

THE METRO-ATLANTA MONTHLY

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Unidentified Body Found

A body was found in a burning car in Douglas County on April 12th. Passerbys saw the car in flames and reported it to the police. Police has not reported but sources say the body is believed to be a man in his 40's.

-Jacob Williamson

Silver Sniper Trial Set

The trial of Annie Gallatan is all set to proceed. Gallatan has little support among the community with many parental action and child protection groups lining up outside the courthouse to show their support of DA Michael Steinmetz's choice to pursue the death penalty. The trial date has been set for June. Gallatan was arrested several months ago when her family reported the presence of a sniper rifle and homemade bullets in her room. Police later confirmed that the rifle was in fact the gun used in the Silver Sniper shootings.

-Allison Grubb

CEO Missing

Kennesaw and Atlanta police are investigating the disappearance of David and Dahlia Carlyle. David, CEO of King Distribution, and Dahlia, VP of PR for King Distribution, were reported as missing last week when they did not show up for work. Anyone with information regarding the disappearance are asked to contact the Atlanta or Kennesaw police

-Timothy Walker

Brutal Animal Attacks Stump Investigators

The body of a 9-year old girl was found in a Lawrenceville Industrial park. The body was apparently mutilated in a viscous animal attack. Witnesses reported hearing animal howls and loud popping sounds that may have been gunfire from the scene. Police report that blood was found on the scene as well as four rifle shell casings. The police have warned local neighborhoods to be on the lookout for Hunters and large predatory animals such as dogs and wolves.

-Jacob Williamson

Editorial Disclaimer:

Even though most of the stories in this newsletter are based on real news stories, the facts have been altered to fit into the World of Darkness role-play environment. These stories should be taken as IC reality, OOC fiction...except for the VST's – they are real.

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SOCIETY & LIFE

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Pastor Sues East Point

The pastor of a small Baptist congregation went to federal court with American Civil Liberties lawyers and sued the city of East Point, saying the city's zoning ordinance is depriving him of religious freedom. Rev. Nathaniel Smiley says he has been trying since April 2005 to establish a church in an old day care center building but the city denied him a permit to convert the building into a sanctuary. East Point's zoning ordinance prohibits churches from occupying buildings that were not originally constructed as churches.

-Allison Grubb

Club Ra Hosting Mothers Day Luncheon

Club Ra is hosting a Mother's Day luncheon on May 14th between the hours of 11am-2pm. The cost of the luncheon is \$30 per person and all profits will go to Children's Hospital.

-Cary Zimmerman

Georgia's 48th Comes Home

After a year of living nervously, the families and friends of several hundred 48th Brigade Combat Team soldiers welcome their loved ones home from Iraq in an emotional, late-night ceremony on April 19th. Joyous wives, children and parents rushed across the grassy, brightly lit parade field following a brief "job well done" from Gov. Sonny Perdue in an effort to find their soldiers. About 300 soldiers, most from infantry units based in Gainesville and Lawrenceville, were in this vanguard of the main group of 4,400 citizen soldiers in the brigade due to return home through May after nearly a year in Iraq.

-Patrick O'Neil

Blackmoor Funding Art Institute

Ms. Sarah Blackmoor, headmistress and owner of the Blackmoor Institute for the Blind, has generously given \$50,000 to fund a new project in the Atlanta Museum of Art and Design, a Smithsonian sponsored Institution. The project will focus on Native American Art pieces native to the Georgia area. Michael Two-Feathers is project lead and those wishing to contact him to support the project may email him at biorph@gmail.com.

-Cary Zimmerman

Ban Harry Potter Rally

Laura Mallory, mother of 2 children in the Loganville school system, wants books pulled from all school libraries because they promote witchcraft, encourage interest in the occult and offend her Christian beliefs. Her small individual effort has gained the support of a diverse cross section of local religious groups and some local celebrities. She will be featured at a religious rally the night of May 5th down in Centennial Park.

-Shannon Quinn

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS

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Bank of America Tower for Sale

Atlanta's premier skyscraper, and the South's tallest building, is up for sale. Cousins Properties said it will put the 55-story Bank of America Plaza tower on the market and use the proceeds from the sale for new developments in Buckhead and Midtown. Experts said the building could fetch \$300 million to \$400 million. The Peachtree Street building, at 1,023 feet, is the tallest in the United States outside of New York or Chicago. It's No. 24 on the list of the world's tallest buildings. Bank of America still owns half of the building and is its leading tenant. The building is almost 100 percent leased.

-Brent Warner

Rumsfeld Speech Brings Protests

In a speech interrupted three times by banner-waving protesters, embattled Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld continued to justify the Bush administration's reasons for going to war in Iraq before a largely sympathetic Atlanta audience. Rumsfeld spoke to a crowd of about 350 at the Atlanta History Center at the invitation of the Southern Center for International Studies, a nonpartisan Atlanta organization that produces educational materials and holds conferences. His visit drew about two dozen anti-war protesters who braved intermittent rain showers to picket outside the history center's front entrance on West Paces Ferry Road, and drew encouragement from some passing motorists, who honked their horns in support. Rumsfeld has been under fire in recent weeks by some retired generals who have called for his resignation.

