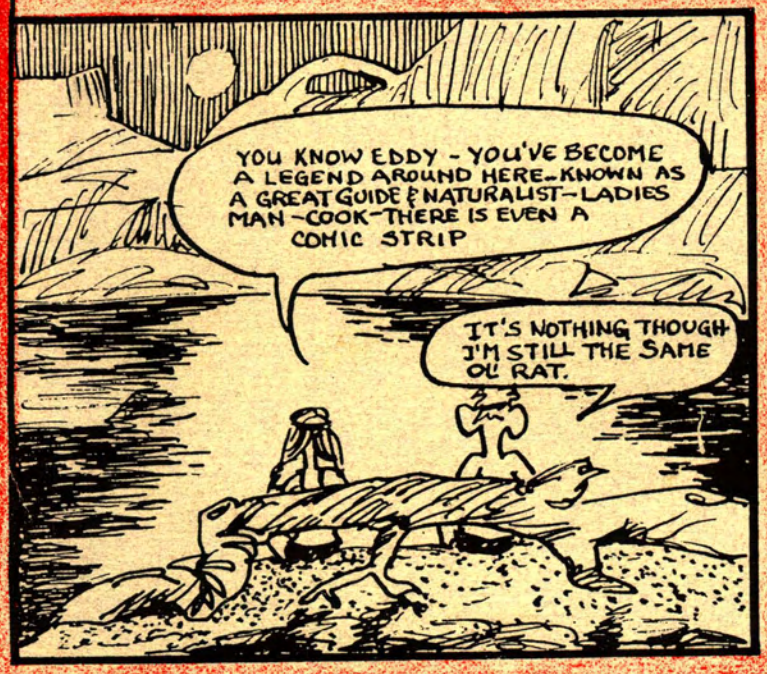
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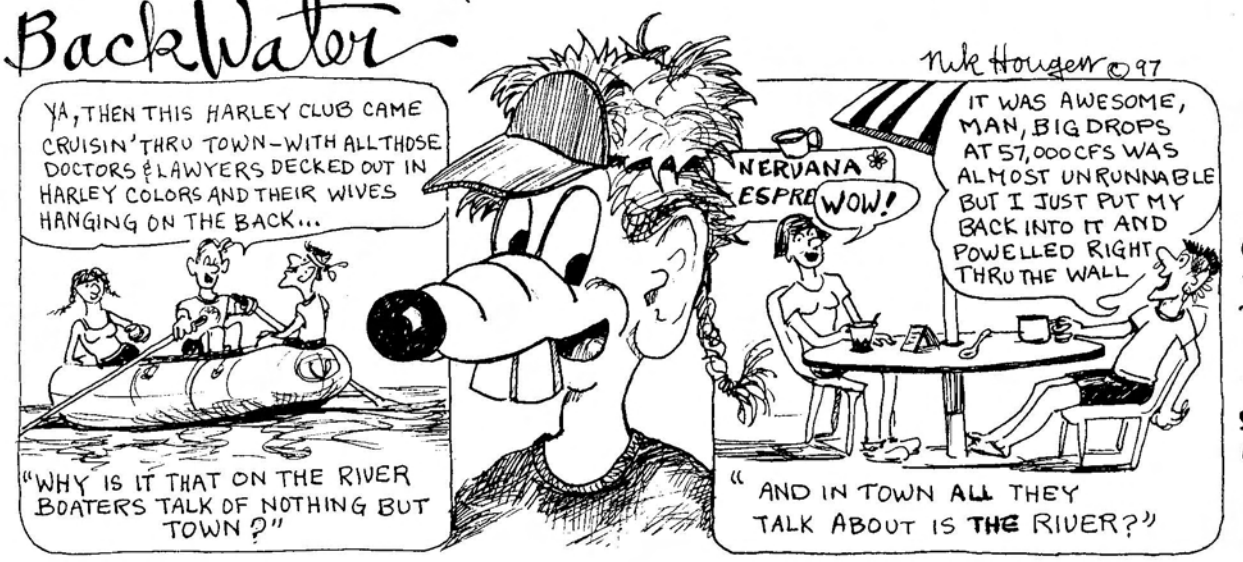
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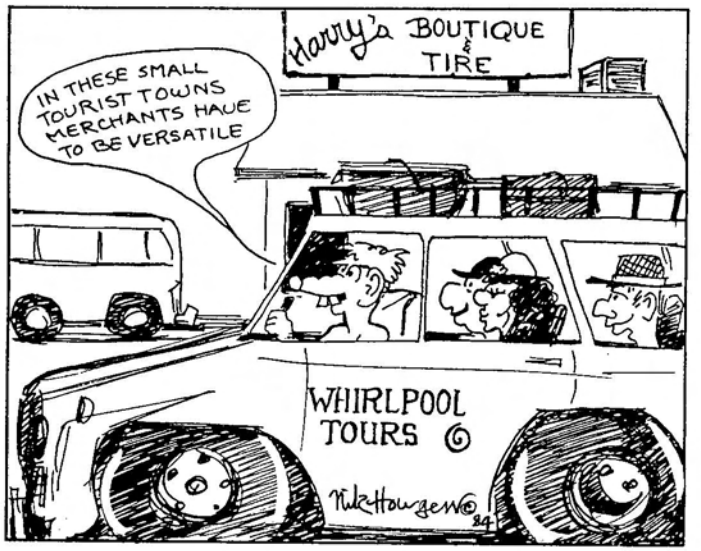
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THE GAZETTE KEPT THIS TOWN SANE THROUGH THE 80s





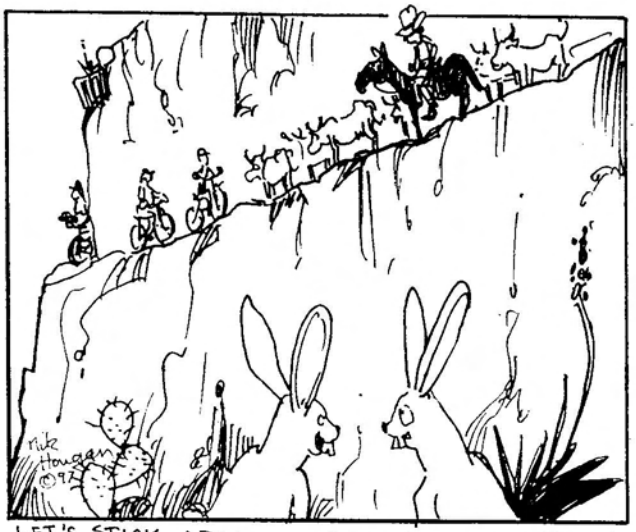
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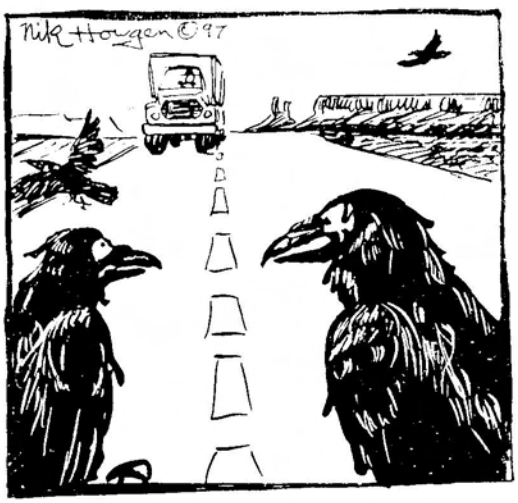




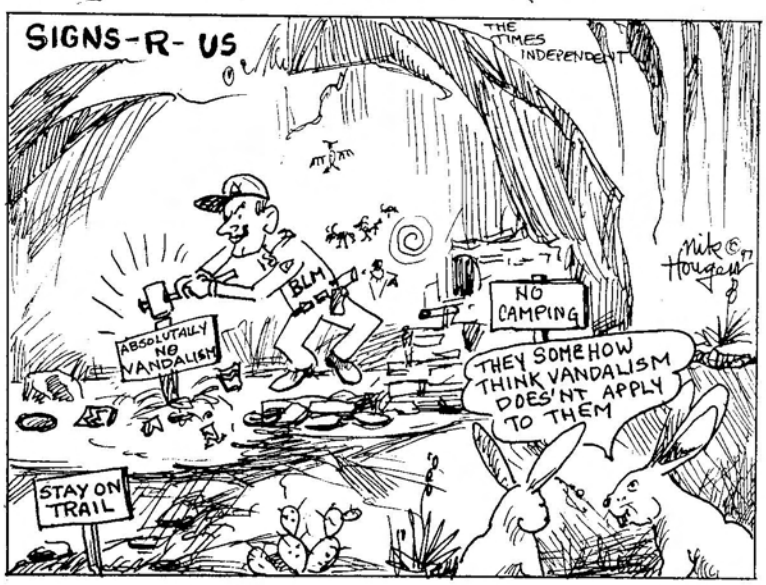
LET'S STICK AROUND ~ THIS COULD BE FUN!



THE TRICKLE DOWN THEORY



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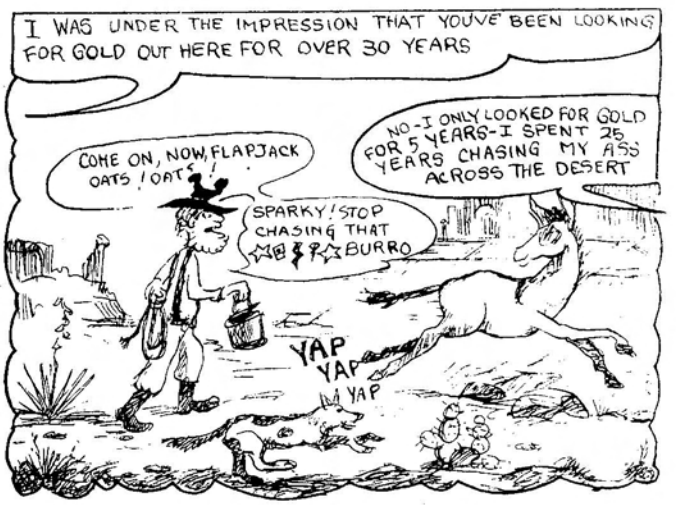






