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# Upfront

I don't miss my old neighborhood in New York, or my former life. It's distant to me, foreign. Interesting, but without emotional sway. A quaint collection of memories like a movie that tells someone else's story: Familiar in ways, but fictional at its core. I visit there – both my once-upon-a-time city and my recollections of another existence – but I don't romanticize an inevitable return.

So, my melancholy is a surprise.

As I drift southwest from Chelsea and the blocks that surround my former urban home, the primal grit of the Meatpacking District fails to show itself. Stout men in long white work coats smeared with darkening crimson reminders of taken lives don't line loading bays and smoke cigarettes down past their filter lines, anymore. Offal doesn't clumsily surf hose-borne streams in search of nearby storm drains. Evidence of forever-lost and often cruel customs of human hegemony has been replaced by a Gucci boutique, a full-block working monument to all-things-Google, an ersatz French brasserie, a Starbucks Reserve Roastery big enough to shelter a fleet of cargo jets, perfectly level cobblestones streets that don't appreciate their own irony, and planter boxes where there was once morning-after puke.

Things change.

In New York, where exaggeration is the local dialect, evolution prefers cataclysm to grace. Change is constant and unapologetic; relentless and jarring; amazing and awful; life and death. Dusk in the city is painfully gorgeous. December exalts the dark's domain.

I've turned away from the fancy ward that has arisen from animal filth, towards the innards of a more stubborn New York – a warren of public housing with bodegas and kabob carts and chain drug stores and smoke shops on the tips of its tentacles. What it lacks in visual

interest it makes up for in hopelessness, biding its time until a developer finds the right civil servant to bribe. For now, the buildings stand unusually far from one another. Residents might not enjoy upward mobility, but they have access to considerable greenish space.

I turn again, directly eastward, into the middle of the island and its densest parts. Here, late afternoon is especially heartbreaking. It comes early. Sidewalks fill. Traffic throbs through the borough's arteries, its rhythms uneven, chaotic and comforting, all at once. Bars and restaurants – those fierce enough to remain – awaken. Windows release light that floats elegantly through the crevasses between opposing concrete faces, like an endless corps of tiny ballerinas dancing on the wind. The mood is both relief and resignation. It's nice and it's not.

Nighttime paints the world in a conspicuously realistic style. Lines are crisp, sharp. With brutal honesty, geometry conveys the stories to which color alludes apprehensively in the light of day. Souls flush themselves of restraint come nightfall. Things happen with urgency. Each sunset a reminder of our daily certainty – another step towards looming death.

It's not by accident, then, that New Year's Eve is one of the year's shortest days...or longest nights. We celebrate renewal. Though it's as much a distraction from the unceasing disappearance of time. Per the optimist: Today, we begin anew, fresh. Full of aspirations. Wholly alive. Alternatively: Like a sinister secret, we're cheering our inevitable demise.

These are the thoughts that I silently wrestle, wishing I could lose them in the city's noise. This is what hijacks my mind when the sliver of sky straight above 17th Street is starless and shoe-leather black. This is the relentless power of the New York night.

It's not as sad as it might sound. There's magic in unvarnished truth. And truth is written in precise hand when framed by a lightless void. What is the plain truth? As the nights stretch to their fullest reach, as the calendar faces its obsolescence, as dark marries cold, so does another year faithfully begin.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### BLOOD BROTHERS (AND SISTERS)

On behalf of Skidaway Kiwanis and the American Red Cross: Thanks to everyone who came out to our blood drive and donated. We had a better-than-expected turnout, yielding 34 pints, which helped 102 patients-in-need in the Savannah area.



Our next blood drive will be Monday, April 11, from 2 to 6 p.m. Thanks to the community and Skidaway Island United Methodist Church for your generous support.

Chris Britten

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A view of the Moselle River in western Germany, as seen from the castle in the town of Cochem

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# Deutsch Treat



By Philip Schweier

Schloss Lieser, once the home of a wealthy vintner, is now a luxury hotel along the banks of the Moselle River.

In southeastern Germany about two hours west of Frankfurt, on the banks of the Moselle River, sits a handful of small villages forming a contiguous community, surrounded by grapevines – the home of Riesling wine.

Bernkastel-Kues could arguably be the dominant municipality. It is comprised of two villages merged into one in 1905 yet retaining its medieval appearance. Timber-frame houses dating from the 17th century surround the St. Michaelsbrunnen (St. Michael's Fountain) in the central marketplace, as well as the Renaissance town hall from 1608. Of special interest is the narrow Spitzhäuschen (Pointed House) dating back to 1416.

Above the town sits Landshut Castle, part of a long chain of fortifications built by the Romans. The fortress became a castle, and eventually met the fate of most castles: It was besieged, conquered, rebuilt, and became a bone of contention in ever-fluid border

disputes. Today, the castle ruins are a lovely destination for a day trip, accessible on foot in about 30 minutes from the town's market square. Awaiting visitors at the summit is a modern restaurant, as well as spectacular views of the river.

On the opposite shore lies the small town of Lieser, known for its historic wineries. Among them is that of Eduard Puricelli, who built a grand home in the 1880s on the site of a former church estate. Architect Heinrich Theodor Schmidt chose a Neo-Renaissance style and based his design on the Italian Palladian villas of the 16th and 17th centuries. Builders elevated the castle to prevent the bottling operations on the ground floor from flooding when the river overflowed its banks. Puricelli's sole heir, his daughter Maria, married a wealthy Prussian politician, Dr. Clemens Freiherr von Schorlemer-Lieser. He was a member of the Kaiser Wilhelm II's cabinet, serving the last German emperor and King of Prussia. At the turn of the century, Maria

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and her husband moved into the manor and added renovations following the Art Nouveau style.

In 1981, the community of Lieser bought the castle and its outbuildings for 600,000 DM from the Schorlemer-Lieser family, marking the estate for preservation. The last resident was Marliese Rheinen (1898-1990), widowed Baroness Schorlemer-Lieser. After her death the building remained empty, used only once a year for the castle fete at Pentecost. The property has since been converted to a luxury hotel, part of Marriott's Autograph Collection. Original elements of the interior decor and furnishings remain, including doors, ovens, fireplaces and stairs.

