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I call it Element 118. Is it for real?
James Glanz - New York Times



Editorial

Fortunately for me, the editor was 'indisposed' today, so it fell to me (his wife) to write the editorial. This month we have lots of lovely articles and funnies for you to read. If you like sudoku and crosswords (like I do), then there's plenty here.

I've also managed to include a lovely recipe for my favourite dish – mondongo. I'm actually considering starting a little food bar in Sosua specialising in mondongo. 250 pesos with a free glass of chianti. Let me know what you think. If there are any investors out there, drop me a line and maybe we could get a chain of mondongo food bars across the country.

On another subject, it looks like cricket is taking off on the North Coast – who'd have thought it. From what we hear, they already have a team, and coaching is starting this month. I'd go and join myself – but I'm a lady. Anyone for ladies' cricket?

Under-arm bowling of course!

Well, it's goodbye from me, and I hope you enjoy this month's edition. As always, we welcome your views and of course if you fancy writing something or have some news, let us know.

Editor's stand-in and general dogsbody: Mrs. Gringa Muttley

Appendicitis is caused by information in the appendix.

Observations

Is it just me or is Puerto Plata changing before my eyes? The main road through Puerto Plata has finally been finished after more than a year of traffic halting road works. And what a difference it makes? Over the last year, there have been many days when it's taken half an hour to get two miles while 4 lanes of traffic fight to get through the single available lane.

I still haven't got my air-conditioning working properly, so most days I just perspire gently with my window down and a burnt arm. I got the closest ever to buying a moto whilst watching hundreds of them squeeze past, riding over heaps of sand and gravel, and getting to

their destination a lot quicker than I was. But I'm usually transporting something, and I haven't quite got to the point where I'll casually load up a moto with a kitchen sink, bottle of propane and 4 kids. Maybe I never will.

While we're on the subject, have you noticed how many more moto drivers over the last few months are wearing their official vests? Legally, from what I've been told, all moto taxi drivers have to be registered and wear an over-vest to indicate such.

The AMET police routinely pull moto's over if they aren't wearing one. But how do they know if the guy on a moto is carrying a paying passenger, or just a friend?

Police officer to moto driver: "Are you operating as an unlicensed taxi, señor?"

Moto driver: "Er, no, she's just a friend."

Police officer to passenger: "Madam, do you know this guy?" (pointing at moto driver)

Lady passenger: "Yes, he's a friend."

Police officer to passenger: "What's his name then?"

Lady passenger: "Er, Carlos."

Police officer to moto driver: "What's is your name, señor?"

Moto driver: "Er, Carlos."

Police officer to moto driver: "Can I see your driving license, señor?"

The number of car dealers in the city has grown quite a bit

over the last year too. Always worth a look even if you're not ready to buy. Some of them even seem to have a few decent cars. What will be really nice is when they start putting a price on all the cars in their forecourt. I won't hold my breath though.

Whenever I ask the price, they're always keen to tell me the year of registration, even the alleged mileage. But the price is always last, and often accompanied with the words, "Bueno precio" ("Good price"), which it usually isn't!

Not that car dealers here are that much different to anywhere else in the world. I always preferred buying from an auction. The way I saw it – it was still the same risk, but it cost you less. And you never quite knew what you were going to go home with until the auction had ended!

But here I quite enjoy going round the car forecourts. If you've got a couple of hours spare, I highly recommend it. Great place to practice your Spanish!

On another matter, it looks like Puerto Plata's tourist port may in fact get redeveloped quite soon. There are some big consortiums bidding for the project, which will be a massive plus for the area and also for the country. (More news about this on page 3).

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Puerto Plata's Tourist Port Re-Development Bid

The bid to redevelop the Puerto Plata Tourism Port is now on. Four companies out of an original eight have now been pre-qualified to officially present their proposals to the Puerto Plata Tourist & Commercial Port Development Commission.

In a meeting headed by the Director of CEI-RD (Center of Export and Investment of the Dominican Republic), Lcdo. Eddy Martinez Manzueta, Cesar Jose de los Santos (Governor of Puerto Plata), Walter Musa (Mayor of Puerto Plata), Senator Francis Vargas, Manuel Grisanty (technical assessor to the Dominican Ports Authority) and Jaime Lockward (Coordinator of Natural Resources) announced the commission will issue the terms of reference for the project by

mid August. After that time a period of 90 days will begin for those companies to present their



final proposals that will include the design, management and operation of the tourist port.

The four companies left in the bidding are Consorcio San Felipe, a consortium made up of investors from the United States, Australia and the Dominican Republic, KMS Holding Group from Miami, a partnership

between Sinercom/Prieto Nouel Electromecanica/Parson's from United States and local Investors, and Sociedad Portuaria Regional de Cartagena from Colombia.

According to the commission, all four companies presented good quality proposals to develop the Puerto Plata Tourism Port.

Walter Musa and Francis Vargas expressed the importance of the project as part of the development and the creation of better opportunities of the country's North Coast. The commission was created as part of the government's effort to improve the competitiveness of tourism in the area.

It is anticipated that the Puerto Plata Tourist Port development project could start as soon as January, 2008.

An Expensive Drink

One drink cost a British man his fiancée and everything he owned. Apparently, Jason Wilson from Cumbria, aged 24 wanted to stay out for one last pint, but his fiancée, Emma Thomason wanted to go home. When he refused, she cleared everything of his out of their home, put them in his \$20,000 van and drove it into the nearby harbour in Whitehaven.

The couple who have two children have now called off their August wedding. They had just booked a \$4,000 honeymoon to the Caribbean, bought the wedding rings and the wedding dress.

But Mr Wilson, now living with friends said, "I can't go back to her if she has a temper like that. I can't live with that for the rest of my life - I don't think nobody could."

The first Mr Wilson knew of his company van's plight came was when his boss, Graham Wilson, (no relation),

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called him. The van was left in 12ft of water. Finally, it was hauled back up the slipway using winches, which had to be attached by a professional diver.

Boss Mr Wilson added: "I haven't had the bill yet. I just hope that the insurance company are prepared to pay out."

Police confirmed that a woman had been questioned and bailed.

Bullets Can Cause Headaches

A US man, Michael Moylan was recently admitted to hospital in Florida complaining of a severe headache.

He told doctors he had woken up with a headache so severe he thought he had suffered an aneurysm.

He also reportedly told doctors he thought his wife had elbowed him in the head during the night.

A local newspaper, The Fort Pierce Tribune, quoted

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New Satellite TV planned for the DR

Mexican TV company, Grupo Televisa plans to open its Sky satellite service to Dominican subscribers by the end of the year.

