

THE CREW DOG GAZETTE

"THE TRUTH UNFETTERED BY FACTS."

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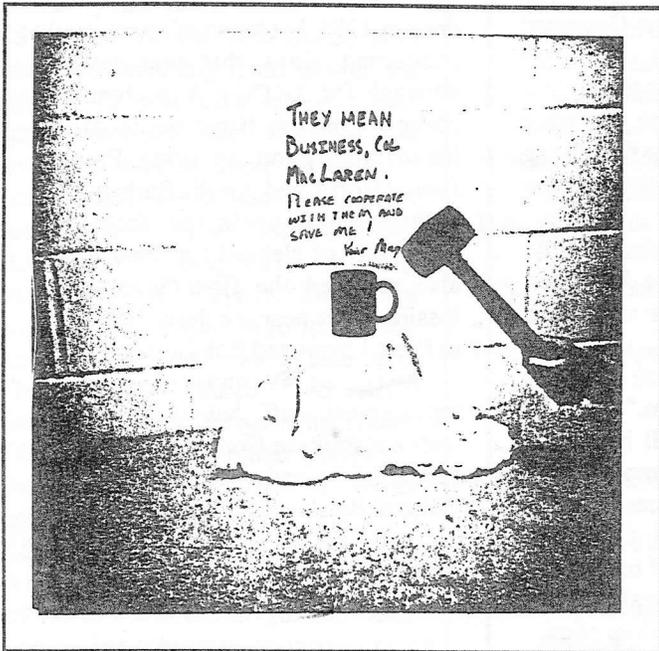
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WELCOME TO RECON, COLONEL MAC LAREN!

Last month the new base commander, Col Mary S. Mac Laren, got her official crew dog welcome to the 55th. The Crew Dog Gazette kidnapped her favorite coffee cup and held it for ransom. The terms of the ransom were simple: (1) She had to put 38th and 343rd stickers on her staff car; (2) She had to learn how to say "2nd (loud spitting noise) ACCS"; and (3) She had to leave 98¢ in small bills at a drop point in wing headquarters.

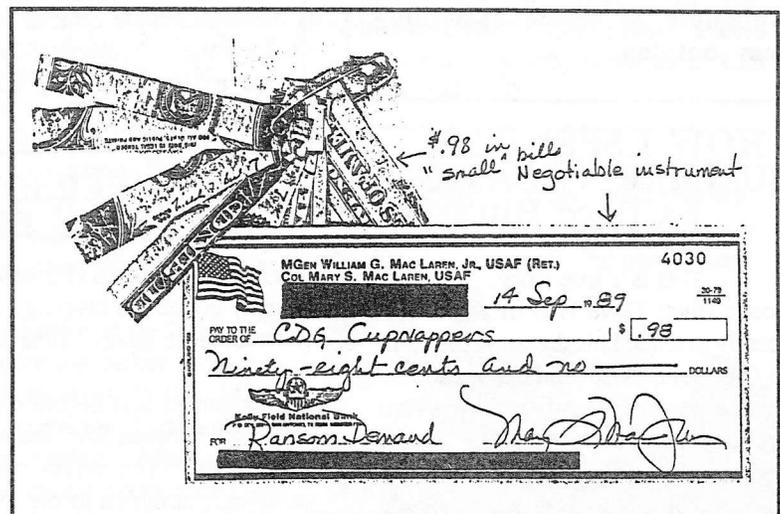
The next day she found polaroid pictures of the hostage cup waiting for her at stand-up. At the same time, the CDG discovered she had met all the terms of the ransom. The stickers are on her car. Crew dogs are invited over to see them any time. Along with the 98¢, she left CDG a taped message with a thinly veiled threat. It seems the colonel is not only a good sport, but a fairly dangerous person. We quickly returned her cup.

During stand-up, the hospital commander, Colonel Mabry, suggested having the cup examined for sexual abuse. The only thing OSI could find, however, was Colonel Mabry's fingerprints on every proctoscope in the hospital and all the general officers' rank in the clothing sales store.



The cup being tormented by its captors.

THE RANSOM MONEY



The colonel left this ransom at the specified drop point along with a taped message to the Crew Dog Gazette. It appears the colonel took us quite literally on the "small bills" wording.

Mary S. MacLaren

To: CDG Cupnappers

Subject: Ransom Demands

Review and Return Tape and Recorder —

Anxiously awaiting the return of my coffee cup, I remain
M.S. MacLaren, Col, USAF

THE COLONEL'S REPLY

ASK MONGO ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN

Dear Mongo,

Some of the crows said working in scheduling was like being on the Titanic. Does that sound right to you?
Puzzled Nav-2

Dear PN2,

No. The Titanic had a band.

