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UP front

As I write, the late morning sun from a cloudless blue sky makes me re-think my flannel shirt. The temperature is pushing towards 75. But my iPhone warns that a near-freezing 33 is less than a week away.

Things are changing fast. I intended to grill outside last night, and it was plenty warm to accommodate my plans. But when the time came, it was dark. Who wants to wrangle a plate of chicken in a lightless courtyard? Not I, so I activated the oven and the grill remained covered and undisturbed.

Standard time is an ill-chosen name. It typically runs about four-and-a-half months, while daylight savings time stretches for nearly twice as long. How is the “standard” thing more the exception than the rule? Also, there is nothing standard for me about waking before 6 and struggling to fall back asleep. And my resting heart rate, which has toggled between a daily average of 53 and 55 for most of the year, is suddenly 56. It might not sound like a big deal to you, but you’re sane.

A few days ago, I “asked” Jenna to order “the Christmas Card.” A task that is more complex than it sounds. It requires negotiation (with the kids) and iterative design work. Seventy-five and sunny and I’m worried about getting these things in the mail. Irrational? Maybe. But it’s a cruel condition of time’s unsympathetically relentless march.

Two months ago, Penn State and Clemson fans couldn’t wait for their journeys to a possible national championship to begin. Those dreams are long dead, and our Skinnie football pool is approaching the end of its rope, too. Today, I chose the games for our second-to-last regular season installment. Find it on page 34 and enter before you’re out of chances until next year.

Our next issue will come out a few days before Thanksgiving, and then it’s a sprint to 2026. I remember when I was a kid: The idea of the year 2000 seemed

impossibly abstract. Like a space-age fantasy. As vaguely theoretical as colonizing Mars. No more worth worrying about than machines that think for themselves. Funny how life compels us to recalibrate.

More than a quarter-century past the unimaginable, I hope I’m healthy when the ‘50s roll around. For a long time, “the Fifties” has unequivocally conjured nostalgic but tangible images of drive-in theaters, black-and-white TV, and the nuclear family ideal. Those things will be as peculiarly distant vagaries as a petticoat (popular in 1900) in 25 years.

It’s getting colder and darker by the day. And the tendency is to root for a return to warmth and light. But there is warmth and light available now, at the winter solstice, and always. As I age, I remind myself to savor the moments that I once anxiously hoped to pass. A long plane ride. A stack of paperwork. An hour on a treadmill. A conversation from which I can’t escape. There’s a natural impulse to want to fast-forward to whatever is on the other side of these things. But these things, stacked on top of themselves, represent a big chunk of a life. And, until proven otherwise, we only have one (life). So, we must relish every minute, no matter how we account for them – standard or daylight savings time.

There is nothing standard about the human experience. Time is a precious gift, to be treasured one day at a time.



Scott A. Lawrence

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PANIC ATTACK

Regarding the article in your October 24 issue entitled "Space Invaders" about Orson Welles radio version of H.G. Wells novel *The War of the Worlds* on October 30, 1938:

I remember that night and I remember that broadcast. I was 8 and in the fourth grade (I am now 95). We lived on the west side of Manhattan, only two blocks from the Hudson River, which separates New Jersey from New York. On that night, my father and I were in the living room with the radio on, while my sister and brother (twins, six years older and in high school) were doing their homework at the kitchen table. I don't remember what my mother was doing.

The program began with the music playing for a few minutes and then suddenly: "We interrupt this program with a special bulletin: MARTIANS HAVE LANDED IN NEW JERSEY! MARTIANS HAVE LANDED IN NEW JERSEY!"

I heard the announcement, but I didn't understand it. I didn't know what "Martians" were. But my father also heard it and believed it. The announcer continued with descriptions of heavy fighting between the invaders and American troops, saying the Martians had "death ray" weapons that were destroying everything in their path.

We lived on the fourth floor of a five-story walk-up. From our windows we could see the sky over New Jersey. My father looked and saw a reddish glow in the sky, which he said was from the battle below, not considering that if we looked any other night, we would have seen the same thing caused by the large neon signs on the riverbanks advertising Coca-Cola and other products.

As the broadcast continued, the announcer said the Martians would soon cross the Hudson and attack New York. When my father heard that, he told us to put our coats on. He declared, "We are going to my mother's. If we are going to die, we will all die together."

His mother – my grandmother – and my father's two unmarried brothers lived on the next street, a five-minute walk away. We put on our coats, and my sister and brother went down the stairs to the street. My mother and I were about to start down when my father heard, "You have been listening to a fictional version of 'The War of the Worlds.'"

He changed to a different station and heard no mention of a Martian invasion and realized the whole broadcast was fake. He sent me down to the street to tell my sister and brother to come back up.

As your article stated, this broadcast caused an uproar as thousands all over the country believed it. Orson Welles had to apologize for a too-realistic program.

