

Film and Volume at 11



Cumming, GA (AP/UPI) San Francisco and U.S. Coast Guard authorities have begun to take a keen interest in the nearly 3 year old Georgia resident and granddaughter Katie Geissert and her legendary decibel levels. "In light of the recent San Francisco Bay fuel spill caused by a cargo ship colliding with the Bay Bridge in heavy fog, it's obvious that our current foghorn system is outdated and simply inadequate for our needs", said Coast Guard spokesman Lt. j.g. Roger 'Jolly' Crabbe, "Fortunately, it has come to our attention that little Katie might be a viable replacement option due to her two intrinsic volume levels: deafening and 'Oh my God'." In press release handouts, authorities further indicated that they felt Katie's output uniquely qualifies her since it so closely mimics the traditional two-toned 'Ooogaah' of the foghorns now in place.

When reached for comment on the city's plans, Katie's parents said, "What?"

Alphabet Altercation

Cumming, GA (Reuters) Local constables were called to the Geissert residence yesterday in response to neighbors' complaints of a loud disturbance. "Christian won't stop singing that stupid, insipid song," screamed Katie Geissert, "and he's driving me crazy!" The offending tune that had family and neighbors in such a frazzle turned out to be the Alphabet Ditty sung to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, more commonly known as the ABC Song. "It's ridiculous and frankly, borderline criminal. He's almost never in tune." grumbled neighbor Charles 'CB' Bradlee, "Besides, he thinks elemeno is the thirteenth letter, and then giggles uproariously when he says 'P'."

When repeatedly asked for comment on the gifted 4 year old grandson's dubious singing ability and questionable taste in music, Christian's parents said, "Huh? What?"



A Senior Moment

Cumming, GA (AP) Officials at AARP were positively giddy today when it was announced that Candy Bucchino was at last turning fifty and had become eligible for membership in the organization. "We've been waiting a very long time for this", grinned recently appointed AARP President Eli "Methuselah" Dotard, "I'd almost given up hope that I'd see this day, especially when my durn malaria acted up this last winter. Caught the blasted disease from the little buggers back in '44, after I waded ashore with MacArthur and we took back Manila from the Japanese. Gives me the sweats, a terrific headache, and convulsions every now and then, but I just keep on going. They don't call us the Greatest Generation for nothing. Not like these

soft, sack-a-potato kids today. I remember my pal Johnny 'Red' Gray caught it himself later that year, along with a dose of the clap. Hardly slowed him down a bit. Ol' Red and I enlisted together the moment we heard about Pearl Harbor. Marched right down to the enlistment station and signed up that day even though we were only seventeen. Sure, we lied about our age, but we were fightin' mad and ready to spit in the Emperor's eye. Good Ol' Red. He's gone now. Damn, I miss that bastard. What was it you wanted to know?"

Yo Ho, Up She Rises

Washington, D.C. (UPI) Administration officials have begun a thorough investigation of FAA medical standards, following the controversial decision in May to delay the re-issuance of Jeff "The Wizard of Draws" Bucchino's Class 3 private pilot medical certificate. "This is an outrage," fumed Congressman Wilbur 'Pitot' Toob, "we were given repeated assurances from the FAA that there was absolutely no possibility of grounding Mr. Bucchino. For gawd's sake, just look at the man, he hardly looks a day over thirty. We are asking for a closer examination of the procedures in place. Elevatated blood pressure...harrumph."

Acting FAA Acting Administrator Robert A. Sturgell said, "We made our requirements for the medical certificate as lax as we possibly could, but apparently Jeff has been through some stress lately. It's understandable, given that the guy's been married to the same woman for thirty years." When eventually reached by phone, Flight Surgeon and Medical Examiner Dr. Indira 'Bombay' Ghandi told the Bugle, "We've made it very clear to Mr. Bucchino that as long as he controls his blood pressure to within acceptable limits using medicine, exercise, and selective hearing techniques, he is free to fly again." Air Traffic Controllers Union officials refused to comment on the situation, preferring to adopt a wait and see approach.

A Senior Moment II

Cumming, GA (AP) Officials at AARP were grinning from ear to ear today when it was announced that Jeff Bucchino was at last turning fifty and had become eligible for membership in the organization. "We've been waiting a very long time for this", grinned recently appointed AARP President Eli "Methuselah" Dotard, "I'd almost given up hope that I'd see this day, especially after the way my lumbago acted up last winter. I was out shoveling snow when, BAM, it hit me. Hurt like the dickens, but I just kept on pluggin'. They don't call us the Greatest Generation for nothing. Not like these donut-filled creampuff kids today. I remember my pal Bob 'Crash' Keneval had lumbago too. Hardly slowed him down a bit. Ol' Crash and I enlisted together the moment we heard Germany had declared war on America. Marched right down to the enlistment station and signed up that day even though we were only seventeen. Sure, we lied about our age, but we were fightin' mad and ready to spit in the Der Fuhrer's eye. Good Ol' Crash. Caught a dose of the clap in gay old Paree in '43. He's gone now. Damn, I miss that S.O.B. Have I told you this before?"

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



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