

# THE METRO-ATLANTA MONTHLY

The newspaper for people who only have time to read the news once a month.

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## Gang Violence Declining

Gang violence in the Stone Mountain area has been noticeably decreasing through-out the month of December. The exact cause of this drop, while welcome, is unknown and currently under investigation to determine if it is a symptom of a potentially larger problem. Police experts are hopeful however that this trend will continue and signal a permanent reduction in gang violence through the area.

*-Timothy J Walker*

## Father Kills Self & Three Kids

In Henry Country a man was found dead in his house along with his three children. All four had apparently been shot to death. Police were informed of trouble at the house when a woman called to report a domestic violence incident. The cause of the deaths is currently under investigation but believed to be a murder suicide.

*-Jacob Williamson*

## Christmas Jam at Phipps Plaza

It is estimated that nearly 8,000 people were detained in a traffic snarl that lasted nearly 4 hours after a car struck a horse drawn carriage near Phipps Plaza during the Christmas rush. Arthur Miller, the driver of the carriage, said he believed the light was green, and didn't even see the car proceeding through the intersection. "The whole thing is just my bad luck," he said.

*-A M Ansley*

## Cougar Attacks Continue

Lawrenceville police and animal control continue to be baffled after a couple was attacked in a local park on Christmas Eve. The man, Henry Abramovich was killed but his girlfriend, Rebecca Larson, was critically injured. Rebecca is currently in a coma at Grady Hospital. Animal control thinks this might be a lone feral cougar and asks that people stay to well light areas and in large groups when traveling at night.

*-A. M. Ansley*

### 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 - he's real.*

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## SOCIETY & LIFE

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### World Faster Skier Too Fast

The world's speediest skier has been fined \$250 for speeding in his car. World Cup ski champion Bode Miller was clocked doing 83 mph in a 45 mph zone on Peachtree Industrial Blvd in Duluth. Police offered video evidence, and Miller was found guilty. Miller became the 1<sup>st</sup> American male in 22 years to win the overall World Cup title.

*-Allison Grubb*

### Humane Society Supports Cats

The Humane Society of Atlanta is currently running a promotion where they are offering discounted tickets to the Broadway musical Cats for people who adopt a cat at any of their Metro-Atlanta locations. Cats will be running January 17<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fabulous Fox Theatre.

*-Patrick O'Neil*

### Backup Sickens Family

A jury has ordered the city of Powder Springs to pay a local couple more than half a million dollars after a sewer backup damaged their home, leaving behind mold that made their three children sick. The city's sewer backed up into the home of Stan and Bonnie Williams for the sixth time this year. The Williams said a root that had grown through the city's sewer pipe caused the problem. The city maintained it wasn't responsible.

*-Timothy J Walker*

### Amtrak Resumes Route to New Orleans

Amtrak plans to resume train service from Atlanta to New Orleans by the end of the month. The Crescent line will be the first rail passenger service since Hurricane Katrina hit the region.

*-Jacob Williamson*

### Sudden Outbreak Leads to Miraculous Recoveries

A quickly occurring Tuberculosis outbreak has been traced to Taylor Road Middle School in Alpharetta, where it affected between 10-13 children. Dr. Charles Farley stated, "It was amazing, the disease spread through the children faster than anything I'd seen, bringing a completely healthy child to near death in the matter of a few hours. Then, just as quickly, the disease vanished with no evidence the children ever suffered from it." The CDC is still investigating the sudden onset and miraculous recovery of the children. There was only one fatality attributed to the outbreak.

*-Melissa Stone*

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**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS**

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## **Farmer Uses Corn for Fuel**

Farmer Gary Egger says it didn't take much to realize using corn to heat his home would save him a lot of cash in these pricey times. Egger said he can use an entire bushel, worth about \$1.50, to heat his home for 24 hours. Merchants say corn-burning stoves are starting to sell at local Fairburn stores.

*-Karen Hakiki*

## **Firm Changes Name**

The finance firm of Polowski, Goldstein and Smith is pleased to announce the promotion of Abdul Jaffe to the position of senior partner after 20 years with the firm. The firm will be changing its name to Polowski, Goldstein, Smith and Jaffe after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2006.

*-Allison Grubb*

## **Health Care Advocate Calls for Reforms**

Brian Klepper, a health care reform advocate, has called for more electronic health records and better tracking of treatment results to improve accountability and competition. Klepper says more accountability for doctors and hospitals is needed to help put a lid on soaring health care costs and has called on businesses to seek such reforms.

