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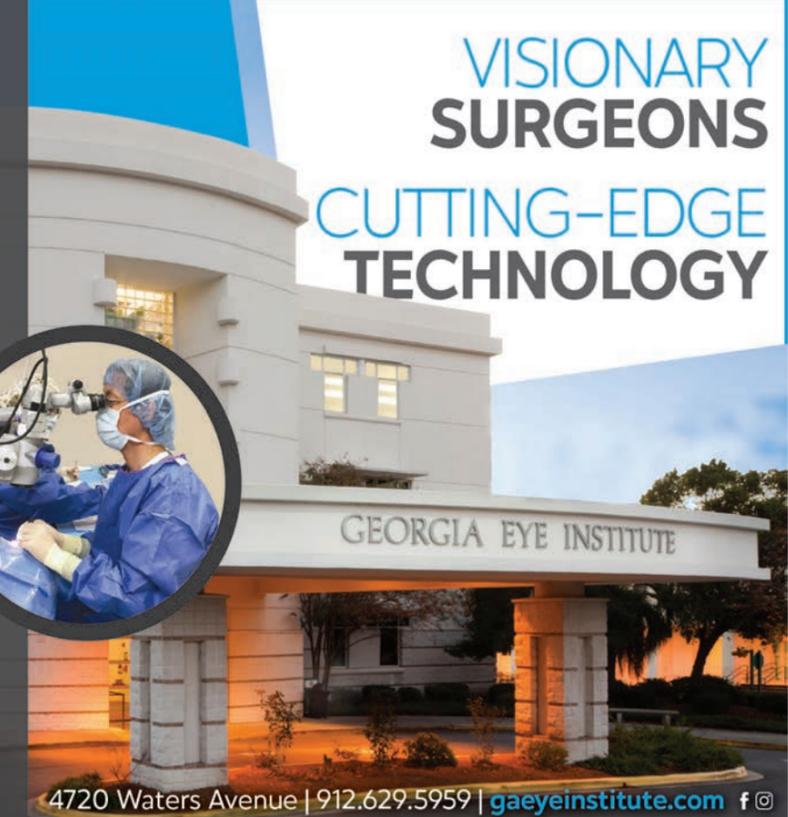


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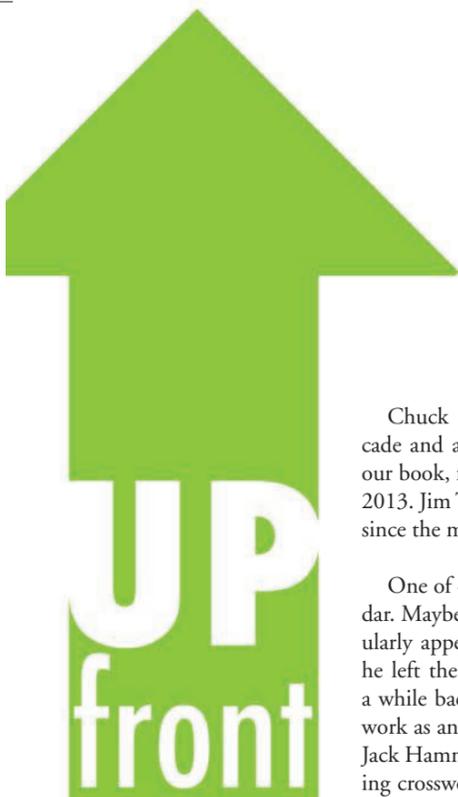
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The Skinnie team is a loyal and dedicated group. Some of us – Teri Grayson, my father (Ron Lauretti), and I have been doing this since the magazine’s beginning (in 2003).

Chuck Hendrix has been my right hand for a decade and a half. Philip Schweier conceives and creates our book, fortnight after fortnight, as he has done since 2013. Jim Toole cultivates advertisers, a role he has filled since the mid 20-teens.

One of our core colleagues flies under the relative radar. Maybe it’s because his consistent contributions regularly appear among our last pages. Maybe it’s because he left the Landings for Chapel Hill, North Carolina, a while back. Yet, he’s as reliable and important to our work as anyone. And he is very, very skilled at his craft. Jack Hammond, aka “The Puzzler,” has been constructing crosswords for us since shortly after we entered the magazine business. If memory serves, he approached us and came on board roughly two weeks after we opened our newsroom doors. In this issue, you’ll find Hammond’s Skinnie puzzle #233.

If you’re not familiar with Hammond’s work, each of his puzzles runs twice. In its first incarnation, a puzzle includes The Puzzler’s Challenger clues, designed to test the most seasoned solvers. The same puzzle runs again in the subsequent issue, but with Hammond’s Standard clues, a somewhat easier roadmap to a completed grid.

In this issue of *The Skinnie*, as in the last, Hammond

offers a double treat. Two puzzles for the price of one (which, for you, is nothing). “Mystery Makers” and “Mystery Breakers” are cleverly linked, using color-coded interconnected clues (I’ll leave it to you to unravel the specifics). In the edition you hold in your hands, Mystery Makers and Mystery Breakers are accompanied by their Standard clue packages, a good introduction for those of you as-yet-unacquainted with Hammond’s output.

The Puzzler is representative of the ethos of our publishing endeavor. He works hard to produce the highest quality content possible; the fruits of his labor are on par with his peers at much larger magazines. He chooses to work with us, connected to you, our community. And my suspicion is that he will continue to do so as long as his sharp mind and linguistic trickery permit.

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Happy Halloween! This issue's spooky owl was submitted by Jorge Gojman,

STRONG SPIRITS

MYSTERIES OF THE MARSHALL HOUSE BY ROGER SMITH

If the Marshall House Hotel, near the corner of Broughton and Abercorn Streets, is not haunted, then it ought to be. Its storied history is one of ambition, suffering and tragedy, all set in the center of what has been called "America's Most Haunted City."

"It IS haunted!" declares Kathy Ledvina, historic preservationist and lead researcher on the 1998 project that resurrected the grand hotel. Ledvina reports that during the restoration, an otherwise canny and cool-headed electrician reported multiple ghostly phenomena.

Due to its history as a makeshift hospital during the Civil War, many apparitions are medical in nature. Since the hotel's re-opening, hotel guests have occasionally awakened to find their arms stretched out on their beds, as if someone is taking a pulse. Ghastlier still are sightings of Civil War-era doctors engaged in bloody amputations, and the macabre manifestation of a soldier wandering the corridors carrying his own severed arm, seeking a surgeon to reattach it.

More benign – in terms of pain and suffering – are sounds of children running and laughing in hallways. Guests have witnessed

nessed water faucets that turn themselves on and off, lights that blink on their own, and doorknobs that rattle. Room 414 seems to be the most active guest room when it comes to strange events.

The original hotel was built by the remarkable Mary Marshall. Throughout her life, she did the unthinkable for a woman of her time: She managed her own properties. In an era when most women were not permitted to own land, much less develop it, she became a shrewd, street-smart property baron – or baroness. Born in 1783, the final year of the American Revolution, she and her husband, James, enjoyed the prosperity the young nation offered, acquiring and developing various properties. They remained childless into their 60s, until an infant was left by night on their front step. Margaret, whom they dubbed "Maggie Moonshine," became their only child.

