

THE METRO-ATLANTA MONTHLY

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Casino to Open In Hiram

The Cherokee Nation has won a long standing court battle which opens a new 12-acre plot of land for their exclusive development. The Nation is currently planning to open a Casino in Hiram. The zoning for the new reservation and the approval of electronic only gambling on the premises were slipped in as a small rider to the states budget.

- Allison Grubb

Lawrenceville Fire Kills Three

An early morning fire swept through an apartment building in Lawrenceville, killing three people on March 21st. Authorities said two of the victims appeared to be children. A firefighter was injured when hit by a car at the scene and two residents of the Oakview Apartments were hurt escaping the flames.

- Brent Warner

Rapist Takes Nap

The suspect in an overnight kidnapping and sexual assault of a DeKalb County woman was arrested after falling asleep in his alleged victim's home. DeKalb police said the 59-year-old victim arrived home from work to find the suspect hiding inside her Clarkston home, armed with a knife. The suspect sexually assaulted his victim. Following the assault, the man fell asleep, and the woman was able to flee and call police.

- Jacob Williamson

“Aztec Killer” Might Have Partner

Leanne Marlow, 23, of Smyrna was found dead off of the Silver Comet Trail on March 5th. She was reported as missing after she didn't return from her morning run by her husband, Daniel. Evidence found at the scene indicates that there were at least two individuals involved.

-Jacob Williamson

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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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Fungus Infections in Palmetto

Gwinnett County health officials will meet with residents to discuss a fungal infection that's killed one person and sickened 17. Reports began in January of cases of blastomycosis, a potentially fatal infection that affects the lungs and skin of people and animals. Most of the people who have fallen ill live in or around Palmetto. Two public meetings will be held Thursday, April 15th. People can develop the disorder by inhaling spores from fungus that grows in soil containing decomposing organic material, such as leaves, authorities said.

-Melissa Stone

Medical Record Keeping Bill Last Bill of Session

The bill to improve medical record keeping practices in Georgia was the last bill to be addressed by the Senate this session. The bill was not passed. The current session ended Thursday, March 30th and all issues left on the docket will be postponed until the new session begins in July 2006.

- Allison Grubb

Gwinnett Students to Wear Uniforms Next Year

All students in the Gwinnett County school system will be wearing uniforms starting next fall. Uniforms will have to be size-appropriate and one of four colors: beige, tan, navy or white. Exceptions will be made for religious apparel. This decision has come to pass as the number of violations to the current dress code has increased five-fold in the last year.

- Shannon Quinn

Storage Unit of Art Auction

A storage company is auctioning off plaster busts, molds and models by the late artist Felix de Wedon, who sculpted the Iwo Jima monument in Arlington, VA. He died in 2003 after much of his bankrupt estate was sold off. The storage company is auctioning off the remaining items to pay for overdue fees. All extra money will go to a charity for struggling artists.

- Cary Zimmerman

Mandatory Boat Safety Courses

Sixteen-year-olds will have to pass a state-sanctioned boating safety course before they can operate a powerboat, under a bill headed to the governor for consideration during the next session. The state has certified boating safety classes for years, but they haven't been mandatory for anyone 16 or older.

- Shannon Quinn

Atlanta Dogwood Festival

It is time again for the Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival. This is the 70th year of the festival. With past attendance reaching more than 400,000 this award winning festival continues to draw Atlanta natives, as well as visitors from all around the country, to Piedmont Park for three days filled with art and entertainment. The Atlanta Dogwood Festival will celebrate its homecoming April 7th through April 9th, 2006.

- Patrick O'Neil

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS

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Mine Inspectors Increase

Union Basalt miners say the Legislature's effort to double the number of state mine-safety inspectors to is not nearly enough. State mine safety officials told a court it would take 3.5 million annually to hire 20 inspectors and a supervisor to conduct through inspections of the state's nine underground and 54 surface mines.

- Melissa Stone

Gastric Bypass Insured Bill Proposal

Formerly obese people testified at the state Capitol about the gastric bypass surgery they say saved their lives. They're supporting a bill that would require insurance companies to cover the weight-loss surgery and similar procedures.

- Melissa Stone

Benefits Bill Stalled

A proposal to make large companies such as Wal-mart spend more money on health care benefits in Georgia won't become law this year. Republican and Democratic lawmakers said first they need to know which companies have the highest number of workers receiving state-funded health care through Medicaid. The Department of Commerce and Labor won't identify the companies out of privacy concerns.

