

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

Troops taste the Caribbean



Spc. William Hatton

Sgt. Kevin Tulloch, 3rd Inf. Div. STB, performs a song for deployed Soldiers during the Caribbean Heritage Observance at Camp Victory, Iraq, June 21.

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Task Force Marne Public Affairs

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — Imagine water splashing up on the beach somewhere in the middle of the Caribbean. As the water hits the shore, you've got sand between your toes and a tasty mango-banana smoothie in your hand. Life just seems perfect on this imaginary beach.

Although sand might be the only similarity for troops serving in Iraq, Task Force Marne Soldiers got to take a little break and gain a cultural awareness and understanding during the Caribbean Heritage Observance, June 21.

The equal opportunities office is trying to provide Soldiers with a better understanding of the Caribbean culture by hosting the observance, said Sgt. 1st Class Delanor Nurse, an equal opportunities representative from Multinational Division - Center Equal Opportunity office.

"We're trying to celebrate the heritage of different cultures so we can educate Soldiers," said Nurse, "being that the Army is so diverse."

The evening's events were planned out weeks in advance, said Sgt. 1st Class Tanya Toussaint, an equal opportunities representative from MND-C EO office.

Throughout the time leading up to the event, a number of things went into preparing for the celebration. Everything from planning

logistics to weekly rehearsals went into the show. The EO committee members worked hard to make sure the nights' events turned out well, said Nurse.

"A lot of what we have here tonight came from friends and Family back home," said Sgt. 1st Class Rae McFarlane, one of the performers from Headquarters and Headquarters Operation Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division.

The show consisted of native Caribbean Soldiers who introduced heroes of the past to the audience, common dances of the Caribbean culture, a humorous skit, and the Marne Band performed favorite Caribbean and salsa songs.

"Tonight gives Soldiers an opportunity to understand our culture a little better," said Toussaint, a native of Jamaica.

"Soldiers learn first hand what our culture is like and gain a better understanding that we are more than just reggae music and (dancers) at the nearest dance hall," Toussaint added.

"It's great to be able to just introduce people to our culture and show what the Caribbean is really like," said McFarlane, also a native of Jamaica.

The objective of the evening was to give Soldiers a taste of the Caribbean. Although the warm waters and beautiful coastal sunsets are miles away, troops were given a opportunity to learn and appreciate a different culture.

Local businessman donates \$\$\$ to Division

ChaNae Bradley
Frontline summer hire

Military Families and Soldiers will benefit from a recent donation from a local businessman.

Greg Woolard, a Glennville native and vice president of the 48 convenience store chain Clyde's Market, donated \$25,000 to the 3rd Infantry Division.

Clyde's Market has helped Marne Division Soldiers and Families before, and has donated to causes for the last nine years.

Woolard said the donations are raised through a golf tournament that the business sponsors annually.

This year, Fort Stewart Soldiers put together their own team to participate in the tournament.

"Because we raised more money,

we divided the money between several groups including the 3rd Infantry Division, a boy's home in Statesboro, a youth home in Vidalia and scholarships," Woolard said.

Woolard said the success of the tournament allowed them to raise more money this year than in previous years. The success allowed them to give back more money to the community.

He said it was humbling to know how much Soldiers, who risk their lives, do, and said he felt good to do something in return.

Woolard added the 3rd Inf. Div. can count on a contribution from Clyde's.

In addition to the check, Woolard said he also plans to donate 12,000 bottles of water to the installation's Fourth of July celebration.

Capt. Travis Krug, 1st BDE Family

Readiness liaison, said donations like Woolard's help make the deployments easier on Families.

"While the Soldiers are away, the money helps with events," Krug said.

Colonel Todd Buchs, Stewart - Hunter garrison commander, said donations like Woolard's touches every Family.

"The FRGs can use the money, and it will aid them through another deployment," Buchs said.

ChaNae Bradley

Greg Woolard, vice president of Clyde's Market, his wife Angie and son, present a \$25,000 check to Col. Todd Buchs, Stewart - Hunter garrison commander to benefit the Soldiers and Family members of the 3rd Inf. Div.



