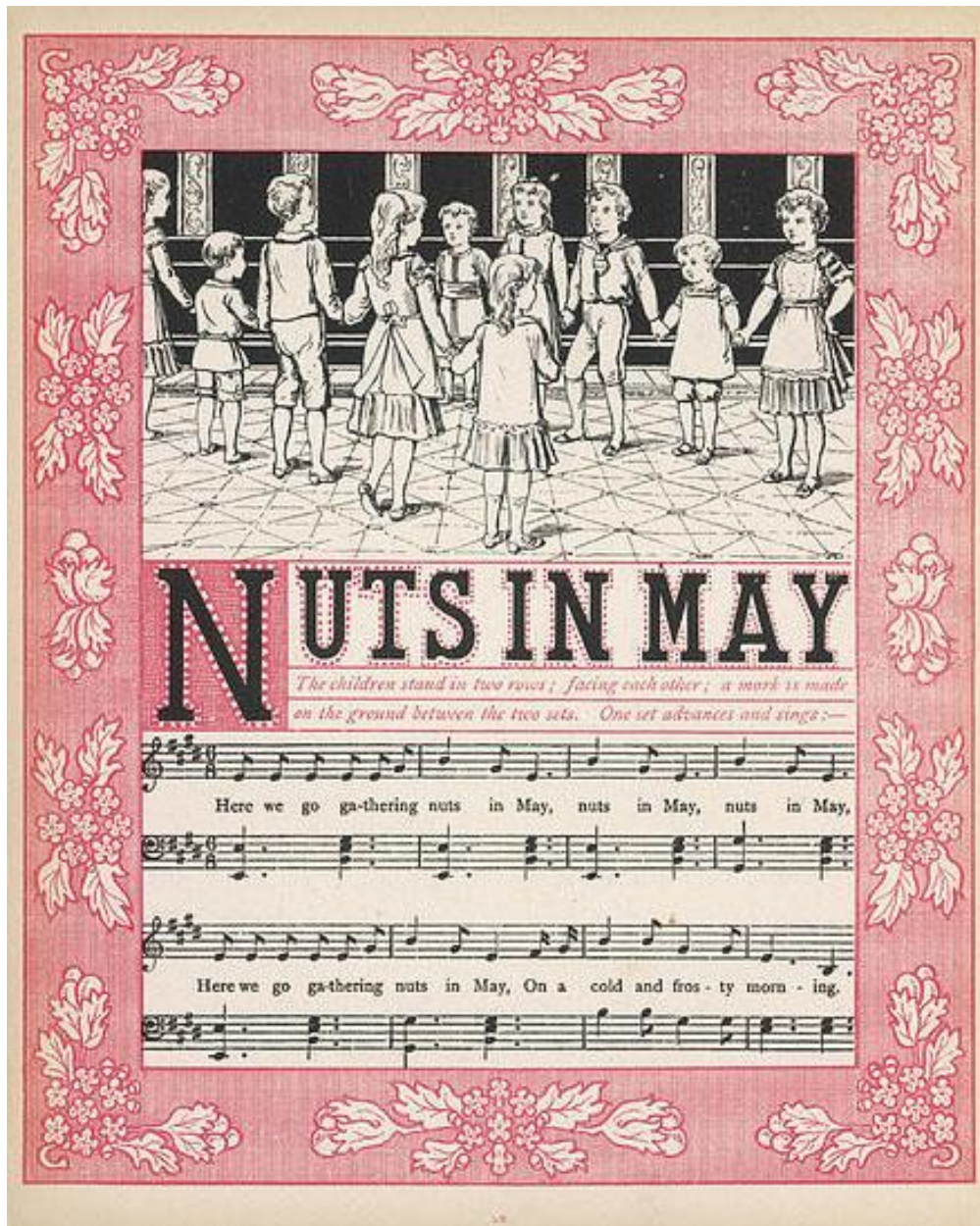


# **NUTS IN MAY**

**2020**



**Robert Middleton**



Are you already going nuts in May? If the lockdown is affecting your mental health, bear in mind this advice from a leading psychiatrist:  
 "If you find yourself talking to trees, flowers and beetles, don't worry, this is a normal reaction to the strain of forced confinement. If they start talking back, call me on +41 22 776 15 95 -  
 and enjoy this companion volume to my *Easter Egg 2020*."

~ Robert Middleton 2020

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## Confinement confusion

**For those who have  
lost track, today is  
Blursday the  
fortyteenth of  
Maprilay.**



*"My God . . . those meetings really could all have been e-mails."*



*Dog distancing*



*"We're going to get this year off to a great start as soon as we figure out what day of the week it is."*

