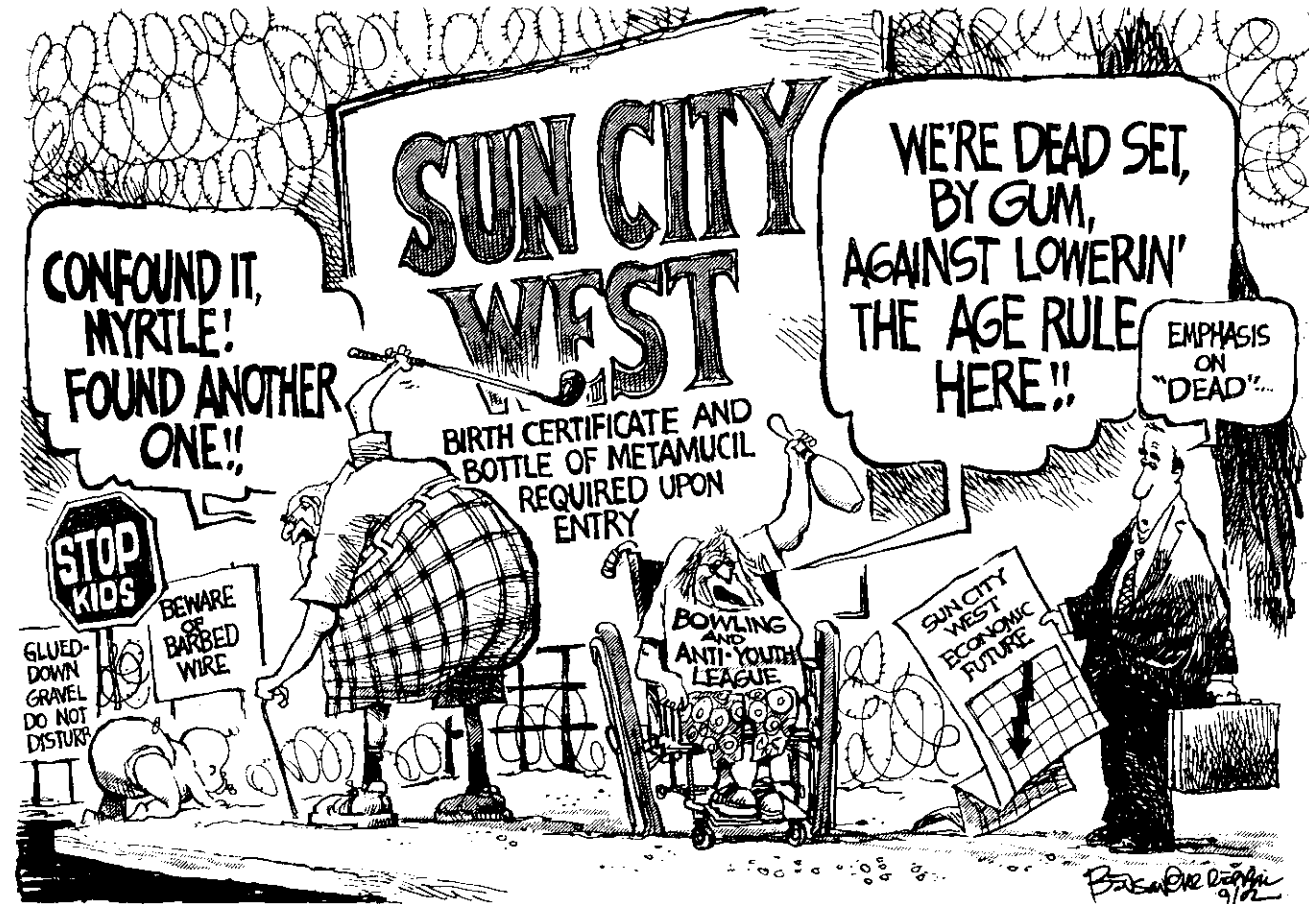




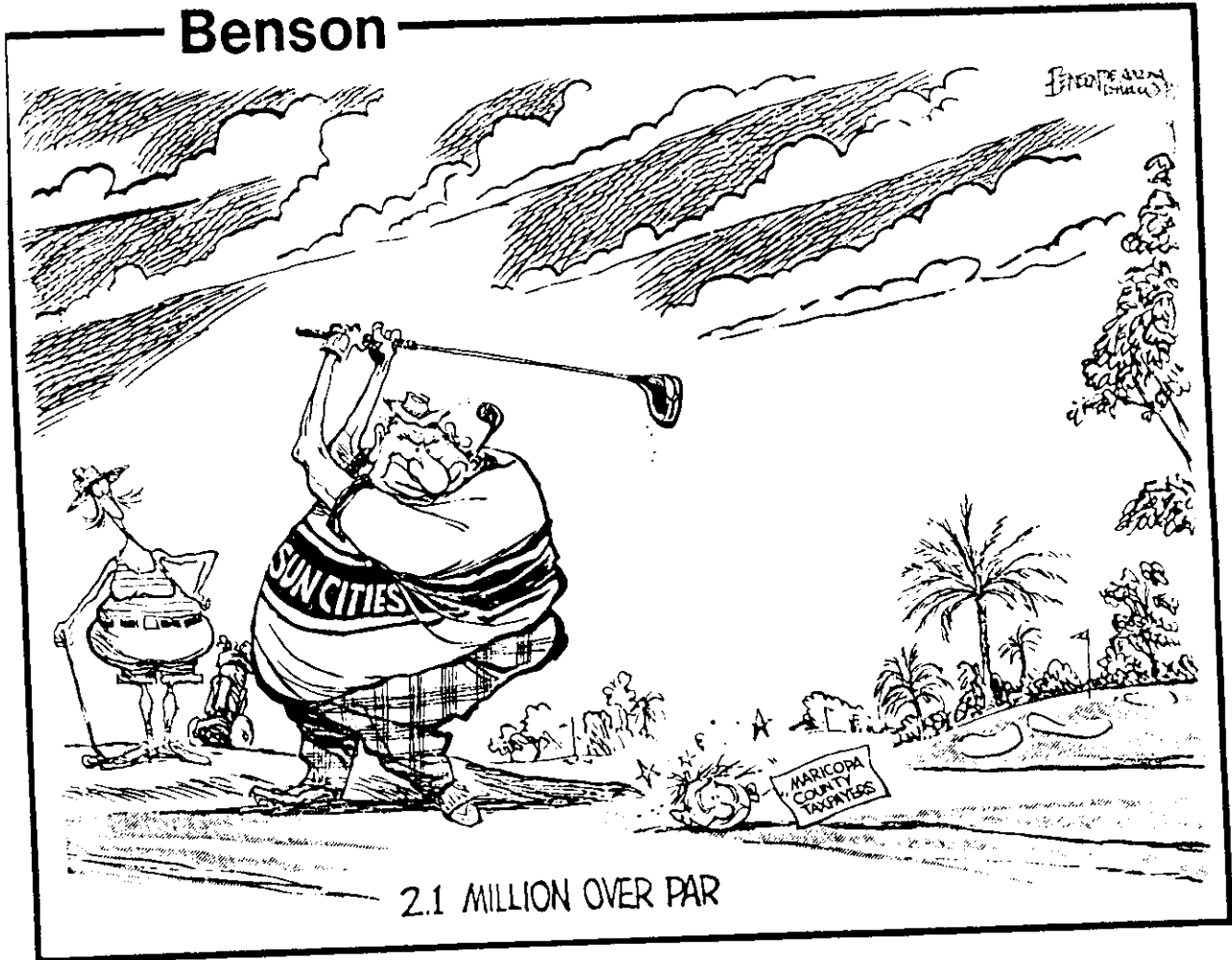
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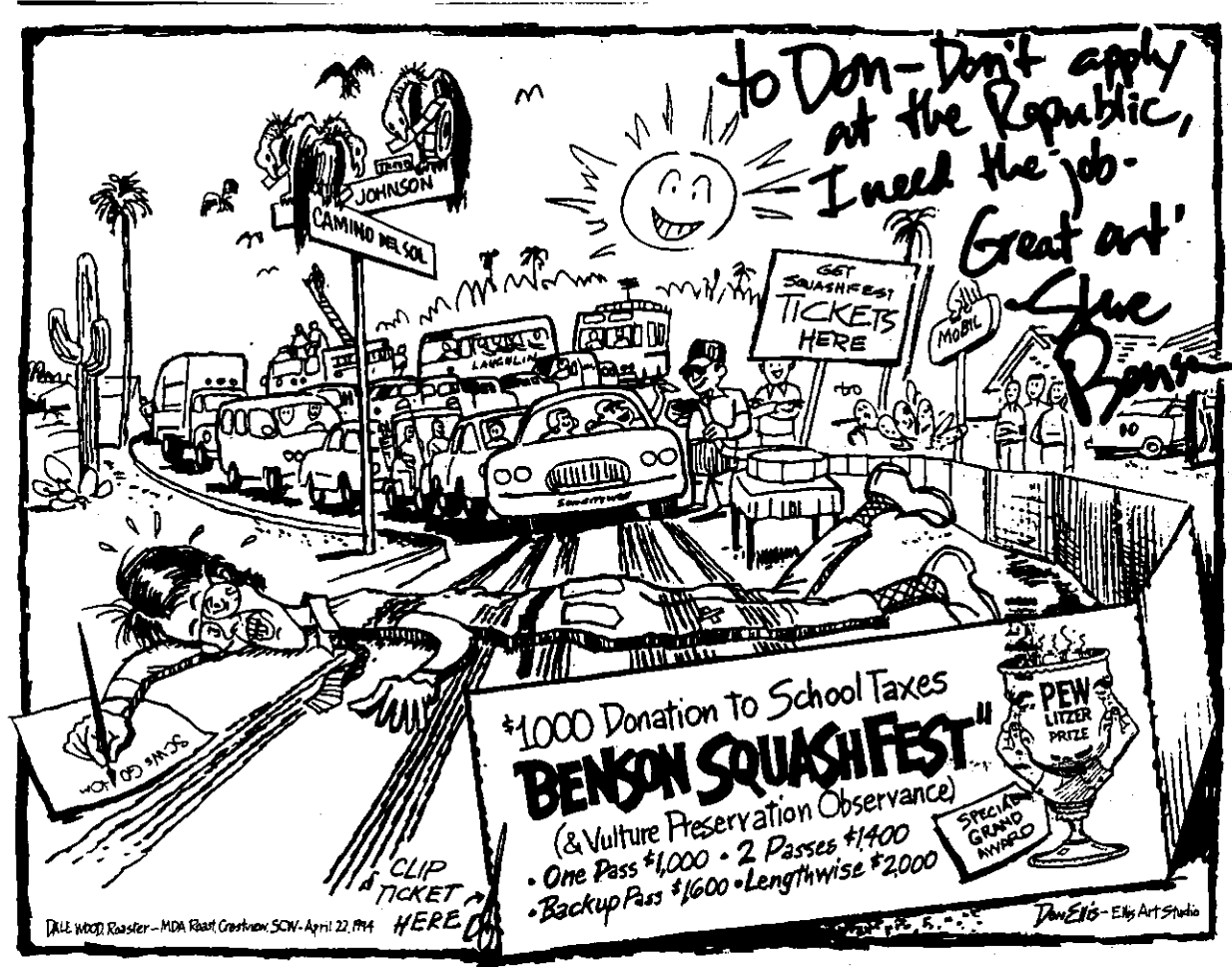
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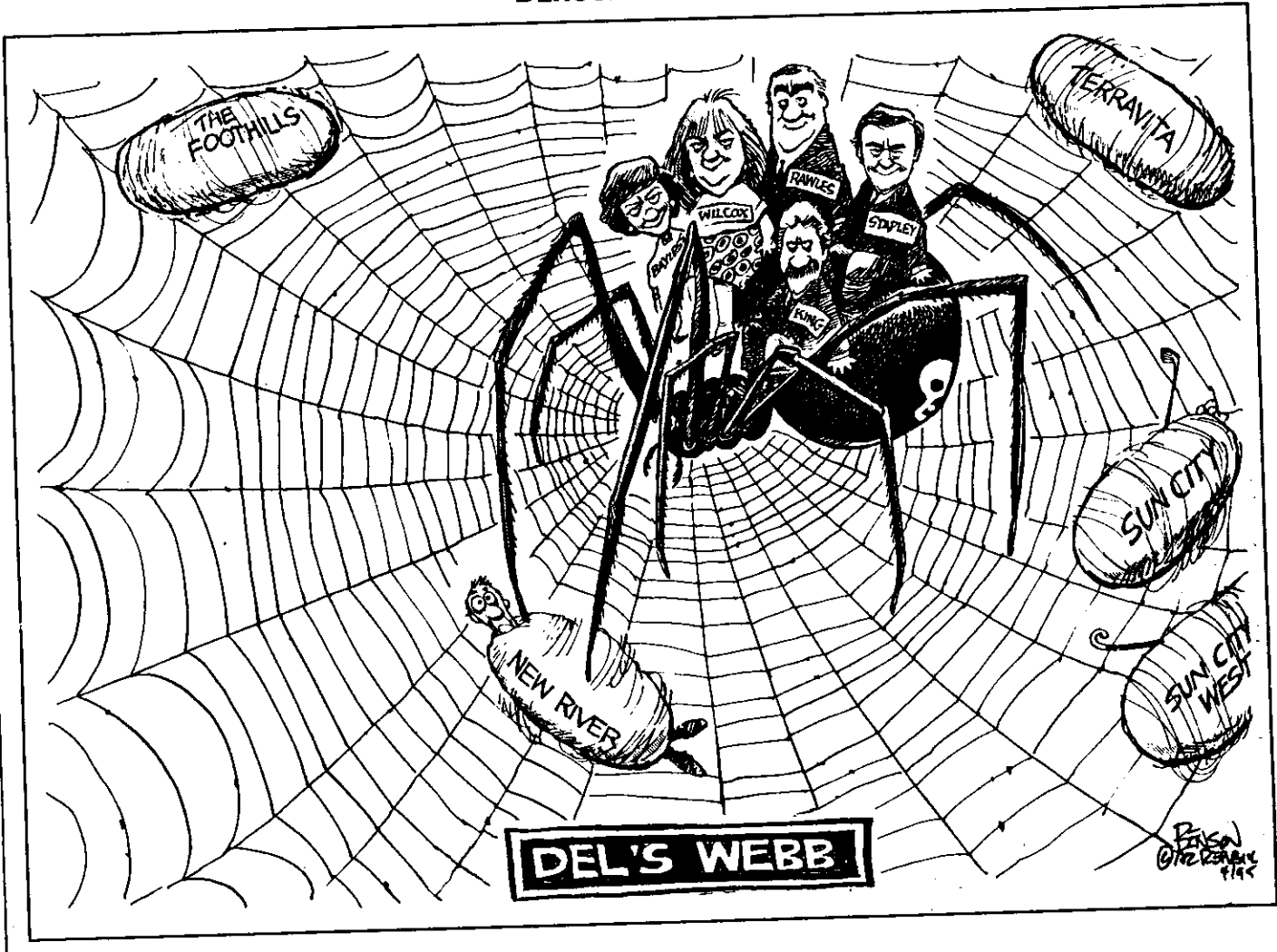


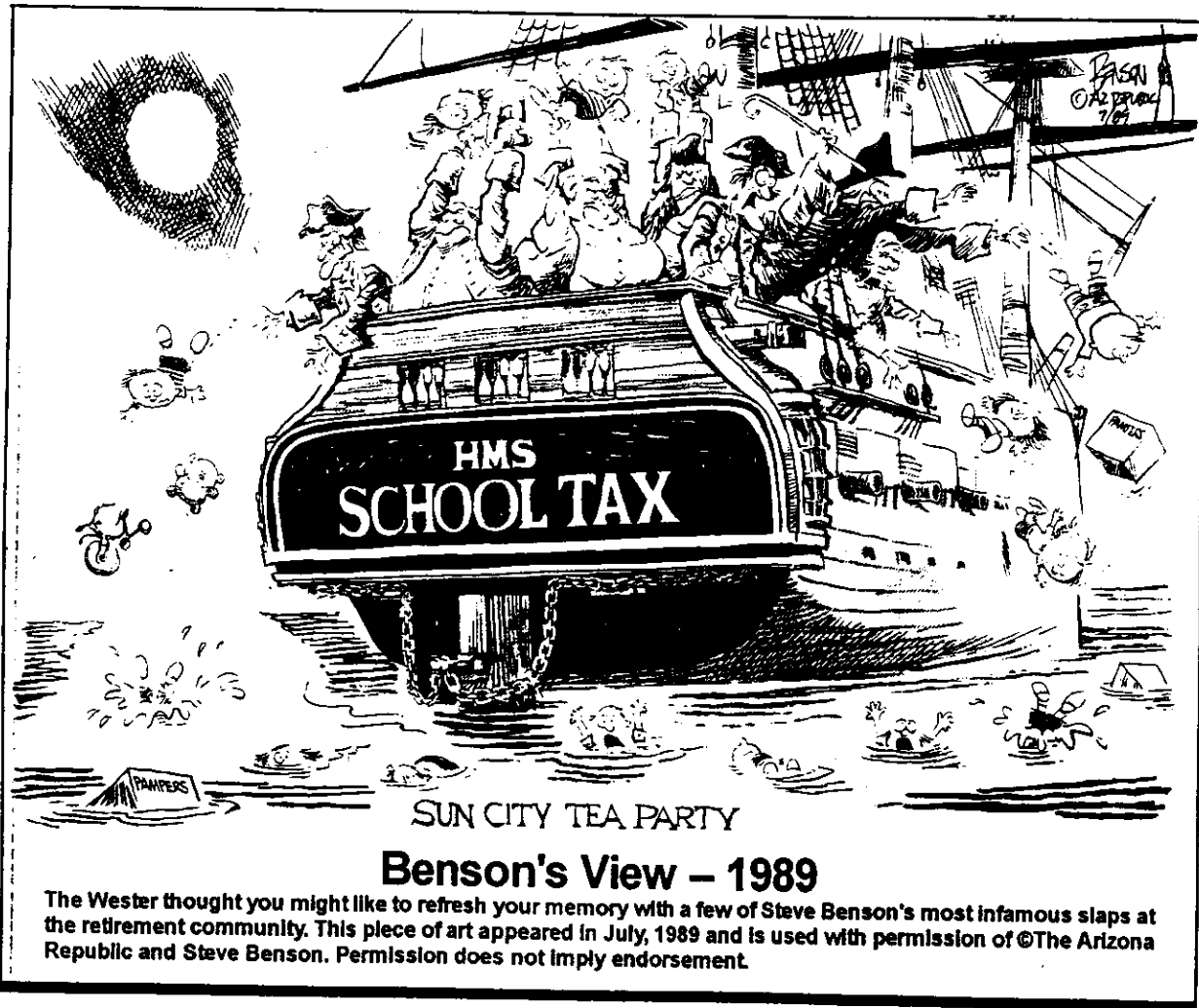


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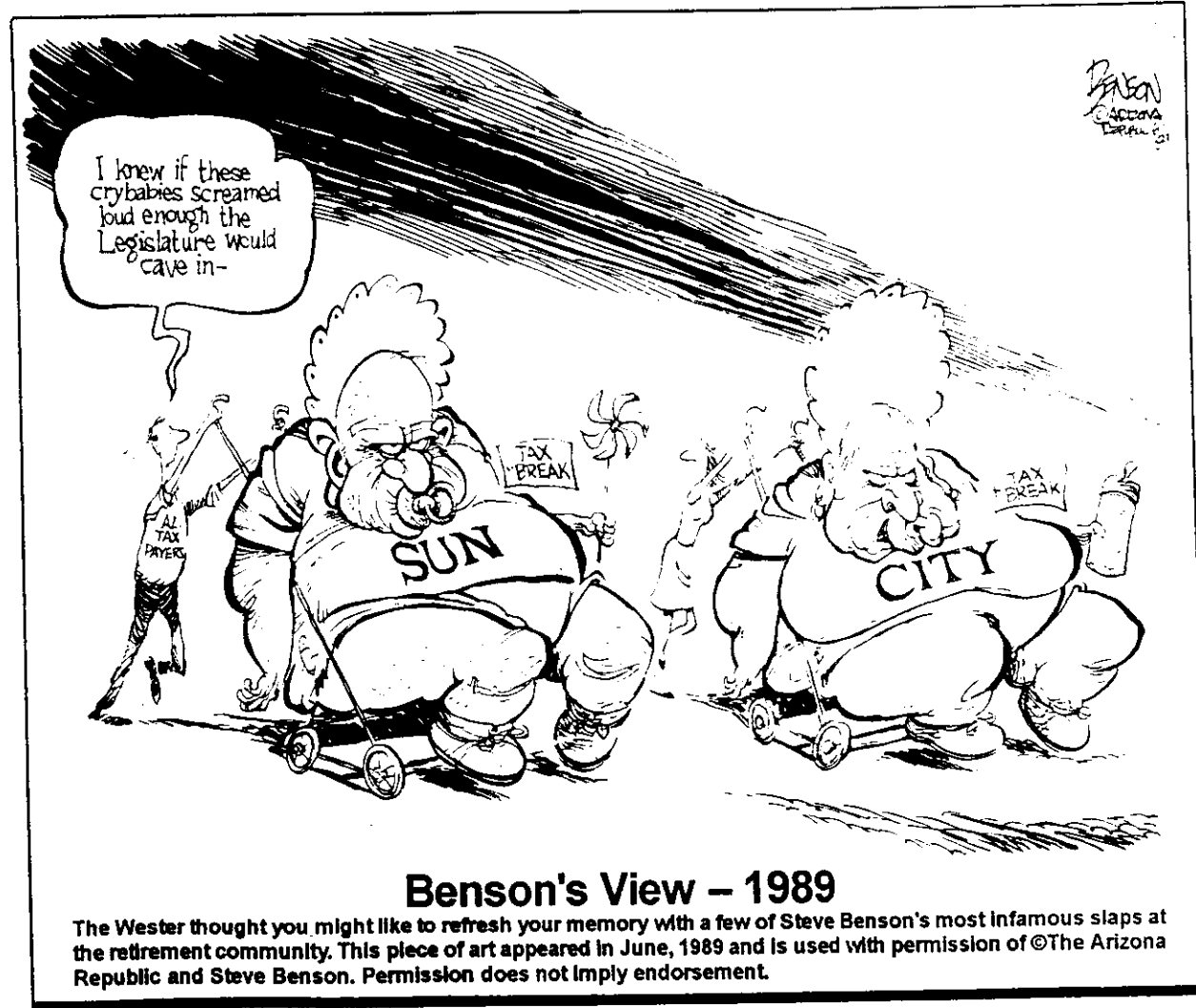




