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"They underestimated you." George W.

"I was going to say it's a piece of work, but that might not translate too well. Is that all right, if I call you a 'piece of work'?" George W.

**The
Gringo Times**

"Bite the wax tadpole...
...again"

Harley & Honda quake in boots...

In a surprise U-Turn last week, The German auto manufacturer announced it was to start manufacturing a new variation of its C1 motorcycle with

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Editorial

Welcome to another episode from Gringo Towers! If you are reading this while on vacation – let me be the first (or second) to say, “Welcome to the Dominican Republic”.

If you live here, remember not to eat too many bananas – that’s where the monkeys made a big mistake.

I was having a chat the other day with my buddy Trump about Celebrity Apprentice. He was having his usually whinge about the contestants, this time about Omarosa.

“If she could have just hung in there a bit longer, I had a job for her. But she had to lower the tone of the program.”

“What did she do?” I asked, as I didn’t believe it was possible, but I hadn’t seen that episode – not that I’d tell Donald that.

“You know, she used the ‘G’ word.”

“What? Gopher? Gremlins,

Grease monkey, Gordon Brown?” I asked, trying not to sound too out-of-date.

“No, no, she insinuated Piers Morgan was batting for the other side, if you catch my drift.”

Now Donald is not usually one to be so coy, so I knew not to press him. Having met Piers last year at an Xmas bash in London, I can vouch for the fact that he’s not batting for my side. But then me and my partner are Lebanese, and my batting average is well over par nowadays.

“So what sort of position were you going to offer the ‘famous for being useless, obnoxious and a general pain in the butt celebrity™’?” I enquired.

“Ah the job wasn’t working for me. I need people who actually do stuff. No, George W. asked me if I had anyone who could man the PAD (Press Accusations Department) – someone who would never be able to tell the truth and could always shift the blame, however implausible.”

“Anyway, I’ll see you down at Cap Cana, next week. I’ve got a meeting with Jack about that golf course he designed. He wanted to make the course unique, so he made it with 17 holes. I ask you – 17 holes? You must drop by and try some of my specially imported mondongo.”

How could I resist an offer like that? I chalked it down as another brief but iii (irrationally interesting insight) as to how the insanely rich live. So as not to forget, I

pencilled the Cap Cana meeting into my Blackberry, scribbled a note to my wife explaining I was going out to a bar, and painted a picture in my mind of life in the Caribbean.

Then I hit my head on a passing moto and erased the last ten years.

Well, Donald has his own problems, difficult contestants, missing holes and wayward hair.

Me? I tend to think the glass is always half-empty. At least it is when I’m drinking from it! If you leave it half-full for long, it gets warm. And that’s really not very nice!

Ed: Gringo Muttley

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PS. He does have a way with words, wouldn’t you agree? It’s just that he doesn’t really understand many of them.

PSS. We’re looking for a new editor. If you speaks English and written it more better than I, please wrote to us at our email on the internet web thingy. But doesn’t tell anyone!

“What happens when you say ‘hi’ to your friend on an airplane who’s name is Jack?”

News of the World

Woman Deposited Drugs in Cash Machine

An 18-year-old US woman has been arrested after accidentally depositing drugs into her bank account.

She mistakenly included a bag of crystal meth in an envelope she put into a cash deposit machine (ATM) in Bremerton, Washington state.



Police were contacted by an employee of the Kitsap Credit Union bank who opened the envelope and found the drugs, reports the Kitsap Sun.

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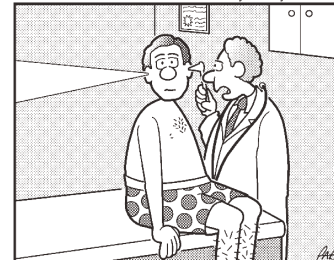
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Gringo Update – Election Special



It's the year of the elections again in the Dominican Republic. In 2004, Leonel Fernandez was voted in, and now in 2008, Dominicans get the chance to show their pleasure (or displeasure) with their voting cards.

Gallup recently polled a number of voters to see which way they were inclined to vote, and the results were as follows:

- Leonel Fernandez (PLD) Dominican Liberation Party – 51.8%
- Miguel Vargas Maldonado (PRD) Dominican Revolutionary Party- 34.7%
- Amable Arísty Castro (PRSC) Social Christian Reformist Party – 7.5%
- Eduardo Estrella (LCV) Fourth Way – 2.4%
- Pedro Candelier (PAP) of the Popular Alliance Party – 0.9%

Whether you live on the North Coast or you are vacationing and have the chance to get out and about, you can't miss the thousands of political billboards erected by the side of all the major roads.

Each one shows a smiling face and the name of a candidate for the next presidential election due to take place on the 16th May 2008.

Can you tell from the photos who is who?

Answers for those of you who drive with your eyes shut is on page 13.

It does beg the question - does the average person really need to see the same billboard staggered at 50m intervals for 3 miles down the highway? Is the average person really that impressionable, or so forgetful they need to be reminded so often?

Other points to ponder - how much did all these billboards cost?

And who got the printing contract? :-)

This Gallup poll interviewed 1200 Dominican adults on February 16th-20th. The eagle-eyed will have spotted that the percentages don't quite add up to 100%. We're not quite sure what the remaining 2.7% thought.

2.7% of 1200 people is 32.4 people. So we assume that approximately 32 and a half people wouldn't vote for either candidate. That's Gringo logic!



