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Usually, this is a personal essay. Occasionally, I use this space to address an administrative matter. This is one such occasion. But, please, read on.

If you turn to page 34, you'll find our football pool. It's an open-to-everyone contest. It's easy to play. All you do is predict the winners for 25 football games (collegiate and professional) that will be played about a week after this issue arrives in the mail. The person (or people) who project the most correct results is the winner. He, she, they receive real prizes. From us.

We've been running our pool for many years. We can safely depend upon a core of 20 to 30 dedicated entrants, week-in, week-out, year after year. But our mission as a magazine, our essence, depends upon a spirit of dialogue with you, our reader. Our frequency (every two weeks) keeps the conversation current. The quality of our content makes the discussion interesting. Your ideas help us remain fresh.

The football pool is a tool for maintaining connection between us and our audience. Ideally, every household would enter. Each of you would cheer as his or her chosen teams fight to earn you the title of the current fortnight's top-prognosticator.

Let's do that. Let's all participate. Very little effort is required (or you can analyze and agonize over your se-

lections for hours if you like). You can tear page 34 from the binder and make your picks directly on its paper. Or you can copy it, either with the aid of a machine or by hand. You might choose to email us your entry. You can send it by regular mail. You can drop it at our office. Instructions for each of these methods are detailed on aforementioned page 34.

Please play along with our Pick 'Em Pool. More entrants make for stiffer competition and, ultimately, more excitement and fun. You might even win. Which would delight us. You'd get a gift and your name (embellished with an appropriately bold modifying moniker, courtesy of our own Chuck "the Epithet-artist" Hendrix) in professionally produced ink.

Good luck.

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Charleston is currently hosting an immersive experience featuring the work of Vincent Van Gogh. Turn the page to learn more.

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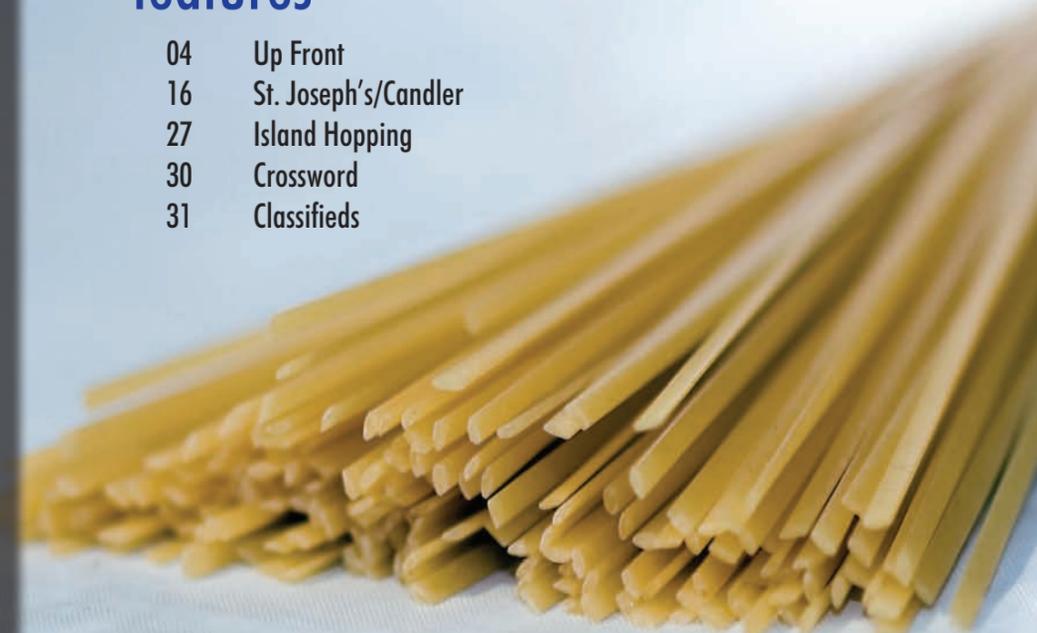
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Gogh Beyond

When the travel bug hits, Charleston is one of our favorite day trips. Savannah's Carolina cousin often hosts events and attractions that tend to bypass our city, and the two-hour drive is easily manageable. One such attraction is "Beyond Van Gogh," at the Charleston Area Convention Center through September 25. Showcasing more than 300 of the artist's works, the exhibit is more than mere art on display. It is an immersive exploration of the life of one of the world's most popular artists. The unlikely blend of classical and digital imagery enables the viewer to pass beyond the frames and enter the work itself.

The exhibit entry consists of a series of panels detailing the artist's turbulent career. Van Gogh's work has been dissected, not only through his paintings, but also through his prolific correspondence with his brother, Theo, who preserved more than 300 letters from the artist, providing a singular voice for the artwork. Van Gogh shared insights to his creative inspirations, artistic aspirations, and emotional motivations. Much of his artistic legacy is the direct result of Theo's brotherly love and dedication.

Though Theo helped support him financially, Van Gogh lived in poverty, suffering

from malnutrition and associated maladies, both physical and mental. He spent most of his brother's money on materials and models. When he was unable to pay for models, he painted portraits of anyone who would agree to sit for him or resorted to self-portraits.



In the 1880s, the Van Gogh brothers briefly shared a flat in Paris. Van Gogh was heavily influenced by the Impressionist movement, especially by Paul Gauguin, whom he greatly admired. Finding life in the city too constricting, Van Gogh moved to Arles in southern France. "Canvases will tell you what I cannot say in words," he wrote, "that is, how healthy and invigorating I find the countryside."

