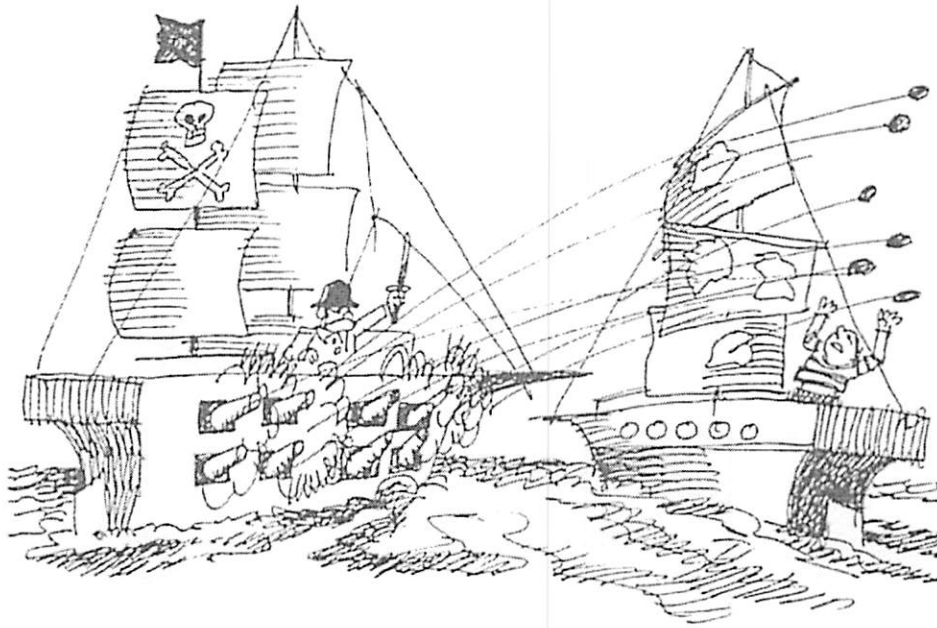


ASSAIL

(ah SAIL) *v.*

to attack violently

Link: SAIL



“A ship’s SAIL being ASSAILED.”

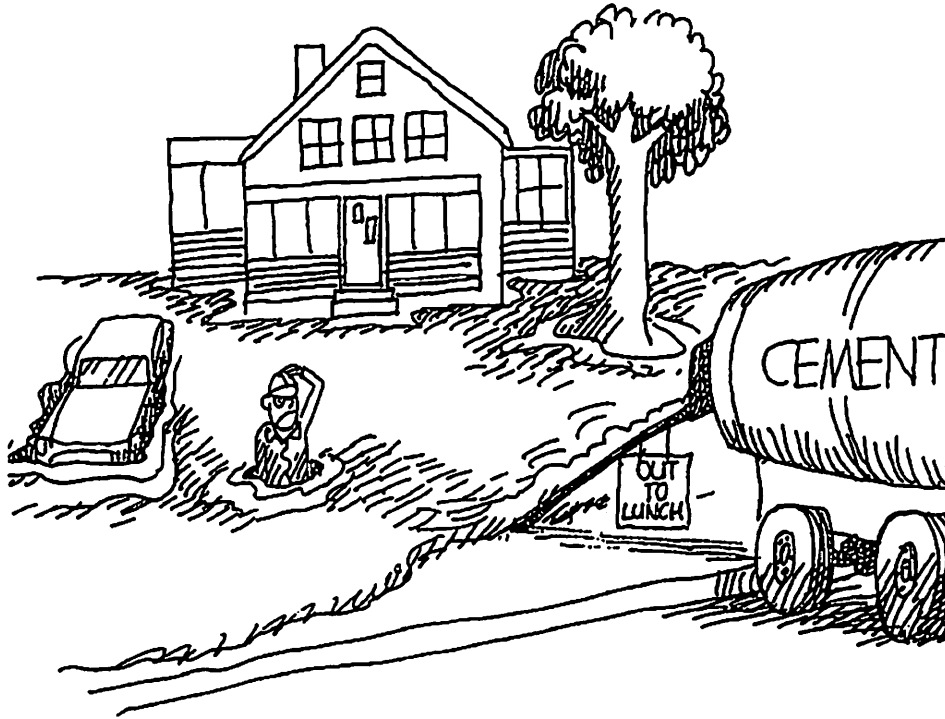
- ☐ The debaters ASSAILED each other with facts, each hoping to persuade the judges to see things his way.
- ☐ While the defendant claims he did not ASSAIL the claimant, he did have bruises to prove otherwise.
- ☐ Music ASSAILED our ears as we walked into the concert hall.