In 1845, James died, leaving behind wife, daughter, and an assortment of unimproved properties that Mary controlled herself by virtue of her decision not to remarry. She created an impressive portfolio of first-rate residences, upscale storefronts, and tidy tenement rentals, all situated within the orbit of Oglethorpe Square (the legal name for the neighborhood is Anson Ward).



The Marshall House during its hey-day. The wrought iron veranda was added to the building in 1857.

When the hotel opened its doors in 1851, Savannah's population had nearly doubled within the previous two decades. Its increasing number of visitors created a reasonable – if somewhat speculative – need for luxury lodging. The Marshall House was the first structure in Savannah built specifically as hotel, accommodating approximately 100 guests.

Unfortunately, the mid-19th century was no picture-postcard version of the Hostess City. Yellow fever posed an annual threat, and the mosquito-borne virus could yield epidemic-level casualties. When more than 1,000 people died in 1854, Mary turned her hotel into a temporary hospital for the ill and dying.

Such compassion was common in the Marshall household. Ten years later, when the war broke out, Mary opened her grand home on West Broad Street (now Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) to recuperating Confederate soldiers. As the soldiers convalesced, they could enjoy viewing – and imbibing the aromas of – more than 5,000 species of plants and flowers in her private garden.

Savannah played uneasy host to invading Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and his 60,000 United States Army soldiers, as they ended their "March to the Sea." The number of the invaders was three times the population of the city, so lodging became a major logistical challenge. The presence of these invader-guests in the hotel must have been a bitter pill for Mary, who in 1861 had placed her hopes in the nascent Confederacy. Indeed, one of her hotel's most prominent features was a rooftop flagpole from which Mary had flown the Confederate standard. Upon Sherman's arrival, the flag came down.

Once again, the Marshall House – erstwhile hotel for the privileged – saw service as a hospital. Once again, death descended in epic scale on the place. Even if Mary had preferred to be rid of her Northern

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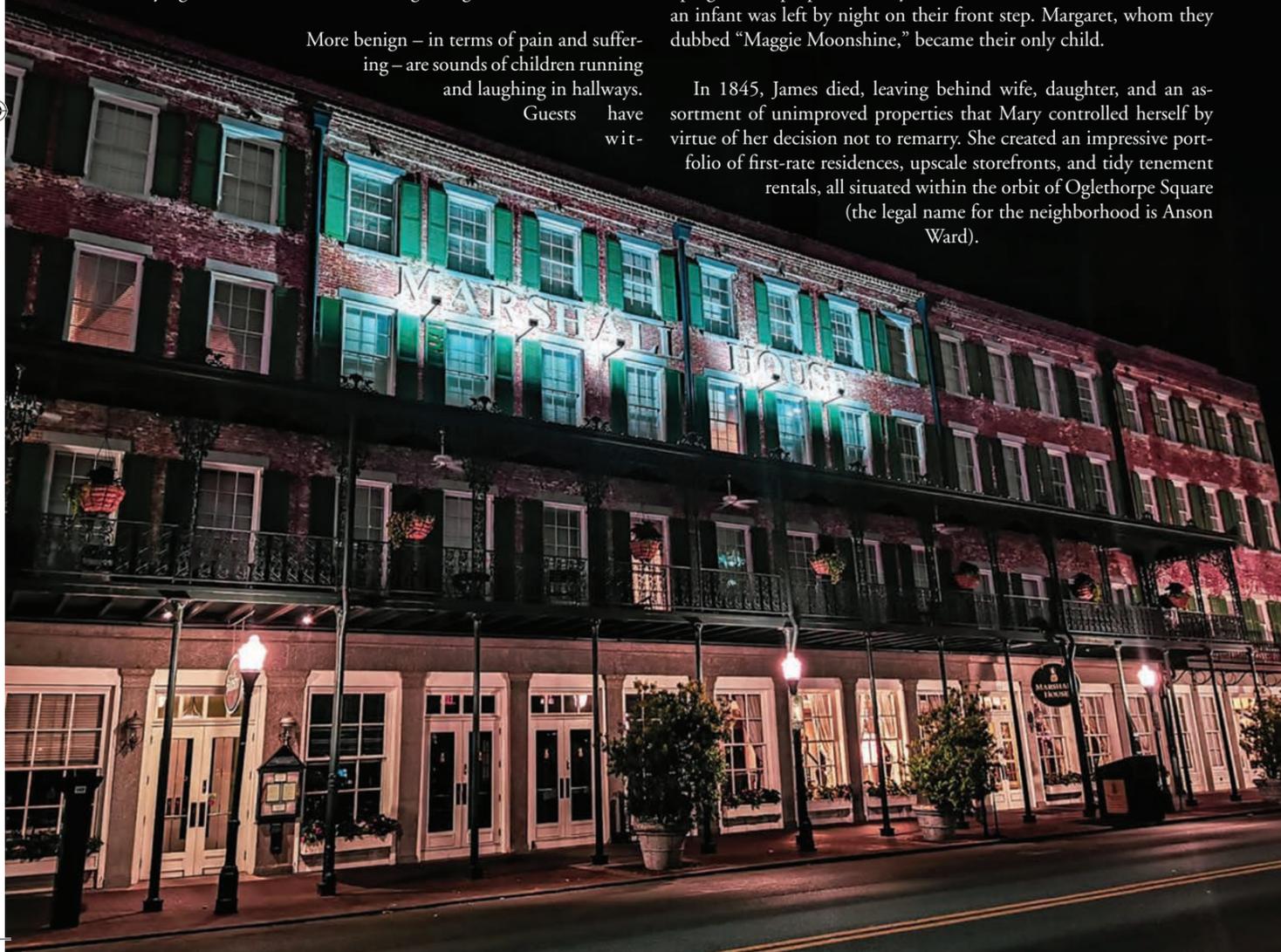
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guests, she nevertheless permitted Union soldiers in varying degrees of sickness or battle-inflicted disability to occupy her hotel. Filled with U.S. Army personnel, the hotel's interior suffered abuse and neglect, some of it no doubt intentional.

In 1866, Moonshine Maggie passed away unexpectedly, leaving her eight-year-old daughter in the care of her 83-year-old mother. Personal losses notwithstanding, Mary's financial position was sound. Her real estate assets were well diversified, and neatly arrayed.

Could Marshall have predicted her great success? She dabbled in the occult, as many of her fellow Victorians did. She regularly consulted fortunetellers for answers regarding the spirits of the departed and her own future in Savannah's business and social spheres.

Although she remained, in many ways, an un-Reconstructed Confederate, she reconciled her business life to the realities of post-Civil War Savannah. She created a private firefighting force called the Marshall Hose Company to protect the sizeable asset she knew the hotel to be.

Mary died in 1877, just as the final occupying forces of post-Civil War Reconstruction departed Savannah. Her real estate fortune was valued at \$300,000; nearly \$7 million in today's dollars. According to sources, the hotel passed through several hands following her death.



Peter Laurens' portrait of Mary Marshall in her early forties hangs in the lobby of the Marshall House hotel.

An adjoining property became part of the hotel in 1880. It closed between 1895 and 1899, allowing for upgrades such as electricity and plumbing. Following an economic downturn in 1957, the hotel closed permanently. The ground floor was subdivided into retail space and the three upper floors were abandoned.

In the late 1990s, the building was restored, reopening in 1999 as Savannah's oldest hotel. Original features of the building include the Philadelphia pressed brick on the exterior, the Savannah grey brick throughout, staircases, wooden floors, fireplaces and the doors to each guest room. Several claw-foot baths date to the 1880s.

