

## Wal\*Mart Sales Slump

(UPI) Cumming, GA. Recent figures issued by Wal-Mart have reported a sharp decline in overall sales and executives are worried that this could signal the start of a widespread and severe downturn in the economy. "Our current inventory indicates a lower than normal turnover rate", lamented one source on condition of anonymity, "The paper goods department has been particularly sluggish of late and we just aren't sure what is going on, although we have seen a slight upturn in the little girls underwear department."

## NASA Issues Denial



Katie takes a hard-earned break from potty training.

(AP) Cape Canaveral, FL. NASA officials have denied putting any pressure on the parents of Katie Geissert to force the vocal towheaded 3 year old into abandoning diapers and begin using 'big girl pants'. "Our widely publicized rogue astronaut issues not withstanding," Public Relations Officer Col. Kimberly "Cruiser" Clark commented, "it is the policy of NASA not to take a position on the use of personal hygiene

apparel by the public at large." Parents of the diminutive Ms. Geissert were unavailable for comment, although acquaintances indicated they were probably in the potty.

## Bush Lauds Efforts

(UPI) Washington, D.C. In a historic joint press conference held in the White House Rose Garden, both President George Bush and President-Elect Barack Obama praised the economy-stimulating efforts of the Bucchino family over the recent months. "We would like to take this occasion to applaud Mr. Bucchino for the patriotism and bold leadership he has shown by purchasing a new, silver colored, 4 cylinder, 2009 Toyota Tacoma in the midst of our current widespread economic crisis", said Mr. Bush as Mr. Obama looked on with what appeared to be quiet optimism, "It is our hope that all Americans will take inspiration from his courageous example, follow in his footsteps, and help alleviate Wall Street fears." "My old '91 Sonoma had well over 200,000 miles on it", smiled Mr. Bucchino when asked for his comments, "and when maintenance began to total more than the value of the truck itself, well, it was time for change. So, with this thing in my garage, I'd have to say 'mission accomplished'." Executives of Ford, General Motors and Chrysler were unavailable for comment and rumored to be heavily sedated.

## Mysterious Malady

(Reuters) Cumming, GA. Doctors at Northside Hospital-Forsyth were puzzled and slightly annoyed by the brief hospital stay of Candance Bucchino which only resulted in a diagnosis of slightly elevated blood pressure. "She came in whining and complaining, to anyone who would listen, of a tightness in her chest and a bit of radiating pain", explained hospital spokesman Florence "Booster" Shott, "so we humored her and let her stay overnight." Later analysis of lab tests, blood samples, and EKG readings proved to be of no help in determining the cause of Mrs. Bucchino's fleeting 'symptoms'. "Candy is aware that at her age there are many things she can do to improve her overall health", said Ms. Shott, "But after many extensive and heated consults, her physician will be writing a prescription for more intimate time with her husband." Mrs. Bucchino could not be reached for comment and was suspected by family members to be self-medicating.

## Georgia Nurses Upset



Christian shows off his 7 stitches.

(Reuters) Cumming, GA. Nurses and physician assistants are up in arms over the recent sudden release of 4 year old Christian Geissert from Northside Forsyth Hospital. "It's a shame, a damn shame," moaned nurse Peggy "Peppermint" Patti, "Those big eyes, those long eyelashes and cute dimples...he was in and out of here so fast, none of us really got a chance to hug him, cuddle him and kiss his little owie." Admitted earlier in the evening with a large cut high

on his forehead from an accidental fall while running indoors, doctors were quick to stitch up the wound while Christians' extended family looked on in shocked, horrified and morbid curiosity. The physician on call, Dr. Marcus "Sticker" Shelby reported that during the short operation, Christian demonstrated an "extraordinary amount of bravery, and unlike his Nana, didn't flinch or make a sound. We're very proud of the adorable little man." Christians' parents declined to comment on the record and were recently seen shopping for a helmet.

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