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Everyone loves an underdog. Or is it “under-dawg?” If you’re only five-nine-and-a-half, not only does the ½ matter, but you get to be an underdog, even if you’ve thrown for almost 4,000 yards, run for 500 more, and accounted for 46 touchdowns during your senior year of high school alone. If you’re the right mix of humble and cocky, country and slick, with a devilish smile and an uncensored tongue, they REAL-LY love you. Especially when you win.

In the national semi-final on New Year’s Eve, Stetson Bennett IV tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Adonai Mitchell with 54 seconds left to lift the University of Georgia football team to a 42-41 victory over Ohio State, giving the Bulldogs the opportunity to play for their second consecutive college football championship. A cause for celebration, for sure. When Bennett’s coach, Kirby Smart, a man whom the Board of Regents agreed to pay \$112.5 million over 10 years (in part because the undersized quarterback, a year before, led UGA to its first national title since Jimmy Carter was president) was asked to assess SBIV’s performance against the Buckeyes, Smart said, on broadcast TV while still on the field: “...he’s gotta play within our system and he’s gotta do what he’s coached to do, or you can’t win games...He must play better if we expect to win the next one.” What did you expect, Stetson, a hug?

This is the same coach who was, presumably, a party to the open flirtation with then-Oklahoma-transfer-to-be quarterback Caleb Williams, until Williams decided on February 1, 2022, that he would head to USC (the West Coast one) to win a Heisman Trophy. Meanwhile, the Georgia fan base has often been quick to criticize SBIV when he stumbles (see: Kent State and Missouri game notes), too. So, you might understand why the undersized signal caller has, at times, felt under-loved. Which, ironically, kinda makes us like him even more than we already do.

But humans are fickle. He won, and then he won again. So he has never been more beloved. Or, in the words of writer Malcolm Henry after SBIV appeared (um...evidently, very shortly after celebrating his first national title): “Stetson Bennett will never have to buy another drink in the state of Georgia so long as he lives. That, apparently, started last night in Indianapolis.”

As noted, love is a fleeting thing, so Henry adds, “Now, unlike many Georgia quarterbacks, the NFL isn’t in Stetson’s future, but nobody is ever taking away that national championship and the benefits that come along with that, including the free booze...” In other words: You had a nice run kid, just don’t let it go to your head. At least the tab is open on Sundays when you watch the other guys play.

I grew up rooting for Penn State. I’m still nowhere

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near all-in on UGA. I love my adopted home state, but I don’t pull for the ‘Dawgs with the fervor displayed by my native friends. But I like this Bennett guy, which is easy to do. He says clever stuff, even when it’s not particularly clever, sort of like a rural Yogi Berra for the modern age. For example, on Good Morning America: “I don’t really know the kind of people who want to win a national championship just so they don’t buy another drink again. That’s silly to me...I’m here to play football for the University of Georgia. And, once that’s over, whatever my interests will be. Which is hard when you’re playing college football because you don’t get internships...I’m majoring in economics — I’d like to go to law school. Hopefully I live until at least 80. So we’ll say 60 years to not play football. (But) I’m going to play football this year...I really couldn’t care less about a free drink.” A true poet for the everyman.

Winning one national championship is hard. Two in a row makes you the next Alabama. Still, SBIV says, “If you listen to them when they’re telling you how good you are, then you’re going to listen to them when they tell you how bad you are. I don’t really care what anybody else says.” We all say we don’t care what other people think. And we all lie. But I believe him when he makes the claim.

Motivation needn’t come from a deep, hidden profound source. Said SBIV when discussing the then-upcoming 2022-23 season: “Shoot, why does anybody who’s ever won something do it again? Because it’s cool. So, let’s go do it again.”

So how cool is it – actually – to be at the apex of the athletic world, if only for a moment (or two)? To be a perpetual legend in the Peach State. To be five-nine-and-a-half, footloose and fabulous, a pint-sized colossus among giants in Georgia lore. In the words of the 25-year-old (who puts the “super” in super-senior, for sure) himself: “I can’t articulate it. I’m not that smart.”

Which might be both unnecessarily self-deprecating and keenly self-aware, at once. The essence of the paradox of the luckiest number 13.

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This year, the drive collected the largest (collective) donation from the Landings in its history, with more than 7,000 items collected! In total, the cadet corps secured a staggering 30,393 items, breaking the school record! This success was not the product of just a few people, but a combined effort by the entire community. Real change can only be brought by a collective initiative. The Landings' commitment to supporting those less fortunate has been exemplified by this year's incredible donations.

