

## **Saturday Live**

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**BOO AT THE ZOO:** Photo shoot becomes a family tradition

Among the 8,500 parents and kids who showed up Saturday for Boo at the Zoo was Betty Smith of Vinings --- known as Crazy Betty by her family. She bought a pair of lion boppers, springy fuzzy lions on a headband, to add to her collection.

Donning his Thomas the Tank Engine costume, grandson Jack Griffin joined sister Eliza, AKA Belle from "Beauty and the Beast," for a photo shoot. Smith said she has a picture of their mother and aunt at the same spot 30 years ago.

--- Marcia Langhenry

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**COBB COUNTY:** Hats off to heroes

More than 200 people honored soldiers lost in war in Cobb County at the "Missing Man Table & Honors Ceremony," organized by the Cobb County Republican Women's Club. At the "Honor Table," veterans placed hats representing the various branches of the military. Other symbolic items at the table: salt, to represent the tears of loss; a wedge of lemon, to represent bitterness of separation; a red rose, for the family and country's love for the missing and dead; and a candle to show the way.

--- Chris Reynolds

**FANNIN COUNTY:** Ah, wilderness

City folks were hauled off to the mountains by the Wilderness Society as part of the "Lectures and Hikes" program aimed at getting support for "Keeping it Wild."

The message hit home with Gillian Royes, a business communications professor at Georgia State University. "There is something about the mountains that is very spiritually healing. The [city] parks don't quite do it." The hike through old growth forest in Fannin County was led by Wayne Jenkins, CEO of Georgia Forestwatch.

--- Stacy Shelton

**CENTENNIAL PARK:** All revved up

A party of nine relatives and friends spent 10 hours Saturday waiting for Kyle Petty's autograph at RaceTown Atlanta in Centennial Olympic Park, just before the free two-day fan event ended.

"That's nothing," said Elli Burkhalter of Oklahoma City. Her group once camped out 36 hours to get Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s signature.

Son Steven was second in line when Petty started signing at 3 p.m. Worth it?

"Oh yeah," said Burkhalter's mother, Marti Briley. "We'd do it again."

The group is camping in tents near Atlanta Motor Speedway, anticipating today's race.

--- Marcia Langhenry

How nice of them to pose

Marcia Blake's "photography of the Earth" exhibit pulled in a steady stream of photo fans to Alpharetta's Strawberry Fields gallery. The show featured dozens of images of flowers, mostly taken in Blake's backyard. "So you just spot this stuff?" asked one awestruck nature lover. The nearly 4-year-old gallery is run and owned by Dana Watkins, a former health care professional. Blake's exhibit runs through Nov. 15 and is part of the monthlong Atlanta Celebrates Photography event.

--- Linda Rathke

Out to pasture at Piedmont Park

The Runaway Bride, a sleek greyhound dressed in a jogging jacket and bridal veil, won honors for funniest costume Saturday at Greyfest 2005 in Piedmont Park.

Greyhounds had their day, strutting, eating --- and rarely barking.

The Southeastern Greyhound Adoption and Greyhound Pets of America throws the event to raise money to help find homes for greyhounds mistreated on farms or finished at the race track. Almost 1,200 of the speedy dogs have been placed so far.

Susan Hudoff of Decatur bought a \$40 winter coat for Mattie, a 3-year-old black greyhound she got two months ago..

"I love her," Hudoff said. "She just doesn't want to be by herself."

"They are the ultimate couch potato," said Linda Sheffield of Cobb County, who runs Southeastern Greyhound's foster program and owns three of the dogs.

--- Marcia Langhenry

Urning question

Amy Tennihan, husband Brian Huskey and his parents went for a close-up look Saturday at "Peace" and "Justice," the statues dedicated last week in the heart of Atlantic Station.

First they admired "Justice," then crossed 17th Street to view "Peace," wondering aloud what the symbols, like an urn next to "Peace," meant.

"My guess is it's a funerary urn and says that peace comes with a price," Tennihan said.

--- Marcia Langhenry

OVERHEARD ON SATURDAY

"They make lousy watchdogs; the only way they would help in a burglary is if they tripped someone. They're more like cats than dogs."

--- Toni Kane, Atlantan who was walking greyhound Getem at Greyfest 2005 on Saturday in Piedmont Park