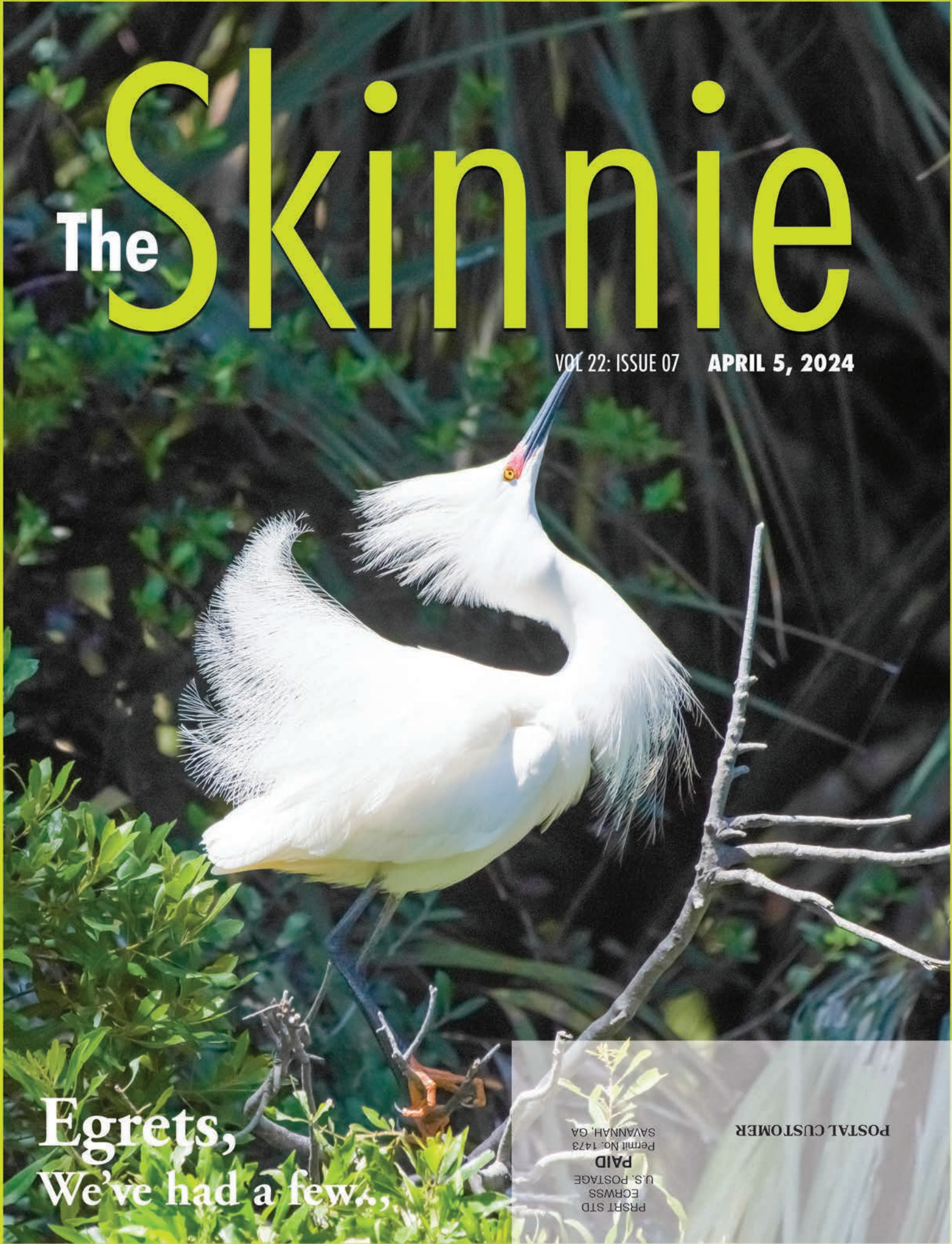


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Free speech. There's a lot of talk about it (pun intended?). Whichever side of the aisle you populate, you look across and – from your viewpoint – those on the other side are trying to restrict yours. One man's (said with gender-ambiguous intent) free-speech champion is another's democracy-destroyer...and so it goes.

It's such a hot-button topic that it has found its way into this little, friendly, neighborhood magazine. A couple of letters to the editor in this issue make direct reference to the concept (page 6).

This debate got me thinking: If speech is no longer free, why are we giving it away?! With unwavering regularity, for more than two decades, we have produced *The Skinnie* and delivered it to your door (mailbox, actually) at no expense to you. We have not charged the subjects of our articles for the attention we have given them. We have not asked our readers to compensate us for our paper, printer's ink, or time. But it's become painfully clear – reworking a popular phrase to make a point – that free speech isn't free.

Inflation is a real thing. Especially if you're a chocolate like me. Cocoa bean prices are up 143% year-to-date, as of press time...likely more as you're reading this. But *The Skinnie* has lived a zero-inflation fantasy for its entire lifespan. The price in 2003 was \$0.00. The price of this issue is \$0.00. But the cost of the materials and labor required to craft this book have steadily increased. And these expenses weren't zero to begin with.

As it's become painfully clear that free speech is more a quaint ideal than an unassailable right, we've made a difficult editorial decision: From now on, there's a price on speech, and we intend to collect it.

How will the mechanics of this reckoning work? Perhaps ironically, we'll employ a tactic I learned at an institution that should – theoretically – advocate for free speech in everything it does: The Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Your assessment of the presence or absence of a free-speech ethos at the school is likely influenced by your philosophical leanings. No matter, the social psychology tool of which I speak (freely) is the opt-in, opt-out lever. It's basically apolitical. In other words, it's practically Harvard-proof.

Generally, if you ask people to opt into a thing, it requires them to make a conscious decision and act upon it. If you require them to opt out of a thing should they not want it, some – maybe many – will be too lazy or

unaware or both to bother, and you'll have a bevy of de facto yeses, an unsuspecting if unenthusiastic subscriber base. I've come to know this as the Hammacher-Schlemmer Model (a name coined by me, not social psychology practitioners). Once, I got a nice sweater as a Christmas gift and it took me a year and a half to realize I was subsequently purchasing the company's catalog every month thence. When I finally paid enough attention to my Amex bill to recognize the offense, I opted out... of a thing I wouldn't have opted into if I had been paying attention or given the choice.

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I have the free-speech police to thank for this revelation, and so do you. Without them I wouldn't have realized that free speech should come at a cost, lest we will treat it as worthless.

As one letter-writer recently admonished me: "Stick to your knitting." Well, our knitting in the context of *The Skinnie* is making magazines. It's high-time we stop giving them away out of the goodness of our hearts. And in keeping with the notion that great ideas often come to a person by accident, we'll get into actual-knitting, too. The Skinnie Knitting Club is looking for members. The membership fee is nominal, but required, of course. We'll add the monthly membership to your subscription bill, unless you figure out a way to opt out.

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FOR REAL?

Were the responses to (Dick) Berkowitz's letter (in the March 1 edition of the The Skinnie) an early April Fool's joke? From a wild anti-Trump rant to a claim that political speech is banned on Skidaway Island, these responses were surreal. Please tell me this was a farce. But in the current divisive political climate, I'm inclined to think the responses were – unfortunately – real.

I read and re-read Berkowitz's letter. He is worried about the weaponization of government agencies. He has concern that the judicial system is being used to silence political opponents. He is worried about the size and intrusive behavior of government. I agree.

If people disagree, their responses should be letters stating their opposing views. The call to cancel, censor, or refuse to discuss the issues is un-American. That said, I'm sure the critics won't come out of the shadows into the light of an earnest discussion and debate.

