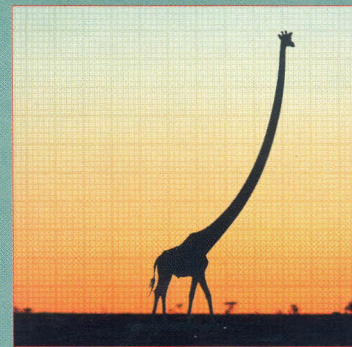


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(won 25%)

Aged 64

Stand-up comic

Economic novice

Party line: All politicians are crooks

Wants to suspend national debt payments



Silvio Berlusconi
(won 30%)

Aged 76
(excluding the hair)

Horizontal prime minister

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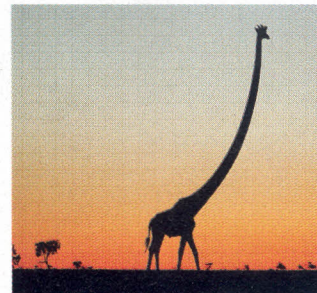
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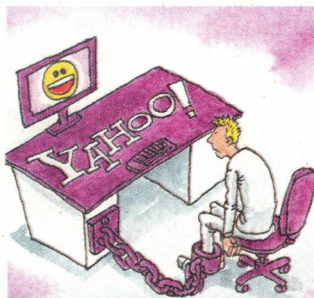
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