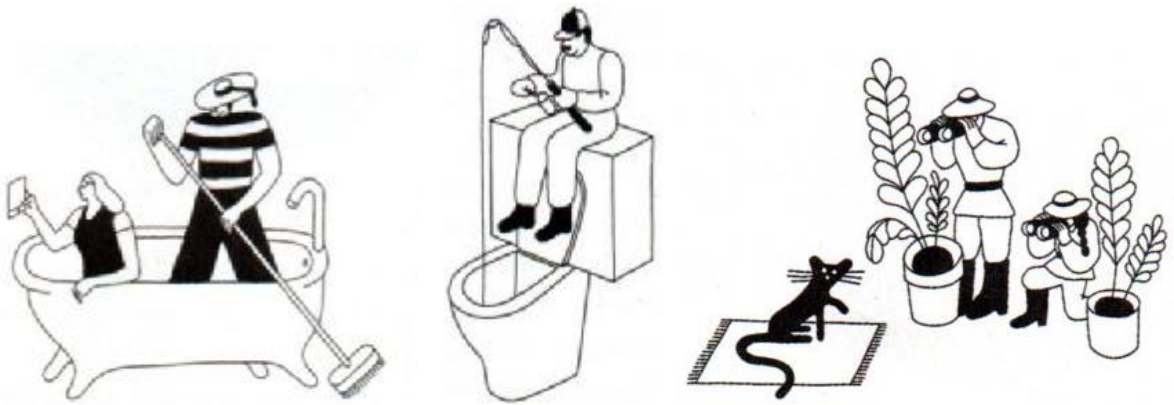




***"Are you talking about the new normal of an hour ago, or is there a new normal right now?"***

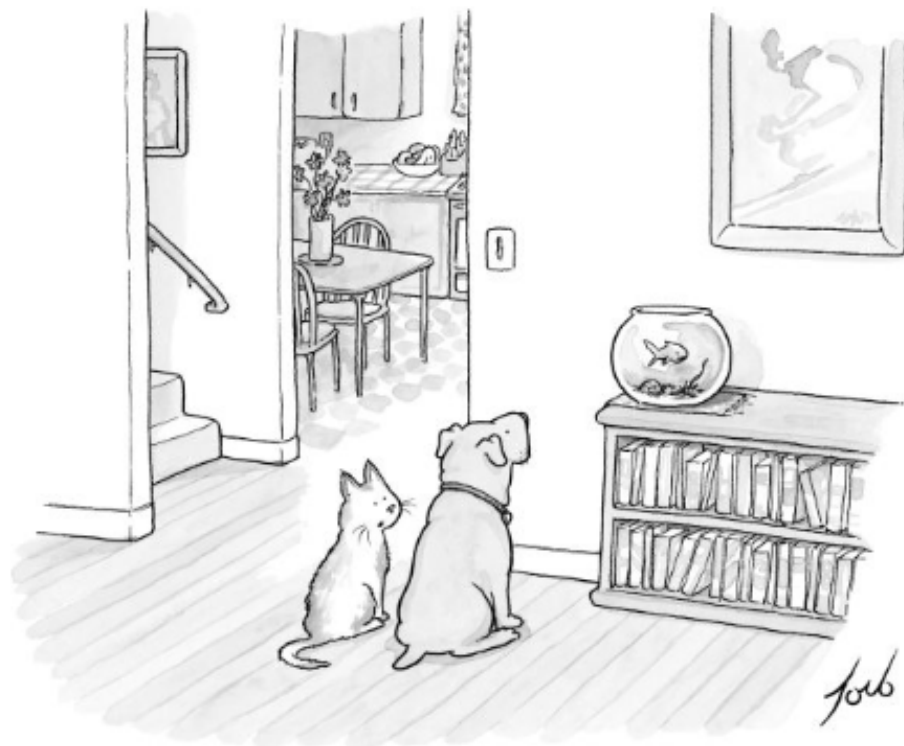


***"Sorry I'm late, everyone, I have no excuse."***

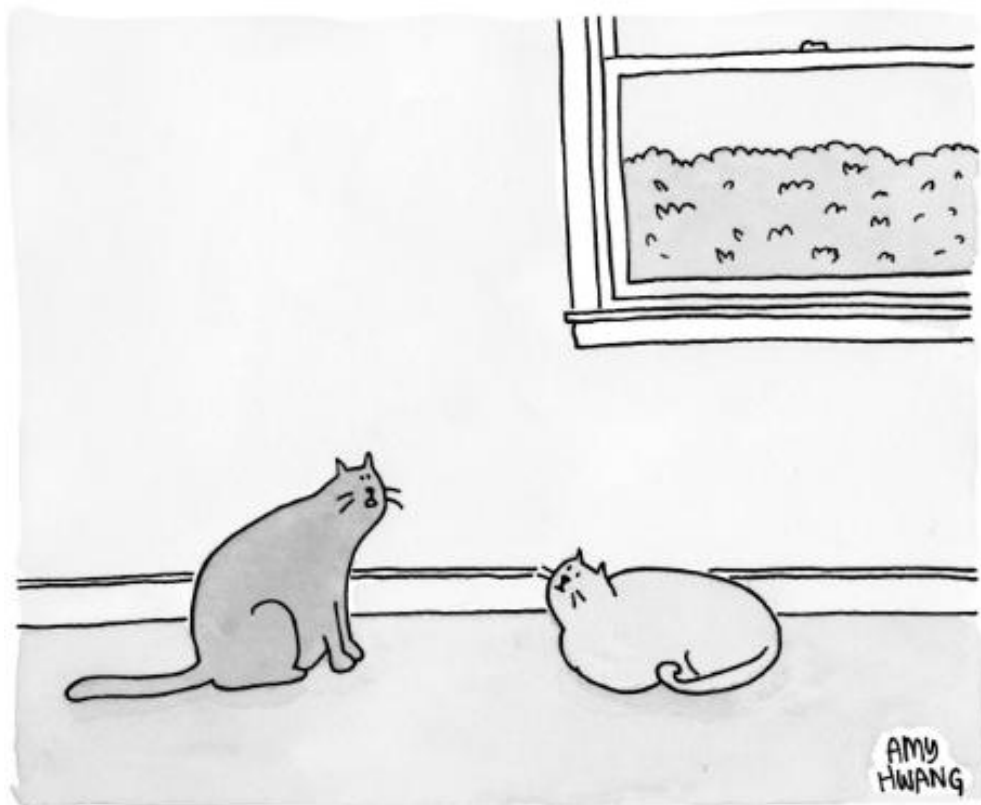


*Some stay-at-home activity suggestions*

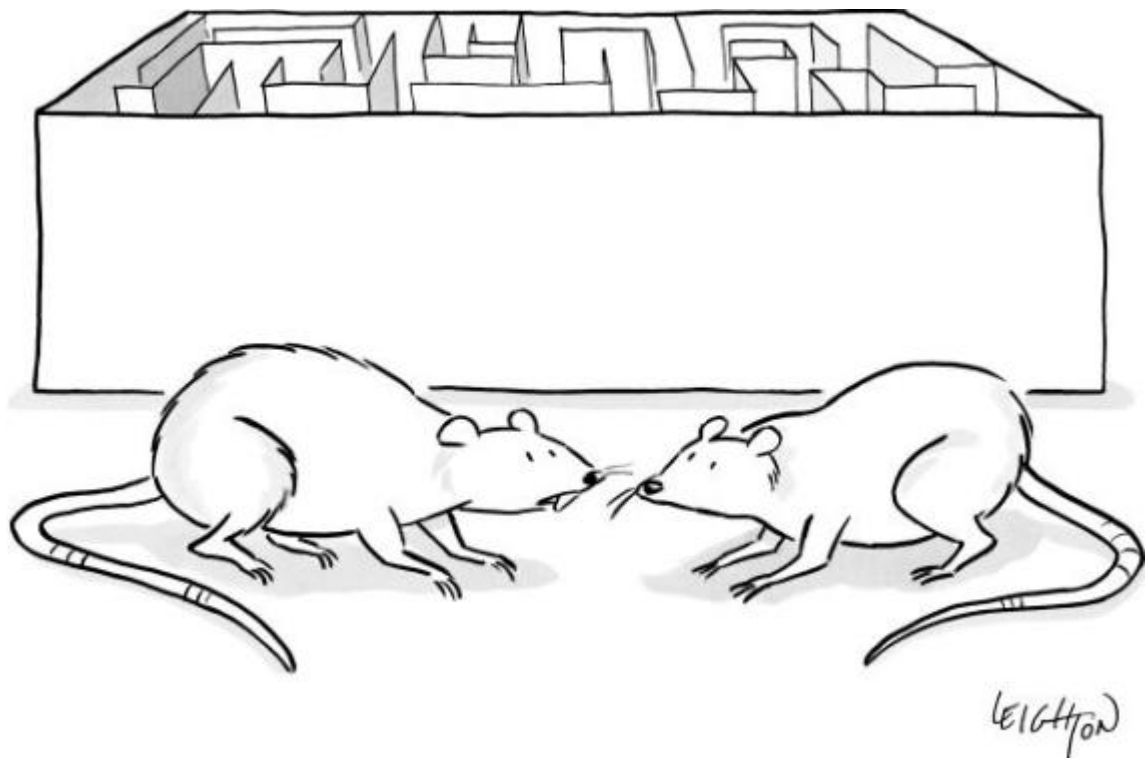
## Animal Antics



*"Look, I know you and I have had our differences, but can we at least agree that the goldfish is pointless?"*