Guy Randolph

SHARING THE WEALTH

I have lived at the Landings for 13 years and have volunteered for the flea market intake and sale for the last 10. The recent Saturday of

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the sale was almost a rainout, but it was not the disaster many of us wet workers were worried it might be. Still, I have concerns about the entire process. Many workers give hundred of hours to make this successful, but I believe the funds raised could be used to wider benefit.

There are children and families in Chatham County who are going to bed hungry. We no longer have First Responders, to which we gladly contributed.

The Skinnie has run articles about P.A.C.K. and Second Harvest. These organizations feed thousands but depend on donations and some lifting and packing to get the food to the needy. In my humble opinion, these organizations should receive some of the funds raised by the flea market and sale. Let's give to those who do not enjoy the wealth we take for granted.

Sydney Rangeley

CAN WE TALK?

I have known Dick Berkowitz for many years and consider him a good friend. He is a successful businessman, patron of the arts, prolific reader, and true patriot. Dick's father was one of the leaders in the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham, Alabama, and Dick is of that ilk. He is well connected throughout the country.

Dick and his wife, Lynn, have often brought speakers on various topics (politics, art, energy, religion, etc.) into their home and invited friends and other folks who may be interested to listen and have discussions. Some of the participants do not share the same view as the speaker but the discussions are always civil.

Dick's opinions are based on evidence that he is always willing to share. Do I always agree? No, but it is a point of discussion from which we both may learn something.

I was dismayed, but not surprised, by your editorial in the March 15 Skinnie concerning Dick's letter in the March 1 issue. It appears that those who responded are more interested in their own point of view to the exclusion of all else. Apparently, based on your editorial, we will not know what that is. What we need more than ever in this current toxic climate is civil and meaningful discussion on topics that affect us all.

Bob Slagel

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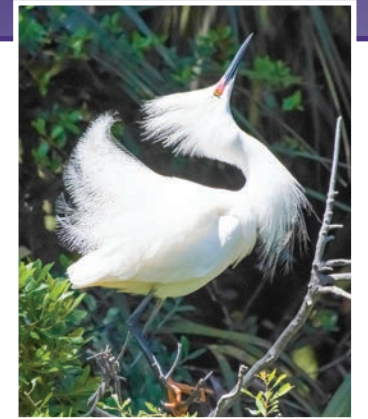
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ONLY MURDERS AT THE LANDINGS



By Steve Sloan

In a community like The Landings, it's inevitable that residents of retirement age and older die unexpectedly, the cause unknown to the general public. Some suspicious neighbors ponder the circumstances, the more ambitious going so far as to take matters into their own hands. The Skinnie tracked down Carolyn Dixon and Franklin Keene, two amateur sleuths who have been investigating unexplained deaths for more than two decades.

Keene: Given how long we've been at this, I'm not sure it's fair to call us "amateur." Let's say, "uncredentialed."

Skinnie: How long have you been investigating? How did it start?

Keene: In 2001, my neighbor, Stanley Ford, passed away, ostensibly from cancer, at the age of 76. Hardly cause for suspicion, I'll admit. But then I learned that in the 1960s, Ford was accused of murdering his wife. Though the evidence was circumstantial, he was indicted, acquitted, and later fully exonerated when his wife returned from a prolonged visit to her native Italy.

Skinnie: If she was in Italy, there would be no body. Without a corpus delecti, how did he come to be charged with murder?

Keene: That was a Hollywood fabrication. More importantly, Stan could theoretically have done away with his wife later in his marriage and never been prosecuted under the double jeopardy rule.

Skinnie: So you suspected him of a crime he had the opportunity to commit, but chose

not to?

Keene (after a lengthy pause): Well, it sounds silly when you put it that way. But then I began to recall some of the peculiar aspects of their marriage. No children, occasional arguments. Sometimes Mrs. Ford would go off on a trip and he'd just stay in the house all the time until she returned. Most telling of all, after Stan died, Mrs. Ford left for Italy, never to return. I wouldn't say she fled the country...

Skinnie: I wouldn't say that either.

Keene: I'll let you judge for yourself, but I started looking into the medical backgrounds of others who had died. Some were the result of straight-forward natural causes, obviously. But others... the circumstances were provocative.

Skinnie: So how did the two of you become partners against crime?

Keene: When Carlyn first crossed my radar, she was a suspect, but she had such a solid alibi for those earlier deaths –

Dixon (interrupts): I hadn't moved here yet.

Keene: – I had to cross her off my list.

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Dixon: And his suspicious activities aroused my own curiosity. When I confronted him, we realized we shared common interests.

Skinnie: What's your background? Your accent tells me you're from somewhere in the U.K.

Dixon: Not really. Actually, I'm from Connecticut. I just watch a lot of BritBox. I used to be editor of a small literary magazine that specialized in murder mysteries. Trust me, I've read them all, seen every scenario, and I can spot a suspicious death faster than you can say "Jessica Fletcher." Savannah is loaded with 'em!

Keene: She's really a savant. Carolyn sees things everyone else misses, and she knows the most imaginative means of doing someone in.

Dixon: I've studied the investigative techniques of a variety of detectives, from Scotland Yard to the NYPD to private eyes. Sure, they may be fictional, but that doesn't make their methods any less valid. The creator of Sam Spade started out as a Pinkerton man, after all.

Keene: Her intellect, paired with my army and medical background –

Skinnie: Which is what, exactly?

Keene: I used to be in Army Intelligence, but when I left the service, I got a degree in veterinary medicine from the Universidad de Medicina in Panama City.

Skinnie: Florida?

Keene: Guatemala. It's an online degree but recognized in 32 countries, including the Vatican. But as I was saying, our partnership is absolutely Sherlock-ian.

Skinnie: That's one way of describing it. So whom do you suspect is responsible for these unexplained deaths?

Keene: We don't know. We had identified a viable suspect, who, for legal reasons, can't be named. But we believe she was an agent of the KGB.

Skinnie: The KGB...?

Keene: I know, it sounds incredible, but there was a man who died suddenly on the golf course. Upon reaching the 11th hole, he collapsed. Wit-



nesses presumed he died of a heart attack right there, but his wife had given him a homemade bug repellent loaded with an obscure Soviet drug from the Cold War Era. Alpha-dexabenzatherapodaxalamine, as it's called in the medical profession. And as I happen to be a medical professional, that's what I call it. It was created to be a truth serum, breaking down a person's inhibitions. But it wasn't as effective as the Reds wanted.

Dixon: They introduced it to America's counter-culture movement instead. That's the truth behind Woodstock. The music festival was just a smokescreen to distribute the drug among the Hippies. We, uh, that is, they really dug it at first, but its effects didn't last very long before the user collapsed into a prolonged stupor. Too large a dose could be fatal.

Keene: We liked the 11th-hole-hacker's wife for the crime...that's what we dubbed the tragic incident: "The Case of the 11th hole hacker."

Dixon: She was a genuine black widow, responsible for the deaths of half a dozen men. Her husband, two more killed in sport-

ing accidents showing off for her, another succumbed to a battle in the kitchen with a faulty Vege-Matic®, the last committed suicide, driving his golf cart off the Skidaway Narrows Bridge.

The Skinnie: But that's only five.

Dixon: The one in the golf cart landed on another man aboard a sailboat passing beneath the span.

The Skinnie: That makes an even half-dozen...in a messy sort of way. So why isn't this woman in custody?

Keene: Before enough evidence could be gathered, she moved to Florida. Bought a crocodile farm with her ill-gotten gains, but her livestock brought her a gruesome end.

The Skinnie: Eaten by her own alligators?