Dear Mongo,

Mike Sullivan is driving me nuts with all his hoo-ha about the Nebraska football team. He wants me to buy Rose Bowl tickets for what he swears is Nebraska's sure-fire shot at being number one. Is there anything that stands between Nebraska and a national championship?

Sick of Sully's Tickets

Dear Sick,

Only Kansas.

Dear Mongo,

I understand Jim Keaton got some kind of big award before he left. What was it?

Concerned Senior Aviator

Dear CSA,

It was the Nobel Prize for Physics. When Jim wrote the EC-135 combat tactics reg, he disproved Newton's Third Law, which states that it is impossible to create something from nothing.

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION by Dave Hill

This is a true story.

Scuba diver Dave Hill of the 343rd recently extended his dream vacation in the Carribean by several days when he became partially paralyzed by an air embolism after diving in water deeper than his bath tub.

To add insult to injury, Hurricane Hugo struck the island the day after Dave was released from the hospital. Dave said it was a lot like being up for lieutenant colonel in the 343rd, except in this case God was kind enough to make it all go away.

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RUMORS FROM OUR READERS

1. The winning Bomb Comp crew will get a trip to Washington to meet President Bush. The loser - a McConnell crew - will have to pay their way to Boston to meet Governor Dukakis.

2. When the base printing plant unexpectedly runs out of ink, the wing schedulers will publish their first flying and ground training schedules with no major errors.

3. The crewdogs will notice "Public Affairs" in the base phone book and swamp the 55th PA office with lewd requests.

4. Retired U-2 pilots will be officially code-named "Senior Citizens."

5. The SAC museum will hire three CSA crewmembers to complete their collection of aviation antiques.

6. Local flight surgeons will experience anxiety attacks when a thief breaks into their supply room and steals all the dolls, straight pins, and chicken parts.

7. The next recon pig roast will be a dismal failure when a B-1 crew steals the main course to take back to Ellsworth as a war bride. It will make medical history as the first fully cooked pig to contract AIDS.

8. The flight kitchen genius who gave us Nonpromotable Snacks will invent the Definitely Promote Meal, but it will be available to only 40% of the crew dogs.

BOAT PERSON BASHED BY BEEP

Tragedy struck JSTPS today. Base security police are investigating one of the bloodiest hit-and-runs in Offutt's history.

It happened just before dawn at the crosswalk between SAC heacqurters and the O-club. The driver was a deaf paraplegic assigned to the 6949th ESS as a 207. Although the driver stayed to talk to the SP's, the victim ran away. Security Police investigator Sgt Gert Stapo concluded the victim was a naval officer after finding fifty-foot squid marks at scene.

THE NOT SO GRATEFUL DEAD

UPI - The entire DOX staff was found dead yesterday in their vault. The coroner estimated the time of death to be sometime in early 1984. Major Ed Rupp was quoted as saying he smelled something nasty when he walked by once in 1984, but he wasn't particularly concerned since that was nothing unusual for DOX. A preleminary coroner's report listed some of the identifiable dead as Elvis Presely, Jimmy Hoffa, and Amelia Earhart. An anthropology professor from the University of Nebraska at Plattsmouth also reported the first discovery of fossilized fat near the desks belonging to Brent Lavers and Bob Ledbetter.

A search is under way for a replacement staff, but so far nobody with a Kamikaze Complex has stepped forward. Nonetheless, the 55th DO, Colonel Betz, said, "I swear by the hair on the side of my head I'll find somebody for that job."

WHY WE WEREN'T SERIOUS ABOUT SELF HELP

Never one to miss out on a winning trend, Collin Flynn adopted the Temple of Tiny office motif and took it one step further. In addition to his beloved B-52, B-2, and fighter pictures, Collin actually put up an oil painting of John Trumble with a hangover. Sources in Training Flight say Collin wants to be just like Tiny but can't afford the pituitary extracts.

Collin tried to camouflage his shameless boot licking with a nearly humorous sign under John's picture that said, "38th SRS AIDS POSTER CHILD." You can't fool us, Collin. You're this month's proud winner of the "Those Nostrils Between My Cheeks Aren't Mine" Award for superior sucking up to a pilot.

We need your dirt. If you catch the staff weenies in another of their usual follies, we'd like to give it some publicity. Write us at: The Crew Dog Gazette, Suite #111, 431 N. Galvin Road, Bellevue, NE 68005.

55TH FIELDS AN ALL-RECON BOMB COMP TEAM.

Protests erupted throughout SAC when other -135 units found out the 55th rigged this year's Bomb Comp. It seems the wing used nothing but recon navs to fly this year's routes.

