-fu movie,
and get my life in order."*





IT BECAME APPARENT THAT BRENDA
WOULD NOT BE SHARING HER MEATBALL
WITH THE REST OF US AFTER ALL.

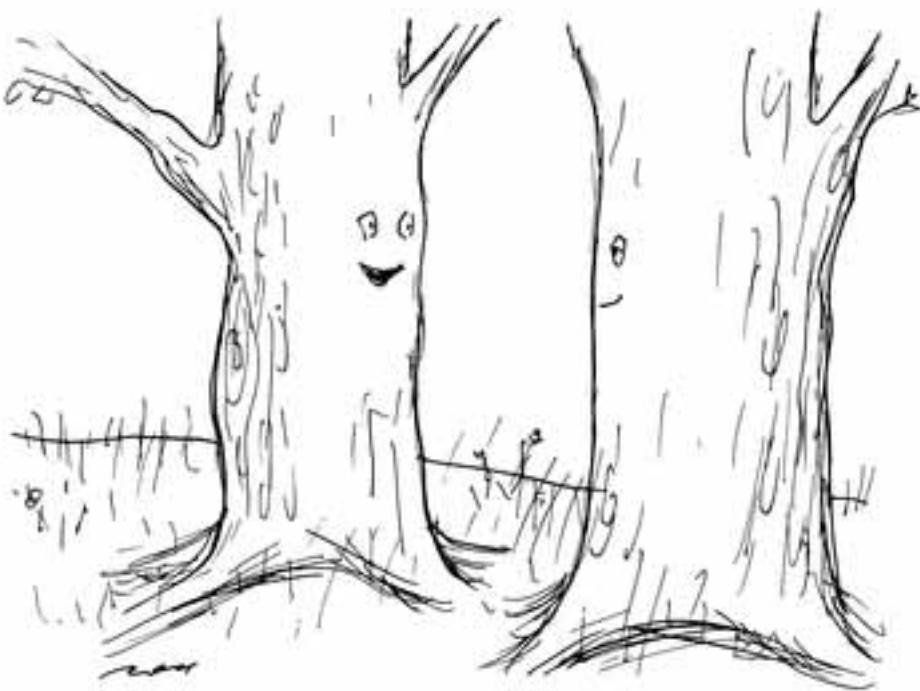




"Were we expecting the Worsteds?"



"I also have him on videotape."



"Yes, it is comforting to have roots."

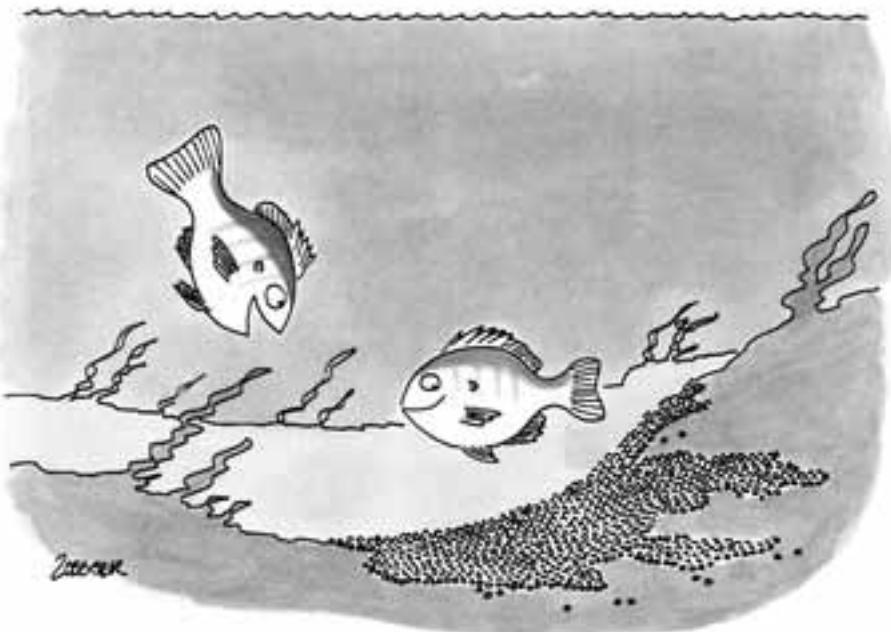


"All things considered, I think our marriage has been cost-effective."



*“Certainly. A party of four at seven-thirty in the name of Dr. Jennings.
May I ask whether that is an actual medical degree or a Ph.D.?”*





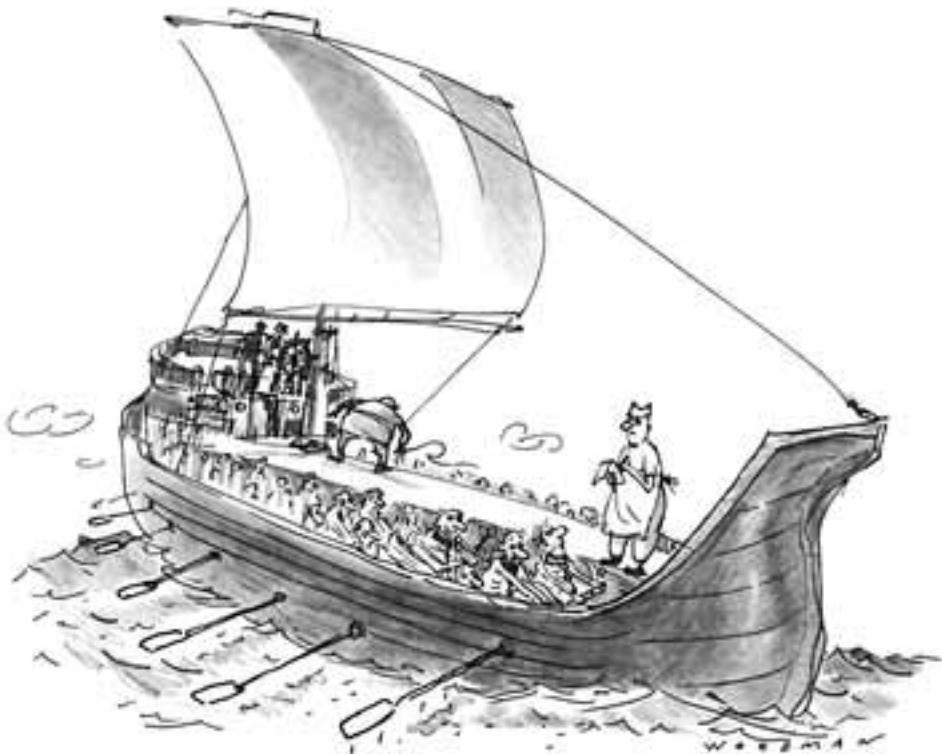
"Oh, Maria—so many eggs!"



"I represent a number of clients, of course, but ultimately what I'm selling is my own intensity."



"I think mine likes yours, too!"



"And could I have my coffee now?"



"You may be asking for trouble, Ernie."





"What's happening to us, Bob? We used to be so issue-oriented."

The F.B.I.'s Least Wanted**Harold Sherry**

Aka.: "Harry the Brain"; "Mr. Nice Guy"; "Bookworm Harry."
Date of Birth: March 18, 1941.
Place of Birth: Doyle, Pennsylvania.
Height: 5'8". Weight: 175 lbs.
Hair: Light brown. Eyes: Blue.
Occupation: Retired English professor; private clarinet tutor.
Identifying Marks: Faint liver spots on hands.
Comments: Sherry is a shy quiet person capable of blending in with any or all woodwork. Should be considered disarming and courteous.

**Miriam Gilatny**

Aka.: "Mimi"; "Little Goody Two-Shoes"; "Shelf-Paper Suzie."
Date of Birth: September 1, 1952.
Place of Birth: Nashville, Illinois.
Height: 5'2". Weight: 110 lbs.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Hazel.
Occupation: Housewife.
Identifying Marks: None.
Comments: Gilatny whimsically switches from contact lenses to eyeglasses and back again. Is reportedly considering highlighting her hair.

**Eddie Burke**

Aka.: "Dirty Eddie"; "The Kid"; "Eddie Tarzan."
Date of Birth: August 9, 1980.
Place of Birth: Charleston, S.C.
Height: 4'2". Weight: 65 lbs.
Hair: Blond. Eyes: Blue.
Occupation: None at present.
Identifying Marks: Numerous small scrapes, bruises, scabs, and Indian burns. Ballpoint-pen tattoo "RAD" on left hand.
Comments: A three-time non-offender, Eddie excels in school, sports, and tree-climbing. A nicer kid you couldn't find, even though his parents tend to spoil him rotten.

**Everett Dill**

Aka.: "Pops"; "Gramps"; "The Corduroy cutup."
Date of Birth: May 30, 1914.
Place of Birth: Bonwit, Mass.
Height: 6'1". Weight: 135 lbs.
Hair: Gray. Eyes: Green.
Occupation: Part-time museum docent; amateur magician.
Identifying Marks: Small scar on chin; wandering left eye.
Comments: Possibly the least wanted man in America today, Dill is well known for his rambling, pointless stories, his misguided advice, and his annoying habit of pulling nickels out of the ears of small children.

Danny Shanahan





*"I hope my address to the American Astronomical Society
will bring us the credibility we've been seeking."*



"Oh-oh, we're in trouble!"



"Let's face it, Diana. I'm not good enough for you, and vice versa."



“Bon pillage!”



"The film is better."





I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY
I BADE FAREWELL TO MY
VEGETARIAN DIET.



"What do you say, Dad—want to hack a few?"



*"They say it's the last of the really big cattle drives,
and I'm just glad I'm here to see it."*

COUNTER TRANSFERENCE



Ann McCarthy (4/23/1990)

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*"Kathy, I'm updating my files.
Do you still love me?"*



"The patient in 12-C needs comforting."



"You've been listening to the mellow sound of Station EZZZ."





"I wondered what would come after Cajun and sushi."





“Sure, life isn’t fair, but that’s all right.”



"Beg."





"Your boomerang, sir."



"Don't be a stranger, now that you know the way!"



"You take all the time you need, Larry—this certainly is a big decision."



*"Well, old girl, this is the third act. What,
if anything, do we have up our sleeve?"*







"I want my ashes scattered over Bergdorf's."

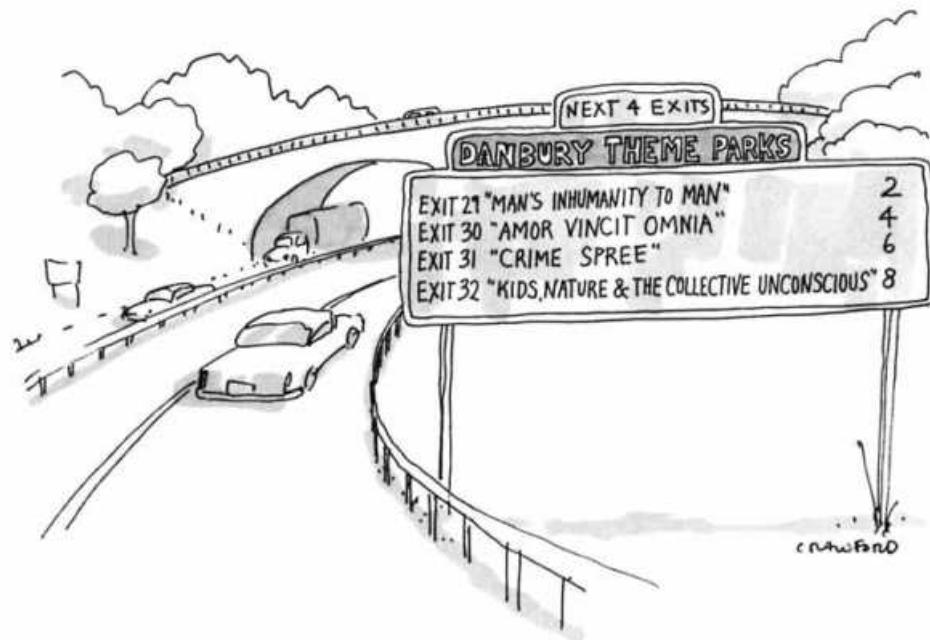
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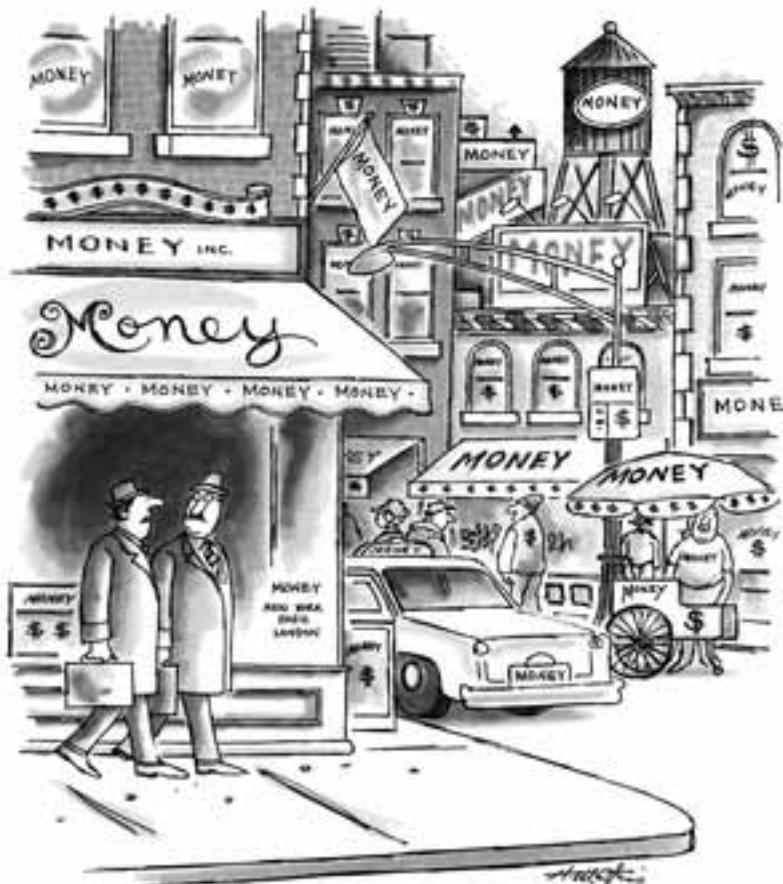


R. Chast



"The jackdaws are picking at my very heart!"





"Remember a few years ago when everything was sex, sex, sex?"



"I think we're ready for a tree."









*"We're pretty traditional around here. I handle everything
on the domestic front except security."*



"Before I start my taped testimony, I should like to say a few words about Fenton's Naturally Decaffeinated Coffee."



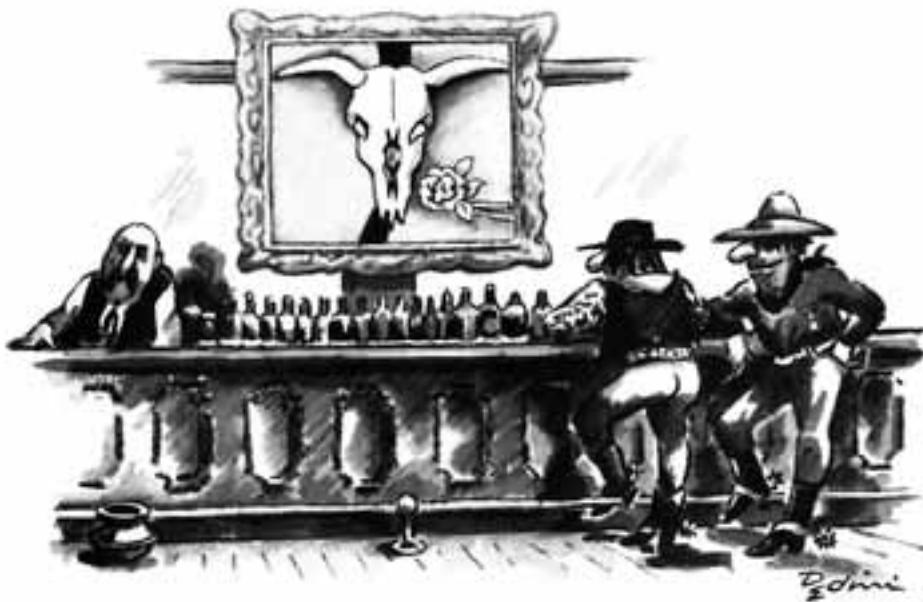
"Business isn't everything."



*"The Hewletts have flaming crown roast
au vin blanc every Wednesday."*



"My husband adheres to the big-bang theory of creation."





"Isn't it kind of incredible that both of us, at this exact same moment, are unemployed?"





"It has come to my attention that someone here at management level has given a sucker an even break."



"I'm just not in an Australian-movie mood, O.K.?"



"I've enjoyed our little talk, and now I'll have myself a nice little nap."



"The extra fifteen per cent is for the rain forest."





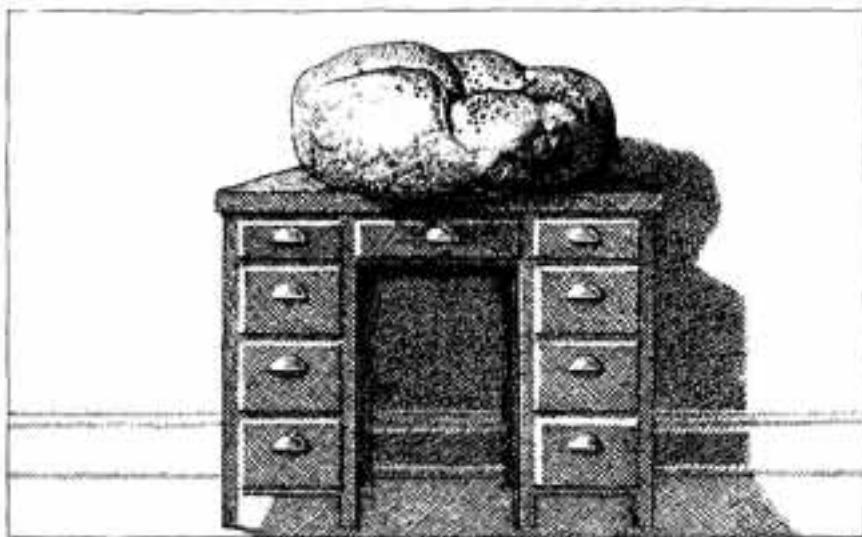


"You were very brave."



"They're making me go to humanities camp."

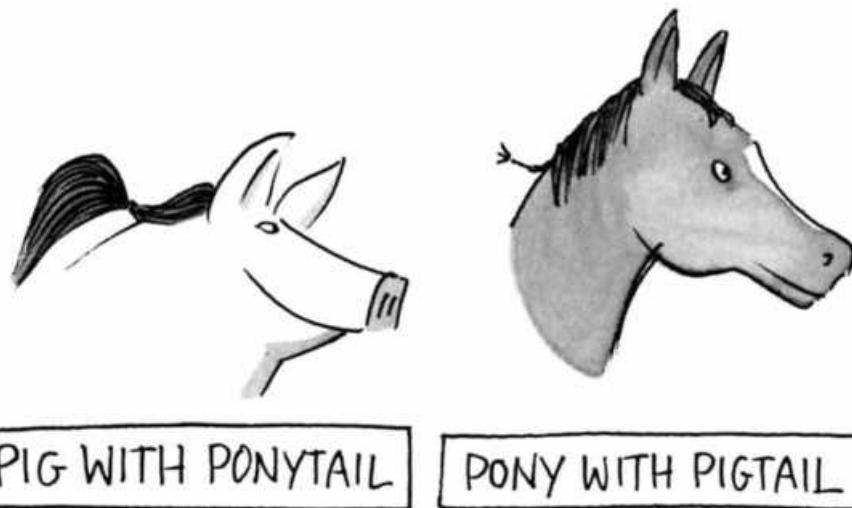
THE ROLL-TOP DESK







"Yes! Put me on a pedestal!!"



P. Steiner



*"Thank you all for coming. Starting next year, Mother's Days
will find me at the Desert Palm Spa."*





*"We'd love to, but we had too much wine
and cheese in the eighties."*



"And the winner is . . . the prosecution!"



“Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin? What kind of cookie is this?”



*"Now, in here, with our buff walls and aubergine chintz,
our statement has dropped to a purr."*

THEY SHOP AMONG US



Charles Barsotti



"Eyeliner is back!"



"Try again, Kemosabe. This time ease out clutch slowly."

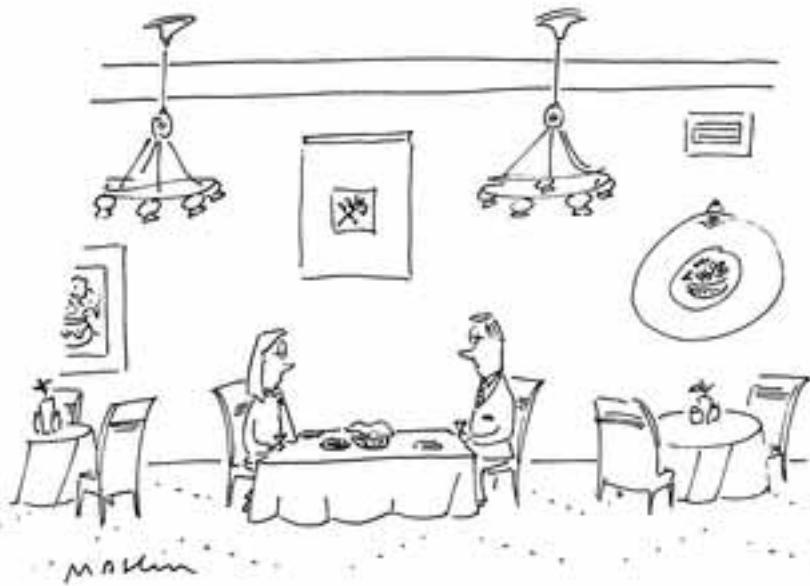




"Around here his word is law."



"Now I believe it. New York is out of control."



"You should know this about me, Miss Duane—I'm one who believes you should butter your biscuit while it's still warm."

WHY OIL SPILLS ARE GOOD

BY D. ALVIN ARMBRUSTER, CEO, ABC OIL CORPORATION



①
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, IT'S GOOD TO GIVE THE OCEANS' SELF-CLEANING MECHANISMS A REAL WORKOUT. IT'S LIKE TAKING YOUR CAR FOR A LONG, FAST DRIVE ON A SUMMER AFTERNOON.



②
OIL-COATED BIRDS ARE BETTER PROTECTED AGAINST THE SUN'S RAYS THAN NON-OIL-COATED BIRDS.



③
LAB TESTS PROVE THAT MANY UNDERWATER PLANTS ACTUALLY LOVE THE TASTE OF PETROLEUM!

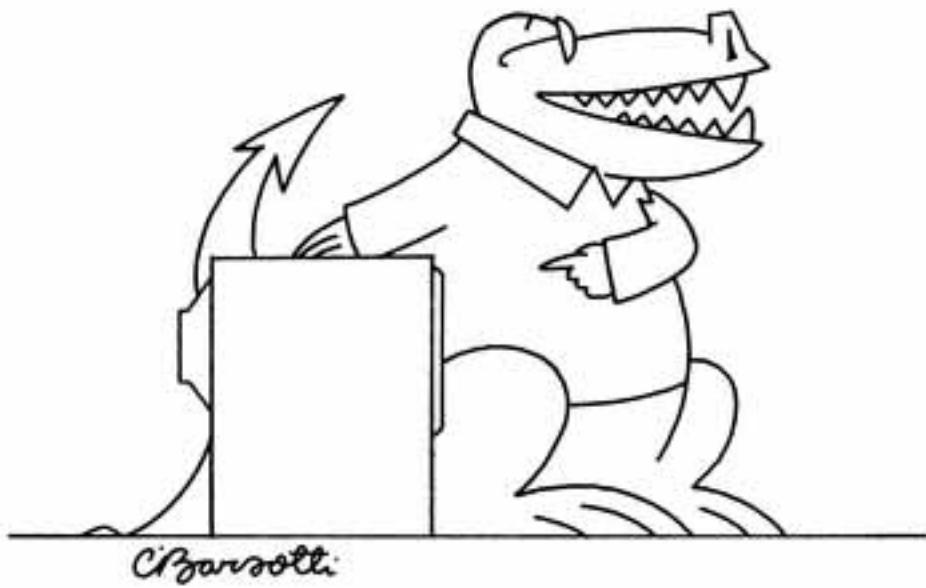


④
A RUINED FISHING INDUSTRY MEANS THAT PEOPLE WILL GO BACK TO EATING MORE MEAT, AMERICA'S MOST VIRILE FOOD.

⑤
PEOPLE IN THE MEDIA ALSO BENEFIT/SPILL-VIDEOTAPERS, INTERVIEWERS OF BIRD-WASHERS, ECOLOGICAL-DISASTER PREDICTORS, ETC. — WITHOUT US, WHERE WOULD THEY BE?



R. Chast

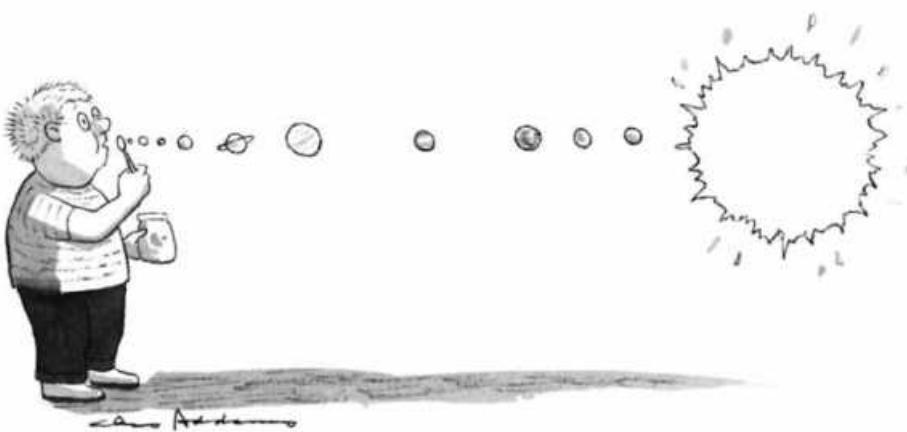


"Hurry, dear, it's the Brutal Gourmet."



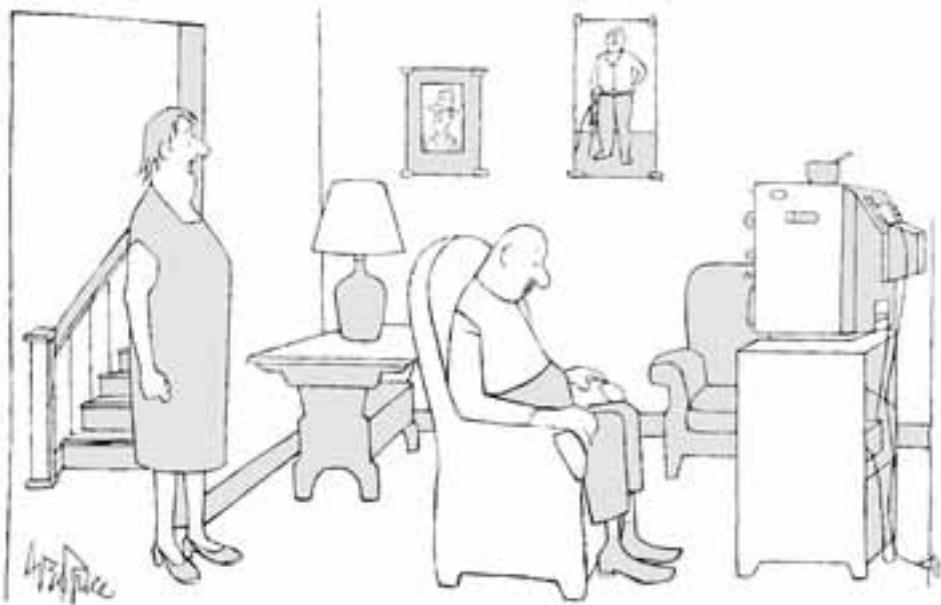
"Your husband went back to his first wife and is already on board."







"How about 'No new taxes after these new taxes'?"



"Yoo-hoo. Time to climb the stairway to paradise."



*"Martha and Lee are going to be doing
our environmental hand-wringing."*



*"Thank you, April. Now for the runner-up:
the Next-to-Cruellest Month is . . ."*





"We'd like a building where a sweet little cairn terrier can bark once in a while without the neighbors' getting absolutely hysterical."



"This is going to be kind of a working lunch."





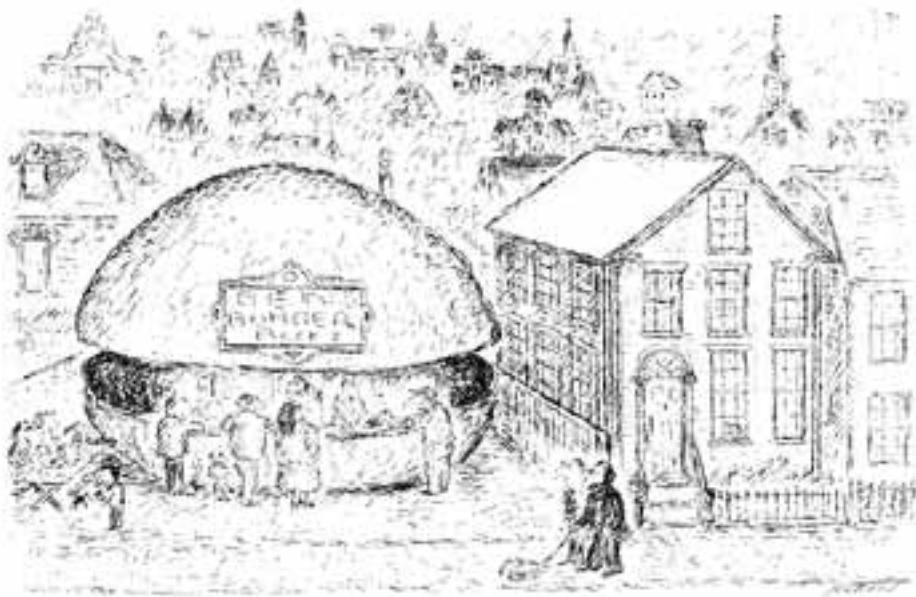
"That was my agent. Seattle wants me."



The Very Last Dinosaur







"And this one is listed in the National Register of Historic Places."



"Look, honey, the glass slipper still fits."



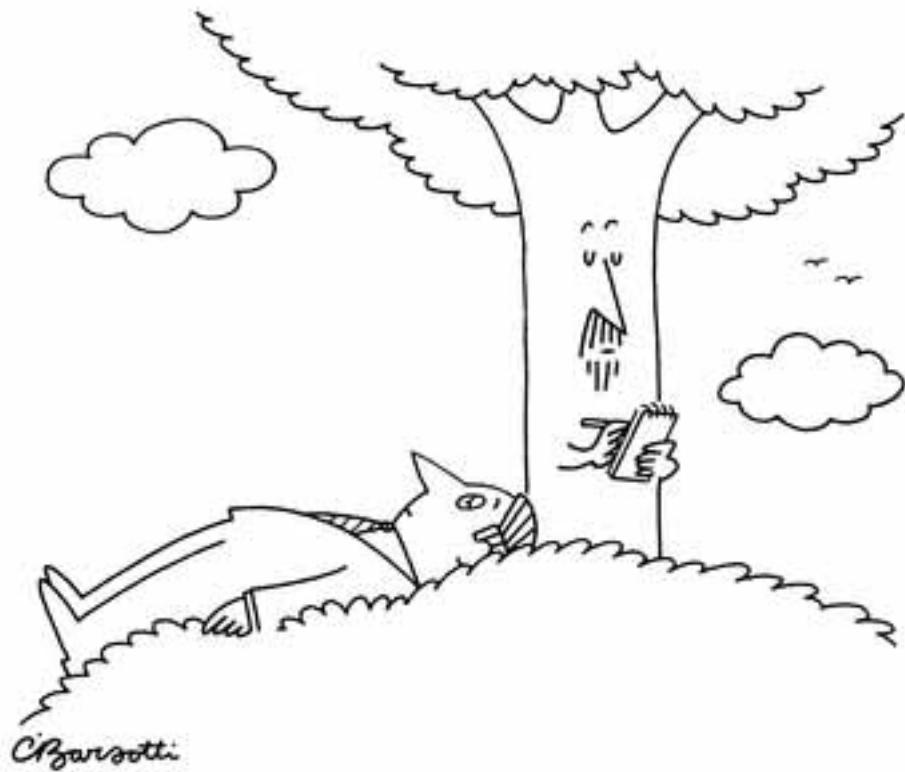
"What do cats want?"



