to gays since it could expose them to blackmail and other stressors — though the matter was moot, in point of fact, since people's sex lives were none of his concern.

Poet Robert Frost, who said that "Poetry is metaphor ... saying one thing and meaning another," actually meant that poetry is the one written art which can't be translated, and therefore says exactly what it means.

SCAMS

- With thanks to Joe Williams

You can't escape 'em.

The Forgot my billfold scam

The I barely know you scam

The I didn't mean to hurt you scam

The Be good and you'll go to heaven scam

The I'm sorry to say no scam

The I'm on my period scam

The scam of the blind reading and the impartial judge

The I've got a boyfriend scam

The I like this, but we're overstocked now scam

The You need more education scam

The You're overqualified scam

The Don't take this personally scam

The It's just temporary scam

The Budget Crisis scam

The I just want to be friends scam

The I'm not mad, I'm disappointed in you scam

The I'm not ready to commit scam

The scam that there's plenty for everyone

The You're being petty scam

The I didn't mean how it sounded scam

The I'm just kidding scam

The I don't want to change you scam

The I love you just the way you are scam

The I made it on my own scam

The I do my work and let fame take care of itself scam

The honesty scam

The respect the law, the cops, the government, your

elders, scam

The I'll get back to you scam

The "Helps prevent" scam

The Safe Sex scam

The It's for a good cause scam

The Postage and Handling scam

The It's only fair scam

The I'm concerned about you scam

The Losing Our Lease and Going Out of Business scam

The One Day Only scam

The I just want to hold you scam

The I feel so guilty scam

The If you loved me, you'd do what I want scam

The All the good ones are taken scam

The You can do anything you put your mind to scam

The It's no use scam

The I won't put up with it anymore scam
The Men are assholes scam

The Women are bitches scam The It builds character scam
The He just stepped out of the office scam

The It'll just take a minute scam

The I'm doing fantastic scam
The I'm my own best friend scam
The It takes two to tango scam

The Just be patient scam

The What goes around comes around scam

The Moral Evolution scam

The I don't know anything about it scam
The My answering machine is broken scam

The May the best man win scam The Listen to reason scam
The It sounds good, but scam
The I'll have to think about it scam

The One World scam

The Love Your Neighbor scam

The Do unto others before they do unto you scam

The Electorial scam

The Republican and Democrat scam

The Glasnost scam

The Free Enterprise scam

The Tippecanoe and Tyler Too scam

The Socialistic, Communistic, Capitalistic, Monarchistic, Anarchistic scam

The I'm honest about my scamming scam

The Health Food scam The New Age scam

The Medical and Psychotherapeutic scam

The Union and Management scam

The Christianity and Judaism and Buddhism and Taoism and all religions except Moslem because they'd try to kill me

The World Opinion scam

The Freedom of Speech scam

The Obscenity scam

The Banking, Retailing, Entrepeneurial scam

The Liberal and Conservative scam

The Power-to-the-People and Neo-Nazi and Skinhead scam The Rock-and-Roll and Jazz and Classical Music scam

The IRS and NRA and AFL and NAACP and ICBM and NOW and NATO and all other acronyms scam

The Any-kind-of-rights scam

The Everything's a scam scam
The You don't give a damn about me scam

The You're the most selfish person I've ever met scam

The I've been so busy scam

The Tough guy scam
The Sensitive guy scam

The Tough yet sensitive guy scam

The Sensitive yet tough guy scam

The Madonna-whore scam The Liberated woman scam

The Madonna-whore inside the liberated woman scam

The List of the permutations of things to get a laugh and seem inclusive scam

The I'm an Artist scam

The Poetry scam

The I was just trying to help scam

The I need a quarter for the bus scam

The I don't know how I'll make my rent scam esson ballota vent and

The It's your problem scam

The It's everyone's problem scam

The I'm sick of scams scam

The I'm sick of scams scam scam scam

scam scam

The Climatic ending scam
The Anticlimatic ending scam

The Ending in the middle of a sentenc

AN HONEST MAN

He believed in fair play, and "All men are created equal," but at his draft physical, when a black guy with a withered leg got booked for Vietnam and he wormed out with hay fever and three pounds of medical reports he took his 4F, and went home without a word.

When Jan, his girlfriend, cheated on him, he dropped her like a shoe with a scorpion inside. "I won't have a woman I can't trust!" he said, dated nine new ones in six months, but when none of them worked out, went back to Jan.

He loathed lawyers, their Porches and Bel Air homes, their leather chairs and books and paper clips, their carp-lips pursed to suck the slimy green. "They're the cancer that's killing America," he said. But when a drunk rear-ended him, he sighed, and hired the slickest shyster he could find.