

# THE METRO-ATLANTA MONTHLY

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

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## Bones Found in Barrel

Human bones found in a barrel on land east of Woodstock were sent to the state police crime lab. Sheriff Victor Jones says that landowner had seen the barrel for some time but thought nothing of it until it started to fall apart. Investigators are asking surrounding cities about unsolved missing person cases.

-A M Ansley

## Louisiana Evacuee Found Dead

Police found the body of a large middle-aged man in an Atlanta dwelling. The police are unsure of the identity of the man but have made the conclusion that he is from Louisiana due to a large number of animals and voodoo related occult materials. The cause of death is unknown foul play due to the position of body as well as other items found on property. Police entered the dwelling after complaints from neighbors about the smell.

-A M Ansley

## GBI Gets Involved in Open Cases

GBI experts will reopen a string of cold cases a priority after complaints that the cases, some dating back to the 1920's, have been overlooked for too long. Victims are mostly homeless men and women, who were mostly loners without any local friends or families.

-Timothy Walker

## “Aztec Killer” Strikes Again

Smyrna residents were horrified when they found four mutilated bodies in a small ravine. The bodies of three adults and a teenager were found just before dark on February 27<sup>th</sup> in various states of decomposition. Investigators have linked this new case with five other cases over the past four and half months where the victims were killed with Aztec style a cougar-claw tipped war-mace and their hearts carved out with an obsidian dagger.

-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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### New Bans on Strip Clubs

Legislation to place new restrictions on strip clubs will come up for a vote in the Georgia Senate mid-April. The bill's most controversial section on clubs includes keeping dancers at least six feet from patrons and closing shows at midnight.

Opponents say the restrictions will hurt, if not kill, adult businesses violating no laws and serving consenting adult customers.

*-Allison Grubb*

### Lithonia Movie Shoot!

A nearly month-long movie shoot scheduled to begin shooting in Lithonia is expected to generate an estimated \$250,000 in revenue for Lithonian hotels, restaurants and other businesses, officials say. Beginning on March 6th, Grizzly Peak Films will be shooting a feature-length science-fiction film in the area.

*-Patrick O'Neal*

### Widow's Gas to be Cut Off

The city of Snellville is threatening to cut off a widow's gas service at the beginning of April because her late husband failed to pay their gas bill or some 20 years. Kathleen Martinez' gas bill is \$12,201.83, with more than \$9,000 in finance charges. Martinez didn't realize her bills were going unpaid until her husband died in 2004. He paid most of the household bills but apparently fell behind after losing his state job, Kathleen Martinez said.

*-Cary Zimmerman*

### Bags for Foster Care Kids

A 9-year-old girl is collecting duffel bags and stuffed animals for children in foster care. Haley Mertz says many children who go into foster care have to carry their belongings in plastic garbage bags. So far, she's received a \$1500 grant and enough donations for more than 100 bags. There are currently over 14,000 children ages birth through 21 in the state of Georgia's custody.

*-Shannon O'Quinn*

### Gwinnett County to Increase Affordable Housing

Gwinnett County lawmakers are considering a proposal to raise the amount of affordable housing for middle-class families who have difficulty buying homes in the increasingly expensive Atlanta suburb. The legislation would set aside 10% of housing in new developments on Gwinnett County's Transit routes for people who earn 80% to 120% of the area's median income.

*-Cary Zimmerman*

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS

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## Blue Cross Blue Shield Fighting Obesity

Blue Cross and Blue shield, the state's largest health insurer, and a state fund devoted to making residents healthier are offering towns grants of up to \$60,000 for building bike trails, establishing farmer's markets and taking other steps to cut down the number of people who are overweight or obese.

*-Karen Hakiki*

## New Bullet-Proof Vests for Cops

Roswell police officers are getting new bullet-resistant vests. Officials say most of the force's old vests were made by Michigan-based Second Change Body Armor. That company announced in June that heat, light and moisture might degrade some of its vests, including almost 750 used by Roswell police. The new vests are made by First Choice Armor of Brockton, Massachusetts.

*-Jacob Williamson*

## DHS Trashing SSN's

Personal information keeps turning up in an unlocked trash bin behind a state office in Conyers. Records containing names and Social Security numbers were found in the trash behind a Georgia Department of Human Services office, DHS officials say their policy requires shredding personal records, and they'll now lock office trash bins.