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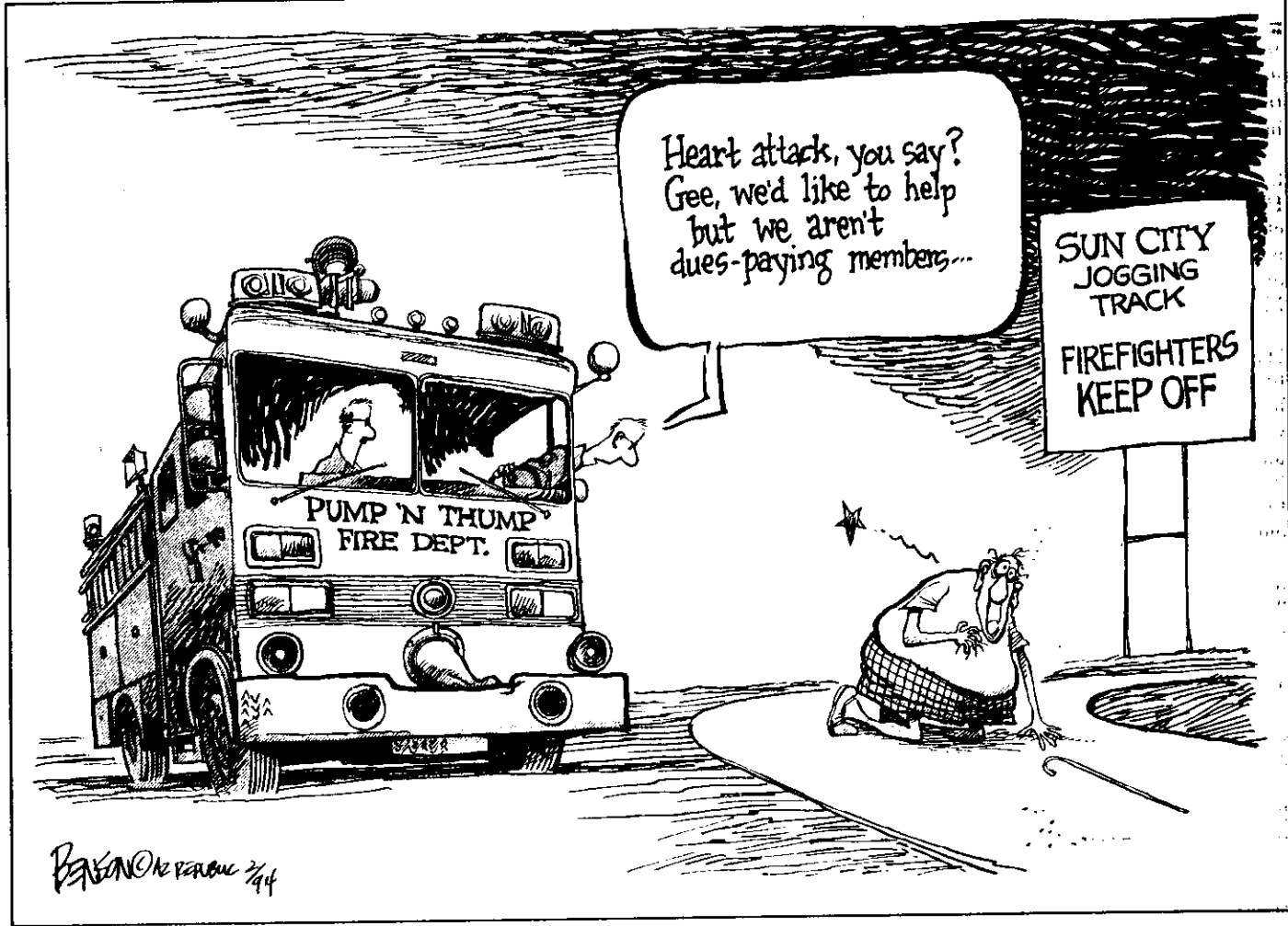


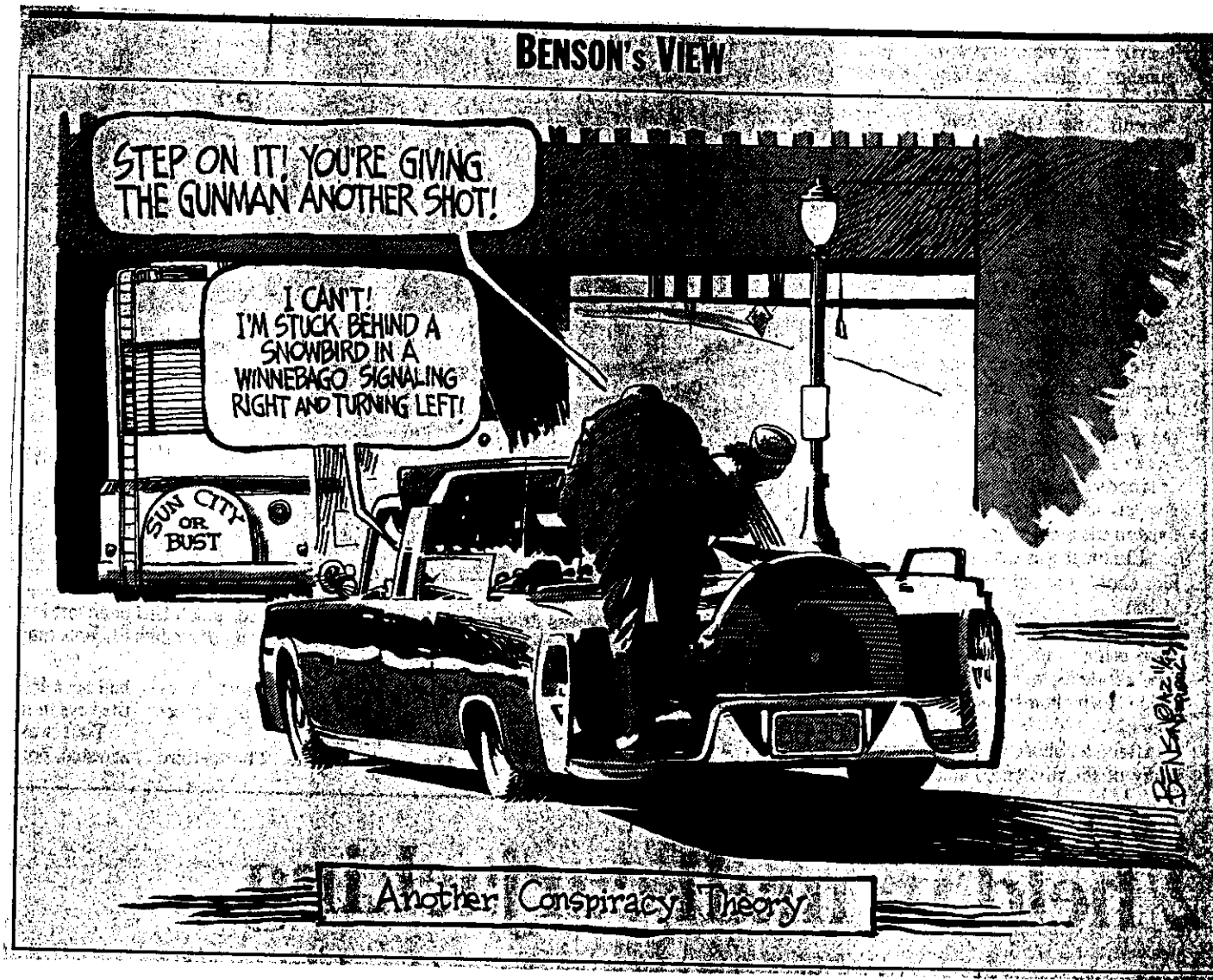


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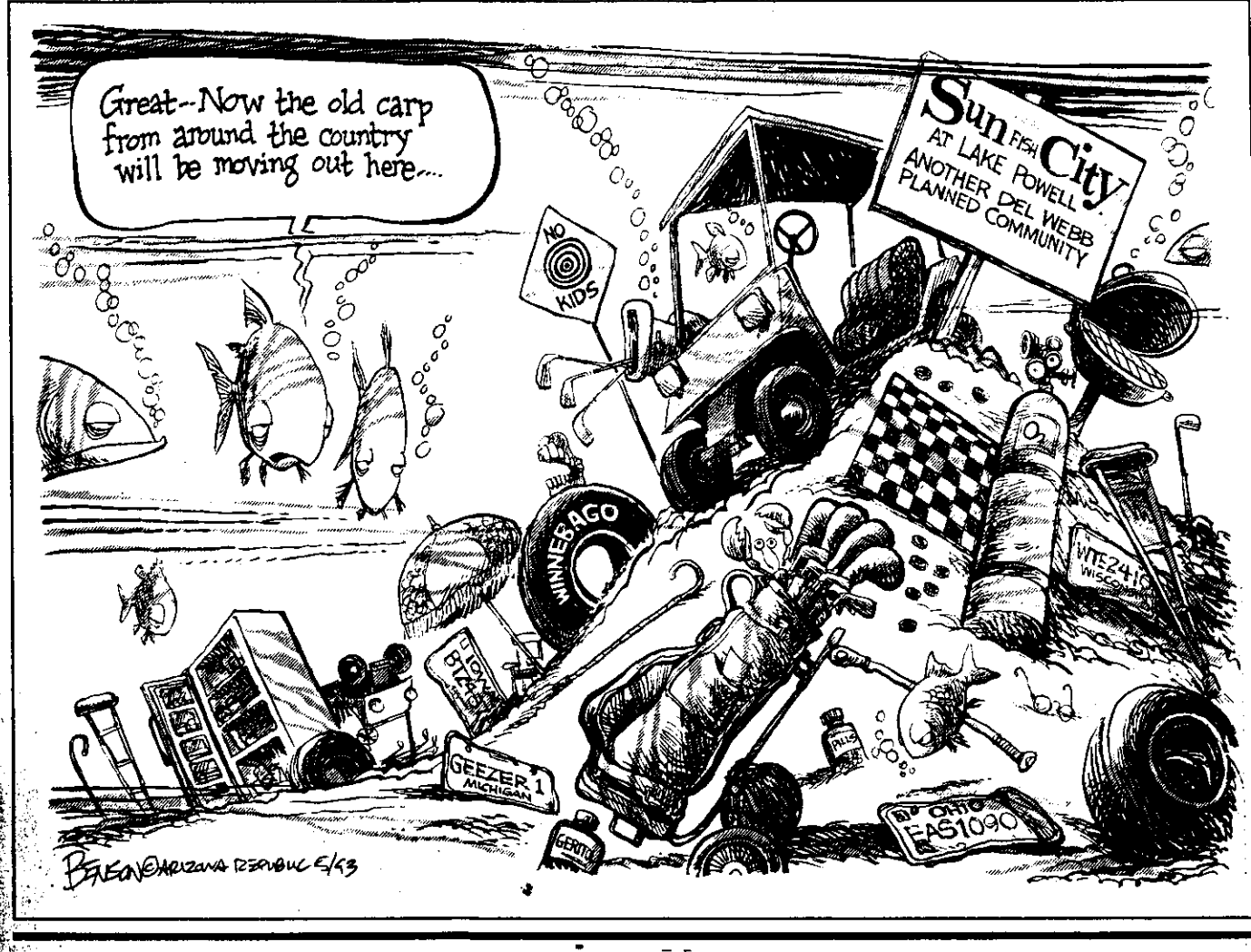
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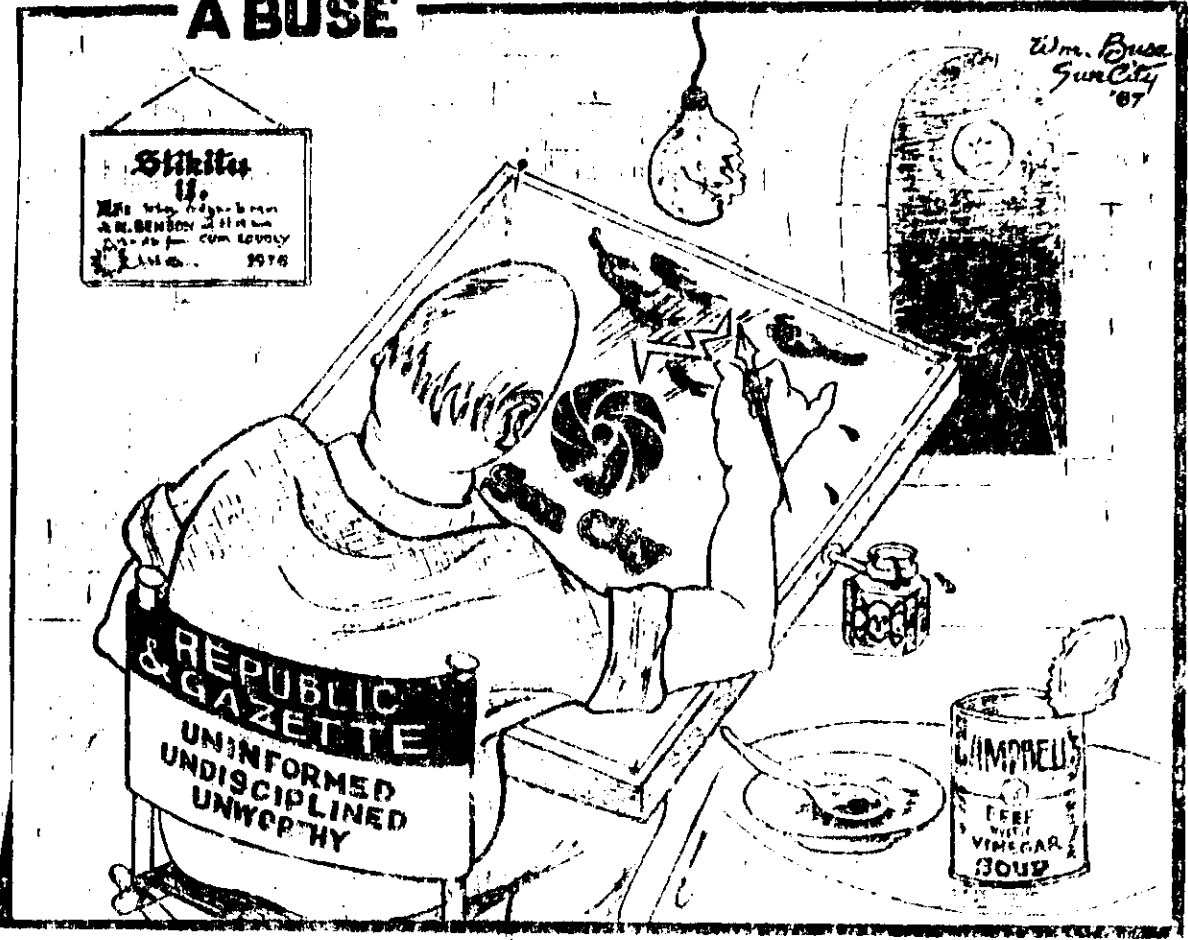
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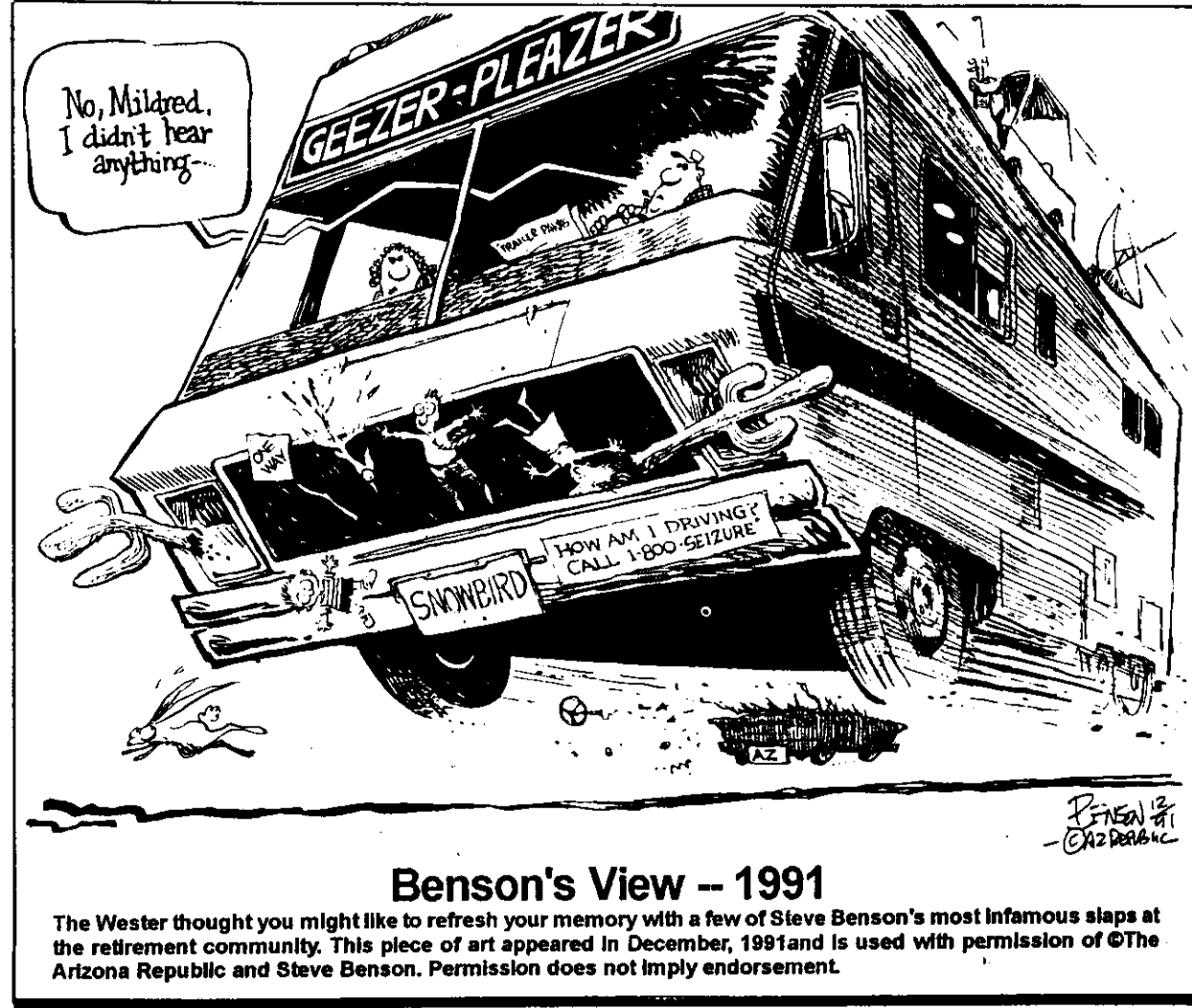
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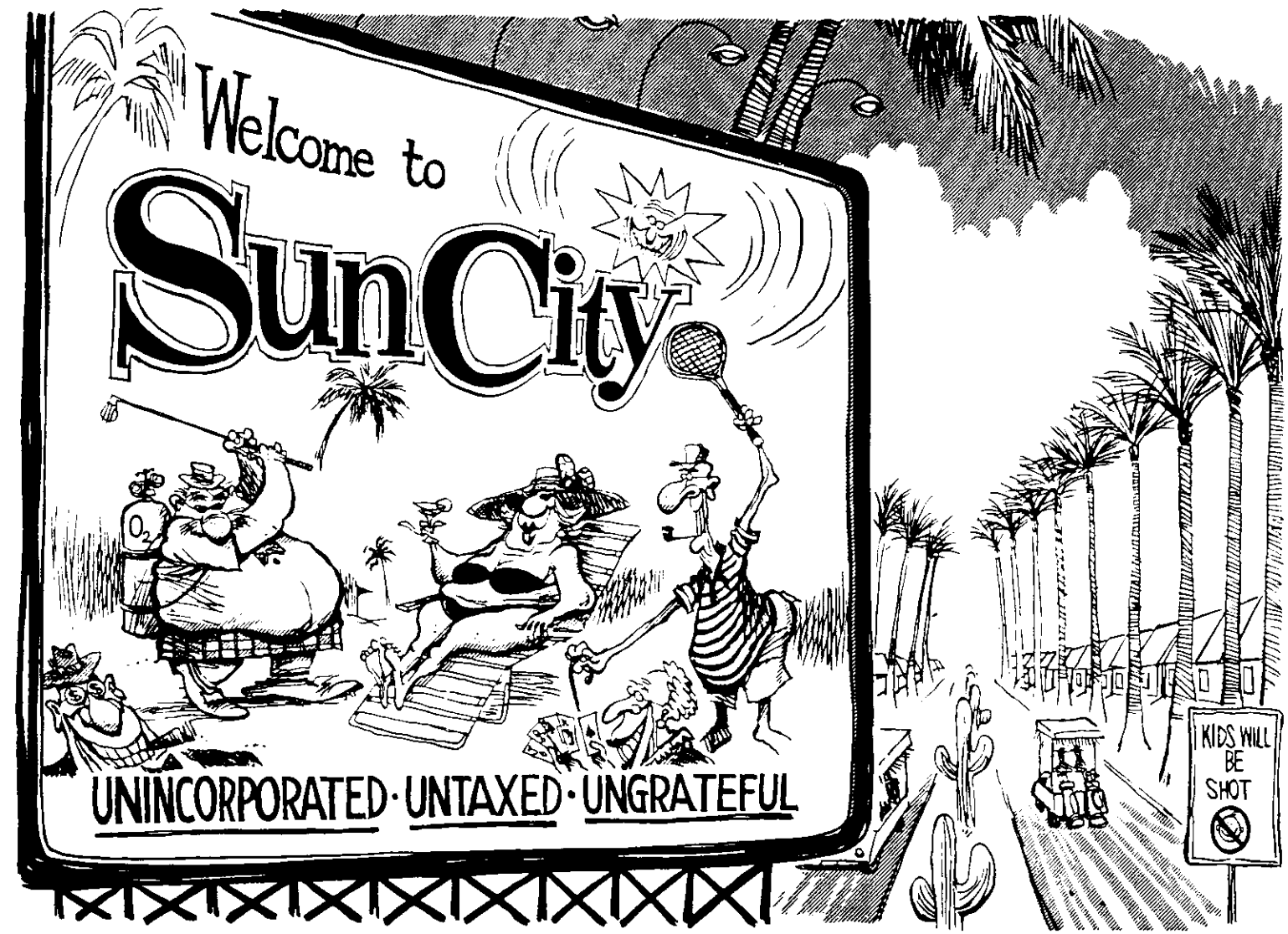


