

# the new Gringo Times

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## What people are saying about the Gringo Times

"It's good to see someone finally who know's what's really going on down there." - President George Bush

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# Dominican Space Launch set for April 30th

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## Gringo Enquirer Breaking News

In an announcement yesterday, Lieutenant Jose Luis

Perez, head of the Dominican Space Program, outlined the date for the inaugural launch of the Dominican Republic's first mission into space. The announcement caught many by surprise including NASA and other international space agencies who as yet are unavailable for comment.

Lieutenant Perez was happy to elaborate further on the Dominican Government's original secrecy over the launch plans and the reasons for funding the space *continued on page 9*

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## Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Gringo Times! You've probably realised by now that the front page story was not entirely true - well, not even remotely true. At least we think the story was made up, but some rumours aren't totally without merit. The other articles are all true and factual. To help you figure out which ones are true and which are made up, we've colour-coded them. The articles we've written with dark blue headline are all true. It's just a shame most of the paper got printed in black and white.

First of all, a big thank-you to all the advertisers who supported the first issue of the Gringo Times. It was a risk, and we could have just taken the money and run back home (wherever home is). Please go and visit these businesses. They are all really nice people. Use the map on page 12 if you don't know where they are. Tell them you saw their advert and buy something - a beer, a meal, a house or whatever! And tell them to advertise again (*otherwise the cute puppy gets it!*)

Secondly, thanks to the Gringo Times writers and people who contributed an article for the first issue. Without you, there would be no paper - at least, not much of a paper.

So why did we start the Gringo Times? We thought the North Coast could do with its own 'local' paper with local news, letters and information. This area has a large and vibrant expat community, many of

whom are not fluent in Spanish (yes, me too!). The Gringo Times is designed to keep them informed and entertained. The North Coast also received 125,000 tourist visitors in Jan and Feb. That's a lot of people who are interested in finding out more about what happens here.

Where did we get the name from? Unless you've never been to a Spanish or Latin American country, you'll know that most of us are referred to as 'Gringos' by the locals. It's not meant derogatorily - at least not usually. Just remember the old Spaghetti Westerns when Eli Wallach playing the Mexican bandit beckoned Clint Eastwood with, "Hey Gringo!"

Saludos and goodbye until the next issue. Feel free to write in and make your voice heard. We're happy to print your letters, (as long as they only say nice things about us).

*Editor: Gringo Bailey*

## The Weekly Whinge



I'll be straight up and say, "I hate mosquitoes with a passion". If I could, I'd declare war on them and destroy every last living one of them. We don't have many mozzie screens on our windows and they keep getting in. Some nights the high-pitched buzzing around my head at 3am forces me to drag my befuddled body out of bed in the vain attempt to squash all living things dead (aside from my wife). If you make the mistake (as I have many times) of making a grab for a mozzie, then you tend to get one of three results.

1. You miss the bastard, which is most likely, and it saunters off in its happy-go-lucky flight pattern, ready to turn back on you as soon as your back is turned. 2. You grab it, squish your fingers together before opening your hand, whereupon the still unharmed mozzie flies away wondering why your fat fingers didn't finish it off, or 3. You do actually squash the insect, and its recently filled abdomen releases its contents all over your fingers, which by the way were probably yours, or a member of your family's. Very distasteful! If you squash them on your wall, cue a nice red mark on the paintwork that you have to wash off.

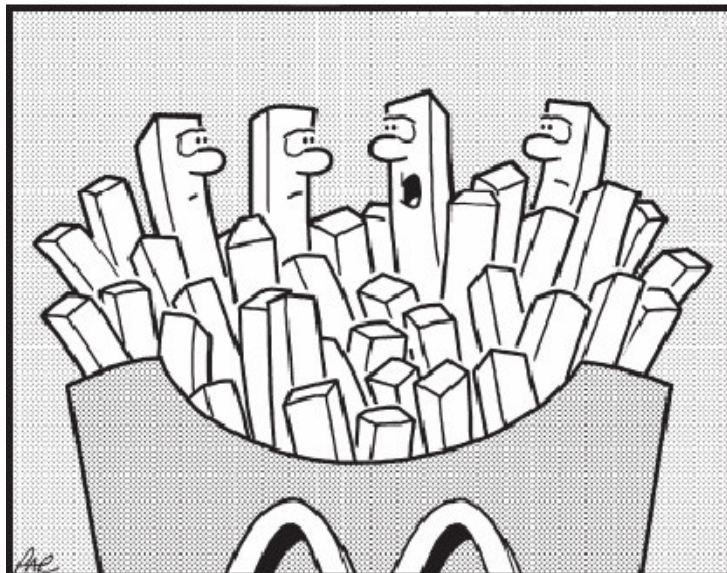
So, what are mosquitoes actually good for? What purpose do they serve, aside from being a total pain in the arse?

Depending where you are from originally, you might refer to them as something else, Skeeters, Mozzies, Mossies or just blood-sucking scum. Apparently, it's only the females that suck blood - insert joke here. The male mozzies don't.

Why do the females suck your blood? Well, they are attracted primarily by scent. They like the carbon dioxide when you exhale, and some substances in human sweat. So to make yourself unattractive to mozzies, don't sweat and stop breathing. Some people attract mozzies more than others. I'm actually glad about this, as that gives me a slight advantage! Allegedly, being male, being overweight, and having type 'O' blood increases your risk of being bitten. Unfortunately, I have two of the three characteristics - but I'm not saying which two.

Unless the female is disturbed, she will continue sucking your blood until she has a full abdomen. They prefer to

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# Traffic Lights & Electricity Cables Go Missing

It's not unusual, but last week, more electricity cables and traffic lights were stolen from Charles de Gaulle Avenue in the Cansino Adentro area of Santo Domingo.

"This has caused large traffic jams in peak hours, and also numerous traffic accidents, especially of motorcyclists," said Darwin Félix Matos, spokesperson for the Association of United Neighbors and Community Organizations.

Félix Matos indicated that at that specific intersection multiple accidents have occurred with the loss of numerous lives. He asked authorities to go to the aid of the population.

He declared that due to lack

of jobs, the majority of the youth in the area have dedicated themselves to 'motoconchismo', because no other opportunities for employment and education exist. "The youth also have no access to technical centers and vocational centers, there is only one primary school, which is in construction, and secondary schools are nonexistent," he said. He pointed out that the nearest secondary school is five kilometers away, located in Los Trinitarios.