In 1888, he invited Gauguin for an extended visit. However, heavy rains led confined the men to a small apartment. Tensions escalated and their friendship began to collapse. Following an altercation on the evening of December 23, 1888, Van Gogh returned to his room where he claimed to have heard

voices. In a state of extreme emotional duress, he cut off his left ear with a razor. Though it bled profusely, scholars and historians often debate to what degree his ear was mutilated; eyewitness reports indicate only the lobe was severed. Van Gogh was found unconscious the next morning and taken to hospital, where the diagnosis was "acute mania with generalized delirium."

Such details have crafted a tragic portrait of the artist. Van Gogh endured periods of crippling depression and possibly a bipolar disorder. He spent several months in and out of hospitals, suffering from frantic delusion to peaceful lucidity. In May 1889, he voluntarily entered an asylum in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, where he created some of his best-known masterpieces, including "The Starry Night." Upon his release a year later, he relocated to the Paris suburb of Auvers-sur-Oise. His output became prolific, sometimes generating a new painting every day.

Van Gogh's mental stability continued to decline. In late July 1890, he shot himself in the chest with a pistol. Severely wounded, he was able to make his way to a nearby hospital. Doctors tended to him as best they could, but the following day his condition deteriorated from an infection. He died July 29, 1890.

In only a few years, he created a body of work alive with movement and vivid color. Far from the madness that accompanies the legend of a melancholy martyr, Van Gogh's artwork radiates joy and celebrates the beauty of nature. To experience his work is to explore the immense power of creativity.

Created by Montreal's Normal Studio, the show occupies more than 30,000 square feet, providing ample room to enjoy the exhibit. It features images and elements from Van Gogh's paintings, digitally projected on surrounding 20-foot walls, floor and pylons. The projections are strategically synchronized so images flow and fade around you. A charcoal sketch evolves into a colorful painting, as if created by an invisible hand. Tree branches stretch across the room and paint cascades down walls and onto the floor.

Oil on canvas comes to life through subtle animation – eyes blink, windmills slowly rotate, and water gently ripples. Some images feature multi-plane animation, creating an impressive three-dimensionality as leaves and almond blossoms surround you on all sides.

The show runs approximately 40 minutes, on a perpetual loop with no discernible be-

Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890) grew up in The Netherlands, the son of a minister. He began drawing as a child, and as a young man his uncle found him a position as an art dealer in London. Though initially successful, he became disillusioned with the business side of art. To keep depression at bay, he eventually turned to religion, hoping to become a pastor, like his father.

In 1880, while working as a missionary in Belgium, he struggled to achieve his ambitions in the clergy. Facing failure and uncertainty, he returned more and more to his art. Painting became more than just brush strokes on canvas; it was a means to convey a message. His younger brother Theo, also working as an art dealer, urged him to pursue his passion for art, and offered financial support. Throughout his career, he sold only one painting, but today he is arguably the world's most popular artist, and several of his paintings have sold for more than \$100 million apiece.

"To me, Van Gogh is the finest painter of them all," commented one historian during a 2010 exhibit at the Musée d'Orsay in Paris. "He transformed the pain of his tormented life into ecstatic beauty. Pain is easy to portray, but to use your passion and pain to portray the ecstasy and joy and magnificence of our world – no one had ever done it before. Perhaps no one ever will again."



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GOOD EATIN'

Arriving in Charleston early in the morning, we sought out a modest breakfast before the Van Gogh exhibit. What we found was a delightful bagel shop called Blazing Star Café. It's only been open a couple of months, so its menu isn't extensive, but its offerings are nothing short of excellent. I appreciate a good bialy, and Blazing Star has the best I've found in years. They also have babka, a braided bread filled with chocolate or cinnamon and almonds.

For a late lunch, we visited the Swig & Swine for barbecue – "horrifying vegetarians since 2013." The restaurant has four locations throughout Charleston and has earned several awards from the local press. Barbecue connoisseurs will appreciate the chef-driven concept using hickory, oak and other hardwoods to fuel its meat-smoking fire, and its selection of five different sauces. Nothing on the menu – sides, sausage or sweets – is pre-fab. It's all made in-house following the chef's own recipes. It's a can't-miss opportunity.

THE HUNLEY

During the Civil War, the *H.L. Hunley* became the world's first successful combat submarine. On February 17, 1864, Confederate forces deployed the *Hunley* against the *USS Housatonic*, on blockade duty in Charleston Harbor. A crew of eight men piloted the 37-foot submersible to the *Housatonic*, ramming it with a torpedo attached to an extension off the submarine's prow. The explosion sank the Union vessel within minutes. However, the *Hunley* failed to return from its mission and, for more than a century, was presumed destroyed.

In 1970, archaeologist E. Lee Spence discovered it adjacent to the remains of the *Housatonic* on the floor of Charleston Harbor. It was raised in 2000 and is now on display on display in a tank of water – to prevent it from deteriorating further – at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center in North Charleston. A replica provides an interactive exhibit. Artifacts recovered from the *Hunley* are also on display, as well as self-guided tours and a multimedia video presentation telling the submersible's story.

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The Angel Oak Tree on Johns Island is estimated to be in excess of 400-500 years old, possibly as old as 1,500 years.