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When police contacted the woman, she said she may have accidentally put the bag into the deposit envelope when she reached into her pants pocket to get money.

The woman was arrested and charged with one count of possession of methamphetamine.

Missing Man Spotted in Movie

An Italian man who disappeared with \$74,000 and his mistress was found after he was spotted in a movie scene.

Martino Garibaldi, a 45-year-old shop owner, took the money from a family bank account when he left Montecalvo.

Despite employing detectives to track him down

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his wife had found no trace of him.

Then, a friend watching the popular movie "Natale in Crociera" (Christmas on a Cruise) saw Garibaldi and his mistress in the background of a scene.



Garibaldi - shop-keeper, film star, Italian patriot & biscuit.

The movie was shot in the Dominican Republic and his wife has now traced him and launched legal proceedings demanding return of the money.

Hamster's Great Escape

A hamster escaped after his five-year-old owner took him to the cinema to see Alvin and the Chipmunks.

Sarah Stokes, of Pangbourne, Berks, thought her pet, called Hamish, would love to see the cartoon movie, reports the Daily Mirror.

So she smuggled him out of his cage and carried him with her on an outing with gran Bernadette Bedford, sister Rachel, 10, and brother James, four.

But Hamish popped out and disappeared under hundreds of seats - and Sarah was too scared to own up.

Three days later mum Holly noticed he was missing and started a top-to-bottom search of the house.

Sarah finally plucked up courage to admit what happened. And after a flurry of phone calls, cinema staff eventually found Hamish beneath the screen.

Holly said yesterday: "Nobody knew Hamish was in the bag when Sarah went to the

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Dave was kind enough to share with us some secrets of his success in communicating with the locals. One of the points he was keen to stress is that it make a big difference to people exactly what words you say. If you just use a standard dictionary, people will often think you are stupid. Dictionaries do not take into account local dialects, and what may be fine in Andalucia, may not work in Sosua.

Try to practice the following phrases when out and about in the Dominican Republic.

It's a hot day and you're feeling the effects of the sun. You want to practice your Spanish and maybe strike up a conversation with a stranger? Try saying, "Estoy caliente", which means, "I'm hot". They'll understand and probably offer you a cold one.

It's always nice to make complementary comments to parents about their darling little babies. One of the easiest phrases to remember, and one that is sure to endear you to the

Dodgy Dave's

Guide to Spanish

or "How to Make Friends and Influence People"

parents is to gesture at the baby and say, "Que tan feo!", which roughly translated means, "What a little darling!"

When you watch Dominican's meet each other in the street, you will often see them shake each other's hands, smile and say, "Eh, amigo!" If you meet a non-Dominican in the street, you should shout, "Eh, gringo!"

When you are in a conversation with someone and you feel you may have made a blunder, the best thing to say is, "Estoy embarazada," which means,

"I'm embarrassed." The person will understand and your blunder will be forgiven. If you make another blunder, simply say, "Estoy

muy embarazada," which means, "I'm very embarrassed." If this phrase doesn't have the desired effect, try saying, "Estás embarazada?" which means, "Are you embarrassed?"

If your car breaks down and you could do with a tow, but you haven't got any rope with you, simply ask other drivers if they have any. The phrase for this is, "Yo no tengo ropa." - I don't have a (tow) rope. "Tienes alguna ropa decente?" - Do you have a decent (tow) rope?

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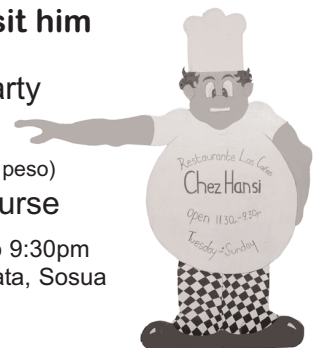
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Marketing Blunders

Parker Pen came up with a strange slogan, when they marketed a ball-point pen in Mexico. It were supposed to have read, "It won't leak in your pocket and embarrass you." But the company thought that the word "embarazar" (to impregnate) meant to embarrass, so the ad read: "It won't leak in your pocket and make you pregnant."

Coors put its slogan, "Turn it loose," into Spanish, where it was read as "Suffer from diarrhea".

Clairol introduced the "Mist Stick", a curling iron, into Germany only to find out that "mist" is slang for manure. Not too many people had use for the "manure stick".

Scandinavian vacuum manufacturer Electrolux had a successful marketing campaign in Europe, using the catchy rhyming phrase "nothing sucks like an Electrolux". Unfortunately they failed to take into consideration the fact that "sucks" had become a derogatory word in the States.

In Chinese, the Kentucky

**You thought translating was difficult?
Even big companies make embarrassing
mistakes when it comes to selling into
different countries.**

Fried Chicken slogan "finger-lickin' good" came out as "eat your fingers off".

The American slogan for Salem cigarettes, "Salem-Feeling Free", was translated into the Japanese market as "When smoking Salem, you will feel so refreshed that your mind seems to be free and empty".

When Gerber started selling baby food in Africa, they used the same packaging as in the US, with the beautiful Caucasian baby on the label. Later they learned that in Africa, companies routinely put pictures on the label of what's inside, since most people can't read English.

Colgate introduced a toothpaste in France called Cue, the name of a notorious porno magazine.

