



# The Nightcap

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## CONVENTION CLIPBOARD

- JAN 9-11: 13th Annual Lower Rio Grande Valley AA Jamboree, Ft Brown Motor Hotel, Brownsville, TX. Write Chairperson, Box 5453, Brownsville, TX 78520.
- JAN 9-11: 25th Annual Southeast Texas Area Conference, Hyatt Regency West, Houston, TX. Write Treasurer, Box 459, Stafford, TX 77477-0459.
- JAN 9-11: Tyler's Big 40th Anniversary. Write Chairman, 2514 Malabar, Tyler, TX 75701.
- JAN 16-18: 17th Mid-Winter Conference. Write Chairman, Box 5751, Midland, TX 79704.
- JAN 23-25: 3rd Yellow Rose Conference; Lakeview. Write Chairman, Box 1470, Cleveland, TX 77327.
- FEB 12-15: 23rd National AA Women's Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Write NAAWC, P. O. Box 11432, Sta E, Albuquerque, NM 87192.
- FEB 13-15: 25th Annual El Paso AA Jamboree, El Paso, TX. Write Jamboree Secretary, P. O. Box 1405, El Paso, TX 79948.
- MAR 13-15: 8th Annual Las Vegas Young People's Round-Up of Alcoholics Anonymous. Write Round-Up Committee, P. O. Box 60657, Las Vegas, Nevada 89160.
- APR 3-5: Weekend in SA with AA! See page 2 for details.  
(For more detailed information on all of the above, please call CSO.)

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THE NEW SAN ANTONIO MEETING DIRECTORY IS AT THE PRINTER AT THIS WRITING. IT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. THEY WILL SELL FOR 10¢ EACH.

## 36TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The members of the HIGHLAND GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous invite you to the 36th Anniversary of the founding of their group to be held on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, at 8:15 p.m.

The Highland Group meets at 502 Kayton at Palmetto Street, in the Aldersgate Methodist Church.

Betty Z. is anniversary chairman and the speaker has been changed from Rev. David S. to C. W. S. of Georgetown, Texas.

For an evening of good old-fashioned AA, make it a MUST to attend! This group always serves refreshments at all their meetings, but there will be something special for this special event! Everyone is welcome!

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

The Public Information Committee of the Central Service Office needs someone to handle the media contacts for the PI committee.

Requirements: Two years sobriety in AA.

Also, should attend the Administrative Board meeting once a month and the CSOC-GSR meeting the third Sunday of each month.

Please contact your Central Service Office if you are interested and have the time.

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CONGRATULATIONS FOR STAYING SOBER DURING THE HOLIDAYS!!!

# Weekend in S.A. with A.A.

P. O. Box 16845  
San Antonio, Texas 78216

Come help us get A.A. in San Antonio going.  
In years to come, you will have the bragging rights  
of sharing with us, San Antonio's first Weekend  
Conference for A.A.'s, Alanons, and Alateens.

**Fri., April 3, thru Sun., April 5, 1987**

Marathon Meetings will start the Conference  
off Friday at 3 p.m.

## SPEAKERS:

Patricia G. & Shirley G. - Alanon & A.A. from Lubbock	Phil P. - Newport Beach, CA. Cliff R. - Oceanside, CA.
Fr. David D. - Fresno, CA.	Lindy L. - Huntington Beach, CA.

Alanon Luncheon  
Nell L. - Waurika, OK.

## Sat. Nite Banquet & Dance

La Mansion del Norte has blocked off rooms for our Conference. Please  
identify yourself with the Conference when making your reservations.

37 N.E. LOOP 410  
SAN ANTONIO, TX. 78216

For Reservations: Texas No. 1-800-292-7300  
U. S. No. 1-800-531-7208

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### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

BADGE NAME _____
BADGE NAME _____
CHECK: <input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN

REGISTRATION & DANCE \$15.00  
ALANON LUNCHEON      15.00  
BANQUET      20.00  
ALATEEN REGISTRATION      2.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
CHAIRMAN, WEEKEND IN S.A.  
P. O. Box 16845  
San Antonio, TX 78216

# GSR Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
CLUB 12, DECEMBER 21, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman, Donna T., with the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read by Red K. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read. Twenty-nine people were present; new GSR's and Board members were introduced.

