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Area woman co-organizing anti-tax 'tea party'

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A Towne Lake woman is part of a national movement to use a "Tea Party" to once again protest taxes levied on Americans.

Jenny Beth Martin is the assistant event coordinator for the Nationwide Tax Day Tea Party movement and co-chairwoman of the Atlanta event planned for April 15, the day income taxes are due. She also is director of congressional outreach for one of the

IF YOU GO

What: The Atlanta Tea Party
When: 6 to 8 p.m. on April 15
Where: Georgia State Capitol building
Cost: Admission is free and open to the public
Info: (404) 326-0936; atlanta.teaparty.net

movement's sponsor organizations, Smart Girl Politics.

The first Tea Party protest, which she also had a hand in planning,

occurred in February after CNBC on-air personality Rick Santelli called for a Chicago Tea Party to protest government spending.

"It hit a chord with conservatives," she said of the idea, which soon became a hot topic through the Twitter social networking service.

Mrs. Martin participated in a conference call to plan the first Tea Party and, within a few business days, tax-protest events were staged

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The Jenny Beth Martin file:

Age: 38
Residence: Towne Lake
Occupation: Owner of www.computerhealthspa.com
Family: Husband, Lee; 5-year-old twin children, Nicole and Nicholas
Education: Graduate of Reinhardt College with an associate of arts degree and the University of Georgia with a degree in business administration
Community involvement: member of the Georgia and Cherokee County Republican Party, director of congressional outreach for Smart Girl Politics, member of the Junior Service League of Woodstock and North Metro Mothers of Multiples
Church: Hillside United Methodist Church

College fair will focus on Hispanic recruitment

Sequoyah senior organizes event to motivate classmates

By Kristal Dixon
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For Sequoyah High School student Laura Castaneda, seeing her fellow Hispanic classmates fall short of their full potential is not an option.

To help them, Laura has organized a college fair targeted to Spanish-speaking students and their families.

The fair is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

today at Hickory Flat Public Library and 2740 E. Cherokee Drive in Hickory Flat.

Schools that will be represented are: Berry College, Georgia College & State University, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Southern University, Georgia Southwestern State University, North Georgia College and State University, Reinhardt College, Southern Catholic College and University of Georgia.

Representatives from the Georgia Army National Guard, Georgia Student Finance Commission and Hispanic Scholarship Fund also will be at the fair.

The fair is the culmination of Laura's senior project. For the projects, students research a career or interest, write a paper, build a portfolio and make a presentation to a board of community members.

For her project facilitator, Laura enlisted the help of Sequoyah counselor and graduation coach Michelle Francis.

Mrs. Francis has been active at the Hickory Flat school in taking Spanish-speaking students to college fairs and talking with them about attending college.

Laura said she wants to inform her fellow students about the option

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MORE INFORMATION

What: Hispanic College Fair
When: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today
Where: Hickory Flat Public Library, 2740 E. Cherokee Drive, Canton, GA 30115.
Details: Admission is free and open to the public. About 15 colleges will be represented, as well as the Georgia Army National Guard, Georgia Student Finance Commission and Hispanic Scholarship Fund.



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Manuel de la Torre gives a golf lesson to Tommy Aaron at Laurel Canyon Golf Club in Canton on Wednesday. De la Torre, a PGA Golf Professionals Hall of Fame member and considered one of the country's best golf teachers, and Aaron, 1973 winner of The Masters Golf Tournament, were at the course to teach lessons to the community.

TIPS FROM A MASTER



Above: Top instructor Manuel de la Torre gives a golf lesson to Eagle Watch PGA Golf Pro Scott Szymoniak at Laurel Canyon Golf Club in Canton on Wednesday. **Left:** Bob and Janis Matthews of Laurel Canyon observe Manuel de la Torre give a golf lesson at their neighborhood golf club on Wednesday.

Congressional Democrats unite behind Obama budget

By David Espo and Andrew Taylor
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WASHINGTON — In a spring-time show of unity, congressional Democrats welcomed President Barack Obama to the Capitol on Wednesday and unveiled budget blueprints that embrace his key priorities and point the way for major legislation this year on health care, energy and education.

Even so, both the House and Senate versions lack specifics for any of the administration's signature proposals. And Democrats decided to cut spending — and exploding deficits — below levels envisioned in the plan Obama presented less than a month ago.

Administration officials and congressional leaders said any differences were modest.

"This budget will protect President Obama's priorities — education, energy, health care, middle class tax relief and cut the deficit in half," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said after the chief executive met privately in the Capitol with rank-and-file Democrats.

Earlier, White House Budget Director Peter Orszag told reporters the congressional budgets "may not be identical twins to what the president submitted, but they are certainly brothers that look an awful lot alike."

Neither house included the \$250 billion that the administration seeks for any future financial industry bailout. Additionally, Senate Democrats assume in their version that Obama's middle class tax cuts will expire after 2010, and the House blueprint allocates \$200 billion less to tax cuts over five years than the president.

But none of that means the tax cuts can't be kept in place in 2011 and beyond, only that lawmakers would have to find offsetting revenue to pay for them, said Kent Conrad of North Dakota, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

The House and Senate plans both call for spending \$3.6 trillion in the year that begins Oct. 1, according to the Congressional Budget Office, compared with \$3.7 trillion for Obama's plan.

The House plan foresees a deficit of \$1.2 trillion for 2010 but would cut that to \$598 billion after five years. The comparable Senate estimates are \$1.2 trillion in 2010 and \$508 billion in 2014.

Obama's budget would leave a deficit of \$1.4 trillion in five years' time, according to congressional estimates, a level that is viewed by numerous experts as unacceptable over time if the economy is to recover and remain healthy.

Given the strong Democratic

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President Obama



Sen. Harry Reid

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