

**March, 2008**



# Savannah Gazette



A monthly newsletter from Savannah City Directory.com

March of Dimes 5k Shamrock Run and Fitness Walk, Friday, March 7, 6:00 p.m. at City Market. For a comprehensive list of races, applications, and membership info, visit [savystriider.com](http://savystriider.com)

Tara Feis Irish Celebration Saturday, March 8—11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Emmet Park. Celtic band Altan Harry O'Donogue, Savannah Irish Dancers, family fun, etc. The event is free of charge. Call 912-651-6417 for more info.

Tybee Saint Patrick's Day Parade--March 8, 3:00 p. m. on Butler Avenue. Call 1-800-868-2322, or visit [tybeevisit.com](http://tybeevisit.com) for more info.

Savannah's 184th Saint Patrick's Day Celebration! March 14th. Parade begins downtown at 10:15 a.m.

Savannah Music Festival runs March 20-April 5. For more info, visit [savannahmusicfestival.org](http://savannahmusicfestival.org) or call 912-525-5050.

"Shirley Valentine" continues throughout March at the Savannah Community Theatre. For times and tickets, call 912-898-9021, or you can check out [savannahcommunitytheatre.com](http://savannahcommunitytheatre.com).

Yard Sale, Saturday, March 29 (7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.) at the Savannah Morning News Parking lot. Proceeds help put newspapers in local school classrooms. Call Savannah Now's Allyson Campbell at 912-652-0413

Art Sale during March at Two Car Garage helps support [Savannah Children's Theatre](http://SavannahChildrensTheatre.com). 30 West Broughton St. 912-236-0221



## Leap Year Congratulations !

Buy Local Savannah recognized outstanding area businesses at their 2008

Annual Awards Luncheon Friday, February 29th at Johnny Harris' Banquet Center on Victory Dr. As guest speaker, Representative Jack Kingston encouraged the local initiatives of business owners in attendance.

The 2007 Small Business Advocate of the Year award went to Joe Ippolito, owner of River Horse Internet Marketing, Inc. A past president of Buy Local Savannah, Ippolito understands that business success grows from genuine concern for the community. "It takes a special town and special people," Joe noted, to secure local economic prosperity. "And you're that town," he added proudly.

The 2007 Business of the Year award went to The Sullivan Group, in operation since 1986. The company works to promote area businesses by providing everything from staffing solutions to paperwork relief. (Photos at "Business Page")

[www.buylocalsavannah.com](http://www.buylocalsavannah.com)  
[www.riverhorseinternetmarketing.com](http://www.riverhorseinternetmarketing.com)  
[www.simplysullivans.com](http://www.simplysullivans.com)

Local readers gather at Books-A-Million to support local writers.

March 25—7pm: The Savannah Writers Group presents noted local author William C. Harris, whose latest book, *Wassaw Sound*, weaves a tale around the lost hydrogen bomb reported to sit at the bottom of the Sound. Check out TybeeBomb.com for comprehensive links and information relating to this fascinating subject. (Full listing at "Arts Page")

## Grab Your Green!

Savannah Georgia is regularly noted for providing the second largest Saint Patrick's Day celebration in the country. And while Irish Catholics celebrate the day as a Christian holiday, most Savannahians anoint themselves Irish for at least *one* day.

Certainly there will be no shortage of spirited places to enjoy the day (or many days), but here is a list of pubs and restaurants that wear an Irish—or nearly Irish—derby year-round.



**Kevin Berry's**—117 W River Street  
Live Irish music!

[www.kevinbarrys.com](http://www.kevinbarrys.com)

**Murphy's Law**—409 W Congress St.  
[www.irishpubsavannah.com](http://www.irishpubsavannah.com)

**O'Connell's Irish Pub**—108 W Congress St.

**Churchill's Pub** —13 W Bay St.

**Molly McPherson**—311 W Congress  
**Six Pence Pub**—245 Bull St.

## A Few Words From Ireland

Stuart Coughlan, a graphic designer from Cork City, Ireland, wrote to the SavannahCityDirectory.com website to share with us that his town celebrates St. Patrick's day with street theatre and "Monsters of the Marsh." He says there is no famous toast for the day, but that it is best not to spill any beer and to look your fellow toastees in the eyes!

