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Bunny Island joins freedom fight

by Rocky Squirrel

KANDAHAR - For the first time ever, Bunny Island army forces are engaged in a foreign war, King Richard having sent them overseas to Afghanistan.

"I'm confident our four boys will make a world of difference," he told this reporter.

"I won't rest until I have Osama's head, and possibly some of his other body parts, on my plate," said General Kali before his flight yesterday. A recent arrival to Bunny Island, Kali was appointed general after inflicting an old-fashioned thrashing to Lava Breath, the



Jack Douglas, Grampa Bear, Kali, and Uncle Big Guy are shown with patriotic gear shortly before their flight to the front.

perennial dragon enemy of the local area.

Kali's troops consist of Grampa Bear (the "old General"), Uncle Big Guy ("Scourge of the Cretaceous")

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By Steamboat Dog

There is a new Dragon in town. His name is Scorch. Firestripe claims he's Scorch's dad. Scorch didn't believe him at first, but now he's so convinced that they've joined to start a new business -- producing a new type of Felix food (see adjoining article).

Here's how it all started. Firestripe found two messages in a bottle telling him that Scorch -- who'd always thought he was the son of the dreaded Lava Breath -- was really his son. So Firestripe flew off looking for Scorch. When he saw him standing on a cliff, he got so excited he flew into the cliff and bonked his head, which sent him flying like a boomerang.

This tangled him up with Scorch and they were both knocked out. Later Scorch woke up and said "Where am I?" That was when Firestripe woke up and showed Scorch the messages.

Then Scorch realized that Firestripe was his dad and promptly fainted.

Later, Lava Breath was attacking Scorch's Dad, so he released one of their new Felixes and it ran away (as designed). This distracted Lava Breath so Firestripe could wipe him out. As everyone knows, Firestripe is a former arch-enemy of Bunny Islanders who recently changed his ways.

A new, good Dragon in town?

New biz off and running

by Steamboat Dog

There is a new business in town called Fire Stripe and Son.

It sells Felixes that run away from you. They're what put the fun back in the hunt.

It's located on Little League Way. Hours are 9am- 9pm.

Boy, they sure are fun to play with!!!

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Celebs "R" This Page



By Cheer Bear

Cheer Bear. Of course you all know me... right? I mean, it's been only 10 years or so since the last Care Bears movie was made. You all saw it, didn't you? Of course you did.

But I digress. The first thing you need to know is I am writing this in the dead of night. Mickey must not know. Because it's him, oh yes it's him! He's threatening to have me evicted from Celebrity Row. Me! Cheer Bear, the spunky helper of Tenderheart, the leader of those of those ever-uplifting Care Bears... who saved the world from Nicholas and that evil book in our first movie and then in the second movie, uh... well, I know we did some kind of saving. It slips my mind at the moment.

Anyway, I digress... again! If only you know how hard it's become for me to focus on anything, with this burden growing and weighing on me. I even hear now that Mickey's planning a Christmas special with many of the famous cartoon characters... but not the Care Bears. Oh, no! Leave us out of everything, threaten to take away our very homes, but keep expecting us to be happy, joyful, helpful, feeling, and... I don't know if I can say it anymore... caring!

Oh sure, I know what you're saying, I sound like some typical celebrity animal, all full of himself, just thinking about himself. Well, it's not true! I can still care. Just watch... I'm doing it right now. It's just not the same without anybody paying attention. Oh yes, I almost forgot, Cozy Heart is probably getting booted out, too. Do you know what this means? We'll be forced to live among the Bunny Island rabble. It will

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Eat at Bun's! Have a good time!



Mickey's View

by Mickey Mouse

So much to talk about... so much you need to know! Uh, careful of the new Ming China vase there, Goofy. No, not that one. Watch out! You blithering fool!

Oh, right, where was I? Ah yes. Of course you all want to know how truly marvy is it to be a famous animal celebrity... probably the most famous. Where to begin?

All right, here's something. As much as it pains me to say it, Popple will be readmitted to the Celebrity Wing. Well, Popple, the recent surge of commercials has not gone unnoticed. Welcome back, I guess.

Now, many of you (well, two or three, perhaps) may draw some adverse conclusions from the Cheer Bear article next to mine. (Why the editors let that loser have as much space as me, I have no idea.) Being who I am, I won't sink to quibbling; I will simply say that if a certain washed-up bear is to have any chance at all of appearing in a certain Christmas special, she had best start with the bootlicking, and pretty darn fast.