The firm is expanding its cable TV and satellite business to offset a decline in broadcast revenue, and hopes to add a further 100,000 subscribers to its service.

"This is a very profitable business, although the Central American and Dominican markets are relatively small individually," said Marcos Duran, an analyst at Interacciones Casa de Bolsa in Mexico City.

The company's Sky satellite service began July 15 in Costa Rica and will be offered this year in Nicaragua, Televisa Executive Vice President Alfonso de Angoitia said.

The service, which already has 1.49 million subscribers in Mexico, will then be opened up to the Dominican Republic and Panama by year-end, De Angoitia said.

Ricky Martin on Dominican TV

Famous singer Ricky Martin is appearing on Dominican tv and radio over the next 6 months to warn people about human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Martin who started the Ricky Martin Foundation to help children in need, will make public service announcements as part of the "Llama y Vive (Call and Live)" counter-trafficking campaign that has already done work in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Peru. The adverts will publicize a phone line that offers free help and information about trafficking.

Posters and other informational material will be distributed throughout the Dominican Republic, where, according to the Geneva-based International Organization for



Migration, both men and women have been trafficked for sexual exploitation.

"According to some reports, more women are trafficked from the Dominican Republic than from any other country in the Western Hemisphere," said Jemini Pandya of IOM, which is working with Martin's charitable foundation.

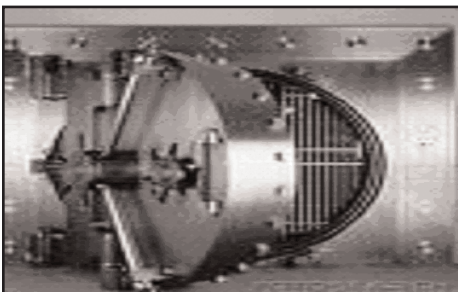
The 35 year old singer is known for hits such as "She Bangs," "Shake Your Bon-Bon" and "Livin' La Vida Loca".



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Clinton Visits Dominican Hospital



Former US president, Bill Clinton made a return trip to the Dominican Republic in July, when he visited HIV-positive Dominican children at the Robert Reid Cabral Children's Hospital in Santo Domingo.

He made the visit as part of

an eight day global tour of projects that the Clinton Foundation are providing funding for. The former president donated \$60,000 to promote the Pediatric Initiative, a project of the Dominican Presidential AIDS Council, or Copresida, and the Clinton Foundation, to monitor and treat children who suffer from the disease. Estee Lauder-owned MAC cosmetics have also given \$1.25 million to the Clinton Foundation to battle AIDS in the Caribbean, which has the second-highest infection rate in the world behind sub-Saharan Africa.

The Robert Reid hospital treats around 610 AIDS infected children and teenagers, many of whom are receiving anti-retroviral drug therapy. "It's an impressive facility. They do important work here," said

Clinton.

Clinton and Dominican first lady Margarita Cedeño de Fernandez toured the Robert Reid Cabral hospital in the company of Health Minister Bautista Rojas Gomez and Copresida director Humberto Salazar.

"We're very happy and satisfied with the cooperation and support (of Clinton)," Cedeño said.

Apparently, during the visit Dominican reporters demonstrated outside the hospital when Clinton's security stopped them from entering the hospital and taking pictures. Clinton appeared shaken by the confrontation.

After the hospital visit, Clinton then met with President Fernandez at the National Palace before leaving for his next visit to South Africa.

Uk Test Cricket Report

Summer 2007 no.2

By Alan Buckley

The five day series between England & India opened at Lord's Cricket Ground, London against a background of grey skies. The weather, which was flooding central and south west England eventually ended the match after several delays for rain and bad light.

Not before England batsmen had the opportunity to shine.

Andrew Strauss the Middlesex opener scored 96 on his home ground well supported by Michael Vaughan with 79 and hard hitting Kevin Peterson with 134.

In the bowling department 6'7" tall Chris Tremlett made his debut taking 3 Indian wickets in the second innings. The tourists were left needing 90 runs with only 1 wicket remaining.

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the sheriff as saying: "The nurse looked at him and said: 'It appears that you've been shot.' And he said: 'No way.'"

His wife April fled when a bullet was discovered. She was subsequently arrested for illegal possession of a firearm.

Mrs Moylan later told police she had accidentally shot her husband as he slept with a gun kept under her pillow.

She fired the weapon by mistake after being woken up by a burglar alarm in the early hours.

Mr Moylan, meanwhile, remains in hospital in a stable condition.

Dead Person Withdraws Money

An elderly lady in England was stopped from withdrawing her own money - because she was 'dead'. Mary Welsby, a grandmother from Albrighton was told her account had been closed and the £3000 cleared out.

Even though she had

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'Racist' nightclub back in the news

The "Loft" nightclub in Santo Domingo has once again made headlines after the United States Embassy recently banned its employees from going there. According to US envoy, Roland Bullen, the club operates a policy of racial discrimination and repeatedly denies any Afro-Americans from entering the club.

Bullen stated, "I make this decision with great regret." He said it was very rare that an embassy makes the decision to prohibit its employees from visiting a commercial establishment and indicated that it was only made after repeated attempts to get the club to change its admission policy.

"Loft" was in the news back in May, when a shooting resulting in 3 deaths took place outside the club involving a member of Loft's security.

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British TV Presenter offends Malaysia

It's difficult not to offend people these days, but some people seem to go out of their



way to upset not just someone, but a whole government.

Jeremy Clarkson, a well known presenter on the BBC's



'Top Gear' program recently attacked a Malaysian Perodua Kelisa with a sledgehammer, then hung it from a crane, before



finally blowing it up with



dynamite. Admittedly, he had paid for the car first.

He had previously said the car was the world's worst car that its name was like a disease. He also suggested it was built in jungles by people who wear



leaves for shoes.

On his show he described it as "unimaginative junk, with no soul, no flair and no passion."

He then proceeded to batter



the body panels with a sledgehammer. After that, he suspended it from a crane with a one-tonne weight attached so that it came apart. To put the car



out of its misery, he then blew it up.

Malaysia's minister, Abdul Raman Suliman defended the



nation's car industry, saying Mr Clarkson was like a football

commentator who cannot play football.

He also said that Perodua had not received a single



complaint from UK owners.

Editor's note: The Gringo Times would be happy to conduct a similar experiment. Would any car manufacturers considering manufacturing here, please send a sample of each of



your models to us and we shall advise our readers of their suitability for this habitat.

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photo ID to prove who she was, the bank teller told her that as she was officially deceased, she could not draw out any cash.

