

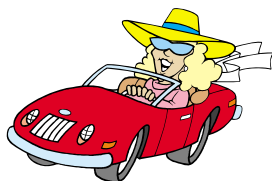
FAA UNDER SCRUTINY

(UPI-Atlanta, Ga) In response to Airline Passengers Coalition (APC) concerns, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) held a news conference today to help defray airline passenger fears about the upcoming holiday travel season. The Airline Passengers Coalition has publicly expressed grave concern upon learning of the November presentation of a private pilot's license to Cumming resident, Jeff "Cap'n" Bucchino. Said the NTSB spokesman, "We are closely monitoring the skies around the Atlanta area to insure that Jeff does not become a significant hazard to the aviation industry and public at large. The considerable resources of the FAA and our bureau have been pooled in order to meet this monumental challenge." According to one well-informed anonymous source, Congressional offices have been inundated with calls from angry constituents, demanding that the screening process for potential private pilots be reevaluated and more stringent standards put into place. "We just didn't look hard enough", moaned an FAA spokesman, "we feel terrible about this, but our hands are tied. He passed all the tests, paid the fees and before we realized our mistake, it was over and done with." But APC President Orville "Buzz" Yeager, expressed doubts about the FAA's competence, "The full narrative of each and every lesson Jeff took, was posted to his website, www.wizardofdraws.com, and the FAA should have been aware of what was going to happen long before it did. This is government run amok." Randall "Boss" Simmons, owner of the flight school in Canton, Georgia where Jeff received his flight training, and his instructor Karen "Kramer" Ham were both reportedly under heavy sedation and unavailable for comment.



LIKE SON, LIKE MOTHER

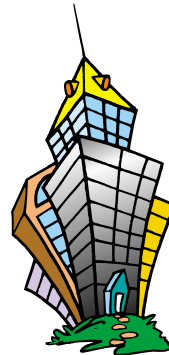
(AP-Alpharetta, Ga) Following in the size 13 footsteps of her young son Jeffery, longtime Honda employee Candance Bucchino has attracted the attention of two major university genealogy departments interested in obtaining lucrative government genetic research grants. "Incredible. Sandwiched in a five car pileup with thousands of dollars damage and the only injury that anyone involved received was Candy's mild case of



whiplash", marveled one university professor, "I don't know how the Bucchinos do it." As reported here last year, Detroit automakers invited the young Cumming driver, Jeffery Bucchino to act as a crash dummy in their new car auto safety tests. His two vehicle accidents without injury in a relatively short time, made him an obvious choice of Detroit engineers working on auto safety designs. Plans for extensive DNA testing on Candance and Jeffery are currently under development to see what role family genetics might play in highway traffic accidents. "This is very exciting for us", one researcher grinned, "we haven't seen this much activity around here since that time Norbert put the flesh-eating bacteria in the department fridge. Hoo-boy, fun-nee stuff!" When contacted for comment again this year, Georgia Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine replied, "We're looking closely at both Candance and Jeffery and we would strongly encourage other Georgia drivers to do the same."

GSP ADVISES CAUTION

(UPI-Cumming, Ga) Traffic advisories have been issued by the Georgia State Patrol for Atlanta and the surrounding metro counties and will remain in effect for at least the next 12 months, following the issuance of a driver's license to April Bucchino. North Georgia drivers are cautioned to restrict their travel to a minimum and only venture out onto the highways when absolutely essential. "We're beginning to see an alarming pattern develop within the Bucchino family", observed one Georgia State trooper, "and it just wouldn't be right for the State Patrol to sit by and not take measures to warn other drivers." When asked about recently discovered confidential internal State Patrol memos that show April has been driving with a learner's permit for the past year, the trooper threw up his hands with an exasperated look said, "Well she's sixteen now and the permit expires after one year. We've put it off as long as we could. Sure, we'd wait longer if it was possible, but you know how sixteen year old girls are." When contacted for comment, Georgia Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine replied, "Our office is looking closely at April and we would strongly encourage other Georgia drivers to do the same." April's father was reportedly under heavy sedation and unavailable for comment.



CAMPUS CONUNDRUM

(AP-Gainesville, Ga) Campus officials at Gainesville College in north Georgia were reluctant to discuss the much anticipated return of drama major Jeffery Bucchino to the student rolls as a sophomore in the spring of 1999. "Although his return after an absence of only one semester means more money for us, his past driving record has us concerned for the safety of our other students.", remarked one official who declined to give her name, "Now in addition to this horrible Y2K mess, we have Jeffery and his parking pass to worry about. It's almost more than we can handle. Oh, the humanity." Gainesville College president John-Boy "Bubba" Jones was reportedly under heavy sedation and unavailable for comment.



LOTTERY TO FILE SUIT

(AP-Cumming, Ga) Georgia lottery officials are privately expressing concern that ticket sales will be adversely affected by the recent sixteenth birthday of April Bucchino of Cumming, Georgia. The surprising and unforeseen demand for opportunities to date the winsome young blonde has resulted in the creation of a private lottery system to take advantage of her Friday and Saturday evening hours. Although strict rules govern the DateApril lottery winners, it does not seem to have had much effect in decreasing the number of hopeful players. "This is great! I camped out at Ticketmaster and was able to get 2 DateApril Homecoming Night lottery tickets at the regular price of \$25 each", gushed one pimply-faced freshman, "I've heard scalpers are selling them for twice that amount!" Lawyers for the Georgia State lottery are expected to file a lawsuit barring April from conducting the private lottery, although if it came to trial, legal experts doubt a verdict in favor of the Georgia lottery would be possible. "We're just at a loss for what to do right now", lamented one lottery official, "we are thinking of increasing the payoffs to help increase our market share, but our options are limited at this point. I mean, lots of us have daughters...it's just a quandry."



*Merry Christmas with Love from
Jeff, Candy,
Jeffery, April and Zach* 