Keene (shaking his head): Stampede.

Skinnie: Perhaps she was the victim of a vigilante. Retribution for her activities here on Skidaway, maybe?

Dixon: If that were so, it would mean there's been more than one killer.

Keene (looking at Dixon): I hadn't even thought of that! A team, perhaps. But small, because too many moving parts would only increase the risk of exposure. Two would be enough.

Dixon: They'd have to be crazy.

Keene: Crazy like a fox, to dream up the death-by-crocodile-stampede. It's so over the top, it's flies under the radar.

Dixon: But the KGB disbanded in 1991. Whoever is behind the golf course death would have to be familiar with Soviet interrogation techniques. Perhaps a killer with military training.

Armed with remarkable imaginations and a rudimentary knowledge of obscure pharmaceuticals, Keene and Dixon persisted in pondering the possibilities a pair of perpetrators, bringing the interview to a close.



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The Game, as It Wasn't Intended to Be Played, by Edward L. Tapley

If you're a golfer, you've heard the term "gimme" (probably more often than you should). You might wonder when and where it started. You might also question is how it has spread to become a larger threat to the enjoyment and integrity of golf than COVID was to the quality of your everyday life.

It arose from a very well known and documented event, coined on a sunny day in July during one of the first rounds of golf played by amateurs for a 5-cent Nassau. It occurred on the seventh hole during a press by one pair of golfers when the losing team's worst putter was up and needed to sink a two-footer to even up. As he stood over the ball for what seemed an eternity, sweating profusely and muttering under his breath, from out of the blue came his salvation when someone muttered, "That's good."

It was never determined who spoke the words. Some say it was a voice from Heaven, other skeptics attribute it to his partner.

Like all demons, once outside of the bottle, the gimme was destined to spread wildly. The only impediment to its ubiquity: The Roy-

al and Ancients and their dogmatic belief that the ball must end up in the hole. No sideways caroms off a second tap, pull-back sweeps, or do-overs, and certainly no pocketing the ball while your partner says, "That's good."

Amateur golfers (with a few exceptions) have decided to ignore this basic tenet and follow the siren's song that floats throughout the rare and refined air of private courses throughout the world. The demon offers many temptations, all leading to a fictitious score on your card at the end of your round. Because making a putt can be hard. Just as hitting a straight drive can be hard. But you've never heard of somebody telling you, "Don't worry about hitting it; just go ahead and put it in the middle of the fairway about 280 yards out from here."

Perhaps the best rationale is, "It speeds up the game." But how long does it take to line up a 24-inch putt? Less time than you can say "Mulligan" or forage in the woods for your wayward six-iron approach. It's not your 30 handicap that is bogging things down, it's that one-footer.



How about, "You know you can make that putt, so why bother?" Be honest. You have grave doubts. You don't expect to make it, but you hope you can remain hopeful. Even though you're shaking so hard your putter is sweeping the ground behind the ball.



ing holes in the pristine surface comprising each green? Let's just paint (in biodegradable markings) a circle the size of a hula hoop near where a hole might reside. Actually, a hula hoop might be too small. Most gimmes seem to be more like six feet from in, so we'll just ask the greenskeeper

to lie on the turf while we spin him in a circle and mark dots at his head and his feet.

The best, most seductive phrase is, "It's inside the leather," even though there is no leather to be found on any of your clubs. The leather's length seems to grow with every hole, like a stalk of corn on the Great Plains in summer. With the advent of the modern oversized putter, inside the leather can be longer than an SUV.

The expanded circle has faced resistance from focus groups. "What if instead of just getting my first putt or chip into the circle it lands in its middle? Do I still have to take another stroke to account for my gimme when I would have made it in one?" That's when the crowd agrees the circle idea is completely wrong. Furthermore, what if you're only a few inches outside of the hoop and you are going to get charged two putts – one for hitting your ball into the circle and the free putt from there. Maybe you would have made that three-foot, three-inch putt.

Perhaps we're learning from other professional sports. I believe the NBA is considering a new rule to speed up the game and make it more interesting. Once a player dribbles near the three-point arc, he or she can drop the ball and declare they have just made three points. The NFL is also looking into an interesting innovation: The kicker comes onto the field, considers where the holder might place the snapped ball, strokes his chin, and confirms that he would likely split the uprights: Three points. Kicking the ball would require retrieving it afterward, which would, of course, slow the game. So, to speed things up: It's a gimme from the left hashmark at 57 yards.

Great question. The focus group moderator was ready for it. "Anything outside the circle but inside the leather is a gimme." With that answer, the creature that has made it his life's work to destroy the integrity of golf around the world smiles and moves on to the next course. He has set his eyes on the PGA tour. Those guys are good, so maybe their gimmes should be 15 feet. I wonder if the Saudi's would bite on the idea?

There is another argument to be made in favor of the given putt: Sustainability. Why continue the nasty business of savagely punch-



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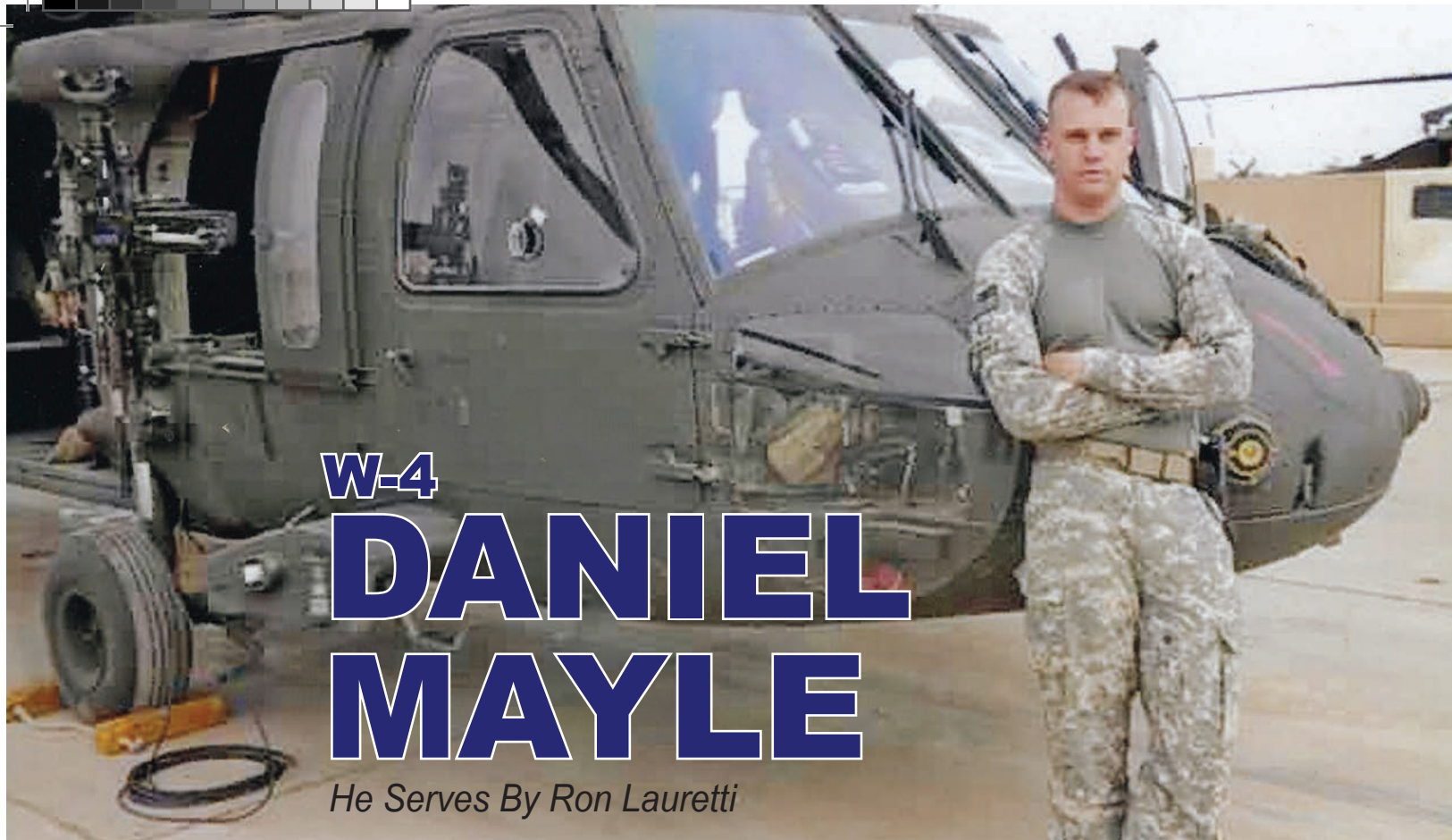
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Savannah's Hunter Army Airfield is home to approximately 6,000 military personnel, including the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR), known as the Night Stalkers. One of the Stalkers is Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Mayle, a helicopter pilot of skill, courage, and dedication, with almost 20 years of military service.