AUGMENT

(awg MENT) *v.*

to make or become greater

Link: CEMENT



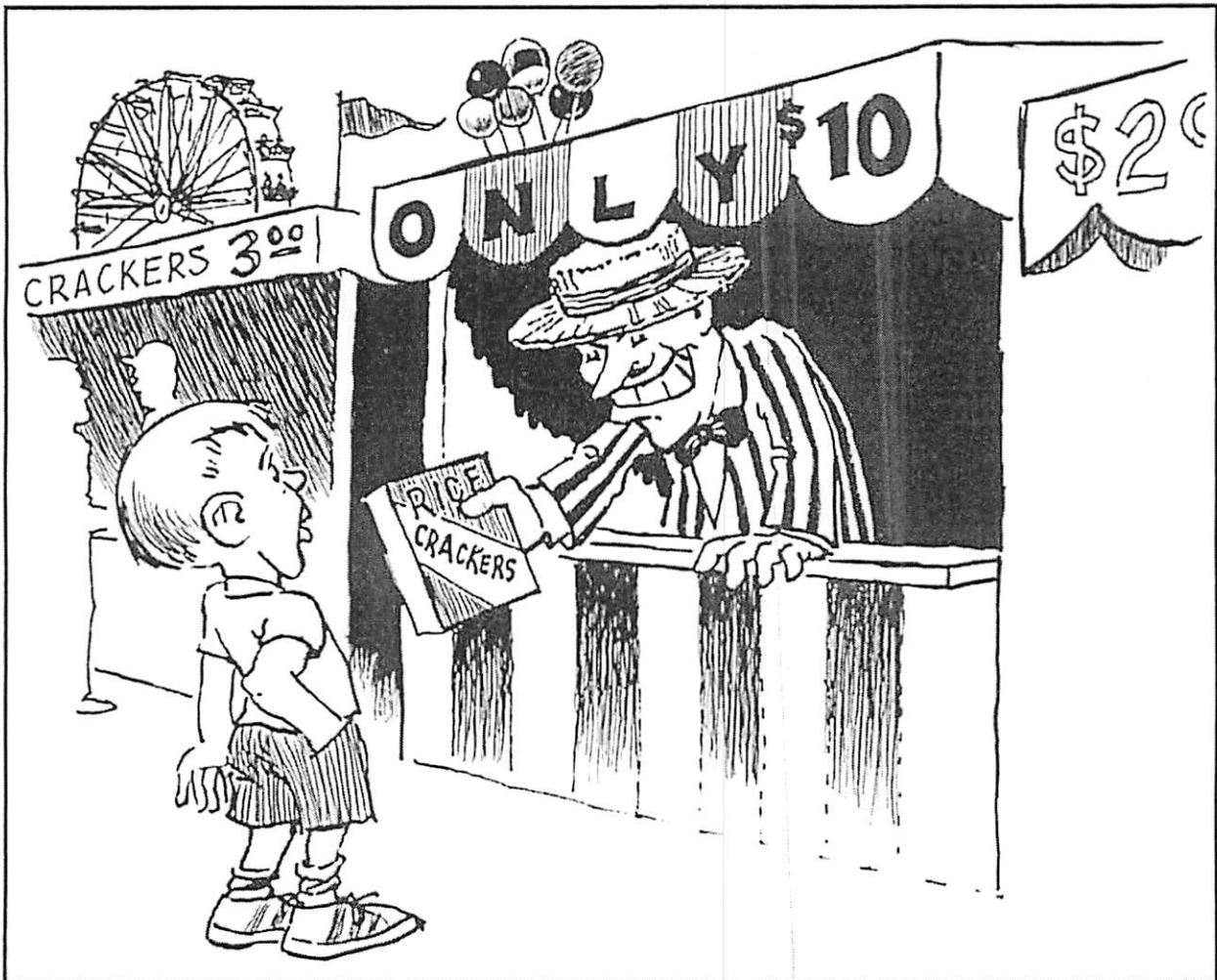
*“How not to AUGMENT a driveway
with CEMENT.”*