"I would like to thank my owners, my trainer, my jockey, and everyone in my stable, without whom my victory would not have been possible."



"Ça suffit, good buddy!"

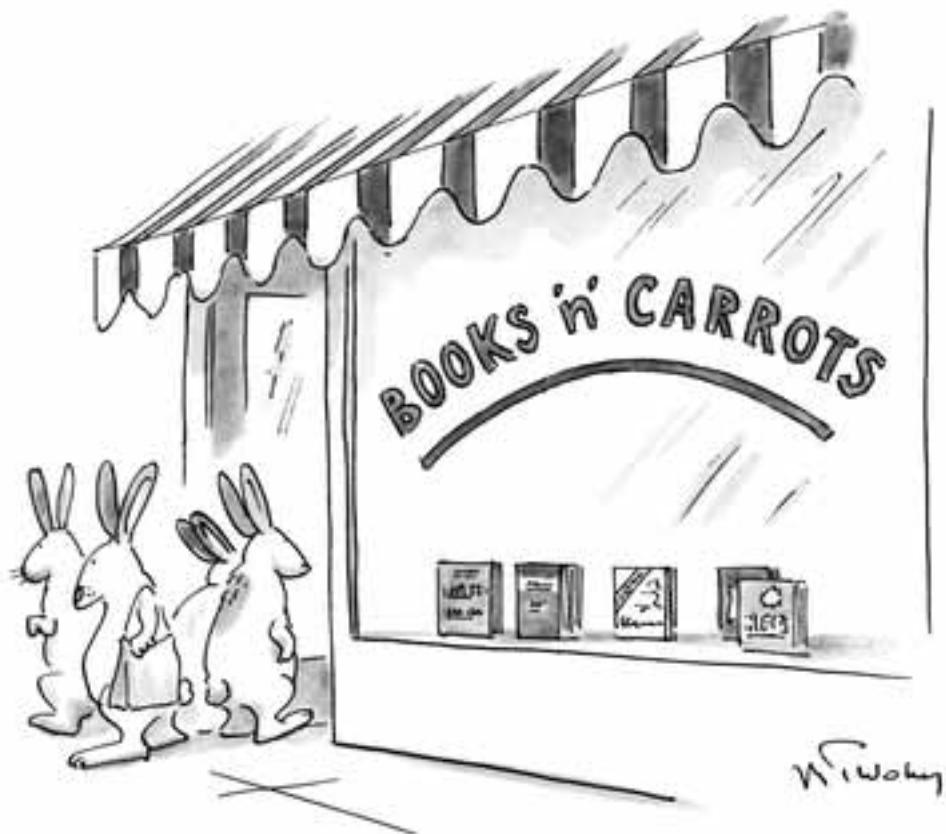


*"And the cloud that's just overhead and to your right—
what does that remind you of?"*

BRAVE NEW WORLD OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS





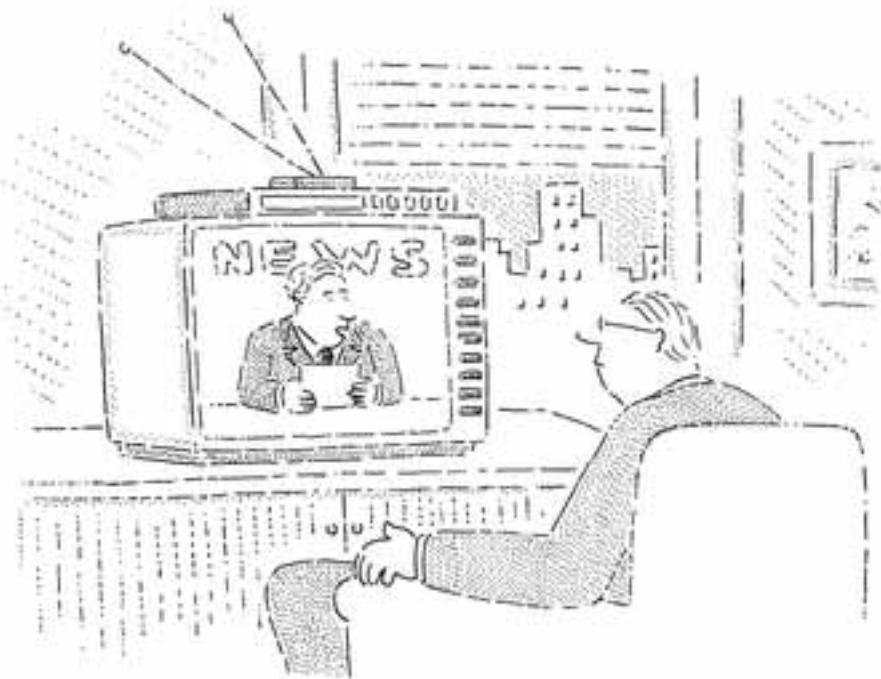




"Bush asked us not to gloat."



"I've had it with the nineties!"



MANKOFF

"A preliminary census report indicates that for the first time in our nation's history female anthropologists outnumber male professional golfers."



Ingrate



"Qué pasa, Lyle? You've been absent from the charts for a while."





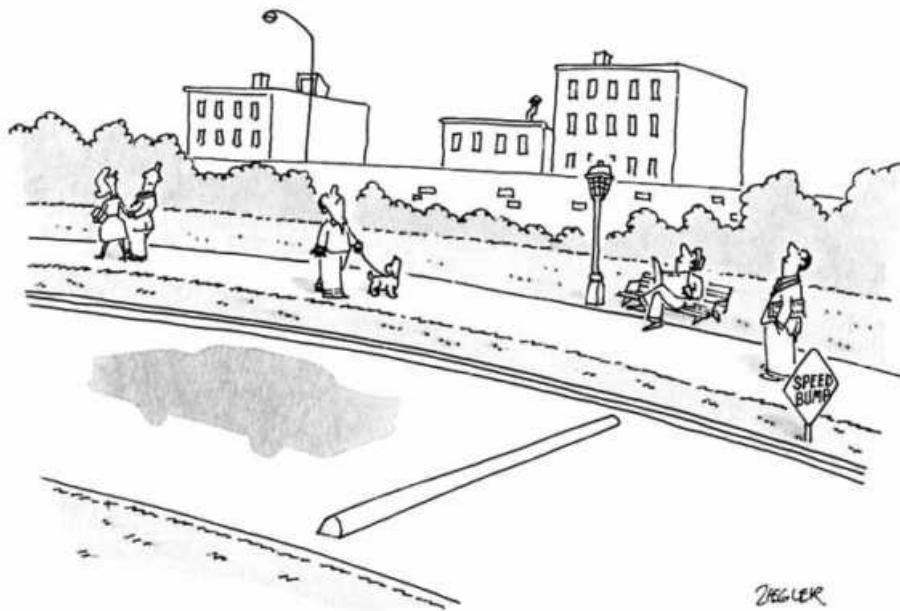
HUBERT K. WESTLEY HAD BEGUN
TO REALIZE THAT MOMENTS
SUCH AS THIS HAD SIMPLY TO BE
FILED UNDER THE HEADING
"LIFE'S RICH TAPESTRY."



"One side looks shorter than the other, don't you think?"



"Oh, Lord! Here comes that common garden pest again!"





"Today, people, we're going to review our commitment to the planet."



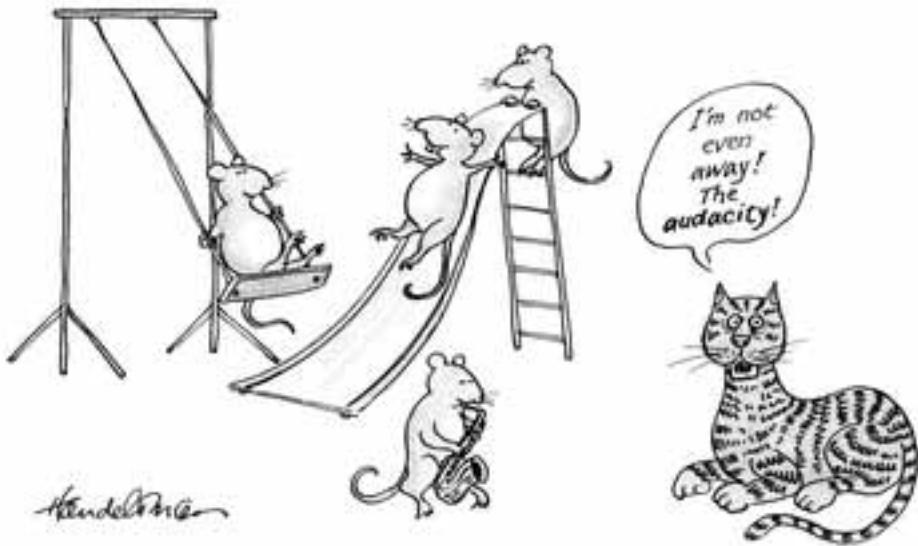
INTRODUCING THE TOFUTON.

THE ALL-NATURAL, HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE TO MATTRESS-PLUS-BOX-SPRING BEDDING!











"Well, I've certainly learned a lot about myself tonight."





*"What would you say if I became a healthier, happier,
more confident me this summer?"*



“Someday this cave could be worth plenty.”



"Jeepers creepers! It's Madonna, but it's you, too, Margaret."



"The temperature on Jupiter today is minus two hundred degrees, with the atmosphere unusually heavy in ammonia and methane."







*"In view of our equal-opportunity stance, all those in favor
of adding an Aunt Sam to the board say 'Aye.'"*





"Isn't this fun?"





"We're out of bran and out of oats. How about some hay?"





"I lost the groove."



"And now, moving along to our right, we have Hilda Schumacher, of Zelton Falls, Pennsylvania. Ms. Schumacher has been painting clowns on velvet for over fifteen years, and we find her work a fine example of this genre."

ALL SALES FINAL



"The Lord moves in mysterious ways."





"He needs seasoning. Fire him."



"Be careful what you say. She's never been to Europe."



"Your usual one too many, sir."



"It's Gorbachev, Mr. President—collect."





NINETEEN MINUTES AHEAD OF THE WORLD,
TWO MONTHS BEHIND IN THE RENT



"Commitment? I think I'm going to let that idea marinate awhile."

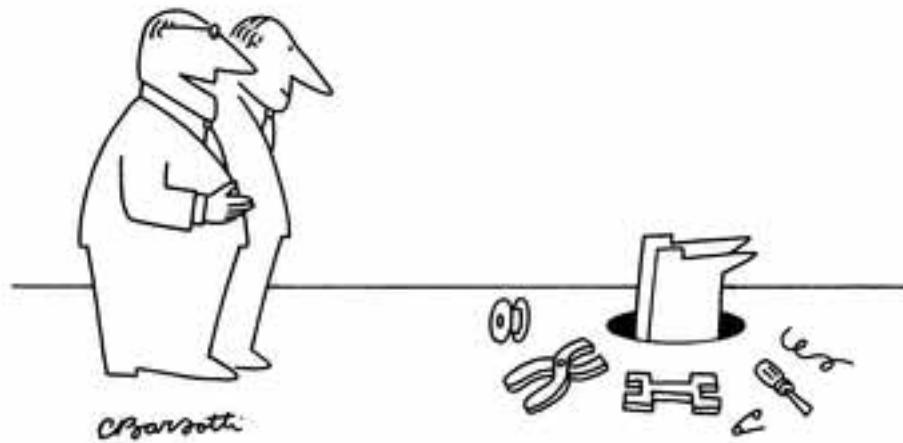






*"I say we only get one head of hair so
make the most of it."*

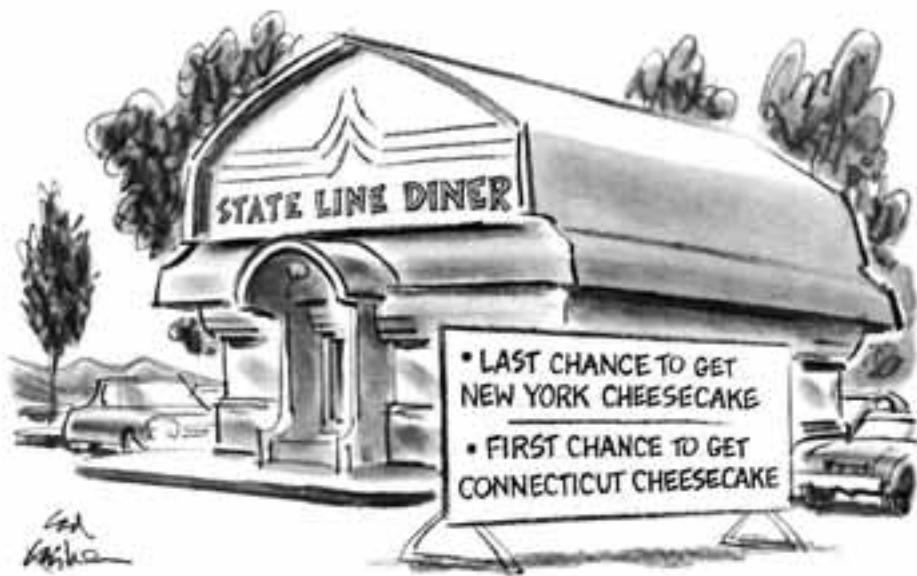




*"As C.E.O., I try to look at the big picture, while J.G.,
as president, sees to the day-to-day operations."*



ZEKE NEVER DID TAKE TOO
KINDLY TO DAHLIAS.





"Major Funding. How much do you need?"



"Hello, I'm Clifton (klif'tun) Latimer (lat'i-mēr)."





"I'm surprised, Caswell. I thought you were a happy camper."



"All right, I'm wrong! Shall I kill myself?"



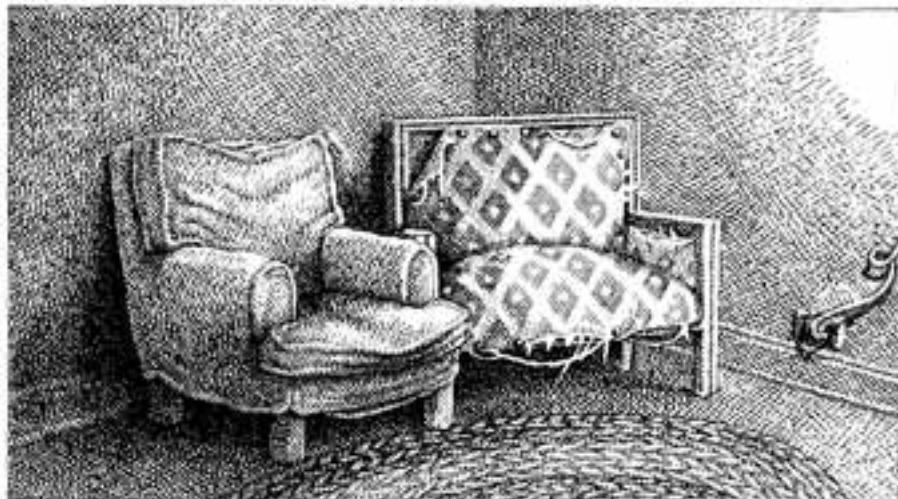
"Our best—rated over 700 in both Math and Verbal."





"So you forgot to call it 'a matter of profound pre-summit concern to this Administration.' Call it 'a matter of profound post-summit concern.'"

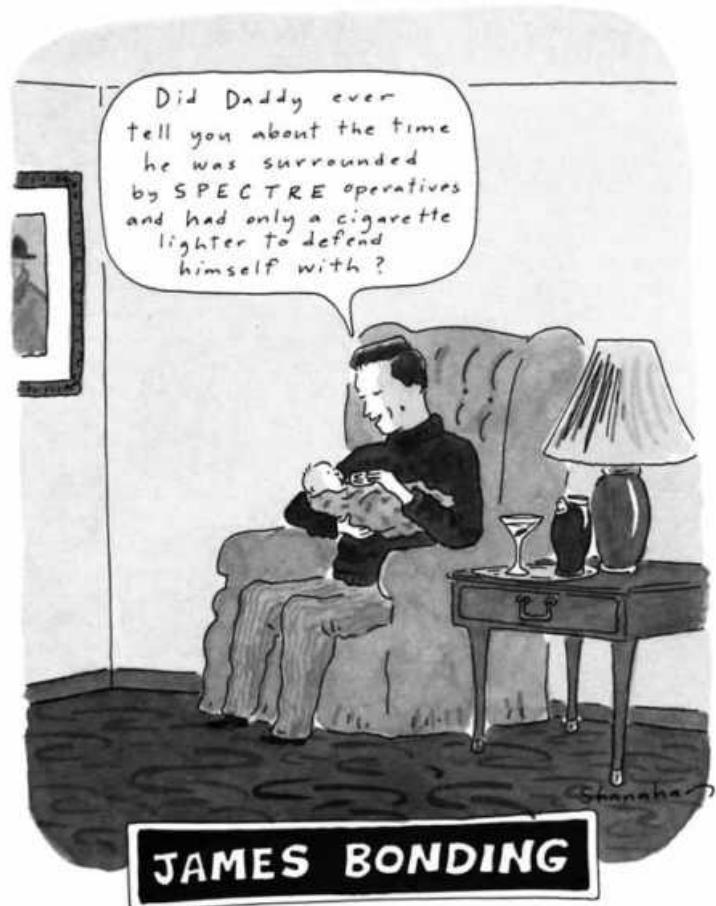
The Easy Chair and the Unrequited Love Seat



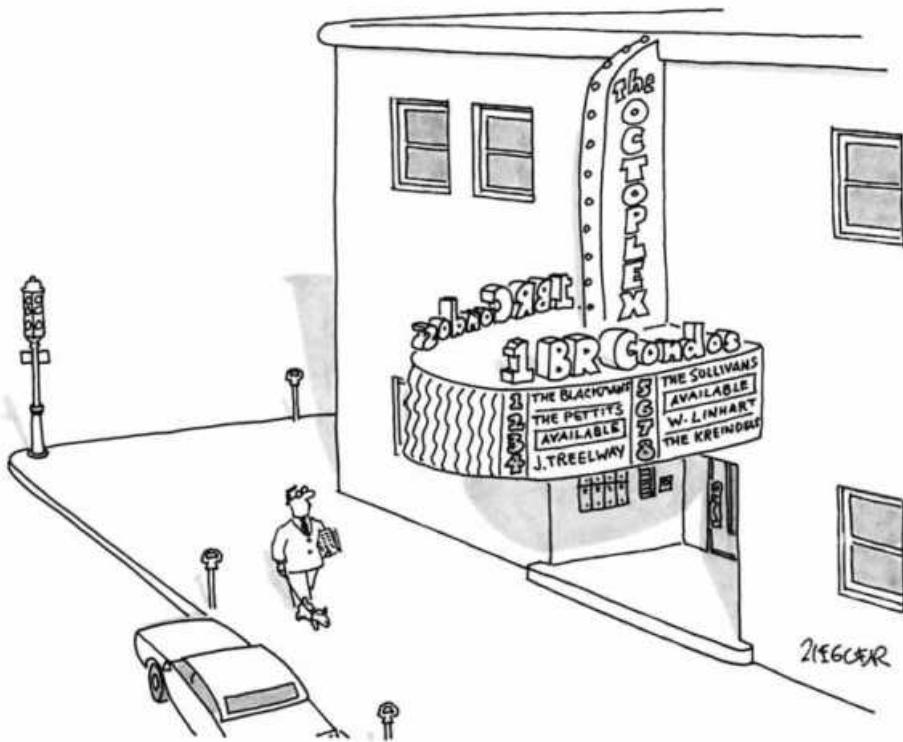
A. McCarthy

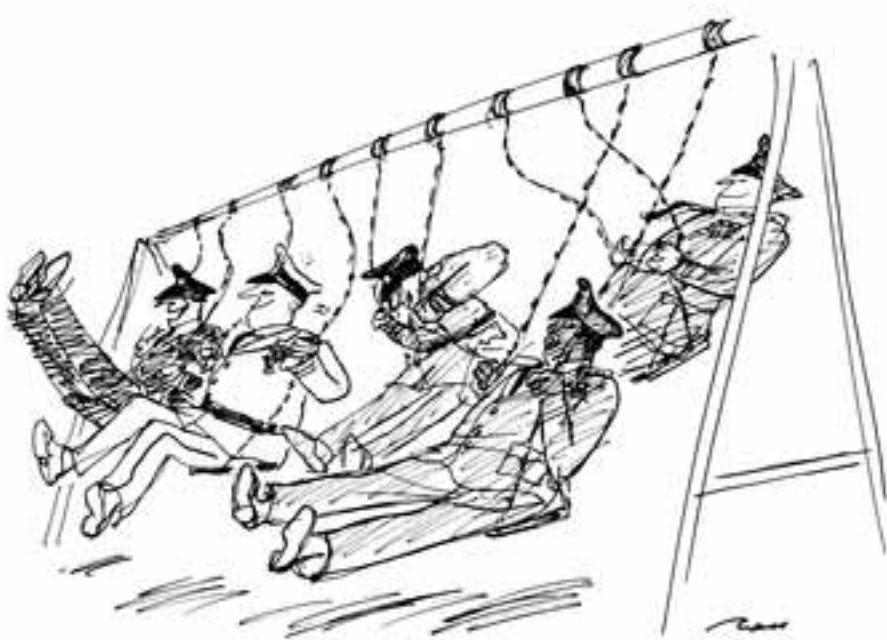


"No, I'm Moby Fred, but I'll be glad to take a message."

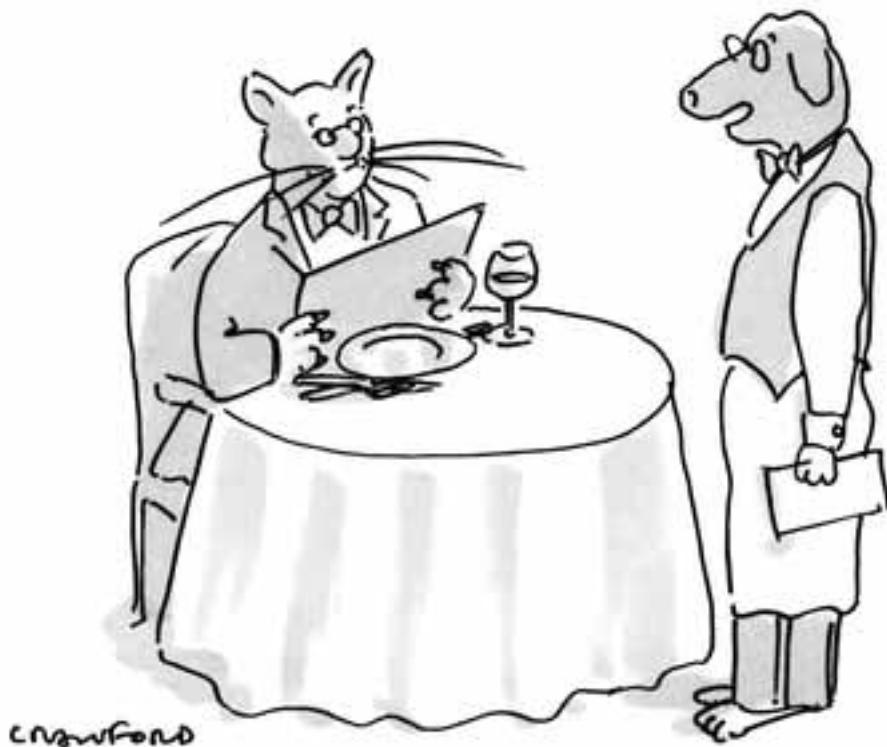








*The Joint Chiefs of Staff Taking Advantage of
a Lull in World Affairs*



*"We're out of the cat food. Permit me to
recommend the dog food."*



"David writes all his own speeches."





*"Tough noogies, chief—you forgot to call 'Reserved'
when you left your desk."*



*"The 'Times' gave my book a favorable review, which is
the last thing in the world I wanted."*



"Any checks, dear?"

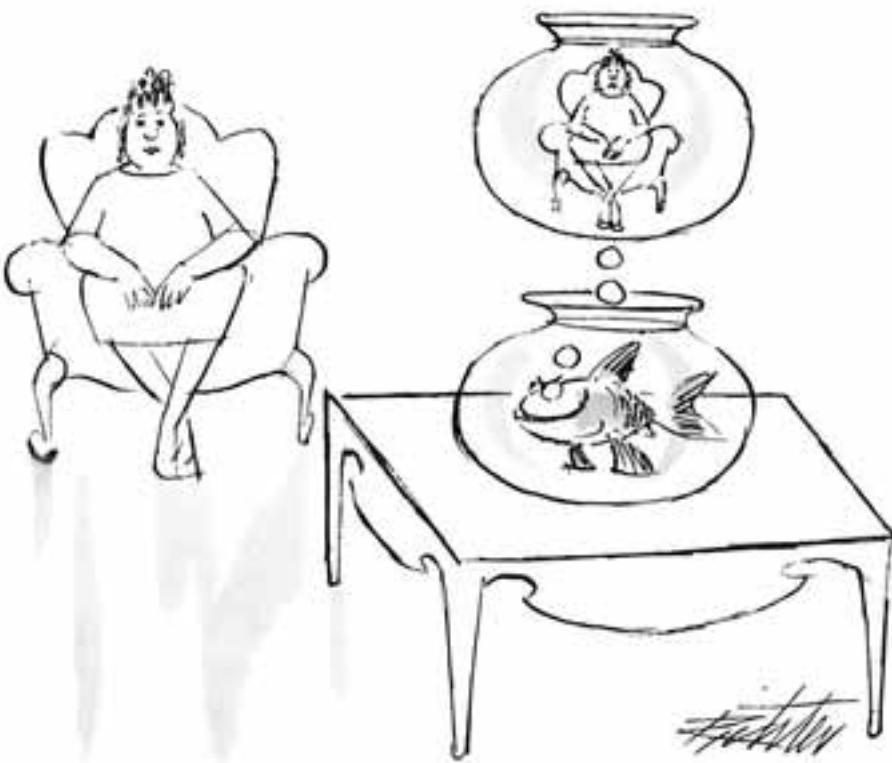




"In the last few months, Matthew has gone on twenty-four-hour alert for signs of aging."









"Until we really get a feel for the nineties, I think it's smart to stay home with small, seated dinners."



INVASION OF THE SUMMER ALIENS



*"The steady gaze, the firm handshake, the willingness to sue—
those have always been our family's strengths, my boy."*

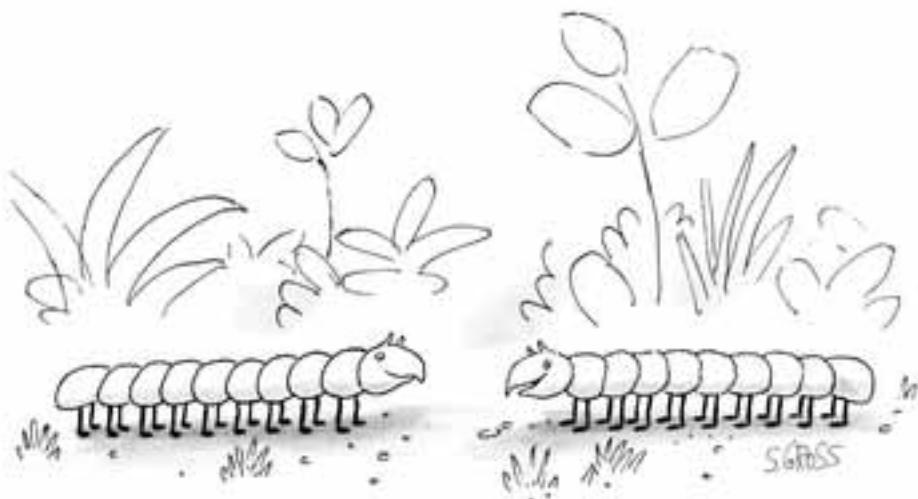


"Riding boots? Can we talk about this?"





THE MONSTER PAUSES IN HIS RAMPAGE
TO SEND DR FRANKENSTEIN A GREETING CARD.



"You have nice legs."



“Ladies and gentlemen, our national commercial.”

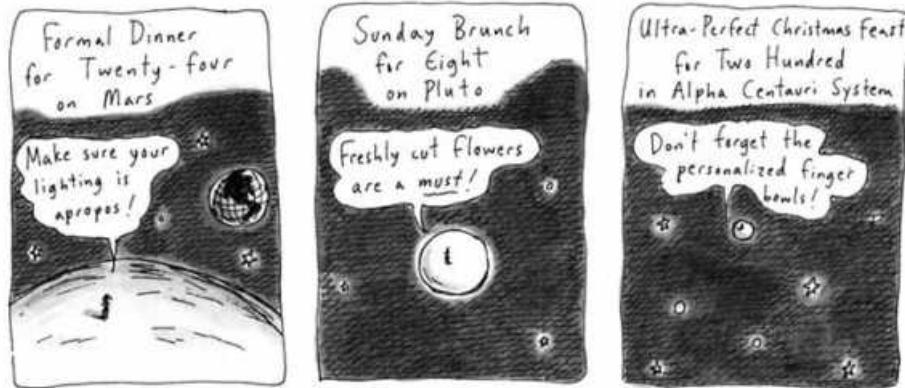


"The usual, Al. Just sharpen the nose and hone the chin."



*"I used to think of you as one of the thousand points
of light, but you've gone out."*

MARTHA STEWART TAKES OVER THE UNIVERSE





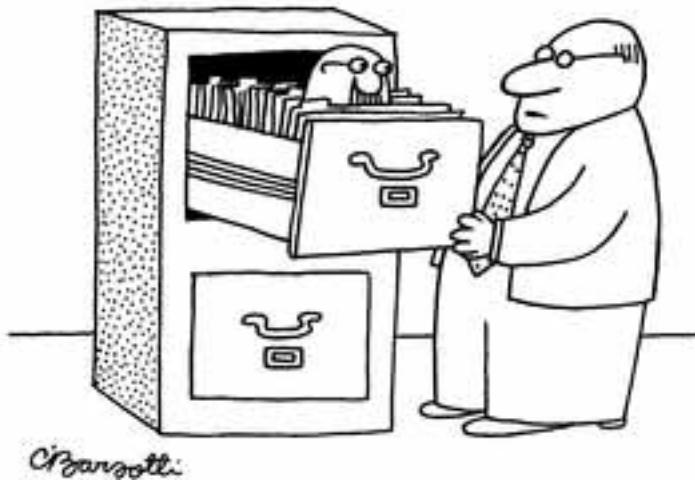
"Nice talking to you, Al!"



*"It's always 'Sit,' 'Stay,' 'Heel'—never
'Think,' 'Innovate,' 'Be yourself.' "*



"Did you order the flying jalapeños?"



"Sorry, Elliott, but everything in this file is to be put on microfilm."

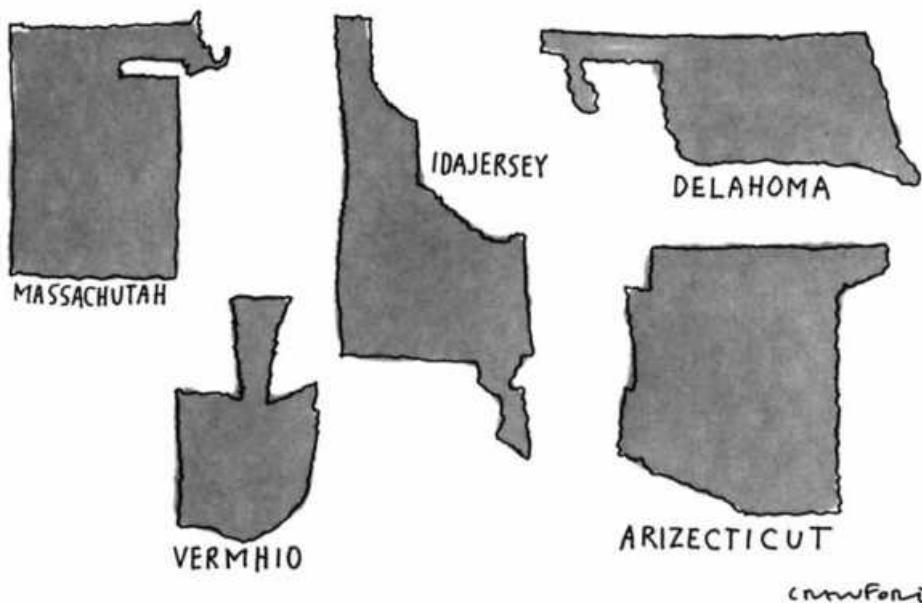






*"Your Honor, my client pleads guilty to an overzealous
but well-intentioned pursuit of the profit motive."*

ALTERED STATES





"Irv has always been faithful, and he's a good mouser."