A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Mayle graduated high school in 2003. During his senior year, an Army recruiter contacted Mayle, who was already a member of the Army Reserves. Mayle was attracted to the idea of serving his country and earning a higher education in the process. He accepted the recruiter's offer.

After boot camp, Mayle was deployed to Iraq for a year and a half. When he returned home with the rank of Specialist E-4, he spent the next 18 months at Fort Rucker, Alabama, training to become a warrant officer helicopter pilot. Towards the end of his training, Mayle learned that the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment was looking for aviators. Eager to become one of the best, he was accepted into the unit's demanding training course.

The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment was formed in 1980 shortly after the attempt to rescue American embassy personnel held captive in Iraq. After the failure of the mission, each branch of the American military was tasked with developing special operation units capable of accomplishing extraordinary assignments. Known as the Night Stalkers, the 160th Special Ops is one of the Army's elite units. The Airborne regiment is the nation's premier aviation unit providing highly specialized capabilities and support in the most challenging. They fly elite special forces engaged in no-fail missions in and out of

the most difficult environments in the world. The Stalkers take pride in their guarantee of arrival within 30 seconds of their ETA.

There are four SOAR battalions, including the 3rd based at Hunter Army Airfield. Mayle is an accomplished pilot and aircraft commander with the unit. He has 3,000 hours of flight time to his credit, much of it as the command pilot of a Sikorsky Blackhawk helicopter, aircraft used for troop delivery and extraction, medical evacuation, and fire suppression support. Blackhawks often find themselves flying through hot zones.



"I have been shot at," Mayle says matter-of-factly. He adds, "But I've never been shot down or crashed."

He pauses before punctuating his thought with a single word. "Lucky," he says.

There is much more at play than good fortune. Mayle and his Night Stalker compatriots are among the best helicopter pilots in the world.

In addition to his time jockeying the cyclic stick, foot pedals, and collective that direct a chopper, Mayle has been a safety officer, an instructor, and a maintenance test pilot. While mastering his military responsibilities, he found time to earn a bachelor's degree from Liberty University and a fixed-wing pilot's license.

Mayle loves being a Night Stalker pilot, but all good things come to an end. At the end of this year, on New Year's Eve, he will retire from active duty after 20 years of service. But he won't be remaining earth-bound for long. Mayle is set to take a pilot's seat for JetBlue Airways.



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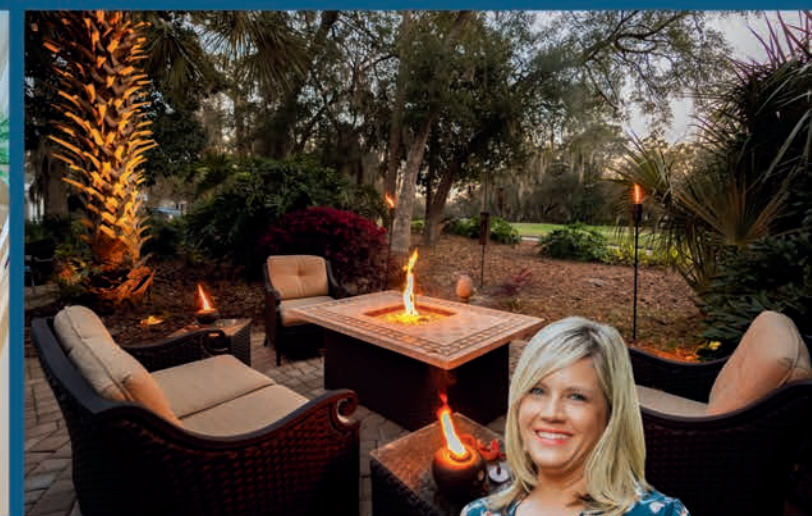
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Health System Presents 31st Annual McAuley Award

She is known as a behind-the-scenes hero at St. Joseph's/Candler, but she has recently been put front-and-center. Sherri Clark was named this year's recipient of the St. Joseph's/Candler's prestigious McAuley Award.

Flanked by past recipients of the award, St. Joseph's/Candler president and CEO Paul P. Hinchey announced Clark's name at a special award ceremony held at St. Joseph's Hospital last week.

Clark is the 31st recipient of the prestigious honor, presented annually to a St. Joseph's/Candler co-worker who best exemplifies the health system's mission and values. The award is named in honor of Catherine McAuley, who founded the Sisters of Mercy to bring education, healthcare, social justice, and spiritual guidance to those in need, especially women and children.

This year, 139 St. Joseph's/Candler co-workers were nominated by their peers. Each candidate demonstrated ability to illuminate St. Joseph's/Candler's values of compassion, quality, integrity, courtesy, accountability, and teamwork. The nominations for Clark painted a clear picture of a co-worker whose love, inherent goodness, and great compassion is felt by her patients and co-workers.

Clark serves as the quality assurance and

performance improvement specialist at the Hinesville division of St. Joseph's/Candler Home Healthcare. She logs hundreds of miles each week from her home in Brunswick to the office and throughout the region, serving the educational needs and compliance requirements of nearly 100 co-workers. Clark has been serving in home health for nearly 30 years, providing continuity of care for patients in the transition from hospital to home, including medical treatments and disease management education. In her current role, she ensures the home healthcare staff meets the necessary requirements to provide exceptional care to patients.

Clark's co-workers think that she is exceptional, herself. "Behind-the-scenes hero of the home health division and of the health system," one said. Clark "perfectly reflects Catherine McAuley's spirit of compassion, leadership, love, and service to others," wrote another. She is "the glue that binds not only her family at home, but her work family as well," added a third.

Clark says, "I feel overwhelmed, shocked. I can't believe it. There are more people that are more deserving than I am, but I am very grateful. St. Joseph's/Candler has been very good to me my whole, entire career. I have been a nurse my entire life. It's the only thing I know to do – take care of people. I'm a caregiver naturally. I love helping others. I'm a widow now for seven years and I like to help



Sherri Clark gets a congratulatory hug from St. Joseph's/Candler President and CEO Paul P. Hinchey/

other widows or anyone else work through their grief in life. I am well past my grief experience, but I like to share and help others."

Clark has worked for St. Joseph's/Candler since 1995.