The 77-year-old said: "I know I'm quite long in the tooth now but I'm certainly not dead."

"The young lady serving me began typing away on her computer but all of a sudden looked puzzled and told me that according to their records, I was dead. She went a bit pale, either because she was embarrassed at such a mistake or she thought she was seeing a ghost."

Eventually, after the bank investigated further, it discovered that a woman with a name similar to hers and around the same age had died.

By mistake, Mrs Welsby's account had been closed and

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the money paid out to the dead woman's family.

Nine weeks later, Mrs Welsby has finally heard she was going to get her money back.

An Abbey Bank spokesman said: "We are sincerely sorry for the distress and inconvenience Mrs Welsby has experienced while we investigated her complaint."

Copyright Prison Break

Four enterprising prison inmates have been accused of trying to use copyright law to escape.

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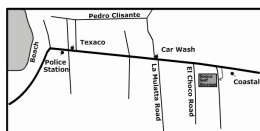
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Freedom of speech, or slinging mud?

A Dominican newspaper recently made a controversial statement which drew fire from Venezuela's ambassador in the Dominican Republic, Francisco Belisario Landis.

The editor of the "El Dia" newspaper, Rafael Molina Morillo called Venezuela "a regime with all the authoritarian characteristics is developing, protected in legal ruses to give a hue of legality to its actions", in his editorial.

The newspaper also claimed that Venezuelan president Hugo Chávez, "closed Caracas Radio Television solely because he didn't feel happy with the critical tone of the medium, and also "threatened Globovisión for the same reason and now aims his cannons towards television by cable, which he also wants to control."

The Venezuela's ambassador retaliated by calling the Dominican newspaper editorial "disrespectful," and suggested that the undue criticism aims to "sling mud" at Chávez and his government. He also stated that freedom of expression "is totally consolidated" in his country.

Landis acknowledged El Dia's legitimate right to state their opinion but stated that, "freedom of expression can be used neither to sling mud at chief executives nor to criticize institutions of other countries in a perverse manner."

Landis has been in the news before with his controversial statements. Previous comments have been aimed at various U.S. embassy officials and also the Petrocaribe Oil deal and their relationship to the Dominican Refinery.

SPORTS NEWS

Surprise victory for Dominican Cyclist

The Dominican Republic got another gold medal in the recent Pan American Games held in Rio de Janeiro. 30 year old Wendy Cruz rode the ride of his life and stunned spectators when he caught up with, and then overtook the favourites in

huge impact on me. I never dreamed I would win. I was concentrating on the finishing line and when I crossed it I couldn't believe that I had won. Amazing!"

Other Dominican cyclists who took part in the race were Augusta Sánchez who came 30th, registering 3:38:30; Jorge Pérez, in 37th place, with a time of 3:39:01, and Rafael Germán, 46th with 3:38:22.

The photo shows Wendy Cruz in the center, with silver



the last stage to win the race.

The 156km race was 8 laps of the 19.5km flat circuit at Flamengo Park and took place on the eighth day of the Pan-Am games on Saturday July 21st, 2007

Cruz, a sergeant in the Dominican Air Force and father of two children, said that he was as surprised as anyone. "It made a

medallist Trinidad and Tobago's Emile Abraham, left, and bronze medallist Brazil's Luciano Pagliarini.



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Bischof sent demand notices for payment to the warden of the El Reno federal prison in Oklahoma City, according to prosecutors.

They allegedly filed claims against his property, then hired someone to seize his vehicles, freeze his bank accounts and change the locks on his house.

Believing the warden's property had been seized, the inmates allegedly said they would not return it unless they were released from prison, according to the indictment.

But the person supposedly hired by the four inmates turned out to be an undercover FBI agent, said prosecutors.

The four and another man, who allegedly assisted in their scheme, have been charged with conspiring to impede the duties of federal prison officials and with blackmail.

If convicted, they each face up to 16 more years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

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Born - or not?

A pink slip of paper known as the "Libro de Extranjería", or "Foreigner's Register" is stopping some mothers from registering their newborn's birth. The document is supposed to be issued by hospitals when a foreign mother gives birth in the Dominican Republic. Unfortunately, some hospitals recently have not been issuing it, meaning that some babies have been born, but officially they don't exist!

Jeannette Rodríguez Mallet is one such mother, a United States citizen of Dominican origin who recently gave birth to her daughter in the Dominican Republic. Because the hospital didn't issue the correct paperwork, she cannot officially register her with the US consulate, get her a passport and take her back to the US.

She is not the only person in this predicament. There are many foreign mothers working with international organizations and diplomatic missions who are in the same situation.

The Central Electoral Board



(JCE) and the Public Health Secretary have taken responsibility for the situation. A lawyer for Ms. Mallet explained that the Ministry of Health simply hasn't got the funds to pay for the printing of the forms. The "Foreigner's Register" was only brought in recently and according to the lawyer, no foreign babies born since have been registered.

The JCE and the Ministry of Health have stated that they are working hard to resolve the situation.

Maggots found in man's head

A US holidaymaker got a nasty surprise when he discovered the lumps on his scalp were live maggots.

Aaron Dallas, from Colorado, US, sought medical advice when the bumps appeared on his scalp after a trip to Belize.

But it was not until the bumps started moving that doctors realised Dallas had five live botfly maggots inside his head, reports Sky News.

"I'd put my hand back there and feel them moving. I thought it was blood coursing through my head," said Dallas.

"I could hear them. I actually thought I was going crazy."

Adult botflies are larger and more aggressive than European flies. One type attacks livestock, deer and humans.

They rely on mosquitoes, stable flies, and other insects to carry their eggs to a host, which in this case was Dallas.

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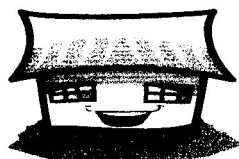


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Mondongo is a fantastic local delicacy made from cow or pig intestines (tripe). It's popular all



over the Dominican Republic as well as in various other Caribbean and Latin American countries such as Alabama. Don't confuse mondongo with mofongo which is another local dish.

While you are here, you simply must try it. Not finishing your bowl of mondongo is considered an insult and has been known to lead to public hangings. Licking your bowl clean and asking for more is the best compliment you can pay your Dominican host. And if you have Gringo friends or relatives visiting, what better way to show them how much you care by treating them to a hot mondongo soup. Ideally, our resident wine expert recommends a chilled Beaujolais nouveau to accompany this dish, or a New Zealand Sauvignon blanc, preferably from the 2003 vintage. Blue Nun would also be acceptable.