Today, Mary's legacy survives: The homes she built still stand proudly on Oglethorpe Avenue and Oglethorpe Square. And her fashionable hotel – revived more than two decades ago – continues to host guests from all over the world, and apparently from a swath from the painful past as well.

Roger Smith, formerly the director of education at the Georgia Historical Society, is the founding director of the Learning Center of Senior Citizens, Inc., Savannah, coastal Georgia's premier lifelong learning program for people ages 55 and over. For more information, contact rsmith@seniorcitizens-inc.org.



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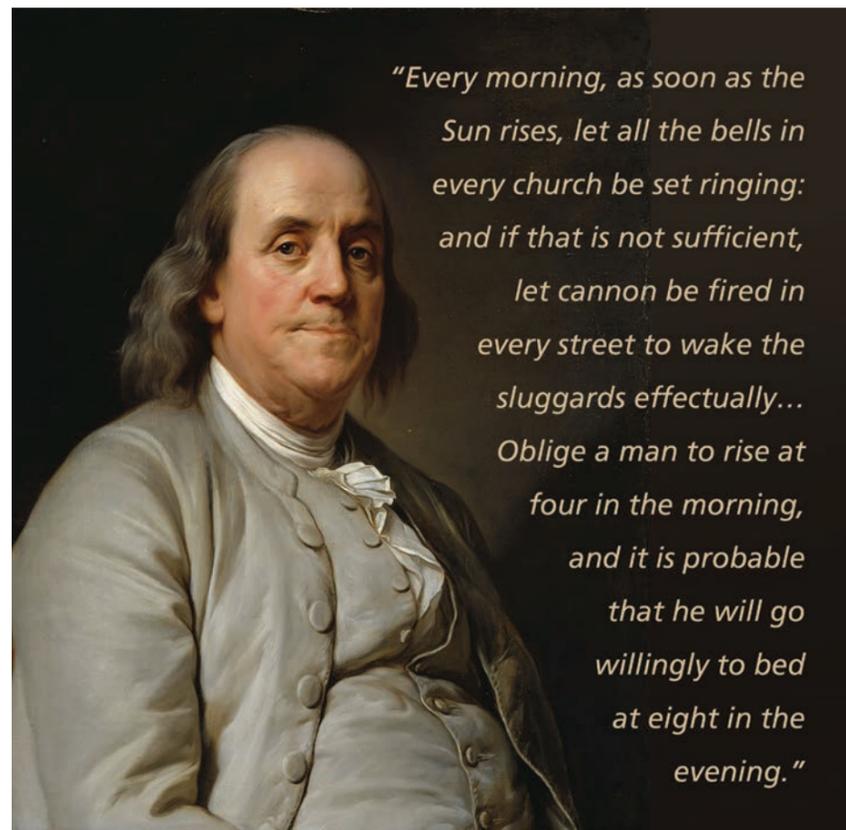
It's a contentious autumn tradition, in which almost the entire country participates. It's not a political election, nor a football rivalry, nor the celebration of Columbus (or, is it Indigenous Peoples?) Day. It's the transition from daylight saving time to standard time. (According to Almanac.com, the correct term is "daylight saving – no 's' – time." But for simplicity, let's just call it DST.)

This year, DST will end at 2 a.m., Sunday, November 7. Clocks will "fall back" one hour, allowing more daylight in the autumn and winter mornings.

Benjamin Franklin is often credited (or blamed) for dreaming up the idea of "day-

light saving." Fair enough, but he did so in a rather satirical manner. Writing as an anonymous subscriber in 1784, he submitted "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light" to The Journal of Paris. He claimed Parisians could save on candles and conserve wax tallow by waking at sunrise and making use of the natural morning light. Franklin's suggestion seems to have been more of a joke than a genuine proposal, and nothing came of it.

The first ardent advocate for Daylight Saving Time was William Willet, a builder in London. In the early 20th century, he led a grass-roots effort to maximize daylight, writing:



"Every morning, as soon as the Sun rises, let all the bells in every church be set ringing; and if that is not sufficient, let cannon be fired in every street to wake the sluggards effectually... Oblige a man to rise at four in the morning, and it is probable that he will go willingly to bed at eight in the evening."

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Willet spent a small fortune promoting his agenda, including urging the U.S. Congress to set clocks ahead 20 minutes on each of the four Sundays in April, and reverse the process on consecutive Sundays in September. His campaign fell on deaf ears.

When World War I broke out, many people acknowledged the need to conserve coal used for heating homes. The Germans adopted a daylight-extending system in 1915 to save fuel. The following year, England introduced British Summer Time, setting their clocks ahead one hour from May 21 until October 1. DST was adopted in the U.S. in 1917, when America entered the war. Energy conservation was critical, and several efforts were launched to enlist public support for re-

setting clocks. Posters warned: "Uncle Sam, your enemies have been up and are at work in the extra hour of daylight – when will YOU wake up?"

In March of 1918, Congress passed the Standard Time Act, mandating that all clocks be set ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on March 31, 1918. Time zones – first established in 1883 by the railroad industry – were codified into federal law. Canada adopted a similar policy later the same year. Americans were encouraged to turn off their lights and go to bed earlier than normal, at around 8 p.m.

Many Americans were opposed to the idea, as some regarded it as a meaningless effort to compel late sleepers to rise early. Others believed following manufactured "clock time" to be unnatural. Farmers and blue-collar workers strongly opposed DST and stubbornly resisted the change. Once the war ended, they demanded an end to DST, arguing that cows and crops could not commit to clockwork schedules. DST proved so unpopular in the post-World War I years that federal law was soon repealed.

When World War II began in 1941, DST

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was re-instituted for the duration - as it was the first time -to conserve fuel. After the war was over, various states continued the practice, but with little consistency. Naturally, this led to confusion with issues like interstate travel and broadcast media. In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act, establishing a consistent use of DST in the U.S. Clocks were to be set ahead one hour on the last Sunday in April and one hour back on the last Sunday in October.

Despite the rule, some state legislatures took advantage of a loophole built into the law, and they opted out. Residents of Hawaii and most of Arizona did not change their clocks. Residents of Indiana, which straddles the eastern and central time zones, were divided; some counties used it, others did not.

DST drew national attention for a short while during the oil crisis of the early 1970s. As energy use continued to be a concern, it became a catalyst for change in DST practices. In 1986, Congress approved a bill to increase the period of DST, moving its start to the first Sunday in April. This was intended to conserve oil used for generating electricity - approximately 300,000 barrels annually. In

2005, Indiana became the 48th state to officially recognize DST. This coincides with the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which went into effect in 2007.

Today, most Americans turn clocks ahead (losing an hour) at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March. We turn them back (gaining an hour) at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November.

The home safety industry has piggy-backed an element of its agenda on the twice-a-year changeover. It recommends homeowners take the opportunity to test smoke detectors, alarm systems, and other home safety equipment.

Farmers' advocacy groups continue to lobby Congress, preferring early daylight to tend to their fields and a standard time sunset for ending their work at a reasonable hour. Some argue that DST is deceptively named. Katherine Duto of the Indiana Farm Bureau claims, "It is a gimmick that changes the relationship between 'sun' time and 'clock' time but saves neither time nor daylight."

