

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, November 15, noon seminar speaker will be OSCAR VALLARINO, CDC, Asociación Nacional para la Conservación (ANCON).

El C.D.C., Centro de Datos para la Conservación, y lo que Representa para la Comunidad Científica Panameña.

Abstract: El Centro de Datos está formado por un grupo de científicos panameños que trabajan conjuntamente con la comunidad científica nacional e internacional y otras instituciones relacionadas a la conservación de la naturaleza en la creación de un banco de datos a perpetuidad, que mediante el manejo de información biológica de forma eficiente y sistemática sirva como herramienta de juicio en el manejo de nuestra herencia natural.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, November 22, noon seminar speaker will be SUE WILLIAMS, STRI.

The Tropical Forest Dynamics Project: An Overview of the 50 Ha. Plot.

ARRIVING

November 12 - December 30, PHYLLIS COLEY and TOM KURSAR, University of Utah, to study host plant nutritional quality and life history patterns in the neotropical Membracidae on BCI.

November 14 - 18, KENNETH YOUNG, SI Office of Exhibits Central, and GEORGE ANGEHR to visit STRI in connection with the Tupper Exhibit Project.

November 14 - 24, DAVID GOOD, University of California at Berkeley, to collaborate with David Wake and conduct observations at Fortuna.

November 17 - December 13, JONATHAN LOSOS, University of California at Berkeley, to study the ecology, behavior and performance of Anolis lizards on BCI.

DEPARTURES

November 13 - 22, IRA RUBINOFF and ALAN SMITH, to visit the Forest Research Institute in Malaysia.

NEWS FROM INRENARE / ANCON

A ceremony on Monday, November 14, will mark the completion of the Pipeline Road repairs. To protect the area from poachers and entrance of unauthorized vehicles, a locked chain will be placed at the entrance. STRI researchers will be given keys. Announcement of procedures to be followed for this will be sent to all facilities secretaries. A small sign next to the chain will provide information to other visitors to the park on how to obtain entrance.

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY STRI STAFF, FELLOWS AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Guzman, H.M. 1988. Distribución y abundancia de organismos coralívoros en los arrecifes coralinos de la Isla del Caño, Costa Rica. Rev. Biol. Trop., 36(2A): 191-207.

Jackson, J.B.C. 1988. Does ecology matter? Book review of Evolution and Escalation by G. J. Vermeij. Paleobiology 14: 307-312.

McKinney, F.K. and J.B.C. Jackson. 1988. Bryozoan Evolution. Unwin Hyman, Winchester, Massachusetts. 256 pp.

NEWS FROM THE ANCON OFFICE

Slides from previous seminars were left in the STRI Conference Room. Contact Vielka Vergel at 62-2008/62-2009.

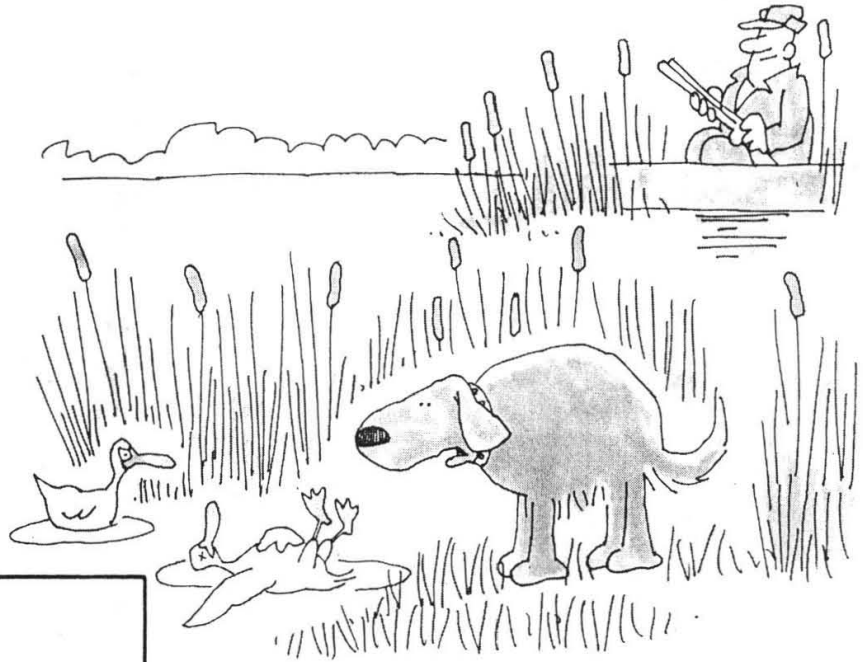
FROM THE PERSONNEL OFFICE

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season begins November 15, 1988, and runs through January 31, 1989. Eligible persons include Federal employees who are in either the CSRS or FERS retirement system, and who have been working with the Federal government since June 30, 1988 or before. Open season booklets are available at your facility secretary, and employees are advised to read them, even if they already have a Thrift Account and do not plan to make any changes this open season. Employees wishing to begin, change, or re-allocate their TSP contributions should request a form TSP-1 from the Personnel Office.

