

WEDNESDAY MORNING: ADULTING IS HARD

While looking for Wednesday, I discovered there's a video short series based on a grownup version of Wednesday Addams character. Cute, though from Wednesday's POV becoming an adult isn't all the fun one might expect.

So much for those carefree days when one could leave all the bad news and difficult choices to parental figures. It was all an illusion there were ever any grownups in charge.

Playstation moves to U.S. as Sony melds and migrates interactive entertainment divisions

What's this really all about? Does this consolidation of Sony Computer Entertainment with Sony Network Entertainment and their move to California as Sony Interactive Entertainment allow better collaboration with Sony Pictures? Or does this allow for easy access by U.S. government entities suspicious of Playstation Network as a potential terrorist communications platform? Or is this a means to secure a leaky business by pulling more of Sony Group inside a single network? Sony explained SIE will "retain and expand PlayStation user engagement, increase Average Revenue Per Paying Users and drive ancillary revenue" – but that sounds like fuzzy vapor to me.

***"Bent spear? Oh, THAT bent spear..."* Air Force review omits report of damage to nuke**

I hope like hell President Obama has already called someone on the carpet and asked for heads to roll. Not reporting a "bent spear" event in a review of U.S. nuclear force isn't exactly a little boo-boo. A "bent spear" in 2007 spawned a rigorous investigation resulting in a large number of disciplinary actions including resignations and removals from duty.

Zika virus: risk to U.S. mounting

There have been more non-locally transmitted cases of Zika virus here in the U.S. as another

Latin American country warns women against pregnancy. *Not to worry, it's not like Ebola, relax, we've been told...except that we've seen this playbook before, where there were casualties as a pandemic began before either federal or state agencies took effective action.* In the case of Zika, we may not see mortalities; casualties may be serious birth defects following a rapid spread with mosquito season. Fortunately President Obama has now asked for more accelerated research into Zika, though we may not see results before Aedes mosquito season hits its stride this year. For more information about this virus, see the CDC's Zika website.

EU seeks hefty fines in draft law to overhaul auto industry regulations

At fines of €30,000 (£22,600) per vehicle found in violation, the EU might get some results out of proposed regulations governing automotive emissions standards. But the problem hasn't been the lack of EU standards – it's the inability to validate and extract compliance when so many member states are willing to turn a blind eye to their constituent manufacturers' failings in order to preserve employment. Can the EU make these fines stick once new regulations are passed?

By the way, Consumer Reports published a really snappy overview of the VW emissions scandal. Worth a read.

Con Edison's creaky website leaves online customers exposed

You'd think by now after all of the successful hacks on business and government websites that companies would catch a clue. But no, not in the case of Con Edison. Read the article here so you know what to watch for at other websites; all of ConEd's site's links do not open fully encrypted connections. This is a really easy thing to fix, should be the very first thing every single business allowing customers to log in or pay online should check.

Heading out to act like an adult for the next eight hours. Maybe less.