



## Hilton is no "Chicken" When It Comes To Tough Times



**Hilton Garden Inn promotes Southern Buffet**

During these tentative times, a great deal is very important to the consumer. A variety of businesses are looking for creative ways to drive business.

The Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Midtown has a member of their staff dressed up as a life size chicken on Abercorn Street between 11:30a-12:30p, Monday through Friday.

The chicken is promoting the hotels Southern Lunch and Dinner buffet with their signature item being Fried Chicken, along with the traditional southern fixings, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, corn bread and much more.

"We are continually looking for ways to drive business, as well as make things more affordable for the consumer.

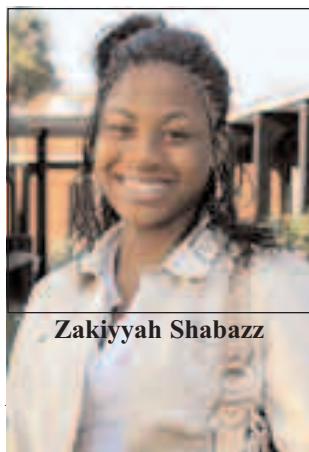
I jokingly mentioned dressing up as a chicken in one of our staff meetings, and one of my managers was more than willing to step up to the plate," said Bryan Cornelius, General Manager.

The hotel has made and continues to make many adjustments to ensure that the customers are getting the BEST VALUE possible. One of the ways has been lowering the lunch and dinner buffet prices and making it more affordable for the consumer.

The Hotel is located at 5711 Abercorn Street, across from the Twelve Oaks Shopping Center.

For more information on the Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Midtown, please contact Gina Kreiss at gina.kreiss@hilton.com

## Groves High Student Selected to Attend Leadership Conference



**Zakjyyah Shabazz**

attend the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC). It will be held March 17-22, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

The NYLC gives high-achieving high school sophomores, juniors and seniors a greater understanding of

their roles in democracy and the responsibilities of leadership. The National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) is designed to instruct and enrich promising students in a hands-on, experiential atmosphere while preparing them for a lifetime of leadership.

NYLC offers students the opportunity to discuss current events and issues with top policy makers in Washington, D.C., analyze concepts and then put them immediately to work. This dynamic program features creative decision-making simulations that challenge young minds to solve problems and lead their peers through role-playing exer-

cises in an energy-charged environment far from the traditional classroom experience. Through interaction with Cabinet secretaries, members of Congress, diplomats, lobbyists, journalists and academicians, NYLC scholars receive direct experience and guidance that cannot be found in textbooks.

The NYLC curriculum was developed by Dr. Marguerite C. Regan, a former high school teacher and social science department chairperson with a doctorate in political science from Purdue University. The curriculum provides a unique approach to leadership training.

## The Outdoor Track & Field Season Has Begun



**Members of the Savannah-Chatham Silver Cheetahs**

Join the Savannah-Chatham Silver Cheetahs for the 2009 Outdoor Developmental Track & Field Season.

Fight Childhood Obesity with AAU Champions who have won medals all across the country (Knoxville, Tennessee, Newport News, Virginia,

Detroit, Michigan, Des Moines, Iowa and New Orleans).

The Cheetahs practice schedule for March is Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 5 pm - 7 pm and Sundays, at Savannah State University Stadium. To join the Cheetahs Fan Club, please contact Coach Tee at

(912) 335-7426.

Cheetah Fans receive a T-shirt, Certificate of Appreciation, Track Meet Schedule, Pom Pom and Honorable Mention at the annual Cheetah County-Wide Youth Invitational Meet.

For an application packet or to make a tax-deductible donation to the Team, please contact Coach Ed Jinks at (912) 660-1475. This summer the Silver Cheetahs are aiming for Des Moines Iowa, the site of this year's Junior Olympic Games.

Your support is crucial to the team's success, so we welcome you to come by to say Hi, to bring an Athlete or to join the Fan Club. Run Cheetahs, Run!

## The Coastal Bank donates 30 Computers to Goodwill Industries



**Coastal Bankshares president and Tom Wiley, left, and Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc. president William Oakley, right load donated computers.**

The Coastal Bank, a leading community bank headquartered in Savannah, donated 30 computers to Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc. earlier today at the bank's

Operations Center in Pooler, Ga. Tom Wiley, president and CEO of Coastal Bankshares, rolled up his sleeves and helped load the computers into the Goodwill truck.

"It's important for locally-owned banks to give back to the communities where they do business," said Wiley. "We're not just about business - we're about community. And that community connection is more important now than ever, given the current economic climate."

Goodwill Industries, Inc. is a leading nonprofit provider of education, training, and career services. Last year alone, Goodwill collectively provided employment and training services to more than 1.1 million individuals nationwide.

"Goodwill takes the time to teach people how to become computer literate,

which is an in-demand skill to have," said Steve Kellogg, The Coastal Bank's network administrator.

This gift is the bank's latest computer donation to a local agency in need. The Coastal Bank has also donated more than a dozen computers to the computer lab at Senior Citizens, Inc. That donation significantly updated the computer lab and helped interested seniors learn about technology and keep their minds active.

The bank also donated computers to the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club's westside branch, located at 801 Brewer Street, to help replace computers which were destroyed during an incident of vandalism at the site in 2007.

Locally owned and operated, The Coastal Bank provides a full range of financial services, specializing in small business, consumer banking and real estate lending. Headquartered on Johnson Square in Savannah, this successful community bank has been serving the greater Savannah area since 1954.

The Coastal Bank has an operations center in Pooler and branches throughout coastal Georgia.

For more information about The Coastal Bank, please call (912) 201-4934 or visit [www.thecoastal-bank.com](http://www.thecoastal-bank.com) online.

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