Stu Aldridge and Tom Bucci, with their chauffeurs Big Head Gower and Karen "I'm not Ed's sister" Clark represent one 38th team. The other 38th nav team boasts Scott Cilley, Idi Amen, and their assistants Jeff Needham and George Cook. The 2nd ACCS Bomb Comp navs are Greg Frick and Ed Haynes. Both are long-time recon navs who joined the Gerbil Patrol less than a year ago. When the CDG asked 2nd ACCS commander Steve Turner if his choice of Greg and Ed might reflect a prejudice toward recon, he declined to answer because he was late for his power lunch at SRC.

In other developments, the SR-71 crew was tossed out of the oxygen-starvation competition class when nobody at Barksdale was able to recognize pictures of Millard Municipal Airport. Citing constitutional protection against cannibalism, the CSA crew refused to fly at all when they found out JP-4 was a fossil fuel.

NEWS FLASHES FROM THE 343rd

- What do you call a 33-day TDY to Kadena when crews only fly twice?
 - A) Boondoggle.
 - B) A lost opportunity to increase airline hiring effectiveness.
 - C) An opportunity to sweep the island "Best Legs Competitions."
 - D) All of the above.

Hint #1: Ask the biggest guy in the squadron.

Hint #2: Don't ask Caban - it isn't him.

- Name the raven who:
 - A) Fell through the roof of his/her (we're coed now) garage.

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343rd News Flashes Cont'd.

- B) Locked a borrowed car's keys in the car while it was running and guarded it while it ran out of gas.
- C) "Allowed" crew dogs to engrave "Big Toe" on his cranium during an ops sortie.
- D) Could easily be mistaken for John Trumble with hair.
- E) All of the above and much more.

Hint #1: Also known as a Van Cliburn without a hint of talent.

Hint #2: It's not Perry Pelouquin.

Heard around the campus....

Who does Idi Amen's hair?

- J. Caban

Who is she?

- R. Weaver

Why do they call me Bubble Head?

- D. Hill

Why shouldn't I have my own brick?

- S. Visco

STAR DREK VI -OR- VISIT US IN OMAHA

Captain's Log, Stardate 38343.55 - "Spock's sniveling about his ears has gone on long enough. We're beaming down to the Offutt BX barber shop to get his ears lowered for good. Bones reserved him a chair marked 'USMC.'"

A transporter malfunction sent Kirk and Spock to the 2nd ACCS instead. Puzzled by his new surroundings, Spock fidgeted with his tricorder for several minutes before solemnly telling Kirk, "There's no sign of intelligent life here, Captain."

They quickly abandoned the 2nd ACCS and struck out for the barber shop, but soon found themselves in the 343rd SRS asking directions from several bored U-model ravens. After a short staff study, the ravens pronounced the Enterprise's equipment interesting but not worth an extra Combat Sent sortie. They gave Kirk and Spock a vector for the BX - but not a very good one.

Just as Kirk grumbled, "Damn, I thought those guys went to nav school,"

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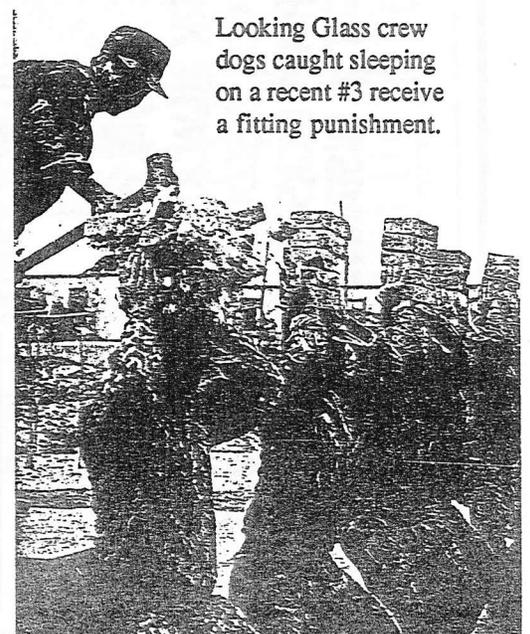
they found themselves in SAC headquarters at the Rated Officers Assignments Division. Disgust contorted Kirk's face as he drew his phaser. With his back to Spock, Kirk growled, "Stun, Hell! Set that sucker on Cancel Christmas." They shot their way out of SAC headquarters (like most people who go in there) and made their way to the O-club parking lot.

To their delight, they found the Enterprise's transport shuttle, the Galileo, in the O-club parking lot. It was parked in a slot marked "Reserved for OWC President." Knowing that their mission is "... to boldly go where no man has gone before," the two star travelers sat smirking in the Galileo for several minutes. Then, without a single application to one of the major airlines, the two aviators left Offutt forever.

