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The Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad. The International Brother and Sisterhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils. Mindless drivel content still exceeds Nanny State guidelines, oh dear, how sad, never mind. Politically incorrect as ever, but lets face it, do they think we give a toss?

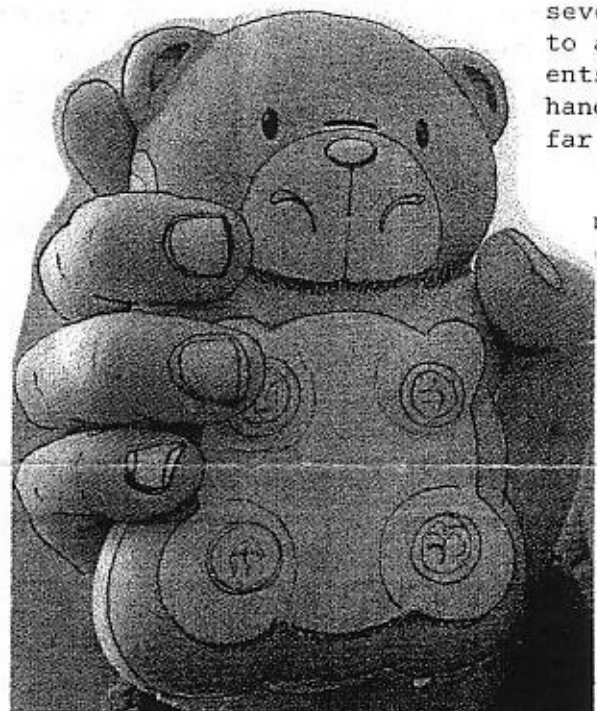
Phone firm attacked over teddy bear mobile for 4-year-olds

A teddy Bear shaped phone aimed at children as young as four caused quite an uproar when it was launched recently. The manufacturers claim that this phone will help parents keep track of their kids, whilst minimising any potential health hazards posed by the phones inherent R.F. energy emissions.

Whats really got the critics in a lather though is that earlier this year the Health Protection Agency advised that mobile phone use by the under eights should be discouraged as a precaution against potential health risks. Even the mobile phone operators association has got in on the act by claiming that their members do not market their products to under sixteens, in line with HPA guidelines.

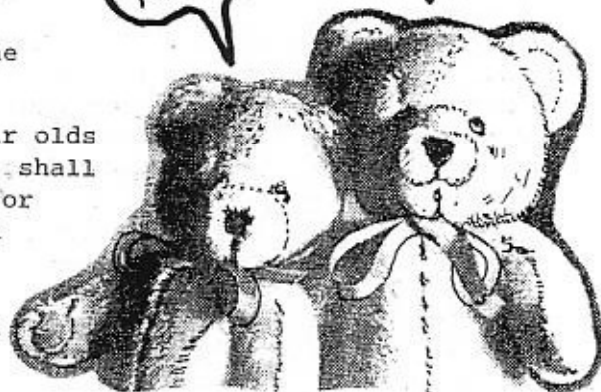
The makers of the, wait for it, Teddyfone, say that the device is aimed at four to ten year olds, and pointed to research showing that a quarter of seven to tens, already owned mobies, and that amount to about a million kids. They also said that if parents wanted to equip their kids with a low emission handset, then that was up to them as the benefits far outweigh any risks.

The Teddyfone itself is really very basic. It no screen and only four pre-programmed buttons, this say the makers sheild the user from text message bullying, calls from strangers and inappropriate adult material. One of the buttons is an S.O.S. connection directly to a parents moby. There is an optional monitor facility so you can listen in to your child and whats occurring in the kids immediate area and perhaps the most weird feature of all. A location device, optional of course which sends you a map of your kids present



location, though lets face it. If you need a map to tell you where your four year old is at any one time, then somethings not as it should be.

Mind you, from the average streetwise four year olds point of view , the Teddyfone doe lack a certain, shall we say credibility, i.e. no screen, no wallpapers or gormless pricey animated ringtones that drive you barmy, no camera or for that matter MP3 player, no viking connection, sorry, Bluetooth, nor the most essential teasmade, nor a fold up 16ft delta and where on earth is the Chute and Pack hidden?