The other problem in the area, he said, was the destroyed streets, the majority of which are not paved, and all except the main streets have potholes.

Recently the Eastern Electric

Although the arrival of tourists by air increased 3.45% in the first two months of the year, it's still a lower increase in relation to the same period in previous years.

In January and February of 2006, non-resident visitors by air went up 8.17%, while in the same period in the year 2005, the increase was 6.50%.

"The growth in the arrival

of passengers has decelerated during the first two months of the year 2007 when compared to the same period in the previous year, principally in foreign tourists coming from the United States and Puerto Rico," explained the Central Bank in a

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Distribution Company (EDEESTE) announced that the lighting of the motorway Las Américas was dismantled due to the robbery of the cables, leaving in service scarcely two percent of the route.

According EDEESTE, the same had occurred with the street lighting of the Juan Bosch bridge, where more than one thousand meters of cable was

stolen over the last few weeks. The distribution company indicated that the same thing occurred at the Duarte Bridge, after the secretary of Public Works restored it with new lights. 36 lamps were stolen which only left 7 still functioning.

Where is all this electrical cable going? If you know, please get in contact!

## 125,000 tourists arrive in Puerto Plata

*Growth Slower than Last Year*

new report. "This could be explained by the new regulations in North America, brought in the month of January, that obliges every US citizen to present a passport on return to United States territory." Also, there is an indication that another

factor influencing these results was the cancellation of various flights owing to the snowstorms occurring in various North American states during the month of February.

According to a report from the Central Bank, in the first two months of the present year 664,523 tourists arrived in the country via air, with an increase of 24,954 passengers, in comparison with the same period in 2006, when 641,335 arrived.

According to the Report of Tourist Flow produced by the Department of National Count and Economic Statistics of the Central Bank, a total of 819,006 passengers (residents and non-residents) arrived in the country in the first two months of this year, which represents an increase of 30,058 or 3.81% in relation to the total for 2006, when 788,948 travelers arrived.

*Arrivals by country of residence*

The report noticed that unlike previous years, Canada represents the biggest market, with the arrival in the country of 193,047 visitors, representing 29.05% of the total arrivals, displacing the previous leaders, the United States which now occupies second place with a share of 25.83%.

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## Indotel complains telephone companies not helping curb cellular phone theft

The Dominican Institute of Telecommunications (Indotel) reported recently that two telephone companies "had not collaborated 100%" with the regulations that assist authorities in curbing the theft of cell phones.

President of Indotel, José Rafael Vargas, speaking in Santiago, warned these companies that forceful means will be employed if they continue the practice of facilitating trafficking of stolen cellular phones.

"This is a war that we are going wage and it is a war we are going to win," he said.

The Army, the Police, the Secretary of the Interior, the DNI (National Department of Investigations), the Drug Agency and Indotel have been working hard to reduce the number of cellular phone robberies.

"We need more co-operation from the telephone companies," he expressed.

Vargas did not reveal the names of the two companies, though he announced that he is holding a meeting this week with the company executives, and does not want to hinder this meeting.

He was happy to confirm that so far, around 60 percent of stolen phones are refused reconnection by the phone companies and do not get reactivated, and it's the remaining 40% that we have to work hard on.

Vargas deplored the death of a Sabana Perdida youth, a little less than 20 years old, during a cell phone robbery.

He said that honest companies are suffering the consequences of these thefts and robberies of their employees, and calls for a major collaboration of these companies for the purpose of curbing this embarrassing situation.

He declared that in Santiago,



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Indotel has closed various stores that have purchased activated cell phones reported as stolen, and that they will do the same in the capital and other points in the country to reduce this harmful practice.

"The only way to stop this practice is if companies don't activate those phones, and don't permit the trafficking of cell phones that have been reported as stolen," he insists.

## Layoffs in the Tax-Free Zones

The President of the Dominican Association of Tax-free Zones (Adozona) warned recently that the layoffs in businesses in the free zones could continue due to the DR-CAFTA agreement, if the government and the private sector don't unite to adopt measures to become more competitive.

He was invited to comment on the program 'Uno más Uno', at Teleantillas, where he was interviewed by Juan Bolivar Diaz and Gustavo Olivo.

Businessman Fernando Capellán indicated that "when such a level of damage comes, it is impossible to predict what may happen in the future." He also mentioned that the peso-dollar deflation would aggravate the situation further. Layoffs would be necessary in the short-term, but he hoped over time that the situation would improve if the businesses and state work together.

Capellán also suggested that the Government and the private sector should carry out more studies in Washington to ensure that the DR-CAFTA adaptation takes place in a manner helpful to the Dominican Republic. He indicated that Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador have already accomplished this, and that they are in the presently providing stronger competition in

the area of textile production.

He stressed as a first step, the approval in law, of an initiative of the president Leonel Fernandez, which would unify businesses in the tax-free zones that produce textiles and footwear with others that supply them with consumables.

He thinks that this law will be the beginning of the definitive integration of the tax-free sector with national industry, even more so when in 2009 the term "tax-free zone" should disappear in agreement with the Worldwide Organization of Commerce.

He said that the integration is valid "because the industry in the tax-free zones needs other local industries that provide plastics, cardboard, logistics, and other products that complement each other."

The business leader said, moreover, that they should eliminate a series of bureaucratic obstructions that affect the industrial sector, such as the process for obtaining an entrance visa into the Dominican Republic from an Asian country. He proposed the creation of an automated system in which any person with a United States, European Union, or Japanese visa could enter the country with a normal tourist visa.

This system has already been adopted by the majority of Latin American countries.

"There are so many examples of other countries that have done many things, there is no need to reinvent the wheel, just copy what others have done that has met with success," he said.

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## Leonel admits drugs affect democracy

President Leonel Fernandez said recently that drug trafficking constitutes a danger for the stability of democracy, security, and the development of the country.