## DAY TRIPPING

Less than an hour away is the city of Trier, the oldest in Germany, founded by Celts in the late 4th century BC, and conquered 300 years later by the Romans. The Porta Nigra – Latin for "black gate" – is the largest Roman city gate north of the Alps. The name originated in the Middle Ages due to the dark color of its stone. During this time, the archbishop-elect of Trier was an important prince of the Church, controlling land from



The Porta Nigra in Trier, Germany, is a remnant of Roman occupation during the 8th Century.

the French border to the Rhine. Next to one of the city's main streets, remains of Roman columns line the last 100 yards leading to the gate's southern side. Still in position since Roman times, they give an impression of the original Roman street lined with colonnades. The gate has crowning cornices and parapets on its top. Today, the Porta Nigra is closed to cars. While exhaust fumes of the passing traffic have been damaging the stones for de-

acades, the Porta Nigra is still in remarkable condition, remaining almost unchanged since the reign of Napoleon. The Porta Nigra, including the upper floors, is open to visitors. In summer, guided tours are offered by an actor in costume as a Roman centurion in full armor.

Another noteworthy site in Trier is the city's largest religious structure, the High Ca-

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The High Cathedral of Saint Peter in Trier is the oldest church in Germany, dating back to Emperor Constantine the Great in the 4th Century.

thedral of St. Peter. It is the oldest church in Germany, noted for its life span and grand design. The central part of the nave was built of Roman brick in the early 4th century, and the cathedral was added to gradually in different eras. Some sources suggest that the cathedral was commissioned by Emperor Constantine the Great following his conversion to Christianity. Archaeological research confirms the current cathedral is built upon the foundations of ancient Roman buildings. The four piers of the crossing of the present church as well as parts of the brick outer walls are remnants from this period. The imposing Romanesque building, with four towers and an additional apse, has been duplicated repeatedly.

A prominent relic of the cathedral is the Seamless Robe of Jesus, said to have been worn by Christ shortly before his crucifixion. It is kept in an annex chapel and shown to the public infrequently, most recently in 2012. The skull of St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, is displayed in the east crypt of the cathedral. The cathedral treasury houses a significant collection of Christian art, as well as the so-called Egbert Shrine, an ornate portable altar containing the sole of a sandal of St. Andrew and other relics. Another reliquary contains a Holy Nail from the Crucifixion.

### COCHEM

The town of Cochem dates to Celtic and Roman times. Its first documentation is in 886. The Reichsburg Cochem – the castle – has been documented since the 12th century, when it was occupied by King Konrad III. In 1688, during the Nine Years War, the castle was overrun by French troops, who occupied it for a year then destroyed and abandoned it.



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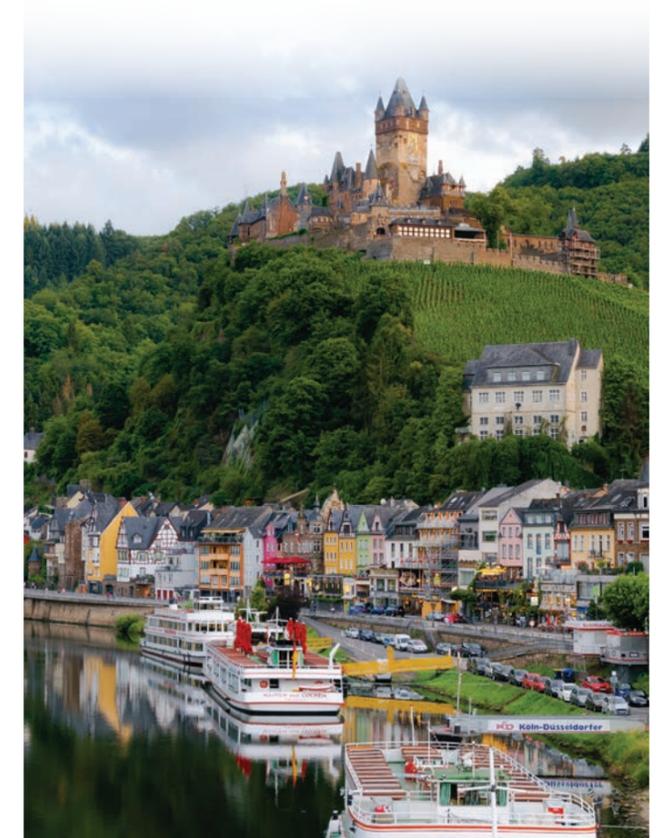
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At the Congress of Vienna in 1815, Cochem was assigned to the Kingdom of Prussia. Half a century later, Louis Frédéric Jacques Ravené, a Berlin businessman, bought the ruin of the former Imperial castle for 300 goldmark. He reconstructed it in Gothic Revival style. Since 1978, it has been owned by the town of Cochem and is a popular tourist site.

In 1927, the Skagerrak Bridge was built across the Moselle at Cochem, and the fishing villages of Cond and Sehl were absorbed into the town in the course of administrative reform in 1932. During World War II, the town hosted an underground sub-camp of more than 13,000 people – slave labor making auto parts for the German war effort.

Despite concerns regarding the pandemic, Germany welcomes visitors who take reasonable precautions. Masks and vaccination records are required in most areas. While this may be inconvenient to some, it should not diminish the lovely sites of the Alsace region.



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# UNDERSEA SURVEY

Cutting edge technology charts Georgia's artificial reefs

By Michael Sullivan

Beginning in 1970, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) built a series of artificial reefs to provide habitat for marine life. However, until recently, there were gaps in some of the key information about those reefs, such as the precise locations of the materials placed on the bottom and water depth over the materials. Now, researchers at the University of Georgia Skidaway Institute of Oceanography (SkIO) are using cutting-edge bathymetric side-scan sonar and high-resolution geographic positioning systems (GPS) to provide coastal managers and fishermen details on the location and condition of reef materials.

Georgia's shelf is relatively shallow, extending approximately 80 miles offshore before dropping into the deep ocean. Most of the shelf bottom consists of shifting sand, which does not provide the necessary conditions to develop and support diverse reef communities. "Much of the continental shelf is like a vast sandy desert," SkIO scientist Clark Alexander says. "What we need is more hard substrate, because that is the most important thing for establishing stable live-bottom communities."



