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## Musical measures

### Schools go to great lengths to teach orchestral arts

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**P**ace Academy seventh-grader David Grenader spent hours in the middle school Apple music lab learning how to write electronic music last year.

He wrote Pacobel's Canon in D MINOR electronically for a class project. Through the time he spent in the lab, David was inspired to play the violin.

The Middle School General Music class at Pace uses the latest in Apple computer technology to teach music composition, song-writing and theory, said Robert Smith, the lower, middle and upper school strings teacher and a sixth-grade music teacher.

With the use of the Garage Band and Sibelius programs, students learn the fundamentals of music and are able to produce their own compact disc at the end of the semester.

Like the music students at Pace, students in the music genre of the Center for the Arts at North Atlanta are encouraged to utilize the school's high-tech labs to learn and practice the craft of making music. The piano lab at North Atlanta is one way students can perfect their skills.

In the lab, there are 20 elec-



**Nathan Self/Staff**  
Students at North Atlanta High School's Center for the Arts, from left, Nikita Peters, 15, Jaymes Reynolds, 17 and Keshana Griggs, 17 practice their technique with music instructor Carl McGee. Above, the piano lab at NAHS.

tronic pianos that have monitoring systems where students can work one on one with the teacher, said Reginald Colbert, the coordinator for the Center for the Arts at North Atlanta. The lab, which has been at the school for 10 years, provides the students with classical training.

The Westminster Schools also place a strong emphasis on fundamental music training and knowledge.

Like Pace and North Atlanta, Westminster has a lab in which students can further their musical education.

time working for the county, not in a particular job in the county.

According to County Personnel Director Bob Brandes, approximately 167 full-time employees provide services to Sandy Springs residents. Employees are in various departments, including inspections, fire, police, recreation, parks and communications.

It is yet to be determined if the incorporation of Sandy Springs will cause county employee reduction. If there were to be any layoffs of county employees, it will be decided in the 2006 budget. The

process commences now and will be finished by mid-January, Andrews said.

"We have gotten a lot of inquiries for new jobs in Sandy Springs," Oliver Porter, chairman of the Governor's Commission for the City of Sandy Springs said.

He said it is not clear exactly how many new jobs will be created in the new city, but there will definitely be more jobs. Porter said the largest hiring force over time will be in creating a police and fire department. However, the negotiating team voted, in principle, to contract with Fulton County to

extend police, fire and 911 for six months.

Other departments to hire for will include parks, planning, road work, permitting, administration, human resources, accounting, finance, information technology and courts, Porter said.

CH2M Hill-OMI, the firm that the Governor's Commission is recommending to provide city services is going to handle much of the administration and technical work. They will be subcontracting out much of the work, using current staff and also hiring, Porter said.

## Committee green light green development

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Residents from Ridge Brookhaven Club and No came out in droves to hear posed Pope and Land development of Peachtree Dunwo Peachtree Road.

The Neighborhood Planning Committee voted in developers at the meeting, Sept. 27.

The development entails feet of office space, 465,000 residential units and a park would have 1,860 spaces.

At issue was the text of a proposed by District 7 Atlanta member. Howard Shook, which would allow for shared parking by Wieuca Road Baptist Church and the Pope and Land tenants. The board voted five to two in favor of the amendment.

The Ridgedale Park Neighborhood Association supported the development. According to Tim Langan, the Ridge spokesman, if the development neighborhoods would get in ways of impact fees to reinvest which would be a benefit.

Brookhaven Club opponent as did the North Branch Association.

Shook said that the text which strengthens the bond single-family homes, was crafted to answer the concerns of residents. Shook has participated in several discussions concerning the issue is ultimately voted on City Council.

"We are still in the grassroots stage of the decision process individual neighborhoods a neighborhood Planning Unit," said Larry Kelly, the president Land said that the company both parties happy with the we have come up with a plan the site and its neighbors," process like this is a long process, but in the end we process to address everyone's concern.

If the NPU approves the issue will go before the Board on Thursday, Oct. 13.

## Fulton County employees keep eye on incorporation

By Pasha Carroll

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If layoffs were to happen as a result of the Sandy Springs iceberglake off the Fulton County glacier, the Fulton County employees to be laid off would not be determined by location.

According to county policy, the layoffs would be determined by agency, job classification and seniority, Thomas C. Andrews, Fulton County Manager said.

"If there was to be a reduction in force, it would be by seniority," Andrews said.