

# THE METRO-ATLANTA MONTHLY

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

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## Stone Mountain Park Urges Caution

Stone Mountain officials urge visitors to the park to be cautious of their surroundings due to recent muggings and unrelated animal attacks. The park asks visitors to stay to the well-lit areas and in groups of two or more. Park officials have also have increased the number of security guards on duty in the evenings also.

*-Timothy J Walker*

## Ring-Leader Found Dead

Homeless man, Lewis Dean Van Noy, died at Grady after injuries sustained while trapped in a sewer pipe in Little 5 points. The man is believed to have gotten stuck in the sewer pipe after entering to look for a bottle of alcohol. Officials have yet to determine a cause behind the pipe that covers the sewer grate being missing. However a new grate has already been welded into place to eliminate the hazard the open pipe poses as well as prevent further mishaps such as this from occurring in the future.

*Jacob Williamson-*

## Reward for Information on Missing Family

Donald Jenkins, III is currently offering a reward for information on missing family members. John and Rachel Jenkins were on their way to visit their cousin, Donald, with their 3 children the week before Halloween from Birmingham, AL. The Jenkins' car was found at the GA rest stop and Georgia State Patrol is looking for any information as to the family's whereabouts.

*-Jacob Williamson*

## Cougar Attacks Continue

Lawrenceville police have found another animal-mauled victim bringing the total up to three in as many months. The victim, Raymond Douglas, was found in the woods off the Silver Comet jogging trail. His wife, Cindy, reported him missing after he didn't come home after jogging one morning.

*-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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### **Ruins of Mansion Found**

A demolition crew taking down a 1950's swimming pool found the remains of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century mansion underneath it. Wealthy politician and businessman Jacob Tome lived in the house until his death in 1898. The Atlanta Lions Club acquired the property and leveled the home in the 1940's.

*-Brent Warner*

### **Cobb School System Settles**

The Cobb county school board has settled a lawsuit filed by a parent who was locked out of a school board meeting in 2003 by writing a letter of apology and paying \$250 in court fees. Randy Thomas says he sued because his civil rights were violated when he couldn't get inside the school building to attend a board meeting. The board said a janitor accidentally locked the doors.

*-Shannon Quinn*

### **Dogs Used to find Unmarked Graves**

Volunteers have brought in search-and-rescue dogs to help locate unmarked graves as crews begin improvements at the Pleasant Ridge Pioneer Cemetery. Grave markers in the cemetery near Villa Rica have disappeared over several decades. So far, Hanna, a 10-year old German shepherd, has found 170 unmarked graves.

*-Timothy J Walker*

### **Prison Guard to Return to Work**

A prison guard who was nearly beaten to death by an inmate more than a year ago says she plans to return to work soon. Karen Talley, 34, was taking prisoners back to their cells at the Georgia State Prison in April 2004 when she was attacked. Her jaw was shattered, and her face was severely cut in the attack. She accepted a transfer from her former cell-house job to a security checkpoint outside the prison walls.

*-Jacob Williamson*

### **Dickens' Letter up for Auction**

A 140-year-old letter attributed to Charles Dickens and housed in the archives of the Fulton County Library will be auctioned this weekend. The July 9, 1866, letter and a collection of Dickens' works printed in 1894 were donated to the library in 1963. Both the books and the two-page letter will be sold during a silent auction, provided the library receives an adequate offer.

*-Cary Zimmerman*

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**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS**

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## **Romaslav Limited Moves to Buford**

Romaslav Limited is paying \$1.88 million to buy land for its new headquarters, more than triple the market price that the Buford tax assessor lists for the property. Gregor Romaslav, president of Romaslav Limited, said the price is fair for the location. The seller has agreed to demolish an old hotel, level the building site and remedy any environmental problems as a condition of the sale.

*-Brent Warner*

## **Search for New Bacteria at Georgia State**

Derek Lovley, a Georgia State microbiologist, will lead a team of researchers in a study of the microorganism, Geobacter. The bacteria live in soils or waterways; exist without oxygen and use metals or minerals for energy. The investigation could lead to harvesting electricity from waste matter. The study received nearly \$22 million in federal money.