THE ANGEL OAK TREE

On our way home, we took a slight detour outside Charleston to visit the Angel Oak Tree on Johns Island. It is considered the largest live oak tree east of the Mississippi and estimated to be more than 500 years old, though some experts claim it could be as old as 1,500. It stands 66.5 feet tall, measures 28 feet in circumference, and produces shade over 17,200

square feet. From tip to tip, its longest branch distance is 187 feet. The oak derives its name from the estate of Justus Angel and his wife, Martha Waight Tucker Angel. Local folklore tells stories of ghosts of former enslaved people appearing as angels around the tree.

In December of 2013, the Lowcountry Land Trust celebrated the preservation of 17

acres adjacent to the majestic tree, protecting the area from potentially harmful development that would impact available groundwater and nutrients.

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- 1 lb imported (Italian) dried linguine
- 1/3 c extra virgin olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, 2 tsp minced and the remainder coarsely chopped
- 1 bunch celery, 2 tsp minced and a few ribs coarsely chopped
- 6 to 8 anchovy filets, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 4 to 6 tbsp good tomato paste
- 1/4 c white wine
- 2 bay leaves
- Fine sea salt
- Pinch of red pepper flakes

THE STOCK

In a pot or pan like a Dutch oven, cover shrimp shells in water. Add coarsely chopped onion and celery, a few springs of fresh oregano, two bay leaves, and a generous amount of salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for a half hour. Strain the broth and set aside.

THE PASTA

Cook linguine in heavily salted boiling water for a minute less than specified on its package. Drain.

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THE SAUCE

Heat olive oil over medium-high in a high-sided saute pan or Dutch oven. Add diced celery and onion to pan and season with salt. Toss or stir to coat. Reduce heat to medium and cook for about five minutes. Be careful to avoid browning the vegetables. Add anchovies, garlic, red pepper flakes and tomato paste, and stir well. Sauté for two minutes more. Add white wine and increase the heat to boil alcohol off (for about a minute or two). Reduce heat to medium again. Add chopped shrimp, stir well, and cook for two to three more minutes, until the shrimp are pink on all sides. Add 1/2 to 1 cup of the stock, stir well, and simmer the sauce for five minutes more. Toss the cooked pasta in the sauce pan and mix well to coat.



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Computerized screening tool helps diagnose and treat head injuries

If your child suffers a head injury on the sports field or court, St. Joseph's/Candler has an excellent tool in its arsenal to diagnose a concussion. ImPACT testing is computerized, neuropsychological screening to evaluate memory and cognitive function, according to Dr. Steven Greer, a family and sports medicine physician at St. Joseph's/Candler Bone, Joint and Muscle Care. Greer is trained to administer ImPACT tests during concussion assessment at his Pooler office. Additionally, St. Joseph's/Candler has athletic trainers in high schools across Chatham County who can perform testing at school. Greer then interprets all the results.

ImPACT testing has been around for more than 15 years and is performed on athletes who suffer known or suspected concussions. The test is one tool to help diagnose a con-

cussion. It can determine an athlete's fitness to return to play. The technology is FDA-approved and used by sports medicine doctors and athletic trainers around the country. Occasionally, the test may be used following an occupational injury or car accident where a concussion is suspected or to assess a patient's readiness to return to work.

HOW IMPACT WORKS

The test is online, so all you need is a computer, mouse and good WiFi. "It tests visual and verbal memory," Greer explains. "It shows patterns and then you have to say whether you saw this pattern before. It tests cognitive function, so it may ask you to say what word is this or what color is that. It may have the word green but in red letters and you must very quickly tell the difference between the two."



Stephen Greer, MD

There is no time limit to the test, but it is timed to help gauge reflexes and reactions. Once you complete the test, Greer evaluates the results, which are compared to a baseline (if you did a test without a concussion previously) or results of your age-matched peers. "The hope is that you should get at least 50th percentile because that's average," Greer says.

But he also takes each patient's unique circumstances into consideration. Some patients just may not test well, regardless of concussion or not. They may never reach the 50th percentile. Does that mean they can never return to sports? Likewise, some kids may test in the 98th percentile without a concussion, so you might think twice before sending them back into action if they test at the 50th percentile. That's why ImPACT testing is just one of many tools to diagnose a concussion and determine safe return to play.

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or a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. A sudden movement that causes the brain to bounce or twist within the skull can create chemical changes in the brain and damage brain cells. Concussions should be taken very seriously and never ignored. The long-term effects - especially multiple concussions - affect thinking, memory, learning, coordination, balance, speech, hearing, vision and emotions. Some severe cases can lead to blood clots in the brain, death or suicide.

Concussion symptoms include:

- headache
- confusion
- lack of coordination
- memory loss
- nausea or vomiting
- dizziness
- ringing in the ears
- excessive fatigue

If you are a parent, coach or athletic trainer familiar with the patient, watch for abnormal behavior or emotions.

If you've suffered a head trauma and begin to feel better, you're not necessarily in the clear. A study determined that 39 percent of people who suffer a concussion don't realize they are still experiencing the effects of the

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injury. These are the people ImPACT testing hopes to find.

"If you get a second concussion, then that could be a very bad thing," Greer says. "Around 60 percent of people who suffer either permanent brain damage or death from a head injury were suffering with a concussion when they had that brain injury."

ImPACT testing is just one tool to diagnose a concussion. "Failing" the test does not automatically confirm that you have a concussion. Some patients, especially those with conditions such as ADHD or dyslexia (whether diagnosed or undiagnosed), may not test well, regardless. Others may reach the 50th percentile or higher, but still have a concussion. When Greer sees a prospective concussion patient, he performs several tests, including a full neurological exam, checking recent memories, process testing, balance, cognition, as well as ImPACT testing. He talks with the patient, as well as the parents and athletic trainers.