In recent years, resolutions have been passed in more than 30 states advocating for

the federal government to abolish the annual transitions. Many argue that the original purpose for DST is antiquated, and studies have revealed substantial ill effects of the annual transitions. These include reductions in worker productivity and increased incidences of heart attacks, strokes, and traffic accidents. Additionally, researchers have also observed drawbacks of standard time compared to daylight saving time, including increased crime, more frequent traffic incidents, greater seasonal depression, and increased energy use.

change.
So, for now, fall back imminently and spring forward in March.



Last spring, eight senators - from both the Democrat and Republican Parties - submitted the Sunshine Protection Act, which would establish a permanent DST. This would lead to later sunrises and sunsets during the four months of standard time, less daylight in the morning, and more in the evening. However, it would not mandate states currently observing permanent standard time to switch to permanent DST. As of March of 2021, 32 states, including Georgia, have proposed bills to end the practice of resetting clocks. However, such legislation can only go into effect if the federal law - the Uniform Time Act - is amended to allow such a

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Floyd is a registered nurse who serves as the manager of occupational health services for the health system. She is responsible for the health and safety of the thousands of co-workers at St. Joseph/Candler, and she handles the responsibility with grace, courtesy, patience and kindness.

The COVID-19 pandemic magnified the importance of Floyd's work. She helped to make sure that every co-worker in the health system has been educated about vaccines and able to receive them in a timely manner. The task was huge, and Floyd did much more than coordinate logistics. She answered co-workers' questions, calmed them when they were anxious, and provided compas-

sionate counsel. "When we needed answers," one co-worker said in a nomination, "she was there."

Floyd's co-workers know that she is heavily involved in her children's school and church activities, pitching in humbly and behind-the-scenes, never seeking credit. One nomination described Floyd as "a quiet ambassador for the way we all need to approach life."

As the 2021 recipient of the Lientz Award, Floyd received a \$3,000 honorarium, a one-year parking pass in the location of her choice, a one-month cafeteria meal pass, a St. Joseph's/Candler watch, and the Lientz plaque and pin.

James R. Lientz was a long-time community leader and board member for Candler Hospital. His tenure as a trustee of Candler Hospital began in 1959, and he served as chairman from 1970 to 1991, and chairman of Candler Health System Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1992. Along with his service to St. Joseph's/Candler, Lientz held leadership roles in many area organizations, including the Georgia Infirmary, the Health Planning Council of Savannah, and United Way of the Coastal Empire.

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TOP: St. Joseph's/Candler President and CEO Paul P. Hinchey presents the prestigious Lientz Award to an emotional Laura Floyd, RN.

ABOVE: Laura Floyd, RN is congratulated by fellow co-workers.

Smart Senior Holiday Celebration Returns

Thanks to the recent increase in vaccinations among its members and a steady decline in the number of COVID cases throughout the region, St. Joseph's/Candler's SmartSenior program is pleased to announce the return of its annual holiday party. This year's event is set for Friday, December 3, at the Alee Temple, beginning at 12 noon. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

This is a happy return for the program's popular holiday gathering, canceled last year out of an abundance of caution. "This year, we are cautiously optimistic that the decline in COVID cases will continue," says Jenny Koch, SmartSenior program manager. "This is a major highlight for many of our members and we are very excited to be able to reinstate it in a safe environment."

The signature holiday event includes dinner, dancing, music, exciting door prizes and raffles. Tickets are currently on sale and available through the SmartSenior office. The cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for guests/non-members. Ticket sales are limited in order to ensure safety protocol for patrons.



Face masks are encouraged, and proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours before the event must be presented for entry. "We are doing everything we can to make sure we celebrate in the safest manner possible," Koch says. "We are limiting the overall number of participants this year so we can encourage social distancing as much as possible. Hopefully, the safety precautions we've implemented along with the limited number of tickets will give our members and their guests peace of mind."

For tickets to this year's holiday party or for more information, please contact the SmartSenior office at 912.352.4405. For information on the SmartSenior program, visit www.sjchs.org/smartsenior. For memberships, contact the office at the phone number provided above.

Brunch on The Rock

The Mana Mobile Food Truck Tour, from Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, stopped recently at St. Joseph's/Candler to spread cheer and serve up Johnson's favorite "cheat" meal: brioche French toast. The food truck served The Rock's Famous French Toast Sticks to nearly 1,000 St. Joseph/Candler co-workers and their families. The visit was part of Mana Mobile's Great American Road Trip, honoring and entertaining healthcare workers, first responders, and everyday heroes where they work.

"Bring the Mana" means to share joy, magic and strength. It is the inspiration behind The Rock's tribute to hardworking people across the county. Johnson is bringing people together through "delicious, fresh and amazing eats with a whole lotta gratitude to people, towns and cities across North America."

The rolling commissary has traveled to a wide variety of locations, from military bases and fire stations to local community events. It also stops at main streets to encourage residents to come out and support local businesses.



St. Joseph's/Candler co-workers enjoy great eats from Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson's traveling Mana Mobile Food Truck.

HE SERVED BY RON LAURETTI



JOHN THOMAS MCGALLIARD

Savannah native John Thomas "J.T." McGalliard is a former U.S. Marine with 27 years of service to Corps and Country.

He comes from a military family. His father, Richard McGalliard, served in the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I. A maternal uncle, Erastus Ellis, was killed in action in Normandy, France, on D Day. Two of J.T.'s brothers served together aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway; Talmadge in the Marine Corps and Edward in the Navy. A cousin was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, flying 35 missions, shot down five times; resilient, he ultimately rose in rank to brigadier general.

Then, there is the enormous pride McGalliard reveals when he discusses his three sons, combat veterans, all. Craig, the oldest, served in the Army. Thomas is a Navy commander still serving as a senior nurse, and Todd, the youngest, is a lieutenant colonel in the Army.

Two grandsons continue the path in the family "business." Nathaniel is enrolled in Air Force ROTC at Auburn University, and Mark is in Army ROTC at California Institute of Technology.

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1957, McGalliard enlisted in the Marine Corps. He completed basic training at Parris Island, and combat training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. While there, as a private first class, McGalliard was accepted for sea duty, one of the most desired assignments for an enlisted Marine. He attended sea school, a six-week course concerning the proper behavior and duty expectations for a Marine serving on a large Navy combat ship.

For McGalliard, that ship would be the aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain, CV 39. Its primary assignment was anti-submarine detection and pursuit during the Cold War.

In addition to his routine responsibilities aboard the ship, McGalliard was the third man (sight setter) on a six-man, three-inch, .50-caliber gun crew. The anti-aircraft weapons could fire 15 to 20 rounds per minute when manned by a well-trained crew.

"Competition was keen among the gun crews, and we were one of the best," McGalliard recalls, "with a bright E (for excellence) painted on the perimeter wall of our gun station."

Below: The aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain, where young Marine John Thomas McGalliard (above) served for two years, at sea in July 1960 with various anti-submarine aircraft on deck.



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McGalliard remained on board the Lake Champlain for two years and was promoted to corporal during the stint. He then returned to Camp Lejeune, where he spent two years with a beach landings support unit. Waves of Marines coming ashore with tons of war-fighting equipment must be properly staged on the beachheads, and McGalliard's team saw to it.

After completing the landings support tour, McGalliard went on Marine Corps Active Reserve duty, until the U.S. military buildup in Vietnam. He was called back to active duty and deployed to the combat zone for nine months. Soon after completing that tour of duty, he volunteered for another, during which he was promoted to sergeant.

