

Smoke.” slogan featuring a snowboarder. I think they’ve reduced teenager smoking by nearly 0.32% in just 8 years.”

“We’ll be spending \$100 million over the next few months sending out leaflets with a picture of Britney Spears and the wording, “Don’t be a Coconut Dope. Think Coke. Just do it!”

Other slogans we’re considering are ‘Coconuts - Finger lickin’ bad.’

“The future’s bright. The future’s coconut uncontaminated.”

“Coconuts – We’re not luvin’ it!”

“Coke refreshes the parts other coconuts cannot reach.”

“Don’t die of coconuts.”

“Coconuts – Inhaling may seriously damage your health.”

We spoke to Bob Gonzales of the Dominican Farmers Association about the effect the announcement would have on Dominican farmers.

“Yes, we’re very worried. Across the Dominican Republic we have millions of acres of prime coconut plantations. In one fell swoop a major export market has disappeared.”

“We’re looking at what to do with the expected huge excess of coconuts currently in production. We’ve got our top universities and scientists looking into the options right now.”

“I think one thing President Fernandez is expected to push for is an artificial snowboard and ski resort in Puerto Plata, using desiccated coconut for the artificial snow.”

“In fact, desiccated coconut has many potential uses, kitty litter, newsprint, toothpaste enhancer, bleach substitute, pillow stuffing, muffin strengthening, tile bashing, finger slapping, beef whacking, brick laying, celebrity bashing, car production and as a cement additive.”

“We’re also asking for a ban on importing American brands such as Frito Lay, BMW and Daihatsu, but it’s probably more effective to just increase the customs’ autonomy and allow them to charge whatever import duties they feel are fair for each person. That will make ‘em think twice about banning our coconuts.”

At the time of writing, the Dominican Ambassador was in Washington discussing the coconut debacle with President Bush. If we hear any new developments, we’ll be bringing them to you. Meanwhile, in the words of George Orwell, “Four legs good, no legs bad!” Stay off them coconuts!

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Why are people allowed to put naked statues outside but why can't we run outside naked?

# Word Search

Top 60 brands of 2006 according to Interbrand. Brands are listed according to rank starting from most well-known worldwide. Words can go diagonally forwards and backwards. Why isn't the Gringo Times in there yet and who the hell are Google anyway?

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| Coca-Cola        | Gillette      | Nike            | Gucci      |
| Microsoft        | Louis Vuitton | UPS             | eBay       |
| IBM              | Cisco         | JPMorgan        | Philips    |
| General Electric | Honda         | SAP             | Accenture  |
| Intel            | Samsung       | Canon           | MTV        |
| Nokia            | Merrill Lynch | Morgan Stanley  | Nintendo   |
| Toyota           | Pepsi         | Goldman Sachs   | Gap        |
| Disney           | Nescafe       | Pfizer          | L'Oreal    |
| McDonald's       | Google        | Apple           | Heinz      |
| Mercedes-Benz    | Dell          | Kellogg's       | Yahoo!     |
| Citi             | Sony          | Ikea            | Volkswagen |
| Marlboro         | Budweiser     | UBS             | Xerox      |
| Hewlett-Packard  | HSBC          | Novartis        | Colgate    |
| American Express | Oracle        | Siemens         | Wrigley's  |
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