GETTING BACK ON THE FIELD OR TO WORK

If you are diagnosed with a concussion, you don't have to hide in a dark room for days at a time.

"If you get someone doing some activity within 72 hours of their concussion, we found they get back to play faster, get back to normal faster," Greer says. "We don't let them get back to contact, but we get them do something so they will get better."

But not without extreme caution. Players will start by performing exercises to improve their symptoms. Once they are asymptomatic, they will do more activities, pushing a little harder. If they continue to improve with no symptoms in 24 hours, the next step is non-contact practice. If they are still asymptomatic 24 hours later, then they can return to contact practice. A player is not allowed to play in a game until 24 hours after a contact practice with no symptoms.

"It takes a good six or seven days," Greer says of the recovery process. "It's possible to get a concussion on a Friday night and be back the next Friday night, but it's unlikely. We take treating concussions seriously."

If you think you or your child may have experienced a concussion or would like more information about ImPACT testing, make an appointment with Dr. Greer by calling the office at 912.737.2450 or requesting one online.



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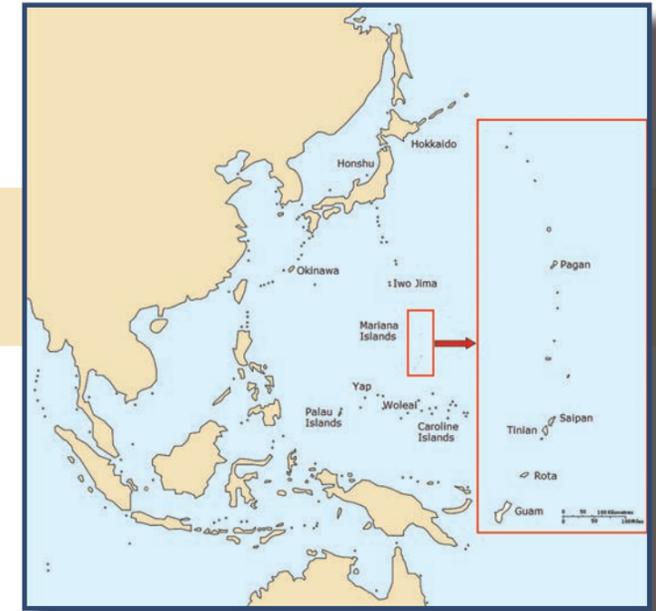
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An Island of Doom
By Ron Lauretti

During World War II, the remote island of Tinian was just another Japanese-occupied island in the Pacific Theater. But within hours of the first successful atomic bomb test on July 16, 1945, Tinian became a strategic target for the U.S.

Located in the South Pacific, Tinian is only 40 square miles in size and has a maximum length of just over two miles. Unlike most other islands in the area, it is relatively flat with a maximum elevation of 561 feet. The Japanese military did not garrison the island until the latter stages of World War II, when they realized its strategic significance. Tinian's long, flat topography was ideal for a runway of adequate length for Allied bombers to launch air strikes against mainland Japan, 1,500 miles away.

Because of the island's unique features, Allied forces decided to capture Tinian from the Japanese, meaning a blood-soaked amphibious invasion. Allied forces stormed Tinian on July 24, 1945. By August 1, a week later, Tinian was declared secure with "only" 2,355 American casualties, compared to almost 6,000 enemy defenders killed in action.



ABOVE: This map illustrates the location of the tiny island of Tinian.
BELOW: The USS Indianapolis

The Japanese had constructed three small airstrips on the island, which were suitable only for fighter planes. Within days of the American victory on Tinian, U.S. Navy construction battalions (seabees) were hard at work building what would quickly become the largest airbase of World War II, covering almost all the entire island. Six runways of 8,500 feet each were named West Field and North Field. The base soon housed 40,000 military personnel, almost all of them



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Americans.

Only a few of the Tinian-stationed troops with top security clearance knew that the USS Indianapolis was on its way from San Francisco with components of the first atomic bomb – nicknamed “Little Boy” – safely and secretly stowed aboard. The Indy arrived at Tinian, codenamed “Destination,” on July 26, 1945, and promptly off-loaded its top-secret cargo. Two days later, the ship departed for Leyte Gulf to join Vice Admiral Jesse B. Oldendorf’s Task Force 95 for the planned invasion of Okinawa.

But the Indy never arrived at Leyte Gulf. Instead, it became the first of three wartime disasters to originate from Tinian. Just past midnight on July 30, 1945, the Indy was torpedoed in the Philippine Sea by the Japanese submarine I-58, one of the few Japanese submarines still in service at the time. The two torpedoes almost blew the ship in half and the big cruiser sank in just 12 minutes. An estimated 890 crewmen were tossed into the unforgiving sea, many without lifejackets. For the next four days and nights they suffered hunger, dehydration, saltwater poisoning, exposure and unceasing attacks by killer sharks

all around them. When the men were finally discovered by a cruising PV-1 Ventura float plane, only 316 remained alive to be rescued. It remains the greatest loss of life at sea from a single ship in the history of the U.S. Navy.

