

# THE METRO-ATLANTA MONTHLY

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

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## Chicken Protection Bill Proposed

Republican state representative Carl Rogers drafted and submitted what has been dubbed the "Hot Chicken Protection Bill" this week. The bill would prevent police from stopping a truck carrying live chickens if the temperature is above 85 degrees. Even if police suspected illegal activity the truck could only be stopped for a maximum of 10 minutes. Opponents of the bill say that the bill will just be another entry into the famous 'Stupid Laws' list.

-Allison Grubb

## Fires Continue

Police have completed the investigation of the Stone Mountain Industrial Park fire that destroyed three warehouses last month. Chief Fire Inspector Daniel Rapsody reported that the cause was arson. The police and fire marshal are looking for suspects currently. The fire happened around 10 PM on the 7th of January and was reported by a local business owner.

-Jacob Williamson

## Mass Grave Uncovered

Police were shocked earlier month when two divers came upon what appeared to be a mass grave at the bottom of Lake Lanier. Although police declined comment an anonymous source said that there are 'literally hundreds of bodies down there'. The source could neither confirm nor deny whether these bodies were present before the area was flooded to create the lake or placed there afterwards. Police have also declined to comment on whether or not these dead are related to recent gang activity in the area

-Patrick O'Neil

## Cougar Attacks Seize

Rebecca Larson who has been the soul survivor of the cougar attacks so far continues to be in stable condition. Rebecca entered a coma at Grady Hospital last month while her boyfriend, Henry Abramovich died from the same attack. This has been the 1<sup>st</sup> time in months that there wasn't an attack. Hopefully the nightmare has ended.

-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's - they are real.

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## SOCIETY & LIFE

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### A Glass of Twelve

Twelve Atlantic Station hasn't been in the Atlanta skyline long, but this hotel and residency already has a namesake cocktail — the Twelve Martini. Amanda Thomas, manager of in-house bar Lobby (361 17th St.), developed the drink in which Liquor 43 hits the glass with homemade Key Lime mix and a splash of cream. Be careful, a few of these and you may not be able to count to 12.

*-Brent Warner*

### Settlement Reached over Allegiance Discipline

A settlement has been reached between the Rockdale County School Board and a student who said he was disciplined for not standing during the Pledge of Allegiance. The board voted that public school students don't have to recite the pledge or stand for it. Boynton Beach High School junior Cameron Frazier has sued the school board, a teacher and an assistant principal last month.

*-Shannon Quinn*

### Atlanta's SAT's Scores All Time Low

The College Board said that this year's high school graduates had an average cumulative score of 986 points on the SAT, down an incredible 30 points from 2005. Georgia had 2 students that scored perfect scores of 1600, neither was from Atlanta. Last year a record 27 students from Metro Atlanta schools scored perfect on the SATs. "Lower SAT scores show Atlanta has failed its student community," College Board President Gaston Caperton said in a prepared statement. He then called for Georgia, Atlanta in particular, to refocus on the State's Educational system.

*-Shannon Quinn*

### CIC Holdings, LLC Moves to Atlanta

Anthony Crastus IV, CEO of CIC Holdings, announced the signing of a long-term lease of two floors of the King Building. The headquarters is being relocated from New York. CIC Holdings, a conglomerate of military, pharmaceuticals, medical, and food stuffs, was founded by Anthony Crastus I in 1916.

*-Brent Warner*

### Cobb Energy Centre for the Performing Arts

The Cobb Energy Centre for the Performing Arts is hosting a new Artist exposition. The Centre, which will open in spring of 2007, is dedicated to bringing art back to the community of Marietta, and Metro Atlanta as a whole. In accordance with that mission, the Atlanta Art Society has announced its plan to host an exhibition of local artists in the Cobb Galleria, the same complex as the Energy Centre will be located. Inspiring artists are asked to send any work to Performing Arts Coordinator, Dawn Maria Lieber. Judges will then choose several pieces to hang in the Performing Arts Centre when it is opened to the public.

*-Cary Zimmerman*

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS

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## Project Renewed

A new developer may revive plans for the state's tallest building, Atlanta officials have said. The Phoenix Tower was planned as a mix of residences, stores, and offices. A judge removed the former developer, who ran out of money. Mayor Franklin said others have told her they want to finish the project.