Administrative Board reports were presented as follows: Financial--Wayne B. reported group contributions were down by about \$300 for the month of November; literature sales were down by about \$600; salaries were lower than normal; steady drop in cash situation due to increase in rent, giving away the Nightcap, major purchases, but not a critical situation. Mentioned that inventory will be taken on December 30 at 7 p.m. and help is needed. H&I: Cindy B. reported that SAMM Shelter wants meetings again and she had contacted the new Hill Country Hospital on Pat Booker & 1604, who wants meeting brought there but they haven't decided on the night. Mailing: Absent. Editorial: Dee S. gave the mailing report saying 1,038 Nightcaps were mailed for December and some were returned. Stressed the fact that when one is returned due to wrong address, it costs CSO 22 cents. Please notify CSO if your address changes. Public Information: Jerri McC. absent. Dave S. said another PI person is needed to handle media as Lalo A. had to resign. Penal: Don S. had to resign; John R. has been appointed to fill this position. John reported that after the 1st of the year he will contact those members cleared to go to TDC and will start going once or twice a month--would also like to start an AA Group for those just getting out of prison. Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC): Gordon M. has been appointed as chairman of this new committee. Dave read the Admin Board meeting minutes of 12-16-86 which headlined the up-coming 3-day convention in April 1987. It will kick-off with a marathon meeting and will need group participation to fill up all the hours.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Only new business was to get after-hour phone volunteers for January.

DCM Reports: 1-A: Absent.  
1-B: Absent.  
1-C: Absent.  
1-D: Present, no report.  
1-E: Present and reported a new group of young people called "Fresh Start" needs help. It meets on Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. at the Southwest General Hospital on Barlite.  
1-F: Absent.

Announcements: May W. asked for permanent members to attend the Fort Sam Group which meets on Monday and Thursday. It was announced that CSO is having Service Work meetings on Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. presently on the Concepts. New meeting directories will be available next week. A new PI person is needed to take care of media. SA Council on Alcoholism will handle Cab Care from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. on New Years Eve. CSO will be closed December 25 and January 1. Club 12 will have "open house" from Dec 23 through Jan 1st; Christmas Day they will have food all day long starting at noon. The Downtown group will have "open house" with refreshments on Christmas Day.

## HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS MEETINGS FOR JANUARY

Monday Detox: Morning After Group  
Charter Real: Villa Rosa Group  
Thursday Detox: Abundance Group  
Chest Hospital: District 1-D  
ARC: Santa Fe Group  
SAMM Shelter: Laurel Heights Group

SASH: Goliad Group  
SALLY: Fresh Start Group  
Casa del Sol: Group 12  
Brookwood: Group 12  
Our Lady of the Spirit: Group 12

GSR MEETING MINUTES (continued)

AFTER HOURS PHONE DUTY FOR JANUARY

Jan 05-11: Northeast Group  
Jan 12-18: Southwest Group  
Jan 19-25: District 1-E Groups  
Jan 26-Feb 01: Northwest Group

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy H., Acting Sec.

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DISTRICT 1-D MEETING

There will be a District 1-D meeting at the Central Service Office on Saturday, January 10, 1987, at 10 a.m. GSR's and/or Alternate GSR's for the following groups should attend this meeting:

- Fort Sam Houston
- Downtown
- Eisenhauer
- New Life
- Northeast
- Schertz
- Universal City
- Universal City Sunday

Members of the Kirby-Converse Group are also invited.

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NEW GROUPS--NEW MEETINGS

FRESH START is the name chosen for the new AA group that meets in the Southwest General Hospital cafeteria, at 7400 Barlito on Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. This is an Open-Discussion meeting and they could use some help in getting started.

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TOLERANCE MEETING, Colonies North Group, meets on Thursday at 8:15 p.m. The address is 10226 Ironside and Wurzbach, in the Lutheran Church House of Prayer.

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THE PLEASANTON GROUP now meets on Tuesday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. Meeting place is 814 Ohio Street in Pleasanton. If you need more information, call Frank P. at 569-2292.

THE FOLLOWING MAY BE HELPFUL--Cut it out and glue it in your "Big Book" for a ready-reference.