Despite a relentless firebombing campaign that devastated 64 major Japanese cities, the military powers of Japan refused to surrender. The Allies – mainly the U.S. – estimated an invasion of the Japanese mainland islands would result in several million casualties on both sides. Not only were thousands of Japanese armed forces pledged to fight to the death, so were millions of hastily armed Japanese citizens. After careful consultation with military leaders, recently-sworn-in-President Harry S. Truman decided to use the atomic bomb to force the Japanese to unconditional surrender.

On the morning of August 6, 1945, Cpt. Paul Tibbets piloted his B-29 Superfortress – the *Enola Gay* – down the West Field runway. With Little Boy loaded in the bomb bay, the heavily laden bomber became airborne just 50 feet short of the end of the 8,500-foot runway. A few hours later, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

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Three days later, when there was still no unconditional surrender from Japan, an even more powerful atomic bomb nicknamed "Fat Man" – was dropped on the city of Nagasaki. The delivering B-29 bomber – *Bockscar* – also originated from Tinian.

Both cities were structurally destroyed and almost a quarter million Japanese died. Realizing the folly of continuing the war, Japan surrendered to the Allies on August 15, 1945. Hundreds of thousands of



The city of Hiroshima, Japan suffered complete and utter destruction from the atomic bomb. Approximately 70,000 citizens were killed in the blast, and another 100,000 died from nuclear fallout.

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WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors
WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar
CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Jody at 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 or visit 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.

POWER PLANTS

WHAT: P.E.O. Chapter BB Plant Sale
WHEN: Accepting orders now thru Oct. 6. Order pick-up on Oct. 18; A-L 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and M-Z 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peters Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Road
HOW MUCH: Pricing varies on the order form
CONTACT: Jacqy Soderberg at JacqyS@aol.com.
WHAT ELSE: P.E.O. is a philanthropic education organization that raises funds for scholarships and loans for women in higher education.

SEE TURTLES

WHAT: Annual release of turtle hatchlings
WHEN: Thursday, Sep. 15, 4 - 5 p.m.
WHERE: Sunset Park, 707 Landings Way South
HOW MUCH: free
CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Attendees learn how Diamond-back terrapin eggs are rescued from golf course sand traps and incubated. They will help release the hatchlings into the marsh. Limited to 60 attendees per session. Please pre-register online at skidawayaudubon.org by clicking on the news/events tab. Attendees must be five years of age or www.theskinnie.com

older. Parking is limited.

PORCELAIN PERFECTION

WHAT: Exhibit of the work of Phyllis Aaron
WHEN: Sep. 1 through Sep. 30; Reception Sep. 11 from 2 to 4 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: Aaron began working with clay when her two sons started school. She has taken many art courses over the past 20 years and, with her husband's support, she created a home studio to continue her work.

SATURDAY SISTERS

WHAT: Sisters Who Brunch
WHEN: Saturday, Sep. 10, 11 a.m.; RSVP by Sep. 2.
WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse
HOW MUCH: \$40
CONTACT: panhellenicsavannah@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: This event is open to all sorority women in the greater Savannah area. Seating will be by sorority. Registration form with additional details will be sent upon request.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: The Landings 50th Anniversary Grand Finale Celebration
WHEN: Saturday, Sep. 10, 3 to 7 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Harbor Marina
CONTACT: Landings Association, 912.598.2520, or visit www.landings.org/50th
WHAT ELSE: Join in for a fun-filled evening of good food and great times, as the Landings 50th Anniversary Celebration wraps up. A horse-drawn carriage shuttle will take you from your vehicles on Priest Landings Drive to the marina, for food vendors, live music from the Yacht Club Band, kids' activities, and more. If you think the first 50 years were great, just wait until you see the next 50!

TAG, YOU'RE IT

WHAT: Telfair Academy Guild (TAG)
WHEN: Monday, Sep. 12, Coffee Reception, 10 a.m., Meeting and Presentation, 10:30 a.m.
WHERE: Neises Auditorium, Jepson Museum, 207 West York St.
CONTACT: TAG welcomes members and their guests, along with individuals interested in joining. Contact Laurie Milano, 914.474.4943 or lauriemilano2@gmail.com for more information on joining.
WHAT ELSE: Telfair Museums assistant curator Anne Solene Bayans is a specialist in 19th-century

LANDLOVERS ON THE LINKS

WHAT: Landlovers mixed golf scramble
WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 16, 1:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto
HOW MUCH: \$65/person
CONTACT: Eileen Yost at eileenyrn@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Mark your calendar for Landlovers' first golf scramble! Get your foursome or twosome together and we will do the rest. It will be an 18-hole scramble with dinner to follow. If you would like to invite a Landlovers member who is not a member of the club, the guest fee for golf will be an additional \$40.

CHIPPING FOR CHILDREN

WHAT: L9GA Kids Café Charity Golf Tournament and Auction
WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 27, Morning Shotgun followed by Party at Palmetto
WHERE: Landings Courses TBD and Palmetto Ballroom
COST: \$50 to play
CONTACT: Elsa Lindenschmidt, Lindenschmidt.ek@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Join us for this annual, fun charity event to raise money for Kids Café of Second Harvest of Georgia. All Landings Club golf members are welcome to play and attend the party at Palmetto after.

FORE LADIES ONLY

WHAT: Landlover Ladies 9-Hole Golf Group
WHEN: Tuesdays (Tee times from Chelsea system)
WHERE: Varies each week
CONTACT: Jan Rosenbaum at LandloverLadies9@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Landlover Ladies 9-hole Golf welcomes those who have a basic understanding of the rules, pace of play and have a GHIN number. Our focus is on having fun with a casual get together afterwards. The Landing Club golf and Landlovers memberships are required.