The ingredients for this dish are simple, cheap and easily



available here. You can buy the cow's stomach bits from many



from Dominican shops and even the local supermarket in Puerto Plata, or if you or your neighbour has a troublesome cow in your

Gringo Cuisine

Recipe of the Week

"Mondongo"

back yard you can use that. Ask first – your neighbour that is – not the cow.

For this recipe, we used a real Dominican lady to make it. Here at the Gringo Times, we like authenticity. We'd already pulled off some recipes from the internet, but she didn't like them. We opted for her method.

We bought our tripe from the supermarket as we didn't have a spare cow. It was labelled as 'Mondongo de res', which is beef. You can also buy 'Mondongo de cerdo' which is pork.

There are a couple of variations in the recipe, but this is how our Dominican friend prepares it.

Ingredients

- ½ gallon water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 lemon cut in half
- 2 pounds of Mondongo de res (beef tripe), washed thoroughly and trimmed of fat
- 2 tbsps of vegetable oil
- 1 onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 green pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 hot chilli pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup canned plum tomatoes
- 1 sweet potato (boniato), peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped coriander (cilantro)
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon powdered cumin
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- Salt and pepper to taste

Method

Combine the water, salt,

lemon halves and tripe in a large pan over a high heat and bring to the boil. Then add the chopped onion, some oregano, the potato, half the bell pepper roughly chopped and cook for



around 1 ½ -2 hours, until the tripe is tender.

Remove the tripe to a cutting



board and cut it into bite-sized pieces. Reserve the cooking



water as stock.

Take the potato out of the water and set aside.

Chop the garlic, chilli pepper and the remainder of the bell

pepper quite finely.

Heat the oil in a large skillet, add the finely chopped vegetables and the potato and fry for 1 to 2 minutes.

Add the tinned tomato, tomato paste and enough of the original stock from the pan to make a thick soup.

Add the chopped tripe, cumin



and salt and pepper to taste.



Bring to the boil and serve sprinkled with coriander (cilantro).



Invite all your friends round and Enjoy!

You can also freeze mondongo, as it makes a great nutritional breakfast treat for the kids. It's not even necessary to freeze it, as mondongo should last a few weeks in a well aired cupboard, and helps to keep the family out of the kitchen.

It's also rumoured that Burger King will be adding it to their menu soon. If they do, I'll be straight down there for my Double Mondongo Whopper™ as I know you will too!

The blood circulates through the body by flowing down one leg and up the other.

Sudoku

Fill in the blanks so that each row, column and 3x3 each have all numbers 1 to 9.

Easy

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Not so easy

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Fun with English

Swiss mountain inn: Special today -- no ice cream.

Tokyo bar: Special cocktails for the ladies with nuts.

Tokyo shop: Our nylons cost more than common, but you'll find they are best in the long run.

Yugoslavia: in the Europa Hotel, in Sarajevo, you will find this message on every door: Guests should announce the abandonment of their rooms before 12 o'clock, emptying the room at the latest until 14 o'clock, for the use of the room before 5 at the arrival or after the 16 o'clock at the

departure, will be billed as one night more..

Japanese information booklet about a hotel air conditioner: Cooles and Heates: If you want just condition of war in your room, please control yourself.

Istanbul hotel corridor sign: Please to evacuate in hall especially which is accompanied by rude noises.

Japanese hotel room: Please to bathe inside the tub.

English signs spotted in the Dominican Republic

The center of *what??*
Seen on a bar along the main Sosua-Cabarete road
Submitted by Michael Orth

Do any readers have photos of local shop signs that have made them smile?



Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, USA while his parents were travelling on the Continent. He made many fast friends, among the fastest were Alice and Phoebe Cary.

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"I'd like the trimmings in a doggy bag, please."

- Robert Goldstein • New York City, NY

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"It was weird and traumatic," said Dallas. "I would get this pain that would drop me to my knees."

Gore's fishy dish

Former US Vice President and now green campaigner Al Gore is under fire after an endangered fish was served at his daughter's wedding.

Just a week after launching the Live Earth concerts, Gore let his green credentials slip when Chilean sea bass, one of the world's most over-fished species, was given to guests at the reception in Beverly Hills, California.

Gore, who also made an Oscar-winning climate change documentary, has not commented on the row.

TV Presenter Calls Car 'Gay'

Famous 'Top Gear' and BBC presenter, Jeremy Clarkson has been rapped for calling a car 'gay'.

On his show, he said the



Daihatsu Copen was "a bit gay" and "a bit ginger beer" - rhyming slang for 'queer'.

Ofcom (the independent



regulator and competition authority for the UK communications industries) said use of the word "gay" was not necessarily offensive, citing the Oxford English Dictionary definition of the word as "foolish, stupid and occasionally inappropriate, disapproved of and lame".

But Ofcom added: "In this edition of Top Gear, the

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DOMINICAN CRICKET FEDERATION

NORTHERN REGION

by Alan Buckley



Alan Buckley MCC & Hants Cricketer introducing coaching at the Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia "now for Puerto Plata".

The initial meeting of the committee took place at the Irish Tavern, Calle 12 de Julio #22, Puerto Plata on Wednesday 11th July 2007.

The following subjects were agreed:

1-CRICKET COACHING.

The Cricket Coaching Academy will be opened to commemorate the tragic death of Bob Woolmer the world's leading Cricket Coach following the Pakistan v

Ireland match in the ICC Cricket World Cup. Coaching will take place as from the official opening at the Gregorio Luperon Stadium on 2nd August 2007.

The course will follow the DVD teaching of "Cricket The Bob Woolmer Way" which covers all facets of the game batting, bowling, fielding, planning, wicket keeping, fitness & captaincy. The course will be administered by Alan Buckley (Chairman) M.C.C & Hants Cricketer who will also train Dominican Coaches.

He has already had success in a similar venture in Malaysia in the Far East.

Sessions will be organized on: a) Group Basis and b) One to one training on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30pm.

2. SPONSORS. Local Organizations are invited to become founding sponsors &

corporate members of a game that has 3 billion supporters around the world. It is anticipated that recruiting will be carried out amongst sports minded Dominican Youths, Vice-Chairman Papito Santana is well known in Puerto Plata for his years of encouragement of teen age sport.

3. EVENTS. Social & Sports events will be arranged for members a regular basis.

4. COMMITTEE: Additional members of the administration are Lic. Genni Mendez (British Consul), Zach Townsend (Gringo Times), Domingo Valdez (DOTCOM), Raymond Holley (US Army Ret), Sra Pedrita Pena (Sec), David Santana (Coaching Controller).

