

Looks Good On Paper

(AP) Cumming, GA – The news organization of Schwartz-Morris Media announced today that the recent appointment of Jeff Bucchino to Production Manager of the Forsyth County News will come under scrutiny “with a high-powered microscope” by a select team of middle and senior executives.

“While we understand that Jeff has been here for quite some time now, it is company policy that our managers are to be chosen on the basis of demonstrated ability and leadership, instead of merely good looks,” said a visibly angry C. Foster Kane, spokesman for Schwartz-Morris Media at a hastily called press conference.

Jeff has been employed as a senior graphic artist in the production department for nearly 8 years and reportedly turned down the position in the past for personal reasons, but said this time was different. “I had a few extra pounds on me back then,” Jeff explained, “and the stylist I was seeing wasn’t completely comfortable with the latest Hollywood trends, but I’ve been hitting the treadmill and changed salons since, so it just seemed right this time.” “He sets a standard that the rest of the employees in our organization can’t hope to match,” lamented one pasty-faced reporter who spoke on condition of anonymity, “Oh sure, he’s a pretty boy and all that, but it’s just a little bit depressing that average appearance people should have to put up with this kind of discrimination year after year.”

New Alien Discovered?



Granddaughter Katherine contemplating the universe.

(UPI) Gainesville, GA – Pediatricians, linguistic and UFO scientists were astonished today by the extraordinarily advanced, and non-stop language skills demonstrated by twenty-two month old Katherine Geissert during a routine checkup. “It’s obvious that the child is highly advanced for her apparent age and quite possibly the mutant offspring of an alien,” postulated one bemused doctor, “but we don’t want to be too hasty in our judgment, as erroneously labeling her an alien at this juncture could have unpropitious effects later.”

This is the second possible alien baby for the Geissert family. Christian, born in 2003, was initially believed to be an alien when pictures surfaced showing ‘antennae’ emerging from his head. Eventually, the photos were discovered to be cleverly altered fakes, although the perpetrator of the elaborate hoax was never discovered.

Honda Expresses Concern

(AP) Duluth, GA - Honda executives expressed mild disappointment today at recent developments concerning the choice of lease cars by long-time employee Candance Bucchino. “We were quite taken aback, not only by her choice of that gawd awful metallic blue-silver CR-V,” commented one clearly annoyed executive, “but by the relatively small number of accessories she added on. We were especially disappointed that she didn’t think to add the Kayak Attachment, considering her summer adventure at the Outer Banks.”

“I’m not absolutely sure I made the right choice,” said Candance with a grimace, “by going from a sedan loaded with all the bells and whistles to a virtually stripped down SUV that doesn’t even have an onboard GPS. What was I thinking?” Mr. Bucchino was unavailable for comment and reportedly under heavy sedation.

Guides Take To Streets

(Reuters) Outer Banks, NC - Hundreds of wildlife tour guides took to the streets of Washington, D.C. today, threatening a work stoppage and urging Congress to seriously consider legislation prohibiting any further kayaking by Candance Bucchino in and on the waterways of the United States “Well, mostly it’s the loud wailin’ and caterwaulerin’,” said one scruffy demonstrator when pressed for details, “she scares off all the varmints and critters so



Candance kayaking at the Outer Banks, N.C.

there’s none fer miles around. It’s not good fer business and we want help.”

As they marched toward the Capitol steps hoping to meet with Congressional leaders, the largely peaceful crowd of demonstrators chanted, “Hell no, we won’t row!” and carried banners festooned with the slogan “Give Geese A Chance.” Calls to Mrs. Bucchino for comment were not returned and sources close to her were unsure of her vacation plans for 2007.

Laughter-Silvered Wings A Special Report

(Reuters) Gainesville, GA – I’ve waited nearly 3 years for this day, and so has the Little Man.

Over the course of the last few months, every time I’ve left the house on Sunday morning to go fly, the Little Man has known where I was going and would say in a small, plaintive tone, “I need to go fly with Papa.” There is no greater heartbreak for a pilot to bear than those words from a future birdman.

But today... today, for the very first time, we got to sit side by side as Pilot and Co-pilot, (with his Mommy in back as our somewhat reluctant passenger and chaperone), while we flew a short hop from Gainesville, Georgia to Toccoa, Georgia.

The skies were clear blue and the temperature was fairly cool. With a Mommy on board that is very prone to motion sickness, I had also hoped that the turbulence would be at a minimum. It was, but would be to no avail.

As we waited at the hold line of runway 4, I double checked that my co-pilot’s seat was in the rear-most position, locked, and his door secure. Then we took the runway for departure and as we lined up on the centerline I asked if everyone was ready. When two affirmative answers came back in reply, I pushed the throttle forward and we rolled down the asphalt, headed for the sky. A few short minutes later, trimmed for level flight at 3000’, I pushed my intrepid and fearless Co-pilot’s seat forward where he happily took control of the yoke and with an instinctive sense of direction, flew unerringly straight to our destination. There we lined up with runway 2 and after a slightly bumpy landing, sat and lunched on peanut butter sandwiches and Coca-Colas. As we had feared, Mommy would revisit those sandwiches just before we landed safely back at Gainesville, in spite of our collective efforts to smooth out the flight.

Now on Sunday mornings, the Little Man and I leave the house together.

As Birdmen.



Grandson Christian ready for takeoff at Gainesville, Georgia.



Papa and Christian prepare to depart Gainesville for Toccoa.

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

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