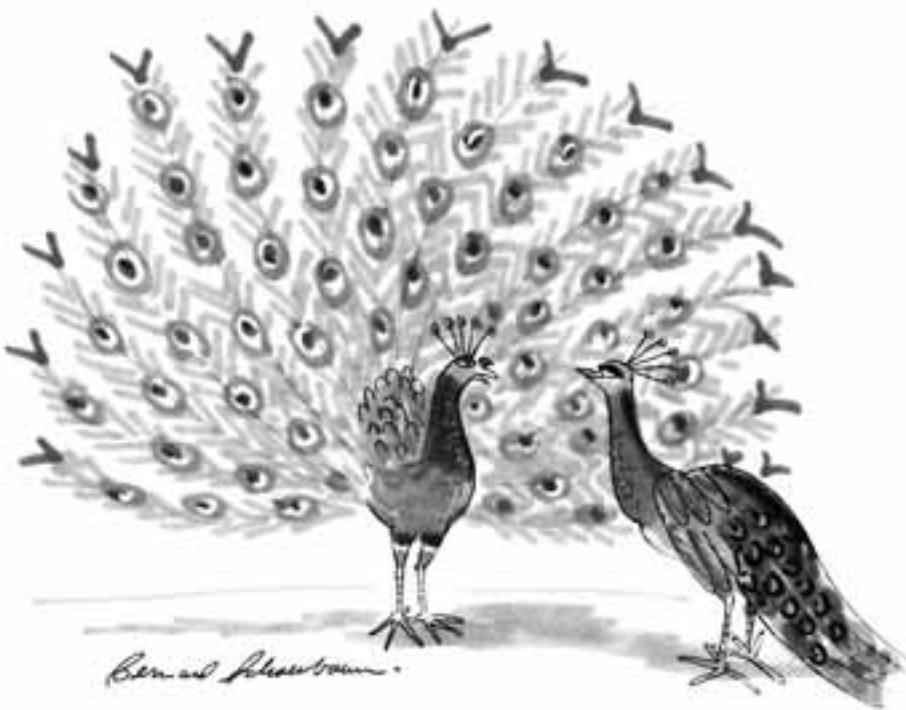
"Can I have Mr. Hall call you back? He's with a candy apple."



*"Sometimes I find it hard to believe that we found
each other through regular channels."*



Schoolteacher on Vacation



"Oh, thank you, I only wish I felt as good as I look."



"Excuse me. I'm all through with this plastic-foam coffee cup, so if no one wants it or has any objection I guess I'll just throw it away."

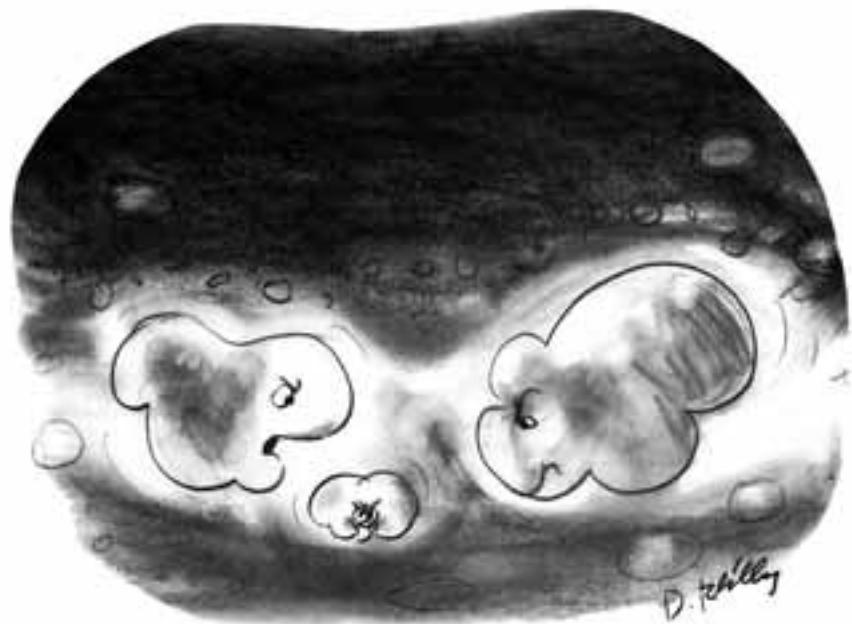


"My daddy is the one with the longest ponytail."



"Will you marry me, if Japan doesn't collapse?"





You talk to him—he says he doesn't want to eat oil spills!"



"If I fall asleep, promise not to bury me."



"I don't believe it. That's my ex-wife."



"How nice of you to call me out of the blue, young man. It so happens I have forty-five million just sitting in my piggy bank, and maybe having a broker wouldn't be such a bad idea."







*"And here I am at two years of age. Remember? Mom? Pop? No?
Or how about this one. My first day of school. Anyone?"*



"Kingsley—sing backup."



"May I speak to the kid of the house?"



*"9:30: Pledge allegiance. 10: Wave flag. 10:30: Sing 'Yankee Doodle.'
11: Show true colors. 11:30: Sing 'God Bless America.'
12: Picnic lunch. 1:30: Wave flag again. . . ."*

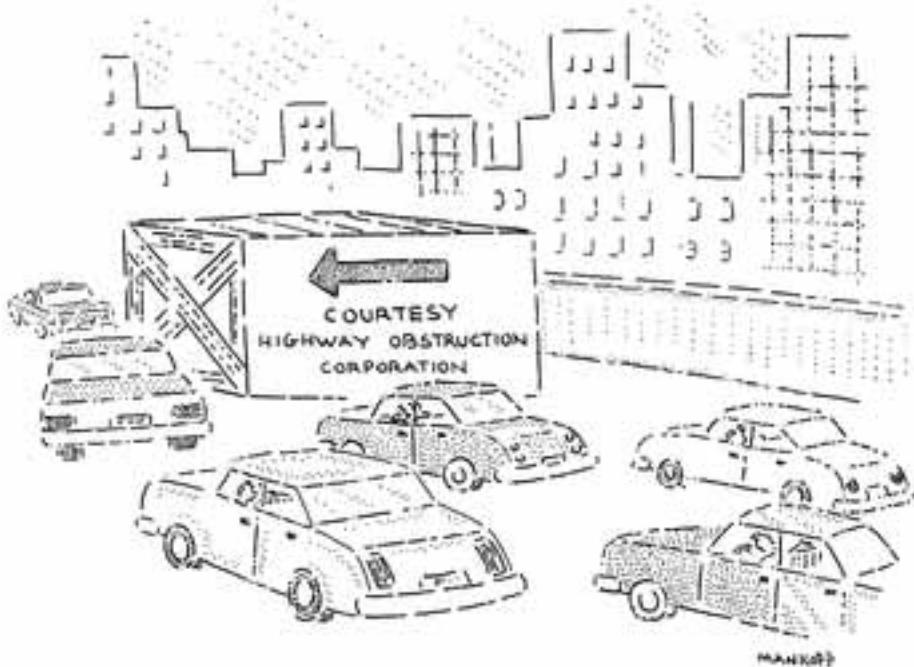


"So I said to Cousteau, 'Look, pal, you're not the only frog in the sea.' But, seriously, Jerry . . ."



Victoria Roberts

"All my dirndl's are at the dry cleaner's."





*"When you hold me like this, you make
me feel I can do anything."*

ED GOES GREEN





"I think going to law school helped my painting."





"And now here's Zeus with the weather."



"I think I can speak for an entire generation when I say I'm either in my thirties or in my forties."





WHILST THE OTHERS PLAYED, I WAS
ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON PHASE
ONE OF MY PLAN TO DISMANTLE
THE ENTIRE VILLAGE OF CHIDWORTH.



"What beautiful asparagus!"



"Listen, Connie, Ronald and I are thinking about getting married, and we were wondering if you could get us some prices."







"Darjeeling, Earl Grey, blackberry, sassafras, chamomile, rose hip, cranberry, orange pekoe, spicy cinnamon, peppermint, licorice, strawberry patch, sesame, mint, Chinese, or carob?"



"You know what I like about L.A.? We don't have to be interesting anymore."





*"Sorry, Chief, but Bianca Jagger is here to
check on human-rights abuses."*





"I'm a bachelor myself."



*"We've run out of tapes. Do you think we'll ever want
to watch Ollie North's testimony again?"*

ANNALS OF POST-LITERACY



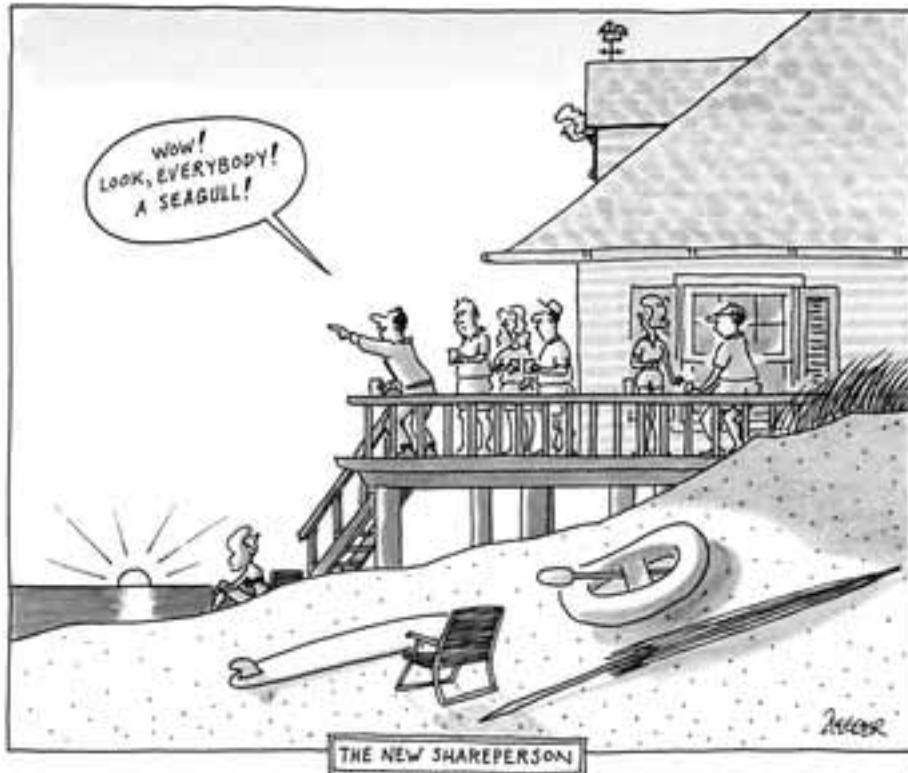


"What padding?"



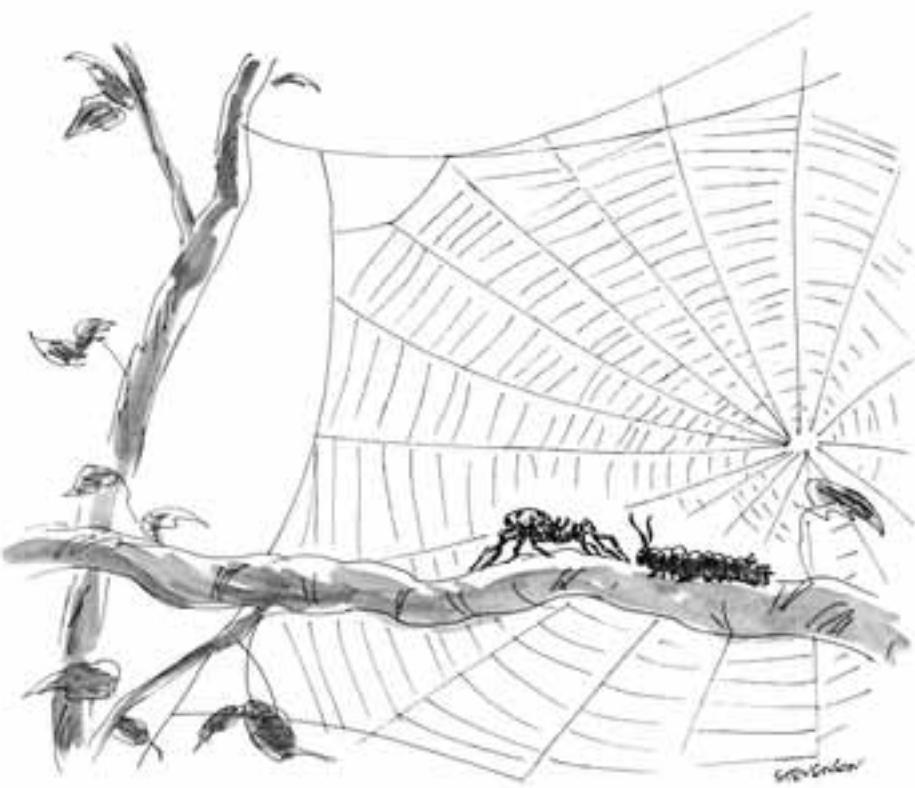
"I think I've got it—Mandela, the After-Shave."







"Fred and Ginger, but of course not the Fred and Ginger."



"It's lovely. Did you do it yourself?"



"And for God's sake stay as far away as you can from the legal system—unless, of course, you're a lawyer."



*"I'd like to hear less talk about animal rights and
more talk about animal responsibilities."*



Chanel Bags at Dawn





"Under new business: Peterson, at Hammond Point Beach, reports that a person in the water is flailing about and calling for help. Peterson wants to know what action, if any, he should take."



"The one day we decided 'To hell with hair!'"

UP-TO-DATE CAREER-SPECIFIC ROMANCE NOVELS

The
Jenny Thompson, M.D.,
series



The
Lorraine Lewis, Realtor,
series



The
Amy Scott, Media Planner,
series



R. Chast





"Oh, boy, hard-core sugar!"



"I'm afraid if I fell in love I'd lose my competitive edge."



Bernard Schoenbaum



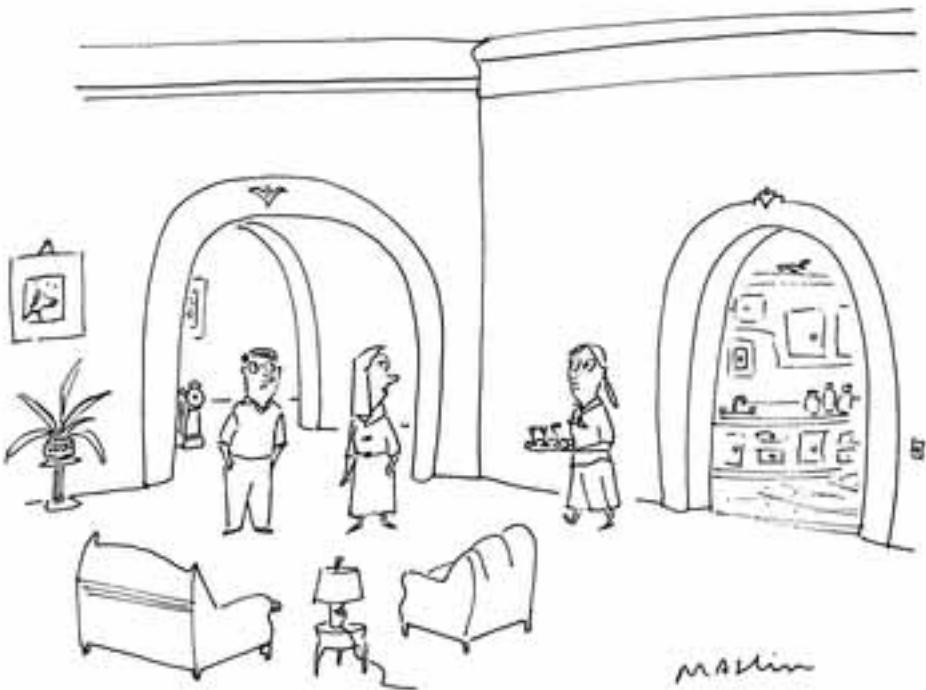
"Well, I'm employed by them, but I'm working for me."



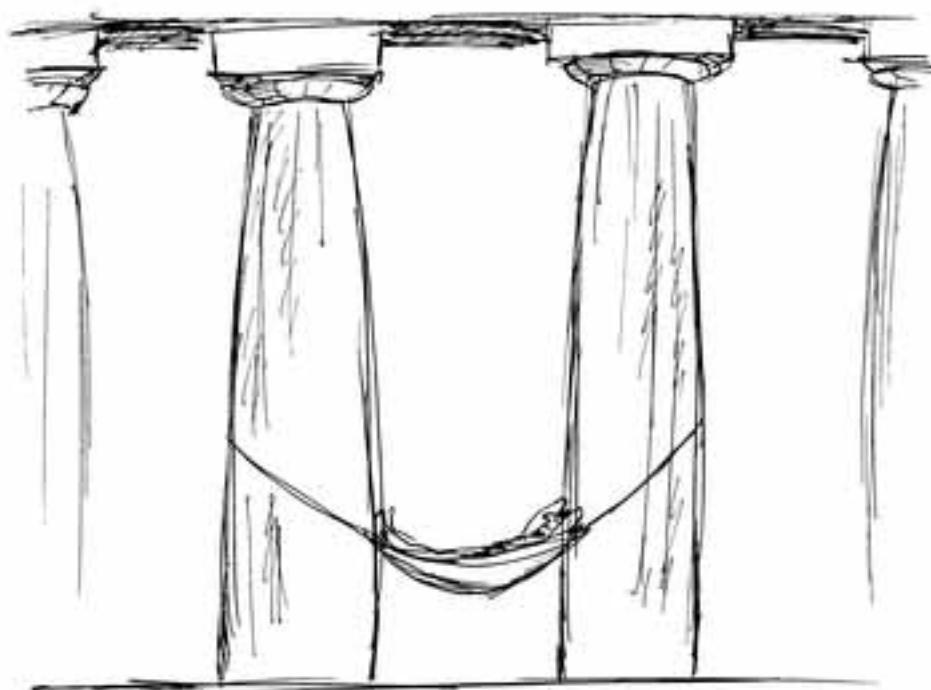
*"If I may say so, sir, that chapeau makes you
look like one tough hombre!"*



*"Richard, Mr. Chenolock, the insurance man, is here
to determine your life expectancy."*



*"I can't believe this, Lucille! Your husband and
I were in the same marriage."*



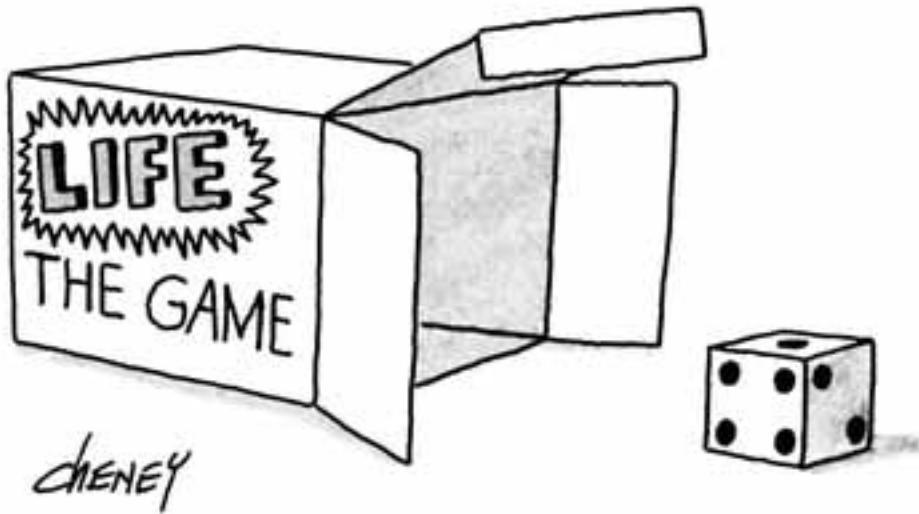
SAMSON DECIDES TO TAKE A NAP INSTEAD



"They make an awfully big thing of cookouts."



"I hear Communism is dead."





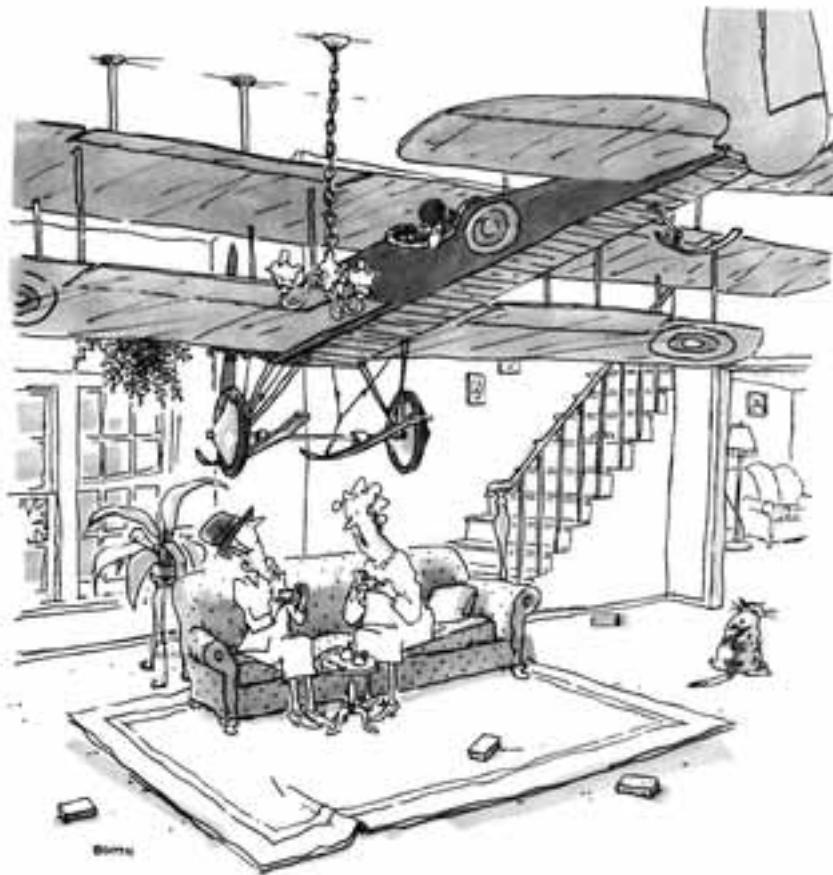
"Damn it, Farrell, if you're going to blow the whistle, blow it!"



*"We thought about a restaurant and decided
we were more of a bookstore."*



*"This happy breed of men, this little world, this blessed plot,
this earth, this realm, this east end of Long Island!"*



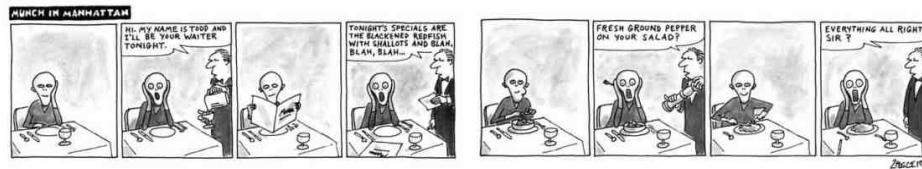
"Occasionally he lobs a brick at the cat."



"The folks at the Internal Revenue Service cordially invite you to join them in looking over a four-leaf clover that you overlooked before."



"How can you drive a cab in this city and not know where the corner of Reade and Elk is!"





"I may be biased, but I believe goat cheese is superior."

1990
THE OTHER COOPERSTOWN





"Everybody here? Let's get started."



"Honestly, Kate—can you picture us in a shopping mall?"



*"I just hope I can make it big before
all the van Goghs are gone."*



"This is Stan, my latest project."



LAWN STATUARY'S DAY OFF



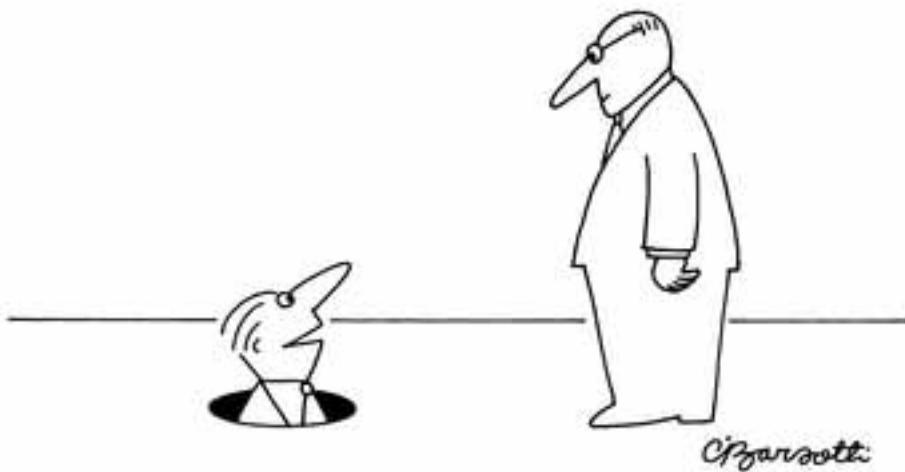
*"It's so lovely out here you wonder why they
have it so far from the city."*



*"Operator, I'd like to make a person-to-person call, and
I'd like to reverse the roles."*



"Don't we like the Brothers Grimm anymore?"



*“Sir, all the junior executives join me in thanking
you for sending down the cookies.”*



"I'm in the mood for some nouvelle cuisine, just for old times' sake."



“Number 6522719? Our executive assistant warden says he’s sorry but he’s been unavoidably detained at the squash court. However, if you will leave your criminal record he’ll be happy to reschedule for next week.”



"You've got to admire the way George Bush congratulated Kohl and Gorbachev for working things out."



IT WAS TO BE QUITE A CHALLENGE.
WE HAD NEVER ATTEMPTED A
TWO-MAN ASCENT OF A FRAMED
WATERCOLOR SKETCH BEFORE.



*"There's a less crowded and more attractive beach
at the newly renovated, moderately priced Hotel
del Mar, in nearby . . ."*



"Personally, I prefer a piano bar."



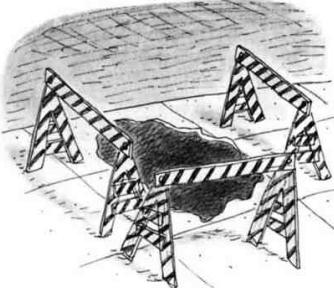
ANCIENT LANDMARKS

OF NEW YORK CITY

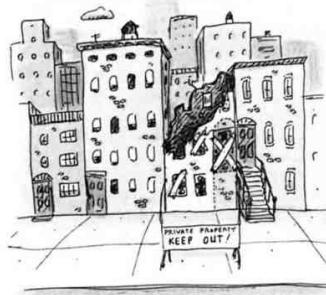
Scaffold, West 8½ Street
Is believed to have originated
in the early 12th century A.D.



Sidewalk Crater, Amsterdam Avenue
Has been there since the time
of the Pharaohs.



Half-Deconstructed Town House,
East 19th Street
References to it have been found in
the Old Testament.



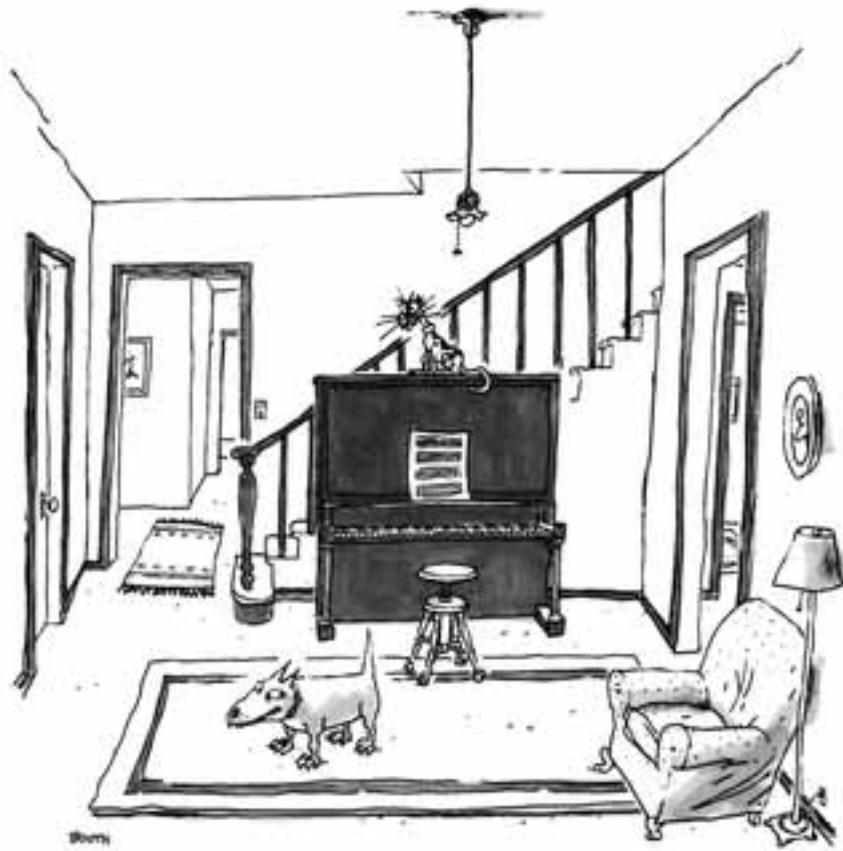
Abandoned Automobile, Riverside Drive
Fragments have been carbon-dated
to the Jurassic period.



R. Chast



"Try twenty-three left."



*Sunday P.M. July 15, 1990, in the Watternods' Living Room,
with the Watternods' Dog and Mr. Wu Lung's Cat from Next Door*



"I think I'd like to start seeing other elephant trainers, Rolf."



"I'm sorry I'm not available to answer you personally right now. Please leave your name and a message with the time and date you tried to reach me, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Please wait for the beep."