Walter Reardon

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Cheers to the Greatest Generation

By Stefanie Chipperfield

In March of 1945, James Zalud flew more than 7,000 miles from Kansas City to Tinian in the North Mariana Islands. As a pilot and navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps, he made bombing runs from an airfield at Tinian in his B-29, according to his daughter, Landings resident Patty Brindle. After Zalud died in 2013 at the age of 91, Patty's sister Nancy made a fascinating discovery. While cleaning out her father's desk, Nancy found a stack of bills. She took the bills to a bank, where the teller said, "You might want to keep this one." The bill had more signatures on it than a popular kid's yearbook page.

Nancy contacted a friend with knowledge of military trivia, knickknacks, and lore. The friend identified the bill as a "Short Snorter," a makeshift membership card to an unofficial Air Corps drinking club. "Snort" was slang for a drink, and "short" indicated that it was below the usual measure for such beverages. According to legend, if a group of aviators descended on a bar and one of them was without his Short Snorter, he would cover the night's tab. As there was the possibility of being called on to fly at a moment's notice, the men would stick to lighter-than-normal nips.

The combination of gambling and imbibing became so popular that some crewmembers began calling each other Short Snorters. Besides helping to avoid paying a tab, a Short Snorter bill served as a keepsake to remember friends – particularly valuable given the danger of their work.

The B-29 bomber was first deployed at the end of 1944 and proved instrumental in ending the war. As the peace treaty was signed aboard the *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay, the sky overhead was filled with B-29s. "I remember that

day, as I was in one of those 29s," Zalud wrote in an email to Patty.

Following his discharge in 1946, Zalud returned to college on the GI Bill, and graduated from Case-Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. Taking a job with AT&T Long Lines, Zalud worked throughout the Midwest in a variety of management roles until his retirement in 1982.

Zalud seldom spoke of his military experience, never discussing it among family or friends. No doubt many of those stories would likely be interesting, perhaps even exciting, but they remain largely unknown. "His service really didn't affect our family," Patty says.

For almost 30 years, Zalud and his wife split their time between Wisconsin and Florida, until moving to California to be near family in 2009. Yet through every company transfer and relocation, Zalud's Short Snorter remained a cherished reminder of the men with whom he served.

Like many significant mementos from

World War II, a campaign was launched to preserve such bills. In March of 2009, Thomas Sparks founded The Shorter Snorter Project, established in Washington "for educational purposes pertaining to short snorters." Part of its mission is "to illuminate the Short Snorter and those associated with the tradition and provide a means to educate the general public about these artifacts brought home from the war."

Many Short Snorter bills bear the names of those who held them, including one from June of 1942 belonging to Air Force General/Second Chief of Staff Hoyt Vandenburg, and another dated July of 1942 belonging to FDR aide Harry Hopkins. Two from January of 1943 feature the names of Flight Engineer D. Ray Comish and future U.S. Secretary of Commerce Averell Harriman.

In 2020, Sparks published a book called *The Short Snorter Project: Still Keeping the Memories Alive*, which features vintage photos of pilots, scans of their snorters, and much more trivia. Though not available on Amazon, you can read it for



Robert Zalud in uniform at Kenyon College in Ohio, c. 1943



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Robert Zalud's short snorter bill remains a cherished keepsake of his service in the US Army Air Corps.

free online in several locations, including the Internet Archive at Archive.org, and the Newman Numismatic Portal by way of Washington University in St. Louis and the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society.

Remarkably, some Short Snorters are listed for sale on eBay and other auction sites. Though these bills have long since lost their value as de facto coupons for free liquor, they remain a proud symbol of the camaraderie among America's veterans.



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Respecting the CURTILAGE

By Steve Lane

At first glance, you may have read, "Respect the Cartilage." That would also make a fine article, and you should indeed take care of your connective tissue. However, this piece is about something entirely different; something that is invisible with no exact dimensions. So why should we as Skidaway residents, especially golfers, respect something we can't see or define?

The curtilage is somewhat difficult to explain. It is, in the most basic legal terms, a small area outside a house that is considered private. It is always there. But it's not precisely recorded. Strange, isn't it?

The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects citizens from illegal searches and seizures from their government. The curtilage surrounding the house is often part of the ongoing legal debate about what is considered private. American courts have recognized and established that the curtilage is where the home's occupants have an expectation of privacy roughly equal to the space inside the home. Think of it as a small buffer area surrounding the home with a sign that says "Private. Don't come any closer."

The concept of a curtilage is not new at all. It appears to derive from old English law, where it was established that everything inside a moat or gate, no matter how vast the contained area, is curtilage and is resultantly private. U.S. courts have tried to define this invisible boundary in our modern times like this: If you have an open

field or yard behind your home, you have no expectation of privacy there. People are free to walk through it unless you build a fence. Your expectation of privacy increases within that area. The closer you get to the house, the

higher your expectation of privacy. For example, if you create a small garden or patio right behind your house, you have created an area with a much higher expectation of privacy from government agents, the general public, random snoopers and, I will argue, erratic golfers. There is no set distance of the curtilage area. It depends on the home and the area the homeowner has established as being a little more intimate than just the yard.

