

## ECONOMY HITS HOME

A.P., CUMMING - The U.S. Department of Labor has issued a press release expressing disappointment at the recent news that Jeff Bucchino, bon vivant and Production Director of Forsyth County News for the past 9 years, has been downsized. "This is a tragedy for our American workforce," said department spokesman Sam 'Card Check' Gompers, "We are saddened, but at the same time, deeply moved and inspired by the courage and resolve Jeff and his wife have shown throughout this awful time."

The reaction of Wall Street upon learning of the layoff was predictable, as the Dow Jones Industrial Average began an accelerated slide to its lowest levels in 26 years. However, once it became apparent that Jeff was taking advantage of the time to develop new skills and considering employment outside the dying newspaper industry, the market recovered those losses and began once again flirting with the 10,000 mark.

## KIDS HELD HOSTAGE

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**BREAKING**

Forsyth County Sheriff SWAT teams have deployed to Kid Central Child Care on Keith Bridge Road in response to the reported hijacking of a pre-K classroom by the notorious pint-sized rascalion, Katie 'Foghorn' Geissert.

Held hostage are teachers Miss Erin and Miss Kim, and an unknown number of classmates. "We have established communications with the tiny terrorist", revealed deputy police chief Peter 'Stun' Gunn at the scene of the disturbance, "and are currently negotiating for the release of the children."

Sources inside the sheriff's department suggest that Ms. Geissert has been taking over the classroom by imitating the reverse book-holding technique



The Magnificent Miss Katie

of the teachers, dictating in a commanding voice that she "be the leader", and demanding that everyone address her as 'The Magnificent Miss Katie'. "While we would prefer not to give in to any of her demands", stated Mr. Gunn, "for the safety of the hostages we're willing to concede the use of the honorific, and let her move to the head of the lunch line. But it is simply unacceptable to allow her to hold the story books like Miss Erin and Miss Kim."

When contacted for their reaction to the ongoing crisis situation, the parents of Katie declined to comment. More on this story as it develops.

## HONDA STILL HAPPY

Reuters, ALPHARETTA - American Honda announced today that despite the downturn in the economy with unemployment figures reaching double digits, and auto sales dwindling worldwide, the employment status of Candy Bucchino is not expected to change.

"Miss Candysan is a highly respected and valued member of our team", said Honda associate and spokesman Kobayashi 'Maru' Wakarimassen, "although senior management still does not understand just how that happened." A surprised Mr. Wakarimassen commented on the non-existent development by saying, "Apparently Candy has been working at American Honda for nearly 25 years, performing in a wide variety of roles while keeping a low profile, and gradually ingratiating herself with a fair number of district sales managers and although we are rooking for ways to streamline our American operations and cut costs, our DSM's would pitch a cow if we ret her go."

Repeated efforts to reach Mrs. Bucchino for comment were unsuccessful.

## FULL HOUSE

Reuters, CUMMING - Financial planners across the country have applauded the recent demonstration of fiscal acumen and financial savvy of April and David Geissert. "In light of the world's recent economic disintegration, it made sense for the Geissert family to move in with Jeff and Candy", observed certified financial planner Ira 'Roth' Friedman, "If April and David hadn't taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity at this moment in time, their inheritance could have been spent long before they saw a single dime."

The Geissert's entire family of four, including Christian, 6 and sister Katie, 4, were able to squeeze into the two vacant bedrooms upstairs and finished basement, putting furniture and much of their personal belongings into storage.

"Oh, it's a bit cramped with everyone in one house alright", acknowledged April, "but when I saw the way Mom and Dad were spending their paychecks, month after month on really expensive stuff like insurance, groceries

and mortgage payments, I realized that we had to act now or be left out in the cold."

Attempts to contact the Bucchino family spokesman for comment were not successful.

## SCOUTING REPORT

U.P.I., CUMMING - Major League baseball scouts were shocked to discover a budding superstar at the Forsyth County Parks and Rec Little League this past fall season in the form of a skinny youngster by the name of Christian Geissert. "He's not the fastest kid out there, he's not the best hitter and he can't catch or throw very well yet, but by god, he has a big league stance," gushed Casey 'Yogi' Bare, "and as you know, baseball is 90 percent mental and the other half physical."

What drew the attention of the scouts to the slightly built youth was the game ball awarded for both his offensive and defensive performance on September 29th: his first hit single off a pitch and a solo put out at first base.



Christian shows his big league stance

Asked if Christian had exceeded his expectations, Mr. Bare responded, "You can observe a lot by watching, and as for exceeding expectations, I'd say Christian has done more than that." Calls to Christian's agent for comment were not returned. However, a video of Christian was found at: [www.wizardofdraws.com/pages/littleleaguemov.html](http://www.wizardofdraws.com/pages/littleleaguemov.html)

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Merry Christmas from  
Jeff, Candy & Sara

