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SCOOTER SKATES: INMATES SUPPORT BUSH DECISION

By Enoch L. Dunder

Prison inmate nationwide issued statements of support for President Bush's controversial decision to commute the sentence of Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the White House aide convicted of lying and obstructing justice.

"He's a man of god," observed "Nails" Noughton, a 12 year resident at Pelican Bay doing a stretch for aggravated assault. "If god tells you to pardon a buddy or lie to your grand jury, you just gotta do it. I wish god had only told me to lie to a bunch of suits instead of rob a bank."

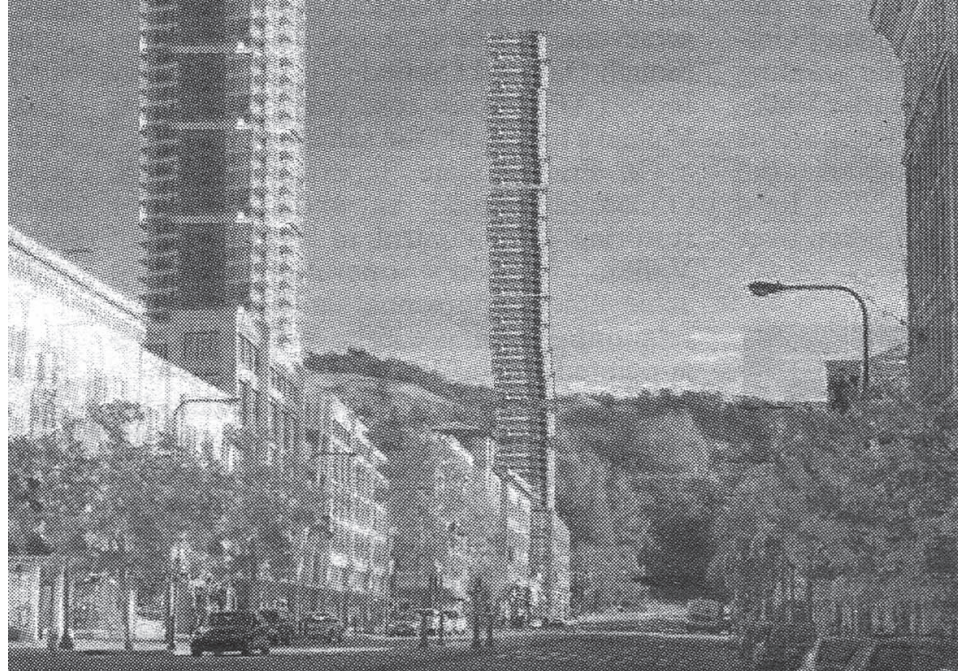
"Bush made a smart decision," commented another inmate. "People named 'Scooter' don't fare well on the inside."

Democrats grumbled that the decision to commute Libby's sentence rather than pardon him was specifically designed to avoid testimony that might implicate others in the White House.

"That's a joke," chuckled Chris Cannon, a Republican from Utah. "The Democrats control Congress and their popularity is circling the drain. It doesn't matter what we say or don't say. It doesn't matter what we do."

"That's right," laughed White House spokesman Tony Fratto. "They can have Scooter. We'll always have Paris."

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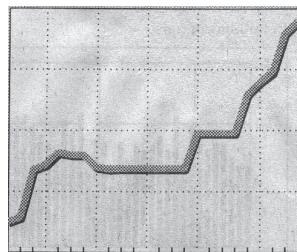


LOCAL PLANNING OFFICIALS issued warnings that nodes and point towers may appear suddenly without explanation causing that white mold to grow on the near-ripe tomato plant in your garden.

OFFICIALS CONFIRM "GUT FEELING" ON MORE DEVELOPMENT

By Camille Leon

Both local and state officials agreed recently that they were experiencing "gut feelings" that rates of development were probably going to increase over the summer, throughout the coming year, and perhaps indefinitely.



OFFICIAL CHART of gut feelings regarding the threat of impending development shows dramatic incline.

