

USS ENTERPRISE

CVN-65



AIRPLAN CARTOONS



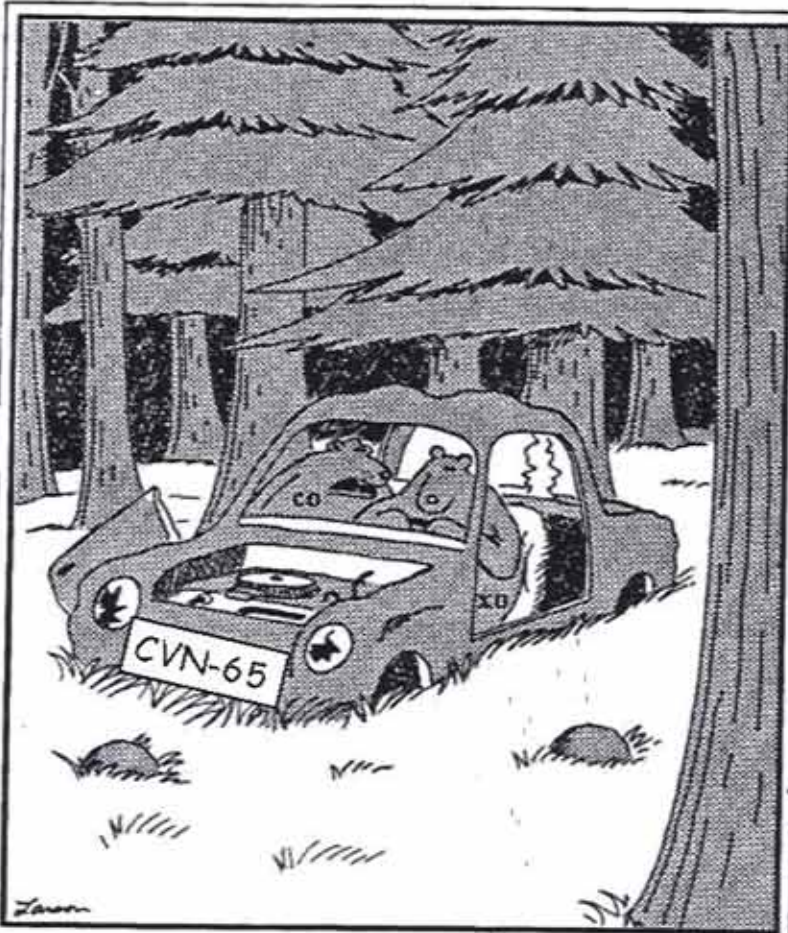
EDSRA/IDTC/DEPLOYMENT
2003-2004



By the Strike Group's
Strike Ops

Once Upon a Time, CVN-65 was scheduled to perform a 12 month EDSRA followed by a 9 month IDTC ... January 2003

Shipyard life
continues



"Think about it, XOIf we could get this baby runnin,'
we could Drop bombs, kill terrorists, create havoc
— man, we'd be Aviators from hell."



CHENG Decides to go back to the basics



WE MUST CHANGE OUR
CULTURE OF CYNICISM
AND NEGATIVISM.



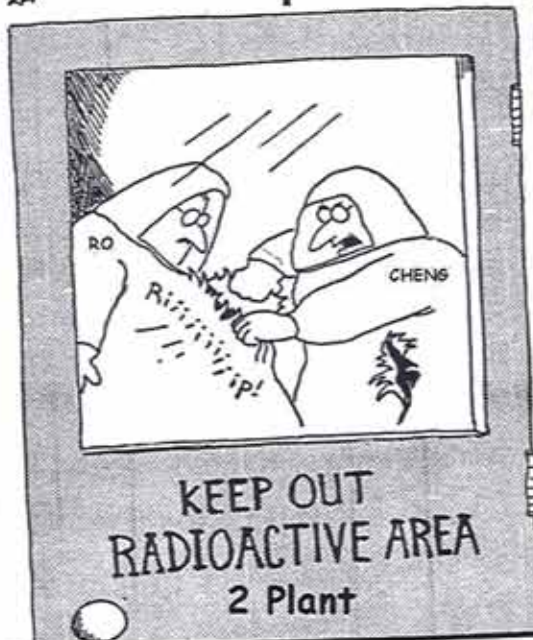
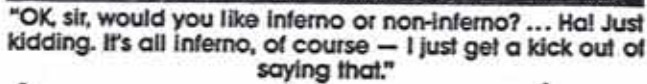
YOU TWO WILL BE THE
"HAPPINESS COMMITTEE."
COME UP WITH SOME
IDEAS TO IMPROVE
MORALE.



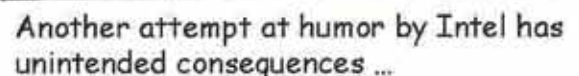
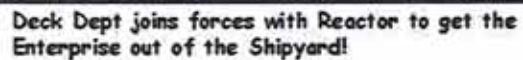
SO FAR WE'VE GOT: 1)
RAISES, 2) SLAP-THE-AIR
BOSS DAY AND 3) NUDE
FRIDAYS.

I FEEL MY
CYNICISM
MELTING AWAY
ALREADY.

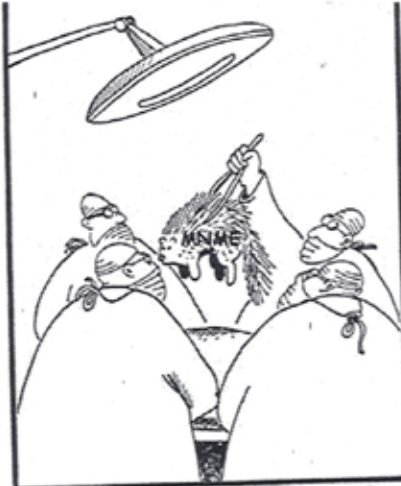
Still enjoying scenic
Portsmouth ...



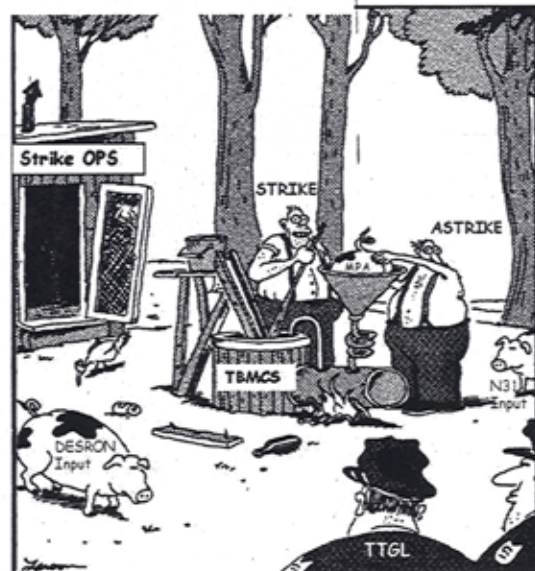
The pressure of the EDSRA finally gets to



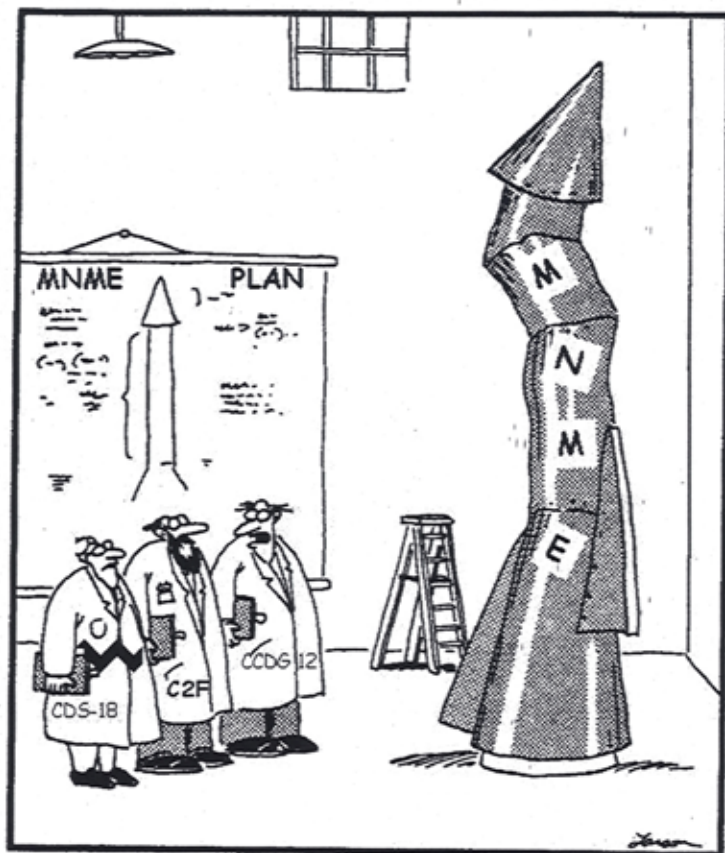
"And I shall call him MNME"



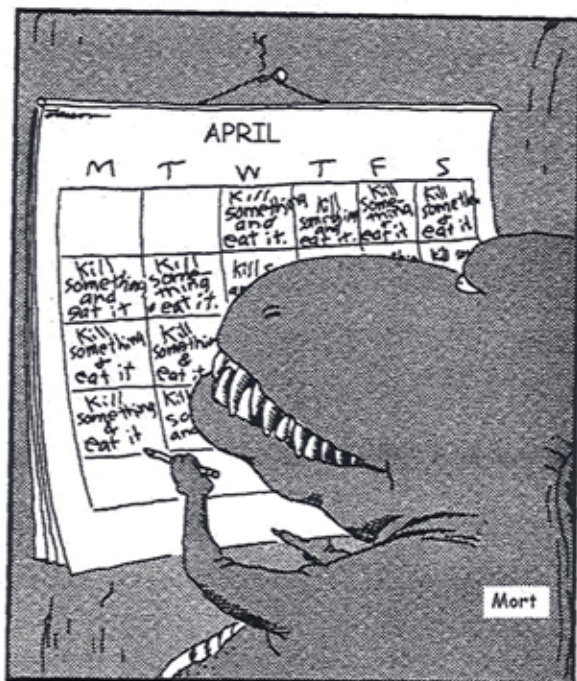
"Well, I guess that explains the OPSO's pains"



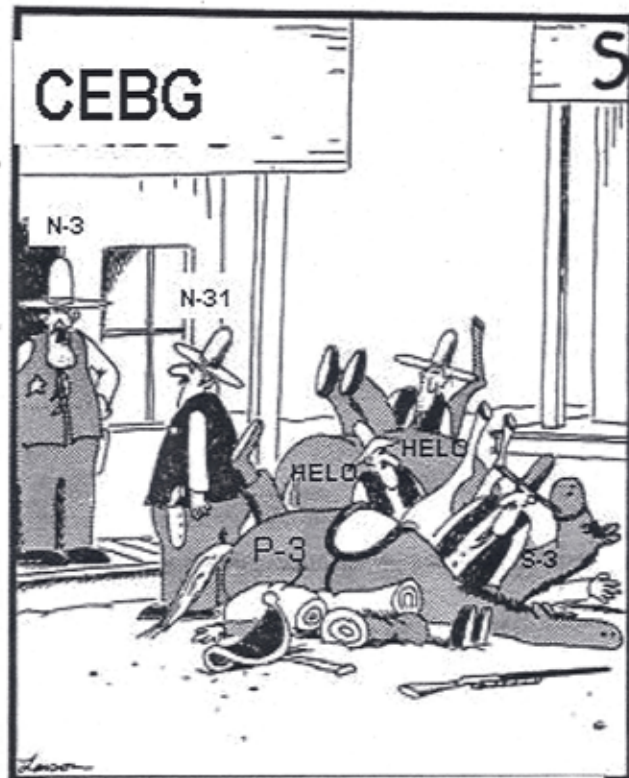
Suddenly, the TACTRAGRULANT Representatives stepped into Strike Ops and discovered how MNME ATOs were really made.



"It's time we face reality, my friend. ... This didn't really turn out like we hoped."



Strike Ops turns its attention to something it can actually schedule.



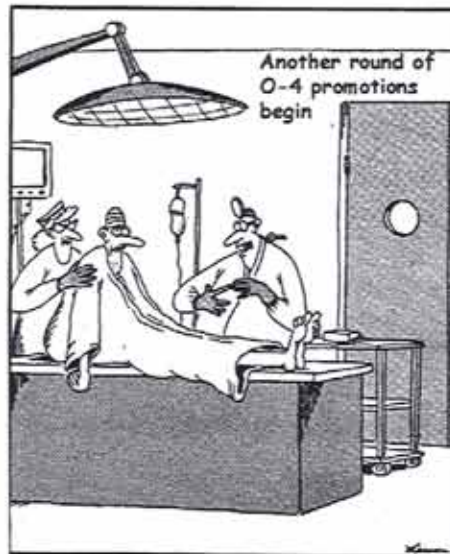
"And so you just threw everything together?
-----Chuck, an airplane is something you

March/April 2003

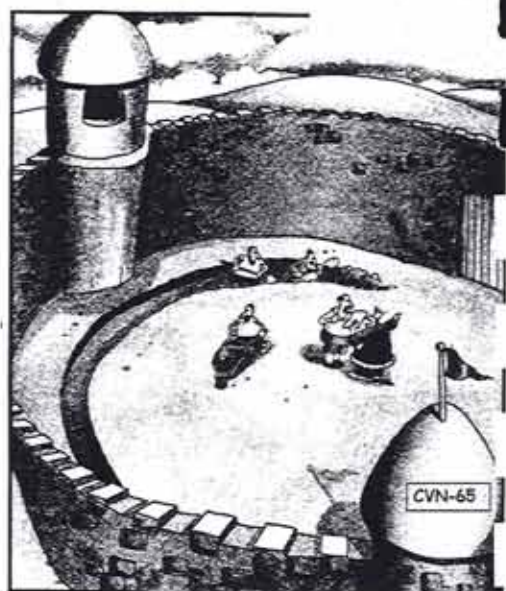
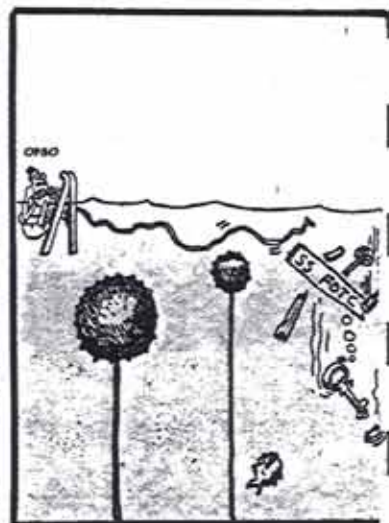
Oh the Humanity! Will it ever End?



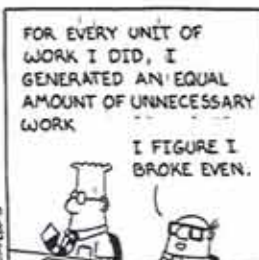
"Are You Marking Your Gear?"



"OK LCDR Peterson remember, that brain is only a temporary, so don't think too hard with it."



Due to another "unforeseen" problem, Fast Cruise was delayed once again.



May 2003

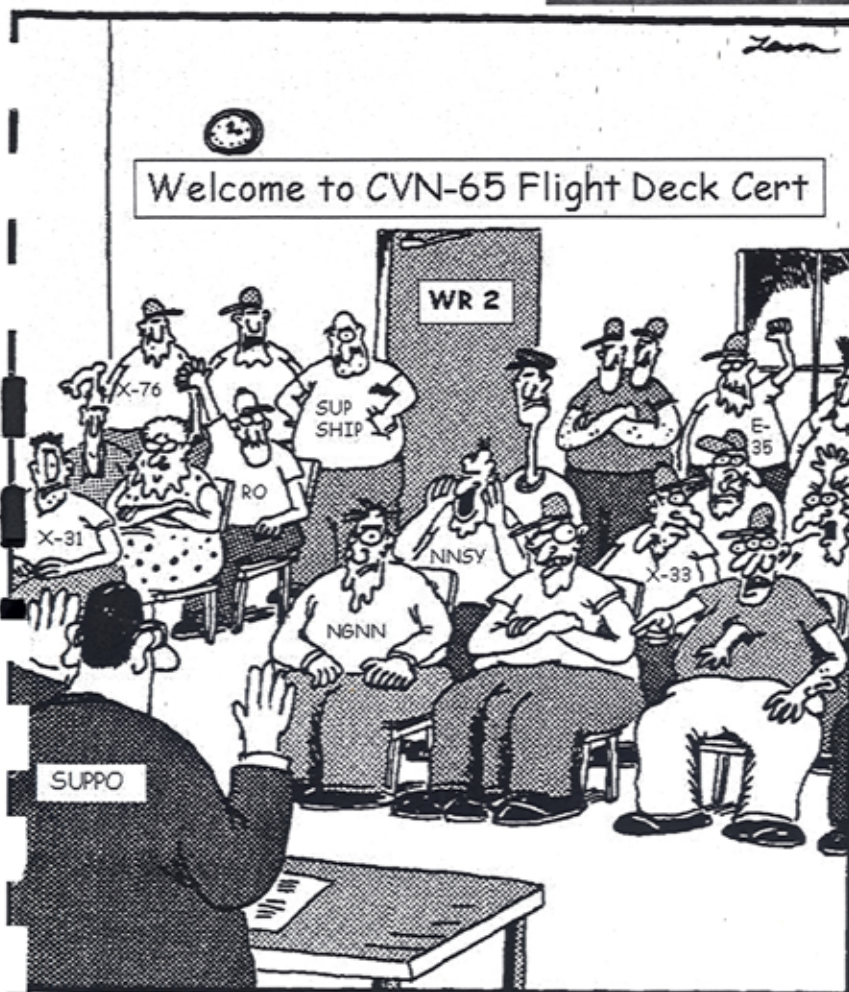
We're Free!
(Sort of ...)



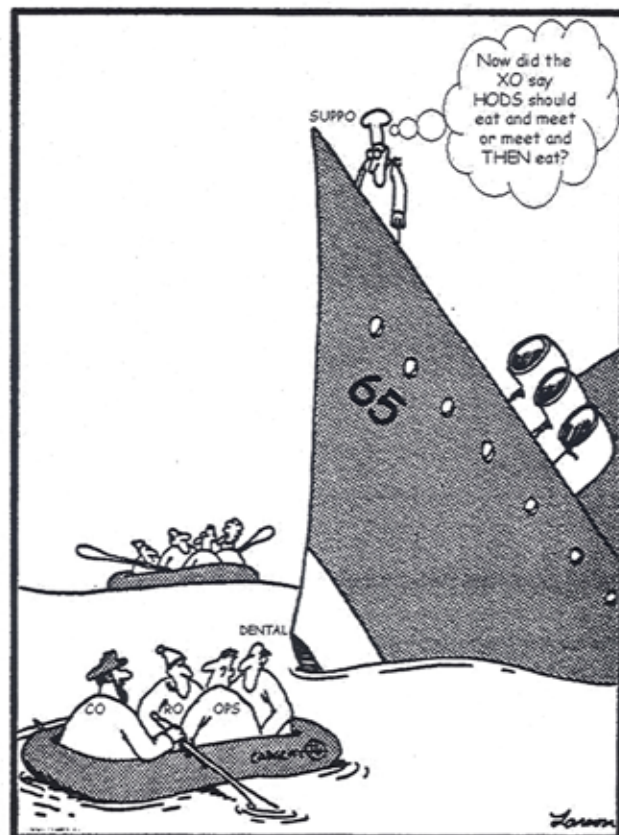
Wait a minute! I thought YOU fixed the Steam Generators!



All is Well with Fast Cruise



Prior to serving the Air Wing lunch, SUPPO is forced to deal with leftovers from Sea Trials





ON ENTERPRISE ...
THIS IS THE CHIEF
ENGINEER ...
PLEASE PEOPLE!
STOP USING SO
MUCH WATER!
SHOWER WATCHES
WILL BEGIN IF WE
DON'T CONSERVE
WATER
IMMEDIATELY!

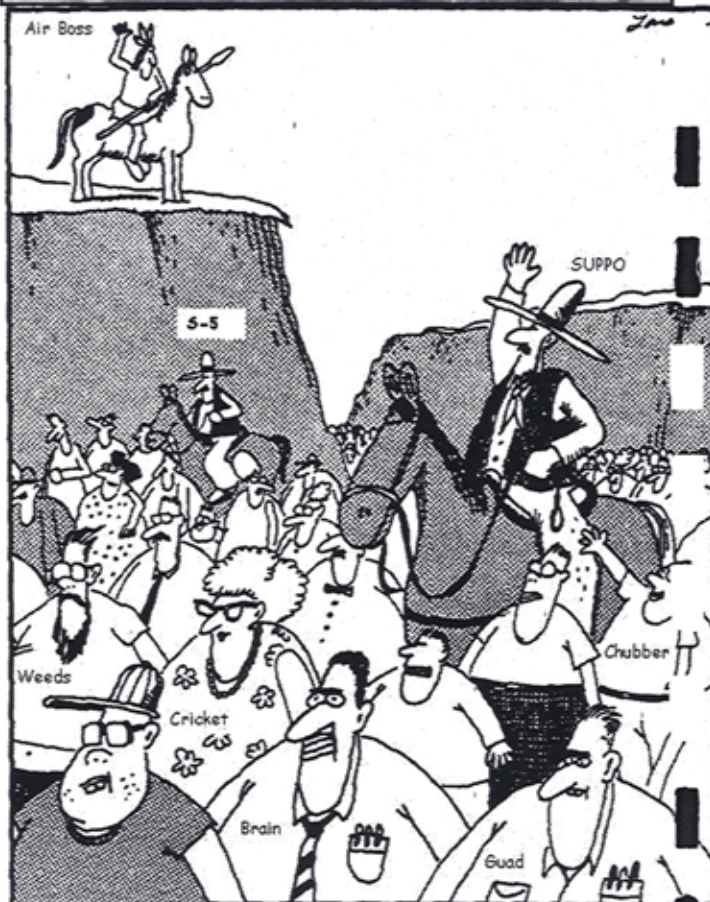
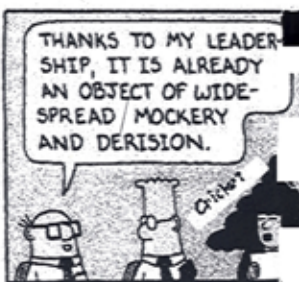
3.26 Million Gallons of
Fresh Water

Allen Omo

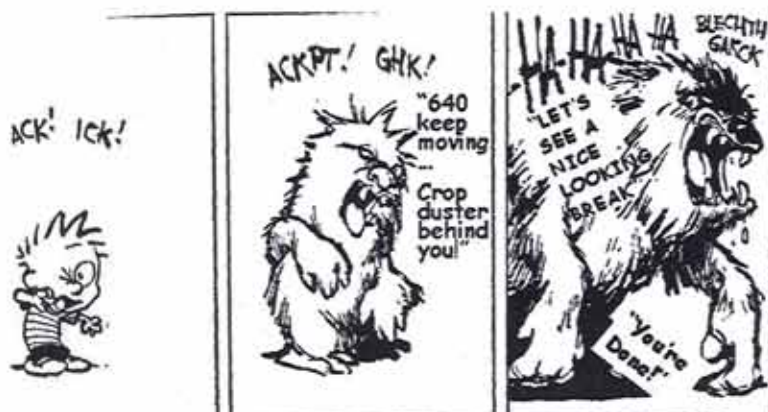
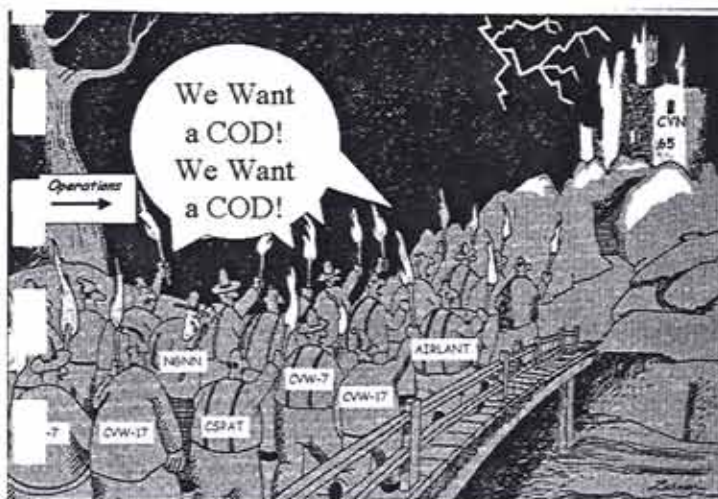


It's called "sunlight" CHENG, and those things are called "aircraft." It's where the term "aircraft carrier" comes from.

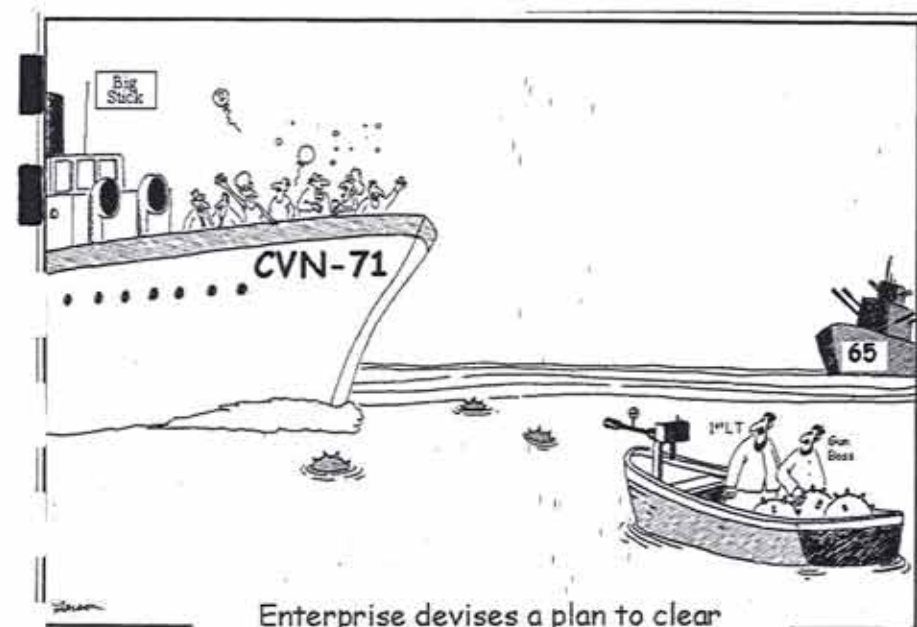
Strike Ops Aspirations ...



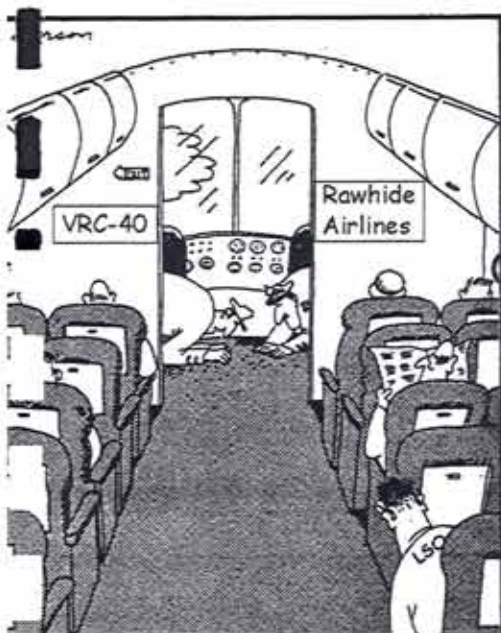
The Great Air Wing Drive of '03



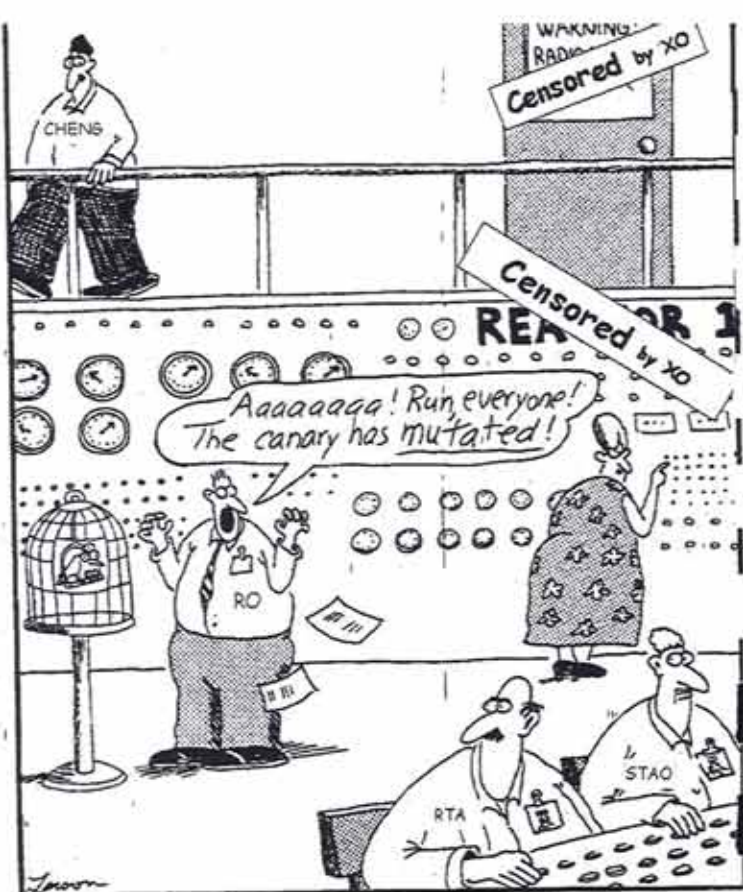
CDR Baragar's transformation from Mini to Air Boss



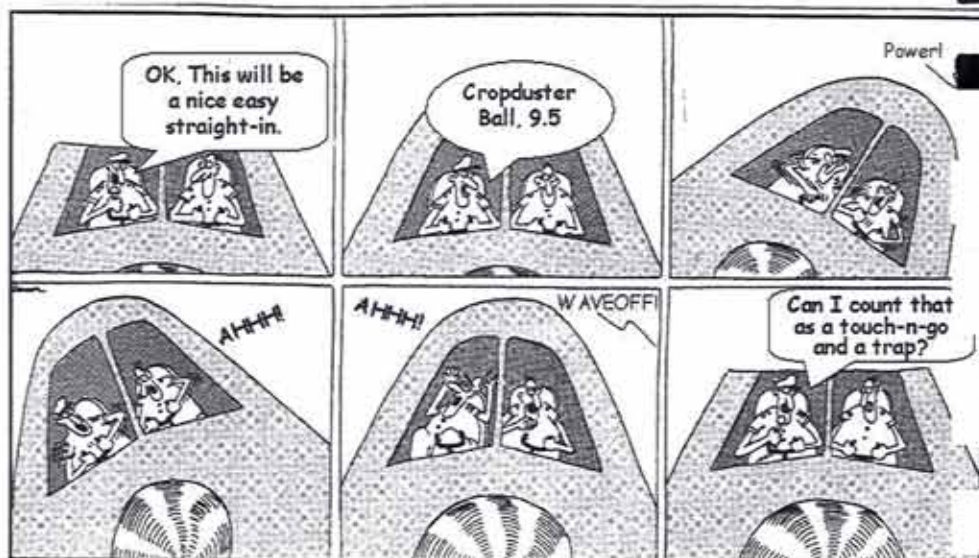
Do you remember where you were when you first heard about "The Pigeon?"

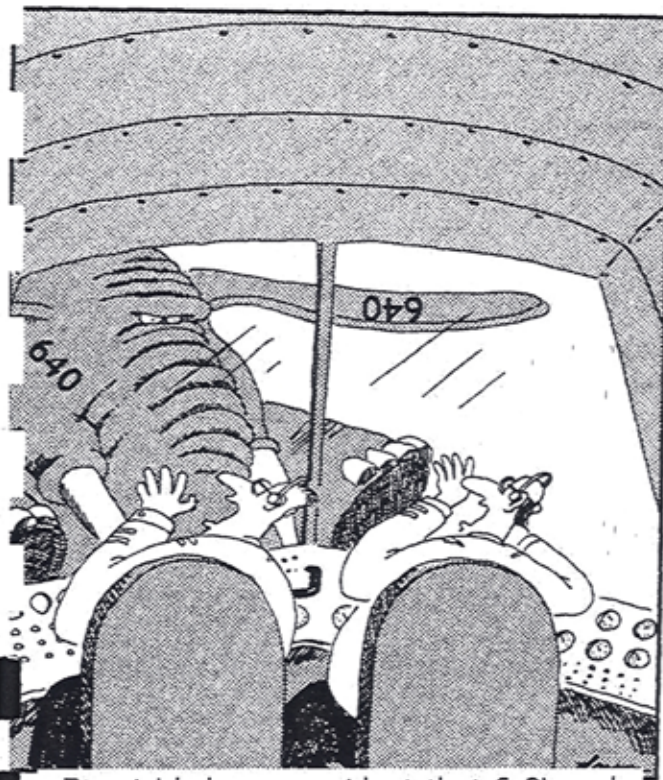


Still Waiting



..... But if it were not for the courage of the fearless crew, the RHIB would be lost ...

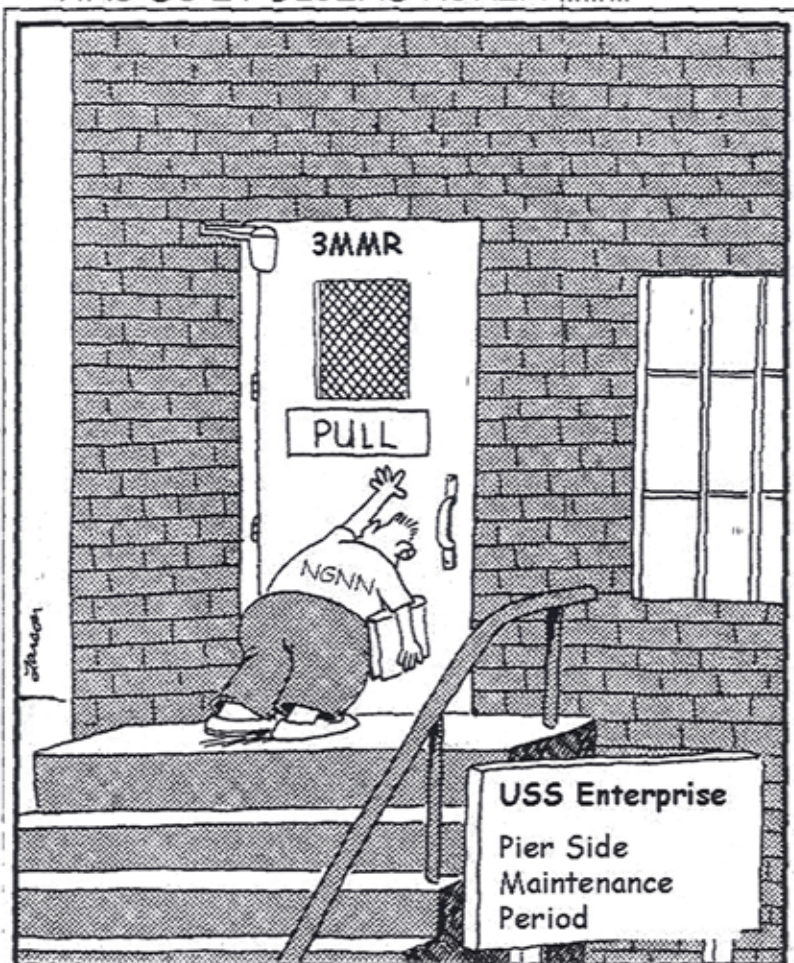




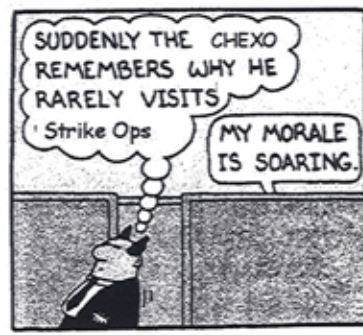
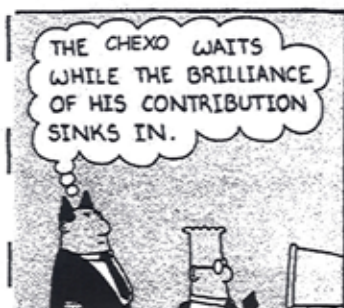
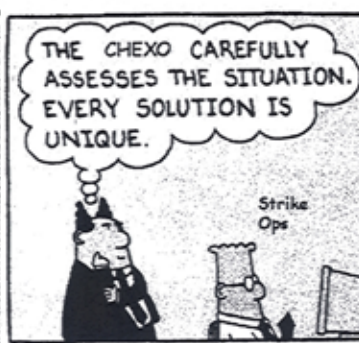
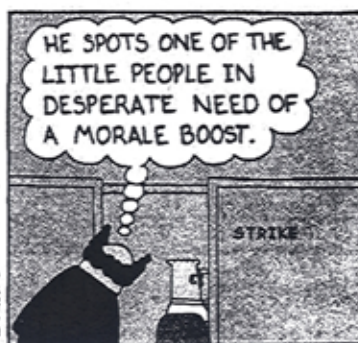
It quickly became evident that S-3's and COD's couldn't work the pattern together

Flight Deck Cert/CQ Comes to an End ...