Teen volunteers welcome to Stewart - Hunter

Kelly McKinnon
Frontline volunteer

Volunteers across Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield, and the installation Army Volunteer Coordinators are focusing on adding more teenagers to the ranks.

Brenda Hill, Hunter AVC, encourages teens to apply for volunteer positions.

"Volunteering keeps them busy and helps them to learn responsibility, along with good working ethics; that will come in handy when they have a paying job," she said.

Youth volunteers at Hunter help assemble Army Community Services welcome packets, distribute relocation information to Soldiers and Family members, and manage inventories at the Loan Closet.

"Many of the youth are here just to get their hours in for school credit," said Hill, "but some will come volunteer on special occasions if we request their return."

One such return volunteer is Brittani Ford, a 15-year-old Bradley Institute student, who works in the Family Readiness Center at Fort Stewart. Ford began volunteering

with ACS last year. Her mother works nearby, and brought her in to find something to do during the summer hours.

"It's a good way to give back," said Ford, who plans to return next year.

Youth volunteer opportunities exist year-round, accord-

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Hunter Army Volunteer Coordinator

ing to Stewart AVC, Vickie Wiginton, however, school-year positions are limited due to agency schedules.

"If an agency closes at four, they probably don't have much opportunity for youth during the school year," said Wiginton. "But agencies like the library and the youth cen-

ter have more available then. Some agencies need help during holiday breaks. We will work with the youth and find places for them to volunteer."

Volunteering allows teens to see the environment and to confirm their goals, according to Wiginton. Youth at Stewart - Hunter have volunteered with Child and Youth Services summer programs and sports, installation libraries, and the Chaplain's Vacation Bible School program.

"I think Youth volunteering is important for them, and the community," said Hill.

One benefit of youth volunteers is the extra hands. "We benefit greatly," said Wiginton. "They bring in skills that we need. We win, and the youth win."

Youth volunteers must be fourteen or older, obtain a Georgia Worker's permit, and complete a volunteer application and parental permission form.

Interested teens can visit the agency of interest, or apply directly through the AVC office. At Stewart, contact Vickie Wiginton, 767-1257, and at Hunter, contact Brenda Hill, 315-6816.

Troops, families now have easier way to stay connected

Angela Dasher
Frontline summer hire

Waiting for a letter from a deployed Family member can be an anxious experience. Modern technology, such as e-mail and Internet services help shorten the wait.

Families of deployed Soldiers now can stay connected with their loved ones through Connect and Join. Connect and Join is a Web site that provides accounts for up to five

Family members to access.

"My husband, who is currently deployed in Afghanistan, loves viewing the calendar and photos because the kids are involved in so much," said Felicia Robinson, Connect and Join's customer service manager and user.

"When he returns, we will have a positive spin on his deployment that the entire Family can look back on because of Connect and Join. The Web site is very easy to use—everything is three clicks or less."

Through Connect and Join, Families can easily share photos, send e-letters, keep journals, share audio, and much more. Connect And Join also makes it easy for Families to save and archive all materials posted on the site for future reference.

"Connect and Join is currently a pilot project, and it is not available to everyone," said Gerald Hammond, Connect and Join's chief technology officer.

"However, once we can see that the Web site

is going to be a success, we hope to expand the project to the entire military."

Connect and Join is a password-protected site and is featured with the same security as online banking sites. There is a fee to subscribe to Connect And Join; however, it varies based on deployment length and other details.

To learn more about Connect and Join, visit www.connectandjoin.com or call 1-888-729-9828.

Pets of the Week



Layla and her kittens and Dora the puppy are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



MWR Briefs

Summer sports and fitness program for teens

Each Monday of the summer months will feature a different fitness activity between 4-5 p.m. for teens ages 13-18.

The first Monday is cardio workouts, rock climbing for the second Monday, abdominal fitness for the third, and resistance training on the fourth.

Teens must enroll in the Child Youth Services program to participate. For additional information, call Bea Wilson at 315-5708/6075.