When you realize the hours spent passing out flyers and picking up cans helps Savannah's needy, it makes the whole experience more rewarding. Thank you again for your generous support.

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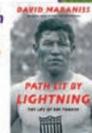
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Children from Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa have performed all over the world, enabling them to receive university-level educations to help break the cycle of poverty in their communities.

A SOUND APPROACH

The African Children's Choir Makes a Savannah Stop

I have been a big fan of the African Children's Choir (ACC) since I found them on YouTube in 2019. When I learned that they were touring the U.S, I wrote to ask them to consider a stop in Savannah. My fellow Coastal Youth Choirs (CYC) board members and I are thrilled that they have graciously agreed.

The internationally acclaimed choir will perform a full concert at the First Baptist Church at 223 Bull Street, on Chippewa Square, on Monday, January 23, at 7 p.m.

Young singers ages 9-11 will melt audience members' hearts. The children deliver a mix of beautiful voices, charming smiles, and inspiring songs and dances. The ACC has entertained heads of state and royalty, the world over, including a performance commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubilee. The ACC has collaborated with artists like Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox, Keith Urban, Mariah Carey and Michael W. Smith.

Sponsored by CYC, the ACC concert is free and open to all. A free-will offering will

be accepted at the performance to support the various programs – spanning education, relief, and economic development – of the ACC.

Gif Lockley, executive and artistic director of the CYC, says, "We are pleased to offer this concert as a part of our international choir exchange program. Attendees will fall in love with African Children's Choir and their mission for the children of Africa."

The ACC was established in 1984 when

Christian human rights advocate Ray Barnett was traveling in war-torn Uganda. He gave a small boy a ride from his destroyed home to the safety of another village. During their journey, the child did what he knew how to do best: The boy sang. The simple song of dignity and hope inspired Barnett to create a program to enhance the lives of thousands of children stuck in a cycle of extreme poverty.

Rallying support from other nations, the ACC motivated audiences to fund a children's home in Uganda, providing a stable environment and quality education for young people in need. As the ACC and its affiliated initiatives grew, so did the needs of African children. The choir began recruiting Kenyan youth in 1990. In 2002, the first South African choir toured North America.

Since then, the program has provided for its members' well-being and quality education, utilizing the transformative power of music. The organization instills Christian principles through teaching and leading-by-example. It provides relief and development to African nations in crisis.

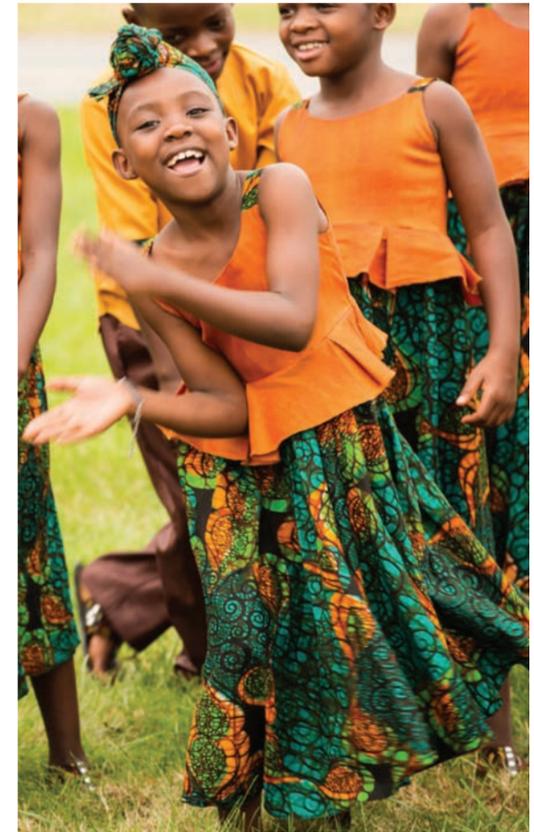
The ACC has helped more than 1,300

children become change-makers for Africa's future. Almost all the children have had their educations sponsored through the university level, eventually becoming doctors, teachers, engineers, and other professionals who give back to their communities.

Heather Roper, Savannah mother of three CYC singers, is very excited to her kids perform alongside the ACC. She first saw the ACC in February of 2013, when the group performed at her church in Ohio. Her parents hosted three girls and an adult chaperone for a few days. "We got to hang out with them at my mom's house after the performance," she says. "Such a wonderful group, and I love what they do for their students. Now, years later, even though the original kids are all grown up, we are delighted to see them perform again."