"BIG BOOK" INDEX

- Acceptance--14,449,452
- Anger--64,66,111
- Attitudes--449
- Compassion--108
- Disease--21-23,392,448
- "Easy Does It"--516
- Fear--67-68,115,116
- Freedom--553
- Honesty--58,115,481,482, 507,550
- Humility--12-13,63
- Inventory--64-69
- Insanity--57
- Jealousy--82,119,131
- Meditation--86
- Patience--82,90,111,118, 123,126-127
- Prayer--63,83,85-87,504
- Promises--63,83-84,100, 115-116,120
- Resentments--64,66, 117-119,551
- Recovery--126-127
- Self will--60
- Self knowledge--7
- Selfishness--62
- Sex--68,70,124,134
- Steps--59-60
- Serenity--68,544,551, 552
- Slips--120
- Understanding--570
- Willingness--12-13,26,46-47, 53,57,60,69,70,76, 79,93,118,124,152, 153,158-159,162,218, 229, 503,550

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CLUB 12 EVENTS

Saturday, January 17, Games Night--  
Hot Dogs and Chili from 6 to 7 p.m.  
Games from 7:15 to 10 p.m.

Friday, January 30, Birthday Night.

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"Heard a speaker say that 80% of life is showing up but the other 20% had better be paying attention."  
(Contributed by M. G. J. of California)

- \*1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.
- 2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--aloving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
- 3. The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- 4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.
- 5. Each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 6. An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7. Every AA group ought to be fully selfsupporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9. AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- 10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- 11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
- 12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

**\*THE FIRST TRADITION:** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

Our brother the noisy drunk affords the simplest illustration of this Tradition. If he insists on disrupting the meeting, we "invite" him to leave, and we bring him back when he's in better shape to hear the message. We are putting the "common welfare" first. But it is his welfare, too; if he's ever going to get sober, the group must go on functioning, ready for him.

Yet he is only one rare aspect of the problem. When we do get sober in AA, we shed a few small bits of the Big Ego: We admit, "I can't handle alcohol, and I can't stay away from it on my own." Fine so far! Then we find there is plenty of that Ego still with us. It may lead

us to take other members' inventories and to gossip about their supposed shortcomings. It may lure us into hogging the floor at every discussion meeting.

Oh well, it's a selfish program, isn't it? After all the miseries of active alcoholism, why shouldn't we indulge ourselves a little? We all know one good reason why we shouldn't: Self-indulgence of this kind is an immediate personal danger; it threatens the individual's own sobriety. More than that, it threatens the very basis of our sobriety--the unity of the AA group. For a self-righteous gossip can damage the mutual trust that is vital to every group.

When AA reached the age of 35, the aim was restated in the theme of the 1970 International Convention: This we owe to AA's future:

To place our common welfare first;  
To keep our Fellowship united.  
For on AA unity depend our lives,  
And the lives of those to come.

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### CONTRIBUTING ACCORDING TO TRADITIONS

In accordance with the Seventh Tradition...  
A.A. accepts no outside contributions at any level, and...

In accordance with the Sixth Tradition...  
A.A. makes no contributions to any outside organization or cause, no matter how worthy.

To support A.A.'s essential services, the General Service Conference suggests individual groups follow the 60-30-10 Plan where applicable and practicable.

It works like this:

First take care of basic group expenses (rent, refreshments, A.A. literature and a prudent reserve "emergency" fund).

Divide the remaining funds as follows, or whatever division suits your local needs:

**How your group can use the Regular Contribution Plan to support G.S.O.:**

Using the *suggested* 60-30-10 Plan as a guide, the group contributes on a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly basis, whichever suits best.

**How you as an individual member can contribute to G.S.O.:**

On you A.A. birthday: Contribute \$1.00 for each year of sobriety—or as much as you wish to give (up to \$1,000). Send your individual contributions directly to G.S.O. at any time. You may request that your group be credited. The limit is \$1,000 a year.

**60%** TO:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE**

**CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE**  
103 Renner Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78201

**30%** TO:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **GENERAL FUND**

(Please identify your GROUP by NAME & ID #... if you don't know your group's ID#, look in WESTERN DIRECTORY or ask your DCM)

**A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC.**  
P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

**10%** TO:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **SW TEXAS AREA FUND**

**SW TEXAS AREA FUND**  
P.O. Box 1783  
Rockport, TX 78382

# January Birthdays

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



Happy Birthday  
Feliz Cupleaños

Your Central Service Office  
sells all kinds of AA things  
to give as birthday gifts!

Birthday Cards and Chips,  
Keychains, Big Books, and  
lots of other items! Come  
by today and pick up an AA  
present for your favorite  
AA person!