In other news, you'll be glad to hear I visited Minnie on my last visit to the Continent. She still asks why I continue to live on this heathen island. Minnie, don't you see? No taxes! Well. What else? Oh yes, I -- Goofy, what are you doing? Goofy, for God's sake, put that down! No, not on the imported



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Tan Bear Realty

"I've sold every tan-colored house in Bunny Island!"
- Tan Bear



When it's tan, you know it's Tan Bear

TBR

Other News

WAR/Kali leads army of 4 against (has) bin

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and young Jack Douglas, the first jackalope ever seen outside of Wyoming and Colorado. While Jack is new to the war game, Grampa Bear fought in both World Wars, and Uncle Big Guy can recall (can he ever!) tangling with T-rexes over 60 million years ago.

When asked about his planned strategy for the upcoming battles, Kali said, "I don't like all this sieging. Jay says he can do a drop right into Kandahar, so we're going right in."

Bob's Bar also donated 30 kegs to the war effort. "We all have to do what we can," proprietor Bob Bear commented, tossing back a cold one.

Overpopulation

by Curious George

Oh, where has all the space gone? As I walked through town yesterday I observed the building of not one, not two, but three new houses!

The horror! Soon the forests will be downed, greenhouse gases will pollute the air, global temperatures will rise, and we'll all die!!!!

But I rant. The real issue here is the fact that the population of Bunny



Island has more than doubled over the past six years! Do you realize what this means?! Why,

just yesterday as I bemoaned the new houses, I discovered after painstaking research, that there was exactly one banana less in the market than there was the day before.

Obviously the food supply is quickly dwindling. We don't

Rab Rabbit loses it... again

by Rocky Squirrel

Questions have been pouring in from readers lately, concerning the fate of long-time Island



resident and owner of Bunny Factory, after his attempted bombing of the Bunny Island Town museum.

But, for those of you who don't know the tale of



All of Bunny Island turned out for this recent photograph.

New Bunny Island Animals

By Steamboat Dog

In recent years, Bunny Island has happily welcome new animals Skunky, El Capitan, Baby Bear, Telera, Tetonia, Ash, Jack Douglas, Mr. Handy, Zimby, CD, Scorch, Pouncer, Kali, Firestripe, Patch, Uncle Big Guy, Easter, Jaws, Sharki, Needles, Green Hat Duck, Rudolph, Lana, Max, Louise, Huey, Dewey, Louie, and Lava Breath and Scaley... hey, wait a minute, those last two are dragons!



have much time. Everybody stop eating and send your food to my house.

Or, I suppose you could write the paper an angry letter, but I prefer the first option.

Artifacts for sale

Seems like only yesterday that the original Bunny Islanders landed on the sunny shores of our fair realm to establish a new land where talking animals could breathe free.

Ahem, well... Artifacts from that ship are now for sale at the town hall. Still unsold are the steering wheel, Richard's porthole window, the mug Rocky drank from and the entire ship's hull.

Sports & Comics

Grand slams galore!

By Curious George

My favorite team hit 100 grand slams! The final score was 400-399! The game had 26 innings! That's 52 innings total! My favorite team had 26 innings to score 400 Runs! It was raining balls! All the Animals that got on base were walked on! What a game!!!!!!

The highest scoring Bunny Island football game ever!!

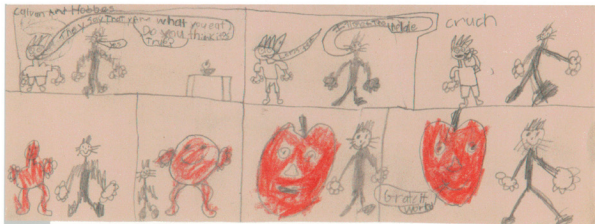
By Rocky Squirrel

It was the greatest game I've ever seen. The final score was Bulldozers 105, Weirdos 104. The Weirdos ran 99 yards every time they got the ball. The Bulldozers threw the ball 99 yards every time they got it. All in all it was a great game!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Bulldozers play the Weirdos again next Sunday at 2:00 pm. Both coaches say to expect tighter defense.

In baseball, the Carnivores play the Herbivores on Saturday at noon. Coach Curious George of the Herbivores provided some unprintable comments.