- ❑ The king attempted to AUGMENT his army by going into villages and drafting men into service.
- ❑ Jack’s part time job did little to AUGMENT his family’s financial woes.
- ❑ The President AUGMENTED his problems by denying his involvement in any wrong doing.

avarice

(av uh rihs)

Picture this: **have a rice**



“Have a rice cracker; you’re in luck—it’s only ten bucks!” (What avarice!)

avarice

greediness for wealth

- According to psychologists, many gamblers are motivated not by **avarice** but by a need for excitement.
- It was not **avarice** that motivated Joe to work hard to become wealthy so much as a desire for financial security.
- Although Lou was not really an **avaricious** person, he did find the idea of winning the twenty million dollar lottery prize attractive.

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| beguile | |
| <i>(bih guy il)</i> | |

(bih guy il)

Picture this: **be** guy ill



He is to be the guy who is ill and beguile
the nurse from Brazil.

beguile

charm; mislead or delude

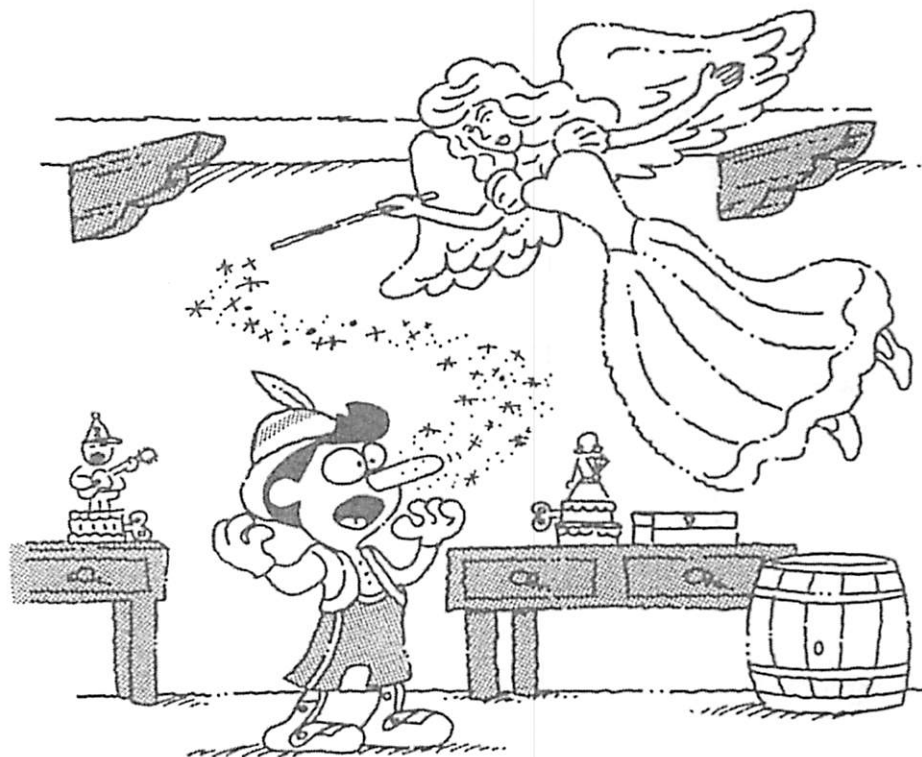
- The conman **beguiled** my mother with a sob story about how his child needed money for an operation.
- Many British soldiers enlisted in the army in World War I because they were **beguiled** by the idea of taking part in a quick and glorious victory.
- A good magician uses a number of tricks to **beguile** his audience into believing that what they're seeing is real.