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Critics charge Phoenix's geriatric ghetto dodges school taxes.

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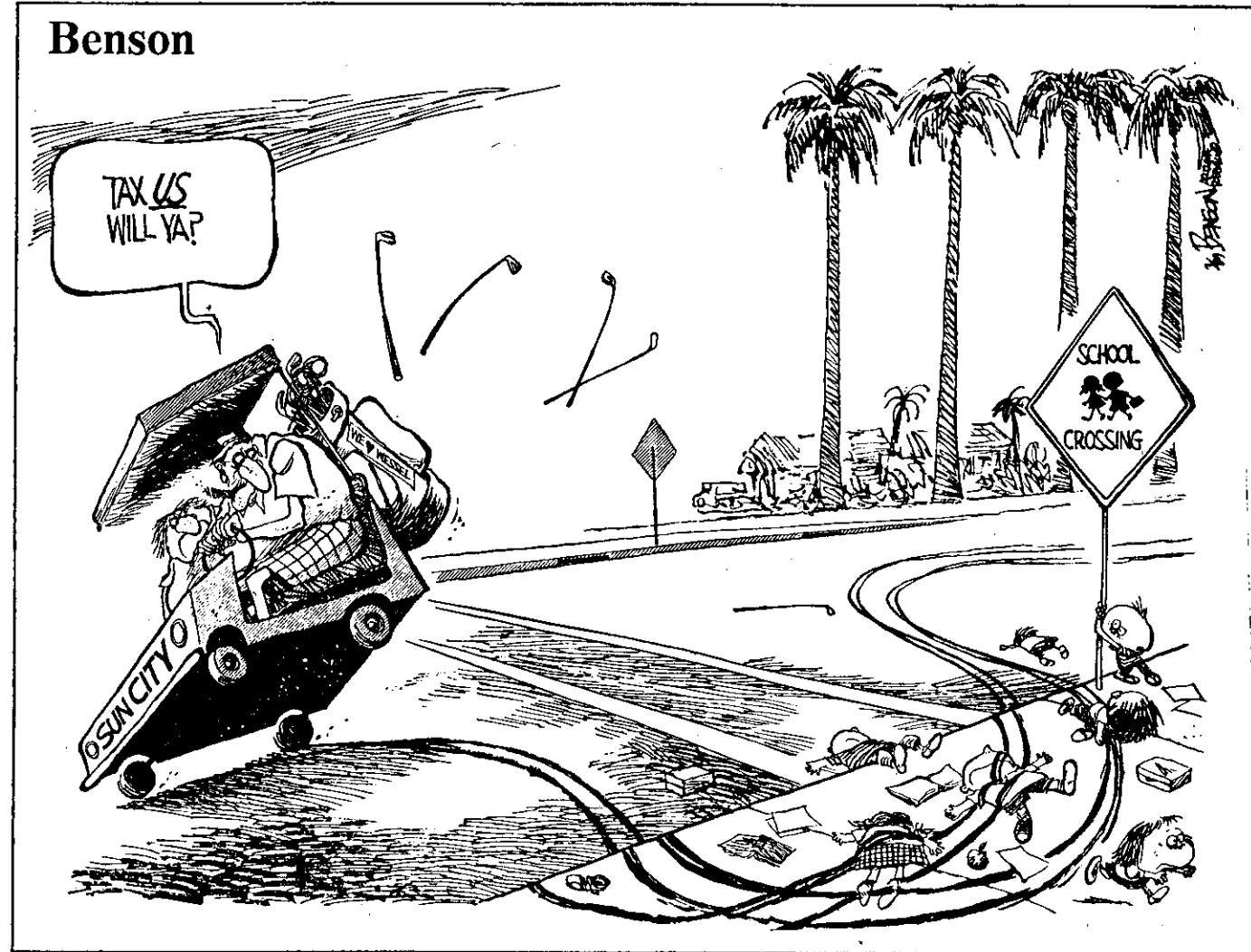
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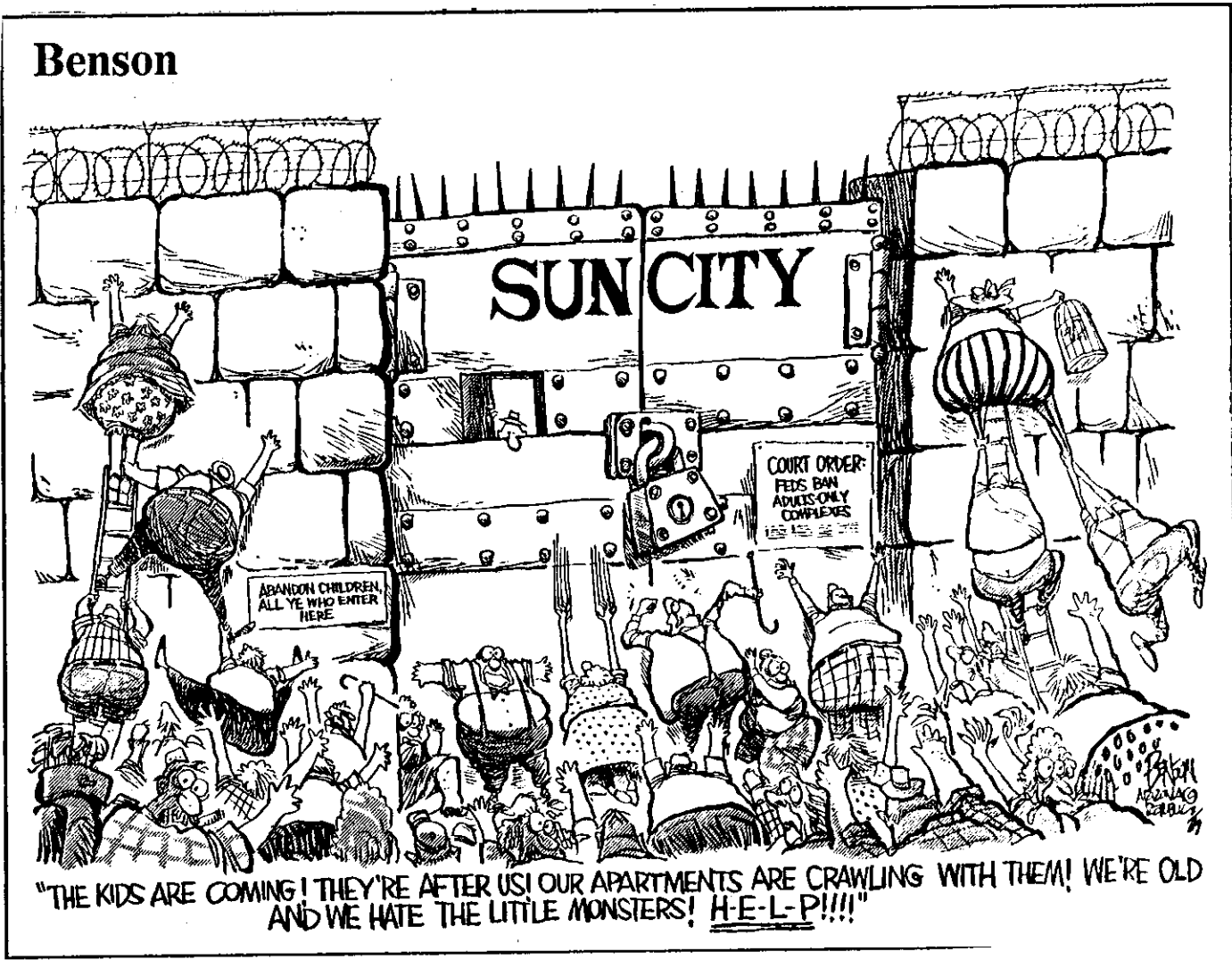




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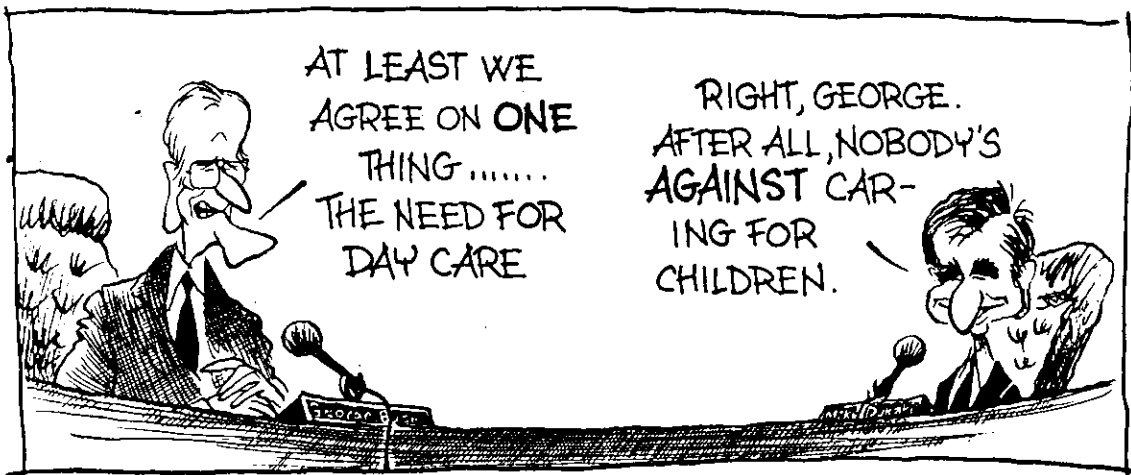
"THE KIDS ARE COMING! THEY'RE AFTER US! OUR APARTMENTS ARE CRAWLING WITH THEM! WE'RE OLD AND WE HATE THE LITTLE MONSTERS! H-E-L-P!!!!"

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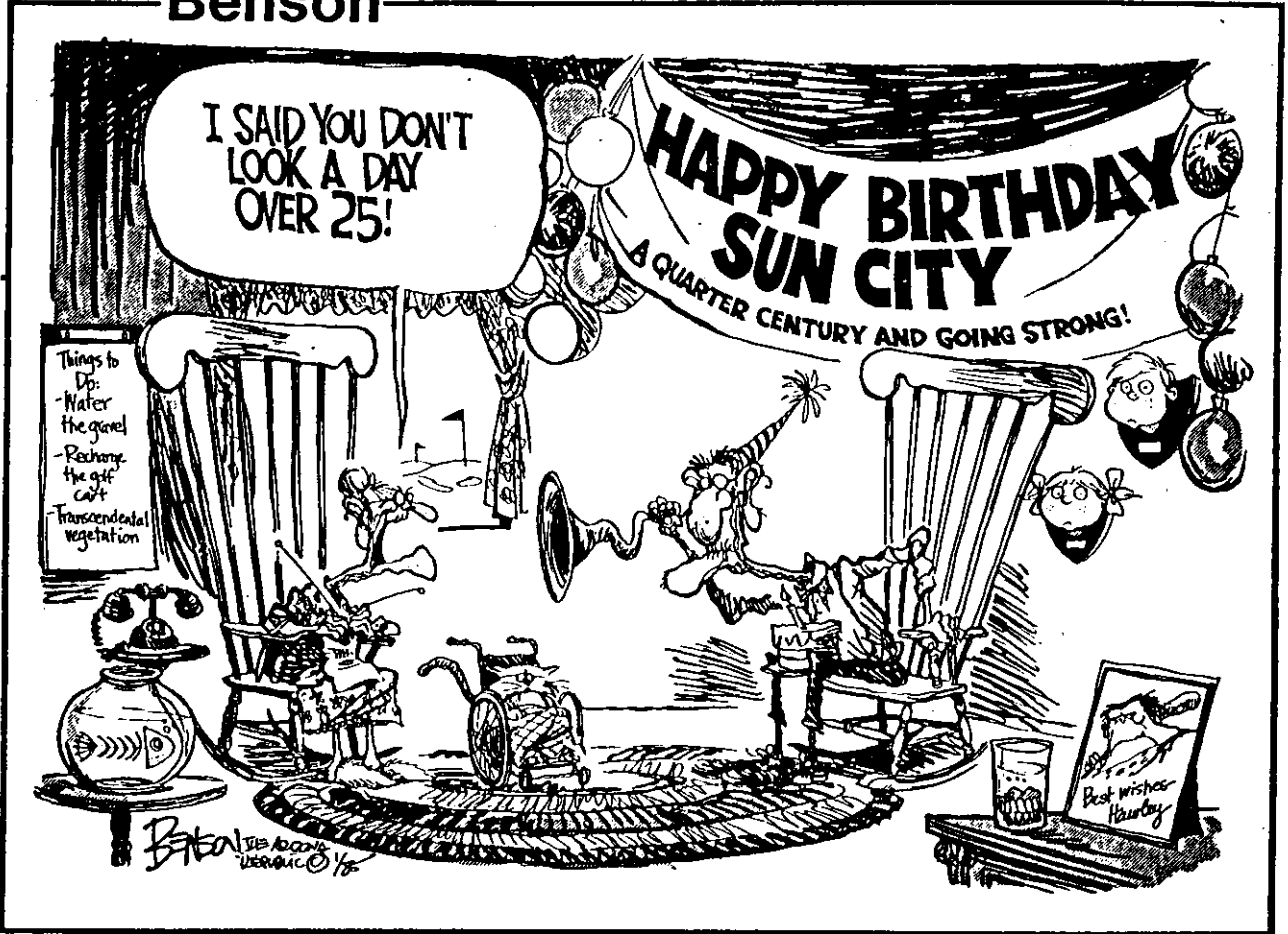
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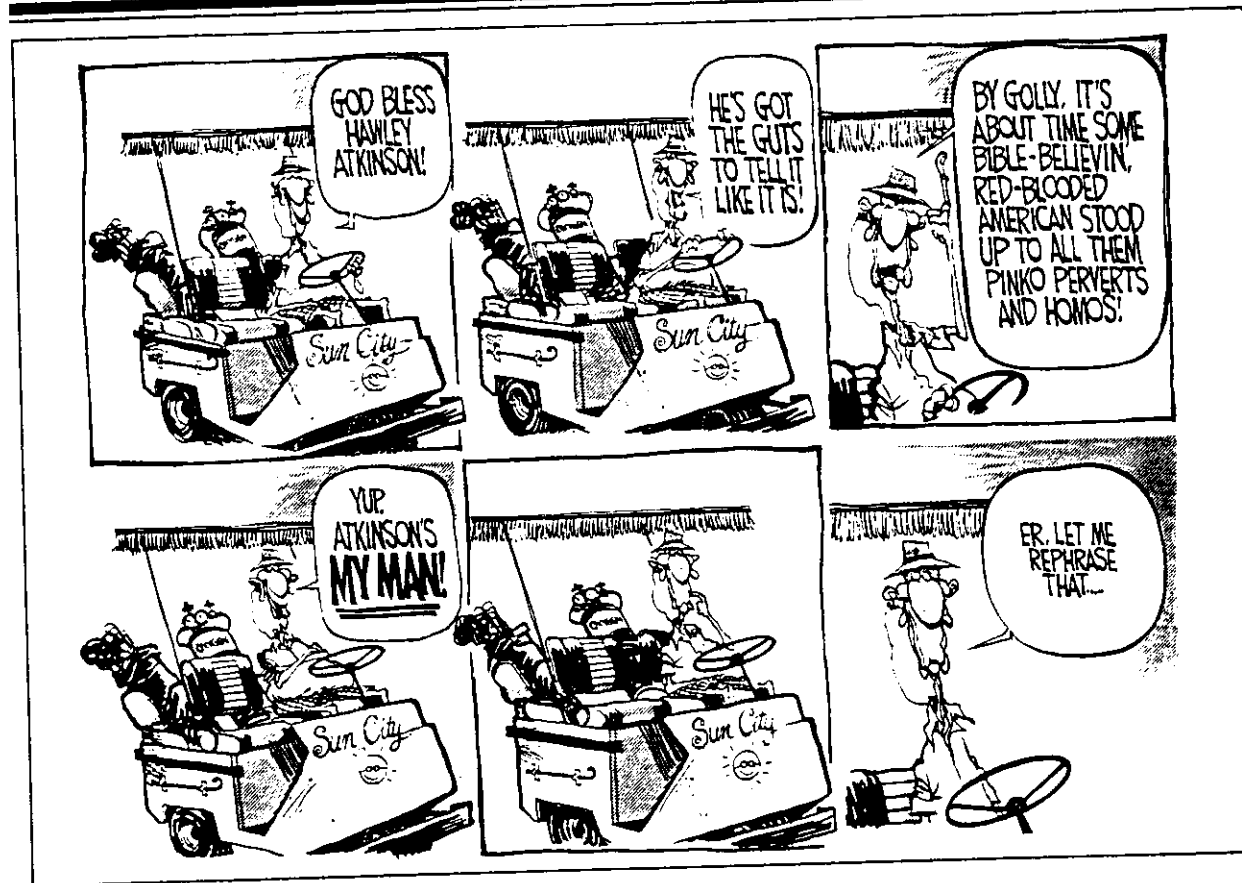
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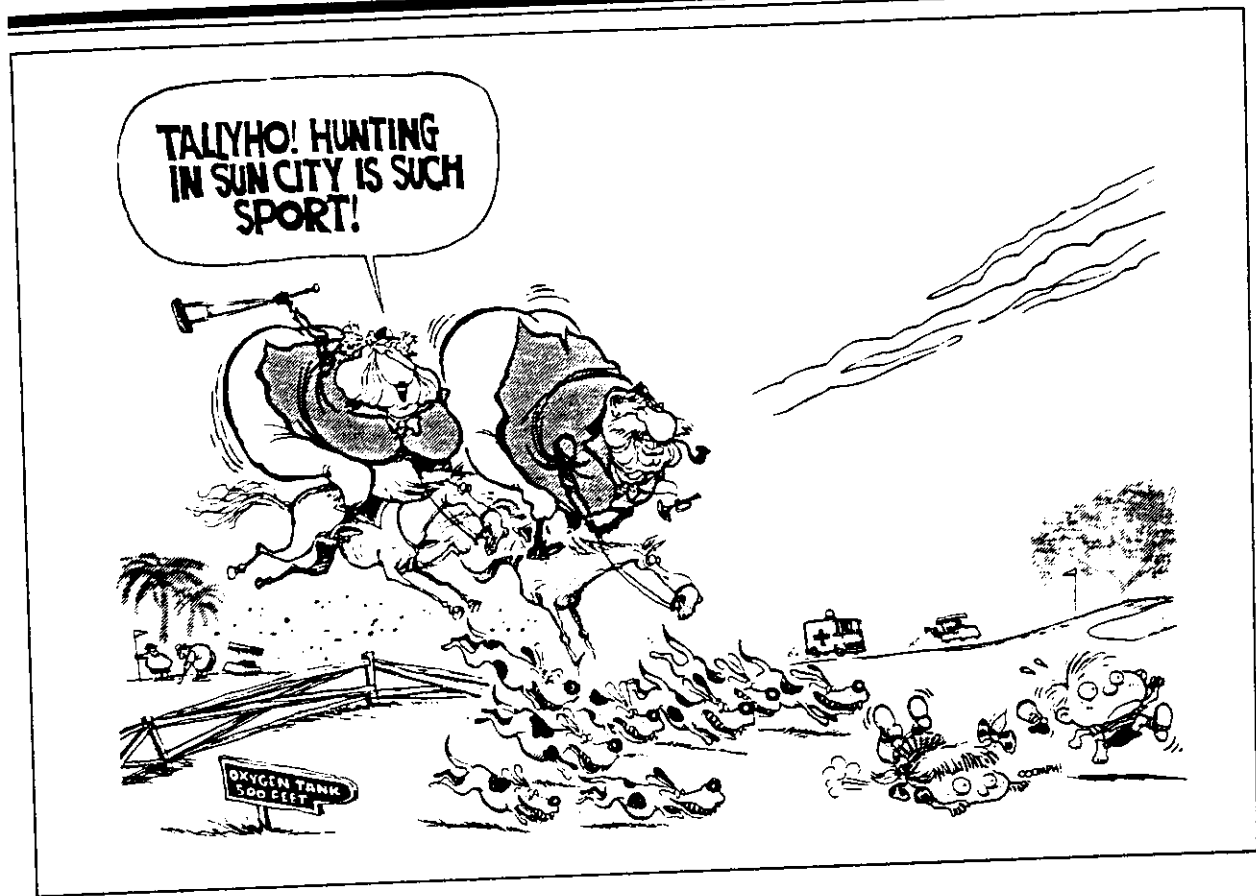