Full disclosure: I can be an erratic golfer. I have hit a few roofs in our neighborhood. I have landed in manicured backyards many times. With my awesome Ping driver (which my wife no longer allows me use), I have launched balls over homes into front yards where there is no golf course frontage at all. I find that both embarrassing and awesome at the same time.

I also own a home that has beautiful golf course frontage. I have many well-meaning golfers present in my yard almost every hour of every day. Living on a golf course, I expect that. We often make friendly eye contact, and I give them my It's-okay-look. However, in all my excursions outside the actual boundaries of the golf course, I never encroach the curtilage to retrieve my errant golf ball. In my view, if I had no legal right to be on that spot as a former government official,

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Firmly defining your curtilage with a fence may not keep the neighbor from observing you, but it will definitely make it harder for them.

then I have no right to be there as a golfer. I respect the homeowner's curtilage whether they know they have one or not. This, I believe, is just simple respect for property and privacy.

Over the years, I have had a few bold golfers walk right up onto my deck to grab a ball. As a homeowner, that feels very invasive.

If the courts struggle to define the boundaries of the curtilage for law enforcement, then how am I to define it as a golfer? Here is the rule I use, for what it's worth. I consider a boundary of about three to five feet away from a house to be an intimate area of the house. This is widely accepted in law enforcement as a starting point. If I do not know that homeowner, then they certainly do not expect me to occupy that intimate boundary for any amount of time without an invitation. If they have taken pains to create a small garden, patio, or deck that extends beyond that, then I will not encroach. I will simply donate that rebellious golf ball to the homeowner. That golf ball obviously had bad spirits in it anyway. Good riddance.

In communities such as ours, the curtilage can serve as a boundary between the privacy of our homeowners and the rights of our golfers who are homeowners themselves. I guess you could respect the curtilage and the cartilage at the same time. Even better.

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Two Nurses Establish Local Chapter Of National Honor Guard

“Nurses honoring nurses.” That is the simple but important mission of the Coastal Georgia Nurse Honor Guard, the local chapter of a national organization created to celebrate the lives of nurses.

The Coastal Georgia chapter was launched by two St. Joseph's/Candler co-workers and longtime friends, JJ Riley and Michele Roberts. This past August, the chapter celebrated its first anniversary.

“We heard about the National Nurses Honor Guard and attended their conference in May of 2024,” Roberts says. “And we said, ‘We’ve got to do this in Savannah.’”

There are hundreds of Nurse Honor Guard chapters across the country, and each is made up of volunteers. Any licensed nurse in good standing is invited to join. The Honor Guard is best known for the Nightingale Tribute, a beautiful and solemn ceremony conducted at a nurse’s funeral or memorial service. This ritual named for the founder of modern nursing honors the nurse’s life and career.

A central part of the ceremony involves a lamp, the enduring symbol of a nurse’s calling. The ceremonial lamp references Florence Nightingale, who used a lamp throughout the night as she checked on wounded soldiers during the Crimean War in the 1850s. Later, it became a tradition to present a lamp to nursing graduates as they began their careers.

During the memorial ceremony, a Nightingale lamp is lit in the nurse’s honor. Then, the nurse’s name is called out as a request to report for duty. After the third call, the nurse is relieved of her nursing duties, and the lamp is extinguished.

“It’s the final call for nurses who have served selflessly and dedicated their lives to the care of others,” Riley explains. “The tribute is a message to these nurses: Your duties are done; your tasks are complete. You are going home.”

The extinguished lamp is presented to the nurse’s family as a cherished keepsake. These ceremonies are done at no cost to the families; the Honor Guard is a non-profit organization that provide these services through private donations.



JJ Riley (left) is the current president of the Coastal Georgia Nurse Honor Guard and Michele Roberts (right) is vice president. Both women are St. Joseph's/Candler nurses.

Honor Guard nurses wear traditional white uniforms and caps, along with a special navy-blue cape with red lining. The cape is a reminder of nurses serving in wartime. It would help keep the nurses’ uniforms clean and white, and the red lining helped soldiers identify nurses on the battlefield.

The Honor Guard celebrates living nurses, too. “Our chapter does services for nurses who are still alive, to honor their service to the nursing profession by celebrating with them at their retirement or a milestone birthday,” Roberts says.

Building this organization has been a labor of love for Riley and Roberts. They started with a handful of members and a Facebook group, and have worked tirelessly to grow the chapter over the past



year. This included the administrative tasks of securing their nonprofit status, establishing a bank account, and, most importantly, getting the word out.

