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*"Why don't ducks duck
when you shoot at them?"*

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Editorial

Welcome back to another edition of the GT (as we call it at Gringo Towers). I know it's been a while since the last one, but it was totally unavoidable.

In between our beloved EdeNorte's belief that electricity is best served occasionally, our charitable Codetel's strong belief that a telephone line and internet are working and should be paid for even when as dead as a stuffed badger that we found snuggled in a plastic wrapped pillowcase at a local department store, and extraterrestrial aliens stealing my baby; we slaved on with the new edition with no expense spared, only to find that Puerto Plata didn't exist any more.

Thankfully the team were able to solve that one - and we had an extra baby, so life as we know it went on - and still is - on.

It's at this time of year that I like to reflect on the events that have taken place during the year,

or the preceding 52 weeks, as my great grandmother used to say. Christmas comes around but once a year and is a time for celebrating life, gift giving, visiting family and relatives, gift receiving, eating mince pies, arguments, crap TV, returning gifts to department stores for the cash, vowing never to visit family and friends again and looking forward to summer.

New Year is that time when you make a resolution not to drink so much the night before; and working on one factor that will make you a better person. Is it possible to be any better? I always find that a bit difficult. Being rich, successful and extremely sexy does have its downsides though.

I can't think of any right now - but I like to say that so nobody gets upset. Where's that packet of EgoBoost™ pills I bought from the online Canadian Pharmacy?

This year, we've invited Santa round for some Schnapps and Gluvine to interview him about this busy time of year. We were understandably a bit incredulous as to exactly how he manages to deliver millions of presents all in just one night. Also, we pointed out that most houses in the Dominican Republic don't have chimneys, and even if they did he probably wouldn't fit down them.

Well, Santa let out a huge roar of a laugh, as only a 1000 year old fat man could do and explained his secret.

"Ho ho ho!" he bellowed.

"Last year I sub-contracted the delivery to Fedex. They gave me a good rate, and any-who, I'm not as young as I was."

"Ah, so that would explain why so many presents didn't get there?" I ventured.

"Hmmm," he murmured. My lawyers, Izen, Freezin & Frosty are looking in to that right now."

At that, the old guy fell into a deep snooze. Looks like the caffeine was only so strong.

So goodbye for another month. I'm going down to the basement to dig out all the presents I received last year and couldn't use. As long as the dust and mildew rub off, I can do my bit for the world ecology and recycle them to all my dear (and not so dear) friends.

If there's one thing I'd like you to remember, it's the words of the great philosopher and gynaecologist, Aristotle.

"Live life fully, deeply, push, push," and "Who ate all the pies?"

Ed: Gringo Muttley

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"I know what a sextet is, but I had rather not say."

World News

Cars Endure Nipple Kissing

Beijing saw more than 120 people kissing cars in a contest where the winner got the chance to buy the car for the equivalent of just 12 cents.

The lobby of Xizhimen Jiamao Shopping Centre was the scene where six Chevrolet cars with plastic nipples attached had to endure the participants kissing the nipples for over 24 hours without actually touching the cars. Participants were



allowed a generous ten minute break every seven hours.

More than 400 people applied to take part in the

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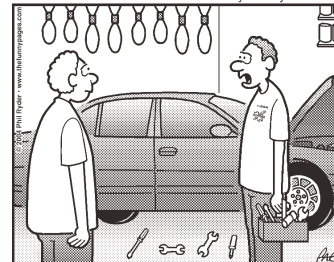
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Kidney Transplant First For DR

The country's first successful deceased donor kidney transplant has been carried out at El Hospital Plaza de la Salud. The announcement came from spokesperson Dr. Julio Guzman Amado Brown, chairman of the board at the hospital, during a press conference. Also present were the president of the National Institute of Transplantation, Fernando Morales Billini, the medical team who carried out the surgery and Health Secretary Bautista Rojas Gomez.

There have previously been hundreds of successful kidney transplant operations in the country from living donors, but this is the first time the operation has been performed using organs from a deceased donor.

The chairman announced the surgery as a success about a month after the procedure was carried out, reporting that the patient is in a stable condition.



The chairman of the board of the hospital, Dr. Julio Guzman Amado Brown.

The recipient is Milagra Contreras, a 40 year old schoolteacher living in the Pedro Santana municipality, in the Elias Pina province, who was suffering from chronic renal failure for 18 months leading up to the operation. She commented that she had to leave the school where she taught 2 years ago due to her declining health, but is now happy to resume her normal life and return to the classroom.

It is hoped that this success will now open the door to further development of donor transplant surgery in the country which could help save the lives of the hundreds of people currently on the waiting list for similar operations.

Jarabacoa Hotel Loses Lease

The reconstruction of Jarabacoa's Hotel Montana has ground to a halt a month after the government cancelled the rental contract with entrepreneur Jose Cabrera Castillo. The refurbishment of the hotel, after 11 years of closure, would be a boost for the local area's tourism and employment.

For almost a month after the contract was cancelled, the tourism website homepage was still featuring the hotel, including advertising for recruitment, as a major achievement in the area.

The Minister for Tourism, Felix Jimenez declined to comment until after he has met with the Council for the Promotion Corporation to the Hotel Industry (Corphotels) and a decision has been made on the hotel's situation. He would only state that the works would resume shortly.

The refurbishment was to



Felix Jimenez - Tourism Minister

include the hotel, along with 200,000 square meter area to include several pools. It is reported that some internal work has been done on the walls, and the plumbing and sewage are already installed. It may take up to RD\$150 million to complete the project.

Eric Hazim, director general of Public Engagements announced that the government cancelled the lease contract with Cabrera and the Hotel Corporation 'for failing to comply with some provisions of the Law on Public Appointments'. He said that the contract did not comply with specifications on concessions made to the lessee, competitive

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bidding and lease guarantees. Hazim added that the cancellation is part of the government's efforts to achieving greater transparency and eliminating corruption in public administration.