Clark Alexander

Over the past 50 years, the state has placed hard-surface materials in 18 sites, each about 15 square kilometers in size. Eight sites are located approximately 10 miles offshore, and another eight roughly 25 miles out. There are two "beach reefs" that are closer to shore and accessible to fishermen with smaller boats. The reefs are comprised of a wide range of materials, including old ships; battle tanks; pieces from the original Talmadge Bridge; retired subway cars from New York City; concrete pipes and pilings; and purpose-built, concrete tetrapods. The materials that were placed on the bottom in the 1970s and 1980s, sunk in place or deployed from barges using Loran-C, a radio-based navigation system that was significantly less accurate than modern GPS. Some were dropped from Army helicopters, so their precise locations have not been known.

"We have had a number of hurricanes



A battle tank is pushed into the ocean to form part of an artificial reef. (Photo courtesy of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources)

and winter storms come through or offshore Georgia," Alexander adds, "and we don't know whether some of the material has been moved from its original location."

Alexander proposed a program to survey the reefs and develop a more accurate set of data on their locations and characteristics, which was subsequently funded through the Georgia Coastal Management Program, administered by the Georgia DNR Coastal Resources Division.

"Our goals were to document the status of what is on the bottom and to give more precise locations for the objects we identify," Alexander explains. "We used real-time kinematic GPS, so we know within a few centimeters where things are on the bottom."

Alexander's team began field work in 2018 and continued into 2021, using the 28-foot RV Jack Blanton. They spent an average of six days surveying each reef. They started with the beach reefs, then moved on to the reefs 10 miles offshore. Along with high-resolution GPS, the team used an interferometric side-scan sonar that provides the depth, and co-registered side-scan sonar imagery of the seafloor and objects sitting on it.

"Based on an object's general location and existing location data, we were able to make some good guesses as to 'Oh, that must be a certain barge or ship' and so on," Alexander explains. "We found a few objects that were not on existing maps and several others that

had fragmented into several pieces since being placed."

Another important parameter the team measured is the amount of clearance between the various structures and the ocean surface. "You don't want to worry about anything you put down being a hazard to navigation," Alexander says. "Ten kilometers offshore, you are in about 10 meters of water or so – about 30 feet. If one of these sunken vessels was sticking up a significant height above the bottom, that is something you need to know."

Alexander and DNR are making plans to survey the eight reefs that are about 25 miles out, which present a greater challenge. The longer distance means greater transit time and less time on-station conducting the survey. The team will be constrained by weather. Conditions must be very good and forecast to remain calm throughout both the transits and survey. "When you are that far offshore, you are at the mercy of sea conditions, which can change quickly" Alexander says.

The data Alexander's team collected is being added to the DNR's marine artificial reef fishing website. New data products enhance the information available to anglers and enable users to zoom in on individual features to see what they look like and how they are distributed in relation to other features on the ocean floor. The data collected by the project can be found on the DNR's artificial reef website: <https://coastalgadnr.org/HERU/offshore>.

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Tori Chandler

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Christian Demere

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Terry Enoch

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Sean Register

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*St. Joseph's/Candler is a 714-bed, Magnet-designated health system for nursing excellence, with a focus on the latest technologies and research. It is anchored by St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals, and new Pooler and Bluffton campuses. Its comprehensive network includes centers of excellence for oncology, cardiovascular care, neurosciences, women's and children's services, orthopedics, pulmonary medicine, and a variety of other specialties. The Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion has been selected to participate in the National Cancer Institute's Community Oncology Research Program. St. Joseph's/Candler is a not-for-profit health system serving 33 counties in southeast Georgia and three in the South Carolina Lowcountry. The system is the largest faith-based health institution in the region. For more information, visit [www.sjchs.org](http://www.sjchs.org).*

## St. Joseph's/Candler Expands Reach of Cancer Program

The Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion at St. Joseph's/Candler recently celebrated the opening of a new treatment center in Pembroke, bringing advanced oncology infusion treatments closer to home for residents of Bryan and Bulloch Counties and surrounding areas.



St. Joseph's/Candler's new Infusion Center in Pembroke will serve as a medical oncology practice with space for consultations, exams, procedures and chemotherapy infusion.

"We are very excited about expanding cancer care in Pembroke," said Paul P. Hinchey, president and CEO of St. Joseph's/Candler, during an opening event for the Pembroke facility. "We wanted to bring cancer treatment closer to home, because getting chemotherapy for hours at a time and then having to drive a long distance is exhausting. In addition, this building represents economic development for the community. It cost roughly \$2.5 million to build, the payroll is north of \$600,000, and that type of income stays in the community."

The new Pembroke building is 5,300 square feet. Patients to the facility will benefit from the expertise of the National Cancer Institute's Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP), which the Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion has been a part of for more than six years.

Summit Cancer Care is partnering with the Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion to provide medical oncologists to staff the location, all of whom participate in the NCORP program and clinical effectiveness teams in Savannah.

St. Joseph's/Candler has been rapidly expanding cancer treatment programs across the region for the benefit and convenience of patients. Centers have been opened in Jesup, Waycross, Statesboro and Hinesville, and expanded in Bluffton. The new Pembroke facility is located at 159 West Railroad Street in Pembroke, next to the St. Joseph's/Candler Primary Care practice, which has been serving the community since 1994.

