

IN BRIEF

MUSIC  
BET adds Wonder to Prince tribute

The list of artists preparing to pay tribute to Prince at the Sunday BET Awards just received a high-wattage jolt. Stevie Wonder will join The Roots, Sheila E. and Janelle Monae and pay homage to the singer during one of the Prince-related performances that will take place throughout the show.

Wonder joined Madonna at last month’s Billboard Awards to sing “Purple Rain” at the end of her polarizing tribute.

Also hopping into the performance parade are Young Thug, Jennifer Hudson, Erykah Badu, French Montana, Fat Joe, Remy Ma, Tori Kelly and Beyonce’s rising music duo, Atlanta natives Chloe X Halle.

Previously announced performers include Usher, Future, Alicia Keys, Maxwell, Bryson Tiller and Designer.

MELISSA RUGGIERI

COMEDY  
Amy Schumer will headline Philips

Female stand-up comics can headline theaters-sized venues such as Cobb Energy and the Tabernacle. Among that selected group: Margaret Cho, Lisa Lampanelli and Maria Bamford (coming this fall to the Tabernacle).

But Amy Schumer is the first solo woman to headline Philips Arena in its history that I know of. (If anybody can come up with another name, I’d be happy to correct this but no names come to mind.) Schumer – who stars Comedy Central’s “Inside Amy Schumer” – will be at Philips Oct. 15 as part of a 50-city tour.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday at 10 a.m. Presale is happening now through Monday at 10 p.m. (code: “amylive”). Ticket prices are \$73-\$110.

Schumer’s star has risen steadily in recent years with a salty mix of sex and feminist humor. The Emmy-winning comic is now a film star (“Trainwreck”) and forthcoming author, whose book comes out in August: “The Girls With the Lower Back Tattoo.”

RODNEY HO

FREE AND CHEAP

Robert Ellis. 9 p.m. July 1. \$12-\$15. Terminal West, 887 W. Marietta St. N.W., Atlanta. www.terminalwestatl.com.

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DISCOVER GEORGIA’S BARRIER ISLANDS

# Geechee life endures



His ancestors having left their blood, sweat and tears on Sapelo Island, slave descendant and Hog Hammock resident Julius Bailey walks across an ancient shell ring on the north end of the island. Hog Hammock is the last intact Geechee community on the Georgia coast. Their roots date back to the cotton fields their ancestors worked as slaves 200 years ago. CURTIS COMPTON PHOTOS / CCOMPTON@AJC.COM

## Descendants of slaves disappearing from the beautiful Sapelo Island.

By Suzanne Van Atten  
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SAPELO ISLAND – Belle Marsh. Lumber Landing. Shell Hammock. Raccoon Bluff. The names of the slave and freedmen communities on Sapelo Island are as poetic and picturesque as the canopy of Spanish moss that covers this oblong-shaped island off the central coast of Georgia.

The names speak to a way of life shaped by a spiritual connection to nature. But they also echo with heartbreak and upheaval handed down by slave owners and industrialists whose actions helped erase those communities from the island.

Since it was purchased from the Creek Indians by the British Crown in 1733, Sapelo Island has passed through a dozen or so white men’s hands, three of particular note: plantation owner Thomas Spalding, who brought over 385 slaves; automotive industrialist Howard Coffin, who ran several commercial agricultural operations here; and tobacco magnate R.J. Reynolds, who lived on the island part time.

But it was the freedmen and their descendants, originating from enslaved West Africans brought here in 1802, who have maintained the only continuous



The stunning beauty of Sapelo Island includes this Snowy Egret with lacy plumes in adult breeding plumage, which is foraging for small fish in shallow water on the southern end of the island.

## Sapelo Island

Sapelo Island is rich in Native American, antebellum and Gilded Age history.



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nic group of their homeland. And its future is precarious as increasing property taxes and lack of economic opportunity have driven residents to the mainland.

Efforts are underway to change

Island continued on D7

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COMING SUNDAY: ST. SIMON’S ISLAND

An experiential travel guide to the coast with tips on how to get there and what to do. Go to specials.myajc.com/barrier-islands and learn more about Cumberland Island, Jekyll Island, Little St. Simons Island, Ossabaw Island, Sea Island, St. Simons Island, Sapelo Island, Tybee Island and Wassaw Island.

MUSIC

# Country music loses legend with death of Ralph Stanley

Bluegrass pioneer had been performing and influencing for decades.

By Shane Harrison  
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Ralph Stanley’s keening conversation with mortality, “O Death,” became the new wave of bluegrass’ strongest link with tradition after appearing in the movie “O Brother, Where Art Thou?.” His mournful voice evoked the lonesome spirit of Clinch Mountain in Virginia where he was born, lived and died, an end that came June 23 at 89 years old.

With more than 50 years of performing behind him, Stanley’s career reached a commercial peak with the 2000 Coen Brothers film, whose soundtrack will forever be known as the instigator of a new wave of popularity for traditional mountain music. Though the film, a Depression-era take on Homer’s “Odyssey,” did well, it was the soundtrack that made the biggest impact.

Others among the all-star line-up, such as Emmylou Har-



Bluegrass legend Ralph Stanley (left) performs with Jim Lauderdale during a 2006 program at the Kennedy Center, part of a three-week marathon honoring country music. RICK MCKAY / COX WASHINGTON BUREAU

ris and Alison Krauss, were better known by a modern audience, but it was Stanley’s chilling a cappella rendition of “O Death” that felt umbilically linked with the past.

The Recording Academy, ever

ready to make belated good to great artists it has ignored in the past, gave Stanley his first Grammy (for best male country vocal performance). The soundtrack also

Stanley continued on D5



Ernesto Lopez, with his daughter and wife Tanya, suffered a stroke in March, becoming part of a disturbing health trend: strokes are declining in older Americans, but they’re skyrocketing for younger adults. CONTRIBUTED

## In your 20s to 40s? You could still have a stroke



Gracie Bonds Staples  
This Life

The thing that’s easy to miss about Ernesto Lopez is how healthy he is.

An Army veteran with two tours in Iraq behind him, he worked out five days a week

and was known to test his athleticism in one race or another.

On March 7, he finished the Spartan race – a 6-mile obstacle course – in 1:30:45, a good 12th place ending for his age group. Two days later, the 37-year-old father of three was back at the Crossfit gym in Fayetteville where he regularly works out. It felt good to be back.

Lopez had been there for barely five minutes when he reached for the jump rope and

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## LIVING

Studio Movie Grill  
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(770) 992-8411**Independence Day: Resurgence (PG-13)**  
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7:15, 10:30**Care Bears: Beared Treasure (NR)** 11:00a.m.

## Eastside

## AMC Colonial 18

Hwy 316 &amp; 120 (Lawrenceville Market)

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## AMC Sugarloaf Mills 18

I-85 at Sugarloaf Parkway (Exit 108)

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## AMC Stonecrest Mall 16

I-20 East at Turner Hill Rd., Lithonia

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