Trips for teens and middle schoolers

Teens and Middle School Age children at Hunter enrolled in CYS have the opportunity to take a summer trip to a variety of locations. The trips include a free trip to Parris Island from 12:30-6 p.m., July 20. Register by July 13.

- Star Castle, noon to 5 p.m., July 13. Register by July 6. The cost is \$3.50 for admission and \$2 skate rental. Laser tag is \$6.50.

- Carowinds, leaves at 7 a.m. July 25. Register by July 18. The cost is \$31.

- Summer Waves, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 1. Register by July 25. The cost is \$16.95.

- Tybee Island, 1 - 5 p.m., Aug. 8. Register by Aug 1. The event is free with a picnic lunch.

- Low County Paintball, 12:30 - 5 p.m., Aug. 10. Register by Aug. 3. The cost is \$25.

- Ferry Ride to Westin Hotel, 2 - 6 p.m. Aug. 15. Register by Aug. 8. The cost is \$25.

- Horseback Riding, Sav, 1 - 5 p.m., Aug. 17. Register by Aug. 10. The cost is \$5.

- Sports, GA Music Halls of Fames, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 22, register by Aug. 15. The cost is \$5.

- Savannah Wildlife Center, 1 - 5 p.m., Aug. 24. Register by Aug. 17. The event is free.

- Wild Adventure, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 29. Register by Aug. 22. The event is \$35.

For additional information, call Bea Wilson at 315-5708/6075.

Come to Teen Night at Rocky's

Rocky's will be closed to Soldiers and open to Family members with military IDs from 5 to 11 p.m. every Thursday night through July 26.

Teens, ages 13-18 can have fun in a positive environment. For more information, call 368-2212.



AAFES PRESENTS

JUNE 28 THROUGH JULY 5



The Condemned

Today — 7 p.m.

(Steve Austin, Vinnie Jones)

A select group of death row inmates are offered the opportunity to compete in a deadly game on an abandoned island for one week. The winner of the game will have his or her sentence dropped down to life imprisonment and avoid execution.

PG (fantasy violence, battle sequences, frightening images), 97 min.

Shrek The Third

Friday, Saturday — 8 p.m.

(Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz)

When Shrek married Fiona, the last thing he wanted was to rule Far Far Away, but when his frogger-in-law, King Harold, suddenly croaks, Shrek is quickly fitted for the crown. Now, unless the reluctant would-be king can find a suitable replacement, he'll be royally screwed for the rest

of his days. It's going to take an ogre-sized effort--and a whole lot of help from Fiona and her band of princesses--for Shrek to save the day and find their own "Happily Ever After."

Rated PG (crude humor, suggestive content, swashbuckling action) 98 min

Bug

Friday, Saturday — 8 p.m.

Sunday — 6 p.m. (Free Showing)

June 5 — 7 p.m.

(Ashley Judd, Michael Shannon)

A lonely waitress with a tragic past, Agnes rooms in a run-down motel, living in fear of her abusive, recently paroled ex-husband. But when Agnes begins a tentative romance with Peter, an eccentric, nervous drifter, she starts to feel hopeful again--until the first bugs arrive..

Rated R (violence, sexuality, nudity, language, drug use) 107 min



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

HEALTH W•A•C•H

Winn Army Community Hospital

Easy access to medical evaluation available

Jerry Harben
U.S. Army MEDCOM Public Affairs

Injured Soldiers whose military futures are being considered by medical evaluation boards will soon have a means to track the process and ensure accuracy of relevant information through the MyMEB page on Army Knowledge Online, the Army's Internet information network. This site went live June 15.

Medical evaluation boards are conducted at medical treatment facilities to determine if injured Soldiers meet medical retention standards set in Army Regulation 40-501. MEBs differ from physical evaluation boards, which are conducted for the Army by the Human Resources Command to determine if Soldiers can continue to serve. If they cannot, MEBs determine what disability benefits the Soldiers are entitled.

"This will provide Soldiers with an easy tool to view the progress of their own boards," said Michael P. Griffin, deputy director of U.S. Army Medical Command's patient administration division.

MyMEB can be reached online at

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/417118> using a Soldier's AKO user identity and password. Individual board information will be available only with matching social security number.