Ambassador Visit Planned - Cricket in Costambar

Ian Worthington, the British Ambassador will be visiting Puerto Plata on 20th December to watch The Dominican North Cricket Association play cricket. The event will take place at the Costambar recreation ground commencing at 4pm. For more information, contact Alan Buckley on 1-809-956-4623

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contest, and the final winner, 27 year old Zhang Cunying who was so tired by the end of the ordeal that she could not stand up unaided. After 24 hours, there were still 28 participants left so the mall introduced new rules requiring them to stand on one foot with their hand behind their back. She said: "I was learning dancing, so the body flexibility helped a lot. But the main winning factor was my faith." Ed. Damn, they are sexy cars!

Grandmother Has Twins

In the Brazilian city of Recife, twin boys were born to a 51 year old woman - their grandmother.

Rosinete Serrao served as a surrogate mother for her

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daughter Claudia Michelle, for the two healthy boys, Antonio Bento and Vitor Gabriel.

The law in Brazil only allows close relatives to serve as surrogate mothers, and the real mother, 27-year-old daughter Claudia Michelle had no sisters.

So four of Claudia's



embryos, fertilised by her husband, Antonio de Brito were implanted in Mrs Serrao's uterus earlier this year.

Hours before going into labour, Mrs Serrao prayed to the saints for a smooth birth. "Saint Cosme and Damiao are protectors of the twins and everything will go well," she said. Dozens of reporters and photographers had been camped outside the hospital, waiting for the babies to arrive. Doctor Claudio Ribeiro said it was the world's first known case of a woman giving birth to twin grandchildren. He said: "There has never been a case like this in the world, of twins developing inside a grandmother's uterus."

End to 'Wedgies' in Sight



A long endured Western scholastic custom may be retired if young inventors, Jared and Justin Serovich, from Los Angeles are successful.

The eight-year-old twins have invented the Rip Away 1000, a pair of underpants that come away in the bully's hands if a 'wedgie' is attempted.

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Government Go Ahead With Refinery Buyout

It has been reported that the government is determined to proceed with buying the shares of the Shell Company in the Dominican Petroleum Refinery, with Treasury Secretary, Vicente Bengoa, making several statements to that effect. This would give the government 100 percent control of the Refinery currently joint owned by the state and the Shell Company.

Bengoa seems adamant that the government will stick to its decision despite differing opinions from various sectors, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF) stating, 'In this operation, there will be no turning back.'

The IMF representative in the Dominican Republic, Eric Offerdal, stated that he sees no advantage in the government taking full control of the Refinery. Bengoa responded by indicating that Offerdal is no more than a "representative of

the Fund", and "we do not have to ask the IMF for permission to buy these shares from Shell." The Secretary has said that contrary to Offerdal's opinion, having control of the Refinery means the Dominican State will have full access to all 50,000 barrels of oil a day obtained under the Petrocaribe agreement with Venezuela, which includes preferential price and long term financing.

In response to the statements made by the IMF representative, Bengoa has reiterated several



Vicente Bengoa - Treasury Secretary

times that the government does not need the endorsement of the International Monetary Fund, and that the IMF "cannot

prevent us from taking an action of this nature." He added that the current agreements with the IMF were forced by the situation the current government inherited from the previous administration under president Leonel Fernandez, including cessation of payments of external debt and international credit closures. The Treasury Secretary added that they had no alternative but to make an agreement with the IMF in light of the \$304million in arrears. The vast majority of which was in default with agencies such as the World Bank.

Bengoa did however, state that the project will be conducted in a 'transparent manner' and in compliance with the government's agreements with the IMF regarding external debt and imposed ceilings on public spending. Additionally, when questioned by the press whilst accompanying president Fernandez at an expansion opening ceremony at the National Metal Industries company, Bengoa insisted that the government complies with the limits imposed by the IMF, but that the agency 'cannot prevent or challenge' any action the administration chooses to take.

Bengoa recently met with key Shell executives to begin formal negotiations for the purchase of the shares, the cost of which were originally estimated at \$183 million.

The Big Chill - DR Style

Forecasts indicate a prolonged hurricane season this year. Meteorology expert, Antonio Cocco warned that this year the end of the hurricane season does not mean the country will not continue to feel one or two tropical storms of some intensity. He also predicted that due to the La Nina phenomenon that occurs in the Equatorial Pacific, this winter will feel a lot colder than last year. Cocco reported that as we are in a period known as the North Atlantic Oscillation it is expected that next year's hurricane season will also be very active.

Interestingly, the expert went on to explain, 'The frontal season begins in November and ends on

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30th. The first half of November is the transitional period between the tropical summer and winter, while the latter half of April is the transition from winter into the warmer months of May and June.'

Cocco explained that this year the La Nina effect, cold water in the Equatorial Pacific, is linked to the cool fresh winter in the country and rain in the northern part. He added, 'We

expect further lower fronts bringing more rain and temperature decreases, as well as possible stormy weather along the north and northwest coast, some very intense.'

The former director of the National Bureau of Meteorology noted that since the temperature dropped a week or so ago, it has begun to feel quite cold. So spread the word to pack those hats and scarves guys, or at the very least, some waders!

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Crocodiles In The River



Reports of crocodiles, spotted by locals, in the river Ozama, and on the coast at Sans Souci, have recently been confirmed by Authorities at the

Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources' Wildlife Department. Residents in the area along the banks of the rivers Ozama and Isabela have reported seeing crocodiles for some weeks now, particularly after the flooding caused by storm Noel at the end of October.

One Pantoja resident, Rafaela Rizizik, insists he saw about six crocodiles in a pond near the river Isabela. He also claims friends in the Villa Flores community have also had sightings. Similarly, a recent edition of one national newspaper reported that a number of people in La Cienega were convinced they had seen crocs in the Ozama.

The Wildlife Department however, have confirmed sightings of only two crocodiles, measuring one and two meters. Domingo Siri, a biologist ornithologist from the Wildlife Department, confirmed that they are being assisted by technicians from the National Zoo and several trips have been made in association with the Navy. Unfortunately, to date, their efforts to catch the reptiles with traps placed among mangroves near Sans Souci have been unsuccessful.