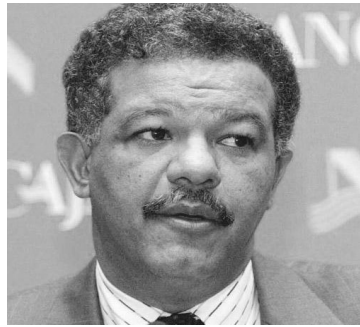
He indicated that the increase of crime and violence is related to the increase of drug trafficking on the American continent. He also suggested that the reduction of the budget on the part of the

"It is our interest that of the end of this meeting, we can identify areas or common factors of cooperation that allow reduction of the offering, combat the demand, and create a climate of security, of progress, and of prosperity for our country, in an ambience of friendship and brotherhood," said president Fernandez as host of the Regional Summit on Drugs, Safety and Cooperation.

The leaders of the left, Narciso Isa Conde and Fernando Peña, accompanied by several students of a so-called Caamanista Circle, picketed today in front of the chancellery, to report that the summit is an action "hypocritically appointed to protect the president of Columbia, Alvaro Uribe, accused in his country of human rights violations."

The group inexplicably arrived at the door of the chancellery, evading the hundreds of soldiers.

The presidents of Columbia (Alvaro Uribe Velez), Haiti (Rene Preval), as well as minis-



United States in the fight against drug trafficking and the decrease of the presence of aerial maritime vigilance in the Caribbean "is the reason for which we feel in recent times has been an increase in drug trafficking."

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ters and representatives of seven other nations and the secretary of the OEA, Jose Miguel Insulza, attended the event.

President Fernandez said that the drug trafficking is the "dark side" of globalization, that should be combated with the collaboration of the governments, civil society, the media and all the sectors that can help eliminate this problem.

"Recently there has been an increase in drug trafficking, permeating our society and being the primary component of increase in crime, violence and instabilities of our societies," he added.

He said that a paper written by a professor of the University of Miami, observed that the increase of drug trafficking in the Caribbean region in the last four years, is in direct relation to the decrease in presence on the fight against drugs on the part of the United States who have concentrated their forces in recent years on the fight against terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"As this report has suggested, there has been a decrease of 62% in aerial supervision by the United States in the Caribbean area and a decrease of a third in the presence of motor boats, speed boats, and crafts in the Caribbean zone in the fight against drug trafficking," he expressed.

Fernandez recognized that the Dominican Republic together with Haiti and other nations, had become a bridge facilitating the movement of drug trafficking to the consumers.

He quoted that the last year in this country the largest quantity

of cocaine in its history was seized, five metric tons and 236 kilograms of heroin.

This seizure was made possible thanks to combined work of the organizations responsible for the war against drugs, and that the police, the Armed Forces, and the secretary of the interior were behind the plan of civic safety, he said.

"The tendency that we are seeing in recent times, nevertheless, is that the Dominican Republic is not just a door of transportation," he added, "but also a consumer market, because some of the drugs remain in the Dominican Republic."

Fernandez said that drugs remaining the country has created a consumer market among the upper class and in poor areas.

"To create a habit of consumerism in areas of obviously low resources, when addiction leads to necessity, this then leads to the assault, homicide, robbery and increasing crime," he emphasized.

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# Tax Office Shuts Businesses Down

Commercial establishments in some cities of the country were closed and fined recently by order of the Internal Tax Office (DGII) in Santiago for not showing the 'Number of Proof of Fiscal Receipts' (NCF) and the 'National Registry of Taxpayers' number (RNC) on their invoices.

The businesses were closed for 24 to 48 hours and fined RD\$39,000 each (around US\$1180), according to the register displayed by the DGII on the doors of these establishments.

In accordance with the reports, DGII fined the businesses for committing the error, after a warning. The majority of the closed businesses committed "grave errors" when they issued invoices without requirements and for having used 'non-authorized' invoices.

The La Fuente supermarket and hardware store, one of the businesses closed recently by the Internal Tax Office, reopened a day later after reaching an agreement with the tax collection authorities.

Luciano Fernández, proprietor of the store, said that the officials acted in an incorrect manner because allegedly there had been no warning before they executed this action.

"Two weeks ago they came to our business and told us that the RNC is not adequate to meet the laws. I believed that all this was resolved and I had no problems in the layout of my invoices," affirmed the merchant.

Fernández explained that he has never had a problem nor evaded paying taxes, but had made an error in the internal bookkeeping.

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Residents coming in by air increased by 5,104 with a 6.84% rise by Dominicans residents and 16.61% by residents of foreign nationality.

During the first two months of 2007, North America represented 55.31%, Europe 37.78%, while South America, Central America, the rest of the world, and Asia, together made up 6.91% of all tourists.

## By Airport

The Punta Cana airport received the greatest number of foreign visitors, with a total of 345,420, equivalent to 51.98% of total air passengers.

Second was Gregorio Luperón airport at Puerto Plata with the arrival of 125,373 passengers, 18.87%. The Las Américas airport brought 14.57%, La Romana 8.61%, while the Cibao and the Isabela airports brought 3.30% and 1.24%, respectively.

It is stressed that the new International Airport El Catey, in Samaná, open for barely four months, has brought 16,133 tourists during January and February, a percentage share of 2.43%, the majority arriving from Canada.

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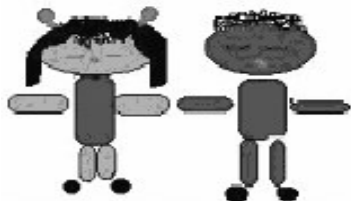
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Submitted by Colleen Misner

What is Sosua Kids? If you live in the Sosua area, you probably already know. You've likely helped with donations and school supplies, and joined in the fun of a Pub Crawl or Fundraising Event.

But if you don't know what this wonderful organization is and what it is they do, here is brief history.

Sosua Kids, a non profit organization, was founded in 2000, with a small group of local people wanting to make a difference in Dominican chil-

dren's lives. You see, public school here is free, but many families cannot afford to outfit their children with the uniforms, school supplies and shoes that are necessary and mandatory to have in order to attend. So we help them.

During its first year, Sosua Kids managed to place a handful of children in school. This number has grown, and through word of mouth, and many generous hearts and hands from all over the world, there are now over 230 kids in school between the towns of Gaspar Hernández and Imbert. Some have reached University status, and several "Sosua Kids" have gone on to win government scholarships, leaving room for more kids to follow in their footsteps.

