



"Goes well with corned beef"

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Saddam Reinforces Mustache Iraqi dictator "ready for war"

BAGHDAD—In preparation for a possible U.S led invasion, Saddam Hussein ordered his mustache to undergo structural reinforcement last week. Iraqi engineers reportedly used several advanced techniques to protect the 65-year-old's iconic facial hair.



Mustache

The team of structural engineers, led by Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Shariq, claims that the brutal dictator's mustache is now ready to handle all types of firepower, including nuclear attack. "Even if those democratic Satanists kill the man, the mustache will live on," said Shariq. "With the mustache now secure, President Hussein

is more than ready for war."

Shariq and his team held a press conference with the Iraqi News Agency (INA) on Tuesday. Using a series of slides and 3-D models, Shariq explained the mustache reinforcement process: "After anesthetizing and shampooing the mustache, we proceeded to insert a series of six tiny interwoven titanium rods along the entire length of the 'stache. We then meticulously connected each and every hair of our fearless leader's mustache to the titanium rods using braided Kevlar threads. Finally we encrusted the mustache with several layers of hairspray and Scotchguard protector to prevent coffee, tobacco, and blood stains." According to Shariq the entire procedure took just under 12 hours.

Throughout Arab countries a man's mustache is often equivalent to his honor. This glimpse into Ara-

bic culture was seen last week when a fight erupted between an Iraqi vice president and a Kuwaiti diplomat during an emergency summit of Islamic nations. After Kuwaiti Sheik Mohammed Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah interrupted Iraqi Vice President Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri's speech to the summit with an inaudible remark, al-Douri began yelling, "Shut up, you monkey! Curse be upon your mustache, you traitor!" Despite the correlation between a man's mustache and his honor, a woman's mustache, as in Western culture, is not regarded as highly.

In addition to the reinforcement of his mustache, Hussein is reportedly lining his bunkers with custom made strips of mustache-sized duct tape in preparation for a possible war.

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Mr. Trite Conversation Starter of the Week

*****Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression*****

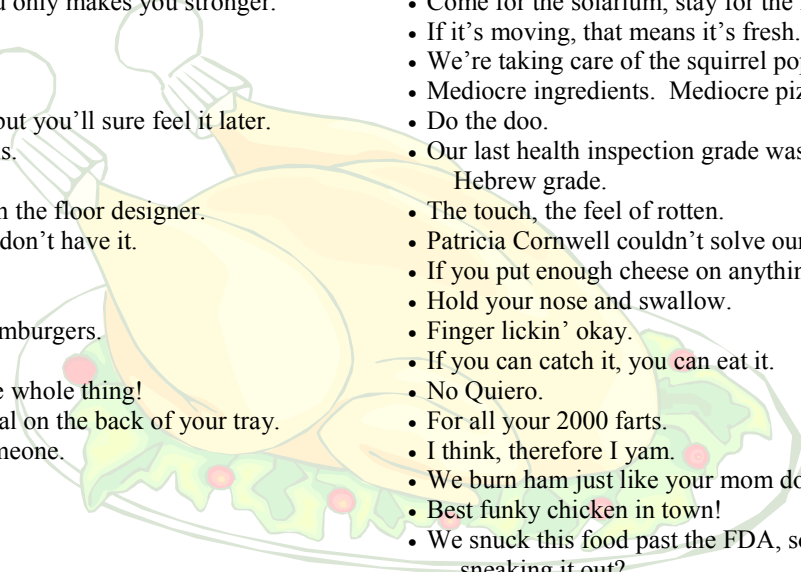


"Man, look how (*tanned/pasty*) I am. That's because I went to (*insert geographical location*) for spring break.

How 'bout you?"

REJECTED CAFETERIA SLOGANS

- That which does not kill you only makes you stronger.
- You got to eat something.
- Where's the beef?
- Quantity over quality.
- You can't take it with you, but you'll sure feel it later.
- The best cafeteria on campus.
- We recycle.
- Our food has more taste than the floor designer.
- If you can't find it here, we don't have it.
- Mikey doesn't mind it.
- It's a matter of choice.
- We make steak taste like hamburgers.
- It's not that bad.
- We can't believe you ate the whole thing!
- There's a map to the hospital on the back of your tray.
- Reach out and Heimlich someone.
- M'm M'm Okay.
- Just eat it.
- Good to the last dropping.
- Like a rock.



- Come for the solarium, stay for the food.
- If it's moving, that means it's fresh.
- We're taking care of the squirrel population.
- Mediocre ingredients. Mediocre pizza.
- Do the doo.
- Our last health inspection grade was better than your Hebrew grade.
- The touch, the feel of rotten.
- Patricia Cornwell couldn't solve our mystery meat.
- If you put enough cheese on anything, it'll taste good.
- Hold your nose and swallow.
- Finger lickin' okay.
- If you can catch it, you can eat it.
- No Quiero.
- For all your 2000 farts.
- I think, therefore I yam.
- We burn ham just like your mom does.
- Best funky chicken in town!
- We snuck this food past the FDA, so why are you sneaking it out?