5. INFORMATION: Leaflets are available at the two meeting places:

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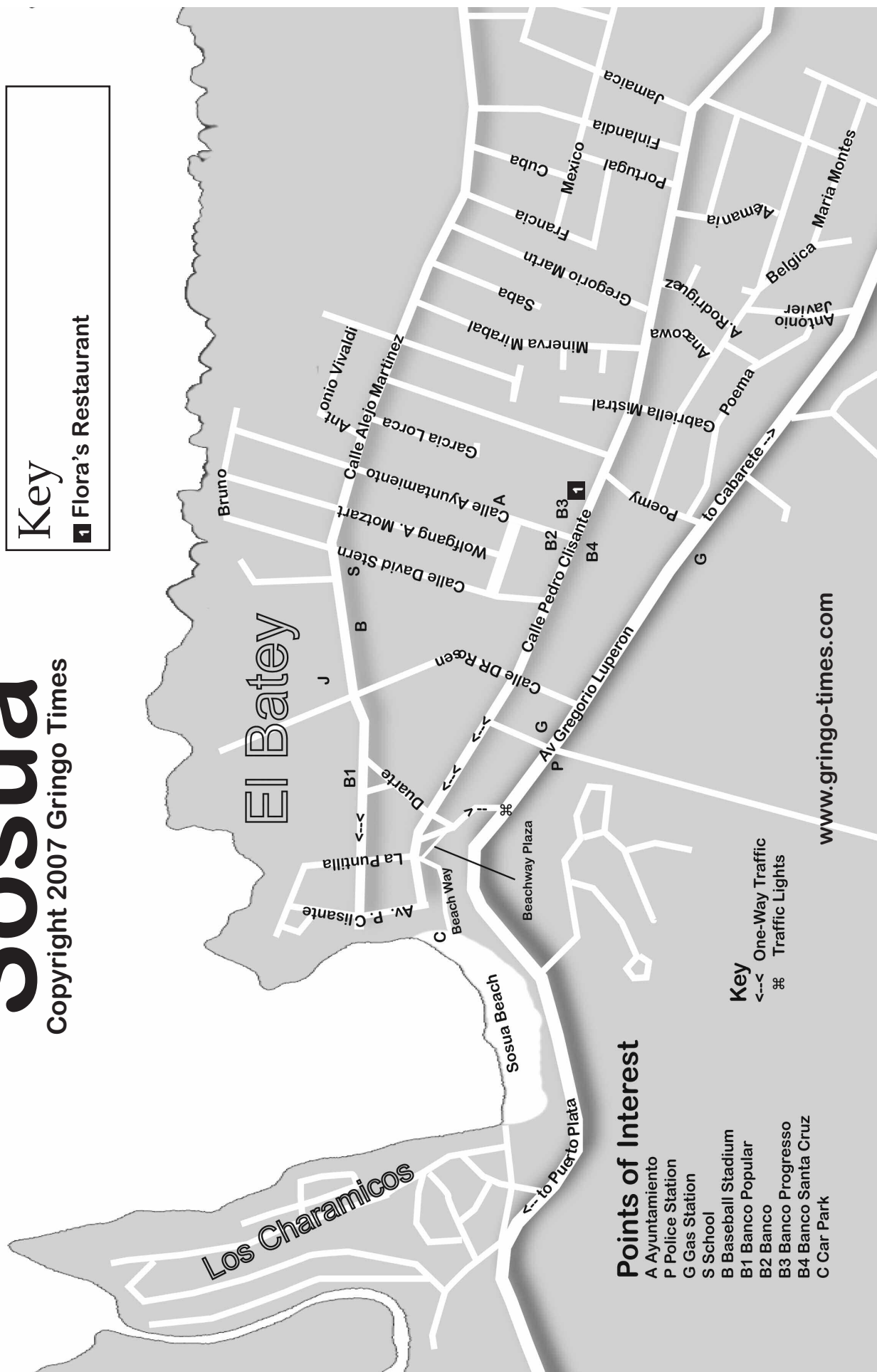
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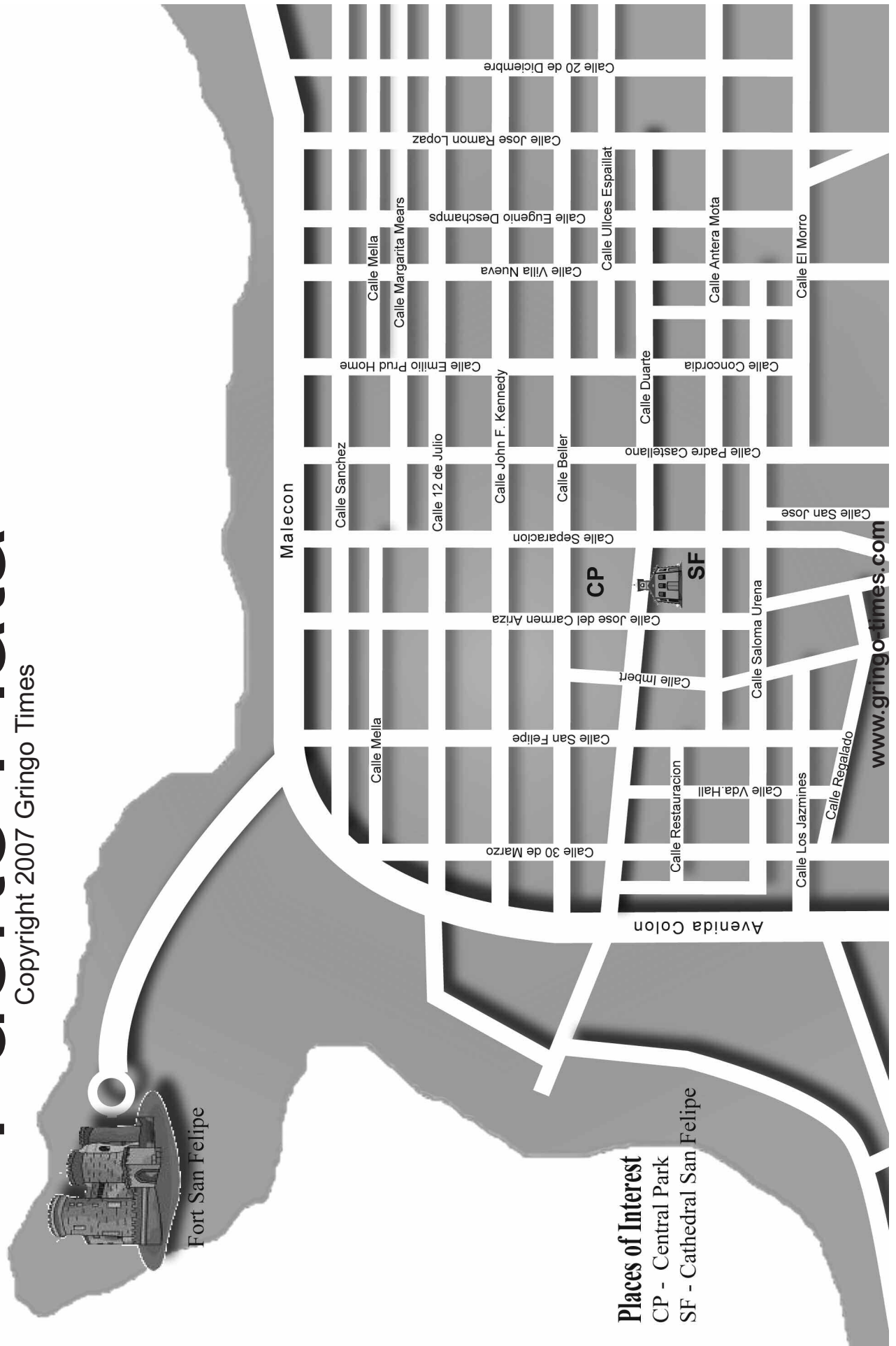