An American T-shirt maker in Miami printed shirts for the Spanish market which promoted

the Pope's visit. Instead of "I saw the Pope" (el Papa), the shirts read "I saw the potato" (la papa).

In Italy, a campaign for Schweppes Tonic Water translated the name into "Schweppes Toilet Water".

Pepsi's "Come alive with the Pepsi Generation" translated into "Pepsi brings your ancestors back from the grave", in Chinese.

We all know about GM's Chevy Nova meaning "it won't go" in Spanish markets, but did you know that Ford had a similar problem in Brazil with the Pinto? Pinto was Brazilian slang for "tiny male genitals". Ford renamed the automobile Corcel, meaning "horse".

Hunt-Wesson introduced Big John products in French Canada as Gros Jos. Later they found out that in slang it means "big breasts".

Frank Perdue's chicken slogan, "it takes a strong man to make a tender chicken" was translated into Spanish as "it takes an aroused man to make a chicken affectionate".

The famous Coca-Cola marketing blunder is a little more complex. When they first started to ship the drink to China in the 1920's, the company attempted to group Chinese characters together that, when pronounced, would make the sound "Coca-Cola." The problem was that the "la" sound meant "wax," and when the Chinese letters were put together, the name translated into Chinese became "bite the wax tadpole", "female horse stuffed with wax" or "wax-flattened mare", none of which were to Coke's liking. Coke were then forced to research more than 40,000 Chinese characters to find a usable phonetic equivalent and even started a contest to come up with the best translation. Finally, they found a combination that worked, and the new trademarked name in China loosely translates to "happiness in the mouth."

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pictures, or that he had escaped there.

"We all thought he'd got out of his cage and was lost in the house."



Hamish - Popped out for popcorn and a Diet-Coke

Igor Geyer, duty manager at the Showcase Cinema, said: "I'm glad we were able to reunite him with his owners."

MP3 Player Mistaken for Gun

A British mechanic was arrested at gunpoint by armed police after his MP3 player was mistaken for a gun.

Darren Nixon, 28, was tailed by three police cars as he travelled home from work by bus, reports the Daily Telegraph.

Officers finally confronted him in the street - 150 metres from his home - brandishing guns and telling him to hold his hands in the air.

A member of the public had raised the alarm after watching Mr Nixon change tracks on his MP3 player, thinking it was a gun. Police tracked a completely unaware Mr Nixon on CCTV and followed him home.

Mr Nixon said: "It was only when I saw the traffic slowing down and people watching me that I turned and saw four cops with dogs and semi-automatics.

"I was shocked and had no idea what was going on. That was when I took my earphones out and they were shouting at me not to make any sudden movements.

"I dread to think what might have happened if I'd put my hand in my pocket. My legs turned to jelly as they handcuffed me and read me my rights."

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At the police station officers searched and fingerprinted him, before taking a DNA swab, before releasing him.

A police spokeswoman



The Sony MP3 player that caused all the cafulle.

Sony have since added a silencer so MP3's with too much base don't offend other passengers.

said: "We received a report from a member of the public who had seen a male in the area who had appeared to pull a hand gun from a jacket pocket, grip it with both hands and aim it towards something.

"The description was extremely good and if that's the report we get we have to act quickly."

Your Job?

Sven and Ole worked together and both were laid off, so off they went to the employment office. When asked about his occupation, Ole said, "Panty Stitcher. I sew the elastic onto cotton panties." The clerk looked up 'panty stitcher'. Finding it classed as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 per week unemployment pay.

Sven was asked his occupation. "Diesel fitter," he replied. Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week.

When Ole found out, he was furious. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and coworker was collecting double his pay.

The clerk explained, "Panty stitchers are unskilled and diesel fitters are skilled labor."

"What skill?" yelled Ole. "I sew the elastic on the panties. Sven pulls them down on his head and says, 'Yah, diesel fitter.'"

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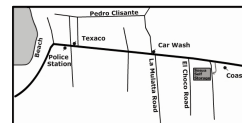
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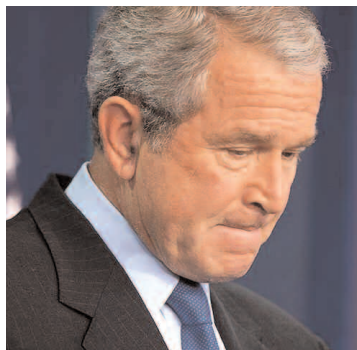
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The most talked about interview of 2008. Even Oprah didn't get a whiff. Yup - Bush really said all this.



**The other Bush -
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oxygen and emitting
carbon-dioxide.**

We met up with Bush in a field outside Cabarete. He was looking a little leafy, but was keen to talk.

So Mr Bush, thanks for agreeing to the interview. How are you finding the Dominican?

"As you can possibly see, I have an injury myself - not here at the hospital, but in combat with a cedar. I eventually won. The cedar gave me a little scratch."

Well we're all glad that you are ok.

"I'm looking forward to a good night's sleep on the soil of a friend."

It's good to see you back in the area. I hear you plan to make some changes here?

"In terms of timetables, as quickly as possible—whatever that means."

And what sort of changes did you have in mind, new roads, and better hospitals?

"That's why I went to the Congress last September and proposed fundamental - supplemental funding, which is money for armor and body parts and ammunition and fuel."

You think more body parts are needed here?

