

SHOW ME THE COOKIES SUCKER!



Well, nothing too spectacular on a personal note to report. I do know that I'm going to try to avoid a repeat breakfast performance tomorrow. Seriously, the sugar crash this afternoon was utterly horrible. I'm surprised it didn't happen earlier in the day but right about 2:30ish I suddenly turned into an even bigger lump than I usually am at that time of day. Guess Oreos and Mountain Dew probably aren't quite as nutritious and long-lasting as I thought (or hoped). You know, I guess you could call it a reminder more than anything but I was thinking about a friend today and it struck me that our ability/aptitude to get ourselves into the same situation over and over again is absolutely striking. And this particular individual always seems to reach out to me when things go south. You know, I'm at a loss this time around. It feels like I haven't gotten through to them this far so why should I keep on with it. Its almost like I'm nothing more than an enabler, or at least I will be if I keep on being the nice guy. Of course, telling her what's on my mind doesn't make a difference because the habits and stuff are seemingly so ingrained that whatever advice I give just sort of bounces off.

Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. ~ 1 Timothy 3:16

FBI Releases 2011 National Information Sharing Strategy

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has released its 2011 National Information Sharing Strategy. The strategy ensures coordination of FBI initiatives that emphasize the collection and dissemination of intelligence to meet national security and law enforcement needs. The strategy has three goals: Reinforce the emerging culture of information sharing by emphasizing the benefits of active information and knowledge exchange. Make information sharing easier through the focused use of information technology and policy. Make information sharing more effective. These goals must always be balanced against preservation of privacy and civil liberties. It also discusses the roles of various information sharing elements, including the National Security Council's Information Sharing and Access Interagency Policy Committee, the ODNI's Intelligence Community Information Sharing Steering Committee, the DOJ's Law Enforcement Information Sharing Program, and the FBI's Information Sharing Policy Board.

Navy Network Dependability: Models, Metrics, and Tools

The Navy is increasingly dependent on networks and associated net-centric operations to conduct military missions, so a vital goal is to establish and maintain dependable networks for ship and multiship (e.g., strike group) networks. In this volume, the authors develop a framework for measuring network dependability that is focused on users' perceptions of whether individual network services are available, as opposed to hardware-focused measurements of whether individual pieces of equipment are functioning. The authors used this framework to modify a tool for modeling network availability that was originally developed by Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command; the modified tool allows the user to perform sensitivity analysis that captures the degree to which individual network components affect overall mission operational availability. The authors walk the reader through some exemplar analyses, then conclude with recommendations on how the Navy might facilitate future network dependability assessments, provide more meaningful results to network engineers, and, ultimately, enhance the dependability of networks across the fleet.

DNA as Part of Identity Management for the Department of Defense

The Department of Defense must keep track of a large and ever-growing number of people, both known and unknown, as it executes its mission. The field associated with this responsibility is called identity management. One tool for identity management is biometrics, and some view DNA as a useful biometric for either identification or verification of individuals. However, serious questions remain about whether DNA is a viable biometric option, and it presents especially challenging questions. This paper examines DNA as a biometric from several perspectives, including technical requirements, policy and legal ramifications, and costs and benefits compared with other biometrics.

Applications for Navy Unmanned Aircraft Systems

There has been tremendous growth in demand for unmanned aircraft systems (UASs) by the United States military since 2001, and the Navy is making large investments in a number of programs, including acquisition of high-altitude maritime surveillance systems, demonstration programs for carrier-capable unmanned combat aircraft, and acquisition of rotary and small fixed-wing tactical UASs. In this book, RAND provides an evaluation of the Navy's ongoing and proposed UAS programs and describes the most promising applications of those UASs to the Navy's operational tasks. The book identifies robust communications as a key enabler for UASs in many operational tasks and recommends steps the Navy can take to ensure these communications are available. Additionally, it identifies some operational tasks that are better suited to manned aircraft and recommends limiting investment in UASs for these tasks.