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### AASU Armstrong Center: Accommodating Excellence

By Jane Martin

If you haven't had an opportunity to check out the newest addition to Armstrong's expanding campus, now is the time. The new building is functional, comfortable, and technologically in tune with the digital age.

According to Peter Mastopoulos, Assistant Director for Operations, this extensive, up-to-date facility, contracted by Choate Construction and designed by architects Lotte and Barber, maintains its operations through public/private partnership, and, as such, is not funded by tax payers' dollars. (Courses offered at the facility are for non-credited enrichment only.) Although the building consists of only two floors, its perimeter is wide and makes constructive use of all its space.

The center's first floor attends to the majority of its clients' needs, providing all the equipment and space needed for nearly any professional event. The Lobby itself measures 5000 square feet and can hold up to 500 people. A marble floor and dual ascending staircases provide a spacious modern elegance. Class, or "Meeting" rooms, are also available on this floor, as well as computer labs and a "Main Ballroom," where catered food can be served for up to 600 people. The second floor houses a multi-tiered auditorium that can hold nearly 300 people.

Local companies like Comcast, Chik-Fil-A, and Dan Vaden, Peter says, are good examples of the types of clients who frequent the facility. Professional development groups, software development companies, as well as those seeking a place for honor ceremonies, also make good use of the facility. Wireless Internet is available throughout.

Stop by [AASU's Armstrong Center](#) soon and pick up a comprehensive information package; or take the tour, as SavannahCityDirectory.com staff did, and experience firsthand their generous layout and accommodations. Staff planners are also available to customize your event or classroom objectives.

\*Special thanks to Peter Mastopoulos. Additional information obtained from AASU Continuing Education and facility brochure. (Photos at "School News" page)

Contact Info: AASU Armstrong Center  
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Savannah, GA 31419-1997  
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### Local Giving Continues...

*You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others—something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.*  
--Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

Bennie Toole is "doing it for the animals," she exclaimed, referring to her five years of volunteer work at the [Humane Society](#). Her kind spirit shines through her winning smile as she sorts through the random donation items scattered at the facility's thrift store. Located upstairs from the adoption center, the thrift store proceeds help fund this 50 year old non-profit organization. There is currently a wide assortment of St. Patrick's Day items for sale, including green clothing, beads, and random household items. (If you hurry, you might beat Martha Stewart to the green pantsuit on display.) SavannahCityDirectory.com staff found a lime green Liz Claiborne winter vest for only six dollars!

Bennie, and many good folks like her, volunteer their time to help lost animals regain loving homes. If you'd like to volunteer your time at The Humane Society (7215 Sallie Mood Drive), be sure to visit their extensive website for opportunities and training session dates. There are many, many different areas in which you can help, so you do not necessarily have to handle animals to make a difference.

Director, Nancy Richards, noted that volunteers must be at least fourteen years old. The next available training session, she added, is on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The session takes about 45 minutes. Volunteer applications are also available online. For more information, email [nrichards@humanesocietysav.com](mailto:nrichards@humanesocietysav.com), or you can call 912-354-9515.

**(Read about new Goodwill drop off center at "Service" page.)**



### Way Out In Left Field

By Jim Brown

#### Steroid Use

The gripping testimony offered before Congress by Roger Clemens et alia holds a number of lessons for Americans, especially sports fans.

The American project involves the destruction of idols as much as the creation. This is perhaps the only thing Roger and Brittany have in common. The truth of allegations aside (and it does not look good for Roger, as of this writing), Americans would do well to consider this paradox of celebrity. To me it points out the vacuity of our inner lives. We cannot turn off the celebrity IV as it pours into us.

Baseball stonewalled legislators, the media and its own fan-base for years. And we are all complicit because we all knew. So I don't like much the vitriol some fans have turned on Roger (or on Barry) for that matter. Real baseball fans do not need a homerun every three innings or pitchers who strike out 12 batters a game. They like 3 to 2 ballgames that feature good defense, team play, the hit and run, the clever base running. But we sat back and watched while league expansion thinned out the quality of pitching, while the owners rebuilt stadiums at taxpayer expense (complete with shorter walls for more homers), while mediocre players were awarded million dollar paydays at fan expense. Anyone remember Jeff Blauser? We knew what was up. Period.

Race still matters. Ask Marion Jones who will serve six months in jail, ... (cont. on "Recreation" page)