The ACC has invited singers from the CYC and Marshpoint Elementary Chorus to join them onstage for part of the performance – an incredible opportunity for Savannah's choristers and the local audience.

Music for Life (MFL), the ACC's parent organization, invites children from Uganda,



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WHAT ELSE: A free-will offering will be accepted. The choir serves as the main fundraising branch for Music for Life, with proceeds from the choir's work funding Christian education and relief efforts for African children affected by poverty and disease.

Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, and South Africa to audition for the ACC. MFL has impacted the lives of more than 100,000 children, facilitating more than 40 tours through the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. The ACC is the main fundraising vehicle for MFL. Focusing on education, MFL helps Africa's most vulnerable children by providing them the discipleship and leadership skills needed to rise above their challenging circumstances and effect enduring, systemic change in their communities.

Established in 2006 as the Savannah Children's Choir, Inc, CYC has provided music education and choral performance through weekly rehearsals and summer camp for children 5-18 years of age. Its objective is to unite, mentor, and transform children and youth singers into responsible, creative, and confident leaders through excellence in choral performance and music education. The CYC, with generous support from the ACE Program, the City of Savannah, and Gulfstream, sponsors the Choral Foundation Program, which promotes music education and chorus programs to 12 elementary and middle schools in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) throughout the 2022-23 school year. CYC offers professional development for music educators in Bryan, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty Counties in Georgia, and Beaufort, Hampton and Jasper counties in South Carolina. The organization sponsors four Music Educators Evenings with the Savannah Philharmonic throughout the school year.

Rebecca Flaherty is a CYC board member, singer, and music teacher at Marshpoint Elementary.



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THE FERAL GOLFER

Notes From The Deep Rough by Peter Sizer

Length. Every golfer wants it. If you don't have it, a career as a touring professional will be tenuous at best. Once the holy grail of golf, nearly every elite male golfer on the planet can produce a 300-yard drive today. This is due to a combination of instruction, physical fitness, and continual innovation in ball and equipment design. The weight room is no longer the private domain of football players and wrestlers. The modern golfer, no longer a scrawny, pencil-necked geek, might be mistaken for an NFL linebacker.

The first bludgeoner of note in the 20th Century was Englishman Ted Ray, winner of the 1912 ("British") Open Championship and the 1920 U.S. Open. His height and weight gave him a natural advantage, and his inelegant swing held nothing back. His drives of 250 yards were amazing when most of his contemporaries were happy to get to 200. One might assume that "Long" Jim Barnes, one of the best golfers during the 19-teens and '20s, was a man of prodigious length. In a sense he was. It was his length from foot sole to the point of his head— 6 feet, 4 inches — that gave him his sobriquet, not his driver. Bobby Jones is recognized as one of the longer players of that era, and technical analysis of the film record of his swing gives an estimated swing speed of 117 miles per hour, which would easily send today's balls beyond the 300-yard mark.

The PGA Tour began compiling driving statistics in 1980, and Dan Pohl led with an average of 274 yards the first year of record. In 1981, Pohl increased that number to 280. Davis Love pushed it higher, to 286 in 1986, but the leader remained in that range through

1990, when Tom Purtzer led with 280.