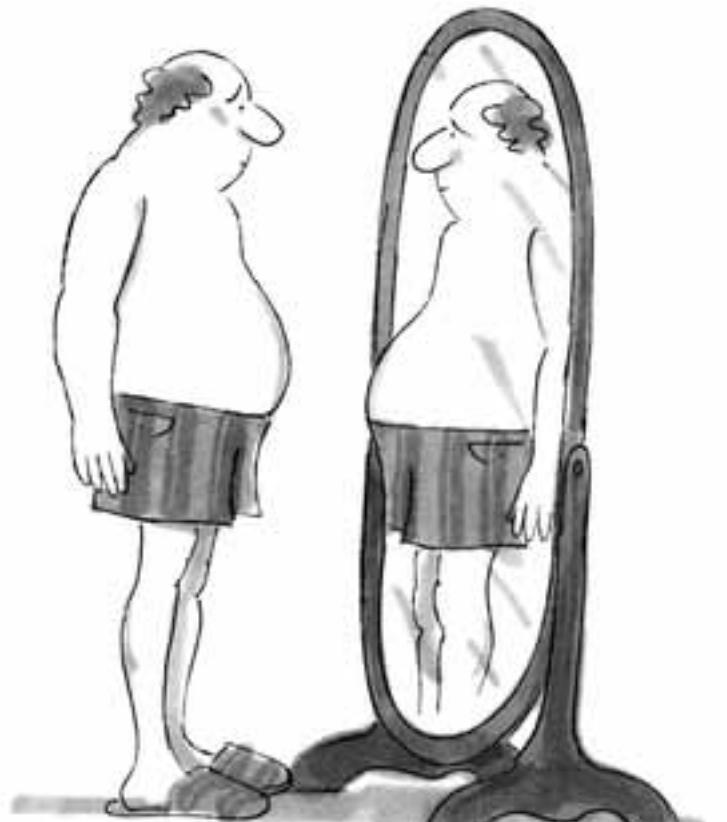


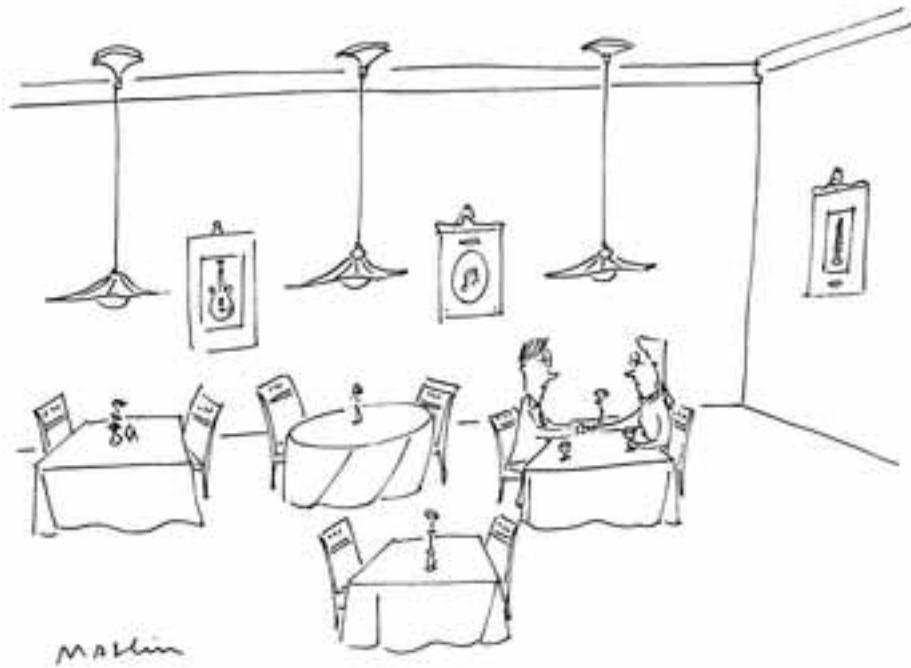


"I remember the Second World War. That's the one that kind of flickers on the screen, right?"



"I'll have the blueberry buckle, with no political endorsement expressed or implied."



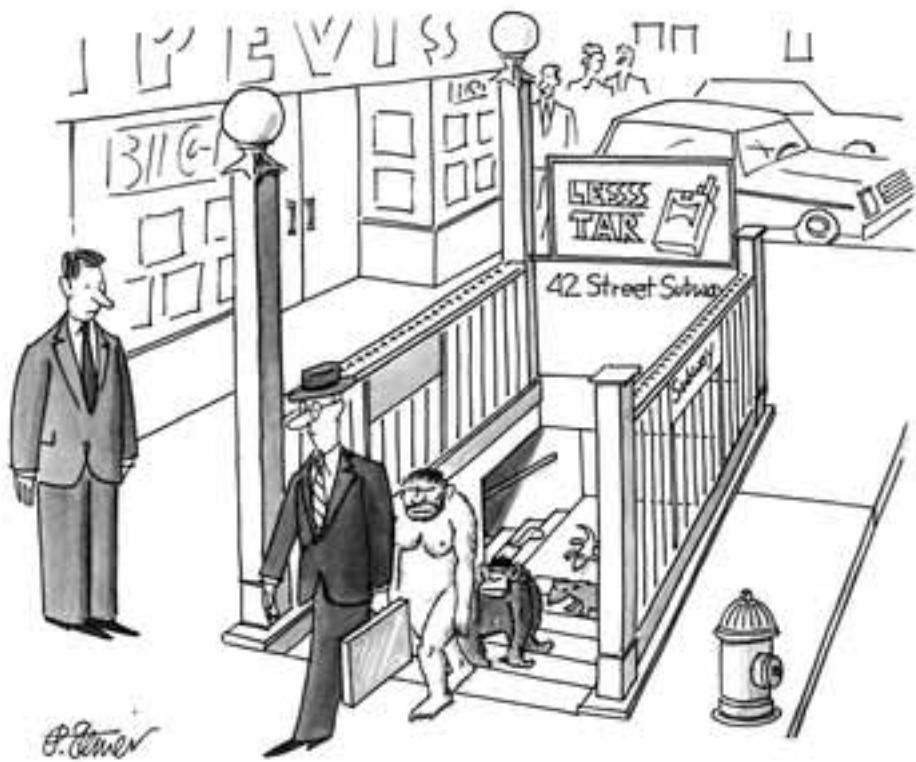


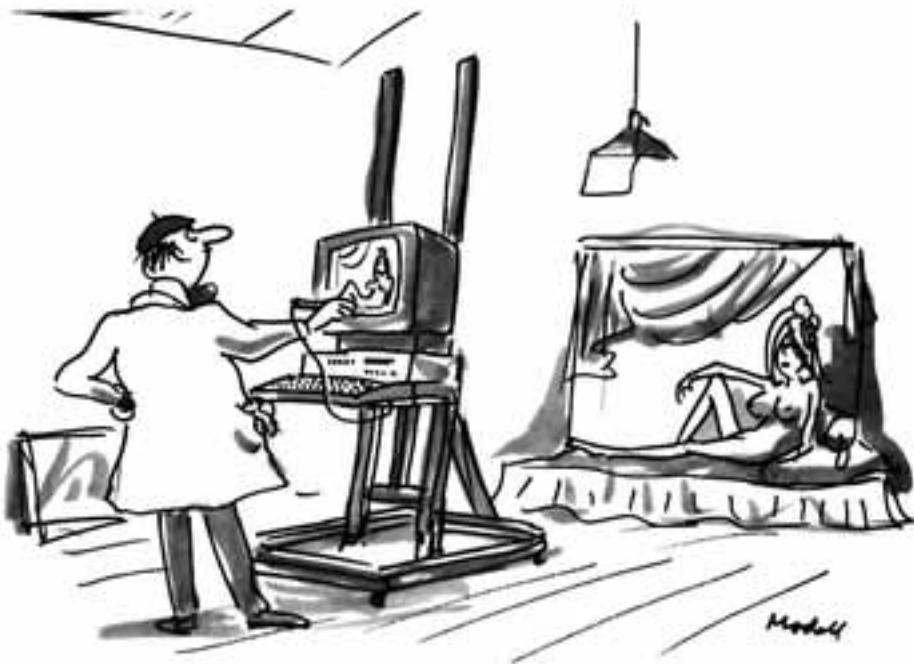
*"I'm sorry, Dave, but I believe there are certain things
one doesn't discuss under drop lights."*

YOU COULD GO NORTH, ALTHOUGH
YOU MIGHT FIND THE CLIMATE A
LITTLE ON THE COLD SIDE, OR YOU
COULD GO SOUTH, WHERE THE LIFE STYLE
IS SOMEWHAT TOO EASYGOING AND
COMPLACENT FOR A YOUNG MAN OF
YOUR VIGOR. YOU COULD GO EAST,
BUT, OF COURSE, THIS IS THE EAST.
THEN, THERE'S MY FAVORITE, WEST.



HORACE GREELEY, UNEDITED







“Many of your constituents feel that a tax increase isn’t appropriate to their life styles.”



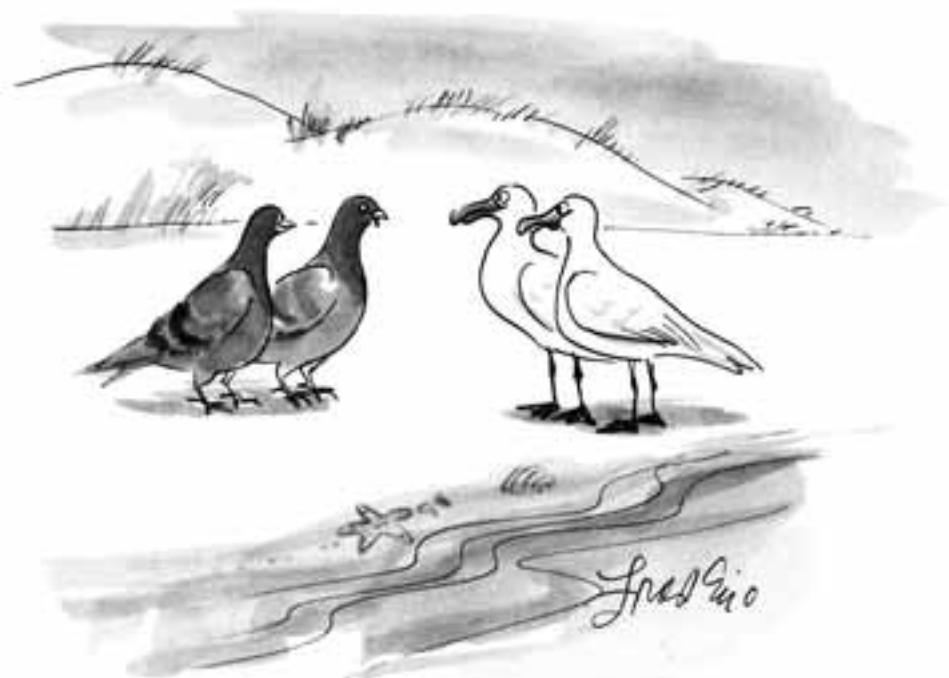
"Are they at it again?"



*"I knew it was time to get dark and edgy way
before 'Batman' and 'Twin Peaks.' "*



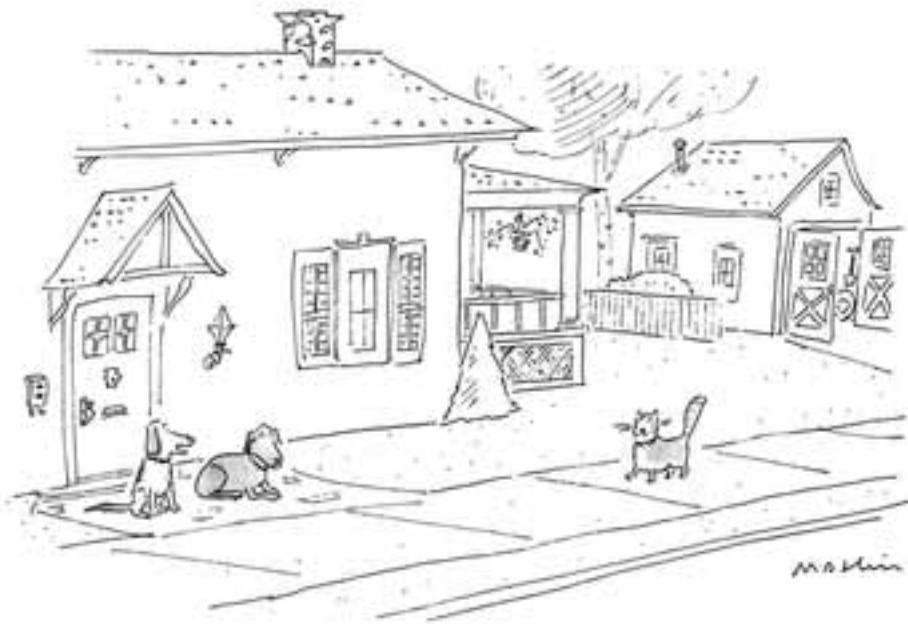
"Before we begin today, may I say that both my client and I were astonished that Your Honor was not nominated for the Supreme Court?"



"Thanks for a lovely weekend. Now you must come visit us in Washington Square."



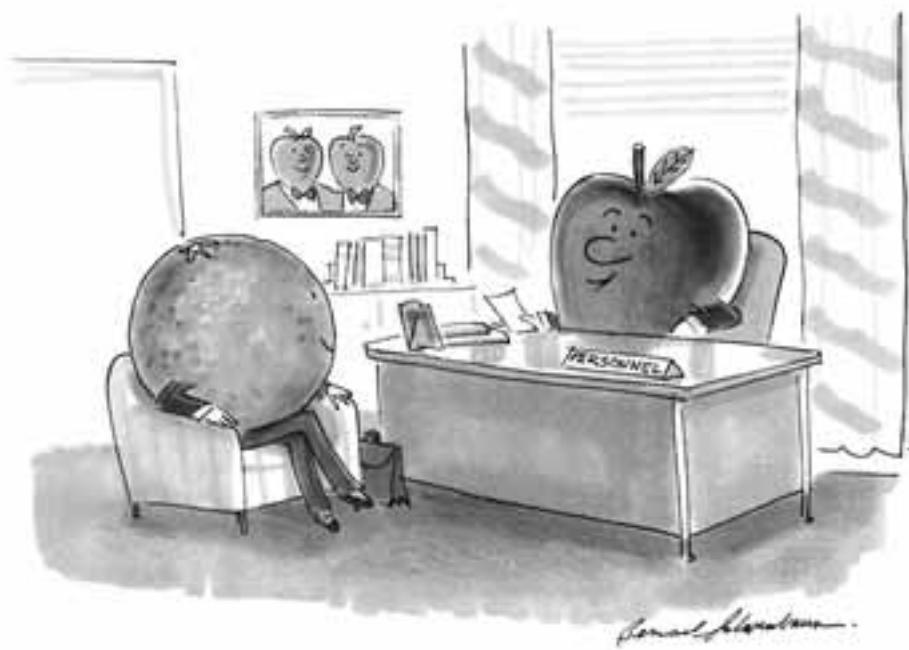
“Do you take MasterCard?”



"Do you want to handle this or should I?"



“And then, at the height of their power, they seem to have succumbed to a mysterious people known as ‘the bottom-line types.’”



*"As an orange, how much experience have you
had working with apples?"*





"She'll have to call you back. She's on a roll."



"Don't be a fool—can't you see she's nothing but plywood?"



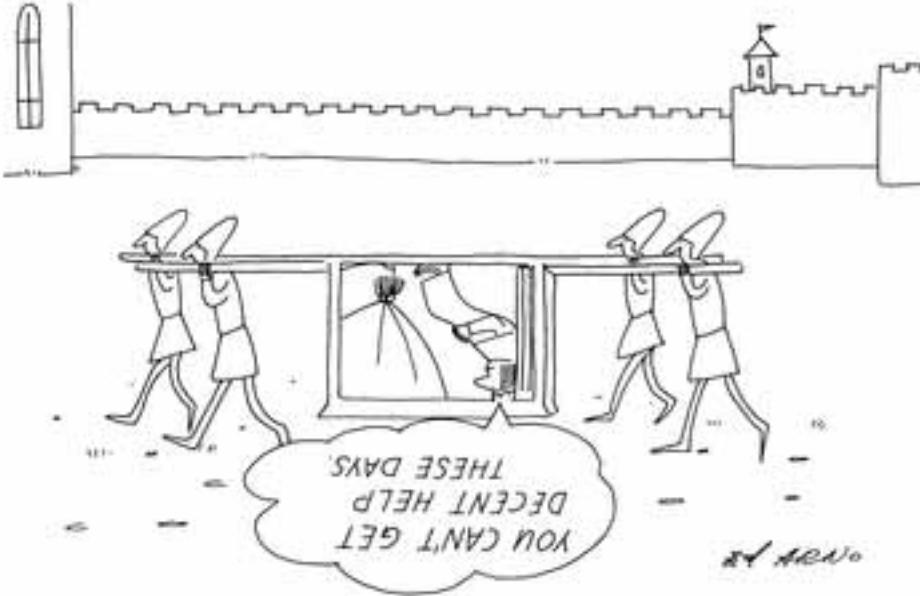


"What do you mean, you don't want any!"

FASHIONS FROM
PIER 1



THE DOUBLE-BREASTED
WICKER SUIT





"We're buying into the dream of home ownership."

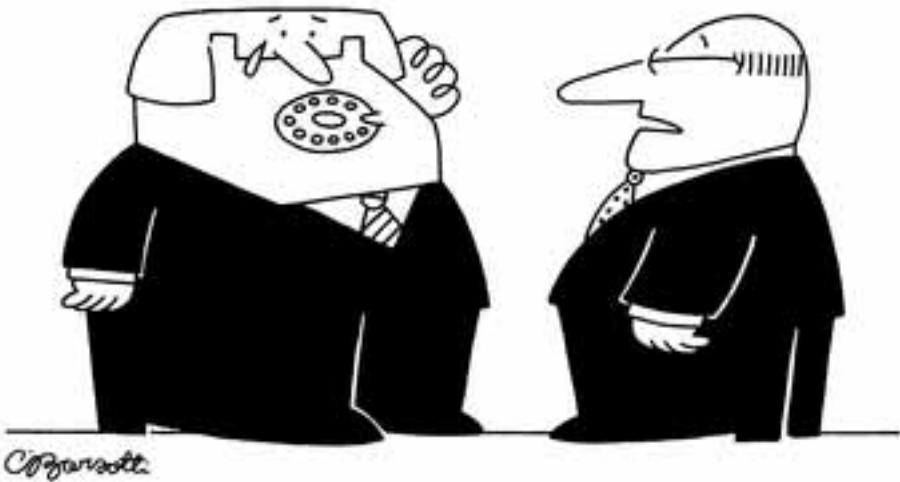








The Walrus and the Spoilsport



*"Oh, come on, you know we should have switched
to touch-tone years ago."*



"I'm at my nastiest tonight."

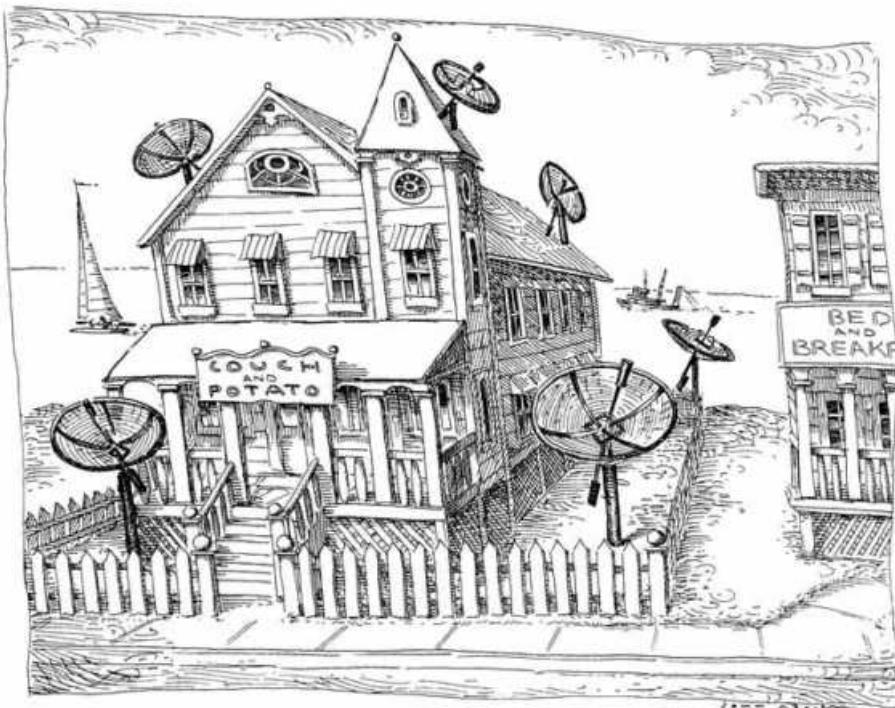




*"It's going to be tough switching over to
individual private enterprise."*



I WAS DEALING WITH A DANGEROUS
MAN WHO AT ANY MOMENT MIGHT
BURST INTO A SELECTION FROM
"THE PAUL McCARTNEY SONGBOOK."





"It's O.K., I'm with the government."

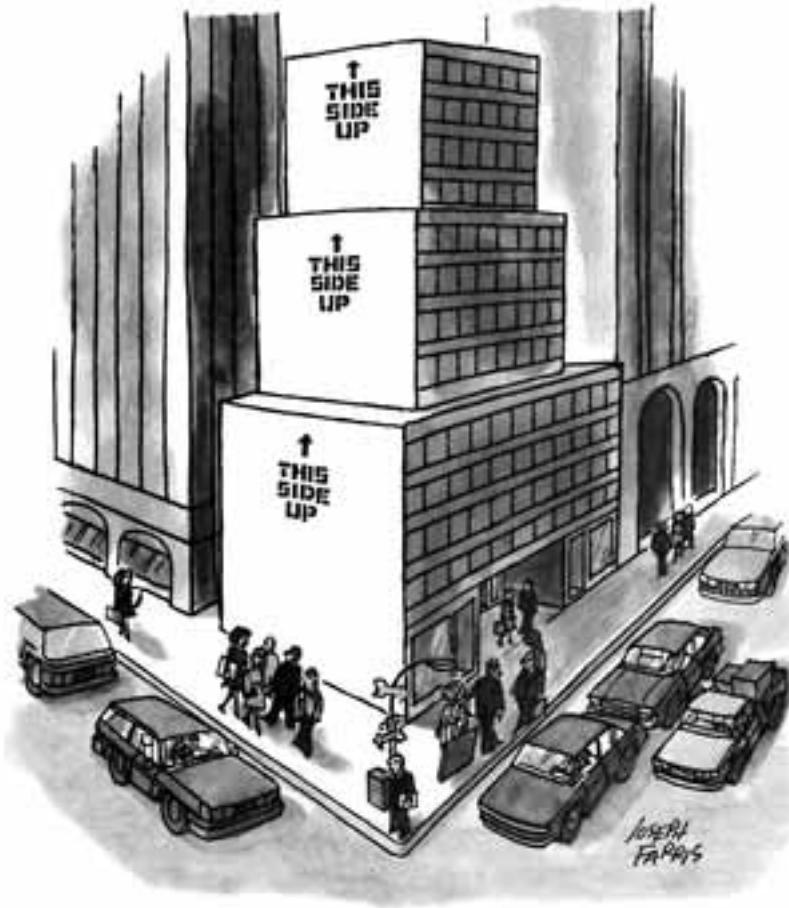


*"Have a nice day! Have a nice day! Have a nice day!
Have a nice day! Have a . . ."*



"No more carpenter-turned-director types, either!"







"Let me give you a lesson in American history: James Madison never intended the Bill of Rights to protect riffraff like you."









"Let me through! I'm a businessperson!"





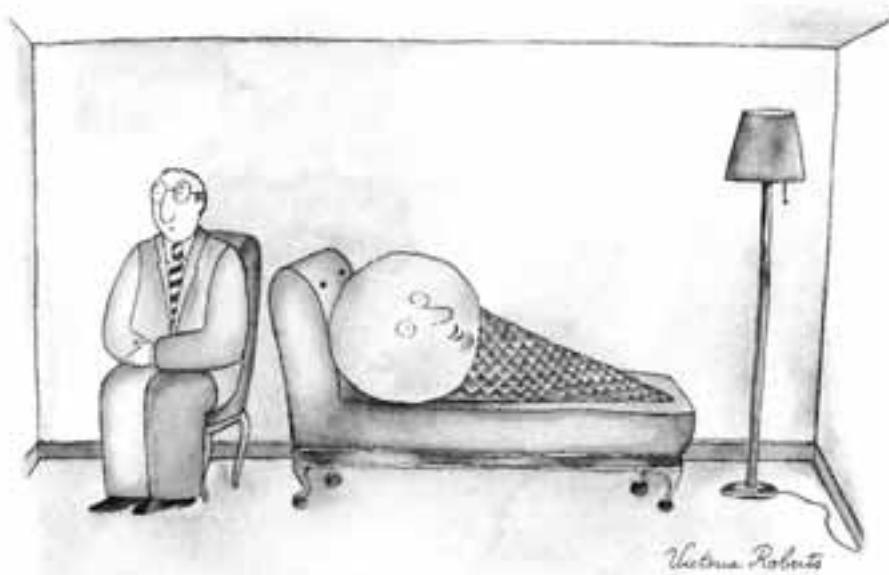
"We try to set aside a little time for silliness."



"His serve is excellent, his forehand is strong, his backhand and net game are coming along well, but he needs a louder grunt."



"You're poison, Lauren, but, these days, what isn't?"



"In this dream I am flavor of the month, and double-chocolate-fudge ripple doesn't scare me."







"When we moved back into the city, we decided to keep the car."

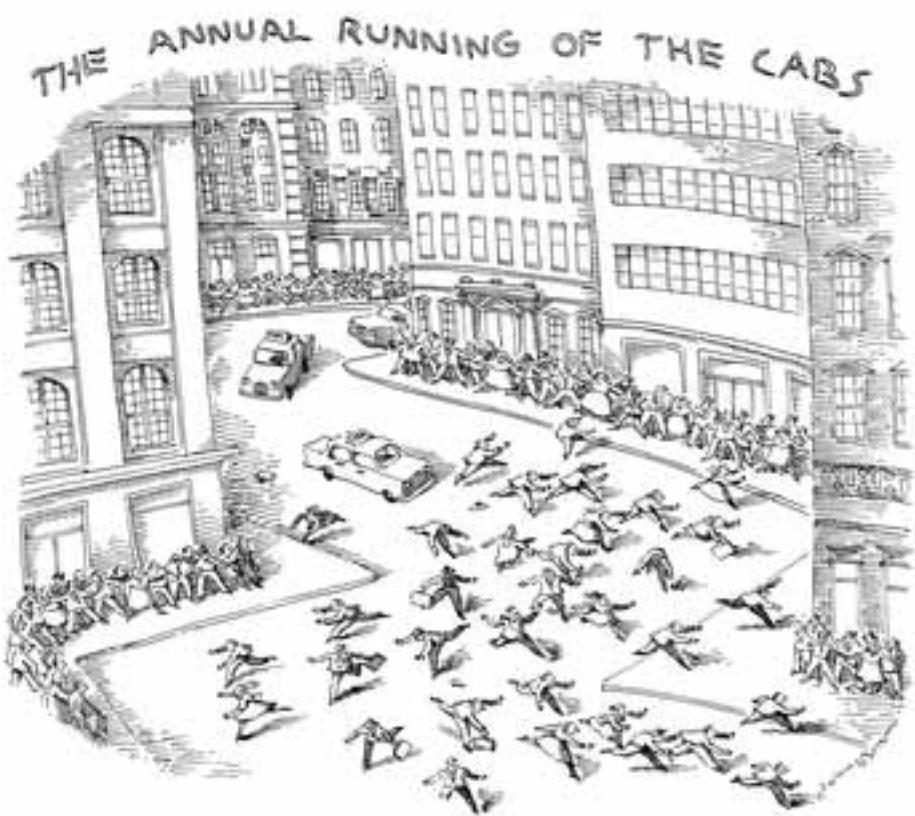




"If there is plastic on your tray, recycle it."



"Is that you, or am I experiencing Artificial Reality?"

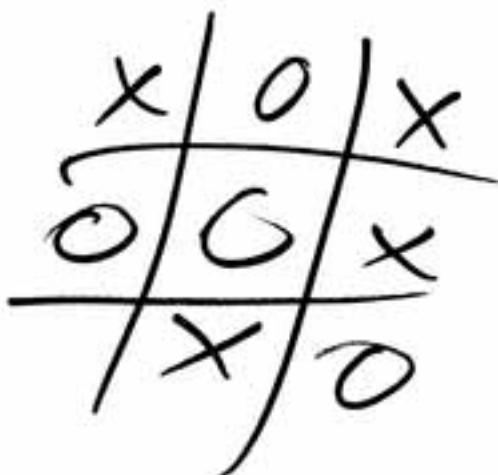




"Correct me if I'm wrong, Carl, but you strike me as the kind of guy who cares—really cares—whether your tuna's packed in water or oil."

1990

KARPOV/X
KASPAROV/O



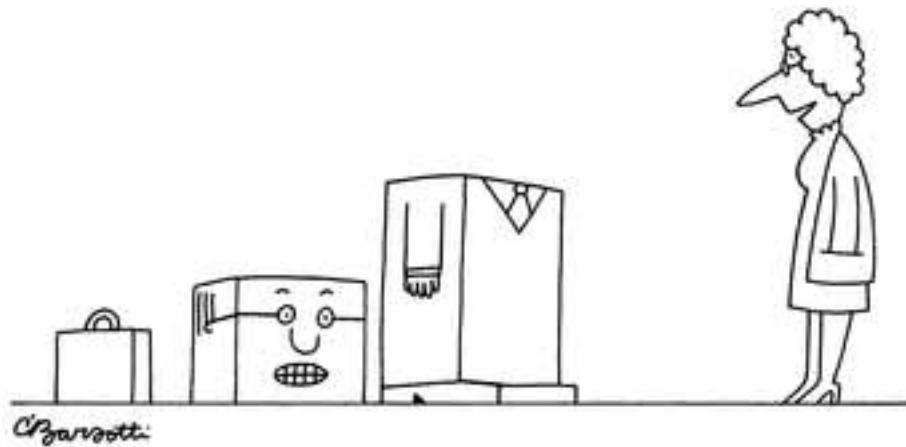
FINAL POSITION





"Well, we're alfresco. Now what?"





"You're home, dear—that's the main thing."

LUKE WARM & OVER E-Z: THE WORLD'S BLANDEST RAPPERS





"Before I read our verdict, I'd like to announce that as soon as court adjourns, some of us will be appearing on television to discuss the case, and we hope you'll all tune in."



"Water . . . water . . ."





"Do you really like Rembrandt, or do you simply identify with him as a white heterosexual male?"

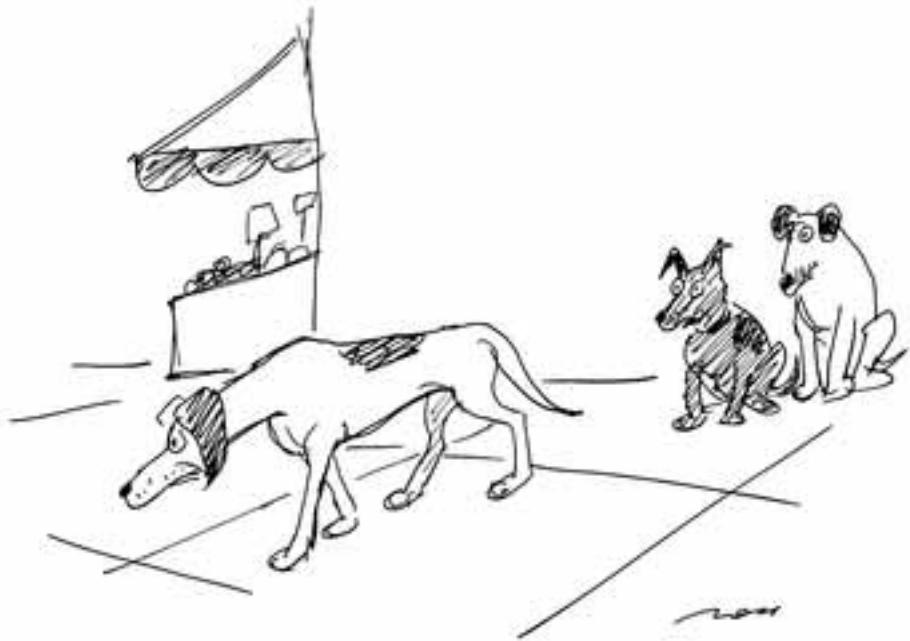


"After the truffle season peaks, we like to kick back and do a little clamming."



"I'm sorry. The doctor no longer makes phone calls."





"It's a shame. He's lost the will to fetch."



*"Dr. Steinhauser's experiments are concerned with the possibility
of converting toxic chemical waste into booze."*



*"Did you say something? I thought
I heard a sound bite."*



BACK TO THE PRESENT - I





The Judgment of Paris



"The Attorney's Lunch—may I hear the warranty again?"



"The bride was radiant, the groom was radiant. I was radiant!"





"I thought it was only a metaphor when people said, 'My car died.' "

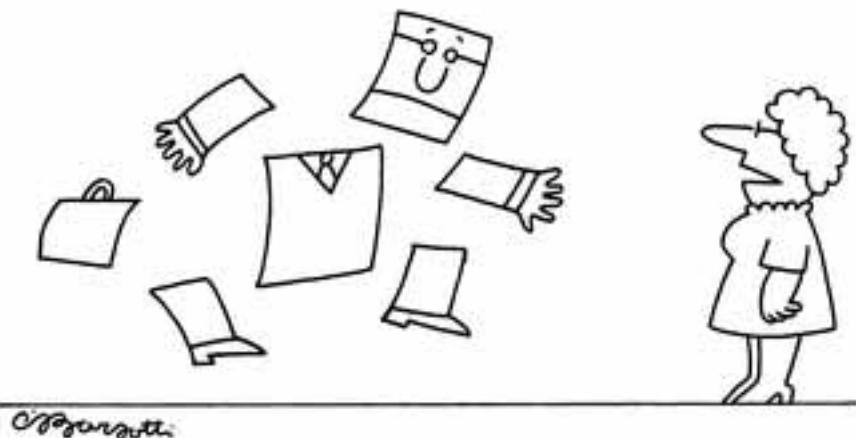
21ST CENTURY PREVIEWS

HISTORY IS MADE AS THE MEDIA COMPLETELY
IGNORE THE 75TH ANNUAL WOODSTOCK REUNION









"Oh dear! You know that we have to be at the Johnsons' by eight."