Data is automatically downloaded onto the site from the Medical Evaluation Board Internal Tracking Tool database. A Soldier can verify dates of physical exams and consults, or when reports and appeals have been initiated or approved. Down the left side of the screen are information links to explain the MEB process and terminology.

If a Soldier finds something inaccurate or questionable in the information, he or she should call it to the attention of the assigned physician evaluation board liaison officer who is listed at top right on the screen.

MyMEB was developed by medical, information management and administrative personnel to address a perceived need for Soldiers to know more about the MEB process and how it affects them.

A focus group of injured Soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center helped evaluate and fine tune the site.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

June 4

- **Emma Susan Corman**, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Jeremy Daniel Corman and Crystal Patricia Corman.
- **Davis Taylor Johnson**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Maj. William T. Johnson and Jessica Parrish Johnson.

- **Gabriel John Munoz**, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Adam Munoz and Jessica Munoz.

June 5

- **Sharie Gabrielle Freeman**, a girl, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Arie William Freeman and Sgt. Shalonda Latrise Freeman.

- **Jasmine Jada Grant**, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Dorian Antonio Grant and Staff Sgt. Thippawan Suwannapong.

- **Alvaro Christian Morales**, a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Alvaro David Morales and Christine Elizabeth Morales.

- **Jonathan Edward Russell, Jr.**, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Jonathan Edward Russell, Sr. and Latrice Nicole Russell.

- **Kyra Nevaeh Staudt**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Bobby Ray Staudt and Carolyn Marie Staudt.

June 6

- **Keegan Andrew Bissell**, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Joey D. Bissell and Naomi F. Bissell.

- **Brooklynn DeeAnn Melody Funk**, a girl, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. William Funk and Krista Funk.

- **Bryan Fitzgerald Johnson, II**, a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Master Sgt. Bryan Fitzgerald Johnson and Shauntel Hewatha Johnson.

June 7

- **JaRon Maurice Gibson**, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Ronnie M. Gibson and Pfc. Shantel M. Gibson.

June 8

- **Jayden Christopher Ballard**, a boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Allan Raheem Ballard and Spc. Carrie Anne Maria Arbour.

- **Shanyiah Natasha Russell**, a girl, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Quinton Jermaine Russell and Angela Natasha Russell.

June 9

- **Abbigail Elisabeth Bobholtz**, a girl, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. James A. Bobholz, Jr. and Jessica H. Bobholtz.

- **Kathryn Isabelle Ridge**, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Joshua Ridge and Krista Ridge.

- **Seth Aaron Pintner**, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Natalie Pintner.

June 10

- **Andre Alfredo Colon, Jr.**, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Andre Alfredo Colon and Rebecca Yvette Colon.

- **Jack Elijah Rogers**, a boy, 6 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. James Elijah Rogers and Kelly Michelle Rogers.

Winn Briefs

Heat Index phone number

As the hot days approach, the Department of Preventive Medicine monitors current WBGT/Heat Index to keep our Soldiers and civilian employees safe from heat injuries.

The previous WBGT/Heat Index number, 767-HEAT (767-4328) is not in use until further notice. The current WBGT/Heat Index can be obtained by calling the DPM front desk at 435-5071/5101, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

New student in Georgia?

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed. All services except eye and ear screenings are available on a walk-in basis for school health screenings.

Dental screenings are available Monday thru Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m., and Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. on a walk-in basis at Dental Clinic 1. For more information, call 767-8513.

Immunization screenings are available on a walk-in basis Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 1- 3 p.m. For more information, call the Allergy Immunization Clinic at 435-6633. Eye and ear services are available by appointment only. To schedule an eye or ear screening, call the appointment line, 435-6633.

Patient and Family Centered Care

Interested in becoming a patient advisor? Help us help you by joining the Patient and Family Centered Care Advisory Council meeting at Winn Army Community Hospital or Tuttle Army Health Clinic. Winn's meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m., July 9 at Club Stewart. Questions call Linda King at 435-6225. Tuttle's meeting is scheduled for noon July 11 at Hunter Club.