The Pembroke facility features

- Space for 10 infusion chairs
- Three exam and procedure rooms for medical oncologists
- A state-of-the-art pharmaceutical mixing lab for chemotherapies and other necessary infusions

And provides therapies including

- Chemotherapy
- Immunotherapy
- IV hydration/electrolytes
- IV iron infusions
- Port flushes
- Injections
- Therapeutic phlebotomy

### A TEAM APPROACH

The program is the result of close collaboration between Summit Cancer Care specialists and the Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion. The centerpiece of the model is the clinical effectiveness teams that meet regularly to assure best practices in treatment regimens are offered. Physicians present cases for multi-disciplinary discussions to generate individualized treatment plans. Clinical effectiveness teams are comprised of physicians with related specialties and support personnel

who meet regularly to review individual cases. St. Joseph's/Candler has clinical effectiveness teams for

- Breast cancer
- Gastrointestinal (GI) cancer
- Genitourinary (GU) cancer
- Gynecologic oncology
- Head and neck cancer
- Neuro-oncology
- Skin and melanoma
- Thoracic (lung) cancer

### ABOUT THE NANCY N. AND J.C. LEWIS CANCER AND RESEARCH PAVILION

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Arriving on board the USS Okinawa, Rick Tollinson (left) was one of the last Marines to leave the U.S. embassy in Saigon.

# RICHARD TOLLINSON

He Served by Ron Laretti

This one is personal. Too soon after I had the good fortune to meet Richard (Rick) Tollinson, he perished in a tragic airplane accident.

I booked a two-week hunting trip to Alaska for late spring in 1978, to disconnect from the stress of managing a bustling factory. After a long trip from Pennsylvania, I arrived at a small hunting camp near the Kuskokwim River in southwest Alaska. Waiting as the floatplane taxied to shore was a young man with a smile on his face – Tollinson, my guide and companion for the hunt.

As Tollinson helped me unload my gear from the plane, a solid friendship began to form. We had several things in common. As young men, we both joined the Marines; and we loved hunting, fishing, and the wilderness.

The Alaska hunt was a physical and mental challenge – lots of hiking and climbing in search of game, and several nights sleeping

under the stars, wolves howling in the distance. Spending the better part of two weeks in the wild with one person, you learn a lot about each other.

To know Tollinson was to like him. He was good-natured and fun to be around. And he was always reliable. He was six feet, two inches tall, and weighed about 175 pounds, which made him a perfect specimen for heavy-duty combat. He was Texas-born and never had a close family life. He was deeply patriotic from an early age, and he sought adventure and a world beyond his childhood home, making him a natural fit for the Marine Corps.

Tollinson enlisted right out of high school. He made corporal shortly after basic training and served during the late stages of the Vietnam War. At first, Tollinson didn't talk much about his time in the Corps; but, after a few evenings around a campfire after a hard day's hunt, he began to open up. He said he loved the Corps, except for the death he witnessed

on the battlefield. He served first as a rifleman scout, then a squad leader, fighting a delaying action in the Mekong Delta region of South Vietnam. He saw lots of action during his time in Vietnam.

In April of 1975, the U.S. military was withdrawing. Enemy troops had entered Saigon and were threatening the perimeter of the American embassy. Tollinson's 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade was fighting north of the city. He was one of 40 leathernecks transferred to reinforce the 18 Marine guards at the embassy. He was assigned security duty atop and behind the 18-foot walls surrounding the compound. His orders were to fire warning shots and repel civilians as they attempted to breach the outer walls with ladders.

On April 28, Tan Son Nhut Air Base adjoining Saigon came under mortar attack from the advancing People's Army of Vietnam. This made evacuation by airplane from the base impossible. The only other escape

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would be by helicopter from the American embassy. All hands were required for Operation Frequent Wind – the airlift of all remaining American personnel and thousands of “at-risk” Vietnamese allies before the North Vietnamese took over the city.

A growing throng of 10,000 frantic civilians mobbed the streets surrounding the embassy. Hundreds of refugees were already on the embassy grounds. People were desperate to escape the coming clutches of their communist conquerors. Tollinson slept very little during the next two days. He and the Marines manning the walls shoved back ladders burdened with climbers, a heartbreaking assignment. The Marines were targeted by snipers within the crowd. Helicopters ascended, swept evacuees to American ships floating off the coast, and returned to repeat the cycle, again and again.

Tollinson was one of several Marines who took the final rear guard on the steps leading to the landing site atop one of the compound buildings. The last men to leave Vietnam. He hated the job, blocking civilians – including mothers with young babies – from overloading the helicopters. It was the most hectic day of his life, and one he had trouble forgetting.

When word was passed to the remaining personnel that only a few more helicopters would be able to land, Tollinson’s commanding officer ordered him to climb aboard the next chopper. He shoved his way inside the penultimate helicopter to depart, just after dawn on April 30. The craft was a Huey, designed to carry a flight crew of three and a maximum of 12 soldiers. Tollinson recalled that there was at least twice that many people packed inside. He hoped the chopper could remain airborne long enough to reach the aircraft carrier, USS Midway, just offshore.

When the Huey landed safely, Tollinson’s work was not over. He helped shove several South Vietnamese helicopters overboard to clear deck space for more incoming aircraft. That evening, after a long and perilous day, Tollinson showered, enjoyed a warm meal, and took a well-deserved rest.

In spite of the logistical problems that plagued Operation Frequent Wind, American helicopter pilots, flying non-stop shifts up to 19 hours straight, evacuated 7,000 people, including 5,500 Vietnamese, in less than a full day.

On September 8, 1977, the highly decorated Tollinson was honorably discharged. After working a few odd jobs in his native Texas, the lure of adventure in the “last frontier” of Alaska beckoned. He headed there to live independently in the backcountry, becoming a hunting guide and outdoor adventure assistant.

With Tollinson’s help, my hunt in Alaska was successful. I bagged a nice male grizzly with my rifle, and a male caribou with my bow. I took a bull moose with a 60-inch antler spread, a once-in-a-lifetime bull’s eye with a bow – 50 yards uphill at a running target. When we got my trophy back to Anchorage for measurement and mounting, the taxidermist verified with his Pope and Young archery record book that it was the fourth largest bull moose taken by bow-and-arrow.

When I left the isolation of Alaska, Tollinson promised to visit me in Pennsylvania someday. Unfortunately, he never did. A year later, I got a letter from my taxidermist in Anchorage. The news was terrible. The previous May, Tollinson was killed in a plane crash. He had been taking flying lessons to become a bush pilot and start his own wilderness adventure business. He had taken off from the airport in Homer to log some necessary solo flight time in a rented Cessna, even though there was a warning of bad weather approaching. He was scheduled to return by 1 p.m., but never did. The next morning the airport issued a call to the Alaska Air/Sea Rescue station in Anchorage, and an extensive search was launched. Because Tollinson had filed no flight plan, the searchers fanned out in every direction. On the third day of the search, Tollinson’s wreckage was spotted on a desolate mountainside not far from Mount McKinley National Park. Because of the rugged terrain and intermittent bad weather, rescuers could not access the crash site for another week. When they finally did, there was little left of body or plane. The Alaskan wilderness that Tollinson loved so dearly did what no enemy combatant could, ending the life of a 26-year-old former Marine who was a little too reckless.

