



The Nightcap

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Convention Clipboard

DEC 4-6: Thirteenth Annual BORDER CONFERENCE, Amistad Lodge, Highway 90 West, Del Rio, Texas. Call 512-774-7090 or 774-5331 for more information.

DEC 4-6: Sixth Southwest Regional Forum, Little Rock, Arkansas. Anyone interested in service work should attend. Write to Regional Forum Secretary, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10164.

JAN 1-3, 1988: 14th Annual Jamboree of the Lower Rio Grande Valley; Holiday Inn Beach Resort, South Padre Island. Hotel room reservations: 512-761-5401. For more information write Chairman, P. O. Box 5453, Brownsville, TX 78520, or call 512-428-5960.

JAN 8-10, 1988: 26th Annual Southeast Texas Conference, Galveston Isle. Register with Conference Treasurer, Box 2443, Galveston, TX 77550; call 409-744-1500 for room reservations.

JAN 8-10, 1988: Tyler's 41st AA Anniversary, Harvey Hall, 411 W. Front St (Hwy 31), Tyler, Texas; Convention Motel is La Quinta Inn, 1601 WSW Loop 323, Tyler. (CSO does not have a telephone number on this.)

FEB 12-14, 1988: 6th Annual District 9 AA Convention; write Chairman, Box 55269, Little Rock, AR 72205.

FEB 18-21, 1988: 24th Annual National Women's Conference, Dallas, TX. For information call Julie A. 214-696-6426 or Mary M. 214-239-5239; write NAAWC, Box 516123, Dallas, TX 75251-6123.

(For more information on the above, please call your Central Service Office.)

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN AA

THE WINNERS CLUB will host a Christmas Dance on Saturday, December 19, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. They will also host a New Year's Eve Dance on Thursday, December 31, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with lots of Black-eyed Peas!! Dances will be held at the new address, 5723 Kenwick. Come on out for some good sober fun and fellowship.

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CLUB TWELVE will have OPEN HOUSE from December 23 through 31. Christmas Buffet will be available all day on the 25th. A New Year's Eve Dance will be held on Thursday, December 31, with refreshments--\$10 per person. Dance to the music of the Cherokee Band! Call Club 12, 344-8981, for more information.

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SASH AA GROUP will have its annual Christmas Party in the auditorium (Gym) of the San Antonio State Hospital on December 14, 1987. The Speaker Meeting will start at 7 p.m. with barbeque dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dance to the music of the SASH Band from 8:30 till? Contributions are requested from individual AA members and groups--please mail to:

Jenni
227 Antrim
San Antonio, TX 78218

Any amount will be sincerely appreciated.

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THE ORIGINAL BOERNE AA GROUP will hold its anniversary on Sunday, December 13 beginning with potluck supper at 7 p.m. Out of town speakers will talk at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in the basement of St. Helena's Episcopal Church on North Main Street, Boerne.

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CLEAN & SOBER DANCE at the ARC--Saturday, December 5, after the 8:15 p.m. meeting. \$1.00 donation per person. The first Saturday of every month thereafter, the ARC will have a dance. Y'all Come!!

GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Club 12, November 15, 1987

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Gary L., Chairman, with the Serenity Prayer. The GSR Attendance book was passed for signing. Forty-two persons were present. The CSO guidelines were read by Jim B., followed by the Twelve Traditions. New GSR's were recognized and reminded to contact their DCM's; literature on the table was pointed out and recommended that everyone take some. Everyone was reminded that only GSR's or alternates are eligible to vote in the election for three new Admin Board members. The October minutes were approved as published in the November NIGHTCAP. The meeting was turned over to Fred D., Admin Bd Chairman, who asked for committee reports.

Wayne B., Finance Chairman, presented the financial statement for October, explaining and reviewing the report. James H., H&I Chairman, asked for volunteers to take meetings to participating hospitals and institutions (see list below). CPC Chairman, still vacant. Dee S., Editorial Chairman, present, no report. Mailing Chairman, Jack S., absent, but sent report that 1,072 NIGHTCAPS were mailed for November plus 5 out of US. Larry W., alternate Chairman for Penal Committee, reported Penal Committee will be listed internationally from New York. Women are still needed to take the message to prisons. Don T. reported that two new men and one new woman had been accepted to carry the message; the committee has approximately \$500 in the literature fund and asked groups to continue sending money for literature. Tom B., Jail Committee reported that there are now no women taking the message to jails. They are needed and anyone interested please call Tom at 525-1932. Public Information Chairman, Jerri McC., reported that she needs teenaged alcoholics with at least 1 year of sobriety to carry the message to schools. Any one interested, please call CSO and leave message. She also reported that she had received no donations for the SASH AA Group Christmas Party, as requested in the November NIGHTCAP. Checks should be made payable to SASH AA Christmas Party and sent to Jerri at 227 Antrim, San Antonio, TX 78218.