Siri admitted that the task is not an easy one, and requested the cooperation of all local residents who spot crocodiles. Tours of the area are continuing in attempts to catch the elusive crocs with submersed traps baited with chicken meat.

Hansi invites you to visit him

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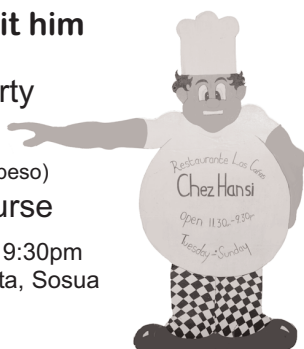
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Caribbean NAP Installed in Santo Domingo

A Network Access Point (NAP), which will tie internet access providers together, providing major switching facilities that serve the public in general is being installed in Santo Domingo's Cyber Park. The Terremark Company will be taking over operation with an investment of more than RD\$40 million, the project will generate 50 direct jobs and indirect employment for up to 500.

It is hoped that the NAP will provide multiple benefits to the country including reduced costs from using international links and a more efficient use of the internet. This could possibly mean a cheaper and faster service to users in the Dominican Republic with reduced congestion and a higher quality of communication.

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"When the person tries to grab you like the bully or the person tries to give you a wedgie they just rip away," Justin explained on the Ellen DeGeneres Show.

The boys' invention made it to the finals of a central Ohio invention competition earlier this year, followed by a TV appearance and various news headlines in the US.

Lifetime Advertising on Skin

A man from Dorset in the UK intends to make around \$2 million dollars by offering companies the chance to tattoo advertising on his back.

25 year-old real-estate agent, Jonathan Mothers says any firms that pay him will get a lifetime of advertising on his back - a sort of walking billboard, and he'll be happy to show his back to people at any opportunity.

He said: "There has been a great response and if more than one firm wants to advertise, I could divide the space and sell it off that way."

Ed. Beats working for a living, I guess.

Cheap Flights Not Good For You

The ultimate cheap flight nearly cost a stowaway Russian boy his life when he hid inside the wheel well of a Boeing 737 due to take from the city of Perm in Siberia.

Andrei Lyssov, aged 11, had run away from his home after an argument with his parents and managed to bypass security.

Andrei somehow survived the 800 mile flight in temperatures reaching minus 50C and dropped onto the tarmac when the plane landed at Vnukovo airport in Moscow.

He was taken to hospital where doctors said he was suffering from severe frostbite. A spokesman for Vnukovo airport in Moscow said: "Parts of his clothing were frozen to his body. The fact the boy was from Siberia and was conditioned to extremely cold temperatures may have helped him to survive."

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Tip-off Leads to Hidden Criminal

A secret tip-off led to the discovery of a wanted criminal in a tunnel he dug underneath his home in Zhangxu village, Suinan town, China.

Hui Guangwen had been avoiding local police for 17 years after he killed somebody from a neighbouring village after a minor disagreement.

"We got information that he was hiding in his home, so we made a surprise search and found the tunnel," said a police spokesman.

Hui said that he had hid in the tunnel all the 17 years and had not been out at all.

"It was really boring there," he said.

Law Restricts Dying

An old English law banning dying in the Houses of Parliament has been voted Britain's most ridiculous law.

Unbelievably, the law exists to stop people from dying in parliament on the grounds that it is a Royal palace.

Nigel Cawthorne, author of The Strange Laws of Old England, said: "Anyone who dies there is technically entitled to a state funeral. If they see you looking a bit sick they carry you out quickly."

Other ancient laws that were voted absurd were:

Putting a postage stamp bearing the monarch's head upside down on an envelope is an act of treason punishable by death.

A bye-law in Liverpool banning women from going topless in public unless they work in a tropical fish store.

The Royal Prerogative of 1324 which decrees that any whale or sturgeon found on the British coast belongs to the monarch.

Oliver Cromwell's decree from 1644 to combat gluttony which bans people from eating mince pies on Christmas Day.

A London bye-law allowing pregnant women to relieve themselves in a policeman's helmet.

Just to prove that Britain isn't the only country with strange laws, an Ohio bye-law from the US bans residents from getting a fish drunk.

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Computer Centres for Children

A huge programme undertaken by the Dominican Institute of Telecommunications (INDOTEL) has to date, invested in opening more than

400 Computer Science Training Centres throughout the country.

The Centres, or ITC's provide training and access to computers and the internet for thousands of children aged 3 years and up who would otherwise have no opportunity to gain experience in IT and communication technologies.

The chairman of INDOTEL, Dr Jose Rafael Vargas, recently announced the opening of 50 new digital rooms providing

access to equipment which will benefit thousands of children and adults in various provinces and municipalities.

The centres will help combat the divide between the few Dominicans who have access to modern technology and the many that do not. INDOTEL have a continued schedule for opening further centres in communities across the country.

Government Medicine Imports

Pharmacist Attorney Hochi Vega has been highlighting possible problems with the present importing of pharmaceuticals. Currently the government imports more than 90% of the drugs it purchases for social plans, most being brought in from laboratories in Asia and India.

Vega, a member of the board of the Association of Dominican Pharmaceutical Industries (INFADOMI) has complained that the Dominican Republic as not visited or inspected any manufacturers in India, China or other countries, in order to check under what conditions and to what standard the drugs entering the country are made. He was referring to the drugs that the government

acquires for the Essential Drugs Program (POMESE).

The pharmaceutical industry in the Dominican Republic is very competitive. Vega notes that while there is justification for having a competitive market in this industry, the government is favouring imports from countries where laboratories are unknown and have not been inspected by a Dominican Republic national. In addition, there are already a number of companies exporting products to the Caribbean, Central and South America and the United States. Vega states that importing drugs from countries such as China and India, where incentives are offered for exporting, constitutes unfair competition for the local manufacturers.