There is an old saying about Marines when they die. When a Marine meets St. Peter at the Pearly Gates, that heavenly Paradise becomes guarded by another jarhead reporting for duty. I expect my friend, Rick Tollinson is patrolling front and center.



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## WHO NEW?

**WHAT:** New Neighbors  
**WHEN:** Visit [www.landingsnewneighbors.com](http://www.landingsnewneighbors.com) to see our calendar  
**CONTACT:** Visit our website or contact Jody at [nnnewmember@gmail.com](mailto:nnnewmember@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** The club offers more than 250 different activities from biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups or fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, Needle-arts and Canasta. We have exciting military tours and special events for you to enjoy right here on Skidaway Island.

## GOTTA LOVE IT

**WHAT:** Landlovers membership / open to all Skidaway Islanders  
**HOW MUCH:** Each \$30 membership fee covers one household of one or two adults.  
**CONTACT:** Vicki Knapp at [landloversmembership@gmail.com](mailto:landloversmembership@gmail.com) or visit [www.landingslandlovers.com](http://www.landingslandlovers.com) for more information.  
**WHAT ELSE:** The membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization dedicated to enriching the Landings community and Skidaway Island at large. Landlovers sponsors year-round social activities and fundraising events to support student scholarships and multiple non-profit service organizations.

## WHERE ART THOU?

**WHAT:** The works of Courtney Trowman  
**WHEN:** Jan. 2 through 30; Artist’s reception January 6, 5 to 7 p.m. (masks required)  
**WHERE:** JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St. Savannah, GA  
**CONTACT:** Vicky Lunick 912-355-8111  
**WHAT ELSE:** Courtney Trowman’s mixed-media collage is born out of an inherent need for expression, her passion for art, and her love of repurposing. Self-admittedly, her strength is not drawing/painting, and she became intrigued by collage and mixed media after being inspired by pop artist Robert Rauschenberg’s work.

## VOICES UNITED

**WHAT:** Glorious music in a glorious place  
**WHEN:** Sunday, Jan. 16, 5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
**HOW MUCH:** \$25/\$15/\$10  
**CONTACT:** [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** The choirs of Wesley Monumental United Methodist and Christ Church Anglican join forces with the Savannah Cathedral Choir for an evening of spectacular music making.

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## COAST WITH THE MOST

**WHAT:** Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway January Meeting – “Savannah Coastal Refuges”  
**WHERE:** St. Peter’s Church  
**WHEN:** Monday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.  
**CONTACT:** Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279  
**WHAT ELSE:** Dr. Rick Shields, co-founder and current president of the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges, and Will Meeks, project leader of the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex, will speak. The January raffle prize includes a rod and reel, tackle box, and lithium-battery fillet knife, valued at \$270.

## THE RIGHT STUFF

**WHAT:** Ladies on the Right (LOTR) luncheon meeting  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Jan. 20, 12-2:30 p.m. (social: 12-1; lunch/program: 1-2:30)  
**WHERE:** Palmetto Club Ballroom  
**HOW MUCH:** \$25 LOTR members; \$35 guests; All are welcome  
**CONTACT:** To register (by Jan. 17) or for information, visit [www.ladiesontheright.org](http://www.ladiesontheright.org)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Guest speakers will be Meg Heap, former D.A. for Georgia’s Eastern Judicial Circuit, and Darcelle Burandt, founder/director of House of Hope-Refuge of Love. Based on Skidaway Island, LOTR is a greater-Savannah community leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire members to take leadership roles on key issues affecting our community, country and lives.

## DRINKING BUDDIES

**WHAT:** Landlovers Cocktails with Friends  
**WHEN:** Thursday evening, Jan. 20, time TBA  
**WHERE:** Members’ homes  
**HOW MUCH:** An appetizer to share and your own cocktails  
**CONTACT:** Kathy Powers, [kopowers@gmail.com](mailto:kopowers@gmail.com) or Jeanette Graebener, [jbg1972@comcast.net](mailto:jbg1972@comcast.net)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Open to all Skidaway Island residents, not just those from The Landings. Let us know if you’d like to host and we’ll arrange it for you. Landlovers membership required.

## LADIES ON THE LINKS

**WHAT:** Landlovers Ladies 9 Holes celebrate Georgia and National Peanut Butter Day  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, Jan. 25, combined with usual weekly play  
**WHERE:** Location and tee times assigned by Chelsea system  
**CONTACT:** Jan Rosenbaum at [landloverladies9@](mailto:landloverladies9@)

## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

**WHAT:** Calvin University January Lecture Series  
**WHEN:** Each weekday, January 10-28, 12:30 -1:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway  
**CONTACT:** Ann Higbee, [aghigbee@outlook.com](mailto:aghigbee@outlook.com) or 912.598.9102  
**WHAT ELSE:** Presented by top experts in their fields, the acclaimed “Listen, Learn, Discern January Series” is in its 35th year. Live-streamed to SCC’s Liston Hall, 2022 lectures cover a range of timely topics, including cyber security, prison reform, Biblical interpretation, social media, travel and more. Reservations are not required, drop-ins are welcome. Parking is conveniently located adjacent to Liston Hall. Covid distancing guidelines observed. The complete calendar of topics, speakers and dates is available at [skidcc.org](http://skidcc.org).