After seeing the ceremony for the first time, nurses often approach Riley or Roberts to see how they can be a part of the chapter. Their enthusiasm matches how the two nurses felt when they first learned of the Honor Guard. The group currently has 39 members and is continuing to grow as nurses are inspired to join.

“We have a lot of St. Joseph's/Candler nurses, of course,” Roberts says. “But this chapter is for all nurses in this area. Some of our members are retired. Some, like JJ and I, are still working. We have nurses from all walks of life in this chapter. Where you work doesn’t matter. This group unites all nurses.”

To learn more about the Coastal Georgia Honor Guard or to request a tribute, email coastalganhg@gmail.com.



The Nurse Honor Guard tradition originated in 2003 with the Kansas State Nurses Association, which sought to create a method of tribute like those for military members, police officers, and firefighters. The goal was to formally recognize a nurse’s career of dedication and service.

The idea gradually spread among nurses beyond Kansas, gaining significant momentum in 2011 when an operating room nurse from Michigan, Julia Godby Murray, attended a presentation on the tribute ceremony. Inspired, she began to promote the concept through social media, and this outreach eventually led to the formation of the National Nurses Honor Guard Coalition, helping establish more than 200 chapters across the country. Each chapter is autonomous, but they all share the core mission of honoring the lives and careers of nurses.

For the families of the deceased nurses, the Honor Guard’s ceremony provides a sense of pride and validation. The Nightingale Tribute serves as a powerful reminder of their loved one’s commitment and compassion. For grieving families, the ceremony helps remind them that their loved one’s contributions to the noble profession of nursing are valued and will not be forgotten. It also provides comfort to fellow nurses, who can pay their final respects to a colleague and friend.

What began in one state has become a national movement, with local chapters such as the one in Coastal Georgia, which covers Chatham, Bryan, and Liberty Counties.



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VETERANS DAY QUIZ

BY JIM TOEDTMAN

On November 11, we observe Veterans Day, which once commemorated the end of World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. These 11 questions will test your knowledge of this tradition and related events.



1 During World War I, the world was divided into two parts: the Allied Powers (United Kingdom, France, Serbia, and 20 others) and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire). Which group did Russia join?

- A. the Allied Forces
- B. the Central Forces
- C. Neither

2 World War I reflected the newly industrialized world and included mass-produced airplanes, submarines, tanks, and machine guns. Which of the following was introduced during the War?

- A. Radar
- B. Spy balloons
- C. "Dog tags"
- D. Drones

3 Savannah cotton merchants enjoyed a fivefold increase in the price of cotton in the run up to war, but joined the chorus of businesses pressuring Woodrow Wilson to declare war on the Central powers. Why?

- A. a scarcity of German auto imports
- B. a German U-boat blockade blocked

cotton exports from Savannah to Europe

- C. European import prices rose
- D. Commercial transit through the Suez-Canal was blocked

4 A major Savannah roadway, one of the nation's prettiest, was named Estill Road until 1919, when it was renamed to celebrate the end of the war. Which street did Estill Road become?

- A. Liberty St.
- B. Congress St.
- C. Victory Dr.
- D. State St.

5 Savannah's "Cracked Earth" monument on West River Street honors all Chatham County World War II veterans and features the names of the 527 who died. It's named "A World Apart" and symbolizes

- A. Cold War rivalries
- B. the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres of World War II
- C. the Eastern and Western Hemispheres
- D. the dateline dividing today and tomorrow

6 Who were the first female U.S. uniformed service members?

- A. the Army Nursing Corps
- B. the "WACS"
- C. the "WAVES"
- D. Betsy Ross

7 The U.S. Veterans Administration budget is \$325 billion this year, the seventh largest federal expenditure. How does that compare to the amount spent to cover the federal government's annual interest costs?

- A. half as much
- B. about the same
- C. twice as much
- D. three times as much

8 Until 1954, November 11 was recognized under a different name. It was originally known as

- A. Remembrance Day
- B. Decoration Day
- C. Armistice Day

9 The percentage of veterans who are women grew from 6 percent in 2000 to 9.4 in 2015 percent. What percentage of the 16.6

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million veterans today are women?

- A. 7.8
- B. 9.8
- C. 11.8
- D. 12.8

10 There are an estimated 771,000 homeless people in the U.S. How many of them are veterans?

- A. 17,000
- B. 33,000
- C. 67,000
- D. 97,000

11 In the political turmoil that roiled Germany after the end of World War I, a major event, "Hitler's Beer Hall Putsch (Coups)," occurred in 1923. On the day after a rousing speech, Hitler's allies led a march through Munich that was broken up by German troops. They arrested Hitler, charging him with treason. What happened next?