OLD BUSINESS: Gary L. reported that Carolyn B. has accepted the chairmanship for the Speaker's Bureau. Persons wishing to be on this list or needing a speaker for an AA meeting, please contact CSO and leave message for Carolyn.

NEW BUSINESS: Gary L. recognized nominees selected by the nominating committee for new Board members: Danna G., Bob T., Charlie C., Wilson P. There were 28 eligible voters present. Ballots were distributed and votes counted resulting in Danna G., Charlie C., and Wilson P. being elected. Fred D. was thanked for his services for the past 2 years that he has served on the Board.

DCM REPORTS: 1-A--Absent, no report; 1-B--Absent, no report; 1-C--Fred D. reported that Larry W. has been elected as the new DCM with Jeannie B. as Alternate; 1-D--Fred D. reported that the Ella Austin Community Center requested an AA group be started at 1023 N. Pine St.; this meeting will be held on Wednesdays, the first to be held on Nov. 18. He asked for AA members support. 1-E--Gary L., Alt. DCM present, no report; 1-F--Absent, no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Goliad Group will have Christmas party on December 20th and will sponsor a dance at the ARC on December 5th (see announcement). CSO will be closed on Christmas Day. New San Antonio Meeting Directories are at CSO.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS--DECEMBER

ARC.....Group 12, 5:30 Happy Hr.
Afton Oaks.....Marymont Group
Salvation Army.....Summit Roundtable
SW General Hosp.....(Dropped)
Charter Real.....Northwest Group
Casa del Sol.....Downtown Group

Monday Detox.....Goliad Group
SASH.....Southside Group
Parkside Lodge.....Stahl Rd Group
Humana Metro.....Brookhollow Group
Thursday Detox.....Abundance Group
Our Lady of the Spirit.SW Loop Group

AFTER-HOURS TELEPHONE DUTY--DECEMBER

NOV 30-DEC 06: Group 12
DEC 14-DEC 20: Freedom Group

DEC 07-DEC 13: Survivors Group
DEC 21-DEC 27: Callaghan Road Group

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn F., Secretary



"Happy Holidays"

**Your Special
INVITATION**

*to visit your Central Service
Office during the Holiday Season*

HOW MANY MEETINGS IS ENOUGH?

Ninety meetings in 90 days? Whose idea is this?

Newcomers to AA often ask "How many meetings do I have to attend?" This is very hard to answer, in fact, impossible. Each person has to decide that for him or herself.

Here are some things to think about in making that decision. For example:

- 1. How much time did I spend drinking? Am I willing to spend that much time to save my life thru AA?*
- 2. How uncomfortable do I feel on days when I do not go to a meeting?*
- 3. How often do I have an urge to drink?*
- 4. What does my sponson suggest?*
- 5. Wouldn't it be better to go to a lot of meetings until I feel comfortable and then cut down a little?*

In the pamphlet, "44 Questions," we can read: (Page 13) "Are there any rules in AA?...The absence of rules, regulations, or musts is one of the unique features of AA as a local group and as a worldwide fellowship. There are no bylaws that say a member has to attend a certain number of meetings within a given period."

(Page 19) "How often do AA members have to attend meetings?...It is purely a matter of individual preference and need. Most members arrange to attend at least one meeting a week ...others attend a meeting nearly every night."

The important thing is to keep coming back! It has been working since June 10, 1935!

Anonymous

IS AA TRIPLE A?

Yes, AA is AAA. That's how I heard it explained recently at a meeting.

"A" is for Attitude. My attitude needs to be one of willingness. Willingness to listen and to learn.

The second "A" is for Availability. I need to be available to chair meetings, to sponson others, and to stick around after meetings.

The third "A" is for Action. In order to get the full benefit from AA, I need to get involved. Just going to meetings is not enough. I need to work the Steps thoroughly, do service work and, most importantly, carry the message that AA really does work!

Yes, AA is triple A--AAA

Anonymous

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HIGHLAND GROUP ANNIVERSARY

The Highland AA Group will celebrate its 37TH Anniversary on January 20th, 1988, at 8:15 p.m. The address is 502 Kayton Avenue.

