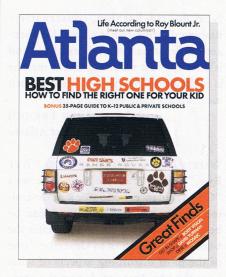
## YOUR COMMENTS



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## It's Academic

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY unhappiness at an omission in your January 2005 cover story on best high schools in the Atlanta area. You didn't even mention South Gwinnett High School in your sports section. They have the 18th-best basketball team in the country, fourth in the Southeast (as of December 2004). They also have on their team the secondbest high school basketball player in the country, Louis Williams. Williams will be playing for UGA unless he goes pro first! He averaged a total of 5 rebounds, 5 assists and 27 points per game last year. You obviously did not look that closely at the "top levels in highly competitive sports like basketball" as stated in the article, for if you had, you surely would have noticed South Gwinnett. We may not have the newest facilities like Whitefield Academy, but that doesn't stop us from being one of the best!

CICI CHAPDELAINE, 13 Snellville I RECENTLY RENEWED MY SUBSCRIPtion to your magazine and received the first issue (October) on November 8. That edition had a 24-page "Special Advertising Section" that was a directory of colleges and schools. Now January's issue arrived yesterday and there are 67 pages devoted to schools! Please, I don't have children!

> CHERYL BISCHOF Canton

THANKS FOR THE GREAT, IN-DEPTH research on Atlanta high schools. But when I got to the public-school directory in anticipation of reading about the demographics, challenges and innovative programs of Forsyth County schools, I was disappointed to see no data reported. Jack. Nada. Not a damn thing. With such a huge growth of people moving to the northern suburbs and no signs of slowing down, I would think you would be thrilled to arm us with such invaluable information.

> NEIL S. THOMPSON Forsyth

## Roots Are Showing

I JUST READ CHANDRA THOMAS' "OUT of Africa" essay (December), and I want to tell you how much I enjoyed the piece. I am an African-American woman and had no idea there was a way to trace my ancestry back to a specific region of Africa using DNA. I am a working professional and have wanted to research my family tree for several years now. Now I know there is a tool out there to help me. I was captivated by Ms. Thomas' storytelling and how she chronicled her own experience with finding her family's "roots." Thank you so much for including this piece in your magazine. As always, I can count on Atlanta Magazine to have relevant stories written by top-notch and talented writers.

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FIRST OF ALL, IT IS TRULY REFRESHING as an African-American reader to see stories in mainstream publications featuring pieces that are relevant to me and my heritage/culture.

