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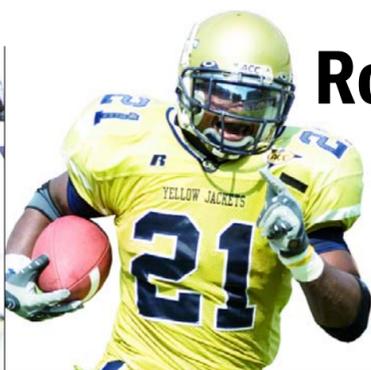
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True freshman back Jonathan Dwyer from Kell may start for Georgia Tech



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## TIME FOR A FUN FLING AT FAIR



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The Drop of Fear will be just one of many rides providing thrills for fairgoers when the 75th annual North Georgia State Fair opens its gates today with free admission and the North Georgia State Fair Beauty Pageant starting at 6 p.m. The pageant has seven dif-

ferent age divisions. The fair runs today through Sept. 30 at Jim R. Miller Park. Fair admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students ages 7 to 18. For a list of concerts, shows, demonstrations and other fair activities, go to [www.northgeorgiastatefair.com](http://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com).

## Army to test for traumatic brain injuries

Soldiers will undergo mandatory test prior to leaving for Iraq, Afghanistan

By Kristin M. Hall  
Associated Press Writer

**FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.** — Before they leave for Iraq, thousands of troops with the 101st Airborne Division line up at laptop computers to take a test: basic math, matching numbers and symbols, and identifying patterns. They press a button quickly to measure response time.

It's all part of a fledgling Army program that records how soldiers' brains work when healthy, giving doctors baseline data to help diagnose and treat the soldiers if they suffer a traumatic brain injury — the signature injury of the Iraq war.

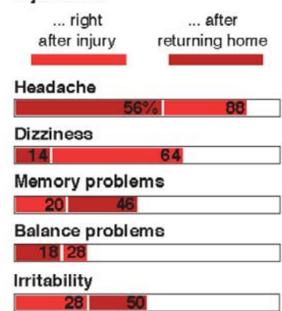
"This allows the Army to be much more proactive," said Lt. Col. Mark McGrail, division surgeon for the 101st. "We don't want to wait until the soldier is getting out of the Army to say, 'But I've had these symptoms.'"

The mandatory brain-function tests are starting with the 101st at Fort Campbell and are expected to

### Troop brain injuries

The Army has begun brain-function tests on soldiers before war to give doctors critical data for treatment if a soldier returns with a traumatic brain injury.

#### Symptoms of soldier brain injuries ...



SOURCE: Walter Reed Army Medical Center

spread to other military bases in the next couple of months. Commanders at each base will decide whether to adopt the program.

The tests provide a standard, objective measurement for each soldier's reaction

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## Weighty wish list

MRC wants City Council to grant more money, flexibility

By Jon Gillooly  
Marietta Daily Journal Staff Writer

**MARIETTA** — The Marietta Redevelopment Corp. urged the City Council to consider giving it an extra \$3 million, an annual expense budget, greater flexibility and a new executive director in a joint session Wednesday.

Formed in 2003, the 14-member MRC serves at the pleasure of the City Council, which appoints its officers and directors. Last year, the City Council provided it with \$2 million in seed money for an \$8 million land-buying fund that includes a \$6 million line of credit with Bank of North Georgia.