As the 31st McAuley Award recipient, Clark will have her name and image added to the bronze McAuley plaque displayed in the lobbies of St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals. She will receive a \$3,000 honorarium, a one-year parking pass in the location of her choice, a one-month cafeteria meal pass, a gift certificate for a massage at St. Joseph's/Candler's Wellness Center, a St. Joseph's/Candler watch, a commemorative plaque, and the prestigious McAuley pin.

What Sherri Clark's Co-Workers Said About Her

"Outside of a work ethic that is second-to-none, her dedication to our mission and vision is clearly evident in her work and how she treats others."

"We can all take lessons from her approach to life and work."

"She is such a joy to work with. Always cheerful, positive attitude,

even when she has faced some very difficult times in her personal life, like the sudden loss of her husband a few years ago."

The charity shoot and auction raised \$275,299 for the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion.

The Candler Clays Charity Shoot and Auction is in its 22nd year, and its growth and impact show no signs of slowing. The enduring popularity of this event is good news for cancer patients and their families across the region, as all funds go to St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations' Advancements in Cancer Care initiatives in Savannah, Bluffton, Hilton Head Island, and surrounding areas.

Of the \$275,299 raised this year, \$124,900 was specifically committed to oncology nurse navigation. Navigators provide patients and their families with guidance, education, resources, and advocacy during a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Candler Clays is an annual two-day event combining a charity auction and a clay shooting competition at the Forest City Gun Club. Since its inception two decades ago, the event has raised \$2.44 million.

"I am amazed at how this community rose up to support our cancer care initiatives this year, shattering last year's record," says Vernice Rackett, executive director of the St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations. "We are so grateful for our loyal sporting clays enthusiasts and our sponsors who were driven to make this event a success. Their hard work will help many cancer patients."

This year, Candler Clays had many generous sponsors, including the returning presenting sponsor JE Dunn Construction, the Minglehoff Family as platinum sponsor, and Batson Associates as gold sponsor. The event was co-chaired by Emily Cameron and Lori Pitt.

Each year the event honors a survivor or memorializes someone who died of cancer. This year's honoree was Peggy Minis Trethewey, who was diagnosed in 2019 with stage-four, non-small-cell lung cancer.


"When we moved to Savannah to be close to family a year ago, I started going to the LCRP and I cannot tell you how impressed I was that a community this size has that facility," Trethewey says. "From the time I walked in here, it was airy, sunny, happy, everybody was nice, the staff were fantastic. I feel like I am a walking miracle, and it is thanks to the people who love me and supported me and treated me. I did not do this by myself. It is a huge team effort. And that team includes everyone who helped raise money during Candler Clays. Thank you!"

About the St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations

The St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations support vital clinical programs, assist in the purchase of cutting-edge medical technology, and enhance outreach programs designed to keep people in our community healthy.



(L-R): Dennis Reed, Raymond Singletary, Gretchen Pearce Chamberlain, Linsey Blocker, Youlia Bolgan, Foundations Executive Director Vernice Rackett, Paige Rowlett, co-chair Emily Cameron, Lauren Novack, co-chair Lori Pitt, Ellie McKenzie, Ashley DuBois, Jenny Price, and Henry Minis.



Benefiting Advancements in Cancer Care at St. Joseph's/Candler

Clay Shoot Winners

Top Male: William Drought – 50
Top Female: Cheyenne Anderson – 45
Top Male Youth: Jackson Ferland – 49
Top Female Youth: Ericka Ann McKeever – 45

1st place team: Forest City Juniors (one of three youth teams sponsored by Critz Auto Group) – Jackson Ferland, Ericka Ann McKeever, Aiden Strickland, and Georgia Kennedy
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The Foundations' current initiative, "Advancing Excellence: Touching Lives," includes projects to enhance the patient experience by supporting the following areas at St. Joseph's/Candler:

- Advancements at St. Joseph's Hospital, including emergency department expansion and the Heart Hospital
- Advancements in cancer care at the Nancy N. and J. C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion
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Bogey Nights

Can a Golf Community Become the New Home of Disco?

By Rico Manero

Two years ago, *The Skinnie* reported that Maury Sline, Jr., head of Comb Over Productions, was hoping to bring his Yacht Rock Road Show to Skidaway Island. While that never materialized (perhaps due to the lingering effects of the pandemic), Sline has a new project in the works.

“The Landings has a high percentage of Baby Boomers who fondly recall the Disco Era,” explains Sline. “Even the youngest of them are hitting their late 50s, making the 1970s fertile ground for nostalgic exploitation. And their children are now grown and can appreciate the kitsch of the late ‘70s. When you combine those two demographics, it’s a gold mine just waiting to be tapped.”

Sensing opportunity, Sline hopes to turn a vacant site in Skidaway Village into a Hard

Rock Café for the disco enthusiast. Once the home of the Village Bar and Grill and, later, the short-lived Kasey’s Grille, Sline has targeted the vacant space as the future site of Skidaway Island’s innovative, interactive disco museum.

Sline says, “I know it seems foolish to start such a niche-based business venture, especially in the current economic climate, but it’s a ‘70s club for people in their 70s. It’s so serendipitous, there’s no way it could fail. Plus, it’s in the Village, people.”

Sline’s optimism is fueled by support from Casablanca Tapes and Records, a Detroit-based music store that boasts the country’s most extensive inventory of 8-track tape players. “Some even have quadrophonic sound,” Sline exclaims when he considers the complex tones of The BeeGees’ classics made sublime by the magnetic storage medium. In the interest of full disclosure, Sline clarifies that Casablanca Tapes and Records is located in Detroit, Texas, rather than the better-known Motown in Michigan.

In addition to classic 1970s decor – shag carpeting, earth-tone upholstery, and LOTS of polyester – Sline says the club will feature a dance floor where guests can boogie the night away to the tunes of Donna Summer, KC and the Sunshine Band, Chic, Gloria Gaynor, and more. The club will also feature artifacts and curiosities from the mid-1970s. “Some are real, like one of Evel Knievel’s helmets,” Sline notes proudly, while others are



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reproductions. “For instance, I was involved in a very-short-running Elton John musical called *The Goodbye Yellow Brick Roadshow*. I had all these props in storage – glasses, boas, platform shoes, the works – and now they have a new purpose.”

Sline cites *Still Alive*, a landmark Perry Como TV special that reached younger audiences by tapping into the disco market. It aired on Canadian television in 1981 then later achieved a cult following in the U.S. “He was about 70 when that special aired, and it proved to me that good disco music knows no age boundaries.”

To launch his new venture, Sline is hoping to engage ‘70s-centric celebrities for personal appearances. As well as musical performers such as Melissa Manchester and Thelma Houston (each now, fortuitously, in her 70s), Sline is actively recruiting TV stars. “I had the guys from *Starsky & Hutch* in mind, but then David Soul passed away last January and I had to re-think it. It’s a shame, really. Not only was he a little-screen icon, but he reached #1 with a single back in ‘77.”

Not to be discouraged, Sline is happy to announce he’s in talks with Travolta. “Not the star of *Saturday Night Fever*, I’m afraid,” he quickly clarifies. “I’m referring to his brother, Joey, who rode John’s coattails onto the music charts in the late 1970s.”

Sline acknowledges that much of what he’s offering are fading vestiges of an era that is loved by few and laughed at by many. But, he concludes with conviction, “Even if it is a cheap knock-off, it speaks to what the mid-1970s was all about – pre-fab, disposable fads that came and went in a psycho-funkidelic spin of the wheel.”