Our dedication and hard work does not simply end when the kids are in school in the fall, it has just begun! It takes year long fundraising and awareness efforts to keep the number of children we have in school. We also help with non profit day-care, and assist pre-schoolers, orphans and families in dire straits. Boxes of teaching aids are put together from donated art supplies, chalk, staplers, etc. and distributed. Non scholastic donations such as toys and

sports equipment are wrapped up and distributed out at Christmas.

Our latest fundraiser, held on March 3rd in Beach Way Plaza at Checkpoint Pub, had a turn out of over 120 people. This event helped Sosua Kids raise over 89,000 Pesos, a total combined from Raffle Ticket sales, a 50/50 Cash draw, private donations and bar proceeds. We would like to thank all of our Prize Donors, including Ocean World, Mel' Tour, Orange Cellular, Patrick's Silversmithy, Outback Safari, The Waterfront Restaurant and Tip Top Tours- just to name a few, for giving us such great prizes! Your assistance will hopefully help us add a comfortable few kids next fall next year.

We would like to thank everyone who has participated, donated time and raffle prizes, school supplies and monetary donations. Without you we would not be able to fulfill the need of so many children who are anxious to get an education!

More information on Sosua Kids can be obtained from our website which also displays pictures of our efforts and the children that they help. The web address is: <http://sosuakids.spaces.live.com> or email [sosuakids@gmail.com](mailto:sosuakids@gmail.com).

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# Whale Watching in Samaná

Between January and April, hundreds of hunchback whales visit the coasts of La Bahía de Samaná and el Blanco de la Plata. The ritual of mating attracts thousands of tourists to this northeast region of the Dominican Republic. Whale watching has become an 'industry'.

"This area for reproduction of the endangered whales makes the country a privileged place, that has in its hands the chance to set a world example, with the mission of forming observers in place of 'whale poachers,'" explained marine biologist Kim Beddall, during a journey of observation on the boat Victoria II.

Hardly ten thousand hunchback whales live in the north Atlantic, therefore the importance of la Bahía de Samaná as their place for reproduction.

Even though there are poachers in other places, in Dominican waters there has always been safety. Several organizations work in conjunction with the Secretary of Protected Areas is assuring that the whales continue returning to their place of origin.

Daneris Santana, vice secretary of the Environment, explains that the quantity of visitors in the whale observation season each year is going to grow.

"According to the data con-

tributed by projectionists, hotels and merchants to the vice secretary of Protected Areas, in 2006 the number of visitors increased by more than 30 thousand and this year they project that the number will increase 15%."

"The observation of these marine whales has become the



principal attraction in bringing tourist activity to Samaná. This is thanks to the support of the Secretary of Tourism and the media that promotes on an international scale the visits for observing the hunchback whales in this national sanctuary of 200 square kilometers, called the biggest in the world," emphasized Daneris.

He said that the whales are Dominican citizens, because they are born here and they return home to mate and reproduce their species. This makes it a great obligation for us watch over and conserve these wild animals.

"There is no place in the world with this privilege," explained Beddall.

The observation trips to Samaná allow visitors to see the enormous whales in complete security and total respect, offering visitors during mating a natu-

ral spectacle of jumps, flapping, and thrashing of tails that transforms into an unforgettable experience.

Up to now no aggression has been reported against the hunchback whales that congregate en Samaná. Proceeding up the east coast of the United States, Canada, Greenland, and Iceland, they complete a trip of around 650 thousand kilometers during which they do not feed, not even during their stay in Dominican waters.

"Their tails are as distinctive as the fingerprints of humans," explained researcher Beddall.

"Two whales with identical patches on their tales don't exist, which permits scientists through photographs to identify thousands of these mammals, follow their migrations, document their activities, and note the appearance of new whales continuously.

## Whale Facts

The Secretary of State of the Environment is in charge of protecting their habitat in this country.

They are warm blooded mammals.

They have long white pectoral flippers.

They measure between 12 and 15 meters

They weigh around 30 or 40 tons.

They produce daily 200 liters of milk for the whale calves who gain 45 kilos daily.

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The Peninsula of Samaná has revived their tourism industry thanks to a great investment, private as well as public, which hopes to convert this region into a new tourist reference of the Caribbean.

This investment now has begun to take form with the opening of the new International Airport of Samaná (AISA), also known as El Catey, last November, and the construction of the motorway that will link Santo Domingo with Samana in three hours.

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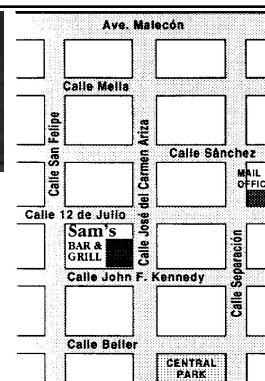
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# New "Get Tough" on Drink Driving

As the AMET police get tough on drink drivers, a new police policy has created a furore. Officers in the Dominican Republic are now carrying breathalysers as they do already in many other countries. AMET spokesman Jose Jaquez said that the test is not obligatory, but anyone who refuses it will automatically be classified as positive. According to some reports, anyone who resists testing will get a summons and the vehicle will be confiscated. Other reports have suggested that the AMET are authorised to use pepper spray on any who refuse to take the test. This has understandably caused a fuss amongst certain organisations, most noticeably the union of bus drivers, the CNTU. The head of the CNTU, Ramon Perez

Figueroa, met with his membership yesterday and instructed them to resist both the testing and the pepper spray since he considered both to be illegal. He said that pepper spray should be turned on the AMET officers who use it. Whilst some studies suggest that pepper spray can cause long-lasting problems, the Dominican Ophthalmological Society has assured the public that the pepper spray in use by AMET will not produce permanent damage, and the effects should wear off within 48 hours. There is also some confusion as to how much alcohol will put you over the limit. William Brown, a former executive for one of the larger rum companies, says that just one small beer can produce a positive reading.

I think I mentioned to Bob [Geldof] I could make love for eight hours. What I didn't say was that this included four hours of begging and then dinner and a movie. (Sting)

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feast rather than snack. If you were to cut the sensory nerve to her abdomen, she would keep sucking until she burst. Tempting as that sounds, I think I'll pass!