Patient and Family Centered Care standards include involving patients and Families in all aspects of the planning and delivery of health-

care services.

Chiropractic Clinic moving

Effective July 9, the Chiropractic Clinic at Winn Army Community Hospital will move to the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic. The clinic is located at 192 Lindquist Road, Bldg. 412. To make an appointment call 435-6633.

Patient Advocate Office

The Patient Representative Office has been renamed the Patient Advocate Office. The Patient Advocates serve as liaisons between patients and staff. They accept compliments, suggestions, inquiries and concerns from patients. Their goal is to help your visit as a patient or visitor go as smoothly as possible.

The Patient Advocate Office is located in the Patient Service Center, suite CH32, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call 435-6143 or 435-6225.

TRICARE For Life

Upon receipt of your Medicare Part B enrollment or three to six months prior to your 65th birthday, go to the TRICARE Service Center at 852 Harmon Ave., Bldg. 202 to select a civilian Primary Care Manager and receive more information about your health benefits/options available to you or call 1-800-444-5445.

Sports physicals available

School sports physicals are available by appointment during normal clinic hours Monday through Friday at Winn's Pediatric and Family Practice clinic. Please bring the sports physical form from the school to your appointment. To schedule a sports physical, call the appointment line, 435-6633.

TRICARE Service Center

The TRICARE Service Center is located at 852 Harmon Ave., Bldg. 202. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number is 1-800-444-5445.

June 11

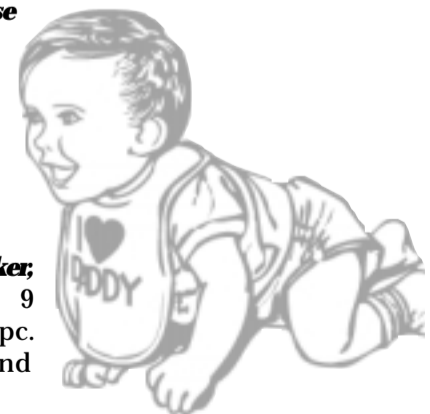
- **Alexis Michelle Peterson**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Daniel Peterson and Miranda Peterson.

June 12

- **Stefanie Rose Muldez**, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Stefan C. Muldez and Amanda D. Muldez.

June 13

- **Blake Austin Parker**, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Jason W. Parker and Charity D. Parker.



Restoration takes skill, healing requires time



CHAPLAINS CORNER

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Harlon Triplett
MND-C Chaplain

One of the greatest masterpieces ever painted is the fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel painted by the master, Michelangelo. The scenes depict God's creation of man and our relationship with him.

Over the years this unique, priceless, and irreplaceable ceiling has started deteriorating and is stained so badly that it needed to be restored.

Several years ago the Catholic church undertook the restoration project to bring the ceiling back to its former beauty and glory.

The extensive and exhaus-

tive restoration work cost millions of dollars, took several years, and was undertaken by master restorationists of the highest skill level.

If the ceiling had been improperly restored by amateurs it would have been rendered worthless.

In contrast to the restoration of this masterpiece in 1970, when I was junior in high school, I bought a 1957 Chevy two ten two-door sedan and started to restore it.

What I learned by undertaking the project of restoring this rusty old Chevrolet is that it cost way more money that I thought it would and a lot more money than I had.

It took way more time than I thought it would and a lot more time than I had. It took way more expertise than I ever thought it would and a lot more expertise than I had.

Can you identify with any of this?

Are you in need of restoration?

Does any part of your life need to be restored because of something that has happened to you or something that was done to you?

Perhaps your emotions, your marriage, your spirit, your finances, your work, your health, or a relationship you have with someone needs to be restored. Perhaps your faith in God needs to be restored.

If this is the case I would encourage you to turn your attention towards God and focus in on his ability to restore you. You are priceless to God and He loves you.

In order to restore something you need to know a lot about the thing you are restoring, and you need to know how it looked and how it worked originally.

God designed you and he is an expert restorationist who knows exactly what the real you should look like and be like.

Trust in God and he will restore your spirit and will bring you peace.

This is God's promise in the **23rd Psalm** when David tells us that God "restores my soul."