CHIDE

(chide)

scold; reprove

Link: LIED



*"The good fairy CHIDED Pinocchio
because he LIED."*

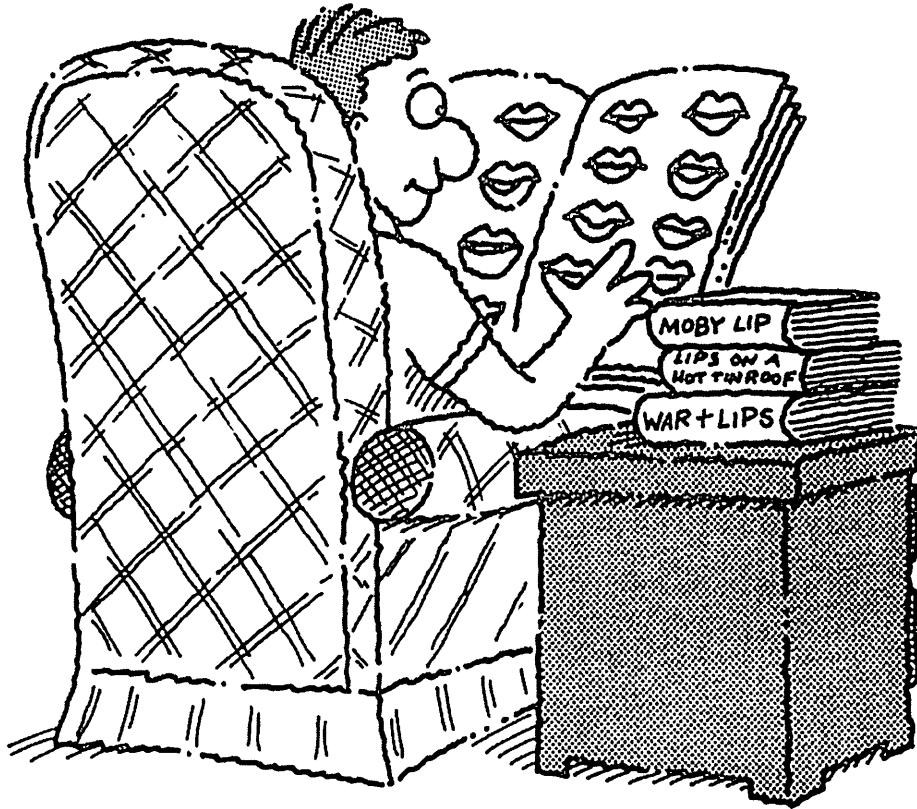
- ☐ When Bobby threw his toys against the wall, his father CHIDED him for his bad temper.
- ☐ I don't mind being CHIDED for things I did, but I hate being CHIDED for what my sneaky sister Elizabeth did.
- ☐ The sergeant told the private that he was going to CHIDE him each time he didn't properly clean his rifle.

DEFT

(deft)

dexterous, skillful

Link: DEAF



"The DEAF are DEFT at reading lips."