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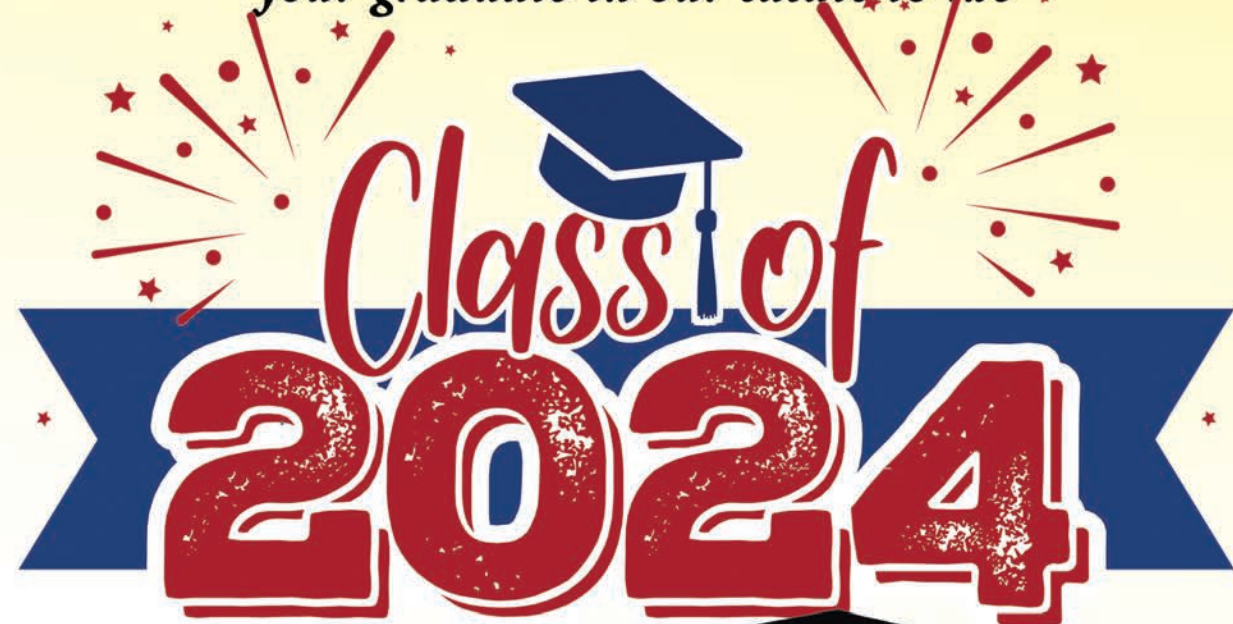
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WHERE: Palmetto Club
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WHAT: New Neighbors
WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar
CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Jody at nnnewmember@gmail.com
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BONING UP ON BONAPART

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture Series – “Napoleon: The Path to Power, 1769-1799”
WHEN: Mondays, April 8 – May 13; 1 to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: \$10 member, \$15 non-member, per lecture
CONTACT: To register, visit www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center or email dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org
WHAT ELSE: From the path to power to his final days in exile, this six-part lecture series explores the life and times of Napoleon Bonaparte.

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WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture Series: “Anthems and Other National Music”
WHEN: Mondays, April 8 – May 13, 2:15 p.m.
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WHAT: The Learning Center Lectures: “Savannah – A Celebration”
WHEN: Mondays, April 8 – May 13, 3:30 p.m.
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WHAT ELSE: A six-part love letter to our great city – exploring Oglethorpe’s letters and initial plans, photographs and paintings that capture its beauty, buildings that enhanced its charm, and the music that played an integral role in cultural life of Savannah.

HIGHLAND FLING

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture: “Scottish Highland Culture and the Confederacy”
WHEN: Monday, April 8, 5:30 p.m.; Reception begins at 5 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: \$15/member, \$20/non-member
CONTACT: seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or email dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org
WHAT ELSE: Come hear *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* writer James Galloway discuss the historical, literary, and cultural cues transmitted from Scottish heritage to Lost Cause ideology.

DEAR ABBIES

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails April meeting
WHEN: Thursday, April 11, 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: To join the Skidaway Abigails or attend this meeting as a guest (no guest fee but must be accompanied by an Abigails member), please contact chair@skidawayabigails.org
WHAT ELSE: Join the Abigails as we welcome Staci Fox, President and CEO of the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute

PLAY DATES

WHAT: Together for a Cure (TFAC) 21st annual fundraising event
WHEN: April 13 – pickleball, tennis, bocce, and croquet tournaments; April 17 – golf tournaments; Registration opens March 6 at together-

TALKING TURTLE

WHAT: “Saving Loggerheads”
WHEN: Thursday, April 18, 4 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Skidaway Island
HOW MUCH: free for FOSA members, \$5 for guests, payable online or at the door
CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Pre-register online at SkidawayAudubon.org. The guest speaker is Caretta Research Project Director Kris Williams, who will discuss saving Wassaw Island’s loggerhead turtles.

FOOD FOR FELINES

WHAT: Kitten food drive for the Humane Society of Greater Savannah
WHEN: Ongoing
WHERE: Humane Society Adoption Center, 7215 Sallie Mood Dr.
CONTACT: Call Rosemary Longueira at 912.598.2875 or drop donations at 22 Long Island Road, Oakridge
WHAT ELSE: With so many kittens in foster care, the Humane Society is in need of Fancy Feast canned kitten food, Purina dry kitten chow, and kitten replacement milk (such as KMR) for the neonatal bottle-fed kittens. Soft fuzzy blankets would also be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours (Tuesday-Saturday, 1:00-6:00 p.m.) or off-hours in the donation bins outside the Adoption Center on Sallie Mood Drive.

ANIMAL HOUSE

WHAT: Call for volunteers
WHEN: Flexible hours to meet your needs and schedule, various tasks
WHERE: The Humane Society Thrift Shop, 7215 Sallie Mood Dr.
CONTACT: Volunteer coordinator, Yvonne Hemphill, 603.502.6906
WHAT ELSE: No experience necessary. All proceeds from the thrift shop go to supporting the care of the shelter’s animals.

HORSE SENSE

WHAT: Pegasus Riding Academy volunteers needed
WHERE: Old Roberds Dairy, 2500 Tennessee Ave., Savannah
CONTACT: For information and directions, visit www.prasav.org or call 912.547.6482
WHAT ELSE: Pegasus Riding Academy is a therapeutic riding program providing safe, professional and ethical equine-assisted activities.



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CONTACT: Nina Stanga, TFAC Chairperson, nstanga@me.com**WHAT ELSE:** This annual event raises much-needed funding for many local cancer research projects benefiting St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations Nurse Navigator Program for Lung Cancer, Mercer School of Medicine for Cancer Research, LWGA Summers Scholars Program, and the Stephen Hollenberg Patient Assistance Fund. Receptions following the events to celebrate your accomplishments will include an auction and raffles.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

WHAT: Canoochee River paddle race**WHEN:** Saturday, April 13, 12 noon to 5 p.m.**WHERE:** Rocks River Bridge Landing; GPS 32.184196, -81.889276**HOW MUCH:** \$50 per person; Free to cheer for the paddlers**WHAT ELSE:** Details and registration: <https://www.ogeecheeriverkeeper.org/events/canoochee-paddle-race/> The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 10, at noon.

SHOW AND TELL

WHAT: 35th Annual Landings Art Association Spring Show**WHEN:** April 16, 5 - 8 p.m.**WHERE:** Palmetto Ballroom**HOW MUCH:** \$5 cash at the door**CONTACT:** Jane Golz at golzjane@gmail.com or www.landingsartassociation/events**WHAT ELSE:** Everyone is welcome to view more than 200 paintings, photographs, and 3D art. Most of the artists will be available to discuss their art. The show also includes live music, a member and cash bar, and a silent auction. It's a great opportunity to shop for original art and support arts in education.

