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TELEVISION

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 Desiigner. 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 saity mix of sex-and femi nist 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**

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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 svanatten@ajc.com

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 ith 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



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

community on the island, despite a series of challenges that con-

tinue today. At one time, 480 descendants lived throughout the island. Now they number less than 50, and all their homes are in Hog Hammock (Hogg Hummock to locals), a 434-acre area on the south end of the island, where Reynolds relocated homeowners in a forced land swap in the '50s and '60s.

Today Hog Hammock represents Georgia's only remaining community of coastal West African slave descendants, whose culture they call Geechee, most likely a reference to the Kissi ethnic 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

Sapelo Island

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



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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 sharrison@ajc.com

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 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



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

Ernesto

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

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

This Life continued on D4

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Eastside

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AMC Sugarloaf Mills 18

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Southside

AMC Southlake 24

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The Conjuring 2 (R) (12:05, 4:10), 7:20, 10:30 Now You See Me 2 (PG-13) (10:35a.m., 1:40, 4:45), 7:50, 10:55 Warcraft (PG-13) (1:15, 4:20), 7:25, 10:30

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows (PG-13) (11:30a.m., 2:20, 5:15). 8:05, 10:55 X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13) (1:00, 4:15),

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Regal Georgian Stadium 14

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- Free State of Jones (R) CC (1:00), 4:15, 7:35,
- Resurgence (PG-13) CC/DVS (11:00a.m., 11:30a.m., 2:00, 2:30), 5:00, 8:00, 8:20 Independence Day: Resurgence
- 3D (PG-13) CC/DVS 11:00 ★ Central Intelligence (PG-13) ((
- (11:40a.m., 2:25), 5:10, 7:55, 10:50 ★ Finding Dory (PG) (11:10a.m.), 4:50, 7:25 ★ Finding Dory in Disney Digital

3D (PG) CC (1:55), 10:10 Now You See Me 2 (PG-13) CC (11:15a.m., 2:40), 7:00, 10:15

Warcraft (PG-13) CC/DVS (2:50), 10:30

Me Before You (PG-13) CC/DVS 5:30,11:20 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows (PG-13) CC/DVS (11:45a.m.),7:20

Regal McDonough Stadium

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(770) 954-3332 Free State of Jones (R) CC (10:00a.m., 12:15, 1:15, 3:40), 7:00, 7:30, 10:20 ★ Independence Day:

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3D (PG-13) CC/DVS 4:00, 4:30 The Shallows (PG-13) CC (10:45a.m., 12:05, 2:30), 4:10, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50, 10:35 ★ Central Intelligence (PG-13) CC

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X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13) CC 7:15.10:30

Captain America: Civil War (PG-13) CC/DVS

Me Before You (PG-13) CC/DVS (2:15), 5:00,

(10:00a.m., 12:45), 7:05 The Jungle Book (PG) CC (11:40a.m., 2:25),

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that. The Sapelo Island Cultural and Revitalization Society is working with a group from Clemson University to grow and harvest Purple Ribbon sugarcane, a crop once raised here by Spalding's slaves. The hope is it will become an income-generating operation, which could

help stabilize the community. In her memoir "God, Dr. Buzzard and the Bolito Man," lifelong Sapelo resident Cornelia Walker Bailey describes some of the characteristics that distinguish Geechee culture: a lyrical pattern of speech, belief in the supernatural, faith in the healing properties of nature and a rich tradition of storytelling designed to make the listener laugh or learn a lesson.

Casual visitors to Sapelo hoping to steep themselves in that culture may be hard pressed to locate it. What they'll find in Hog Hammock is a quiet, shady community of wood houses and trailers with a couple of empty community buildings, some small fields of crops and a modest convenience store/ snack bar that opens just a few hours a day.

