

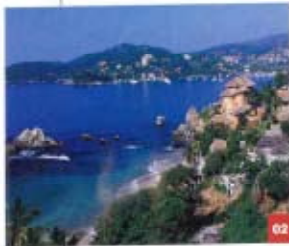
100 BEST THINGS NOW

01 Tomy i-SOBOT

Our new favourite waste of time
It can dance, do karate and gymnastics, and at 6½" it's the world's smallest commercial humanoid robot – a time-wasting toy so brilliantly bjo it's set the world of domestic robotteering alight. With remote and voice control, plus a 200-word vocabulary and a 17-servo range of movements, it's enough to give humans an inferiority complex.
The clincher Tired of the i-SOBOT playing air guitar? Command it to play air drums. £799. www.isobotrobot.com

02 Zihuatanejo, Mexico

A world away from spring break
Shawshank's Andy Dufresne dreams of escaping here, and it's not hard to see why. This small Guerrero city offers cobblestone streets and white sandy beaches, yet retains an away-from-it-all charm that's yet to be colonised by, say, members of Van Halen opening bars (see neighbouring Cabo San Lucas). Great snorkelling and kaysaking, too.
The clincher Surfers should try Troncones, a tiny beach village 16 miles north, for the best waves around. www.blacktomato.co.uk



03 Rolerball

A world of fun
What could be more thrilling than hurtling down a hill encased in a giant, see-through plastic ball? Plenty of things, though few offer quite the same mix of bodily disorientation and sensory derangement as "Zorbing". A double-hulled model is available to buy.
The clincher Rolerball has no breaks. £999. www.wanfnfn.com

04 Pyjamas

The right stripes
They've been shunned for being a bit, well, unmanly, but pyjama-style trousers are back – and done best at Prada. For nightwear look to Derek Rose's Savile Collection of striped, cotton numbers or Ralph Lauren's camflower-blue classics.
The clincher Unmanly? Four words: James Stewart, Rear Window.

05 The Brüno movie

Glorious Learnings Of Gay Austrian For Make Benefit Everyone
The lawsuits are still settling on Borat – a judge recently pointed out that since two complainants had signed waivers, agreed to appear in "a documentary-style movie" and accepted money, they didn't have a case – and word from Sacha Baron Cohen's new film, starring homosexual, faux-hawked fashionpoker Brüno, is that the ante has been upped considerably.
The clincher Residents of an Arkansas town were invited to a "cockfight" only to find Brüno and friend playing with their schwamzensticks. The resulting riot took police an hour to clear. Out on 29 May.



06 Oliver J Benjamin

The high-flyers' new favourite
Benjamin's off-the-peg suits are excellent, the bespoke service exemplary and the shirts, ties and cuff links among the capital's best.
The clincher He takes commissions for smoking jackets and morning coats. Off-the-peg suits from £555. 8 Kingly Street, London W1, 020-7734 3334. www.oliverjbenjamin.co.uk

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