Calvin and Hobbes by Aspen (with respect to Bill Watterson)



Jimmy's Boat Rental

*Pleasure Cruise around the island in your own private speed boat
A romantic trip*



Bob's Bar

Drinks and Drunks, Cheap!



Bunny Island Census, 2001

Current population: 138

Bunnies: 14*
 Pandas: 4
 Koalas: 3*
 Bears: 28*
 Squirrels: 2
 Turtles: 4*
 Dogs: 10*
 Cats: 4*
 Penguins: 3*
 Lions: 5*
 Parrots: 3*
 Tigers: 3*
 Leopards: 1*
 Cheetahs: 1*
 Chipmunks: 2
 Sharks: 3*
 Whales: 3*
 Dolphins: 2*
 Octopi: 1
 Water creatures: 13*
 Uncertain: 2
 Dragons: 4*
 Prehistoric animals: 4*
 Mice: 2
 Frogs: 2
 Kangaroos: 2
 Racoons: 1
 Monkeys: 2
 Ducks: 7*
 Deer: 2*
 Mogwai: 1
 Coyotes: 2*
 Wolves: 1*
 Jackalopes: 1*
 Horses: 3*
 Owls: 1*
 Skunks: 1*

* - Changed since last census

Animals by Name and Occupation

BUNNIES:

Rab: Owner, Bunny Factory (m. Bun)
Bun: Owner, Bun's Diner (m. Rab)
Aspen: Park Ranger, (m. Louise)
Louise: Homemaker (m. Aspen)
Needles: Farmer
Max: Fireman (m. Lana)
Lana: Homemaker (m. Max)
Bunny Bee: Doctor, Buny Bee's Hospital
Easter: child
The Bunny Twins: child
Rusty: child
Funky Bunny: (MIA)
Baby Bunny: child

PANDAS

Hugs: Worker, BF (m. Cling)
Cling: Worker, BF (m. Hugs)
Blank: child
Pammy: child

KOALAS

Kay: Dam Worker
Blinky: child
Kola: Checker, Market

BEARS

Grampa Bear: Retired (Army reserve)
Handicapped Bear: Retired (Army reserve)
Bob Bear: Owner, Bob's Bar
Bear: Worker, Bunny Factory
El Capitan: Unemployed
Winnie-the-Pooh:

Celebrity

Baby Bear: child
Tan Bear: Owner, Tan Bear Insurance & Realty
Telera: Bagger, Market
Cubby Bear: Former Celebrity
James, Marty, Jack, Bill, and Ted: Acrobats
Teddy: Retired in Abstenia
Teddy 2: Acrobat
Teddy 3: child
Paddington: Celebrity
Brownly (Kicking): child
Marmalade: child
Mr. Handy: Handyman
Colorado Bear: child
Gold Band Bear: child
Cheer Bear: Celebrity
Ruthann Bear: Owner, Market
Baron von Oops: Baloon Pilot
Bending Bear: child
Grips: Printer, Newspaper

SQUIRRELS

Rocky: Newspaper Reporter
Tundra: Photographer

TURTLES:

Mom Turtle: Homemaker (m. CD)
CD: Software Developer (m. Mom)
Speedy: child
Baby Turtle: child

DOGS

Big Dog: Worker, BF (m. Flounchy)
Flounchy: Homemaker (m. Big Dog)
Steamboat: Newspaper Reporter
Scarborough: Retired
David: Retired in Abstenia

Spotty: Retired in Abstenia
Snoopy: Celebrity
Spot: Assistant Editor, Newspaper
Hush Puppy: child
Cuddle Puppy: child
Smoke Dog: child
Tiny: Acrobat

CATS

Whiptail: Bodyguard (m. Soft Cat)
Soft Cat (Mrowy): Librarian, Homemaker
Funny Cat: child
Garfield: Celebrity

PENGUINS

Opus: Former Celebrity (m. Cozyheart)
Cozyheart: Celebrity (m. Opus)
Patch: Mailman

LIONS

Richard: King
Crystal: Queen
Swampcooler: prince
Baby Cat: prince
Marsh: prince

PARROTS

Jay: Airplane
Corduroy: child
Polynesia: Town Translator

TIGERS

Kali: General, Army
Pouncer: child
Tigerlily: Nurse, Hospital (m. Swiftpaw)

LEOPARDS

Swiftpaw: Fire Chief (m. Tigerlily)