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	.9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	.5 p.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	.11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Victory	.11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	.9 a.m.
American Samoan	Vale	.11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	.11 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	.11 a.m.
PWOC (Tuesday)	Marne	.9:30 a.m.

Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.		

Jewish		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.		
Friday	Marne	.11:30 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	.11 a.m.

Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	.9 a.m.

Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry Junior and Senior High Students!

Join us for free games and pizza
6:30 - 8 p.m. Sunday,
at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.
For more information,
call 877-7207.



Kids Church

Exciting Bible Lessons

with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to Noon, Sunday

at School Age Services
(across from Diamond Elementary)

For all kids Grade K-6

Scheduled Bus Pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Victory Chapel

Questions?

Contact Chaplain Ric Thompson at 767-6831

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Savannah Cultural Events

Activities sponsored by the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs include these ongoing events:

Every first Friday of the month

Folk Music by Savannah Folk Music Society, 7:30 p.m., free at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

The Arts at City Market Center, upstairs, Jefferson and West St. Julian Streets, free 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Call 232-7731.

Every first Saturday of the month

Adult and youth basic ballroom dance classes, by Moon River Dancers: 1-3 p.m. at W. Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May Street. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 925-7416 or visit www.savannahsabda.org

Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - sign up at 7:45 p.m., Gallery Espresso, 6 East Liberty St. Call 233-5348 for more information.

Saturdays and Sundays

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation tours 1-5 p.m. every Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. Located at 207 E. Charlton St. on Lafayette Square.

Born in Savannah in 1925, writer, Mary Flannery O'Connor, lived in a Charlton Street house until 1938.

Today, it is maintained partly as a memorial to her and partly as a literary center for Savannah. Call 233-6014.

Every Sunday

Oldie Goldies Sunday at the American Legion Post 500, 1716 Montgomery St., 4-8 p.m. Call 925-7116. The Reel Savannah Film Group presentations, 7 p.m., Sunday evenings at the Lucas Theatre. Tickets, which are \$6, are available an hour before showtime.

Fort McAllister's 4th of July

Fort McAllister will celebrate the 4th of July, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., with a civil war celebration at the historic park in Richmond Hill. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for youths and free to active duty military and their Families with current military ID. Watch the troops as they play the games of the 1860s - real wheel barrel races, croaker sack races, checker championship, horseshoes and much more. At noon there will be a musket and cannon firing salute. Enjoy a cooking demonstration and historical talks, grills, tables, fishing pier and playgrounds. Plan to spend the day on our three-mile trails and visiting the historic fort. Pets are welcome on a six-foot leash. For more information

call the McAllister museum at 727-2339.

Camp at Tybee's fresh air home

Applications are now being accepted for military children to attend one of four free sessions for the two-week camp (July 2-13 and July 16-27) at Tybee Beach in Savannah for children ages 4 to 11. Call 786-4886 to get your application mailed to you. For additional information about the camp, call Pam Perez, pastoral and religious education coordinator at Hunter Chapel at 315-5440.

Basketball Camp by AASU coach

AASU head coach Jeff Burkhamer conducts clinics that emphasize basic basketball fundamentals that will help make players successful at the high school level and beyond. The camp is held at Armstrong Atlantic State University, August 6 - 9 for boys and girls ages 6 - 14, June 25-29 for girls ages 8-17. For more information, call 927-5336.

AASU Tennis Camp slated

Taught by AASU's tennis coach, Simon Earnshaw, for all levels of play. Held at Armstrong Atlantic State University, August 20 - 24 for ages 10 and older. For more infor-

mation, call 927-5336.

National computer camp

The curriculum consists of seven major areas: video game design, computer languages, Web page design, digital video production, software applications, Network+ certification and A+ hardware certification. The camp runs July 8-13, and July 15-20 at Atlanta Christian College. Visit the Web site at www.nccamp.com.

Summer Cheerleading Camp

The camp is held at the Alee Temple Arena. Register now for one of five, 4-day sessions: July 9-12, July 16-19, July 30-August 2, and August 6-9. Sessions run from Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. until noon, and are designed for children ages 5-15. Call 351-3853 for more information.

