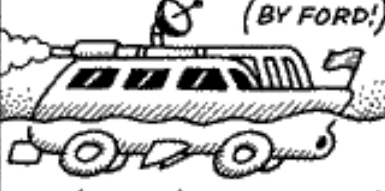


# CAR SHOW COMICS!

**AT LAST...THE BIG CAR MAKERS CONFRONT GLOBAL WARMING**

**TACKLE RISING SEA LEVELS WITH THE NEW AMPHIBIOUS SUV.** (BY FORD!)



IT'S BIG! IT FLOATS!


**AVOID SKIN CANCER WITH THE OLDSMOBILE INSULATOR**

FEATURING ADJUSTABLE HEAT SHIELDS AND S.P.F.1200 U.V. GLASS



**BREATHE EASY! WITH THE LEXUS RESPIRATOR**

FILTERS OUT TROPICAL DISEASES AND AIR POLLUTION—ZAPS MOSQUITOS!



SINGER

WE'VE APPEASED NON-SMOKERS... NOW, LET'S APPEASE NON-DRIVERS!!

**DIVIDE CITIES INTO TWO SECTIONS: DRIVING AND NON-DRIVING**



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**DRIVE TO WORK / WORK TO DRIVE**

I HATE DRIVING... BUT I NEED A CAR TO GET TO WORK HONK!



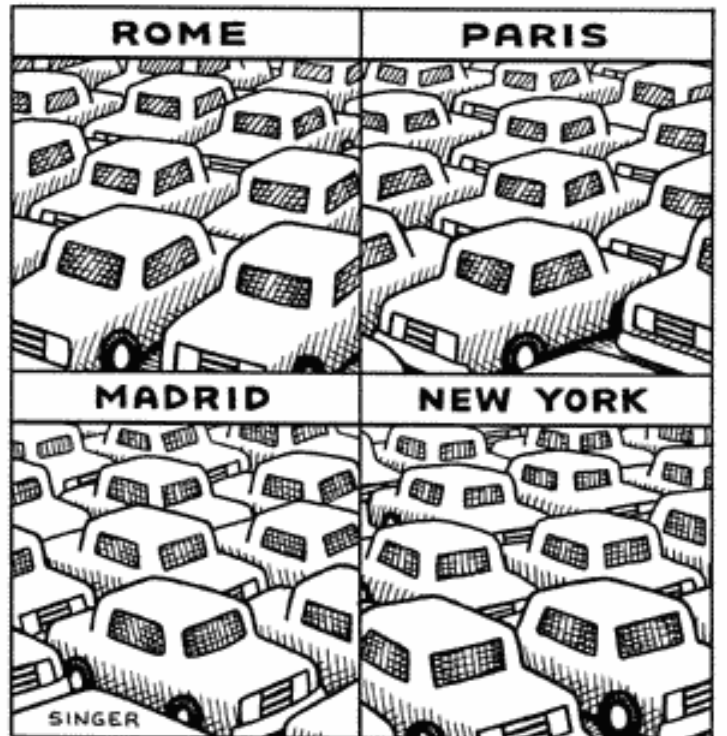
I HATE MY JOB, BUT I GOTTA MAKE CAR PAYMENTS

QUIET DOWN!



PETE | SINGER

**GREAT CITIES OF THE WORLD**



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