CHEETAHS

Zimby: child

CHIPMUNKS

Chip: Celebrity
Dale: Celebrity

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**WATER
CREATURES**

Jaws (shark) (m. Sharki)
Sharki (shark) (m. Jaws)
Overbite (shark)
Kille (killer whale)
Baby Whale (whale)
Whaley (whale)
Back Fin (dolphin)
Fable (dolphin)
Octo (octopus)
Shala (seal)
Black (seal)
White (seal)
Lob (lobster)

UNCERTAIN

Smurf: Celebrity
Popple: Celebrity

DRAGON

Lava Breath:
 Archenemy
Scaly: Archenemy's son
Scorch: FireStripe &
 Son
Firestripe: FireStripe &
 Son

**PREHISTORIC
ANIMALS**

Uncle Big Guy: Army
 Guy
Pinky Dinosaur:
 Waitress, Bun's Diner
Rex: (tyrannosaurus)
Gouge: (wooly
 mammoth)

MICE

Mickey: Head of the
 Celebrities
Jerry: Celebrity

FROGS

Jimmy: Owner, Jimmy's
 Boat Rental (m. Rebbeta)
Rebbeta: Homemaker
 (m. Jimmy)

KANGAROOS

Kanga: Assistant Editor,
 Newspaper

Joey: child

RACOONS

Mask: Worker, BF

MONKEYS

Curious George:
 Celebrity, Newspaper
 Reporter

Tiny Monkey: child

DUCKS

Mal: Editor, newspaper

Green Hat Duck: Fish

dept., Market

Baby Duck: child

Huey: Celebrity

Dewey: Celebrity

Louie: Celebrity

Webby: Celebrity

DEER

Faline: Nurse, Hospital

Rudolph: Celebrity

MOGWAI

Gizmo: Celebrity

COYOTES/WOLVES

Yellowstone: Owner,
 Yel Soft computer
 company (eng. Tetonia)
Tetonia: Systems Tester,
 computer company (eng.
 Yellowtone)

Ash: Child

JACKALOPES

Jack Douglas: Army
 Guy

OTTERS

Otty: Employee, Jimmy's
 Boat Rental

HORSES

White Mane: Software
 Developer

ZEBRAS

Zelda Zebra: Waitress,
 Bun's Diner

Zippy Zebra: Owner,
 Zippy's Beauty Parlour,
 Celebrity wannabe

OWLS

Cannonball NA

SKUNKS

**Library plans
taking shape**

Softcat recently
 talked to King Richard
 about building a library
 in Bunny Island Town.

"What a good idea!"
 Richard responded.
 "Funny I didn't think of
 that myself. Or maybe I
 did and didn't realize it.
 Just kidding!"

Mr. Handy has
 already begun work, and
 Softcat is making a
 special trip to America
 (disguised as a Hogwartz
 school teacher) to look
 for low-cost books.

Helping Handy dig
 out the foundation are the
 dog family and several
 rabbits.

Octo , Shala, Whaley,
 Back Fin, Jaws and
 Sharki are "fishing"
 rocks from the ocean to
 use for the foundation.

Jimmy and Otty of
 Jimmy's Boat Rental are
 bringing the rocks to
 land, where they are
 loaded onto wagons that
 White Mane and Zippy
 are pulling to the
 construction site.

Marriage Corner
 maintained by **Bun**
Bunny

Aspen married Louise.
 Whiptail married Softcat.
 Max married Lana.
 Gizmo will marry
 Popple on Dec. 11 at
 noon.

**ZIPPY'S
BEAUTY
PARLOUR**

"I give it one tail
 up!"
 -Popple

Acrobats



**The best show on
earth!!!**

Shows daily, 1 p.m., at
 Swinging Trees Park

Yel Soft

Computers that Howl



More News

Back Issues

1997 - Led by since-deposed bunny president Rab Rabbit, the "Bunny Island for Bunnies" revolution nearly succeeds.

1998 - Invention of Felix meat ends long-standing moral debate.

1999 - A new group of bigger, stronger dragons descend on

Bunny Island, displacing the previous scourge (who had been soundly trounced more times than can be easily counted). Bunny Islanders manage to fend off this new menace, at least for the present.

- On a trip to Yosemite National Park and other parts of California, Bunny

Islanders bring back El Capitan, Skunky, Needles, and Huey, Duey, and Louie.

2000 - Admitting he's no longer the power he once was, the original dragon, RedStripe (or Firestripe, as he wants to be known), sued for pardon and was admitted into Bunny Island Town.