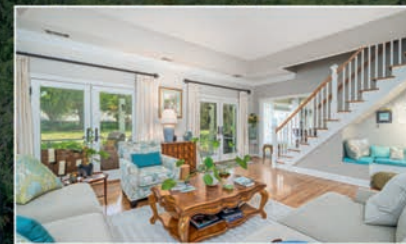
- A. German beer sales soared
- B. Hitler's Nazi allies shot the judge
- C. Hitler was convicted, imprisoned for nine months, then plotted his path to the chancellorship
- D. Hitler and his allies fled to a Swiss hideaway

Answers: 1-A; 2-C; 3-B; 4-C; 5-B; 6-A; 7-A; 8-C; 9-B; 10-B; 11-C.



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THEIR DAY

They Served by Ron Lauretti

I submit that there are two special dates on the calendar that all Americans should commemorate with gratitude and respect.

The first is July 4, the anniversary date of when a brave group of colonists declared independence from the ruling British Empire. That group of 18th Century patriots were so determined to achieve liberty that they pledged their lives and fortunes to the cause of self-rule. They did it while under the domination of the greatest military power at the time. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, and their patriotic associates eventually made possible a great way of life for their compatriots and generations to follow.

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The second date is November 11, when U.S. veterans are recognized for their service in the various military branches. These men and women continue to champion the cause of liberty begun by the original patriots in 1776. They serve to keep us free to decide our own destinies. As a special tribute to them, I present a list of those whom *The Skinnie* has profiled this year:

- Dean Klahr - Navy
- Jonathan and Amy Drew - Air Force
- Gerald Taggart - Army
- Neil Armstrong - Navy

- Buzz Aldrin - Air Force
- Joseph Conners - Marines
- James Kraft - Air Force
- Baxter Kraft - Air Force
- Robert Kraft - Navy

There are approximately 2.1 million people currently in uniform serving the United States. We thank them.

Author's Note: In the previous issue of The Skinnie, the family name of the three Kraft brothers was misspelled as Craft. The correct spelling is Kraft. The writer regrets the error. A corrected version of the article is available at theskinnie.com.

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PARKER'S KITCHEN RAISES RECORD \$ 530,000 AT 13TH ANNUAL FUELING THE COMMUNITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Allison Hersh

On October 20, 288 golfers teed off on the Magnolia and Marshwood courses at The Landings for the Parker's Kitchen 13th Annual Fueling the Community Charity Golf Tournament. The event raised a record-setting \$530,000 to support local schools in the communities the company serves throughout Georgia and South Carolina.

"We're deeply committed to supporting education and making a transformative impact on the communities we serve," said Parker's Kitchen founder and executive chairman Greg Parker. "We know that education paves the path for future success in life, which is why it serves as the foundation of all Parker's Kitchen charitable giving."

Since Parker's Kitchen's

Fueling the Community charitable initiative was established in 2011, the company has donated a portion of gas sold at all Parker's and Parker's Kitchen locations on the first Wednesday of each month to area schools. To date, Parker's Kitchen has raised more than \$3 million through the program.

In addition to golf, the 2025 Fueling the Community Charity Golf Tournament featured a catered breakfast and lunch, live music, raffle drawings and an awards ceremony. The Pinyan Company team earned top honors at the golf tournament. The McGee Corporation team claimed second place, and the NCS One team took home third place honors.

Known for its longstanding commitment to charitable giving, the company has donated more than \$30 million to make a transformative impact in key areas, including supporting education, expanding access to healthcare, fighting hunger and celebrating heroes over the past eight years.

ABOVE LEFT: Golfers and guests go over the many items offered in the annual raffle.
LEFT: Warming up
BELOW: Golfers wait anxiously for the start of the tournament.



ABOVE: Parker's Kitchen employees are joined by the company mascot, Chewy.
RIGHT: Parker's Kitchen founder and executive chairman Greg Parker addresses tournament players and attendees.



Parker's Kitchen also endowed the Parker's Emergency and Trauma Center at Memorial Hospital in Savannah, and made a record \$5 million donation to name the Parker College of Business at Georgia Southern University, supporting the next generation of business leaders in Georgia. The Parker's Community Fund was created in 2021 by a major donation from Parker's Kitchen founder and CEO Greg Parker, providing critical funding for Union Mission to open the Parker House for Women, Savannah's first facility for women experiencing homelessness.

Since its founding in 1976, Parker's Kitchen has grown to become an award-winning company that has been voted one of America's top 10 gas station brands by USA TO-

DAY readers. The Parker's Rewards loyalty program, which includes more than 300,000 members, has saved customers more than \$15 million to date. Parker's employs more than 1,600 individuals throughout South Carolina and Georgia and completes nearly a million transactions weekly.



ABOVE: Parker's Kitchen CEO Brandon Hofmann (left) and founder/executive chairman Greg Parker (right) congratulate The Pinyan Company for winning the Fueling the Community Charity Golf Tournament.
LEFT: Live music was provided by Bucky Bryant and Jason Courtenay.