As I sit in the High Priest class in the Sun City Ward, I do not see anyone as grotesque and ugly as you have drawn the man in the above cartoon. All I see are good looking, talented men with an "Older is Better" look on their faces. So, Stevie boy, let up on these horrible-looking characters or I will report you to your grandfather.

GRANT HUBAND  
Sun City

HAWLEY ATKINSON



...I very much resent the implication of the Benson cartoon...in which he depicts a bloated, maniacal Sun City couple riding with the hounds in pursuit of two small helpless youngsters—presumably the grandchildren of someone else.

I admit a visit of a week or two by grandchildren is enough to tucker out most grandparents to the extent that they are content to wish them goodbye for another year....

CARL A. HAGMAN  
Sun City

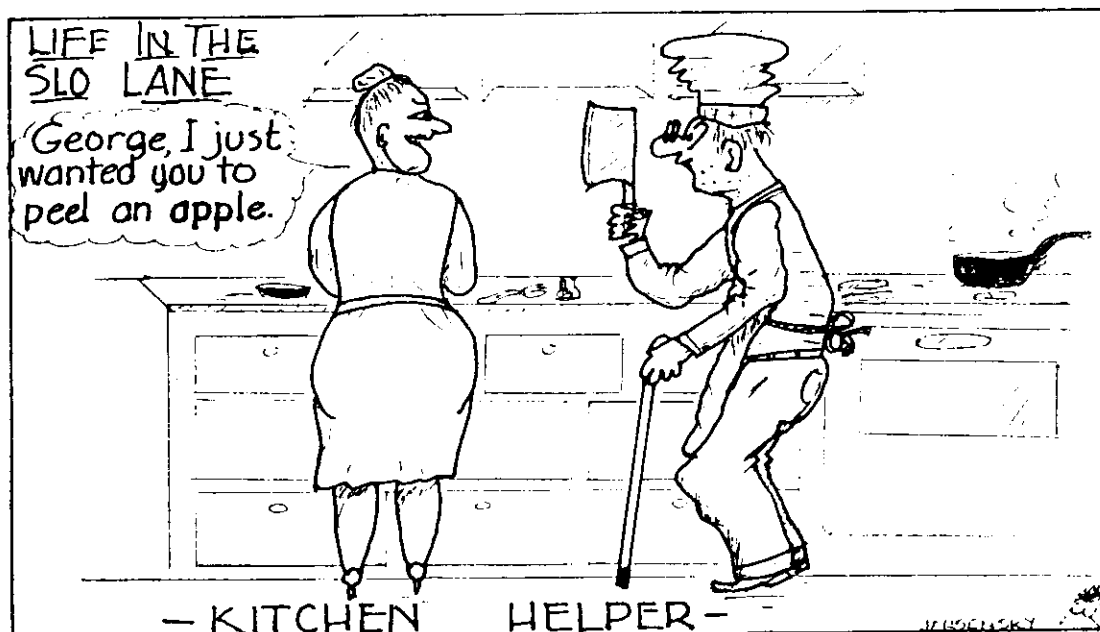
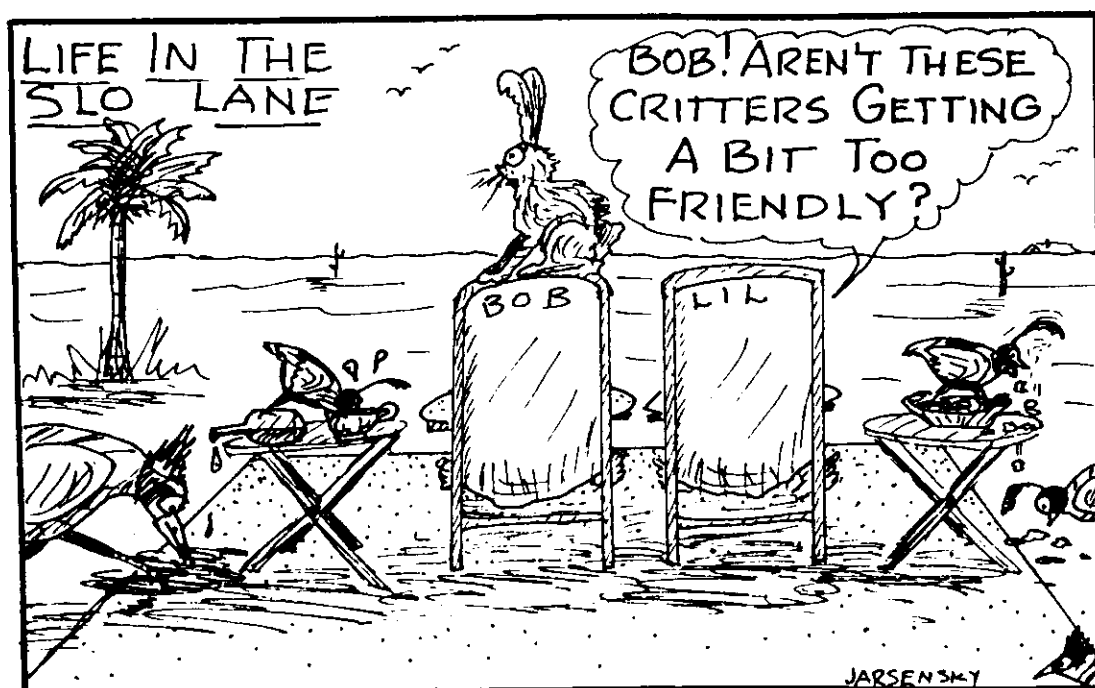
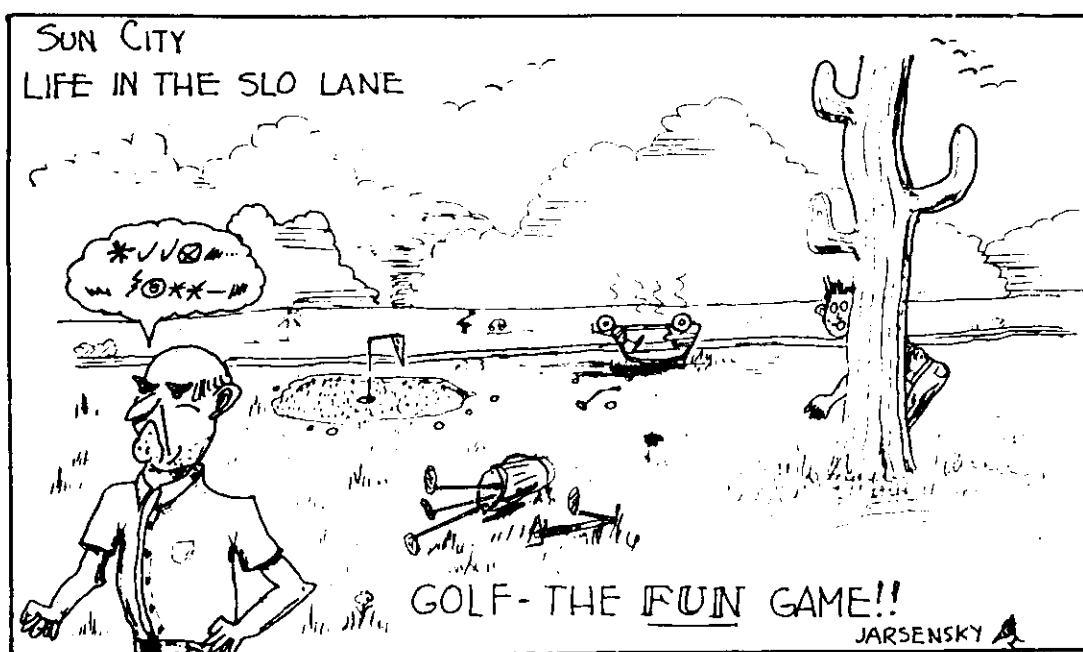
Because we don't want and need schools here, why would Benson picture the Sun Citians as ogres?

MORRIS BELDON  
Sun City

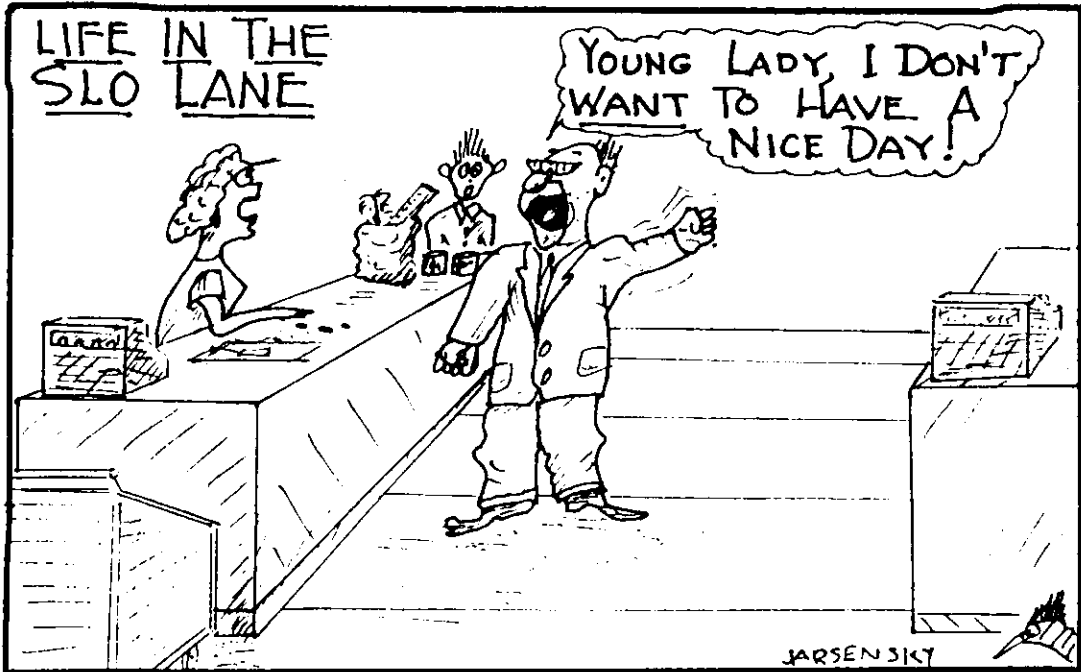
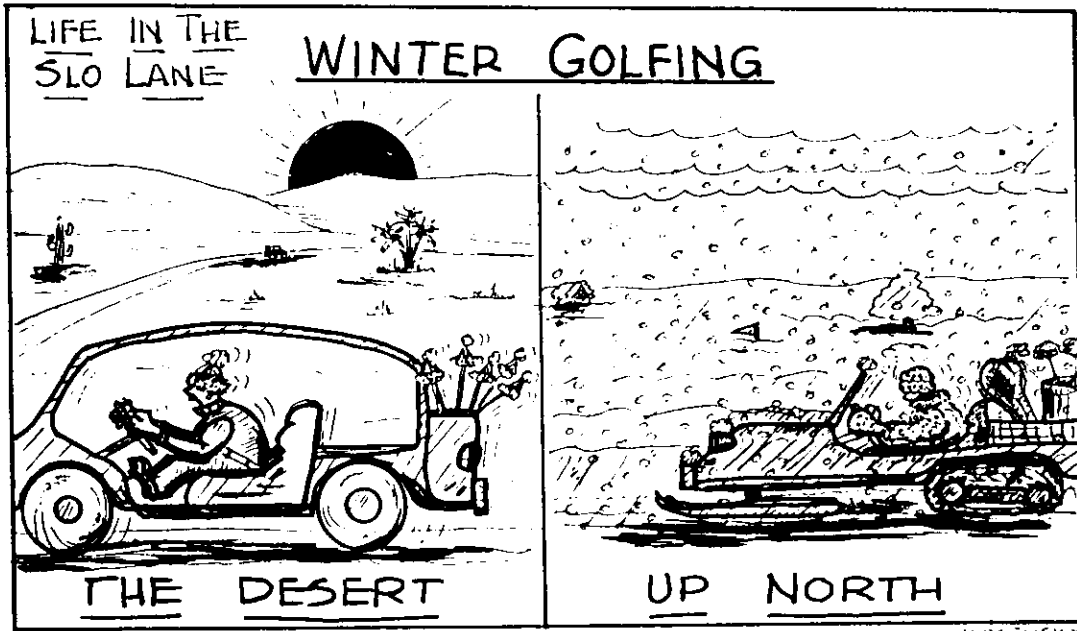
Any person who wants to live in the absence of young children is very, very old!

TOM POSTORINO  
Scottsdale

**SUN CITY**







*Since you pick up no passengers at this stop . . .*



REG MANNING  
Republic editorial cartoonist

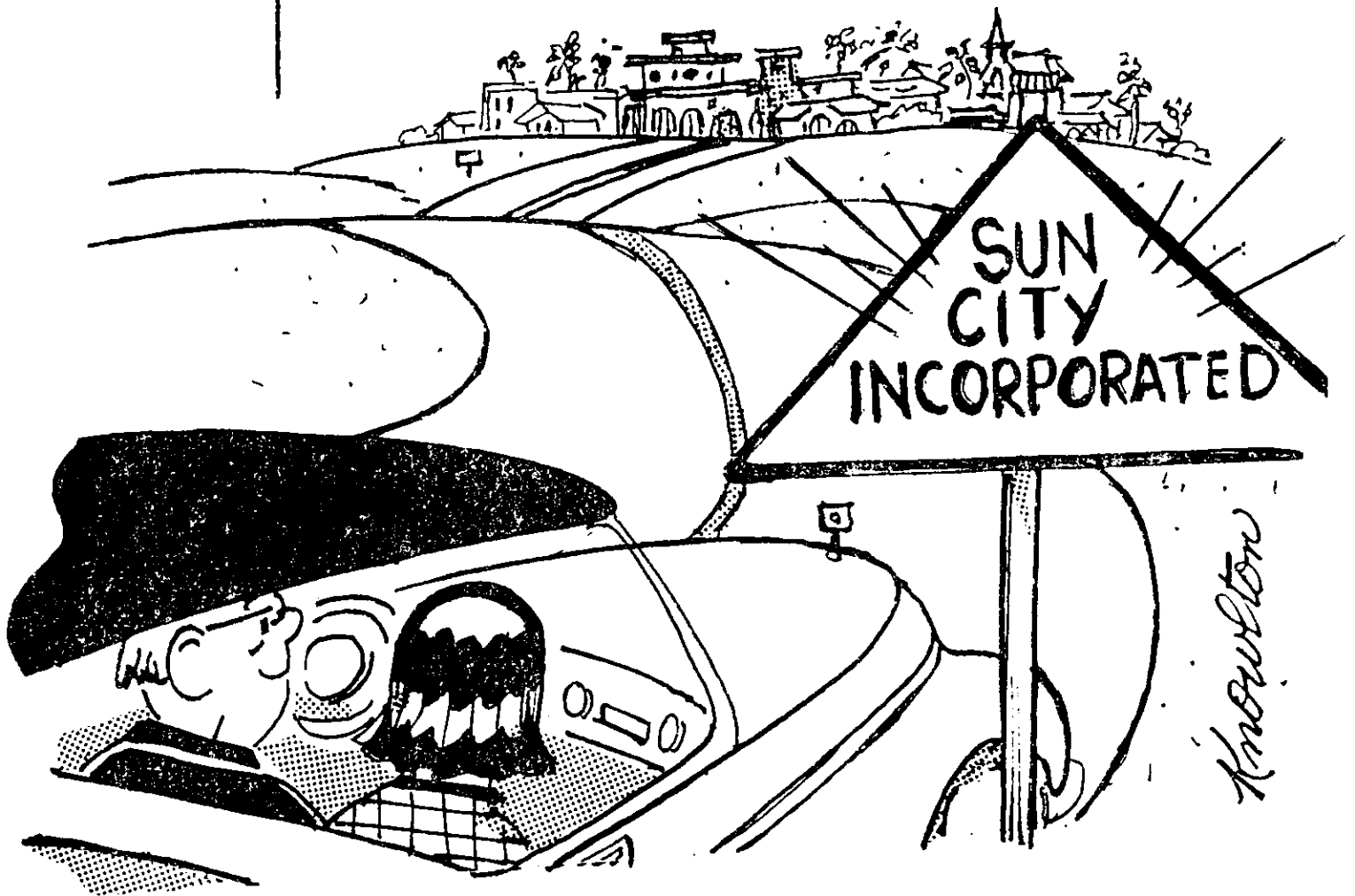
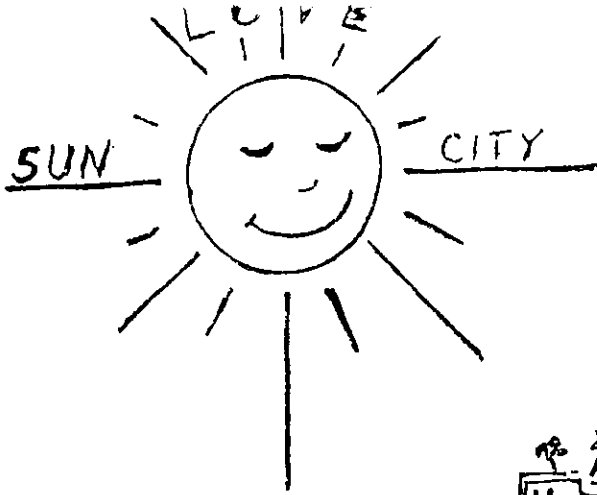
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IT'S SO EASY TO PREDICT HORROR STORIES

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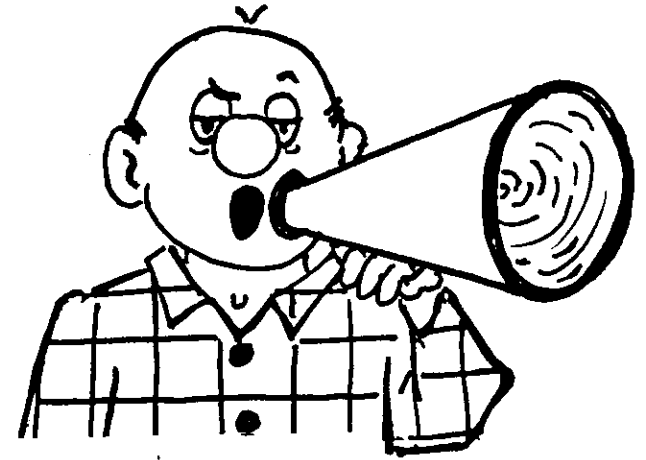
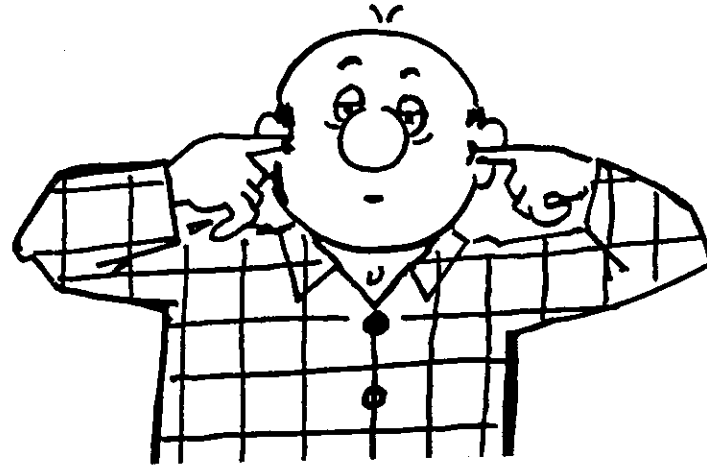
LOVE - HARMONY - GOOD FEELINGS  
 ALL THAT'S NEEDED TO KEEP  
 OUR LIFE STYLE.