## SCHOOL NIGHTS

**WHAT:** Savannah Country Day School 2nd Annual Faculty Explorations speaker series  
**WHEN:** Tuesdays, Jan. 18, and Jan. 25, 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Savannah Country Day School, 824 Stillwood Drive  
**HOW MUCH:** All seminars are free and open to the public  
**CONTACT:** For additional information or to register: [savcds.org/facultyexplorations](http://savcds.org/facultyexplorations)  
**WHAT ELSE:** January 18: “Does the Earth Really Orbit the Sun? Thinking Scientifically vs. Believing What We See”; January 25: “Sailing Solo Across an Ocean”

## HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

**WHAT:** Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Island  
**WHEN:** Thursdays at 7:45 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Palmetto Club in the Landings  
**HOW MUCH:** Free to attend.  
**CONTACT:** Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474, before attending  
**WHAT ELSE:** This club donates more than \$60,000+ for at-risk children yearly.



gmail.com, or visit [www.landingslandlovers.com/](http://www.landingslandlovers.com/) activities

**WHAT ELSE:** Open to all who live on Skidaway Island. We will be collecting jars of peanut butter (28 oz. or more, please) for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Each jar earns you a ticket for a prize drawing. Also, each donated jar will be matched with a jar of grape jelly. Landings Club golf membership required in addition to Landlovers.

## NEEDLING YOUR FRIENDS

**WHAT:** Landlovers Stitch and Bead, open to all Skidaway Island residents, not just the Landings  
**WHEN:** Tuesdays, Jan. 25, 2 - 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Members' homes; location announced by email  
**CONTACT:** Leslie Matthews, 616.550.7057 or [lmathews50@gmail.com](mailto:lmathews50@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the list  
**WHAT ELSE:** All types of needlework is featured, from knitting to needlepoint, crewel, beading, etc. We enjoy sharing our projects and tips on techniques and resources.

## BAT GIRL

**WHAT:** Skidaway Audubon presents "All about Bats"  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Jan. 27, from 4 to 5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Messiah Lutheran Church  
**HOW MUCH:** Free for members of Friends of Skidaway Audubon who show their membership card, and \$5 for non-members, payable by cash or check at the door.  
**CONTACT:** [friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** State wildlife biologist Katrina Morris highlights the importance and extent of Georgia's bat population and the challenges it faces, as part of Skidaway Audubon's speaker series. Attendance is limited to 75. Please RSVP online at [skidawayaudubon.org](http://skidawayaudubon.org).

## PUBLIC ART

**WHAT:** Works of Nae'Keisha Jones  
**WHEN:** Feb. 1 through 28; artist's reception (facemasks required) Feb. 6, 3-5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.  
**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public  
**CONTACT:** Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111  
**WHAT ELSE:** Nae'Keisha C. Jones, founder and creator of Canvas Chats, challenges creatives of any age to make art that reflects their communities. Her exhibit includes an interactive element, collaborating with the staff and kids of the JEA family to showcase their creations alongside hers. The public can showcase their own creations virtually from the opening reception until the end of the month via Instagram by tagging [naekeisha.jones](https://www.instagram.com/naekeisha) using the hashtags [#canvas chats](https://www.instagram.com/naekeisha.jones) and [#color me inspired](https://www.instagram.com/naekeisha.jones).

## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

**WHAT:** Landlovers Coastal Georgia Living (formerly known as Green Thumb Club)  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, Feb. 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall at Messiah Lutheran Church  
**HOW MUCH:** Landlovers and CGL memberships are open to all who live on Skidaway Island, not just in The Landings; Annual dues are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a family; Guests are welcome for a \$5 fee  
**CONTACT:** Donna Bunn, [donnabunn@gmail.com](mailto:donnabunn@gmail.com) or Deb Werner, [debk.werner@yahoo.com](mailto:debk.werner@yahoo.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Terry Meacher, marketing director for Oelschig Nursery, will share information about his yearly visits to shows and test gardens across the country. See new colorways in existing trademarked plantings and completely new cultivars.

## SORORITY SOIREE

**WHAT:** Sorority Sips and Savories  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Palmetto Clubhouse  
**HOW MUCH:** \$40  
**CONTACT:** Allison Smith, [allisonrsmith@comcast.net](mailto:allisonrsmith@comcast.net)  
**WHAT ELSE:** This event is open to all sorority women in the greater Savannah area. Contact Allison to request a reservation form. Deadline is January 25.

## WINE, WOMEN AND CHAT

**WHAT:** Landlovers Girls Time Out Winter Cocktail Party  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 3, 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** 10 Gray Heron Retreat  
**CONTACT:** To RSVP, email [eileenyrn@gmail.com](mailto:eileenyrn@gmail.com) by January 30  
**WHAT ELSE:** Bring your own libation and/or one to share. This is just a fun girls get-together to chat and have some laughs.

## VINO WOULD BE KEEN-O

**WHAT:** Landlovers Premium Wine Tasting and Small Plates  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, Feb. 8, 4:30-7 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Palmer's Steakhouse at Marshwood Clubhouse  
**HOW MUCH:** \$75 per person  
**CONTACT:** Nealy Madsen, [mnmadsen2000@gmail.com](mailto:mnmadsen2000@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Landlovers membership is required, but you do not have to be a Landings Club member. To register, visit [landloversevents.eventsmart.com](http://landloversevents.eventsmart.com).

## MARKET FORCES

**WHAT:** The Market at 3 West Ridge, a shopping boutique and plant sale

**WHEN:** Feb 8, 5-7:30 p.m. with wine and light hors d'oeuvres; Feb. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with café lunch; Feb. 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with café lunch  
**WHERE:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church, across from Publix  
**HOW MUCH:** \$5 for all three days  
**CONTACT:** Kathryn McLearn, 912.598.4520  
**WHAT ELSE:** The Market, a unique shopping boutique, benefits Savannah's most vulnerable children, partnering with Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club and Performance Initiatives. Vetted vendors bring fabulous finds not otherwise available in Savannah. Items include clothing, elegant and funky jewelry, gifts, lux household accessories and vibrant spring plants. Retail therapy is good for you and the community!

## POWER PLANTS

**WHAT:** Landlovers Plant Strong of Skidaway Island Holiday Party  
**WHEN:** Monday, Feb. 14; Time and location to be announced  
**CONTACT:** Simone Heyman, [simoneheymanwfpb@gmail.com](mailto:simoneheymanwfpb@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Open to all who live on Skidaway Island who are interested in whole food plant-based) cuisine, are fully vaccinated, and are members of Landlovers.