AUDIBLE CLUES

WHAT: “Enigma,” Savannah Wind Symphony fall concert
WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 9, at 3 p.m.
WHERE: Fine Arts Auditorium of Georgia Southern University’s Armstrong Campus
HOW MUCH: \$20 - general admission; \$15 - military; \$10 - children under 18
CONTACT: SavannahWindSymphony.com
WHAT ELSE: The Savannah Wind Symphony begins its 49th season with “Enigma.” Expect the selections to be puzzling, ambiguous, or inexplicable; perhaps a riddle or statement with hidden meaning. Ultimately, the puzzle will be revealed as you take in the beauty and majesty of the music.

THE OLD SONGS

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture Series: “Melodies of the Musical Comedy”
WHEN: Monday, Nov. 10, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.; Reception - 5 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: \$15/\$20 per lecture (member/visitor)
CONTACT: www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or contact dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org
WHAT ELSE: In this exclusive Learning Center concert, pianist Ray La Rovere, who has performed with legends like Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr., plays selections from Academy Award-winning musical comedies and the American songbook, including medleys by Gershwin and Porter.

DOUBLE YOUR FUN

WHAT: “Duets for Organ” concert
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 3 W. Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free-will donations appreciated
CONTACT: saintpeterssav.org or Lyndall Stanley, 912.596.3480
WHAT ELSE: Unique, refreshing performance featuring America’s leading duo-organists, Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault.

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WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway
WHEN: Thursday mornings at 8 a.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club
HOW MUCH: Free to attend, including any refreshments, which includes coffee/tea (compliments of Morgan Stanley) and occasional pastries from Auspicious Bakery.
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.

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.

FUELING THE FUTURE

WHAT: 7th annual Peanut Butter Drive
WHEN: Now through Nov. 17
WHERE: KDS Sandfly, 7360 Skidaway Rd., Ste A-2, next to Your Pic
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the community.
CONTACT: For more information, email Julie Palmer, julie@tpgsavannah.com
WHAT ELSE: Join the Palmer Group Cares for its annual Peanut Butter Drive by dropping off unopened 16-oz. jars of peanut butter. Your donation supports Backpacks of Love, ensuring that school age children have access to nutritious food over the weekends.

PUT A BOW ON IT

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club Holiday Bow and Bulb Sale
WHEN: Tuesdays and Fridays, now through Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Village Pharmacy Fountain
HOW MUCH: \$15-25; \$10 for 10 bulbs
CONTACT: Joni, 925.787.9800, jonibro2022@outlook.com
WHAT ELSE: Handmade holiday bows are back, in large indoor and outdoor styles with shapable wire. Daffodil bulbs in two varieties are also available: Fortune (yellow with soft orange) and Sempre Avanti (white with orange and yellow). Proceeds support local projects including the Pol-

linator Garden at Sparrow Field, Skidaway Farms Children’s Garden, and the Serenity Garden at the Anderson Cancer Institute.

TAG, YOU’RE IT

WHAT: PEO Charity Tag Sale
WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 8
WHERE: Skidaway Island Methodist Church, 54 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Jane Bruno, 912.303.9888
WHAT ELSE: All money raised supports continuing education for women in Georgia. Come find household goods, books, toys, decor, and more.

TALES FROM THE CRYPTS

WHAT: Landlovers Rambles Tour of Bonaventure Cemetery led by a master storyteller
WHEN: Monday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
WHERE: Bonaventure Cemetery, 330 Bonaventure Rd, Savannah
HOW MUCH: \$43; Limited to 25 attendees.
Please register at landingslandlovers.com under events.
CONTACT: Donna Bunn, 513.317.3976 or donnabunn@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Join us for a fascinating tour filled with legends, art, and mysteries of this beautiful and haunting landmark. Must be a Landlovers member.

WHAT A DRAG

WHAT: Sea Dawg Trawl
WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
WHERE: UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium
HOW MUCH: \$20
CONTACT: gacoast.uga.edu/event/ or Cindy Lingebach at calingeb@uga.edu or 912.598.2344
WHAT ELSE: Climb aboard the research vessel, the *R/V Sea Dawg*, for a trawl in Wassaw Sound. Participants actively contribute to marine sampling efforts alongside marine educators to collect, sort, and identify a variety of marine organisms.

DOWN ON THE FARM

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club Woodpecker Trail Olive Farm field trip
WHEN: Thursday, Nov 13, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: 2437 Hwy 121, Glennville
CONTACT: jonibro2022@outlook.com, or 925.787.9800
WHAT ELSE: Participants will learn about olive varieties, tree care, regenerative farming, and

the harvest-to-cold-press process. The tour ends with a guided tasting of olive oils and balsamic reductions, with first press EVOO available for purchase. Event details will be sent via e-vite to garden club members.

ROLLIN’ ON THE RIVERS

WHAT: Bull River Cruise
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
WHERE: UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium
HOW MUCH: \$30
CONTACT: gacoast.uga.edu/event/ or Cindy Lingebach at calingeb@uga.edu or 912.598.2344
WHAT ELSE: Guided exploration of Georgia’s coastal rivers and sounds aboard an education skiff. Cruise down the Wilmington River and into Wassaw Sound before heading up the Bull River into Lazaretto Creek.