*-Allison Grubb*

## DMV Improvements

Service should soon improve as the Department of Motor Vehicles. The agency's director told the Georgia Council that the College Park office could reopen by the 15th of March with twice the space it used to have. And a new customer service center in Forest Park should be ready in June. DMV has been struggling with limited space in its South Metro-Atlanta offices since August, when it had to close its Hapeville office because of ventilation problems.

*-Brent Warner*

## Cobb Disaster Training

Cobb County, Smyrna and Marietta officials will join efforts for a disaster training drill in March. Emergency crews will respond to the mock release of an unknown substance at an abandoned outlet mall. The drill scheduled for March 22nd will involve more than 25 entities, ranging from local utility companies to the FBI.

*-Timothy Walker*

## Union Workers Strike

The state's largest teachers union has its own labor problem. About 50 members of the Georgia Education Association's Staff Organization, the people who make the union run, picketed outside the union's headquarters the of Feb 25th. They protested GEA's latest contract offer. They said it would eliminate protections against forced transfers while providing a meager pay raise.

*-Shannon Quinn*

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## BLOTTER

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### Drug Use Up

Workers and job applicants are failing drug tests at a higher rate this year in Georgia, officials say. The state's largest drug-testing laboratory reports a 30% increase in failed tests in the first two months of this year. Marijuana remains the most frequently detected drug, showing up in more than half of all positive tests.

Methamphetamine appears to be the fastest-growing illegal drug of choice among those tested.

*-Melissa Stone*

### Oysters Cause Hepatitis A

Health officials say three known cases of Hepatitis A in Conyers probably came from eating oysters at a raw bar. The health department said the shellfish weren't contaminated by employee handling but came from a batch of 10,000 pounds recalled by the supplier. The infections caused no deaths.

*-Melissa Stone*

### Artifacts Stolen from Fernbank

Hundreds of American Indian artifacts were stolen from the Fernbank Museum, museum board members said. About 200 to 300 artifacts were stolen from the museum including arrowheads, spears and axes. The Dekalb police are current looking for any leads.

*-Brent Warner*

### Vatican Directed Inspections of Seminaries

A team of Roman Catholic priests and bishops plan to visit Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Buford, in March as part of Vatican-directed inspections started in September 2005 of all the American seminaries. The visits result from the sexual abuse crisis that hit the American church in 2002. The study will give special attentions to the Georgia seminaries preparation of men for the celibate life and fidelity to church teachings on morality. About 80 seminarians are enrolled at Sacred Heart, which will be the first Georgian seminary to be visited.

*-A M Ansley*

### Dogs Go on Rampage

A 10-year old boy was reported in critical condition after three Doberman Pinschers went on a rampage, attacking six people before police shot and killed them. Residents, some armed with rocks, pots, pans and baseball bats, battled the dogs as they ran through the neighborhood attacking people.

*-A M Ansley*

### Middle-Schoolers Building Bombs

Three middle school students have been arrested and charged with manufacturing explosives following the arrest of an 11-year-old classmate who allegedly had a homemade bomb in his backpack, Lawrenceville police said on Feb 22nd. A school resource officer arrested the 11-year-old after the officer found a device made from a plastic bottle, cleaning fluid and aluminum foil.

*-Shannon Quinn*

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**WANTED, FOR SALE AND PERSONAL ADS**

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## Caregiver Shift Leader - (Graveyard)

We are looking for a NOC (graveyard) Shift Leader for our upscale assisted living community. The NOC Shift Leader is responsible for assisting residents with personal care services, which include Medication Management, Activities of Daily Living (ADL), as well as supervising and guiding staff to ensure quality care is being provided at all times. The ideal candidate will have experience working with the elderly in a home or residential community environment.

Call Leigh Freels at 678-555-1596

## Should You Beware the Ides of March?

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.

## Book Publisher Seeks Freelance Writers

Orange Avenue is a publisher of creative, non-fiction books and kits for teens and adults. We are seeking writers for our teen publications on various topics relevant to teens. We are looking for a lively, versatile writer who can relate to teenagers and adopt their voice while at the same time offering some of the wisdom that experience affords. Writers will be responsible for some concepting, creating a table of contents, and completing the entire manuscript with the exception of the index.

Call Diane Fowler at 770-555-6718.

## 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 by Midnight, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

E-mail Requiem DT's to [atl\\_dtr\\_requiem@googlegroups.com](mailto:atl_dtr_requiem@googlegroups.com).

E-mail all other DT's @ [storytellers@lists.atlantacamarilla.com](mailto:storytellers@lists.atlantacamarilla.com).

## Monthly Sudoku Puzzle

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

This Month's Puzzle

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

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.