What do you do to stop them biting you? Screens on the windows are pretty much a necessity. Unfortunately, we've only got a couple, so some rooms get them. There are loads of spray and cream based repellents which are effective particularly if they contain a high concentration of NN-diethyl-meta-toluamide (or DEET as you may know it), but its said that regular application of DEET is bad for you. It damages plastic, so not sure what it does when your blood stream absorbs it.

Ultrasonic repellents and ultraviolet traps are a mixed bag. I've tried the ultrasonic ones and they seem to have no effect whatsoever. Plus, if I can't hear the ultrasonic noise the repeller is supposedly emitting - how do I know it is actually doing anything? I'm just taking someone's word for it. It might just be a lump of plastic with a battery in it. The ultraviolet traps seem to work better, and they do catch a number, but not all. Some mozzies just fly right past, and then fly past again for the thrill of it.

Just having a fan on in the room can help, as mozzies don't like moving air. But then with electricity the price it is and for many, frequently going off, this isn't a failsafe option. Keep your body covered with clothing, or sheets at night. But if you are like me, I came to the Caribbean to wear shorts and T-shirts. Long shirts just make me look like a sweaty pig.

All mosquitoes lay their eggs in water, although I'm guessing not the sea. They prefer

still or standing water, the sort collecting around drains and gutters, or even swimming pools. So, check for standing water around your house and empty. And dive in the swimming pool every so often to shake it up a bit. They also seem to like hiding amongst house plants, but I can't quite get myself to give the plants up.

So back to the original question, "What is the point of the mosquito?" I'm sure you remember the biology lessons you had at school that indicate that all organisms have a reason to be, and if all the mosquitoes were obliterated, that would affect other organisms? Admittedly, dragonflies, swallows (haven't seen many of them around), and some fish are dependant on mozzies as their main diet. So, the extermination of mozzies would have detrimental effect on them. Do we care?

Apparently, there is yet another reason for mozzies to be. They do actually have a useful job. Their purpose in the whole eco-system, apart from sucking our blood and being eaten by dragonflies, is to clean and filter water. They lay their eggs in water. They filter out all the organic matter and feed on it. So now you know. We can all relax safely in our beds. What would we do without them, eh?

Gringo Winifred

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## World News Snippet

Pensioners pretty much expect to get the odd cheap haircut or a two for one in the soup kitchen but now a brothel in Germany is offering over 65s a discount too.

The Pascha in Cologne is half priced during the afternoon, providing the pensioners take ID.

'There's been plenty of demand and people have certainly been taking advantage of the offer,' a brothel spokesman said.

'Older folks are more active than you think.'

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shuttle dubbed 'El Pollo Picante'. The names of the astronauts for this mission have not yet been confirmed, as it is hoped that more viable candidates will be found over the next couple of weeks. No experience is required, although preference will be given to candidates who can stand upside down for long periods of time.

Our intrepid reporter was told that the Dominican Government has had a long and successful history in space exploration, and they were in fact advisors to the original moon landing team in 1969. Allegedly, Dominican engineers were chosen to provide support for the lunar rangers that piloted famous astronauts such as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Lightyear, and it was actually a Dominican chicken who was the first living thing to walk on the moon. Although the official word from NASA is that no-one has walked on the moon since 1972, we were reliably informed that both Japan and Spain have set up permanent moon bases recently and are eagerly looking to colonise and tame what was originally thought to be a desolate wilderness. Apparently, the moon is extremely rich in rare minerals and the Dominican government realises the potential in operating an intergalactic space station,

providing new jobs and opening up much needed real-estate for colmados, car-washes and alien experimentation labs. The PERD (Programa Espacio de la Republica Dominicana) is not a well publicised agency and until now has been relatively unknown. But that is now changing as PERD hopes to recruit many new Dominican astronauts for what they expect will be the next space race.

We were able to interview one of the astronauts, Paco Gonzales and asked him how he would cope with the long periods of forced inactivity while in the space capsule. His answer was confused but sounded like "¡No Problema! Haré cualquier cosa para mi país." Unfortunately our reporter doesn't speak Spanglish, so he had to terminate the interview.

There was some concern as to when the astronauts would be expected back on Earth, but Lieutenant Perez was keen to allay concerns with mucho reassurance regarding their safety. The main point he was keen to make was 'manana', which we believe means 'very soon'.

We took the opportunity to mention to Lieutenant Perez that April 30th was Labour Day, a national holiday, and ask if that was likely to cause a problem with the launch?

"No problema," he expressed. "We'll bring the

launch forward a day, and then by the time the astronauts realise they're working on a holiday, there won't be much they can do about it!"

We were also keen to find out how the Government was able to fund such an expensive program. Lieutenant Perez acknowledged that whilst the country is not rich and cannot afford to waste money, space travel was not that expensive anymore. PERD were able to source some left over rocket parts from previous space missions, re-program the intergalactic mileage circuitry, and replace worn out parts with Corolla spares. Apparently, Brugal 151 not only provides the main ingredient for the rocket fuel, but the recycled bottles were useful in providing the hard, heat resistant surface for the nose cone.

Lieutenant Perez has expressed interest in recruiting yet more astronauts, so for any readers out there who fancy the opportunity feel free to contact Gringo Times through our website, and we'll forward your details to him.

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It later emerged that the man who had previously been a tenant in the apartment had been living with his pony. The living space had also been home to the man's partner, his four-year-old daughter and adult son.

He owned three dogs and three cats, which lived there too, according to Swedish newspaper Expressen."

*and it was on the 47th floor...  
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9. Burning heaps
14. Forest ox
15. Commanded old style
16. Reluctant
17. Call a halt to
18. Bishoprics
19. Pound portion
20. Halvah base
22. Boil slowly
24. Adulterate
26. Talks and talks
31. Fine knit
33. Knave
34. Swiss city on the Rhine
37. Broad
39. Elect to
40. Islamic bigwigs
41. 1773 jetsam
42. Athwart
45. Join a bee
47. Linking verb
48. Critical asset
50. Catch
52. Extreme scarcity
55. Cult
57. Public lecture hall