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

T O Y O U A L L !

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W. Somerset Maugham said: "It is  
very difficult to know people. For men and women  
are not only themselves, they are also the region  
in which they were born, the city apartment or the  
farm in which they learned to walk, the games they  
played as children, the old wives' tales they over-  
heard, the food they ate, the schools they attended,  
the sports they followed, the poets they read, and  
the God they believed in. You can know them only if  
you are them."

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## AA BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTION PLAN

A dollar for each year of sobriety donated to CSO  
automatically makes you a member!

### 39 Years

Forrest E.

### 31 Years

Merle D.

### 28 Years

Dee S.

### 27 Years

Penny B.  
Max B.

### 26 Years

Gene S.

### 24 Years

Bob M.  
Bob W.  
Edwina B.

### 23 Years

Ed B.  
Libby S.  
Jim A.

### 20 Years

Jim B.  
Terry S.

### 18 Years

Gene L.

### 15 Years

John A.  
Ben A.

### 13 Years

Paul T.

### 11 Years

David G.  
Helen T.  
Howard McD.

### 10 Years

Pete C.

### 9 Years

Mary Jean S.  
Derrick D.  
Anne S.

### 8 Years

Shalon T.  
Lee F.  
Bob T.

### 7 Years

Sarah W.  
Debbie P.  
Ann W.

### 6 Years

Robert H.  
Carolyn D.  
Martha C.  
Jim D.

### 5 Years

Linda B.

### 4 Years

Jesse G.  
Arn G.  
Peggy C.  
Ralph M.  
Bob G.  
Nancy B.

### 3 Years

Morris R.  
Tommy G.  
Donna H.

### 2 Years

Carol P.  
Annabelle S.  
Pam K.  
Charles S.  
Ted H.  
Slade C.  
Bob H.  
Michael S.  
Mary C.  
Joan B.  
Maria W.

### 1 Year

Katherin B.  
Edward E.  
David McG.  
Everett B.  
Tim S.  
Spencer V.  
Frank F.  
Renate J.  
Dennis W.  
Rod B.  
Jon K.

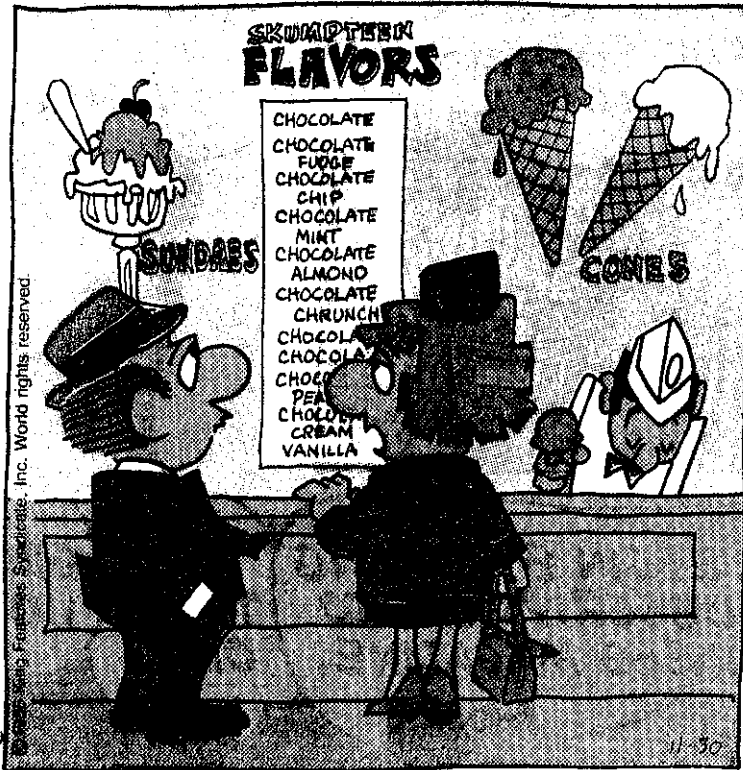
"Everybody needs a hug--it changes your metabolism!"

"Don't be so humble--you're not so great!"