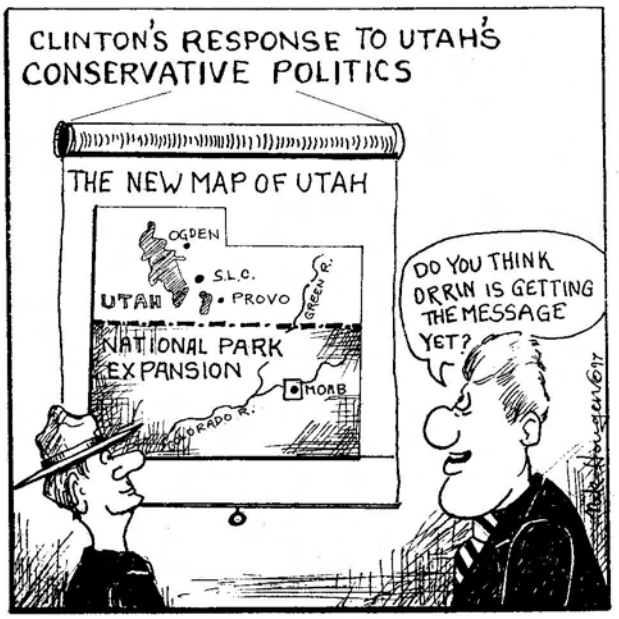








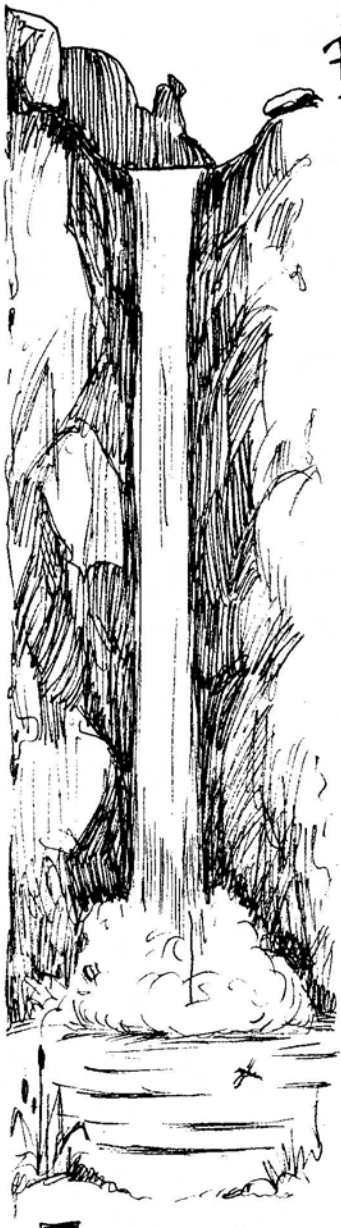


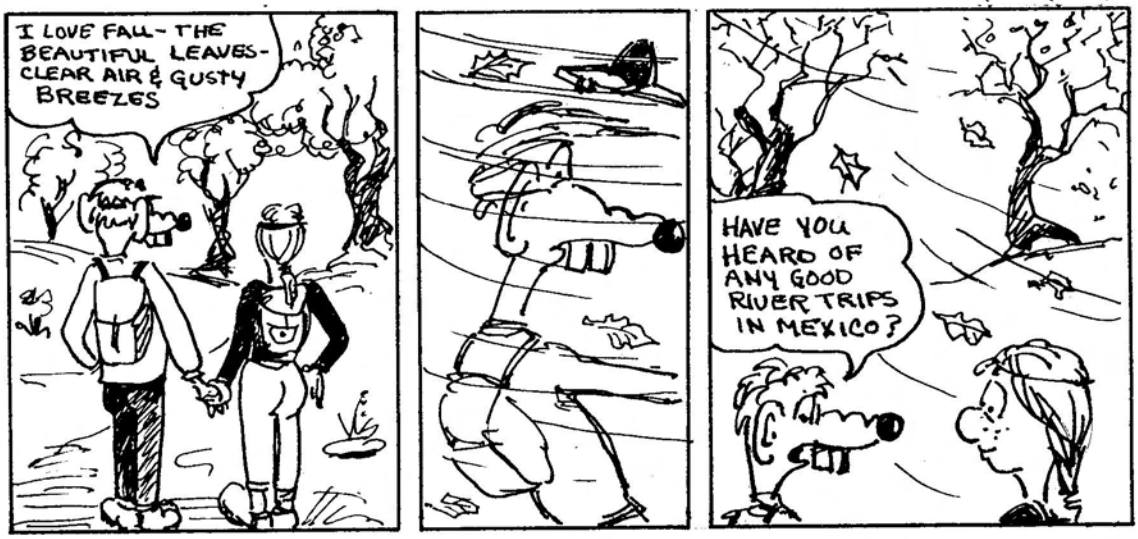


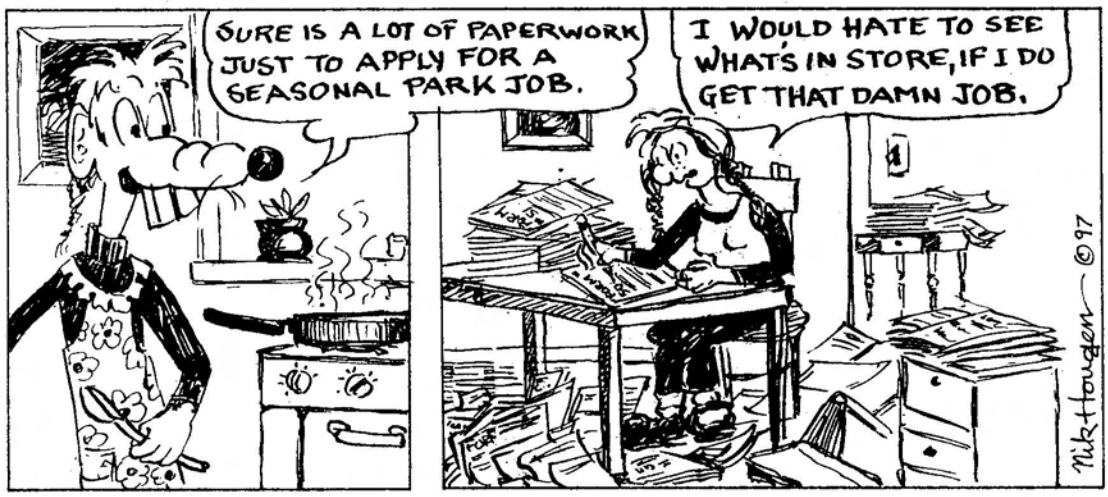
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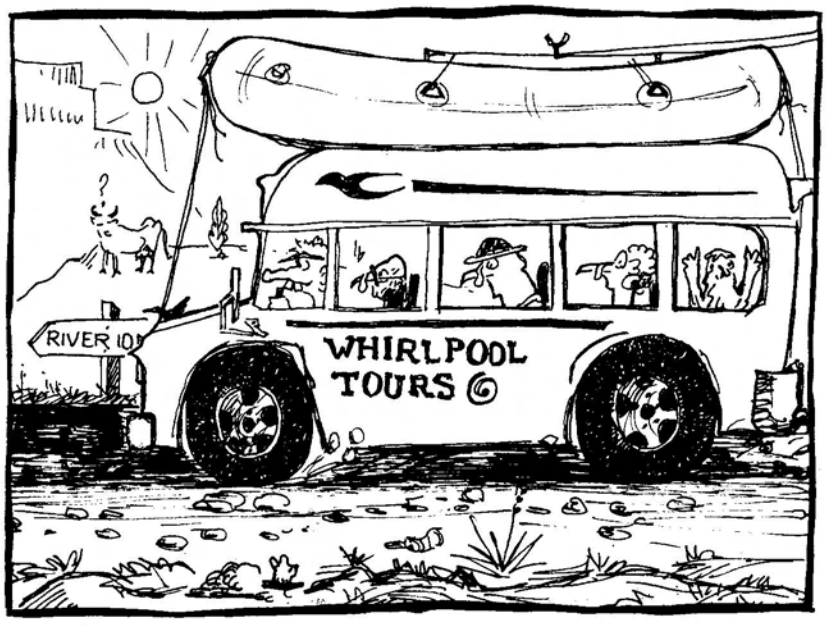


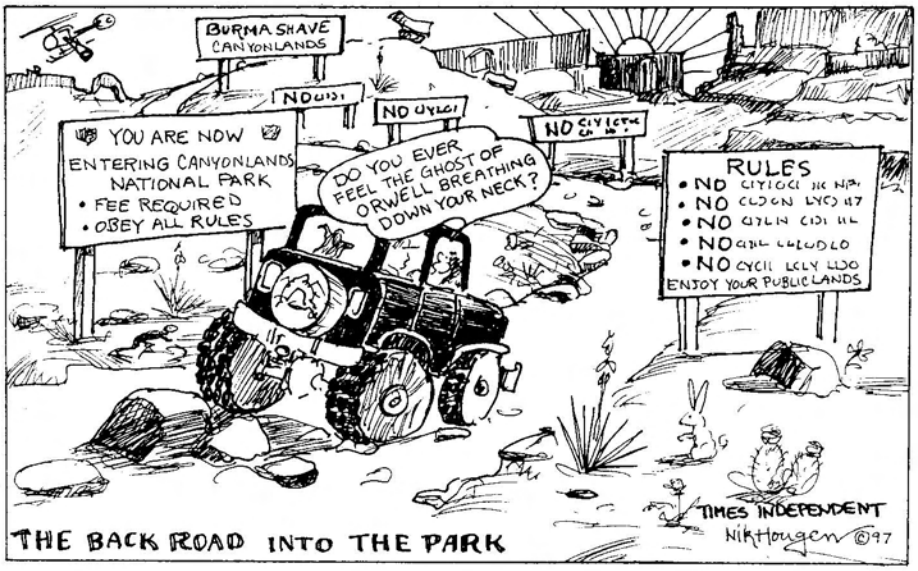




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THE BACK ROAD INTO THE PARK



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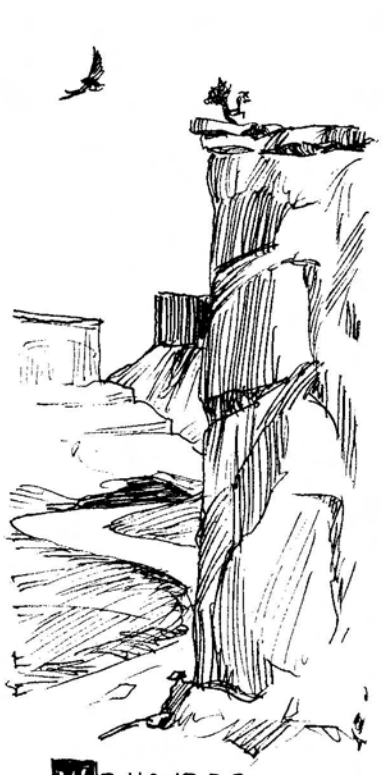


