

## ALIEN SUCCESSFULLY CLONED!

Cumming (AP) Unsubstantiated rumors circulating on the internet for months that the alien discovered in Atlanta last year has been cloned, were confirmed today by astrophysicists from NASA. At a press conference in front of speechless reporters, the assembled scientists were giddy but cautious in predicting that the clone will arrive sometime in February of 2005 via a local woman, April Geissert nee Bucchino. "We are puzzled and stunned by the results of our efforts to say the least," gushed NASA spokesman Leonard 'Bones' Roddenberry, "since our preliminary test data indicates that this one will be a female."



April Geissert exhibits the gestating clone in at the laboratory.

According to anonymous sources within NASA, the subject of the bizarre experiment, Mrs Geissert, is experiencing few side effects from her unusual condition, the occasional midnight cravings for Tang and Reeses Pieces notwithstanding. Mr. Geissert was reported to be in seclusion, heavily sedated and unavailable for comment.

## DELTA GIVES SIGH OF RELIEF

Cumming, GA (AP) Delta Airlines pilots and crews are expressing relief at the news that Honda employee Candance Bucchino, is not scheduled to be in California when her daughter April is expected to go into labor with a second alien child next February. "While we would normally be happy to have Mrs. Bucchino on any of our coast to coast flights just as before, being trapped inside a 757 cabin with her for 4 hours or more while on the way to the maternity ward is just too much to ask of our people. They can only endure so many baby pictures and insipid prattle about how smart and adorable her grandson is. It's an alien for Pete's sake; have you seen those antennae?"

NTSB and TSA officials are rumored to be close to concluding their investigation of last year's incident aboard Delta airlines when Mrs Bucchino allegedly threatened the cockpit crew if they didn't get her to Atlanta in time for the birth of her grandson Christian.

## ALIEN CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

Cumming (AP) NASA scientists looked on as Christian Geissert, America's first confirmed space alien, celebrated his arrival on Earth one year ago today. After taking some tentative steps under his own power just a few months previous, the diminutive 21 pound, 31" man from outer space is now reported to be constantly toddling around the alien-proofed Cumming laboratory where he is being kept under close observation by scientists from around the globe. "He's developed two small protuberances in his oral cavity," said one lab technician, "and although we haven't been able to ascertain what they might be used for, his grandmother is telling us that they seem to look like tiny teeth." Insiders within the program monitoring the progress of the alien's physical and mental development say that occasionally it appears as if he is trying to communicate with us. "We've been able to identify a number of sounds and gestures that he is using repeatedly," explained an obviously delighted scientist, "mostly food and entertainment related. We're even beginning to detect rhythmic movements, almost like what we would call dancing, primarily during the Walt Disney morning show, 'The Wiggles', but more study will have to be done before we can make a positive determination."



Christian Geissert shows off his newly acquired ambulatory skills.

## FAA HEAD UNDER INTENSE SCRUTINY

Washington, D.C. (UPI) Congressional leaders have called for a thorough investigation of FAA licensing practices, following the scandal uncovered in August when it became public knowledge that Jeff "The Wizard of Draws" Bucchino was granted an additional rating on his pilot's license. "This is an outrage," fumed Congressman John 'Scary' Kary, "we were given repeated assurances from the FAA that there was absolutely no danger of Mr. Bucchino being awarded his instrument rating. We are asking for a closer look at the results and are weighing the legal options at this juncture."



Jeff Bucchino demonstrates his unerring flying skills to the FAA.

Commenting on the kerfuffle, top FAA Administrator Marion C. Blakey said, "We made our requirements for the instrument rating as strict as we possibly could, but apparently Jeff studied and practiced more than we anticipated. We even tried to discourage him by failing him on his first flight test, but he came back and flew flawlessly, so we had no choice but to award the rating to him after that." Air Traffic Controllers Union officials refused comment, preferring to adopt a wait and see approach.

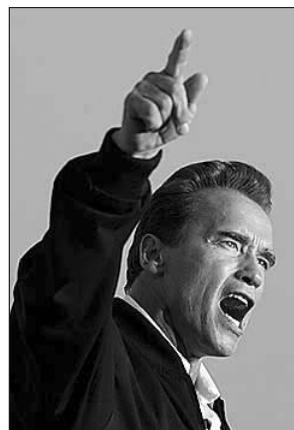
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## SLEEP STUDY PUBLISHED FINDINGS

Cumming, GA (UPI) Researchers at the prestigious Institute for Human Hibernation have published their findings in the scientific journal Morpheus, at the conclusion of long-term in-depth sleep experiments conducted on David Geissert. "We would have been finished with our study much sooner," explained one visibly haggard and exasperated technician, "but we just couldn't get David up after the tests were finished. We tried everything... alarm clocks, loud noises, shaking him, splashing him with cold water, but nothing worked." The article suggested a number of probable theories for his extraordinary sleep habits, but the majority of the experts were pretty sure that, as the dad of a very energetic and active one year old, David is probably faking it to get out of changing diapers. "A lot of us are married with kids and had to change our share of stinky and dirty diapers," yawned one scientist who wouldn't give his name, "but we are impressed at the lengths that David will go to, and the hardships he is able to endure to avoid dealing with that odiferous mess. Everyone here at the Institute has come to admire his persistence over the past months."

## GOVERNOR IRKED BY ALIEN

Sacramento (Reuters) Arnold Schwarzenegger, California's celebrated Austrian-born governor, has vowed to redouble his efforts to lobby for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution allowing naturalized citizens to be elected President of the United States. "I find it extremely unfair and disappointing that space aliens like Christian Geissert, by mere accident of birth, are permitted to hold the highest office in the land," Governor Schwarzenegger argued in an impassioned speech to the Society of Alien Politicians (SAPS), "while otherwise qualified aliens like myself are excluded." The United States has never had a confirmed space alien serve as Chief Executive, although many presidential scholars privately suspect Ronald Reagan, citing his "Star Wars" defense initiative as evidence.



Gov. Schwarzenegger emphasizes a point during today's speech.

*Merry Christmas with Love  
from Jeff, Candy, and Sara*

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