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experimental basis) of hydroponic feeding. This technology, where plants are fed via nutrient laden water in a soil-less environment has long been utilized by the agricultural community. The further refinement of hydroponic feeding for human use will permit this technology to be utilized for the feeding of all of our FCN personnel by providing prepared liquids that already contain all of the required vitamins, minerals, protein, complex carbohydrates, a (specially engineered) timed release laxative (which facilitates elimination only on off-duty hours) and a special vaccine which will also prevent the symptoms of minor aches and pains from manifesting themselves during working hours. The big bonus of this program is that a single (3.5 minutes) feeding per day is required thus labor costs are expected to drop substantially. One FCN who became visibly distraught over the impending changes, questioned whether upper managerial officials might accept a 10% pay cut and defer their performance bonuses to help the Company through this difficult period. Corporate spokesman J. Oliver Blattnot responded with a resounding "No! Absolutely not! That would be undignified!"

Finally, all employees are being encouraged to undertake additional responsibilities by wearing several (hard?) hats in their scope of work. It is calculated that perhaps half the labor costs can be eliminated in this manner.

The Company spokesperson also stated that if these economic measures prove to be successful, no one in the higher echelons will risk the loss of their condos in the Bahamas, Bimini, Aspen or Acupulco.

CLASSIFIEDS

- FOR SALE -

White Pickup Truck, low miles at low altitudes on even streets. Driven only on Saturday nites to the ExPat Lounge on Ocean Boulevard. Priced to sell and will haggle to make it right. Call during the hours of 4-5 a.m. only.

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- PERSONALS -

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Hi Ladies! My name is Henry, and I am always on the prowl. If you would like a sample of my rough and tumble style of courtship, romance and..., Just mosey over to the dumpster at the corner of Gym Street and Barracks Drive any evening. Watch me strut my stuff and observe the feathers fly!!! No appointment necessary. Service with a smile and a "crow" that can be heard for a mile. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME

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*WINTER 1989

WORK 'EM MORE FEED 'EM LESS

REPACK BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEMAND HIGHER PROFITS

Gargo Diecia (DPI) — It was reported recently that action is being contemplated to cut the rations of FCN's (Fourth Country Nationals) on this remote sand bar in the Indian Ocean in order to further increase the wealth of certain "investors" who reside in remote areas of Texas and other (desert-like) arrid locations. The source for this information was "Rice Throat" who is this reporter's unusually usually unreliable source for juicy tidbits.

Specifically targeted for elimination are the flamboyant dessert policies of the FCN Mess Hall where presently dessert is served once per week. It is felt that this policy can be modified to the extent that once per month would suffice if each individual FCN shares his/her dessert with three fellow FCN's. Other economies being investigated are the cutting (by at least 50%) of rice allocations, elimination of all red meat except in the case of locally produced donkey steaks, and the total elimination of cool aid, more commonly known in the Navy as "bug juice."

Another grave area of concern it was learned just as the Tattler was about to go to press, is the excessive rate at which FCN's go on sick call. Statistically, the ailments have mainly fallen into the headache, allergy, minor cold and stomach ache categories and it is felt that all of these could be taken care of after duty hours. Continued abuse by FCN personnel may result in the Clinic being closed during working hours. All supervisors have been cautioned to forbid sickness by FCN personnel except on their own time.

Also under consideration, is the introduction (on an Continued on Page Twelve

Weather Forecast

Mon. thru Sat. — Generally miserable and confused. Rain possible at anytime. Clouds will billow while we bellow. Nightfall brings on strange happenings which cannot be explained even by official authority (whatever that means)

Sun. & Hol. — Could rain extra hard, 'specially on three day weekends and holidays. Winds will be sporadic and variable in direction. Tides will generally flow in and out or (in the case of advanced math *CoinaSewers*), up or down.