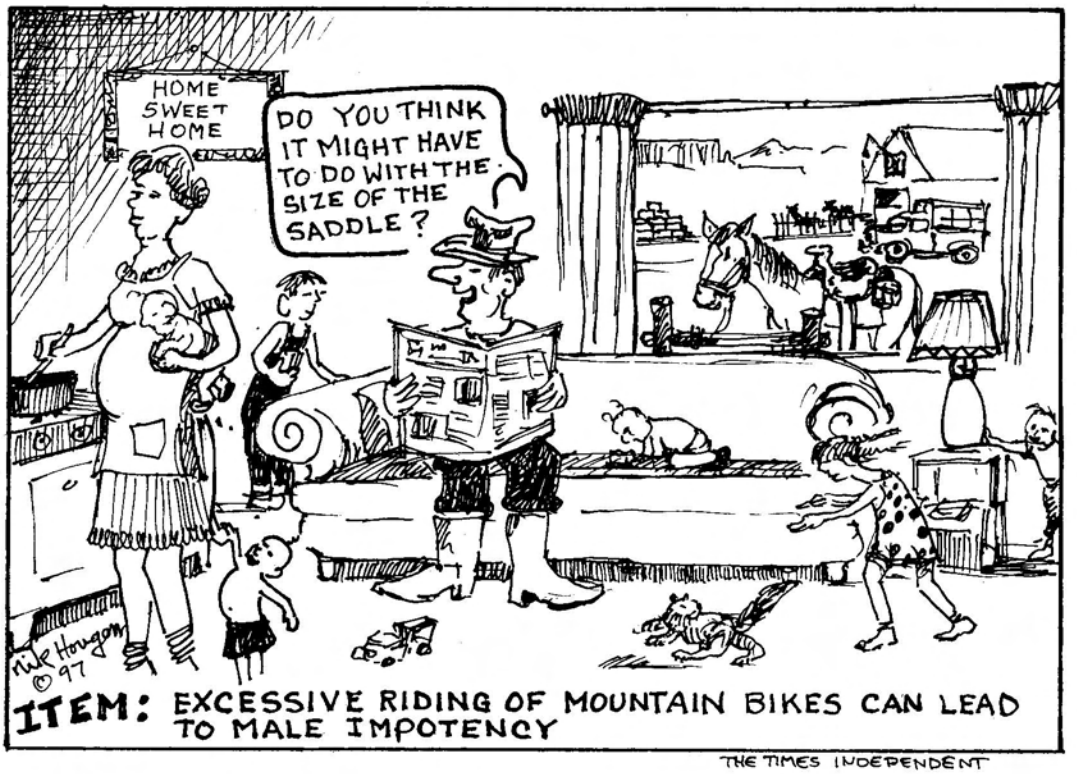








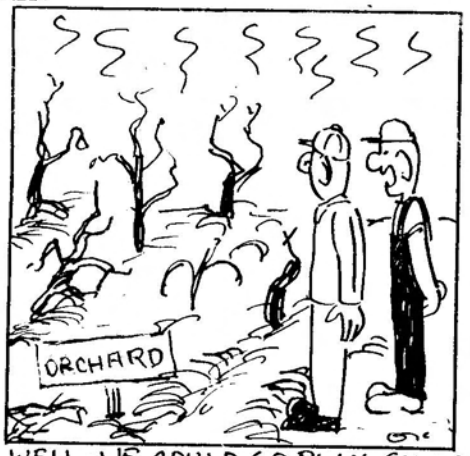




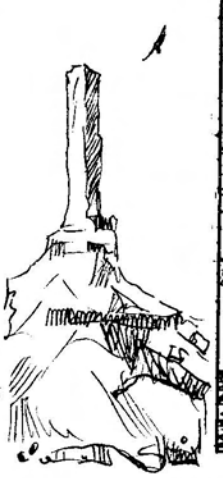
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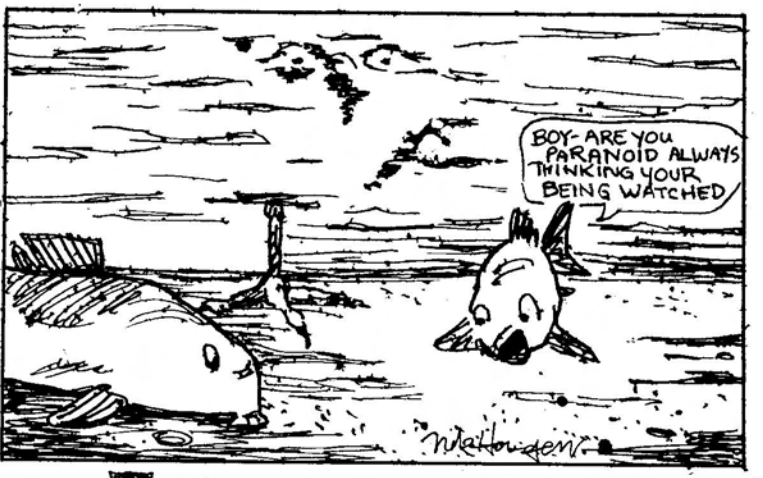
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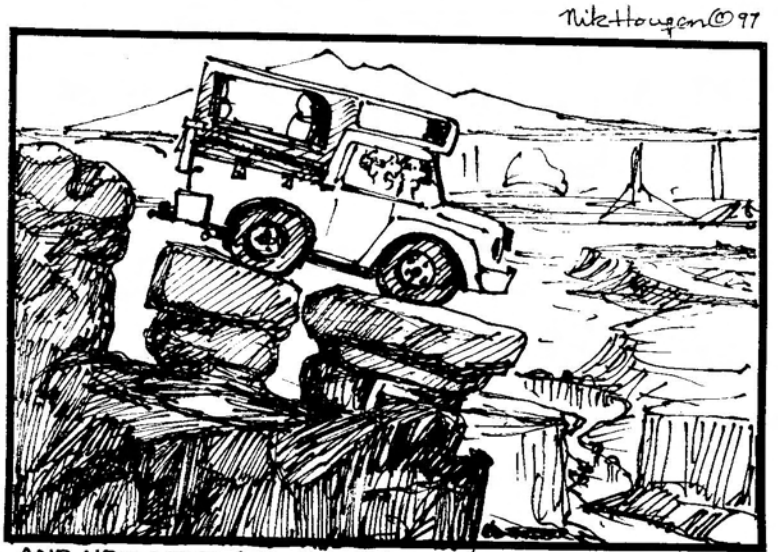


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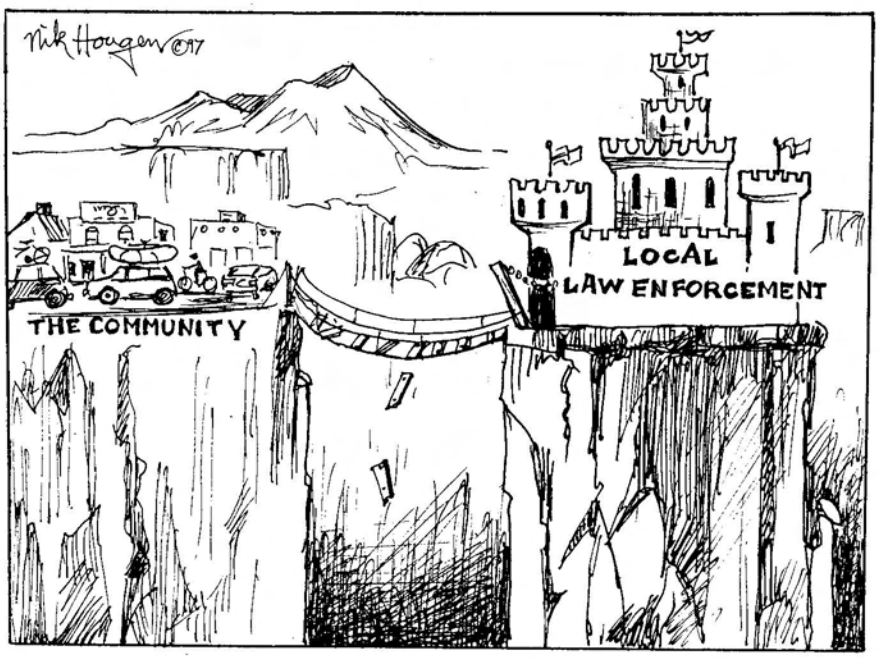
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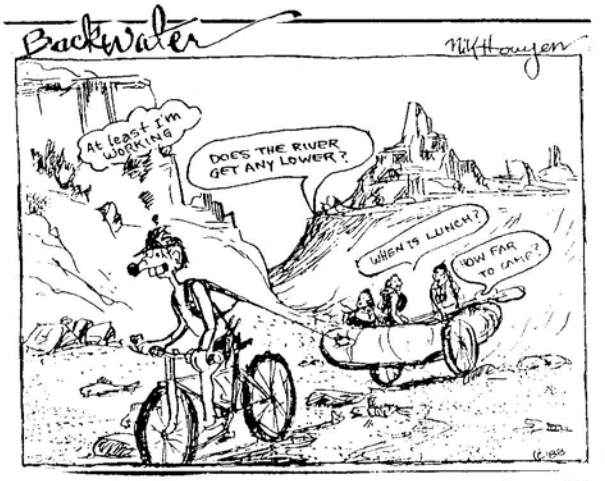


...AND YOU HAD TO SAY, 'LET'S TAKE THIS SHORT CUT - IT'S FLAT AS A TABLE ALL THE WAY TO HANKSVILLE.'

WE HAVE HIGH WATER YEARS



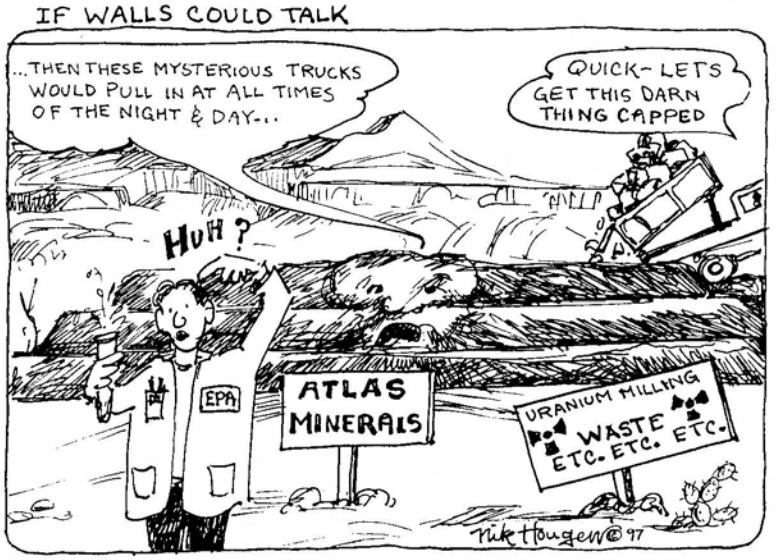




...AND THEN WE HAVE LOW WATER YEARS



IF WALLS COULD TALK





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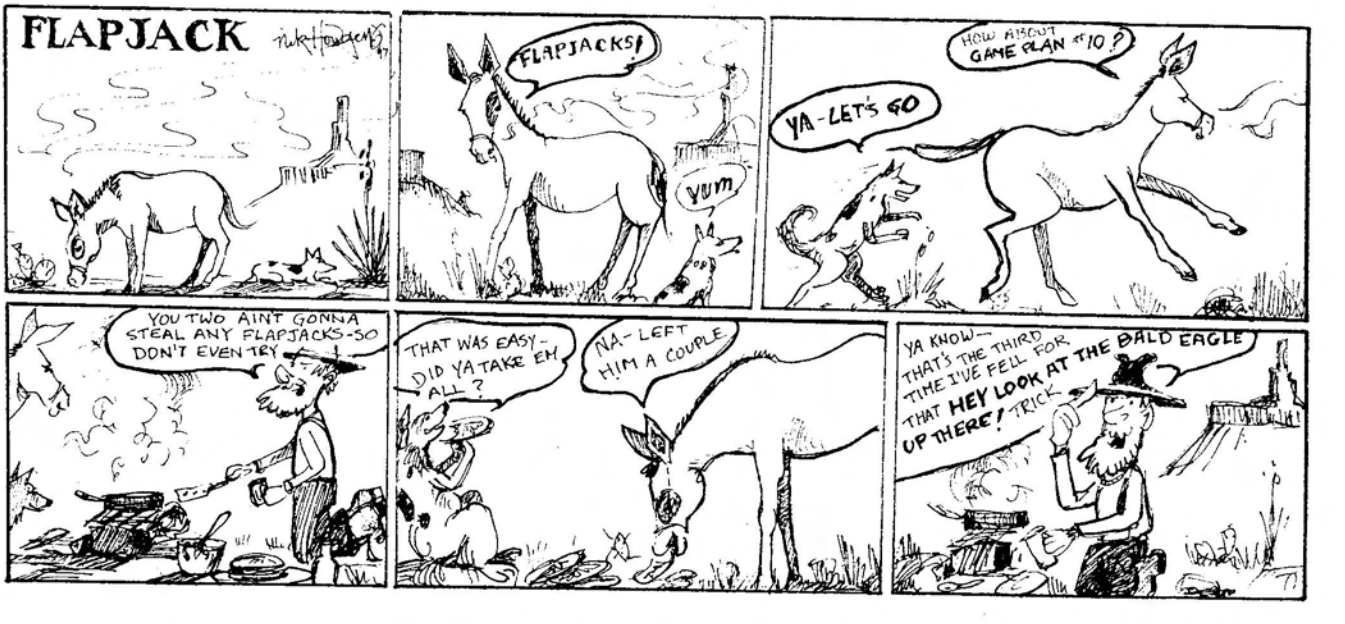


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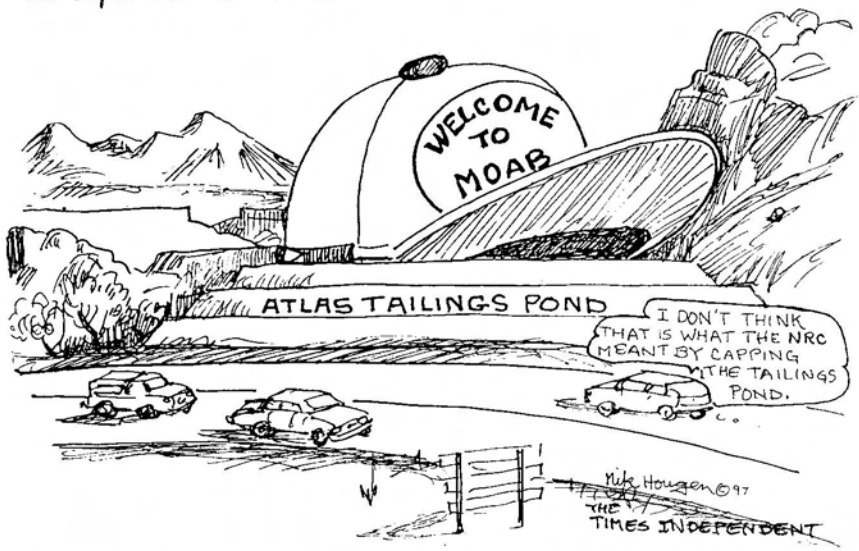




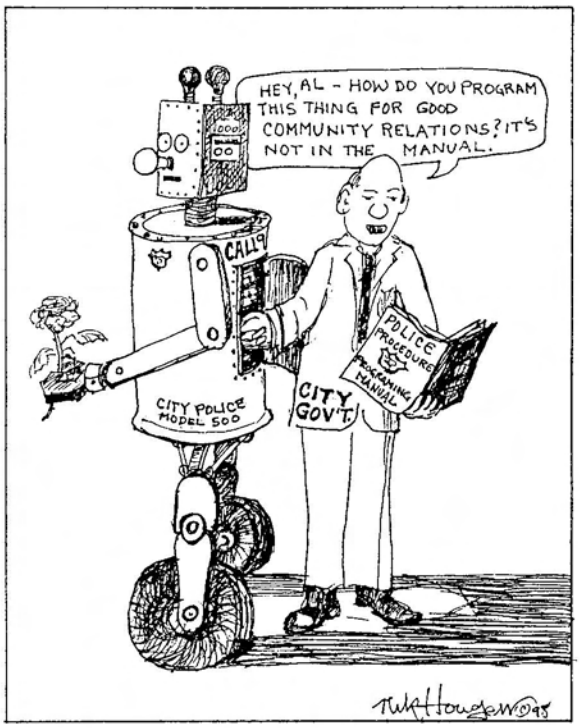
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WHEN THIS CARTOON WAS DONE THERE WAS NO WATER SLIDE OR 18 HOLE GOLF COURSE. THE SCAREY THING IS THAT THE WATER SLIDE WE NOW HAVE IS LOCATED WHERE THE SIGN IS LOCATED IN THE CARTOON. THE TRAM, I'M SURE, IS ON THE WAY.



