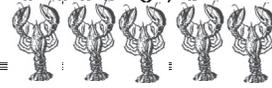


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"...and it pierces and sharpens the stomach..."*

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CIA CLAIMS TORTURE IS "GOOD WORKOUT"

By Wendy Jackpot

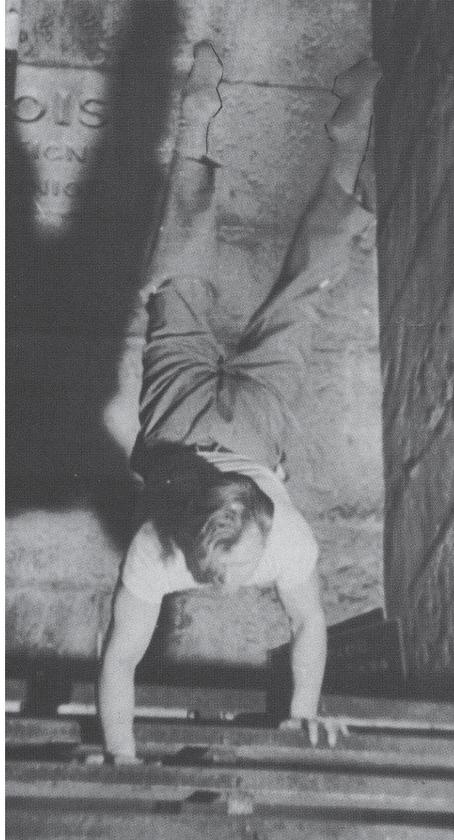
The Central Intelligence Agency, under fire for destroying videotaped interrogation tapes, released still photographs which prove definitively that detainees are getting a good workout.

"They're in incredible shape," affirmed one CIA agent enviously. "I wish I had a six-pack like the guy I tortured yesterday."

The agency is scrambling to assemble enough torture footage to release a workout tape in an effort to both satisfy congressional concerns about obstruction of justice and make some real dough.

"People pick up a few pounds after the holidays," added the agent. "Our workout is very thorough."

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THIS DETAINEE was not forced to walk down the 898 steps of the Washington monument on his hands but rather did so because it was so much fun.

PERFECT LOCATION FOR SF HOMELESS COURT FOUND AT SEA



FISHERMAN DON'T MIND sharing quarters with the new homeless "quality of life" crime court, saying they are used to exotic smells and share the same edgy fashion parameters.

By Burton D. Hand

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom is finally closing on a way to sweep up, immediately judge, and immediately sentence problematic homeless and street people with the clever use of crab pots and some convenient sleight-of-hand with California law.



Bureaucratic hurdles are the main difficulty he cites as holding up the new courts, modeled after New York City's Midtown Community Court, in which the police focus on public urination, aggressive panhandling, and lack of fashionable attire and credit card debt.

"We can't coddle these people," stated Newsom. "Crab pots are a tight fit, but we believe they are preferable to life on the streets. Most crabs would agree that shortly after finding themselves in a crab pot they find themselves at one of our better restaurants contributing to a better quality of life."

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NEW INTELLIGENCE TOOL UNVEILED

CIA, With Training, Could Learn to Use It

By Celeste Bus



THIS HI-TECH TOOL will improve the quality of national intelligence reports, especially with a little practice.

Scientists have unveiled a new, high-tech tool which should vastly improve the quality of the intelligence reports which guide national foreign policy.

"We took quite a hit on the Iran nuclear capability assessment," stated one White House insider. "We had a lot of difficulty explaining how our policy came out of the intelligence we were given. This new technology will help a lot."

Scientists agreed, pointing out that no matter where a dart hits the board, quick-thinking analysts can suggest a vast variety of explanations not only for the trajectory of the dart, but for the meaning of its location on the board.

"It's a safer way to gather intelligence," nodded one scientist. "That is, until the fifth round."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I have a primary coming up, and I really want to vote for change. Do you have a recommendation?

Dear reader, the big change bandwagon is pretty full right now, and if you ask for small change you'll wind up in jail. I would recommend asking for status quo. That way you'll have plenty of elbow room at the table.

Dear Lena, I still want impeachment. Is that okay? Is there anybody out there?