59. Board room artwork
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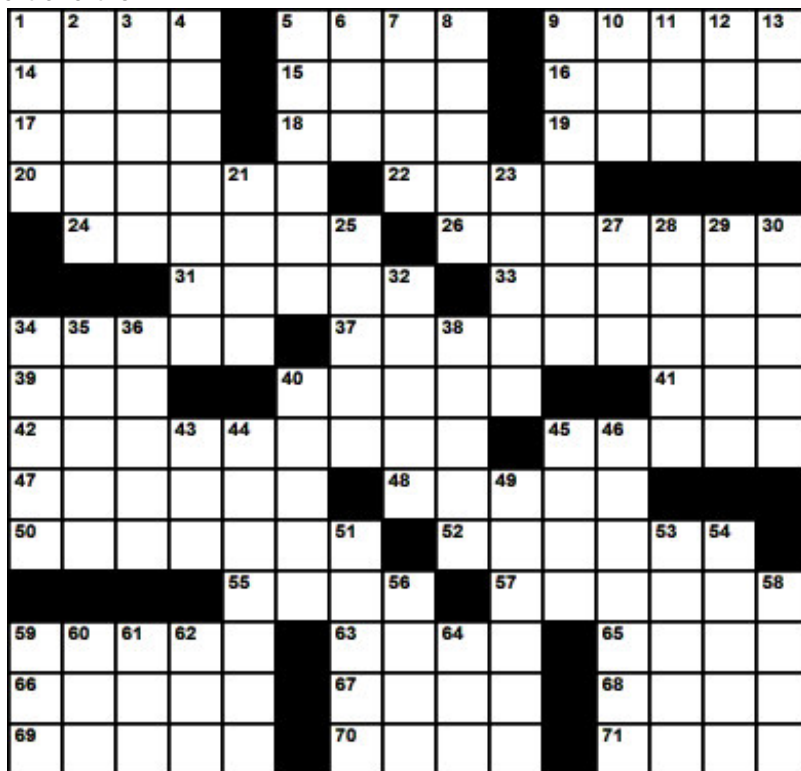
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1. Cold War news agency
2. Chipped in
3. At large
4. Able
5. Fixate on
6. Alluring West
7. Caesar's bad time
8. Easily irritated
9. Oxen team driver
10. Addressee
11. Contended
12. Catchall abbr.
13. 1967 Monkees song
21. Drop in a letter
23. Chalet overhangs
25. Lacquer resin
27. Bridal title

28. Choice group
29. Live it up
30. Big bargain
32. Be real
34. Lawn game
35. Bib's cousin
36. Halts
38. Part of a tire

40. Cognizant
43. Baltimore paper
44. Cutter
45. Be a homebody
46. Cloth sheeting
49. Rarely
51. Dazzling effect

53. Caruso, for one
54. Persues prey
56. Chaucer product
58. Greatest
59. Chatter idly
60. Carrier of genetic info
61. Billboards
62. Before beginning
64. NAFTA member



## Quotes

Have you ever noticed... anybody going slower than you is an idiot. And anyone going faster is a maniac.

*George Carlin*

You have to stay in shape. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 today and we don't know where the hell she is.

*Ellen DeGeneris*

I think men who have pierced ears are better prepared for marriage. They have experienced pain and bought jewelry.

*Rita Rudner*

I'm not into working out. My philosophy: No pain. No pain.

*Carol Leifer*

I have a great diet. You are

allowed to eat anything you want. But you must eat it with naked fat people.

*Ed Bluestone*

I went into MacDonalds yesterday and said "I'd like some fries". The girl at the counter said "Would you like some fries with that".

*Jay Leno*

I am desperately trying to figure out why Kamikaze pilots wore helmets.

*Dave Edison*

If it weren't for electricity we would all be watching television by candlelight.

*George Gobel*

Don't spend 2 dollars to have a shirt dry cleaned. Donate it to the Salvation Army. They'll clean it and put it on a hangar. Next morning you can buy it

back for 75 cents.

*William Coronel*

*Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.*

*Oscar Wilde*

*I am not a vegetarian because I love animals. I am a vegetarian because I hate plants.*

*A. Whitney Brown*

*Now suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress... But I repeat myself.*

*Mark Twain*

*I realised I was dyslexic when I went to a toga party dressed as a goat.*

*Marcus Brigstocke at the Assembly Rooms*

*Cats have nine lives. Which makes them ideal for experimentation.*

*Jimmy Carr*

The right to bear arms is slightly less ludicrous than the right to arm bears.

*Chris Addison at the Pleasance*

My dad is Irish and my mum is Iranian, which meant that we spent most of our family holidays in Customs.

*Patrick Monahan at the Gilded Balloon*

The dodo died. Then Dodi died, Di died and Dando died. Dido must be sh\*tting herself.

*Colin & Fergus at the Pleasance*

My parents are from Glasgow which means they're incredibly hard, but I was never smacked as a child... well maybe one or two grams to get me to sleep at night.

*Susan Murray at the Underbelly*

## Sudoku

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

Easy

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Babies don't need a vacation, but I still see them at the beach... it irritates me! I'll go over to a little baby and say, "What are you doing here? You haven't worked a day in your life!"

Called a blind date to set up a meeting at a restaurant. I said, "I'll be the one driving the Mercedes and wearing a Rolex."

Answers to crossword on page 13

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Never found her, but when I got home my place was robbed.

Called a blind date to set up a meeting at a restaurant. I said, "I'll be the one in the leather jacket." She said, "I'll be the one drinking sake." Turned out it was one of those biker-sushi places. We never met.

Cross country skiing is great if you live in a small country.

Curiosity killed the cat, but for a while I was a suspect.

Do you think that when they asked George Washington for ID that he just whipped out a quarter?

Doing a little work around the house. I put fake brick wallpaper over a real brick wall, just so I'd be the only one who knew. People come over and I'm gonna say, "Go ahead, touch it... It feels real."

Is it fair to say that there'd be less litter in Britain if blind people were given pointed sticks?

Adam Bloom at the Pleasance

My mum and dad are Scottish but they moved down to Wolverhampton when I was two, 'cause they wanted me to sound like a tw\*t.

Susan Murray at the Underbelly

You have to remember all the trivia that your girlfriend tells you, because eventually you get tested. She'll go: "What's my favourite flower?" And you murmur to yourself: "Sh\*t, I wasn't listening... Self-raising?"

Addy Van-Der-Borgh at the Assembly Rooms

I saw that show, 50 Things To Do Before You Die. I would have thought the obvious one was "Shout For Help".