McGalliard is hesitant to talk about his deployments to Vietnam. He was assigned to front-line units, with lots of patrols, commonly subject to brutal fighting. He remembers that he was "gung-ho" during his first deployment, because he felt the U.S. was helping to prevent the worldwide spread of communism. During his second tour, as a sergeant, he became disillusioned by - as he describes - the reprisal actions and behavior of some of our troops that were outside the proper rules of American combatants. In other words, ugly incidents in an ugly war.



Returning stateside, the McGalliard attended two advanced schools: Communication School at Fort Gordon, Georgia, followed by the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare School at Fort McClellan, Alabama. The second was a difficult and sometimes unpleasant school to attend. The students and instructors were often exposed to low levels of live agents. Personnel wore bulky and uncomfortable safety suits much of the time. The program was a response to the Cold War with the Soviet Union. McGalliard progressed from student to instructor, and was promoted twice, to master sergeant. He returned to Camp Lejeune as a nuclear, biological and chemical warfare specialist until his retirement from active duty in 1985.

As a civilian, McGalliard took a position with the U.S. Postal Service, where he remained for 15 years. He then became a licensed chauffeur, driving for a local agency. "Interesting work and tips were good," he says. He had a few celebrity passengers, including Robert Redford and the late Colin Powell.

Since his full retirement two years ago, McGalliard keeps busy with military veterans' affairs. Semper Fi, Marine!



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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 nnewmember@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.

LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPING

WHAT: Landlovers Coastal Georgia Living Landscaping on Skidaway Island
WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Giddens Chapel, Skidaway Island United Methodist Church
HOW MUCH: Free to Landlovers members
CONTACT: Donna Bunn at donnabunn@gmail.com OR Deb Werner at debk.werner@yahoo.com
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers annual dues are \$25 individual or \$30 family; Guests are welcome for a \$5 fee. Coastal Georgia Living, formerly known as the Green Thumb Club, focuses on gardening, wildlife, and the Georgia coastal lifestyle. Master gardener Nancy Berulis will present a broad overview of landscaping topics tailored to Skidaway's conditions.

CALL OF THE WILD

WHAT: Wildlife Management at the Landings
WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Azalea Room, Palmetto Clubhouse
HOW MUCH: Free to Friends of Skidaway Audubon (FOSA) members who show their membership card, and \$5 for non-members,

payable by cash or check at the door
CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Learn about the Landings Association's wildlife management goals from TLA Environmental Manager Dylan Till, who will address common concerns. Limited to 100 people. Register online at SkidawayAudubon.org.

BELEW'S BRUSHES

WHAT: The paintings of Dell Belew
WHEN: Nov. 1 – 30; Artist's reception – Nov. 7, 2-4 p.m.
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111
WHAT ELSE: Dell Belew has more than 40 years of experience as a minister, artist, English professor, writer, workshop leader, and public speaker.

PATRIOT'S PARADE

WHAT: Veterans Golf Cart Parade
WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 7, 2 – 3 p.m.
WHERE: Parade staging begins at 1:30 p.m. at Oakridge parking lot.
CONTACT: suziemhunt@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Red, white, and blue decorations and noisemakers are encouraged for your golf cart. No politics please.

TAG, YOU'RE IT

WHAT: Telfair Academy Guild (TAG)
WHEN: Monday, Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m.
WHERE: Jepson Center, Neises Auditorium
HOW MUCH: TAG members and their guests are welcome to attend
CONTACT: Non-members wishing to attend, please contact Viki Annand, vikiannand850@gmail.com, or 912.330.7352
WHAT ELSE: Masks required. Jonathan Stalcup, founder of Architectural Tours of Savannah, will examine the influences on the Jepson Center's landmark architecture and how it leads Savannah into the future. The design history of the Jepson Center's architect, Moshe Sadie, is also on display in the final design.

PROPERTY VALUES

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway November Meeting – Coastal Georgia's Legacy of Land Conservation
WHEN: Monday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Church
CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279
WHAT ELSE: Charles McMillan from the Georgia Conservancy will discuss the history and



AMARYLLIS BY MORNING

WHAT: PEO Chapter S Annual Amaryllis Sale
WHEN: Orders must be received by Nov. 3; Pick-up Nov. 29
WHERE: Pick up location to be announced
HOW MUCH: \$30 per plant
CONTACT: Contact Susan Donovan at susdon@bellouth.net or 912.398.3673
WHAT ELSE: Order your red, white or candy-cane-stripe beautiful Amaryllis in time for the holidays.

TIED UP IN KNOTS

WHAT: Landings Garden Club Holiday Bow Sales
WHEN: Saturdays - Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Dec. 4, 11; Mondays, Nov. 8, 15, 22 and 29; Friday, Nov. 26
WHERE: In front of the fountain near the Village Pharmacy
HOW MUCH: \$15-\$20 per bow
CONTACT: www.thelandingsgardenclub.com
WHAT ELSE: Many new ribbon patterns to choose from. Gorgeous bows for inside and outside use. Proceeds benefit conservation and beautification projects on Skidaway Island. Don't delay – we usually sell out early!

GOLF CART GREETINGS

WHAT: Holiday Decorated Golf Cart Parade
WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 4, 3 - 7 p.m.
WHERE: Parade departs from the Landings Association Building, 600 Landings Way South
CONTACT: Email HolidayCartParade@gmail.com for questions and to join the email list
WHAT ELSE: Come early to line up. The last cart will include our own Santa. The parade will end at Landings Harbor for festivities which will include food trucks, hot chocolate, holiday music and performances, Landings tree lighting, and viewing all the decorated carts.

continuing legacy of land conservation in Coastal Georgia, which has done so much to enhance the district. The CCA's November raffle prize will be a medium-weight spinning rod and reel ideal for fishing in the Landings' lagoons, plus a tackle box with several recommended lures.

DEAR ABBIES

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails Meetings
WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m. AND Thursday, Nov. 18, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
WHERE: Zoom or in-person location to be announced
HOW MUCH: Skidaway Hamiltons are welcome to join our meetings; \$10 guest fee for non-members
CONTACT: To join this meeting as a guest, contact chair@skidawayabigails.org.
WHAT ELSE: To learn more about Skidaway Abigails, a nonpartisan organization of progressive women, please visit skidawayabigails.org. Skidaway Abigails is pleased to host two meetings during November. On Nov. 9, Martin Fretty, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services for the City of Savannah, will focus on the Housing Savannah Action Plan and other work completed in July of 2021. On Nov. 18, Chadrick Mance, President of the Savannah chapter of the NAACP, will focus on how the recent federal census could affect voting districts in Georgia.

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Ladies on the Right (LOTR) luncheon meeting: "A Tribute to Savannah Veterans"
WHEN: Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11; 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club in the Landings
HOW MUCH: \$25 for LOTR members; \$35 for non-members
CONTACT: www.ladiesontheright.org or Elena Bennett, 404.510.6042
WHAT ELSE: All interested men and women are invited to attend. LOTR members are encouraged to invite a veteran as their paid guest. Attendees must register for the event, including their veteran guests, by Nov. 8 at www.ladiesontheright.org.