French art. She will speak on the Gothic Soul exhibition at the Jepson, focusing on the tumultuous life and work of French artist Charles Meryon (1821-1868), who devoted himself to etching after discovering that he was color blind.

NUTS TO YOU

WHAT: PEO Chapter AS annual pecan sale
WHEN: Orders accepted until Oct. 14; Pickup at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, Friday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$12 per bag
CONTACT: Tess Krusch, 639.533.5066, or Salli White, 912.598.4654
WHAT ELSE: These attractively wrapped pecan delicacies come in a variety of delicious flavors and make perfect gifts. This is our main fundraiser for the year, to benefit P.E.O.'s scholarship and loan funds for women seeking undergraduate and post-graduate degrees at accredited national and international institutions.

THE COAST WITH THE MOST

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway September Meeting
WHEN: Monday, Sep. 12, 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Church
CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279, or visit www.ccaskidaway.org
WHAT ELSE: CCA Skidaway welcomes Abby Sterling and Allie Hayser of the Manomet Bird Observatory for our September seminar, "Building Connections for Shorebird Protection: How Education and Outreach Can Protect Georgia's Shorebirds." We will learn about the incredible habitats that shorebirds from across the hemisphere depend on, right in our own backyards! Raffle prize will be a \$100 gift certificate to Castaways.

CARING WITH CASSEROLES

WHAT: Safe Shelter Casseroles
WHEN: Tuesday, Sep. 13
WHERE: Your home
WHAT ELSE: If you enjoy cooking and want to help those in need as well, we need your help providing casseroles to SAFE Shelter. On your assigned day, you make any casserole you want at your home, and we'll deliver it to SAFE Shelter. To learn more, email LLcommService@gmail.com to get on our distribution list for more information. Must be a Landlovers member to participate.

STITCHIN' TIME

WHAT: Landlovers Stitch and Bead
WHEN: Tuesdays, Sep. 13 and 27, 2 to 4 p.m.
WHERE: in member's homes (announced by email)
HOW MUCH: Free for Landlovers members

CONTACT: Leslie Mathews, lmathews50@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: We welcome crafters working on any type of needle projects, from knitting to needlepoint, beading, felting, crewel and cross stitch. Landlovers membership is required. Contact to be added to our email list.

DEAR ABBIES

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails Midterm Madness
WHEN: Tuesday, Sep. 13, 7 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church
HOW MUCH: Free to members, \$10 guest fee with member
CONTACT: To learn more about Skidaway Abigails or register for this event, please visit skidawayabigails.org or email chair@skidawayabigails.org
WHAT ELSE: Rebecca Rolfes and Margaret Coker will share their insights about messaging, turnout efforts, and how voters seem to be responding. Don't miss this chance to help us sort through the chaos and target our advocacy efforts in the final weeks leading up to an election with huge consequences! Must show proof of vaccination; masks are optional. Skidaway Abigails is a nonpartisan organization of progressive women to provide social engagement and a forum for discussion of important sociopolitical issues.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

WHAT: TAGatNIGHT
WHEN: Thursday, Sep. 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
WHERE: SCAD Museum of Art, 601 Turner Blvd.
CONTACT: TAG members wishing to bring a guest, please contact Chris Lanigan at chrislanigan40@gmail.com with your request. Those interested in joining TAG, call Laurie Milano, 914.474.4943 or email her at lauriemilano2@gmail.com.
WHAT ELSE: The SCAD Museum of Art is housed in the former Central of Georgia Railway depot, a brick structure built in 1853. Attendees will be given a guided tour, including an introduction to the building's history and information on the special exhibits on display in September. Guests are welcome, but space is limited.

ALL CREATURES, GREAT AND SMALL

WHAT: Meet wildlife rescuers
WHEN: Thursday, Sep. 22, 3 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free for SA members, \$5 for guests at door
CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com

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WHAT ELSE: Ever find an abandoned baby animal? Learn all about the Savannah Wildlife Rescue Center, from how it handles rescued animals, to the release of rehabilitated wildlife, and much more, at this enlightening event presented by Skidaway Audubon. To become an Audubon member, visit skidawayaudubon.org.

SUNSET SOCIAL

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails Kick-Off Social
WHEN: Thursday, Sep. 22, 5 to 7 p.m.
WHERE: Sunset Pavilion at Delegal Marina
HOW MUCH: Free to all
CONTACT: To learn more about Skidaway Abigails, a nonpartisan organization of progressive women, please visit our website at skidawayabigails.org or email us at chair@skidawayabigails.org.
WHAT ELSE: We invite new and returning Abigails to gather and welcome in a new year of programs and activities. Cocktails and finger foods will be served. Attendees must show proof of vaccination. Masks are optional.

PEACE IN OUR TIME

WHAT: Savannah Day of Peace
WHEN: Sunday, Sep. 25, 12 noon to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Daffin Park
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT ELSE: Hosted by the Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire, Inc., this event offers opportunities for community members to "increase the peace" and encourage unity. Savannah Mayor Van Johnson and Savannah City Council members will lead a Peace Parade, and the City of Savannah's new Peace Proclamation will be on display. There will also be Courageous Conversation Circles designed to encourage deeper dialogue to promote peacebuilding, a wellness area for mental health, and a youth artists' corner.