The best way to get a taste of Geechee life is to visit on Culture Day, held every third Saturday in October on the grounds of the First African Baptist Church. It's a homecoming of sorts for friends and former residents of the island who come back for a day of music, dance and old-time ring shouts, a traditional call-and-response style of singing accompanied by handclaps and shuffling dance moves. Other festivities include demonstrations of fish net and basket making, and food vendors serve up helpings of pigs' feet, ribs, shrimp, red rice

and red peas. There are plenty of other reasons to visit Sapelo, though, not the least of which



Nanny Goat Beach on Sapelo Island. SUZANNE VAN ATTEN / SVANATTEN@ AJC.COM

is the stunning beauty of the island's wide wilderness beaches and dense maritime forests thick with live oaks

and palm trees. With the exception of privately owned Hog Hammock, Sapelo belongs to the state of Georgia and is managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The island is home to the University of Georgia Marine Institute, as well as a 6,100-acre National Estuarine Research

Reserve. One of the most significant structures on Sapelo is Reynolds Mansion, a 13-bedroom. white-columned dwelling on a 110-acre wildlife reserve. The site was first home to Spalding, whose original tabby structure, made from oyster shells, was destroyed during the Civil War. Coffin rebuilt on the site in 1912, and Reynolds bought it in 1934. He had it modified by Atlanta architect Philip T. Shutze, who hired renowned bird artist Athos Menaboni and his wife, Sara, to paint murals on the interior walls. Today the state rents the

mansion to groups for overnight stays. On the north end of the island overlooking Mud River are the remains of Chocolate Plantation, featuring the ruins and foundations of tabby slave houses and a huge tabby barn. The land was first occupied by a group of Frenchmen in the late 1700s who named it after Chucalate, a Guale Indian village on the island. Used primarily to grow cotton, the plantation was established in 1819 and had a number including Spalding and Coffin. Next to it is a Sears Roebuck house purchased from a catalog and constructed from a kit that dates back to the 1930s.

Just north of Chocolate

Plantation is the oldest struc-

ture on Sapelo Island – a

massive Native American

shell ring constructed not

only of shells but bone, pottery and refuse from dwellings including whole hearths. The ring measures 10 to 13 feet high and more than 300 feet in diameter. Its exact purpose remains a mystery, but carbon dating estimates it to be 3,000 to 4,200 years old. The best way to see the sights of Sapelo is to take a tour. Visitors can also hike or bike the island, which is 11 miles long and 4 miles wide.

rented through Sapelo Go, although they are restricted from the north end of the island. Getting to the island requires taking a ferry from Meridian dock near Darien, and passage must be arranged by an island resident or the DNR once visitors have booked a tour or overnight stay. And all provisions must be brought

There are no car rentals avail-

from the mainland; there are no restaurants or grocery stores here. Whether it's history, culture or recreation that brings visitors here, they are advised to fully unplug on Sapelo. A big part of the island's charm is the bewitch-

IF YOU GO

SPECIAL EVENTS Shrimp and Crab Day. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 28. \$15 per person. Go seining in the surf, then dine on a low country boil, Bring a side dish to share. Presented by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. RSVP at

Landing Road, Darien, or call 912-437-Sapelo Island Grand Tour. DNR and Reynolds Plantation host a two-night, three-day visit to Sapelo Sept. 9-11, including accommodations at the mansion and a variety of nature adventures, including hikes, kayaking, fishing and a bus tour. \$599 per person, all inclusive. Limited

to 24 guests. 912-485-2299, www. gastateparks.org. Culture Day. A day of music, dance, craft demonstrations and food, Oct. 15 on the grounds of First African Baptist Church. \$25, \$15 children 6-12. Tickets will be for sale at Meridian dock on the day of the event. Advance ticket purchases can be made over the phone, via mail and fax. For details, call 912-485-2197 or visit www.

sapeloislandga.org/projects/culture-day.

com/geecheetours.html.

SIGHTS Geechee Tours. Hog Hammock resident Cornelia Walker Bailey and her family members offer island tours, camping, lodging and bike rentals. Call for rates and availability. 912-485-2206, www.gacoast.

