Proposed military cuts stir debate

Talking points
1. What visual cues do these cartoonists use to make statements about proposed U.S. military cuts?
2. How big are the proposed cutbacks?
3. What are the dangers of cutting military spending? What are the benefits?
4. How do political pressures shape military spending? Do we buy arms and keep bases the military doesn't want?
5. How does U.S. military spending and the size of our armed forces compare to other nations?

Between the lines
"You . . . can't carry a large land-war Defense Department when there is no large land war," - Senior Pentagon official.

Additional resources
More by Nate Beeler
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