"Well, I guess the bubble has burst over at Phillips Rodney Associates."





"I love you, but, hey, I'm flexible."



Victoria Roberts

"You came up in therapy today."



"Well, it's official. This household is definitely in a recession."

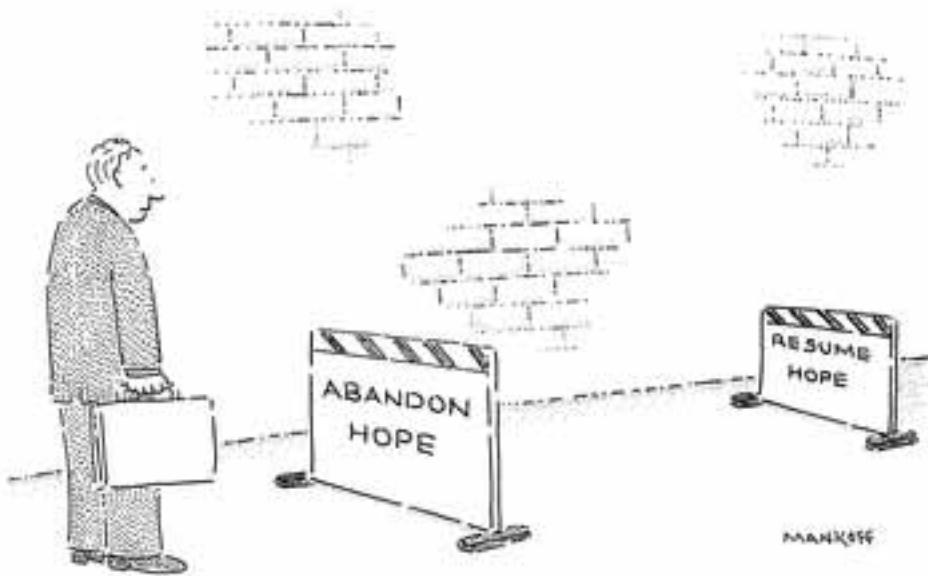


"That's the deal, pal—I've drawn my line in the sand."





"Well, Al, the sixties was peace. The seventies was sex. The eighties was money. Maybe the nineties will be lumber."





*"Don't you love Amagansett and all the people
in really nice sweaters?"*



*"Sorry. I was expecting the lady. I can see you're busy.
I'll call sometime. We'll do lunch."*



“Because it’s a new category, they haven’t settled the details of what to do with those who have sinned against the planet.”



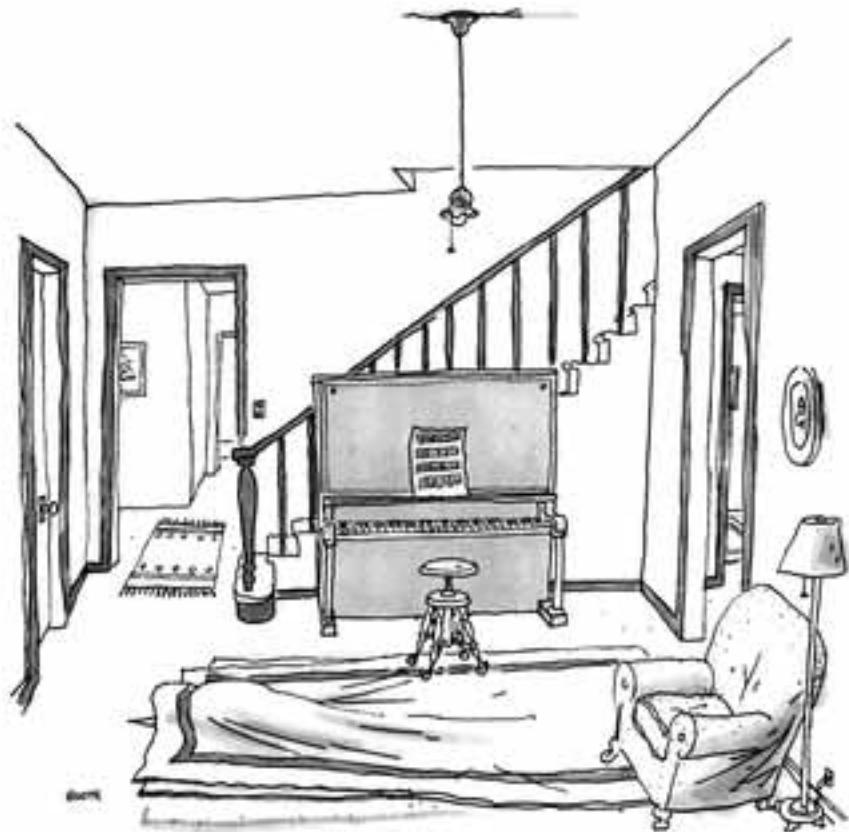


"Eddie Wilson, for conversation in the lighter vein."





*"It's people like you who are ruining rock and roll
for the rest of us."*



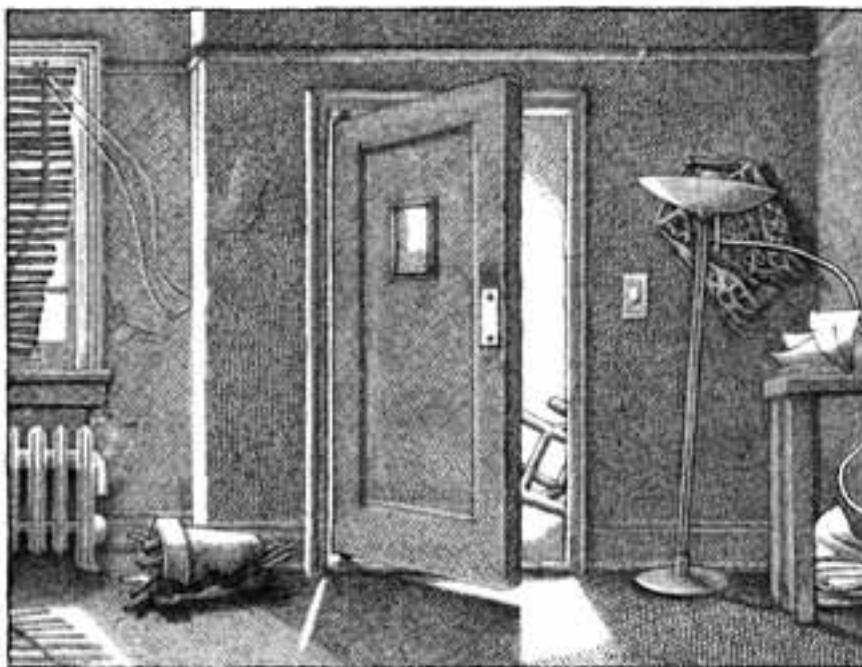
*Thursday, August 2, 1990, Early in the Morning,
the Watternods' Dog Ponders the S. & L. Mess*

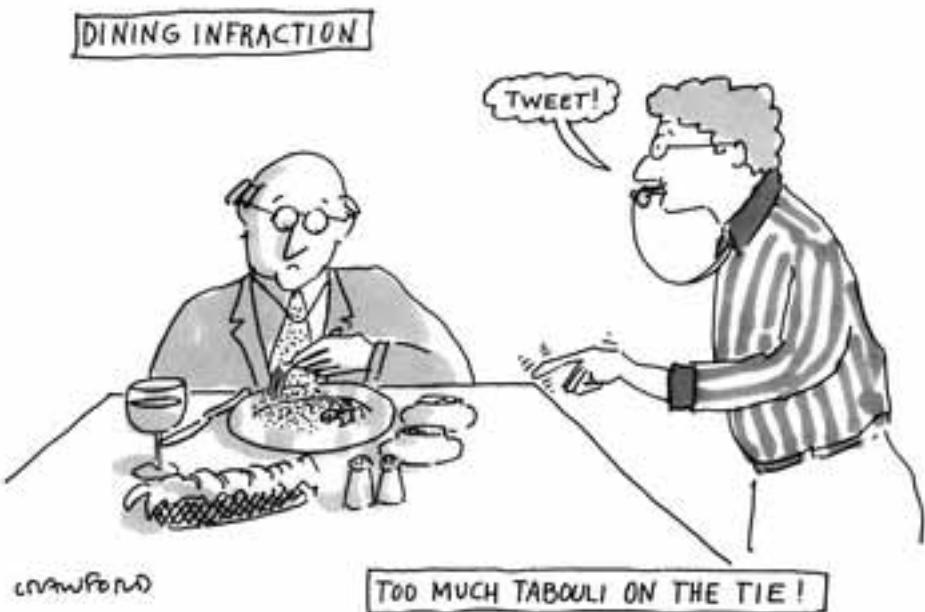


*"Oh, just sitting around doing five to ten
for armed robbery. And you?"*



Elegant, mature swinging door seeks
opposite number. Louvred O.K.







Shanahan

"It's 'Architectural Digest.'"

1990 LABOR-SAVING DEVICES



R. Chast



**THE
RENAISSANCE MAN**



*"I've had eye contact with women before,
Marcia—but never like this."*



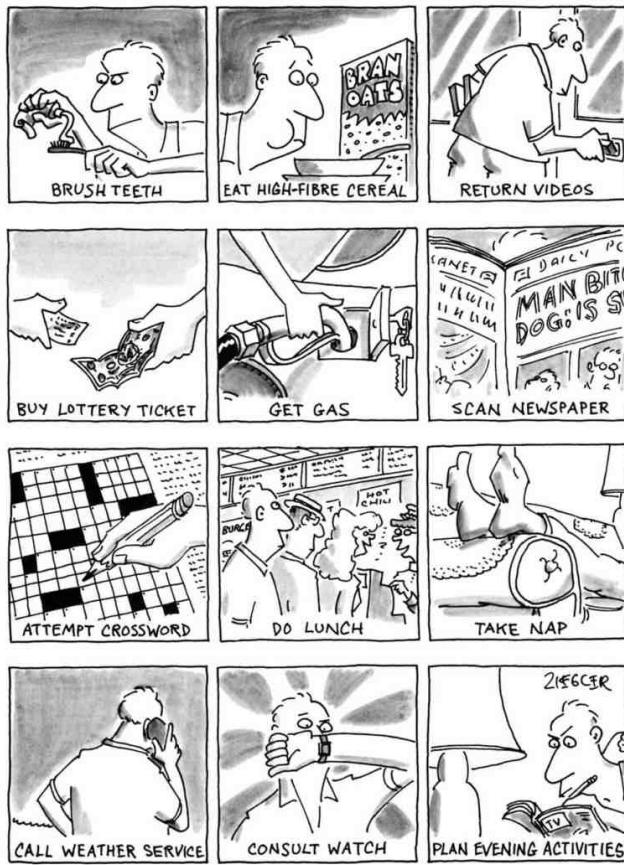


GENERAL U.S. GRANT DISPLAYS RARE EMOTION
AT APPOMATTOX.



"It's for you."

THE TWELVE LABORS OF
HERCULES OF ELMHURST





*"If you can't say anything nice about rattan,
don't say anything at all."*



"I always thought the heavenly gates would be pearly, not golden."

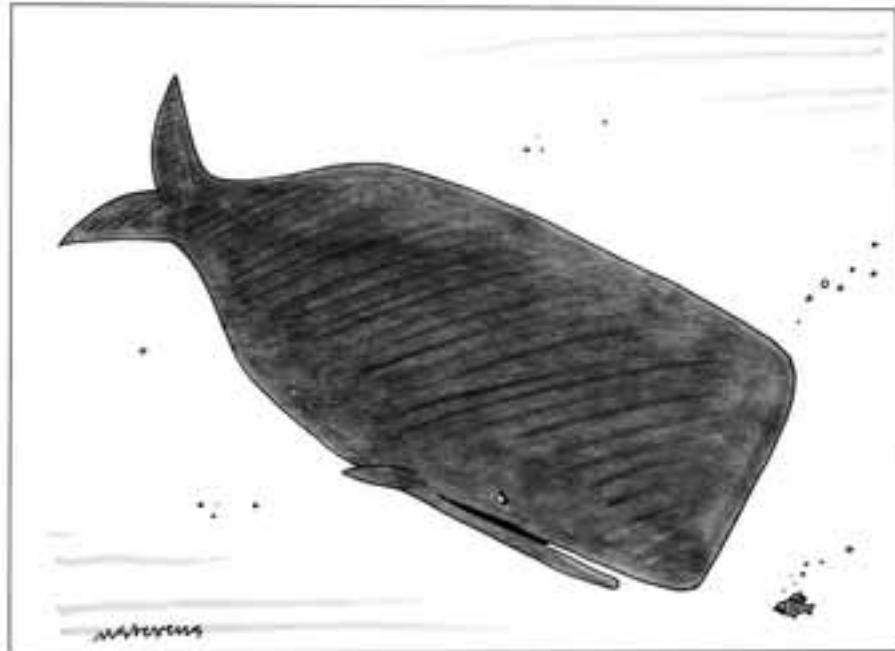




*"May I ask you, Miss Howre, what made you
select a homeopathic attorney?"*



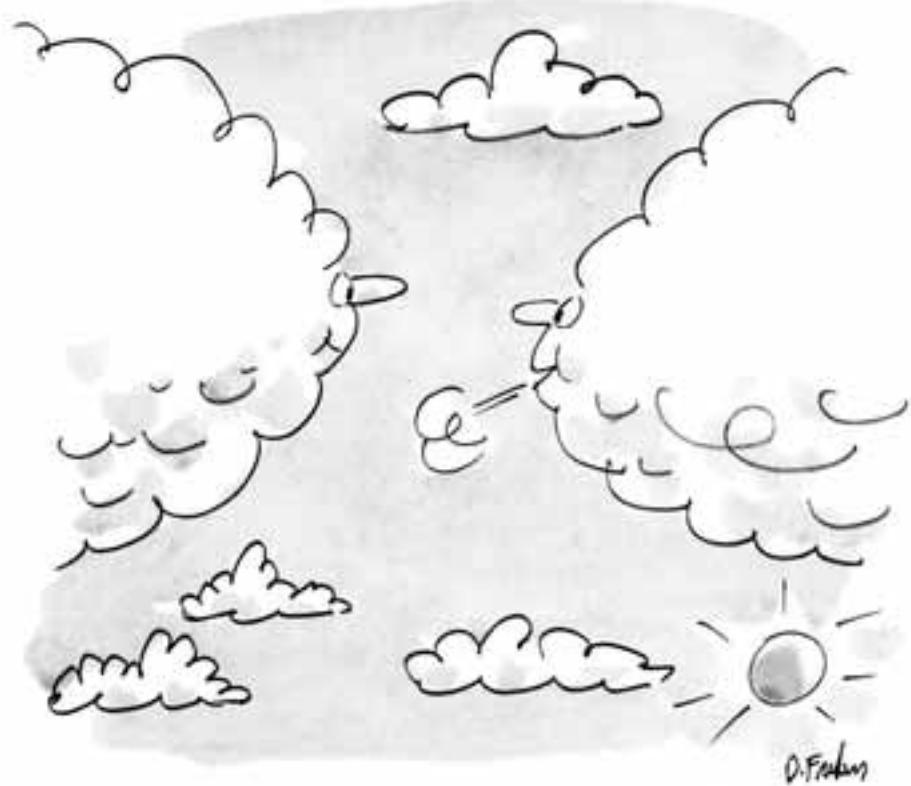
"If there are sixteen moons, it must be Jupiter."



"Don't make waves."



"For having made, on impulse, the following purchases—at Bergdorf Goodman, one silk jacquard running suit in beige, one faux-gold-studded black calf bomber jacket, and one pair of gunmetal lizard ankle boots; at Martha, one flower-appliquéd shantung chemise and beaded-velvet black stirrup pants; at Barneys, one brocaded fuchsia clutch with tasselled shoulder strap—I find you guilty as charged."



*"I'll see you the day after tomorrow.
Tomorrow is supposed to be cloudless."*



“Maybe you should go make sure we’re in the right line.”



"Stephen and I are today's special."



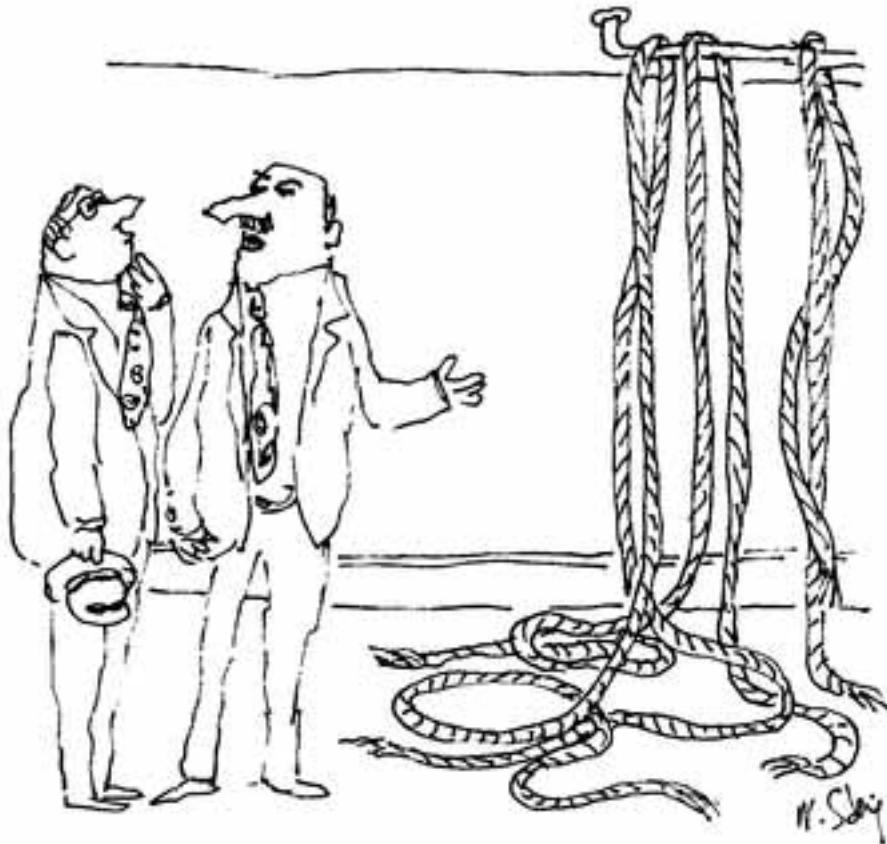
*"Just go home and change, Worthington, and spare me
any more talk about postmodernism."*



"Great job, Morton. Why not take the afternoon off and do a little shopping?"

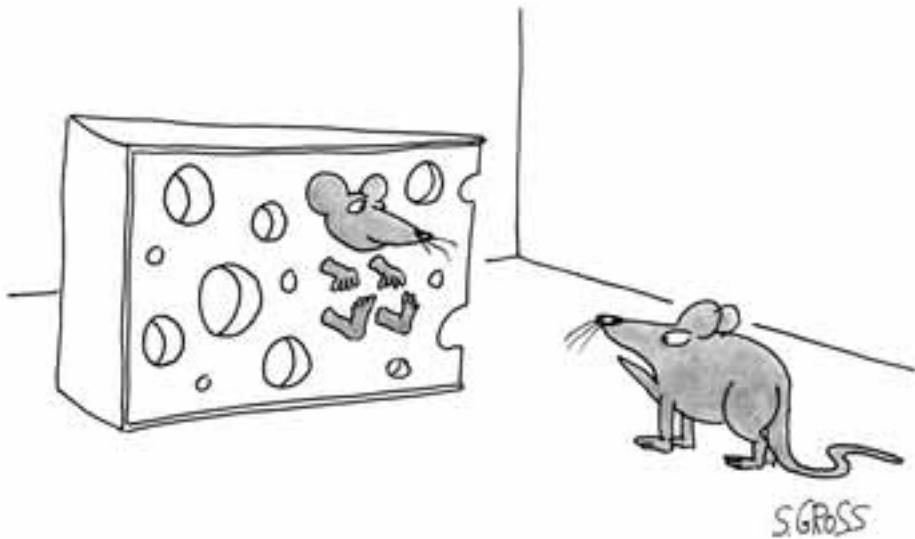


*After three years of effort, Armand despaired of
ever giving shape to his writing.*



"Let me show you the ropes."

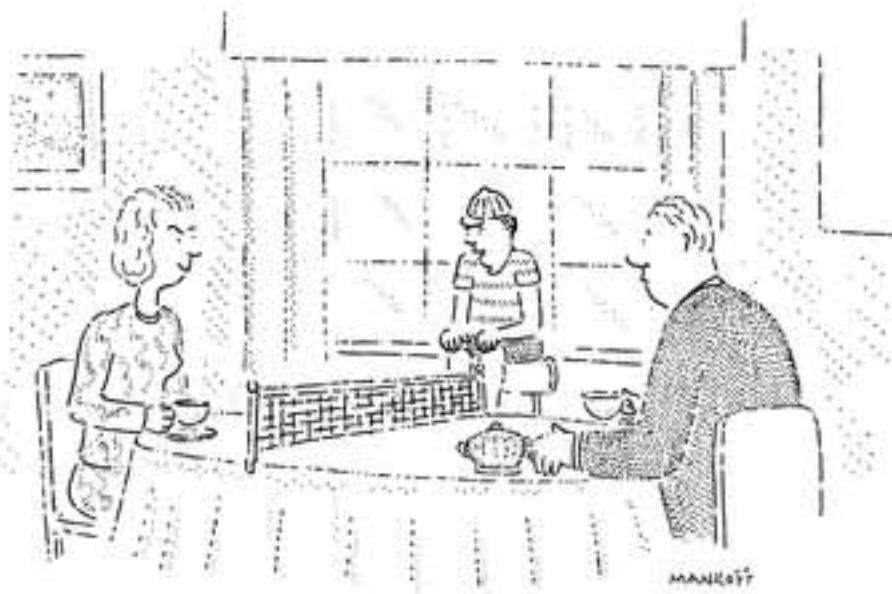




"You're playing with your food again, Eugene!"



Ziegler



"Advantage, Mom."



"I think it's high time we had an enigma on the Supreme Court."



*"And what do you imagine will be the advantages of changing
your name from Peking man to Beijing man?"*



*"I know this is what you've always wanted, Ken, but I'm sorry—
I want more from life than just a terrific parking space."*





"To a wonderful amphibious being!"



"I didn't know that any of your Living National Treasures played golf."



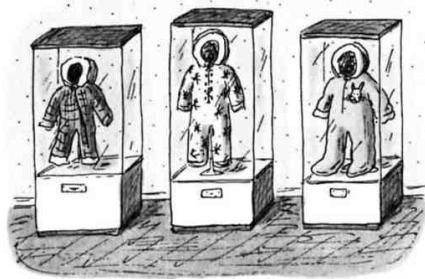
"I'm a sucker for group dynamics."



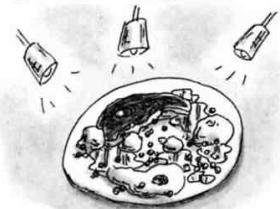
"It's heartbreaking. He was just getting real definition in his lats."

ON DISPLAY AT THE
CHILDREN'S HOUSE ~~OF~~ HORRORS

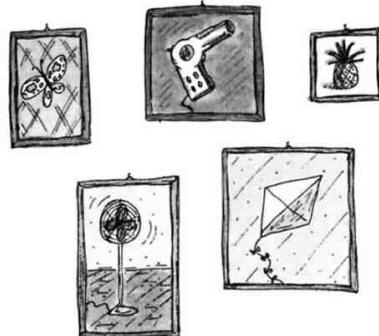
The Hall of Snowsuits



The Plate Where All the Different Foods Are Touching One Another



The Gallery of Inexplicable Fears



Live Demonstration of The Shampoo (1:00, 3:00, 5:00)





"You're heading up our flagship company, Beavis, and, should anything happen, you'll be expected to go down with it."



"People read too much into everything."



"Maybe the best way I can put it is that we inhabit parallel universes that appear congruent but don't, in nontheoretical circumstances, really interact."



"Hey, Al, we have anything in matched sets that's not too hard and not too soft but just right?"



*"Since Frank retired two years ago, he's been on the alert
for some long-dormant artistic talent to develop."*



*"One B.L.T., one cherry pie, and one bowl of chili
with crackers on the side!"*







"Doctor, have you any advice to offer a young man who would love to be a physician but whose crowded schedule simply doesn't permit time for medical school?"

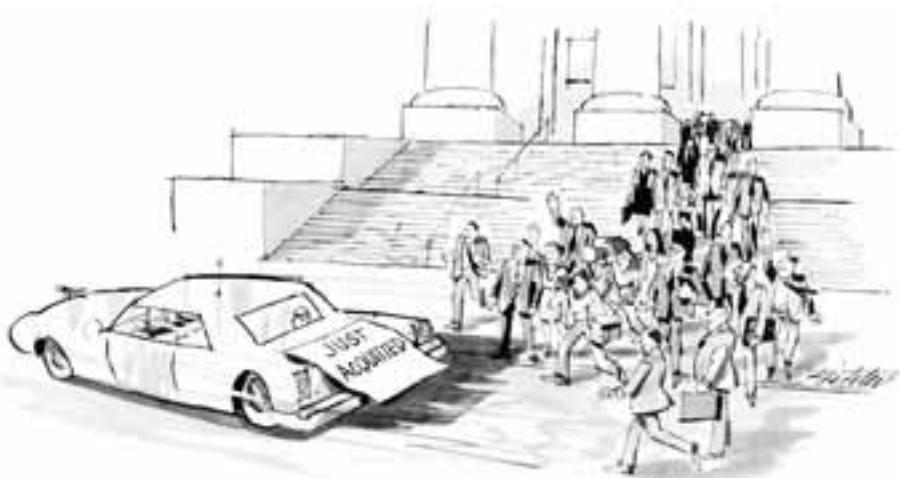


"My client wants a fifty-per-cent salary boost, a bonus guarantee, and a snappy choreographed victory dance he can do after he makes a touchdown."





"A note of warning: The following report may contain material not suitable for the squeamish."



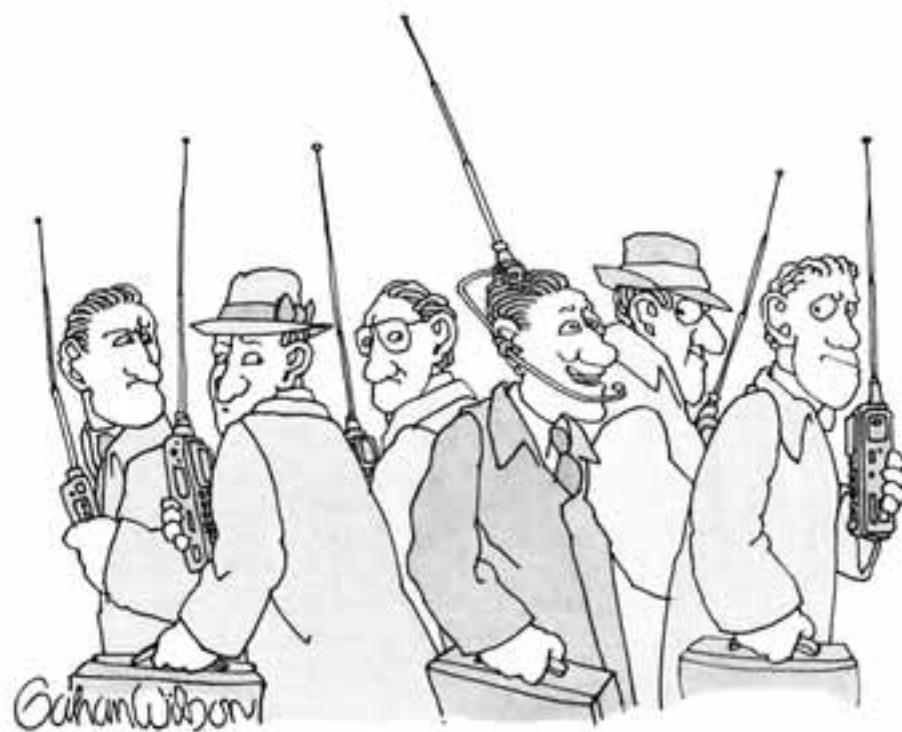


"You sit tight. I'll fetch a waiter."



"I love L.A., and I can't understand people who say that it doesn't know how to be a city."





THE FIRST MODULAR-PHONE IMPLANT
GARNERS ENVIOUS LOOKS ALONG FIFTH AVENUE



"First of all, let me say yes, you are getting enough kelp."



"Here's what I want to say, Tony: You, me, everybody in our industry can make a difference. There, I've said it."



"O.K., Bud! Time's up!"



MR. PICKWICK TRIES TO ELUDE THE LAW

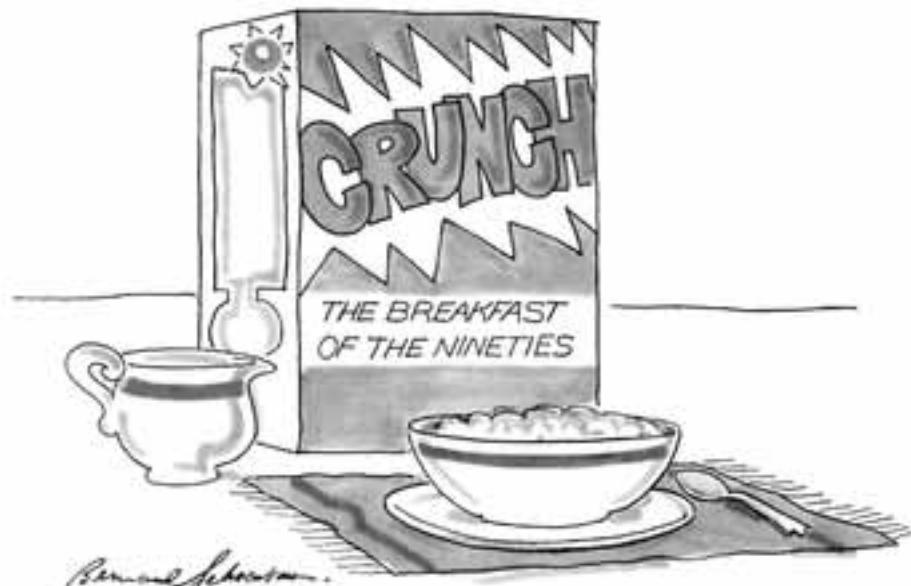


A LITTLE OF HIM AND LOTS OF HER



THE GRAPES OF KHAN







Autumnal Sadness



"You remember my son—formerly a Wall Street pit bull?"



"I was afraid of this—a Chinese menu just came in on our fax."



*"Great, but where are they going to get
the money to pay for them?"*



“Very good, Gary: A hero is a celebrity who did something real.”



“She can forgive Nixon, but she can’t forgive me.”



"My client looks like the cat that ate the canary—but, as far as I know, that, in this or any other state, is not a crime."