*"I can't decide whether to nap right now or in ten minutes."*



*"I solved the maze in fifty-three seconds, but it was a Monday level."*





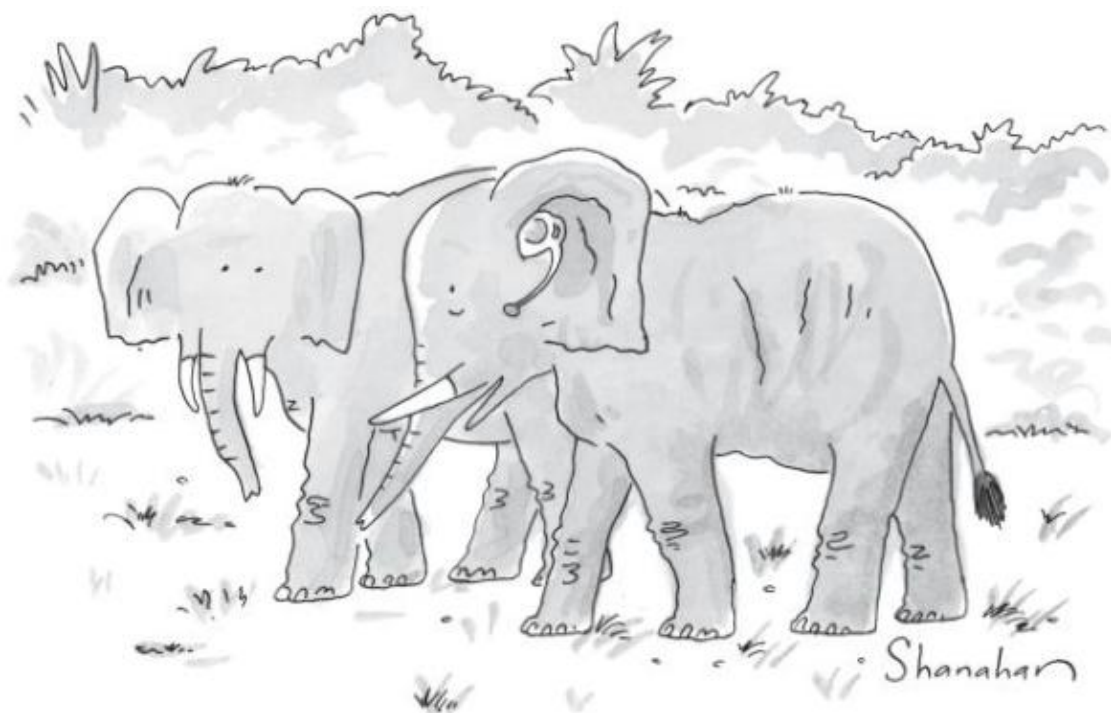
*"Perhaps I'm asking too much of you in the way of companionship."*



*"YouTube's one thing, but cats will never make it on the big screen."*



*"You could have had a film career, but you were needed here to fetch the paper."*



*"Now I can talk on the phone and trample people to death at the same time."*



*"You've got the damn thing on inside out!"*



*"Astonish me"*

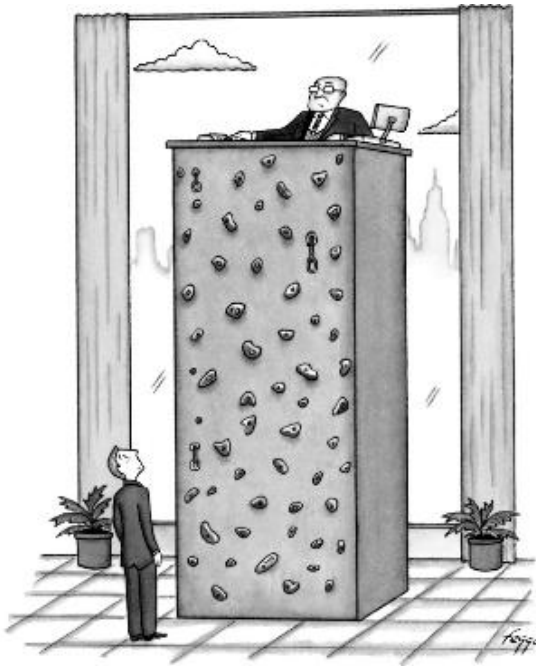


*"Things were done very differently on the farm  
when I was your age, Kenny."*



*"There must be some mistake, we're the three little pugs."*

## Office Life - don't you miss it?



*"Ascend, Collins."*



*"I liked our old god better than our new corporate god."*









*"We don't offer a health-care plan. Instead, we have Lou persuade you not to get sick."*