# JANUARY 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 CSO CLOSED	2	3 StarLite Birthday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 District 1-D GSR meeting, 10 a.m. CSO.
11	12	13 CSO Admin Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	14	15	16	17 Club 12 Games
18 GSR Meeting at Club 12, 7 p.m. Golliad BBQ 6 pm	19	20 DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NIGHTCAP	21 Highland Group Anniversary	22	23 Southwest Loop Group Birthdays	24
25 24-Hour Club Dinner	26 Alamo Heights Birthdays	27 Valley-Hi & Windcrest Birthdays	28 Park North, 24-Hr, Northwood Birthdays	29 Southside Group Birthdays	30 El Libro Grande, Downtown, Freedom Colonies North, Brookhollow, Schertz, Group 12, Marymont Birthdays, Marymont Post-Net	31 Winners Club Birthdays; Lambda Potluck & Birthdays

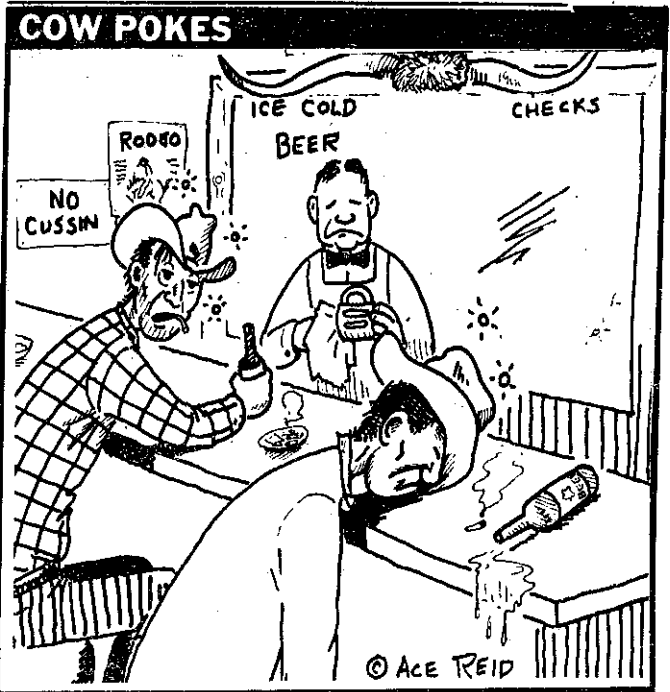
# Jokes \* \* Jokes \* \* Jokes



"FORGET IT, LEROY. RUM-RAISIN IS THE NEAREST THING THEY HAVE TO BOURBON."



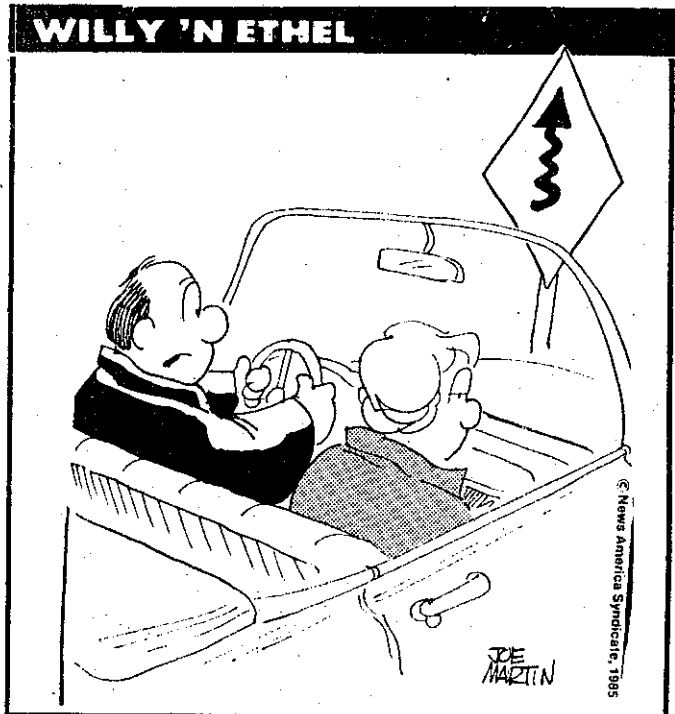
"YOU SAY YOU PUT A CASE OF BEER IN THE ICEBOX? HOW COULD YOU, MARSH, THERE WASN'T ANY ROOM."



"You ready to go somewhere else?"

## OVERHEARD AT MEETINGS

"I was afraid of being brainwashed. After a while, my sponsor asked me, 'Didn't your brain need washing?'"



"Must be a rough town ... they've even got traffic signs for drunken drivers."



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