AND SO IT BEGINS AGAIN



(CHEXO=CHENG+XO)



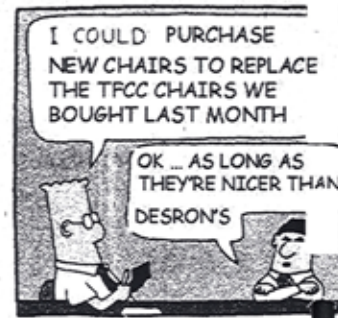
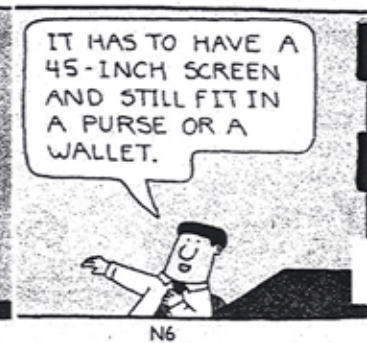


ATG begins the TSTA evaluation by interviewing the Training Officer.

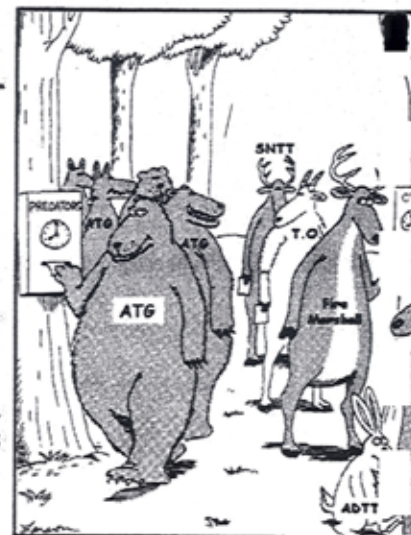
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TSTA = Total

Ship Wide
Training team
Aggravation



What Really Happens at the Main Planning Conference:

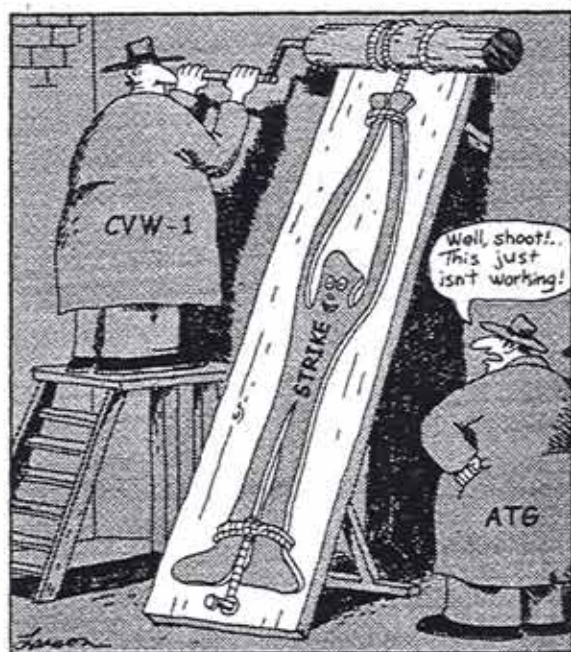


With breakfast in the Wardroom over.

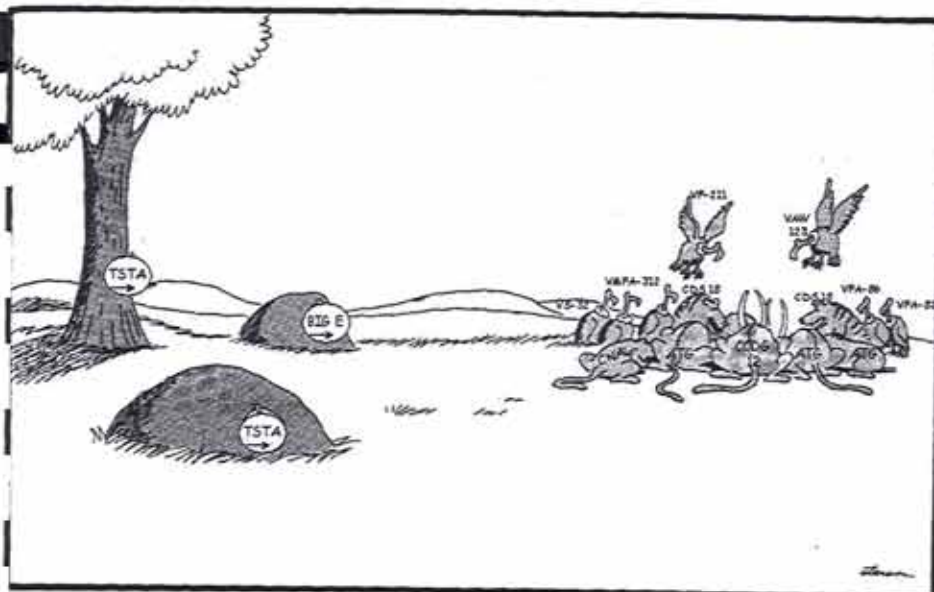
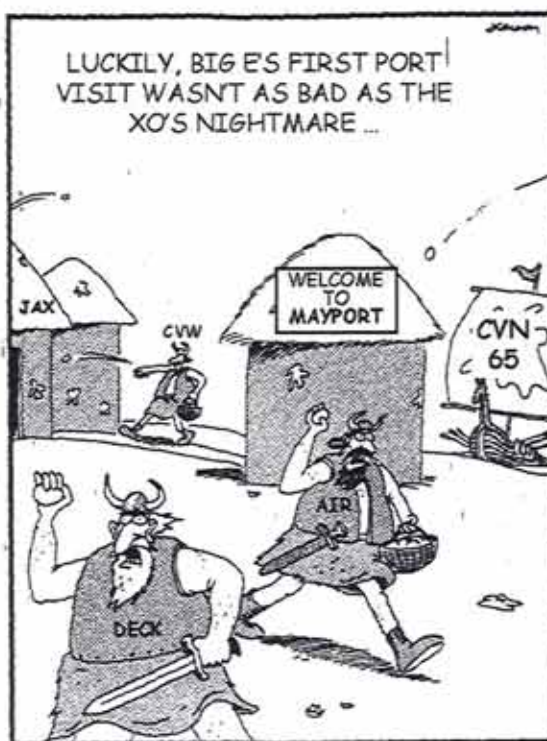
The DESRON is moving back aboard.
They need more space.

Let's see... they need the DESRON'
palace, your office, the CDCWO
chair, JFACC, SUPPLOT, Flight
Deck Control, the Foc'sle, the FWD
MESS DECK, WR2 Lounge, and a
portion of the Hangar Bay.

Is it getting tight in here, or is it just
me?



FURTHER CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE
ARE POWERLESS AGAINST OUR HERO ...



It's Training all right. It's Her nose Her mouth,
— there's something not quite right about Her eyes.

STRIKE, I'M PUTTING
YOU ON A ROTATIONAL
ASSIGNMENT...



YOU WILL BE WORKING
WITH THE STAFF
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.



STAFF MTG
TWO DRINK MINIMUM



**STRIKE IS TRANSFERRED
TO THE STAFF**



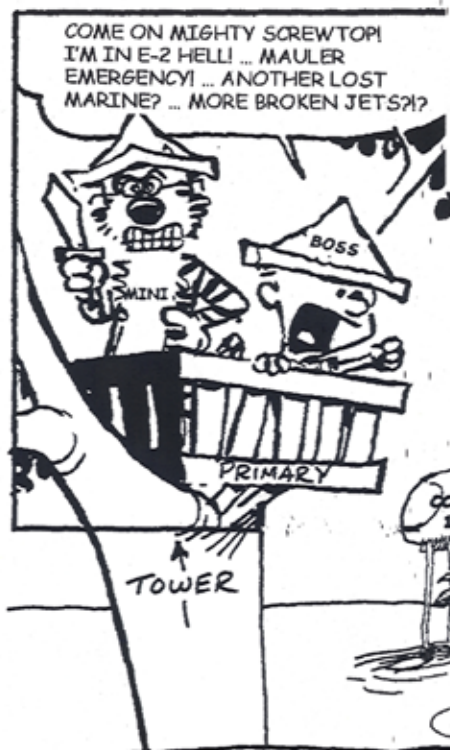
I NEVER KNEW THAT
THE STAFF WAS LIKE
THIS ... DO YOU PEOPLE
DO ANY WORK?



WELL, NOT ON "BARBECUE
TUESDAY." ARE YOU
STAYING FOR LUNCH?
IT'S UNICORN!



COME ON MIGHTY SCREWTOPI!
I'M IN E-2 HELL! ... MAULER
EMERGENCY! ... ANOTHER LOST
MARINE? ... MORE BROKEN JETS?!



IT IS PHYSICALLY
IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME
TO FINISH CQ
AND DO CYCLIC OPS.
... WHICH ONE IS
MORE IMPORTANT?



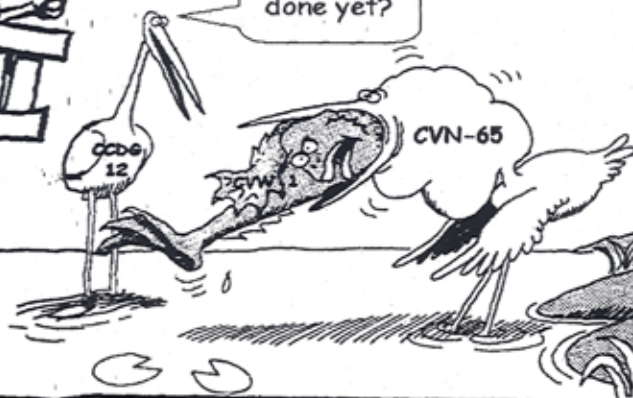
HMM... IF I ABSOLUTELY
HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
THEM, I'D SAY...



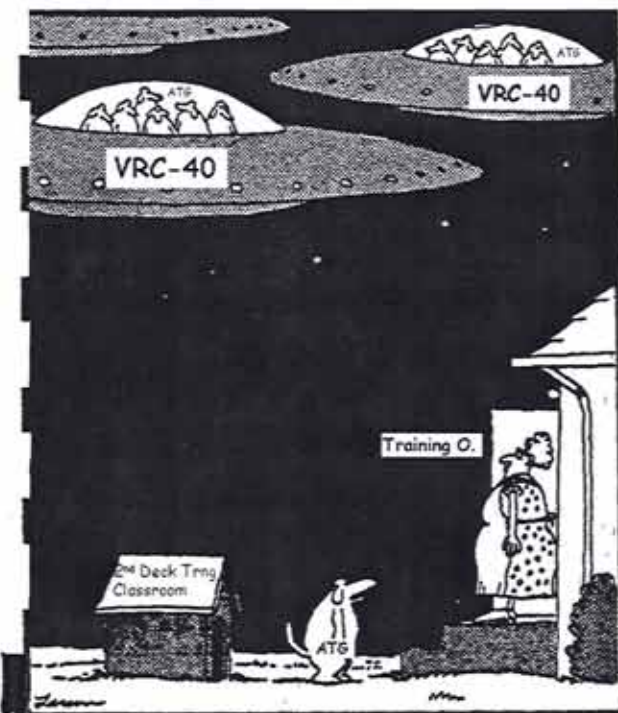
WOW. WHEN YOU DO T
WITH YOUR ARMS, IT
CREATES THE ILLUSION
THAT YOU'RE
THINKING.



Are you
done yet?



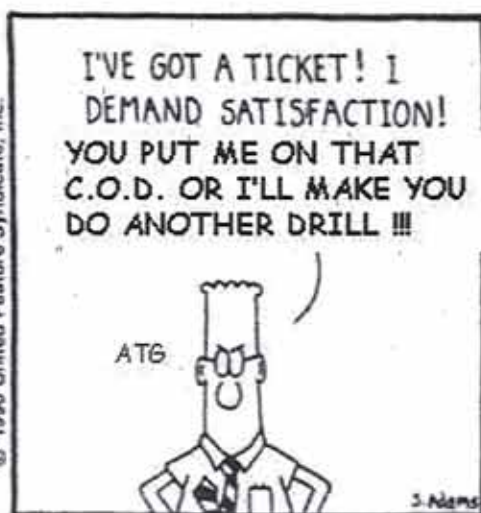
**BIG E TAKES ON ITS
FIRST AIRWING CQ**



That about covers it...But before I go, let's see you roll over a couple times."



"NOW THAT EVERYONE IS HERE, WE CAN START ..."



The Training Officer has more TSTA I/II Nightmares ...

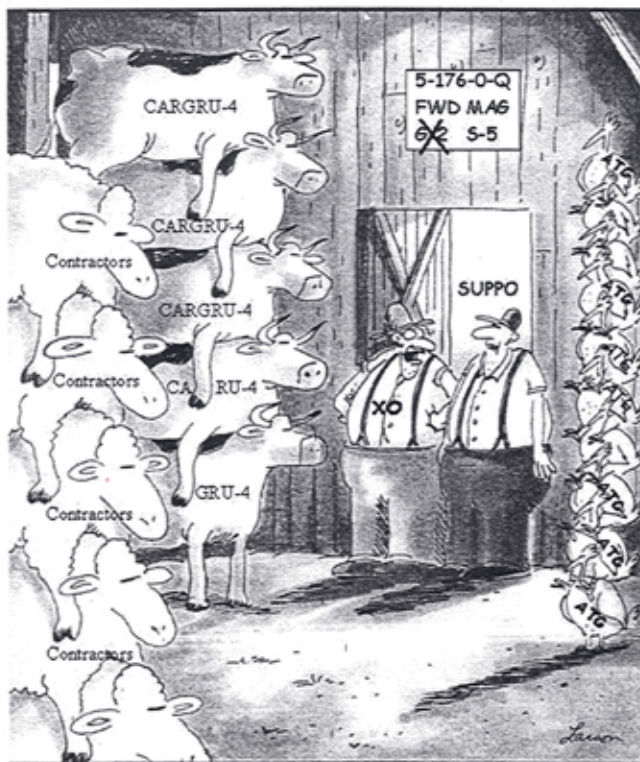


SHALL WE BE THREATENING FAILURE AGAIN, SUH?

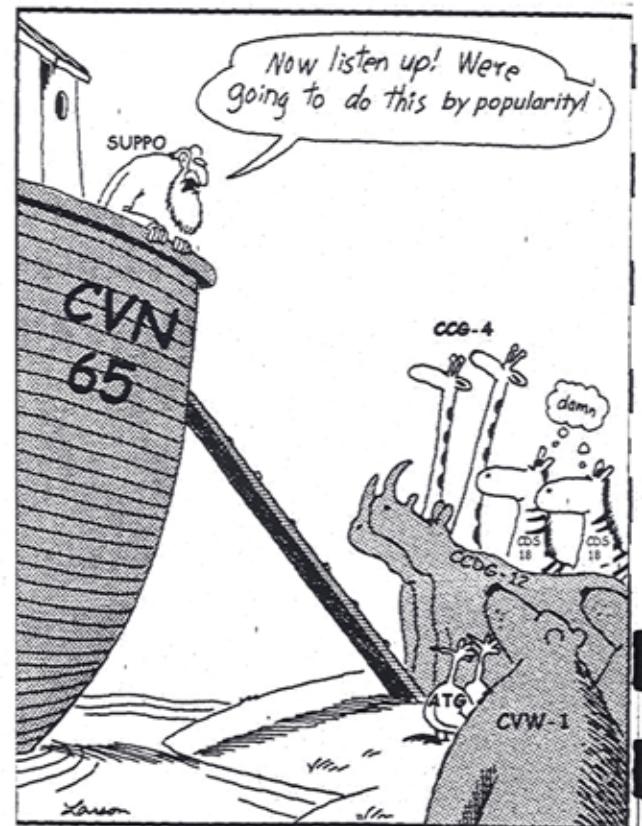
THE LORD OF ATG IS FEELING GRUMPY.

Aug/Sep 2003

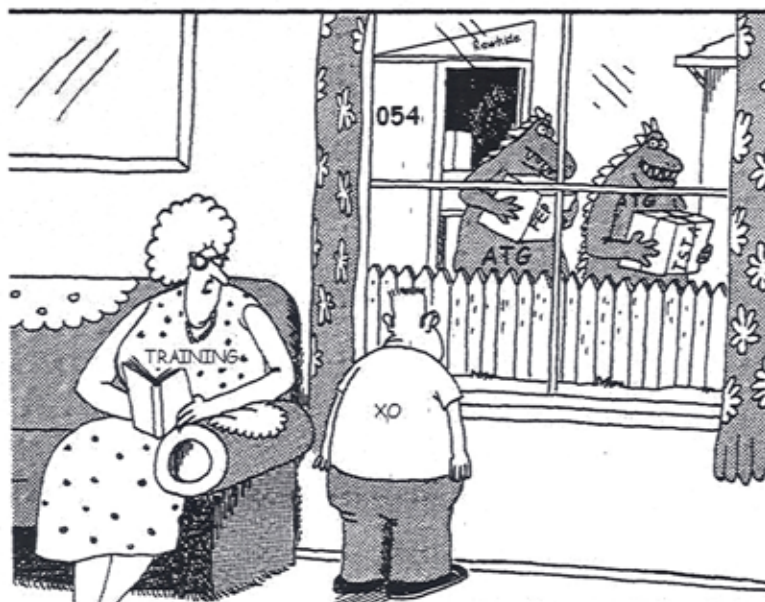
TSTA III / FEP / C2X



THIS COLLABORATION WITH THE WEAPON'S DEPT
MAY BE THE SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEMS!



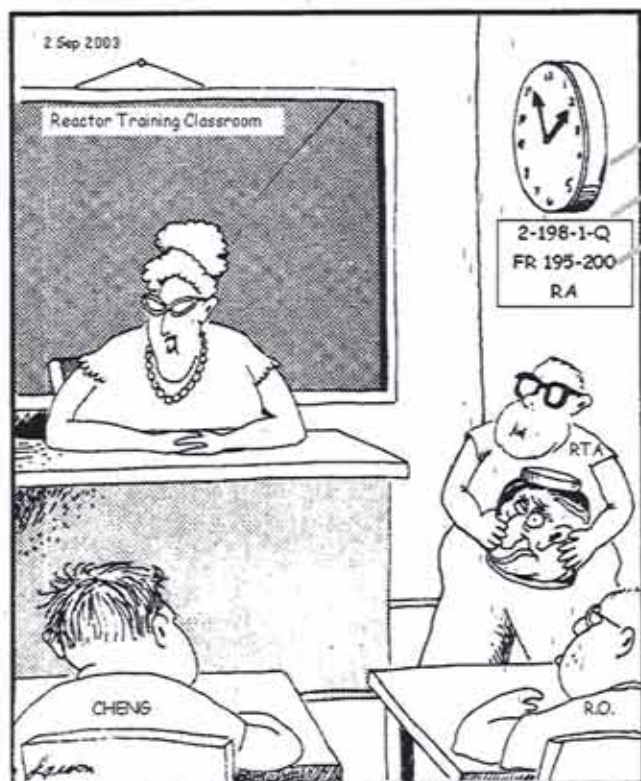
28 August:
Deployment begins
(sort of ...)



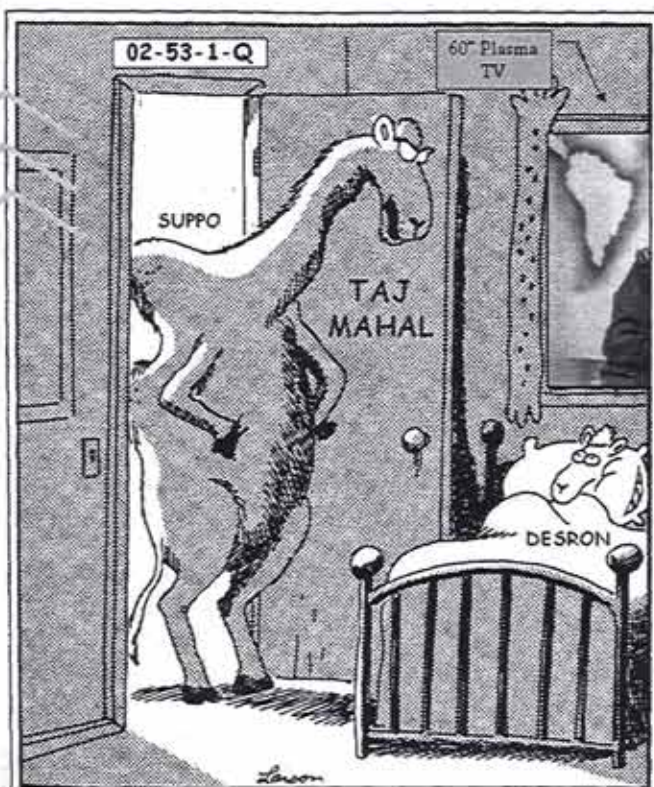
"If there're monsters moving in next door, XO, you just ignore them. The more you believe in them, the more they'll try to get you."



DÉJÀ VU ... ALL OVER AGAIN!

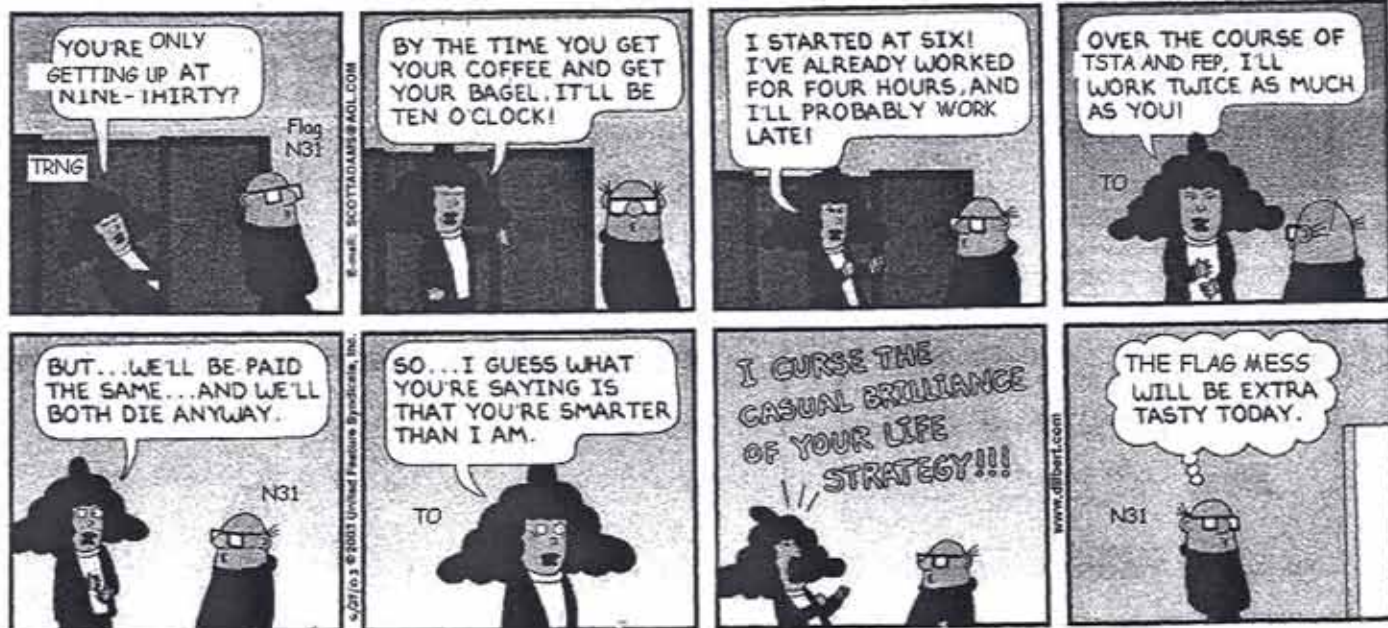


"And next, for show and tell, LCDR OROZOCO says he has something he found in 2 Plant last night."



"Again? You just had a glass of water 12 days ago."

TSTA/FEP for the Flag Staff vs. the Training Officer



CDR WHITE HAS AGREED
TO TALK TO THE CLASS
ABOUT EXCITING
CAREERS IN THE FIELD
OF **STRIKE OPS**!



SA Adams

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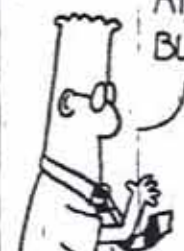
THERE'S MORE TO
BEING **STRIKE OPS**
THAN JUST WRITING
SCHEDULES
THAT NOBODY READS.

Strike

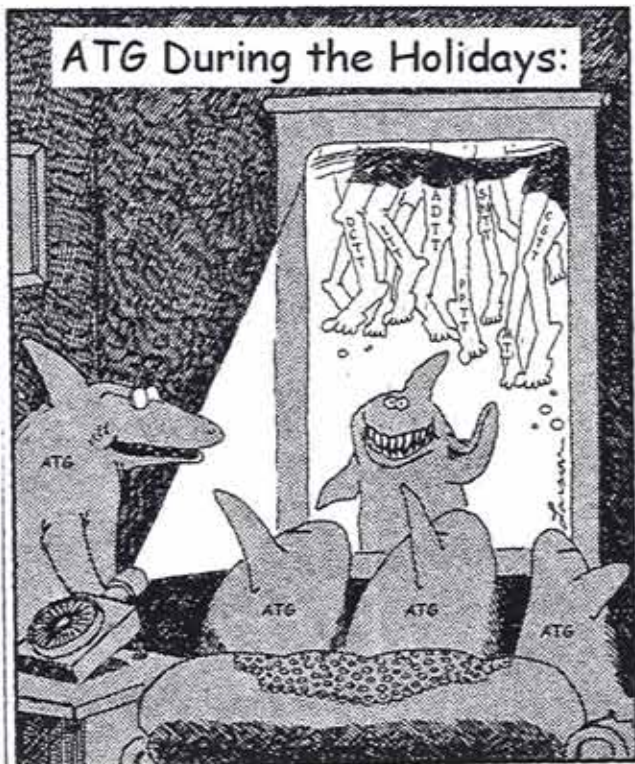


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ONCE IN A WHILE, THE
CAPT READS ONE. THEN
YOU HAVE TO FIND A
SCAPEGOAT, OR LAY LOW
WITH A WEAK CARTOON.
AND HOPE IT ALL
BLOWS OVER.



ATG During the Holidays:



"And here we are last summer off the coast of... CDR, is this
the Enterprise off Florida?"



CQ DOESN'T GO AS WELL
AS CAG HAD HOPED

I WAS TRYING TO
DECIDE IF YOU'RE
STUPID OR
JUST VERY
IGNORANT.

Strike

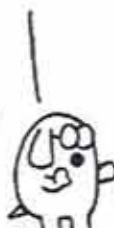
OPSO



SA Adams

THEN I THOUGHT,
"WHOA, OPSO
YOU'RE BEING
NARROW-MINDED
ABOUT THIS."

OPSO



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YOU COULD
EASILY
BE BOTH.

IT ONLY
LOOKS EA!

Strike

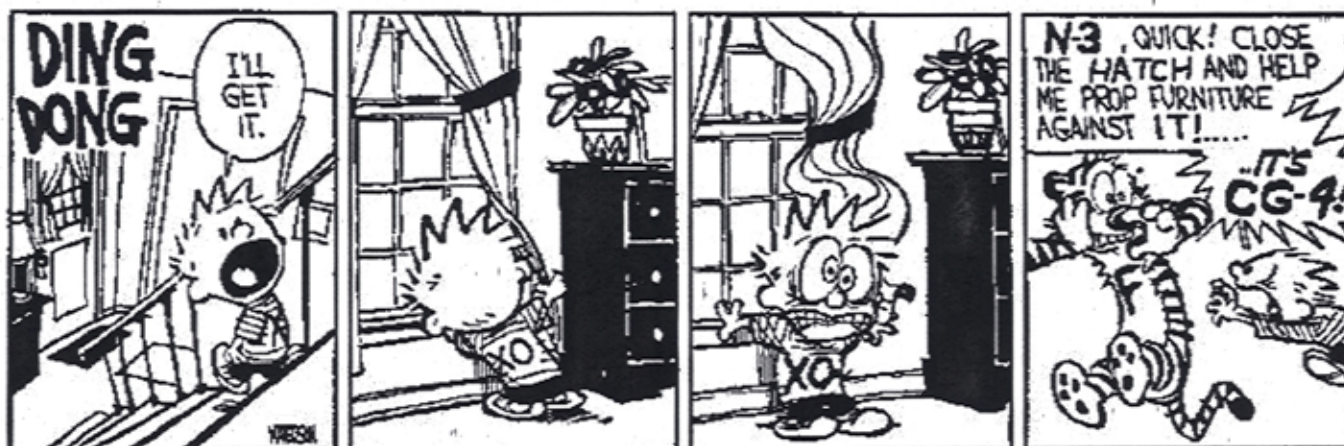


FEP

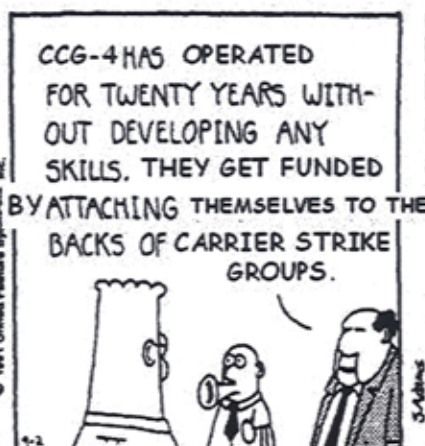
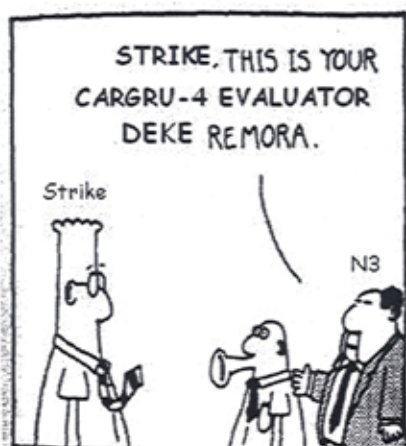
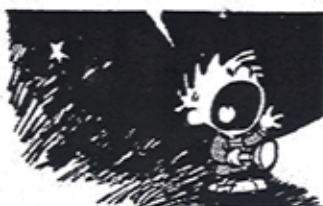


The end of FEP brought a whole new group of inspectors ...

ANOTHER TSTA/FEP NIGHTMARE FOR THE TRAINING OFFICER ...

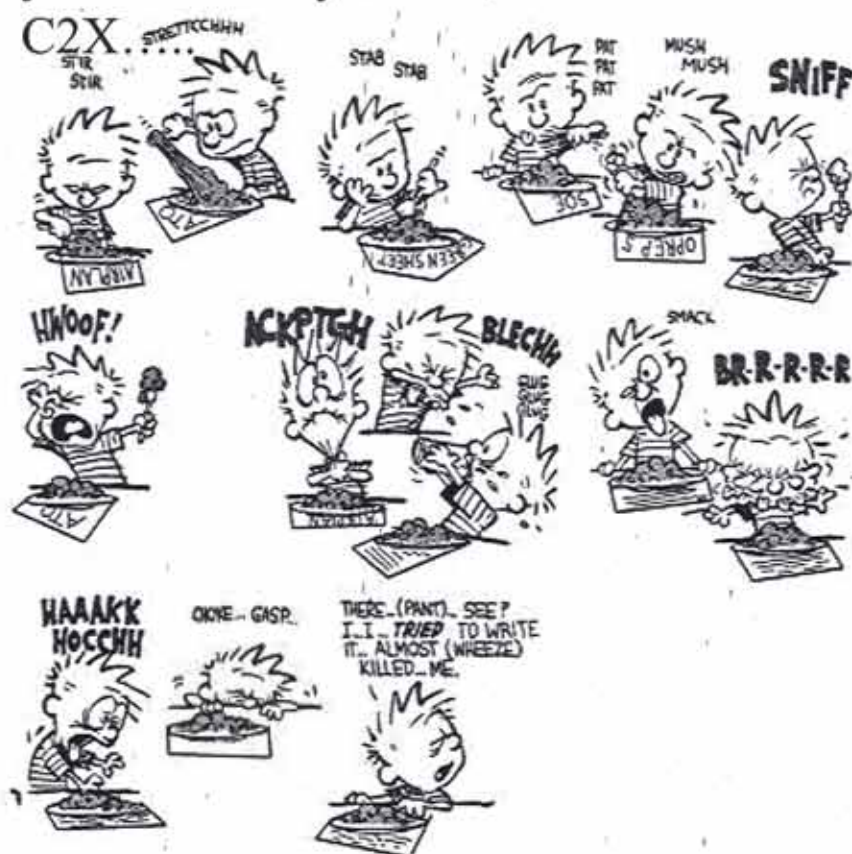


ADMIRAL!!! IT'S YOUR N3 ... WHERE ARE YOU?!

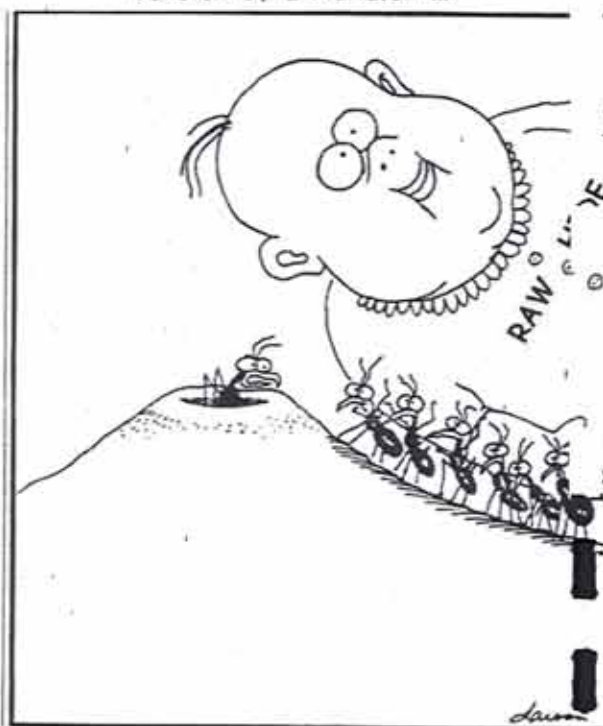


Strike Ops deals with
yet another day of

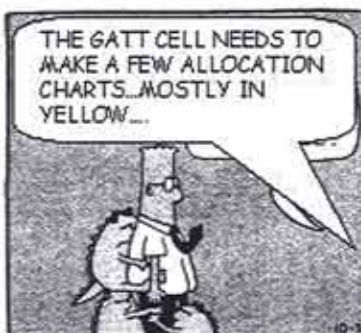
C2X.