Hermann the German Detained for Suspicion of Terrorism

U.S. flag left in place of 105-year-old monument

NEW ULM, MN—According to Attorney General John Ashcroft, the Department of Justice is currently detaining Hermann the German at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, also known as “Gitmo.” FBI agents, aided by the New Ulm SWAT team, stormed Hermann’s hillside two weeks ago and arrested the alleged “enemy combatant.” Hermann is accused of planning extensive attacks against Italian Americans, descendants of his sworn enemy, the Romans.

Hermann the German, born in 18 BC, served in the Roman army and obtained coveted Roman citizenship before returning to his homeland in 7 AD. There he saw his people mistreated by Varus, the Roman governor. Arminius (his Roman name) united the Cherusci tribes, of whom he was the Rome-appointed chief, and rebelled against Caesar, defeating three of his legions. The Romans eventually decided never to enter present-day Germany again, thus greatly affecting the makeup of modern Europe.

Hermann’s hatred for Romans is apparently still alive and well; according to U.S. authorities, Hermann is suspected of planning attacks against Italian-Americans. In a statement released by Gitmo, Hermann is quoted as saying, “Ich erhebe mein Schwert und Kampf gegen Amerika und ihre Römer Unterstützten Armee. Erinnern Sie sich an Varus? Sie werden auch sterben.”

On February 25, FBI agents and New Ulm SWAT team members, equipped with night vision goggles and automatic weapons, swarmed the New Ulm hillside in a stunning predawn raid.

U.S. authorities quickly detained the half-asleep, 32-foot-tall Hermann and whisked him away to an undisclosed location. On Wednesday Ashcroft confirmed rumors that U.S. authorities are detaining Hermann at Gitmo for questioning “related to terrorism.”

“Hermann the German, aka Arminius, is being detained at Guantanamo Bay indefinitely for suspicion of activities related to terrorism,” said Ashcroft. “Hermann is a well-documented enemy of Italians and Italian-Americans. U.S. intelligence over the last year has gathered evidence of an extensive plot against Americans that, thankfully, has been thwarted.”

Many questions have been raised concerning the constitutionality of holding Hermann as an enemy combatant. Enemy combatants are typically not offered the same rights as U.S. citizens and may be tried by military tribunal instead of by jury. Ashcroft addressed these concerns on Wednesday. “Although Hermann was granted Roman citizenship around 5 BC, he has never applied for U.S. citizenship, let alone become a citizen. In fact, along with the terrorism suspicions, we are well within our rights to detain him for INS violations,” said Ashcroft.

Despite assurances from the Justice Department, several civil rights watchdog groups are reporting that Hermann has suffered several atrocities during interrogation. According to Amnesty International, Hermann has been shot by drunk townies, had his helmet wing amputated, and is experiencing carpal tunnel syndrome in his



Old Glory flying high where Hermann, suspected terrorist, once stood defiantly with sword in hand

right wrist.

Part of a seemingly symbolic gesture, a large U.S. flag now flies atop Hermann’s pedestal overlooking the small Minnesotan city. The local newspaper, *The New Ulm Urinal*, is also considering removing Hermann from its masthead.

Senator Clinton to Delay Opinion on War

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton took a strong stance on the war in Iraq during a press conference on Wednesday. The junior carpetbagger from New York is hoping her firm position will unite her Democratic colleagues.

“I feel that it is time for me to announce my official position on the pending military conflict in Iraq. I strongly support the position of delayed political action, meaning that I’ll wait until after the war to speak out concerning what course of action America should take now,” said Clinton. “The only certainty in war is certainly uncertainty, so it would be irresponsible for me to take a stance now without knowing the outcome. If the war goes well, then I believe that now is the time to take appropriate military action to remove Saddam Hussein from power and liberate the Iraqi people. If things don’t go well, then I feel that the Bush administration should work with the United Nations to continue weapons inspections and avoid unnecessary risk of life.”

Senator Clinton chided her fellow Democrats for not forming a united front. “I hear some say they’re for the war. Some are against it. Others say they’re kind of for it. Others say we should invade now, others say later. I feel it’s irresponsible and unDemocratic to form an opinion based

on a moral stance or one that leaves no political gain. Since American voters are divided on this issue, we should wait until after the conflict with Iraq to form opinions that either give us the credit if it succeeds, like my husband did with the Reagan and Bush driven economy, or blame the Republicans if it fails, like my husband did with the recession that started at the end of his presidency.”

Mr. Current Events Joke of the Week

*****Clever and timely
one-liners to show that
special someone you’re both
humorous and up-to-date
with world news*****



**“Man, did you see that picture of
Khalid Shaikh Mohammed?
He looked even worse than
I do in the morning.
How ‘bout you?”**

What They’re Giving up for Lent

- SADDAM HUSSEIN: his country
- GEORGE W. BUSH: his patience
- JACQUES CHIRAC: his trading partner
- TONY BLAIR: popularity, not his honor
- UNITED NATIONS: relevance
- HANS BLIX: 15 minutes of fame
- OSAMA BIN LADEN: freedom
- GERMANY: weapon sales secrets
- TURKEY: billions of dollars
- K. SHAIKH MOHAMMED: information
- JIM MORAN: his congressional seat
- SCORSESE: empty spot on mantel for Oscar
- NICK NOLTE: sobriety
- KIRBY PUCKETT: fans
- NEW ULM: Hermann the German
- SPaM STUDENTS: hygiene
- GEORGIA: basketball
- MILWAUKEE BREWERS: hope