*-Brent Warner*

## Senator Fights Back

Two lawmakers said they will hold hearings on the recent theft of 365,000 patients' records from Providence Health System. Sen. Floyd Prozanki who heads the Senate's committee on consumer protection, said he will draft legislation that would more strictly regulate businesses that handle sensitive data and would provide protection for consumers.

*-Melissa Stone*

## Non-Lethal Weapons Make Rounds

The Fairburn Police department will add six Taser stun guns to its arsenal after previously dropping plans to buy them. The department originally planned to use an \$86,000 federal grant to buy 83 of the stun guns. Police chief Rusty York put the order on hold in December after Amnesty International raised concerns about the weapon's safety.

*-Tameka Washington*

## Watering Holes

Federal Regulators ordered a homeowner west of Hiram to stop construction near a creek on his property or face hefty fines. The Environmental Protection Agency said that Al Barone's series of ponds violates the federal Clean Water Act, which requires any discharging, dredged or filled matter into waterways to obtain from the Army Corps of Engineers. Barone failed to do that, the EPA said.

*-Karen Hakiki*

## Alums Donate Big

The East Georgia College received a \$10 million donation from local business founder and alums Donald and Sally Lucas, administrators said. The money is earmarked for a graduate school of business. It will fund student scholarships and faculty fellowships. The couple founded the Lucas Dealership Group, a car selling franchise.

*-Shannon Quinn*

## New Study Supports Banning of Smoking

Romaslav Limited is scheduled to start construction on its new headquarters after it paid \$1.88 million for the land in December. The seller had agreed to demolish an old hotel, level the building site and remedy any environmental problems as a condition of the sale and has had that process expedited to meet the early ground breaking.

*-Timothy Walker*

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## BLOTTER

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### Park Services Van Stolen

A park services van was stolen January 27<sup>th</sup> from the area around Lake Lanier. A groups of park visitors stole the van and made a quick getaway before officials could stop them. The van was found a short time later covered in gang symbols. There is no word yet on which gang is believed responsible, however as police and park workers declined comment.

*-Timothy J Walker*

### House-'napping' Driver

One family in Duluth has their work cut out for them as they rebuild their homes after a driver crashed into it earlier this week. Strangely the driver's first action was to get o the car and go to sleep in the downstairs bed. Only one person was home at the time and they are thankfully unhurt. Police at the scene were heard to comment, before taking the driver into custody, "What person in his right mind pulls a stunt like this?"

*-A M Ansley*

### Police property Burned by Arsonist

Police in the Griffin Area will have to find a new place to house their latest precinct. A house given to the local police department at a lease of \$1.00 per year was torched Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> when someone entered the house through the back door, spread accelerant around and set the place on fire. No word on whether or not the police have a suspect however they have stated that there is "No doubt" that the fire was arson.

*-Brent Warner*

### Mother Says Murder-Suicide Unlikely

Brenda Shogen says that the supposed murder-suicide of her husband, Danny Shogen, and three children last month is unlikely. "Danny was a sweet, gentle man who would never do anything like this. There has to be some other reason." The incident is still under investigation by the Henry county police.

*-Jacob Williamson*

### Cause of Student's Death Unknown

Marcus Jeffries, a 19-year-old sophomore from Marietta, was found dead the morning of Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of "undetermined causes" in his residence hall at Life College, said school officials. Friends last say Jeffries leaving the club with an unknown female.

*-Jacob Williams*

### Suspect Jumps Bail to Kuwait

A Kuwaiti women awaiting trail in a fatal hit-and-run fled the country. Prosecutors are calling for sanctions against her attorney. Muneerah Ali Al-Tarrah, 22, who holds dual US/Kuwaiti citizenship, is charged with leaving the scene of an accident that killed a man. She was released on bail over the prosecution's objections. Her lawyer, David Michael Cantor, was ordered to turn in her passport but didn't, prosecutors said.

*-Allison Grubb*

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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

## 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 February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

## 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.

## Find a New Love Before Valentine's!

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

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

This Month's Puzzle

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