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## In Batty Britain, a BALLOON is now a Health & Safety risk!

Alex Pearson was thrilled with the balloon she had been given while having a meal at a restaurant. She was happily carrying it as she walked into a nearby Tesco store with her mother. But the nine-year-old girl, who has learning difficulties, was left bewildered when a security guard told her she could not come inside with the helium-filled balloon because it was a health and safety risk.

Alex's mother, Marion, said: 'This whole health and safety thing is just getting ridiculous. You keep hearing more and more reasons why you can't do this or that. 'This is just another petty-minded rule that we have to follow. Why is it that Tesco sells balloons if they are such a risk?'

Alex had been given the balloon by staff at the Chiquito Mexican restaurant on the Tower Park retail park in Poole, Dorset. Afterwards, Alex wanted to spend her pocket money in the Tesco superstore, which is also on the retail park. Mrs Pearson tied the balloon to her wrist so it would not blow away. As the family

tried to enter the store at 5pm on Monday, they were told it was 'company policy' that the balloon could not come in.

Mrs Pearson, 44, a carer, from Upton, Poole, said: 'The security guard stopped us and told us we couldn't come in because of it - some idiotic reason about security. 'Alex didn't understand why she wasn't allowed in and I told the security guard to explain it to her. He couldn't even look her in the eye - I think he was too embarrassed. 'She would have been so upset to let the balloon go, so we had to go home. I won't be using the shop again.'

A Tesco spokesman said: 'A restaurant near the store was handing out helium balloons. A number of children had come into the store and released them inadvertently or on purpose. 'Unfortunately they were getting trapped on the ceiling and blocking the sprinkler system, and they are pretty difficult to retrieve. The managers decided to use their discretion. 'There is not a set policy on helium balloons at the store - it's just common sense.'

## Unprovoked Savagery - This Is The Price Of Cheap Flights For Yobs

OK, so what happened here ?? In the wrong place at the wrong time. This is the outcome of an unprovoked attack by a British scumbag. Vile behaviour and getting commonplace. Cheap flights and ability to benefit claims are responsible along with cheap booze, need to impress inebriated mates and a brain the size of a peanut. Cheap holidays produce the worst and is a constant reminder that Britain is full of louts and cheap thrill bozos. The perpetrator has been locked up, forced to pay compensation and will be ejected at the end of his stay. There will be no return here either - his passport has been marked 'undesirable'. Good riddance !!!!



Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Enfields Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted

Drunk Gets Nine Months in Violin Case

Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents

Iraqi Head Seeks Arms

Prostitutes Appeal to Pope

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

Lung Cancer in Women Mushrooms

Enraged Cow Injures Farmer With Axe

Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last a While

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Deer Kill 17,000

Chef Throws His Heart into Helping Feed Needy

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

New Vaccine May Contain Rabies

Two Sisters Reunited After 18 Years in Checkout Counter

Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 Years

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

Eye Drops Off Shelf

Hospitals Sued By 7 Foot Doctors

## Heard On The Street

The orthopaedic surgeon I work for was moving to a new office, and his staff was helping transport many of the items.

I sat the display skeleton in the front of my car, his bony arm across the back of my seat. I hadn't considered the drive across town. At one traffic light, the stares of the people in the car beside me became obvious, and I looked across and explained, "I'm delivering him to my doctor's office."

The other driver leaned out of his window. "I hate to tell you, lady," he said, "but I think it's too late!"

## Giant Snake Spotted In Borneo River



*An aerial photograph that appears to show a gigantic snake swimming along the remote waterway has emerged, sparking great concern among local communities. Villagers have named this remarkable creature 'Nabau' after an ancient sea serpent. Not convinced that computer trickery hasn't been involved, New Straits Times suggested that readers should decide for themselves. Regardless of scepticism, locals are claiming this to be a new species which needs further studies. At present estimates, the reptile is thought to be at least 100 feet in length and some 8 feet in girth.*

## Peelers Respond To Chemical Threat Caused By HP Sauce

When police responded to reports of an unidentified chemical spillage, they were determined to take no chances. All they knew was that a projectile hurled through a car window had shattered, showering the scene in a pungent-smelling liquid.... officers arrived in full protection suits, ready to deal with whatever chemical threat was lurking on the quiet North London street in the early hours of Friday morning. So imagine their embarrassment when their hi-tech monitoring equipment identified the substance as ... HP sauce. An onlooker in Cheddington Road said: 'It was all very dramatic. 'The bottle smashed the driver's window and had spilt inside the car. 'There were fire engines and ambulances with their lights flashing. 'The road was sealed off and we all thought we'd have to be evacuated - a female officer was even taken to hospital as she got some of the liquid on her suit. 'But then one of them told us it was only brown sauce - it was hilarious.'