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presenter's use of a Cockney rhyming phrase made clear he intended to use a particular meaning of the word gay . . . i.e, not to restrict its meaning simply to foolish or stupid, but clearly linking the reference to homosexual people.

"This, in Ofcom's opinion, meant that the use of the word became capable of giving offence. In the context, there was no justification for using the word in this way."

Bondage Couple Lose Key

A German couple had to call out the fire brigade after tying each other up in chains - and then losing the key to the padlock.

Jochen Ranstett, 56 and his wife Maria, from the town of Weiden, dressed up in leathers and chained each other to their beds, but lost the key during the romp.

After hours of trying to free themselves they finally gave up and called for help on Jochen's mobile phone.

He said: "It was so embarrassing. We just wanted to try something a bit different and we ended up with this.

"I even had to be taken to hospital because my wrists had swollen so much from trying to get out of the handcuffs."

Giant Headache For Rescuers

A major rescue operation had to be launched after a 35 stone man got stuck while river tubing in the US.

It took 50 rescuers 12 hours to rescue Martin Rike from dense forest alongside the St. Croix River, near Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Mr Rike said he went river tubing - using the inner tube of a large tyre to travel downstream - with three friends, following his doctor's advice to take up a "fun but safe" activity, reports the Star Tribune.

He was injured after rocks ripped through the tyre inner tube he was using. One of his friends phoned for help.

Rescuers tried in vain to move him using a boat, a hovercraft and an amphibious

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Word Search

See how many Disney characters you can find in this month's word search. Words can go diagonally forwards and backwards.

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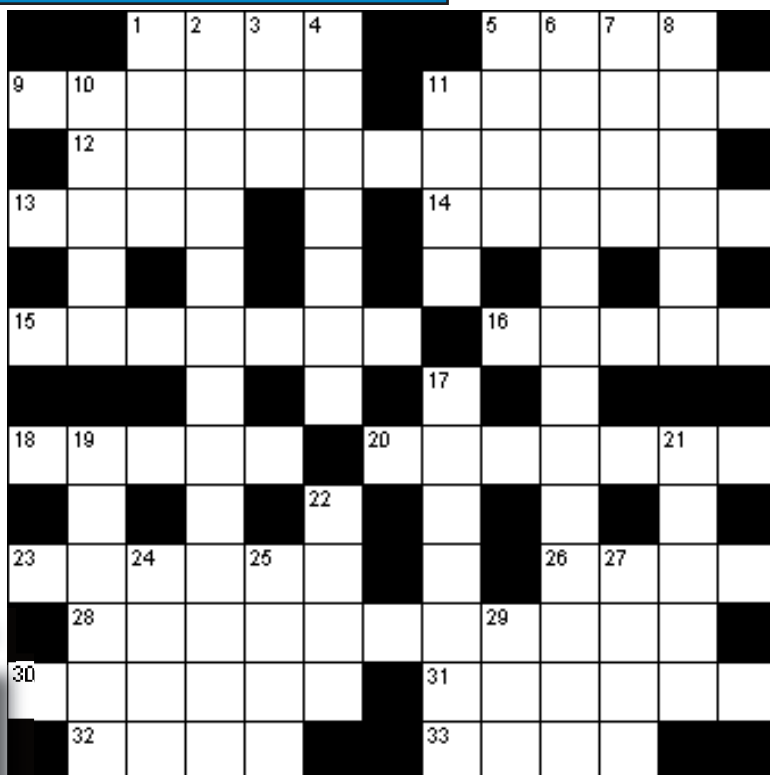
Across

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5. Handle clumsily
9. Mental grasp
11. The land of promise
12. Acting
13. Battle Hymn of the Republic author
14. Rang
15. Tinged with red
16. Snow conveyances
18. Collide
20. Avenge
23. W California town
26. One of a matching pair
28. Apparent rather than real
30. Chet -----, singer
31. Needled
32. Seconds
33. Birds of prey

Down

1. Put away
2. Continually shifting
3. Eisenhower
4. Press down
5. Irish county
6. Not in a position of power
7. Tooth
8. Last part
10. Establish as the truth
11. Taxis
17. Dizzying sensation
19. Perches
21. Duplicity
22. Obstructs
24. Nuclear weapon
25. Restroom
27. Bundles
29. Female bovine

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Pupils' History of the World

You thought the education system was doing a great job?

The following are genuine excerpts from students' essays from eighth grade through college level.

Loveable little dimwits!

Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. When Lincoln was President, he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, "In onion there is strength." Abraham Lincoln write the Gettysburg address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He freed the slaves by signing the Emancipation Proclamation. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assassin was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

Meanwhile in Europe, the enlightenment was a reasonable time. Voltaire invented electricity and also wrote a book called "Candy". Gravity was invented by Isaac

Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the Autumn when the apples are falling off the trees.

Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was very large. Johann Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practised on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

France was in a very serious state. The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened. The Marseillaise was the theme song of the French Revolution, and it catapulted into Napoleon. During the Napoleonic Wars, the crowned heads of Europe were trembling in their shoes. Then the Spanish gorillas came down from the hills and nipped at Napoleon's flanks. Napoleon became ill with bladder

problems and was very tense and unrestrained. He wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't bear him any children.