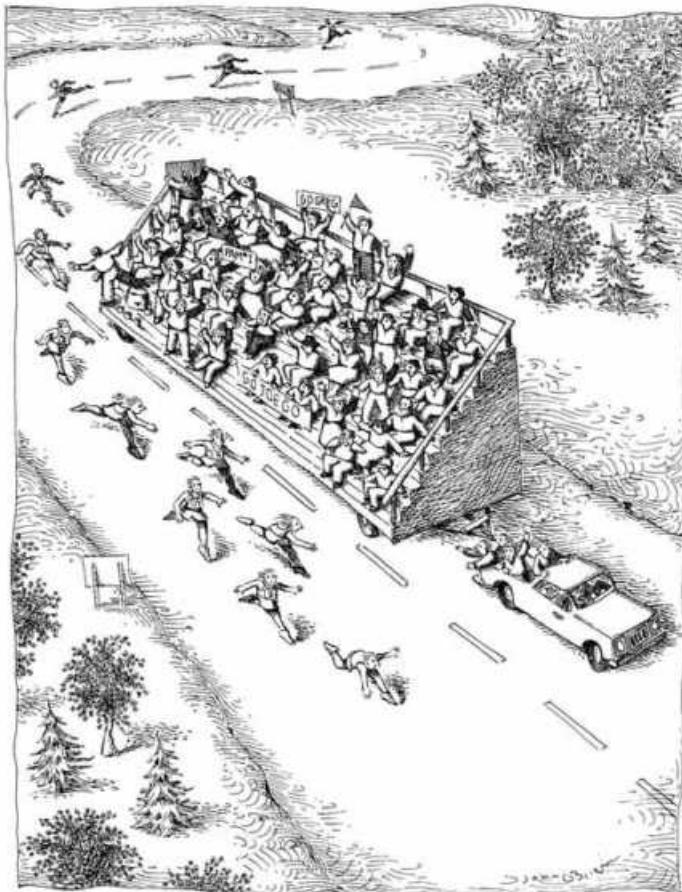


"Dorothy, could you come here a minute?"

HENRY M. STANLEY, HAVING SWITCHED EMPLOYERS
IN MID-EXPEDITION, CONFORMS TO THE
NEW YORK TIMES STYLE BOOK.



"A reporter, entering Ujiji, approached the presumed Dr. Livingstone and ascertained that the man was indeed the long-sought physician. . . ."





LUCKILY, THE INDUSTRIAL-STRENGTH
EARPLUGS I HAD PURCHASED IN
TUCSON WERE HOLDING UP WELL
AGAINST THE ONSLAUGHT.



*"According to the most recent report, we have
no recourse but to abandon ship."*



"Hand me my claw hammer."





"Now a hand for our next guests—a famous author and his big bestseller!"



1990
SUPERMARKET NEWSCAST

IN OUR HEADLINES TODAY: GROUND CHUCK IS ON SPECIAL AT \$1.18 A POUND, PEANUT BUTTER, CREAMY OR CRUNCHY, IS \$1.49 FOR AN EIGHTEEN-OUNCE JAR, AND WOMAN KIDNAPPED BY ALIENS LOSES 137 POUNDS IN TWELVE-HOUR OUTER-SPACE ORDEAL.



New York Neighborhoods



West Side Y



Mom's



Literary Gala



Downtown



Little Switzerland



Inner Space

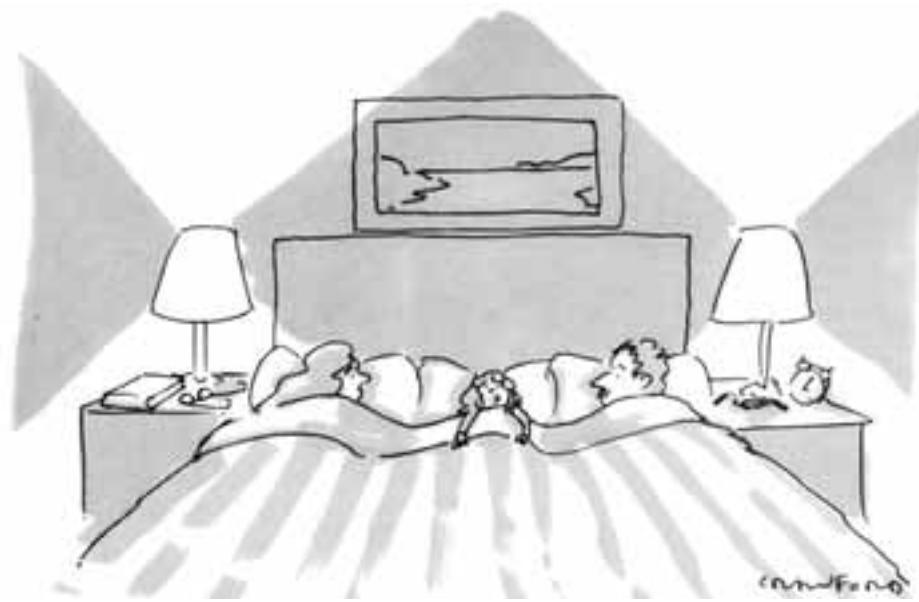
Huguette Martel



"He's in his late somethings, but he's cute."



"Can I call you back, Ted?"



*"Now, if only Daddy were rich and Mommy were good-looking,
everything would be totally awesome."*



"He's about five feet six, has big brown eyes and curly blond hair, and answers to the name of Master."



Snow White and Sleeping Beauty
Have Tea



"For the glory of God Almighty, and in the names of the munificent King and munificent Queen of Spain, I do on a day—either a Friday preceding or a Monday directly following a weekend that is earlyish in but toward the middle of October—in this year of our Lord, 1492, claim this land."

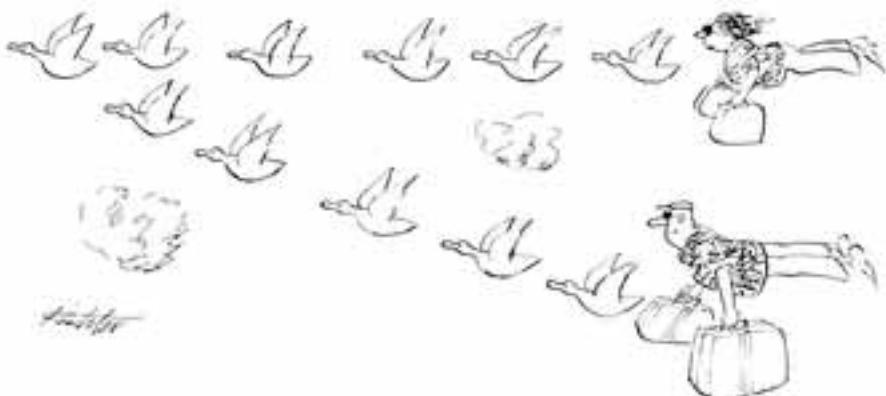




*"I asked for rare, but it's well done.
I think it's time to get out of New York."*



*"Well, if I can't be either a borrower or a lender,
what do I do with myself?"*







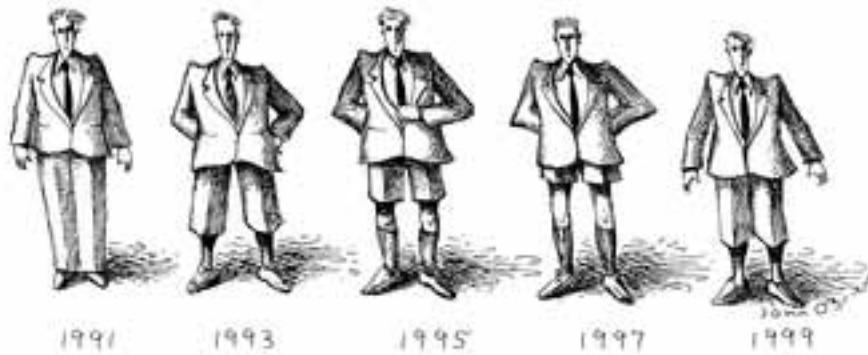


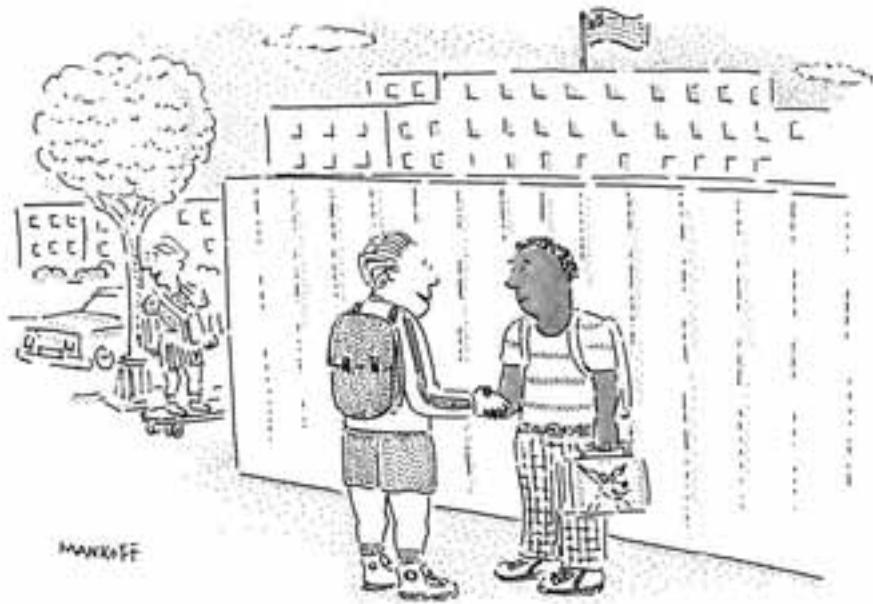


"Everyone is different and everyone is the same."



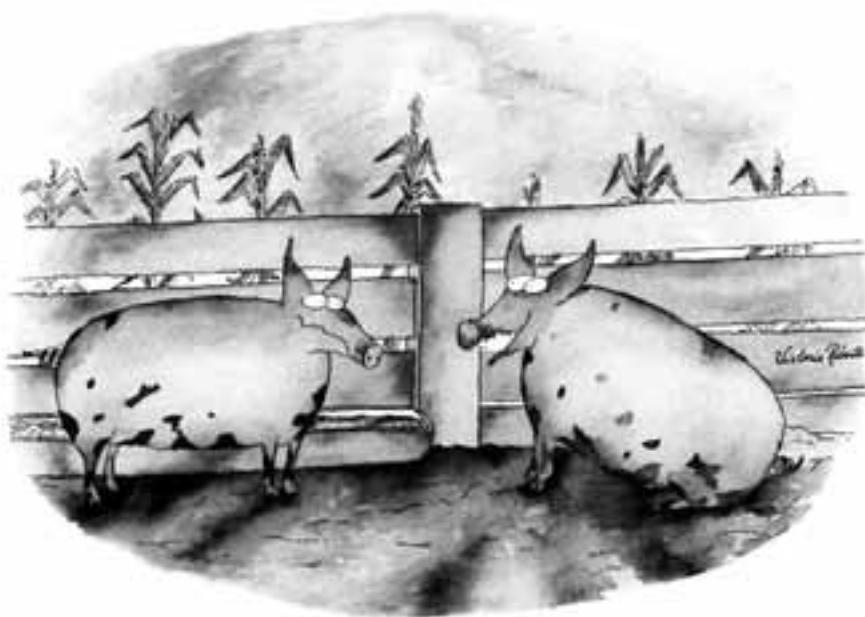
MEN'S HEMLINE PREDICTIONS FOR THE NINETIES





"It's a done deal. Have your au pair call my au pair."

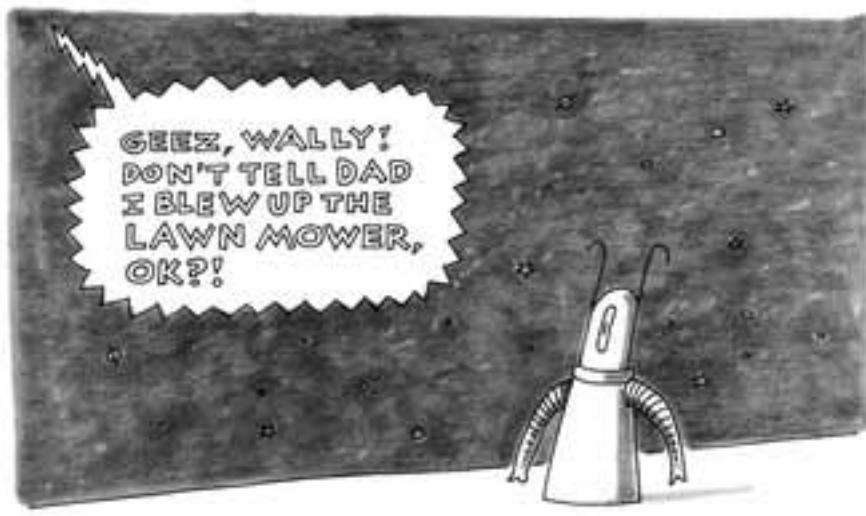




"Well, pickle my trotters!"

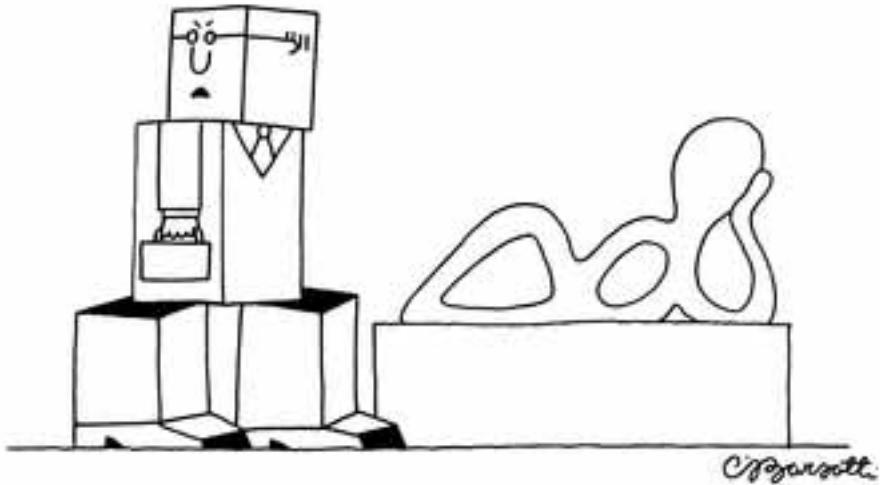
DON'T INVITE TO THE SAME PARTY
SALOME (WITH THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST)
AND
JUDITH (WITH THE HEAD OF HOLOFERNES)





MICK STEVENS

AFTER TRAVELLING ACROSS THE UNIVERSE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, AN EPISODE OF "LEAVE IT TO BEAVER" IS RECEIVED BY AN INHABITANT OF A DISTANT GALAXY.



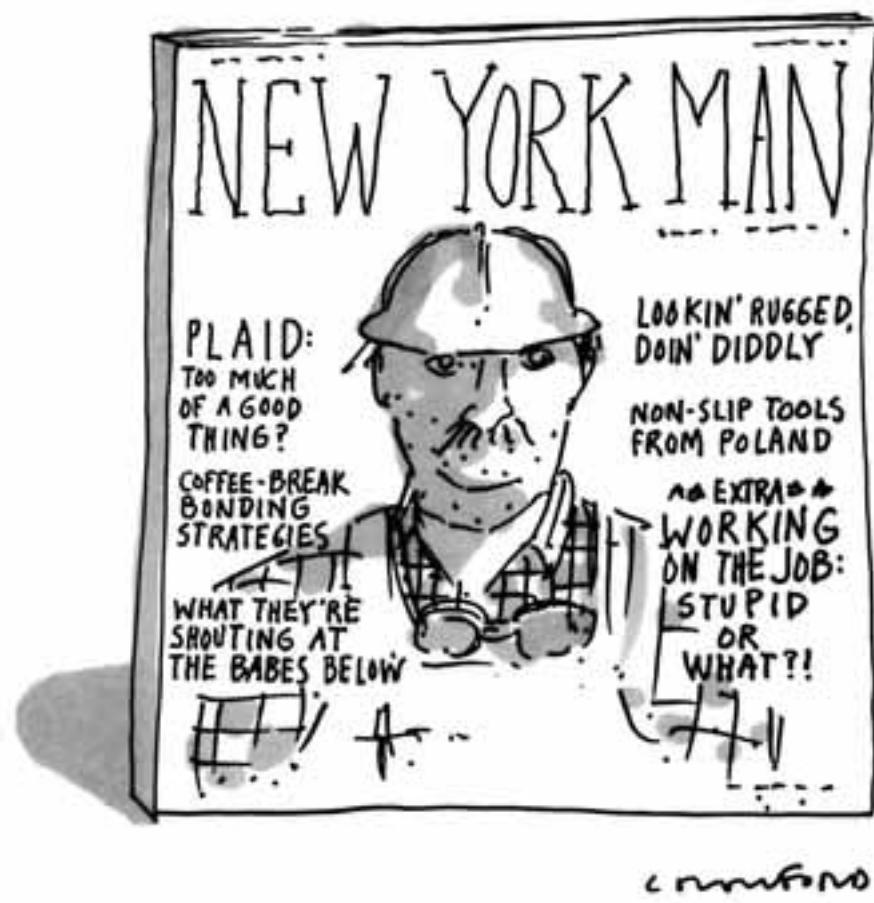
"Miss Crutchfield, have you gone mad?"



"I sure lucked out with you!"



*"Won't you please welcome Edwin Nells—accompanied,
as always, by his attorney."*





"Margo, I think it's time we talked about us."





MILITARY SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE





"Eve was a summer squall."



"I don't see any interesting deaths at all today."





"Mr. Cartwright says you have to make a career decision—African violets or accounting."



"You heard the little lady, Mister. She said, 'Don't touch that dial.' "



"This is a great place to bring up children."



THE CAPITAL SISTERS

Dory, Cory, and Io



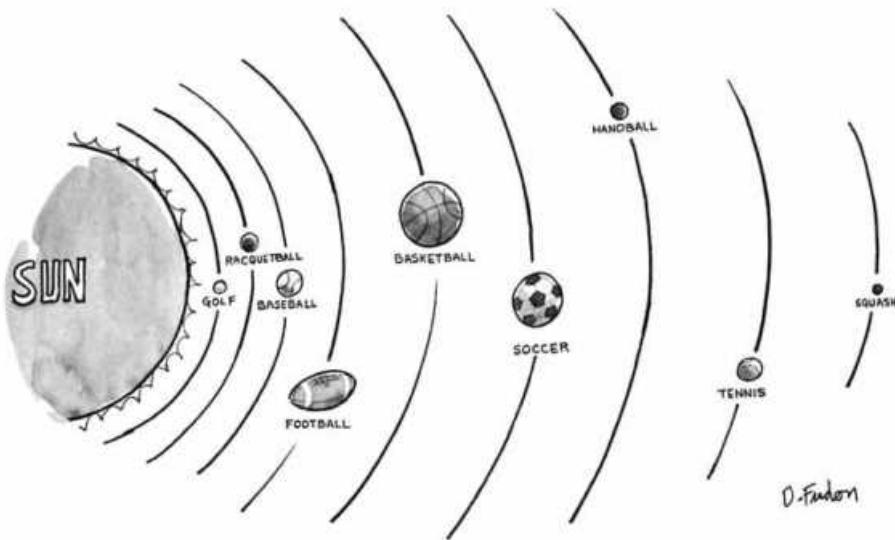


"Let's talk about how we're all not going to buy anything this fall."

1990
ALTERNATIVE DICKENS



REHABILITATED AT LAST
(Mr. Sikes finally learns some manners)

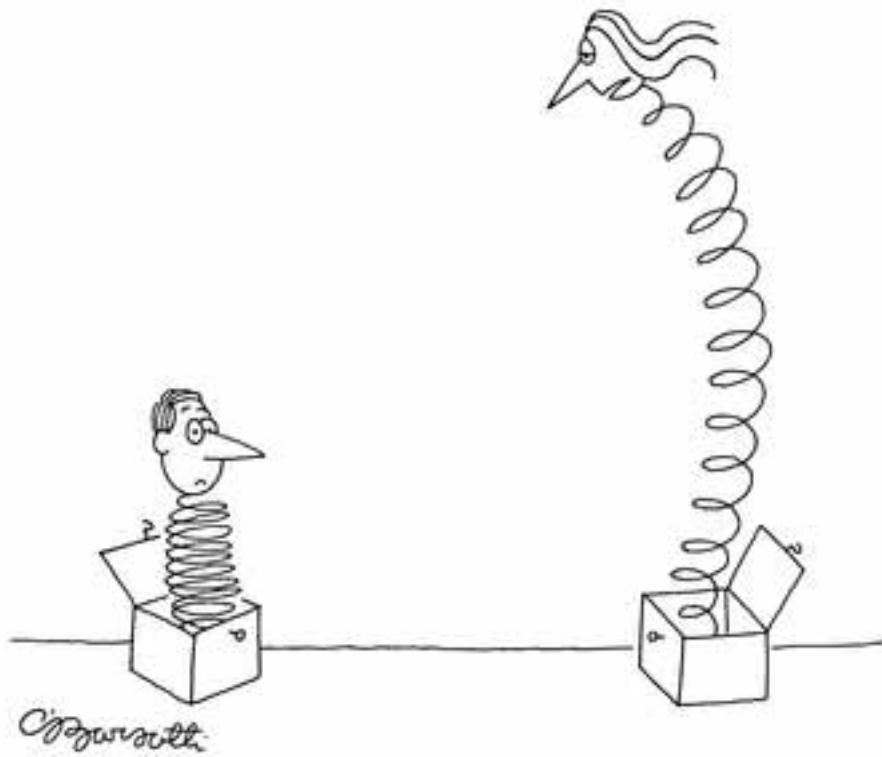




*"Good morning. I'm Craig Nisbet, and I'm
trying to meet women."*



“Although the depiction of gangland activity in this film is not accurate over all, I would like to go on record as saying that I am not entirely displeased with Mr. Robert De Niro’s portrayal of a gentleman whom I take to have been a former associate of yours truly.”



*"Face it, Herb, you're one of those people
who peaked in high school."*



"I'd like to give you a break, but we did have you doing a hundred and eighty-six thousand miles a second on the radar."



LOUIS XIV BEGINS A BRIEF
FLIRTATION WITH MISSION FURNITURE.



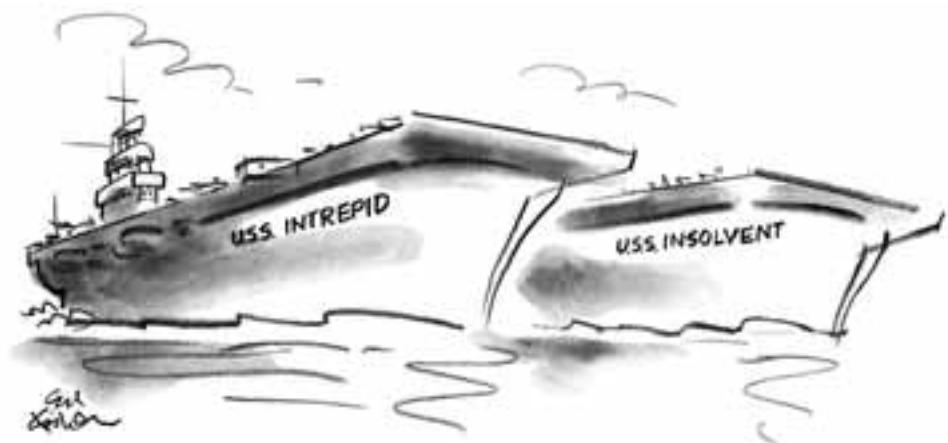
"But that's what being an artist is—feeling crummy before everyone else feels crummy."



"I dreamed that I was mayor of a large American city."



"You have to face the possibility that your marriage may never recapture the magic of the Dump Johnson days."







(Leo Cullum)



*"It just occurred to me that I don't seem to see
as many mimes around as I used to."*



"May I recommend the Roast Free-Range Chicken with Sage-and-Celery Stuffing and real Pan Gravy?"



"I'd like my daughter to know something about engines."



*"If this doesn't distract him, Ulysses,
we'll go with the sheep idea."*

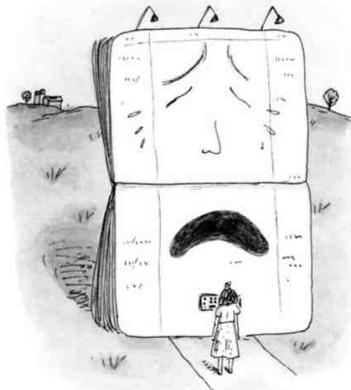
CASH MACHINES from ACROSS THE LAND



The Big Purse
East Lubblock, New Jersey



Dad's Pocket Casheteria
Twelve Buckets, Nebraska



The Weeping Bankbook
Hensteeth, Alabama



Mattress o' Moola
Knorl, Idaho

R.Chast





"Freshly ground pepper, sir?"



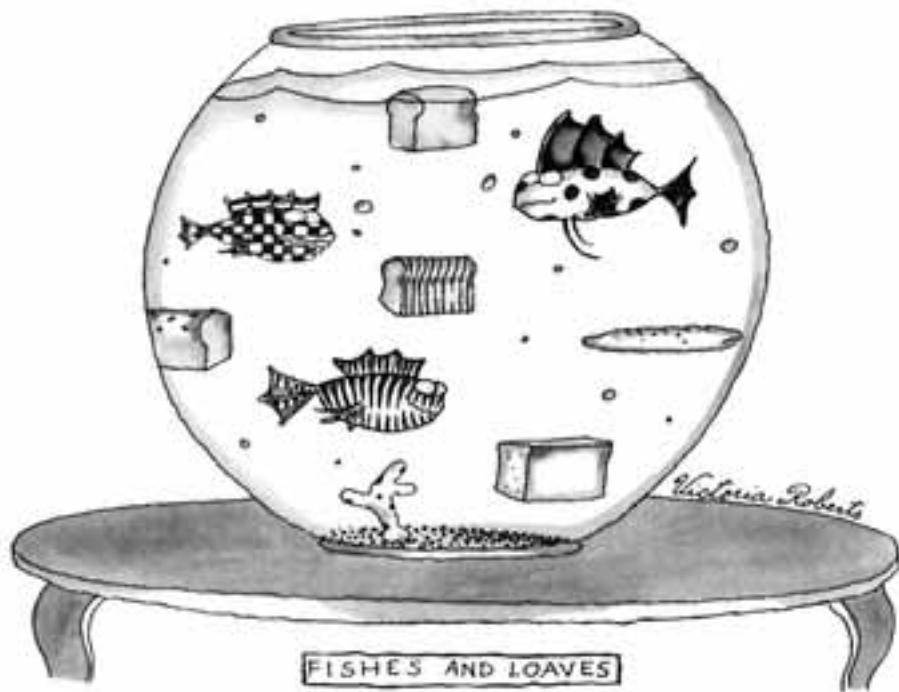




"To answer your question. Yes, if you shoot an arrow into the air and it falls to earth you know not where, you could be liable for any damage it may cause."



"Just as a point of curiosity, dear, do you have any pictures pasted up in your locker, and, if so, of what?"







"Do you suppose there's life under other rocks?"



"My God, there's been a terrible accident in our Chicago office!"

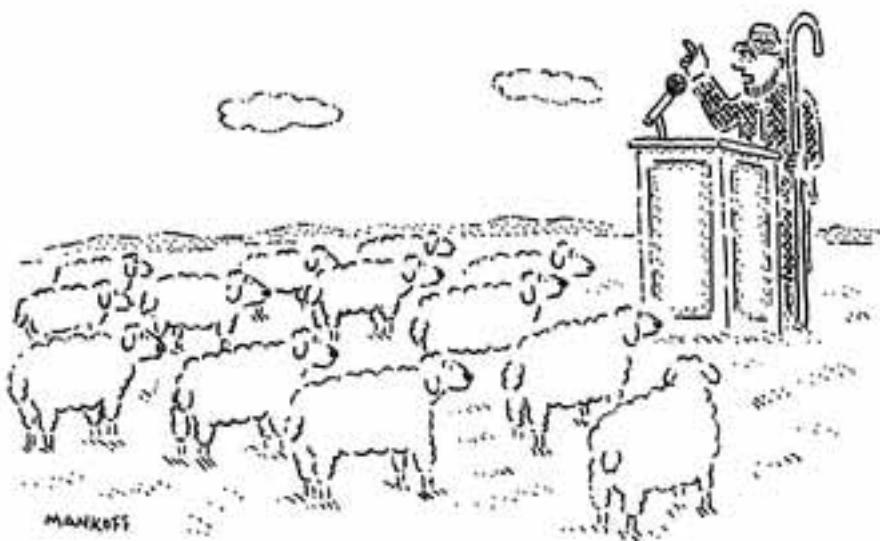


"I'm not eating breakfast this morning, because I had my diet drink this morning. And I had a breakfast late last night anyway. I think I'll have an early lunch."



James Stevenson (10/29/1990)

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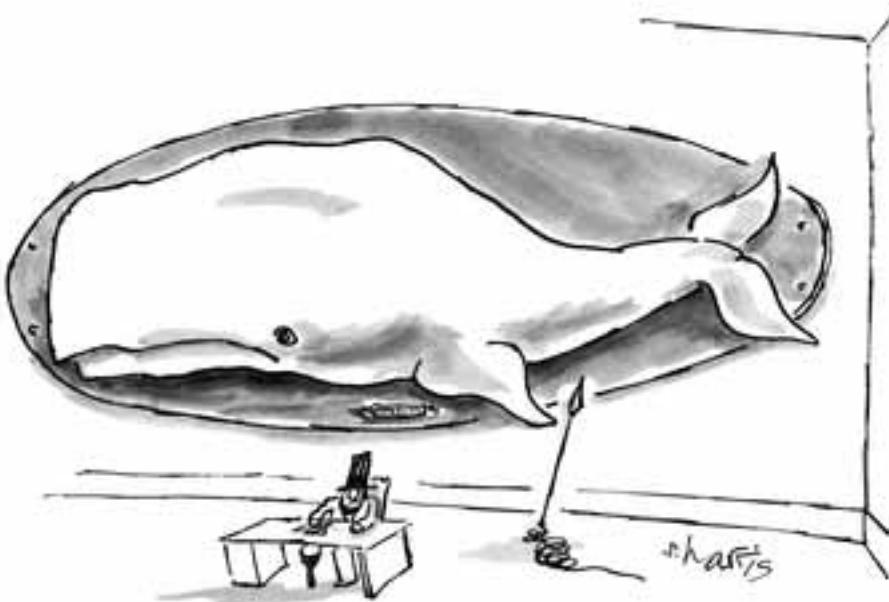
"My platform can be summarized in a single word: Leadership!"



*"The after-dinner mint is the boss's idea.
I think it's superfluous."*



"I got your Postum, but they were right out of twenty-five-cent Marianne Moore stamps."







"Don't you just love them when they're that age?"





"I'm having a really great crisis."



*"I was born an urban bird and
I'll die an urban bird."*



*"Listen, Marge, if you're willing to give
canasta another chance, so am I."*

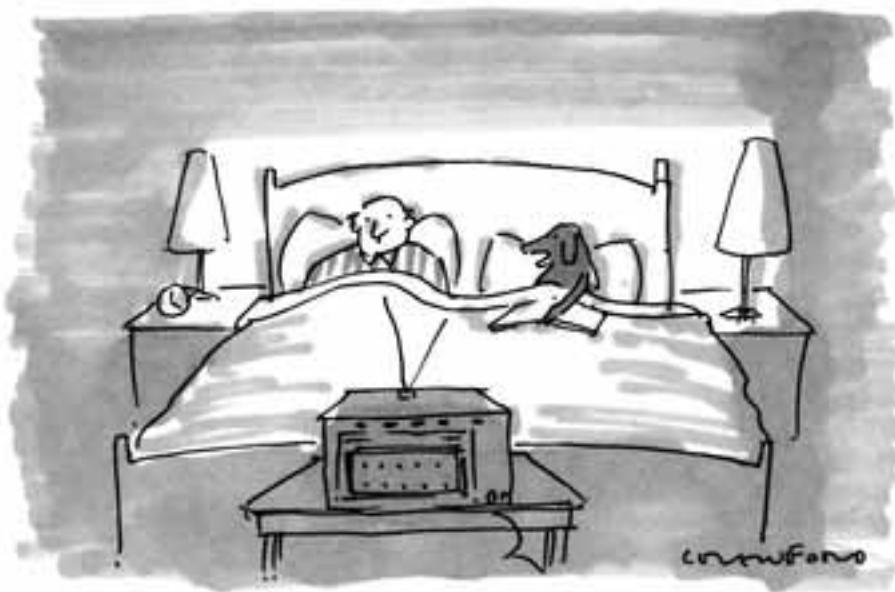


ATTORNEY
SIX-PACK

Leo
Cullum



"I'm getting too old for a broom."



"Joe, I want out."