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Meet the Candidates Luncheon meeting of Ladies On The Right (LOTR).**WHEN:** April 18 (social/buffet lunch 12-1 p.m.; program 1-2:15 p.m.)**WHERE:** Landings Palmetto Club ballroom**HOW MUCH:** LOTR members - \$35; Non-members - \$40**CONTACT:** To register (April 13 deadline) or to join LOTR, visit www.ladiesontheright.org**WHAT ELSE:** LOTR is a greater-Savannah Conservative leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire members to take action roles on issues that impact our country, community and lives. LOTR hosts luncheon meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

WHAT: Skidaway Democratic Club meeting**WHEN:** Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m.**WHERE:** The Landing Association Offices, 600 Landings Way South**WHAT ELSE:** Speakers are candidates for the upcoming primary election: Jennifer L. Parker for district attorney, Sonya Jackson for tax commissioner, and Mary Kathryn Moss for chief magistrate court judge. For those who don't live in the Landings, please e-mail Rosemary Mackey at rwmackey1@gmail.com and she will provide you a gate pass. If you need a ride from the Marshes or Thrive, please contact Mitzi Toth at mlane-toth38@gmail.com and she will arrange a car to pick you up.

VITAL ORGAN

WHAT: St. Peter's Musicales concert**WHEN:** Friday, April 19, 5:45 p.m. wine and cheese; 6:30 p.m. concert**WHERE:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Rd.**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public; A goodwill offering is appreciated**CONTACT:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 912.598.7242**WHAT ELSE:** The finale of a series celebrating the 20th anniversary of the installation of the Schantz Opus 2223 pipe organ. Featured organist Kathleen Turner will be joined by the church's new 24 Children's Choir for a concert of choral and instrumental music with St. Peter's Opus 2223 Schantz Pipe Organ center stage. *Lauda Jerusalem* by Antonio Vivaldi will feature strings from the Savannah Philharmonic with Sinisa Ciric (soloist and concertmaster emeritus), Rebecca Flaherty (soprano) and Lance Hensley (counter tenor) as soloists, and Julia Tucker, continuo.

GO PAPERLESS

WHAT: Secure document shredding**WHEN:** Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**WHERE:** Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway**CONTACT:** skidcc.org or 912.598.0151**WHAT ELSE:** Donations benefit Safe Shelter, providing services for abused women and children.

TEA TIME

WHAT: Sisters spring tea**WHEN:** Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m.**WHERE:** Palmetto Club Azalea Room**HOW MUCH:** \$42**CONTACT:** Email panhellenicsavannah@gmail.com for a registration form**WHAT ELSE:** In addition to the lovely tea and light menu, we will be featuring a panel of recent-

ly graduated sorority women discussing sorority life on campuses today. All area sorority women are welcome.

COAST WITH THE MOST

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture: "Our Georgia Coast"**WHEN:** Monday April 22, 5:30 p.m.; Reception begins at 5 p.m.**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway**HOW MUCH:** \$15/\$20 (member/non-member)**CONTACT:** seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or email dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org**WHAT ELSE:** Megan Desrosiers, CEO and founder of One Hundred Miles, shares inspiring stories and information about the Georgia coast.

HELLO, SAILOR

WHAT: Basic sailing class, sponsored by The Landings Sailing Club**WHEN:** Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., plus 4 hours on the water**WHERE:** TLA Meeting Room, 600 Landings Way South**HOW MUCH:** \$100, of which \$25 of which will be refunded if you join TLSC within 30 days**CONTACT:** Angela Margolit, amargolit@hotmail.com, 973.296.8011**WHAT ELSE:** Open to all Landings residents 21 or older who are either new to sailing or want a refresher course.

VISION QUEST

WHAT: Ninth Annual Fore Vision charity golf tournament**WHEN:** Monday, April 29, at 10 a.m.**WHERE:** Palmetto and Terrapin golf courses at the Landings**HOW MUCH:** \$150 individuals, \$600 team of 4; Make checks payable to Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision**CONTACT:** Leslie Eatherly, 912.236.4476 or leatherly@savannahcblv.org**WHAT ELSE:** Box lunches provided during play. Complimentary drinks on course. Benefits the Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision.

FREE SPEECH

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture: "How I Got Over - Remembering Gullah Stories and Traditions"**WHEN:** Monday, April 29, 5:30 p.m.; Reception begins at 5 p.m.**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway**HOW MUCH:** \$15/\$20 per lecture (member/non-member)**CONTACT:** seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or email dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org**WHAT ELSE:** Griot and master storyteller, Lillian Grant-Baptiste, uses the art of the oral narrative to demonstrate how storytelling was used during slavery and beyond as a tool of resilience, resistance, and reconciliation.

OPEN DOORS

WHAT: Landlovers Tour of Homes**WHEN:** Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**WHERE:** The Landings and the Marshes of Skidaway Island**HOW MUCH:** Tickets are \$50 each**CONTACT:** Chris Lanigan (chrislanigan40@gmail.com), Sally Gleeson (sallytglee@gmail.com), Laurie Etherington (laurie.etherington.com@gmail.com)**WHAT ELSE:** There is a limited number of tickets available. To register and purchase tickets, please visit landingslandlovers.com/happenings. The tour takes place every other year, so don't miss your opportunity to enjoy this wonderful event featuring 10 Skidaway Island homes filled with inspiration and ideas, showcasing how each owner's personal style creates an inviting space. Parking is limited, so attendees are encouraged to travel by golf cart. All proceeds from the Tour of Homes benefit the Landlovers Foundation.

DINNER IS SERVED

WHAT: Private chef dinner party raffle**WHEN:** Ongoing; Drawing - May 4**WHERE:** Winner enjoys prepared dinner at your own residence**HOW MUCH:** \$20 per ticket**CONTACT:** Julie Storm - jestormdallas@gmail.com 214.789.7918**WHAT ELSE:** A chance to win a three-course meal for 8 people served in your home by a private chef who provides the meal and cleans up the kitchen. The winner will select the chef from Fire, Food and Knives, the cuisine, and the date. To purchase tickets, visit www.landingslandlovers.com, under Happenings/Fund Raisers.

GARDEN STATE GOLFERS

WHAT: New Jersey Garden Staters spring golf scramble and dinner**WHEN:** Sunday, May 5; Registration - 12:30 p.m., shotgun start - 1:30, member bar 5, dinner 5:30**WHERE:** Terrapin Point/Palmetto Clubhouse**HOW MUCH:** \$65 charged to member account
CONTACT: Landingsgardenstaters@gmail.com to register; Questions by email or call Eileen Yost, 973.255.0580, or Jill Rubin, 215.850.3894.**WHAT ELSE:** Please sign up in pairs as we cannot match singles. Include GHIN and member numbers. Deadline to register April 29. Dinner only NJGS members welcome (must be club member), same price. If you have not yet paid 2024 dues (\$12 each/\$24 couple), please remit check to Jill Rubin, 17 Sweetgum Crossing, or Venmo to @Barbara-Rubin-31 (3894).

WELL DONNE

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture: "John Donne - The Sacred and Profane"**WHEN:** Monday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.; Reception begins at 5 p.m.**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway**HOW MUCH:** \$15/\$20 (member/non-member)**CONTACT:** seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or email dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org**WHAT ELSE:** Richard Braithwaite leads a literary tour of John Donne - a metaphysical poet and Anglican clergyman known for his enrapturing religious poems who's equally renowned as one of England's best writers of love poetry.

