



Travelogue No 48



The Dangers Of Spoons

The Nanny State's Gestapo in the supermarkets are up to their old tricks again. This time Tesco, a store mentioned on more than one occasion, has caused Emma Sheppard some degree of annoyance.

Ms Sheppard (21) was doing some shopping in Tesco Evesham, and included within her trolley a packet of teaspoons.

Can you guess what happened next?

Yes, that's right, Tesco demanded to see proof of age from Ms Sheppard.

For why?

Total astonishment but it seems that, in Tesco's eyes, teaspoons are dangerous and as such you need to be over 25 in order to buy them. Ms Sheppard didn't have any i/d on her, and therefore was banned from buying the teaspoons.

The Nanny state robs people of their common sense and their liberties.

Tesco clearly needs to be dealt with in a manner that hurts them where they feel the most pain; in their bottom line.

Boycott Tesco!

Health Scare



I'll Drink To That !!!

Posting By Top Blogmeister - Ken Frost

My compliments to the good people of BrewDog who, fed up with being criticised by Nanny for producing a beer of humongous strength (Tokyo weighs in at a colossal 18.2% no less!), have produced a beer as weak as piss water and named it "Nanny State".

In fact the new beer has such a low-alcohol content that Nanny does not class it as a beer, and it was not subject to beer duty.

BrewDog also makes a drink called "Speedball", prompting a vitriolic attack from the Porkman (sorry Portman) Group who whinge that it shares the same name as a drug cocktail that killed River Phoenix. So what!!!

I raise my glass to BrewDog!



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Stella Awards - Could Only Happen In America !



Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbour ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbour's hubcaps.

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, who was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight, count 'em, EIGHT days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish.

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, reached 4th Place in the Stella's when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbour's beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania because a jury

ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument. What ever happened to people being responsible for their own actions?

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000....oh, yeah, plus dental expenses.

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, (are you sitting down?) :

\$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

Ed: Absolutely astonishing !!!!!!!

Country Assets Up For Sale

The Government is to stage a £16 billion asset sell-off as part of moves to stabilise the public finances, Gordon Brown is set to announce.

Mr Broon will give details of an initial round of disposals that could raise £3 billion over the next two years - including the Tote, the Dartford crossing, the Channel Tunnel rail link, and the Student Loan book. Much of the rest of the funds will be realised by encouraging local authorities to exchange assets for cash. At a seminar in London, he will warn that premature curbs risk "snuffing out" the economic recovery before it has got under way, and insist strong growth is the best solution to public debt. "We need a deficit reduction plan that supports growth and jobs not one that snuffs out re-



covery before it has started," the unelected PM is to say. Outlining his plans to sell a "portfolio of non-financial assets" held by Whitehall and local authorities for some £16bn, Mr Broon will indicate that he wants government to focus on "what it does best" -errr, screw the ordinary citizen. He will say that such action is key to Labour's "clear and credible" plans for halving the deficit over the next four years, of which he will be no part. Aides said the sell-off marked the beginning of a 'radical programme' to destroy 'non-core government business activities' that could be organised better by, or in partnership with, the private sector.





Well I'll Be Burgered !!



A man has been charged with causing criminal damage to two hamburgers worth £5 after an alleged doorstep dispute with a fast food firm.

Stephen Morgan, 31, of South Wales, underwent a police grilling after he was arrested and taken from his home in handcuffs at the weekend. He is due appear at Swansea Magistrates' Court, in south Wales, next week.



Morgan was at home in Culfor Road, Loughor, near Swansea, with partner Michelle Owen on Saturday evening. The couple, who have two children, planned to stay in and watch television programmes with other family members.

Sign In America



A dispute is alleged to have started after an order of food with a local pizza parlour arrived minus two hamburgers. Mr Morgan claims it was agreed the group should wait for the rest of the order, he told the South Wales Evening Post.

A dispute is alleged to have started with a delivery man who came to the house later, and £15 compensation was eventually paid out, he claims. Police visited the address later that evening and arrested Mr Morgan on suspicion of robbery. He was taken to Swansea Central police station where he was questioned about the incident and held overnight.

A South Wales Police spokesman confirmed that a 31-year-old man was arrested on Saturday evening and has since been charged with causing criminal damage to food valued at £5.

Ed: What a terrible crime, lock him up and throw away the key !!

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Despite an excellent start, the proprietors of Fantasy House have delayed their International debut into The Devil's Den, Soi LK Metro, Pattaya until the recent drugs/porn/knocking shop case has been completed. Pattaya Police say that this type of enterprise would give a better image and keep the hookers off the streets, with more backhanders available to them !!



It is time for another Prats of The Week Award.

This week, as many of you may have guessed, it goes to Sainsbury's (again!).

For why?

Well, it seems that they had a wee bit of a bust up with one of their pregnant customers (Janet Lehain) over the issue of cheese.