Raffle prize just too big for winner's house

Massive marsupial needs new home

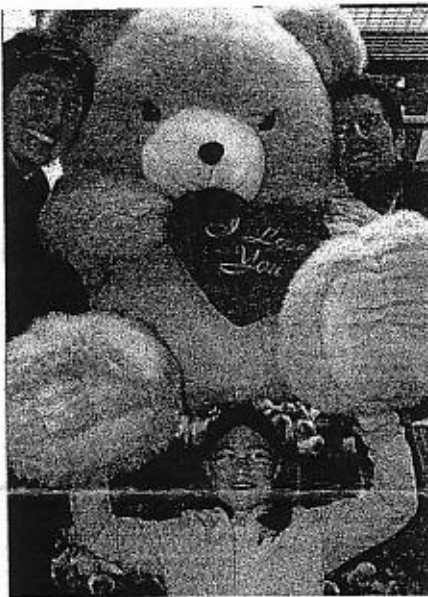
LOOKS AS THOUGH SOMEONE HAS WON YET ANOTHER BENT RAFFLE.

The raffle must have been a bit hows yer farva, as surely no one really wanted to win a kanga-bleeding-roo that size.

Mr and Mrs Heath certainly never bargained on winning the soft cuddley marsupial version of the incredible Hulk. Mr Heath said all I wanted to win was the gallon of beer that was one of the prizes, but, no, we end up with something thats taken over our entire front room. Mrs Heath said that the organisers said that they would deliver the prize the next day, but when the monster turned up, she nearly had a heart attack.

The couple, desperate to unload that which now was dominating their every waking moment even tried to get the local hospitals kids department to give the roo a home, but they were a bit too long in the tooth to fall for that one.

However there is one guaranteed method of getting rid of the roo Mr and Mrs Heath. stick a chute on the sod, cobble up a thirty foot delta, and watch the sucker fly.



Shoppers help raise school expansion cash

Whilst we are on about oversized fauna and always being suckers for a good cause cash raising caper, men must be made of the five ft Ted which went for £300 at a recent Shrewsbury Shopping Mall thrash, where, wait for it, 3,000 odd donated bears were up for sale in aid of a local Special Needs School.

Carol Robertshaw (familiar name) the headmasters secretary said the thrash was absolutely fantastic, with bears of every shape and size literally flying out of the venue. One customer actually bought 30 bears after being tempted with a BOGOF offer, that means she still paid for fifteen. About half the bears were sold and the organisers hope to have another thrash on a late night shopping do before xmas.

Fans outraged by Rupert's makeover

Gordon Bennet, what have they done to poor old Rupert? Take cover, cos sure as hell the you know what will hit the fan over this travesty. Most Rupert the Bear aficionados freely admit that much of the charm of the eightyfive year old Teddybear hero is in the old time look of the cartoon strip.

Over the years quite a few very tasteful and subtle changes were introduced but now the new owners Entertainment Rights have bought the copyright, they appear to have gone completely OTT. Not only is the new Rupert more rounded, his famous brown boots have become pink trainers and he now only has three fingers. Its probably only a matter of time before he sports a back to front I.Q. reducer or a hooddy.....



The new Rupert: a rounder look

Where the wild things are

Commenting on the Build a Bear emporium as mentioned in the last issue of R.C. Electric Arthur cheerfully confessed to being a bit of a wild thing at a stateside one, during a recent brief visit to the west coast. Arthur says that he was supposed to be taking a photo of the boss in front of a distant Hollywood sign when he noticed the fantastic outlet. Chock full of Bears of all shapes and sizes, clothing and accesories, wall to wall and floor to ceiling, it certainly seemed as if severe GBH was about to be visited on Artur's plastic.



Momentarily resisting the urge to wallet bash, Arthur thought that a few photos would be in order, a, for the record and, b, for the jolly old www. thingy link, when from out of nowhere little miss faceache is there saying "you cant take pictures in here" No attempt at an excuse me or politeness, so Arthur bailed out and did'nt spend so much as a brass farthing. After that little episode, Arthur hopes th- at staff in the British branches are a little better trained in coutesy, but as he says, he certainly wont be going in to find out.

Arthur has been in e.mail contact with an ex pat resident in Sweden, who happens to bomb bears and is an ex airlinepilot. At a recent hobby fair he procured an Elk togged up with a leather jacket, scarf, helmet and goggles and a Swedish flag. when he got him home he swears that he heard a collectivesigh of relief from his bears who instanly realised who was going to be the muggins destined to test the new ferry that is under construction, poor sod. (e,mail= arthur.dibble@ntlworld.com

on the wall

SO THERES DROPNIK BILLINGS SWANNING AROUND XSCAPE IN MILTON KEYNES COLLECTING DOSH FOR THE BEEBS CHILDREN IN NEED, WHEN YET ANOTHER CRAZY IDEA HIT HIM.

Hey theres a shop with a climbing wall in it. Is there a record for being the first to Parachute a fauna from the top of one of these. If there wernt, there is one now as Mr Brown, one of the Billings fauna mob was whisked to the top of the wall by a nimble staff member and launched into the record book.