Tracking Inmates and Locating Staff with Active Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID): Early Lessons Learned in One U.S. Correctional Facility

The lessons identified in this report pertain to the issues for a correctional facility to take into account when considering whether to deploy an active radio-frequency identification (RFID) system within the institution. Because the experience of U.S. correctional institutions with RFID is still fairly limited, this report represents an early look at the experiences of one of the few facilities that have invested in active RFID for use in tracking inmates and locating staff. It provides important information and insights on issues to consider in the conceptualization, design, and installation of an active RFID system in a correctional setting.

Standards for High-Quality Research and Analysis

The name RAND is synonymous with high-quality, objective research and analysis at the top of the policy agenda. This brochure describes the quality standards for RAND research. RAND's standards for high-quality research and analysis articulate long-standing RAND concepts and values regarding the characteristics of high-quality studies. They serve both as a guide for those

who conduct, manage, support, and evaluate the research activities at RAND and as the set of principles by which RAND research units and programs shape their individual quality assurance processes. They help to ensure that RAND accomplishes its mission of improving policy and decisionmaking through research and analysis.

Chinese Government pressured Chinese residents in Norway into protesting the Nobel Prize ceremony

Chinese diplomats in Norway have been systematically pressurizing Chinese residents into joining anti-Nobel demonstrations, which are planned to take place in Oslo on Friday, Amnesty International has learned. Amnesty International has been informed by reliable sources in the Chinese diaspora that mainland Chinese residents in Norway have been repeatedly visited and called to meetings over the last two months by representatives of the Chinese government. The pressure exerted by these representatives is perceived by those visited or attending the meetings as threats, with concrete and serious consequences for the future livelihood of Chinese residents who fail to show up for these demonstrations.

"The Future of American Power"

It is currently fashionable to predict a decline in the United States' power. But the United States is not in absolute decline, and in relative terms, there is a reasonable probability that it will remain more powerful than any other state in the coming decades.

Avoiding Technology Surprise for Tomorrow's Warfighter-- Symposium 2010

This book summarizes key themes identified during the course of the second annual Symposium on Avoiding Technology Surprise for Tomorrow's Warfighter, a two-day event held at the Lockheed Martin Center for Innovation in Suffolk, Virginia, on April 28 and 29, 2010. Both the symposium and this summary were produced under the auspices of the National Research Council's Committee for the Symposium on Avoiding Technology Surprise for Tomorrow's Warfighter -- 2010, sponsored by the Defense Intelligence Agency's Defense Warning Office. The ad hoc committee was composed of several members of the Standing Committee on Technology Insight -- Gauge, Evaluate, and Review (TIGER).

McAfee Warns of "The Twelve Scams of Christmas"

1) iPad Offer Scams

With Apple products topping most shopping lists this holiday season, scammers are busy distributing bogus offers for free iPads. McAfee Labs found that in the spam version of the scam consumers are asked to purchase other products and provide their credit card number to get the

free iPad. Of course, victims never receive the iPad or the other items, just the headache of reporting a stolen credit card number.

In the social media version of the scam, users take a quiz to win a free iPad and must supply their cell phone number to receive the results. In actuality they are signed up for a cell phone scam that costs \$10 a week.

2) “Help! I’ve Been Robbed” Scam

This travel scam sends phony distress messages to family and friends requesting that money be wired or transferred so that they can get home. McAfee Labs has seen an increase in this scam and predicts its rise during the busy travel season.

3) Fake Gift Cards

Cybercrooks use social media to promote fake gift card offers with the goal of stealing consumers’ information and money, which is then sold to marketers or used for ID theft.

One recent Facebook scam offered a “free \$1,000 Best Buy gift card” to the first 20,000 people who signed up for a Best Buy fan page, which was a look-a-like. To apply for the gift card they had to provide personal information and take a series of quizzes.

4) Holiday Job Offers

As people seek extra cash for gifts this holiday season, Twitter scams offer dangerous links to high-paying, work-at-home jobs that ask for your personal information, such as your email address, home address and Social Security number to apply for the fake job.

5) “Smishing”

Cybercrooks are now “smishing,” or sending phishing SMS texts. These texts appear to come from your bank or an online retailer saying that there is something wrong with an account and you have to call a number to verify your account information. In reality, these efforts are merely a ruse to extract valuable personal information from the targets. Cybercrooks know that people are more vulnerable to this scam during the holiday season when consumers are doing more online shopping and checking bank balances frequently.