When asked to comment on the announcement that some pharmaceutical companies are closing their operations in Puerto Rico, and whether this would lead to a move here, Vega said that again

India and China would be more attractive to such companies due to the incentives for exporting medicines. He added that these two countries have also guaranteed access to raw materials for domestic production. Vega urged that before considering attracting more investment for this area, it would be wise to analyse what is being done with the investments already established in the country.

Vega feels that the current policy is not benefiting the local pharmaceutical industry, stating 'I think we are wasting time and wasting opportunities'. He highlighted concerns that an economy based on the services industry would put the country in danger as this makes it difficult to achieve the development of the nation as a whole.

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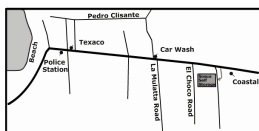
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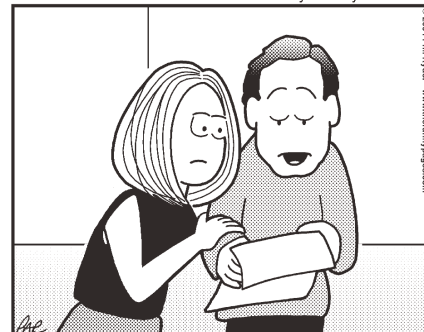
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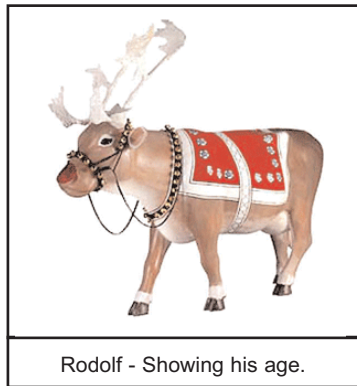
St Nick refuses to lose weight and wear the new slim fit design costumes being marketed by Coke. Coke chiefs feel the outdated "fat Santa" no longer fits in with the new healthy



Santa - At it again.

image Coke is trying to portray. Recently Coca-Cola has begun to sell a new "healthy soda" Diet Coke with Vitamins B6, B52, Magnesium, NH3 and Zinc Substrate, marketed as "Diet Coke PlusX™".

Sources close to the big man say Santa has been fond of Coke for over 50 years and is very unhappy to hear they are



Rodolf - Showing his age.

threatening to pull their sponsorship.

"Without the money Coca-Cola provide," says Rudolf, "Many children will not receive the gifts they have asked for."

Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, who himself has been the center of many drinking scandals since admitting his red nose is in fact down to imbibing too much alcohol, was reported to say, "I don't care! Let them pull the plug! We've still got

Santa Libre! I mean come on, SANTA LIBRE seems far more appropriate and once you've had a few who cares!"

"I spend my whole life devoted to the richly unrewarding task of lugging credit-card financed un-enjoyables around with the help of my colleagues and our off-road NWD* sleigh. What will happen to the poor retailers?"

The dispute dates back to the 1930s with Coca-Cola's winter advertising campaigns depicting Santa Clause in red and white garments. Since then coke has used Santa in many marketing campaigns associating cola and Christmas in the hearts and minds of most households.

Michael Rintin-Tin, marketing spokesperson for Coca-Cola refuted the claims that commercialism is ruining Xmas. "We are not trying to strong arm the big man, we just feel in present market conditions and

with the obesity problems facing our children it would be irresponsible to condone Santa's unhealthy lifestyle. If Santa could at least make an effort with his weight by perhaps using our new healthier brands we could start negotiations again. We are not stealing Xmas and in fact we think it should become an annual event."

The beverage conglomerate has opened the tender to its other brands. Sprite lemonade was quick to jump on the sleigh by offering 50% of the required sponsorship if Santa was to wear their sprite costume which is green and white.

However, the EU (elf union) feels this will further confuse the public. "I'm sick of people calling us Dwarfs and the last thing we want is to be associated with Sprites. Sprites are evil little cretins that live in hell. We are Elves and proud of the fact we have been Santa's little helpers for generations."

The move by Sprite to alleviate the problem has spurred other beverage giants to come up with bright ideas for 2009.

Brugal is said to be interested in a possible partnership with Sprite but it's been suggested that they would require the Brugal logo on both the sleigh and any future Xmas promotions.

However, international driving associations have slammed suggestions of using alcoholic beverages because they feel it could encourage Drunk Sleigh Riding. "It's bad enough with the Xmas drink driving problems we have now. Imagine giant flying sleighs out of control with boozed up drivers and eight reindeer running rampant."

Whatever the outcome, many onlookers are calling for the magic to be put back into Xmas.

The magic was taken from Xmas when the Orlando Magic basketball team bought it from Santa for an estimated US\$15



Orlando Magic team - bought Xmas's magic in 1933

million in 1933.

According to sources close to Santa, he originally signed the deal with Coca-Cola because he believed the magic ingredients in the beverage helped him do his job in just one night. However when Coca-Cola stopped using the magic powder it seems nobody was performing to their usual standards. Mrs. Claus put her two cents in when she was quoted saying, "Caffeine is not enough man, we need magic! We have one of the highest profile media roles in the world and with that comes a lot of pressure."

Mrs. Claus was recently spotted leaving a Harley Street clinic and ranted to reporters "Whoever takes Coca-Cola's place in 2009 better give us what we need. We gotta' get it. I need to get that Coca-Cola feelin'."

Beverage historian, Doctor Pepper was keen to provide some background to the story. He told us that the beverage was named Coca-Cola because, originally the stimulant mixed in the beverage was coca leaves from South America, from which the drug cocaine is derived. Apparently, the

company has since removed this ingredient.

This is not the first time Coca Cola has threatened to diversify its Xmas campaign. Top executives at the corporation have for years worried about the implications of condoning an old fat bloke creeping into children's bedrooms at night.

"It's nothing short of a time bomb!" exclaimed Marketing Director, Minse Pyes in the CCTV recording we stole of their last board meeting.

Once mince pies were blamed for Santa's obesity but recent studies have shown that the calorific value of cola far exceeds a mince pie or even an oven-full of mince pies. Children used to leave milk out for Santa, but a lactose intolerance meant Santa once again returned to the popular fizzy drink.