The chairman will be Morgan G. The AA speaker will be Jack H. from Houston; the Al-Anon speaker will be Adrian Z.

See the January issue of THE NIGHTCAP for more information.

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MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CSO

The Central Service Office is very grateful for the volunteers we have; however, we do need more to answer the AA "hotline" between the hours of 3 to 6 p.m. If you have at least 1 year of sobriety in AA and can spare 3 hours per week--and feel that you can talk to people with love and understanding when they call in, please come in and talk to us!

Thanks, Dee S.

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FOR AA MEMBERS WANTING TO
GO TO JAIL!!!!

In Memoriam

There is a Women's AA meeting at the Bexar County Jail on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. More women members are needed. There are plans to start another women's meeting on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. after the first of the year.

There is a Men's AA meeting held at the Bexar County Jail on Mondays at 7:15 p.m.

Anyone interested in "going to jail," call the Central Service Office and give your name and phone number. Qualifications are: 1 year sobriety and no felonies on your record.

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NEW MEETINGS+NEW GROUPS+CHANGES

The first AA meeting was held at the Ella Austin Community Center at 1023 N. Pine, on Wednesday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m. There was a good turn-out! There will be a 5:30 meeting every Wednesday and your attendance and participation is invited. All treatment centers are welcome to bring their alcoholic patients. The meeting is held on the second floor of the building in the Board room--free coffee!!

The Recovery Group is new and meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at 620 E. Afton Oak Blvd. (Afton Oaks Hospital). For more information, call Melissa B. at 494-1060.

The Freedom Group has a new meeting at 8:15 on Mondays in the building across the street from the regular meeting--(San Pedro Presbyterian Church). The regular meeting got so big that they had to split up. The regular meeting is still held in the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church.

The Eastside AA Group is new and meets on Mondays at 8:15 p.m. at the Antioch Baptist Church, 1001 N. Walters. This is an Open-Discussion meeting. The phone number at the church is 225-2452.

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WE STILL NEED OLD GRAPEVINES TO CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE JAILS AND PRISONS. PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE. THANKS!

FLO S., long-time member of AA, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, after a short illness. She will certainly be missed by those of us who knew her.

TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY AND OUR PRAYERS THAT THEIR BEREAVEMENT MAY BE TEMPERED BY REFLECTIVE THOUGHT UPON THE HAPPINESS SHARED.

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Ben Franklin says..."One today is worth two tomorrows."

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Braunfels Group that met at their 24-Hour Club has moved. The new address of the 24-Hour Club is 1142 Eikel Street, New Braunfels. The new address is easy to find: Take the Walnut Street Exit off of IH-35, turn left to go under freeway--go to Eikel Street and turn left again. Club House is on the right-hand side of street. The meeting schedule is: Every night at 8 p.m. and every day at 12 noon except Sunday. The meeting is held at 11 a.m. on Sunday. All meetings are OPEN except on Monday Night--it is CLOSED. The AA phone number is 625-0057.

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THE SALLY GROUP

The Sally Group invites anyone who can to visit with them on Wednesday nights at 8:15. They really need "body" support. They meet at 1324 S. Flores. Contact Corky N. at 223-6877 for more information.

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"AA works for people who believe in God.

AA works for people who don't believe in God.

AA never works for people who believe that they are God."

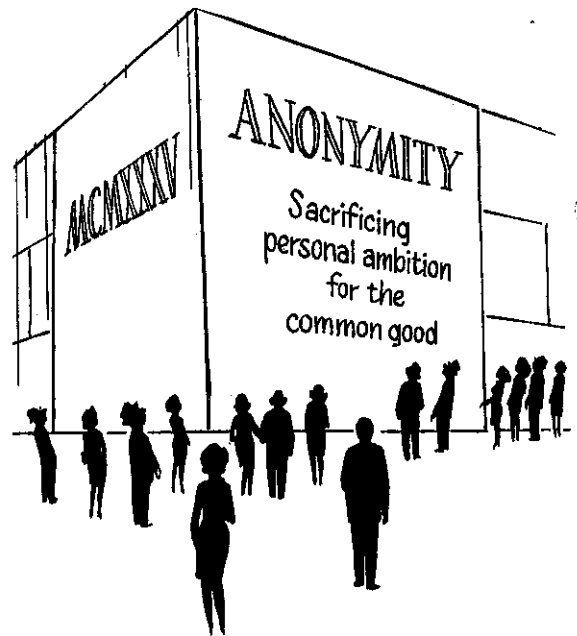
Anonymous

***The darkest hour is only 60 minutes long.

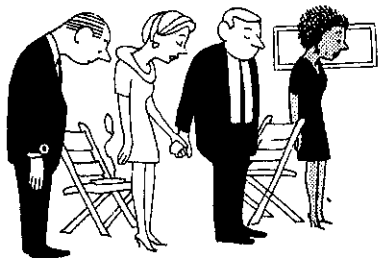
The Twelfth Tradition

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Let us always remember that anonymity—not taking credit for our own or others' recovery—is humility at work.