*"Yes, we're all white, but we're post-racial white."*





*"I do my part."*



*"Forgive the informality—my secretary is on vacation."*

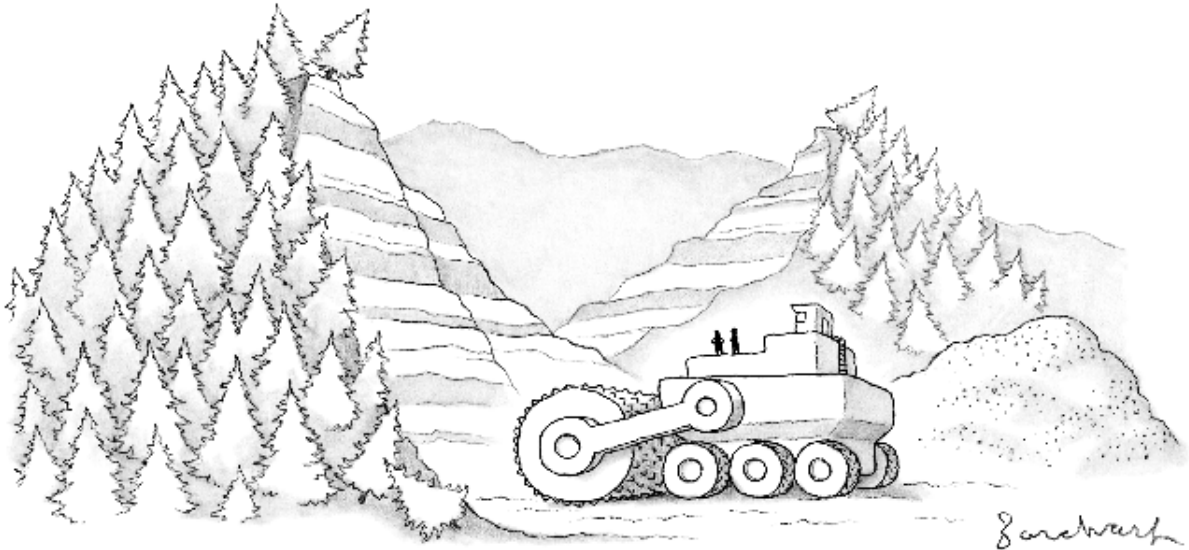


*"We've been at it for the better part of an hour and still no solution."*

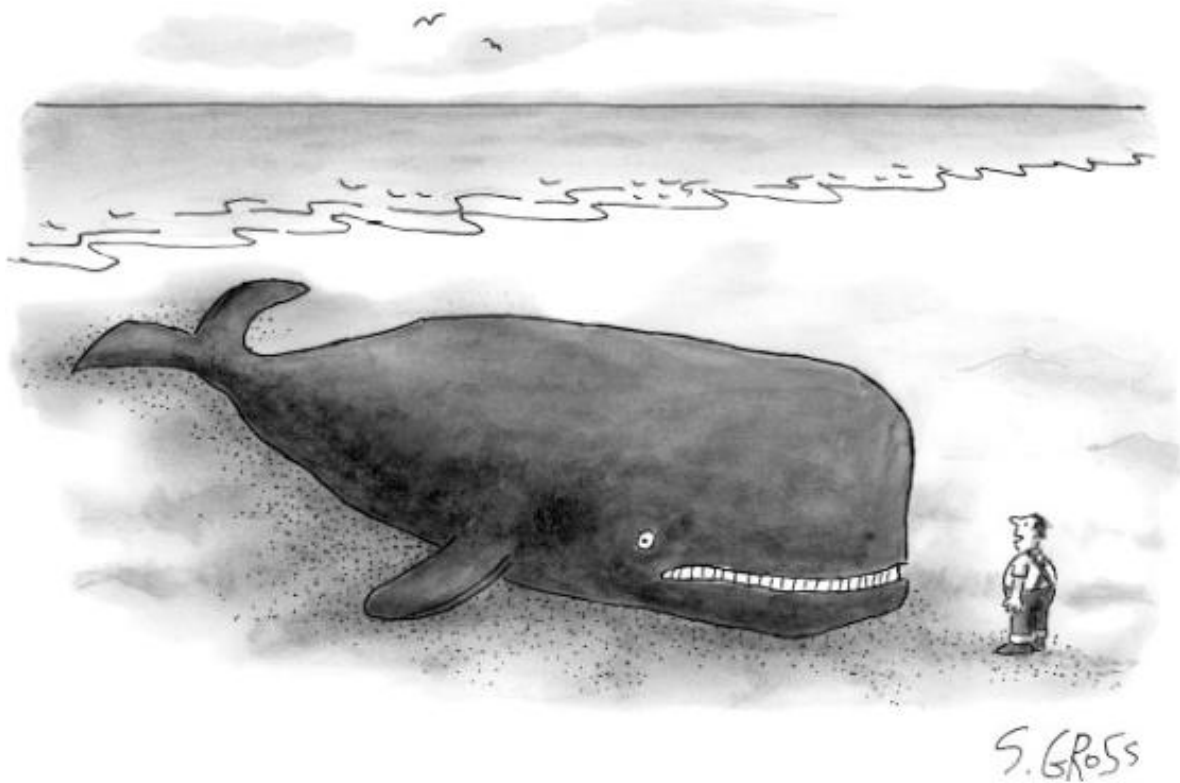


*"You realize, of course, that I'll have to make a big show of having security escort you out."*

## Climate - let's keep thinking about it



*"No coal here, either—but you never know until you look."*



*"Hang in there! The polar ice cap is melting."*



Language etc.

Megaflicks



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



*"My worst nightmare is seeing apostrophes where they don't belong."*

## 头盘

## FIRST DISH

2001 日式烤鳗鱼	Rorsted Eel Japanese Style	28元
2002 碳烧纽西兰羊仔肚	Sheep Leg New Zealand	48元
2003 碳烤羊排骨	The carbon roasts the sheep sparerib	25元
2004 法国烧春鸡	French Roast Spring Chicken	13元
2005 巴西碳烧肋条肉 (送红酒一杯)	Brazil The Carbon Burn A Meat (send the 1 cup red wine)	23元
2006 碳烧纽西兰肥牛	Carbon burns fatty cow New Zealand	18元
2007 碳烧鲜尤须	Carbon burns fresh particularly must	13元
2008 碳烧黑椒肠(条)	Carbon burns black bowel (A)	3.8元
2009 牛仔肚	Cowboy leg	48元

椒盐(美极)鸭下巴

Fuck the salt( beautiful pole) duck chin

花雕

Good to eat mountain

7014 粟米牛肉蛋炒饭

Fried Beef rice W/Scorn and egg

8元

## 羹

## BIG BOWL TYPE

羹仔四宝田鸡	Big bowl four treasure frog
羹仔三鲜浸杂菌	Big bowl fresh immerse miscellaneous germ
羹仔味菜猪生肠	Big bowl flavor vegetables pig livings bowel
羹仔金菇牛仔肉	Big bowl gold mushroom cowboy meat
羹仔支竹白果猪肚	Big bowl A bamboo ginkgo tripe
羹仔花雕浸猪腰	Big bowl flower immerses pork kidney
羹仔川弓自芷浸鱼头	Big bowl bow of immerses from fish head
羹仔津白浸三丸	Big bowl white of immerses three pill
羹仔鲜人参浸滑鸡	Big bowl fresh ginseng immerses chicken

## 清汤、羹类

## CONSOMME、GENG TYPE

1210 元茜豆腐鱼头汤	A west bean pays the fish a soup
1211 胜瓜咸旦猪肝汤	Salty egg vegetable sponge liver pig soup
1212 三丝鱼肚羹	Three silk fish maw geng
1213 瑶柱粟米羹	Maize yao pillar geng
1214 西湖牛肉羹	West Lake beef geng
1215 鸡茸雪耳玉液羹	Chicken ear an ear jade liquid geng

1311 金银藕丝炒虾干	Gold silver lotus root silk fries shrimp fucks	15元
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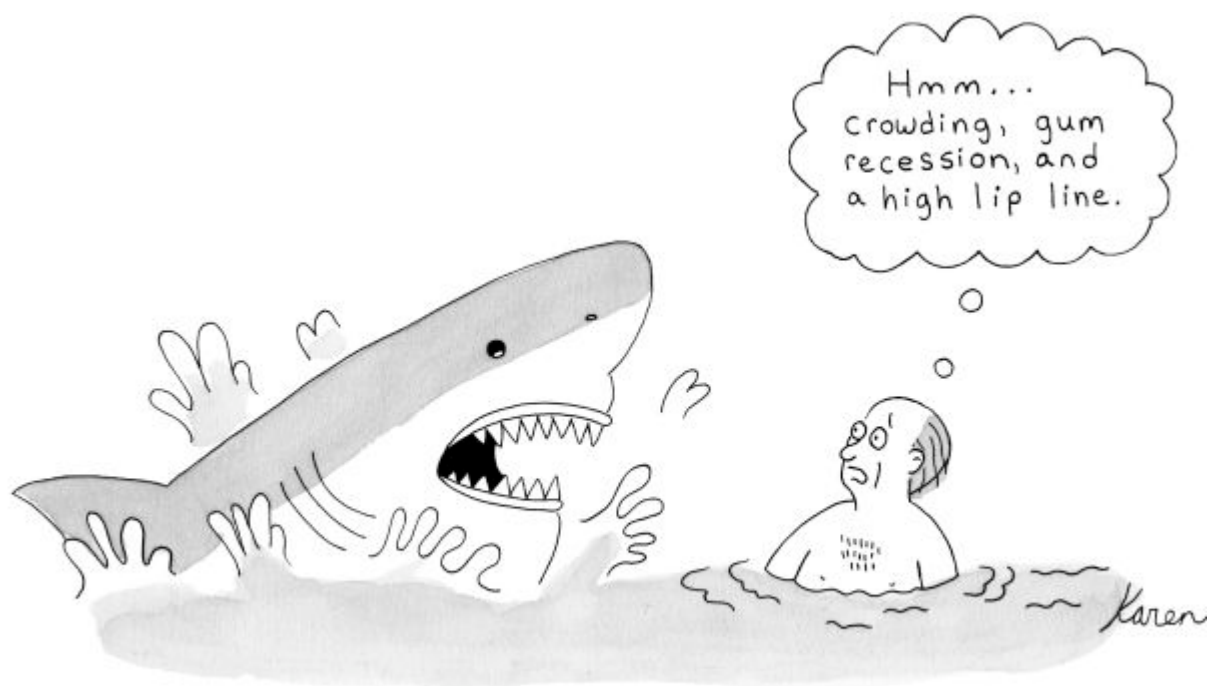
## Doctors (please stay healthy)