*-Cary Zimmerman*

## **New Planning Project in Alpharetta**

The Alpharetta City council has given preliminary approval to a \$75 million retail and housing project. Plans call for 273 condominiums, two parking garages, a movie theatre and upscale shops. A final vote on the project is expected next month and construction could start in May.

*-Brent Warner*

## **New Loans for Farmers & Businesses**

State Treasurer Bryan Cavan is hoping new incentives and a new name will help renew interest in a state program allowing banks to offer below-market loans to farmers and businesses. His office will start taking applications on February 1<sup>st</sup> for the BIG Georgia program, which deposits money in Georgia banks to be used for low-interest loans. The acronym stands for "Believe, Invest, Grow."

*-Allison Grubb*

## **New Study Supports Banning of Smoking**

According to a new study by the American Cancer Society and Georgia Group Against Smoking Pollution, places that allow smoking were at least 15 times more polluted than the ones that do not. The survey was conducted in 102 counties and could bolster efforts to ban smoking in bars and restaurants through out Georgia.

*-Karen Hakiki*

# ***THE METRO-ATLANTA MONTHLY***

## **BLOTTER**

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### **Drinking Puts Frat on Probation**

Police were called to a Georgia Tech fraternity, Alpha Sigma Epsilon, after an anonymous tip concerning drinking by underage students. The fraternity has been put on probation until these charges can be confirmed. There is no word yet on whether or not charges will be filed.

*-Shannon Quinn*

### **Two Survive Plane Crash**

The two survivors of a twin engine Cessna crash in Henry County are reported to be in good condition this evening. Their plane crash landed into a field near Mallard's Landing Airport, the intended destination of the plane. Both occupants were relatively uninjured although the pilot strangely refused all medical assistance. The woman complaining of minor back problems was taken to Grady Hospital for examination.

*-Patrick O'Neil*

### **Role-playing Game Turns Tragic**

Roger Anderson, age 27, is being detained on charges of murder after slaughtering a room full of people with a broadsword the afternoon of December 18<sup>th</sup>. Susan Lee, the only survivor of the slaughter, reported that Roger left the game room in a rage after his character, "Asmodeous, Bringer of Light", died while playing a popular role-playing game. "It was as if he was possessed. He started babbling incoherently as he charged into the room wielding his collector's edition replica of 'Glamdring', Lee responded. Roger Anderson is being held without bail while he undergoes psychiatric evaluations.

*-A. M. Ansley*

### **Murder Suspect Pledges Insanity**

Travis Pierce, a limo driver, has been charged with the gruesome murder of a client in his limo earlier this month. Travis claims that monsters are responsible and has been admitted to a local asylum for psychiatric evaluations.

*-Jacob Williamson*

### **Civil War Museum Robbery**

The week before Christmas, thieves broke into the Civil War Museum in Union City per authorities. The museum had just received a shipment of artifacts from the Jefferson Davis collection in Mississippi and had not catalogued the items yet. If anyone has any information concerning this please contact Detective Richardson with the Union Police.

*-Timothy J Walker*

### **White Supremacists Rock Out**

State troopers were on hand in rural Paulding County for the final day of Hammerfest, an annual gathering featuring white supremacist rock bands. More than 50 protesters marched by the roadside bar where the event took place. Some people outside the restaurant heckled but remained peaceful.

*-Patrick O'Neil*

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**WANTED, FOR SALE AND PERSONAL ADS**

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## Internship with Local Ministry

Local start-up ministry is looking for a God-fearing individual to assist with the development of the ministry programs and projects. Individual must be reliable, self-motivated, enthusiastic, and interested in community affairs and building sound relationships. Responsibilities will include, secretarial and receptionist duties. Pay will be discussed upon scheduled appointments.

Call Nicole Coleman at 678-555-7863

## Wanted Downtimes

Local VST's seeks downtimes to increase enjoyment of players and development of characters and plots for all Atlanta venues. Reward offered.

E-mail all VST's @ [storytellers@lists.atlantacamarilla.com](mailto:storytellers@lists.atlantacamarilla.com) by January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

## Bilingual Transcriber Needed

Local market research company seeking to add a pool of bilingual (Spanish / English) typist / transcriber to staff. Position will be contract piecework as we receive it. You will need DSL, Dictaphone, MS Word, type 75+ words per minute. You will be listening to audiotapes of round table discussion groups on consumer products and services. You will translate and transcribe from Spanish into English text. Flexible schedules.

Call Rachel McCoy at 770-555-4257.

## Find a New Love for a New Year!

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.

## Wanted Bounty Hunter

Covert Operations, Inc is presently looking for Independent Contractors for the position of Private Investigator.

Call Michael at 678-555-1934

## Monthly Sudoku Puzzle

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

This Month's Puzzle

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

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.