*-Melissa Stone*

## **Alcohol Protection Fees**

Bar, liquor stores and businesses selling alcohol must now pay an annual fee up to \$1700 to cover enforcement costs. Police say enforcement for problem merchants is near non-existent. High-complaint venues such as bars and clubs will pay more than grocery stores and places that sell limited amounts of alcohol.

*-Allison Grubb*

## **Contaminated Bottled Water in School**

Test by the Georgia Department of Health confirmed the presence of a low-grade petroleum product in a bottle of water purchased last month by a student at Laurel High School. The student complained the water had a strange odor and looked cloudy. The district has pulled all bottled water from all schools.

*-Shannon Quinn*

## **Tobacco Farmers Hit Pay Dirt**

Tobacco farmers are trying to decide how to spend money that's coming to them through the federal government's quota buyout. More than \$385 million has been sent over the past six weeks to Georgia farmers who will share in the \$9.6 billion payout. Blake Brown, an agricultural economist at UGA said most intend to pay down debt.

*-Karen Hakiki*

## **Songbirds Killed**

As many as 400 songbirds were killed in one night after they flew into wires holding up a television tower. The bird deaths may spur the creation of a group to study the danger that communication towers pose to migrating birds, said specialists with the Department of Natural Resources

*-Karen Hakiki*

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

## **BLOTTER**

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### **Bear Seen in Neighborhood**

A police officer reported seeing what he thinks was a bear in a neighborhood - the third such report in a week. The officer was responding to call from a woman who reported loud noises coming from the woods behind her house. The officer said that when he arrived, he saw what looked like a large ursine or enormous canine running through the nearby field. Police found the mauled carcasses of a couple of deer in the nearby woods

*-A. M. Ansley*

### **Escaped Convict on the Loose**

A 19-year old convicted of gunning down a couple in March to see how it felt to kill someone escaped the State prison. Richard Jay Ivy was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in August. Ivy and his accomplice, Ty Fresco, 21, chose their victims at random. Police are offering a reward for Ivy's capture and warn the public that he should be considered extremely dangerous.

*-Jacob Williamson*

### **Psychic Predicts Soldier's Death**

According to Lisa Swienee, her husband, Army Staff Sgt. Keith Swienee had a strong sense of foreboding that he would die in Iraq. He made detailed funeral plans and special family visits before deploying. Swienee was among four soldiers killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq on November 13<sup>th</sup>. A visit with a psychic 2 years ago made Swienee believe he would die before his 27th birthday. He would have been 27 at the end of December.

*-A. M. Ansley*

### **Ring Leader Dead**

Two weeks after Gary Reiner, suspected leader of a prostitution ring at the Danish Health Club, was acquitted of all charges, he was found dead inside his Atlanta home. Police are currently looking for leads in this case.

*-Timothy J Walker*

### **Human Remains Stolen**

Thieves broke into an 18<sup>th</sup>-century marble mausoleum at the historic Oakland cemetery and stole a skull and other bones from the crypt. The Fulton County Police say they have no suspects or apparent motives for the break-in. Detectives are trying to determine whether thieves sought to steal valuables or targeted the mausoleum for human remains.

*-Timothy J Walker*

### **YMCA Abduction**

A 13 year-old girl who was abducted and sexually assaulted at a Buckhead YMCA in 2004 despite security precautions in place at the club cannot sue the organization because it enjoys charitable immunity the Georgia Supreme Court ruled. A lower court dismissed the lawsuit originally filed on the girl's behalf saying that she was benefiting from the YMCA's charitable services when the attack happened. The high court agreed.

*-Jacob Williamson*

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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 seeks downtimes to increase enjoyment of players and development of characters and plots for Requiem venue. Reward offered.

E-mail Jason @ [atl\\_cast@yahoo.com](mailto:atl_cast@yahoo.com) by December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## 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.

## Get Back the One You 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.

## Monthly Sudoku Puzzle

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

This Month's Puzzle

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