## BOOK IT

**WHAT:** Savannah Book Festival volunteers needed  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 19  
**HOW MUCH:** Free, with appreciation  
**WHAT ELSE:** Savannah Book Festival hosts its 15th annual Festival Saturday. As many as 10,000 people will gather across historic downtown Savannah to listen, learn and engage with world-renowned authors from across the country. This happens through the participation of an amazing group of volunteers. Add your time and energy to one of the best book festivals in the country by registering to volunteer at [savannahbookfestival.org/support/volunteer/](http://savannahbookfestival.org/support/volunteer/)

## COAST WITH THE MOST

**WHAT:** Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway February meeting - Restoring Georgia's Coastal Oyster Reefs  
**WHEN:** Monday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m.  
**WHERE:** St. Peter's Church  
**CONTACT:** Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279  
**WHAT ELSE:** Cameron Atkinson, a master's student in the marine sciences program at Savannah State University, is the speaker. The CCA of Skidaway's February raffle prize is a rod-and-reel, tackle box, and battery lithium filler knife (\$270 value).

## FLEA FOR YOUR LIVES

**WHAT:** Landlovers Flea Market and Intake

**WHEN:** Intake is March 5 through 7, 9 a.m. -3 p.m.; Flea market - Saturday, March 12  
**WHERE:** Parking lot of Messiah Lutheran Church  
**CONTACT:** Rib Ruben, [ribrubin@aol.com](mailto:ribrubin@aol.com) or [fleamarketintake@gmail.com](mailto:fleamarketintake@gmail.com) to donate  
**WHAT ELSE:** We need your slightly used items from around your home, garage, attic or yard. Drive through to drop off items during Intake. Cash only. All funds go to the direct support of Landlovers philanthropy.

## TAG, YOU'RE IT

**WHAT:** TAGatNIGHT  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, Apr. 20  
**WHERE:** Hostess City Hot Glass, 918 Montgomery St.  
**HOW MUCH:** TAG members are welcome to attend  
**CONTACT:** Betsy McCullar, [betsy2mccullar@gmail.com](mailto:betsy2mccullar@gmail.com) or 917.566.9101  
**WHAT ELSE:** Owner Ronald Martinez will take us on a tour of his new studio and give us a behind-the-scenes look at how glass is blown. The studio sells hand-blown glass to galleries and offers classes where participants can experience glassblowing.

## BATH AND BODY WORKS

**WHAT:** Landlovers community service toiletry collection  
**WHEN:** ongoing  
**WHERE:** Drop-off location is the front porch at 2 Moonrise Circle, Deer Creek  
**CONTACT:** [llcommservice@gmail.com](mailto:llcommservice@gmail.com), Carol Stiles at [carolstiles@gmail.com](mailto:carolstiles@gmail.com), or Sue Souls at [smsouls@gmail.com](mailto:smsouls@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Share your vacation with Social Apostolate, which works with poor, homeless, and disabled people in different ways, including providing showers for those in need. If you have any unused hotel soaps, shampoo or lotions, please consider giving them to someone in need. No mouthwash or larger-sized toiletries, please.

## SPEAK EASY

**WHAT:** Savannah Speech and Hearing Center's "Speak Easy"  
**WHEN:** Every Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Savannah Speech and Hearing Center - 5414 Skidaway Rd.  
**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public  
**CONTACT:** Jenna Harcher, 912.355.4601 or [jharcher@speechandhearingsav.org](mailto:jharcher@speechandhearingsav.org)  
**WHAT ELSE:** A support group for survivors of stroke or traumatic brain injury and their family or caregivers. Participants work on improving

and maintaining skills associated with speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Due to Covid-19, masks are currently required.

## PI SERVING

**WHAT:** Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Savannah  
**WHEN:** October through April  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Island and beyond  
**CONTACT:** Beth Holmquist at [bholmquist@comcast.net](mailto:bholmquist@comcast.net) for membership information  
**WHAT ELSE:** This active group of Pi Phi alums enjoys four to five gatherings a year. Plans are underway for a tour of Benedetto Guitars on Oct. 15; a holiday cocktail party on Dec. 3; a Panhellenic Cocktail Party on Feb. 2; and a Founders Day luncheon at Vic's on the River on Apr. 30, featuring popular local speaker, Roger Smith.

## WORLD TRAVELERS

**WHAT:** Landlovers Marco Polo  
**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m., third Monday of the month, October thru May  
**WHERE:** Members' homes  
**HOW MUCH:** An international appetizer  
**CONTACT:** Please email Deb Wilson and Sue Souls at [llmarcopolo100@gmail.com](mailto:llmarcopolo100@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** If you were born in or have lived for at least one year (including an academic year) outside the U.S., you are eligible to join. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer to share as well as their own beverages. Open to all Landlovers members.

## LUNCH BUNCH

**WHAT:** Landlovers Men's Lunch  
**WHERE:** Various restaurants around Savannah  
**WHEN:** To be determined  
**HOW MUCH:** The cost of your own meal  
**WHAT ELSE:** Our 8th year! The only requirements are that you live on Skidaway Island and are a member of Landlovers. [www.landingslandlovers.com/join](http://www.landingslandlovers.com/join).  
**CONTACT:** Dick Hughey, [dickhughey@att.net](mailto:dickhughey@att.net), Jim Smart, [smartville@aol.com](mailto:smartville@aol.com), or Rick Armstrong, [armstrp@hotmail.com](mailto:armstrp@hotmail.com)

## SEW WHAT?

**WHAT:** Landlovers Material Girls  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Community Church  
**WHEN:** 3rd Thursday of each month, 3 to 5 p.m.  
**HOW MUCH:** Free but you must be a member of Landlovers  
**CONTACT:** Janet Smart at [maxwellgal@aol.com](mailto:maxwellgal@aol.com) or Sandra Grant at [sandragrnt07@comcast.net](mailto:sandragrnt07@comcast.net)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Open to all Skidaway Island residents, not just The Landings. Whether you are an experienced quilter or new to the craft, please join

us for some handwork, conversation and networking. Bring a project you are working on, show and tell, or just come to socialize and learn about quilt shops in the area and local quilt guilds.