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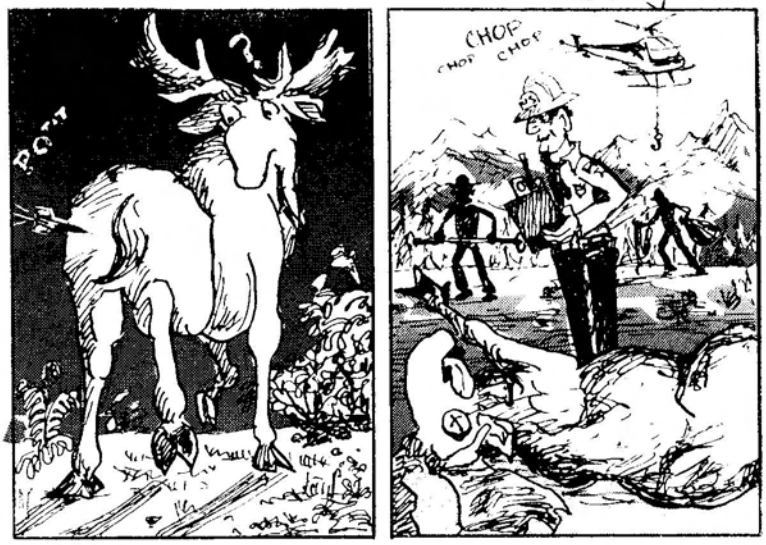


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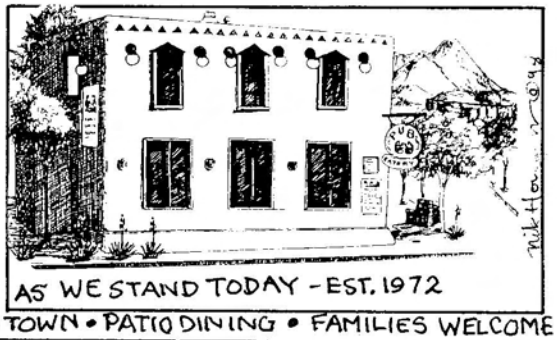
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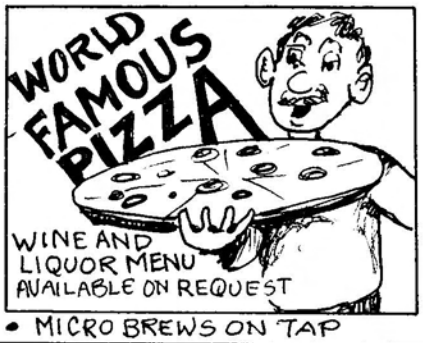
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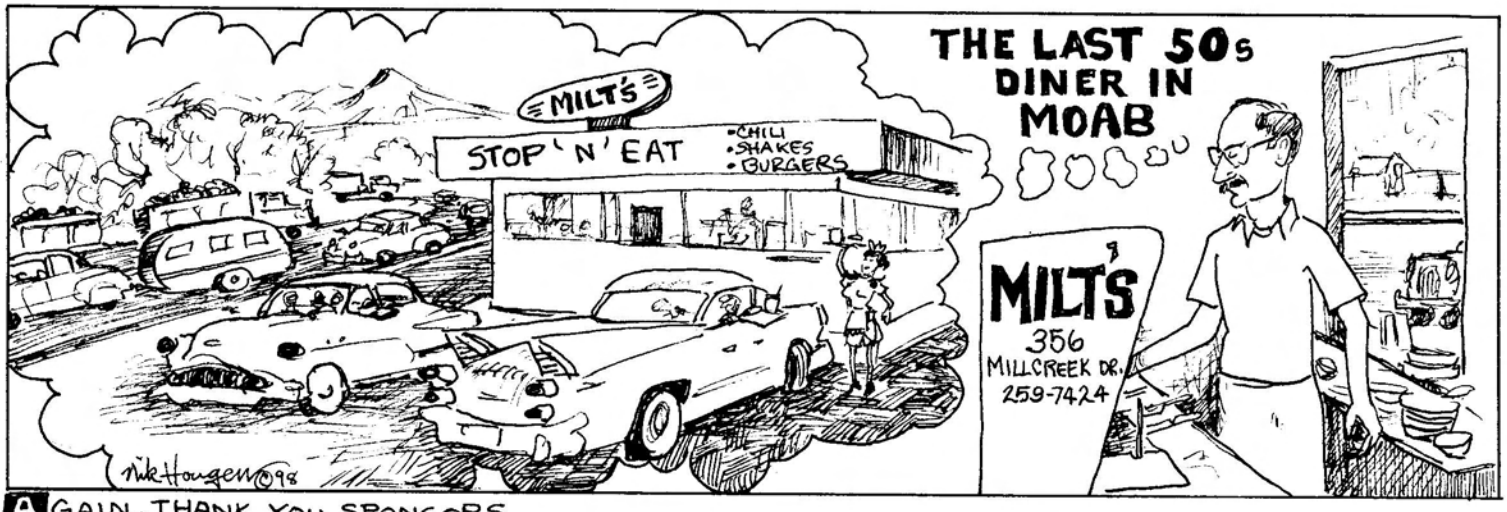


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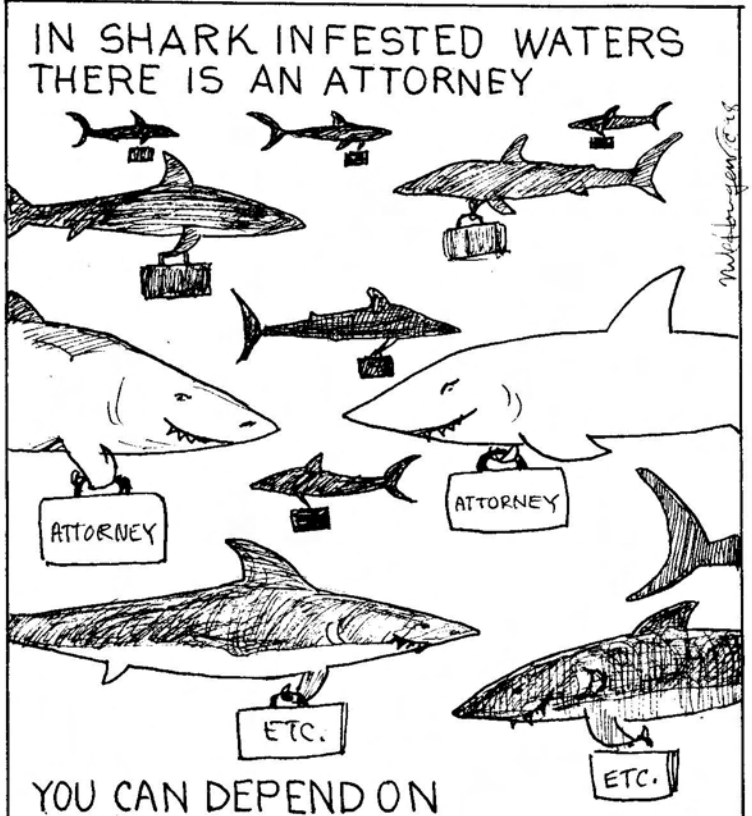


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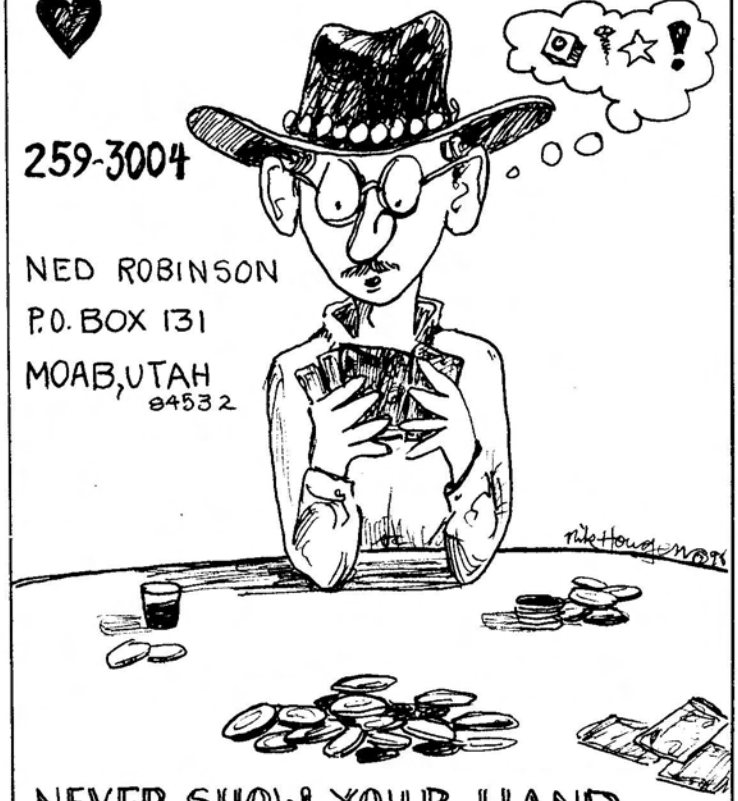
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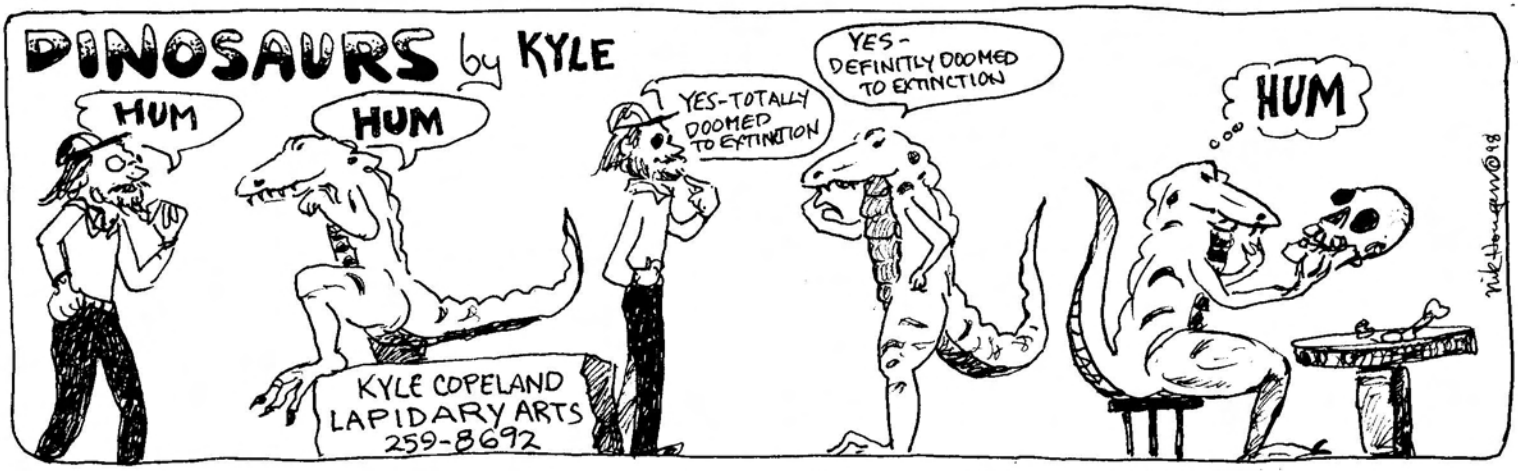
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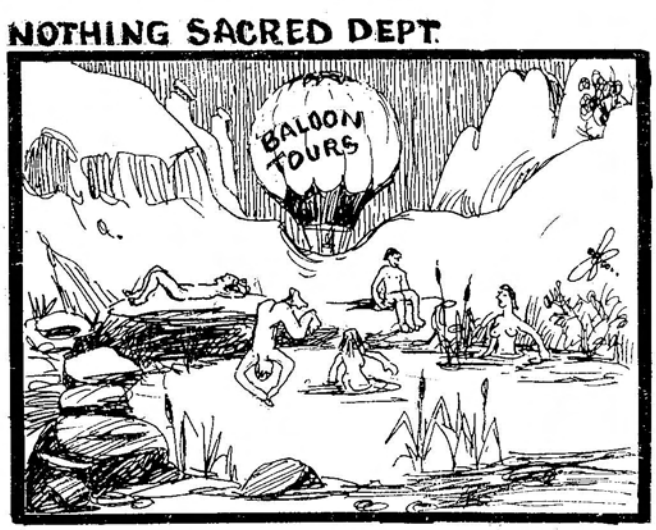
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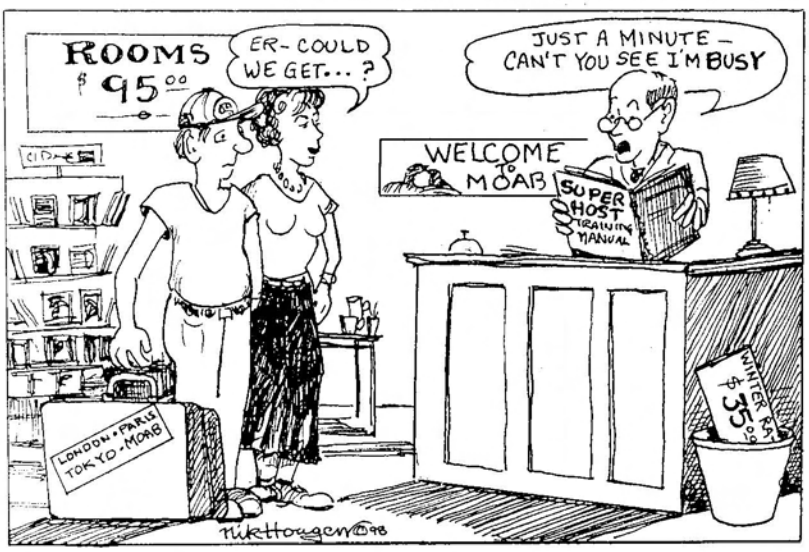
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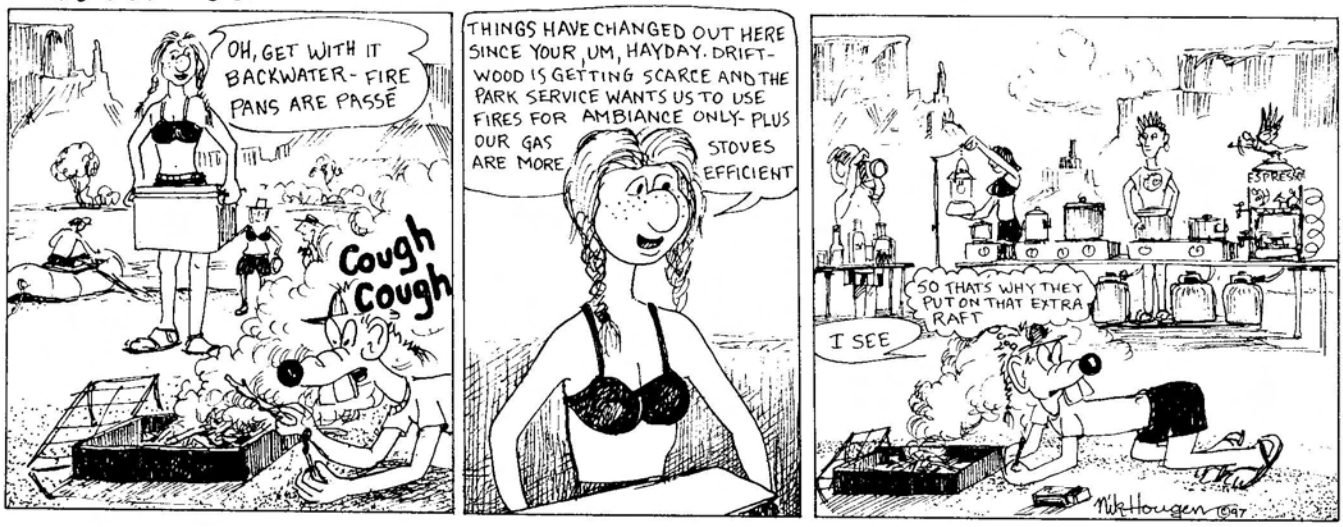