Mark Watson, Rhod Gilbert at the Tron

Got a phone call today to do a gig at a fire station. Went along. Turned out it was a bloody hoax.

Adrian Poynton at the Pleasance

Employee of the month is a good example of how somebody can be both a winner and a loser at the same time.

Demetri Martin at the Assembly Rooms

A dog goes into a hardware store and says: "I'd like a job please". The hardware store owner says: "We don't hire dogs, why don't you go join the circus?" The dog replies: "What would the circus want with a plumber".

Steven Alan Green at C34

It's easy to distract fat people. It's a piece of cake.

Chris Addison at the Pleasance

# Quotes

By Steven Wright

"So, do you live around here often?"

Referring to a glass of water: I mixed this myself. Two parts H, one part O. I don't trust anybody!

A cop stopped me for speeding. He said, "Why were you going so fast?" I said, "See this thing my foot is on? It's called an accelerator. When you push down on it, it sends more gas to the engine. The whole car just takes right off. And see this thing? This steers it."

A friend of mine is into Voodoo Acupuncture. You don't have to go. You'll just be walking down the street, and... Oooooohhhhhh, that's much better...

A friend of mine once sent me a post card with a picture of

the entire planet Earth taken from space. On the back it said, "Wish you were here."

A man committed suicide by overdosing on decongestant tablets. All they found was a pile of dust.

A metaphor is like a simile.

A while ago, I went skiing in England. It was a rare package: two weeks in England, one night in Connecticut, two weeks in England. I said, "Yes, I'll take it." I got on this chairlift with this guy I didn't know. We went halfway up the mountain without saying a word. Then he turned to me and said, "You know, this is the first time I've gone skiing in ten years." I said, "Why did you take such a long time off?" He said, "I was in prison. Want to know why?" I said, "Not really. Well, you better tell me why." He said, "I pushed a total stranger off a Ferris

wheel." I said, "I remember you."

After they make styrofoam, what do they ship it in?

All of the people in my building are insane.

The guy above me designs synthetic hairballs for ceramic cats. The lady across the hall tried to rob a department store... With a pricing gun... She said, "Give me all of the money in the vault, or I'm marking down everything in the store."



All the plants in my house are dead -- I shot them last night. I was torturing them by watering them with ice cubes.

Are there any questions?

At the all-you-can-eat barbecue, you have to pay the regular dinner price if you eat less than you can.

## How to Cook a Turkey...

- Go buy a turkey
- Take a drink of whiskey (scotch) OR Brugal
- Put turkey in the oven
- Take another 2 drinks of whiskey
- Set the degree at 375 ovens
- Take 3 more whiskeys of drink
- Turn oven the on
- Take 4 whisks of drinky
- Turk the bastey
- Whiskey another bottle of get
- Stick a turkey in the thermometer
- Glass yourself a pour of whiskey
- Bake the whiskey for 4 hours
- Take the oven out of the turkey
- Take the oven out of the turkey
- Floor the turkey up off of the pick
- Turk the carvey
- Get yourself another scottle of botch
- Tet the sable and pour yourself a glass of turkey
- Bless the saying, pass and eat out

## Doctor's Quotes

(Real statements on patients' records)

The patient denies pregnancy. (And I certainly think **he** should.)

She does a lot of work around the house. It is kind of localized in the left buttock area.

He was not to lift or drive his car.

For the last 48 hours, the patient was carrying a refrigerator up the stairs. (L-O-O-ONG stairs.)

An ultrasound was ordered on admission of the left foot. (and the patient came back to visit his foot almost every day.)

Father is currently deceased. (So he may come back???)

She is a small-appearing elderly female. (She only appears small?)

The patient has no temperature today. (Really?? The planet Pluto has a temperature!)

The patient has a questionable cousin with colitis. (Yeah, I have a questionable cousin, too.)

She slid on some oil and her feet flew out from under her, landing on her left arm and back. (Try to picture that!)

She was a restrained driver in the back seat.

The bulldog clamp was removed from the mammary artery and allowed to run for about a minute. (Very active clamp!)

The patient is confused, but the family states that she has been intermittently confused for some time and particularly about...she has been intermittently, intermittently been increasingly confused over the last 3 months. (WHO is confused??)

Excess debris was removed. (And the necessary debris remained?)

He feels just as tired when he goes to bed as when he gets up in the morning.

She complains of no hearing loss. (Well, I don't mind not having a hearing loss.)

# Fun With English

**Here are some signs and notices written in English that were discovered throughout the world.**

***In a Tokyo Hotel:***

Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not a person to do such a thing is please not to read notis.

***In a Bucharest hotel lobby:***

The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

***In a Leipzig elevator:***

Do not enter lift backwards, and only when lit up.

***In a Belgrade hotel elevator:***

To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by national order.

***In a Paris hotel elevator:***

Please leave your values at the front desk.

***In a hotel in Athens:***

Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 A.M. daily.

***In a Yugoslavian hotel:***

The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

***In a Japanese hotel:***

You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

***In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from Russian Orthodox monastery:***

You are welcome to visit the cemetary where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists, and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

***In an Austrian hotel catering to skiers:***

Not to perambulate the corridors during the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.

***On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:***

Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

***On the menu of a Polish hotel:***

Salad a firm's own make; limpud red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose;

beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion.

***Outside a Hong Kong tailor shop:***

Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

***In a Bangkok dry cleaners:***

Drop your trousers here for best results.

***Outside a Paris dress shop:***

Dresses for street walking.

***In a Rhodes tailor shop:***

Order your summers suit. Because is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

***From the Soviet Weekly:***

There will be a Moscow Exhibition of Arts by 150,000 Soviet Republic painters and sculptors. These were executed over the past two years.

***A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest:***

It is strictly forbidden on our black forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

***In a Zurich hotel:***

Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose.

***In an advertisement by a Hong Kong dentist:***

Teeth extracted by the latest Methodists.

***In a Rome laundry:***

Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

***In a Czechoslovakian tourist agency:***

Take one of our horse-driven city tours - we guarantee no mis-

carriages.

***In a Swiss mountain inn:***

Special today -- no ice cream.

***In a Copenhagen airline ticket office:***

We take your bags and send them in all directions.

***On the door of a Moscow hotel room:***

If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.

***In a Norwegian cocktail lounge:***

Ladies are requested not to

have children in the bar.