It is not the first time Santa has had to change his lifestyle to keep popular with the public. In the 1800's Santa was much shorter, gnome like and smoked a pipe. Obviously, this had to change when public opinion dictated that it wasn't cool to be short and gnome like.

On the Christmas of 1862, during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln specifically asked Santa to visit the Union soldiers. Thomas Nast created a fur-trimmed suit adorned with Stars and Stripes for Santa to wear as he brought a little joy to the soldiers who fought to protect the unity of America. Many



Santa - in happier days.

historians say that seeing him side with the North was one of the most demoralizing moments for the Confederate army.

Advertising gurus are now suggesting

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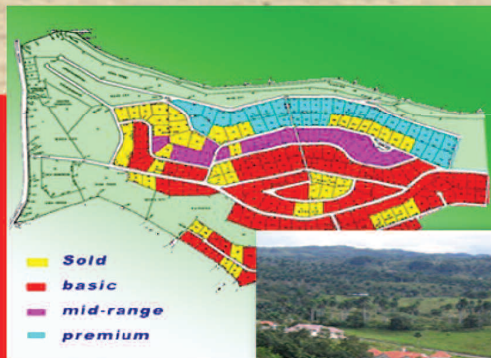
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Sexy Wiggle is a Con

Latest research from

Queen's University in Ontario discovered that women who are ready to conceive are the least likely to walk with a sexy wiggle.

Scientists examined volunteers' walks and the levels

of sex hormones in their saliva.

They found the opposite of what they expected - those with alluring walks were the furthest away from ovulation.

Women give a variety of signals to advertise when they are ready to conceive and lead researcher Meighan Provost had expected a sexy walk to be among them.

She analysed the gait of female volunteers, showed video clips to 40 men, asking them to rate the attractiveness of the way the women walked, and then matched the results to the hormone tests.

She said the results, published in the journal Archives of Sexual Behaviour, were so surprising that she had repeated the experiment again with another group of male viewers.

The women who were most fertile at the time of the experiment walked with fewer hip movements and with their knees closer together.

She now thinks the findings tally with other research suggesting that women want to conceal their ovulation from males other than their chosen partner.

Ms Provost said: "If women are trying to protect themselves from sexual

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Gringo Times

SANTA IN COKE SCANDAL
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that PepsiCo could leverage a massive advantage if they can get the big guy on their side.

Santa hit back this week saying, "Coca-Cola cannot stop me doing what I've done for 400 years. They can pull finance but any suggestion that they lay claim to my outfit is ridiculous. In fact, I was wearing red originally when I was Saint Nicholas, the bishop of Myra in Lycia. As for my personal health

issues I think Coke should realize that I've been around for a thousand years or more so whether I drink Coke Regular, Sprite or Brugal is my concern."

The debate carries on in court next week but one thing is for sure, Santa is flexible and is not afraid of change. Expect



Artist's impression of 'new look' Santa

to see a new wardrobe soon.

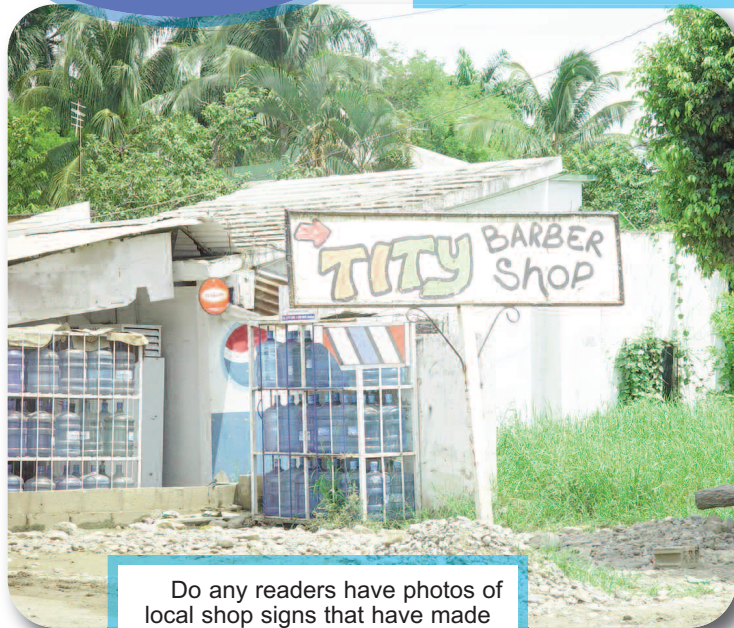
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Signs to Make You Smile

English signs spotted in the Dominican Republic

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Word Search

We're out of the hurricane season now, but the power of nature has always been an inspiration for superhero inventors. All of the weather related words in the puzzle have also been the name of a superhero. Use your special powers to find them. Words can go diagonally forwards and backwards.

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Heat Wave	Nightfall	Thunderbolt	

Recipe

Classic Ribs Sauce

I love finger food, you can get some great chicken wings in restaurants here on the North Coast, but ribs are a little rarer and can be expensive. This sauce will serve equally well for ribs or wings, and you can easily get pork spare ribs usually from the deli or fresh meat counters in the supermarkets here, all you have to do is ask, they will offer them whole or chopped.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup of ketchup (or tomato paste if you prefer)
- ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbs brown sugar
- 4 tbs olive oil
- 4 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tsp Tabasco sauce
- 2 tsp mustard
- 2 tsp paprika
- 2 tsp chilli powder (you can add finely chopped fresh chillis for a more picante flavour)
- Juice from 1 lime
- ½ garlic bulb peeled and crushed
- ½ onion chopped finely

Method

The best thing is the method – it's easy. Throw all ingredients into a big bowl and mix. Stir in the meat and leave overnight, cook uncovered in a moderate oven for around 30-40 minutes or until done!

For BBQ's I usually save a little of the marinade, then cook the meat covered until just done. Simply brown on the BBQ, basting with the reserved marinade - that way the meat is fully cooked without burning or drying out.

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assault at times of peak fertility, it would make sense for them to advertise attractiveness on a broad scale when they are not fertile."

