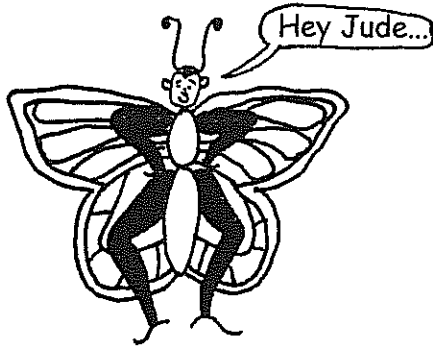
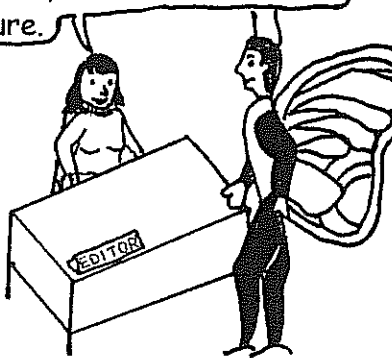


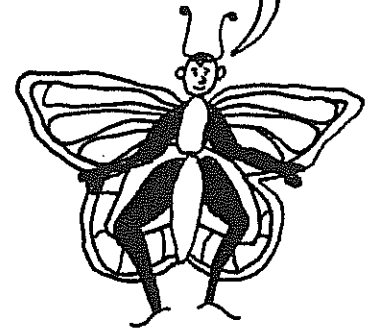
Mike The Monarch
Mike the Obscure



Mike, we've had complaints that some of your cartoons are too obscure.



Obscure? You should see some of the things I don't put in!



Little-known saints' days...

Who's coming to the October 25 workday?



Just we few... we happy few!



Contorted palindromes...

Didn't you study the party favors too intensely?!



Satan, I pondered no pinatas!



Episodes from U.S. history...

Mr. Czolgosz, can you come to the workday on September 6?



Can't. I'm busy.

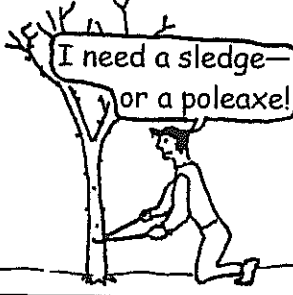


References to Shakespeare...

Looks like hard work on that buckthorn.



I need a sledge— or a poleaxe!



Bizarre ethnic observances...

Look you now! Every March first, my head gets wet!



Because you have a leak in your hat!



Inside family jokes...

It's a livin' thing!

I'll keelhaul both of you!

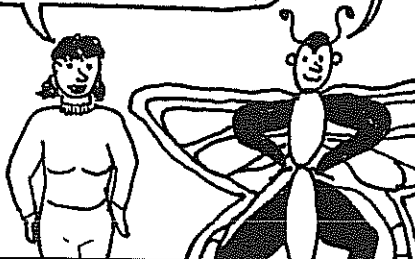
Nah, keelhaulin' takes hours!



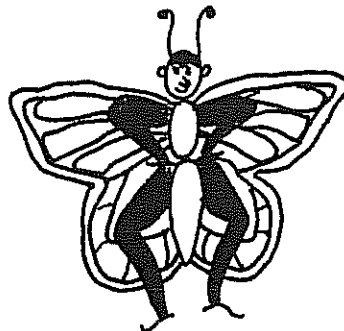
Great Caesar's Ghost! You're more obscure than I thought!

That's right, Chief!

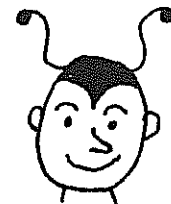
And don't call me Chief!



But there's one thing I can say that is very obvious--



Nature needs your help!
Volunteer now!



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