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Sleuth (2007)—

Friday, Jan. 11 at 8:00 p.m.
Presented by The Savannah Film Society and showing at The Historic Lucas Theatre. Tickets available at The Historic Lucas Theatre (912-525-5050). Visit myspace.com/savfilmsociety for trailer and more film info.

Annie, The National Tour—

Jan. 17th at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets available at Savannah Civic Center Box Office (912-651-6556). Visit annieontour.com for cast information and downloads.

Memorial Health Hockey— All Tickets are Reserved and available online or at ticket office of Savannah Civic Center Box Office (912-651-6556).

Jan. 18th
Friday, 6:00 p.m.—Georgia Tech vs. Florida State.
8:00 p.m.—UGA vs. Florida.
Jan. 19th
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.—Florida vs. Florida State.
8:30 p.m.—Georgia vs. Georgia Tech.

Book Signing Saturday, Jan. 19 at Ex Libris from 2:00—4:00p.m. at 228 MLK Jr. Blvd. Features Susan Johnson, author of *Spirit Willing: A Savannah Haunting*. Free and open to the public. Call Denise Steitz at 525-7573 for more info.

Puccini's Tosca—
Friday, Jan. 25th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets to this three-act opera are available online or by calling The Historic Lucas Theatre at 912-525-5050.

Sakura Japanese Restaurant: Bring on the Sushi!

Jane Martin

The holiday season is always an exciting time to mix, mingle, and sample new menus. And with so many fabulous restaurants lighting up the downtown area, it's actually a thrill to come across a fun, funky alternative to upscale elegance.

Located at 116 E. Broughton (912-234-9300), Sakura's charm recalls many of the cool diners tucked away in college towns across the country. While the SCAD-influenced atmosphere retains a DIY (do it yourself) random display of brightly colored paper lanterns, there is a contagious undercurrent of collegiate cool that extends from its wait staff to its affordability.

Entering Sakura, we were immediately seated at one of the spacious booths along the wall. Our waitress, clad in vintage chic and sporting a red Mohawk hair accessory, immediately warmed our table with amusing dramatic monologues and complimentary pan-fried bread. Selections from The Velvet Underground's *Andy Warhol* played quietly in the background as we examined the menu.

Fairly new to Japanese cuisine, we were advised to begin with Tempura, a classic Japanese dish of lightly battered, deep fried vegetables and/or shrimp. We located this under the appetizers and enjoyed nibbling from an enormous basket of crispy broccoli, carrots, shrimp, and mushrooms. All appetizers are \$5.00 and below.

For our entrées, we split an assortment of sushi rolls, favoring the Acapulco Rolls. These contain avocado, shrimp and masago. Naturally, there is an extensive selection of these rolled favorites, all very reasonably priced. Udon noodles make a nice addition to any entrée.

World acclaimed Tiger beer is available.

What's New at the Telfair?

• 2008 Studio Art Classes

Winter session dates—**Jan. 28-Feb 22**
Winter After-School programs include opportunities for all ages. Categories include a range of study in Fundamentals, Mixed Media, Drawing, Character Design, Landscape Painting, Pastel Portrait Drawing, Better Color, and Life Drawing.



Contact studio coordinator for available classes at stifelt@telfair.org, or call 790-8823. An online registration form is also available. Placement priority and tuition reductions are given to Telfair Museum members.

Don't Forget! The First Annual Savannah Book Festival Arrives Feb. 2nd.



Presented by the Savannah Morning News, the first annual Savannah Book Festival will be held on Feb. 2nd, 2008 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public. Buy books from your favorite authors.

- Mary Kay Andrews
- Tina McElroy Ansa
- John Berendt
- Kathryn Stripling Byer
- Erik Calonius
- Rosemary Daniell
- Terry Kay (keynote speaker)

Visit savannahbookfestival.org for a complete list.