"The CIA laid out several scenarios and said life could be lousy, life could be OK, life could be better, and they were just guessing as to what the conditions might be like."

Did you ask them which how they came to that conclusion?

"Will the highways on the Internet become more few? We

are ready for any unforeseen event which may or may not happen."

Not sure I follow you on that one. On another matter, education is the focus of one of your primary policies, is it not?

"Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning? I mean, there needs to be a wholesale effort against racial profiling, which is illiterate children."

Can I ask - do you read the in depth and amazingly researched reports in the Gringo Times?

"And truth of the matter is, a lot of reports in Washington are never read by anybody. To show you how important this one is, I read it, and our guest read it."

Well that is good to hear. And can we introduce your guest?

"I want to thank my friend, Senator Bill Frist, for joining us today. He married a Texas girl, I want you to know. Karyn is with us. A West Texas girl, just like me."

Hi Karyn, you don't look much like our esteemed guest, but nice to have you here anyway. Are you a political animal?

"I understand small business growth. I was one."

Ah, ok, thanks Karyn. Good to see you have the finger on the pulse - of answering questions with irrelevant answers.

Mr Bush, can I ask what originally prompted you to make the decision to declare war on Iraq?

"Are you going to ask that question with shades on?"

I can take them off.

"I'm interested in the shade look, seriously."

All right, I'll keep it, then.

"For the viewers, there's no sun."

I guess it depends on your perspective.

"My job is a job to make decisions. I'm a decision - if the job description were, what do you do - it's decision maker."

But what did you base your decision on?

"Forms of government matter, in my opinion. It matters how - the nature of the government in which people

live."

Yes I think we would all agree with that.

"And my concern, David, is several."

Sorry, Mr Bush, but my name is Bubba Henry J. Klondyke III.

"Because of your work, children who once wanted to die are now preparing to live."

Ah, I wasn't aware of that, but I appreciate the thought.

"You're one of the outstanding leaders in a very important part of the world. I want to thank you for strategizing our discussions."

Again thank you, but I'm just a lowly reporter - maybe you're confusing me with someone.

'They underestimated me.'

I'm sure you're aware that Haiti is right next door to the Dominican Republic. Would you consider invading the Dominican?

"If you've got a chicken factory, a chicken-plucking factory, or whatever you call them, you know what I'm talking about."

It's quite possible we do - I've never thought to check. Does Dick Cheney feel the same away?

"I think that the vice president is a person reflecting a half-glass-full mentality."

So you are not of the same mind on some aspects, particularly the chicken-plucking factory?

"And there is distrust in

Washington. I am surprised, frankly, at the amount of distrust that exists in this town. And I'm sorry it's the case, and I'll work hard to try to elevate it."

You want to elevate it? To where? Ah, you mean eradicate it?

"And I suspect that what you'll see, Toby, is there will be a momentum, momentum will be gathered. Houses will begat jobs, jobs will begat houses."

That certainly sounds weird, but my name isn't Toby, it's ah, forget it.

"One has a stronger hand when there's more people playing your same cards."

You talk as if this is a game?

"That's why we are inconveniencing air traffickers, to make sure nobody is carrying weapons on airplanes."

But this war on terror - will it ever end?

"I'm going to try to see if I can remember as much to make it sound like I'm smart on the subject."

Well thank you very much for the interview, Mr Bush, but I have to go. TBS is doing a rerun of 'Everybody loves Raymond' - and I couldn't bear like to miss it. And please say 'Hi' to Condoleezza for me.

"That woman who knew I had dyslexia: I never interviewed her."



Bush - pensive and thoughtful...

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a roof, in Puerto Plata's Free Zone.

BMW had previously indicated they would not consider opening up further manufacturing plants in the Caribbean after the failure of their Jamaican Mini plant in 2002. The Kingston plant lost just short of US\$242 million in BMW's bid to bring the trendy Mini to the Jamaicans using local variations such as the 'Mini Irie', the 'Mini Dibby-Dibby' and the reggae-inspired 'Mini Bob Marley's mi Uncle'.

BMW have since concentrated on the European

and North American markets where people have too much money.

The C1 motorcycle was an amazing success in Europe when it was launched in 2001. Buyers could not get enough of the wacky design which included a roof to stop bodies thrown from apartment building windows from hitting the rider's head. It even had the added advantage of stopping some raindrops from hitting the rider as long as the bike was in a vertically straight position, i.e. not going round corners.

Our reporter contacted BMW to speak to the man behind the decision to start manufacturing in the Dominican



The failed "Mini Bob Marley's mi Uncle" didn't perform too well in the wind-tunnel.

BMW Clit Bang Specifications

For those of you car boffins who are even remotely interested in the stats, here they are:

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- Six-speed all-wheel drive automatic transmission with performance-tuned manual paddle shifting.
- Magnetic Ride Control (MRC) adaptive suspension system
- Heavily bolstered Recaro sport seats. They adjust 14 ways, with pneumatic machismo bolster controls in the seat cushion and backrest.
- Strut front suspension independent with stabilizer bar and coil springs, trailing arm rear suspension independent with stabilizer bar and coil springs
- Automatic rear suspension levelling with PHATS (Pot-hole Anticipation Triplex System)
- Door ajar warning which will be on all the time, Door entry light also on.
- Door pockets/bins for driver seat and passenger seat
- Illuminated driver, passenger and livestock vanity mirror
- Ventilation system with recirculation setting and micro filter
- Front and rear reading lights
- Front seat center armrest with compartment for a large beer or bottle of rum.
- Automatic operation rear view mirror
- ASD - Automatic Squirting Device for fending off windscreen washer boys.
- Remote audio controls with AMBR-SD - (Automatic Merengue/Bachata/Reggaeton Switching Device)
- Remote fuel filler door release
- Remote control remote trunk/hatch release

● As you can see - similar but slightly higher spec than the 2008 Toyota Camry GLS.