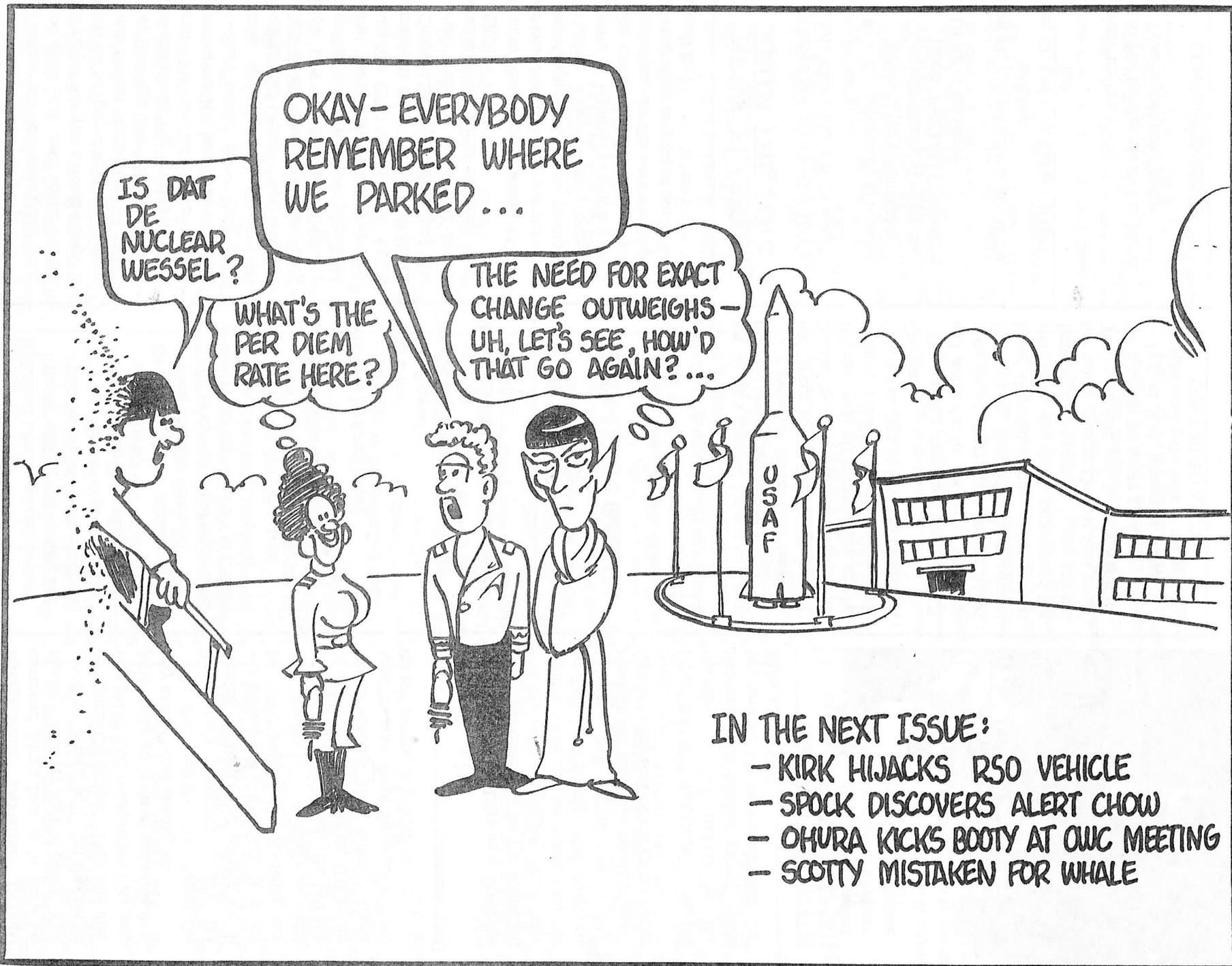
WANT ADS

FOR SALE: 3 Like-new AirDyne exercycles. Used daily for six months but now unused due to jogging. In six more months when the Air Nikes wear out we'll try dwarf tossing. If no dwarfs are available, will borrow one of SAC Headquarters' numerous mental midgets. Call any wing staff officer before Happy Hour.

FOR SALE: Hundreds - maybe thousands - of tickets to the Nebraska-Utah football game. Please buy several. My baby needs milk. Call Sully at 294-3298.



Looking Glass crew dogs caught sleeping on a recent #3 receive a fitting punishment.



IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

- KIRK HIJACKS RSO VEHICLE
- SPOCK DISCOVERS ALERT CHOW
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