MAY WE PROTECT IT AND PRESERVE IT !

SEE NO EVIL

HEAR NO EVIL

BUT TALK EVIL

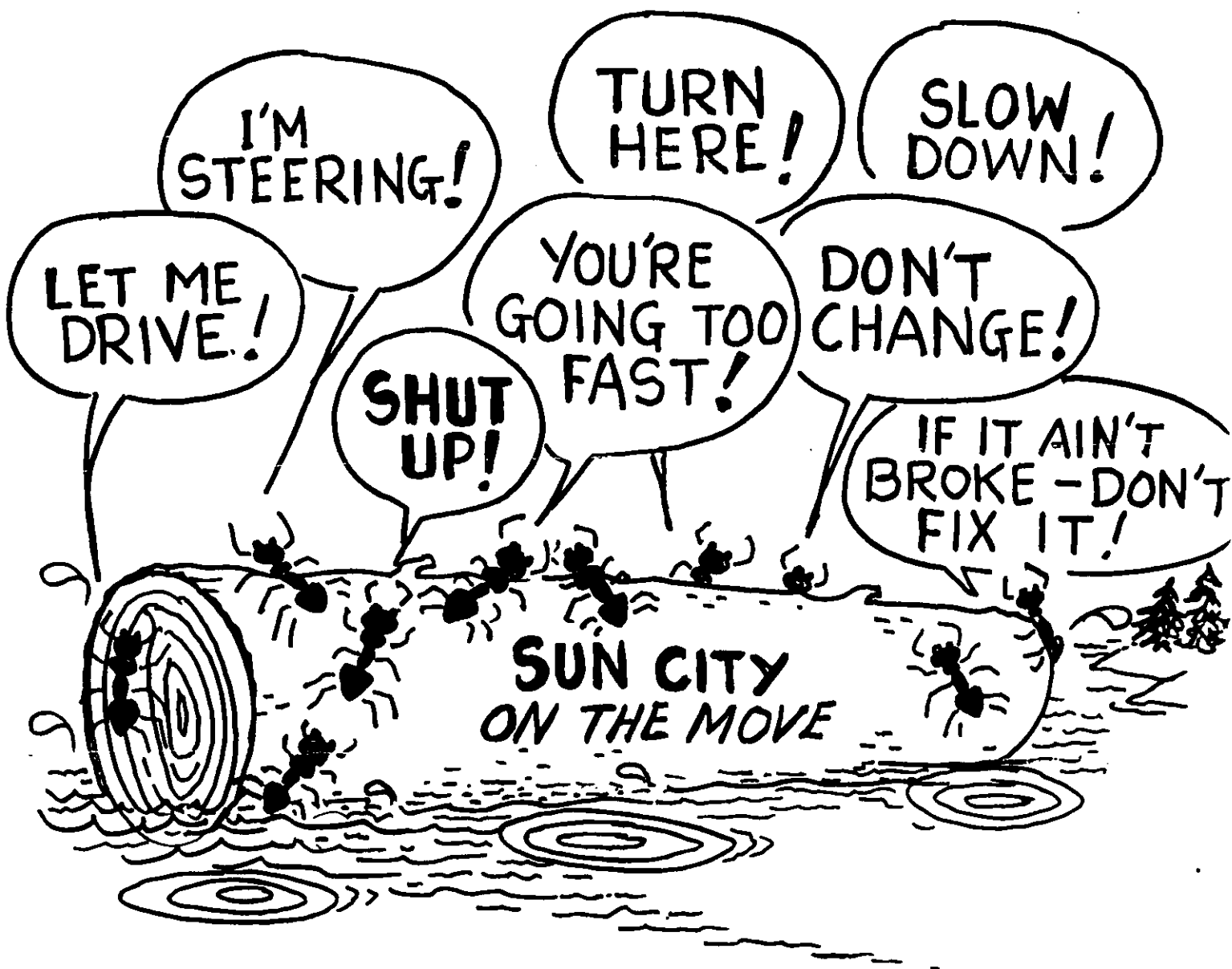


LEADERS OF THE ANTI-SELF GOVERNMENT FACTION

HAS NEVER SEEN  
A GOOD SELF  
GOVERNED CITY.

HAS NEVER HEARD  
OF A GOOD SELF  
GOVERNED CITY.

BUT SPEWS FORTH  
UNTRUTHS ABOUT  
SELF GOVERNED  
CITIES.



I'M STEERING!

TURN HERE!

SLOW DOWN!

LET ME DRIVE!

YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST!

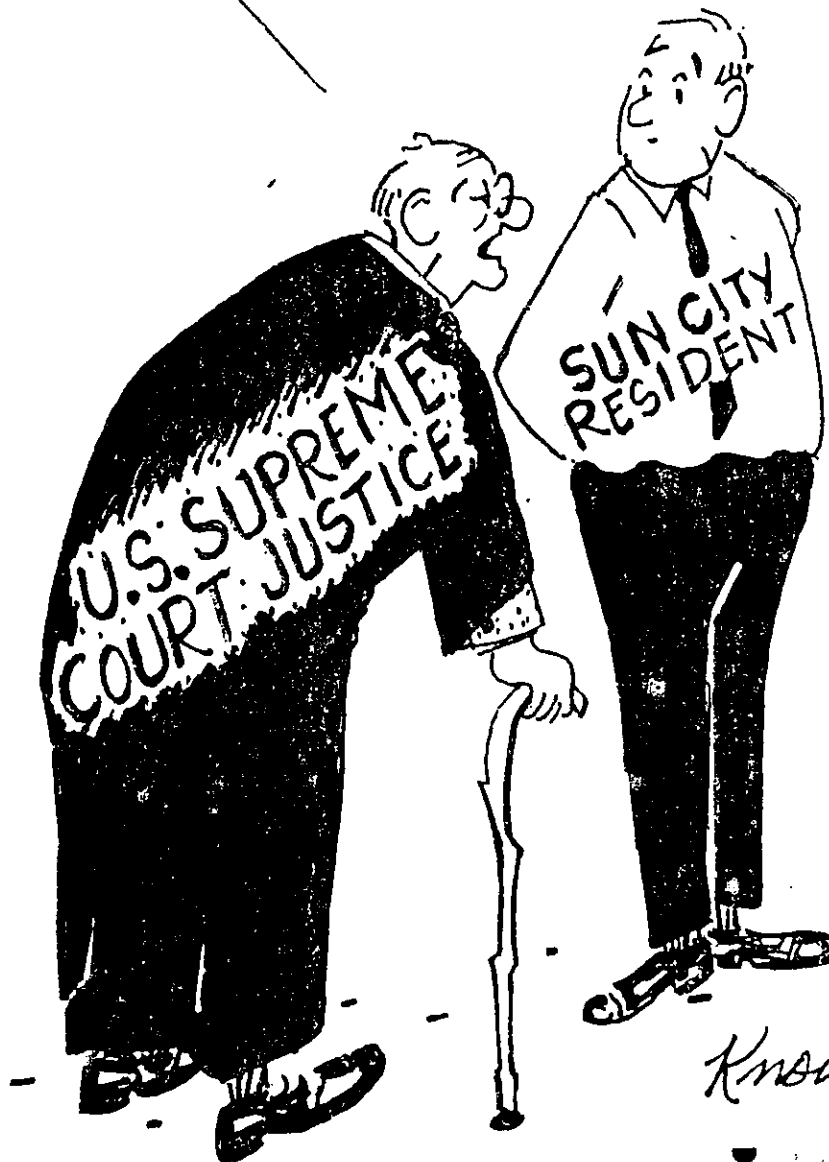
DON'T CHANGE!

SHUT UP!

IF IT AIN'T BROKE - DON'T FIX IT!

SUN CITY  
ON THE MOVE

DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH MATURITY  
TO GOVERN YOUR SUN CITY FAMILY?



Knowlton

### **Sun Citians rank high in intelligence**

Someone recently wrote to the editor and said that Sun City people were too old to govern themselves.

I would like to ask this person if he knows the average age of the governors of the 50 states?

If he knows the average age of our U.S. Congressmen?

And finally, if he knows the average age of our Supreme Court justices?

Need I say more?

Sun City's average age, intelligence and level-headedness compares at least on a par with the

Sun City also has its share of very vocal people who "shoot from the hip" before thinking.

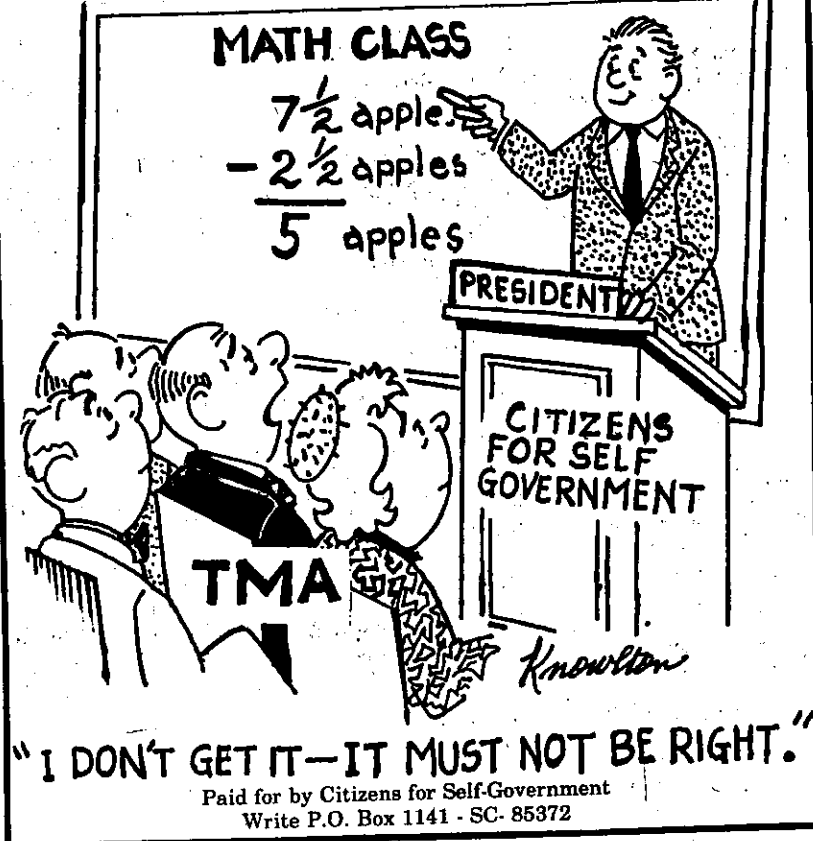
However, it is nice that Sun City people have a chance to voice their fears (concerning the incorporation of Sun City) through the News Sun letters to the editor.

This, in turn, gives the balance

of Sun City the chance to judge for themselves whether the fears expressed are well founded or just someone's imagination working a little overtime, as is often the case.

Byron Guernsey  
Sun City





### **"Let's Set The Record Straight"**

It is doubtful that there is a finer gentleman in the whole valley than Mr. Les Merydith, president of "Citizens for Self-Government".

He is gentle, kind and honest. He would never take unfair advantage of an individual or a situation.

He is an intelligent man, with an inquisitive mind and the patience of a teacher.

His decorum is such that rather than "retort in kind", to innuendos and slurs by those against the incorporation of Sun City, he "turns the other cheek." He will not lower himself to "their" kind of tactics.

Although past his eightieth birthday, he has untiring energy to pursue that which he thinks is right for Sun City, resulting in the fact that, probably NO ONE in Sun City has volunteered more time and effort (and money) toward the betterment of Sun City.

He is a man the members of "Citizens for Self-Government", are PROUD to be associated with.

Del Webb developed Sun City for money; Les Merydith strives to preserve Sun City (not for money), but for posterity.

We hope this letter will enlighten a few Sun Citians in regards to the character and integrity of Mr. Merydith.

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WANT TO RACE?



*Knowlton*

TALK ABOUT A 'FIXED' RACE

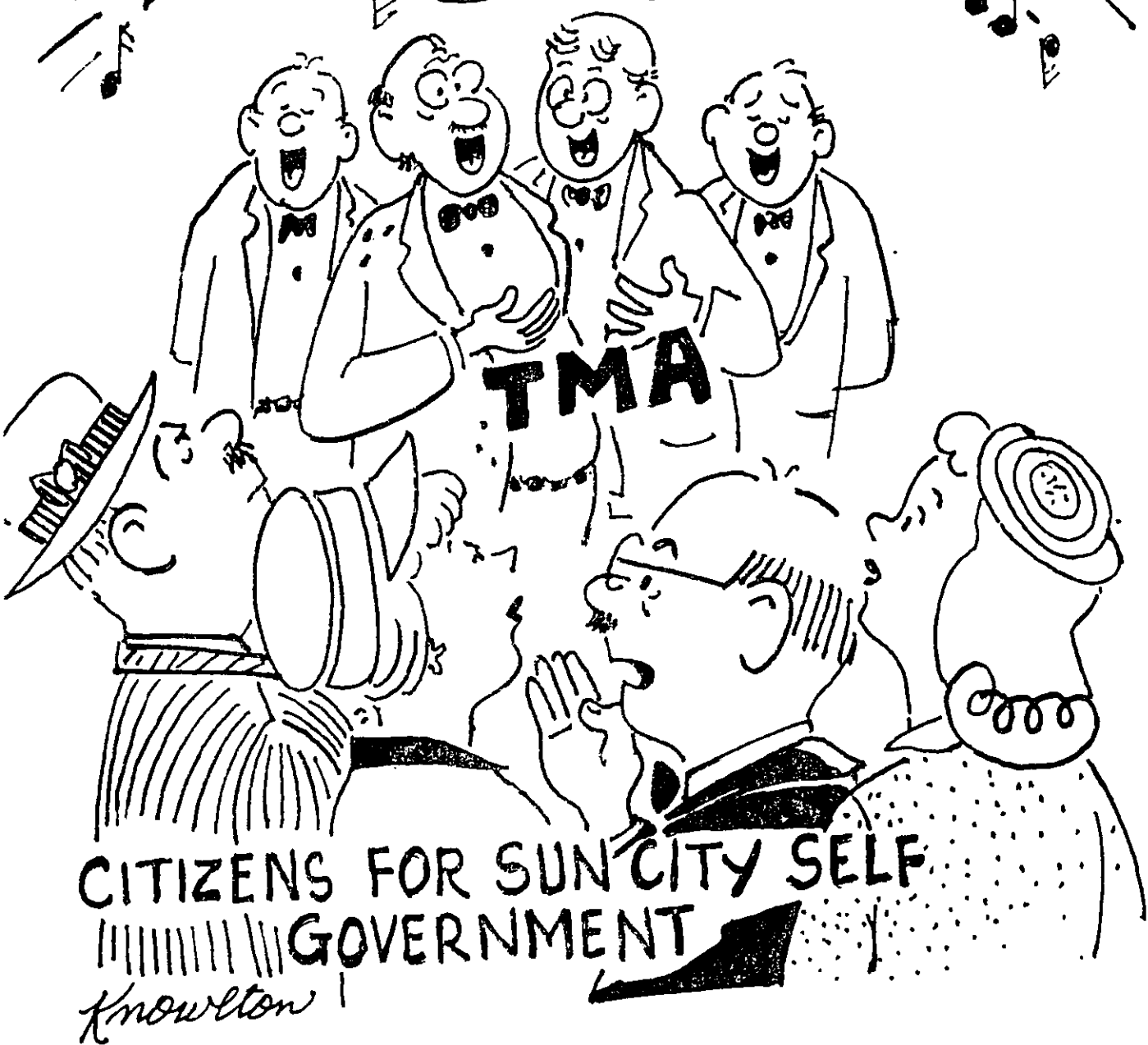
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**SUCCESSFUL**  
 LAWYERS, PLANNERS,  
 ACCOUNTANTS, BANKERS,  
 TEACHERS, ENGINEERS,  
 DOCTORS, ADMINISTRATORS,  
**- ALL SUN CITY RESIDENTS.**

DID SOMEONE SUGGEST THAT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MANAGE OURSELVES AS A MUNICIPALITY?

THEY'RE USING SCARE TACTICS



CITIZENS FOR SUN CITY SELF GOVERNMENT

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"THAT'S THEIR BEST ARGUMENT."

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"ALL HIS LIFE HE HAS OPPOSED CHANGE. NATURALLY HE'S AGAINST INCORPORATION."

However, if your mind isn't "closed to change", find out how Sun City can lower its taxes and improve its services, while building a multi-million dollar cash reserve, as Paradise Valley did after they incorporated.

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1977

# FUN CITIZEN CARTOONS

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART



*By Husband*



“Today is our first retirement anniversary and my wife says I’m a well-adjusted mess.”

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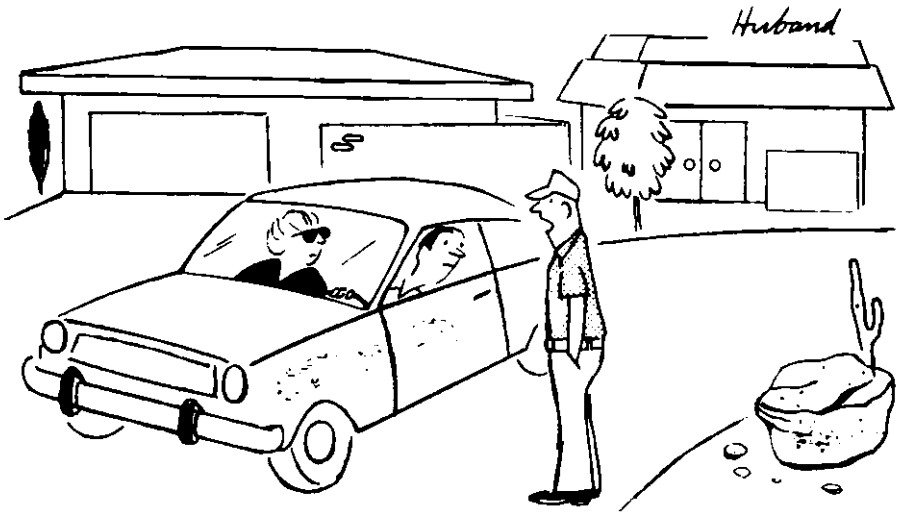
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"Oh, I don't know... A fixed income doesn't sound bad to me."



