

RESTARTING THE PRESSES

(UPI) Atlanta - The Commissioner of Georgia's Department of Labor, Michael 'Pink Slip' Thurmond, was both relieved and ecstatic when the latest unemployment figures brought news of Jeff Bucchino's re-entry into the work force. "Jeff's situation has weighed heavily on each and every employee in our department, and affected our day to day operations in ways that you can only imagine."

Mr. Thurmond explained his exuberance saying, "We've worked extraordinarily hard on Jeff's behalf, and after November 8th, once he begins working again, our people will be able to resume the caliber of customer service the public has come to expect from our employees."

When pressed for comment, Norman 'Paper' Baggs, spokesman for the Forsyth County News said, "I am able to confirm that Jeff will be back in our advertising department at any moment now, and we anticipate our circulation numbers will reflect that change very quickly." Unofficial sources report that the feeling in the FCN office is one of excitement and giddy anticipation. "We're just beside ourselves that Jeff is coming back," gushed one employee who wished to remain anonymous, "it's about time we got some damn eye candy in this place."

Mr. and Mrs. Bucchino were unavailable for comment and reported to be "celebrating" in an undisclosed location.

PIROUETTE PRINCESS

(AP) Cumming - Producers from ABC's Dancing With The Stars vehemently denied internet scuttlebutt that the next Bristol Palin had been found in the form of a sturdy, 5 year old kindergartener from Cumming, Georgia named Katherine Geissert. "Katie is far too young, inexperienced, and frankly, just not yet good



Katie Geissert

enough to be considered for next season's show", observed Sean 'Cha Cha' Johnson, "Oh sure, she's cute and looks a bit like Bristol, but it takes at least a suggestion of grace, a modicum of poise, and ties to the Tea Party to get anywhere on this show."

"If that David 'Hammered' Hasselhof can be on Dancing With The Stars, then I don't see why my Little Princess can't," Katherine's father David indignantly remarked when asked about the

speculation, "she's been to a gymnastics class this past summer and did just fine."

Forsyth Parks and Recreation gymnastics teacher, Mrs. Olga 'Back' Flipp was unavailable for comment and rumored to be under heavy sedation.

ON THE DOUBLE

(AP) Cumming - Groups of skeptics and parapsychologists alike are researching recent reports that an uncanny doppelganger of Leon Spinks has been sighted in Cumming, Georgia. "I did a double take when I seen him, he looked just like Leon", exclaimed long time Cumming resident Pat 'Floyd' Patterson, "He was near 'bout a junior flyweight, 7 years old and had both front teeth missing, Just like Leon. It was downright spooky I tell 'ya."

Initial findings by crack investigative reporters at the Forsyth County News suggest that



Leon Spinks

the sightings could stem from accounts that a local prodigy, first grader Christian 'Copperone' Geissert, was recently spotted at the dentist after a minor incident requiring the removal of his two front incisors. "He has been at the pool quite a bit this summer," said Christian's mother April when pressed for

an explanation, "and he's naturally dark complected, so the confusion is certainly understandable."

Phone calls to Muhammad Ali for comment were not returned.

GOLD STANDARD

(Reuters) Cumming - At a hastily called press conference today, Director of The National Institute of Standards and Technology announced that effective immediately, 'karat', the historical standardized unit for purity of gold, will be replaced by the term 'candy'.

"Our bureau felt that Candance Bucchino demonstrated an extraordinary amount of patience, support, and understanding for her husband during his twenty-two month job hunt", observed Patrick 'Gram' Gallagher, "and showed herself to be truly worth her weight in gold. As such, the NIST has implemented this extraordinary measure in honor of her misguided yet softhearted, and affectionate devotion to him."

Later during the same press conference, Mr. Gallagher refused to confirm or deny rumors that the NIST was considering a recent suggestion that would substitute the technical term 'inert' with 'jeff'.

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Merry Christmas from
Jeff, Candy & Sara