***In a Budapest zoo:***

Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.

***In the office of a Roman doctor:***

Specialist in women and other diseases.

***In an Acapulco hotel:***

The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

## Word Search (DR style)

All the following words relate to this area. Find the words in the grid. Words can go diagonally forwards and backwards!

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Caribbean	Manana	Dancing
Kiteboarding	Ron	Palm Tree
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# Assified Clads!!

These are real classified ads found in newspapers around the world.  
To save embarrassment, we're left out the telephone numbers...

Lost:  
small apricot poodle. Reward.  
Neutered. Like one of the family.

A superb and inexpensive restaurant. Fine food expertly served by waitresses in appetizing forms.

Dinner Special -- Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00.

For sale: an antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.

For sale: a quilted high chair that can be made into a table, pottie chair, rocking horse, refrigerator, spring coat, size 8 and fur collar.

Four-poster bed, 101 years old. Perfect for antique lover.

Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home, too.

Wanted: 50 girls for stripping machine operators in factory.

We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.

No matter what your topcoat is made of, this miracle spray will make it really repellent.

For Sale. Three canaries of undermined sex.

Don't have sex man. It leads to kissing and pretty soon you have to start talking to them. -- Steve Martin

For Sale -- Eight puppies from a German Shepperd and an Alaskan Hussy.

7 ounces of choice sirloin steak, boiled to your likeness and smothered with golden fried onion rings.

Great Dames for sale.

Have several very old dresses from grandmother in beautiful condition.

Tired of cleaning yourself? Let me do it.

20 dozen bottles of excellent Old Tawny Port, sold to pay for charges, the owner having lost sight of, and bottled by us last year.

Dog for sale: eats anything and is fond of children.

Vacation Special: have your home exterminated.

If you think you've seen everything in Paris, visit the Pere Lachasis Cemetery. It boasts such immortals as Moliere, Jean de la Fontain, and Chopin.

Mt. Kilimanjaro, the breathtaking backdrop for the Serena Lodge. Swim in the lovely pool while you drink it all in.

The hotel has bowling alleys, tennis courts, comfortable beds, and other athletic facilities.

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Offer expires December 31 or while supplies last.

This is the model home for your future. It was panned by Better Homes and Gardens.

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Man, honest. Will take anything.

Wanted: chambermaid in rectory. Love in, \$200 a month. References required.

Wanted: Part-time married girls for soda fountain in sandwich shop.

Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

Used Cars: Why go elsewhere to be cheated? Come here first!

Christmans tag-sale. Handmade gifts for the hard-to-find person.

Wanted: Hair-cutter. Excellent growth potential.

Wanted. Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.

3-year-old teacher need for pre-

school. Experience preferred.

Our experienced Mom will care for your child. Fenced yard, meals, and smacks included.

Our bikinis are exciting. They are simply the tops.

Auto Repair Service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

See ladies blouses. 50% off!

Holcross pullets. Starting to lay Betty Clayton, Granite 5-6204.

Wanted: Preparer of food. Must be dependable, like the food business, and be willing to get hands dirty.

Illiterate? Write today for free help.

Girl wanted to assist magician in cutting-off-head illusion. Blue Cross and salary.

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It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious.

## Church Notices

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday at 4:00 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk, please come early.

Wednesday, the ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing, "Put me in My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.

Thursday at 5:00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Smith to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

On Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet, please come forward and get a piece of paper at the end of the service.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.

We need volunteers for summer camp. There will be sinning and dancing.

Don't let worry kill you. Let the

Church help.

Thursday night - potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the

side entrance.

The 1991 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Mrs. Johnson will be entering the hospital this week for testes.

The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys singing to join the choir.

Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan in preparing for the girth of their first child.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

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Not the best idea for an interactive museum display - but a gold bar worth around \$1.5 million has been stolen from a museum where visitors are encouraged to touch it. Three men wearing mask fled with the 100kg block from the building in Takayama. Police said "there were no alarms or sensors."

I enjoy using the comedy technique of self-deprecation - but I'm not very good at it.

*Arnold Brown at The Stand*

If you're being chased by a police dog, try not to go through a tunnel, then on to a little seesaw, then jump through a hoop of fire. They're trained for that.

*Milton Jones at the Underbelly*

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If you want to express your opinion, feel free to write to us or email us at [editor@gringo-times.com](mailto:editor@gringo-times.com). If you do not wish your letter to be published, please indicate this. We reserve the right to refuse to publish letters that we deem defamatory, abusive or in any way not keeping with the tone of this paper.

## Gringo Health

### Fighting Foods

#### Dried prunes for osteoporosis

They contain bone building minerals, calcium and magnesium, plus boron, another strengthening mineral that most of us are lacking.

#### Papaya for bad eyesight

Papaya contains Lutein, a compound found in plants that protects the eyes and cuts the risk of age-related blindness.

#### Tomatoes for cancer

Full of lycopene, tomatoes are a potent anti-cancer compound.

#### Heal With Massage & Touch

##### Thai massage for depression

The receiver lays on the floor while the practitioner uses their palms, thumbs, elbows, feet and knees to compress energy lines, which should bring the body back into harmony.

##### Reiki for Insomnia

Originating in Japan, reiki (meaning 'universal energy') is a healing practice once used for sadness. 'Reiki is deeply relaxing and has a calming effect,' says practitioner, whose hands are placed on or over the patient. The patient may feel a warm or tingling sensation.

### Heal through exercise

#### *Walking for Headaches*

Sufferers say exercise makes symptoms worse but research has shown it can reduce headaches by encouraging sleep and increasing the body's production of endorphins. The American Headache Society recommends eight minutes of walking a day.

#### *T'ai chi for stress*

Teacher John Linney says: 'According to Chinese medicine, certain postures and movements stimulate or relax our energy channels. T'ai chi aims to maximise the energetic harmony of the individual.'

#### *Jogging for sexual dysfunction*

Erectile dysfunction is associated with a poor vascular system. Research suggests sedentary men may be able to reduce their risk of developing erectile dysfunction by adopting regular physical activity. (Note: It's probably easier to pop down to the local Farmacia!!)

#### *Yoga for acne*

Stress affects acne says the Stanford University School of Medicine in California. Yoga lowers stress levels through meditation, reduces toxins in the body and improves circulation.

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