"Continue on Sanka Circle, then make a sharp left on Bifocal Blvd., and that will put you in Geritol Junction."



HI, WHAT'S NEW  
WITH YOU ?

I HAD A BOWEL  
MOVEMENT.



*Hubbard*



"Retirement looks like fun."



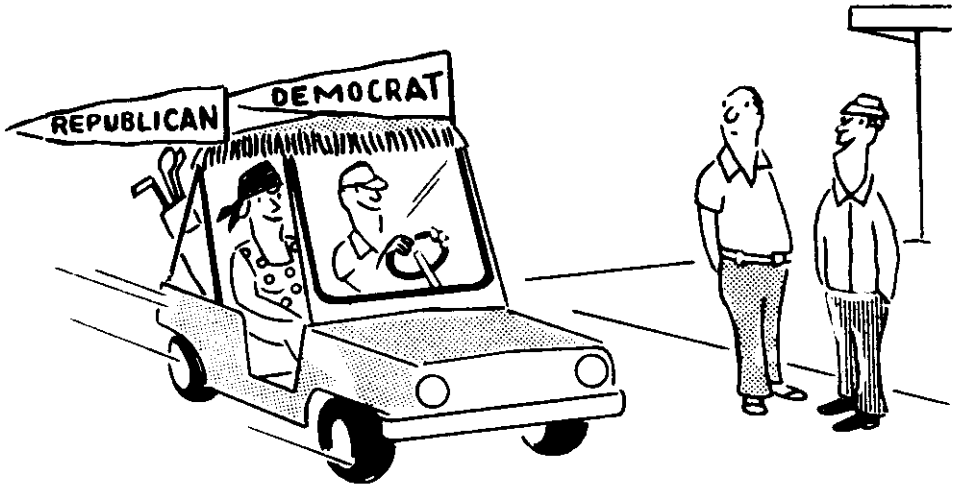
"It was a beautiful plant. My wife talked it to death."

*Huband*



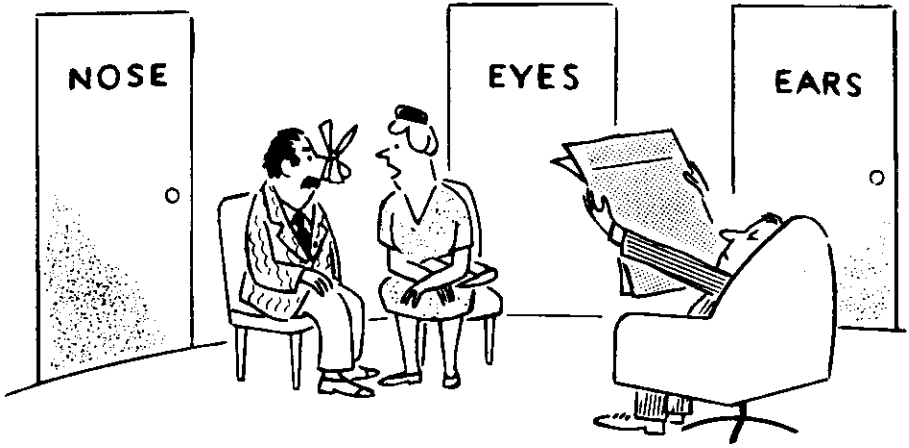
That's strange ...you say you're bothered with Bronchitis and you live on Rhuematism Road.

*Huband*



"They seem happy, don't they?"

*Hubbard*



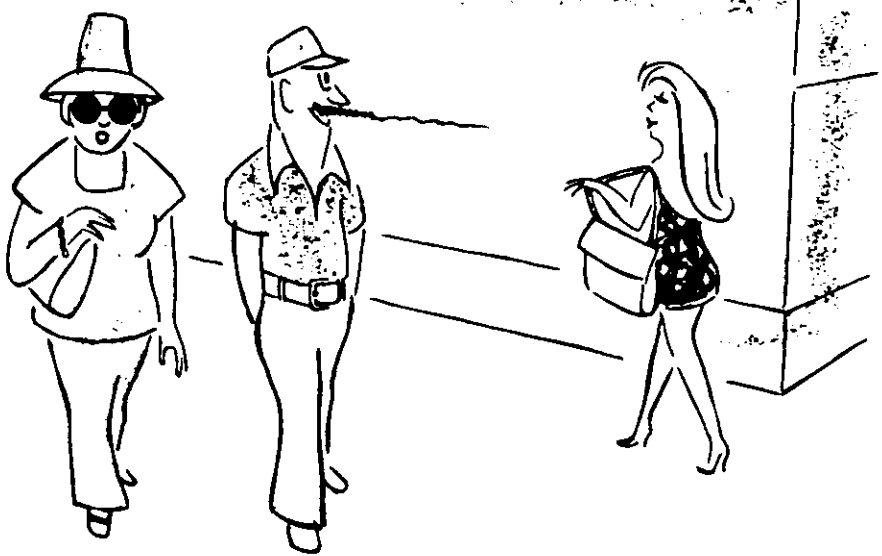
“Which one are you waiting for?”

*Hubbard*



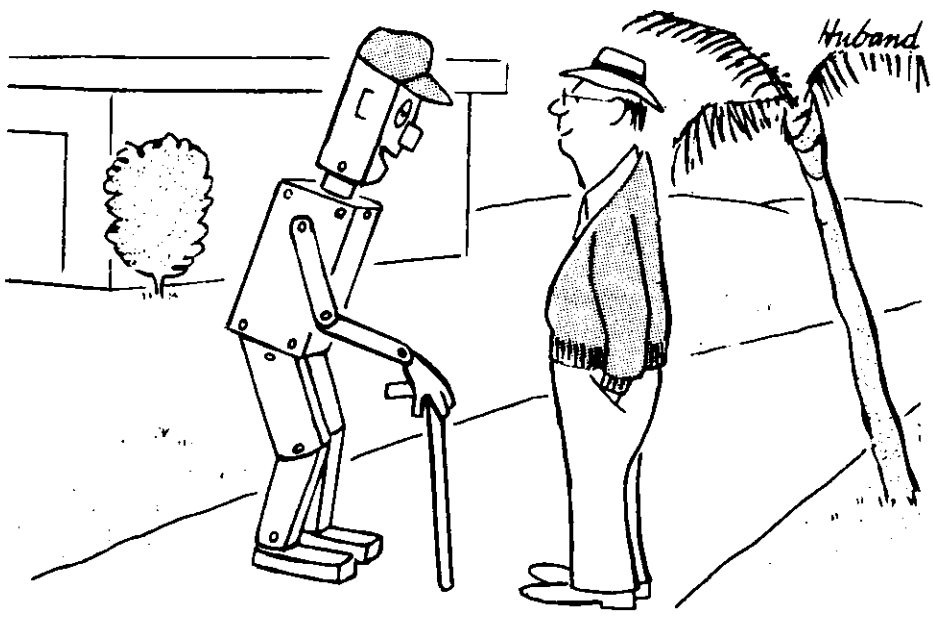
“How do you young people stand that long hair?”

*Huband*

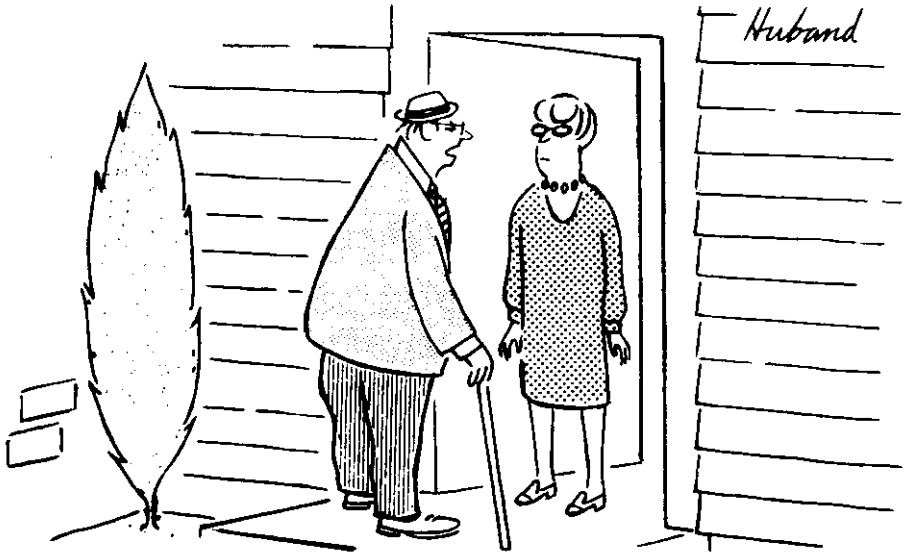


“Take it easy, Jack, you’re coming unraveled.”

*Huband*

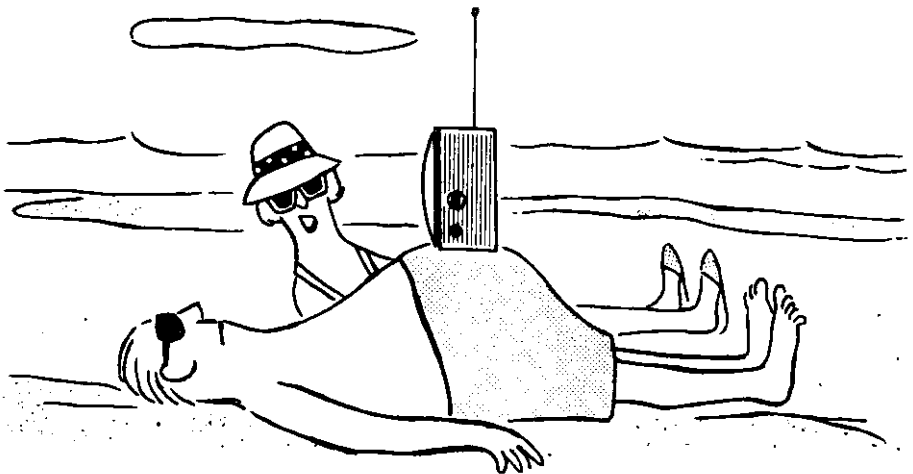


“I feel fine, except for a few squeaky joints.”

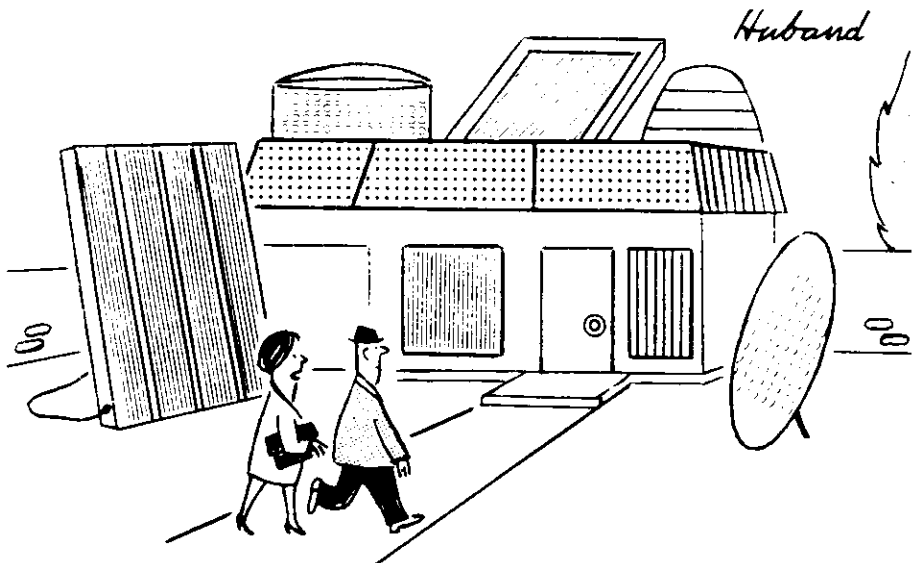


"What! You're calling off our date? You mean I got all cologned up for nothing."

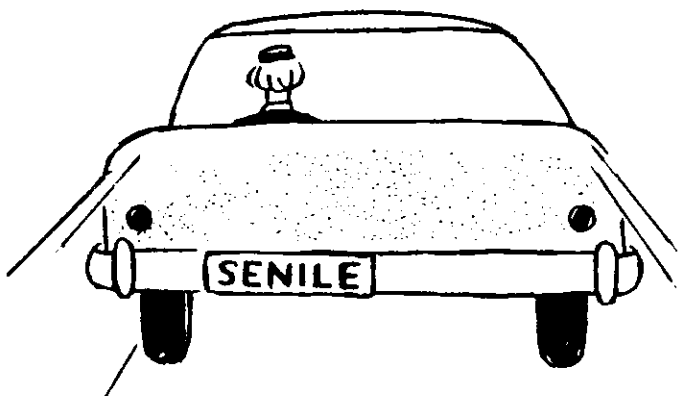
*Husband*



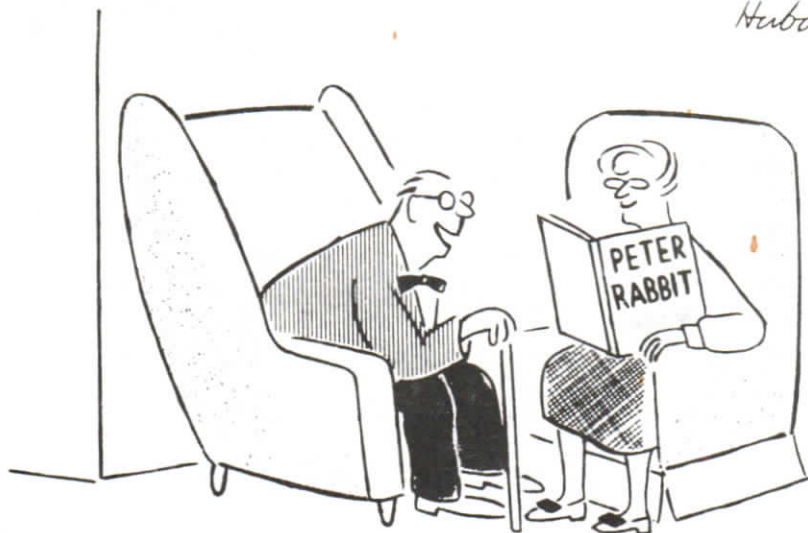
"How do you expect to lose any weight just lying around watching television?"



"Can't we talk about religion or politics tonight and not get on this solar energy bit?"



*Huband*



“Read that part again where he retired and lived happily ever after.”

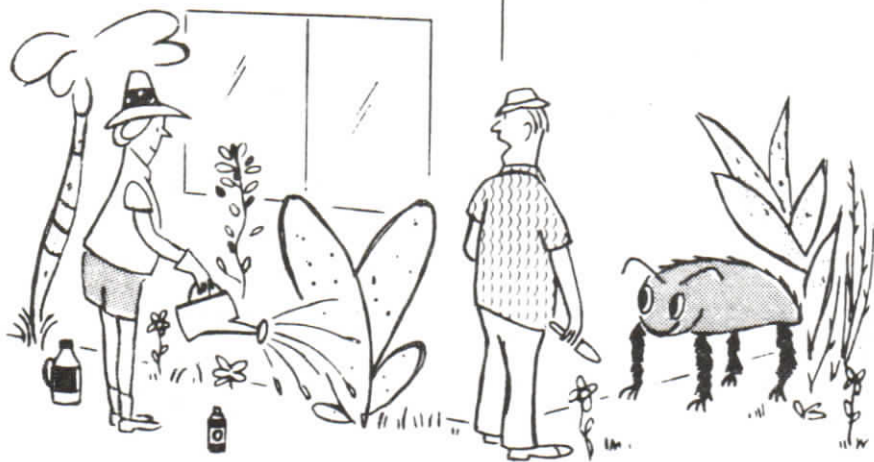
*Huband*



“These folks seem to have a little higher class junk than most.”



*Huband*



"Better ease up on those vitamins, dear."

*Huband*



"The past has faded away, but the present. . .WOW!"

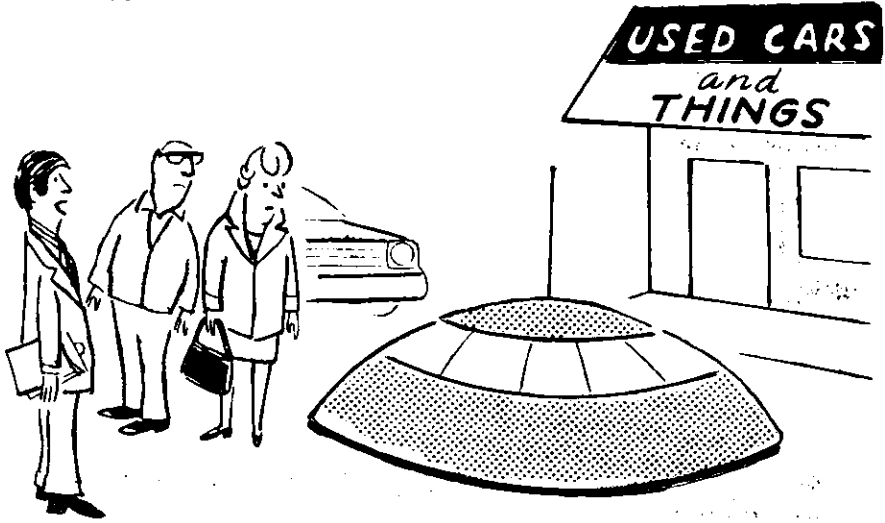


"I knew it! I knew it would happen—  
they've named a hurricane after you."



"Maybe they didn't get our letter."

*Huband*



"It was owned by a little ol' lady from Mars."

*Huband*



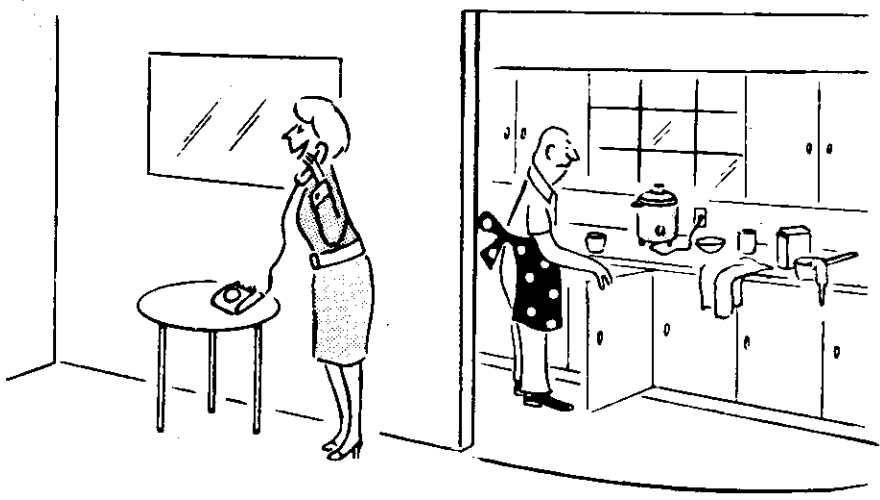
"Dear Hole-In-One: Have gone to summer camp...beer and beans in refrigerator. Love, Vera."

