



Image: Sang-sik Yoon

## CARTRIDER

Taking kids shopping is enough of a nightmare as it is. But just to make things worse, designer, Jaebeom Jeong, has decided to mobilise the little terrors by designing for them a trolley trike hybrid. The 1,480 x 580 x 1,200 (high) pedal-powered trolley "will now allow parents and their children to do shopping separately, so that the children can put product they want to buy into the cartrider." We'll assume that Jaebeom Jeong doesn't have children.

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## THE SMELL-KILLING PAINT

German paint manufacturers have developed a new house paint that not only looks good but makes your home smell better. It contains a compound that neutralises bad odours, making it a perfect new surface for kitchens, bathrooms and your teenage son's bedroom. Unlike many other odour reducers, it doesn't wear off but recharges itself once exposed to either natural or artificial light. The titanium catalyst does not affect the appearance of the paint at all, and may save many an embarrassing moment after a night of beers and curry.



## RANDOM

- The book, *Bambi: A Life in the Woods*, on which the Disney movie was based, was translated from German to English by Whittaker Chambers, the famous Soviet spy.
- George S. Patton, the man who helped drive the Nazis out of North Africa and liberate Sicily during World War II, believed he'd fought in North Africa and Sicily centuries before. A staunch believer in reincarnation, Patton claimed to have fought during the Punic Wars, as both a Roman legionnaire and as the Carthaginian general, Hannibal.
- The fastest two-legged creature on Earth is the ostrich, which can reach 72 kilometres per hour over short distances.
- The frozen "TV dinner" debuted in 1952, when a marketing executive at Swanson was looking for a way to sell a truckload of surplus turkeys that hadn't sold in time for Thanksgiving.
- Robert Lincoln, son of President Lincoln, was saved from a nasty railroad accident by Edwin Booth. Edwin was the brother of Abraham Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth.
- Used during the Vietnam War, Agent Orange wasn't orange. It was only the stripe on the canister containing the herbicide that was orange.
- Orson Welles' last film role was as the voice actor for the character, "Unicron" in *Transformers: The Movie* (animated) in 1986.
- The inventors of bubble wrap, Alfred Fielding and Marc Chavannes, were originally trying to make plastic wallpaper.
- The word, "upset" came into use for a surprise outcome when a horse named Upset became the first to ever beat the legendary Man O' War.
- BIC estimates that it has sold more than 50 disposable ink pens every second of every day since 1950. In fact, in September 2005, the company proudly announced that it had sold its 100 billionth pen.
- The tallest known mountain in the solar system is on one of the smallest planets: Mars' Olympus Mons, which stands an incredible 79,200 feet tall.
- Margarine dates to 1860s France, when Emperor Louis Napoleon III offered a prize to anyone who could design a cheap butter substitute.
- Pope John Paul II was the first papal Harlem Globetrotter. The team made him an honorary member in 2000 during a visit to the Vatican.