SEASONAL ART SALE

WHAT: Landings Art Association Holiday Art Sale
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 14
WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club Ball Room
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
WHAT ELSE: Shop for one-of-a-kind gifts, including original and print art, pottery, handmade jewelry, handmade wood pieces, and more.

SEMPER FI

WHAT: U.S. Marine Corps Ball
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m.
WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club Ball Room
HOW MUCH: \$110 per person
CONTACT: Hal Evans, 912.777.6937
WHAT ELSE: Dinner and dancing to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.

GIVING THANKSGIVING

WHAT: Community Thanksgiving drive-by food collection
WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 16, 3 - 4 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 3 W. Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: Kathryn McLearn, 912.598.4520
WHAT ELSE: Benefits local families and the homeless who are food insecure. Individual and family-sized cans and packages greatly appreciated. No industrial size cans or glass jars. Most-needed items: Canned chicken or tuna, beef stew, small box of potatoes, canned fruit/cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, gravy mix, canned yams, corn muffin mix, stovetop stuffing, mac-and-cheese, individual packaged snacks,

cake/ brownies/cookie mix.

THE OKEFENOKEE IS OK

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club meeting and program
WHEN: Monday, Nov 17; 9:15 a.m. social, 10 a.m. meeting, 10:45 program
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W. Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: jonibro2022@outlook.com or 925.787.9800
WHAT ELSE: The Okefenokee Swamp draws 600,000 visitors a year and is recognized as a National Wildlife Refuge and wetland of global importance. Naturalist Eric Swanson will share updates on current protection efforts and why preserving this unique ecosystem matters. All are welcome.

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Ladies on the Right Honors Veterans
WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 20; 12 noon - social, 12:30 - luncheon and speaker
WHERE: The Landings Club Palmetto Ballroom
HOW MUCH: LOTR members - \$37.50; non-members - \$45.
WHAT ELSE: Please invite a veteran! Speaker is Col. Brent Bracewell (Ret.), chairman-elect of the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum. Please make reservations at www.ladiesontheright.org by November 11.

DEAR ABBIES

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails Speaker Series November Meeting
WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 20, 3:15 p.m. check-in
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W. Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: To learn about the Skidaway Abigails, please visit skidawayabigails.org
WHAT ELSE: Abigails members and their guests are invited to join us as we welcome Tracy Boyd and Alloceia Hall from the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

WHAT: Skidaway Island Democrats Meeting
WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: TLA office, 600 Landings Way
CONTACT: Email Rosemary Mackey at rwmackey1@gmail.com for a gate pass; Email Mitzi Toth at mlanetoth38@gmail.com for a ride from the Marshes or Thrive
WHAT ELSE: Speakers will be Michael McCord, candidate for the Congressional District 1 seat; Josh McLaurin, state senator representing the 14th District and candidate for lieutenant governor; and Derrick Jackson, candidate for governor.

SOUND BITES

WHAT: Lunchtime lectures and live music
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 21, Dec. 19 at noon
WHERE: Liston Hall, Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: skidcc.org/sound-bites or Nick Klemetson at nick@skidcc.org
WHAT ELSE: Pack your lunch and join Skidaway Community Church’s music director Nick Klemetson for an hour of bite-sized talks and live music on piano, organ, and more — the perfect mid-day mix of learning and listening.

SCOUT’S HONOR

WHAT: Boy Scouts smoked turkeys and Boston butts
WHEN: Thanksgiving
WHERE: Delivery on Skidaway Island and nearby, probably Monday Nov. 24 or pickup at Coach’s Corner same day
HOW MUCH: \$30 each for turkeys and Boston butts
CONTACT: email_glen0712@yahoo.com or call/text 912.980.2966
WHAT ELSE: Great food, great price, supporting a great organization.

FLOWER POWER

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club meeting and program
WHEN: Monday, Dec. 15; 9:15 a.m. social, 10 a.m. meeting, 10:45 program
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W. Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: Gayle, 508.922.7539 or gridgway@mac.com
WHAT ELSE: Enjoy holiday decorating demos and a presentation by Connie Ross of John Davis Florist, voted Savannah’s Best Florist for 14 years. Please bring a dozen cookies to swap.