6) Suspicious Holiday Rentals

During peak travel times when consumers often look online for affordable holiday rentals, cybercrooks post fake holiday rental sites that ask for down payments on properties by credit card or wire transfer.

7) Recession Scams Continue

Scammers target vulnerable consumers with recession related scams such as pay-in-advance credit schemes. McAfee Labs has seen a significant number of spam emails advertising prequalified, low-interest loans and credit cards if the recipient pays a processing fee, which goes directly into the scammer’s pocket.

8) Grinch-like Greetings

E-cards are a convenient and earth-friendly way to send greetings to friends and family, but cybercriminals load fake versions with links to computer viruses and other malware instead of cheer. According to McAfee Labs, computers may start displaying obscene images, pop-up ads, or even start sending cards to contacts that appear to come from you.

9) Low Price Traps

Shoppers should be cautious of products offered at prices far below competitors. Cyber scammers use auction sites and fake websites to offer too-good-to-be-true deals with the goal of stealing your money and information.

10) Charity Scams

The holidays have historically been a prime time for charity scams since it's a traditional time for giving, and McAfee Labs predicts that this year is no exception. Common ploys include phone calls and spam e-mails asking you to donate to veterans' charities, children's causes and relief funds for the latest catastrophe.

11) Dangerous Holiday Downloads

Holiday-themed screensavers, jingles and animations are an easy way for scammers to spread viruses and other computer threats especially when links come from an email or IM that appears to be from a friend.

12) Hotel and Airport Wi-fi

During the holidays many people travel and use free wi-fi in places like hotels and airports. This is a tempting time for thieves to hack into networks hoping to find opportunities for theft.

McAfee advises Internet users to follow these five tips to protect their computers and personal information:

- Stick to well-established and trusted sites that include trust marks (icons or seals from third parties verifying that the site is safe), user reviews and customer support. A reputable trust mark provider will have a live link attached to its trust mark icon, which will take visitors to a verification Web site of the trust mark provider.
- Do not respond to offers that arrive in a spam email, text or instant message.
- Preview a link's web address before you click on it to make sure it is going to an established site. Never download or click anything from an unknown source.
- Stay away from vendors that offer prices well below the norm. Don't believe anything that's too good to be true.
- Make sure to use trusted wi-fi networks. Don't check bank accounts or shop online if you're not sure the network is safe.

[R/C Flight Video Over NYC Yields Cool Images, Concern](#)

A group calling themselves “Team Black Sheep” filmed many of New York City’s most famous landmarks from a radio-controlled Ritewing Zephyr aircraft, which is often used by R/C enthusiasts. The video shows the aircraft zooming over such landmarks as the Brooklyn Bridge and the Statue of Liberty. While the pictures are stunning, some of the footage shows the aircraft flying within feet of apartment buildings, waterborne vessels, and the torch of the Statue of Liberty. That has raised controversy within the modeling community, which says the video could harm access to airspace. Team Black Sheep member Raphael Pirker, who goes by the name “Trappy” in his blog, is quoted in various reports as saying he consulted local laws but did not consult air traffic officials before making the flights in New York, but limited the flights to times of the day when traffic was light. Police questioned Team Black Sheep and, according to Trappy, were curious about how the aircraft worked, but issued no charges. At the end of the video the team praised New York Authorities and the TSA for “staying strong, professional, and positive.”

[Mosquito Restoration on Track for Spring Flight](#)

The restoration of a flyable de Havilland Mosquito is on track for completion in spring 2011. With remains rescued from a Canadian farm, the aircraft is undergoing an extensive rebuild in New Zealand and would be the only flying copy of this WW II fighter in the world.