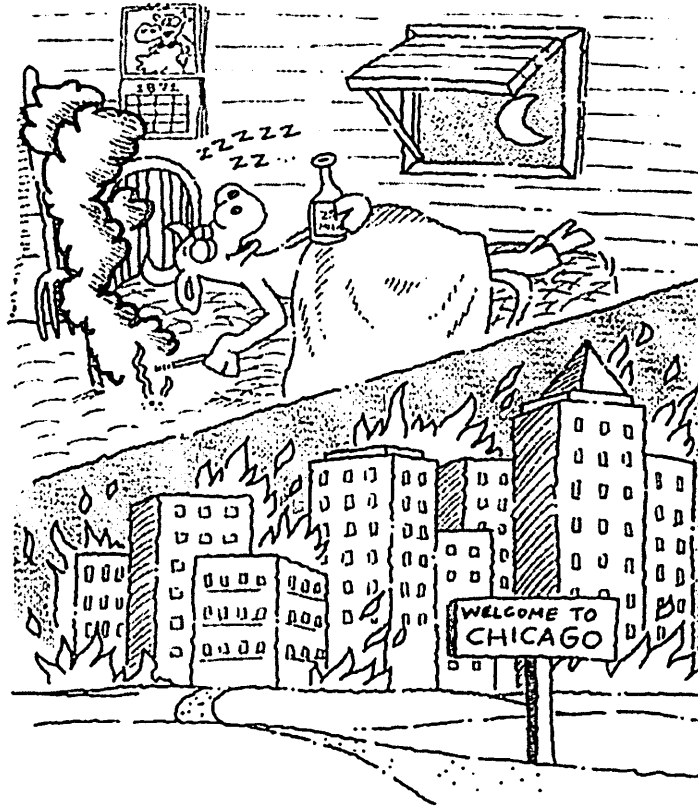
- ❑ The quarterback DEFTLY avoided the linebacker's rush while calmly throwing a touchdown pass.
- ❑ In one DEFT move, the policeman subdued the thief and took him to the ground.
- ❑ The magician was so DEFT with a pack of cards that he could deal off the bottom with everyone watching, and no one was the wiser.

DIRE

(DYE ur) *adj.*

disastrous; desperate

Link: FIRE



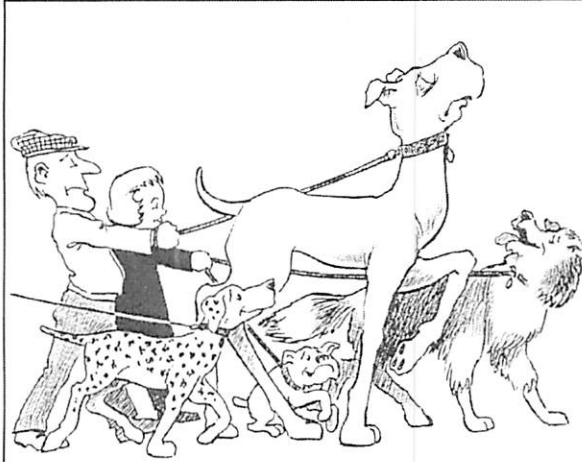
"A DIRE FIRE."

- ❑ The hurricane struck the Florida Keys with DIRE results, all the buildings were flattened.
- ❑ After the girls' wallets were stolen on vacation, they were in DIRE straits; they had no money, no shelter, and not even a quarter to call home.
- ❑ Jeff's DIRE predictions about a stock market crash unfortunately came true, and now everyone in his family is broke.

disdain

(dis dayne)

Picture this: **this Dane**



This Dane has **disdain** for the Collie,
the Pug, and the Dalmatian.

disdain

scorn

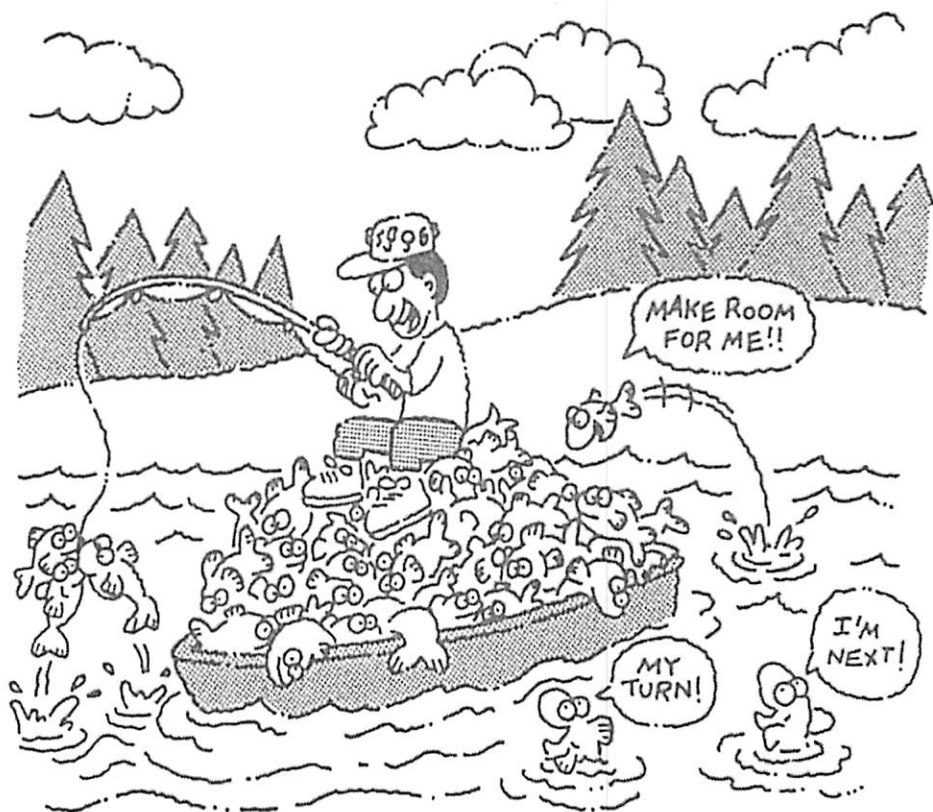
- The soldier was treated with **disdain** by his comrades because he fled the battle after the first shot was fired.
- Dishonest individuals are regarded with **disdain** by most people.
- In summarizing what the convicted man had done, the judge made no attempt to hide her **disdain** for a person who would abandon his own children.