J.R. Grovner and his family members offer tours of the island's historic sites. Not all tours go to the north end of the island, so be sure to inquire if you want to see Chocolate Plantation and the shell ring. \$45.912-506-6463, www.toursapelo.com. Sapelo Island Lighthouse. A state-guided tour gives guests the opportunity to climb

to the top and visit a small museum in the

Sapelo Sights. Hog Hammock resident

former headkeeper's house. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays year-round; 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Fridays, June 1-Labor Day. \$15 adults, \$10 children 6-12, 5 and under free. 912-437-3224 Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve. Managed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources,

the 6,100-acre reserve is located along

the western perimeter of Sapelo Island. It is comprised of 4,000 acres of tidal salt marsh and 2,100 acres of upland. State-guided bus tours are offered 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays year-round, and 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Fridays, June 1-Labor Day. Extended tours offered 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month, March-October. \$15, \$10 children 6-12, free children 5 and younger. Cash or check only. Reservations required. 912-437-3224,

RECREATION Hunting. Sapelo is a popular hunting

www.sapelonerr.org.

ground for deer, feral hogs and small game. For details on seasons, transportation and restrictions, go to www.gohuntgeorgia. com.

Kavaking. Southeast Adventure Outfitters offers a two-night, three-day kayak adventure on Sapelo Island for groups of four to 10.\$495 per person, which includes food, gear and overnight accommodations in a house in Hog Hammock. 912-638-

TRANSPORTATION Ferry. The ferry to Sapelo departs three times daily Mondays-Saturdays and twice Sundays from Meridian dock. \$5-\$15, round trip. Dogs permitted with proof of immunization. 1766 Landing Road, Darien. Passage must be booked by an island resident or a member of the DNR. 912-437-3224, www.sapelonerr.org. Golf cart rentals. Sapelo Go rents gaspowered golf carts for \$35 half-day, \$55 full day. They will book visitors' passage on the ferry and meet them at the Sapelo dock upon arrival. 912-266-4848, 912-485-2110,912-485-2206,www.

2206, www.gacoast.com/geecheetours.

www.gastateparks.org.

ACCOMMODATIONS Reynolds Mansion. The mansion has 13 bedrooms and can accommodate up to 29 guests. The minimum group size is 16, and a minimum two-night stay is required. \$175-\$225 per person per night, including meals. Discounts available for children 5 and younger. A \$1,000 nonrefundable deposit is due one year in advance of arrival to confirm a reservation. 912-485-2299,

Sapelo Island Birdhouses. Island resident

Annita Thomas provides accommodations in three luxurious, distinctly different cottages and two suites in Hog Hammock. High-end furnishings, extra comfy beds, fully stocked kitchen, screen porch, large flat-screen TV, internet, charcoal grill and a golf cart are among the amenities provided. Dogs permitted with a fee. Chef services available upon request. \$150-\$375 per night; two-night minimum. 912-223-6515, www.sapeloislandbirdhouses.com. The Wallow. A six-bedroom, five-bath lodge operated by island resident Cornelia Walker Bailey in Hog Hammock. Call for rates and availability. 912-485-2206, www.gacoast.com/geecheetours.html. Cabretta Island campsite. Stateoperated rustic, remote sites close to the beach, For groups of 15 to 25, \$25 per person per night; two-night minimum. Showers, toilets, fire rings and grills available, and transportation to the site is provided. Reservations required. 912-485-2299.

MORE INFORMATION

5:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; 8 a.m.-5:30

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Bike rentals. Island resident Cornelia Walker Bailey rents bikes in Hog Hammock. Call for rates and availability. 912-485-

sapeloislandbirdhouses.com.

Sapelo Island Visitor Center. 7:30 a.m.-

p.m. Saturdays. 1766 Landing Road, Darien. 912-437-3224, www.sapelonerr. org.