*Husband*

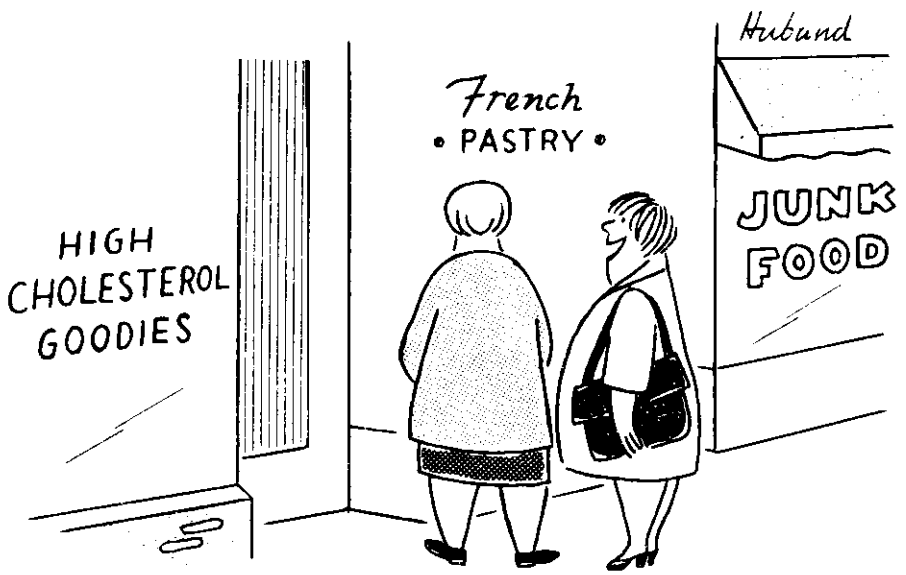


"DECISIONS, DECISIONS."

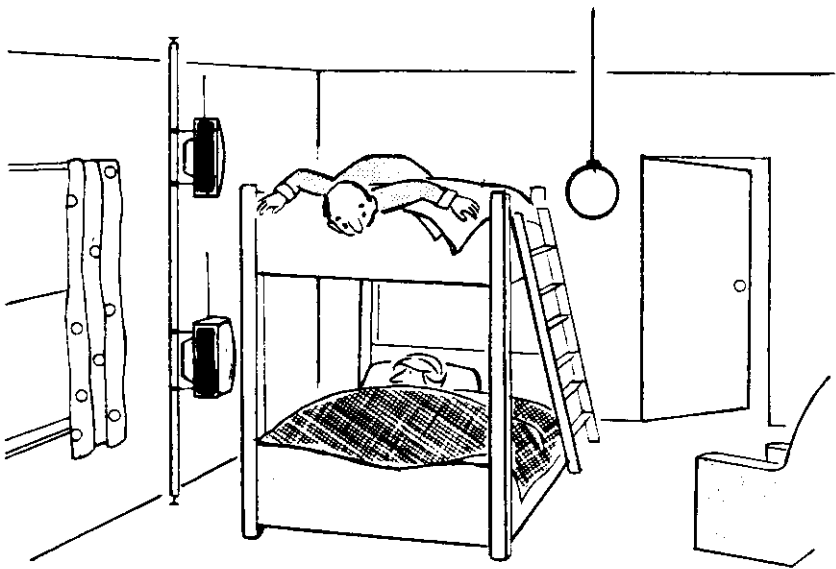
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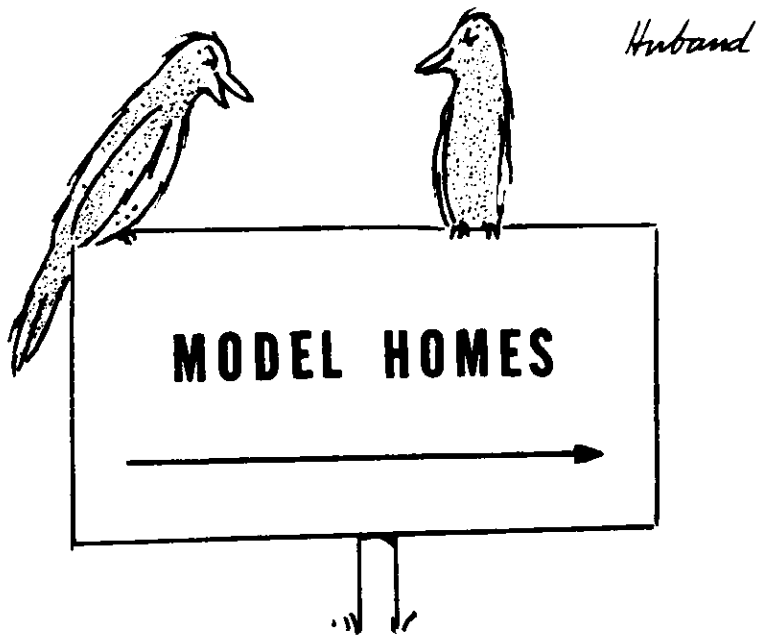
"He's getting dinner...I'm anxious to see what happens when a crackpot matches wits with a crockpot."



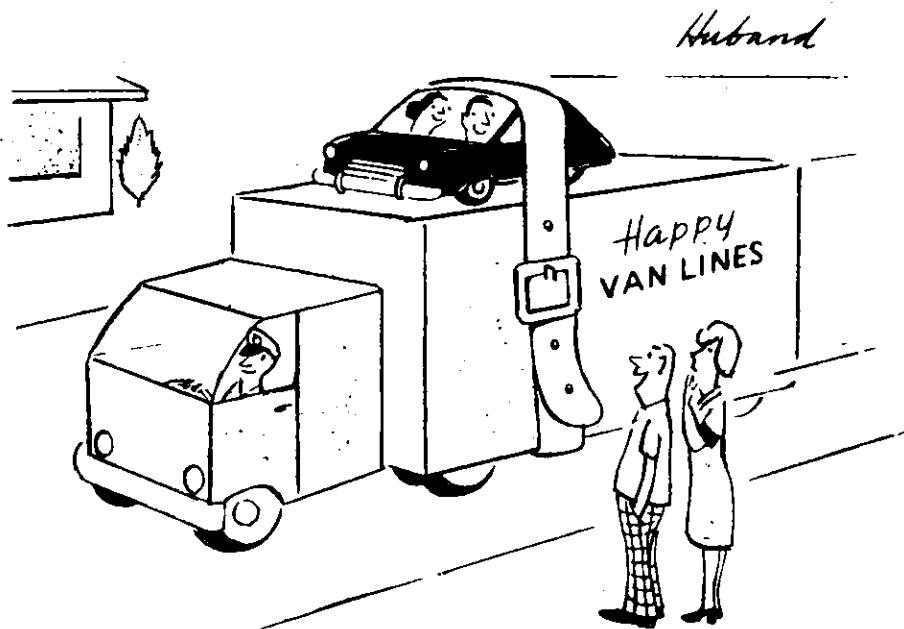
"I love this street."



"Can I sleep with you?...My TV is on the blink."

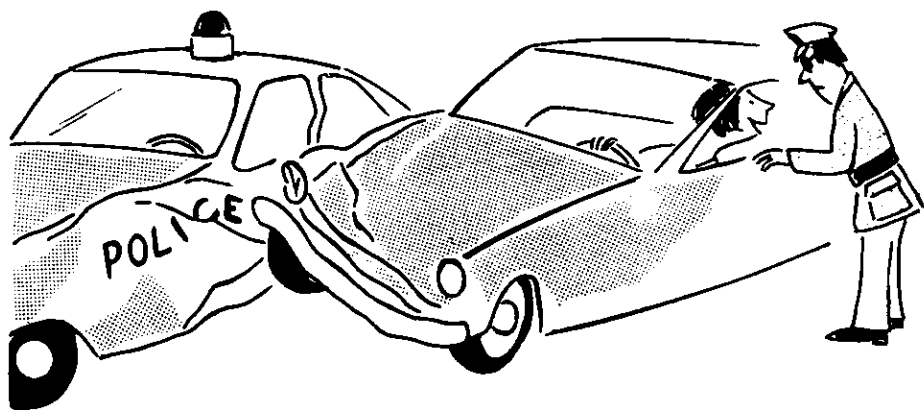


"I made a deposit on one yesterday."



"Here's our new neighbors."

*Huband*



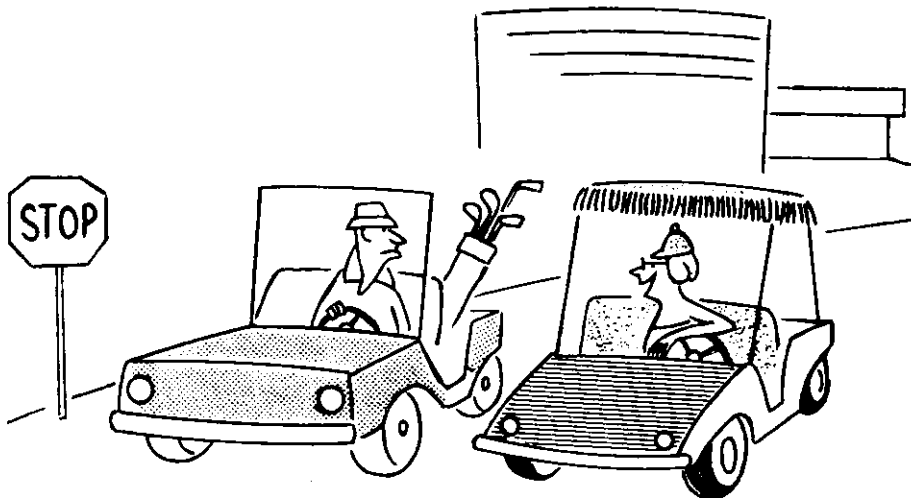
"...then there's this tight girdle I wear, plus a seat belt, which makes me a pretty miserable driver."



*Huband*

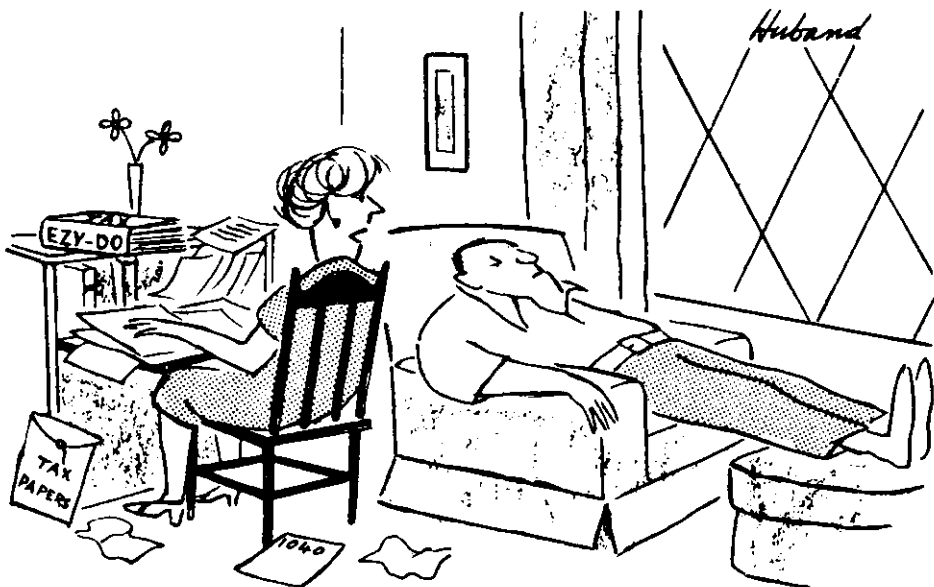
"Listen, stupid, I'll look just as glamorous tomorrow when I get out of the beauty salon."

*Huband*



"Hey, Buster, wanna drag?"

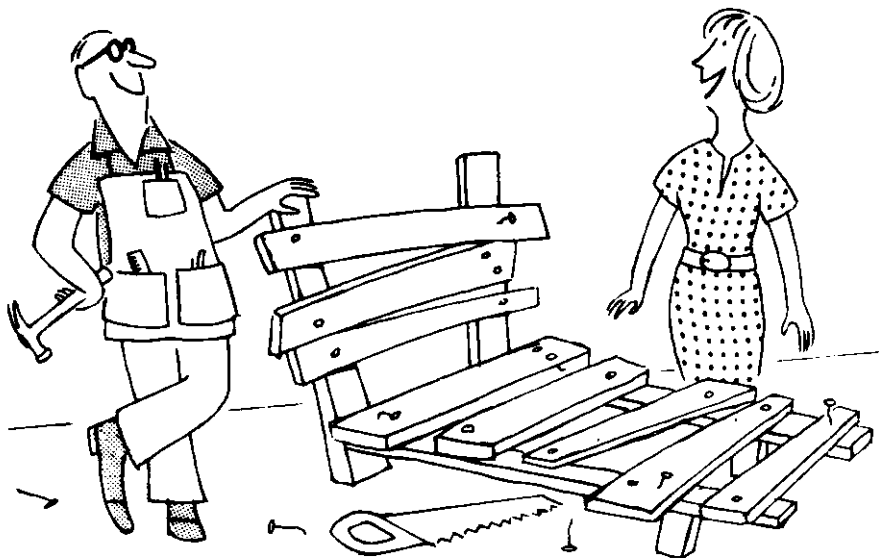
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"Is Geritol deductible?"

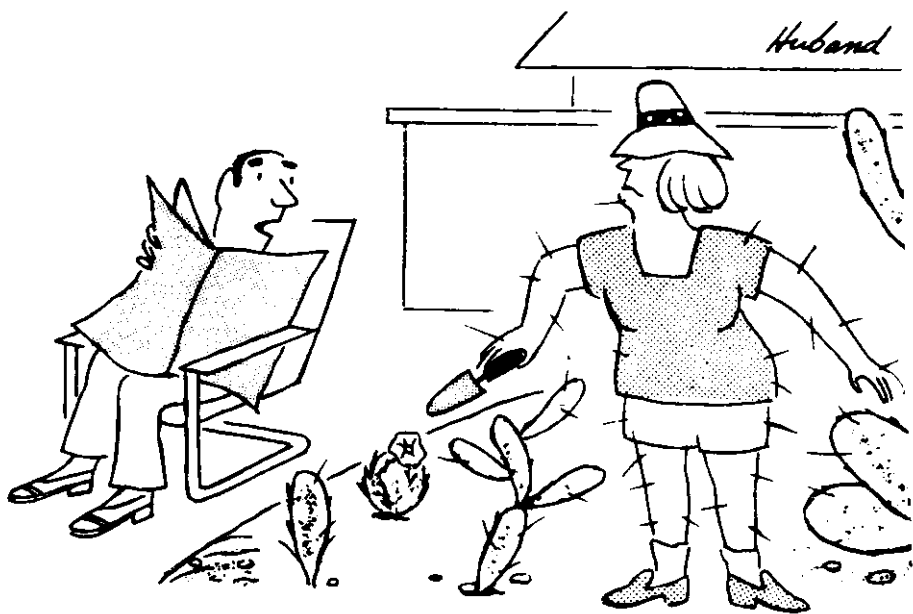


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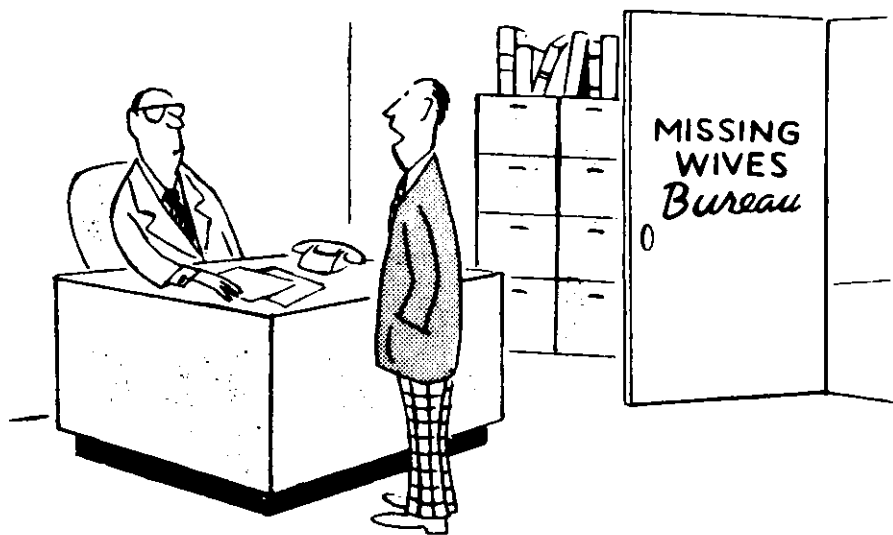


“And to think when we retired you couldn't even drive a nail, let alone build a chaise lounge.”

*Huband*



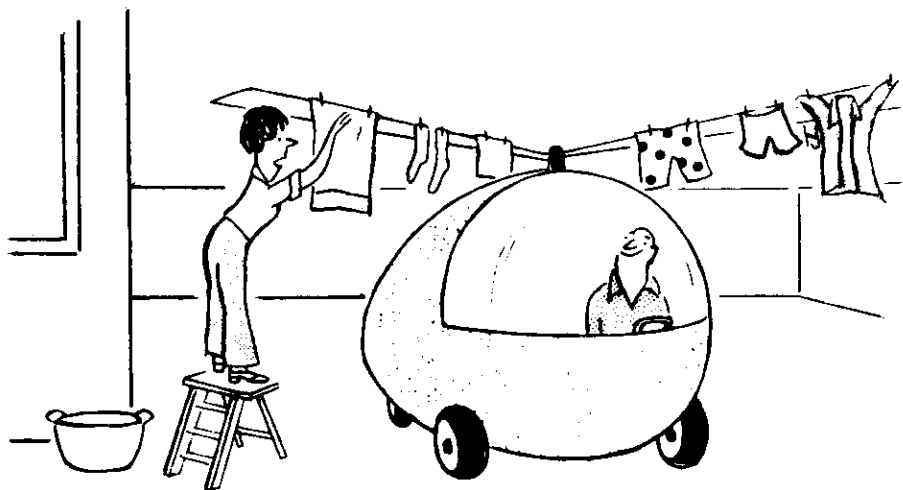
“Oh, stop moaning, you've always wanted to try acupuncture.”



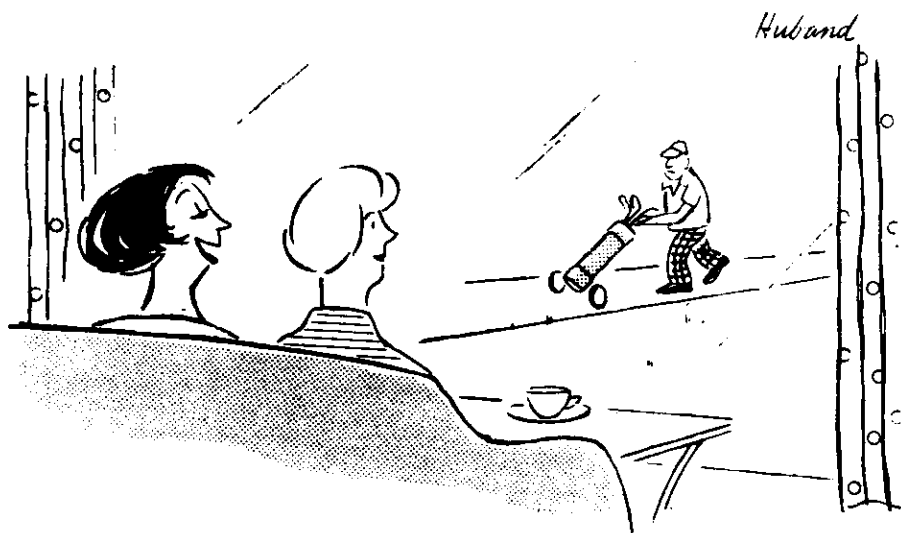
"She's armed with seventeen credit cards  
and could be dangerous."



"Tepee! Never heard of it. I live in a high-rise apartment."



