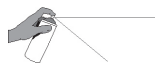


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"...I show more mirth than I am mistress of..."*

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CIA Invests in Ouija Boards

Admits agents "need a clue."

by Preston Ready

Foreign policy experts in the Obama administration failed to see the revolts in the Middle East coming, leaving observers wondering if the \$80 billion dollars the United States spends on intelligence does any good at all.

"No," answered one administration insider succinctly, hurriedly pointing out that the U.S.'s intelligence program is at the very least a jobs program with the upside of becoming more essential the more factually off-base it is.

Experts rushed to explain the intelligence gap on Middle East and African revolts, which at first seemed clearly to be connected to the Packers' Superbowl win, but after extensive analysis was determined to have some additional factors.

"None of us can text," stated one intelligence agent who requested anonymity. "And none of us can speak Arabic, Farsi, etc. Nobody who speaks those languages hangs at our country clubs, so you can see the problem."

Absence of social networking skills is only part of the difficulty. Most of the intel-



MOST INTELLIGENCE AGENTS need intensive training on the new intelligence gathering techniques, and are asking for assistance from high school girls who train intensively at sleepover birthday parties.



STATE DEPARTMENT EXPERTS have admitted they have no idea what's going on in the Middle East or anywhere else for that matter and are really trying to think out of the box about foreign policy.

ligence community got used to the idea that some people lived in luxury while others walked miles for clean water.

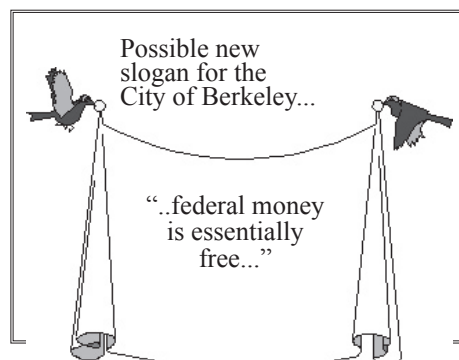
"Simmering discontent was kind of considered the norm," affirmed the agent. "The United States has a pretty severe gap itself between the super-rich and the poor, so it wasn't really considered all that relevant."

"Look at all these suckers getting on the bus in the morning," nodded another agent. "We thought the income disparity was no particular threat to stability, which is of course our ultimate goal."

Most intelligence agents agree that the third problem was simply that the U.S. intelligence community relies on the State Department for guidance.

"How stupid is that," chuckled the agents while dubiously attempting to text simple messages to each other. "With all due respect to Hillary, we're more likely to get honest information from Wikileaks."

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Cell Phones Light Up Your Brain, Study Says

by Erin Judgement

Cell phones light up your brain like a pinball machine, according to a recent National Institutes of Health study. Researchers don't know whether this cell phone effect is beneficial or detrimental to human health, but agree that it really looks pretty in the brain scans.

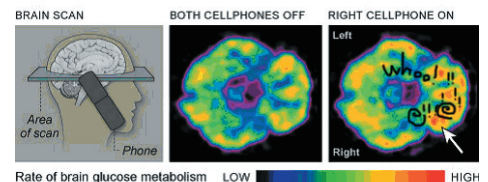
The study shows that less than an hour of cellphone use can speed up brain activity in the area closest to the phone antenna, making the human brain kind of like a glass of water with a fizzy in it so it bubbles and shoots around like crazy.

"That is so cool," said one cell phone user upon hearing the news. Dr. Nora D. Volkow urged caution in interpreting the findings, but was roundly dismissed as being "no fun" by industry insiders and cell phone alarmists alike.

"It's such an opportunity," enthused one reporter. "The increased glucose consumption could be interpreted as an easy weight loss tool or a serious cancer threat. Think of the headlines."

Electromagnetic radiation is the subject of dozens of small studies which have found some correlation between long-term cell phone use and brain tumors, but most research has found no connection to cancers or any other diseases, so if you don't mind a brain tumor you're good to go.

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BRAIN TUMORS ARE really nothing to worry about and tend to net a lot of flowers and sympathy cards from friends.

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I've always wanted to go to the Middle East. Is this a good time?

Dear reader, it's the perfect moment. Get in on the ground floor.

Dear Lena, I heard about the Disneyland plans for West Berkeley and I am all for it. I used to love the teacups. What should I do to make sure this becomes a reality?

Dear reader, nothing at all. This has been in the pipeline for a long time. This is the one last part of Berkeley that's working like a spinning top, and they really want to leave their mark on it. All you need to do now is just kick back and whistle.

Dear Lena, what is collective bargaining? Do I really need it? Can I use it on the bus?

Dear reader, nobody really needs collective bargaining. Those people in Wisconsin wear too much cheese on their heads. Just trust that your employers know what's best for you.

Dear Lena, I'm really inspired by what's going on in Egypt. I want to start a revolution, too. Where do I begin?