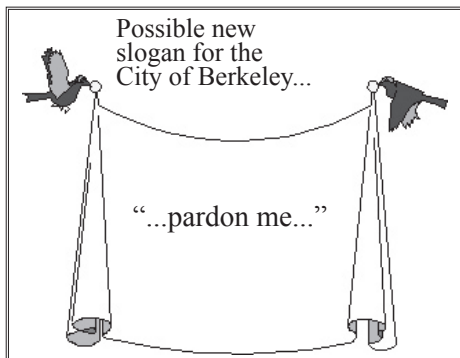
Director Dan Marks, who is attempting to create a color-coded chart to warn the public on days where the threat of

development is especially high. "I do have access to intelligence regarding elevated probabilities of development, but I rely most strongly on my special sixth sense."

Planning department officials confirmed that ordinary citizens can also report their own gut feelings regarding elevated levels of development, and should document the time, place, and strength of the gut feelings they experience in a written log or by pie chart.

"We know that development can be unsettling," stated Marks. "We can't stop development altogether, but with the public's help we can make sure people are as prepared as possible. This summer, for safety's sake, we would like everyone to watch for ballooning blueprint footprints and to please wear hard hats."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I like the way Iceland looks, and I'm glad they're going to keep it looking that way because of the landmark stuff, but what about the skating? Can't they protect the skating somehow? I love to skate.

Dear reader, try to think creatively about your obsession, which can be effectively switched from skates to shoes. Shoes are a more acceptable fixation. The blades can be removed from your skates by experts, so that you can enjoy a lovely new pair of boots.

Dear Lena, why does Mayor Tom Bates keep cutting off Dona Spring at the council meetings? I thought he was supposed to be the guy who ushered in the new era of courtesy, and now it's like circus smackdown in the council hall. What's going on?

Dear reader, it is Tom Bates' opinion that Dona Spring has gotten soft over the years, and needs toughening up. He was a football player years ago, and believes she could benefit from rigorous physical and mental training. Cutting her off when she attempts to speak encourages her to be stronger, more forthright, so that someday she can be a much better linebacker.

Dear Lena, the truth is I can't figure out who to vote for. Is it my fault or is it their fault for not inspiring me to get in gear? Please, help me out, it is not working for me at parties.

Dear reader, blow it all off. You are obsessed with politics, when you should be concentrating on spices for squash. Inhale deeply, exhale, and *relax*.

Ask Lena! She loves giving you the benefit of her actual expert advice. Contact her at cdenney@igc.org.



Victorian Etiquette - Etiquette on the Street

Courtesy requires the return of all civil greetings—those of servants included. Only the most serious causes can justify “a cut”.

In bowing, the head should be best; a mere lowering of the eyelids, affected by some people, is rude; but etiquette does not permit a familiar nod, except between business men, or very intimate friends. In passing and repassing on a public promenade or drive, bows are exchanged only at the first meeting. Victorian men at street corner

In carrying canes, umbrellas, and packages, care should be taken that they do not inconvenience others.

In meeting on a street crossing, gentlemen should make way for ladies, and younger per-



FRESH RECRUITS exhibit great enthusiasm for the war, whether or not they can find it on a map.

sons for older ones.

Ladies and gentlemen, when meeting on the sidewalk, should always pass to the right.

In the evening or whenever safety may require, a gentleman should give a lady his arm.

A gentleman may take two ladies upon his arms, but under no circumstances should the lady take the arms of two gentlemen.

Lady and gentleman crossing on streetA gentleman will assist a lady over from an omnibus or carriage, without waiting for the formality of an introduction.

No gentleman will smoke when walking with or standing in the presence of a lady standing in the street.

No gentleman should stand on the street corners, steps of hotels, or other public places and make remarks about ladies passing by.

A true lady will go quietly and unobtrusively about her business when on the street, never seeking to attract the attention of the opposite sex, at the same time recognizing acquaintances with a courteous bow, and friends with pleasant words of greeting.

“NO PERMANENT DAMAGE” CAUSED BY U.S. INTERROGATIONS

Updated Tactics Include Withstanding Full Hour of Public Comment

By Zbigniew Thang

Mike McConnell, the nation’s National Intelligence Director, reassured Americans recently that revised interrogation tactics used by the CIA not only did not include torture, but would “cause no permanent damage.”