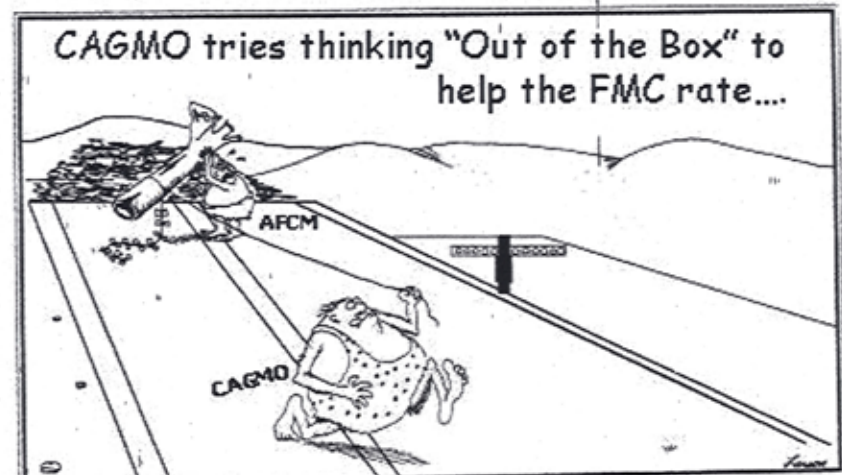
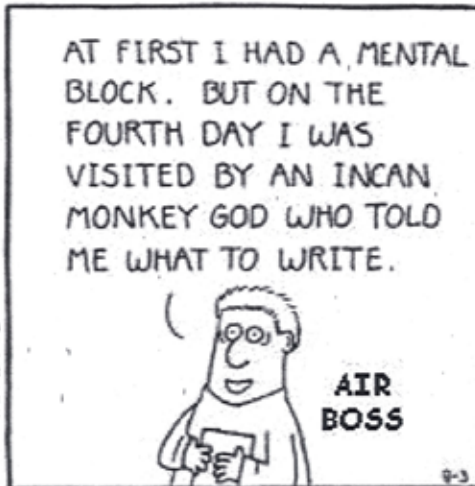


Every Species has its own
version of a Handler ...

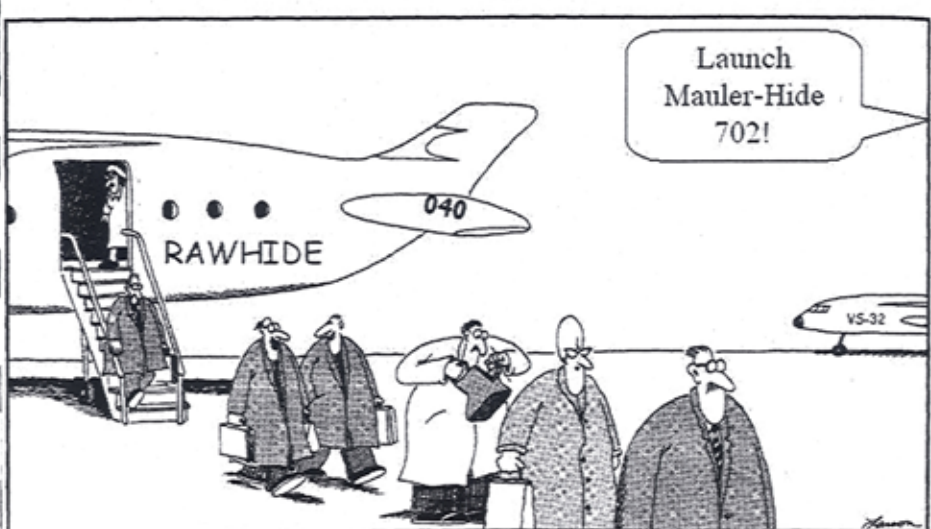


"You idiots! ... We'll never get that thing down
the hole!"



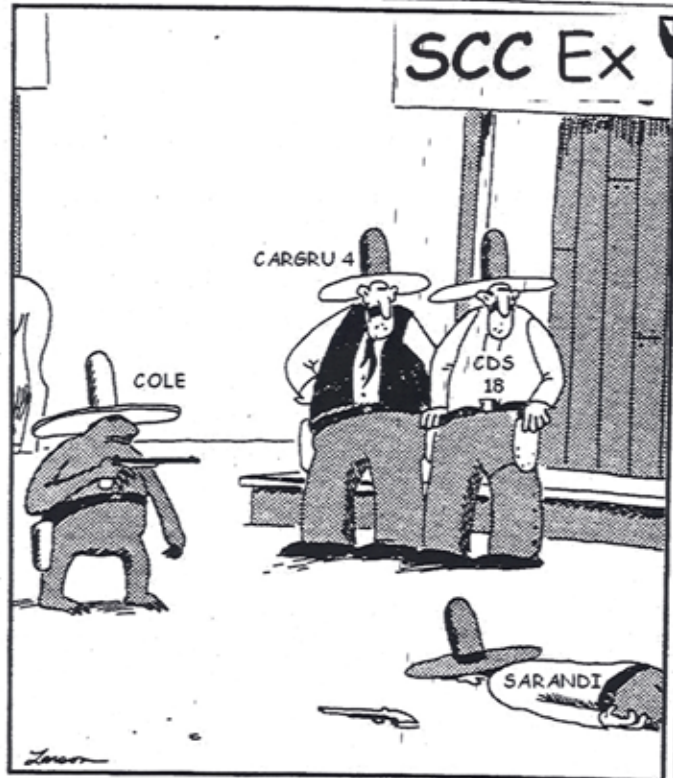


EACH MORNING, XO PREPARES HIMSELF TO PLAY A LITTLE "FASTBALL."

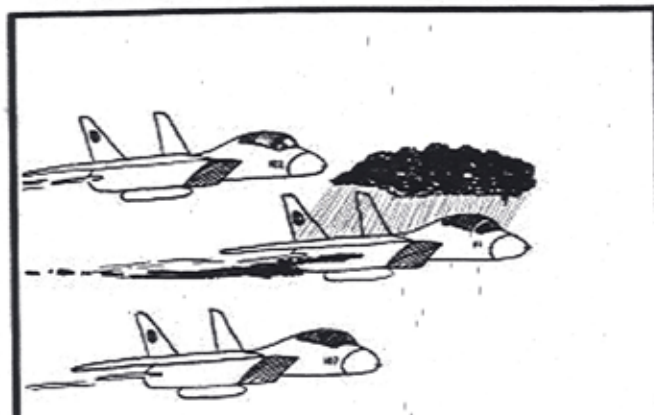


"You know, we're just not reaching that guy."

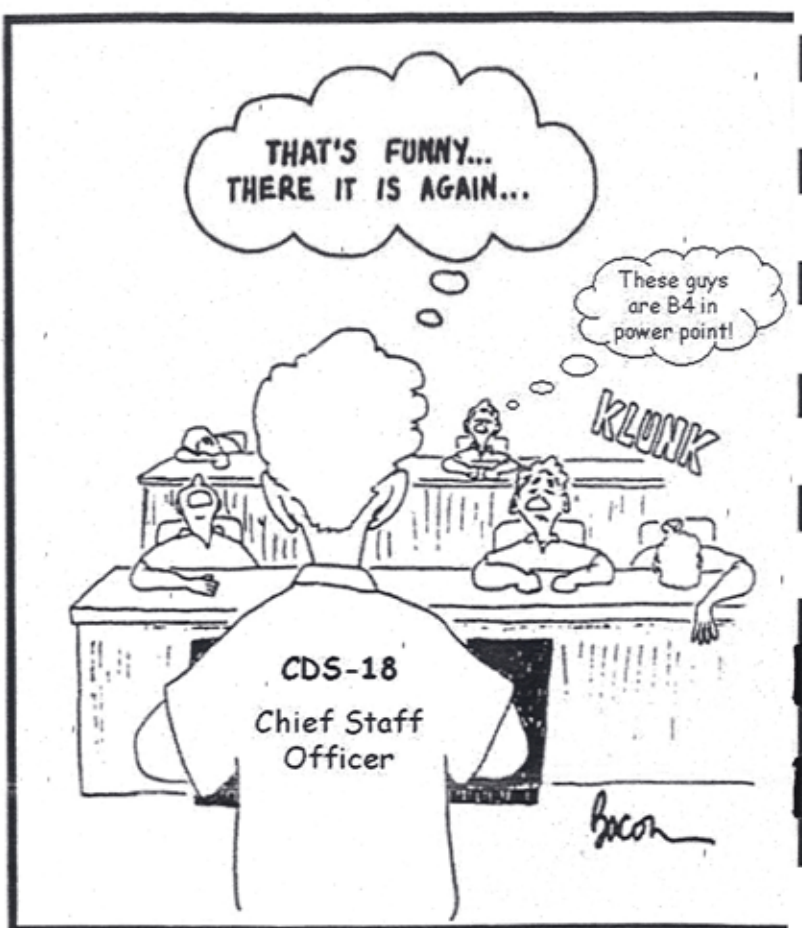
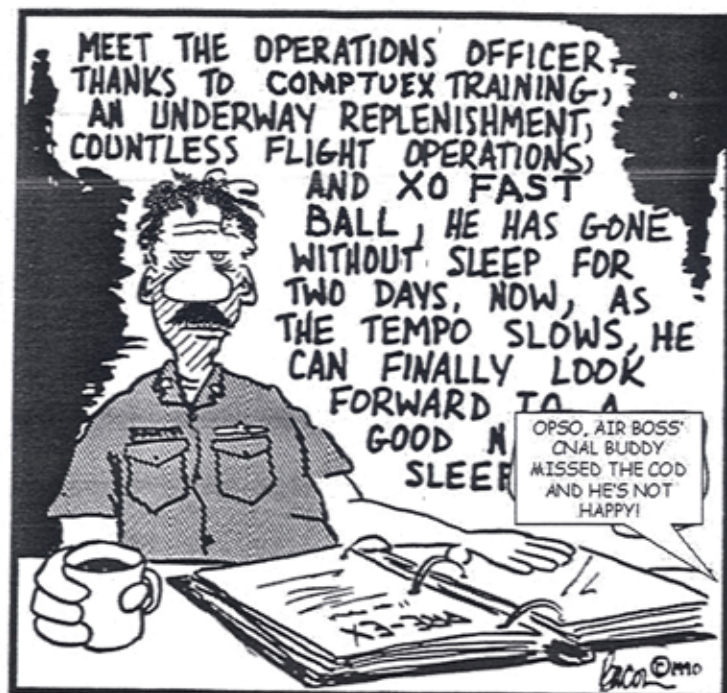
ANOTHER CONTRACTOR ARRIVES WITHOUT HIS TOOLS



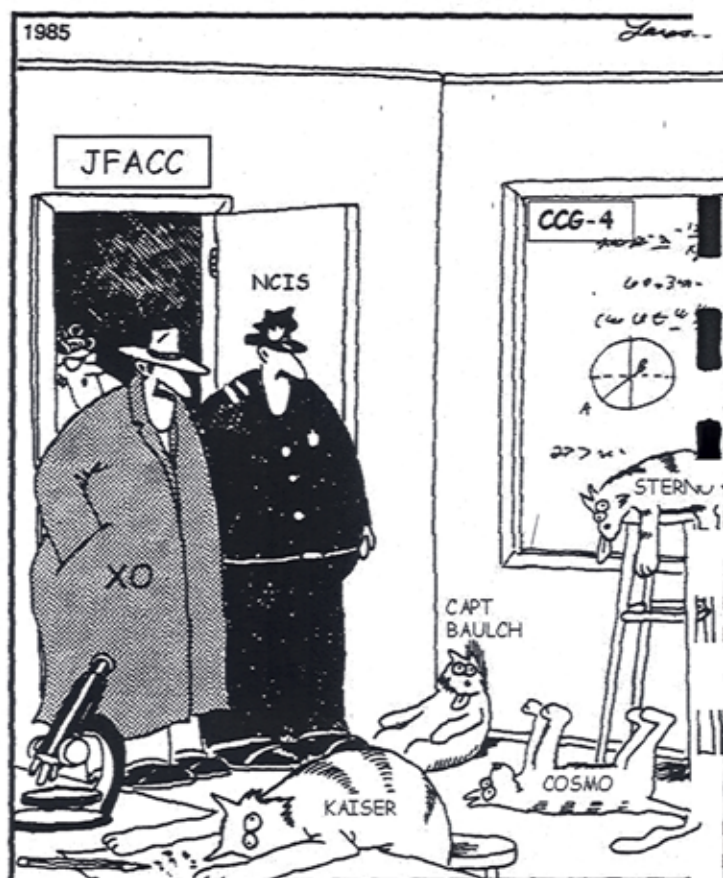
Nice Shooting ... Too bad there ain't no Orange Ships within miles of here.



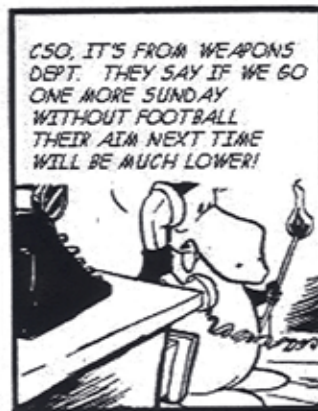
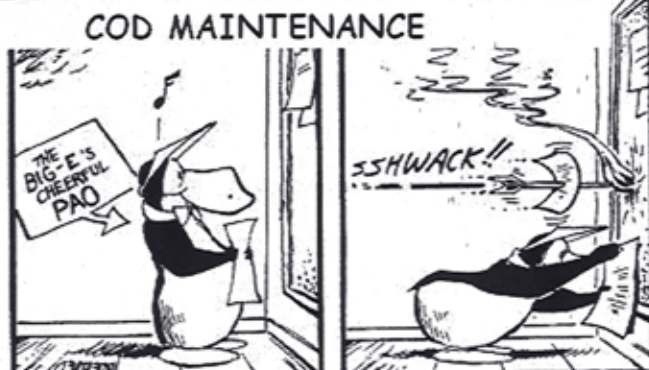
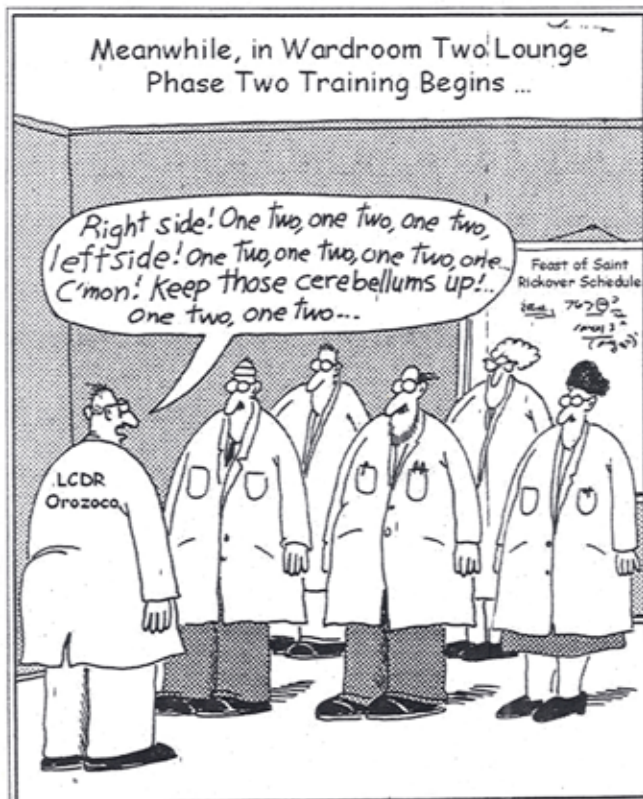
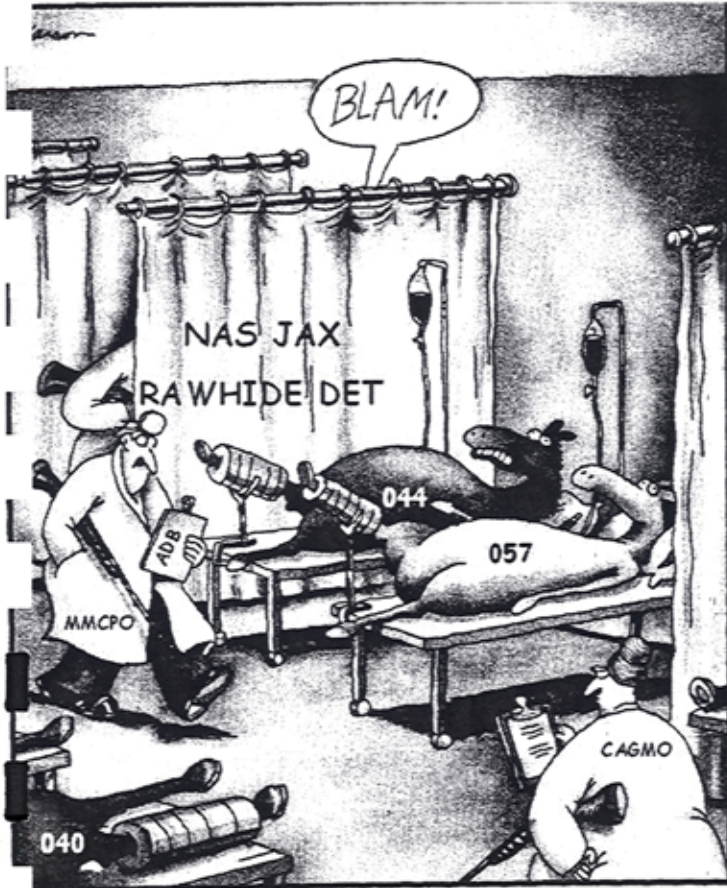
Tomcats in the break.....can you tell which one is Skipper Deni?



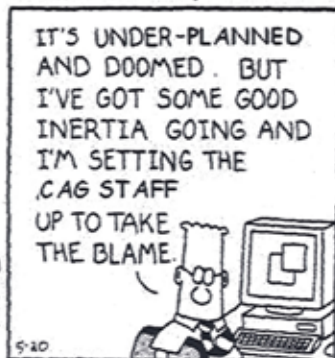
The phantom "klunk" common to most DESRON Briefs



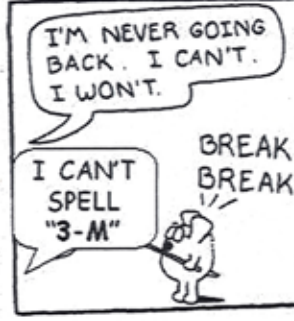
"Notice all the computations, theoretical scribbles, and equipment, Norm... SOE Rewrites killed these cats."



A Typical C2X Day in Strike Ops:



Meanwhile, another session in WR 2 Lounge.....



Oct 2003

C2X mercifully ends...

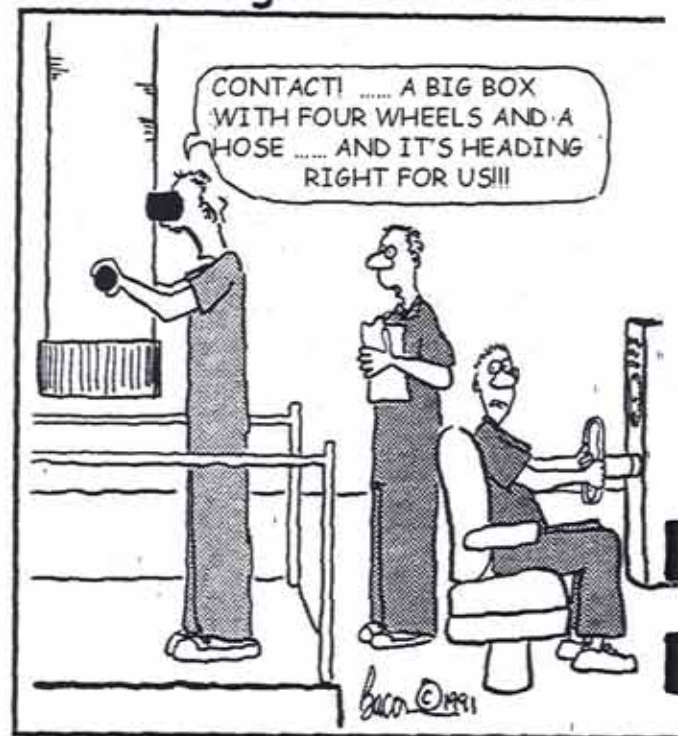


IN THE AIRBOSS'
STATEROOM AT 0445 ...

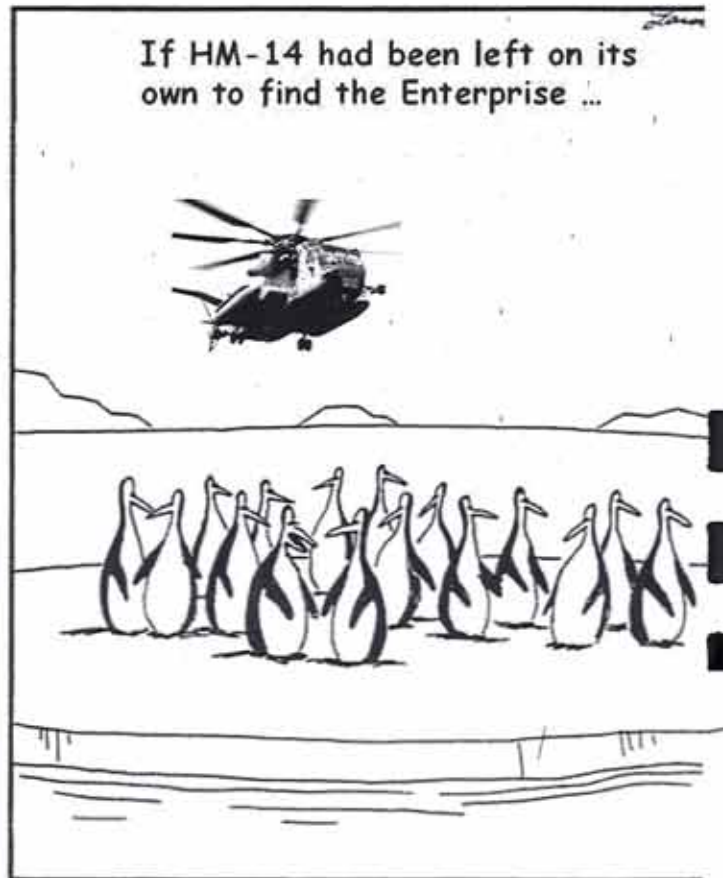


Slowly he would cruise the ENTERPRISE , waiting for that
occasional careless Sailor who confused him
with another vendor.

Meanwhile, on the
Orange Force Sub ...

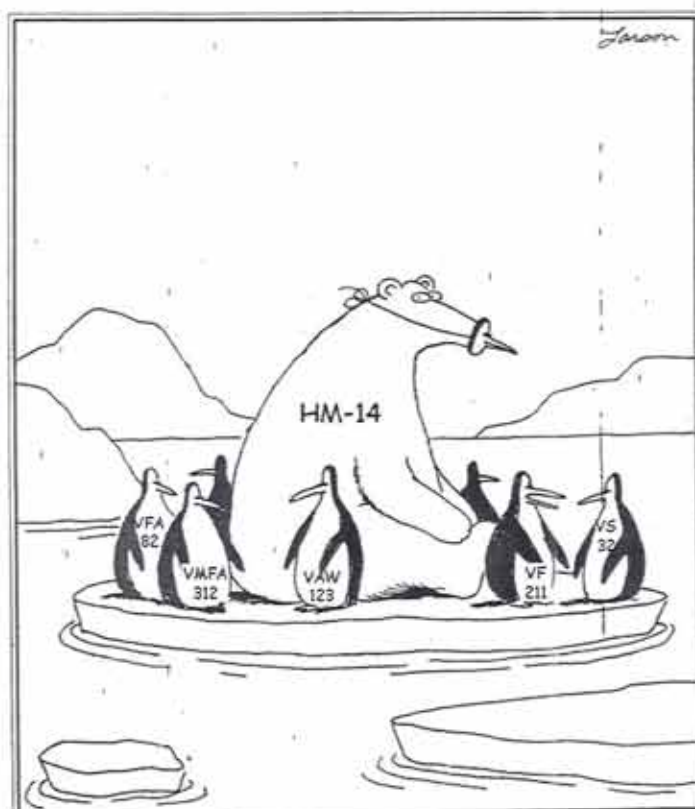
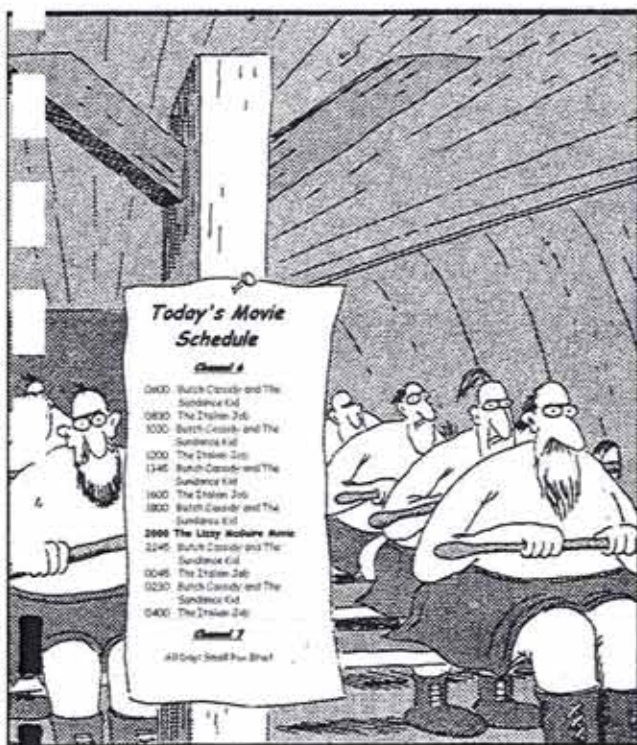


If HM-14 had been left on its
own to find the Enterprise ...



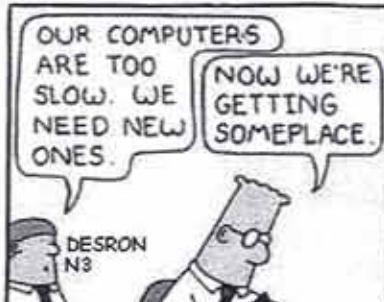
You don't see too many of those around here.

... and Deployment
Begins ...



TRANSLANT Sails by
Thanks to the ample selection of Movies on
MUST SEE BIG E TV

I can't quite figure out why,
but it sure seems crowded...





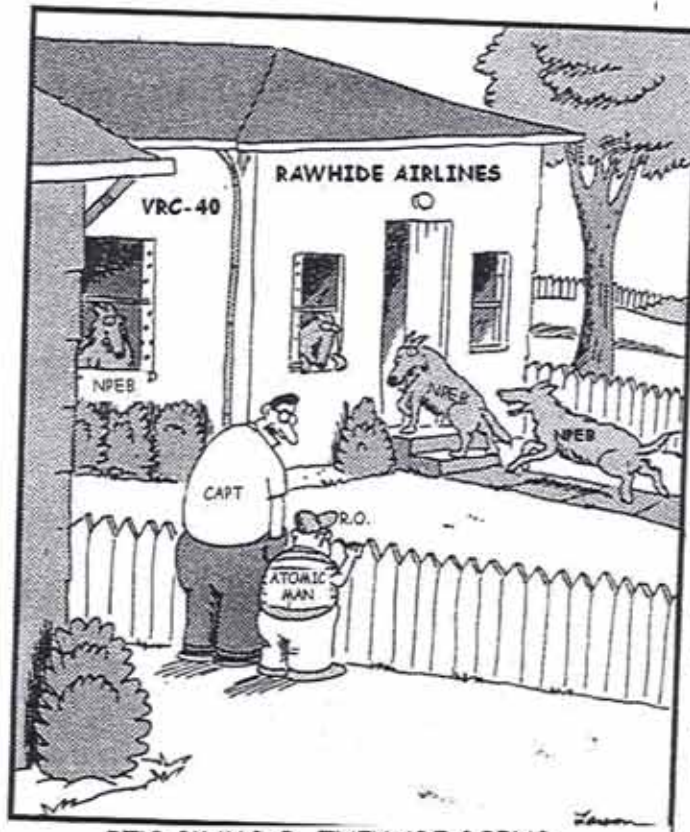
The Big E Shuttle

USS Enterprise (CVN 65)

The First... The Best... The Big E

October 4, 2003

Sarandi Lookout "Spouts" P-25

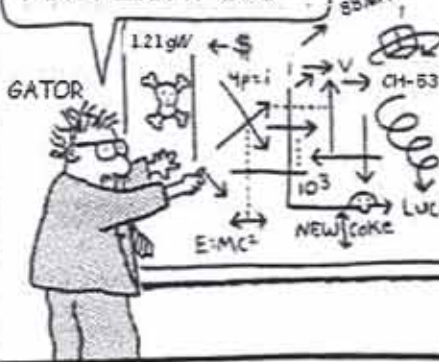


IT'S OKAY R.O. THEY ARE GOING...
I'LL EVEN LET YOU SHOOT THEM OFF
THE CATAPULT IF YOU FIX YOUR 3-M

LET'S START WITH
A BRIEF REFRESHER
OF THE TRANSIT PLAN



THIS DIAGRAM EXPLAINS
HOW WE WILL SPRINT TO
THE AZORES, THEN SLOW
FOR FLIGHT OPS

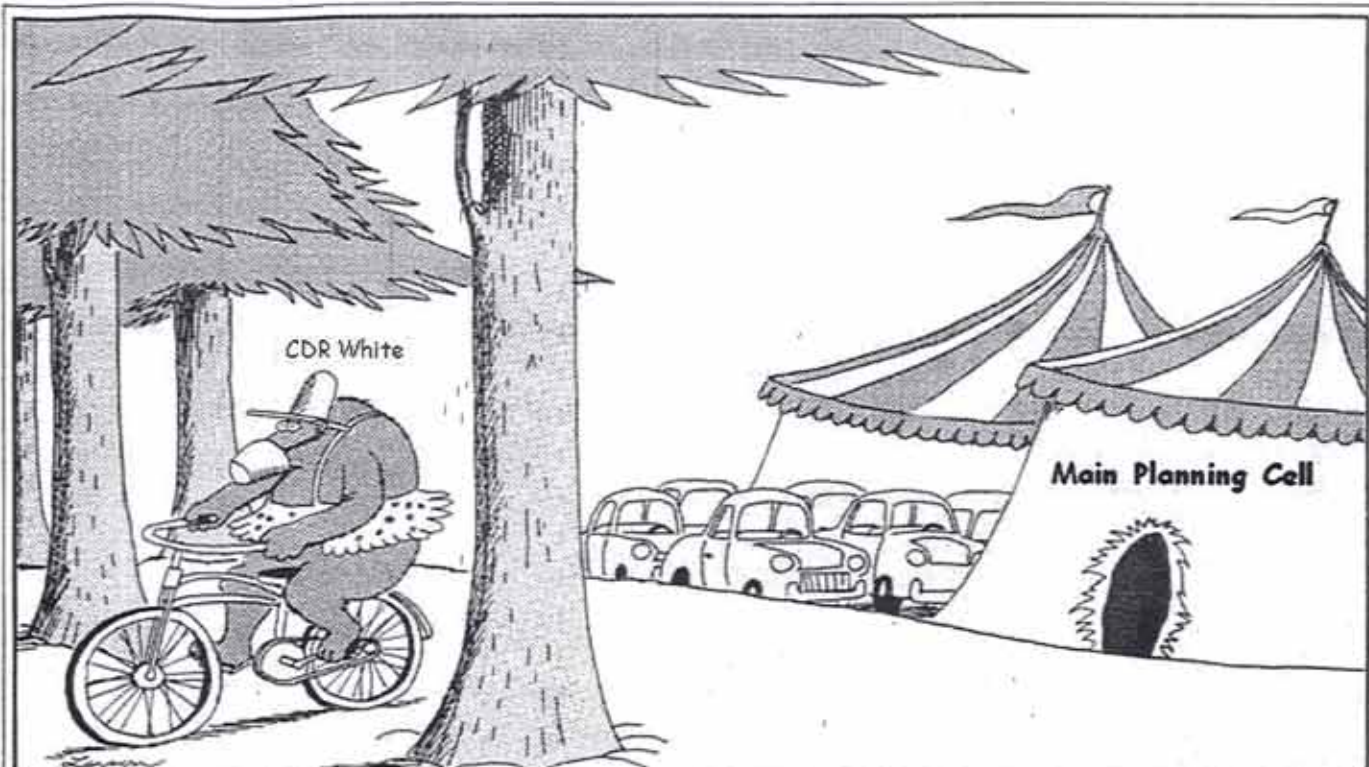


*"YOU REALIZE GATOR
THAT IF WE DON'T SLOW
DOWN, WE'LL BLOW
RIGHT PAST THE AZORES
AND MISS OUR FLY
WINDOW."

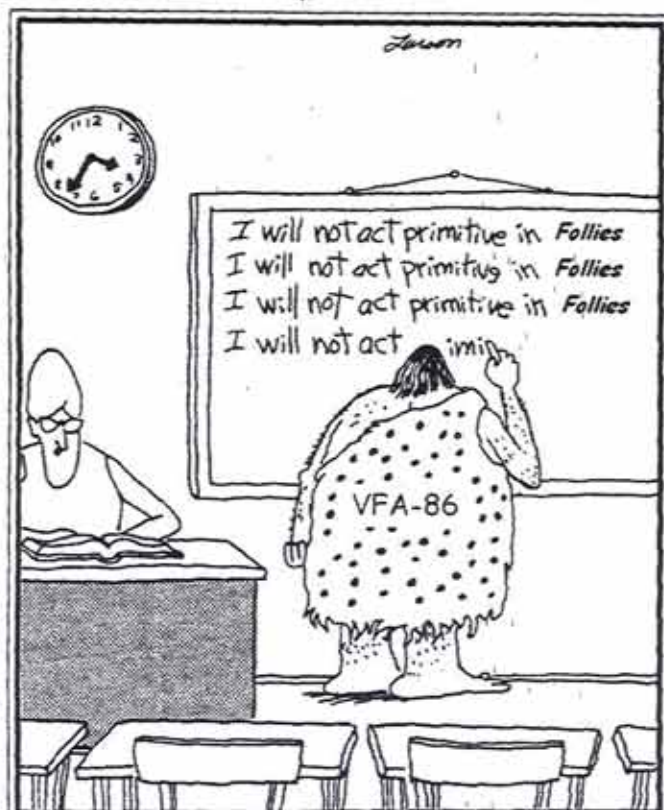


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(ACTUAL STAFF QUESTION)



Strike Ops remained free the rest of his life, although he did find it necessary to seek counseling.



I TOLD YOU NOT TO TAKE
THAT LEFT TURN AT CRETE!!!



HELLO?
PAO!

YES! THE
ADMIRAL
AND HIS
PARTY ARE
AN HOUR
EARLY!



HOW CAN
THAT BE ?!?



ON MY MARK ...
THE TIME IS
1000 +1A ... OR
1100 +2B IN
SIGONELLA ... OP
LAST TUESDAY,
AROUND
6PM IN PAC
TIME ...



Continuing the process of cramming as much
into as little time as possible ...