Go-Between



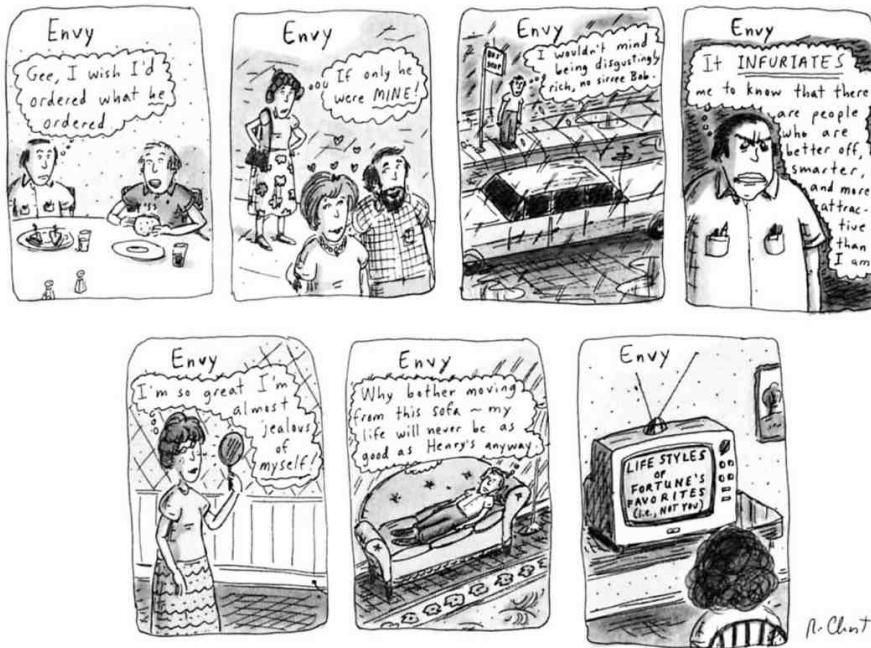
*"Oh, sorry. It wouldn't have happened if I weren't
with persons larger than life."*

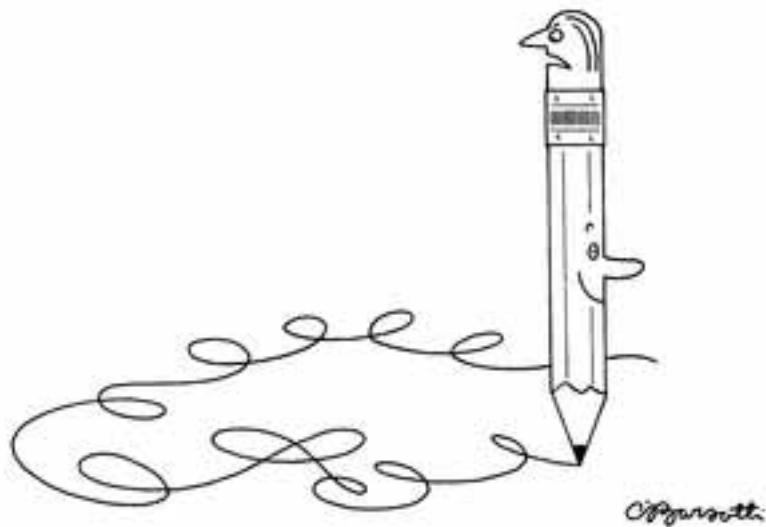


"My client has been convicted by the media, but I am confident that his conviction will be overturned on appeal by the three major networks and the 'Times.' "

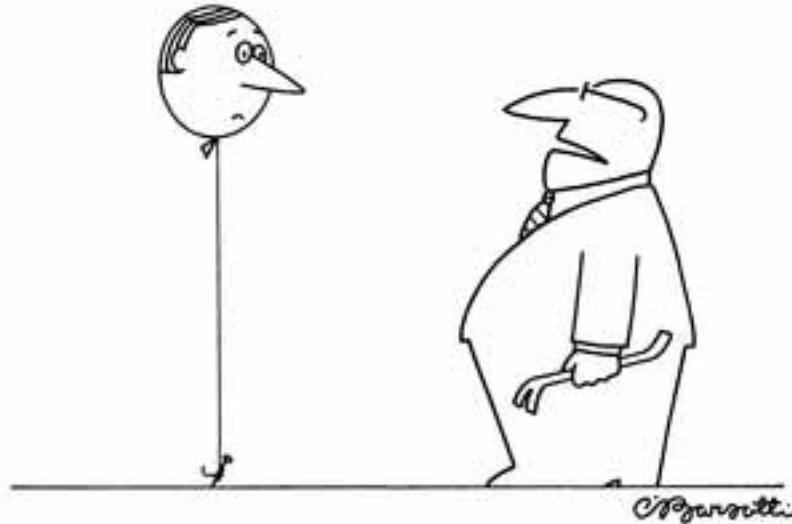


THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS





*"And I suppose cleaning up after yourself just once would
in some way stifle your precious creativity."*



"Someday, Jennings, you're going to thank me for this."



"It's outrageous the way anybody who happens to make a million a year is stereotyped as 'rich.'"

POLITICAL CANDIDATES' PLAYBOOK

SIGNALS FROM THE SIDELINES



DO A FLIP-FLOP.



OPPOSE CRIME.



SOFT-PEDAL THE ISSUE.



WAVE THE FLAG.



EMPHASIZE FAMILY VALUES.



POINT THE FINGER.



INVOKE GOD.
STEVENSON



"I like everything Big Bird's ever done."



*"Your money was working for you, but it suddenly
quit and now it's working for me!"*



"Well, you always said you liked a winner."



"He's old, all right, but not steeped in lore."



CROSSED PATHS
Thurber Meets Rembrandt



"Your honor, we find the defendant not guilty, because the prosecution simply didn't do its homework."



"I'd like you to have a CAT scan."

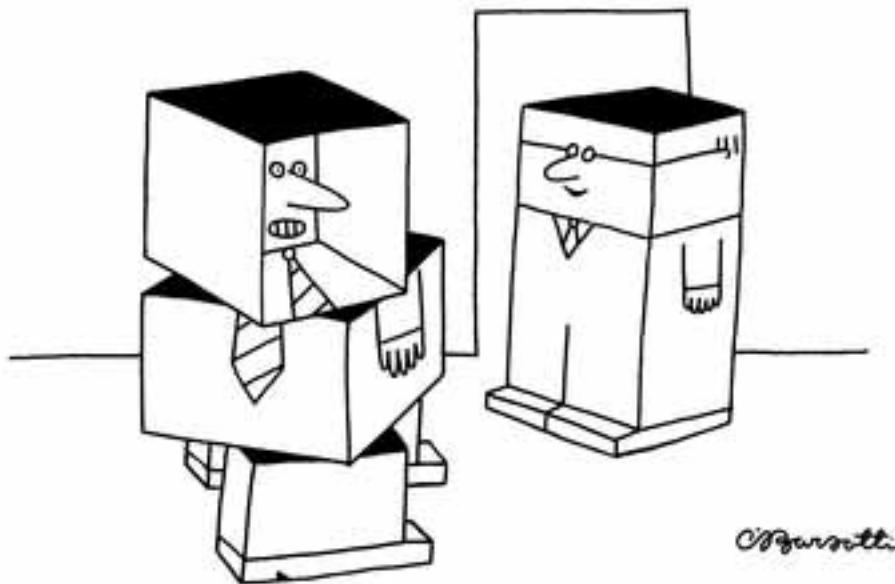


"Oh, good! Lucille is sending me some stuff!"



"There are Druids and there are Druids."





"Mr. Wilson? I'm Dr. Bradshaw. Please come in."



"He's a Clark Kent type, but he has no alternative identity."



"If you two are through with your braised sirloin tips, I'll just go ahead and clear the table."



*"Be honest—how does it look? I had to leave
my laugh lines in for Bill."*





CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, SEEKING
VEGETABLE OIL, DISCOVERS SUNFLOWER
OIL INSTEAD.





"Hey! Love the way women are beginning to laugh at themselves."



*"I'll give you three cans of Happy Herds Condensed Milk for
two cans of Affaire de Coeur Flaky Salmon."*



"Go deep!"



"I'M AFRAID THIS HERALDS THE DAWN
OF A MAJOR NEW OFFENSIVE, MY LIEGE!"
ROARED THE RECEPTIONIST.



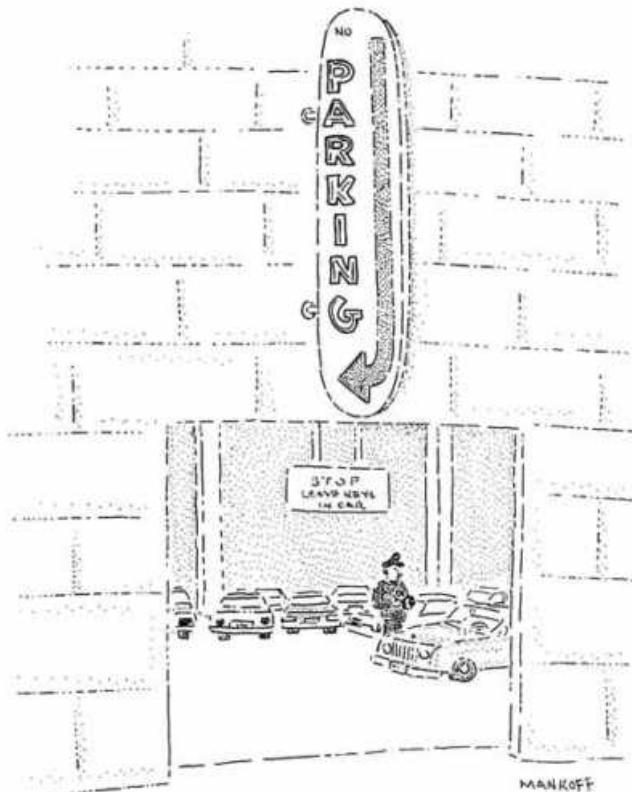
*"I'm not an emotional person myself. Fortunately,
Georgine feels things for both of us."*



"How is everything?"



"Oops! Wrong plug."



ENTRAPMENT OR WHAT?



"I started out carrying his newspaper and fetching his slippers. Then, gradually, I began more and more responsibilities."



"Oh, just hanging out, reading the Upanishads."



David Trying to Remember How Goliath Ever Got on His Calendar



"The Pasta Muerta is very good today."

ALTERNATIVE DICKENS



MY AUNT'S LEFT HOOK EXPELS URIAH FROM THE CHAISE





"Why do you think you cross the road?"





*"I don't think of it as alimony.
I consider it a peace dividend."*



"You're fired. Pass it on."



"Please don't let it become the Keating Six."



"For your birthday this year I thought we'd have a piñata."





*"I notice you've started accumulating miles
on different airlines from me."*



GEORGE SAND HAS SOME PEOPLE IN FOR DRINKS



*"No, Mr. Kurlander, I don't have, nor have I ever had,
a recipe for cranberry muffins."*

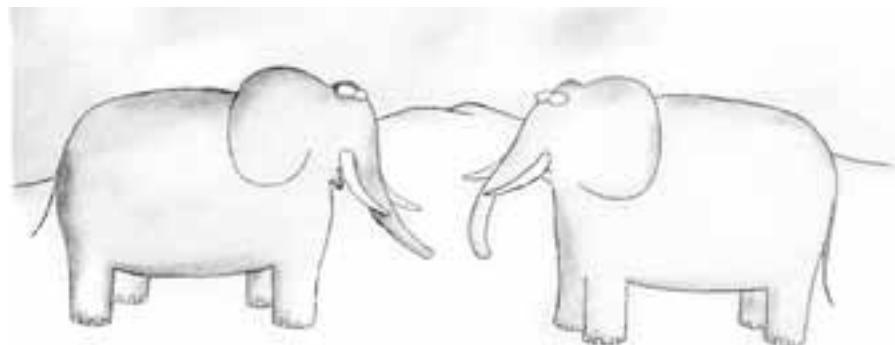


"According to this, everything we've done up to now is right."



"The booths are for parties of four or more."





"Go with Hannibal if you must."





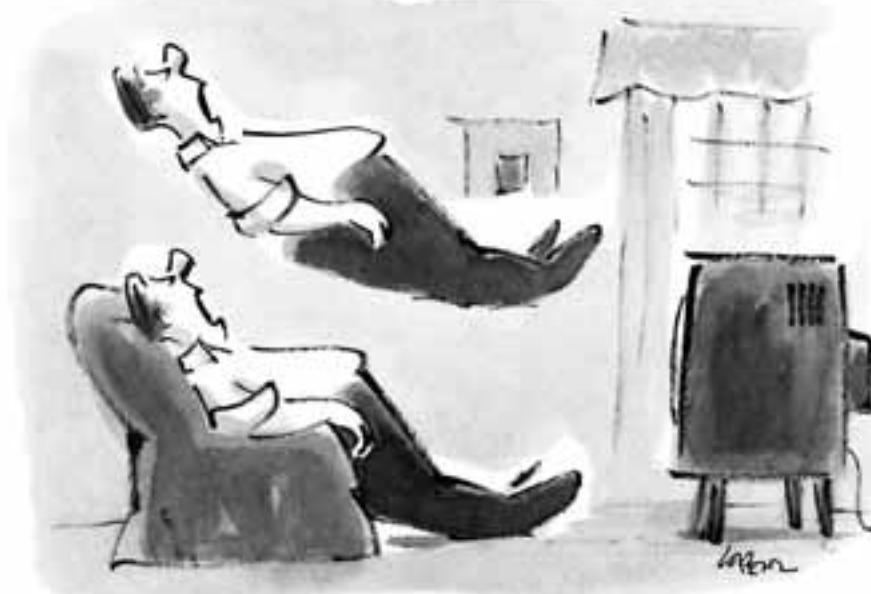
"Who should I wear to this party?"



Alchemist Brewing Tea

**THE MARKS OF ZORRO**

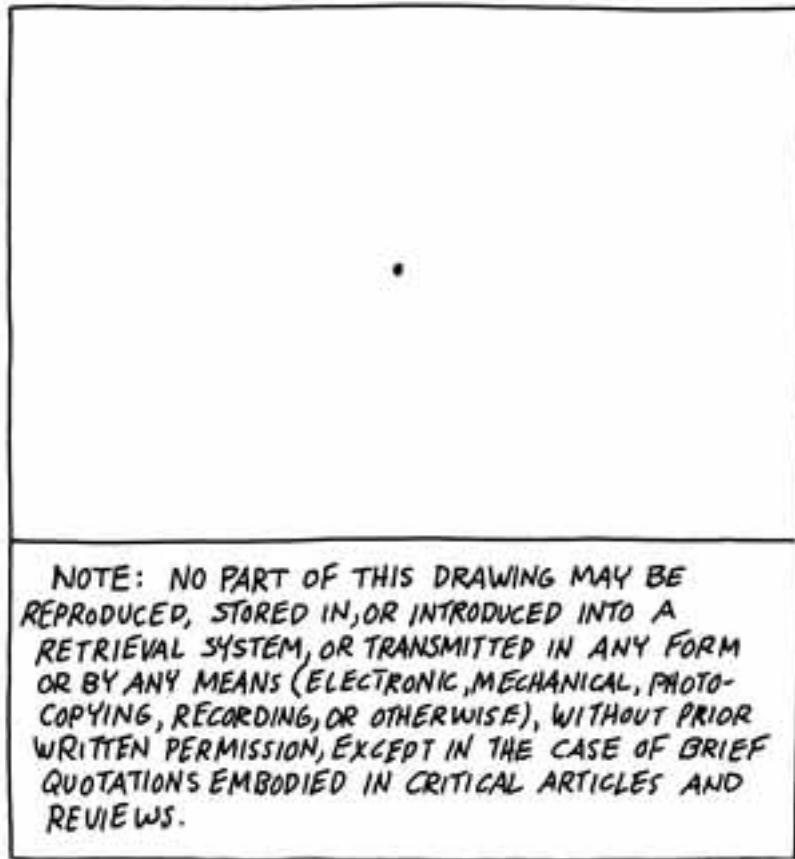
OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE
(ACTUAL, UNRETouched PHOTO)





*"Arthur and I have been together now for four and a half years,
which is a personal best for both of us."*







"It was a day spent foraging, such as one can have on upper Madison Avenue."



"And now for a rebuttal."



A WIND OF CHANGE WAS SWEEPING THROUGH
THE OLD BUNKHOUSE, AND ZEKE DIDN'T
CARE FOR IT ONE LITTLE BIT.



"No, I do not want to borrow it when you're finished!"

(1 OF 6)

CAUTION: WET PAINT**WOLF DANNY WITH "RANDOM"**

"The work must be tantamount to mayhem. Making an insatiable public confused, indifferent, annoyed—this is the premise on which rests my deliberately vacuous oeuvre."

(2 OF 6)

**MARY ONE WITH "HORROR SHOW" (IN PROGRESS)**

"Placating proponents of, like, a rationalist strategy for postmodern deconstruction runs, like, counter to my recipe for spaghetti con i funghi."

(3 OF 6)



JIMMY MUSSOLINI WITH "LEON"

"Precious I cannot be. One more allusion to Gilgamesh and I'll trash out. I make mistakes, just like you, every day. This may be one of them. I'll take the money and walk."

(4 OF 6)



MR. EMPIRICAL WITH "ANTARCTICA"

*"Small is hostile. Rage contributes to shift away
from literality. I'm off to True Value Hardware
for some more self-reference tools."*

(5 OF 6)

**ALICE STEDDEMMING WITH "STIG"**

"Disparate imagery provides the opportunistic appropriator a surrogate subconscious from which to draw an iconography dripping with that ambiguity thing."

(6 OF 6)



KIKI & ART WITH "CANDIDE"

"Matisse is dead. Beauty is not fit to tie Pepsi's shoes. If the vernacular references are alien to us, we'll sign the work and bill Leo."



*"Would you care to reconsider that remark
before I put it in my journal?"*



"Is this beautiful weather, or what?"



"Despots don't come any more benevolent than this."



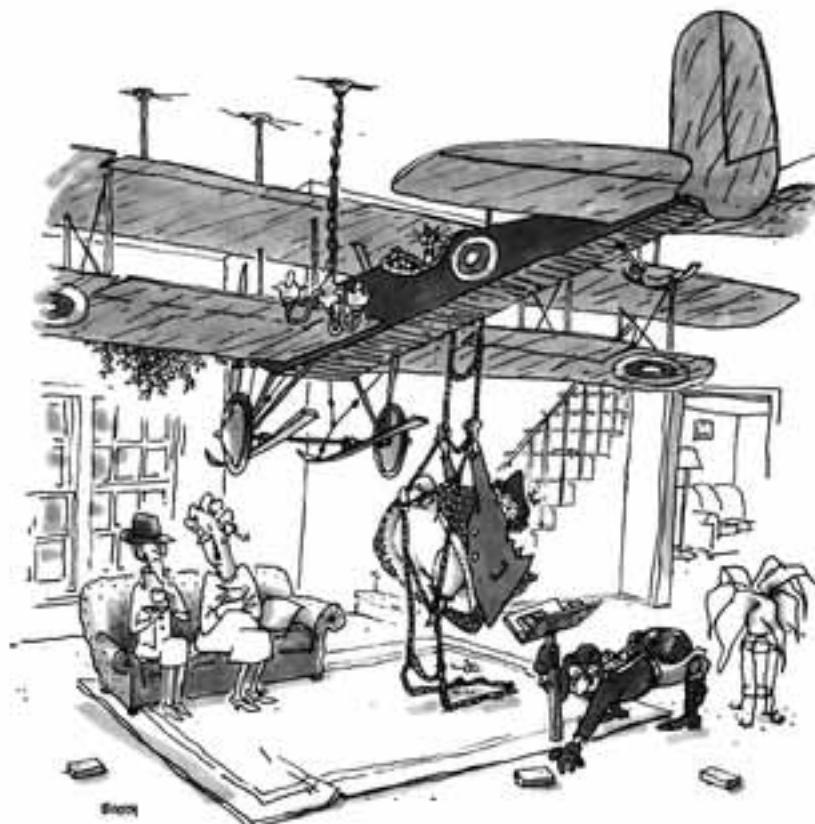
Bernard Schoenbaum.



THE STRAW ENTREPRENEUR, THE TIN ACCOUNTANT, AND THE COWARDLY ATTORNEY



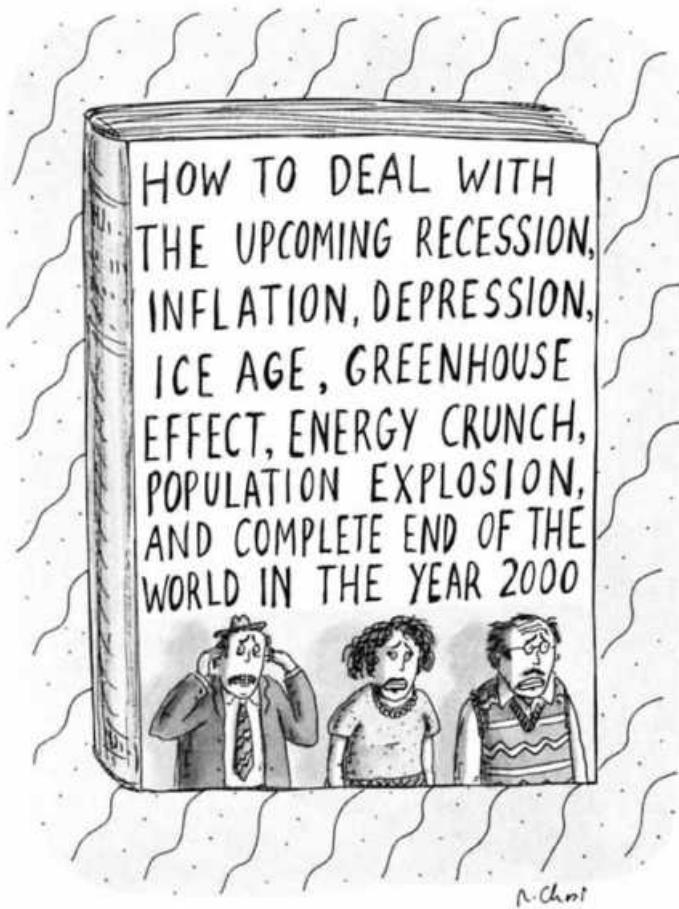
"Did you like Ike and all that?"



"All Vangundy is or ever shall be he owes to his mother."



*"Peas and carrots, peas and carrots, always together . . .
but are they really happy?"*



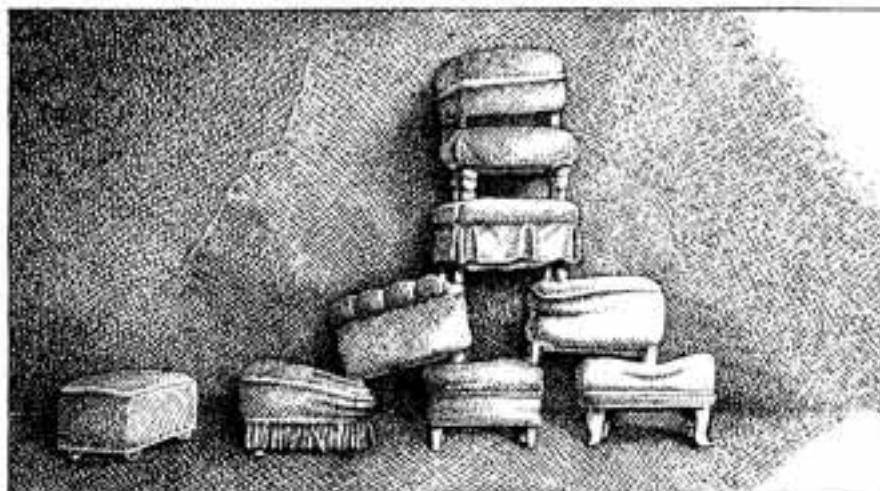


eric teitelbaum

*"If something is bothering you about our relationship,
Lorraine, why don't you just spell it out."*



THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE



A. McCarthy



"May I remind you, sir, of the club rule regarding wearing ties and jackets in the public rooms?"



"Is it from a mix or from scratch?"



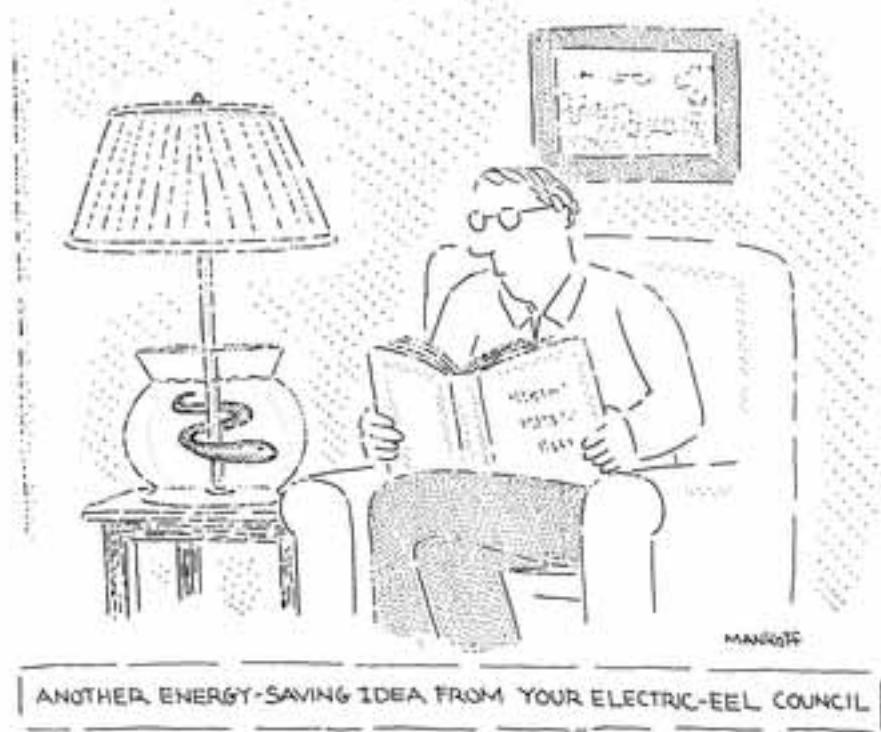
"But I've got to move fast—I'm only a twenty-four-hour virus."



"Ms. Clipperman, the tellers want to know when they should switch from 'Have a nice day' to 'Have a happy holiday.'"



"Sanctions are in place. The next move is his."





*"Well, that's that, Henry. Let's go over to
the Four Seasons and towel off."*



"Excuse me, sir, but are you talking about the Western civilization of which I am a member?"

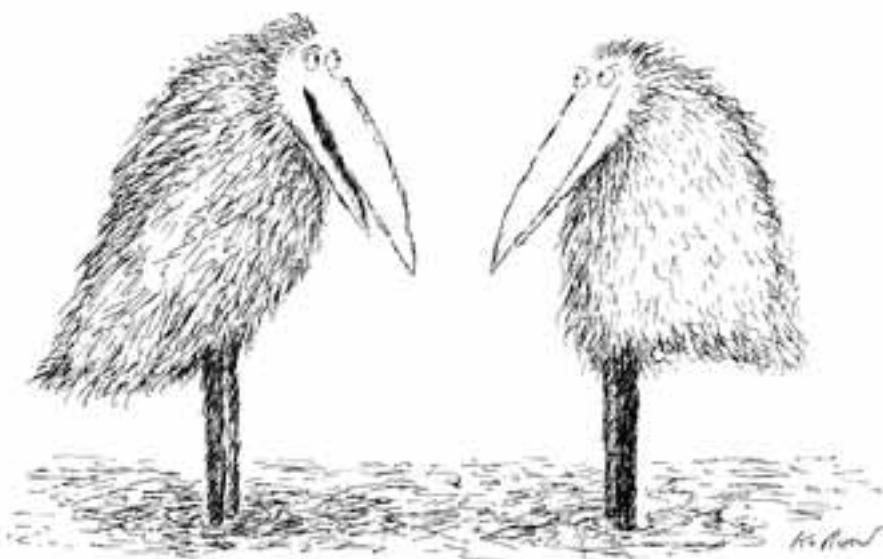
Why One's Parents Got Married



R. Chast



"When you've concluded the entertainment portion of your evening, sir, I'll be happy to bring you your entrée."



"How about a kiss?"



"I've always wanted to go to consecutive performances of the same symphony led by different conductors—you know what I mean?"



"Of course, not everybody can face this kind of responsibility."

THE ANGEL LEADING BEN AND JERRY OUT OF VERMONT





“Career track or mommy track?”



"I yo-yo, he pivots."



"I'd like a Jaron 1000 PC with an 80486 CPU running at a 33-MHz clock speed; 2 megs RAM expandable to 16 megs; 8 expansion slots composed of 2 8-bit, 5 16-bit, and 1 32-bit; a 1.2-meg floppy drive; a 40-meg hard disk; a socket for an 80387 math co-processor; MS-DOS, OS/2, and XENIX ready; and a Super VGA CRT."



"Mom, Dad, this is Eddie, my heart's shaman!"



That evening, they decided not to discuss contemporary art.



"Of course, there's always Planet Earth."



"I can see this prepared as quenelles de maquereau with a nice rémoulade and some herbed zucchini spirals."



"The doctor is in court on Tuesdays and Wednesdays."

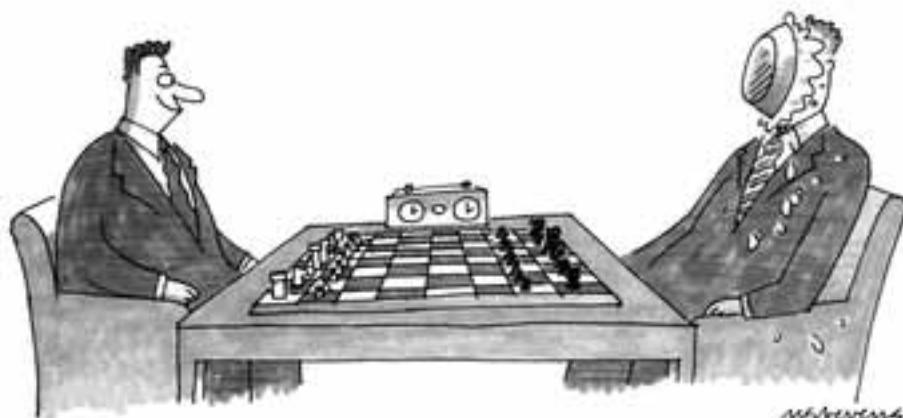
COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THROW PILLOWS,
HOWARD KNOWS THERE'S LITTLE CHANCE OF ESCAPE.

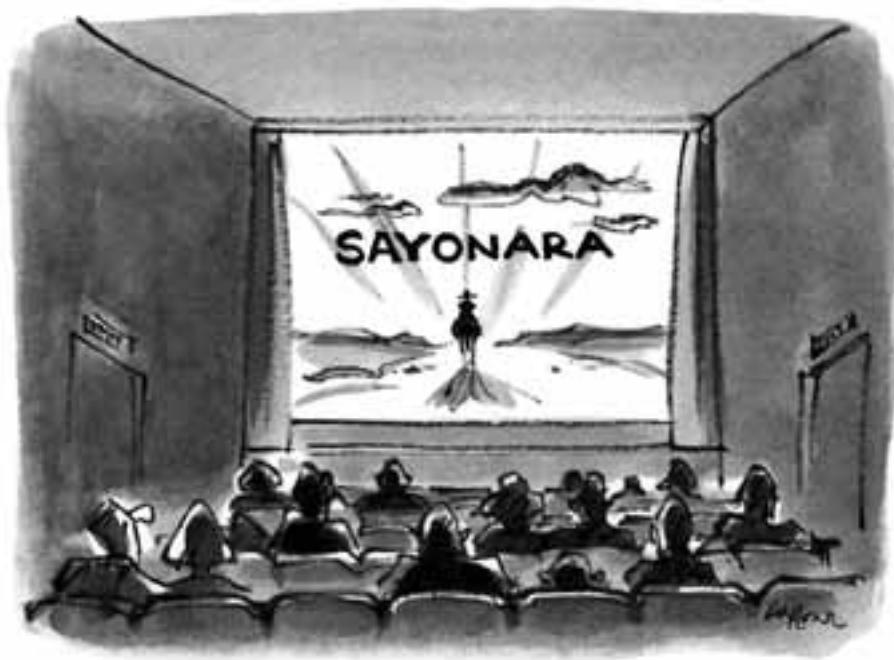




"Looks like we're really sliding into a recession."