PHIL THE PARK

WHAT: Savannah Philharmonic outdoor concert
WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 14
WHERE: Morris Park, 660 E. Broughton Street
HOW MUCH: Free tickets (required) available at savannahphilharmonic.org
WHAT ELSE: The Savannah Philharmonic will perform classical favorites, pops, movie soundtrack selections, and beloved patriotic pieces. Grounds open at 2 p.m.; live music starts at 3 p.m. Patrons can set up lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets. Grab a bite from a variety of local food trucks that will be on hand to join the festive celebration of community and the arts.

DECEMBER DELIGHT

WHAT: Landlovers Holiday Soiree
WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom
HOW MUCH: \$70 per person
CONTACT: Jeanette Graebener at jbg1972@comcast.net
WHAT ELSE: Open to all Skidaway Landlovers, not just the Landings. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, holiday signature drinks, holiday music, karaoke, and a cigar bar in your favorite holiday attire. If you are not yet a Landlover, you can join at www.landingslandlovers.com/join. Club membership is not required to attend.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

WHAT: Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity inaugural "Home for the Holidays" gala
WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m.
WHERE: Marriott Savannah Riverfront, 100 General McIntosh Blvd.
HOW MUCH: Individual tickets start at \$150
CONTACT: Please visit www.HabitatSavannah.org for more information
WHAT ELSE: The gala will serve as the largest fundraiser for the fourth quarter of the year for the local nonprofit organization. Guests will enjoy dinner, drinks, dessert, dancing, and a fun game!

BLUE CHRISTMAS

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway December meeting - "The Blue Crab"
WHERE: St. Peter's Church
WHEN: Monday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.
CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279
WHAT ELSE: Hope Meeks, owner of Southside Shellfish, will discuss the life cycle of the blue crab, the importance of meeting the needs of the present without compromising those of future generations. At the conclusion of the presentation, Hope will share a sampling of her signature crab stew and crab cakes. The CCA of Skidaway's December raffle prize will be gift certificates to Southside Shellfish.

ANIMAL ATTRACTION

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

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-catlialianceam
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.

PET PROJECT

WHAT: Linen drive for the Humane Society of Greater Savannah
WHEN: Ongoing
WHERE: Humane Society Adoption Center, 7215 Sallie Mood Dr.
CONTACT: Call Rosemary Longueira at 598.2875 or drop donations at 22 Long Island Road, Oakridge
WHAT ELSE: Donate old towels, washcloths, pillowcases, sheets, dish towels, pet beds, and chair cushions. Please bring them to the front of the Adoption Center, not the Thrift Shop donation area.

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 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: Third Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Members' homes
HOW MUCH: An appetizer
CONTACT: Please email Deb Wilson and Sue Souls at lmarcopolo100@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.

SOUL SISTERS

WHAT: JWOL Membership
HOW MUCH: Annual membership is \$20
CONTACT: Sherri Brecker
WHAT ELSE: Mail or tube check to Sherri at 18 Cricket Court. Membership entitles each member to share in the many wonderful programs and

social events JWOL offers.

CAN YOU CANASTA?

WHAT: Landlovers Canasta
WHEN: Every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse, main dining room
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Patti Heleva at landloverscanasta@gmail.com to be added to the email list.
WHAT ELSE: Maximum 24 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: Mexican Train Dominoes
WHEN: Tuesdays 3:30-5:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse's Byrd Room
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Laurie Milano at 914.474.4943 or lamilano@aol.com
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers and Landings Club memberships required. Please bring a set of dominoes, if you have one.

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.

STITCH AND BEAD

WHAT: Landlovers Needlecrafters
WHEN: Tuesday afternoons
WHERE: Member homes
HOW MUCH: No cost
CONTACT: Leslie Matthews - 616.550.7057 or lmathews50@gmail.com for more information and to be added to the list
WHAT ELSE: Bring projects and BYOB. Landlovers membership required.

BE A DECENT DOCENT

WHAT: Become a historical interpreter
WHEN: Part-time - Monday thru Saturday - 10-4; 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.

LOSS MITIGATION

WHAT: Pandemic support group
WHEN: Meeting Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church Library
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Suzanne at St. Peter's, 598.7242
WHAT ELSE: Many of us have lost friends or family, and pandemic isolation has made dealing with these losses difficult. Dr. Stevens Peirsol will guide the group, offering those who would like to share and find help in processing loss.

CORVETTE SUMMER

WHAT: Skidaway Island Corvette Club
WHEN: Third Thursday of each month, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
WHERE: Skidaway United Methodist Church parking lot
HOW MUCH: No dues at this time, however an \$8 name tag fee may be forthcoming
CONTACT: Clayton Scott, 912.658.3116.
WHAT ELSE: Skidaway Island's club for Corvette owners is 35 members strong. Its goals are camaraderie and to share the enthusiasm for this classic American auto.

HORSE SENSE

WHAT: Pegasus Riding Academy volunteers needed
WHERE: Old Roberds Dairy, 2500 Tennessee Ave., Savannah
CONTACT: For information and directions, visit www.prasav.org or call 912.547.6482
WHAT ELSE: Pegasus Riding Academy is a therapeutic riding program providing safe, professional and ethical equine-assisted activities for individuals with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Volunteers are needed to assist these special children. Horse experience not necessary.

HOCUS POCUS!

WHAT: Landings Magic Society
WHEN: 7 p.m., second Thursday of the month, Oct. through May
WHERE: Plantation Club card room
CONTACT: Jim Ruhl, 912.856.3948, jsruhl@gmail.com or Bill Sickels, 912.598.9123 or whsickels@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Anyone with an interest in magic is welcome. Every meeting is instructional, entertaining and enlightening. Active participation is encouraged.

BODY AND SOUL

WHAT: Skidaway Island United Methodist Church (SIUMC) Exercise Classes
WHEN: Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, times are below
CONTACT: For more information or to register for January session, visit siumc.org/exercise or call 912.598.8460
WHAT ELSE: Mat Pilates from 9:15-10:15 a.m.; and Sit-Fit from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Classes are led by Elena Bennett, an ACSM-certified exercise instructor. SIUMC has added Friday classes to its offerings for church- and non-church members alike.

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.

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.

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.

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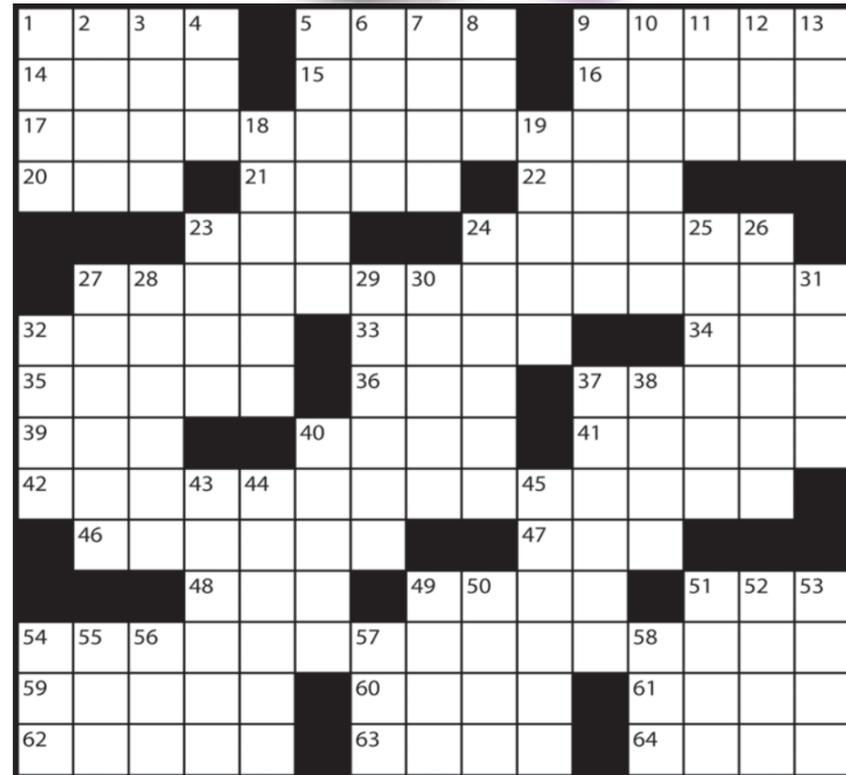
STANDARD CLUES*