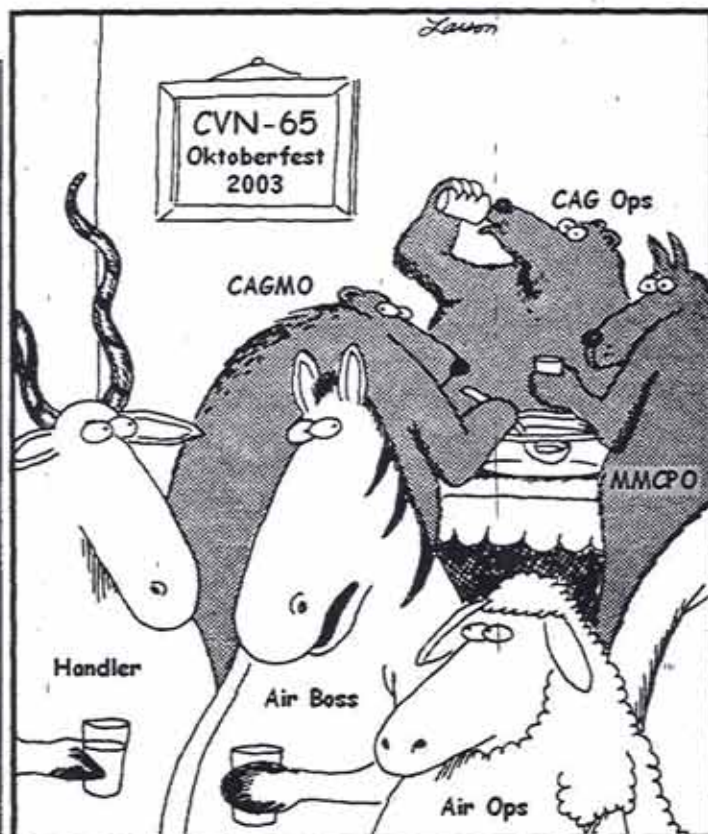
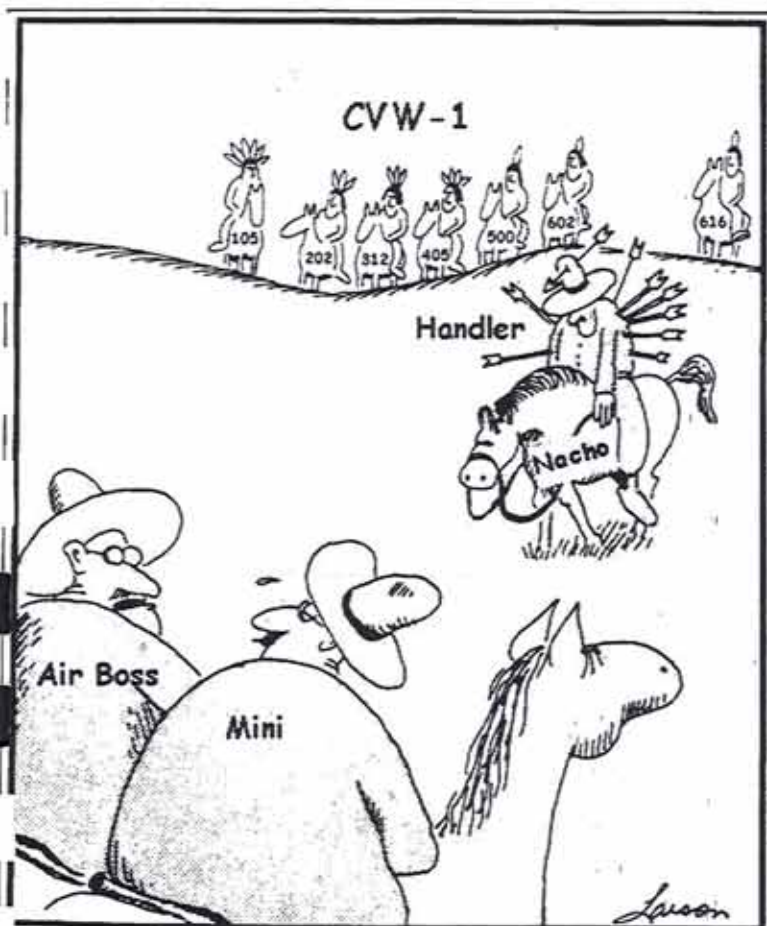
C2X to Suez in 11
days, including 3 Fly
Days and 3 UNREPS.



"Listen up, my Cossack brethren! We'll ride into
ENTERPRISE like the wind, the thunder of our horses
and the lightning of our steel striking fear in the
hearts of our enemies! ... And remember —
stay off the port side 'cause it's the first half
hour of cleaning stations.



The Flag N-3 enters the Ops Palace one last time...

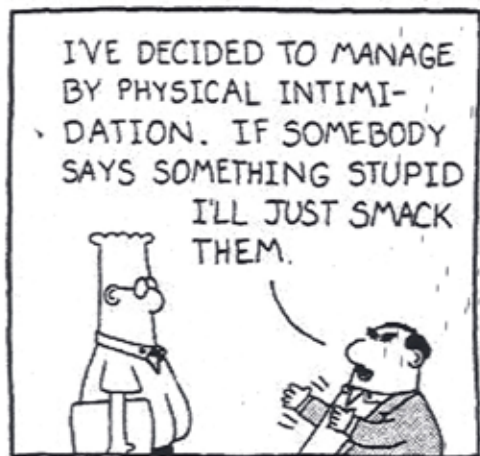


"I don't like this... The Airwing has been boozing it up by the engine cans all night — drinking, looking around, drinking, looking around..."

"Now stay calm... Let's hear what they said to Robbie."

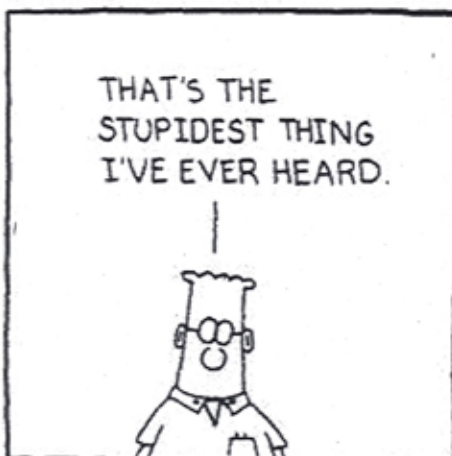
AIRWING LESSON #23: WHAT 3-M MEANS TO SHOES ...



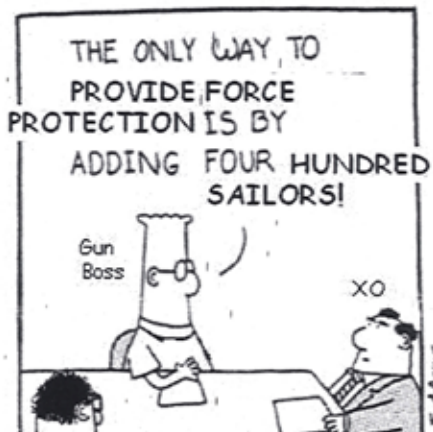


STRIKE

OPSO

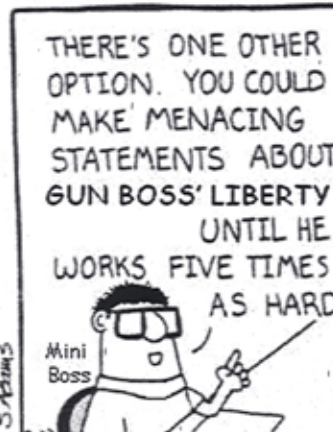


HODs DISCUSS F.P. MANPOWER CONCERNS



Gun Boss

XO



Mini Boss



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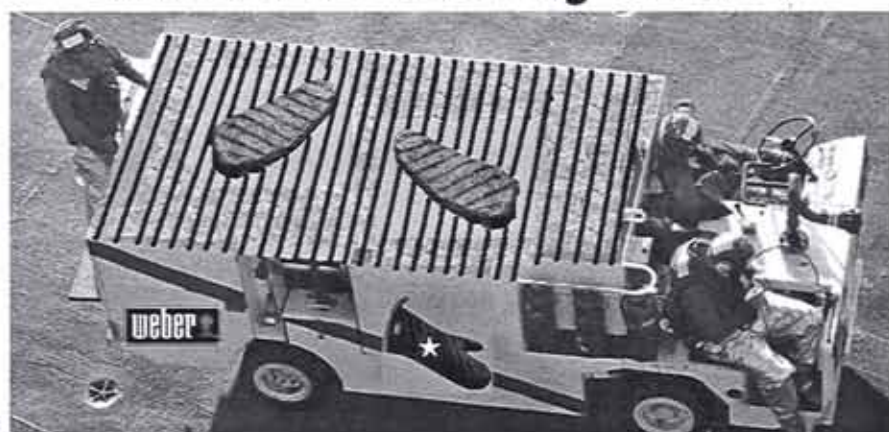
SUPPO FINDS YET ANOTHER WAY TO SERVE CHICKEN ...



"CHICKEN UP!"



Sorry that you didn't get all the mail yesterday, but we had to get a grill onboard for the Flag Staff ...



Of course, we had to clean out some seaweed and fish, but it grills a mean chicken!

THE DOCTRINE DEBATE COMES TO A HEAD ...



When the dust had settled, a lone figure was revealed standing on the small knoll. Yes, he, too, was a Staff animal—but he was through runnin'.

OUR HERO, THE A-COPWO, RECEIVES ANOTHER CALL FROM A SQUADRON J.O. ...

I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS...

A-COPWO

TAKE ALL THE ATO'S AND ARRANGE THEM IN NEAT PILES. NOW STAND ON YOUR CHAIR SO YOU CAN SEE ABOVE THE READY ROOM WALL...

NOW SHOUT "DOES ANYBODY KNOW HOW TO HELP ME PLAN MY SORTIE?"



S. Adams



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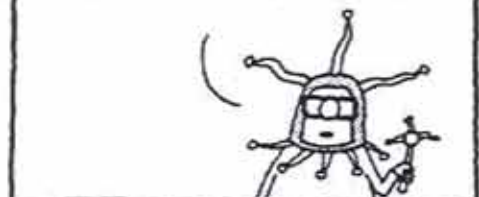
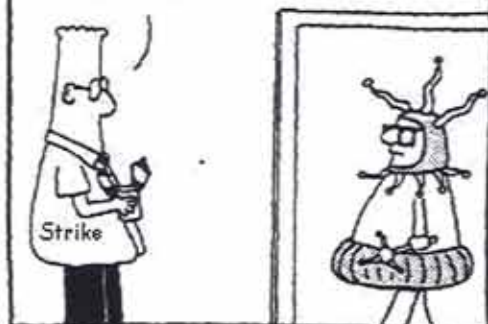


WHAT'S THE STORY WITH THE COSTUME, SAFETY?

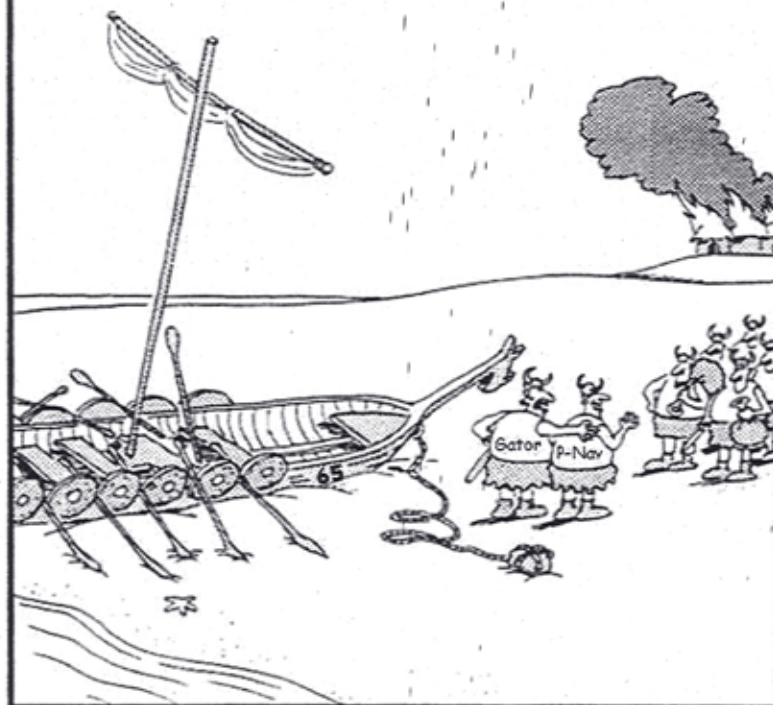
THE XO PUT ME ON A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO SEE IF HUMOR INCREASES CREATIVITY AND REDUCES THE NUMBER OF MISHAPS.

ARE YOU FEELING MORE CREATIVE?

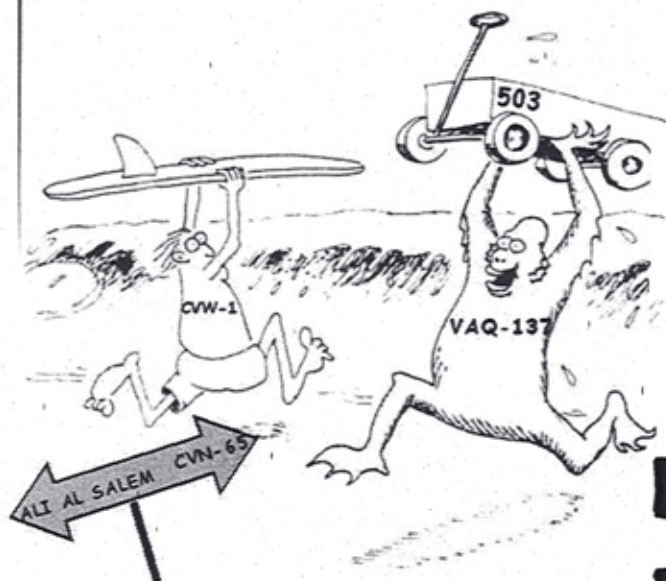
YEAH. I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT OF SIX HUNDRED WAYS TO KILL HIM.



GATOR HAS A NIGHTMARE ABOUT HIS
"LAST" PORT VISIT ON ENTERPRISE



"Everyone can just put down their Rugs and Gold, the new Gator here—yes, P-Nav, who was in charge of reading the tide chart—has something to say to us all."



Some creatures prefer the water ...
and others the land ...

Let's See What's
Happening on the
USS Gettysburg...



THE MIGHTY CRUISER
PATROLS THE SEAS!



SUDDENLY THE SHIP SPINS
OUT OF CONTROL! IT'S
CAUGHT IN PLANE GUARD



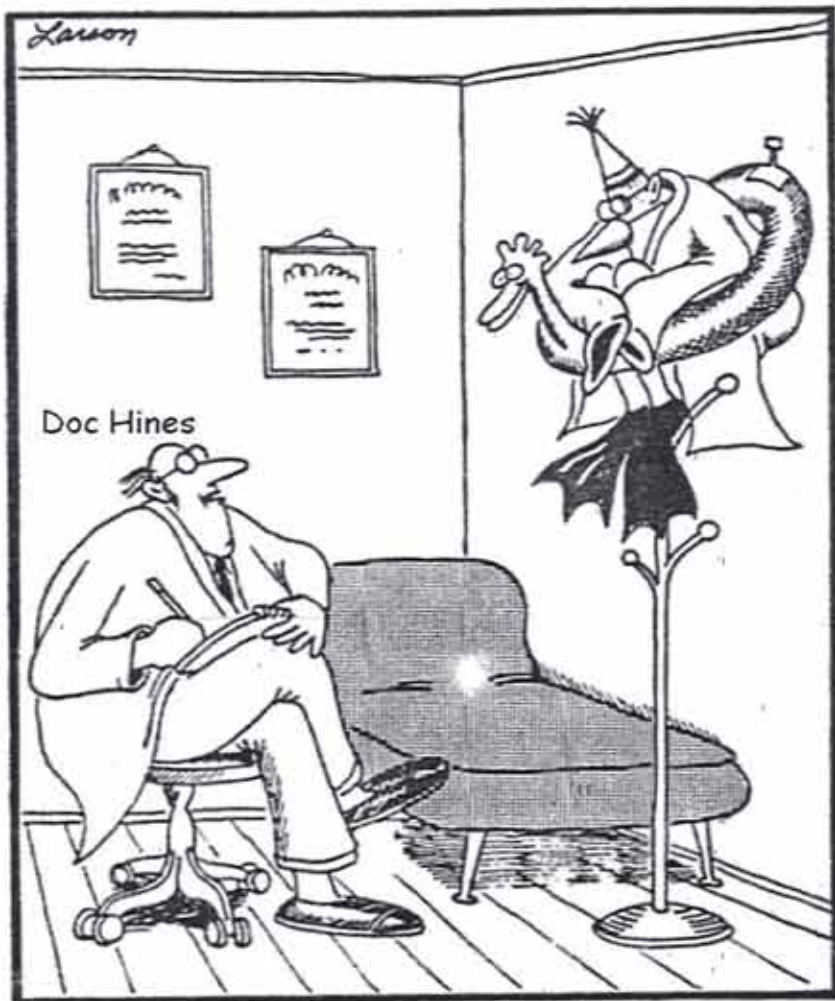
WITHIN MOMENTS THE GIANT
VESSEL DIPS ITS HULL INTO
THE SWIRLING VORTEX OF
THE DARK STAR!



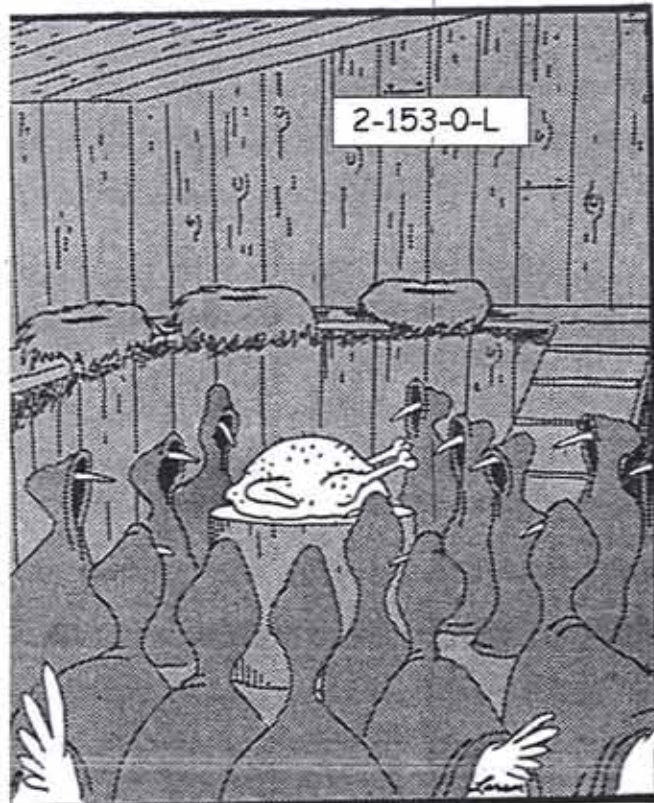
MY DREAMS ARE GETTING
WAY TOO LITERAL.



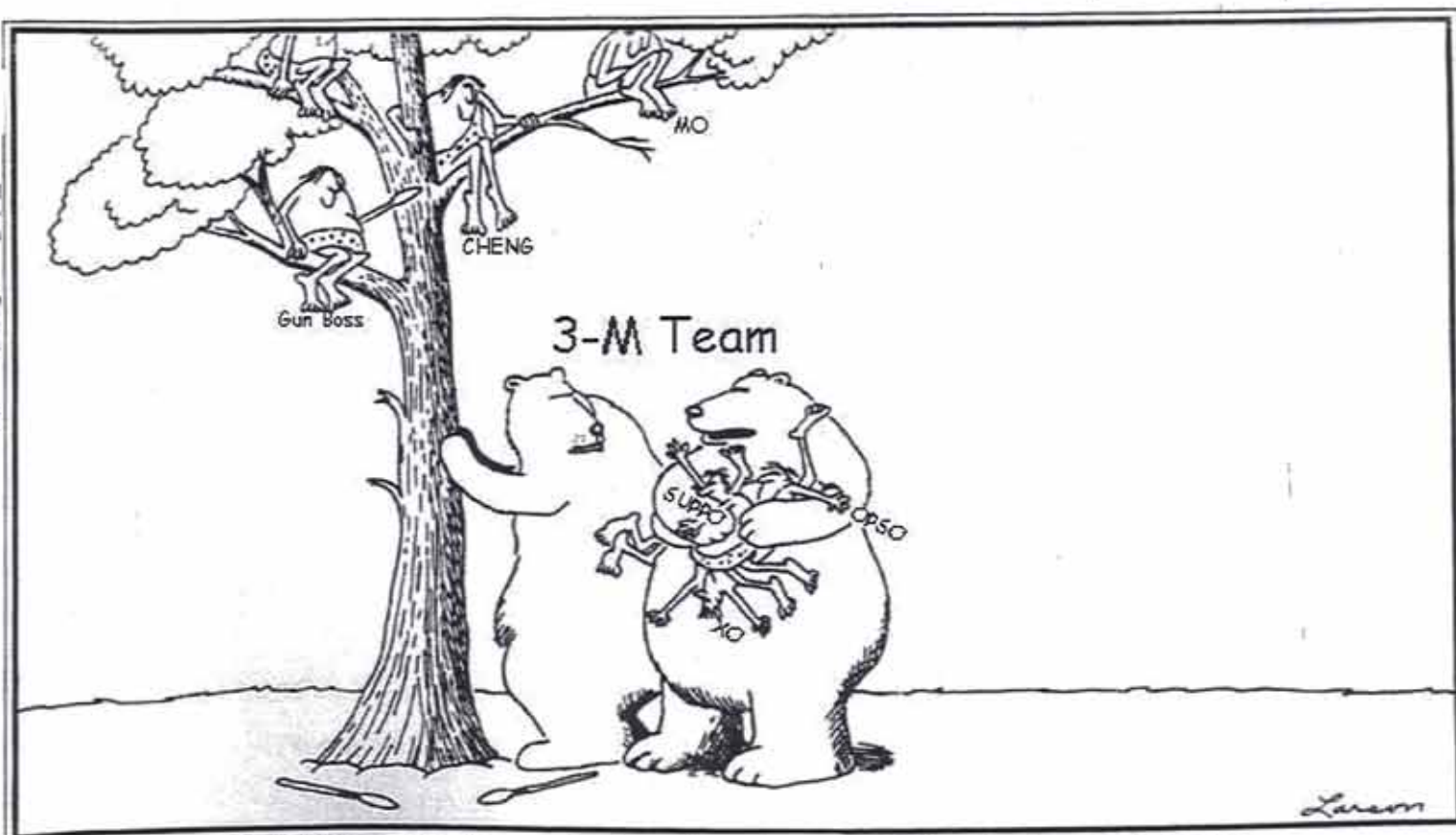
THE "MONOTONY"
OF THE NAG
AFFECTED EACH
OF US IN ITS
OWN WAY ...



"So, Gun Boss ... Let's begin with Force Protection.



The menu review board meets to prepare for the Ney Inspection...

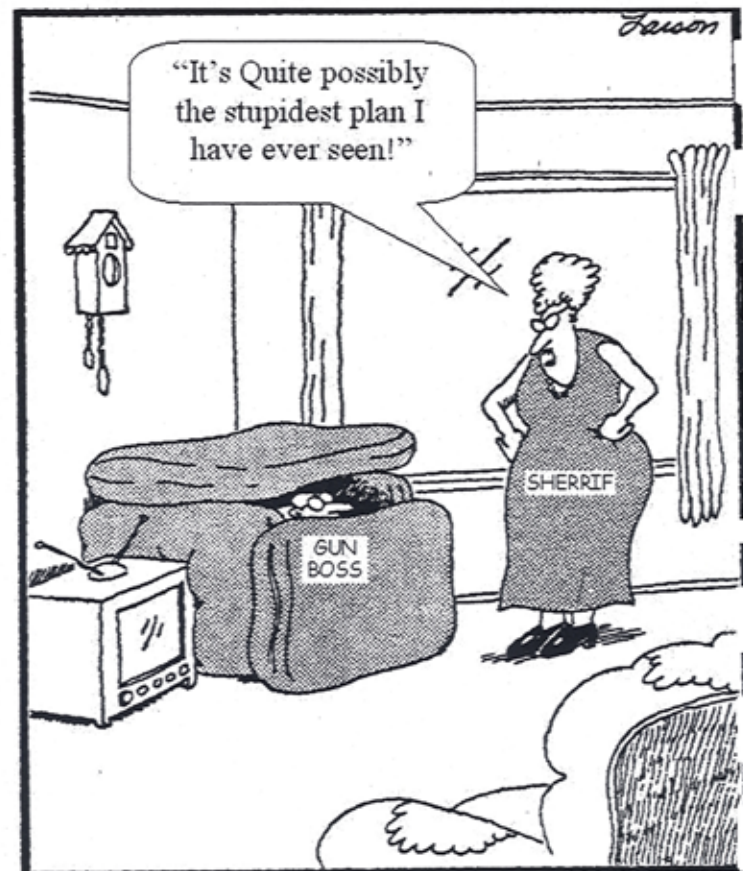


"Let's see ... This has to last us four days ... Better give it one more shake."

AFTER MORE THAN TWO LONG MONTHS, 8,000 MILES, AND OVER 4000 SORTIES, ENTERPRISE FINALLY GETS A PORT VISIT ...



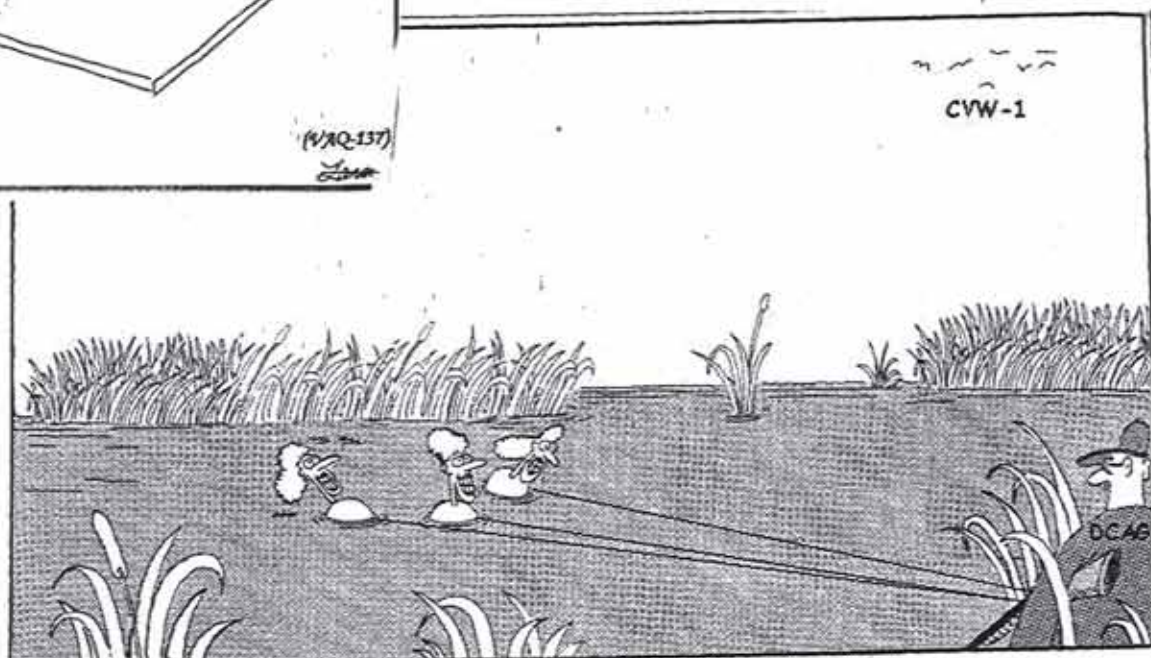
While the rest of the crew learns cultural etiquette, RTA reintroduces the engineers to the concept of "light."



GUN BOSS DEVELOPS "IMPROVED" FORCE PROTECTION PROCEDURES



**BUT THE FORCE
OF THE "DARK
STAR" IS TOO
STRONG ...**

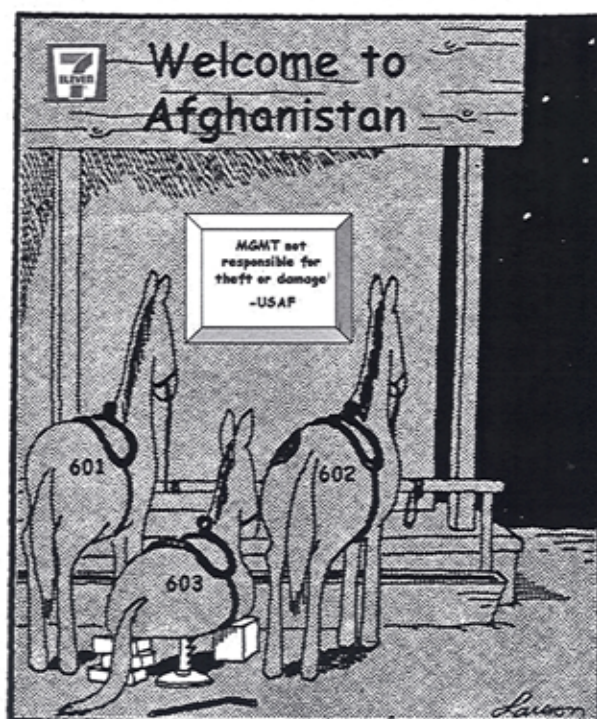
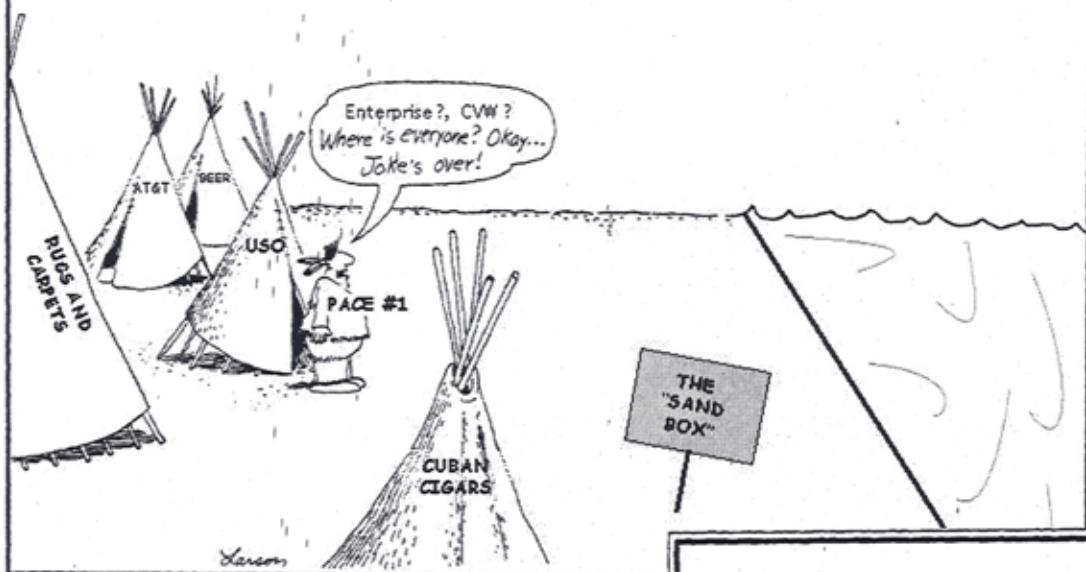


The recall goes smoothly, thanks to a few innovative methods...

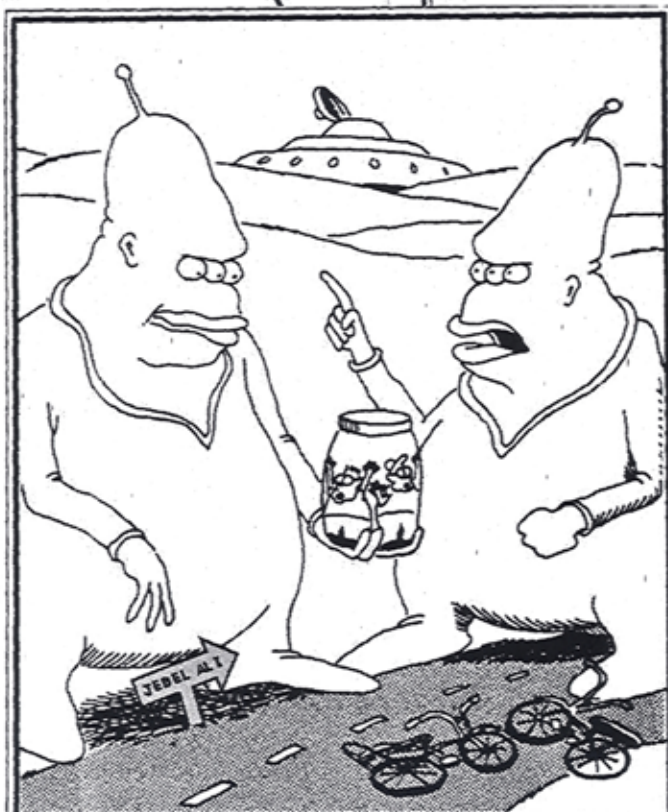
ANOTHER "INNOVATIVE" RECALL METHOD FROM JEBEL ALI ...



5 November, 2003: Jebel Ali, UAE



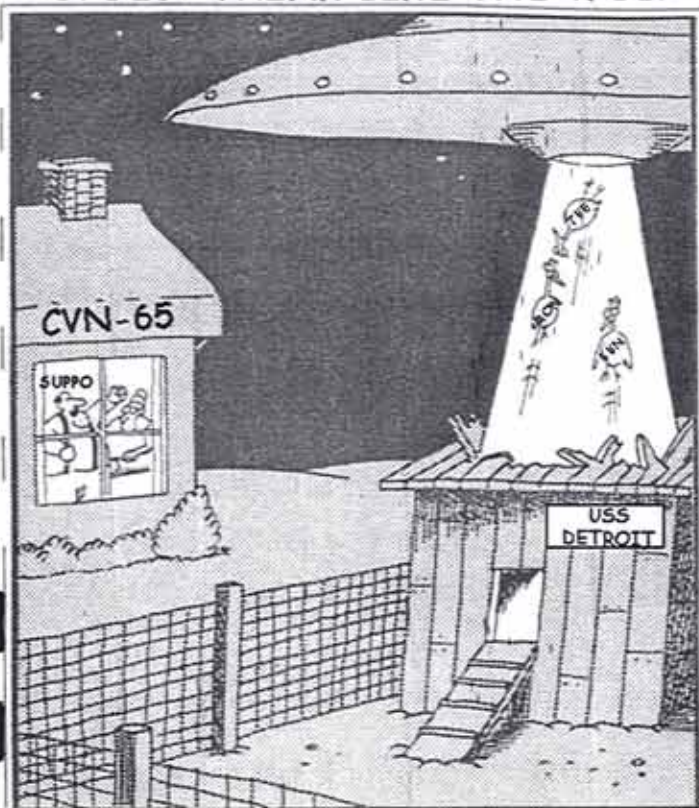
CAG's concern about the SCREWTOPS leads to some peculiar dreams...



THE PACE INSTRUCTORS' STORY OF MISSING SHIP'S MOVEMENT WAS, TO SAY THE LEAST, ELABORATE AND WELL REHEARSED.



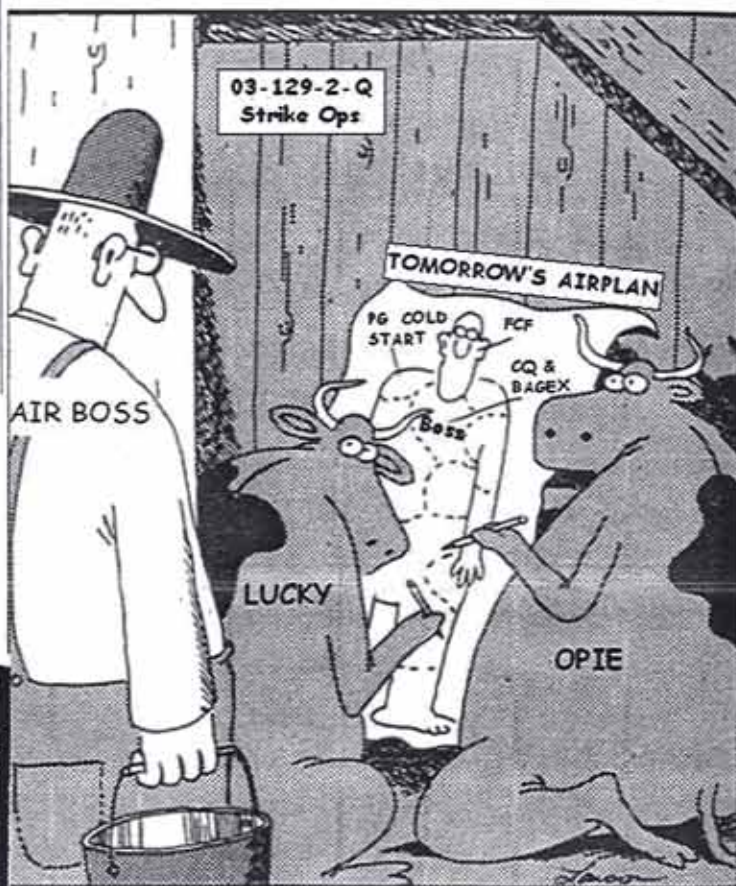
OPSEC: THINK LIKE THE WOLF



"Someone talked... and there goes next week's menu!"