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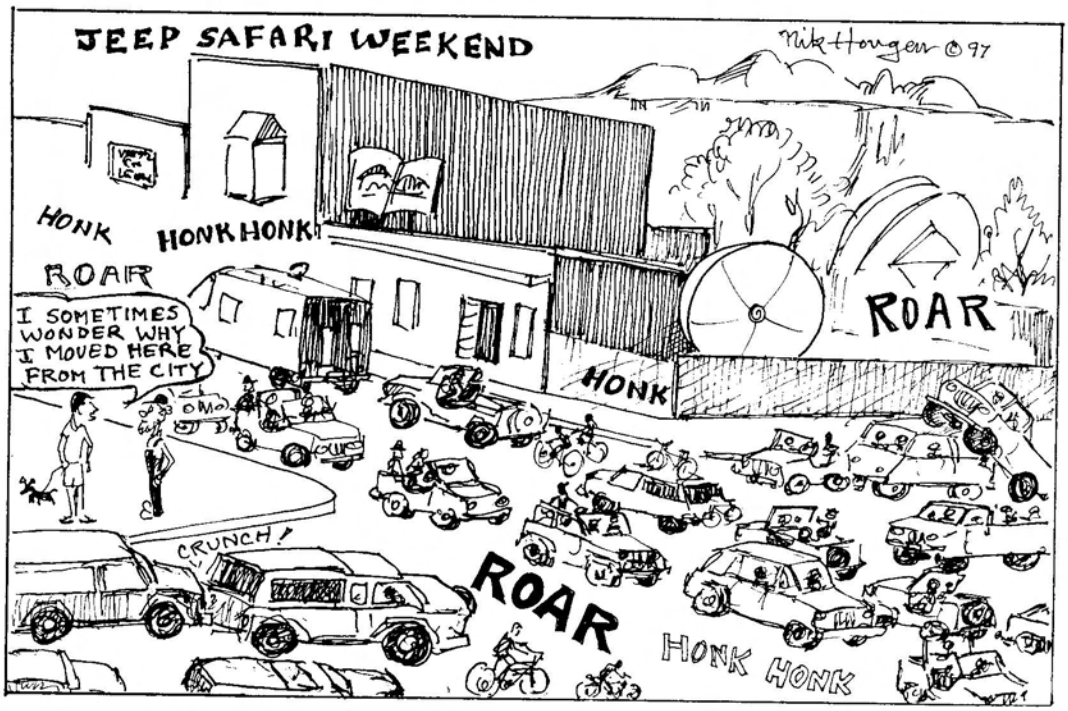

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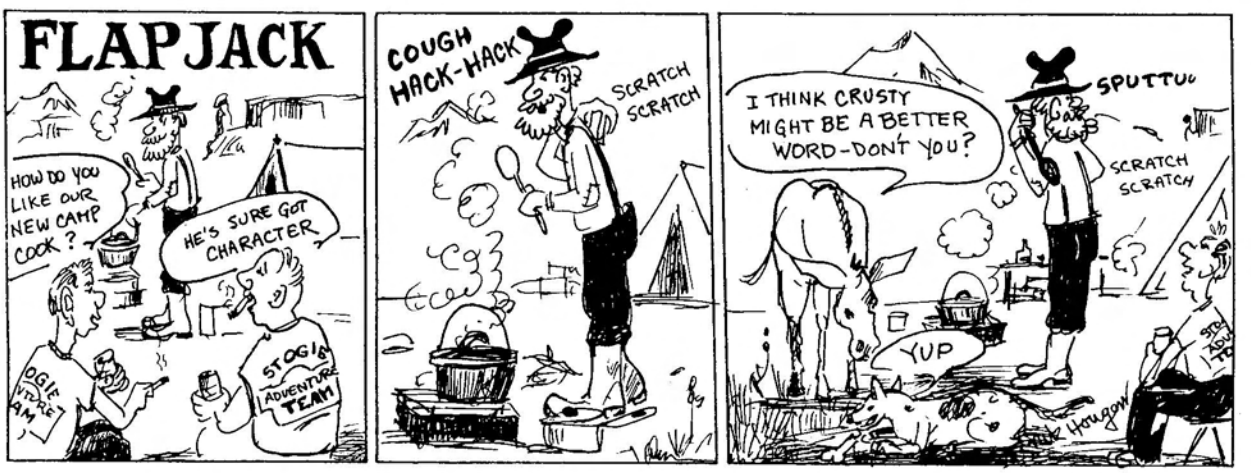

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SOUNDS GREAT
GALLERY
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YA, IT'S GREAT QUIET & LAID BACK
I LOVE WINTER IN MOAB-HARDLY A CAR IN SIGHT
I THINK SPRING HAS SPRUNG
WHAT THE @!#$ HAPPENED?
HONK!
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outta The Way!
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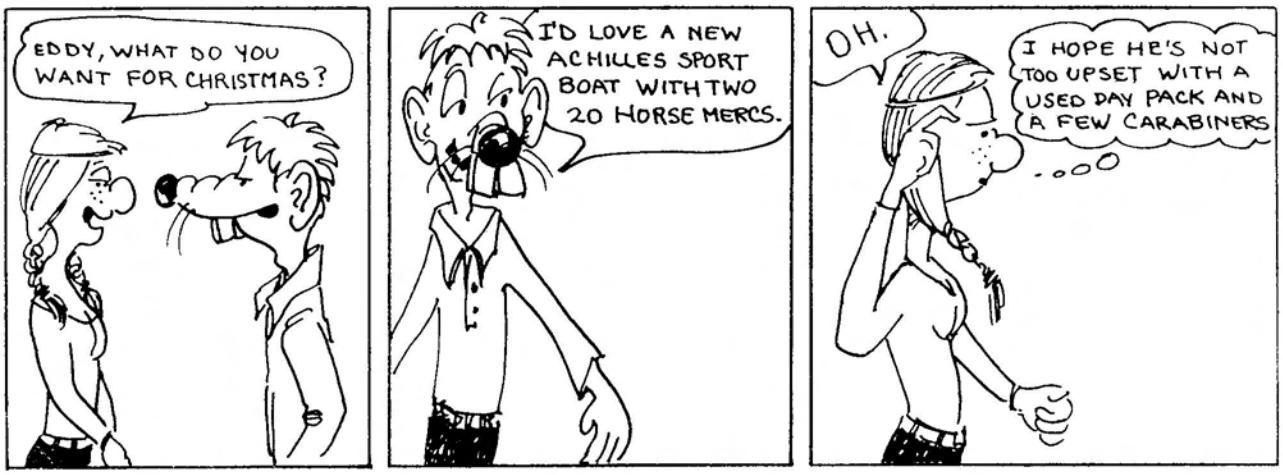

OH, GET WITH IT BACKWATER- FIRE PANS ARE PASSÉ
Cough Cough
THINGS HAVE CHANGED OUT HERE SINCE YOUR, UM, HAYDAY. DRIFT-WOOD IS GETTING SCARCE AND THE PARK SERVICE WANTS US TO USE FIRES FOR AMBIANCE ONLY- PLUS OUR GAS STOVES ARE MORE EFFICIENT
SO THAT'S WHY THEY PUT ON THAT EXTRA RAFT
I SEE
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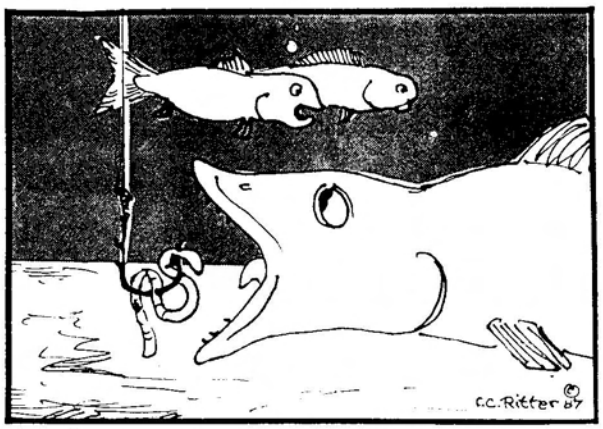

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HONK HONK!
ROAR
I SOMETIMES WONDER WHY I MOVED HERE FROM THE CITY
ROAR
HONK
CRUNCH!
ROAR
HONK HONK