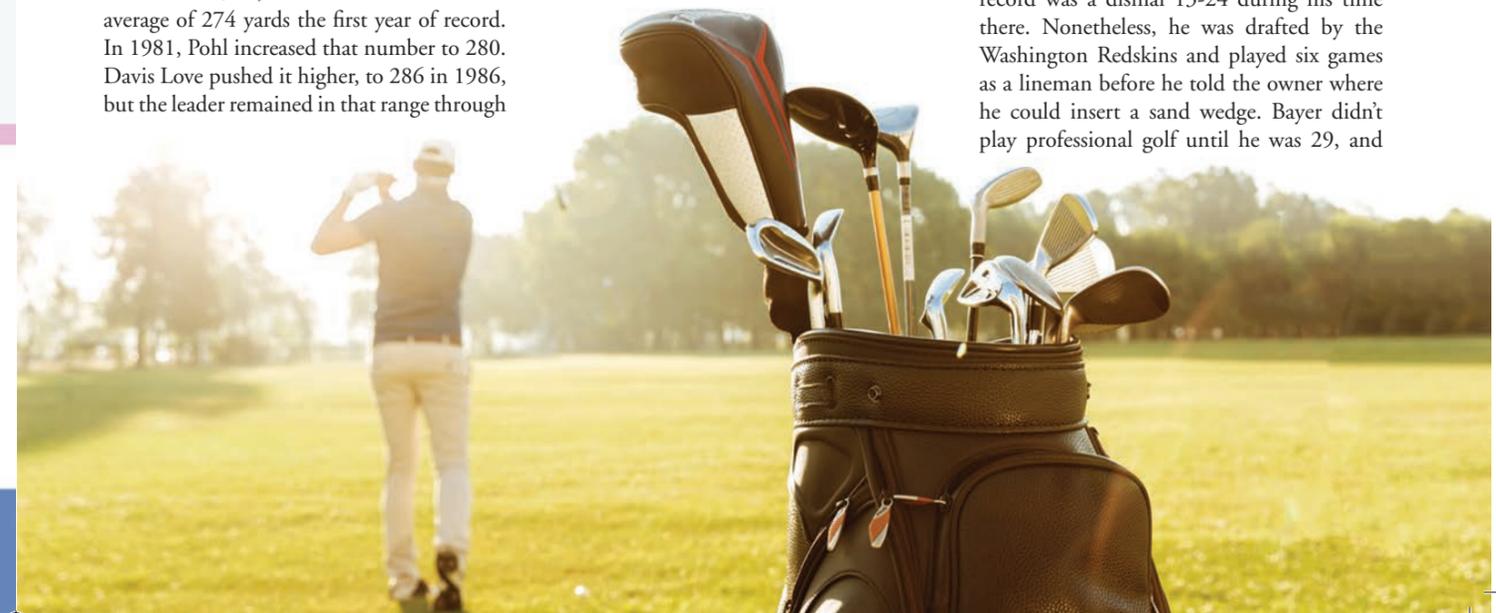
Then, along came John Daly, who emphasized length over every other aspect of the game, including decorum. He led the Tour for 11 of the 12 years between 1991 and 2002, exceeding a 300 average in 1997. His reign ended in 2003 with Hank Kuehne's astounding quantum jump to 321. That set the standard for those to follow, including Bubba Watson, J.B. Holmes, Dustin Johnson, Rory McIlroy and Cameron Champ, none of whom exceeded 320. Then, Bryson DeChambeau decided to transform his body from average anthropoid to mutant superhero. The result was an average of 338 yards in 2020.

What saves elite golf from the ultimate boredom of the bash-and-gouge attack is the need for accuracy when it matters, and touch and feel on and around the green. The 2021 Open Championship provides the perfect example. Collin Morikawa is perhaps the best iron player on tour, and when he can hit a 6-iron closer than others hit their 9-iron, length off the tee is irrelevant if playing from the fairway. In contrast, DeChambeau's musclebound approach ended in failure and a petulant meltdown.

Sixty years ago, before the deluge of statistics, George Bayer was generally acknowledged as the longest ball basher on the PGA Tour. He is best remembered for 300-yard drives in an era when the tour average was



George Bayer
less than 250. Of course, the young Jack Nicklaus could give Bayer a run for his putative crown when he chose to do so. But Jack determined that accuracy was the key to victory, and even swinging at 80 percent he was still longer than most of his competition. Bayer stood 6 feet, 5 inches tall, and weighed more than 230 pounds, while the average American male of his day was 5 feet, 8 inches, and 165 pounds. Bayer played football at the University of Washington, a team whose record was a dismal 13-24 during his time there. Nonetheless, he was drafted by the Washington Redskins and played six games as a lineman before he told the owner where he could insert a sand wedge. Bayer didn't play professional golf until he was 29, and



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he won four tournaments between 1957 and 1960, including the Canadian Open. His closest brush with immortality was finishing third in the 1962 PGA Championship, tied with Nicklaus, three strokes behind the winner, Gary Player. Bayer died in 2003, at age 77, having finished his career among the fossils on the Champions Tour.

I attended an exhibition match between Bayer and his good buddy, Julius Boros, at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield, Connecticut, on August 11, 1963. They were paired with two outstanding local amateurs, Alpheus Winter, the club champion, and Robert Allen, in a meaningless team competition. I remember little, except for Bayer's inability to find the golf course with his ball. Clearly, he knew what the fans had paid to see, and he swung for the fences all day, appearance money securely in pocket.