Tell me, CAPT Bronson, have you handled much poultry lately?



Trouble Brewing

HAVE I TOLD YOU
RECENTLY THAT I
I'M LEAVING FOR
CARGRU-4 SOON?



YES

THE HOURS ARE OBSCENE,
THEY WEAR CASUAL
CLOTHES AT WORK,
AND WEDNESDAY
THROUGH FRIDAY IS
FREE BEER
AND PIZZA.



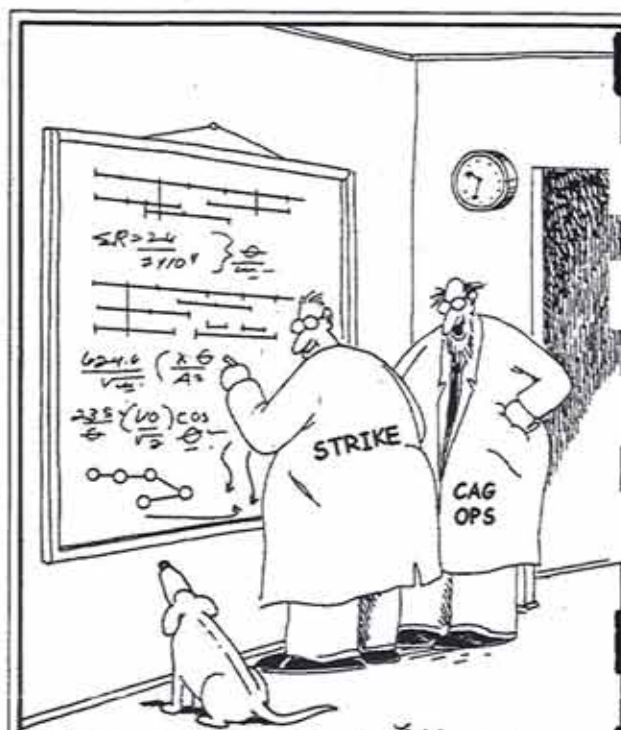
OPSO

AS THE NEW GUY I GET
ONLY TWO MESSAGES
A WEEK UNTIL THE
COMMAND INCREASES
MY WORK WEEK BEYOND
THREE DAYS.

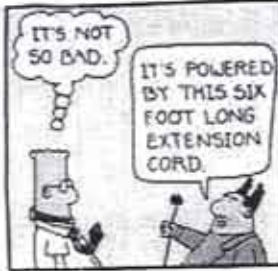
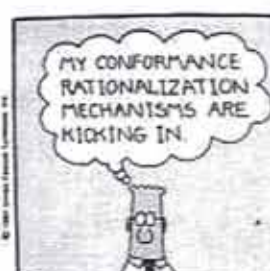


SOB!!

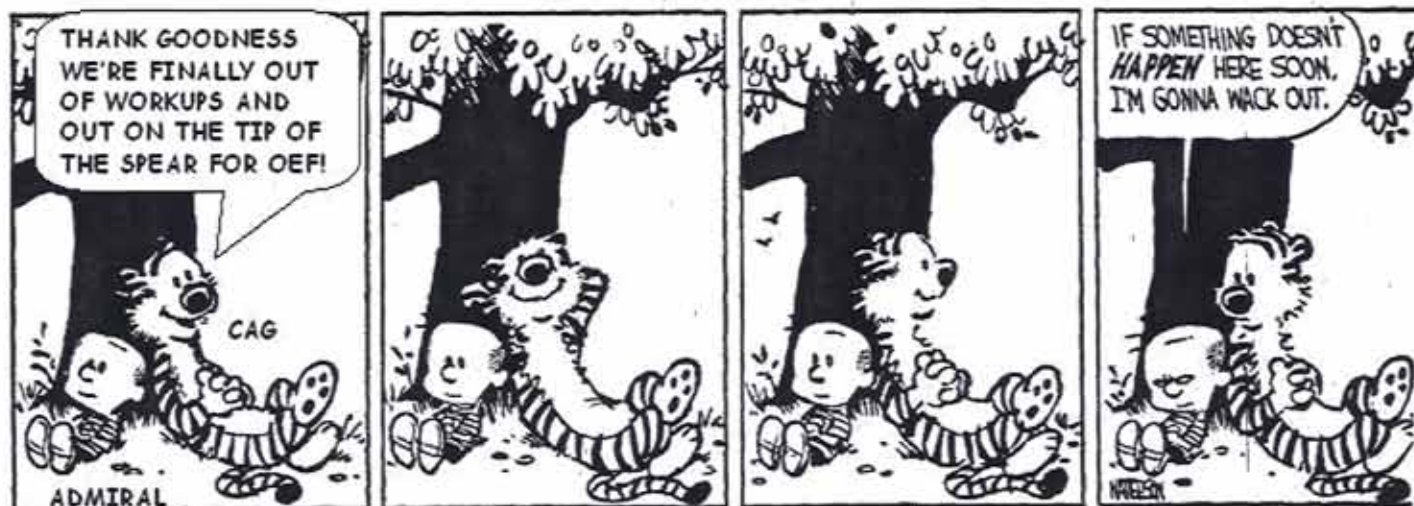
OLD GATOR



Ohhhhhhh.....look at that.....black shoes are just soooo cute when they try to comprehend carrier air operations!



CAG AND THE ADMIRAL BASK IN THE GLOW OF DEPLOYMENT....



THE HODS DISCUSS THE LATEST TASKER.....

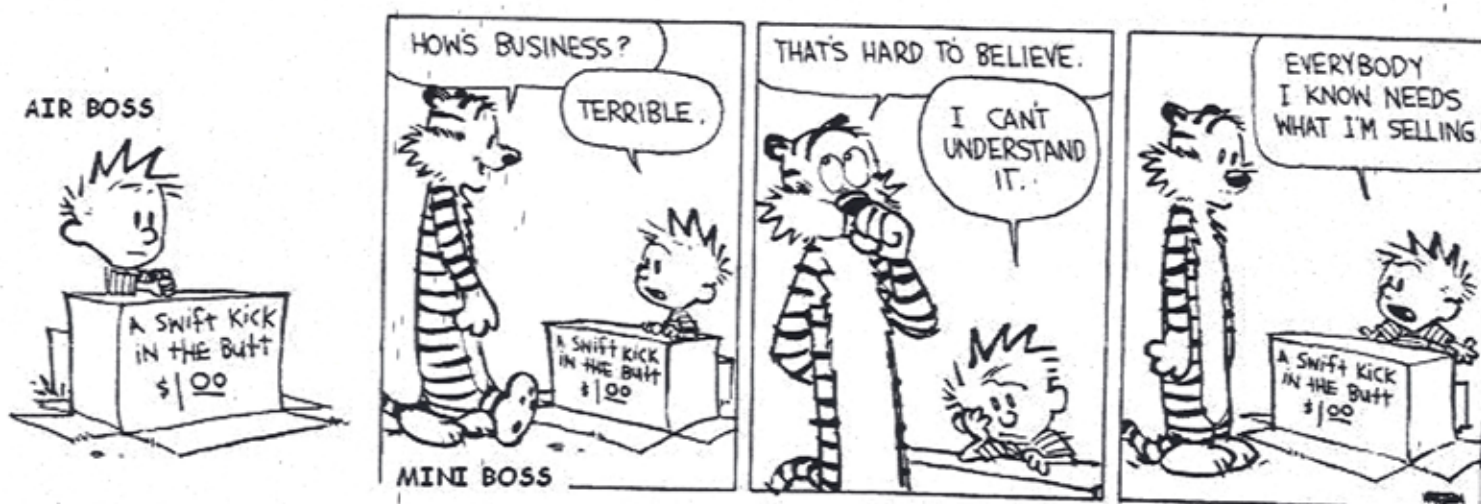


"THAT'S FUNNY ... I DON'T RECALL ANY JETS ON THE SCHEDULE TONIGHT."

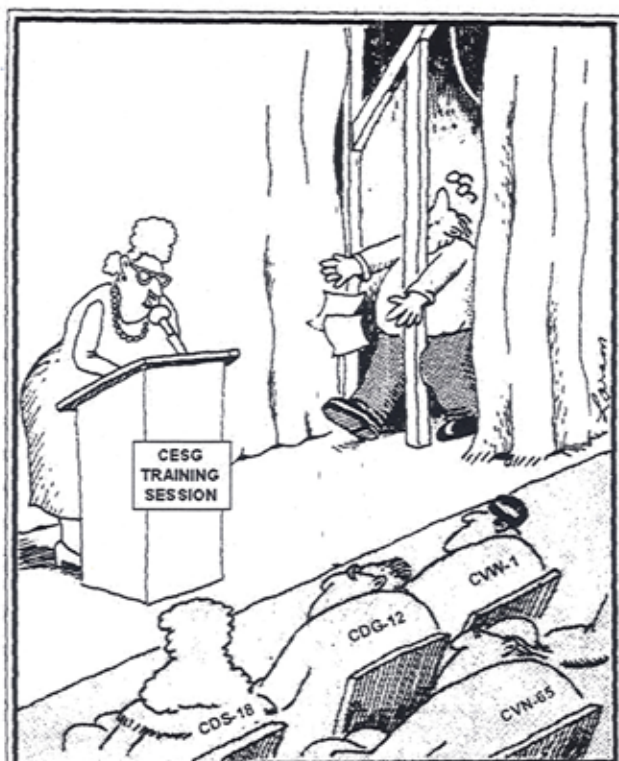


"Well, for crying out loud! ... It's the Pasni Boys back from their little vacation!!

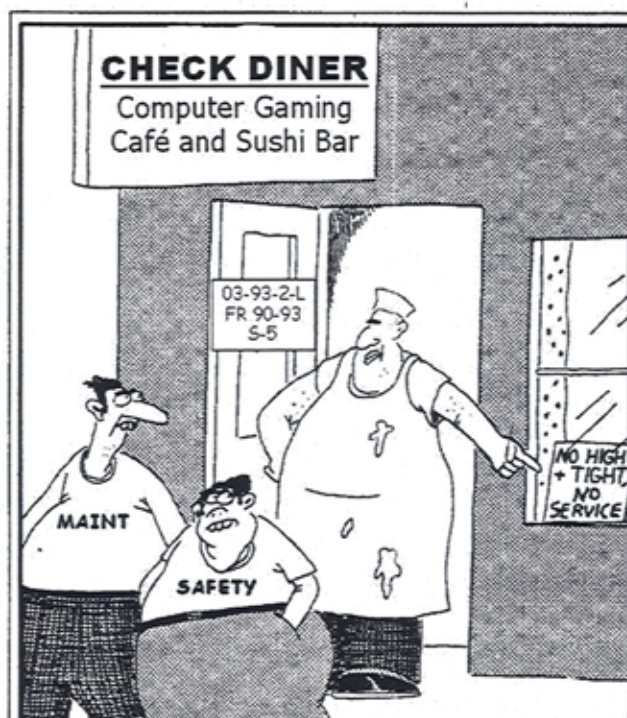
The AIR BOSS finds himself a hobby during the No Fly Day.



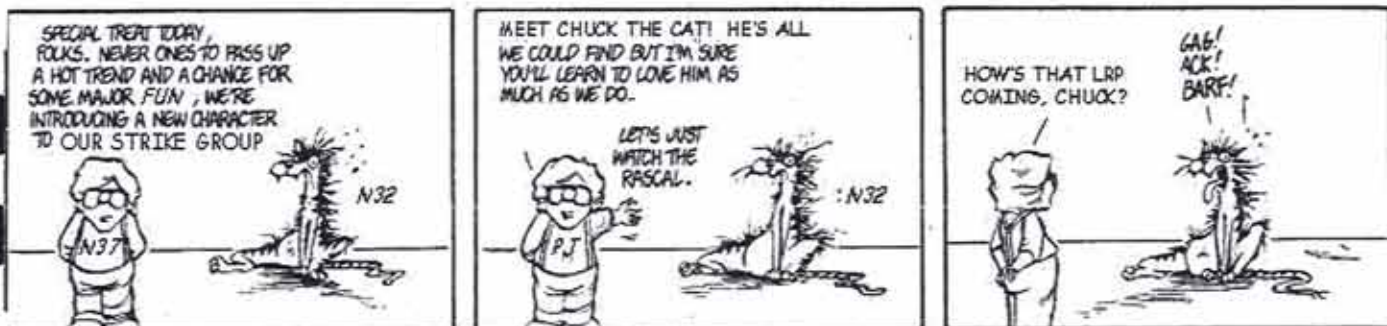
The Black Shoes plan on letting their hair down in Dubai at the "SWO Ball".....



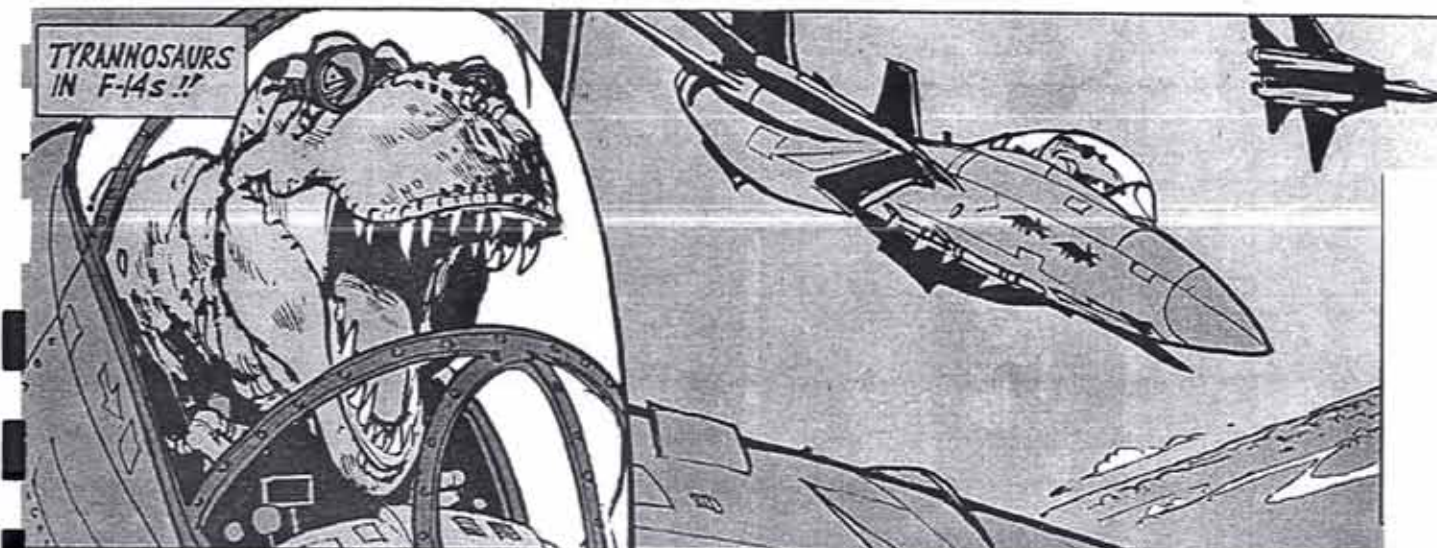
"And so, without further ado, here's the author of 'Navigating your Way to Collegiality on your Staff'...."

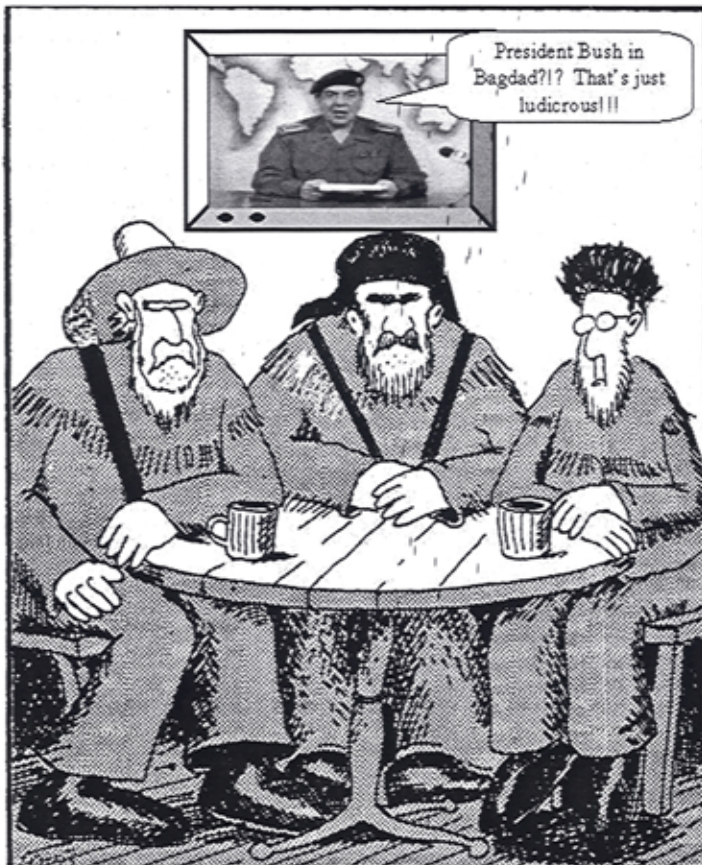


Denied fresh sushi and computer gaming, they came back they next day on a Zone Inspection warrant and shut them down for "electrical safety violations."

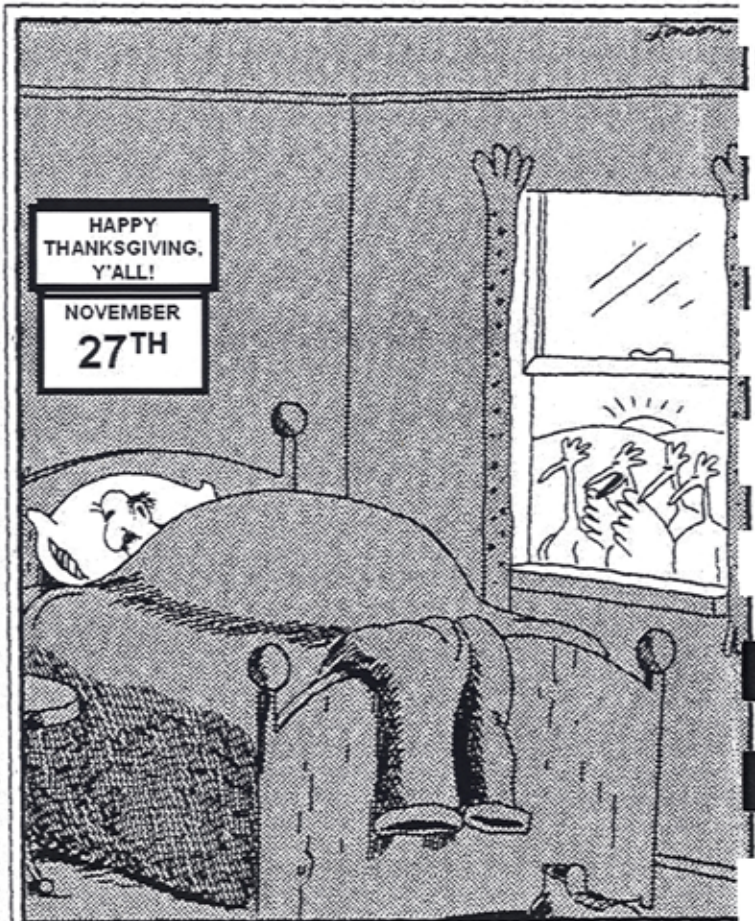


THE GLORY DAYS ...



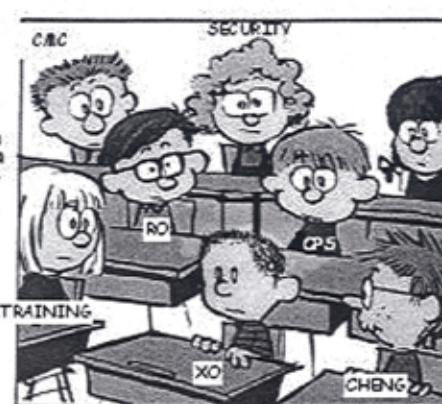


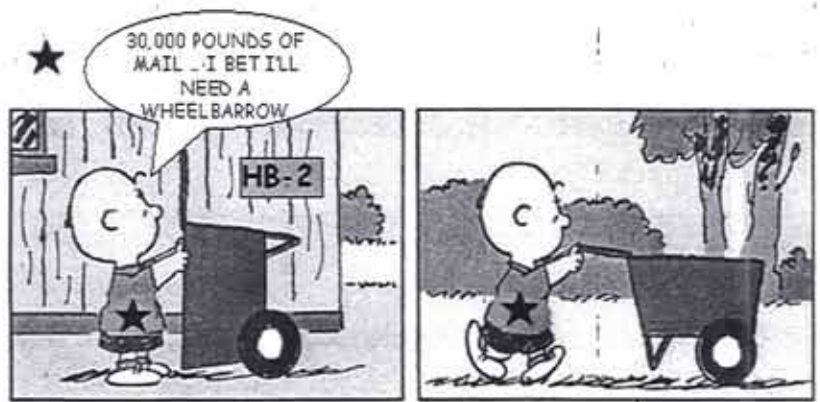
No-Fly Days mean lots of meetings in Wardroom 2 Lounge, and that means some unhappy contractors.....



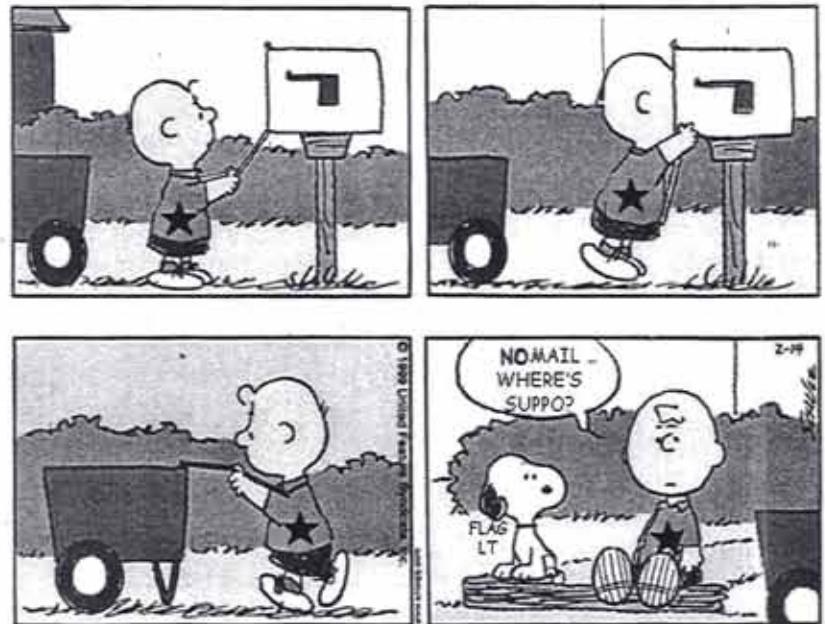
Yo! SUPPO! You can't mess with us today!

BIG XO IS ON THE PROWL.....





RECENT EVENTS LEAD TO SOME REACTOR/ENGINEERING REFRESHER TRAINING ...



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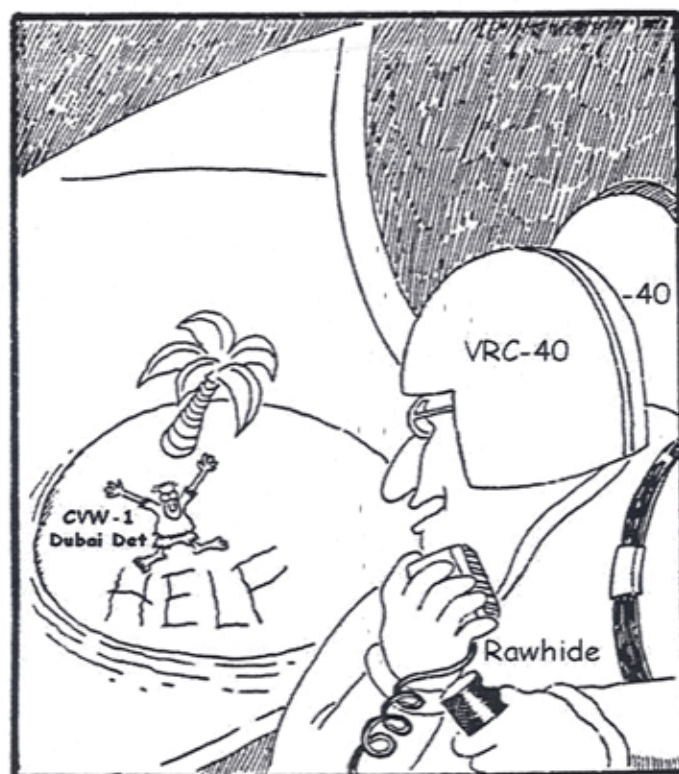
STRIKE OPS ATTENDS HIS FIRST FLAG BRIEF.....



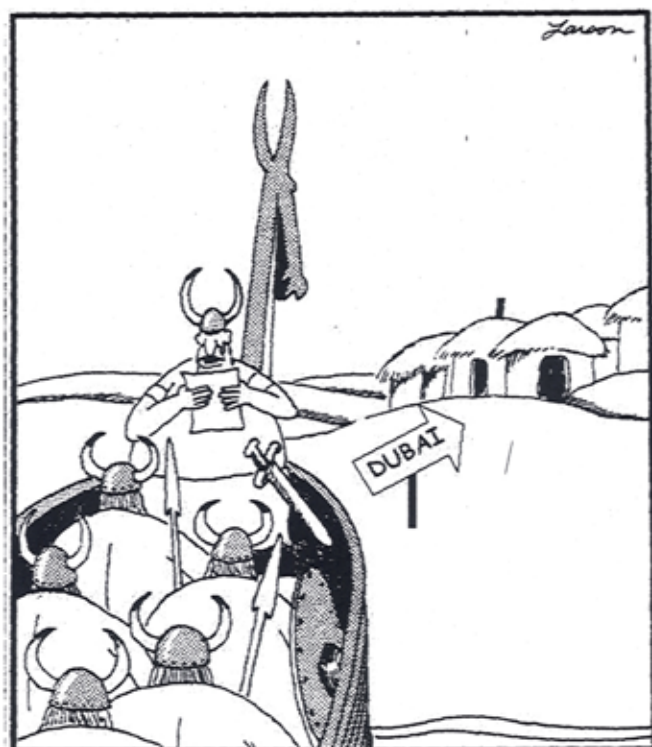
WITH 5 FLYOFFS GONE, AND 5 MORE TO GO, IT'S PARTY TIME IN PRIMARY!



After his near brush with greatness in the back of a Prowler, the RO's party ashore gets out of control and requires the services of the Big XO.....



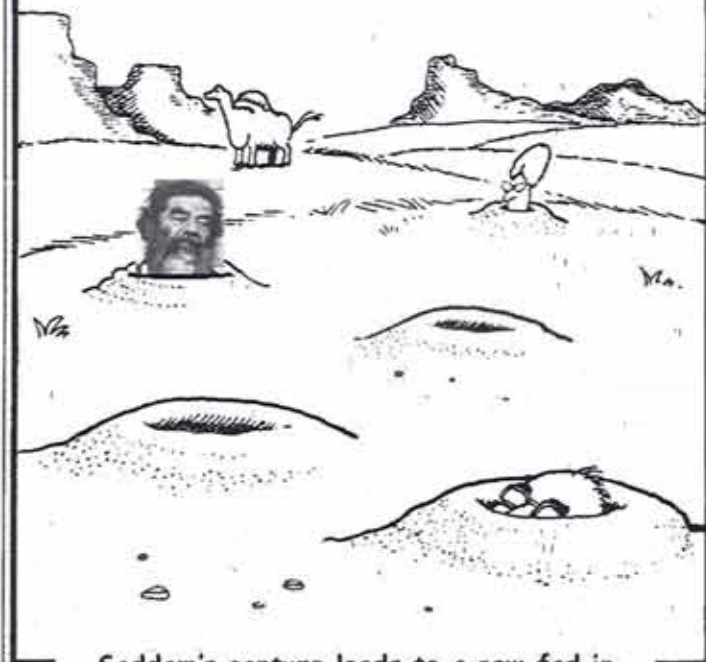
"Wait! Wait! ... Cancel that, I guess it says 'helf'. Back to Bahrain..."



Okay, Before we get to go ashore, let's beat the liberty policy horse one more time..... and since Strike Ops made fun of this in today's cartoon, he won't be joining us today.

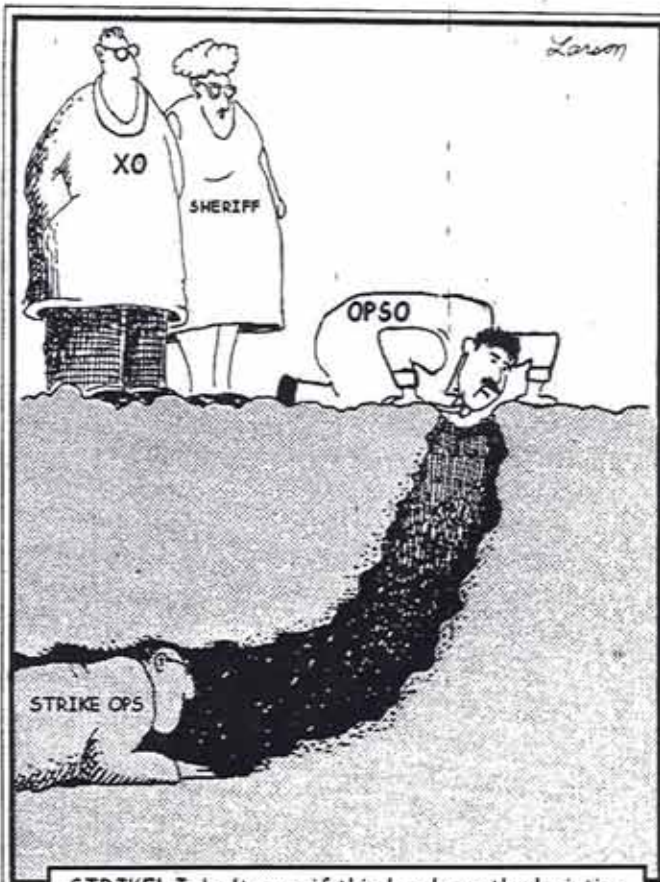
Lawson

We Got Him!!!!



Saddam's capture leads to a new fad in underground living...

Lawson



STRIKE! I don't care if this has been the logistics week from Hell. Get out of that hole this instant or I'll get the hose.....again!

Conversation heard onboard Dragon 611 Tuesday morning....

Commodore: A bird hit us?

Pilot: Yes Sir, we have to go back to the Big E.

Commodore: That's ridiculous, it's a simple question of weight ratios! A five ounce bird could not take down a 20,000 pound aircraft!

Pilot: We have to go back.

Commodore: Listen! In order to maintain air-speed velocity, a swallow needs to beat its wings forty-three times every second, right?

Pilot: Sir, please! I'm trying to land!

Commodore: Am I right?

Commodore's Aide: It could have been an African Swallow, Sir!

Commodore: Oh yeah, an African swallow maybe, but not an Arabian swallow. That's my point.

Aide: Oh yes Sir, I agree with that.

Pilot: Please prepare yourselves for landing...

Commodore: But then of course, African swallows are not migratory to this area. So they couldn't hit us way out here.

Aide: Wait a minute! Supposing two Arabian swallows hit us together?

Commodore: Perfectly timed? They'd have to be on a line.

Pilot: Please, Gentlemen, sit down so we can land!

Commodore: Wouldn't that interfere with the dorsal guiding feathers?

Aide: Well, why not?

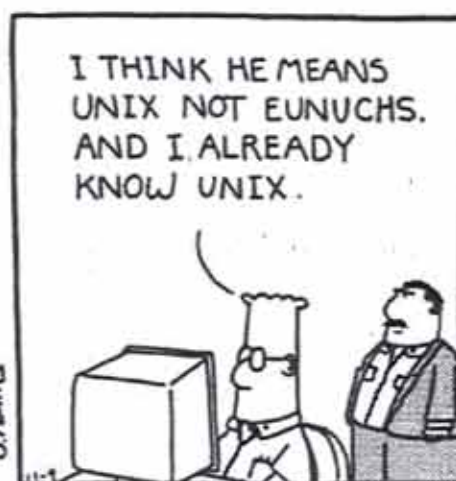
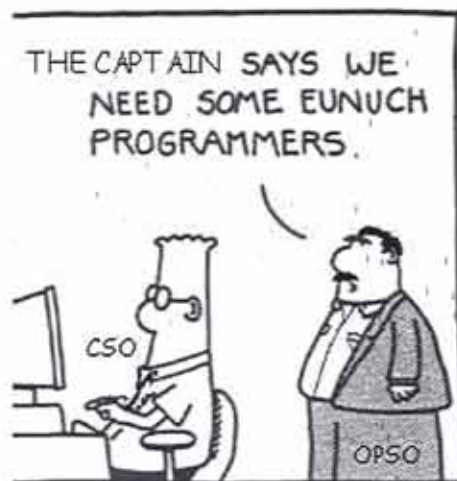
Pilot: Get me out of here!!



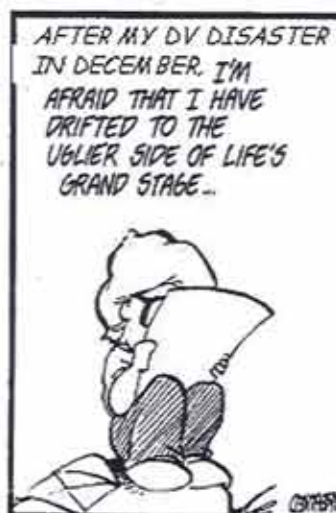
100 LATE!! TELL THAT YO-YO
HE'S STUCK TILL NEXT EVENT!!!