Police Anticipate Zombie Attack

In the US, a police chief has ordered a stash of chainsaws in case his city is invaded by zombies.

Although not known for zombie attacks, the city of Lansing in

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a singer sings, he
stirs up the air and
makes it hit any
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knows how to

keep it from
hurting."

Sudoku

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

Easy

Answers on page 14

Not so easy

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Oh, Canada!

Now that Vancouver, Canada has won the chance to host the 2010 Winter Olympics, people from all over the world are asking questions about the country. Believe it or not these questions about Canada were posted on an International Tourism website. Obviously the answers are a joke, but the questions are real...

Q: I have never seen it warm on Canadian TV, so how do the plants grow?(UK)

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around and watch them die.

Q: Will I be able to see Polar Bears in the street? (USA)

A: Depends on how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Vancouver to Toronto-can I follow the Railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only Four thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Is it safe to run around in the bushes in Canada? (Sweden)

A: So it's true what they say about Swedes.

Q: It is imperative that I find the names and addresses of places to contact for a stuffed Beaver. (Italy)

A: Let's not touch this one.

Q: Are there any ATM's (cash machines) in Canada? Can you send me a list of them in Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton and Halifax? (UK)

A: What did your last slave die of?

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Canada? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Ca-na-da is that big country to your North...oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Calgary. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is North in Canada? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Canada? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is...oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Vancouver and in Calgary, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you sell it in Canada? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q: Can you tell me the regions in British Columbia where the female population is smaller than the male population? (Italy)

A: Yes, gay nightclubs.

Q: Do you celebrate Thanksgiving in Canada? (USA)

A: Only at Thanksgiving.

Q: Do you have perfume in Canada? (Germany)

A: No, WE don't stink.

Q: Are there supermarkets in Toronto and is milk available all year round?(Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of Vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Canada, but I forget its name. It's a kind of big horse with horns. (USA)

A: It's called a Moose. They are tall and very violent, eating the brains of anyone walking close to them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you will have to learn it first.

Crossword - Crucigrama

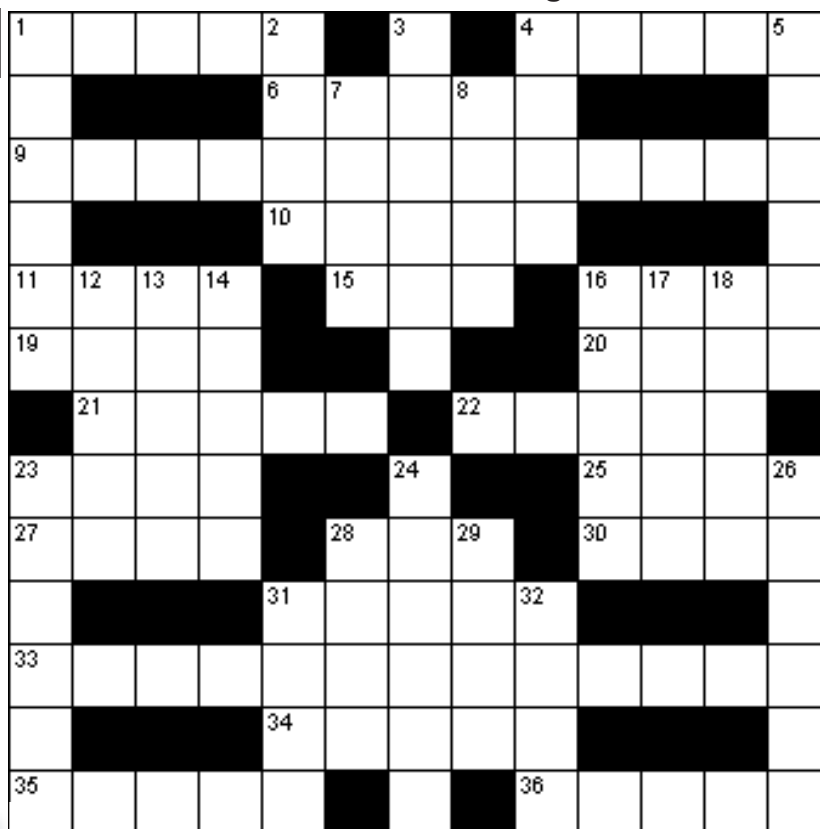
Across

1. Disarm
4. Chew vigorously
6. Corpulent
9. Those next in line
10. Of sedate character
11. Clods
15. Be seated
16. Authentic
19. Secret society
20. Monetary unit of South Africa
21. Big
22. Awkward boors
23. Visage
25. Fastens a knot
27. Sly look
28. Punch
30. Mournful cry
31. Violently intense
33. Army flying division
34. Precipice
35. Predatory fish
36. Full of foam

Down

1. Detach
2. Rock clinging plant
3. Mend
4. Alcoholic drink of fermented honey
5. Intense dislike
7. Flying mammals
8. Expectorate
12. Pond scum
13. Sham
14. Scoff
16. Verity
17. Rate
18. Unpick
23. Hovers
24. Cloth
26. Sloppy
28. Lockup
29. Punch
31. Tiered shelves
32. To tip the hat

Answers to crossword on page 14



Football Quotes

Actual statements by commentators (who should know better) - the pressure!

"Glen Hoddle hasn't been the Hoddle we know. Neither has Bryan Robson."
(RON GREENWOOD)

"There's no way Ryan Giggs is another George Best. He's another Ryan Giggs."
(DENIS LAW)

"The only thing I have in common with George Best is that we come from the same place, play for the same club and were discovered by the same man."
(NORMAN WHITESIDE)

"I never comment on referees and I'm not going to break the habit of a lifetime for that prat."
(RON ATKINSON)

On another night, they'd have won 2-2.
(Ron Atkinson commenting on a Valencia-Liverpool Match)

"I don't think there is anybody bigger or smaller than Maradona."
(KEVIN KEEGAN)

"The minute's silence was immaculate, I have never heard a minute's silence like that."
(GLENN HODDLE)

Jimmy Hill: "Don't sit on the fence Terry, what chance do you think Germany has got of getting through?"
Terry Venables: "I think it's fifty - fifty."