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Destroyers (2)	both for 2.25
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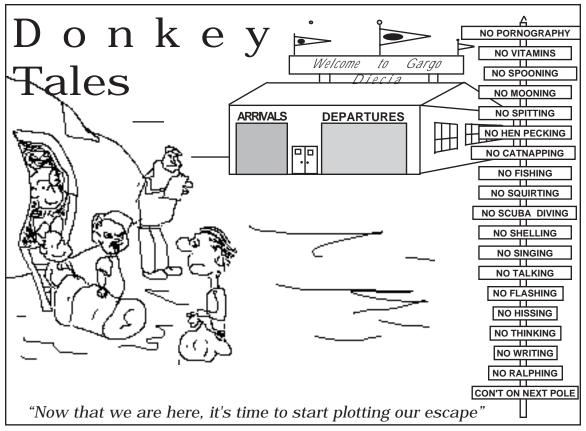
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NEW VEHICLE REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED

NAVVECHSUPADMTRA Announcement No. 103-FTN-1001-C-23

Beginning, 1 September 1989, new vehicle regulations will take effect which (until all personnel get used to them) will effect the sleeping and eating habits of all island residents. The reason for these new regulations is simple: Confuse The Enemy! It is the solemn duty of ALL island personnel to adhere strictly to the below listed guidelines in order that we minimize the possibility of surprise attack.

- 1. Only white colored vehicles will be permitted to operate during daylight hours. All white vehicles must have amber running lights displayed at all times so as to identify these vehicles as
- 2. All dark blue vehicles will only be permitted to be operated following one hour after sunset to one hour before dawn. Also, all dark blue vehicles shall be equipped with dark blue headlight filters so as not to confuse island defenses. Amber running lights will be extuinguished at all times.
- 3. All GRT (Gargo Rabid Transit) parking privileges will be cancelled and all personnel are to utilize the white colored busses if they are going to work. White busses will operate between the hours of 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Parking for individual vehicles will only be permitted at your assigned workplace slot without exception. Violators of this directive will get twenty days of chili peppers without water.
- 3. Recreational busses will be painted lemon yellow (with large pink bunnies to aid our Marine personnel in identifying such busses) and will run from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Bicycles may be used to go to recreational destinations only with an approved form NAVVECHSUPADMTRA-1001F filed in quadruplicate forty days prior to the planned excursion.
- 4. All vehicles will be washed weekly using the full immersion (dipping) procedure as defined in NAVVECHSUPADMTRA Regulations, Section 8, Paragraph C, line 3,
- 5. Effective immediately, all personal conveyances such as bicycles will adhere strictly to established Planned Maintenance Systems (PMS) Program and will be subject to unannounced surprise inspection and/or audit.



The Social Scene

Our column in this issue centers around a new face about town. She goes by the name of Princess von MoitreMuth and has, in the short time that she has been here, become something of a grand legend in her own time.

Her particular delight appears to be fluttering about location to location emitting sweet nothings to countless thousands. Her style is one of timeless tipsy-toeing through the weeds leaving a trail of pixie dust from her magic wand wherever she passes.

Just recently, she was observed to have waved at over two-hundred-thirty-five people in less than a three minute period. She did complain of some elbow soreness that evening but little did that prevent her from gulping down a

thirty-four thousand calorie meal later in the same evening.

She hails from the small town of Cleveland, where ball tossing Indians usually come in last. Also, this town boasts of the ability of roasting hot dogs by igniting the local river. In fact, Cleveland holds the Guiness Book of Record for down home "River Barbecues."

Her social schedule, in the short time that she has been here, now occupies a full mainframe computer as she manages time for boy-friends, girlfriends, birds, chickens, and an occasional cat.

We are sure sure, that in the months ahead. you will enjoy her adventures as the universe orbits around our new "princess."

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CINEMA THREE

A Brand New First Run Release

This story takes place on an isolated desert island somewhere in the Indian Ocean and is about a vehicle named "Suzzanne" that has supernatural powers and a voracious appetite for humans in curious white clothing.

POLICE BLOTTER

Sometime in May, a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle was damaged by a Deputy attempting to snag an alleged speeder at 2:30 a.m. It was reported that the patrol vehicle struck a palm tree while being backed up in order to get into a better position to chase the dastardly speeder and perhaps give him life without parole. There were no injuries except for a bruised ego.

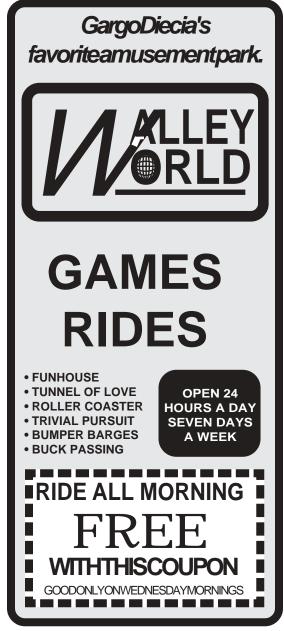
In early June another patrol vehicle that was patrolling near the Beach House ended up stuck in the sand. Apparently, the deputy was trying to intercept an errant crab (Crabus Gigas) that was threatening some innocent moonlight strollers who were enjoying the brisk night breeze. A tow truck removed the vehicle without too much difficulty but the deputy suffered a bruised ego.