-Jacob Williamson

Donald Trump Building in Atlanta?

York real estate tycoon, pizza pitchman and reality TV star, is negotiating with a local developer to build a condo and hotel tower behind the Woodruff Arts Center and High Museum of Art by 2010. Trump Atlanta, if built, would rise on 2.5 acres between Spring and West Peachtree streets in Midtown, across the street from the Arts Center MARTA station. Trump, a pop culture icon since the 1980s, started his Trump Organization in 1974 and has hotel and condo projects across the country, including Las Vegas and Chicago.

-Brent Warner

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BLOTTER

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Fire in Pine Lake

A loud explosion at 3am on April 9th woke a number of the Pine Lake residents as one of the houses exploded. It is currently unknown if the owner of the house was present at the time of the explosion. Those on the scene said that the owner and his friends were mostly loners that kept to themselves. Police have yet to make a statement on the possible cause of the fire or the presence of anyone inside at the time of the explosion.

-Brent Warner

10 Year Lost Cat, Found

Muffin, a pedigreed Russian Blue, ran away from home when she was a kitten. Now, 10 years later, she was found in a shelter in Kentucky and has been returned to her family. The shelter identified Muffin from the marking tattoo in her ear. The family has decided to have Muffin 'chipped' which costs 20 dollars and allows animal rescue workers to find lost pets.

-A M Ansley

School's Troubles Continue

Police were called to the scene in a Cowetta County elementary school for the fourth time in April to break up a fistfight that had broken out between 13 female students. Previously two male students involved in a fight were arrested as were two students who were "running their mouths" and refused to return to class. Finally a former student of the school was arrested after it was found that he was speeding through the school parking lot and driving with a suspended license.

This same school has recently been the target of several anonymous firebomb threats.

-Shannon Quinn

Employees Caught in Ga. 400 Toll Scam

From March 2001 to December 2002, Charlene Bryant stole \$5,556, and Carlton Martin made off with \$15,706 from SRTA. The two employees were supposed to arrange \$50 refunds to businesses that returned their CruiseCards to SRTA, but started sending "refunds" to themselves also. The investigation was triggered when Bryant was out sick and a supervisor noticed her accounts were out of whack.

-Allison Grubb

Call for Manhole Cover Checks

Lisa Scarbrough has been collecting signatures on a petition that asks officials to ensure Piedmont Park is checked regularly for missing manhole covers after her Boston terrier, Oreo, fell into an open manhole at the back of the enclosure and was swept away by flowing sewage. Scarbrough climbed through the manhole but couldn't get to her dog. If she could fit into the one that claimed Oreo, she reasoned, then a child could fall in.

-A M Ansley

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WANTED, FOR SALE AND PERSONAL ADS

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Fundraising Summer Jobs

Combine work and play this summer by hitting the road with DialogueDirect! We're taking our face-to-face fundraising teams on the road across Georgia to rally support and awareness for a prominent child sponsorship charity. This is a unique opportunity to travel with cool, like-minded people while getting paid to promote humanitarian work.

Call Summer Douglas at 678-555-0507.

Spring Fling or Eternal Love?

Male Witch offering psychic readings and counseling. Casting and removal of spells. Contact with spirits. Call 24/7. Credit / Debit cards accepted.

Call Tom at 800-419-3346.

Study Participants Wanted

SUBJECTS MUST BE HEALTHY and between the ages of 35 and 59 years. Screening for study participation will include a physical exam, and a few routine tests of health, including blood tests. For participating in the screening portion of the study, subjects will receive \$30. If eligible, subjects may then be asked to participate in a 3-day study at for which they will receive up to \$320.

Call Wendy Ingles at 770-555-7329.

Wanted Downtimes

Local VST's seeks downtimes to increase enjoyment of players and development of characters and plots for all Atlanta venues. Reward offered. All venue Downtimes due are Sunday, May 28th at midnight.

E-mail Requiem DT's to atl_dtr_requiem@googlegroups.com.

E-mail all other DT's @ storytellers@lists.atlantacamarilla.com.

Monthly Sudoku Puzzle

						2	
5	9			1		7	6
	3		6			1	4
9	6			2			8
8		3	1		4	2	9
7				5			6
	7				6		5
4		6		9			8
	8						

This Month's Puzzle

9	1	5	3	4	2	8	7	6
7	3	8	5	1	6	2	4	9
4	2	6	7	9	8	5	3	1
5	9	7	8	3	1	6	2	4
1	4	2	6	5	7	9	8	3
8	6	3	4	2	9	7	1	5
2	7	4	1	6	5	3	9	8
6	8	1	9	7	3	4	5	2
3	5	9	2	8	4	1	6	7

Last Month's Puzzle Solution

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 with no repeats.