**“Okay, start the motor.”**

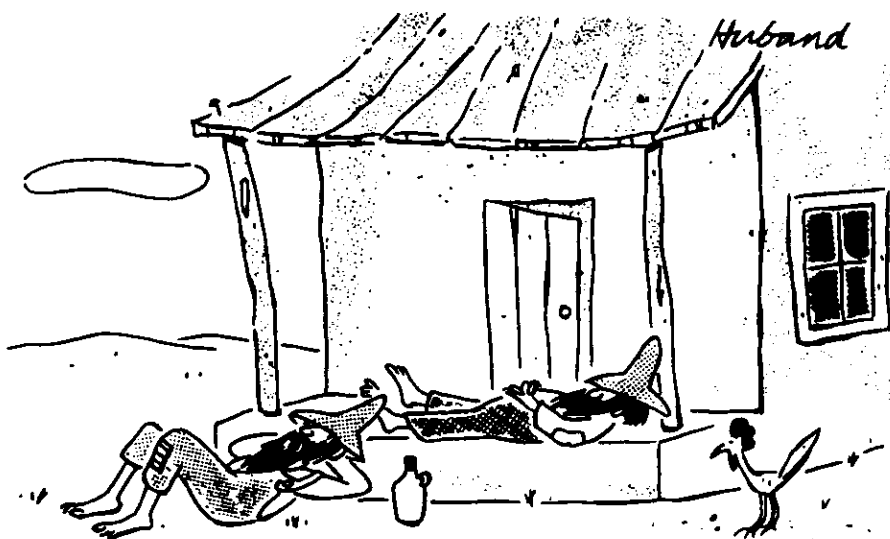


**“He’s a lousy golfer but a wonderful husband...  
he’s gone all day.”**

*Huband*

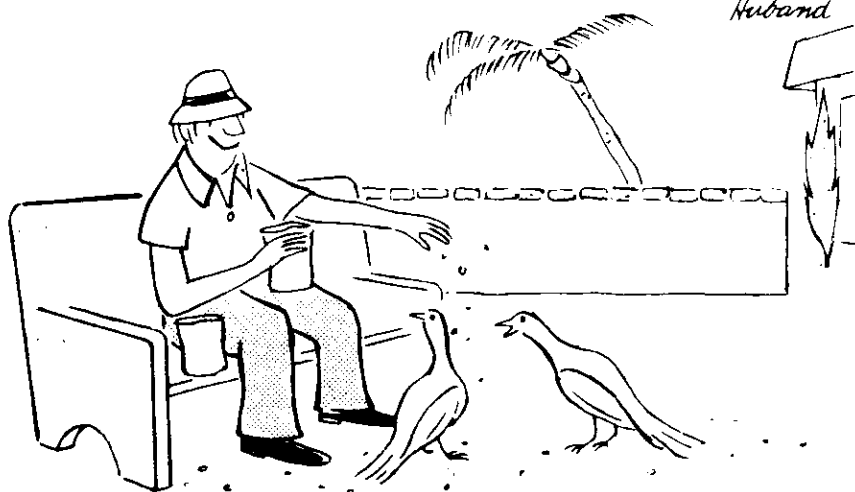


That's the trouble with these ol' guys, always chasin' off to the bathroom."



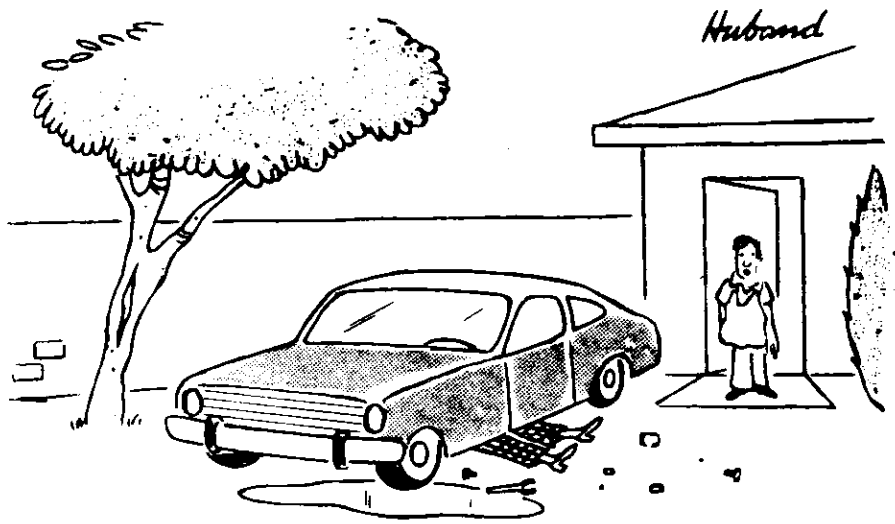
"I'd hate to be retired and have nothin' to do 'cept lay 'round and wait for a pension check."

*Huband*



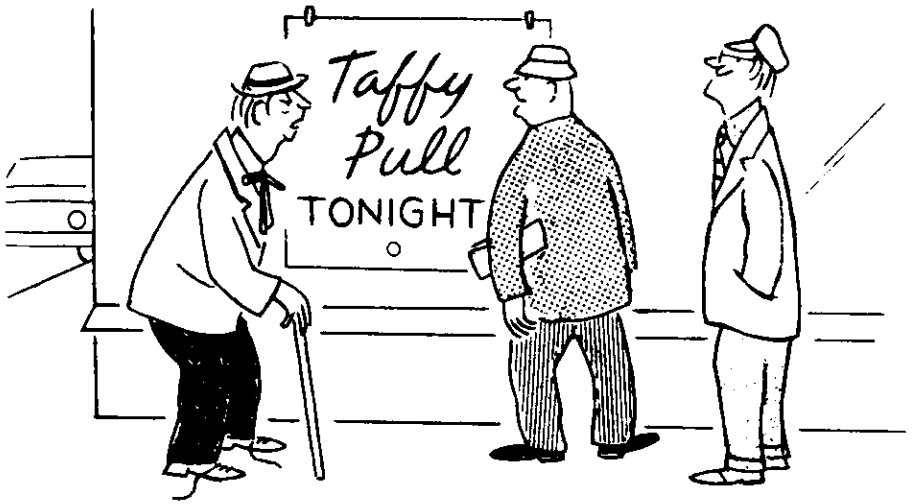
"I like him...when he gets a Social Security raise he always brings two bags."

*Huband*



"Hey, Dorothy, how long do I beat the egg whites for the cake?"

*Huband*



"I don't think I'll go...I'm too pooped to pull."

*Huband*



"I can't quite make it out. It's something about Medicare."



“Now, first of all, forget everything you’ve learned at the pool hall.”

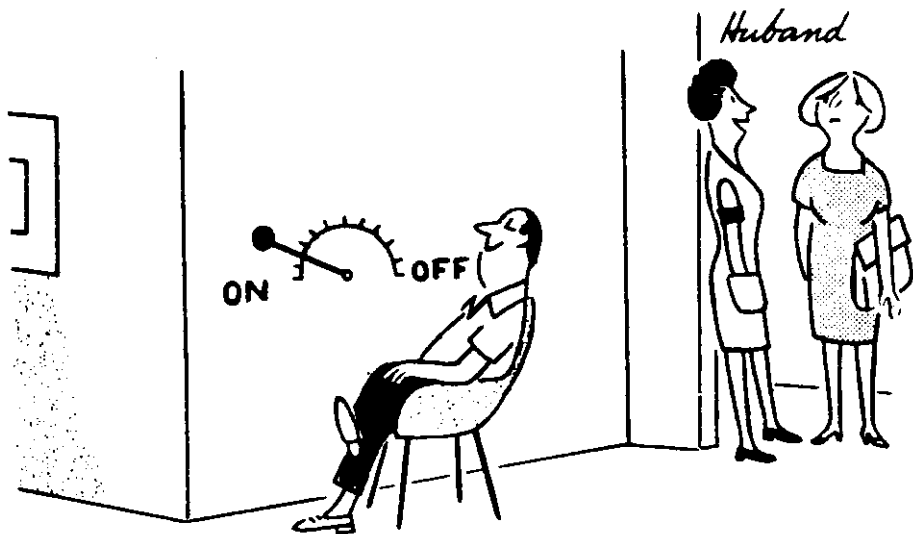
*Husband*



“One of you has to go.”



"Young man! Don't tell me you're not responsible for these high prices!"

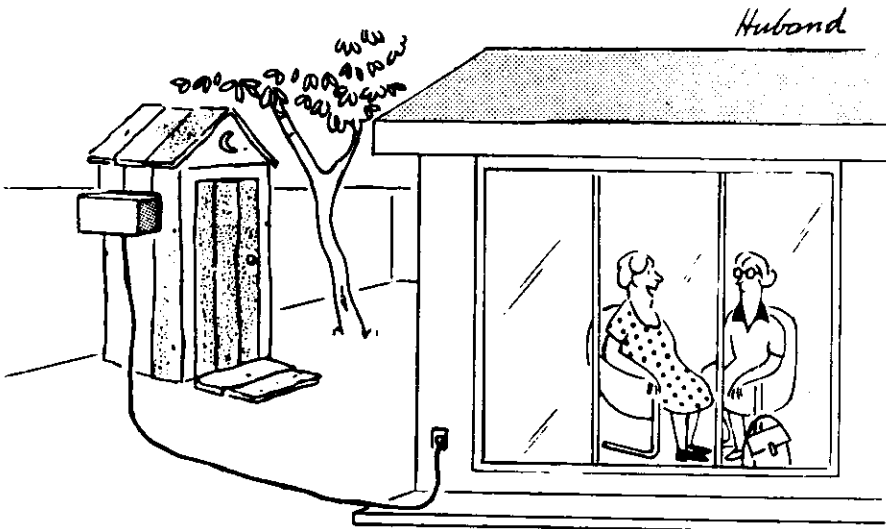


"I rigged it up...it doesn't do anything, except keep him out of my hair all day."





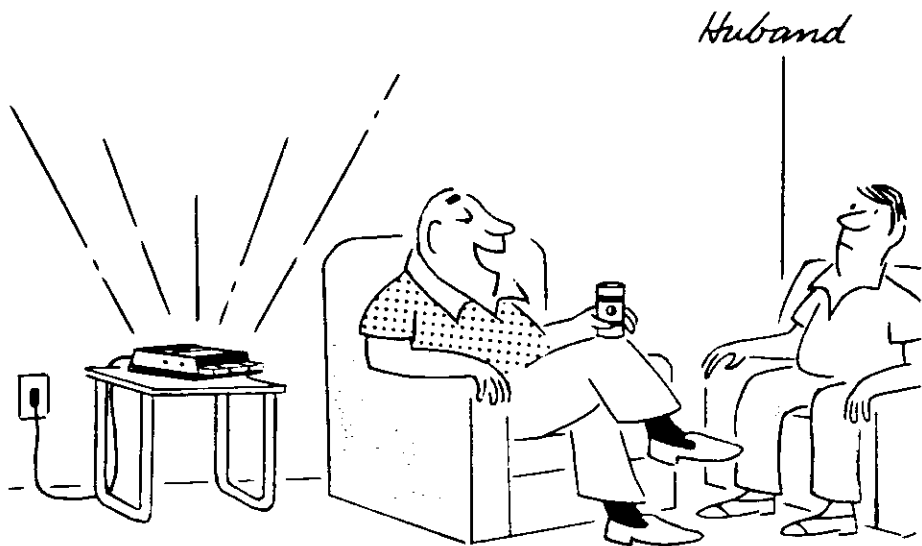
“Dave showers six times a day, he’s so afraid someone will call him a dirty ol’ man.”



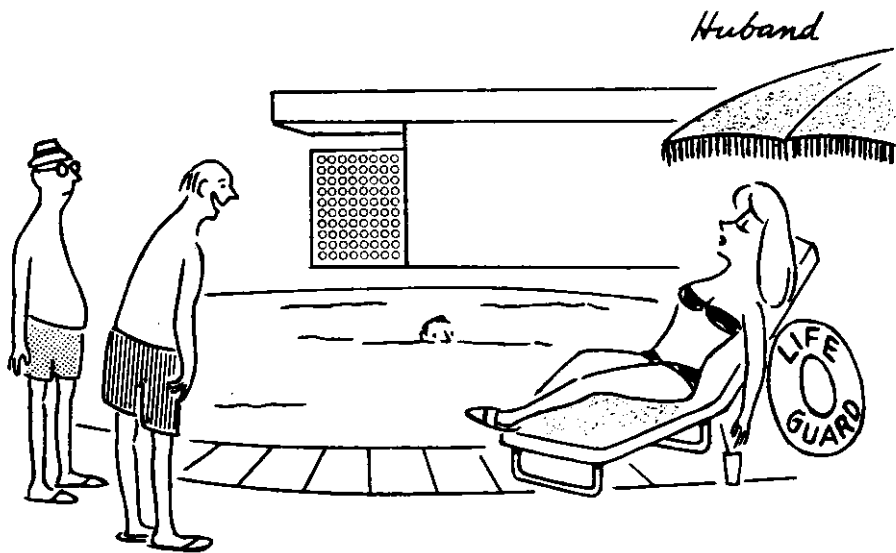
“I don’t mind the hot weather. Now days everything is air-conditioned.”



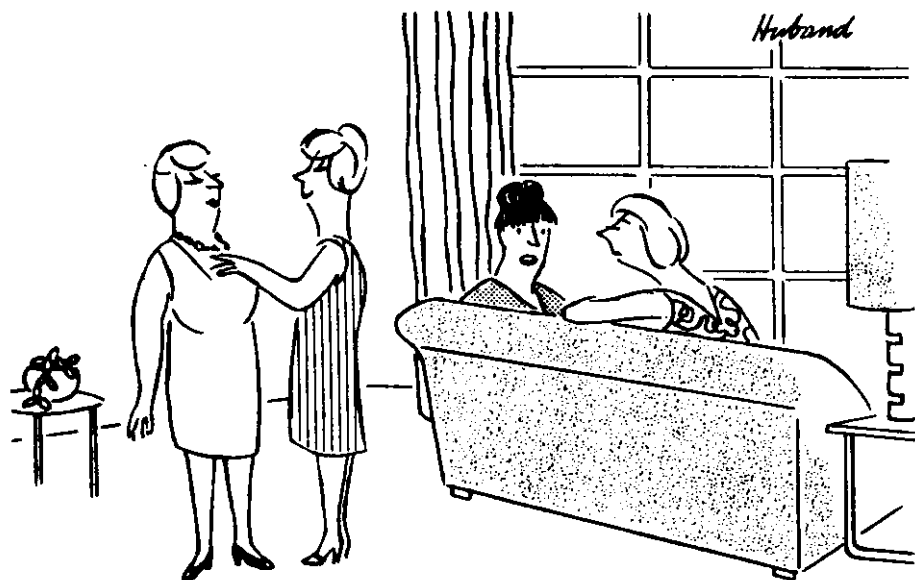
"I used to laugh until he started getting ten thousand per."



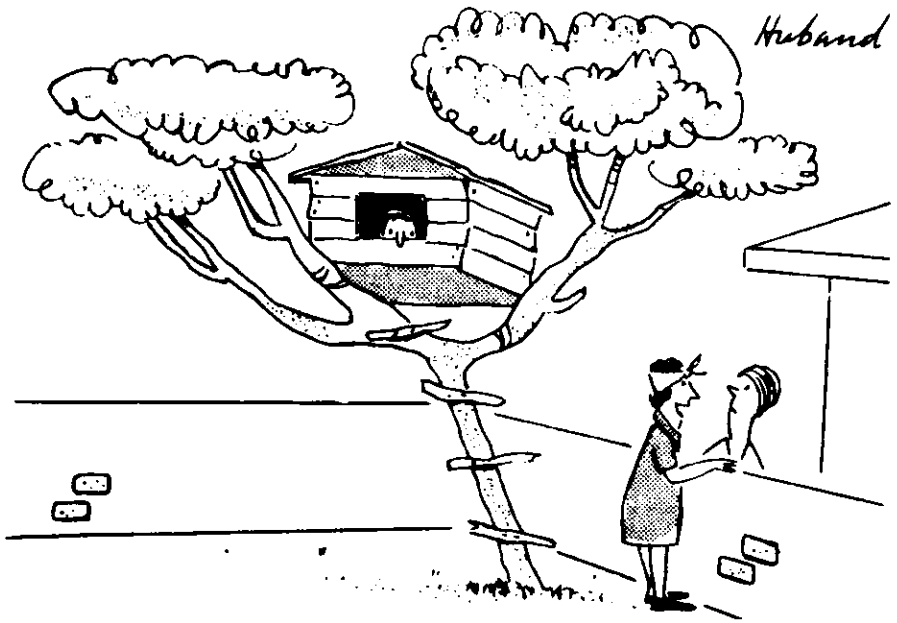
"My wife is on vacation...she left me one of her best nagging tapes."



"I've faked three drownings since she's been here."



"They're not turquoise. . . they're her gallstones."



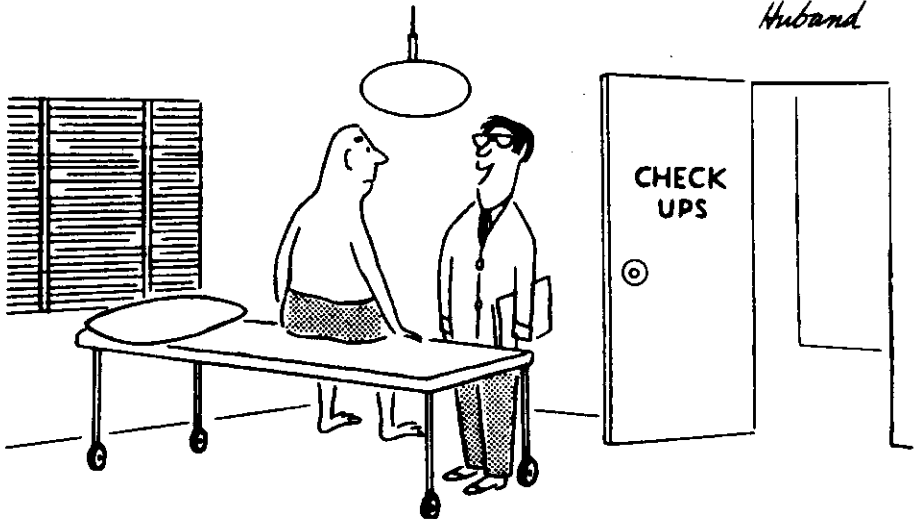
**"Retirement means different things to different people."**



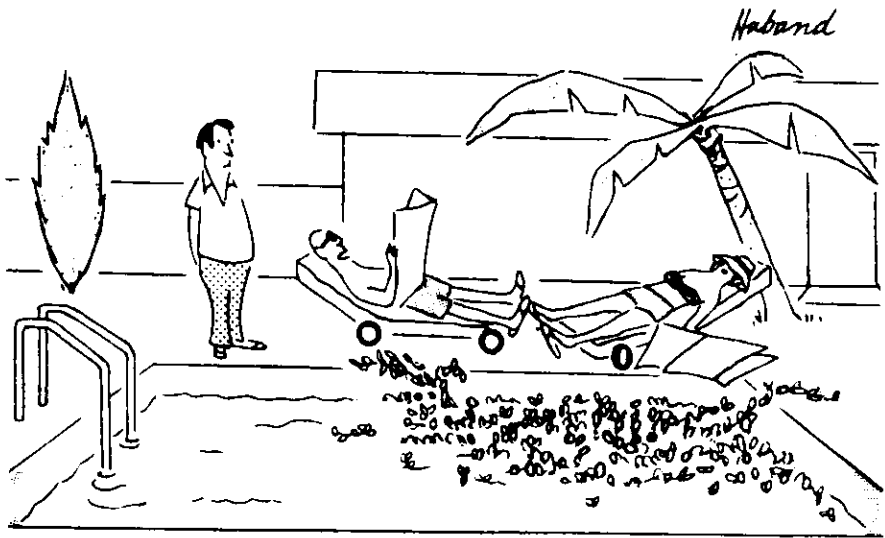
**"Give me a double shot of diet cola  
with a prune juice chaser."**



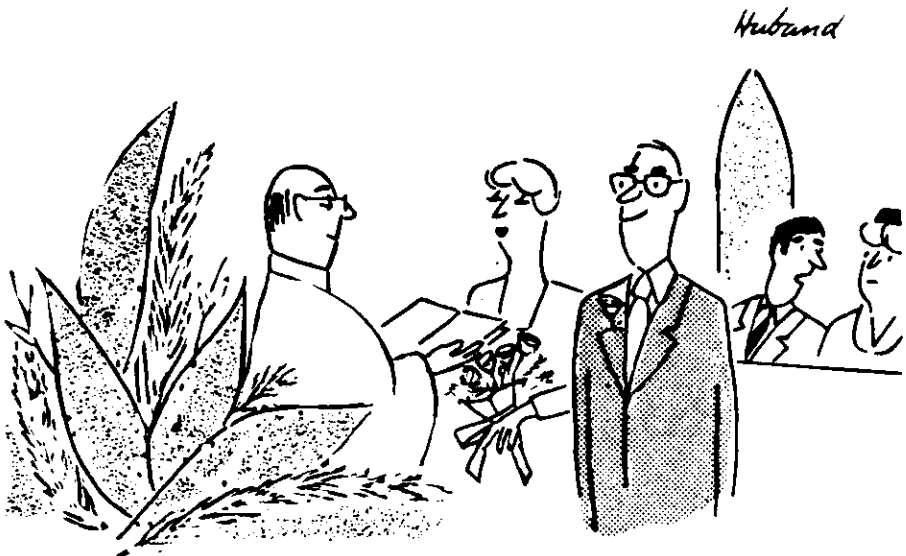
"Do you give discounts to senior citizens?"



"Oh, just take it easy. Forget about politics, taxes, inflation and your golf score."



"We never go in the pool. It ruins the water cress."



"They're a good match. He has jogger's ankle and she has tennis elbow."

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