Later in the same month of June, another patrol vehicle was struck by the Seamen's Club which was (allegedly) operating in an erratic manner. The resulting collision caused severe damage to the building (collapsing one end) while the patrol vehicle suffered only minor damage to the left fender and a bruised ego to the operating deputy.

Towards the end of June, still another (alleged) incident with a Sheriff's Office vehicle took place at an all too familiar location, the Beach House. This time, the vehicle backed into a palm tree. Further investigation reveal that the tree sustained undertermined injuries and the patrol vehicle was a total loss. The deputy's ego was bruised.

In early July at dawn, a patrol vehicle made a head-on challenge to a MACK dumptruck and came out second best. The Mack suffered a slight scratch in the front bumper while the patrol vehicle was a total loss requiring two large flat-bed trucks to cart the wreckage away. Later that same morning a second patrol vehicle had a mysterious encounter with a palm tree.

It was now becoming evident that there was some sort of sinister plot among a certain group of the the island's palm trees to derail the daily operations of our crack Sheriff's Department. An announcement by "higher" authority later in the day pronounced that a full scale investigation was being launched and if need be, all offending



palm trees would be relocated to an even more remote atoll off the coast of Antartica along with any Deputies found to be equally at fault.



SAFETY FIRST?

One has to admire the tenacity of efforts to enforce laws that tend to protect lives, limbs and property. Sometimes, we tend to be critical

of these actions on the part of our officials but often realize that they have only our best interest at heart. The example that we are attempting to illustrate here is the regulation of mandatory seatbelt usage by all drivers and front seat passengers, a practice that is gaining popularity throughout the industrialized world. Certainly, statistics have proven over and over again that seatbelts save lives. Excuses such as, "What if the car catches fire, I may be trapped" just do not add up when only one out of approximately every twohundred serious accidents results in a fire. An excellent example of a counterargument should a person be involved in an accident while not wearing a seatbelt, is that person generally impacts the vehicle's windshield and is often rendered unconscious which in turn makes escaping a flaming vehicle a virtual impossibility.

Here, on our little island, we too are subject to strict seatbelt rules. Needless to say, lives have been saved and injuries prevented because of this policy. However, there is a ominous side of the coin that has been ignored.

Statistics show that riding in the back of a pickup truck can be perhaps one of the most dangerous practices that one can be faced with. In the event of a serious accident (such as a head-on or roll-over), these passengers can be thrown from the vehicle in which they are riding, and often are crushed by the same vehicle. Because of this, the staff of the Tattler would like to offer a modest course of corrective action so that serious situations may be avoided in the future.

After much brain wrenching thought, we feel

that if special cages were constructed out of structural steel and if these devices were then firmly affixed to all pickup trucks on the island, the goal of safe "bed" riding could be achieved. These cages would have to have tops that are semicircular in shape so that if a vehicle was involved in a roll-over situation, the cage would simply allow the vehicle to continue to roll over. We feel that the occupants, while being kept safe, should not be denied the thrill of the situation. Additionally, for those who fear that a colliding vehicle might burst into flames with the occupants of the cage becoming trapped in the doomed conveyance, we propose that each cage carry an acetylene cutting torch kit with easy-to-read (less than twenty pages) set of instructions that could be utilized in the event of such a circumstance. The occupants of the cage of a burning vehicle after a short and to the point meeting, would elect an individual to take charge of the situation. After reading the instructions on the theory of (ferrous metal) burning techniques, the burner designee would cut a hole so that the occupants of the cage of a burning vehicle could crawl to safety.

It also suggested that all cages be manufactured to the accepted standards of the American Society of Cage Administrators, Producers, and Engineers (ASCAPE). It is assumed that a reputable, low bidder contractor would be chosen for the task of designing, constructing, installing, and maintaining an active network of road-worthy cages.

Finally, we strongly feel that the occupants of these cages should be further restrained in order that injury is not incurred (during the course of a rollover) by striking various parts of the cage. It is recommended that such restraints be manufactured with SpandexTM so that once again, the occupants can experience the thrill of the event.