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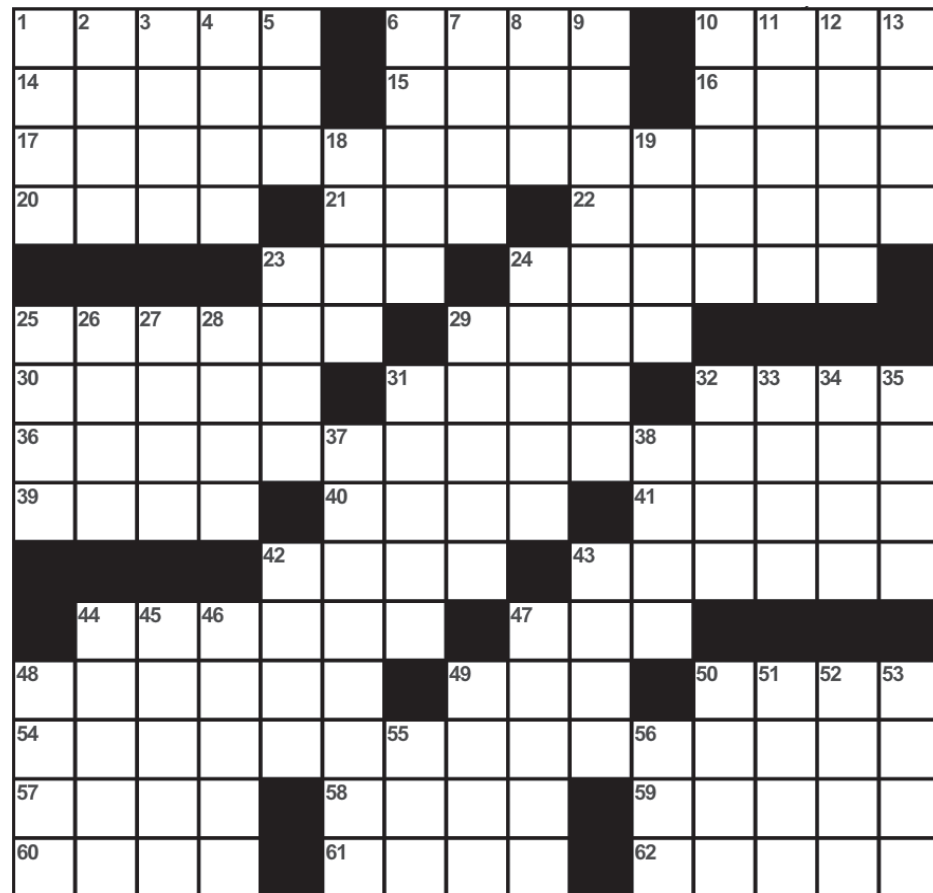
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ACROSS

1. Swarming pests
6. Abrade
10. Be a successful pitcher?
14. Like a Koontz novel, say
15. VIP in a burnoose
16. Balm base
17. Boeing 777, for one
20. Reprieve from the governor
21. Band follower?
22. Moon feature
23. Moonves runs it
24. Something to hang with?
25. "Big ____ House" (Martin Lawrence movie)
29. Dance derived from the twist
30. Bubbling, in a way
31. Fancy kind of rags
32. Bleacher feature
36. Org. based in Strasbourg
39. Follow the advice of
40. Lampblack
41. "All aboard!"
42. Anastasia's father, e.g.
43. Gratify
44. Lame excuse
47. Underhanded
48. Princess Leia's surname
49. "His Master's Voice" co.
50. Use FedEx
54. Karaoke activity
57. "Beware the ____ of March."
58. Black vein contents
59. "____ circumstances beyond our control..."
60. American Revolution detractor
61. Banjoist ____ Scruggs
62. After-market item

DOWN

1. Understands
2. Political figure ____ Gingrich
3. Opera tune
4. Diminutive
5. "What did I tell you?"



6. ____ Philbin of TV
7. Among
8. Immoral misdeed
9. Rule out in advance
10. Word with "greens" or "days"
11. Bring cheer to
12. Company avoider
13. Offensive facial expression
18. Catches red-handed
19. Snobbish highbrow
23. It has many functions, briefly
24. Add on, as to a plant
25. Jet speed
26. Woodwind lower than a piccolo
27. Pouty expression
28. Matter topper?
29. Ocean bottom
31. Act self-satisfied
32. Palm or pawpaw

33. Very small amount
34. Narrative writing
35. Russo or Descartes
37. Act of putting into circulation
38. Optically unattractive
42. Grammy-winner Braxton
43. Surveyor's map
44. System of principles
45. Impolite looker
46. Easy victim
47. Henley Regatta craft
48. Black-bordered bio
49. Laugh heartily
50. It may be found on a lobe
51. Colored
52. "... and ____ the fire."
53. Exploited laborer
55. Make a little ____ long way
56. Abbr. on a toothpaste box

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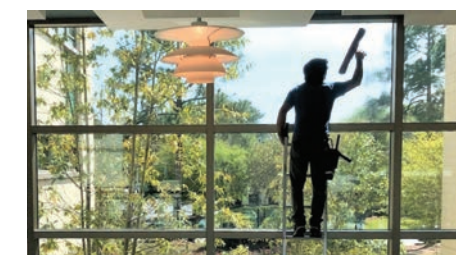
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