Steve says it was quite good really as the crafty bear did'nt deploy his chute until he was about 6ft from the ground. However fully deploy it sure did, for yet another addition to the never ending loctions from which parafauna are bombed. All that swanning certainly did some good, for when Steve did the cur up he found that the good citizens of Milton Keynes had swelled Pudsey Bears annual appeal to the tune of £104. Thanks to XSCAPE and witnesses Chris Miller, Ellis Brigham and Joe Rutter of VERTICAL CHILL.....

Grizzly bear loses hunt protection

The Grizzly bear, a potent symbol of the American West is expected to lose its special enviromental status later this year after three decades of federal protection. Brushing aside the pleas of enviromentalists, the federal administration said that the grizzly had staged a remarkable recovery in and around Yellowst- one National Park, spanning montana and Wyoming.

From a population of just 250 in 1975, there are about 600 of the bears which are widely feared and attack humans. The Federal government has proposed that limited hunting of the grizzly be permitted. Yeah, right, nothing about a scientific cull to thin them out properly, lets hunt the poor sods back to how it was in 75. Maybe if the silly sods did'nt feed them, as they do, Mother Nature would soon even things up, without letting loose the good old boys, but of course Mother Nature woul'nt provide the government with loads of lovely permit dollars.

STOP PRESS.....

Cops shot dead a Malayan Sun Bear which was on a rampage in the Indonesian town Purwokerto. It was alledged to have killed its keeper and to have escaped from its zoo. Maybe it had been fed on tea, biscuits and cake.



Shortage of aircraft leaves the Paras without wings

YOU KNOW YOU ARE IN A BANANA REPUBLIC WHEN YOU FIND OUT THAT THE AIR FORCE CANNOT FIND ENOUGH AIRCRAFT AND CREW TO GIVE YOUR PARA-

TROOPS THEIR BASIC PARACHUTE TRAINING COURSE, LEAVING PARATEDDIES WITH MORE EXPERIENCE

Members of the Parachute Regiment are having the central part of their training, i.e. parachuting from aircraft repeatedly cancelled, so much so that there are a considerable number of recruits unable to gain their coveted parachute wings.

The MOD admitted that there were problems due to various operations that were ongoing and said that the situation had been aggravated because the latest Fat Albert Mk5 could only drop paras from one door instead of two due to prop wash. If that don't take the biscuit for a lame excuse, hows about this. The Ministry of Defence are even considering leasing aircraft from the Polish Air Force in order to reduce the backlog. You never know, maybe theres an opening here for the BMISS to get in on the act.....

Bear market for Mrs Merkel

A HANDMADE COMMERATIVE TEDDY BEAR, SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE LIKENESS OF GERMANY'S FIRST FEMALE CHANCELLOR, ANGELA MERKEL HAS GONE ON SALE..... The Bears, created by long time bear makers, Gebruder Hermann, have a distinctive hairstyle and trousersuit. They are in a very limited edition of 614, the number of members in the German Bundestag. No info regarding price, but no doubt very hefty.

Judging by the pic, the Merkel bear appears to be very down in the dumps. Not surprising really as the bear has just learned that for the eleventh year on the trot, those upright and awfully honest Yuro Buro-crats have had their own court of Auditors refuse to sign off their accounts, the auditors citing errors of legality and regularity in the underlying transactions. (We stuck that bit in for our staunch supporters in central ENGLAND)

Avid Bear collector Elaine Brooks from Shifnal is pretty certain that none of her 200 odd bears parachutes from kites (wusses) but if they did she might have to take them to hospital where they would be given an anasthetic. Whereas every self respecting para bear goes to his or her local Gun and Ferret and self administers their own anasthetic, 5 pints of John Smiths and a packet of crisps please.....

Only in China.... Bear breeder Han Shigens job came to a grizzly end when six of his Bears turned on him and ate him in Jillin, China. Lets have a big hand for the Bears.....

The world renowned Stieff company are celebrating their 125th anniversary with a Bear named KARAT. retailing at an eye watering £20,000, they reckon they've sold a few already...wow!

Dropnik Billings says that even if your bears are



The Merkel teddy



CAUTION



PARACHUTING BEARS
IN TRANSIT

EXPLOSIVE
GASSES
LIKELY

not in a transit you should be cautious of explosive gas, so put that stogie out.

And with that its the usual to the what not c/o The Boring Old Fart. 48. Laurel Lane, West Drayton. Middx, UB7.7TY. in what will be forever ENGLAND no matter what the traitors have planned.

Boom, Boom, Boom another one bites the dust. and another one there, another one there.