Julian Dicks has been everywhere ... it's like West Ham have got eleven Dicks out there.

(Anonymous - Metro city radio)

I couldn't settle in Italy - it was like living in a foreign country. (Ian Rush)

Alan Brazil: "I was sad to hear yesterday about the death of Inspector Morse, TV's John Shaw."

TalkSport Co-Host: "John Thaw, Alan."

Alan Brazil: "Do you know, I've been doing that all morning. John, if you're listening, sorry mate."

The midfield is outnumbered numerically. (Ron Atkinson)

For me their biggest threat is when they get into the attacking part of the field. (Ron Atkinson)

There's nobody fitter at his age, except maybe Raquel Welch.
(Ron Atkinson commenting on 39 year old Scot Gordon Strachan)

...and now it's Keane with Butt spread wide...
(Anonymous)

Scholes and Van Nistelrooy drugged the last two defenders.
(Ron Atkinson)

Well, Clive, it's all about the two M's - movement and positioning.
(Ron Atkinson)

I tell you what, if the Cameroons get a goal back here they're literally gonna catch on fire.

(Ron Atkinson)

Zero-zero is a big score.
(Ron Atkinson)

The keeper was unsighted - he still didn't see it. (Ron Atkinson)



...or is it left?

The following are answers given by elementary school-age children to the given questions:

Why did God make mothers?

She's the only one who knows where the Scotch Tape is.

How did God make mothers?

He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

We are related.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.

How did your mom meet your dad?

Mom was working in a store and dad was shoplifting.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

His last name.

Why did your mom marry your dad?

My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.

Elementary Motherhood

G-Rated

What makes a real woman?

It means you have to be really bossy without looking bossy.

Who's the boss at your house?

Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because Dad is such a goofball.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

Moms work at work and work at home, and dads just work at work.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

Mothers don't have spare time.

What's the difference between moms and grandmas?

About 30 years.

Describe the world's greatest mom?

She would be able to make broccoli taste like ice cream.

Is anything about your mom perfect?

Her teeth are perfect, but she bought them from the dentist.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

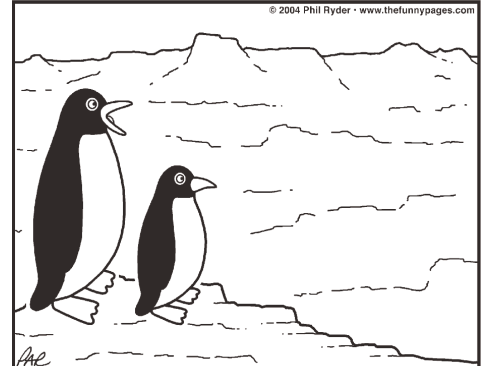
She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.



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"Don't you just hate these long hot summer days?"

- Coyote Killer • Mojave, CA

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Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other.

Ronald Reagan

Bush gave an interview and he said people will vote for him because 'They've seen me weep, they've seen me laugh, and they've seen me hug.' These are the same qualifications for a Tickle Me Elmo.

Bill Maher

Big news on CNN, a search has uncovered illegal biochemical agents, toxins and other dangerous substances. Not in Iraq, in Rush Limbaugh's medicine cabinet.

Jay Leno

Folk who don't know why America is

the Land of Promise should be here during an election campaign.

Milton Berle

Recession is when your neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours. And recovery is when Jimmy Carter loses his.

**Ronald Reagan
(During 1980 presidential campaign)**

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

P. J. O'Rourke

The taxpayers are sending congressmen on expensive trips abroad. It might be

worth it except they keep coming back!

Will Rogers

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

Ronald Reagan

The difference between golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie.

George Deukmejian

Britain has invented a new missile. It's called the civil servant - it doesn't work and it can't be fired.

Walter Walker

(quoted in Newspapers, 1981)

Lawyers in Action

These are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

Q:

Can you describe the individual?
A: He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q: Was this a male, or a female?

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

A: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere

"My favorite instrument is the bassoon. It is so hard to play people seldom play it. That is why I like the bassoon best."

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July 15.

Q: What year?

A: Every year..

Q: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

Q: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

A: Yes.

Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

A: I forget.

Q: You forget? Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

Q: How old is your son, the one living with you?

A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q: How long has he lived with you?

A: Forty-five years.

Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?

A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q: And why did that upset you?

A: My name is Susan.

Q: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo or the occult?

A: We both do.

Q: Voodoo?

A: We do.

Q: You do?

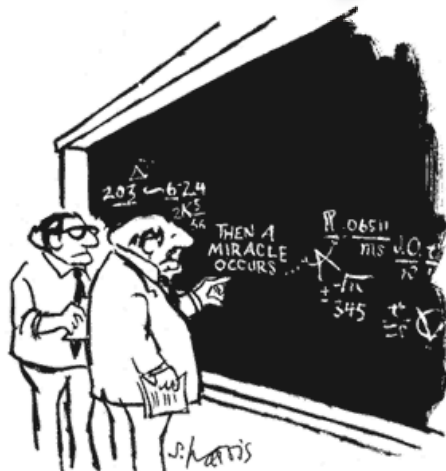
A: Yes, voodoo.

Q: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

A: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

Q: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?



"I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT HERE IN STEP TWO."

"Dear Aggy" Agony Aunt - PG Rated

Dear Aggy,

A couple of women moved in across the hall from me. One is a middle-aged gym teacher and the other is a social worker in her mid twenties. These two women go everywhere together and I've never seen a man go into or leave their apartment. Do you think they could be Lebanese?

Dear Aggy, What can I do about all the Sex, Nudity, Fowl Language and Violence On my VCR?

Dear Aggy, I have a man I can't trust. He cheats so much, I'm not even sure the baby I'm carrying is his.

Dear Aggy, I am a twenty-three year old liberated woman who has been on the pill for two years. It's getting expensive and I think my boy friend should share half the cost, but I don't know him well enough to discuss money with him.