PROJECTED RESULTS

WHAT: Ladies On The Right (LOTR) presents "2000 Mules," a documentary film about the 2020 election. All interested women and men are invited.
WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 27. Social from 6:30-7 p.m.; film from 7-8:30 p.m.; discussion to follow
WHERE: The Landings Sunset Pavilion at Delegal Marina
HOW MUCH: Free. A cash bar will be available.
CONTACT: Seating is limited, so please RSVP at www.ladiesontheright.org.
WHAT ELSE: LOTR is a greater-Savannah community leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire members to take

action roles on issues that impact our community, country and lives.

LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED

WHAT: Landlovers Opening Reception
WHEN: Sep. 28, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom and Azalea Room
Cost: Free
CONTACT: Milli Sample and Kathy Collura landloversocials@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Enjoy complementary appetizers and a member/cash bar as you browse activities, social events and volunteer for philanthropic projects. Join or renew your membership (\$30 annually.) All Landings residents are welcome!

FISH TALES

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway October meeting
WHEN: Monday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Church
CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279, or visit www.ccaskidaway.org
WHAT ELSE: The CCA Skidaway welcomes Cpt. Judy Helme, owner of Miss Judy Charters, who will show slides of her adventures and share "fish tales" of her days on the water with her dad, Sherman "Moose" Helme. The CCA's October raffle prize is a half-day inshore fishing excursion with Judy or one of her captains, for the winner and a friend. The trip is valued at \$400 (gratuity not included).

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

WHAT: Wednesday night program of praise and fellowship
WHEN: Starting in September; Meal - 5 to 6 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church
HOW MUCH: Adult dinners are \$10; Kids 4 and older, \$5; age 3 and under, free; Family maximum is \$30, and a semester subscription (for an adult) is \$140
CONTACT: Email frontdesk@saintpetersav.org for more information
WHAT ELSE: Activities include evening prayer, kids' programs (Musical Adventures and more!), adult programs and groups, choir practice, and Midweek Meals.

IN THE CARDS

WHAT: Ladies Swiss Pairs dinner bridge
WHEN: First Wednesday of the month for six months, probably beginning in November this year
HOW MUCH: \$10 each/\$20 per team
CONTACT: Bobbi Erwin, berwin234@aol.com, or Karen Sellick, ksellick@bellsouth.net, or Carol Young, chsy@comcast.net
WHAT ELSE: New players welcome. You and your partner may sign up ONLY at the Landings

Landlovers opening reception on September 28. Must be a Landlovers member and a Landings Club member to participate, in accordance with Landings Club policy. Includes a delicious dinner, followed by three rounds of duplicate style bridge against other teams.

ALL ABOARD!

WHAT: Landlovers Mexican Train Dominoes, open to all Skidaway Island residents, not just the Landings
WHEN: Tuesdays 3:30-5:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse's Byrd Room. Because we play in a clubhouse, Landings Club membership is required.
HOW MUCH: Free but Landlovers membership is required
CONTACT: Laurie Milano, lamilano@aol.com
WHAT ELSE: Because we play in the Palmetto Clubhouse, you must be a member of The Landings Club and Landlovers. The Byrd Room can have a maximum of 24 players. If you plan to join us, please bring a set of dominoes if you have one.

BE A DECENT DOCENT

WHAT: Become a historical interpreter
WHEN: Part-time – Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; or Sundays, 12 noon -4 p.m.
WHERE: The Andrew Low House Museum, 329 Abercorn St. on Lafayette Square
HOW MUCH: \$9.50 per hour
CONTACT: Chris Sergi, Education and Programs Manager Andrew Low House csergi@andrewlowhouse.com or 912.233.1828 ext.102
WHAT ELSE: The Andrew Low House is searching for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals with a love of history to serve as guides and educators to represent our museum.

HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway
WHEN: Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m.
WHERE: Plantation Club
HOW MUCH: Free to attend; Breakfast - \$13, Coffee only - \$2.50
CONTACT: Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474 for gate pass
WHAT ELSE: Membership is open to Savannah/Chatham area residents. Visit www.kiwanisofskidaway.com for more information.

MEETING OF THE MINDS

WHAT: Stroke Survivors
WHEN: Third Thursday of every month, 4 to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Shirley Nack, 598.7047
WHAT ELSE: Share your experiences with

stroke survivors. At our meetings we listen and learn what other survivors have accomplished in order to return to an active lifestyle.

CAUSEWAY CLEAN-UP

WHAT: "Shine Bright like a Diamond (Causeway)," litter pickup along Diamond Causeway
WHEN: 1 or 2 times per month, as trash amount deems necessary
WHERE: Meet in the parking lot of Butterbean Beach
CONTACT: Courtney Fowler, causewayclean-up@gmail.com or 912.313.6040
WHAT ELSE: Please bring work gloves and a safety vest if you have one; a trash-picker works wonders as well. We will provide trash bags. Water is recommended to avoid dehydration.

FERAL FRIENDSHIP

WHAT: Skidaway Cat Alliance Team
WHEN: Ongoing
WHERE: Skidaway Island and surrounding
CONTACT: skidawaycats@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/skidaway-catalliancetam
WHAT ELSE: The Skidaway Cat Alliance Team is a group of dedicated animal lovers who provide food, population control (spay/neuter), medical care, and shelter for free-roaming cats in the Skidaway area. We have cats and kittens currently being fostered that are available to new, loving homes.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

WHAT: Boy Scout Troop 57, for boys 10-18
WHEN: Weekly meeting Tuesday 7-8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church
CONTACT: BSA office, 927.7272
WHAT ELSE: Chartered in 1989, the troop has sponsored 80 Eagle Scouts to date. Weekly meetings, monthly outings (canoeing, canoing, hiking, kayaking, rafting, backpacking), yearly summer camp and high adventure trips. New Scouts and transfers are welcome.