Dear reader, first get yourself a state-of-the-art cell phone with video. Then move somewhere where there's a dictator and decades of political and economic repression. And have fun!

Dear Lena, Berkeley decided not to welcome the Guantanamo detainees and all the broadcast news tv trucks went away. What a bunch of wusses. What can we do now to generate some good old-fashioned controversy? I miss the olden days when everything was on fire.

Dear reader, don't worry. I hear Colonel Gaddafi is looking for a new home. He's going to fit right in around here.

Ask Lena about fashionable new shoes at cdenney@igc.org.

Obama Gives Up Trying to Defend Defense of Marriage Act



HETEROSEXUAL WEDDING CAKES are a proud part of a tradition, and tasty, too.



GAY WEDDING CAKES are an inferior product which threaten our way of life.

By Carolyn Sweetly

Attorney General Eric Holder sent a letter to Congress recently informing legislators that he had tried, really tried, but couldn't figure out a way to defend the Defense of Marriage Act.

"I'm a creative man," Holder stated. "We tried every which way. We cut and pasted from the best arguments we could find and made a really impressive powerpoint, too. We used colored markers and little colorful stickers and graphs and charts and stuff. But let's face it, it was a pile."

Holder's letter stated that laws singling out people based on sexual orientation, as the Defense of Marriage Act does, are constitutional if there is a rational basis for their enactment, and that he had really, really tried hard to find a rational basis for singling out gay people, but couldn't find one that didn't make people break into helpless giggles and pee themselves.

"We know this anti-gay stuff sells in some parts of the country," stated Holder. "But that same rhetoric is sheer comedy these days on late night tv. We have careers to think about."

Holder's letter of legal surrender did not dampen the spirits of stalwart Defense of Marriage Act supporters, who state they have plenty of private funding to further a sturdy defense of the Defense of Marriage Act, and who vow to defend the defense of the Defense of Marriage Act right down to the altar or city hall or on shipboard or wherever the allegedly indefensible mar-

riages might take place and threaten regular old marriages and the traditional American way of life.

"Our own marriages are crap," insisted one Defense of Marriage Act supporter while his wife nodded vigorously. "We are certain it's the fault of that gay couple down the road."

Holder assured interested parties that the president has informed him that the executive branch will continue to enforce the law, just not assert its constitutionality, which supporters acknowledged had the confusing, folksy feel of a compromise.

"Not a sober compromise," stated Fred Sainz, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign. "More like a last shot of whiskey compromise. Obama will lose some votes this way. But the embarrassment saved will be priceless."



THIS COUPLE is seriously unhappy in their marriage because there is a gay couple in their neighborhood soaking up all the available happiness for everybody else.

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Gaddafi Blames Hallucinogens for Revolt

Berkeley Tree-Sitters Head for Tripoli - NesCafe' Sales Soar



BERKELEY TREE-SITTERS SCOUR the Libyan landscape for hallucinogens.

By Paula Part

Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi took a break from battling protestors attempting his overthrow to blame Osama bin Laden for the uprising, claiming that the protestors were primarily young people who had been slipped hallucinogens.

Bin Laden was said to be flattered by the accusation, having slipped out of the news lately. He promised to look into the value of hallucinogens as revolutionary fuel.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was said to be "amazed and delighted" with the news that Gaddafi was blaming someone besides the United States for Libya's instability. "We've put away our playbook," she stated. "We don't know what's going on."

Meanwhile, dozens of tree-sitters in Berkeley were scrambling to find scarce flights to Libya despite advisories issued by the State Department to avoid the region entirely.

"We heard about the hallucinogenic coffee handed out like Nescafe' and like, we're there, man," stated one spokesperson. "I tell you, we always hoped the revolution would look like this."

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THOUSANDS OF LITTLE GIRLS turned in their princess costumes hoping to avoid any implied connection to the dozens of monarchies tumbling from power.

By Richard Orforpurer

Hundreds of thousands of little girls turned in their princess costumes recently, worried about getting caught up in the surge of revolutionary conflicts targeting royalty.

"We'll miss the spangles," stated one four-year-old with regret. "We loved the tiaras and the taffeta. But we know what happens to the familial line in the event of a revolt, and we're hoping not to end up like Alexander Karadordevic."



COSTUMES LIKE THIS are so much fun until somebody shoots you.

but observers noted that there were an unprecedented amount of princess costumes hitting the Goodwill racks and no one was buying.

"No group is better organized than four-year-old girls," stated experts in the field. "Their parents certainly didn't guide them in this direction."

"I kept bringing home little nurse and doctor costumes," stated one East Bay mother.

"But it was no contest. And none of my girls wanted to dress like a lawyer."