ANNALS OF CHESS







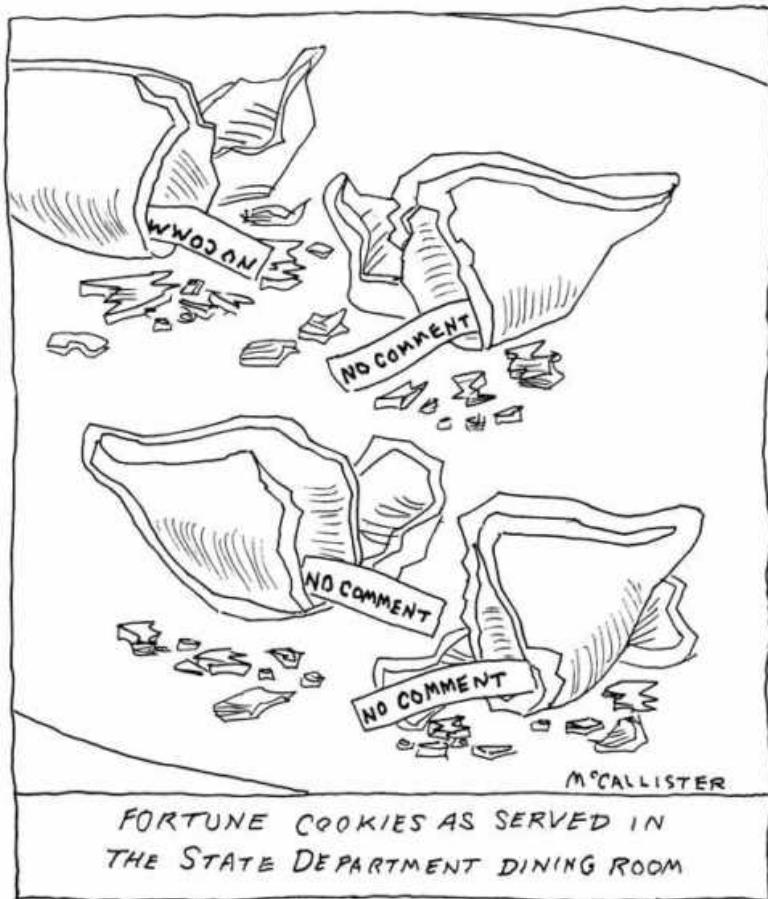
*"Our marriage is neither better nor worse since we switched
to radial tires—it's just different."*

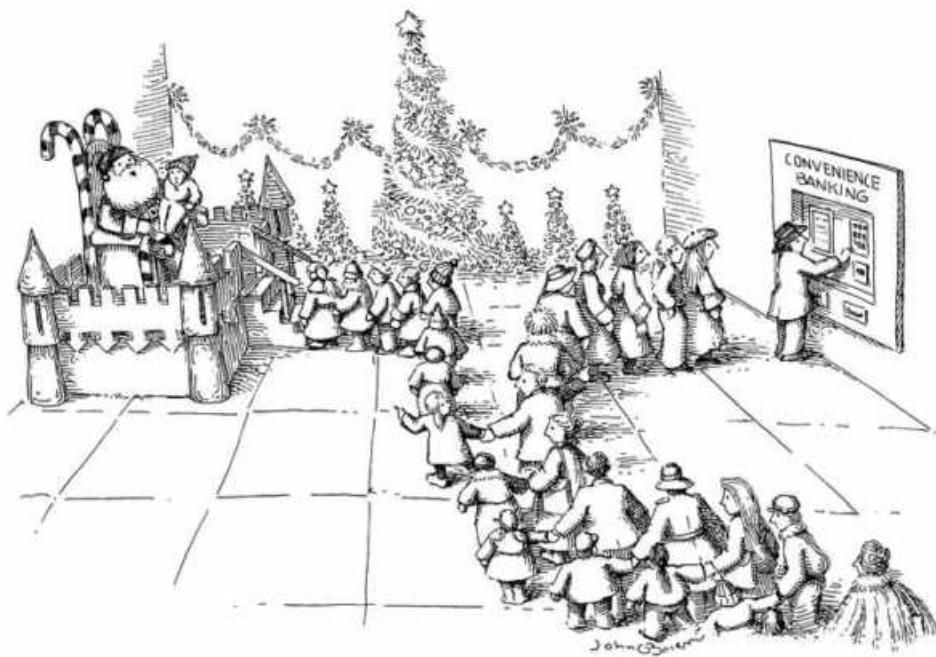


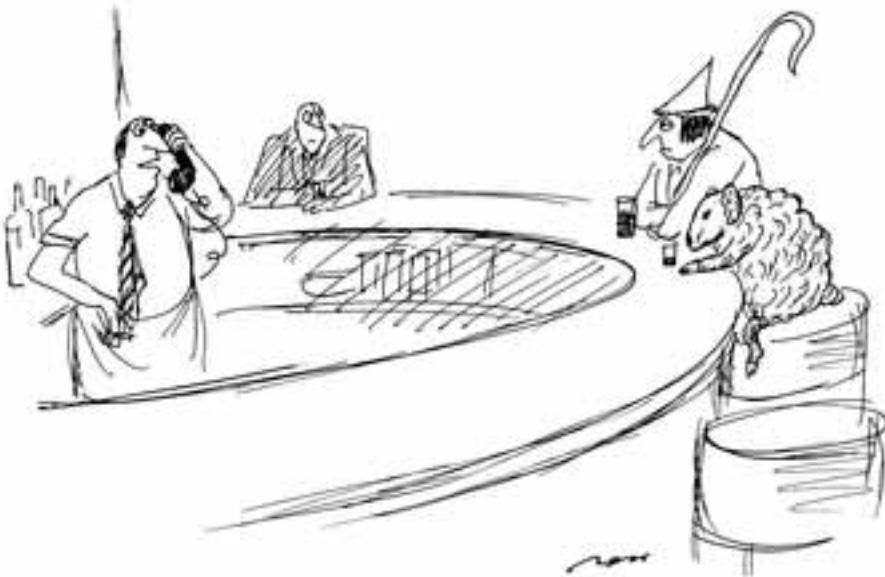
"We've come up with an idea for getting your stuff into caves everywhere."



*"Well, Mr. Dog Eat Dog, did you eat a dog today
or did a dog eat you?"*



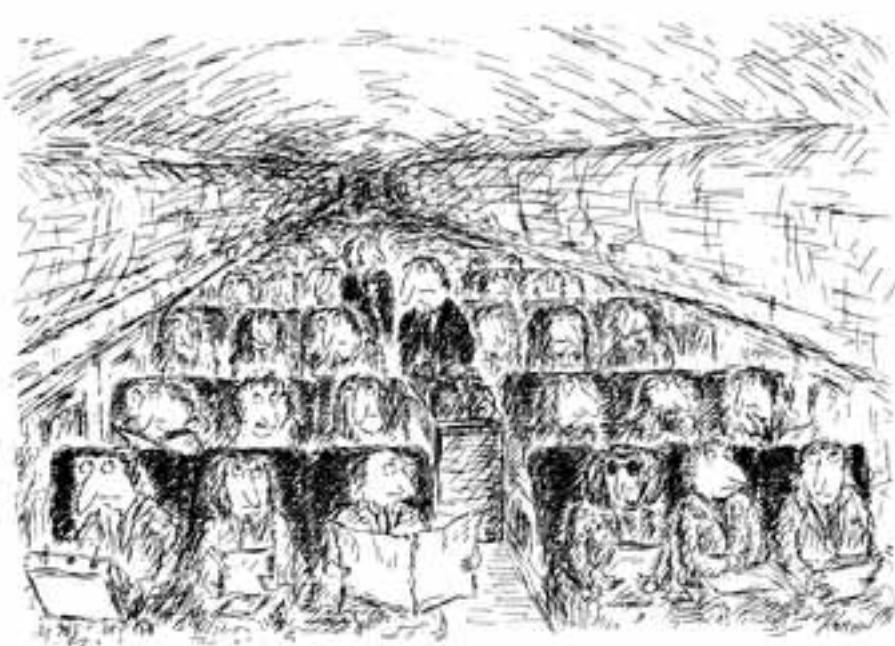




"Yes, he's here. No, he's not alone."



"Tuesday nights are Ed's Kabuki League bowl-offs."



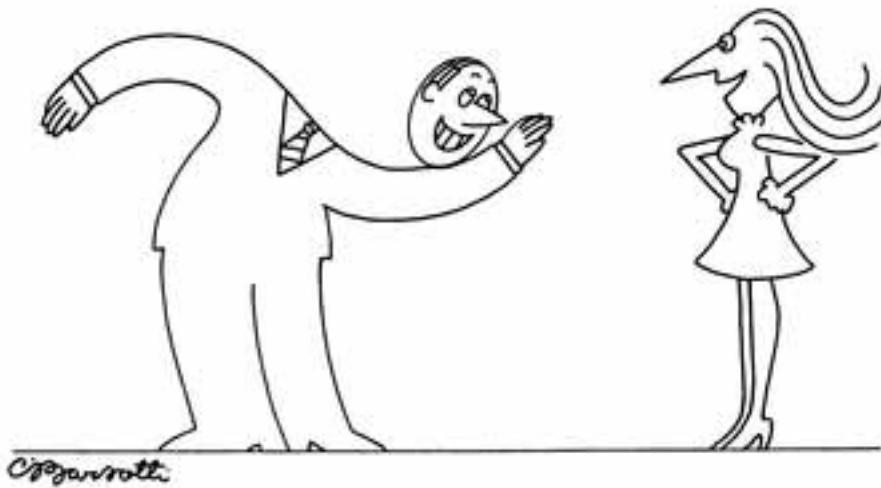
"Good morning, folks, this is Captain Holwood from the flight deck. We'll be cruising at thirty-five thousand feet today, and I'll be finally taking control of my life, struggling to satisfy the needs of only one person—me!"



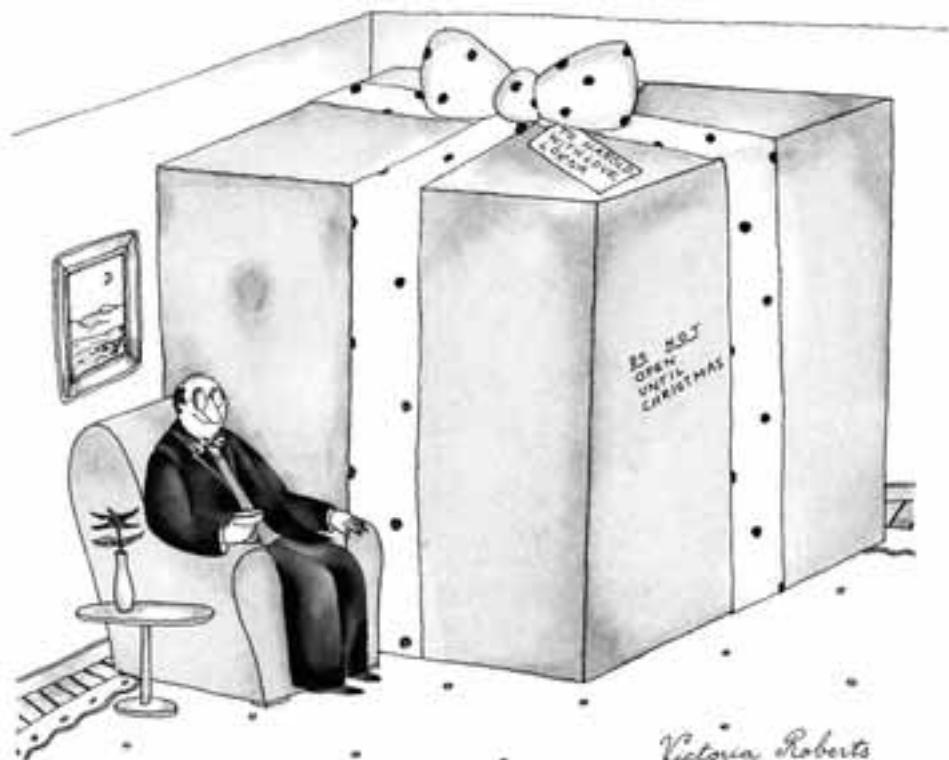




*"It's better than my mother's cooking but not
as good as my first wife's."*



"Well, darn, Ted, I just can't stay mad at you."



Suspense



*"I'm sure you remember, Eddie, when community service
was something only nice people did."*



Dana Fradon

"Then it's agreed. Judgment Day, whenever it comes, will fall on a Thursday, so that they'll get the long weekend."



"Non-smoking, pro-choice, beginning to question our military presence in the Persian Gulf, and not too near the kitchen, please."





"Harvey's staying with shoulders."



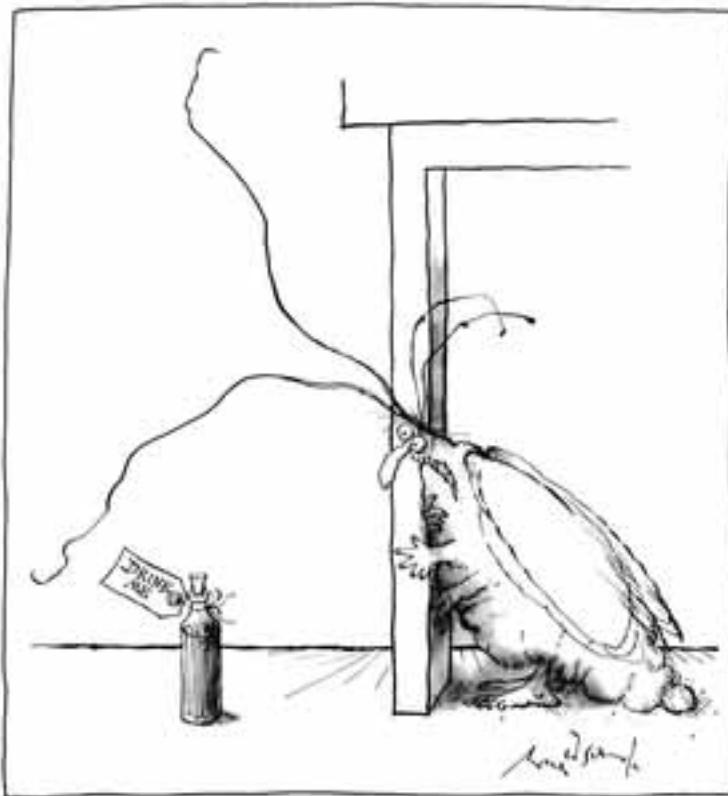
"It's a shame you missed the eighties."



"I'm the spirit of Christmas Present."



"They appear to be opting for the circled-wagons defense."



CROSSED PATHS
Lewis Carroll Meets Kafka





"I eat guys like you for breakfast."



"What's it like, working with your hands?"



"Well, it sure looks like Texas, and yet . . ."





"I wish you a happy holiday, Ed, even though the leading indicators don't point to it."



"Federal Bureau of Feelings, sir. It seems that last night you neglected to ask your wife how her day was. You have the right to remain silent."

" BOTTOM-OF-THE-BARREL "

HOLIDAY RELEASES

The Blob vs. Rudolph

Low-budget horror-fest about malevolent protoplasm and nerdy deer.



Attack of the 2,000-Foot-Tall Santa

Santa gets exposed to radiation; enlarges; acts out.



Frosty Hangs Ten

Demented teenpic about snowman whose dream it is to go to Hawaii and surf Pipeline.



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"Is there someone else, Howard?"



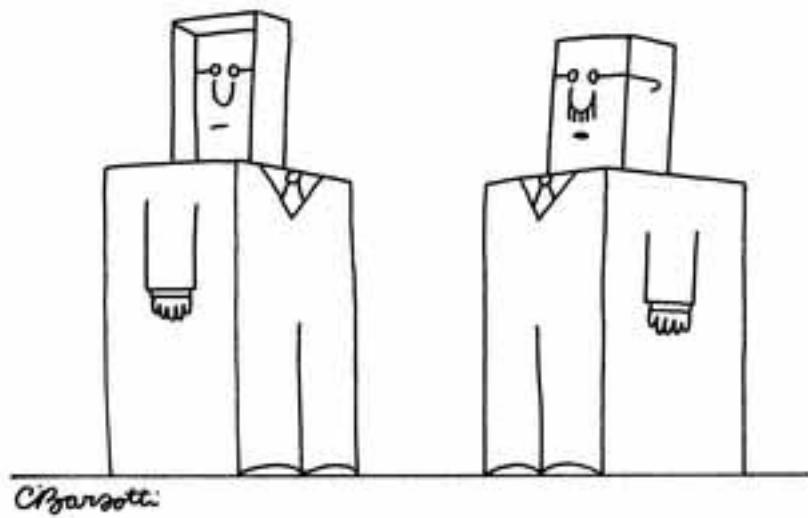
"I'm beginning to feel really good about myself again."



"Leon, honey, you break all the rules of dramaturgy."



"It comes with a small Greek salad."



"You're being very silly, Louis. Arnold is not my favorite vice-president—you are all my favorite vice-presidents."



*Friends often dropped by and subjected Sir Isaac
to a little good-natured ridicule.*





"You know, there's more to Madonna than meets the eye."



“As far as I’m concerned, we didn’t get out a moment too soon.”





"I don't trust a dog who doesn't shed."



"I believe you've already met my associate, Tinker Bell."

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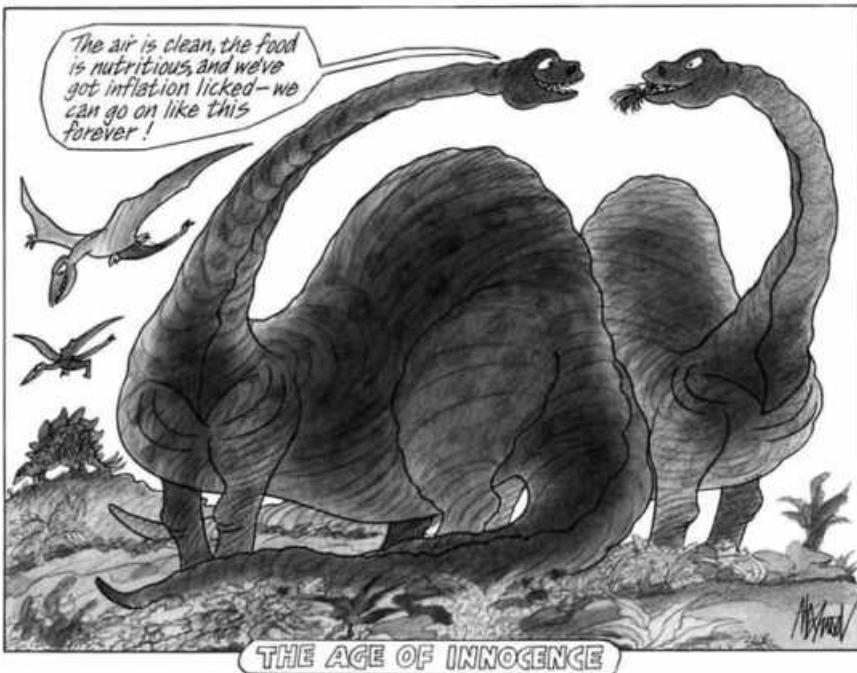
"Terri invited me over. We're going to play doctor of humane letters."

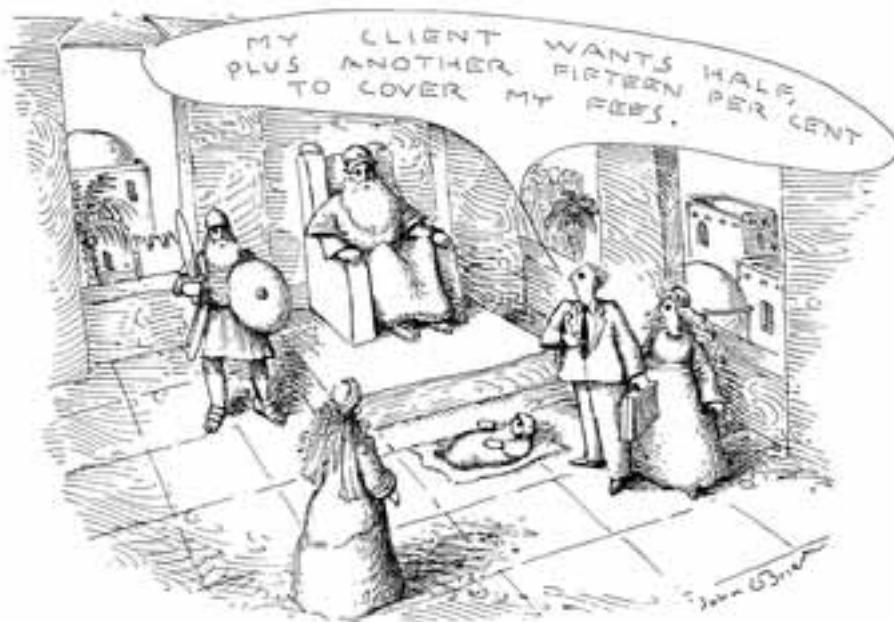


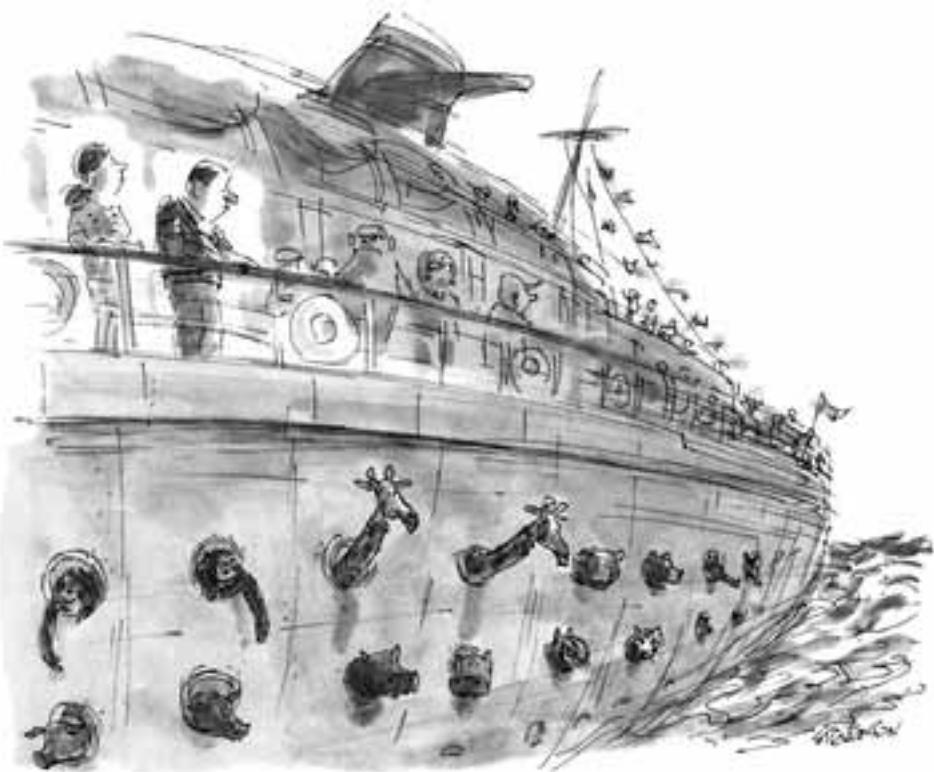
"Great money scenes!"



*"Catherine would like to share some holiday thoughts with us
on the subject of gender-neutral toys."*











"I watch where I put my exclamation points."



"Merry Christmas to you!!"



"And this is Brie."



*"Oh, yeah, tough guy? Well, maybe this is the night
I mop up the floor with you."*



"It's a check for a hundred thousand dollars. Do you like it?"



"Make it one for my baby and one more for the road."





"And, if by any chance we lose your case, we specialize in sentence reduction, parole eligibility, and locating community service that isn't too onerous."

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Fall / Winter Catalogue



This little wonder is worn on or near your head, and is made of a warm and wonderful wool-and-ramie blend. Colors: Knell, Rib-Eyes, Quavering, Munchkin. 10051 One Size \$ 79



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Colors: Two If by Sea, Portmanteau, Jetfisers.

41988 S,M,L \$189



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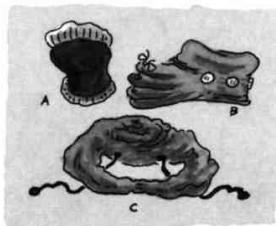
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Whatever they are, they're 100% natural fibres and are guaranteed to turn a few heads. Will hem to fit, or sew together, or cut into little pieces. Limited quantities.

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(Please specify A, B, or C)





"I'm thinking of having her declawed."



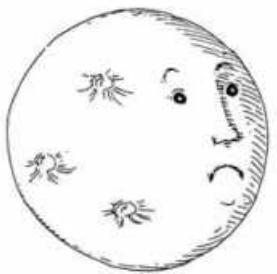
*"Really, I promise you that I'll always be your very own personal banker,
but please try to understand that I must be that to others, too."*



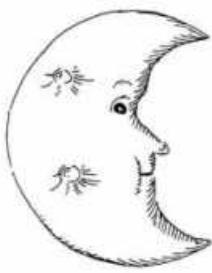
Victoria Roberts

"You're either the olive or the Martini."

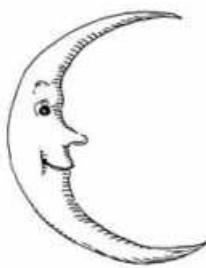
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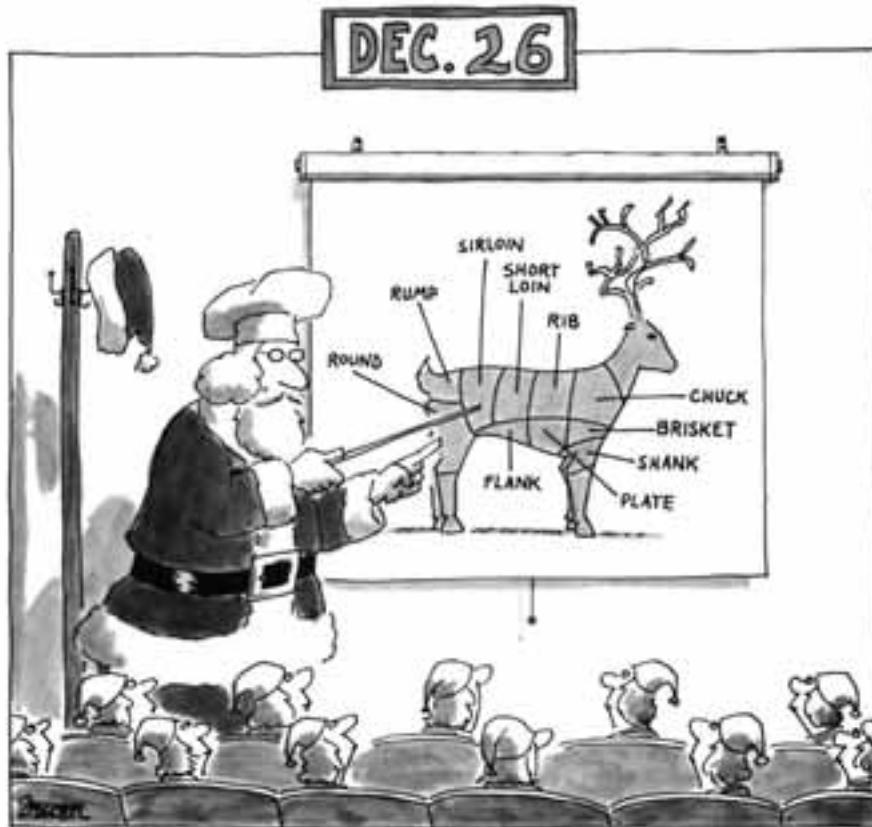


2ND WEEK



3RD WEEK

John O'Brien

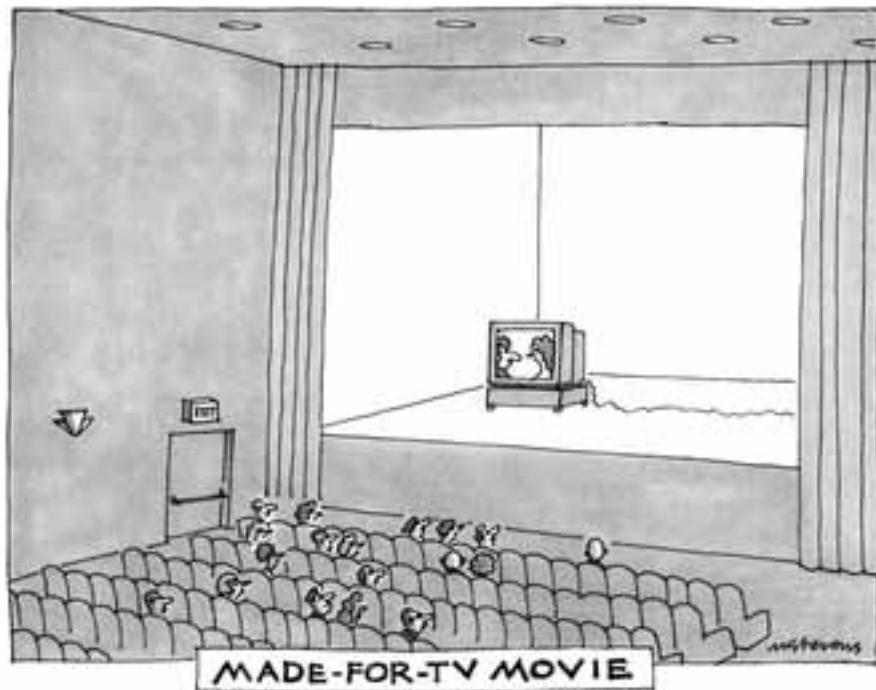




"This is one of the places where we hide weapons, food, and radios in case the country is taken over by clean-air and animal-rights extremists."



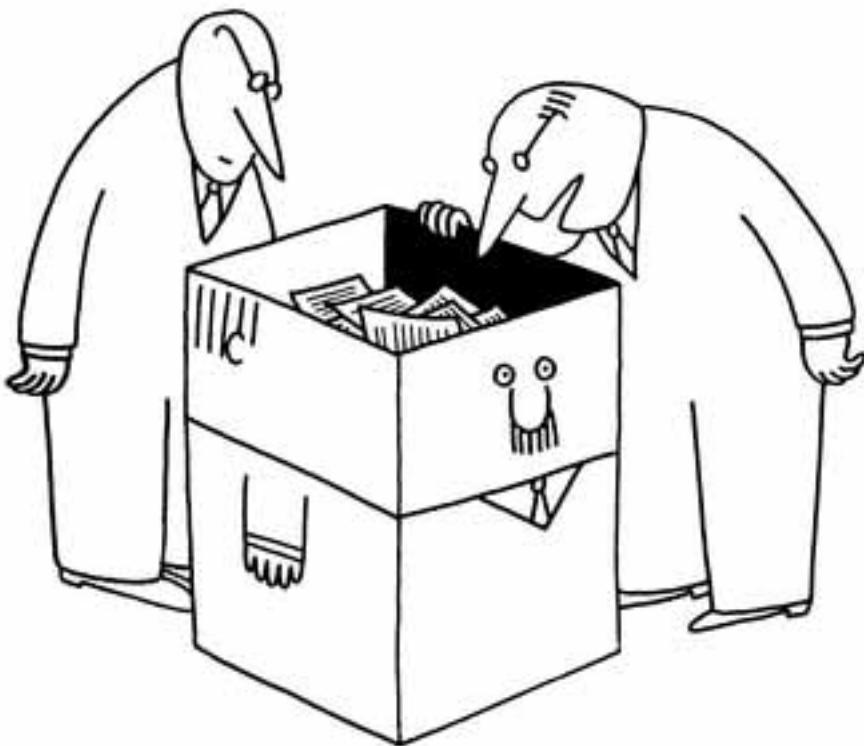
"These are hard times for retailers, so we should show them our support in every way we can."





"Now that we're dead, it's just taxes."





"Oh, that's a break. His job description is right on top."



"Do you, Scofield Industries, take Amalgamated Pipe?"



"I can recommend the coho salmon in a wine-dill sauce, with a suggested retail price of twenty-four ninety-five. However, you may have it for only eighteen ninety-five if you order now."



"Without a doubt, Alfredo, you've broken new ground."