That I remember little of that day is not surprising. Long gone are those halcyon college days when the mind was a sponge that soaked up and retained massive data dumps. My neurons have aligned themselves into an organic Faraday cage that repels any information harder to grasp than that found in a

Tik Tok video. My attention span is about 34 seconds. As I peruse user manuals, tutorials, the mathematics of quantum mechanics, or worse - the arcane rules of golf and the handicap system, I find myself getting up every few minutes to stare vacantly out the window.

A recent study of the human brain has shown that walking can improve our ability to think and remember as we age. A team led by Agnieszka Burzynska, a professor of neuroscience at Colorado State University, found that walking briskly for 40 minutes, three times weekly, renewed the white matter in the brains of their subjects. White matter is the wiring, made up of axons, fat-wrapped nerve fibers, which connects neurons. As someone who walks when playing golf three or four times per week, this is very welcome news. I'm not necessarily implying that my companions who choose to ride are slowly withering into dithering, blithering idiots with every turn of the tires. Most can still add 18 single-digit numbers with 100 percent accuracy at least 85 percent of the time - solid "B" players all. Rather, I simply suggest that as their skills decline, they have decided they would rather not remember what they shot that day.



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New ultrasound tool aids early detection of breast cancer in women with dense tissue.

For decades, the best way to screen for breast cancer has been with mammography. “Mammograms are the gold standard for cancer detection,” says Jordan Dixon, MD, a radiologist with St. Joseph’s/Candler. “You have to get a mammogram.”

Advances like digital and 3D mammography have improved the basic procedure, but nothing has replaced it. For certain women, especially those with dense breast tissue, there are supplemental screening tools available such as ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). These technologies are continuously advancing as well.

The automated breast ultrasound system – ABUS – is now available at the Telfair Pavilion at Candler Hospital. “In the past, with a handheld ultrasound, the technologist would take images in a clockwise pattern, capturing between four and eight of them,” Dixon explains. “With ABUS, there is a paddle that is placed over the breast and remains stationary. Inside it is a transducer that slides back and forth, capturing and saving thousands of images.”

Because of the ABUS paddle’s speed, it takes less time to acquire thousands of images than it does to get a few through handheld ultrasound. It is often done quickly and conveniently at the same time as a woman’s annual mammogram. The ABUS helps radiologists by making suspicious masses more detectable for women with dense breasts. On a mammogram, a malignant growth often appears as a white spot. But dense breast tissue also appears white, which could potentially camouflage the cancerous mass. With ABUS imaging, suspicious growths appear black.

“We can find smaller cancers that may have gone unseen for months, or longer, because they would have had to have grown large



Jordan Dixon, DO

enough not to be obscured or camouflaged by that dense breast tissue,” Dixon explains.

The density of breast tissue is determined by a radiologist reading a patient’s mammogram. Women are notified of their breast density, and if they have dense breast tissue, supplemental screening is typically recommended. “A little more than 40 percent of women have dense breast tissue,” Dixon says. “But more than 70 percent of cancers form within that group.”

While Dixon understands the anxiety that comes with learning that you have dense breast tissue, she wants women to feel empowered by their ability to receive supplemental screening. “With this knowledge, you can take advantage of technology like the ABUS to stay on top of your breast health,” she says. “Early detection is about finding cancer when it’s smaller and more treatable. With ABUS, we can find the smallest cancers and save lives.”

Annual Candler Clays Charity Shoot And Auction Set for February

The 21st annual Candler Clays Charity Shoot and Auction, presented by JE Dunn Construction, is set for Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18. The event combines a charity auction of items donated by local merchants with a clay shooting competition at the Forest City Gun Club. This year’s reception and live auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, February 17, at the Palmetto Club at the Landings. The clay shoot starts at 9 a.m. the following day, with additional shoots at 12 noon and 2:30 p.m. An oyster roast will follow. Interested parties can purchase team sponsorships or make an in-kind donation, as well as buy tickets for the annual



shotgun raffle or Golden Ticket raffle.

FUND-A-NEED

This year’s Candler Clays Fund-a-Need effort will support the nurse navigation programs at St. Joseph’s/Candler and the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion. The programs enhance and improve the patient experience, by providing nurse and

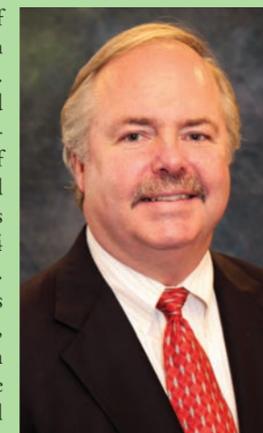
patient-resource navigators to help patients through their healthcare journeys. Currently, 12 nurse and patient-resource navigators help guide patients through the confusing and - at times - scary process of cancer treatment and care. Nurse navigators at the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion support patients through patient empowerment, communication, education, care coordination and advocacy.