The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. She was a moral woman who practised virtue. Her reclining years and finally the end of her life were exemplary of a great personality. Her death was the final event which ended her reign.

The nineteenth century was a time of many great inventions

and thoughts. People stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick Raper, which did the work of a hundred men. Samuel Morse invented a code for telepathy. Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabies. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the "Organ of the Species". Madman Curie discovered radium. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx Brothers. The First World War, caused by the assignation of the Arch-Duck by a surf, ushered in a new error in the annals of human history.

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Republic. The new resort, dubbed "Disneyland Dominicana" is set to increase Disney's theme park empire while boosting the local economy and providing thousands of new jobs for the

We don't want to ruin the local Dominican culture and make the resort too Americanized. Local food such as plantain and mondongo will be served to visitors. Hot-dogs will be offered, as and when they wander in."

"To transport visitors around



Hotdogs - two for 100 pesos

area.

Allegedly, Disney has already purchased several large tracts of land using various holding corporations around the Long Beach and Costa Dorada area of Puerto Plata.

We went to talk with Disney's head of PR, Lyon King and find out more about their plans.

He was keen to fill us in...

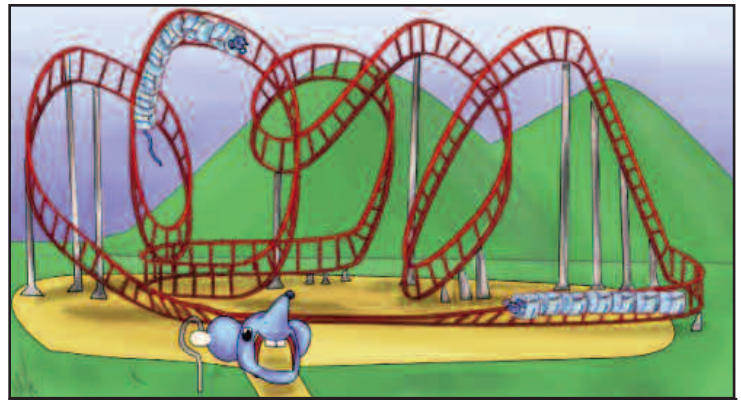
"We're really please to be opening up in the Caribbean"

the resort, we're investing in some two-wheeled vehicles with their own autonomous pilots. Although they are only about 5 feet long with one seat, they can carry 6 people comfortably. These things do make quite a noise, a cross between a hair-dryer and a grass cutter. And they emit some noxious gases, so should be entertaining whilst at the same time functional."

"We were going to build a vertical drop ride, but we've got



A prototype of one of the rides



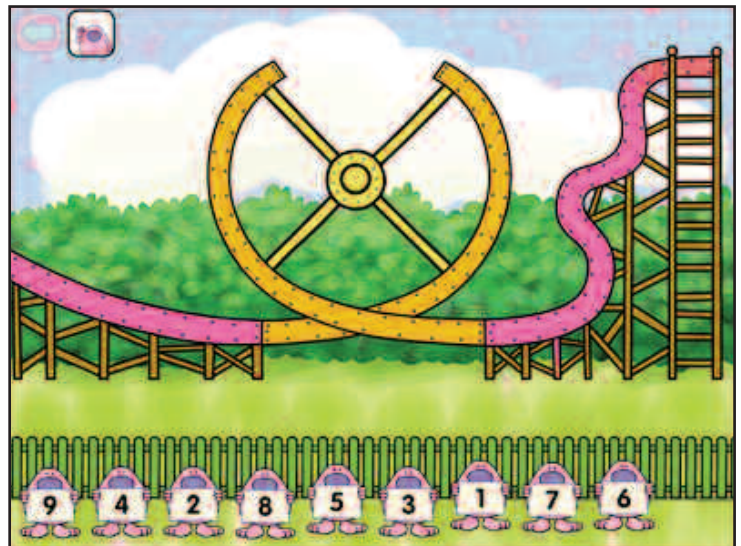
A design for one of the new attractions

permission to use the cable car on the Isabela de Torres mountain which we'll tie in with the Moto Ride. We'll add in some wind machines, some waterfalls and increase the cable car drop speed. Should be quite a ride!"

"Instead of the Swiss Family Robinson house, we'll have the Casa Dominicana, which will never be finished. Every week, we'll add a couple more blocks to it."

"We've got some great new

"We've got some 30 foot tall screens coming for our new Gua-Gua 3D simulation. The idea is to simulate the experience of being a passenger in the local minibuses that travel around the Dominican cities. We'll squash 40 people, some chickens and a donkey into a 10 foot by 6 foot room and try to create the Gua-Gua experience. There will only be 6 seats, so people will have to stand or sit on each other. There'll be no air-con, and we've got a great



Engineer's sketch of one of the planned rides

rides planned, some of them will be unique to Disneyland Dominicana. The Valley of Darkness is where people take a trip underground. Every so often, the ride will stop and they'll be plunged into darkness."

"Thankfully, we don't need any special equipment for this. We've spoken to the local electricity provider and they've assured us that the power will go on and off intermittently anyway, so this ride will be easy to set up."

merengue soundtrack to liven things up. The big screens will show motorcycles coming at you from all directions, loud horns blaring, trucks and SUV's narrowly missing you and people crossing your path pretending you aren't there. We still have some work to do on this one, as in early tests people were so frazzled by the experience they couldn't last the whole simulation."

Some of the local Dominican companies are keen to be involved. Brugal will be

sponsoring the Brugal Run roller-coaster.

Instead of "Sleeping Beauty's Castle", we're planning the "Sleeping Security Guard's Castle".

Obviously, we'll be doing a Pirates of the Caribbean ride, but we'll be using real pirates this time.

"We're training up some local staff to be able to give a great local feeling. They'll be trained to ask all visitors where they are from and ask if they can they polish their flip-flops. Any visitors who avoid eye contact or look like they haven't been there before will be offered a free tour of the facilities for 20 dollars."

We're not quite sure when we'll get the go ahead to start building. I was speaking to the lawyers over there yesterday, but they said that setting up a corporation there is a complicated process and takes months and lots of money. Don't know why, but hey, gotta accept what your lawyer says, right? They said we needed to provide the names of 7 shareholders and I said no problem, Mickey, Minni, Goofy, Snow White, Cinderella, Bambi and the Jolly Green Giant. Oh, he's not one of ours, is he?

"How much will entrance to the theme park cost?" we asked.

"Well, we've decided to leave that up to the staff. As long as we get 50 dollars each entry, they're free to charge what they want. I imagine they'll probably quote around 300 dollars and then it'll be up to each customer to haggle them down."



