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Body

A Lawrenceville man who was once a member of the Serbian paramilitary force during the Bosnian War has pleaded **guilty** to federal charges.

Zeljko Kekic, 48, who now has a green card, **lied** to U.S. **immigration** officials in 2002 **about** his employment in the early 1990s during the Bosnian War, U.S. Attorney Sally Yates said. He misled the officials into believing he was a refugee when he was in fact a master sergeant in a key Serbian-controlled town in Bosnia during a time when more than 8,000 Bosnian men and boys were massacred, she said. BILL RANKIN

Charter school looks for ways to stay open

Gwinnett County school officials met with representatives of Ivy Preparatory Academy in Norcross this week to discuss how the charter school could continue operations next fall.

Administrators said they will work with Ivy Prep as they modify their petition to meet standards for district charter schools. Ivy Prep, which was approved by a state board that recently was overturned by the Georgia Supreme Court, needs a legal charter to continue as a public school. **Gwinnett** Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks said he is "optimistic" **about** the progress. D. AILEEN DODD

Police officers offer teen driver program

The **Gwinnett** Police Department is offering the Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error program, or PRIDE, safe driving classes to assist new drivers and their parents.

The free, two-hour course is designed for drivers age 14 to 16. Classes are at 6:30 p.m. June 20 at the West Precinct in Norcross; June 23 at the South Precinct in Lilburn; and June 26 at the East Precinct in Dacula. ANDRIA SIMMONS

Short Bus Heroes to be at Aurora on June 24

The Short Bus Heroes Comedy Tour will perform at the Aurora Theatre on June 24 for the season finale of Funny Fridays.

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The show is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. at Aurora Theatre on the Square in downtown Lawrenceville.

The Short Bus Heroes are four local comedians: James Blackwell, Jamie Bendall, Kevin Mason and Jarrod Harris. Tickets cost \$15.

Information: 678-226-6222 or www.auroratheatre.com. JOEL ANDERSON

County to sponsor bridal show June 12

Gwinnett County will sponsor a bridal show from 1 to 4 p.m. June 12 at the **Gwinnett** Historic Courthouse, 185 E. Crogan St., Lawrenceville.

The event will feature wedding vendors, giveaways, a fashion show and entertainment. The cost is \$5 per person for those who pre-register by June 11 or \$7 at the door. For more information, call 770-822-5450. DAVID WICKERT

Sustainable practices event set for Saturday

Norcross, Sustainable Norcross and the Deconstructed House will host a party Saturday to promote the support of sustainable practices.

The Pre-Demolition, Salvage Pickin' and Porch Party will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 155 N. Cemetery St.

Information: sustainablenorcross@gmail.com or 770-246-0083. JOEL ANDERSON

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