### THE SOUNDS OF SPRING



*"He's here to give you a second, cooler opinion."*

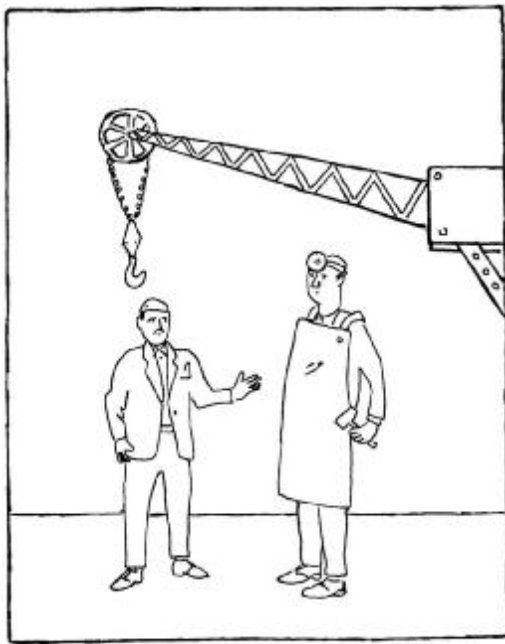


*The last moments of Dr. Steven Puckett, D.D.S.*



*"This coconut represents your head."*





*Glen Baxter.*

I WAS BEGINNING TO HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT HIS DENTAL EXPERTISE



*DITTE*

*"I don't think you're getting enough stress."*



*..NAF*

*"Before I give you your results, I'm going to put on some very sad music."*



*"If you could take just one medication, which medication would it be?"*





*"For now, I want you to stay off siege ladders."*



*"It's the only treatment option he has under his current health plan."*

**Food and Drink - Enjoy (with as much moderation as you can manage)**





*"And while you're waiting for your drinks can I get you something from the bar?"*



Kanin

*"This one gives you a nice rich, oaky hangover."*





*"I'll cover the meal if you pick the other guy"*



*"And exactly how is the peanut-butter-and-jelly prepared?"*



*"This brand has a clean balance sheet, a lively marketing plan with tasteful notes of originality, and a strong fiscal-year finish."*