The BMW brand is already synonymous with spacious comfort and elegance in the Far East.

Republic, but apparently he had fallen from an 15th storey apartment building window the week before, narrowly missing all 37 of the parked C1's - and was unavailable for comment.

Instead we were able to meet up with Heinz Krumph-Lindenberg, the marketing guru from BMW's HQ in Munich about the new manufacturing facility and their reasons for investing in the Dominican Republic. We met up with him in a trendy down-town cocktail bar in Puerto Plata.

"Mr Krumph-Lindenberg, may I call you Heinz?"

"Yes, certainly!"

"Where I come from, Heinz meanz beanz."

"Ah weelly? Zat could explain a few things."

"Heinz, what can you tell us about the new products BMW intend to build and sell here in the Dominican Republic?"

"Ah, I am so glad you asked. Ve are proud to be launching our new motorcycle, ze C1B, or 'Clit Bang' as we call it, vich ve zink vill do very vell in ze Dominican Republic. It has been specially designed to accommodate more people than ze average moto. It has an extra seat at ze back, which a small family viz livestock could sit on, and there are large handles sticking out each side which will allow extra people to hang on. The most innovative idea is the roof, which allows you to balance any items on ze top above ze rider.

You could strap a wardrobe or two mattresses and a bottle of gas to the top, or maybe some extra seats for ze school kids. Zere are so many possibilities, I get ze goose-bumps just zinking about zem."

"Well it certainly sounds interesting."

"Yes, it iz. Let me introduce my colleague, Mr Britney Spearzen Von Trapp."

"Hello Mr Von Trapp. Hopefully you aren't going to speak in that strange fake German accent?"

"Guten Morgen mein amigo! Oops!...i did it again."

"So, what can you tell us about this amazing new bike?"

"Of course, we realize that music is very important in your country. The Clit Bang will have four large speakers attached to the sides and two in the roof. Where we would normally put twin airbags, we've managed to fit a 2000 watt amplifier. We don't think it needs a graphic equaliser, we'll just set all the channels to be as high as possible - sure, it makes the speakers rattle a bit, but we think everybody will love it."

"We will be launching three separate editions of the Clit Bang, the Merengue, the Bachata and the Reggaeton which will have the lowered suspension, skirts around the wheels, go-faster stripes and an up-rated amplifier."

"I noticed that the Clit Bang does not appear to have any indicators?"

"Yes, you are quite correct. In our extensive market research, we noticed that the Dominican drivers do not ever

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Who'd 'ave 'em?

From a school in Puerto Plata

This is one youngster's actual written responses to a classroom exercise where he had to complete the sentences with his own words. His words are in bold. I think we need a therapist...

When I am grown up, I will **be a super-hero.**

(dreams eh?)

A good teacher is one who **lets me do whatever I want.**

When I need help, I can usually turn to **my mum.**

Kids who break rules **have to change their color**

(I think this was relating to colors the teacher gave out depending on behavior - not race?!?!))

I guess I am **a super-hero.** (modest too!)

When I get in trouble I **get shouted at.**

The nicest thing about school is **not having school.**

What seems to be really unfair is **having school.**

(I notice a recurring theme here)

When I feel happy I **am in England.**

At home we **play.**

My mother and I **she helps me with my homework.**

When I am 50 I **will be a super-hero.**

Kids need **to do whatever they want.**

Kids should **have whatever they want.**

When I feel angry, I **get confused.**

My father and I **takes me on a bike.**

When people criticize me, I **tell my mum.**

Most people think of me as **a good painter.**

When I feel sad I **make a face like this.** ☹

My best friend **everyone.**

The people who love me don't **criticize me.**

Brothers and sisters **play.**

It is no use to **try to climb a wall.**

(easier to go around it?)

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use the indicators, and on the odd occasion that they do, it is not to indicate which direction they are turning."

"And what will be the entry level price of the Clit Bang when it goes on sale in the Dominican Republic?"

"Well, we did a lot of market research to see what the market will bear, and we see so many Hummers and the big Ford and GM trucks, so we think a good price will be around US\$8000."

"Doesn't that seem a bit

Clisante - it only took 5 minutes. At that rate he must be making nearly US\$35,000 each month - so I think the price is a bit too cheap, no?"

"We are proud to announce that with every new BMW we are giving away a CD of popular German music, with the title, 'The Sound of Muzak'."

"Among the very popular songs on the CD

American car on the Autobahn. 'Sixteen Going On Seventeen,' is a celebration of the number of years we have been the best moto manufacturer

before."

"Exactly, 'Have it your way.' 'It's BMW time!'"

'Drivers wanted.', 'When you got it, flaunt it.'

The Clit Bang is 'The antidote for civilization.' And for moto-drivers everywhere it will be 'The quicker picker-upper.'

Buy one, 'Because you're worth it.'