FRAUGHT

(fraught)

teeming with; laden; full;
involving; accompanied by

Link: CAUGHT



*"Eric CAUGHT a boatload in
a lake FRAUGHT with fish."*

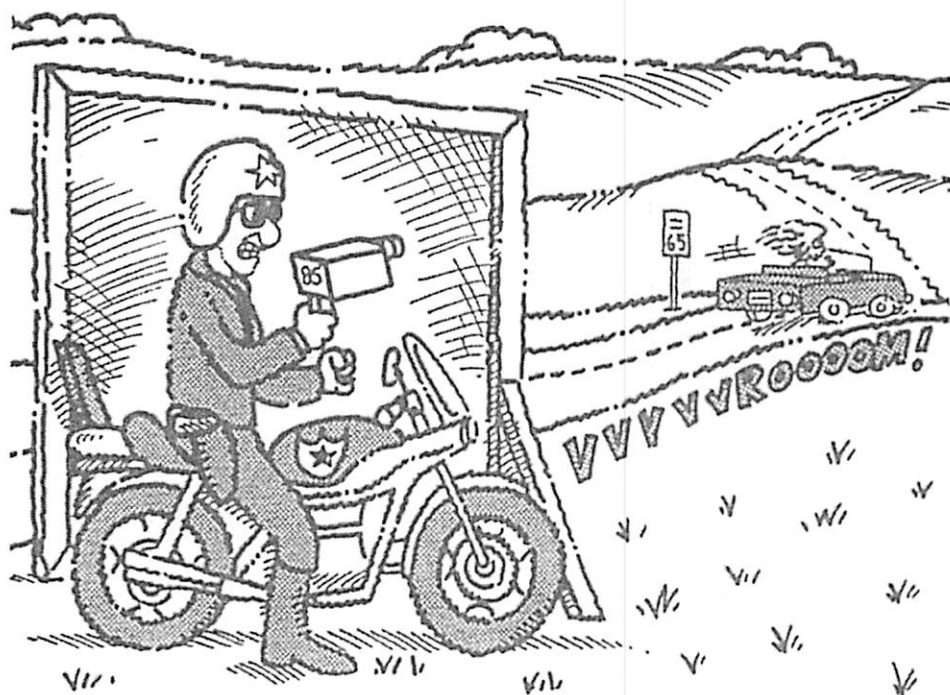
- ☐ The freighter was FRAUGHT with cargo.
- ☐ Although Mark Twain's books were FRAUGHT with humor, they nevertheless drove home good advice for their readers, young and old.
- ☐ FRAUGHT with guilt about losing her temper with the children, Mary tried to make it up to them by treating them to ice cream after supper.