*"It's for you."*



*"This place was better before they tore it down."*

## God and Co.

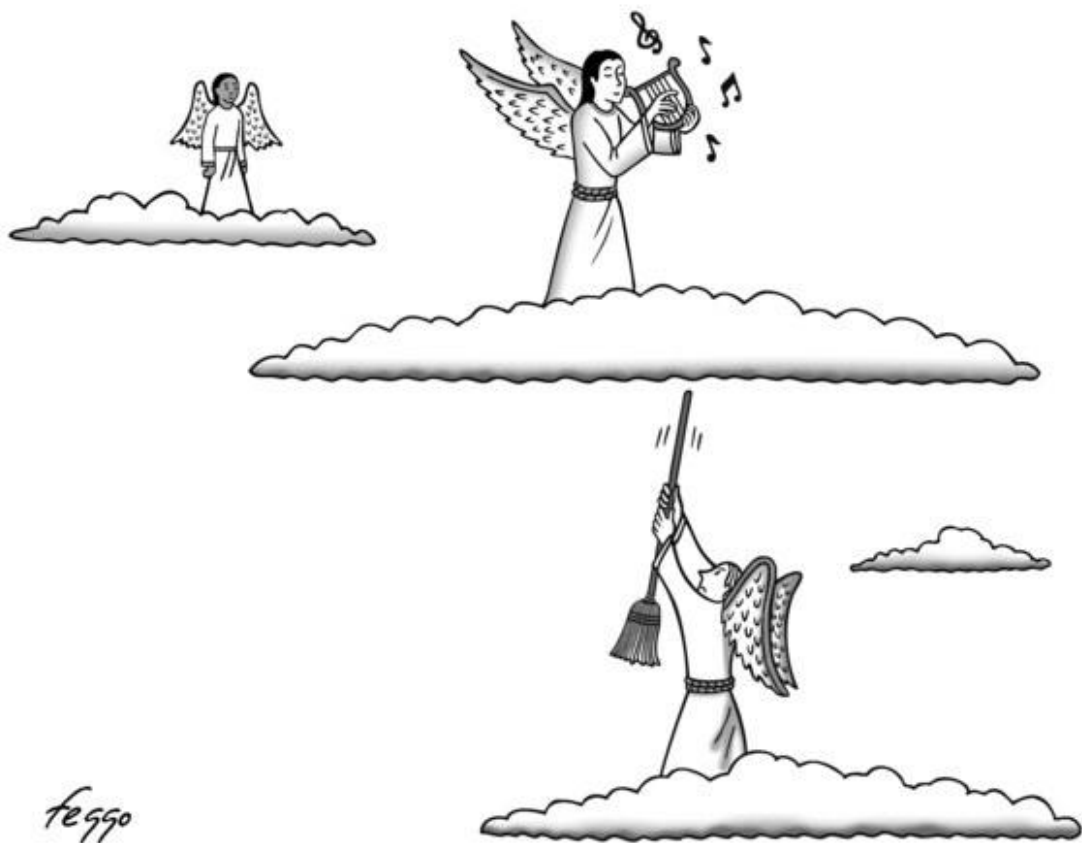






*"It saves energy and makes me feel holier."*







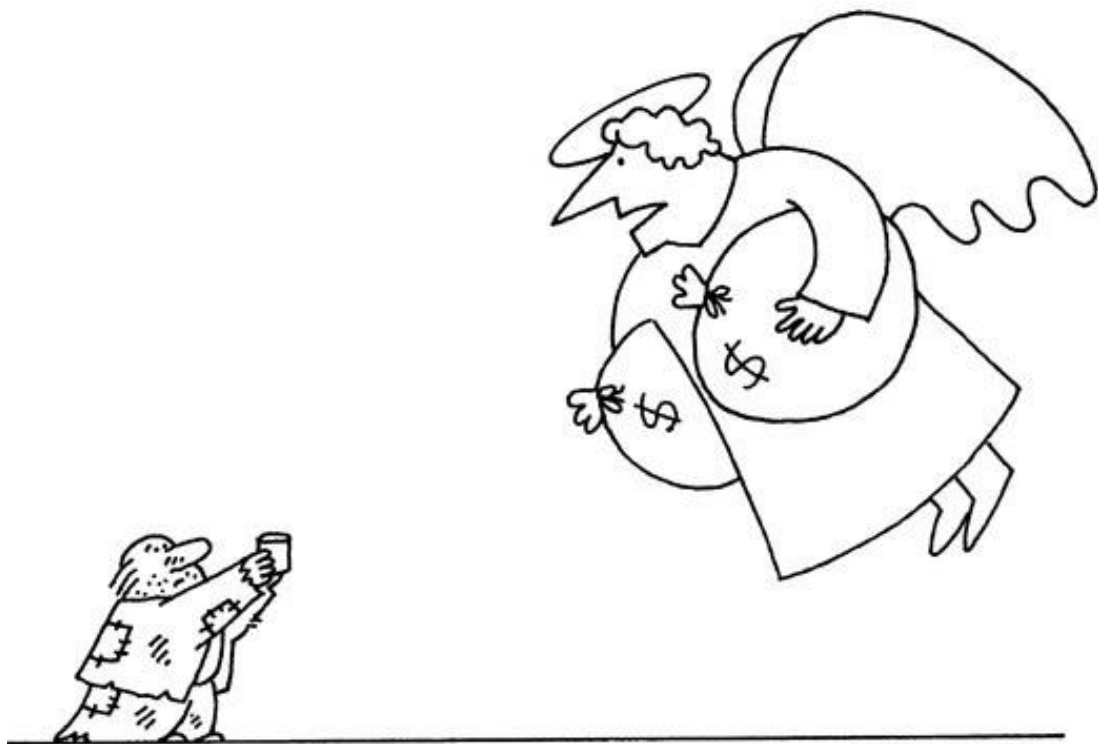
*"Thomas! Did Judas put you up to that?"*



*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit about fifteen per cent of the earth, a hundred-per-cent increase over what they have today."*



*"I can't take him seriously since he shaved."*



*C. Bazzanti*

*"Sorry, I'm meeting a guy, but you're not the guy."*



*"Stop me if you've heard this one before."*

## Kids (better get used to them being at home)



*"Zach is in the gifted-and-talented-and-you're-not class."*



*"He's talking now, but only through his attorney."*





*"I do support your right to free speech—I just don't support your tone."*



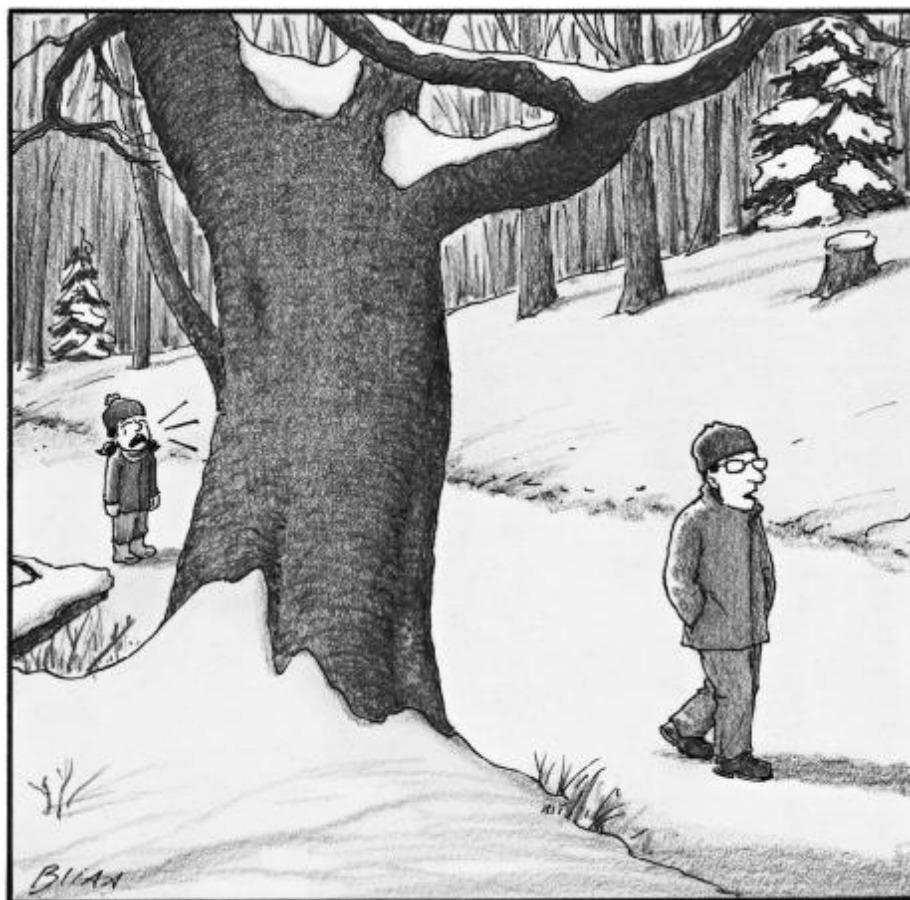
*"Why do you always have to be so paternalistic?"*



*"If it's in a museum, you're allowed to look"*



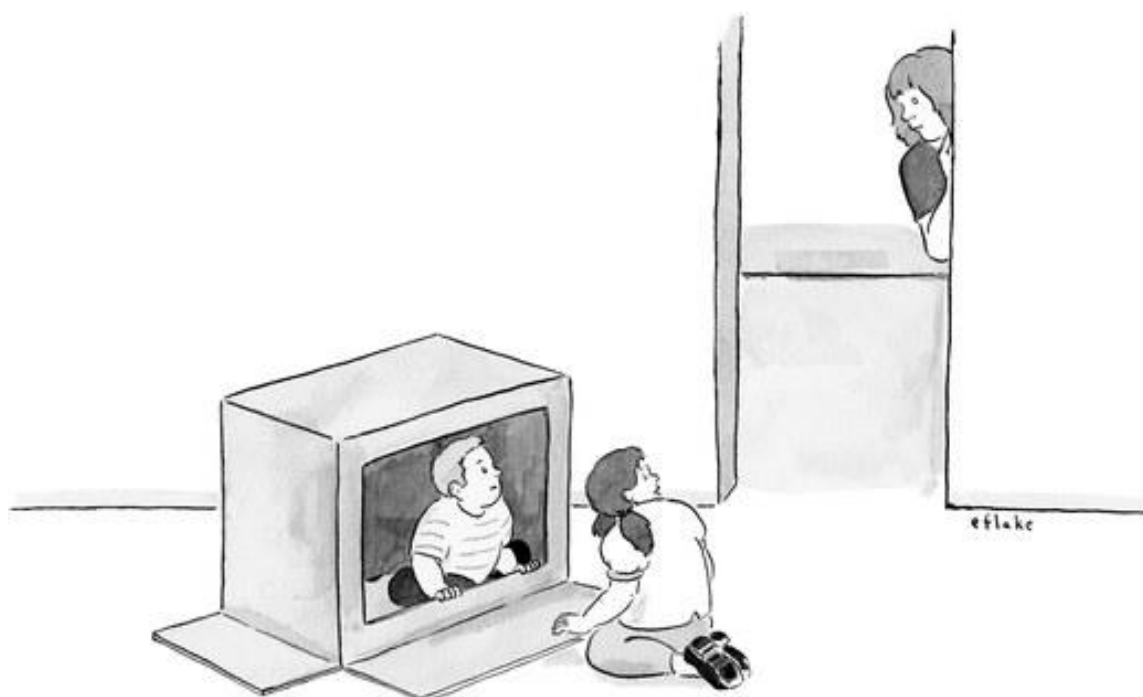
*"Writing about your community service is good, but I would play down the court-ordered part."*