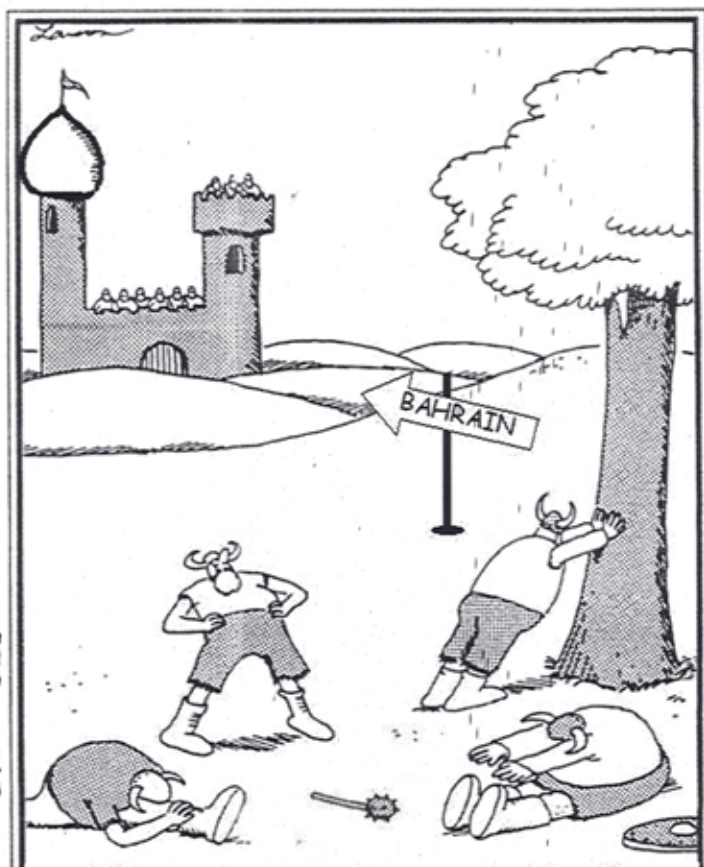


As the new MINI settles in, CAPT Baragar's transformation from the Ogre-like Air Boss back to a mild-mannered fighter-guy is complete in time for heading home



AS THE BIGGEST TWO DAYS IN ENTERPRISE DV HISTORY APPROACH
THIS IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE PAO IF IT DOESN'T GO WELL



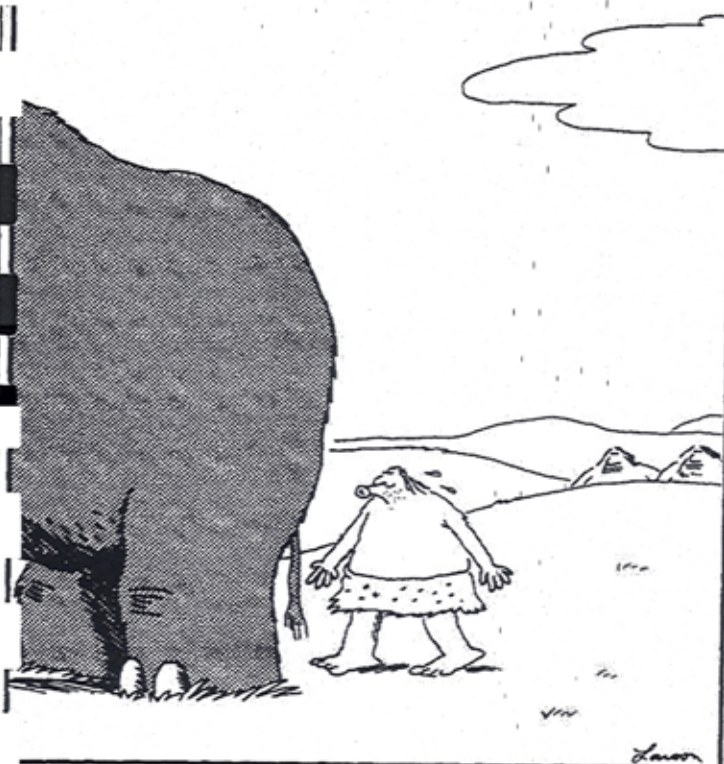


With a week or more between port visits, it's important to ensure you are fully stretched and limber before hitting the town.

A VISIT TO A NEW
PORT AFFORDS THE
STRIKE GROUP AN
OPPORTUNITY TO
SPREAD SOME
HOLIDAY CHEER ...



Who could ever forget the festive
Christmas from the Desert Dome in 2003?



THE LIST OF THE *BAHRAIN FIVE'S*
"ACCOMPLISHMENTS" WAS LONG
AND DISTINGUISHED ...

After 4 months extended shipyard time, no POM, 150 Fly Days, and over 9000 Sorties, 2003 final ends for the Enterprise Strike Group ...



Unwittingly, the Staff N-39 stepped from the shadows of the Flag Ops Pit and into Main Planning Cell folklore forever.

VAQ-137 ROOKS			
Flight Schedule			
Saturday, 29-Dec-2003			
CDR J. S. Rath, CO	SDO: LTJG Hartman	ACDPWO (0200-0800) LT Eisenbraun	CDR K. G. Meenaghan, XC
Sunrise: 0631	Moonrise: 1111	Julian: 2362	Illumi: 419

Must see Big E TV	
Channel 2	Channel 3
0600: 30/Minute and Check Today	0600: Countdown
0630: All About the Beginning	0630: All About the Beginning
0655: Round of the Aves	0655: Round of the Aves
0715: The Hot Chick	0715: The Hot Chick
0745: The Hot Chick	0745: The Hot Chick
0800: The Hot Chick	0800: The Hot Chick
0830: The Hot Chick	0830: The Hot Chick
0900: The Hot Chick	0900: The Hot Chick
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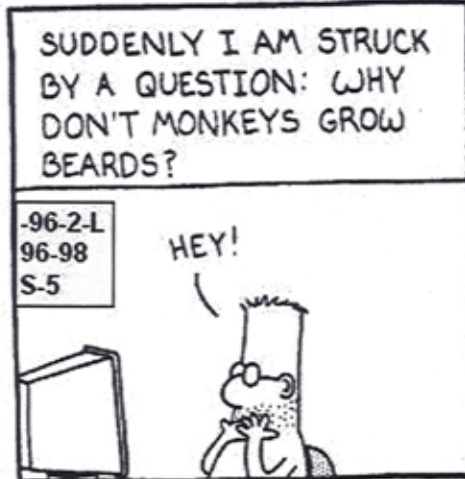
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1600-1800	Channel 7
1800-2000	Channel 8
2000-2200	Channel 9
2200-2400	Channel 10

Pilot	Meenaghan	Craig	Warren	Taylor	Tully	Wilson
Last No trap	18 DEC	13 DEC	18 DEC	13 DEC	03 DEC	19 DEC
Days since	11	16	11	16	26	10

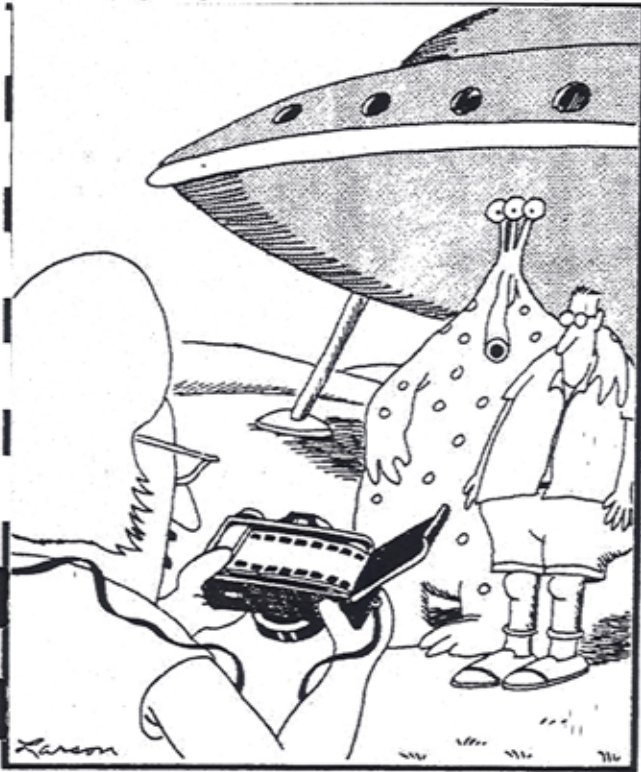
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For VAQ-137, Every day is a Saturday.

XO "Meenie" of VAQ-137 finds ways to cope with most of his squadron away on a detachment in country.....



The Maint Officer had lots of reasons why he took so long to get back from his "meeting".....

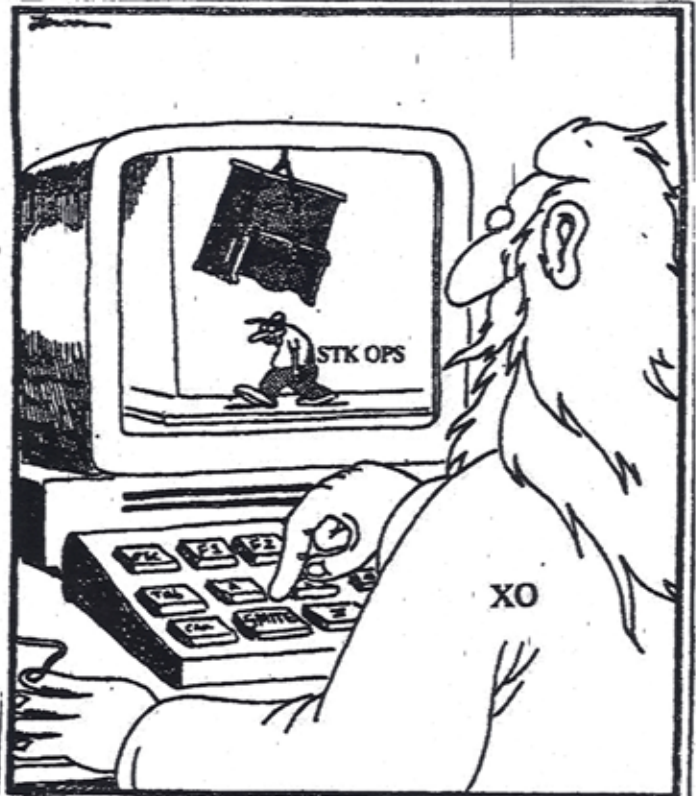


"Yes, yes, already, M.O.!... There IS film in the camera!"

.....but he could never provide any evidence!

January 2004

Still providing a "Presence with a Purpose" in the Arabian Gulf ...

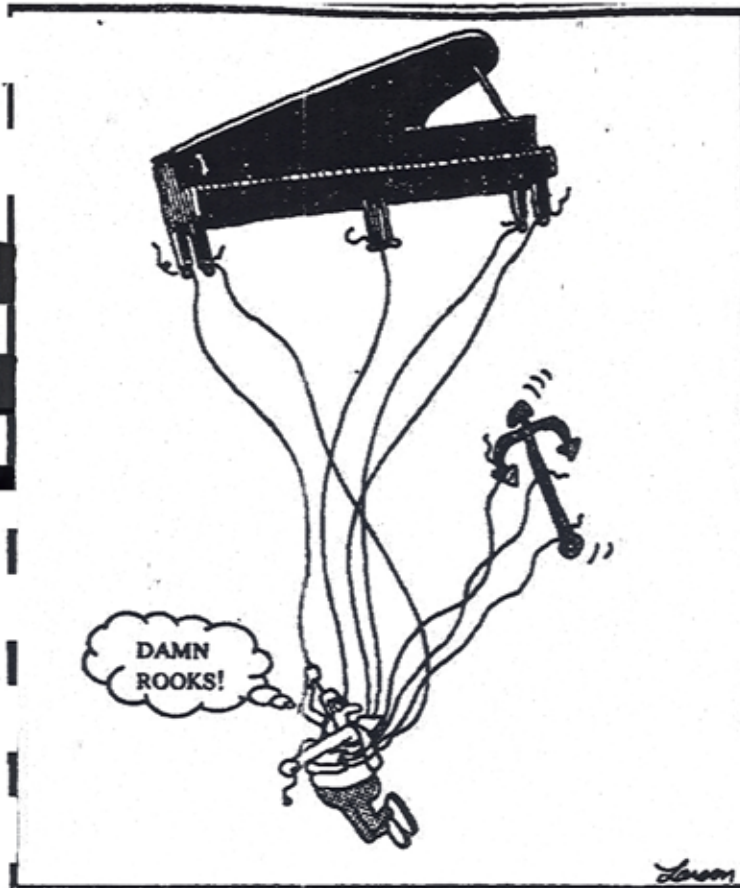


Time stood still as XO, with finger prone, paused to savor the moment.... then.... vengeance was his!!!

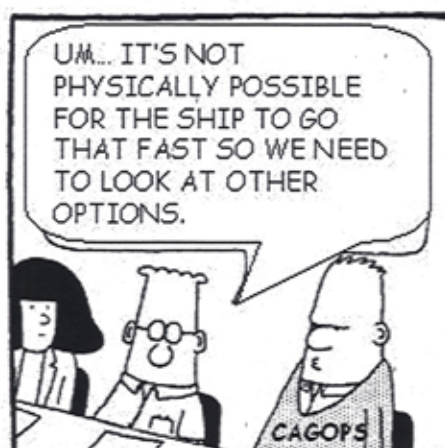
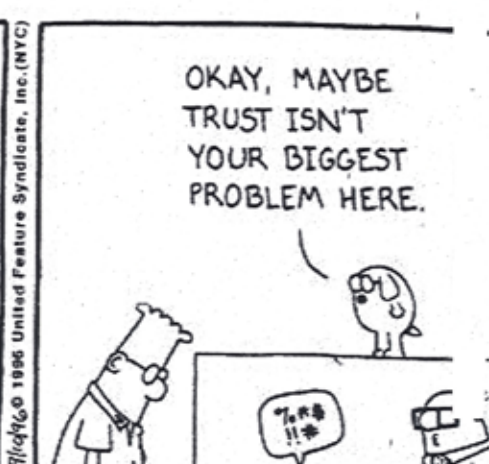
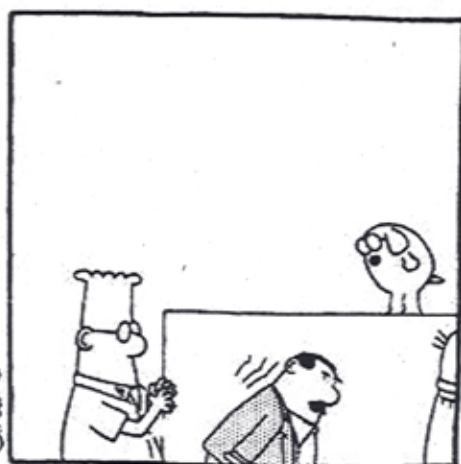
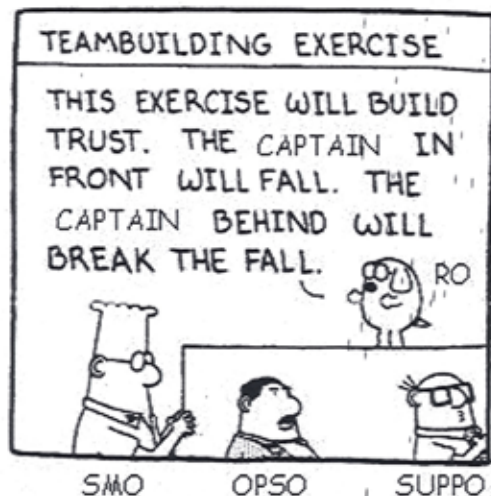


Some people (VAQ-137) obviously still had too much time on their hands ...

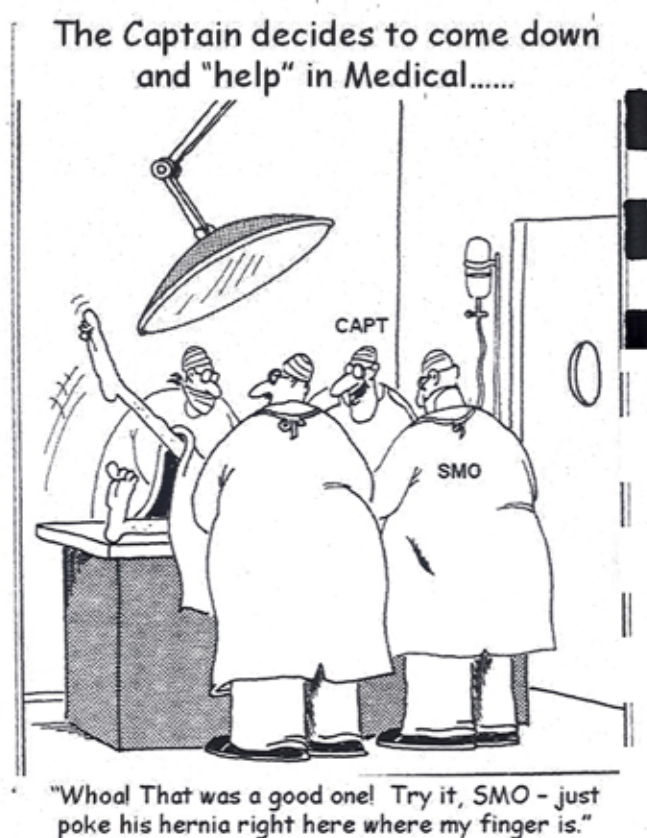
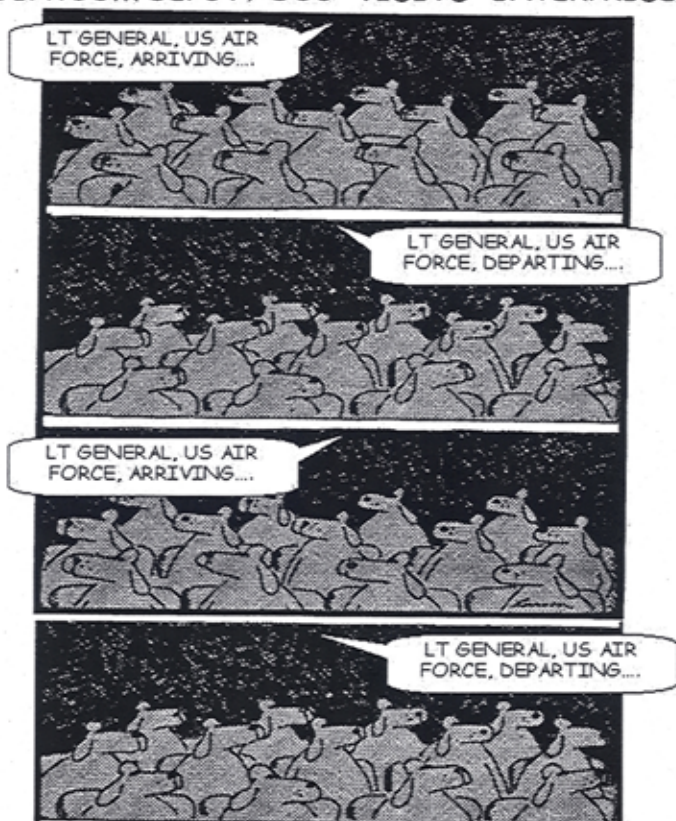
(Must have been the lack of flying)

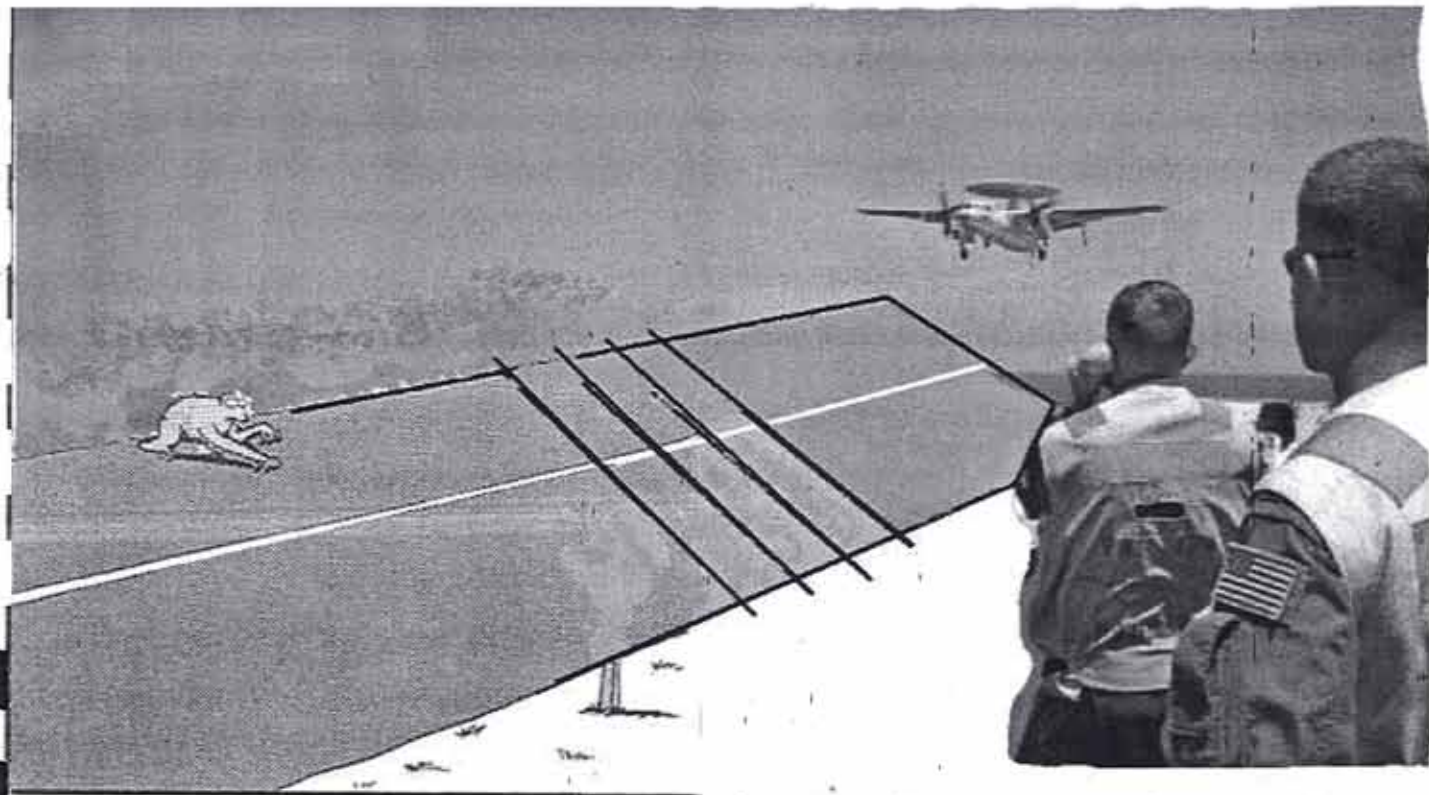


Strike Ops foolishly accepts our sinister invitation to fly with us.



CENTCOM DEPUTY DOG "VISITS" ENTERPRISE



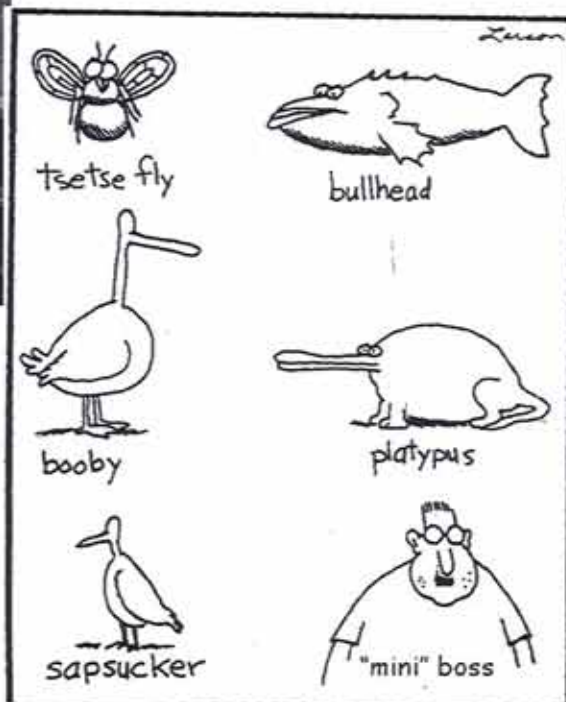


In the longest half hour of his life, another VF-211 Speed Demon RIO takes the dare and crosses the landing area to get to his jet...

Deputy CENTCOM pays the Big E a visit...



I need your help, General. We've got these things all over the place, and frankly I was planning to expend quite a few of them by now....



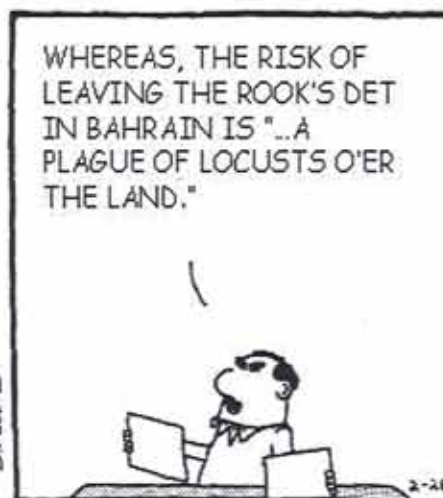
Unfair animal names

The PAO has lost total control of the SEA SABRE LNOs as they roam in search of the real reason they came here....



Checkmates take section integrity to the next highest level!

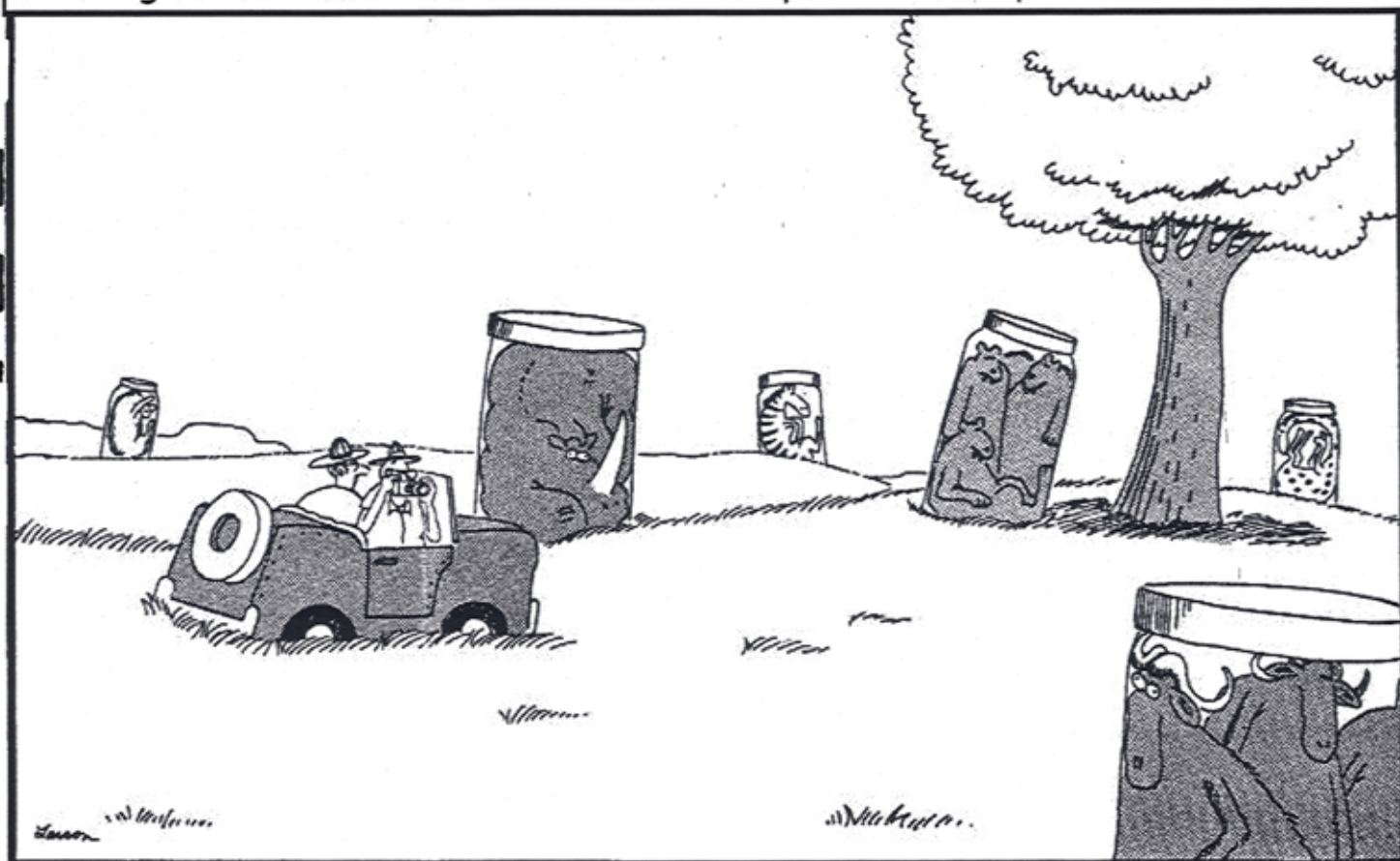
THE OPSO FACES ANOTHER DILEMA CONCERNING "WHO RIDES THE COD?"



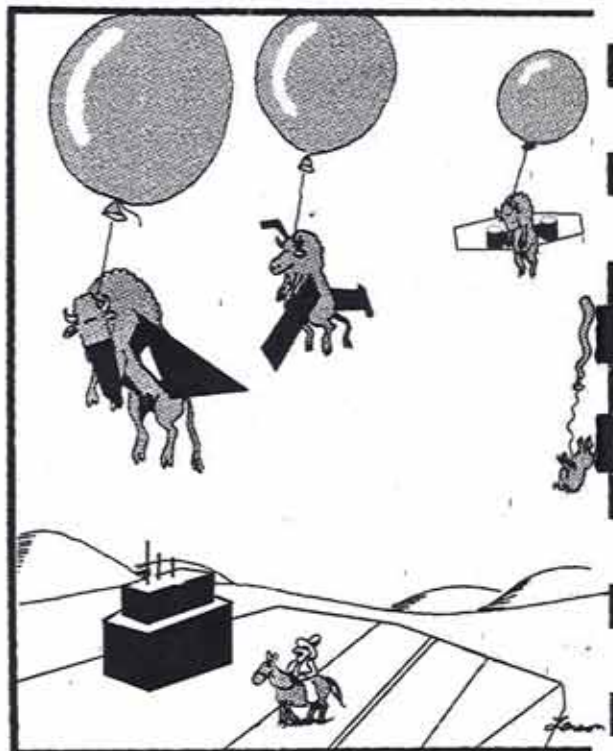
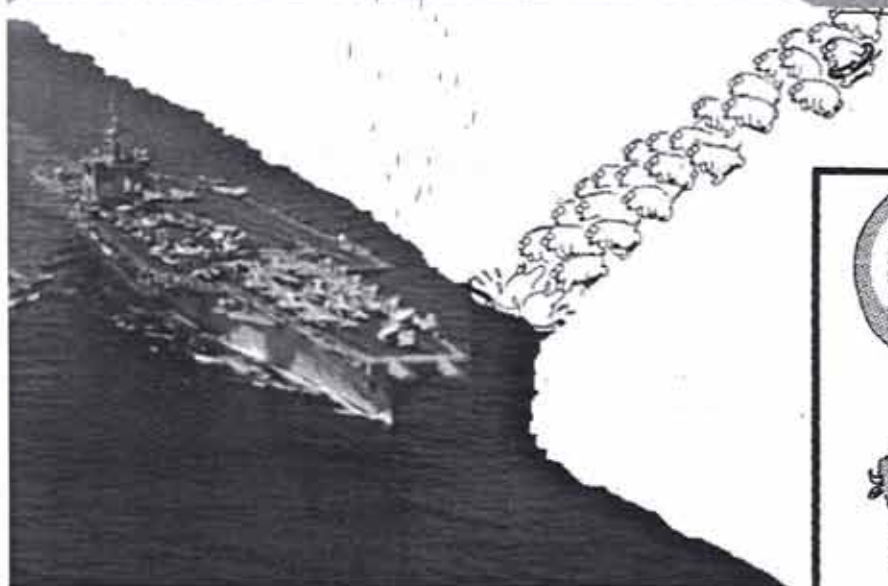


The Boxing match is OVER!

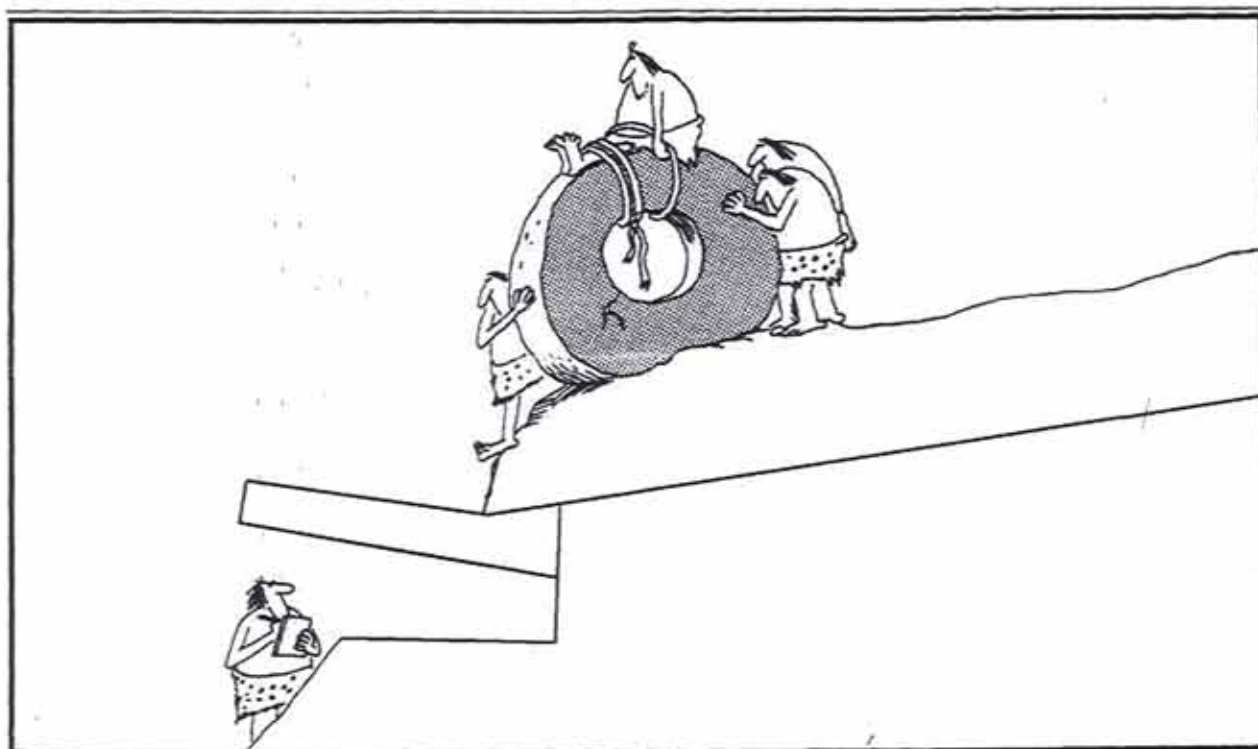
The Big XO and CMC test out a new concept.....Liberty Risk Bravo Plus.....



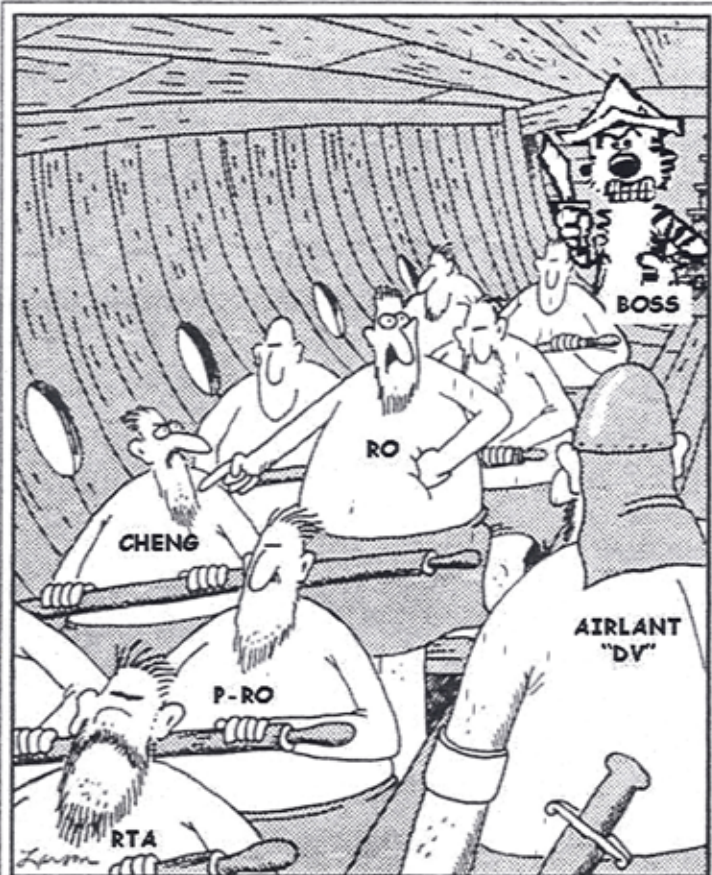
With the ship planning to head in the "right" direction this time, no one wanted to be late for the end of this liberty call!