Dear reader, the likelihood is that you will find plenty of other people who support impeachment, but just remember to bring some blankets, some good books, and some practical changes of clothing. The rest of the world has the impression that there are higher priorities like healthcare and, oh, good heavens, shoes for the children.

Dear Lena, I'm trying to go green, and having some trouble. Paper or plastic?

Dear reader, good heavens, neither. Bring your burro to the next farmer's market with a full set of saddle baskets, and load up! This is the year the truly green look beyond the Prius.

Dear Lena, wow, what a storm! What was that about!

Dear reader, don't worry. It is just the natural result of the hot air involved in an election year.

Ask Lena. Don't be shy! She knows more than your neighbors and your barber combined. Reach out for her at cdenney@igc.org.

GREEN TANK RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD



THIS NEW HYBRID TANK has improved mileage, biodegradable parts, and shows the movie "An Inconvenient Truth" on a DVD player for the kids in the back seat.

By Fiona You

Automobile manufacturers, scrambling to adopt green technologies, have finally found a way to nod in a green direction while still offering consumers the solidity and spacious interior they crave - the ecotank.

"You can't beat it for safety," smiled one young soccer mom, counting the cupholders in the Bradley M2/M3 upgrade. "I don't anticipate using the M242 Bushmaster chain gun with the integrated dual feed mechanism and remote feed selection unless I'm stuck in traffic, but the M257 smoke grenade dischargers are going to get a workout, let me tell you."

Critics argued that the new eco-vehicle was a poor fit for civilian life, especially since the Abrams tank the vehicle is based on, which was designed

during the cold war, is getting knocked out with surprising regularity by the low-tech bombs and rocket-propelled grenades of Iraqi insurgents.

"Nonsense," responded the eco-tank manufacturers, who acknowledge that the 69-ton vehicle's mileage is still poor, but that the new model's conversion to biofuel will improve its green



ECO-TANKS are amphibious, making them lots of fun to bring to the beach.

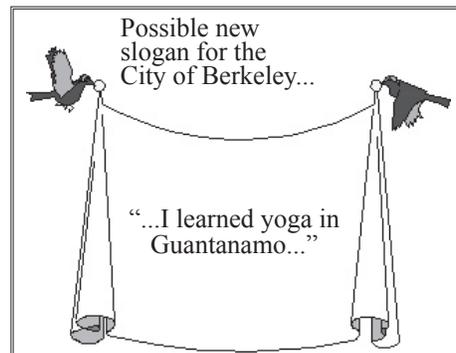
footprint. "When coupled with ordinary kevlar body armour and simple safety precautions, we think we can

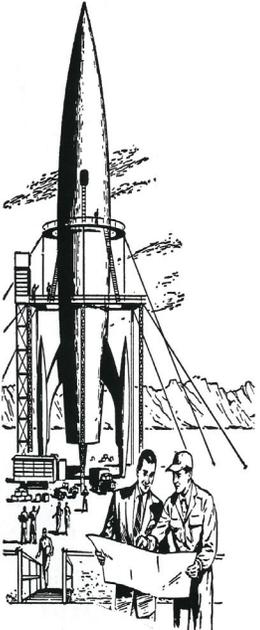
guarantee a safe trip to Wal-Mart."

The new hybrid tank model is now highlighted in automobile showrooms nationwide, and comes in welded aluminium with applique' steel armour, with specialty designs being planned for 2009's models.

"They're a little slow on the freeway," admitted one admiring consumer. "But they're perfect for driving the whole family around town, especially now that I can plug in my iPod."

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STORESTUFFONTHE MOON. COM OPEN FOR BUSINESS

New NASA Enterprise Tries to Connect to Real Consumer Needs

By Sherwood Liekabeer

The booming storage business has a new twist. The National Aeronautics and Space Agency hopes to begin a consumer-based planetary storage program, which it hopes will help give it a boost after a scandal-ridden year.

"People keep wondering how the space program relates to ordinary life," stated NASA spokesperson Allard Beutel. "With Storestuffonthemoon.com., we're addressing Americans' most serious current need, the need to find somewhere to put the stuff they just got for Christmas."

Experts agreed that NASA had finally found something besides diaper-wearing psychopaths to interest the public.