Anonymity, as we observe it in A.A., is at root a simple expression of humility. When we use the Twelve Steps to recover from alcoholism, we are *each* trying to achieve real humility, to put our self-respect on a solid base of truth, rather than on fantasies about ourselves. When we use the Twelve Traditions to work together in A.A., we are *all* trying to achieve humility: as individual members, by recognizing our true place in A.A.; as a fellowship, by recognizing A.A.'s true place in the world.



Tradition One reminds each of us that we are not recovering on our own, that we should control our personal desires and ambitions in order to guard the unity of our group and our Fellowship. We ought not (Tradition Two) fancy ourselves as big shots in A.A., no matter what office we hold.

All of us are just alcoholics together, and in our groups we are not entitled (Tradition Three) to rule on the qualifications of other alcoholics seeking the same help that we've had. Yes, a group needs humility, too. It may make its name public, but in the *spirit* of anonymity it should see the Whatever Group as merely part of a bigger whole (Tradition Four), careful in every enterprise to consider the welfare of all the other groups that make up A.A. In both group and individual activities, we should remember what the full name of our Fellowship is. It does not represent any established religion, nor is it a new religion. We are not evangelists or gurus out to save humanity; we are anonymous alcoholics trying to help other alcoholics (Tradition Five).

In the rising battle against alcoholism, we ought not let our pride in A.A. mislead us into linking our Fellowship with other agencies, in order to bid for a share in their power, prestige, and funds. If we keep Traditions Six and Seven in mind, we will instead direct all our efforts toward A.A.'s own unique purpose.

When we go on Twelfth Step calls, we should not tell ourselves how noble we are for doing such valuable work without pay. The meaning of Twelfth Step work cannot be measured in money (Tradition Eight), and we *have* received advance pay for it, in coin of far greater worth—our very lives. In the same Tradition, it's suggested that a service center maintains A.A. humility by paying its employees decent wages—rather than considering A.A. so virtuous an outfit that employment there is a favor.

When we are given special responsibilities within A.A., Tradition Nine defines these as opportunities to *serve*, not titles to flaunt. The humility of the Fellowship itself is safeguarded by Tradition Ten, with the refusal to set ourselves up as general authorities, swinging our collective weight around in the public arena.

We do not want to sell our program as a "surefire remedy" in the extravagant terms of a promotional campaign (Tradition Eleven), nor dramatize it by identifying noted people in A.A., thereby implying that recovery has been for each of us an individual accomplishment. As Tradition Twelve reminds us, we have something stronger than our human personalities to rely on. Our principles come first—and they are not our own invention. They reflect eternal spiritual values. With this Tradition, both as individuals and as a fellowship, we humbly acknowledge our dependence on a power higher than ourselves.



December Birthdays

(These are the ones reported to CSO by various AA Groups--If yours isn't here, complain to your Group Secretary!)

1 Year

Leslie C.
Gerald G.
Nancy T.
Corky C.
Molly W.
Rich H.
Michelle W.
Tommy T.
Michael C.
Nancy K.
Guy K.
Bess G.
Virginia C.
Pat H.

5 Years

Jim B.
Richard H.

6 Years
David P.
Alice S.
Joseph M.
Patsy O.
Bill V.
Harriet K.
Marie H.
Kevin C.
Ralph I.

13 Years

Rosemary B.

14 Years

Pat O'B.

15 Years

Jack L.

18 Years

Faye S.

19 Years

Buddy B.

20 Years

Margaret W.

28 Years

Buster B.

31 Years

Morgan G.
L. C. T.

32 Years

Darrell T.

36 Years

Bob R.

BELATED--NOVEMBER

Larry B., 7 Years
Jan G., 7 Years



CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL OF

YOU!

Thanks for letting us share your SPECIAL DAY!!