To register or to donate to the events, call 912.819.8683, email candlerclays@sjchs.org, or visit candlerclays.org.

Richard D. Moore, president of RDM Investments, is the honoree for the 21st annual Candler Clays Charity Shoot and Auction. Moore is a graduate of Arizona State University and the American Graduate School of International Management. He and his wife, Cindy, have been married for 42 years.

Moore has been a strong supporter of St. Joseph’s/Candler’s mission since January of 1995, when he was elected to the board of trustees of Candler Hospital. When St. Joseph’s and Candler Hospitals formed St. Joseph’s/Candler through a joint operating agreement, Moore served on the newly formed St. Joseph’s/Candler board of trustees for 14 years. During his tenure, he helped guide the Professional Relations and Mission Committees, two key units of the board that strongly influence op-

erations of the health system. He served as chairman of the board of trustees from 2004 to 2008. Under his leadership, the vision to create a national destination for cancer care became a reality with the opening of the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion. Moore was reappointed to the board in 2011 and currently helps



steer the Finance and Investment Committees.

Moore embraces the not-for-profit model for hospitals. As he says, “This really puts the patient and the community first. St. Joseph’s/Candler has great leadership and has operated with a consistent management team for many years.”

Moore has personally benefited from the health system’s services. He is grateful to his skilled physicians, Dr. John Richard Barrett (primary), Dr. Tom Shook (urologist) and Dr. John Pablo (radiation oncologist) for their collaboration in his prostate cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery. By implementing the “smart technology” treatment of radiation seeding, the cancer was eradicated. Moore has remained cancer-free for more than four years.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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From 1901 to 1909, Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt served as the 26th president of the U.S. But he was much more than a politician. He was a statesman, soldier, conservationist, naturalist, historian, hunter, policeman, rancher, and writer. He had a cowboy persona and an Ivy League pedigree.

Roosevelt was born into a wealthy family in New York City in 1858. As a child, he struggled with poor health (particularly nasty asthma), so he developed a physically active lifestyle as an antidote. He was home-schooled as a boy. In 1878, while the young man was attending Harvard, his father died unexpectedly. Roosevelt graduated two years later and entered Columbia law school, with an eye toward politics, effectively foregoing ambition to study advanced natural science.

He enjoyed early success, earning election to the New York State Assembly in 1882. The same year, he published *The Naval War of 1812*, which was praised for its scholarship and historical examination of naval strategies and tactics.

However, success was tempered by personal tragedy. On February 14, 1884, his mother died of typhoid fever. Later that same day, his wife, Alice Lee, two days removed from giving birth, also died. Grief stricken, Roosevelt left his newborn daughter in the care of his sister and moved to the Dakota Territory, where he established a family ranch.

He eased his sorrow by living in the saddle as he drove cattle, hunted big game, and lived the life of a frontier cowboy. However, the harsh winter of 1886/87 wiped out his herd and more than half of his \$80,000 investment, which had been partially funded by a \$65,000 inheritance gained at the time of his father’s death (close to \$2 million in today’s dollars).

Eventually, Roosevelt returned east, married his childhood friend, Edith Kermit Carow, and re-entered politics. He ran for mayor of New York, losing the election but cultivating politi-

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Roosevelt’s official White House portrait
by John Singer Sargent

cal patronage with presidential candidate Benjamin Harrison, and was later rewarded with an appointment to the U.S. Civic Service Commission. In 1894, he was encouraged to run for mayor again, but declined, as his wife was enjoying Washington society.

Roosevelt soon realized he had missed an opportunity to reinvigorate his dormant political career. William Lafayette Strong, a reform-minded Republican and newly elected mayor of New York City, offered him a position on the board of the New York City Police Commissioners. Roosevelt accepted and served as president of the board of commissioners and radically reformed the police force. He often walked officers' beats late at night and early in the morning to make sure that they were on duty and eliminated much of the cronyism and corruption within the police department.



Colonel Roosevelt and his Rough Riders after capturing Kettle Hill in Cuba, July 1898.