Dear Gabby

Dear Gabby: Most people spend their free time and holidays with family or friends. I like to spend all my time at work. That's why I took this job here in Gargo Diecia. Now I can be on the job twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Recently, I began noticing that a majority of those I work with don't enjoy being here. I don't understand it. I'm beginning to think I'm the only normal person on the island. Do you think I should recommend psychiatric help to my fellow employees?

Director in Diecia

Dear Director: Immediate psychiatric help is warranted in this case. A little electro-shock therapy or a lobotomy has never been proven to be harmful in a case such as yours. Of course, you may have long term effects from the follow-up psycho-chemical therapy, but they shouldn't affect your job performance.

Dear Gabby: I supervise the operation and maintenance of a vital public utility on Gargo Diecia. Lately I've received many complaints from the customers we serve. We have been working hard to provide the best service possible to our customers.

I have to add that many of the complaints voiced by our customers are unfounded. The technician and I are able to respond to most emergency calls within two or three weeks. We are always willing to lend our customers tools and give them advice. Many times we even drive over to watch them work!

What do you think I should do about the rising number of unfounded complaints?

Busy Beavers

Dear Beavers: Next time someone calls with a complaint, hang up. Continue to do so until the number of complaints decreases. That's what I always do and it works.

Dear Gabby: My neighbors stay up all night long, drinking, playing loud, irritating music and engaging in adolescent games. I can't sleep and it's affecting my performance at work. I've tried to be polite and I've even called the sheriff a few times. They just quiet down until the deputy leaves, then they start right back up. What can I do?

Dead Tired

Dear Dead: Where do you live? Are you the jerk that called the cops in on my party last week? You can write someone else about your stupid problems. I'll be too busy moving my speakers up against the wall of my room!

CONFUSED POSSUM WREAKS HAVOC IN DINING SALON

GARGO DIECIA — (DPI) — Pandemonium became the order of the day the other morning at the Grand Dining Salon when a confused possum found himself trapped in the the Second Class section. In the confusion that followed, he apparently scurried across the floor jumping over three tables finally leaping onto the coffee pot stand. After a short pause to regroup, he disappeared while traveling west towards the First Class section at warp speed.

While surprised, Salon Officials remained tight lipped due to the unusual circumstances surrounding this event. According to a witness who was "enjoying" his breakfast, the marsupial's adventure began at about 6:15 A.M. and ended some forty-seconds later. There appeared to be little harm caused by all of these carryingons except for the fact that a later inventory revealed that two boxes of bran flakes were missing.

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Who is the most lonesome person in the world?

- The Maytag™ Repairman
- 2. Santa during the off-season
- 3. The Attendent at the Gargo Diecia Miniature Golf Course

The answer will apear in the Spring Edition of the Tattler

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Safe Driving Tips

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Backing Accident Avoidance Accident

- •Don't BackUp
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- •Use Licensed Spotters (only if available)
- As a last resort, close your eyes, cross your fingers and doit!

If the above rules are not followed, the proper authorities will see to it that the reverse gear in the offending vehicle's transmission is removed.

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An Abbreviated History of Gargo Diecia

Quite long ago, (about July 2, 1776 to be exact), in a place not too far, came mice-like explorers from the Deutchy of Grand Fenwicke on a quest for still more territory. After all, the Deutchy by 1776 had a grasp of at least .000002% of the world's population and .00000000035% of the world's land area. By discovering Gargo Diecia and conquering the same, the Deutchy's percentage of population dominance in the world would rise to .00000200000025% and its controlled land area would rise by a whopping 25% to .000000000375%. Just the thought of finding another place to impose "civilized means" (taxes, regulations, etc.) to the local populace (in this case consisting of two old men) brought a rush to the invading marauders.

After mopping up the resistance (by confiscating two well worn slingshots), the new rulers wasted no time in legislating a host of new regulations which would impact all who would follow. First, no hanky-panky (a fore-runner to pornography/fraternization?) would be tolerated. Of course, since all of the inhabitants were men including the newcomers, would this be possible given the prudish standards of that era? Shortly some domestic animals were introduced which consisted mainly of chickens, donkeys, cats, and unintentionally, rats. While the chickens became a major food source (meat and eggs), the rats soon devoured the atoll's natural food resources. Cats were introduced to control the rats, but they too preferred natural foods. Later, the donkey was brought in to be utilized as a beast of burden for the mega-sized sugar plantation being contemplated.