We only show two contributors to the Birthday Plan for October (see page 9). Your birthday contribution of only \$1 per year of sobriety would not be missed by you and it would be of great help in supporting YOUR Central Service Office! OR, if you prefer to send your \$1 per year to the General Service Office in New York, your CSO has pre-addressed, postage free envelopes for GSO. Just come in and pick one up. We also accept 1¢ per day of sobriety at CSO if you had rather contribute this way--THANKS, FOR ANY WAY YOU WANT TO DO IT!!!

Remember, we do have some new items for birthday, anniversary, and, now that the season is upon us, gifts for Christmas giving--cherry wood Bic lighter covers, covers for Big Books, 12 & 12 regular and gift edition--some have the AA symbol on the front; some have the Serenity Prayer. Come in and browse!!

2 Years

Richard L.
Andy L.
Roger H.
Collin A.
Charles S.
Tom B.

Cheryl H.
Carol P.
Terri P.
Charlie O.
Judith P.
Jerry L.

3 Years

Robert N.
Holly B.
Cindy B.
James K.
Robert P.
Lewis T.
Don T.
Lois G.

4 Years

Sue McN.
Roy G.

7 Years

Carolyn P.
Daniel B.
Joyce G.

8 Years

Mary Anne K.

9 Years

Mel S.
Rita S.

10 Years

Nick St. J.
David E.

11 Years

David T.
Pinky M.

12 Years

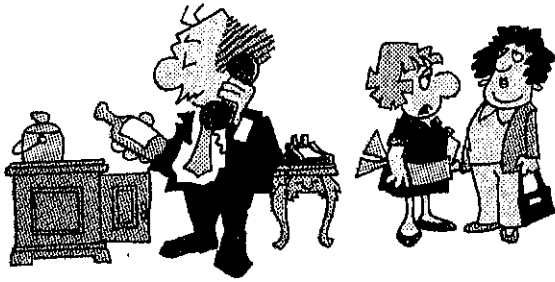
Joe N.
Nancy W.
Reyes S.
Len N.



DECEMBER 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Starlite Birthdays Dance at the ARC
6	7	8	9	10 Medina Valley Group Birthdays	11	12 Club 12 Games Night
13 Boerne Group Anniversary.	14	15 CSO Admin Bd Meeting 7 p.m.	16	17	18 Birthday Night at Club 12. Birthdays at Club 12.	19 Christmas Dance at Winners Club.
20 GSR Meeting Club 12, 7 p.m. Golliad Group's Traditional Christmas Dinner, 6 p.m.	21	22	23	24 North San Pedro Group Birthdays.	25 BIRTHDAYS AT: Southwest Loop, El Libro Grande, Downtown, Freedom, Colonies North, Schertz, Brookwood & Marymont; Potluck dinner at Marymont & Downtown-Alamo Club.	26 BIRTHDAYS AT: Winners Club, Lambda Group, Audubon Group, Lambda Potluck
27	28 Alamo Heights Birthday	29 Birthday Night at Windcrest, Valley Hi, & Fresh Start Groups.	30 Birthdays at Park North & Northwood Groups.	31 Southside Group and New Acceptance Group Birthdays. Dances at Club 12 and Winners Club		