Hurricanes football season starts

The Hinesville Hurricanes semi-professional football team will play 7 p.m. July 7 at Lewis Frasier Middle School. Military card holders and children under 12 get in free. The cost for everyone else is \$6. Learn more online at hinesvillehurricanes.freesevers.com.

AE The tragic life of spinsters reviewed

Commentary by:
Sasha McBrayer
Fort Stewart Museum

Ever since America's Texas-born sweetheart Renée Zellweger put on her best British accent and scribbled in her diary about her life as a tragic spinster, the unfortunate status has been revived time and again, very nearly making it fashionable—in a melancholy sort of way. Zellweger can't take all the credit. Fictional character, Briget Jones, was, after all, created by novelist Helen Fielding. Her remarkable books don't just loosely follow the same plot as Jane Austen's time-tested gem *Pride and Prejudice*, but also create a fun, new vernacular for

the tragic spinster characterized by such words as "jellyfisher", which is defined, in the world of Jones and her diary, as a horrible person who consistently delivers insults disguised as compliments. An example might be, "You look fantastic in that dress, I see it was designed to flatter for heavy set gals".

Following Jones' very funny sequel in 2004, "The Edge of Reason", Keira Knightly further flaunted her acting chops in the 2005 big screen version of "Pride and Prejudice". The film received four Academy Award Nominations, including Best Actress. The dreamy chick flick reminded us all how genius and timeless the work of Jane Austen really is and that every



tragic spinster worth her salt will eventually find her dashing Mr. Darcy.

In fact, anyone wishing to give a lady a thoughtful birthday gift would do well to remember Jane

Austen inspired films available on DVD, such as:

"Emma" (1996) starring Gwyneth Paltrow, "Sense and Sensibility" (1995) starring Emma Thompson and Kate Winslet, 1995's made for television flick "Persuasion", 1999's "Mansfield Park", and 1989's "Northanger Abbey".

If you've seen all these, 2007 brings "Becoming Jane", a semi-biographical attempt to portray Austen's real life as acted by young American actress, Anne Hathaway ("The Devil Wears Prada"), following in Zellweger's footsteps with her own best British accent.

If you can't wait, pick up newly released DVD "Miss Potter". Another Zellweger portrayal of a Brit, this time brings to life artist

and children's author Beatrix Potter, a spinster hero. "Miss Potter" is an adorable film, almost too sweet, but worth a watch. A gentle creative effect allows for moments of animation to liven up the Victorian era story, and reveal Potter's characters the way she might have seen them in her unique imagination.

And finally, for a good laugh, fans of all things Austen might pick up "Bride and Prejudice" a 2004 comedy from Bollywood. In this version of the classic, a beautiful, blue-eyed Californian version of Mr. Darcy courts a lovely Indian spinster played by Aishwarya Rai. I won't knock the film, but it is, in part a musical, and the singing did turn me off.

Kick-off Independence Day with Savannah Winds Patriotic Concert

Special to the Frontline

The Armstrong Atlantic State University Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents its resident community wind symphony in a special concert event that honors America, her servicemen and women, and all veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The annual Savannah Winds Independence Day Patriotic Concert at the AASU Fine Arts Hall Auditorium begins 3 p.m., Sunday.

Hunter Army Airfield's Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Daniel W. Whitney, WTCO's vice president and general manager Bill Cathcart, and reigning Chatham County Veteran of the Year, Joseph Markwalter will add their special contributions to this year's event.

Whitney will narrate "I Am The Nation" while the Savannah Winds performs the selection. This patriotic poem is set to a special wind ensemble arrangement of "America the Beautiful" and is a perennial Patriotic Concert audience favorite.

The presence and participation of various local military units in the full splendor and grandeur of their dress uniform attire will visually reinforce the permeating sense of patriotism surrounding this event. This star-spangled performance salutes the countless courageous individuals, both past and present, who have sacrificed for Uncle Sam's red, white, and blue. Mark B. Johnson, principal conductor and music director of the Savannah Winds, has again programmed a victorious musical parade of traditional American patriotic favorites.