Mrs Lehain asked for some Canadian Cheddar while she was shopping at Sainsbury's Clapham. However, Sainsbury's is a fully paid up supporter of the Nanny State. As such the member of staff serving her refused to sell it to her.

Errmmm...for why?

Seemingly, according to the member of staff, it was made from unpasteurised milk and constitutes a danger to pregnant women.

Factoid: it transpires that pregnant women are advised to avoid eating ripened soft cheeses of the Brie, Camembert and blue-veined types, whether pasteurised or unpasteurised. Hard cheeses such as Cheddar can be safely eaten during pregnancy.

Mrs Lehain, unlike some people, was not prepared to take this lying down and said that she was aware of the current medical advice and wanted to buy the cheese.

Mrs Lehain, finally having extricated the cheese from the jobsworth, wrote a letter of complaint:

"What followed was the most patronising encounter I have had the misfortune of experiencing in a long time and made worse by the fact it was entirely unexpected

given the seemingly simple task.

The member of staff told me how lucky my generation of pregnant women are to have such information available to them because this was not the case 'in her day'. I could only respond by saying that I thought pregnant women in the past were probably a whole lot less stressed and guilt-ridden as a result.

I asked if I could have the cheese if I promised not to eat any of it. How ridiculous that I had to openly lie in order to buy a piece of cheese! Even if I were ignorant of the risks associated with this period in a woman's life, it is not the job of a supermarket to tell people what they should or not be eating.

Indeed if I am missing something, and the Government in its wisdom has made supermarkets guardians of public health without me noticing, then I should like to leave the country now."

Sainsbury's ended up making some grudging apology. However, it seems that they still believe that their policy of delivering unwanted "health advice" is correct.

I wonder if they do the same for pregnant women who buy booze and fags?

Quite why supermarkets now choose to act as Nanny State's lickspittles is beyond me. I assume that they feel that they will get some favour in return.

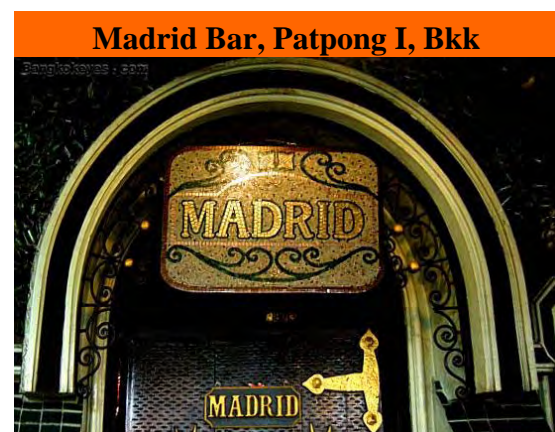
Sainsbury's, well deserving Prats of The Week!



An English Traffic Sign

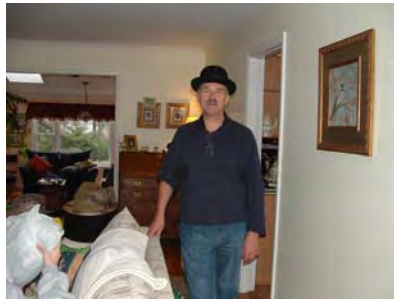
Cybertranny *n.* Man or woman who pretends to be of the opposite sex in Internet chat rooms, eg. 16-year-old Brenda turns out to be a 35 stone tattooed American man called Jim-Bob, with his dead mother in a fridge.

Roughing Up The Suspect *v.* What a vice squad copper tells his superiors he's doing when he's caught polishing his Bobby's Helmet in the seized porn store room.



The **Madrid** has yet another new bit of signage up as of this last month. A mosaic, very much in keeping with the original decor. Same pleasant hostesses, same good pizza - keep on keeping on.....

Galleria - Ancient & Modern



Old mate Crispin Etherington with new bride Jane (top right) in Monte Carlo. JB, JB's and Tony Thai, stepson Rory - everyone just chillin



Knicker Nicker At Large

An underpants' thief is reportedly terrorising plane passengers in Papua New Guinea. Women travelling with the national carrier Air Niugini are fed up with one or more baggage handlers nicking their knickers. Four women, who wish to remain nameless, said their best undergarments were stolen from luggage when travelling on domestic flights leaving the capital Port Moresby. One tourist on a brief stay in PNG said her bag's lock was broken and the only item missing were g-strings and lace hipster briefs. "I could not believe it. I was shocked, it's just too creepy," she said. "I have travelled all around the world and this is the first time something like this has happened," she said. Another woman visiting her mother in Lae, on PNG's northwest coast, discovered her pink panties were gone. "What makes it weirder is that I had much more valuable items to steal than my underpants," she said. Air Niugini officials said they would get to the bottom of the issue.



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