

Randy Newman Ain't So

Tall

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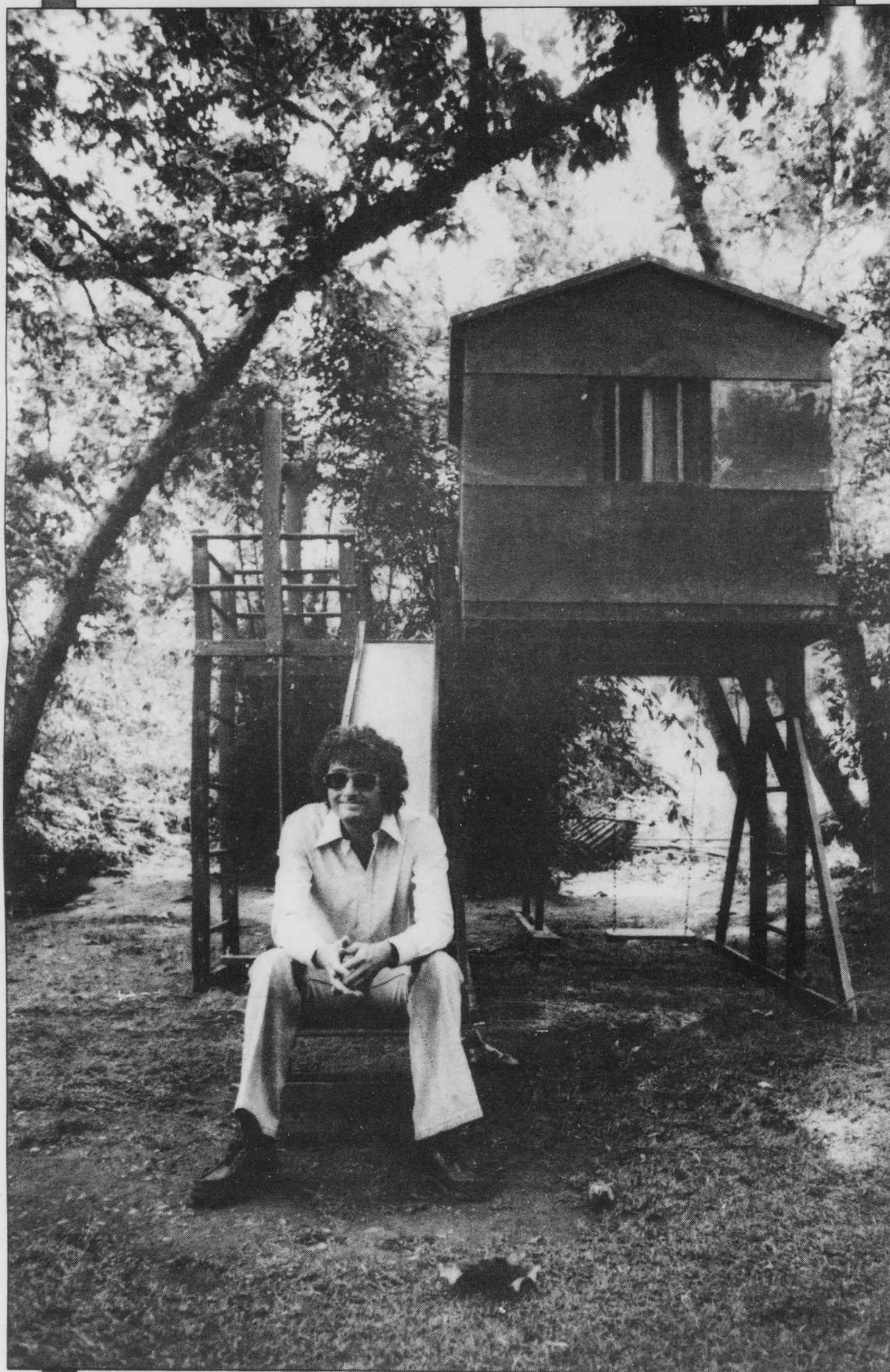
SEPTEMBER 9, 1977 — Randy Newman explains the significance of "Short People" thus: "See, I'm real fond of 'Short People,' but all it is, is funny. It isn't quite only funny, because I think a lot of people who are short do feel victimized."

"Then you're giving their worst paranoid flash substance," suggests the interviewer.

"That's right. But I don't think that's insulting. It's close, just like 'Rednecks' was, but I think if people can laugh at the ridiculousness of feeling that just because you have a real tiny little penis . . ." He dissolves into easy, hoarse laughter.

"No," he chokes. "I can't help it. I hate 'em."

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Why must everybody laugh at my Mighty Sword?
— Randy Neman, "A Wedding in Cherokee County"