ACROSS

1. Popular "whodunnit" board game
5. Command to a dog
9. 1,760 make a mile
14. Evict
15. Part of your ear
16. Like a leaf with jagged edges
17. **Pinkerton detective who wrote "The Maltese Falcon"**
20. Continent north of Afr.
21. Boorish
22. Levi's competition
23. Part of a byte
24. Partner of 'raved'
27. **The best-selling author of all-time**
32. Two-time loser to Ike
33. ___ McAn Shoes
34. Ctl, ___, del
35. Works very hard
36. Tiny ___ Cratchit (Dickens)
37. From A to Z
39. Part of HOMES
40. Rosemary or thyme
41. Swedish bombshell, ___ Ekberg
42. **He wrote books of sex and violence before becoming a Jehovah's Witness**
46. Most timid
47. Ailing
48. Medical prefix meaning 'muscle'
49. Regarding (two words)
51. Audi rival
54. **BBC put his 1939 crime novel on its 100 best books list**
59. Twig used for wickerwork (anagram for ROSIE)
60. Press a shirt
61. Home for a canary
62. Common type of syrup
63. Like grass in the morning
64. Martial arts film star, Jackie ___

DOWN

1. "The Da Vinci ___" (2003 Dan Brown novel)
2. Occasion to wear a muumuu
3. Cold War adversary of the U.S.A.
4. Biblical verb ending
5. Sherlock Holmes, notably
6. Tattled
7. Competent



8. Antonym of 'nah'
9. Man from Sana'a
10. Medieval armor helmets that enclose the entire head (anagram for STREAM)
11. ___ v. Wade
12. "Spring forward...fall back" period
13. Gel
18. Inflammation of the colored part of the eye
19. Type of bedside clock
23. False god of the Canaanites
24. Equilateral quadrilaterals (anagram for IBM RHO)
25. Lightweight cotton fabric (anagram for INMATE)
26. Water down
27. He's the ultimate hunk
28. Unexpected snag
29. Bear witness to
30. Sound from a baby bird
31. Wife of the Sundance Kid
32. Helium is the smallest one
37. Gasoline tank measurement unit
38. Opposite of 'oral'
40. Lucky Dragon Tea (anagram for NOSHY)
43. ABC TV Late Night host, Jimmy ___ (anagram for MILK ME)
44. Winnie-the-Pooh's donkey friend
45. Long prayer with a series of invocations (anagram for NY TAIL)
49. 4,840 square yards
50. Demonstrate
51. Dull and insipid
52. Prefix meaning one million
53. Little brown songbird
54. CD-___ (computer disc)
55. Happy ___ lark
56. Sound from a puppy
57. Word used in an admission of guilt
58. 700, in Ancient Rome

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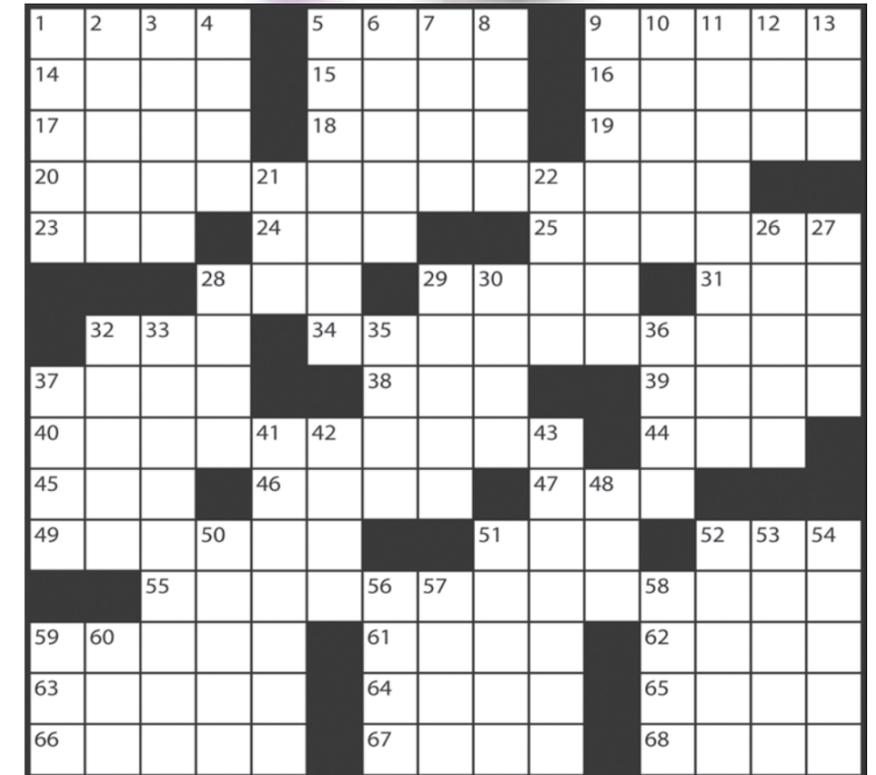
STANDARD CLUES*

ACROSS

1. Private investigators, for short
5. Wander
9. Savory jelly
14. Major airport closest to Paris
15. "Where ___ did you go?"
16. Jerry Stillers' wife and comedy partner, Anne ___
17. The 'T' in LGBTQ (anagram for RANT)
18. He's #1
19. Beginning
20. **"Death on the Nile"**
23. Tokyo, once
24. Word after yes or no
25. Sweltering
28. Existed
29. Tolkien's evil trolls
31. MSNBC host, ___ Melber
32. Notable period
34. **"I, the Jury"**
37. Ended
38. "Uh-uh", in Glasgow
39. Sound at MacDonald's
40. **"Murder at the Vicarage"**
44. Arizona to Florida dir.
45. "I'm ___ loss for words....."
46. Middle words of a familiar 7-word palindrome
47. Boy, to Tarzan
49. Marriott rival
51. Gorilla
52. **"That'd be MISTER SPADE to you, bub!"**
55. **"The Big Sleep"**
59. Chinese money plant (anagram for A PILE)
61. Speaker of the House before Pelosi
62. More than enough
63. Site of St. Bonaventure U.
64. River of Pisa
65. Earn, as a salary
66. Infamous Broadway musical barber shop
67. Navy ___
68. Fox, Bear, or Rabbit of folklore

DOWN

1. "Take me out ___ ball game,"
2. Blew it



3. Light, mild cigar
4. Harmonize
5. Actuality
6. Like geriatric patients
7. PDQ!
8. Office missive
9. With tenderness, to Toscanini
10. Title with a tilde
11. They're often in deli windows near the salamis
12. Wrath
13. Ocelot, e.g.
21. ___ Today (daily newspaper)
22. Need a backscratcher
26. "Goodnight" girl of 1950's song
27. Highlander's dagger
28. "Star ___"
29. African mammal known as the forest giraffe (anagram for PI AOK)
30. Stagger
32. Movie title role for Madonna (1996)
33. Took another taste
35. As to, to an atty.
36. Big name in faucets
37. Sharif who played Zhivago
41. Highway dividing areas
42. Disappearing Asian lake
43. Spanish, in Spanish
48. Key contraction?
50. In the lead
51. Whirlpool appliance subsidiary in Iowa
52. 'Green' energy source
53. Responded to an alarm clock
54. Roughly a yard
56. CD holders?
57. Bonfire
58. Mary had a little white one
59. Pan's companion
60. U.N. agency for labour

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We're Giving It Away!