- Allison Grubb

Cobb Energy Center Director Resigns

Less than two years after landing the job, the managing director of the new Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center has resigned. Wendy Riggs, 46, said that she's leaving the top job at the \$145 million center, due to open in fall 2007, for personal reasons. She will remain in the job until CEPAC hires her replacement. Then she will serve as a consultant on the 2,750-seat project for six months.

- Tameka Washington

New Cities Proposed in Fulton

Gov. Sonny Perdue signed bills that will allow citizens in parts of unincorporated Fulton County to create the cities of Johns Creek, in the northeast, and Milton, in northwest Fulton. In north Fulton, residents of the two proposed cities will vote July 18th. If they approve, as expected, all of north Fulton will be part of five cities -- Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park and Roswell. In south Fulton, residents pushed for and won passage in the Legislature of a bill to put the proposed city of Chattahoochee Hill Country up for a vote in June 2007. Fulton provides city-style services in unincorporated areas of north and south Fulton. If approved, the new city proposals would put virtually all Fulton residents inside new or existing cities by the end of 2007.

- Timothy Walker

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BLOTTER

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Cockfighting Busted

Authorities euphonized 54 roosters confiscated this month from a cockfighting operation in Rockdale County. Kathy Leer, manager of the local animal shelter, said there was no alternative because the animals had been bred and trained to fight. Authorities arrested Angel Calicos, 41, for allegedly breeding the birds at his home. Police reported that nearly \$400 thousand dollars and some firearms were also confiscated.

- A.M. Ansley

Minister Attacked by Congregation Member

Minister Willie Ralph died when a member of his congregation struck him with an offering-plate after services on March 25th. Ralph was a leading member of the Church of Christ for about 42 years. The attacker was apparently incensed over being removed from his lay position due to some recent charges of sexual misconduct

- Jacob Williamson

UGA Students Charged with Break In

Police arrested four University of Georgia students, including three basketball players, in connection with an armed home invasion at an off-campus apartment. All four men face charges, including robbery, burglary, and unlawful imprisonment.

-Brent Warner

Charges Dropped Against Nanny

All charges were dropped against a former nanny accused of violently shaking a baby girl to death in Duluth due to questions about the accuracy of the "Nanny Cam" that captured the event 2005. Claudia Moore faced up to 40 years in prison on eight counts of child abuse. The video was broadcast on TV around the USA. Moore, a Peruvian who lacked proper documentation now faces an immigration hearing.

- Allison Grubb

Army Reaches Recruitment Goals

U.S. Army recruiters say they have reached enlistment goals despite the possible dangers of going to the Middle East. Since January, the beginning of the recruitment season, more than 1,000 Georgians have joined the Army and more than 300 has joined the Army Reserve.

- Patrick O'Neil

Shooting Suspect Turns Self In

A suspect in a shooting that left a primatologist paralyzed turned himself in. Shelby Scott, 50, was hit in the back in a South Atlanta strip mall parking lot by a stray bullet after a drug deal between the suspect and another individual turned violent. Kenneth Bolden, 22, was charged with aggravated battery. Williams won attention in 2003 for the discovery of what she believes is a new subspecies of African ape.

- Jacob Williamson

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WANTED, FOR SALE AND PERSONAL ADS

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Deluxe Dog Hotel Seeks Caring Dog Handlers

Citizen Canine, a deluxe dog hotel and daycare is looking for a Part-Time Dog Handler. The position calls for someone who not only loves dogs but so much more. We are Metro-Atlanta's first five star kennel and have been labeled the "Ritz Carlton of dog hotels."

Call April Long at 404-555-2647.

Nannies Needed

Au Pair, Inc seeking loving, healthy and organized nannies who speak Mandarin Chinese to start as soon as possible. Experience with all aged children a plus.

Contact Mae Chen at 678-555-2573.

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.

English / Spanish Bilingual Interviewers Needed

Kruger Research, a market research company, specializing in medical and social research is currently seeking bilingual (English & Spanish) motivated personnel to immediately join our friendly staff of interviewers for a temporary project. Technical knowledge of computers, especially survey software is desirable, although not mandatory for employment. This position is temporary, part-time, and open immediately. We're looking for people for day and evening shifts.

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, April 30th 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

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

This Month's Puzzle

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

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.