[Naval aircraft get extreme makeovers for Naval Aviation Centennial](#)

The [Centennial of Naval Aviation](#) website

[Naval Aviation Publications](#) and [Naval Aviation Research and Collections](#)

(Department of the Navy Naval Historical Center)

[Can Cops Help Stop IED Drops?](#)

L-3 MPRI, Inc. in Alexandria, VA recently received a \$156.1 million cost-plus-fixed-fee contract to embed former law-enforcement professionals into corps, division, brigade, regimental and battalion headquarters. Their mission will involve helping battlefield commanders penetrate and suppress criminal networks involved in IED land mine production, distribution, and use throughout Iraq, Afghanistan, and other overseas operations. The contract will run to Dec 10/11, and 1 bid was solicited with 1 bid received by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Contracting Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

[Geotags and Location-Based Social Networking Applications, OPSEC and Protecting Unit Safety](#)

[Tac Nuke Numbers Confirmed?](#)

A Wikileaks document briefly posted by *The Guardian* Monday appears to give an official number for the U.S. nuclear weapons deployed in Europe: 180. The number appears in a leaked cable written by U.S. NATO Ambassador Ivo Dalder in September 2009, describing an earlier Nuclear Posture Review briefing U.S. Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Jim Miller gave to NATO in July 2009.

[Missile Watch](#)

The surprise extradition of notorious arms trafficker Viktor Bout to the United States tops the list of developments covered in this edition of Missile Watch. The former Russian intelligence officer is widely considered to be one of the most prolific arms traffickers of the last twenty years, and his trial is likely to yield important new insights into the illicit arms trade. Also noteworthy is the release of the Department of Homeland Security's final report on its counter-MANPADS program. The report confirms that two anti-missile systems evaluated during the program are capable of protecting planes from MANPADS, but the \$43 billion price tag may preclude their installation on more than a small number of airliners.

Wikileaks and arms trafficking

The other recent headline-generating event in which MANPADS featured prominently is the release by Wikileaks of hundreds of thousands of classified documents on US military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, and a comparable number of diplomatic cables from around the world. These documents reportedly include references to alleged trafficking and use of MANPADS by insurgents, but they are of little value to policymakers or researchers. Most of the documents from Iraq and Afghanistan, for example, appear to be preliminary, unsubstantiated tactical level field reports written by individuals whose knowledge of MANPADS and arms trafficking is difficult to discern. For researchers, any information contained in these documents is useful only as a starting point, and the manner in which they were released all but guarantees that government officials capable of clarifying their contents will refuse to discuss them. At the same time, the reports could be extremely useful to insurgents and arms traffickers. By alerting suspected traffickers to US government monitoring of their activities, the leaked documents could jeopardize ongoing investigations as traffickers break off contact with undercover agents, destroy documentation associated with the illicit activities, or relocate their operations. The net result may not only be impunity for traffickers and their accomplices, but also months or years of wasted effort by investigators, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in wasted government resources. For these and many other reasons articulated elsewhere, none of the documents released by Wikileaks are replicated, cited, or analyzed in Missile Watch.

[New Budget Darling May Be Directed-Energy](#)

The lightning rod for rapid fielding of directed-energy devices and advanced sensors will be the U.S. services' next-generation jammers, which will likely feature active, electronically scanned arrays and high-power microwave (HPM) capabilities. In Pentagon discussions, HPM is now being called "anti-electronics weaponry." Power surges created by pulses of HPM can damage or destroy electronic components and addle or erase computer memories. How HPM, high-power lasers and jammers might be integrated is still a work in progress. That directed energy and its associated technologies (such as intelligence gathering, surveillance, cyberattack and electronic warfare) may be focused and accelerated by some of the new electronic attack programs was suggested by David Honey. He is chief of policy and oversight for the Defense Department's science and technology programs. The HPM "e-bomb" will be fielded "later this decade," as researchers learn to control the effects with directionality of the energy beam through antenna design. Honey predicts that the mobile, high-energy laser will be operational "in the short future."

USAF Cyberoperations Ramp Up

Elements of the newly activated 24th U.S. Air Force have begun deploying in support of cybermissions in Europe and Africa, following early operational experience in Afghanistan. The ramp-up comes as the 24th, the Air Force's latest numbered force, sets out to build cybersituational-awareness, train cyberwarriors and expand surge capacity at its operations center in San Antonio.

Army nanosatellite on first flight

The first U.S. Army nanosatellite lifted off of Launch Pad 40 at Cape Canaveral, Fla., today at 10:43 a.m. Eastern. This is the launch of the first U.S. Army-built satellite in more than 50 years. U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command is the Army lead for the SMDC-ONE nanosatellite program.

