

Carpool Carma:

The Comic Strip



Conglom, Inc.
Triple Towers Building Complex
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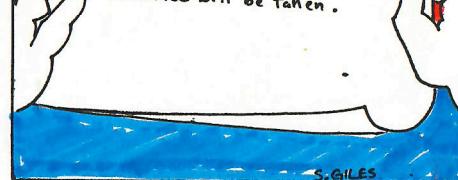
To Whom It May Concern:

Conglom, Inc., has just purchased your dept. store, lawfirm, hospital, manufacturing plant, school, other, in its latest corporate takeover. Conglom now owns over fifty percent of the businesses operating in the Triple Towers Building Complex.

"In Conglom's never ending effort to present a good public image (and to get the legislators who want tougher antitrust laws, off our backs), Conglom is instituting mandatory carpools among our employees in order to reduce air pollution!"



Conglom has consolidated all employee data in its computers, and it has come up with carpool member lists and schedules. Carpool instructions are enclosed with this memo. Your carpool begins this coming Monday! You will use it! Attendance will be taken.



I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE THIS.

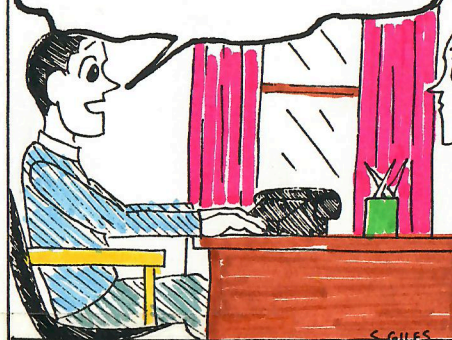
IMAGINE HOW I FEEL. MY APARTMENT IS THREE FLOORS ABOVE MY OFFICE, AND I GET CAR SICK IF I EVEN SMELL GASOLINE!



YOU KNOW, I CALLED THE INFORMATION NUMBER ON CARPOOLS THAT CONGLOM GAVE US. THEY WEREN'T VERY UNDERSTANDING.



WHEN I SAID MY WIFE SOMETIMES NEEDS TO USE THE CAR, THE GUY GOT VERY THREATENING.



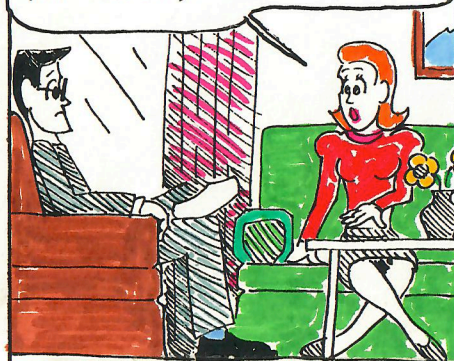
OVER THE PHONE I GET THIS THICK GERMAN ACCENT SAYING, "WE HAVE VAYS TO DEAL VITH DIS; YOU HAVE RELATIVES VORKING IN OTHER CONGLOM OFFICES, NO?"



I REALIZE THESE MANAGEMENT TYPES HAVE TO BE REPUBLICANS, BUT THIS IS NOT WHAT GEORGE BUSH HAD IN MIND WHEN HE SAID "KINDER AND MORE GENTLE".

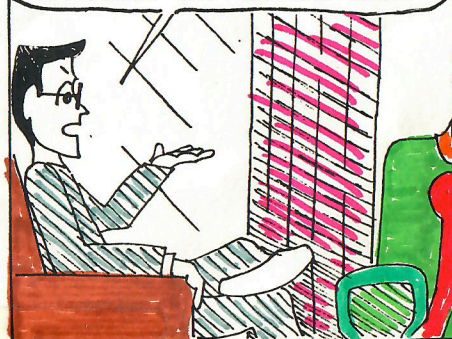


YOU LOOK REAL TROUBLED ABOUT YOUR CARPOOL, DEAR. CAN I HELP?



S. GILES

I AM UPSET. THE CARPOOL HAS 7 PEOPLE IN IT! SOME PEOPLE DRIVE 2-DOOR HATCH BACKS, SOME MINI-VANS. THE PEOPLE LIVE ALL OVER TOWN.



THE WHOLE THING WILL BE NOTHING BUT CHAOS. WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD WANT A CARPOOL?



MOTHERS! I HAVE A CARPOOL FOR SCOUTS, ANOTHER FOR SOCCER, THEN THERE'S CHURCH SCHOOL; SALLY, GRACE AND I HAVE ONE FOR AEROBIC DANCING, THEN THERE'S...