In 1896, Roosevelt backed William McKinley's successful bid for the presidency, and, in return, was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In the 1890s, America had become interested in Cuba's liberation from Spain, which Roosevelt strongly favored. As a warning to Spain, the battleship *USS Maine* was dispatched to Cuba, where it anchored

in Havana Harbor until it suddenly exploded on February 15, 1898, killing 262 American sailors. The exact cause of the explosion was never determined, but American journalists, with encouragement from Roosevelt, felt certain it was a Spanish act of aggression. Shortly after, motivated by the battle cry of "Remember the Maine," the U.S. declared war against Spain.

Roosevelt resigned his post with the Navy and helped form a group of rough-and-ready rag-tag volunteers, consisting of polo players, hunters, cowboys, Native Americans, college athletes and adventurers, all filled with bravado. Known as "Roosevelt's Rough Riders," the group was the perfect fit for the dashing young colonel, who led a charge to victory up Kettle Hill toward San Juan Heights (Cuba). Roosevelt was the only Rough Rider mounted on horseback, making him a solitary el-

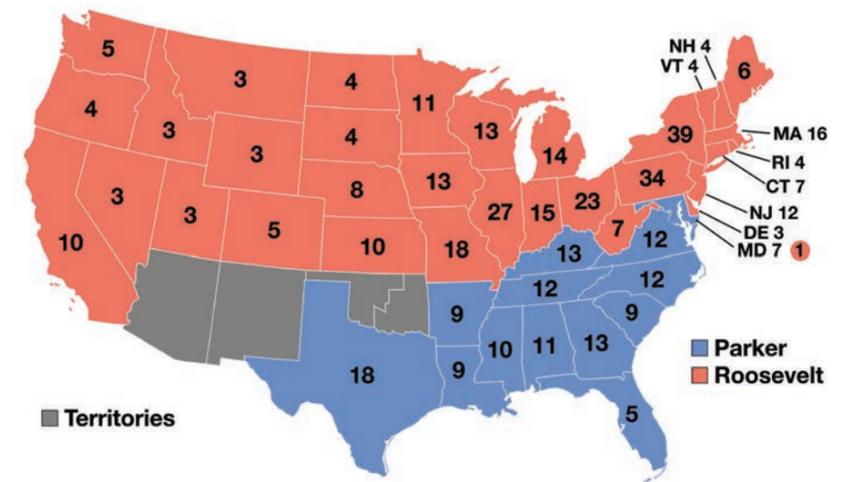
evated target as he courageously advanced with relentless vigor.

The Spanish-American War lasted only 10 weeks. The Treaty of Paris gave the U.S. its first major offshore possessions – Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. For his gallantry at Kettle Hill, Roosevelt's commanders recommended him for the Medal of Honor. However, the initial recommendation lacked any eyewitnesses, and the effort was tainted by Roosevelt's own lobbying of the War Department.

Medal or no, Roosevelt's status as a war hero and national celebrity revived his political career. He was elected governor of New York in 1899 and was soon chosen by presidential candidate William McKinley to join his ticket as vice president. The ticket took the 1900 election; then, McKinley was assassinated the following year. Roosevelt became the 26th and then-youngest (age 43) president. His brought excitement and aspiration to the office, leading the nation toward progressive reforms and a strong foreign policy.

An active president, Roosevelt was a tireless crusader for matters both big and small. He captivated audiences with his high-pitched voice, jutting jaw, and pounding fist. He had well-defined principles, to which he strenuously adhered. With respect to labor disputes, increasingly common at the time, Roosevelt believed the federal government should serve only as neutral arbiter between the two sides, dispensing favors to neither. He emerged as a "trust buster" when he forced the dissolution of a great railroad combination in the Northwest, paving the way for other antitrust suits to follow under the Sherman Act. He ensured the construction of the Panama Canal, a herculean engineering project. His corollary agreement of the Monroe Doctrine prevented the establishment of foreign bases in the Caribbean and gave the sole right of intervention in Latin America to the U.S. – an extension of his "speak softly but carry a big stick" foreign policy. He earned the Nobel Peace Prize for mediating the Russo-Japanese War, reached a gentleman's agreement on immigration with Japan, and sent the Great White Fleet on a good will tour of the world. He was re-elected in 1904, winning 56 percent of the popular vote, and 336 of 476 electoral college votes.

When foreign ambassadors visited Washington, the robust president, often with his





We're Giving It Away!