FLAPJACK
HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR NEW CAMP COOK?
HE'S SURE GOT CHARACTER
OGIE VALLEY AM
STOGIE ADVENTURE TEAM
COUGH HACK-HACK
SCRATCH SCRATCH
I THINK CRUSTY MIGHT BE A BETTER WORD-DON'T YOU?
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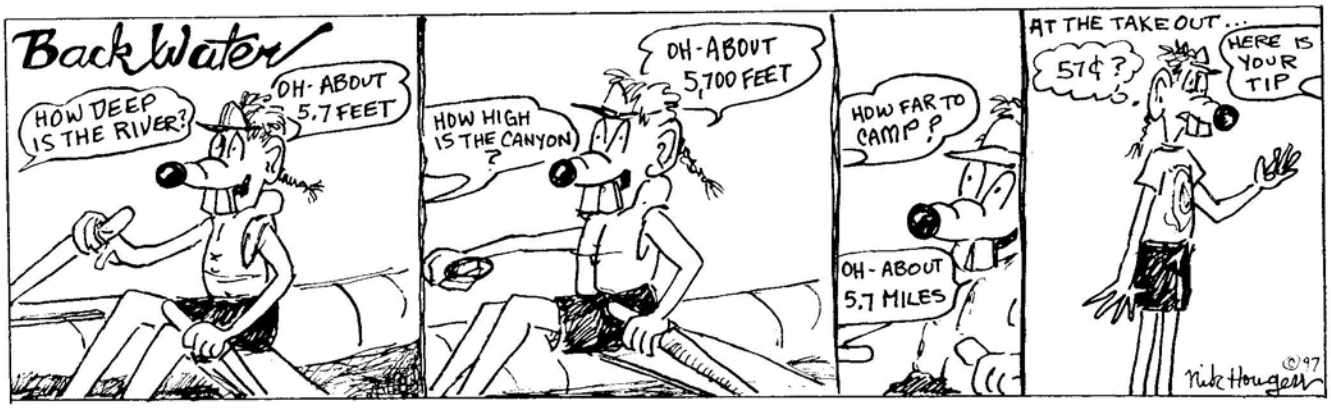


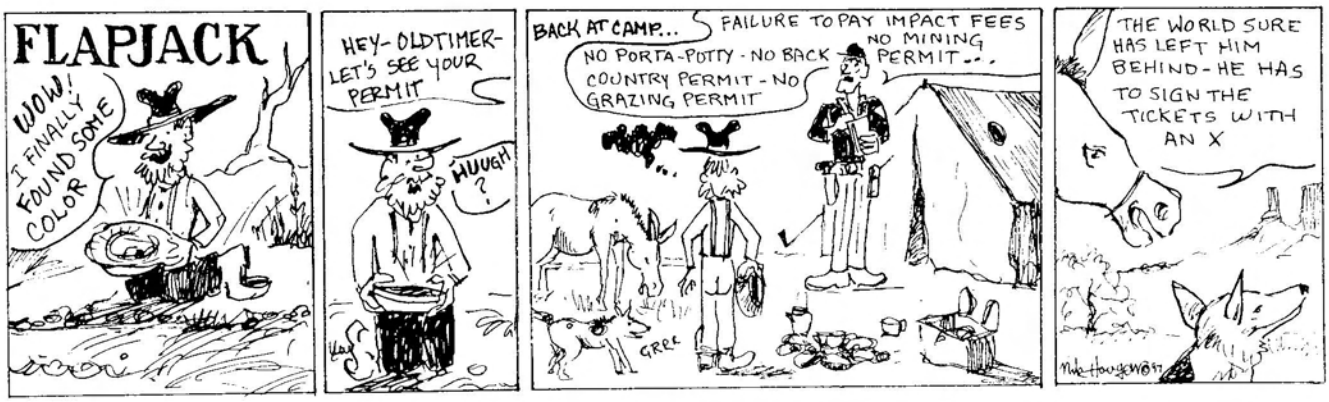


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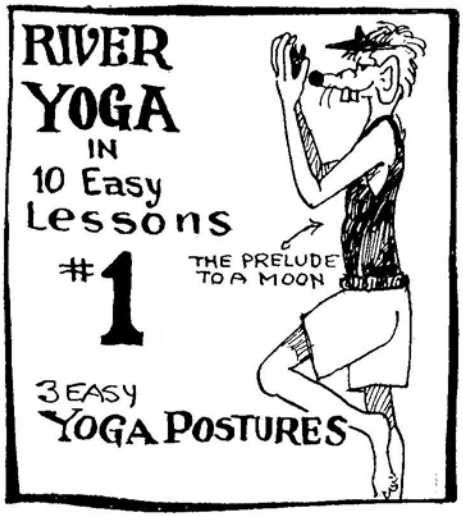
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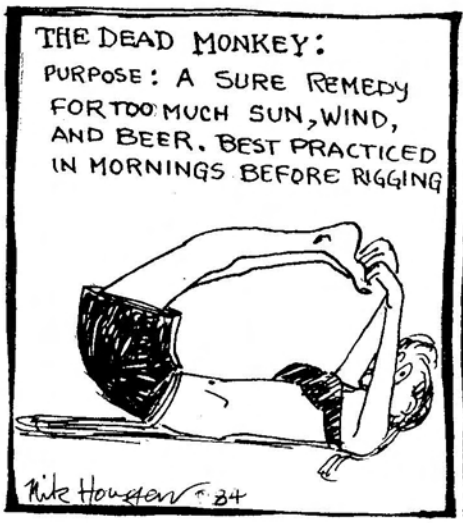












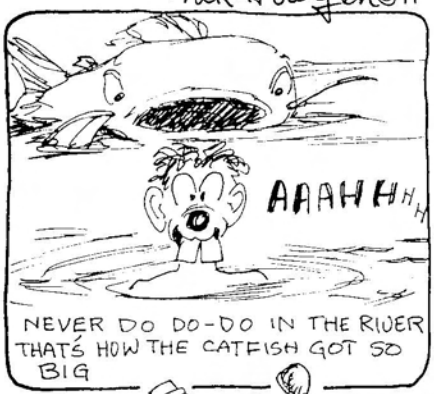


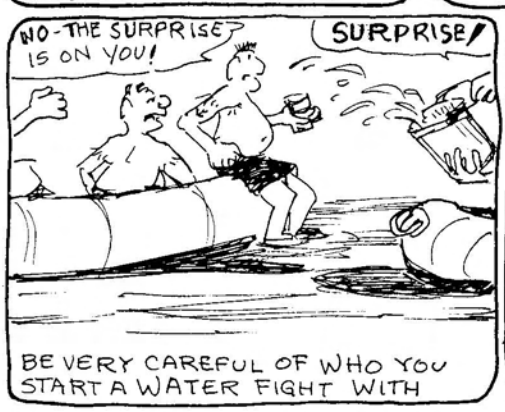
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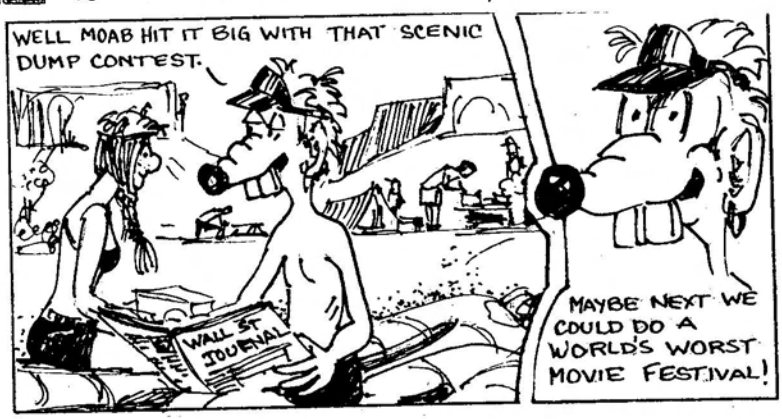
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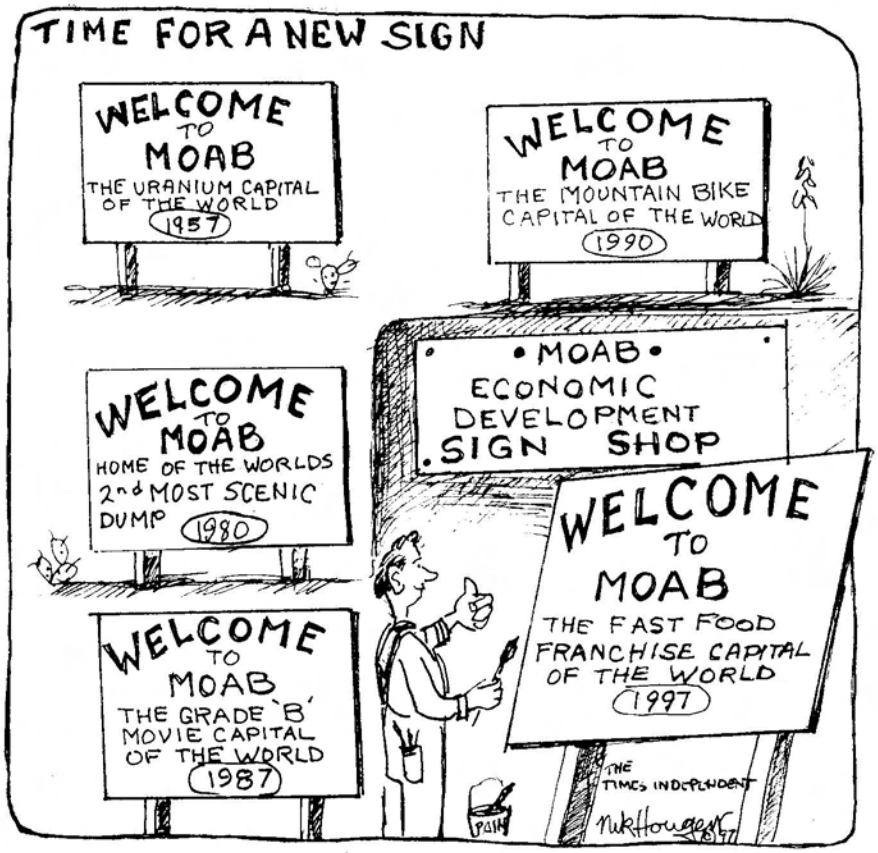


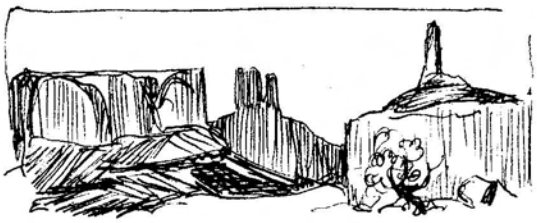


MOAB CAME IN SECOND-TO KODIAK, ALASKA-IN THAT CONTEST.



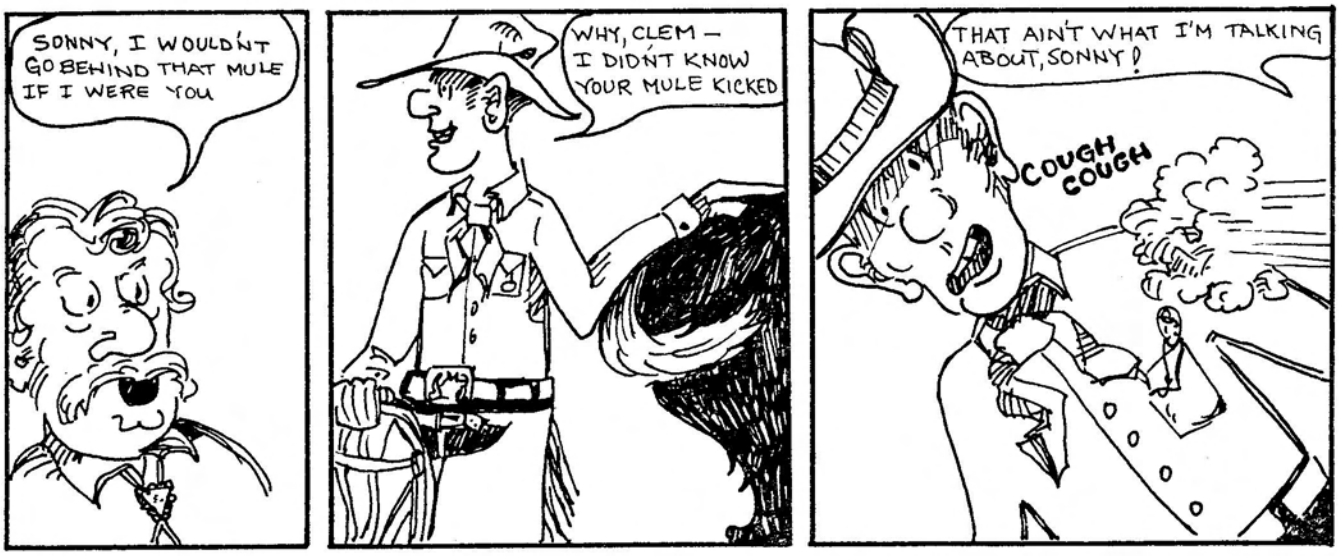
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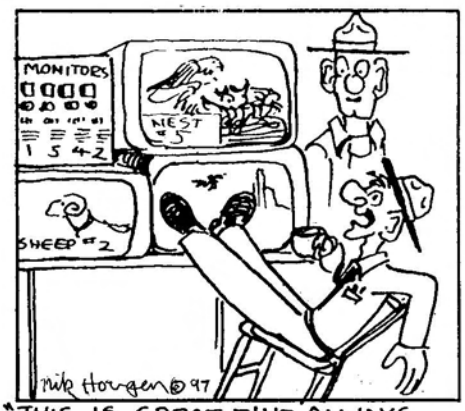


"ALL RIGHT - LET'S SEE YOUR SURFACE DISTURBANCE BOND."