Michael Eisner being interviewed by the Gringo Times. You think he'd have told us he doesn't work for Disney any more!

"Bit won't that mean customers will have to wait longer just to get into the park?"

Well yes, I guess so. But hey, it's the Caribbean. They shouldn't be rushing around. They should relax while they're queuing. I'm, sure there'll be lots of street vendors providing the queues with interesting items to buy.

"Do you know if Michael Eisner plans to oversea this project personally?"

"Heck no! He resigned in 2005. Bill Igor is now in charge."

"So why was Eisner making the announcement."

"Who knows."

A census taker is man who goes from house to house increasing the population.

Football Quotes

or 'Soccer' to those chaps (and chapesses) who watch the NFL. These are actual statements by commentators (who should know better) - the pressure!

"You have got to miss them to score sometimes."
(DAVE BASSETT)

"Dumbarton player Steve McCahill has limped off with a badly cut forehead."
(TOM FERRIE)

"A contract on a piece of paper, saying you want to leave, is like a piece of paper saying you want to leave."
(JOHN HOLLINS)

"And I honestly believe we can go all the way to Wembley. . . unless somebody knocks us out."
(DAVE BASSETT)

"It was that game that put the Everton ship back on the road."
(ALAN GREEN)

"Bobby Robson must be thinking of throwing some fresh legs on."
(KEVIN KEEGAN)

"What makes this game so delightful is that when both teams get the ball they are attacking their opponents goal."
(JIMMY HILL)

"Celtic were at one time nine points ahead, but somewhere along the road, their ship went off the rails."
(RICHARD PARK)

"That's football, Mike, Northern Ireland have had several chances and haven't scored but England have had no chances and scored twice."
(TREVOR BROOKING)

"...and so they have not been able to improve their 100% record."
(SPORTS ROUNDUP)

"In terms of the Richter Scale this defeat was a force eight gale."
(JOHN LYALL)

"In comparison, there's no comparison."
(RON GREENWOOD)

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vehicle before finally succeeding with a makeshift raft of three canoes lashed together.

"Without those people, I would still be out there," Mr Rike, a 39-year-old truck driver later said from his home in Pine City, Minnesota, after he was released from hospital.

"I appreciate everything - everything - that was done for me,"

Lance Furber, a Pine City firefighter, said: "It was an unusual and difficult rescue.

"I think everybody was concerned about his health and medical condition. The crews literally had to drag him over rocks and things like that."

Boy Gets \$88,000 in eBay Parcel

Police are trying to trace the owner of 65,400 euros mistakenly sent to a 16-year-old boy who bought a Playstation Two for £95 on eBay.

The cash, which converts to £44,000, arrived in a box at the house in Aylsham, Norfolk, with the games console, but minus two games.

Police are holding the money under the Proceeds of Crime Act while the matter is investigated, reports the BBC.

An eBay spokesman said the parcel's contents were "somewhat unusual" and it would help police with their inquiries.

The boy's parents, who are not commenting, alerted police when the parcel arrived on 20 March.

Magistrates have given Norfolk Police until September to hold on to the money before the case comes up in court again.

But, if the money remains unclaimed the family could potentially apply for it to be returned to them under the Police Property Act.

A police spokesman said: "We have until 22 September before we have to go back to court to apply for a further order if necessary."

A spokesman for eBay said: "We know that eBay is a great place to pick up a bargain, although in this case, we agree that the contents of the parcel were somewhat

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Sign in London pizza parlour:
Open 24 hours - except 2 a.m. -
8 a.m.

Sign outside Wessex Hall at
Reading University:
"We sexall"

Sign in French hotel:
In the event of fire the visitor,
avoiding panic, is to walk down
the corridor to warn the
chambermaid

Sign outside a French cafe:
Persons are requested not to
occupy seats in this cafe
without consuming

Sign in Egyptian hotel:
If you require room service,
please open door and shout,
'room service!'

Sign in Portsmouth:
Patel Brothers Builders - You've
tried the Cowboys, now try the
Indians!

Message on a leaflet:
If you cannot read, this leaflet
will tell you how to get lessons

Sign on a repair shop door:
We can repair anything. (Please
knock hard on the door - the
bell doesn't work)

Strange Signs

Sign

in office block:
Lift out of order. Please use
elevator

Traffic sign:
Parking restricted to 60 minutes
in any hour

Sign at Norfolk farm gate:
Beware! I shoot every tenth
trespasser and the ninth one
has just left

Notice in church hall:
Electrical specialist will be here
on Thursday morning to show
parishioners how to wire plugs
and make small repairs.
Followed by a light lunch

Sign spotted in farmyard:
Manure for sale. Bring your own
bucket

Spotted in a toilet in a London
office block:
Toilet out of order. Please use
floor below

Sign in a Japanese hotel:
Sports jackets may be worn but
no trousers

Sign

in Swiss hotel:
Do you wish to change in
Zurich? Do so at the hotel bank!

Sign in Italian hotel:
Do not adjust your light hanger. If
you wish more light see
manager

Notice in a field:
The farmer allows walkers to
cross the field for free, but the
bull charges

Sign at the tennis club:
Would spectators please be
quiet during matches and let the
players raise a racquet

Spotted at the railway station:
Passengers are asked not to
cross the lines - it takes ages
for us to uncross them again

Notice at the zoo:
Children found straying will be
sent to the lion enclosure

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unusual and we will assist
with any inquiries the police
may wish to make."

Late card had been to Japan

A wedding anniversary
card arrived six days late -
after an 18,000-mile round trip
to Japan.

Phyllis and Cyril Brewer
used a first-class stamp to
post the greeting at 9am in
Bristol to friends Sidney and
Jackie Webb on June 25, two
days before their special day.
But when the Webbs
received the card on July 2,
they noticed it had been
redirected from Osaka,
reports the Daily Mirror.

Sidney, 69 of Shepton
Mallet, Somerset, said: "The
postmark showed it was sent
back from Japan on June 28,
so it did not take that long to
return.

"But Phyllis told us she
had posted early to make sure
we got it next day."

Royal Mail, which sent 12
first-class stamps as
compensation, said: "Mistakes
happen occasionally and we
apologise. We're glad the card
got there."

Sudoku Answers

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Crossword Answers

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Interactive Maps

The Gringo Times website now has an interactive map of Sosua and Puerto Plata. Unlike normal maps, these have businesses and points of interest highlighted on the them. By moving your mouse over the map, pictures and descriptions of these businesses will pop up. You can then click straight through to their websites.

To see the maps, go to www.gringo-times.com/maps

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