### And Still He Refuses To Give It Back

Yes, this is the pension payment of Fred 'The Hatchet' Goodwin as approved by Her Majesty's Government. An absolute disgrace considering the state of RBS now.

Ref	Employer Name	Printed Date	Act Number		
RBS	Mr Fred Goodwin	27/02/2009	3AZYMON3Y		
Payments	Units	Rate	Amount	Debit/Notes	Amount
Contractually obliged pension	1.00	597,000.00	£597,000.00	Shame	£0.00
Extra amount (as approved by Lord Myrers in October)	1.00	114,000.00	£114,000.00	Paid back due to gross failure	£0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT	1.00	693,000.00	£693,000.00	Amount recovered by Gordon Brown	£0.00
Mr Fred Goodwin C/O The Royal Bank of Scotland plc 42 St Andrew Square Edinburgh EH2 2YE		Pay	Year To date		
		Pension (monthly)	£57,000.00	Pension (yearly)	£693,000.00
Approval of pension payment (including extra amount as agreed in October)		Gordon Brown	Net Pay	£693,000.00	

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### Some Unusual Words

*Typhlosis n.* Blindness. 'and finally I'd like to thank our long suffering umpires who have given their time freely throughout the season, often despite inconvenience - and even illness, as with Mr Isterling, whose recurring typhlosis is well known to us all and has not made things any easier for him. It is a thankless task and must remain so - especially in his case.

Amy, a city girl, marries a farmer.

One morning, before he goes out to the fields, the farmer says to her, "The artificial insemination man is coming to impregnate one of our cows today. I drove a big nail into the two-by-four over the cow's stall. You show him where it is."

The farmer leaves, and a while later, the artificial insemination man arrives. Amy takes him down the rows of cows until she sees the nail.

She says, "This is the one, right here."

The man says, "How do you know?"

Amy says, "By the nail over its stall."

The man says, "What's the nail for?"

Amy says, "I guess it's to hang your pants on."

## Giant Rodent Captured In China

Following on from the Laotian Rock Rat, a previously extinct rodent recently discovered in a kebab in a North Eastern Thai village (see Trav No 3, p 3), and the discovery of a giant bird eating spider (the size of a dinner plate) in the Mek-hong Delta, the find in China of a rat the size of a large cat brings little surprise. Weighing in at an amazing 3 kilos with a 12 inch tail, this fine specimen was identified as a Sumatran bamboo rat. Captured by Mr Xian from Fouzhou on China's south east coast, experts required a closer examination of the beast, but unfortunately Mr Xian had scarpered, presumably in case his new friend became unavailable for the family table. Residents are being asked to report any unusual sized holes in the skirting boards.





# Happy Birthday Eat



A lovely gathering of friends and relatives enjoyed Khun Eat's birthday in the traditional manner. Thai food followed by a calorific cake and then Karaoke, made for a proper 'do' at Lakeside Lodge.

*Shampoo the rug v. To lose one's population paste on a mapatasi. Perhaps when getting off at Edge Hill.*

*Petit Filou n. A hairy yoghurt pot so small that the naughty spoon has trouble getting in. A mouse's ear.*

*Friend of Dorothy n. Politically correct terminology for a fudge nudger.*

## Watch The Road Not The Signs



## Cheltenham Races

*A group of primary school infants, accompanied by two female teachers, went on a field trip to Cheltenham races to see and learn about thoroughbred horses. When it was time to take the children to the toilet, it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other. The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's toilet when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal. Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their pants, and began hoisting the boys up, one by one, holding their willies to direct the flow away from their clothes. As she lifted one, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed. Trying not to show that she was staring, the teacher said, 'You must be in year four.... in Miss Atkinson's class?' 'No, madam,' he replied. 'I'm riding Silver Arrow in the 2.15.'*

A half-mile section of road in Gloucestershire has 71 road signs, erected by the Highways Agency at a cost of more than 8,500 pounds. They include direction signs, place names, 36 "No U-Turn" signs and dozens of speed restrictions. Residents and road safety campaigners claim that the Ebley bypass in Cirencester contains so many warnings that they could cause accidents. . Jacqui Taylor, the CPRE's county director, said: "There are two issues. The signs can be dangerous as drivers' attention is on signs rather than the road, and there is the obvious aesthetic issue of cluttering the landscape." Highways officials have admitted that the number may be "quite excessive". A spokesman for the AA said: "I suspect these signs were installed historically and were probably necessary at the time. Unfortunately, they are now left looking pretty stupid."