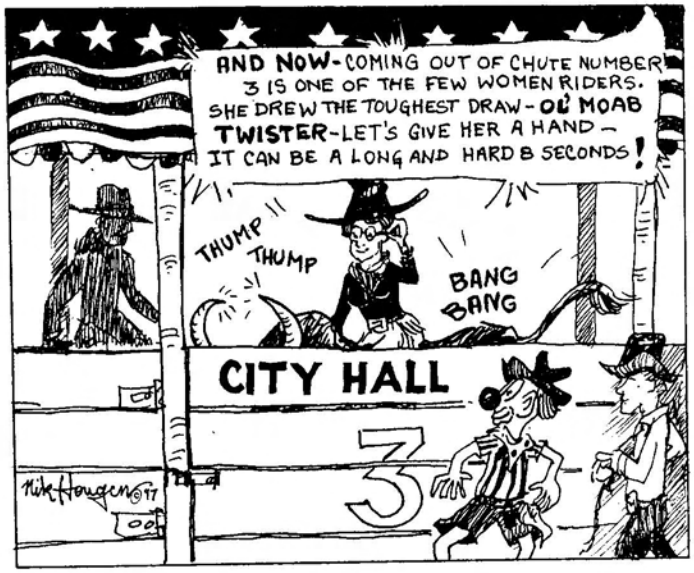


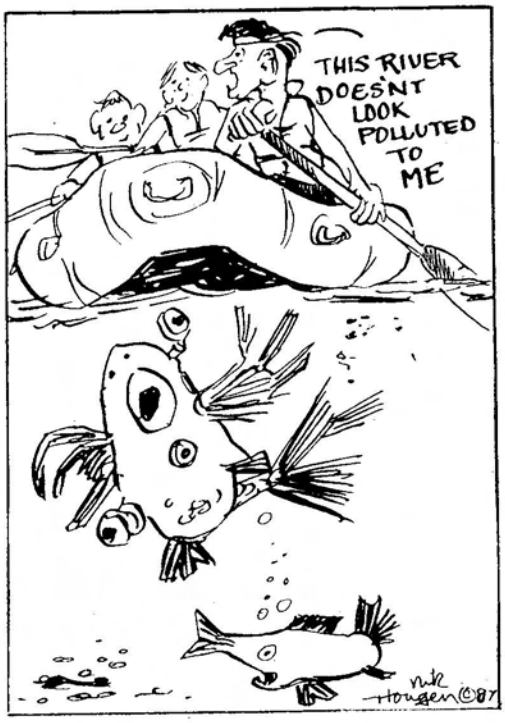


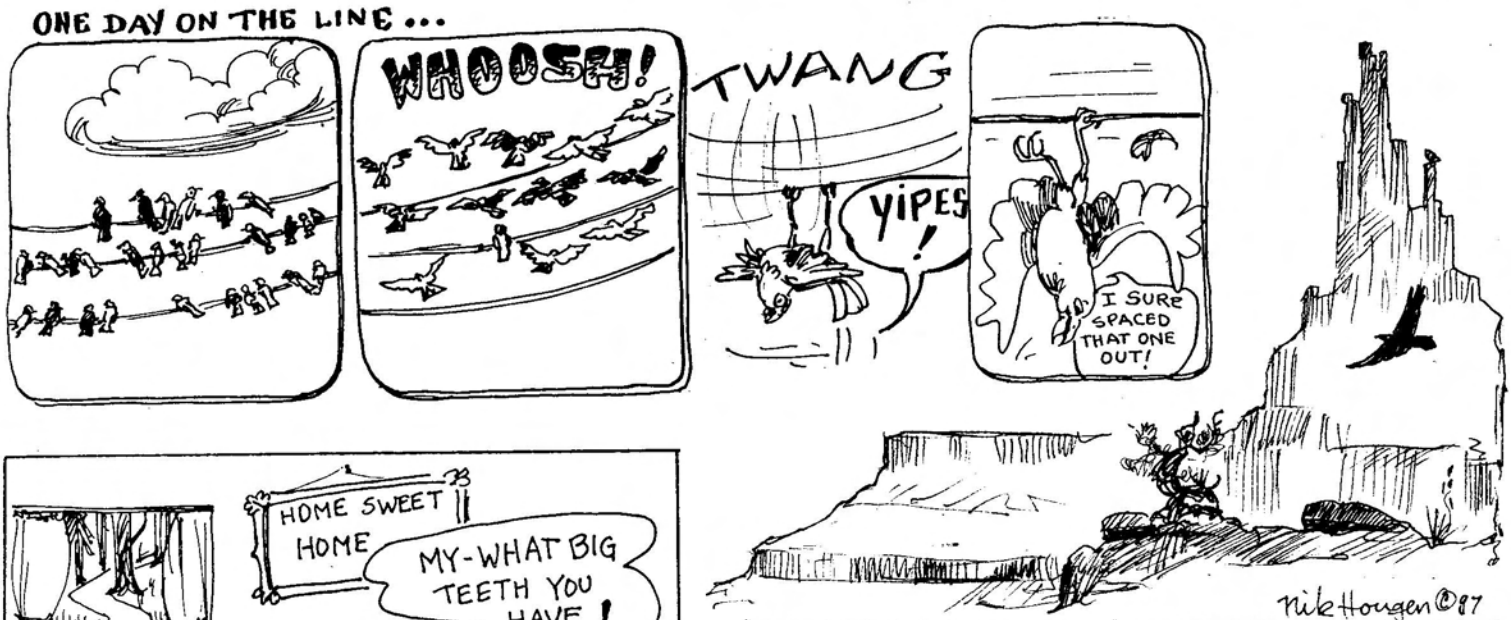




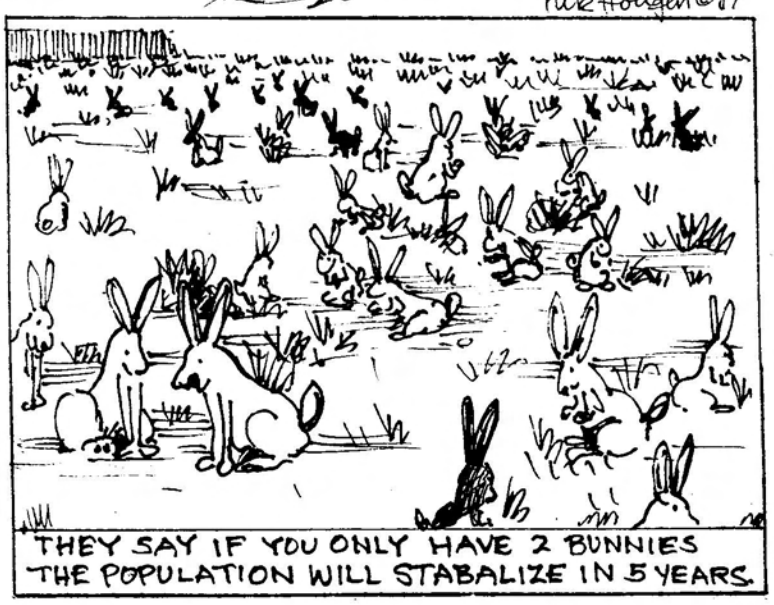
"THIS IS GREAT, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A NATURALIST."


AND NOW-COMING OUT OF CHUTE NUMBER 3 IS ONE OF THE FEW WOMEN RIDERS. SHE DREW THE TOUGHEST DRAW-OL' MOAB TWISTER-LET'S GIVE HER A HAND— IT CAN BE A LONG AND HARD 8 SECONDS!
THUMP THUMP
BANG BANG
CITY HALL
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THIS RIVER DOESN'T LOOK POLLUTED TO ME
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ONE DAY ON THE LINE...
WHOOSH!
TWANG
YIPES!
I SURE SPACED THAT ONE OUT!
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HOME SWEET HOME
MY-WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE!
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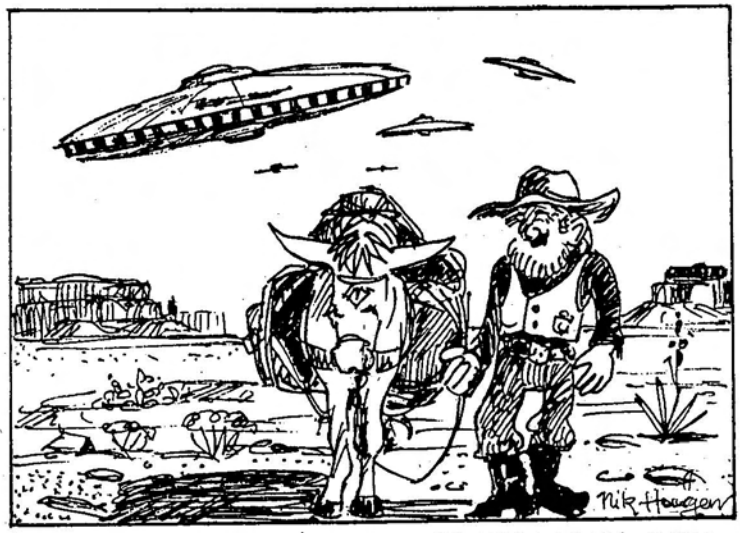

THEY SAY IF YOU ONLY HAVE 2 BUNNIES THE POPULATION WILL STABALIZE IN 5 YEARS.



LET ME BE PERFECTLY CLEAR — I AM INNOCENT OF ALL NEPOTISM CHARGES!

NOTHING SACRED DEPT

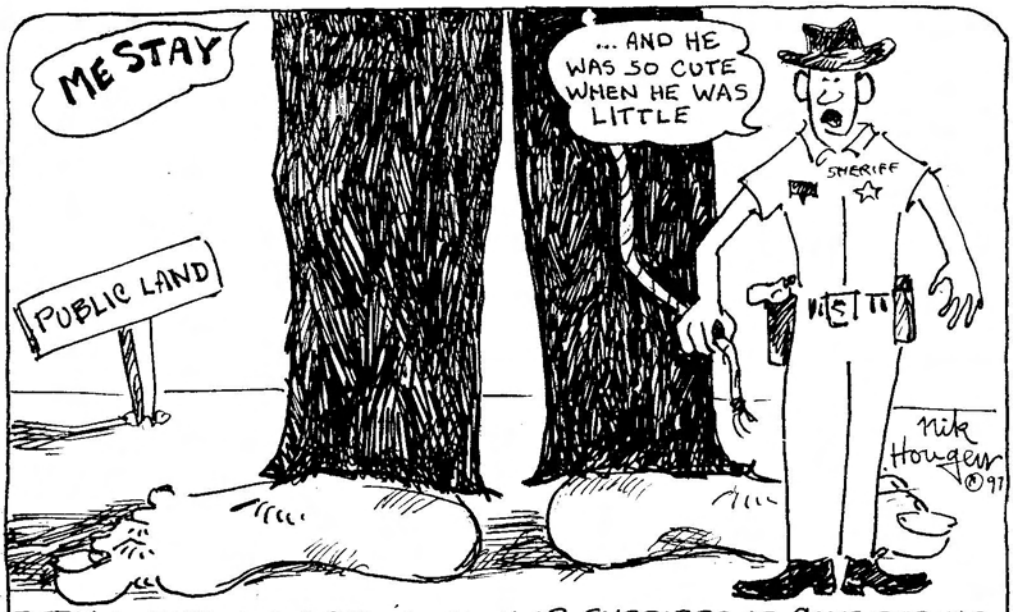




"IT TOOK AWHILE BUT WE FINALLY GOT AWAY FROM CIVILIZATION."