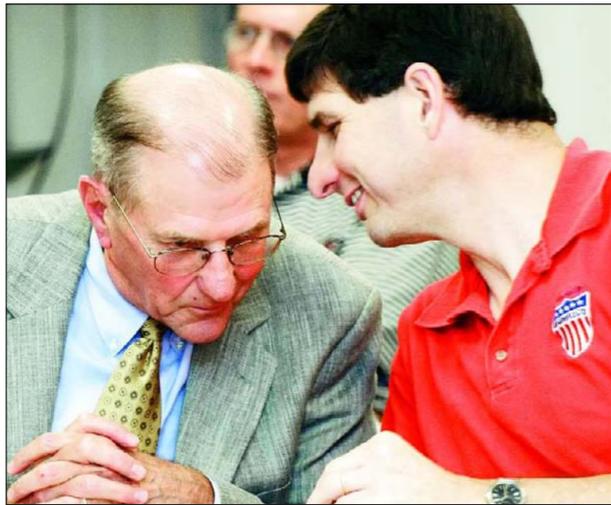
"We will need more money as time goes on," MRC chairman Floyd Northcutt said.

MRC Vice Chairman Micky Blackwell said the board needs \$5 million so it could leverage that amount by two and a half times for a total of \$12.5 million in cash and credit.

The present amount is insufficient, said Mike Wilson, the MRC's real estate consultant.

"I think it's not enough money," Wilson said.

Councilman Philip Goldstein said he would be more likely to support the



Marietta Redevelopment Corp. Chairman Floyd Northcutt, left, and City Councilman Philip Goldstein confer during Wednesday's joint meeting.

Staff photo by Thinh Nguyen

request if funding came from a tax allocation district subsidy instead of the city's general fund.

A TAD subsidy is an incentive for developers to build in blighted areas to increase property values, which results in more tax revenue to repay bonds for infrastructure improvements. Critics claim it is welfare for developers and

subject to abuse.

City Councilman Van Pearlberg asked if TAD money is really necessary. "Can we look at it without a TAD?" Pearlberg asked.

Pearlberg urged members to have faith in the private sector rather than

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## Judge dismisses juror in Humphreys' trial

From staff and wire reports

**BRUNSWICK** — A juror was dismissed Wednesday from the murder trial of Stacey Ian Humphreys, accused of killing two Cobb real estate agents, after he gave a thumbs-up sign to deputies escorting the shackled defendant through a parking lot.

Cobb Superior Court Judge Dorothy Robinson, however, refused Marietta defense attorney Jimmy Berry's request for a mistrial in the case against Humphreys, who faces the death penalty if convicted of the killings.

Humphreys, 34, of Dunwoody, is accused of shooting Lori Brown, 21, of Powder Springs, and Cynthia Williams, 33, of Acworth, on Nov. 3, 2003, in the head during a robbery while they were working in the Morrison Homes sales office of west Cobb's Oakwind subdivision off Antioch Road near Vaughan Elementary School.



Stacey Ian Humphreys



Dorothy Robinson

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## Brother-in-law jailed in woman's slaying

By Marcus E. Howard  
Marietta Daily Journal Staff Writer

**MARIETTA** — Authorities have arrested the brother-in-law of a Marietta woman for allegedly shooting her to death in her bedroom.

The body of 44-year-old Jennifer Grant was found by her husband, Scott Grant, Tuesday night with one 9mm gunshot wound to her face, Cobb Police spokeswoman Officer Cassie Reece said.

Police said Grant found his wife in the upstairs master bedroom of the couple's two-story, 3,549-square-foot brick home in an upscale neighborhood at 2346 Alexander Farms Court in Marietta.

Brent Jason Roth, 36, of Marietta —



Brent Jason Roth

Grants since February, entered Mrs. Grant's bedroom on Tuesday morning "unannounced and without invitation" and began going through dresser drawers asking her for a Bible.

As a result, police said Mrs. Grant called her husband at work and told him

about the incident. At 11:30 a.m., Grant came home to check on his wife and speak to Roth and then left at noon to go to lunch, the warrant stated.

Officer Reece said as Grant was arriving home from work at about 6:15 p.m., he saw Roth leaving the house.

Grant told police that his step-brother was smiling and walking quickly, according to a court document.

Police do not have a motive for the death of Mrs. Grant, Officer Reece said. "No, not yet," she said. "The investigation will be ongoing."

Roth was charged with murder and is in custody at Cobb Jail.

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