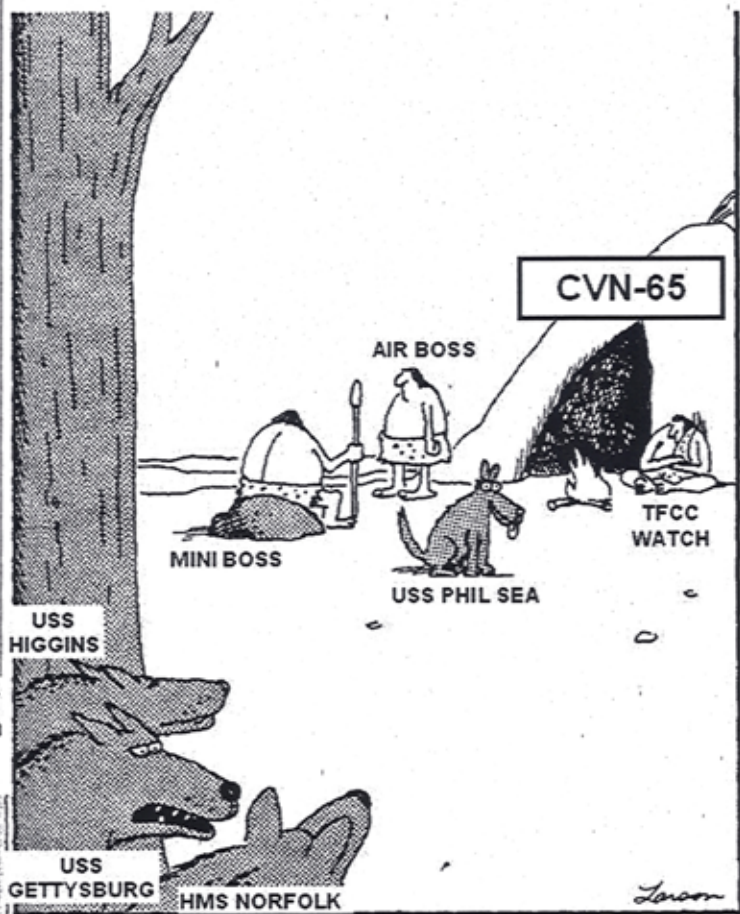
Cowboy CAGMO wins the Strike Group innovation aw for filling the skies with aircraft....one way or another!



With an impending crisis in air logistics before them, the Strike Group Innovation Cell applies its expertise to developing alternative methods for transporting Distinguished Visitors off the ship.



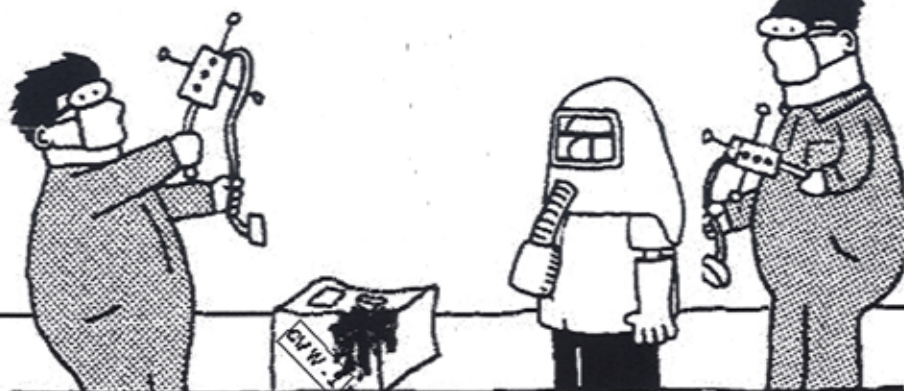
The Air Boss came storming below deck to find out what happened to his waist cats, but after seeing the MTT in action he quickly returned to the safety of his tower.



It's PHIL SEA all right....but look at those vacuous eyes, that stupid grin on his face....he's been at plane guard watching flight ops all day, I tell you!

Which is the correct method to use when dealing with a suspicious package in the mail room?

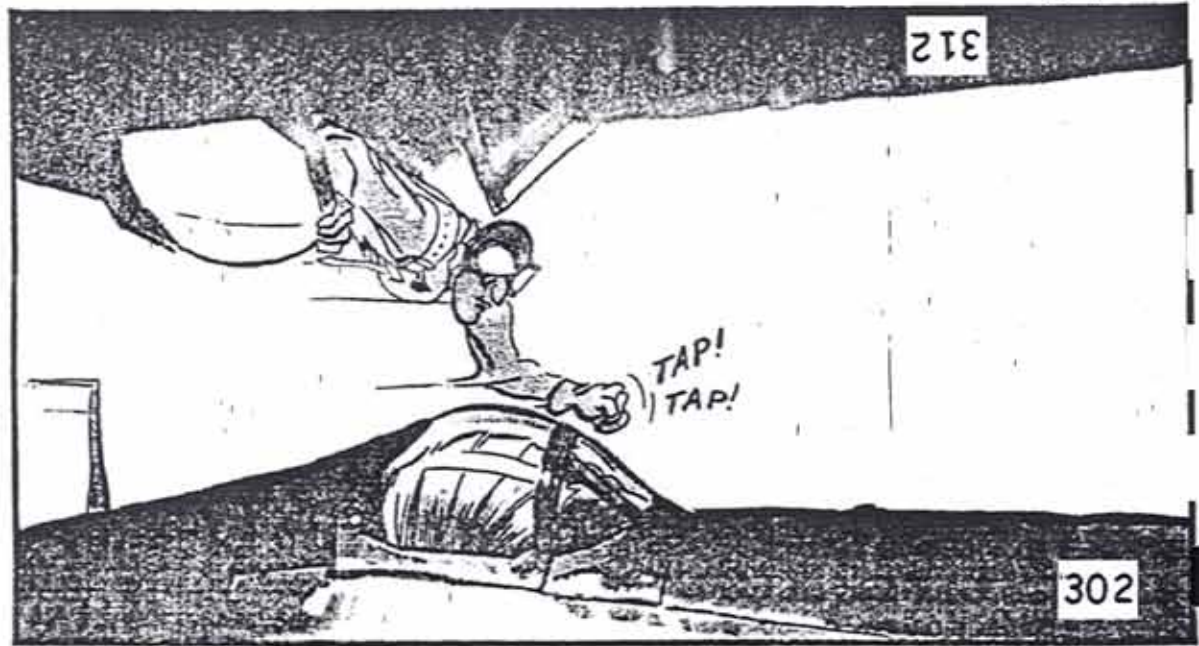
A: Bio-Hazard Team Response ...



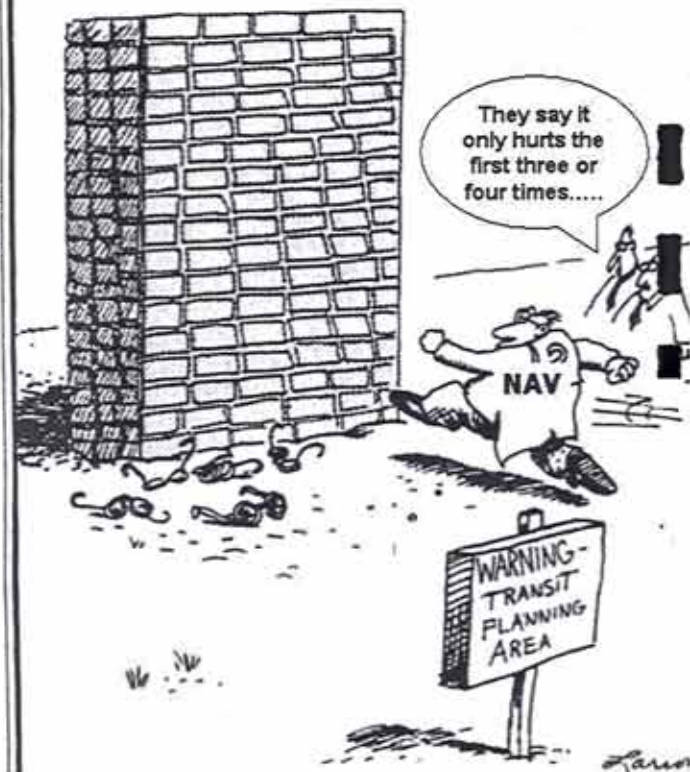
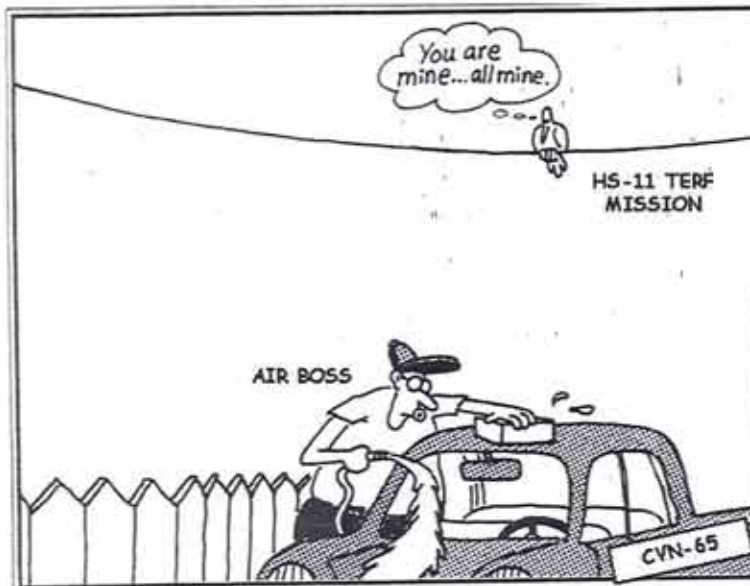
B: Senior Leadership Response ...



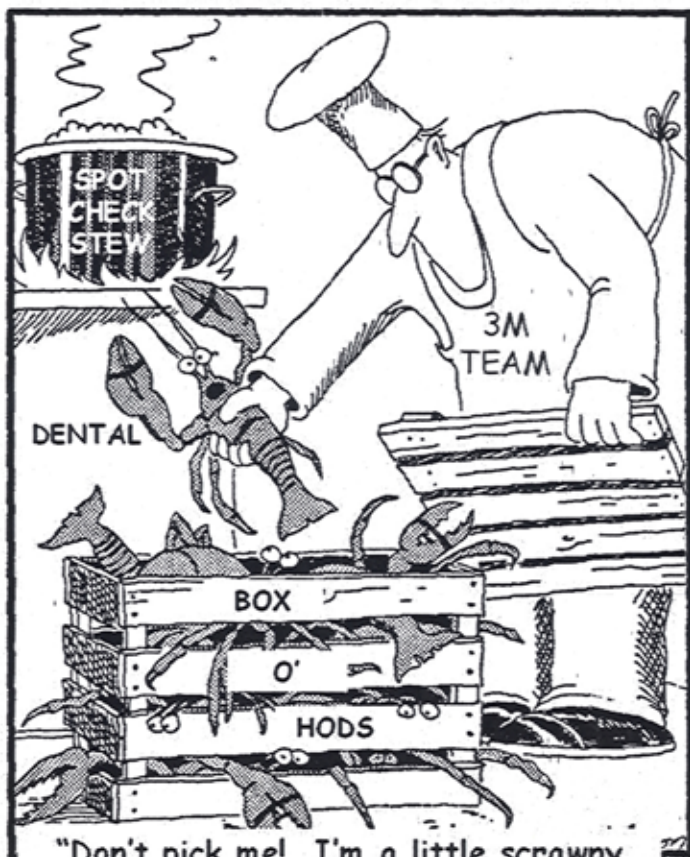
After exhibiting teamwork in the air...
the Streetcars created this cartoon for us all to enjoy ...



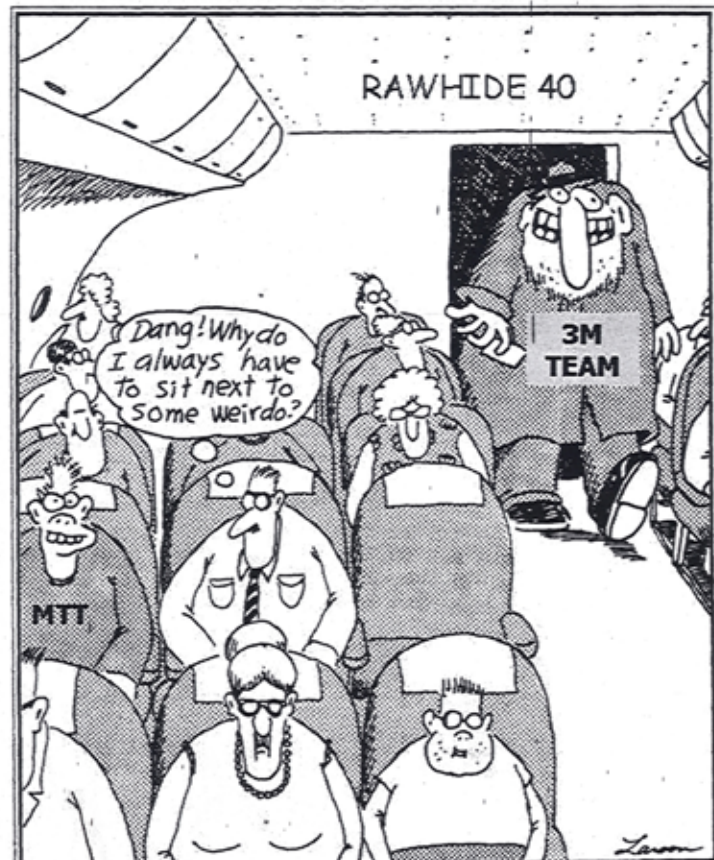
"Catfish, open up ... Let me in there! I used to be a Blue Angels' Pilot! I can fly that thing back to the boat!



Meanwhile, the Flag Staff puts the Gate through another round of planning our route home.



"Don't pick me! I'm a little scrawny department! Pick one of the bigger ones like Air!"



CHENG & AUXO strike again.....this time in the OC Division Office



"Flooding, flooding, flooding in OC Division office....."



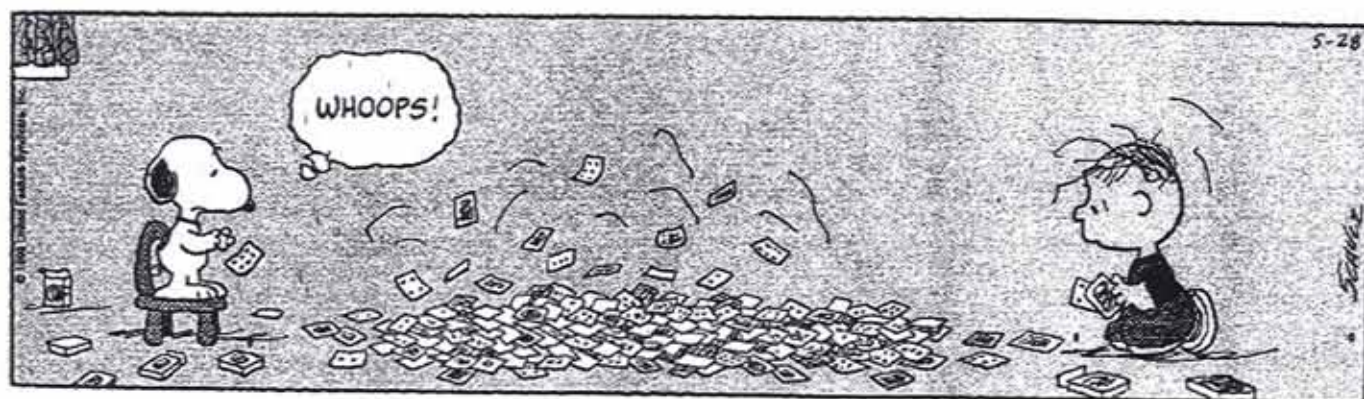
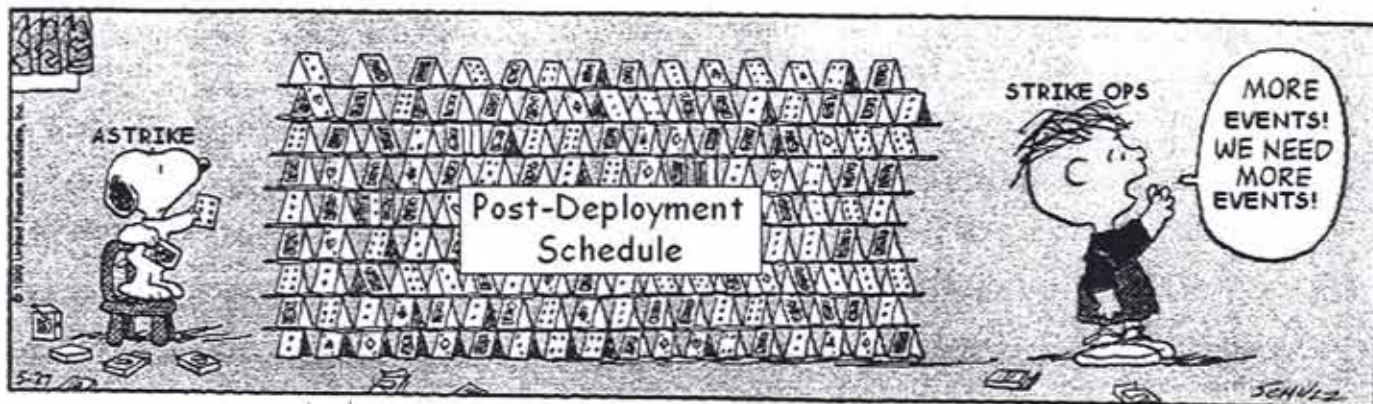
"...the water level is six inches and rising...."



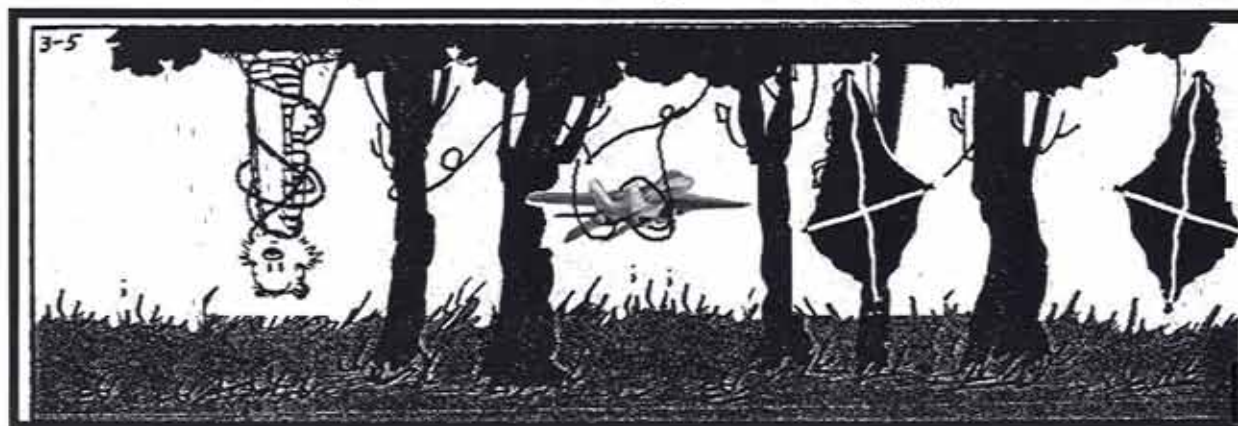
"...dogs and cats living together...mass hysteria...."



"...Swim Call...Swim Call in OC Division office...."



What's the matter, Air Boss? Having trouble flying your kites today?



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The XO's announcement of possible water hours get different reactions from around the ship.....



The Chief Engineer

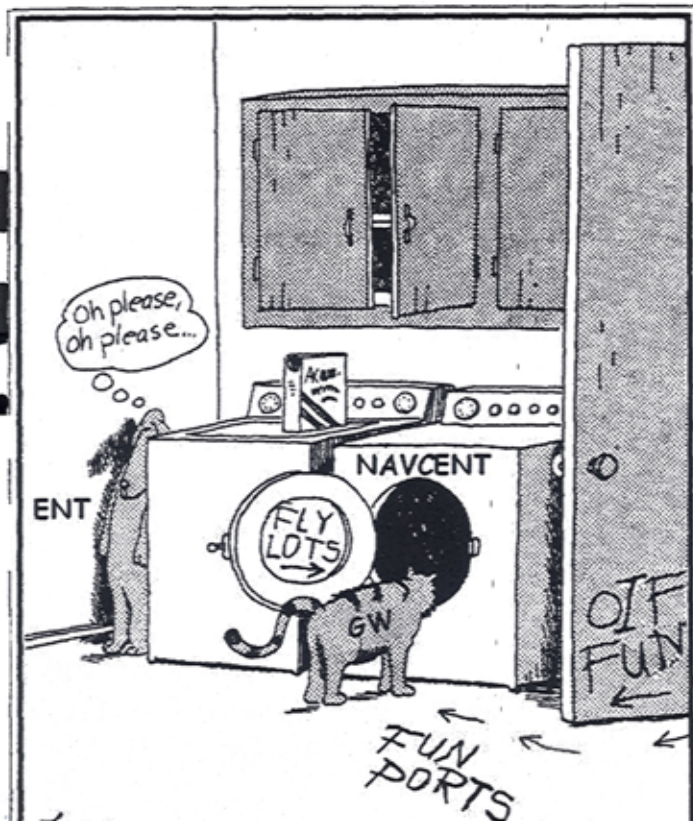


CVW-1 Staff

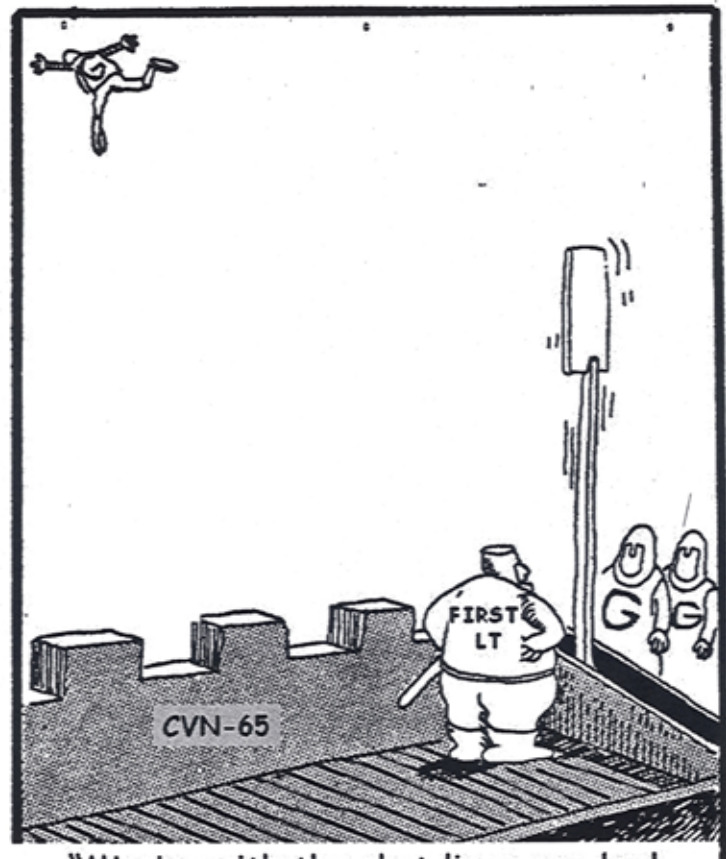
February 2004

The sixth month away from home brings a new AOR ...

Don't worry if you missed the sunrise over the Saudi mountains.....
You can still catch the sunset over Egypt as you wait for your lunch!

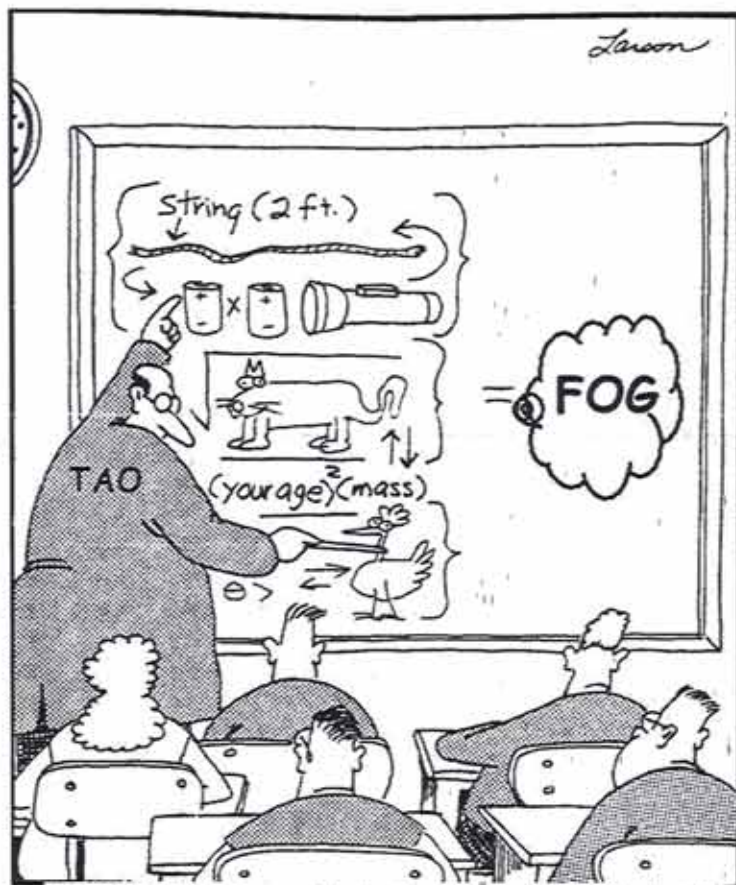


ENTERPRISE STRIKE GROUP Completes its turnover with the GEORGE WASHINGTON STRIKE GROUP ...



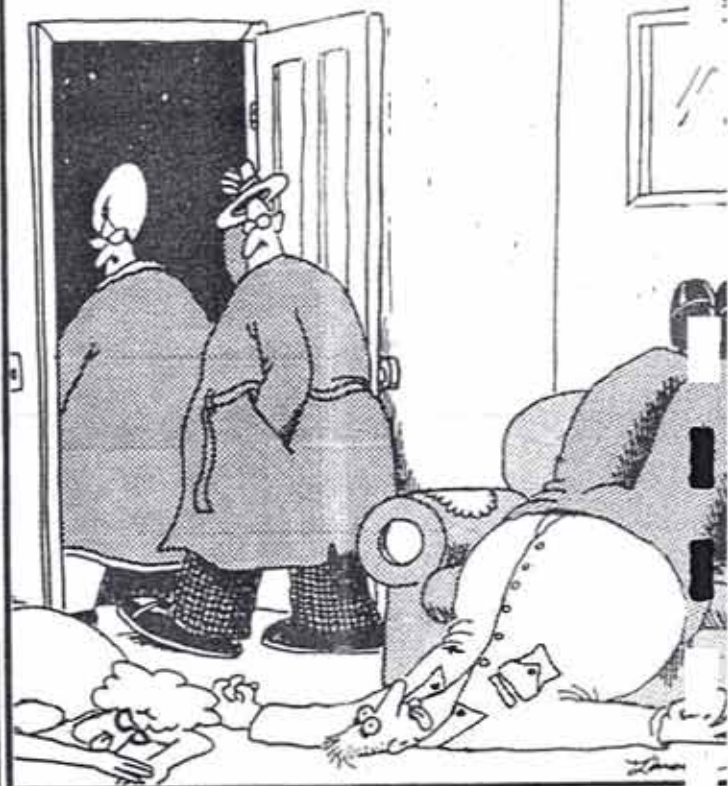
"Missing with the shot lines was bad enough, but this is ridiculous!"

... and a different kind of Warfare ...

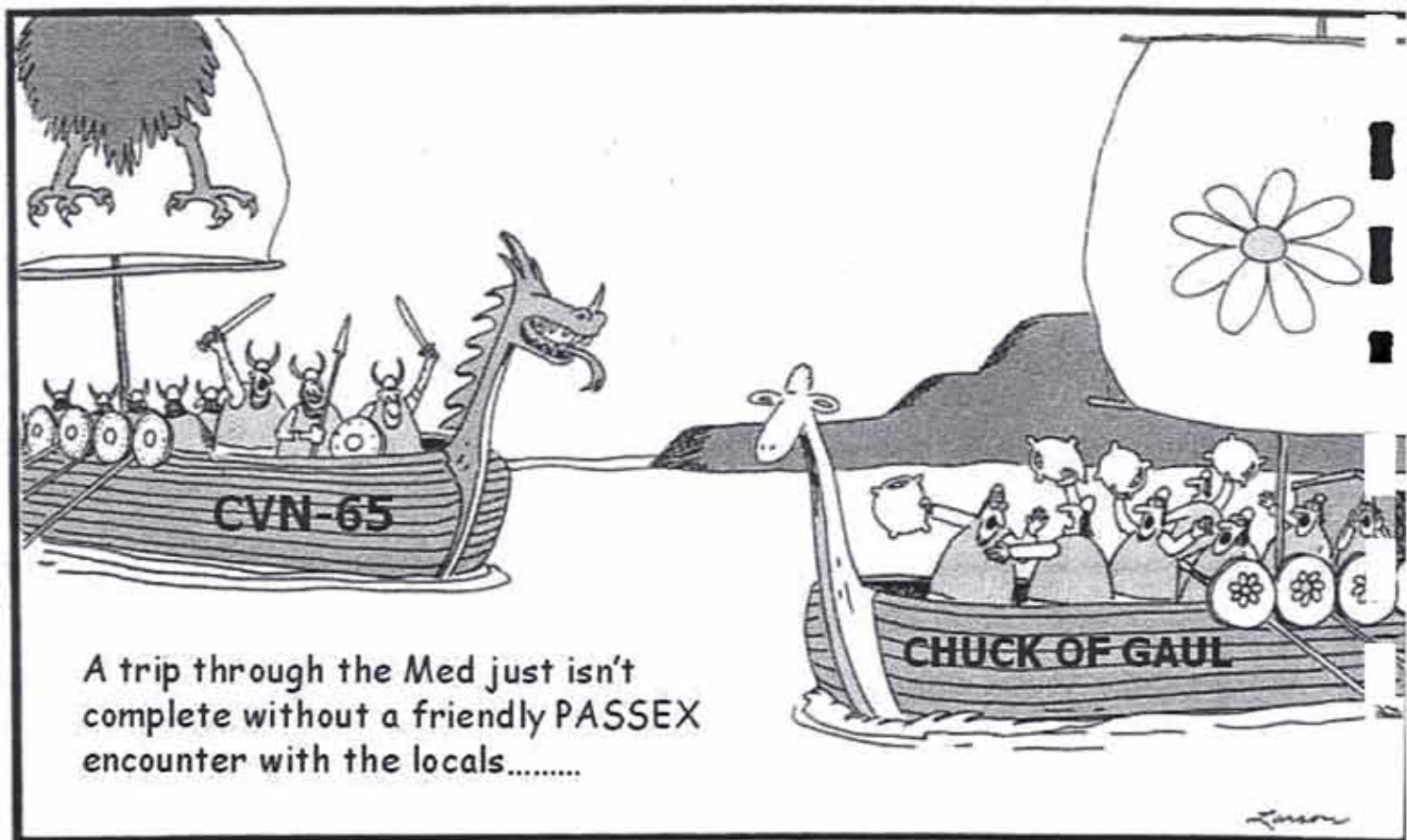


ASTRIKE tries to explain to the watch in TFCC why the CODs did not land in Tunisia to pick up the DV's....

USS ENTERPRISE
CVN-65



Overwhelmed by a never-ending stream of tourists in Naples, the crew of the ENTERPRISE feign death until the visitors feel awkward and leave the ship.



A trip through the Med just isn't complete without a friendly PASSEX encounter with the locals.....



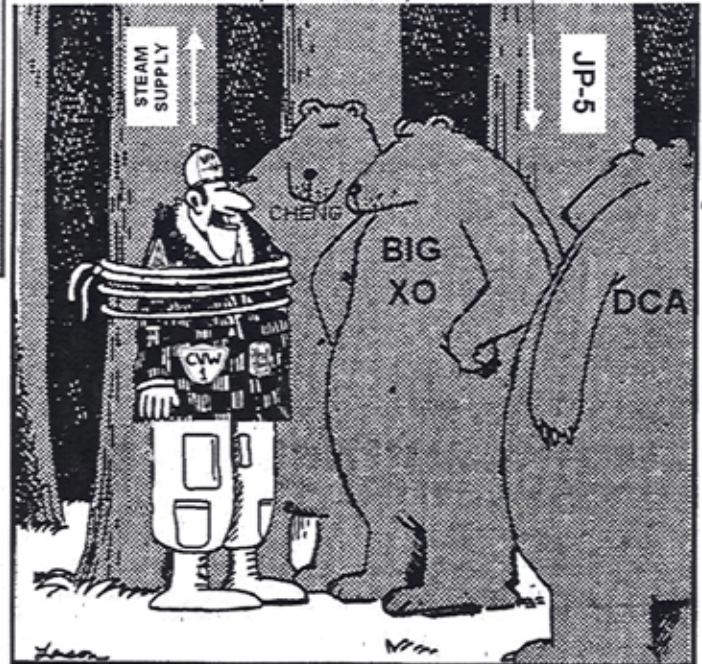
ONE LAST PORT VISIT ...

WANTED



Information leading to the capture of the practical joker who switched OPSO's SPF-15 with baby lotion...

With a big storm approaching, the Ship's Company starts to get serious about securing the ship for heavy rolls.....



"Hey guys, the least you could do is tie me to my rack!"

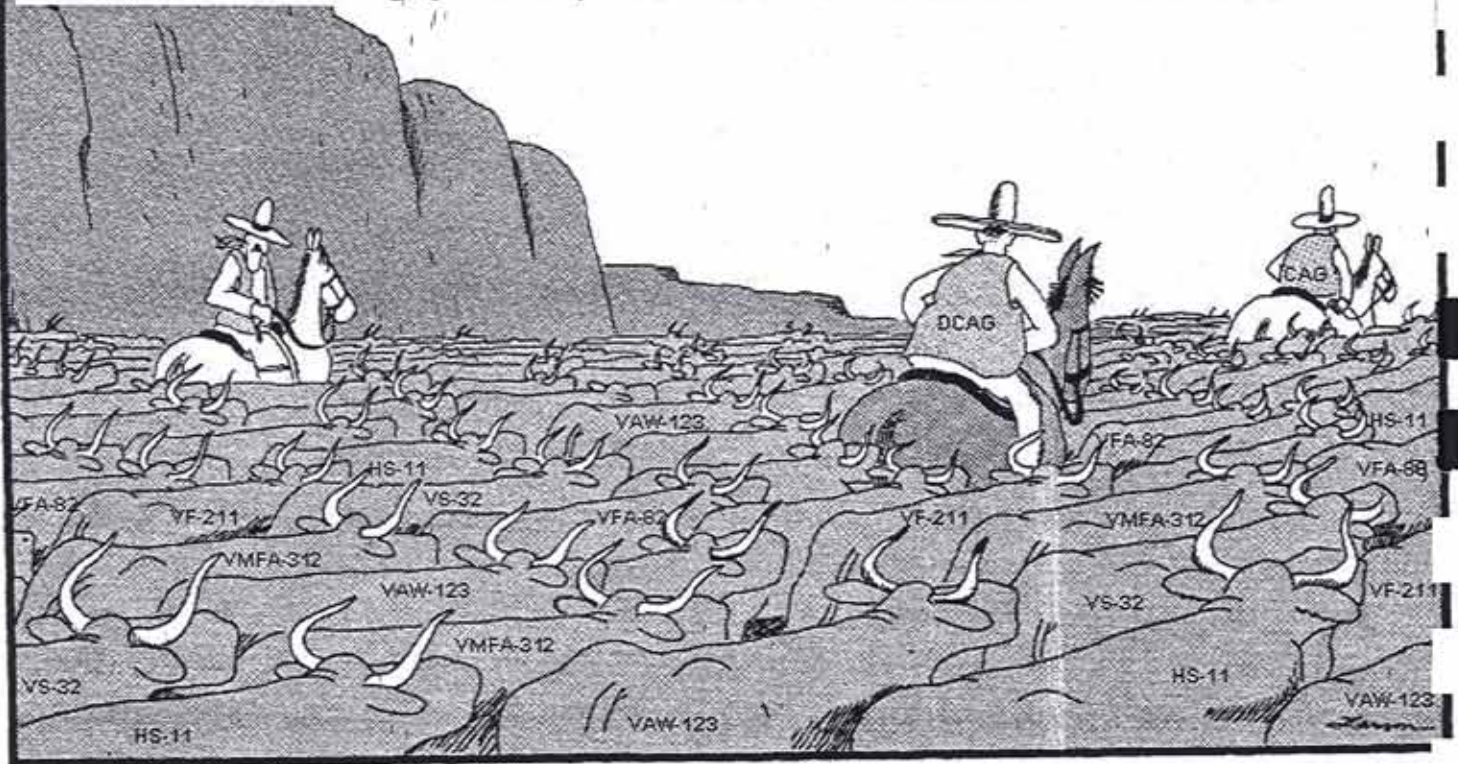
Alright, Luigi, you've had a long enough ride. Juan and Abdul are waiting their turns now! Don't worry, everyone will get a chance!



