

Silence is golden

Cumming, GA (UPI) Researchers specializing in near-death phenomenon were delighted this week to learn of 9 year old Katie Geissert's recent brush with mortality after she choked on a small slice of pepperoni pizza during dinner at Nana's house.

"We were eating as usual, and of course the noise was thunderous", explained Candance 'The Spoiler' Bucchino, "but suddenly it became oddly quiet. When we looked up and realized that Katie wasn't talking, we were stunned."

Details of the incident are still being investigated, but the researchers report that Jeff 'Papa' Bucchino sighed, wiped his mouth with his napkin, got up and stood behind Katie, then performed the Heimlich Maneuver on her.



Katie Geissert recreates her terrifying brush with pepperoni pizza and death.

Photo:
Jeff Bucchino

"It was just like they say, my entire life passed before my eyes," Katie told paranormal investigator Ellie 'Zombie' Fredricksen when interviewed afterwards, "and frankly, I was surprised at how much whining and crying there was."

Katie's eleven year old brother Christian reported being a bit uneasy during the bizarre experience. "Papa yelled he was going to heiney lick her", he said, "and I told him not to because I thought that would be mega-gross."

Little League sports report

Cumming, GA (Reuters) On a recent sunny spring Saturday morning at the ballpark, the home team was leading by 3 runs late in the game. It was the bottom of the inning with runners on first and second, and the tying run digging in at the plate.

The pitcher leaned in to receive a nonexistent sign from the catcher, took a quick glance over his shoulder at the runner on second, wound up and delivered a fastball down the middle.



Central Park Indians left fielder, Christian Geissert, catches a high fly ball.

Photo:
Jeff Bucchino

When the ten year old right hander cocked his bat, took a mighty swing and connected with a solid ping, fans on both sides of the field jumped to their feet to watch breathlessly as the ball sailed high into left field.

But patiently waiting out there, in

exactly the right spot was our home team hero, steely-eyed number 42, Christian Geissert. With professional looking casual confidence, he held his glove open and grinned as the horsehide settled neatly into his mitt.

Holding the runner at second with a ferocious, but sportsmanlike glare, Christian hurled the ball to the third baseman and raised his arms in triumph, accompanied by the roar of the adoring crowd.

There could have been no prouder Papa on the planet at that moment than me. Christian was awarded a game ball that morning and I don't think it could have come at a better time. Congratulations buddy, I love you.

The circle is now complete

Cleveland, GA (AP) There was a galactic disturbance in Hollywood as Star Wars fanatics learned that the final installment of the epic space saga by George Lucas would be based on the decades long, on again, off again relationship between Jacob 'Wedge' Bagwell and April 'Solo' Geissert.

"I think it's delightful that some nerdy guy from Georgia ends up as the lead character of a major movie franchise, but April too?", exclaimed renowned actor Harrison 'Crash' Ford when asked for comment, "Jeez, I'm out of it for a little while and everyone gets delusions of grandeur. Why, she doesn't even have a gold bikini!"

"I heard the Disney people were going to tell our story and I was floored", remarked April when asked about the movie, "just like Rachel when she found out Ross had cheated on her."

Storyline concepts in development include a CSI-style investigation into the Greedo murder, and extensive Storm Trooper marksmanship training.

Titles under consideration for the eagerly awaited adventure have been rumored to include 'Episode IX: Search Your Feelings' and 'Going Commando: Never Tell Me The Odds'. But reliable insiders and knowledgeable sources close to Mr. Lucas report that the final film is scheduled to be released in theaters during the summer of 2015 as 'Star Wars: The Rebel Alliance'.

Flight 370 still missing

Alpharetta, GA (UPI) National Transportation Safety Board officials recently confirmed reports that they have been working closely with Kaiser Permanente medical personnel in the northern suburbs of Atlanta while investigating the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

"Our bureau promised the families of Flight 370 passengers and crew that we would follow-up on all prospects, regardless of where they may lead", said NTSB spokesman Sherlock 'Amelia' Earhart, "but we certainly didn't anticipate this scenario."

During a routine outpatient medical procedure on Jeff 'Exlax' Bucchino, the NTSB was alerted to the discovery of several bits of yellow debris with an appearance similar to the material used to make inflatable life preservers found on airliners.

"I thought it was best to err on the side of caution", explained Dr. Alexander 'Sigmoid' Freud, "so I immediately called in the experts. Unfortunately for those poor

grieving families, it only turned out to be a few pieces of corn."

Despite the considerable disappointment, searchers are still confident they will prevail.

In vaguely related news, Congressional investigators and Kaiser Permanente in Washington D.C. released a joint statement announcing, "We have scheduled a colonoscopy for Mrs. Bucchino in the near future and our people will be examining those findings closely for Lois Lerner's lost emails."

IMDB revises database policy

Atlanta, GA (Reuters) At a recent press conference, a spokesman for the well-known website IMDb.com (Internet Movie Database) has announced that they will discontinue their current practice of crediting "actors" who appear as random, nebulous figures in the background of movie or TV scenes and not much else.



If you pay close attention and squint hard, Jeffery J. Bucchino, pixel actor and storyboard artist, can be seen in Fox's new show Red Band Society.

Photo:
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"The policy is being terribly abused and exploited," claimed a visibly angry Quentin 'Pulp' Fiction, "and has gotten to the point that actors are given credit while only appearing on screen as small as a single pixel. Since we can't verify these questionable claims, it simply has to stop. Besides that, our computer only holds 8 megabytes and we're running out of room."

Mr. Fiction refused to take any questions from the press and would not confirm or deny that the policy change was initiated immediately after the addition of Jeffery J. Bucchino, an occasional background pixel in the new Fox TV series, Red Band Society.

Stop the presses

"Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper." - Thomas Jefferson

Cumming, GA (AP) National Press Club President Myron 'Typo' Belkind expressed shock and dismay last November at the announcement that Jeff 'Deadline' Bucchino was no longer working for The Forsyth County News, a small local newspaper in downtown Cumming.

"Our dying industry is infinitely poorer for his absence", sobbed Mr. Belkind when asked about Jeff's sudden departure to join a nearby Harry Norman Realtor office as a graphic designer and marketing coordinator, "but decidedly richer for having been able to abuse him so much, for so long, and for so little."

Jeff's exciting new responsibilities will be virtually the same as those left behind at the newspaper, but with more social media roles and much less banality. ❖

Merry Christmas from Jeff, Candy,

Sara & Sandra Dee

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