'Think small.' - 'Just



Other bikes that BMW may bring to the DR

pricey, considering you can get a new moto for under US\$1000?"

"No, I don't think so. When I was in Sosua last week, the moto driver charged me 500 pesos from my hotel to Pedro

are:

'The hills are alive with the sound of four liter 12 cylinder BMW engines.'

'So Long, Farewell'. This is my favourite - it is what you say when you pass a broken down

in the world.

'These are a Few of My Favorite Things,' is a song about the BMW 323i, the 325i and the X5.

"Nice one Britney - I'm sure the CD will go down a storm with local buyers."

"When we launch the new moto-bike, our advertising slogan will be, 'Hello Moto!'"

"Er, isn't that borrowed off someone else?"

"No, I don't think so."

"You see when our customers get into a BMW, they say, 'Plop, plop, fizz, fiz, oh what a relief it is!'"

And 'Happiness is a car called BMW.'

It is 'The ultimate driving machine.'

Or as we say in Germany, 'Vorsprung durch technik.'

"I'm sure I've heard that

do it.'

With the new satellite navigation system, when you step into the Clit Bang, it will ask you in a Bill Gates voice, 'Where do you want to go today?' and then you can 'Go to work on an egg.'

We tell all of our employees that 'BMW is good for you' and 'refreshes the parts other autos cannot reach.'

"Well to be honest Britney, you lost me half an hour ago. Are there any advantages to operating a manufacturing facility in a Free Zone?"

"Ah yes. We can import all the bits to make the cars without paying any taxes. That way we can make more profits, which is good for our shareholders, no?"

"To qualify for that, don't you have to ship the finished goods straight out of the country?"

"Ah well, I have heard that. But we have ways of making it vurk."

"You mean 'work'?"

"Yes, that is what I said, 'Vurk'."

"Heinz, can I ask you a personal question?"

"Yes, of course, fire away."

"Why are you wearing that strange white suit with the cravat and panama hat?"

"Ah, I like to mix and fit in viz ze locals while I am here - it 'elps me to welax more."

"Do you guys really work for BMW, or are you making this up?"

"Ah, vell - zat is a good question vich I am glad you have asked. You see a lot of people talk about vurk, and how we can be socially responsible and make money at the same time. And I just say piffle, and then piffle again. Vurk is piffle, and all ze people zat do ze work, zey are pifflers. I prefer to zink

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Word Search

So the rumor about BMW opening a plant here isn't true? Is there another brand you'd like to see manufactured in the DR? Find all of the 39 brands listed below and tell us your favorite. On second thoughts, tell someone else - someone who might be interested. Words can go diagonally forwards and backwards.

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Acura	Holden	Mazda	Scion
Alfa Romeo	Honda	Mercedes-Benz	Seat
Audi	Hyundai	Mercury	Skoda
BMW	Infiniti	Mitsubishi	Subaru
Chevrolet	Jeep	Opel	Suzuki
Chrysler	Lancia	Peugeot	Tata
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Answer to
political quiz
on page 3...

*We're not sure
who's who
either.*

*Wasn't one of
them in Law &
Order?*

Kids Stuff

A story from a 9 year old in Puerto Plata. You gotta love the imagination...

The Great Train Robbery

One day I had a dangerous mission on a train.

So I was asleep and the alarm ringed ringadingding so I woke up and rushed to the train station.

I told the policeman 'Policeman, policeman the train has been stolen.' But he didn't listen so I had to do it. I jumped on the train and I was on the back, I went inside. I ran to the front but when I got there he pushed me out.

I got on my motorbike and found his house. I looked in and the inside was bigger than the outside. They saw me and put me in a cage, I saw what he and his boss were doing with the train. They are taking all the pieces to make a rocket that will shoot the earth and destroy it. So I throw my magnifying glass to the button that opens the cage.

I run and jump into the rocket and I cut the wires so it doesn't blast off. I climbed out the chimney and I fix the train and bring it back.

The End.