Egypt to Seek Bids For First Atomic Energy Reactor

Egyptian Electricity Minister Hassan Younis said companies from China, France, Russia, South Korea and the United States are all anticipated to submit offers to build the first of four planned nuclear reactors in the nation's northern coastal area. Younis said the intention is to have the first reactor operational by 2019 and the last plant online by 2025. Each site is now estimated to cost roughly \$4 billion. The official dismissed a report that the International Atomic Energy Agency still has unanswered questions regarding Cairo's atomic intentions. "We keep very good relations and transparent cooperation with the IAEA," Younis said.

Nearly Two-Thirds of Global Chemical Arms Destroyed

Almost 63 percent of the world's declared amounts of chemical warfare materials have been eliminated through the Chemical Weapons Convention, the head of the pact's oversight body declared last month. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons Director General Ahmet Üzümcü, in a Nov. 29 opening address to delegates attending a conference of CWC member nations, said 43,619 metric tons of chemical agents had been eliminated. At the last states parties meeting one year ago, only 42 percent of those materials had been destroyed.

Iraqi Researcher Muhammad Al-Khodari: The Arab Leaders Are Leading Their Peoples to Poverty, Ignorance, Darkness, Tyranny, and the Violation of Their Honor

Why do the Arabs constantly boast of their gallantry, courage, and honor – even though of all the peoples of the world, they are the most likely to resign themselves to injustice, oppression, and persecution? Aren't our peoples reminiscent of a man who is always boasting of his escapades with women, only to turn out to be an impotent windbag? Why do we boast of our manliness, while, in fact, we are merely mice who are afraid of their own shadow? Why do we boast of our bravery, when in fact, we are a nation of beggars? Why do we boast of our courage, when in fact, we are the most cowardly people on Earth? Is there any major crime that the Arab rulers have neglected to commit against their people? When has any Arab people ever revolted against its executioners – except in their wildest dreams

Social Network Jihad Part 1

In an effort to spread global jihad and win over new recruits, jihadi media activists are utilizing web-based social networks, particularly Facebook. The recent FBI arrest of Baltimore resident Antonio Martinez, AKA Muhammad Hussain, who expressed his wish to die as a martyr on his Facebook page, highlights the use of Facebook as a tool for propaganda, recruitment and indoctrination by jihad activists and jihadi media activists. In addition to declaring his desire for martyrdom on his page, Martinez is also associated with several jihad sympathizers. Security and law enforcement authorities now have another virtual arena to deal with in their fight against online jihad, as social network jihad emerges to join the known jihad websites and forums.

Excellent question everyone should ask themselves

Should I really join Facebook? (priceless)

You have to read this to the end!!

A good laugh for people in the Should I really join Facebook? over 50 group !!! Also for those who know people like us.

When I bought my Blackberry I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grandkids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern

way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-U-lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead. Well, it was not a good relationship.

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them in with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-saksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look.

I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do toot a lot."

P.S. I know some of you are not over 50 . I sent it to you to allow you to forward it to those who are

Life is full of changes

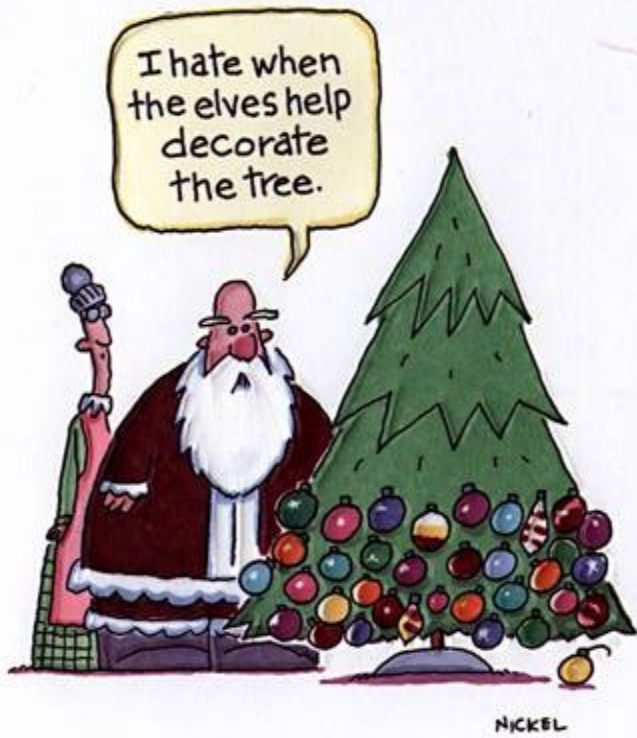
A Little Christmas Cheer



Dear Santa,
I'm writing to let
you know that I've
been naughty and
it was worth it!