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THE JOURNEY HOME ...

With the last fly day behind them, the Cag Staff rounds up the air wing and heads for the Secret Sleeping Grounds for the long journey across the Atlantic Ocean.....

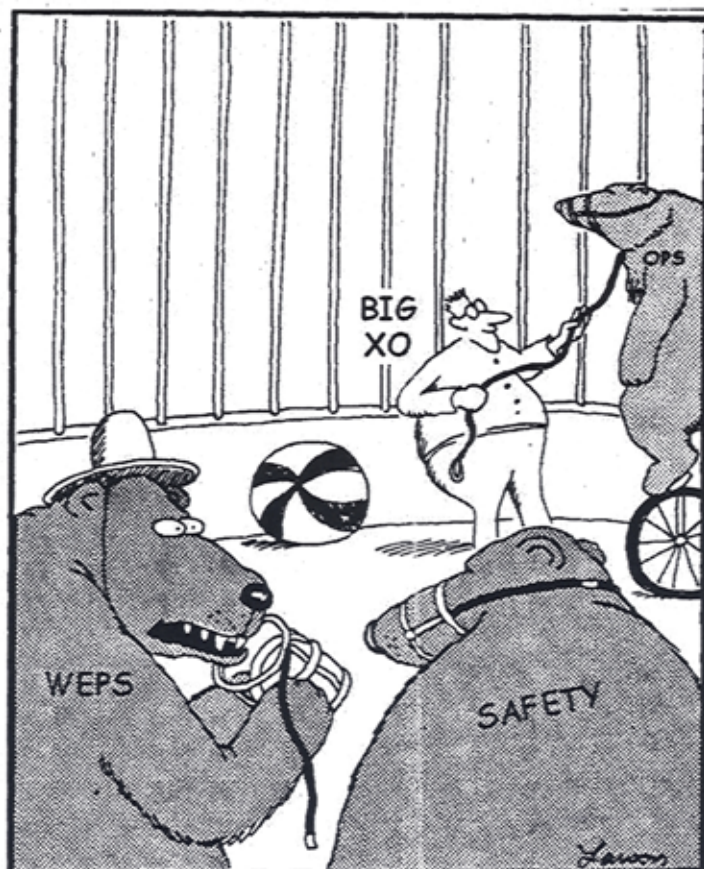
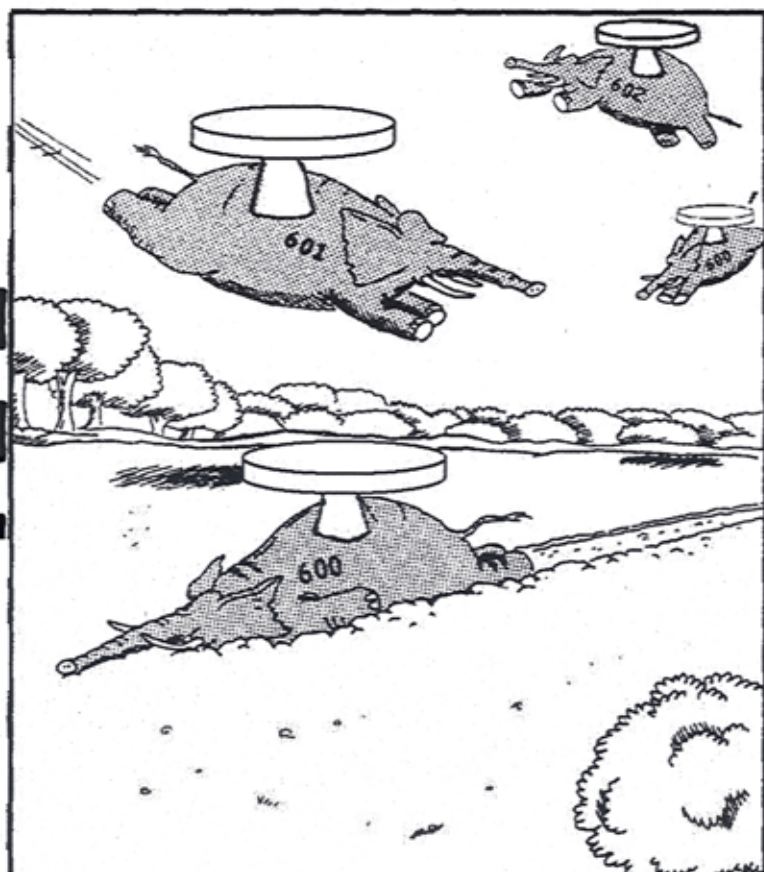
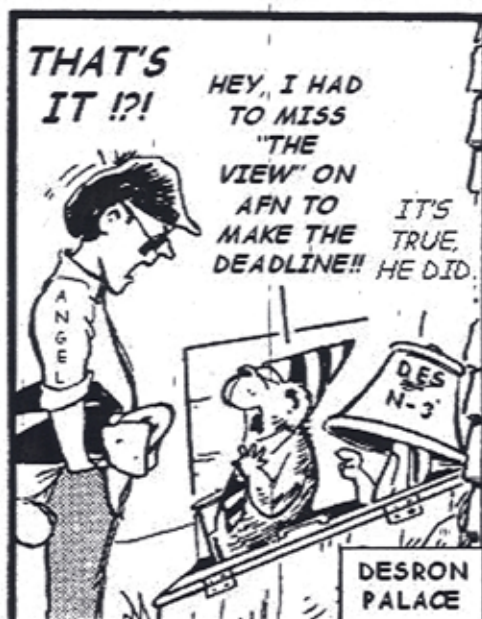


While the ENTERPRISE makes its way across the Atlantic, crack staffs on the beach are planning the spring and summer events.....



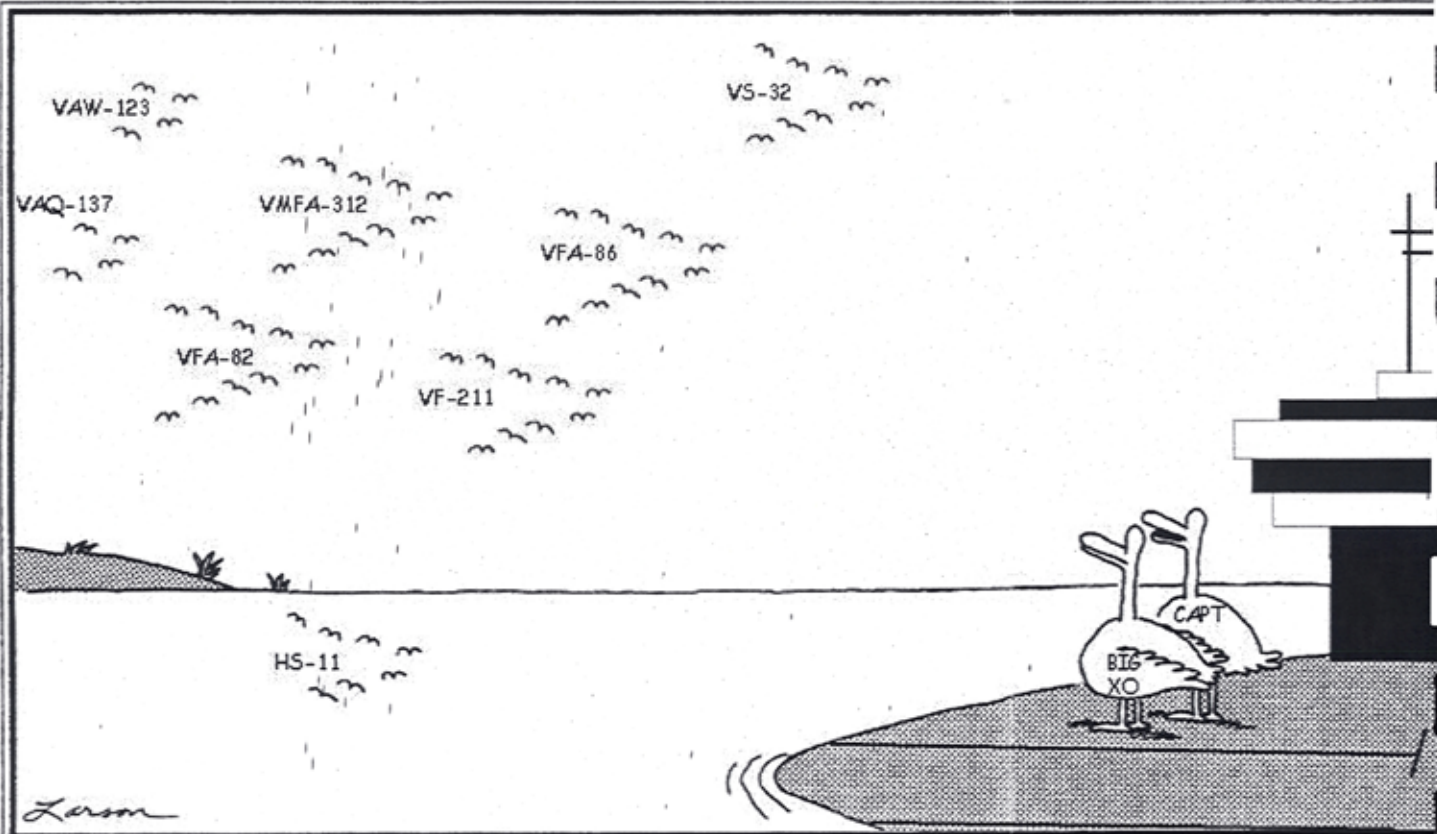
In a collegial gesture, the Handler offered "airplane rides" to the airwing during the lull in flight operations

Our friends in the DESRON have been lurking under the radar for too long, so let's join the CDC Officer as he takes the PAO down to the DESRON Palace for another hard-hitting article on shipboard life.....



"Well, hey . . . These things just snap right off."

A familiar sign that the end of the deployment is near.....the Hawkeyes start practicing their form flying!



Well, XO, there they go. It was great having them onboard, and I'll miss them. Go ahead and tell CHENG to re-open the health spa, heated pool, and disco on 2nd Deck.....



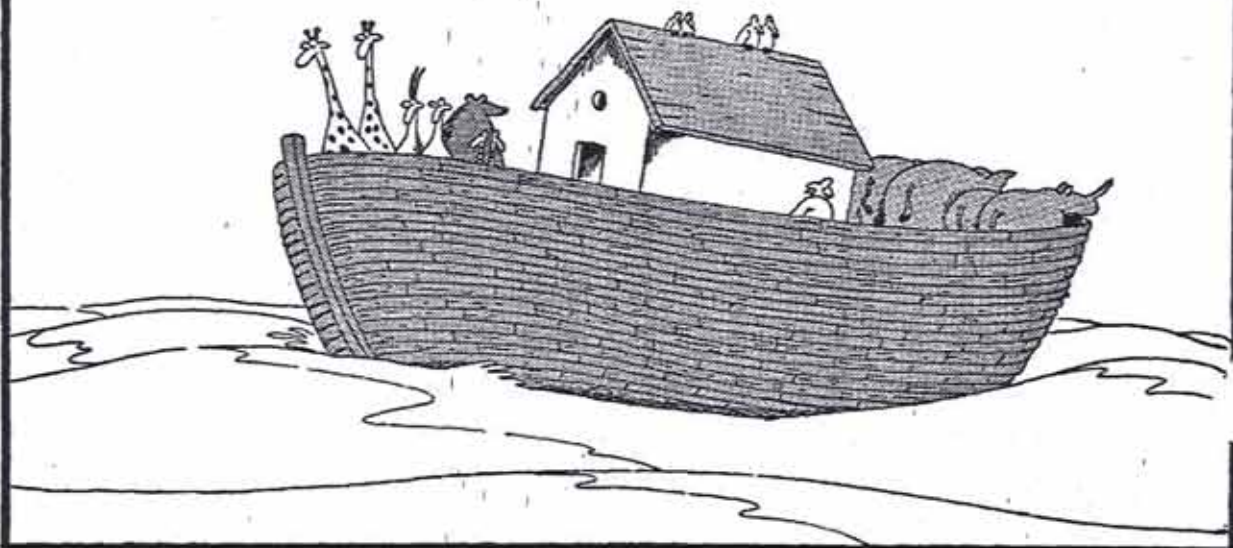
FLAG STAFF DEPARTING

Welcome onboard, Tigers.
Time to get settled in!

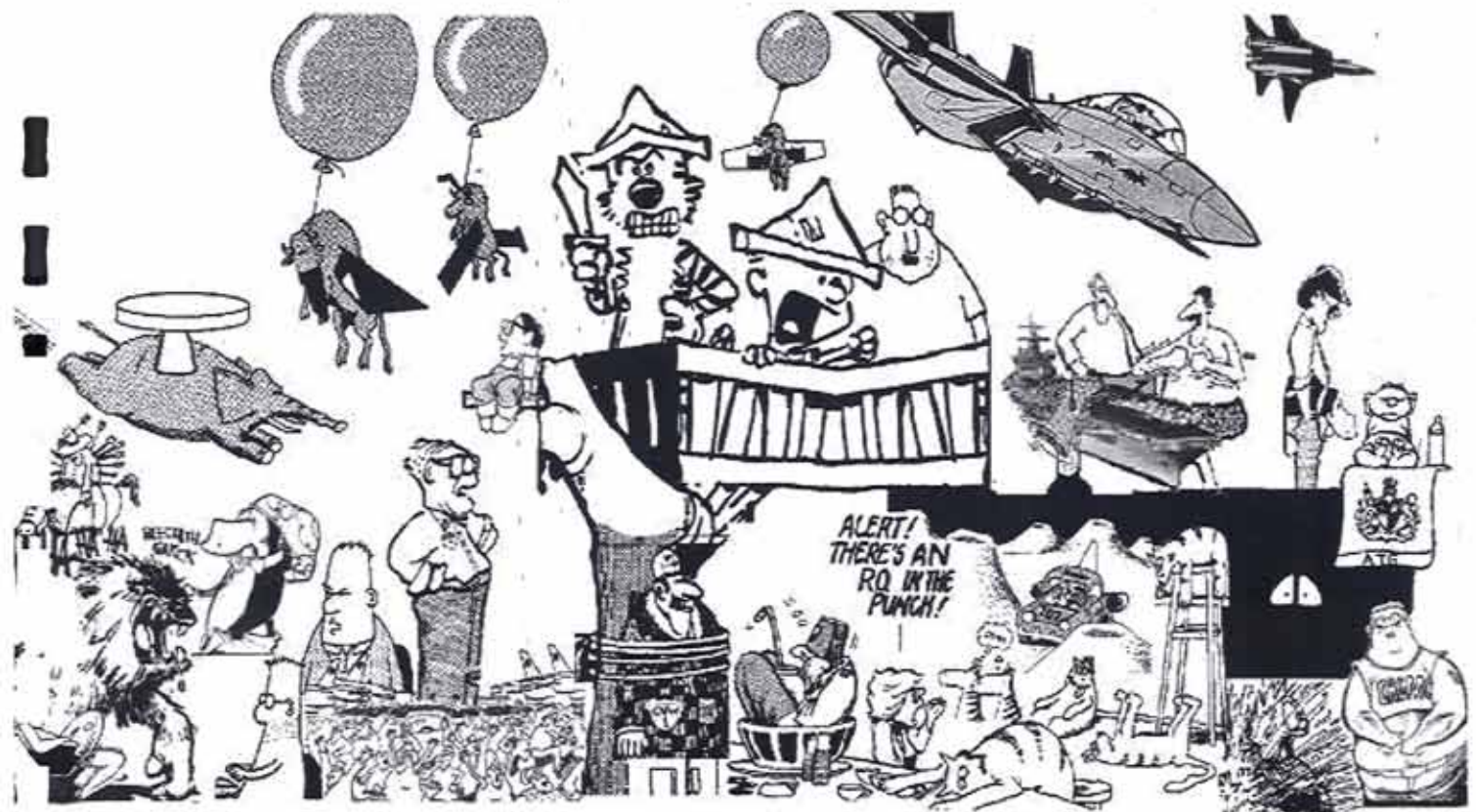


"Don't worry, Mr. Smith. It's been at least three weeks since his last Mast."

THE FIRST TIGER CRUISE



DESPITE ALL OF THIS WE MADE IT TO THE END!



Notable Quotes from Deployment

"It's like running down on a kickoff
without your helmet"

- Gun Boss

"YOU'RE FOCUSING ON ALL THE
WRONG SORDID DETAILS"

"We didn't come onboard to
play ship games"

- CVW-1 OPSO

"This deserves special attention because it
does not seem to follow common sense"

- RO Sharpe on something
3-M/Black Shoe related

"9 times out of 10, I haven't learned about
that yet, and it takes me a long time...."

- OPSO

"It's quite possibly the stupidest plan I've
ever seen"

- Gun Boss

"We've got about a BILLION things to do in the
next few days."

- "New" OPSO, on C2X

"He talks on the HYDRA a lot, he just never
listens"

- CAPT about old 1st LT during RAS

"That was probably the best day of my life"

- Flag Staff member
after spending the
day SIQ

"I either don't understand what you're
saying, or I disagree with you completely"

- CVW OPSO to Staff N32

"That new Purple Shirt is so new, it
looks like an Easter Suit"

- CDCO of the V-4 officer

"Come on Sluggo, a craftsman doesn't
blame his tools"

- CAPT

"TRYING TO EDUCATE YOU IS LIKE
TRYING TO SPIT IN THE OCEAN TO
RAISE THE TIDE"

- SAFETY O to CDCO

"C2X?... I have as much recollection of that
as I do my own wedding"

- OPSO

"FOTC is the Barney Rubble of
Bedrock.....I'll take Betty...."

- Gun Boss

"This whole 'direction' thing has got me messed up!"

- The New Gator on the merits of
East vs. West

"THE DESRON CONSIDERS THIS A SHIP FUNCTION...
WE HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER"

- DESRON Ops in regards
to the Strait of
Messina Transit Helo
Coverage

"When I wear this flight suit, I
feel 5 foot 7 inches tall!"

"The best thing we could do is RAS
until the end of March"

- RO Sharpe

- Safety's idea to keep
the Captain busy and off the LAN

"It's like trying to pick the fly poop
out of the pepper"

"When he starts briefing, I just start
daydreaming"

- Big XO

"I could hire Gigi and pay her salary out
of OPTAR."

- Two of SUPPO's Classics

VERBOTEN!

WARNING!

STOI

STOP!

ATTENTION: THE FOLLOWING
PAGES MAY CONTAIN
CARTOONS THAT SOME
PEOPLE MAY FIND OFFENSIVE
(THAT, OR WE JUST RAN OUT
OF TIME TO RUN THEM)
THOSE WITH THIN SKINS
SHOULD STOP NOW...

NO!

WARNUNG!

DANGER!

HALT!

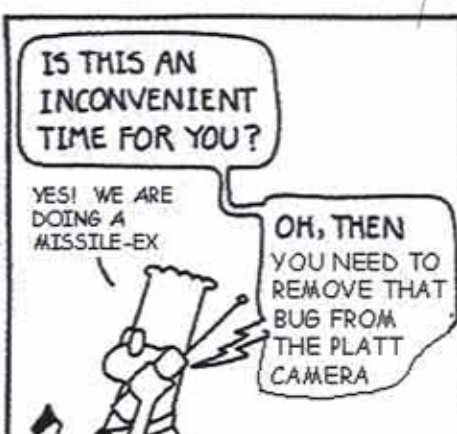
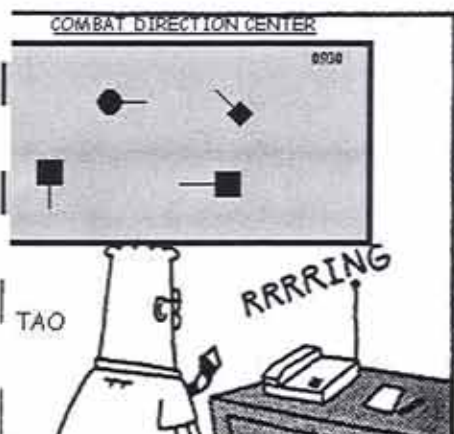
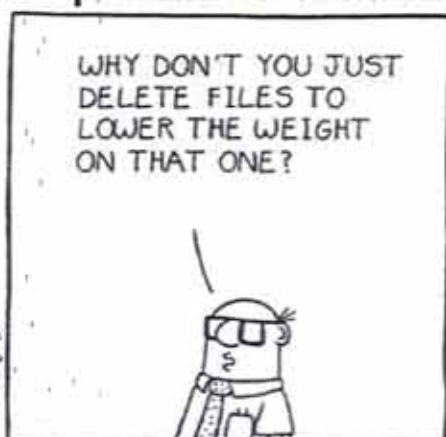
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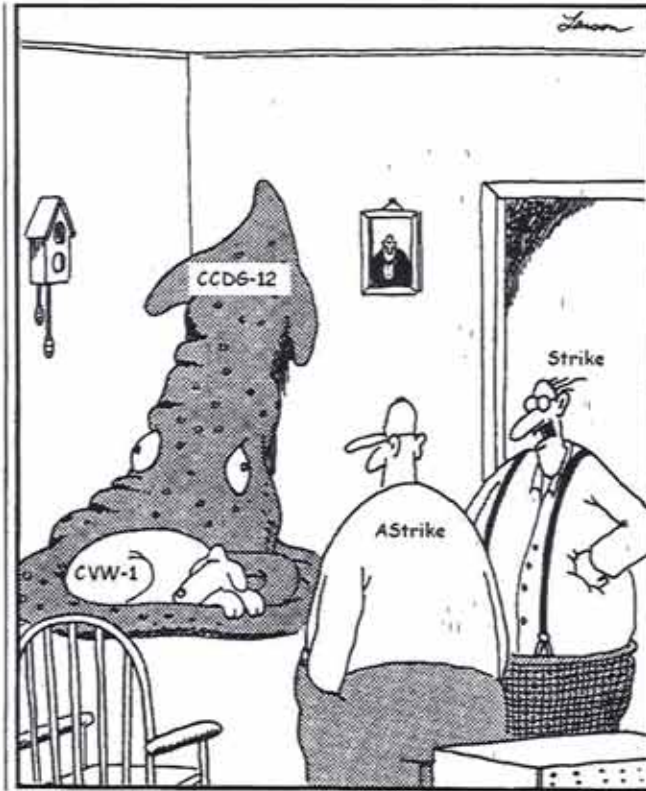
NOT GOING ANYWHERE FOR A WHILE?



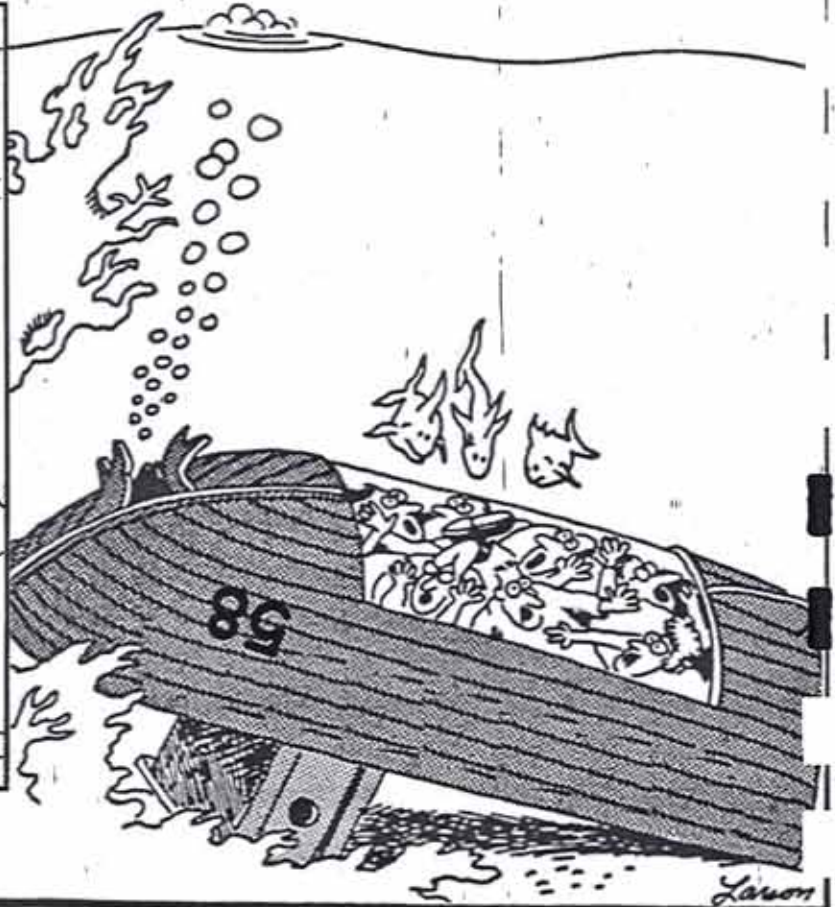
After helping OPSO with his Powerpoint presentations, Strike Ops continues to provide the OPSO computer advice ...



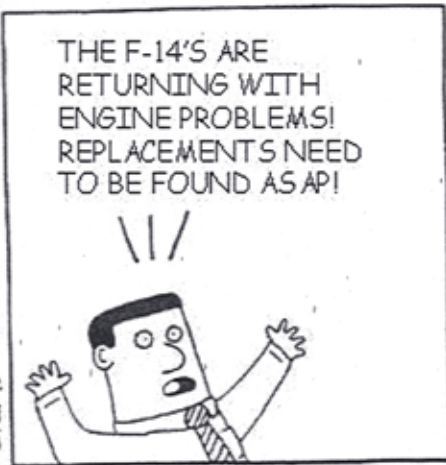
With the Feast of St. Rickover complete on Enterprise, the engineering spotlight turns toward the Phil Sea ...



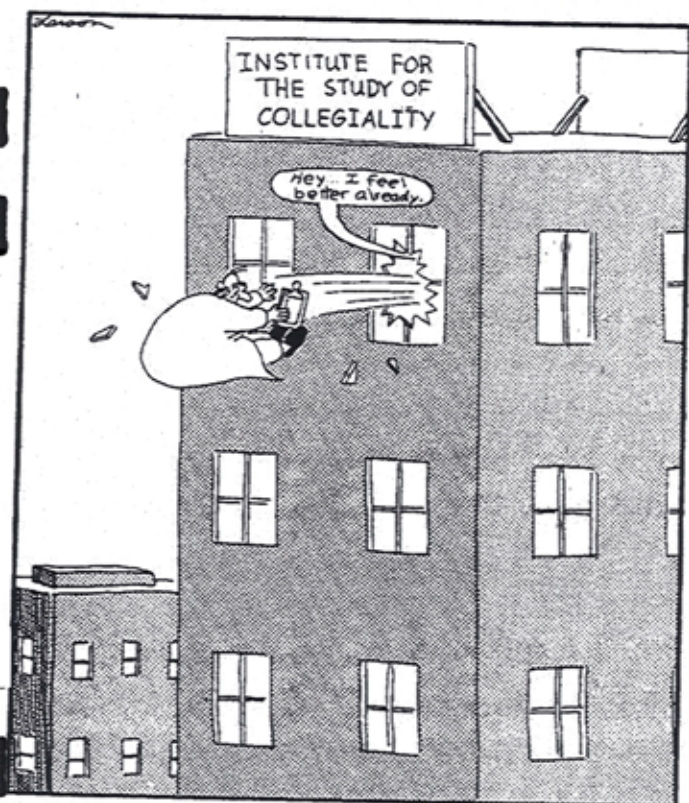
"In the wild, of course, they'd be natural enemies — but they do just fine together if you get 'em as pups."



Down in the 7th Deck "Sandalwood Lounge" ...



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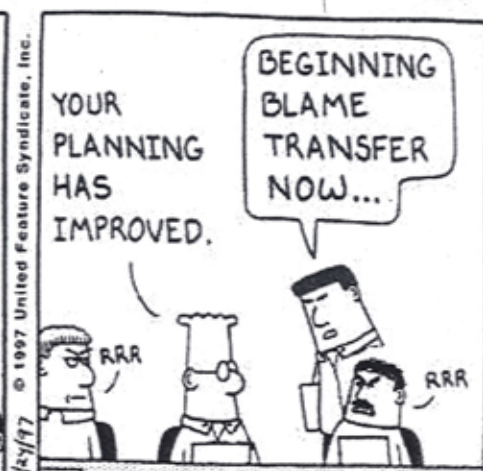


If at first you don't succeed.....normalize!



"So then this Staff N3 dude whips out this SOE and DIMS, this crazy music starts playin', and ... well, just look at this place."

TRANSIT PLANNING PART DEUX, THE SAGA CONTINUES...



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LCDR Fitrep time in Operations...

THE AVERAGE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR YOUR LCDRs IS TOO HIGH.



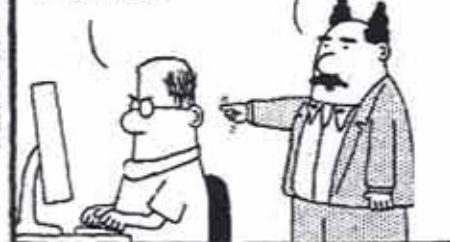
DO YOU WANT ME TO LOWER THEIR RATINGS OR THEIR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE?

WHATEVER

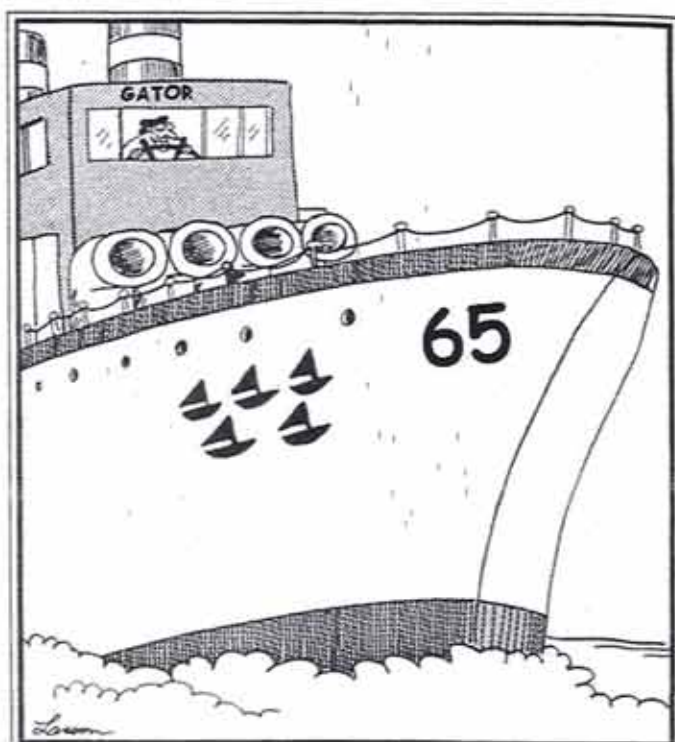


THIS IS STARTING TO AFFECT MY PERFORMANCE.

WHY? I'M NOT TOUCHING YOU.



ASTRIKE



The official story was "PCS transfer."
But CDR Townsend had been diagnosed with
Multus Cluckus Nuttus
(Losing One's mind after eating too much chicken)

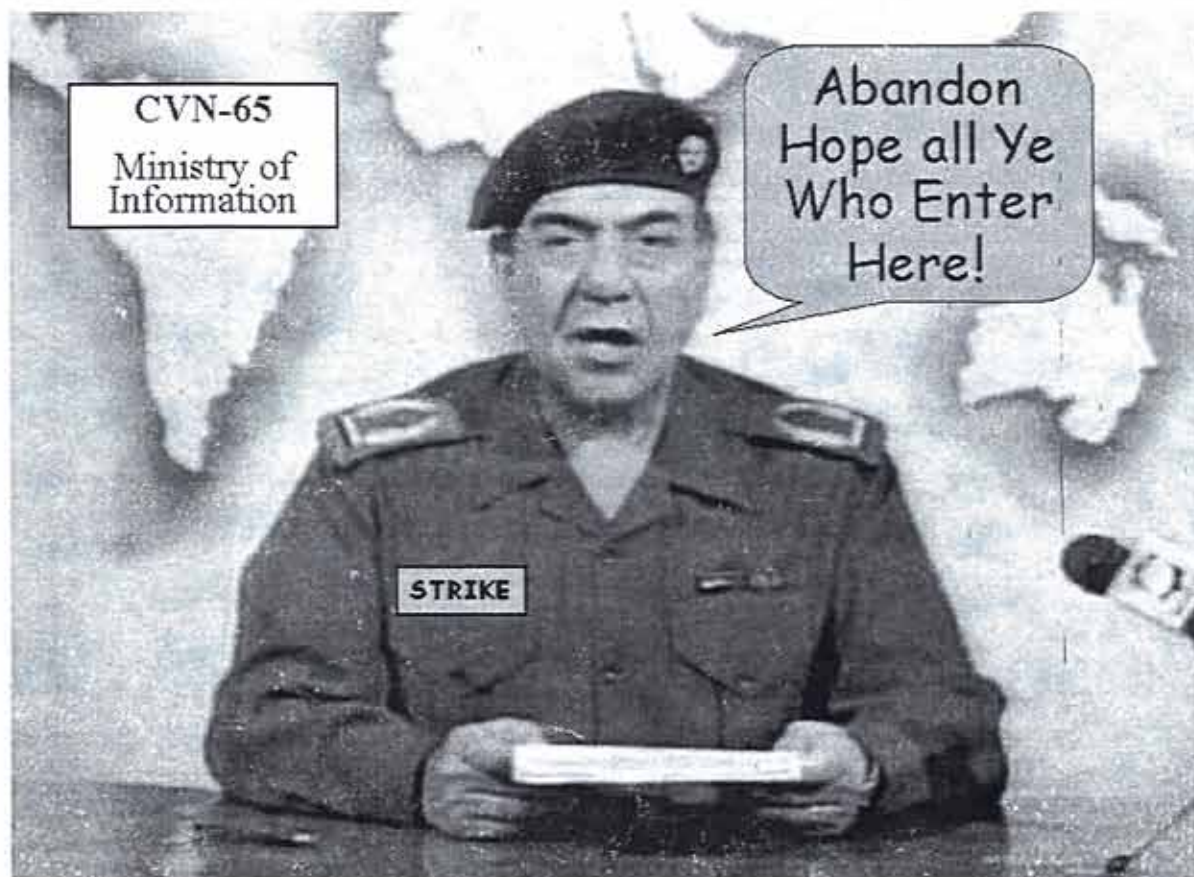


"Amazing! The mummified remains of an Airplan
Cartoon Creator— still clutching his brush! ...
Seems he made an enemy, though."



Daddy, stop messing with
the Airplan and get your
rear end Home!





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