Football Pick 'Em Pool

NCAA

Virginia Tech at Boston College
Utah at Stanford
Wake Forest at North Carolina
Auburn at Texas A&M
Oklahoma St. at West Virginia
Penn St. at Maryland
Oregon at Washington
Indiana at Michigan
Michigan St. at Purdue
LSU at Alabama
Texas at Iowa St.
Clemson at Louisville
Wisconsin at Rutgers
USC at Arizona St.
Oregon St. at Colorado
SMU at Memphis
Georgia Tech at Miami
Mississippi St. at Arkansas
Coastal Carolina at Georgia Southern
Tennessee at Kentucky

NFL

Cleveland at Cincinnati
Atlanta at New Orleans
New England at Carolina
Green Bay at Kansas City
Tennessee at LA Rams

As a tiebreaker this week, pick the total points in the Coastal Carolina/Georgia Southern game.

We had a log jam of competitors with 17 perfect picks in our most recent installment of The Skinnie pool. But one man rose to the occasion and bested the rest with 18 of 25 correct. Congratulations to David "Diehard" Denhard on his triumph.

And it seems more congratulations are in order. One of our regular players, June Richardson, is celebrating a very special milestone. She turns 100 years old on November 1! The World War II Navy nurse has been a consistent pool participant and several-time winner. Last issue cycle, she was one of four players tied for first but lost out in the tiebreaker. Here's to you June! Happy 100th and keep those picks coming!

Thank you to all our faithful followers. Keep playing! And if you've been sitting on the sidelines, it's time to get on the field. The rules are simple. Predict the winning team for each game. And get more winners right than the rest of your friends. For the tiebreaker game, predict the total points that the two teams will score (combined). Twenty college games and five NFL matchups. This slate will be played between Friday, November 5, and Sunday, November 7. Entries are due by 5 p.m., Thursday, October 7. Email your picks to chendrix@theskinnie.com, or send your entry the old-fashioned way to:

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SNAKES ALIVE!

By Amy Collings

They move without legs; they never blink; and they can bite when they're dead. You can't hear them and rarely see them, but you know they're out there.

The secretive lives of slithering snakes brought about 50 locals to a recent lecture on these mysterious reptiles, sponsored by Skidaway Audubon. Mary Lynn Seremet, a herpetologist, presented a complete dossier on each of the snakes common to Skidaway Island, to educate residents and allay many of their concerns. According to Seremet, one-third of adults have ophidiophobia – an irrational fear of snakes. This is attributed to many myths regarding the creatures, and a failure to understand their importance to their ecosystems.

Seremet provided recommendations to residents and pet owners who may encounter a snake. She says the best course is to leave it alone. She explained that, on average, there are only three fatalities a year in the U.S. due to snake bites, mainly due to handling exotic snakes, whereas there are 25 deaths a year due to lightning strikes. "The chance of dying is very small," she summarizes.

If bitten, don't panic, but go to the hospital immediately. Do not attempt to kill or capture the snake. The medical staff will test your blood to determine the necessary course of treatment. If a pet is bitten, Seremet recommends removing its collar in the event of swelling and calling an emergency vet. Pet fatalities are rare, although older dogs are more vulnerable than younger pets.



Local herpetologist Mary Lynn Seremet introduces her pet snake, Thistle, to attendees at a recent Skidaway Audubon presentation about snakes of Coastal Georgia.

The benefits of snakes far outweigh any potential threat. Snakes aid in rodent and insect control. Small snakes are gardeners' friends, feeding on grubs, snails and slugs, while larger snakes eat rats, mice and voles.

SOUTHERN SIDEWINDERS

Georgia has approximately 45 species of snakes. Of these, 35 are found in the state's coastal regions. Only six are venomous: copperhead, cottonmouth, timber rattlesnake, pigmy rattler, eastern diamondback and coral snake. Venomous bites are usually caused by

mishandling a snake, trying to kill it, stepping on it, or putting your hand into its habitat without looking.

Of the venomous snakes, copperheads are the most likely to bite but the venom is fairly mild. In contrast, the eastern diamondback rattler has powerful venom. Cottonmouths, also called water moccasins, are not particularly aggressive, but will bite if stepped on or picked up. The brightly colored coral snake is very reclusive but will bite if handled. Timber rattlers are docile, and pigmies are very



A five foot long (nonvenomous) yellow rat snake visited the home of Bill Tildes recently. "We read that they will climb trees," he says, "and a few hours later we saw the snake on a branch, 20 feet up in our large, live oak tree."

secretive.

Among the non-venomous snakes, the colorful king snake is indeed king, as it eats copperheads. Slender garter snakes are docile. Big black racers can exceed six feet in length and are very fast. The equally large indigo snake is an increasingly rare, threatened species due to habitat loss, but is rather docile.

For information about additional upcoming Skidaway Audubon events, visit skidawayaudubon.org.



Sharon Grate found this black racer, a nonvenomous snake common to Georgia, in her patio shrub.

When Elizabeth found out she was pregnant with twins she was ecstatic x2. But she was worried about the increased birth risks. She was referred to Dr. Carmela Pettigrew and the dedicated team at the Mary Telfair Women's Hospital.



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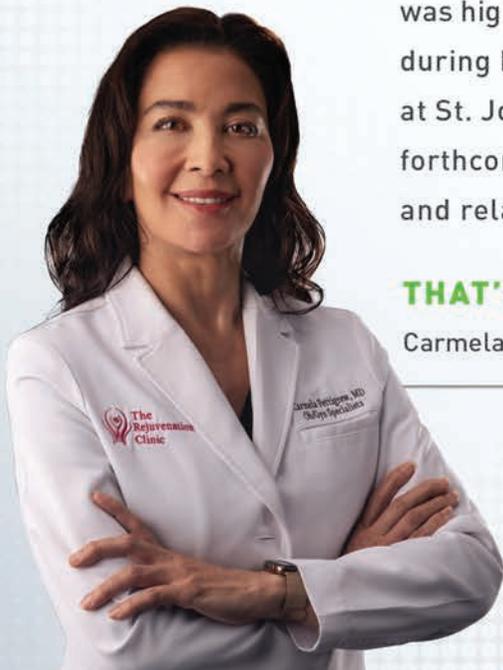


The OR team at the Telfair BirthPlace knew Elizabeth was high risk, so their attentive nature was comforting to Elizabeth during her delivery.

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