Work got underway that very evening on the plantation project with the laying of the first tie for the railway (yes, Matilda, in 1776!) that would connect the refinery to the local dock. It was anticipated that the sugar crop would be mainly for

export. After a quick start, construction soon got bogged down because of a resisting tribe of coconut crabs who did not appreciate their territory being disturbed. In fact, at one point, an army of crabs attacked the central village stronghold and actually dragged two of the colonists away to be sacrificed to the god of *Night Wind* who it was later learned actually was (or is) more closely allied with franks and beans. Time would prove to be the master here as the construction effort dragged on for over three generations.

By April 1, 1836, the *Plantation de Gargo* (as it ultimately became known) was dedicated and boasted a three pound sugar harvest. Even with this modest start, the Good Knight Mayor proclaimed that a great milestone had been achieved. The plantation owners predicted that production should rise by a robust 10% per year and by the turn of the century, as much as one-hundred and fifty pounds of sugar might be produced each year. This might require that still another railway spur be built. The village folk loudly applauded the words of their revered mayor and all looked forward to the prosperous times ahead.

By 1900, the actual harvest of sugar cane reached an astounding two-hundred-fifty pounds! At the same time, the home island of the Deutchy (somewhere in the North Atlantic Ocean), Fenwicke was becoming a world leader in the production of vineyard grapes and fine wines. Now, with the added supply of sugar from the Fenwickeian Indian Ocean Territory, (FIOT), the goal of being the world's number 18,342,987th producer of fine and unique wines such as Blue Hun, would be within grasp.

However, during the 1940's, several bad grape seasons put the Deutchy on the ropes of economic collapse. Only by secretly declaring war on the United States in the mid 1950's and

winning in less than eight hours of unpublicized battle, was the Deutchy able to rebuild to a limited extent its economic base. The first order of improvement called for the installation of electricity and indoor plumbing. Later, in the late 1960's, a scenario would emerge that would permit the Grand Deutchy to regain (even though on a small scale) some of its former glory as a world power.

It was 1969 when the world's eyes and ears would once again turn toward the tiny atoll of Gargo Diecia in the Indian Ocean where the United States determined that a strategic military installation should be constructed. Negotiations with the Deutchy began immediately and within a short time, an agreement was forged (on a coconut husk) which would allow both countries to share the awesome burden of constructing, regulating and maintaining a complex so complicated, that the very best (low bidder) brains would have to be mustered to manage this grand experiment.

Also in 1969, the Plantation de Gargo was humming merrily in the tranquil quiet of its surroundings. Imagine the surprise when planeload after planeload of strangers descended from the sky. Soon, the Fenwickians (Fens) were asserting themselves in ways that virtually offended everyone. Regulations were passed where all donkeys had to undergo annual registration and measle vaccinations. Pornography along with all water sports were banned as well as the consumption of all locally produced home-brew. The Americans added their own flavor with the switching of right-hand drive vehicles to lefthand drive. Stop signs, black top roads, an airport and concrete structures soon followed. Could traffic lights be far behind?

Mysterious Crash Still Unsolved

Gargo Diecia — (DPI) — A massive traffic accident occurred the other morning when apparently, a misguided chicken (reportedly a nocturnal foraging rooster) ran in front of a "state" sedan. The operator of the sedan, a captain of the visiting Man O' War class schooner, FNS Bounty, in evading the alleged bird, missed a curve, knocked down three telephone poles (causing an atoll-wide blackout), tore up five acres of prime Kentucky Bluegrass and finally came to rest against the chain link fence that surrounds the island's sewage disposal plant.

Evidently, damage to the sedan was slight. When questioned, Irving Bellicose, a Transportation Department spokesman, was quoted as saying, "It should only take a few days to put both halves of the car back together again."

Police investigators soon found "evidence" that the car ran over the rooster's foot and immediately instituted an island wide search for the apprehension (for questioning) of any bird with tire marks on its foot.

Anyone having (even the vaguest) knowledge of the responsible rooster's whereabouts, can claim a \$1.50 reward by simply providing information that leads to his arrest and deportation to Frank Perdue's Rest Home for Bewildered and Unmanageable Fowl.

FenRep Notice

A program is being contemplated where island residents will be able to "Adopt A Donkey" similar to the "Adopt A Horse" program in the United States. All prospective participants will be required to sign an affidavit stating that no donkey adopted under the program will be eaten without being cooked properly.