## CAN YOU CANASTA?

**WHAT:** Landlovers Canasta  
**WHEN:** Every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Palmetto Clubhouse  
**HOW MUCH:** Free  
**CONTACT:** Email [landloverscanasta@gmail.com](mailto:landloverscanasta@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.  
**WHAT ELSE:** Maximum 20 players and must have basic knowledge of the game. Because we play in the Palmetto Clubhouse, Landings Club and Landlovers memberships are required.

## ALL ABOARD!

**WHAT:** Landlovers Mexican Train Dominoes  
**WHEN:** Every Tuesday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** The Byrd Room in Palmetto Clubhouse; Landings Club membership required  
**HOW MUCH:** Free, but you must be a member of Landlovers  
**CONTACT:** Laurie Milano at [lamilano@aol.com](mailto:lamilano@aol.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Open to all Skidaway Island residents, not just The Landings. All are welcome. Food and beverages are available from the bar. Maximum 24 players. Please bring a set of dominoes if you have one.

## TAXATION REPRESENTATION

**WHAT:** Opportunities for volunteer income tax assistance with Neighborhood Improvement Association  
**WHEN:** starting in January, flexible hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** several sites in Savannah, Pembroke, Rincon, Richmond Hill and Hinesville  
**CONTACT:** Tiffany Carter, [tcarter@niadc.org](mailto: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.

## FRIENDS OF FRIENDS OF BILL W.

**WHAT:** Al-Anon  
**WHEN:** Mondays, 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Island United Methodist Church  
**WHAT ELSE:** A recovery program for families and friends of people who are struggling with addiction.

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CHALLENGER CLUES\*

*A snippet of Americana*

ACROSS

- 1. Fast
- 6. Dope
- 10. Au fait
- 14. FTP University site
- 15. Trig
- 16. Chicago Bears, e.g.
- 17. **American Aesop**
- 19. Shut up
- 20. Wood harvested from 100 foot high trees
- 21. Niblick, for one
- 22. Highway traffic sign
- 23. Test passed by a One L
- 25. Having dysphonia
- 26. Brother's keepers?
- 29. \_\_\_ Club (founded by John Muir)
- 31. Run
- 32. Nautical spar
- 33. Ball club
- 36. Grammy-winning singer, India \_\_\_
- 37. Cathedra
- 38. Hebrew name meaning "high father"
- 39. Cleaver?
- 40. Swedish island in the Baltic Sea
- 41. Where the hits are
- 42. Forwards
- 44. Word with nervous or immune
- 45. Dispute
- 47. Type of ball
- 48. Chaplet
- 49. Cryptozoology topic
- 51. LX times LX plus X
- 55. Type of wager
- 56. **Supporting cast**
- 58. Word with hammer or head
- 59. Chinese isinglass
- 60. Prince Arn's mother
- 61. Dept. of Labor Agcy.
- 62. Place for a quick stop
- 63. \_\_\_ Anderson who composed "The Syncopated Clock"

DOWN

- 1. Made fast
- 2. Dim
- 3. Worshipper of Inti
- 4. **Foundation for the puzzle's theme**
- 5. Get even

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- 6. Like radon
- 7. Nobody, in Ancient Rome
- 8. Pan, e.g.
- 9. Maker of military "butterbars" (abbr.)
- 10. Seem
- 11. **Frequent protagonist**
- 12. Is nostalgic
- 13. 'Fragrant' first name?
- 18. Narragansett and Delaware Bays, geologically
- 22. Like Louis XIV?... or Louis XV?
- 24. Bacon source
- 25. Heritor
- 26. Husband of Jezebel
- 27. 3rd U.S. Vice-President
- 28. **Home of 11-Down**
- 29. Indefinite intervals
- 30. Fleur-de-lis, for one
- 32. One-horse carriage
- 34. Little Beaver, to Red Ryder
- 35. Meet up?
- 37. MacDonalds, e.g.
- 38. Meet
- 40. One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
- 41. Maritime agreement?
- 43. Archimedes' exclamation
- 44. Cutis
- 45. High-speed train from Roma to Napoli
- 46. Mythological King of Crete
- 47. Peer
- 49. Person in an asana
- 50. Checkup
- 52. Cervid
- 53. Roman Senator who wore a black toga
- 54. Between Whiskey and Yankee
- 56. Dernier cri
- 57. NHL Stars, on the scoreboard

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John "Do-Right" DuRant and Jim "Fo Sho" Foshee were locked in a dead heat at 23 of 35 correct going into Monday night's CFP Championship clash. They both (unfortunately) picked Alabama to win, but the Dawgs prevailed, 33 to 18. John guessed that a total of 53 points would be scored, more accurate than Jim's slightly more defensive-minded 48. After nearly six weeks of bowl action, John was a single point better than Jim. "Do-Right" does right enough to be crowned champion of our annual Bowl Bonanza. Congratulations, John.

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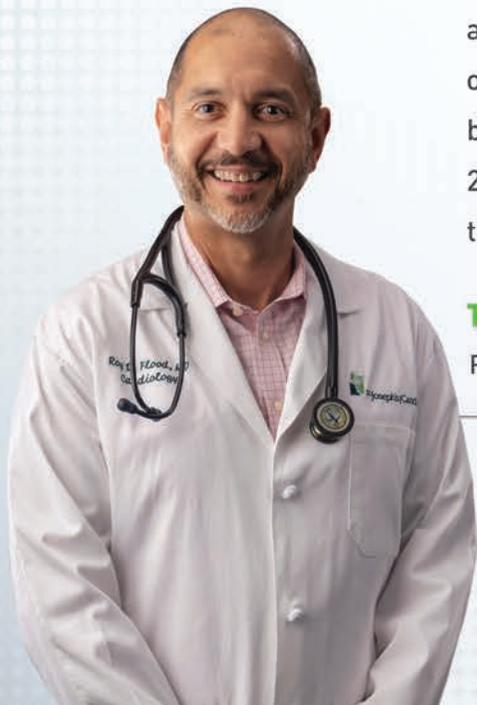


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