Sudoku

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

Easy

Answers on page 18

Not so easy

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Crossword - Crucigrama

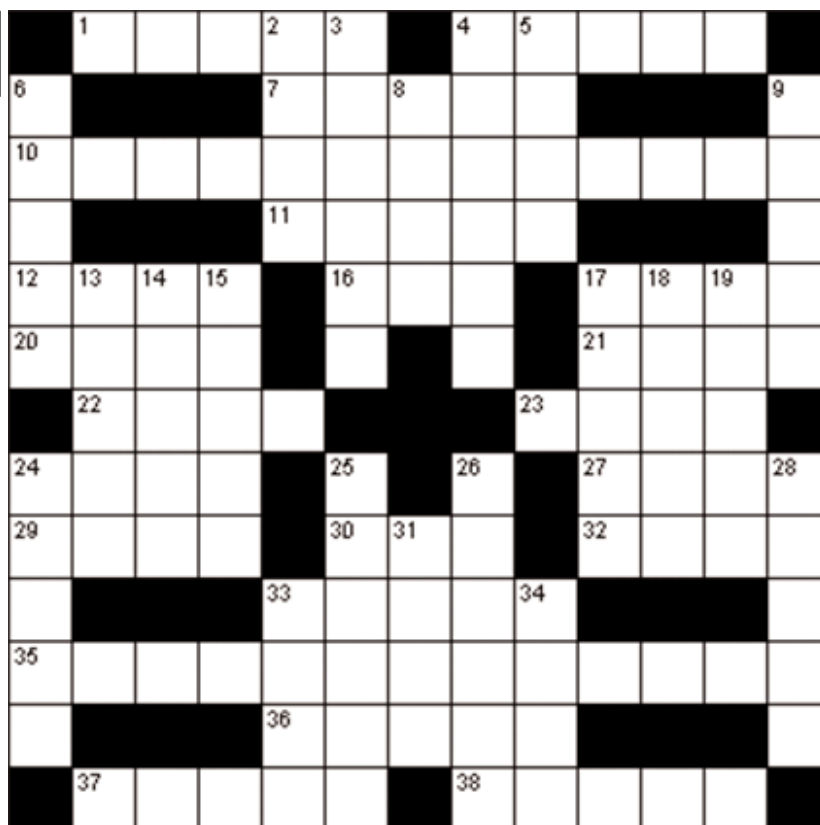
Across

1. Snake
4. Sharp-pointed plant outgrowth
7. Male and female name
10. Between nations
11. Without face value
12. Dupes
16. Male name
17. Swing to and fro
20. Grow together
21. Remain undecided
22. Compact mass
23. Eastern European
24. Incandescence
27. Female name
29. Decays
30. Which person
32. Quick sharp bark
33. Affected by beer
35. In an unhygienic way
36. Tree of the birch family
37. Armed strongholds
38. Cranium

Down

2. Capital of Switzerland
3. E Missouri town
4. Giants
5. Inheritor
6. Refreshment stand
8. Back of the neck
9. US opera composer
13. White non-Hispanic American
14. Guide
15. Stores
17. Spread out
18. Move from side to side
19. Smith's block
24. Small assemblage
25. Resides
26. Hoofed quadrupeds
28. Neuters
31. Have regard
33. Fishing vessel
34. E Virginia estuary

Answers to crossword on page 18



Ponder Corner

*If you want to say it with flowers,
a single rose says: "I'm cheap!"*

Delta Burke

*Women complain about premenstrual
syndrome, but I think of it as the only time
of the month that I can be myself.*

Roseanne

*I am not the boss of my house. I don't
know when I lost it. I don't know if I ever
had it. But I have seen the boss's job and I
do not want it.*

Bill Cosby

*My mom said the only reason men are
alive is for lawn care and vehicle
maintenance.*

Tim Allen

*We have women in the military, but they
don't put us in the front lines. They don't
know if we can fight, if we can kill. I think
we can. All the general has to do is walk
over to the women and say, "You see the
enemy over there? They say you look fat in
those uniforms."*

Elayne Boosler

*Always be nice to your children because
they are the ones who will choose your rest
home.*

Phyllis Diller

*Electricity can be dangerous. My nephew
tried to stick a penny into a plug. Whoever
said a penny doesn't go far didn't see him
shoot across that floor. I told him he was
grounded.*

Tim Allen

*If you can't beat them, arrange to have
them beaten.*

George Carlin

*I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time
I leave a man I keep his house.*

Zsa Zsa Gabor

*Relationships are hard. It's like a full-time
job, and we should treat it like one. If your
boyfriend or girlfriend wants to leave you,
they should give you two weeks notice.
There should be severance pay, and before
they leave you, they should have to find
you a temp."*

Bob Ettinger

*The statistics on sanity are that one out of
every four Americans is suffering from
some form of mental illness. Think of your
three best friends. If they are okay, then
it's you."*

Rita Mae Brown

*"My mom said she learned how to swim as
a child. Someone took her out in the lake
and threw her off the boat. That's how she
learned how to swim. I said, 'Mom, they
weren't trying to teach you how to swim.'"*

Paula Poundstone

*Virus is a Latin word used by doctors to
mean "your guess is as good as mine."*

Bob Hope

*"When I read about the evils of drinking, I
gave up reading."*

Henny Youngman

*I'm so old they've
cancelled my
blood type.*

Bob Hope

*As you get older
three things
happen. The first
is your memory
goes, and I can't
remember the
other two.*

*Sir Norman
Wisdom*

*Yes, time flies. And where did it leave you?
Old too soon...smart too late.*

Mike Tyson

*You know you're getting fat when you can
pinch an inch on your forehead.*

John Mendoza

*As we grow older, our bodies get shorter
and our anecdotes longer.*

Robert Quillen

*"Magician David Blain is going to crawl
into a block of ice and stay there for two
days. Apparently he practiced by having an
affair with Martha Stewart."*

Conan O'Brien

*People say that age is just a state of mind.
I say it's more about the state of your body.*

Geoffrey Parfitt

Japanese proverb

*"The reverse
side also has a
reverse side."*



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

Elementary Motherhood

G-Rated

What does your mom do in her spare time?

To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What's the difference between moms and grandmas?

You can always count on grandmothers for candy. Sometimes moms don't even have bread on them.

Describe the world's greatest mom?

The greatest mom in the world wouldn't make me kiss my fat aunts.

Is anything about your mom perfect?

Her casserole recipes. But we hate them.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

Diet. You know, her hair. I'd dye it, maybe blue.

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

I'd make my mom smarter -- then she would know my sister did it and not me.

Why did God make mothers?

Think about it. It was the best way to get more people.

How did God make mothers?

Magic, plus super powers, and a lot of stirring.