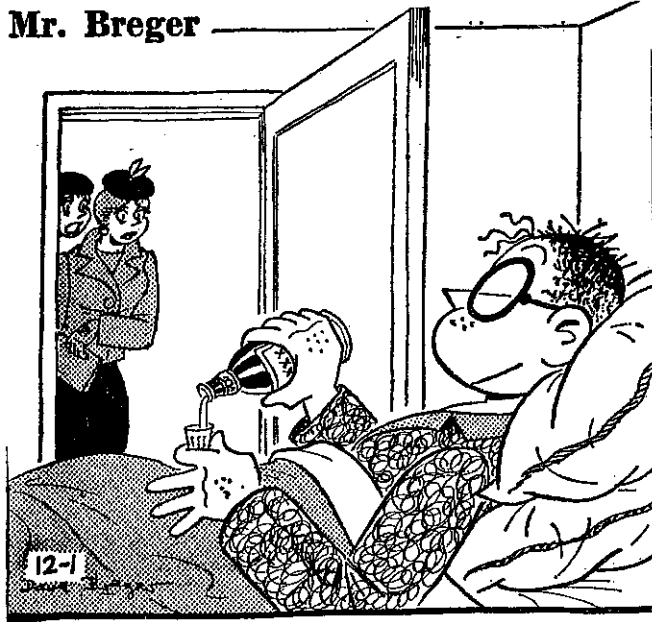




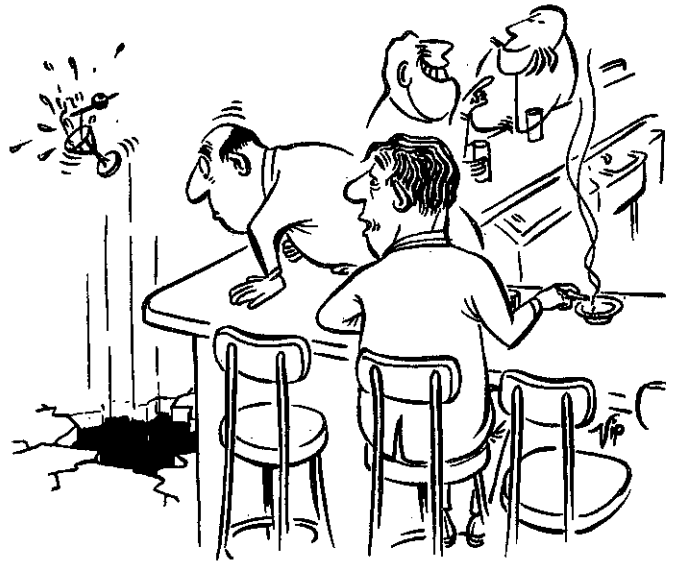
"LEROY THINKS THE ALCOHOLIC HOT LINE IS A DELIVERY SERVICE."

THE LOCKHORNS

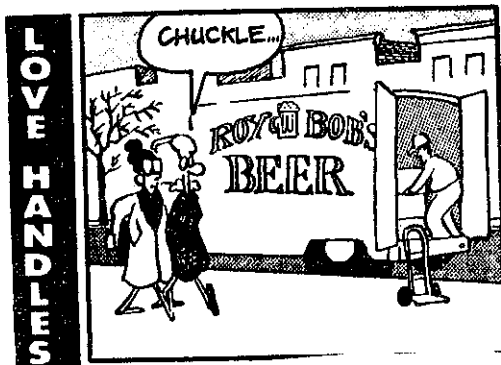
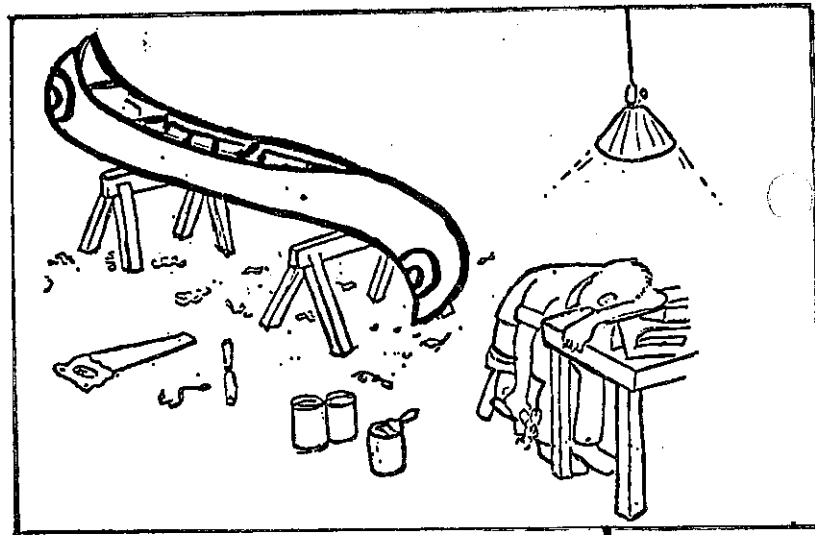
Mr. Breger



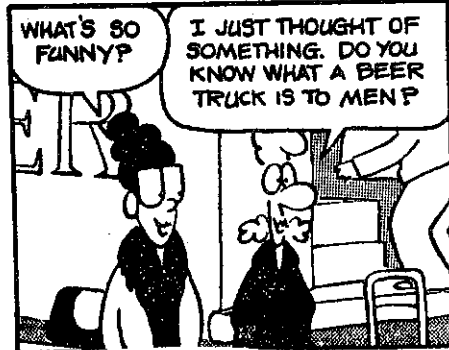
"He's fighting a cold—with round twelve coming up..."



"He always was a very heavy drinker."



LOVE HANDLES



WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING. DO YOU KNOW WHAT A BEER TRUCK IS TO MEN?



MEALS-ON-WHEELS.

Thanks to "THE PICK ME UP"
Wichita, Kansas

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