IMPEDE

(im PEED)

to obstruct or interfere with;
to delay

Link: SPEED



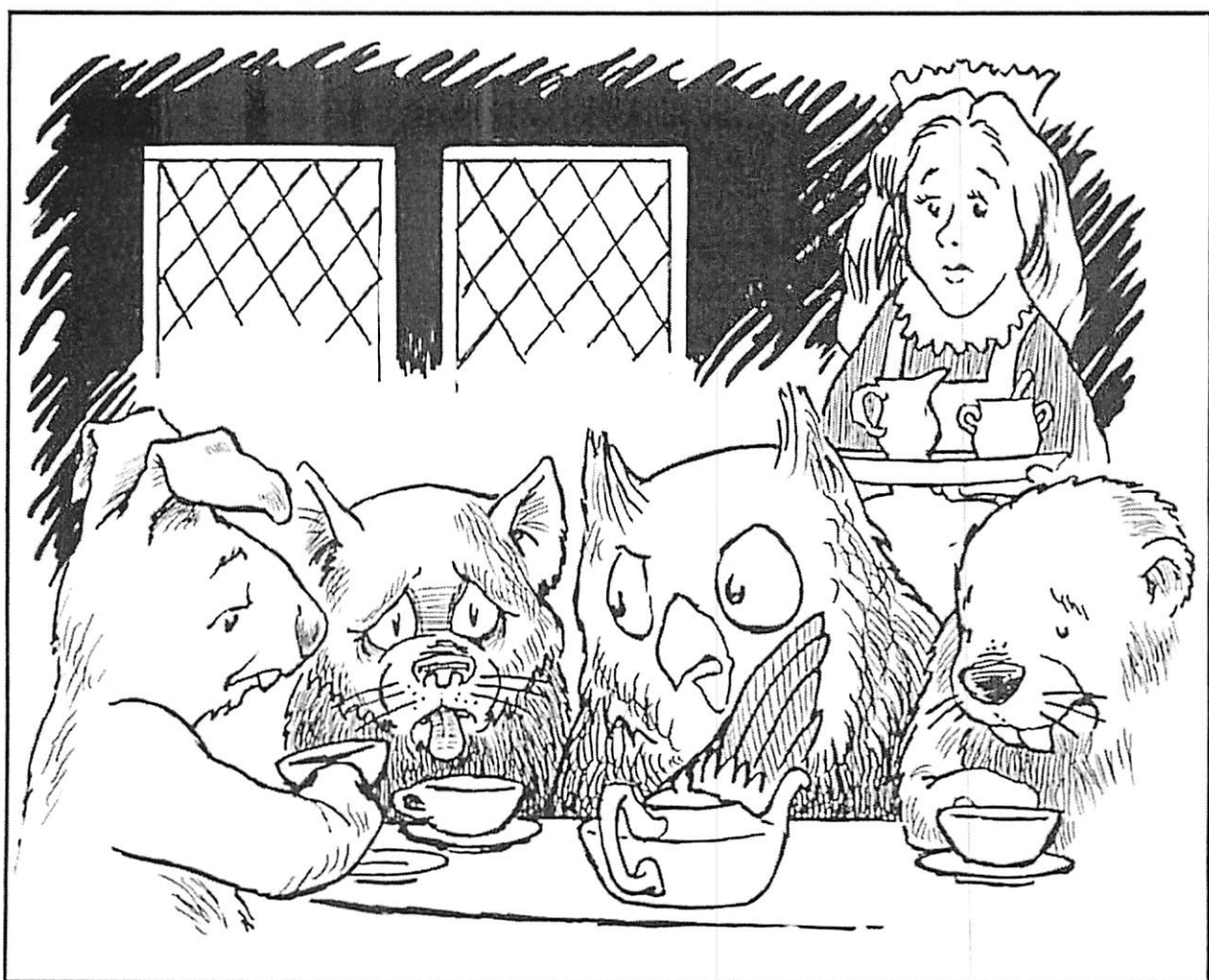
*"The job of highway patrolmen is to
IMPEDE SPEEDING motorists."*

