

A photograph of Barack Obama, smiling and looking to his right. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white collared shirt. He is holding a brown leather basketball with both hands in front of him. The background is a stylized American flag with red and white stripes and a blue field with white stars.

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Barack Obama, Jock in Chief

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▲ FAGOR 24" SIDE-BY-SIDE REFRIGERATOR

Fagor, a European refrigerator mainstay, just put an end to the old "find the smell" game by making the most hygienic fridge on the market. Beneath the steel skin is a filter that kills spores and mold, as well as interior surfaces treated with antibacterial coatings. The four compartments can be controlled individually, so you can deep-freeze that elk you bagged without ruining your Popsicle stash. [\$3,800; fagoramerica.com]

▼ SIEMENS 30" CONVECTION MICROWAVE

Microwaving is the cooking equivalent of Russian roulette. Will that enchilada come out perfectly heated or explode in a fine mist of refried beans? Siemens's nuking station takes chance out of the equation with built-in sensors that measure the oven's humidity levels and adjust cooking time accordingly, as well as convection heating that circulates air throughout the unit for uniform heating. [\$899; siemens-home.com]



▲ KURO CUBE

Ditch the box of Arm & Hammer for a more Eastern approach to battling refrigerator odors. Made of Japanese white charcoal, this small jet-black block resides in your refrigerator, absorbing funky smells and



DETAIL:

When turned into Japanese white charcoal, wood becomes as hard as steel.

food-spoiling humidity. You won't have to replace the Kuro for several years, either: Setting it in sunlight for a day every three months rejuvenates the charcoal. [\$45; sortofcoal.com]



▲ TECHNIVORM THERMO MOCCAMASTER KB741

If you're happy with the corner store's joe, this brewer isn't for you; it's for javaphiles. Technivorm builds each unit by hand in the Netherlands, installing a 1,400-watt heating element and copper tubing (instead of plastic guts) that warm water to 200 degrees, the optimal temp for coaxing flavor out of grounds. Tell the cute barista it's not her; it just tastes better at home. [\$265; technivorm-us.com]