The order, designed to address complaints about the treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, requires that detainees “receive the basic necessities of life, including adequate food and water, shelter from the elements, necessary clothing, protection from extremes of heat and cold,” making groups of homeless veterans living under overpasses coast to coast curious as to whether or not they might qualify for the interrogation program before winter.

“We’ve really toughened up out here, I guess,” offered one former veteran while rinsing his socks out in a drainage ditch near the Highway 880 overpass. “If it’s not torture and includes all those perks, we figure we’ll take our chances with the interrogation program. It’s kind of cold out here round about November.”

McConnell would not specify the exact methods of interrogation, claiming that an exact description would “aid those who want to resist those measures,” leaving experts guessing as to exactly what methods were part of the new, improved program.

Past methods have included simu-



NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE Director Mike McConnell estimates the brain size of the evil-doers who would surely benefit if he were to describe in detail the interrogation tactics used by the CIA to extract information.

lated drowning, sleep deprivation, and long periods of extreme cold or heat, which homeless people nationwide agree are part of the outdoor status quo anyway.

“We figure if they’re rolling back the extreme temperature stuff, then we’ll be ahead of the game if we go ahead and sign up,” stated one homeless man pushing a shopping cart up Addison Street. “I’m just worried Guantanamo will fill up before I can qualify.”

White House insiders agreed that they could not rule out homeless people as potential program participants.

“The threat to our homeland’s security could come from anywhere,” nodded one expert. “Mayor Bates is right; those Street Spirit vendors might have a bomb.”

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NASA SHAKEN BUT NOT STIRRED BY SABOTAGE, DRUNKEN ASTRONAUT REVELATIONS

By Boris Material

Shocking reports of astronauts flying drunk and NASA subcontractor employees deliberately cutting the wires on a computer about to be loaded onto the space shuttle were dismissed by NASA’s space operations chief Bill Gerstenmaier, who said that as long as the new charges don’t involve diapers, the space agency could handle them.

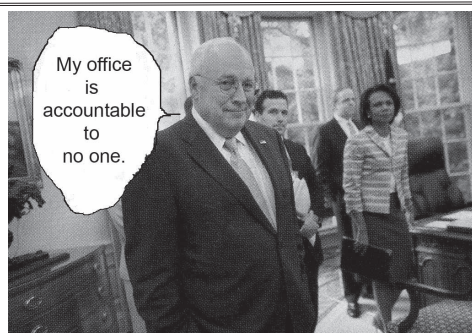
“We know from bad news,” stated Gerstenmaier. “Bad news was the love triangle space poster gal taking a murderous road trip with duct tape and weird undergarments and stuff. Bad news is half the team using metric and half the team using British measurement systems so we miss our target by a mile if you’re in one system and who knows how much if you’re in the other. Bad news is old news around here. Off the record, of course.”

The independent panel reviewing astronaut health and NASA’s psychological screening process, created after the arrest in February of former space shuttle flier Lisa Nowak, surrendered their credentials and begged not to be interviewed after hearing the latest charges against employees of the space agency.

“We’re too embarrassed to comment,” stated one panelist. “We got involved to handle the diapers. At this point we’re out of our area of expertise.”

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We Can’t Draw Comics by Franz Toast



FARM BILL REVEALS SAD, SAD PLIGHT OF CONSTANCE BOWLES

By L. S. Lost

The largest recipient of federal cotton subsidies in the state of California between 2003 and 2005, who collected more than \$1.2 million according to the latest available data, clarified recently that she is in dire financial straights, and really, really needs the money.



CONSTANCE BOWLES doesn't like the word "heiress", which tends to diminish the gravity of the necessity of her \$1.2 million subsidy from the federal government.

"It's so humiliating when you hit the country club links and you come up short at the bar," stated Constance Bowles, heiress of an early California cattle baron, widow of a former director of UC Berkeley's Bancroft library, and a resident of Pacific Heights. "If they limited annual payments to farmers who earn \$1 million a year, I would really have to cut my budget for footwear."

Economists say they can find zero excuse for the subsidies started in 1933 as temporary aid for small farmers devastated by the Dust Bowl, but can't seem to put together enough background information to collect political muscle to effect a change.

"Thank heavens," exclaimed Bowles. "We haven't had the courage to book our Nice vacation this year, but we think we'll make it."

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Next issue, Purging with Anorexic Celebrities

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