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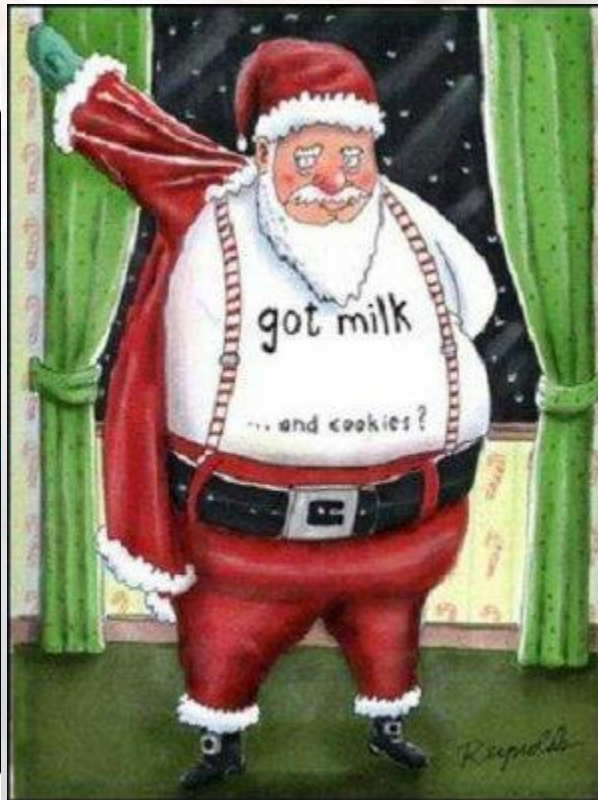


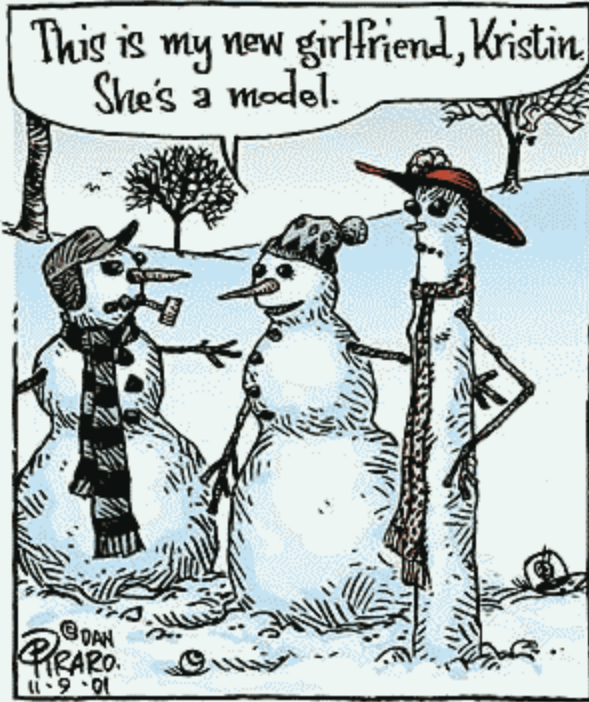
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HACKING INTO SANTA'S COMPUTER

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Please Note:
CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED

**Apparently, YOU told Santa that
you have been GOOD this year ...**



He died laughing

I HAVE WINGS, BUT I CAN'T FLY.
SANTA'S REINDEER DO NOT HAVE WINGS,
BUT THEY CAN FLY. CAN YOU EXPLAIN
THIS TO ME????



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Virtual Humor

by Kevin Duffy



Santa's sexual harassment trial takes a dramatic change for the worse



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