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Ten Suggested Alternative Devices for Avoiding the Use of Firearms:

- * Swarm the suspect with daisy-wielding flower children in baggy Indian-print dresses and bell-bottoms
- * Call up a flash mob to start doing the "Thriller" dance moves nearby the suspect
- * Everybody start singing "All You Need Is Love"
- * Ask Food Not Bombs to bring out the hot soup and fresh bread
- * Everybody get naked
- * Everybody have a silly string fight
- * Everybody have a pillow fight
- * Everybody start discussing Marxism
- * Everybody start counting everybody else
- * Offer suspect a doobie

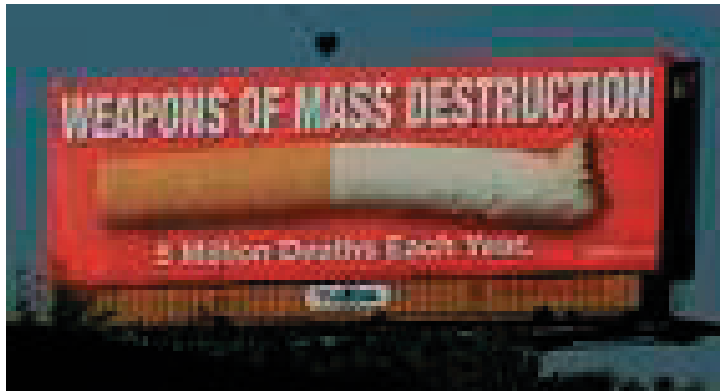
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We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



Big Tobacco Sues FDA for Bias Against Deadly Products

by Suda Panzoffem



PEOPLE WHO WORK IN HEALTH-RELATED fields are almost always really close-minded about deadly products and how hard they are to sell.

The largest cigarette manufacturers frantically proposed alternatives to the recent suggestion from the Justice Department requesting that they tell the truth about tobacco as part of a twelve year-old lawsuit against industry deception.

“Anything but that,” responded one industry representative after reviewing one corrective statement which read: “Smoking kills 1,200 Americans. Every day.”

Top-selling cigarette maker Philip Morris USA and its parent company, Altria Group Inc., said they would fight if the Justice Department makes them say, “We falsely marketed low tar and light cigarettes as less harmful than regular cigarettes to keep people smoking and sustain our profits.”

“It’s outrageous,” responded one industry spokesperson. “We can’t market a deadly

product without some deception. We need a break here.”

Industry insiders quickly filed objections to the suggested “corrective statements” while scrambling to suggest alternative punishments for past deceptions.

“We don’t mind wearing scarlet letters, for instance,” stated Murray Garnick, Altria Client Services senior vice president and associate general counsel. “Or being flogged. Especially in this current news cycle.”

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Lorillard Inc. have sued the Food and Drug Administration, claiming that a tobacco-advisory committee has members with “conflicts of

interest and fixed views.”

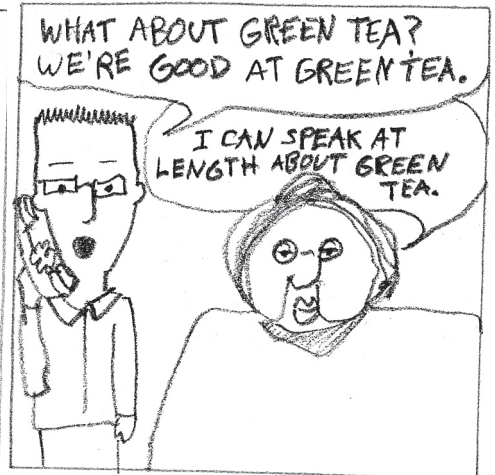
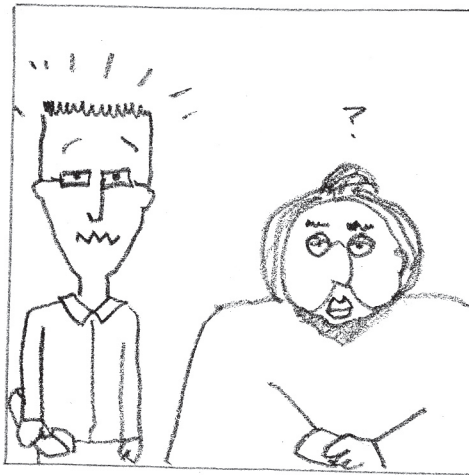
“These committee members have spent years rubbing elbows with tobacco-control and health-oriented people, and are hopelessly prejudiced against deadly products,” stated David Howard, a Reynolds spokesman. “We may not have the moral high ground here, but we sure do have money.”

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Nathan Undergod



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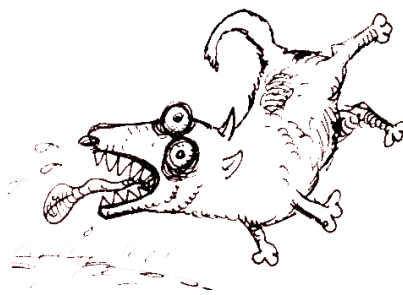


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