- ☐ He was only my uncle, but he always told me no matter what, not to let anyone IMPEDE my ambition to go to medical school.
- ☐ (Something that IMPEDES is an IMPEDIMENT.) As a hopeful runner on the school track team, James Carver's biggest IMPEDIMENT to his foot speed was his short legs.

integrity

(in teg rih tee)

Picture this: in tea gritty



“In her tea is some gritty stuff.
She has no integrity!”

integrity

uprightness; wholeness

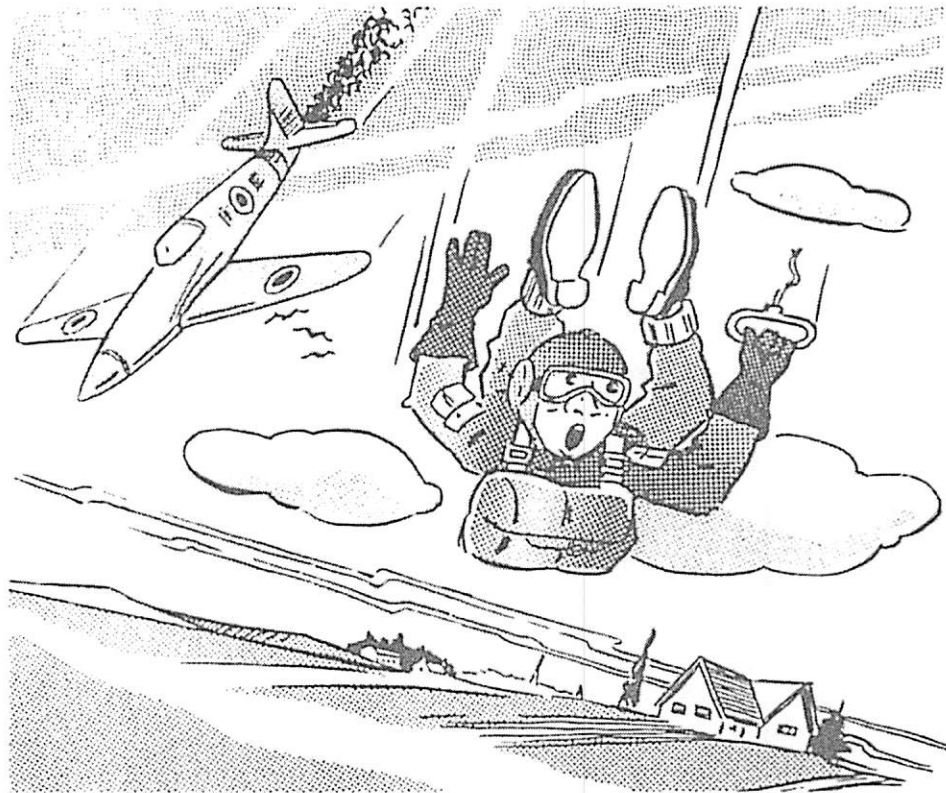
- The community expects schoolteachers to be individuals of **integrity** whom young people can respect.
- Amber is a person of **integrity**; she could have kept the \$10,000 in the wallet that she found and no one would have been the wiser; instead, she returned the wallet and the money to their rightful owner.
- The bank clerk was believed to be a person of **integrity**—until it was discovered that she had withdrawn \$300,000 from a customer's account and left town in the night.

PLIGHT

(plyte)

a condition of situation, especially
a distressing one

Link: FLIGHT



"A PLIGHT in FLIGHT."

- ❑ In most dramatic stage plays, the PLIGHT of the good guys appears at its worse at the end of the second act.
- ❑ Determined to rescue the fifty hostages from their PLIGHT, the police rushed the aircraft before the terrorists could cause further harm.
- ❑ Christopher's friend advised him not to worsen the PLIGHT he had gotten himself into by starting a fight, which could only make matters worse.

raze

(rayz)

Picture this: rays



Hot rays raze the city.

raze

destroy completely

- The hotel was **razed** so that an office building could be built on the site.
- Returning after fifty years to the town he grew up in, Jim saw that the houses on his old street had been **razed** and a shopping center had been built on the site.
- Much of San Francisco was **razed** in the great fire of 1906.