2001 - Bob Bear, Yellowstone, and Ash trek to Grand Teton National Park, where they meet Tetonia. Jack Douglas is picked up elsewhere in Wyoming.

1993 to Present - Numerous animals move to Bunny Island. Many new marriages and children result.

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reach the site where the town has since been built.

Rab recruited a large number of the original residents to work in his factory, which has long produced many of the appliances, raw materials, and just about everything used by Bunny Island Town residents that isn't imported.

The problems began a few years ago when Rab's heavy handed approach towards residents of the island and his attempted run for a third term as King of the Bunnies met with a lot of opposition. The mantra of his supporters "Bunny Island for Bunnies" was an attempt to oust all non-rabbit citizens from the island. However, Aspen's counter campaign

eventually put down the insurrection and the participants later apologized for their insane mob tactics. Aspen was elected King of the Bunnies some time after, even though he hadn't been running for the mostly symbolic office.

Rab, however, apparently took the defeat personally. Nursing his wounds, he began plotting against his rival, Aspen. His loss to Aspen for the second time inflamed his wounds. However, it wasn't until Aspen began dating Rab's oldest daughter, Louise, that he went over the deep end.

Yours truly was working a volunteer job at the museum when a rather loony voice informed me on the phone:

"Heeeeeeheeeeee..."
"Hello?" I asked with

some concern.

"Heeeeeeheeeeee," the voice continued.

"Hello?" I asked again.

"There's a bbbbbbomb!!!!
Boooloolo!!!!" it cackled.

The conversation continued in this manner, until I eventually discovered that the voice was Rab's, and he was going to plant a bomb in the museum -- his intent being to turn Aspen into small bits of flaming dust. This didn't sound like a good thing.

Fortunately, Bob Bear and his beermobile were only a phone call away. We managed to knock Rab off the road before he could complete

his insidious plan. Unfortunately, he'd strapped the bomb to himself and, with the arrival of Aspen on the scene, was about to detonate it.

Fortunately, Louise was able to talk her father down and lead him away, to a nice white van.

Anyway, Rab is back on the streets again and back in control of Bunny Factory. His wife, Bun, assures us that he's taking his medication regularly and actually seemed to have a skip in his step yesterday. However, I wouldn't recommend anyone to jump on him again. (And that goes doubly for a certain young white tiger named Pouncer.)

Bunny Factory

We make everything! (well, almost)

Editorials

Why supplement our insurance?

People assume that because I look like a certain duck on television I'm automatically a great believer in supple... supplement... I'll get it out eventually here... supplemental insurance! Trouble is, that kind of insurance is more



Mal Duck

mental than it is supple, if you know what I mean. My advice is, watch out for slippery spots at airports, crazy bicyclists, hockey pucks, and especially an insane duck who runs around incessantly quacking "AFLAC!!!"

Good times for Bunny Island

My people ... er, ahem, I mean, my animals. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Bunny Island kingdom has never been in better shape.

In the past year, for example, the number of dragon attacks is down 17 percent. Marriages are up; home-building is up, and the census showed the bunny population rose considerably (not a bad



King Richard

thing in a place named Bunny Island). We even joined the computer age with the new YelSoft Co. Personally, Crystal and I couldn't be better. Of course, there's always Baby Cat, but Bunny-bee says we should start seeing a big difference with his new diet.

Letters

Light synchronization

I often wonder what is wrong with all the street lights in town. Why, no matter what time of evening it is, they all turn on at different times! Not only is this aggravating, but it made me walk into a bench because I was looking up at the lights. Why can't the king *do* something about it?

Mom Turtle
Bunny Island Town

Statue woes

How much money is City Council going to spend on figuring out a plan for dealing with the Founders' Statue in the middle of Main Street? It's obvious that we need to ban left turns at the intersection. You can't see anybody coming when you walk around the statue! It's only a matter of time before

someone gets a very serious bruise.

Kanga Kangaroo
Bunny Island Town

All invited to party

Everyone in Bunny Island is invited to a big open-air party in the meadow outside town. There will be music and food and toys for the kids.

One small, but very important point: In order to really enjoy the festivities, be sure to baste yourselves in oil before coming. This will help with the cooking, er, uh, sun block.

I'd also like to extend a special invitation to the fatter Bunny Islanders. This party will not discriminate against you. In fact, we want you there... a lot!

~~Lava Breath~~ John Q. Rabbit
Dragon Cave, Bunny Island