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Southside Culture Corner Mind & Matter

Armstrong Atlantic State University
Spotlight
Dr. Felix Hamza-Lup
Jane Martin

Thanks to a substantial \$30,000 grant from the Radiological Society of North America, Dr. Felix Hamza-Lup and his research team will continue examining ways to improve radiation therapy for the treatment and prevention of cancer. The complexities of 3D web-based simulation are best explained by Hamza-Lup and his Computer Science experts at www.3dritt.org. As an assistant professor of computer science and a busy researcher in this multidisciplinary field of research, Dr. Hamza-Lup kindly made time during the holiday season to participate in our January spotlight interview.

At what point in your education did you know you were going into the sciences?

I realized that I enjoyed solving 3D Geometry problems since the 8th grade and I always felt an attraction for Physics, its phenomena and the way Physical sciences explained them. So I guess I was "doomed" to get into sciences quite young.

What is the sequence of events that led you to Armstrong Atlantic State University?

Not a particular sequence of events. Just that I spent several years in the beautiful and warm South (i.e. Florida) during my doctorate studies so I decided to return from the Pittsburgh area where I had my previous academic appointment. The Computer Science department at AASU had an open position at that time and I was selected out of a pool of applicants for an interview. It was an opportunity to enjoy exchanging ideas with my future colleagues and I guess the enjoyment was mutual.

Can you tell the average reader a little bit about your research?

A significant part of my research revolves around simulation and training systems for the medical field and K16 education. I am applying and expanding my expertise in multimodal environments, computer-mediated environments that use several human senses (e.g. visual, auditory, haptic) to improve human computer interaction. Haptics involves the tactile sense and is particularly interesting to simulate. Haptic hardware technology has advanced enough to make these devices... continued at School News page at savannahcitydirectory.com

Healthy Resolutions

For many, the holiday season ushers in an abundance of family, friends, fun, and, yes, overindulgence. (I never say no to chocolate or imported cheeses!) Consequently, the post season brings with it the need for revitalizing programs and incentives to achieve reasonable levels of improved health and fitness. Gazette staff found two great options for a fresh start in 2008.

Hour Glass Weight Loss and Fitness— Located at 315 Eisenhower Dr (912-354-4687)—Now offering 1/2 off normal joiner's fee of \$150— equals \$75. If you bring a friend to join as well, 1/2 off again equals \$37.50. If you sign up for a year, you get one free month. If you sign up for 18 months, you get three free months extra equaling 21 months. They also have a chef, personal trainers, and dietitians on staff and offer food, exercise, and education. The food is prepared by a chef and is \$6 a meal; it is fresh and never frozen, and it meets the national guidelines of the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Association.

—from Kelly Youman, Director of Hour Glass Weight Loss and Fitness

Body Search Fitness Clinic

Located at 401 Mall Blvd (912-401-0026)—This month offering 50% off all enrollment fees for any new member, free consultation for all new members, and free personal training with any package. According to Brandon Jones, Body Search Fitness Clinic manager and personal trainer, the clinic is "a smaller facility offering a more private setting and brand new equipment." They are "a training studio and membership gym" and are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with membership." They have limited membership. Currently, there are fifty members. The clinic plans to cap enrollment at 125.



—from Brandon Jones, Body Search Fitness Clinic manager and personal trainer

Way Out in Left Field

Jim Brown



Playoff System Must Happen. Or Should It?

The moneyed interests have long prevented a playoff system in college football, but this year's BCS Championship match up of Ohio State and LSU may provide the energy needed to change the entrenched system.

No single team lost more from the standing system than the University of Georgia, a ball club that found its groove after the Tennessee loss and was rated 4th in the BCS system, poised to play for the title if numbers one and two fell. If a playoff system were in place, I think UGA would have naturally been considered one of the most dangerous teams, based on their last seven games. And the UGA destruction of Hawaii proves at least part of my point.

Most intelligent observers think a 16 game format would best serve the game and its fans. Since all D-1 conferences would send their champs, a selection committee would choose five at large bids. It's unthinkable that UGA would not get one of those bids were such a system in place...(more at Recreation page)

Affordably Chic

Vintage shopping is creative and cost efficient. Let Civvies shop owner, Robyn Reeder, show you how it's done. Sell clothes for cash, or trade apparel for a 50% discount store voucher. Check out the new location at 20 E. Broughton.

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