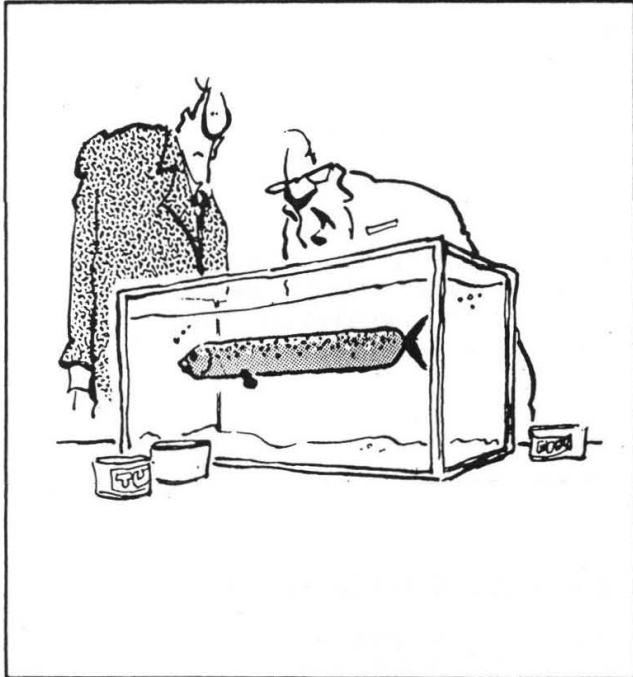
SEA LION SIGHTINGS

Three sea lions have been sighted in Panama in the last 4 months, one at the Diablo pier, another in Gatun Lake and a third off Nombre de Dios in Colon Province.

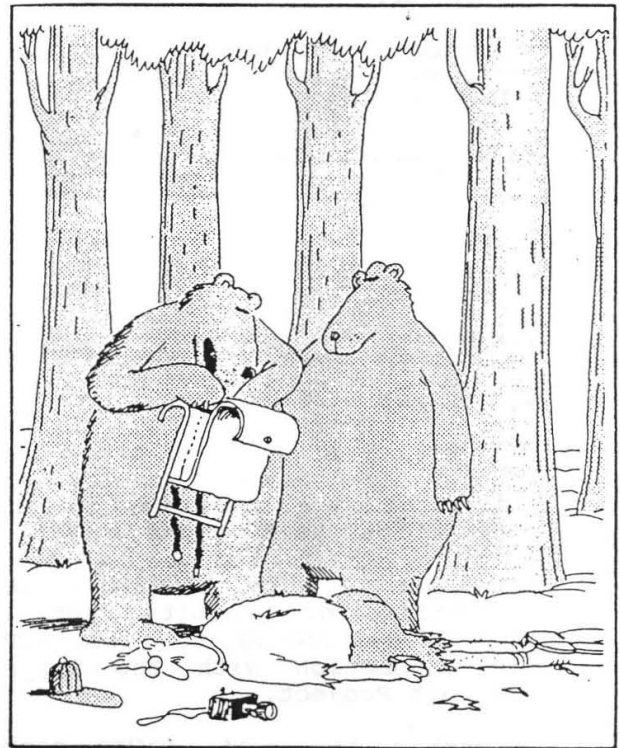
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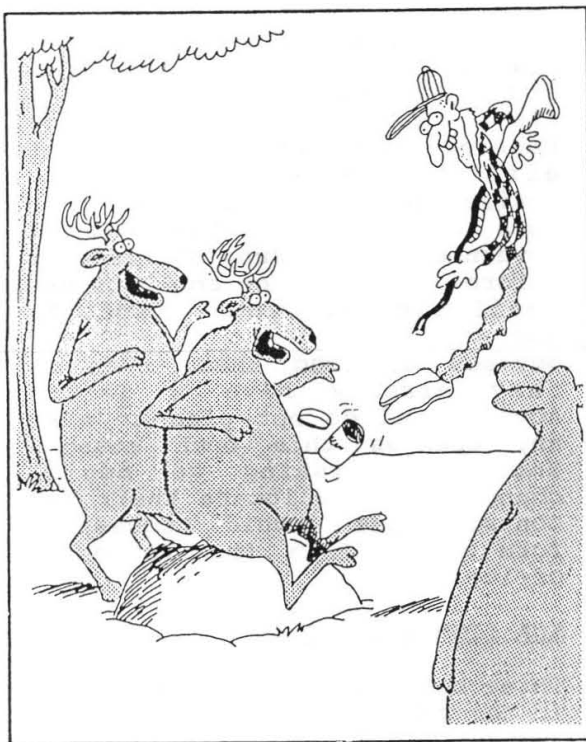
*"Don't blame me. I'm just following orders!"*



*"We've genetically engineered a tuna exactly the same diameter as our cans."*



*"I can't believe it! This is impossible! Nothing here but—wait! Wait! I see something!...Yes! There they are — granola bars!"*



*Animal joke gifts*