Dear Aggy, I've suspected that my husband has been fooling around, and when confronted with the evidence, he denied everything and said it would never happen again.

Dear Aggy, I joined the Navy to see the world. I've seen it. Now how do I get out?

Dear Aggy, My forty year old son has been paying a psychiatrist \$50.00 an hour every week for two and a half years. He must be crazy.

Dear Aggy, I was married to Bill for three months and I didn't know he drank until one night he came home sober.

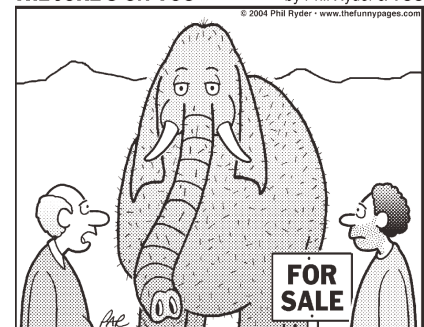
Dear Aggy, My mother is mean and short tempered. I think she is going through mental pause.

Dear Aggy, You told some woman whose husband had lost all interest in sex to send him to a doctor. Well, my husband lost all interest in sex and he is a doctor. Now what do I do?

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On a Maine shop:

Our motto is to give our customers the lowest possible prices and workmanship.

On a maternity room door:

Push. Push. Push.

On a Music Teacher's door:

Out Chopin.

On a New York convalescent home:

For the sick and tired of the Episcopal Church

On a plumber's truck:

We repair what your husband fixed.

On a restaurant:

Try our fish just for the halibut.

On a roller coaster:

Watch your head.

On a Scientist's door:

Gone Fission

On a taxidermist's window:

We really know our stuff.

On a Tennessee highway:

Take notice: when this sign is under water, this road is impassable.

On

an electrician's truck:

Let us remove your shorts.

On an established New Mexico

dry cleaning store: Thirty-eight years on the same spot.

On an United Airlines

emergency exit row instruction card:

If you cannot read this card...

On another Butcher's window:

Pleased to meat you.

On the door of a Computer

Store:

Out for a quick byte.

On the door of a Music Library:

Bach in a min-u-et.

On the grounds of a private

school in Connecticut:

No trespassing without permission.

On the menu of a New Orleans

restaurant:

Blackened bluefish

On the wall of a Baltimore

estate:

Trespassers will be prosecuted

to the full extent of the law. -

Sisters of Mercy

Outside a country shop in West

Virginia:

We buy junk

and sell

antiques.

Outside a

Hotel:

Help!

We need inn-experienced people.

Outside a muffler shop:

No appointment necessary. We heard you coming.

Outside a photographer's studio:

Out to lunch; if not back by five, out for dinner.

Outside a radiator repair shop:

Best place in town to take a leak.

Outside a second-hand store:

We exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain.

Pizza shop slogan:

7 days without pizza makes one Weak.

"A
virtuoso is a musician
with real high morals."



Sudoku Answers

5	6	3	4	2	9	8	1	7	4	2	6	1	3	8	7	5	9
2	9	1	3	7	8	4	6	5	9	8	5	6	2	7	1	3	4
7	8	4	6	5	1	9	3	2	3	1	7	9	5	4	8	6	2
1	5	7	9	8	3	6	2	4	8	6	9	3	4	2	5	1	7
6	3	8	2	1	4	5	7	9	1	7	3	5	8	9	4	2	6
9	4	2	7	6	5	3	8	1	2	5	4	7	6	1	3	9	8
3	2	5	1	4	6	7	9	8	5	9	2	4	7	3	6	8	1
8	1	9	5	3	7	2	4	6	6	4	8	2	1	5	9	7	3
4	7	6	8	9	2	1	5	3	7	3	1	8	9	6	2	4	5

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Michigan is now armed and ready.

"We have been doing mock disasters and cross training for several years," he told the Lansing State Journal.

"People can feel confident, if zombies start invading, we'll know how to close the streets. We can get chainsaws too.

"If a swarm comes in on I-496 westbound, we'll block off the exits so they miss the city."

Dead Man Dug Up When Cell Phone Didn't Work

A Montenegrin man who was buried with his cell phone had to be dug up again when after his family realised they had forgotten to include the SIM card.

Arso Banjeglav who was 67 when he died used to spend hours on his phone chatting to his mates and told his son Brano that he wanted the phone buried with him when he died.

But, after the funeral in Cetinje, Montenegro, the family discovered his grandson, who was playing with the device, had taken out the SIM card.

Brano Banjeglav, 38, said: "We put the phone in the coffin as he wanted, but my 10-year-old son had been playing with it and had taken the card out without my knowledge.

"So now we have got to dig him up again to put it in the phone."

Mad Dash for Escaped Crayfish

A group of crayfish in Stuttgart, Germany attempted a brave rush for freedom when the escaped from an Asian restaurant. A pedestrian spotted the crayfish scuttling down the street and notified authorities.

Apparently the crayfish had squeezed through gaps in the grating at the top of the tanks and escaped out the front door.

"Ham and Eggs. Just a day's work for a chicken but a lifetime commitment for a pig."

Crossword Answers

1	U	N	A	R	2	M	3	R	4	M	U	N	C	5	H			
	N				6	O	7	B	8	S	E				A			
9	H	E	I	R	S	A	P	P	A	R	E	N	T					
	O				10	S	T	A	I	D					R			
11	O	12	A	13	F	14	S	15	S	I	T	16	T	17	R	18	U	E
19	K	L	A	N				R				20	R	A	N	D		
		21	G	R	E		A	T		22	L	O	U	T	S			
23	F	A	C	E				24	F			25	T	I	E	26	S	
27	L	E	E	R				28	J	A	29	B	30	H	O	W	L	
	O						31	R	A	B	I	32	D					U
33	A	R	M	Y	A	I	R	F	O	R	C	E	S					
	T						34	C	L	I	F	F						H
35	S	H	A	R	K			C			36	F	O	A	M	Y		

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