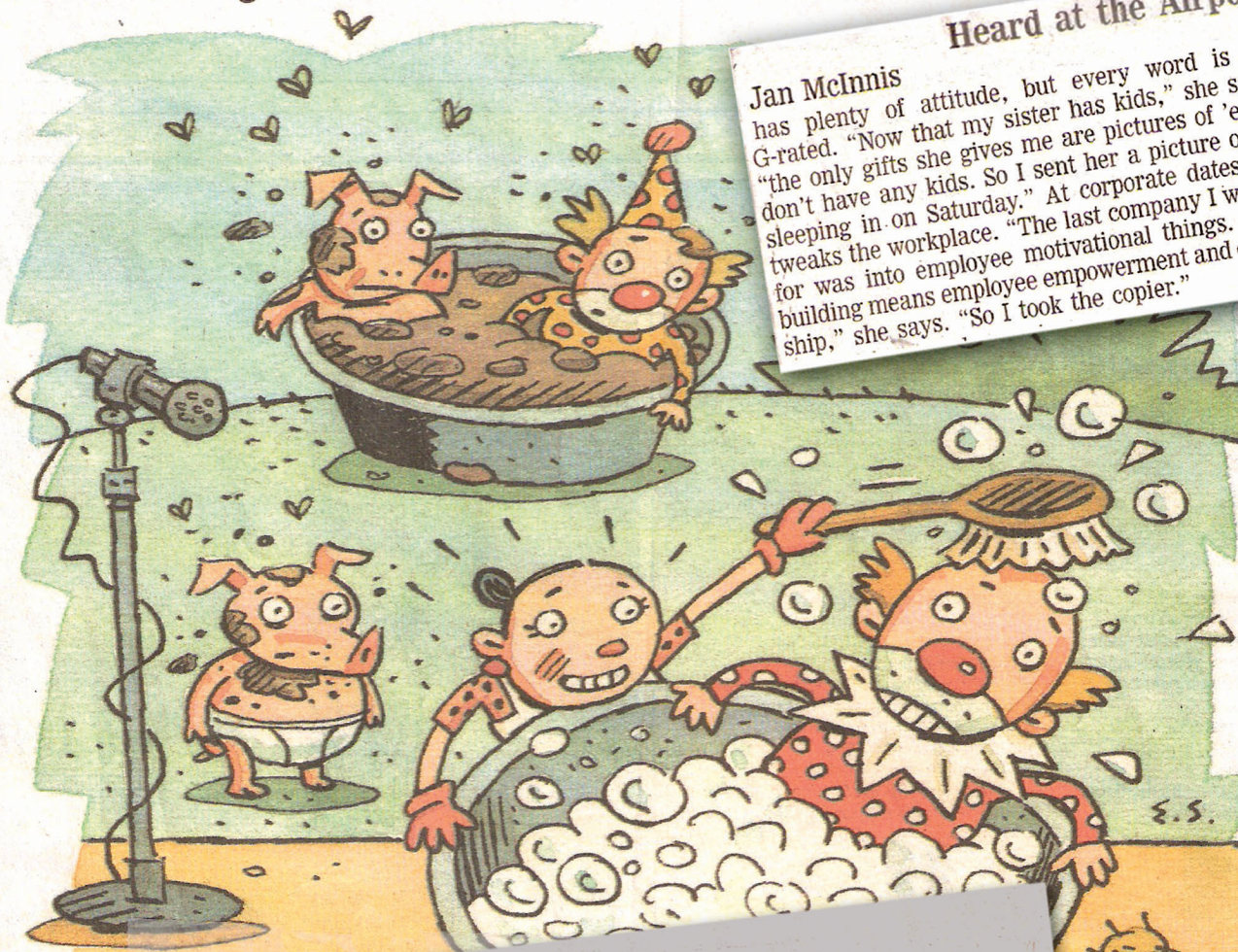


Comedy Comes Clean



Heard at the Airport

Jan McInnis has plenty of attitude, but every word is G-rated. "Now that my sister has kids," she says, "the only gifts she gives me are pictures of 'em. I don't have any kids. So I sent her a picture of me sleeping in on Saturday." At corporate dates, she tweaks the workplace. "The last company I worked for was into employee motivational things. Team building means employee empowerment and ownership," she says. "So I took the copier."

Did You Hear the One About...

Clean routines that resonate today are often smart-but-twisted efforts to explore the topical or the universal. Here's a sampling:

THE COMEDIAN	THE RÉSUMÉ	THE PUNCH LINE
Brett Leake	Has joked about his muscular dystrophy on "The Tonight Show"	"I don't understand senior-citizen discounts. Why do they get half price when they've had twice as long to raise the cash?"
Jared Logan	Young Chicago comic maintains his day job as a customer-service representative	"Have you ever gone skinny dipping in the Talaveras County reservoir? Off old Route 90? On a warm June night in the summer of 1995? With Mindy Tuttweller? Because if you have... then you're the one who murdered her."
Jan McInnis	Popular convention speaker; specializes in workplace humor	"You smokers are the only ones who know what's going on in a company. You take smoke breaks and talk to people in other departments. You just don't live long enough to tell anyone."
Emo Philips	Mop-topped veteran comic known for falsetto delivery	"I took my sister's baby to the park. I was pushing him. He was crying. I forgot the stroller."
Brad Stine	Author of "Live From Middle America: Rants from a Red-State Comedian"	"If you get dental floss caught in your teeth, what do you use to get it out? Popcorn?"

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