WELCOME MAT

WHAT: Learn to create sleeping mats for the homeless from discarded plastic bags
WHEN: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon
CONTACT: For project information, DIY videos or to schedule group workshops call Carol Greenberg at 912.355.1238 or MStarArts@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: These mat and pillow sets help divert plastic bags from landfills and waterways while providing comfort to the homeless. All ages can learn to cut the bags into ribbons, tie these together to make plastic yarn. No tools are needed for braiding, crochet hooks cost less than \$5 and looms about \$10 to make.

Complete Island Hopping listings are available at www.theskinnie.com

STANDARD CLUES*

They're sure not The Brady Bunch!!!

ACROSS

- 1. Spring forward
- 5. Hornet
- 9. **Butler who's 6 ft. 9 in. tall**
- 14. Folk singer, ___ Guthrie
- 15. Type of code or rug
- 16. Island, in Italian
- 17. **THEY'RE** ___
- 20. Lone Ranger's sidekick
- 21. What an auger does
- 22. 1734 Handel opera (anagram for STEREO)
- 24. Flat fee?
- 25. Most of a mummy?
- 28. Grown-up srta.
- 30. Exhumes (two words)
- 32. Study of the earth's phys. structure
- 36. 2.54 centimeters
- 39. Dried coconut meat
- 40. **THEY'RE** ___
- 43. Go for a drive
- 44. Cash register transaction
- 45. Vaudeville's "Seven Little ___"
- 46. Tarzan, for one
- 48. REP. political foe
- 50. "___ out!!!" (umpire's call)
- 51. Gulf War Gen'l Schwarzkopf
- 54. Where Dorothy Gale lives
- 59. Legal right (anagram for ORDIT)
- 61. Crimean resort city
- 62. **THEY'RE** ___
- 67. Manila hemp (anagram for AAABC)
- 68. Scorch
- 69. 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction winner, Jennifer ___
- 70. Fussed over profusely
- 71. Donuts, to a topologist
- 72. Just OK

DOWN

- 1. Prefix meaning 'milk'
- 2. Mistake
- 3. Coeur d'___ (Idaho resort city)
- 4. Yeats and Keats
- 5. Part of 'via'
- 6. Citizen of Mecca
- 7. Mister, in Madrid
- 8. San Diego baseball pro

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- 9. **Morticia Addams uses one called "Red Light"**
- 10. Bob Hope did 57 tours with it for the U.S. military
- 11. Tigger's hopping pal
- 12. Mercedes-Benz luxury model replaced by the E-class in 2010
- 13. It's for horses
- 18. Partners of pans
- 19. Dispatch
- 23. Pennsylvania port city
- 25. Finland's second-largest city (anagram for POOSE)
- 26. Dark and gloomy
- 27. Neuters a female animal
- 29. Bugs found in pants?
- 31. Dimwit
- 32. Grape used to make Beaujolais wine (anagram for MAGAY)
- 33. Run off with the honey?
- 34. Smallest marine mammal
- 35. Weaving machine
- 37. When doubled, a dance
- 38. Kept
- 41. **"Squint" Addams, to Gomez**
- 42. Stink
- 47. North, in France
- 49. Poet, ___ Angelou
- 52. Word with beef or pot
- 53. Photocopier precursor (anagram for MOM IE)
- 55. Celebs
- 56. Irish town where W.B. Yeats, grew up (anagram for GOLIS)
- 57. Book of maps
- 58. Refuse (two words)
- 60. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- 62. Just a little bit
- 63. "Sopranos" TV channel
- 64. Have lunch
- 65. King topper
- 66. Part of TGIF

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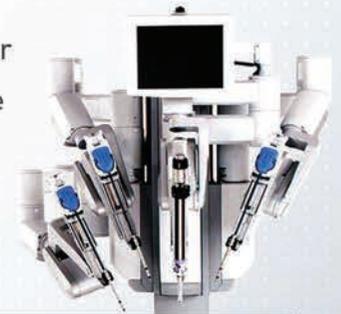
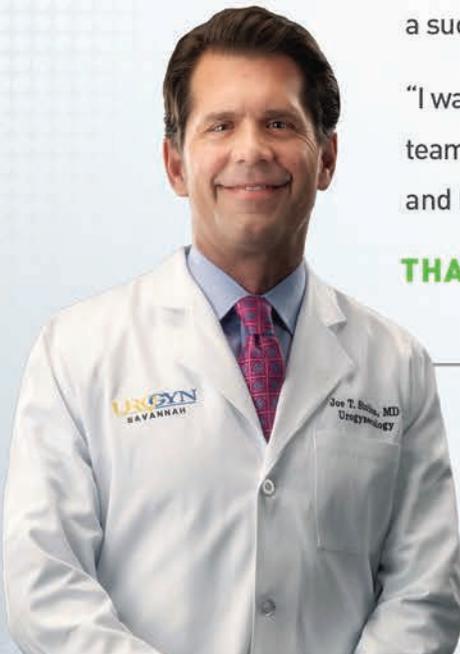
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