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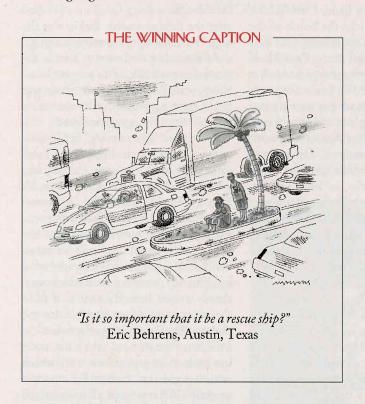
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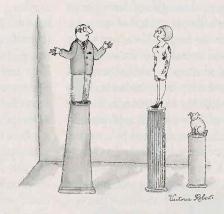


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CARTOON CAPTION CONTEST

Each week, we provide a cartoon in need of a caption. You, the reader, submit a caption, we choose three finalists, and you vote for your favorite. Caption submissions for this week's cartoon, by Michael Maslin, must be received by Sunday, September 11th. The finalists in the August 29th contest appear below. We will announce the winner, and the finalists in this week's contest, in the September 26th issue. The winner receives a signed print of the cartoon. Any resident of the U.S. or Canada (except Quebec) age eighteen or over can enter or vote. To do so, and to read the complete rules, visit newyorker.com/captioncontest.





THE FINALISTS

"Maybe this explains why we never had children." Tyler Burnett, San Antonio, Texas

"You knew I was a columnist when you married me."

Laurissa James, New York City

"This game looked a lot easier in the store." Jeffrey Hutchins, Black Mountain, N.C.