LEGENDS AND LEADERS

WHAT: Senior Citizens Inc.'s Legends, Leaders, and Life Well Lived Award luncheon**WHEN:** Thursday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m.**WHERE:** The Palmetto Club at The Landings**HOW MUCH:** \$75 - general admission; \$125 - Friends of SCI admission**CONTACT:** Anne Cordeiro at 912.236.0363 or SeniorCitizensInc.org/Legends**WHAT ELSE:** The Legends, Leaders, and Life Well Lived Award luncheon honors fellow Savannahians who have contributed significantly to the community, inspired others by the difference they have made, and exemplify a life well lived.

DINNER AND A SHOW

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture: "Blues and Barbecue" (dinner and film screening with Traci Capote)**WHEN:** Monday May 13, 5 p.m.**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway**HOW MUCH:** \$30**CONTACT:** seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or email dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org**WHAT ELSE:** Filmmaker Traci Capote presents her Georgia-produced documentary, "Northside Tavern: The Mostly True Story of the Golden Age of Atlanta's Most Exquisite Blues Dive." Barbecue dinner and conversation with Capote make for a fitting finale for TLC's spring season.

POSTAL PEOPLE

WHAT: Landings Stamp Club**WHEN:** Friday, May 17, 10 a.m.**WHERE:** Messiah Lutheran Church conference room**COST:** Free**CONTACT:** Carl Luecke, cluecke@comcast.net or 912.349.0340 for meeting details.**WHAT ELSE:** Beginner, advanced, or anyone in between is welcome to join our monthly meeting. Learn about buying, selling, or preserving your collections, and discover different types of stamps from all over the world.

GATHERING GROCERIES

WHAT: Packing groceries for Second Harvest**WHEN:** 9 - 11 a.m., June 7**WHERE:** Second Harvest, 2501 E President St.**CONTACT:** Terry Lewis, terrylewis324@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL AID

WHAT: AARP Tax-Aide Program needs volunteers**WHEN:** Training in Dec. and Jan.; Tax preparation starts Feb. 1 for 10 weeks; hours and days are flexible**WHERE:** Chatham SW and Bull Street Libraries**CONTACT:** Volunteer coordinator John Gerardi, 912.661.8705 or johngerardi@hotmail.com**WHAT ELSE:** This program provides free tax preparation for low- to moderate-income families, as well as the elderly and people with disabilities. AARP Tax-Aide saves underserved individuals/families millions in preparation fees and helps taxpayers claim millions in refunds, which can be used to reduce poverty. Tax preparers will be trained to become IRS-certified. Volunteers are also needed to help with intake/front desk.

TAXATION REPRESENTATION

WHAT: Opportunities for volunteer income tax assistance with Neighborhood Improvement Association**WHEN:** starting in January, flexible hours from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.**WHERE:** several sites in Savannah, Pembroke, Rincon, Richmond Hill and Hinesville**CONTACT:** Tiffany Carter, tcarter@niadc.org or 912.447.5577**WHAT ELSE:** This program helps underserved communities by offering free tax preparation. No experience necessary. Volunteers include greeters/screeners and tax preparers

ACROSS

- 1. Place for a massage
- 6. Chowder morsel
- 10. Highway exit
- 14. Teach one-on-one
- 15. "Unfaithful" star
- 16. Burn soother
- 17. Make amends (for)
- 18. Gambler's concern
- 19. Overabundance
- 20. Like summer school classes, often
- 22. Bone brace
- 24. Hook, line and ____
- 26. Worse for wear
- 27. Informant
- 30. Express a thought
- 32. Track down
- 33. Cheers regular
- 34. Kind of race
- 37. State with certainty
- 38. No ____ or reason
- 40. Corduroy ridge
- 41. Cooking fuel
- 42. Italian import
- 43. Furnace, for one
- 45. Ungraceful one
- 47. Favor
- 48. Case opener?
- 50. Wear away
- 53. Dot above the i
- 55. Priest's helper
- 59. Anagram for "beat"
- 60. 1970s hairdo
- 62. Delve into
- 63. Elvis movie, ____ *Happy*
- 64. Pixar movie set in Mexico
- 65. Painter's prop
- 66. Ill at ____
- 67. Follow, as advice
- 68. Gas additive

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- 1. Hollywood sighting

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- 2. Adorable
- 3. Kind of bomb
- 4. Country group with the #1 song *Amazed*
- 5. Prognosticate
- 6. Dagger's companion
- 7. Big dipper
- 8. Here-now link
- 9. State of disorder
- 10. Type of sleeve
- 11. Repeat starting letters, as in "good as gold"
- 12. Everest or Ararat
- 13. Tom who sang "I Won't Back Down"
- 21. Get what was left?
- 23. Stiffly formal
- 25. ____ and board
- 27. Refinery residue
- 28. Exploding star
- 29. Some Winter Olympians
- 31. Warm up, in the kitchen
- 33. WSJ alternative
- 35. Sheltered, at sea
- 36. School session
- 39. Confusion
- 40. *The Wind in the Willows* critter
- 42. Roll up, as a flag
- 44. One that got away
- 46. Pint-sized
- 48. Theater platform
- 49. Fibula's neighbor
- 51. Ludicrous show
- 52. Biblical disaster
- 54. Inventory unit
- 56. Nonsense
- 57. Follow orders
- 58. Holler
- 61. Friend's opposite

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EGRETS

WE'VE HAD A FEW!

More than a few, actually. Hardly a week goes by here at The Skinnie that we don't receive an email featuring an image of an egret on a marsh, or a heron on a lagoon, or some form of waterfowl. It's created an unfortunate backlog, so we thought we'd take care of that in one fell swoop.



Top Left: Tricolor breeding heron (Jorge Gojman)
Bottom Left: Snowy egret (Richard Wolfert)
Below: Roseate spoonbill (Thomas Barnard)
Bottom: Snowy egret and turtle (Michael Siegel)



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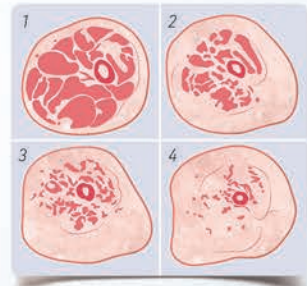
A sudden onset of weakness in her limbs and hands began interfering with two of Elaine's biggest joys: painting and bike riding. Additional symptoms, including slurred speech and severe trouble swallowing, led to electromyography (EMG) and muscle biopsy testing, which revealed necrotizing autoimmune myopathy – a rare autoimmune condition attacking the muscles.

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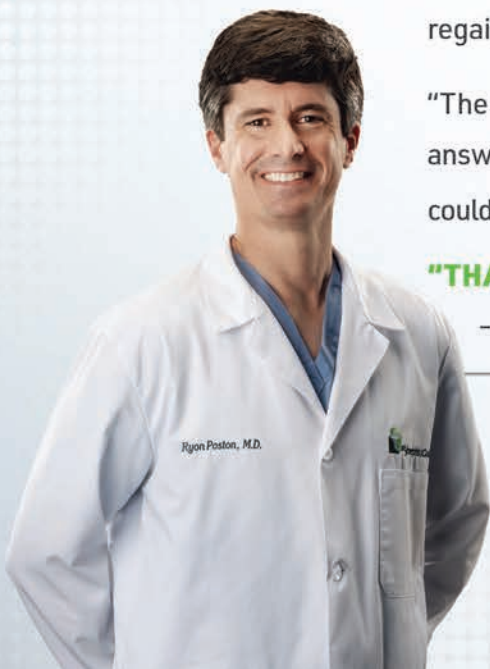
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