*"For your information, Sweetie, bears are attracted to drama"*



*"I vary her diet with a wide variety of pasta shapes."*



*"We're playing YouTube."*



*"I hope you treasure every minute of strangers telling you to treasure every minute"*



*"How much do I have to eat to be eligible for dessert?"*



## Lawyers - love them or leave them



*"Of course, you try to raise your kids so they won't need lawyers."*



*"Fine, I'll get up and feed you, no need get lawyers involved"*

## Marriage and Love (we need all we can get)



*"I'm sorry, folks, but our love seats are for display purposes only."*



*"Then one day he vanished without a trace."*



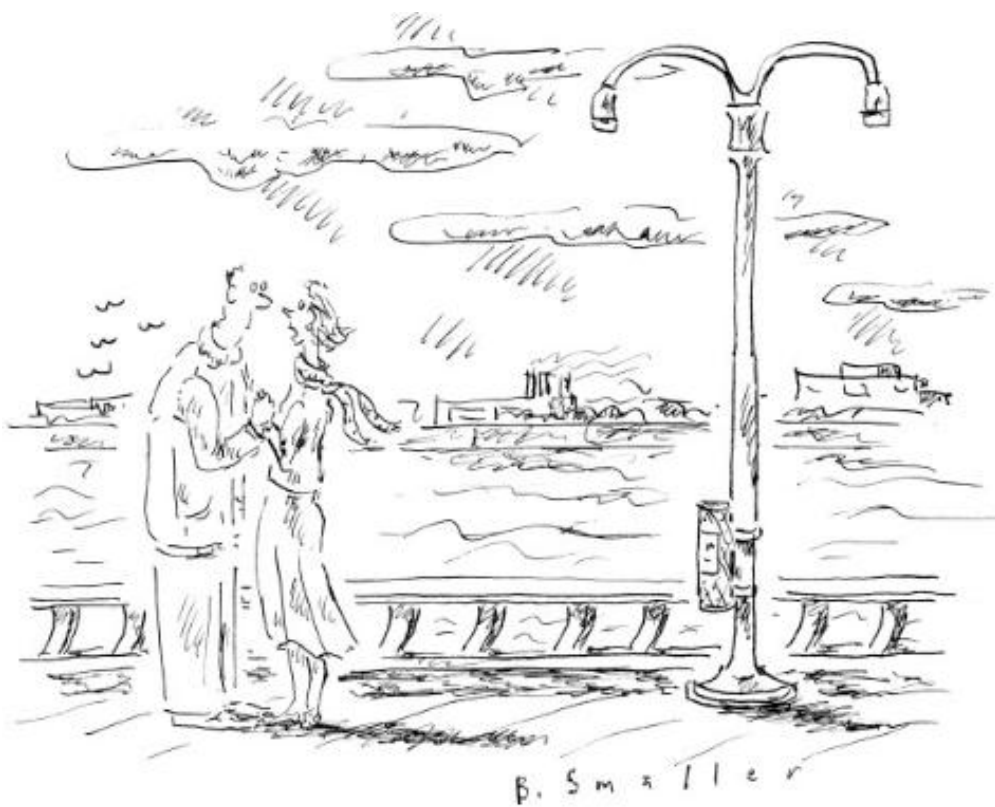
*"I got married—I finally realized I'm event-driven."*



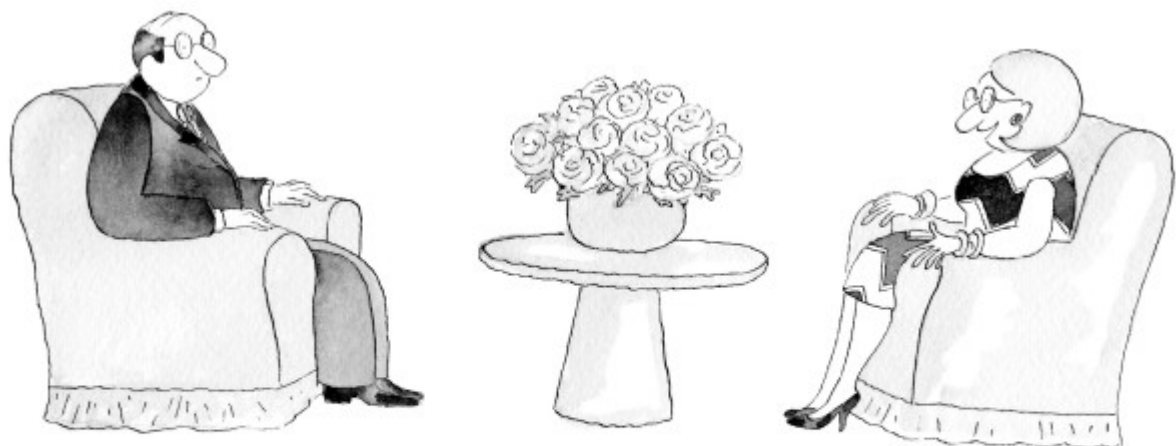
*"Oh, no. My wife's drone!"*



*"I do, too, notice the little things, and most of them irritate me."*

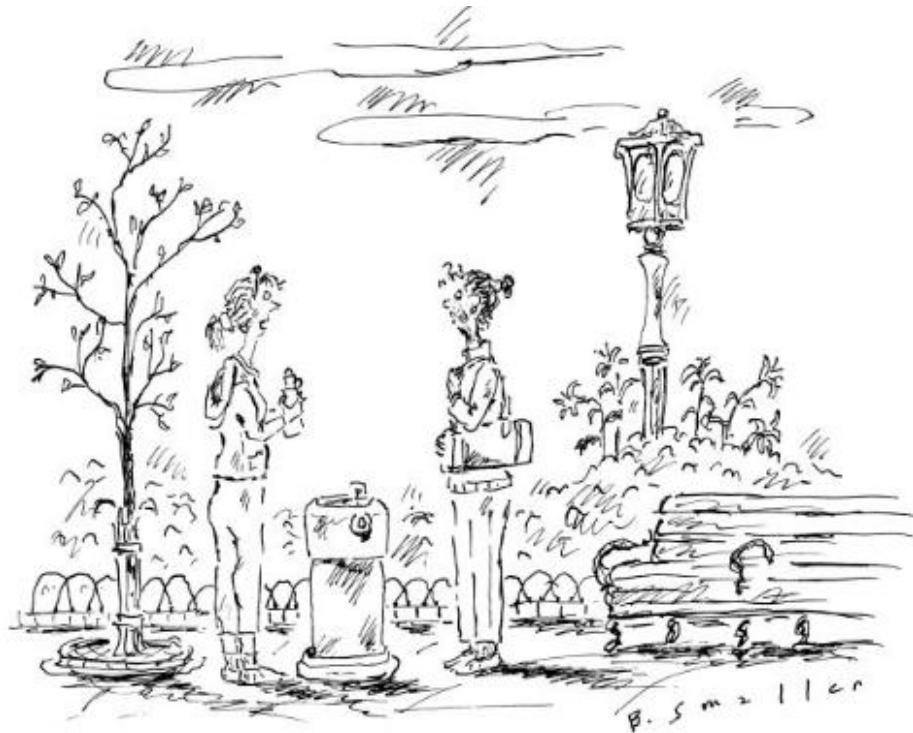


*"I want someone I can grow old and have plastic surgery with."*



*"I'm between dirty looks."*





*"Evan has a syndrome where he cheats on me and does a lot of recreational drugs, but I forget the medical name for it."*