The tour de force program will commence with the presentation of our great nation's colors, posted by members of the Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Wing under the direction of Staff Sgt. Debra Kealoha and Staff Sgt. Dwain

Whitehead while the ensemble performs our national anthem.

Bill Cathcart, WTCO, returns for his fourth year as master of ceremonies for the patriotic concert. Other concert highlights include a performance of "American Pageant" by Thomas Knox, Morton Gould's "American Salute," and Savannah Winds' time tested favorites: Lee Greenwood's "God Bless The USA" and John Philip Sousa's incomparable crowd pleasing march "Stars and Stripes Forever."

During the concert, AASU AMT and the Savannah Winds will reiterate the vast importance of our freedom by recognizing MarkWalter, who served in the United States Army as the recipient of the 2006-2007 "Chatham County Veteran of the Year" award. The Savannah Winds will perform Henry Fillmore's "His Honor March" to pay tribute to this distinguished veteran. Among the many other tunes, the program includes: "Let Freedom Ring"; "America the Beautiful"; James Barnes' "We The People March"; and a local favorite "Armed Forces Salute" by Bob Lowden. The audience will have their own opportunity to participate in this concert, when the Savannah Winds perform "The Ultimate Patriotic Sing-along", arranged by Jerry Brubaker. Brubaker's medley contains "The Battle Hymn of The Republic," "America the Beautiful," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "God Bless America."

The Savannah Winds Community Wind Symphony in residence at AASU is an ensemble whose membership is comprised of AASU students as well as local musicians ranging in age from teenagers to players in their 80s. The ensemble has come to be regarded as Savannah's premier community wind ensemble. It regularly performs patriotic, standard, and art music of the vast and rich wind ensemble repertoire.

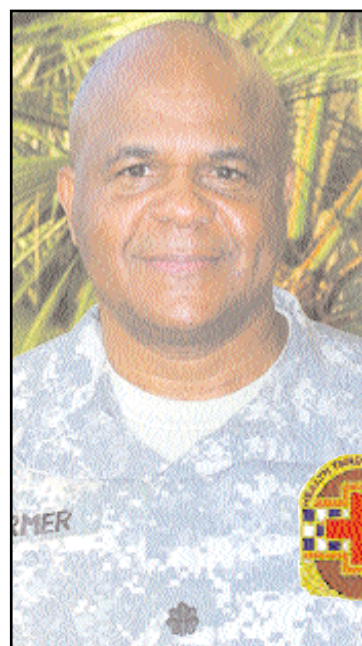
Johnson's conducting responsibilities at AASU include leading the Savannah Winds, the university wind ensemble, and various chamber ensembles. He also teaches conducting, music education courses, and he coordinates the wind and brass studies divisions. Johnson has completed post-graduate studies in band and orchestral conducting at the University of Kansas. He received his master's of music degree in conducting and brass pedagogy from Louisiana State University and his bachelor's of music education degree from Murray State University.

General admission concert tickets to the 2007 Savannah Winds Annual Patriotic Concert are on sale for \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door, while senior citizens, military personnel, and children/students may purchase tickets for \$8 each in advance, \$10 at the door.

Advance tickets may be purchased in person at the AASU AMT Box Office, located in the AASU Fine Arts Building. AASU AMT box office hours are 2-6 p.m., weekdays (cash or check only, please).

To purchase advance concert tickets by mail, please send payment (cash or check only, please) and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, including a note indicating number of tickets at each price level, to Savannah Winds Patriotic Concert Tickets Department of Art, Music and Theatre, Armstrong Atlantic State University, 11935 Abercorn Street Savannah, Georgia 31419-1997. Please make checks payable to AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre. Any remaining seats will be sold at the door.

All concert ticket proceeds benefit students receiving financial support through the AASU Music Scholarship Fund. The new summer box office hours are 2-6 p.m. weekdays. For concert or departmental information, call 927-5381.



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Gonzalez volunteers because she wants to gain more hours for PT school by shadowing at Winn. Her interests and hobbies include her children, school, the beach and anything outdoors.

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