"We believe we've finally found a way to prove that the space program has practical application for the ordinary American citizen being forced to fund it," observed one NASA researcher. "It's very hard for the average consumer to find space to store ordinary belongings, let alone the fake reindeer they have to

put all over the front lawn to keep up with their neighborhoods' sense of appropriate holiday decor. Those reindeer have to live somewhere during the year - why not on the moon?"

Experts agreed that the moon is perfectly suited to provide American consumers with relief from the relentless space constraints of shopping.

"The craters provide natural basins," pointed out one expert. "With appropriate roofing, we could probably provide space enough for the next few Christmas seasons, at which point we could work toward storage on Mars."

Critics maintained that even if transport costs were kept in check, consumers would never be able to afford to retrieve their belongings in time for the next Christmas season.

"Which will help the economy," pointed out Beutel. "See how beautifully that dovetails with national eco-



THE MOON has plenty of room for storage, unlike your basement, garage, cupboards, shelves, and your mother's attic, and would really look good with lighted reindeer.

conomic goals?"

Beutel agreed that Storestuffonthemoon.com clients would need to plan ahead, but sees a bright future for the NASA-based service.

"We're going to lose the shuttle racket pretty soon," he acknowledged. "We believe the public will get some honest enjoyment out of looking up at the moon and knowing their ski equipment is somewhere up there safe and sound."

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We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



FORMER BAG LADY TURNS OVER NEW LEAF: "JAIL WAS JUST THE TICKET!"

By Keith Me Yoofool

A former bag lady is singing the praises of the Public Commons for Everyone Initiative, recently passed by the Berkeley City Council, which she credits for finally getting her to do her nails and unpack her furs.

"I wasn't really trying," she chuckled, adjusting her gloves and credit cards. "I needed that strip-search in custody to really straighten up and take life seriously."

"She really took to the program," agreed Downtown Berkeley Association Director Debra Bahdia. "We knew these street people just needed the right combination of carrot and stick."

Critics insisted that there are no carrots so far in the program, which the city hopes will someday create revenue for services, affordable housing, and may-



FORMER BAG LADY finds new life after being thrown in jail, just as predicted by the Berkeley City Council.

be little green unicorns, but nay-sayers were quickly dismissed by thousands of former bag ladies who stormed the after-Christmas sales like well-trained military divisions.

"We learned a thing or two in jail," nodded one Armani-clad former street person swinging a Gucci bag. "Before being thrown in jail I think I wasn't very good at getting up early, or sleeping with the lights on, or eating tepid mush."

"Losing my job was the best thing that happened to me," chimed in another fellow who was formerly homeless. "I wasn't really getting paid enough to get ahead, and now I have to admit I have much more time to shop."

"I'm a whiz at standing in long lines after cueing up for showers in Santa Rita," added another reformed panhandler tossing her Hermes scarf over her shoulder. "I needed a weekend 5150 charge to pull myself together, and now I feel like a whole new woman, and ready to spend money the way I'm supposed to, the way the Berkeley City Council intended."

The Public Commons for Everyone Initiative is the proud creation of Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates, who now has the courage to frequent public parks and streets.

"I was so scared of those Street Spirit vendors," she shuddered. "Now, finally, I am free."

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UC SPENDS \$100,000 FAILING TO CONVICT MAN WHO GAVE AWAY ORANGES

By Luz Bolts

An Oakland jury inexplicably failed to convict a man who shamelessly shared a potentially dangerous bag of oranges with a criminal bunch of treesitters, baffling legal experts and making the lawyers at the University of California throw their blue and gold bound penal code books on the ground and jump up and down, albeit gently.



WHAT WAS THIS GUY THINKING considering that oranges could be thrown at someone and really hurt.

"We're expressing anger, but cognizant of being on the Hayward fault; it may not be jurisprudence, but it is prudence at least," stated one UC lawyer who wished to remain anonymous.

"We don't understand what happened," offered another lawyer in response to a question regarding why an ordinary jury failed to convict a man who readily admitted attempting to share his oranges. "These oranges could be used as weapons. But this is a very liberal area, and the jury probably assumed this orange-sharer needed compassion. These people really need better education."

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