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

God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string. I think.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.

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

She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer? Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

She got too old to do anything else with him.

Who's the boss at your house?

Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.

PolitiX

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

Will Rogers

How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg? Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg

Abraham Lincoln

If you can't convince them, confuse them.

Harry S. Truman

I don't mind what Congress does, as long as they don't do it in the streets and frighten the horses.

Victor Hugo

Democracy becomes a government of bullies tempered by editors.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

It may be true that you can't fool all the people all the time, but you can fool enough of them to rule a large country.

Will Durant

The weather is like the government, always in the wrong.

Jerome K Jerome

A recent conversation: Dubya: Look at the clock, time is racing! Cheney: That's the second hand, George!

Dennis Miller

The single most exciting thing you encounter in government is competence, because it's so rare.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan (as quoted in NY Times, Mar 2, 1976)

Nature, our father and mother, gave us all we have got. The state, our elder brother, swipes the lot.

Piet Hein

The trouble with practical jokes is that very often, they get elected.

Will Rogers

It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.

George Washington

Those in possession of absolute power cannot only prophesy and make their prophecies come true, but they can also lie and make their lies come true.

Eric Hoffer

Dollars and guns are no substitutes for brains and will power.

Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers and the sacrifices of his friends.

I despise all adjectives that try to describe people as liberal or conservative, rightist or leftist, as long as they stay in the useful part of the road.

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1. Then look up aluminium, and check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at just how wrongly you have been pronouncing it.

2. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'favour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix -ize will be replaced by the suffix -ise.

Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (look up 'vocabulary').

3. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like" and "you know" is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication.

There is no such thing as US English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take account of the reinstated letter 'u' and the elimination of -ize. You will relearn your original national anthem, God Save The Queen.

4. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.

5. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not adult enough to be independent.

Guns should only be handled by adults. If you're not adult enough to sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist then you're not grown up enough to handle a gun.

6. Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. A permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.

7. All American cars are hereby banned. They are crap and this is for your own good. When we show you German cars, you will understand what we mean. Holden Monaros are also approved.

8. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables.

Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.

9. The Former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline)-roughly \$6/US gallon. Get used to it.

10. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.

11. The cold tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager.

South African beer is also acceptable as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting Nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of British Commonwealth - see what it did for them.

American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.

12. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie Macdowell attempt English dialogue in *Four Weddings and a Funeral* was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.

13. You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like a bunch of nancies).

Don't try Rugby - the South Africans and Kiwis will thrash you, like they regularly thrash us.

14. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware that there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to take the sting out of their deliveries.

15. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.

16. An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated to 1776).

17. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 pm with proper cups, never mugs, with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; strawberries in season.

God save the Queen.
Only He can.

John Cleese

Smart-ass Answers

The 6 Best Smart-ass Answers Of 2007:

SMART ASS ANSWER #6

It was mealtime during a flight on American Airlines.

"Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked John, seated in front.

"What are my choices?" John asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

SMART ASS ANSWER #5

A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket and he opened his trench coat and flashed her.

Without missing a beat, she said, "Sir, I need to see your ticket not your stub."

SMART ASS ANSWER #4

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

SMART ASS ANSWER #3

The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window.

"I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said.

The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could."

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his

way without a ticket.

SMART ASS ANSWER #2

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway.

A sign comes up that reads, "Low Bridge Ahead".

Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge.

Cars are backed up for miles.

Finally, a police car comes up.

The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?"

The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."

SMART ASS ANSWER OF THE YEAR 2007:

A college teacher reminds her class of tomorrow's final exam.

"Now class, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow."

I might consider a nuclear attack or a serious personal injury, illness, or a death in your immediate family, but that's it, no other excuses whatsoever!"

A smart-ass guy in the back of the room raised his hand and asked, "What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?"

The entire class is reduced to laughter and snickering.

When silence is restored, the teacher smiles knowingly at the student, shakes her head and sweetly says, "Well, I guess you'd have to write the exam with your other hand."

Crossword Answers

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Sudoku Answers

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BMW LAUNCH

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of myself as a piffletaker, an honorary ambassador of the BMW brand to ze parts of ze world who don't know that BMW actually stands for Best

"But this is a German bike."

Same thing man - German, Jap - all foreign. If it don't come from a factory in good 'ole USA, then I ain't buying it. When the Japs learn how to



BMW's rear-rider position was discarded as it left no room for the large propane bottle.

Moto Worldwide."

At that point, the waiter came to the table with the bill, so I made a hasty exit.

Having heard from the horses' mouth on the subject - he said he'd never heard of BMW - we thought we'd speak to the people on the streets.

We asked a Swedish guy in a bar what he thought of BMW's plans for the Dominican Republic, but then we remembered we didn't speak Swedish and we couldn't understand what the bazookas he was talking about.

We caught up with Bill Grosby, a long-time Hells Angel who has recently retired in Cabarete and asked him if he'd swap his Harley for one of the new Clit Bangs.

"Look man, I hate Jap bikes - they have no soul, and they're made of cheap plastic."

build proper bikes, I'll be long gone."

To conclude the article, we also emailed Toyota, Yamaha, Kawasaki, and a couple of unknown Chinese brands to see if they had any thoughts on the new BMW launch. They didn't. Well at least we think they didn't. They didn't bother to reply...

unless their replies got caught in our spam trap.

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