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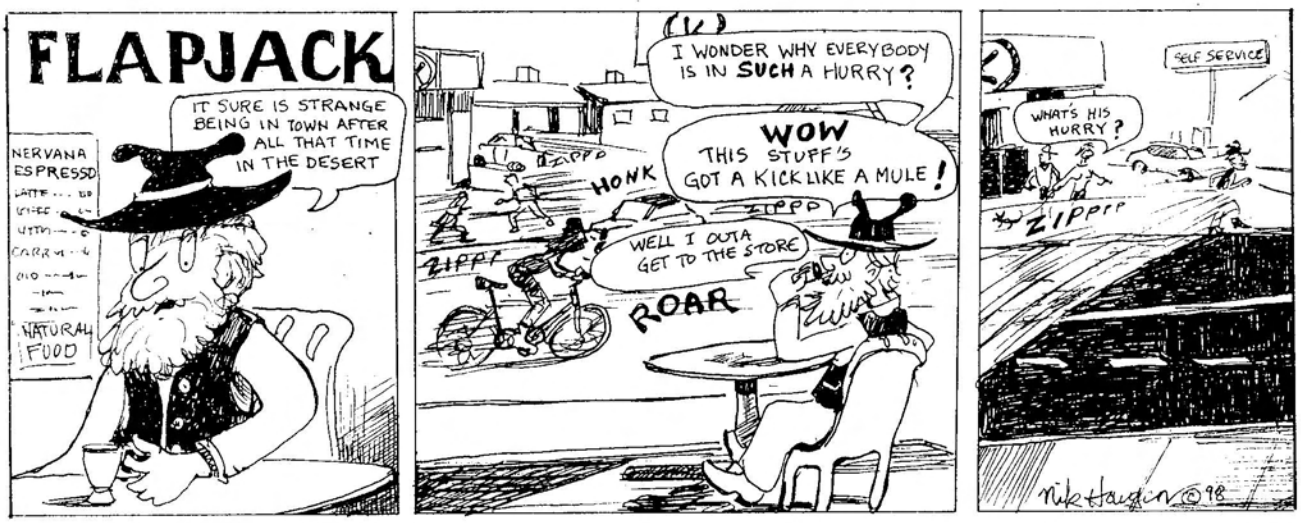
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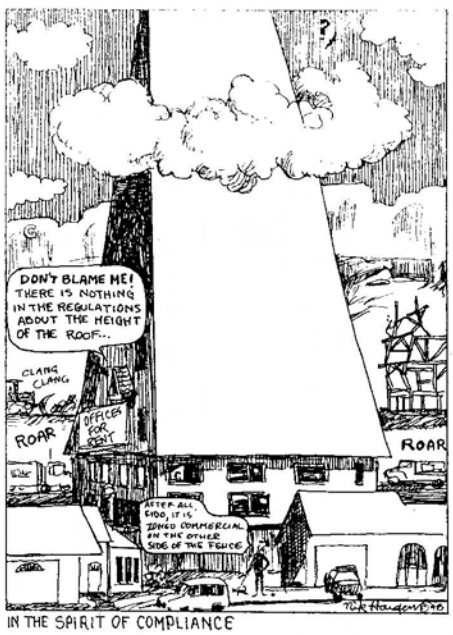


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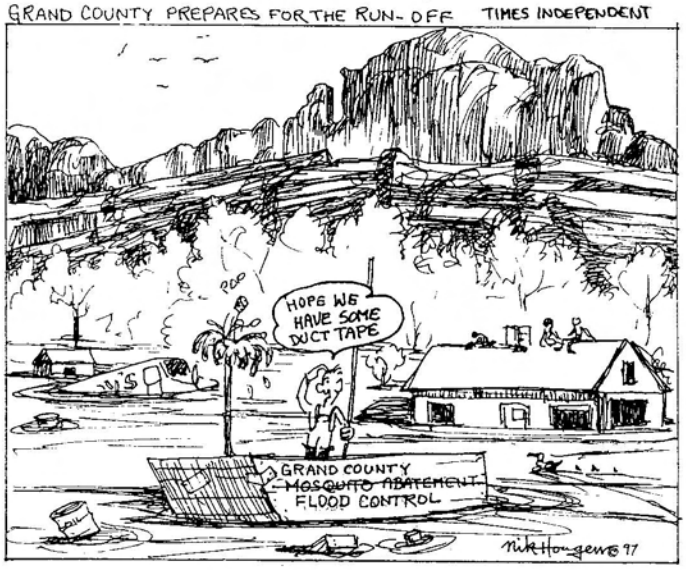




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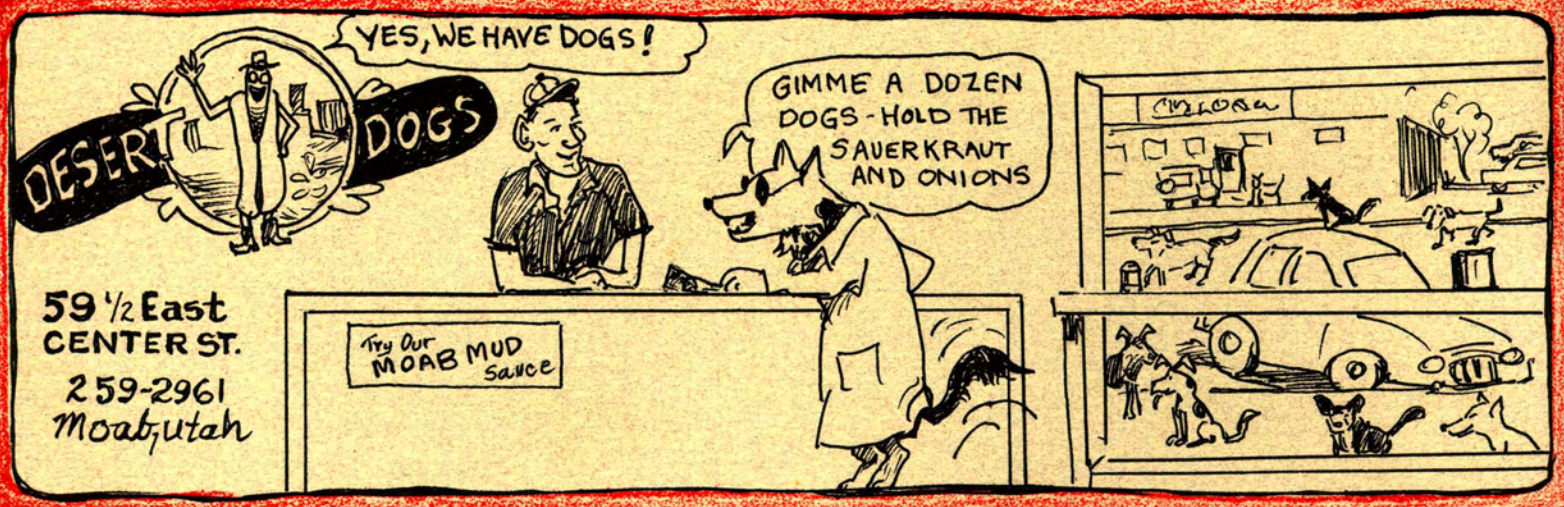


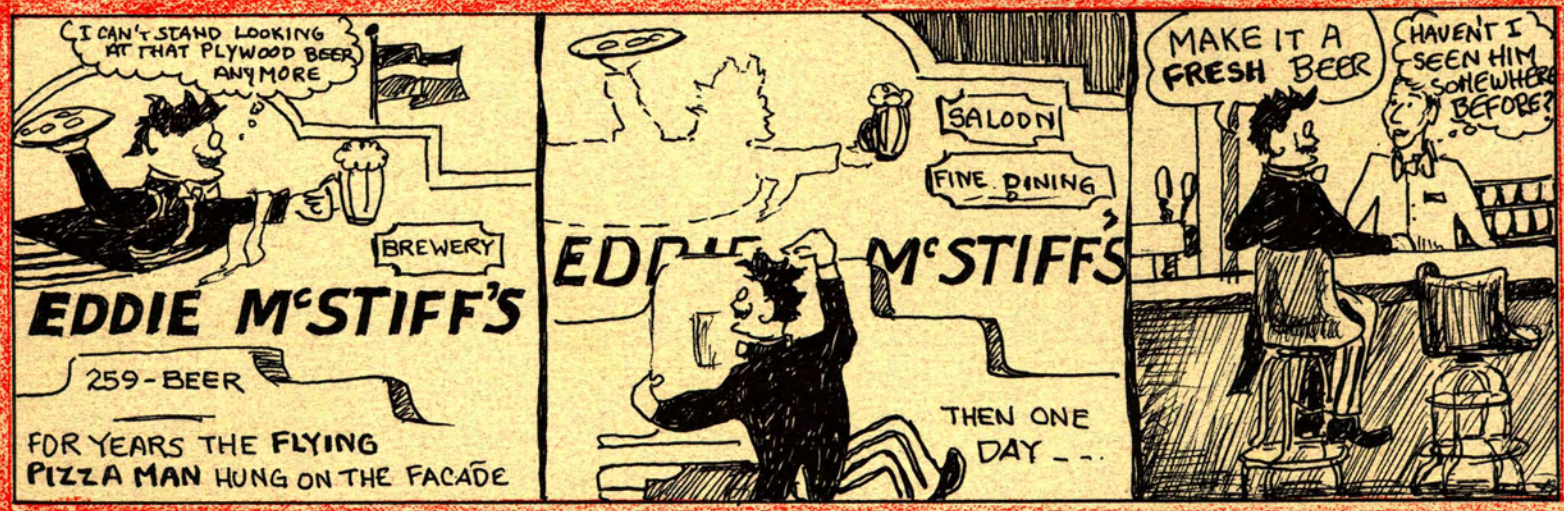

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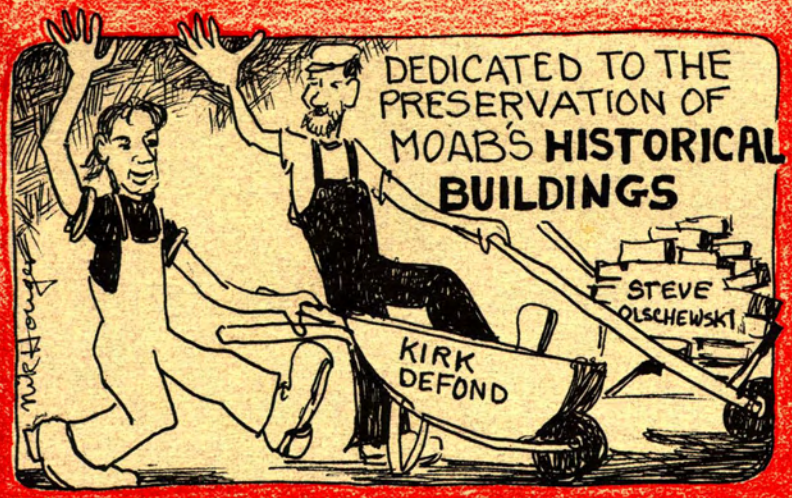

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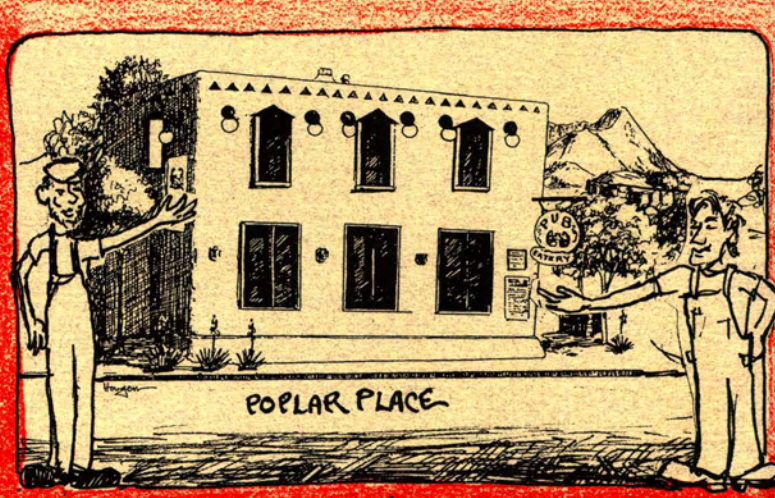

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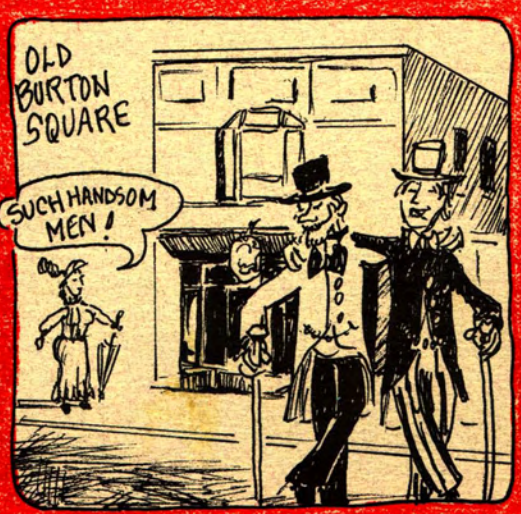












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