

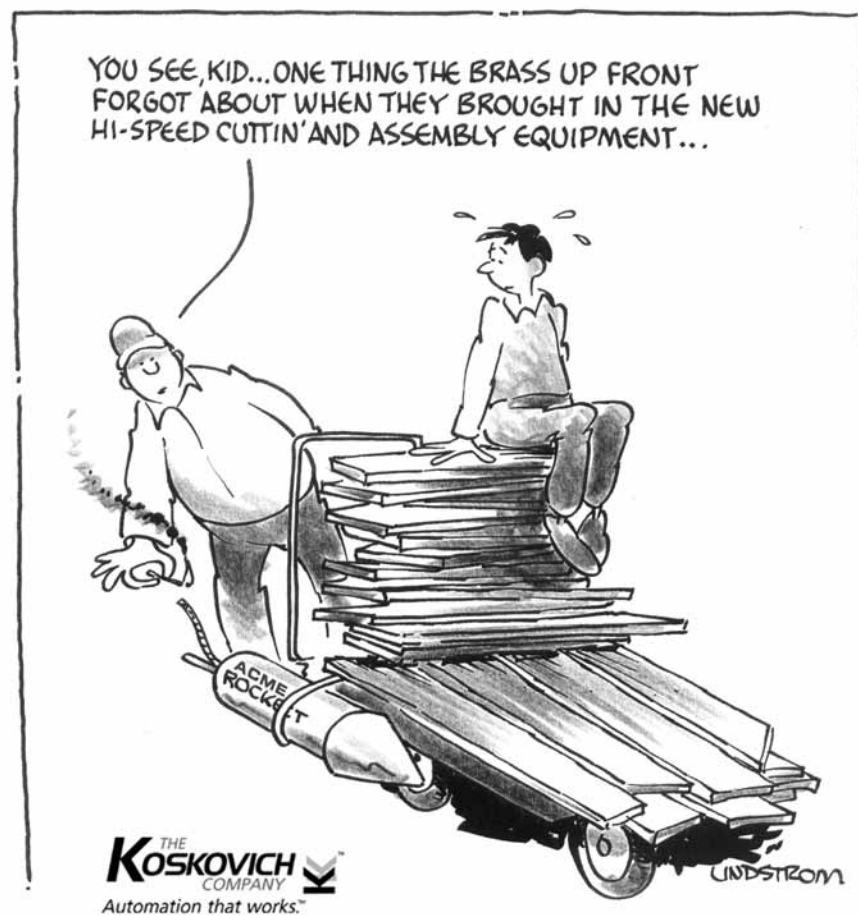
Parting Shots

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Keeping Things in Perspective

Often it is easy to forget how lucky we are to have such advanced technology in this industry. It can be hard to remember just how far we have come since the birth of structural building components. This issue's **Parting Shots** were taken by Lieutenant Matt Parrino, Battalion Public Affairs Officer and the Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Officer for the Unit 1-133rd Infantry Battalion of the Iowa National Guard, which is currently stationed in Iraq until May of 2007. He recently sent his father (Rick Parrino of Plum Building Systems) these photos depicting U.S. soldiers manufacturing trusses in 130 degree heat. As you can see, the system they are using is comparable to what manufacturers were using in the U.S. 20-25 years ago. So, next time you are feeling down or discouraged, imagine that you are in unbearable heat, wearing heavy clothing and protective gear while using primitive methods to manufacture components and maybe you won't feel quite so bad. **SBC**



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