*"I'll agree to a pre-nup if you'll agree to a non-compete clause."*



*"No, I don't want to change you, Darryl. But, sure, it would be great if you were completely different."*

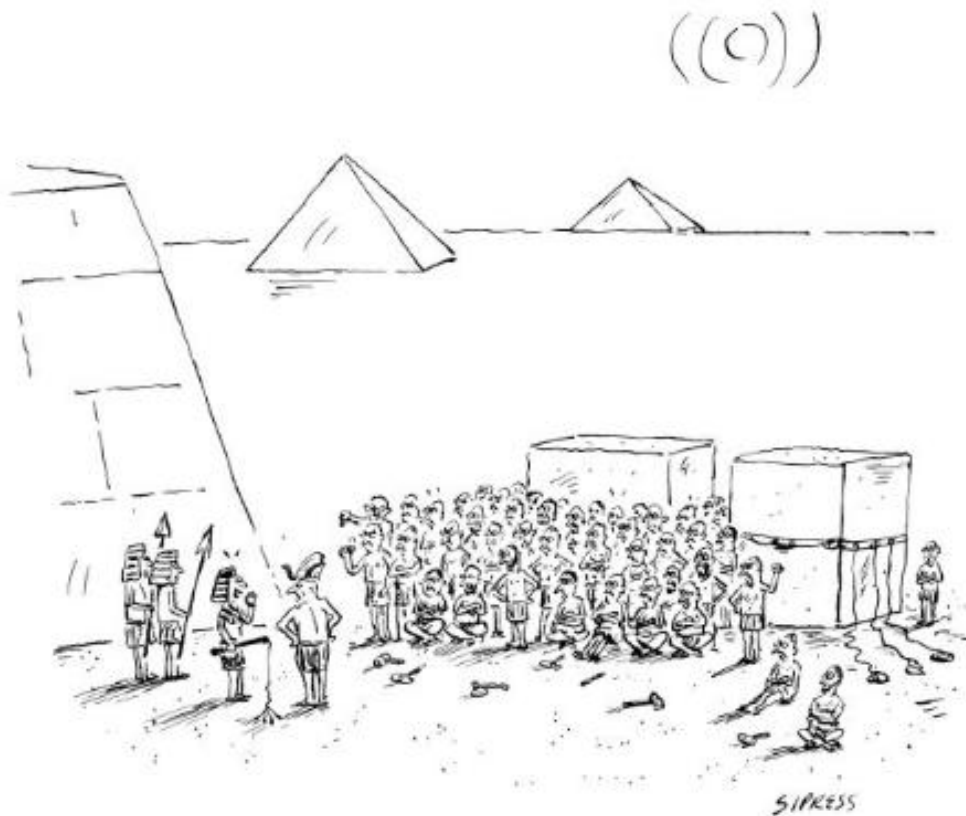


*"Leave room for sex."*

## Modern Living - we need a reboot



*"Remember stores?"*



*"Don't worry—if we double the minimum wage it will still be nothing."*



*"Any chance of an upgrade to a flight that's on time?"*



*"I just feel fortunate to live in a world with so much disinformation at my fingertips."*



*"It's a midriff warmer."*



*"It's so nice being on vacation and having different things to complain about."*



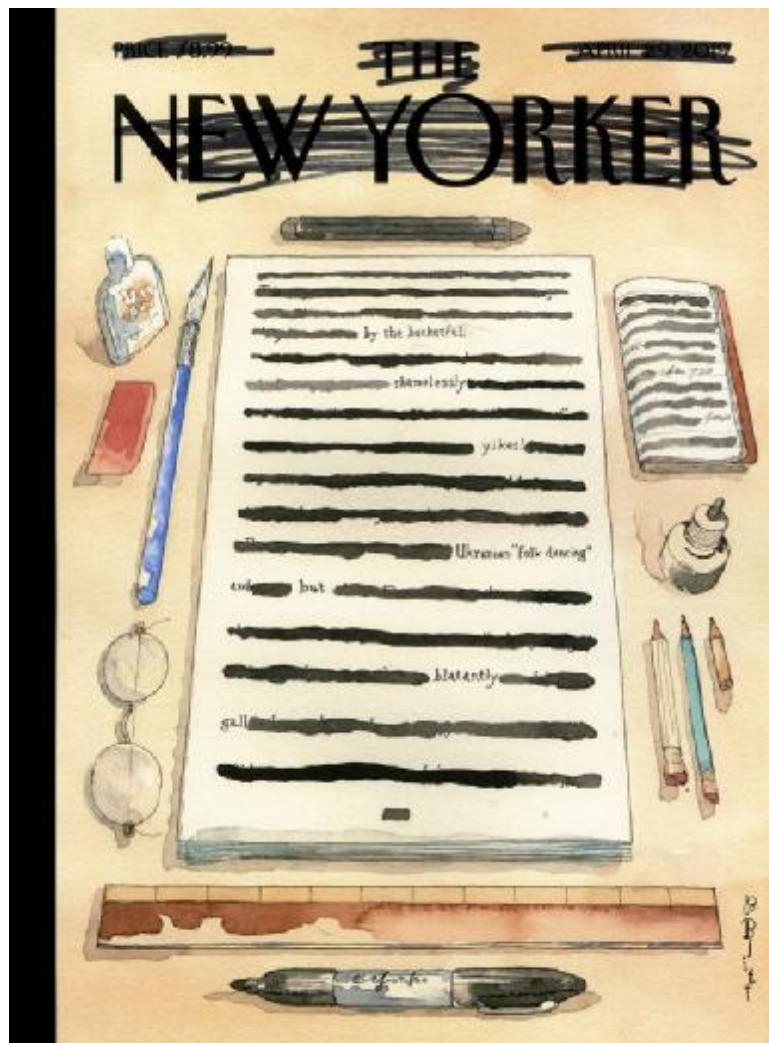


*"Well, the children are grown up, married, divorced, and remarried. I guess our job is done."*



*"They're organic, vegetarian, and they challenge traditional gender roles."*

## Politics - heaven help us



## Security and Military - not a top priority



*"Get me everything on everybody."*



*"Crazy bastard thinks he's Napoleon."*



*"The siege was yesterday."*



*"If it's any consolation, that was an amazing impression of the king."*



## Some Good Advice

1. Stay in touch and be healthy.
2. Send *Nuts in May* to all your friends; there will be no print edition.
3. Look up back numbers of Christmas Pudding.  
<http://www.pamirs.org/Christmas-Pudding.htm>
4. Greet everyone with a wave and a smile.
5. Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.
6. And don't forget to take a subscription to The New Yorker.  
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## COVID 19½



Thanks Hazel