Football Pick 'Em Pool

Our final Football Pick 'Em Pool of the season featured 30 postseason bowl games played across a three-week span. Although we had no way to include the national championship game, as its combatants were determined by two semi-finals, you are now keenly aware that the 'Dawgs have repeated, winning back-to-back titles with an impressive blowout win over TCU on January 9. The NFL regular season has ended, too, and the Super Bowl is less than a month away from this issue's date.

College bowl season is unpredictable. Variables like motivation, player opt-outs, coaching changes...these elements make handicapping extra hard when it comes to bowls. These factors also produce

nail-biting action. The college kids didn't disappoint this year, with plenty of close games and spread-contrarian upsets.

When the turf pellets settled, one pool picker stood clear of the crowd. "Marvelous" Margaret Holland steamrolled over the competition, predicting 19 of 30 bowl game victors, claiming the title of The Skinnie Bowl Bonanza Champion. Magnificent work, Margaret!

Thanks to all of you for making this a fun and exciting season for us and for everyone who plays our pool. See you in September, when Georgia begins its quest for a three-peat.



WE WANT YOU To Share Your Story!

There's a lot of military service among our readers, active and retired, from all branches of the Armed Forces, as well as police, fire and other first responders. Help us recognize their service by nominating them to be featured in an upcoming **He Served**.

Send your nominee's name and contact info to ronl35@comcast.net

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Deadline is the Friday prior to publication.

WHO NEW?

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

GOTTA LOVE IT

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

BLANKET SOLUTION

WHAT: 10th Annual Landings Winter Blanket Drive for Savannah Seniors, in association with Senior Citizens Inc.
WHEN: Now through Jan. 15
WHERE: Donate a new blanket at the drop boxes in the lobby of the Oakridge Wellness Center, or mail or tube a donation to Maurice Greene, 6 She Crab Circle, 31411
HOW MUCH: \$20 suggested donation
WHAT ELSE: 100 percent of proceeds go to SCI to buy blankets. There is no overhead. Check payable to "SCI" for Senior Citizens Inc., and please note "Blanket Drive" in the memo section if you would like a receipt for tax purposes.

POURED PAINT PROCESS

WHAT: The Works of Andrea and Mark Mathews
WHEN: Now through Jan. 31
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111
WHAT ELSE: At the start of the pandemic, Andrea and Mark Mathews tried paint-pouring and fell in love with creating art. Their techniques are varied, using acrylic paint followed by an epoxy

coat, which makes the colors pop and protects the piece. Excess paint is used to create necklaces, trivets, and coaster sets, which can also serve as trivets. Their slogan is, "Art you look at, art you can wear, and art you use."

FLOWER POWER

WHAT: Coastal Georgia Living
WHEN: Jan. 11
WHERE: Fellowship Hall at Messiah Lutheran Church
HOW MUCH: \$10 per person
CONTACT: Kate Kastner - 508.558.1077 or katekastner@icloud.com
WHAT ELSE: Adrienne Williams, Landings resident and floral arranger extraordinaire, will demonstrate turning a standard store-bought bouquet into a stylish arrangement for your home. Bring a small-ish container (think: 8" tall by 5-8" wide). We will provide a grocery store bouquet and greenery to choose from, to take home when finished. Guests welcome, registration required.

A GOOD READ

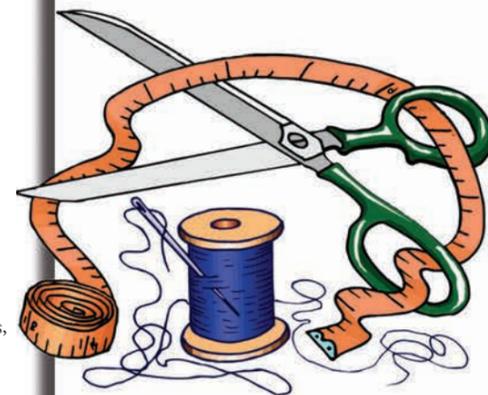
WHAT: Jewish Women of the Landings Book Club
WHEN: Monday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.
WHERE: Member's home
CONTACT: Sherriredick@me.com
WHAT ELSE: *The Ticking Clock: Behind the Scenes of 60 Minutes* by Ira Rosen will be discussed. Two-time Peabody Award-winning writer and producer Rosen reveals the intimate stories of his decades at the iconic TV show.

THE COAST WITH THE MOST

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway January Meeting - "The Growth at the Base of the Food Chain"
WHERE: St. Peter's Church
WHEN: Monday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.
CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279
WHAT ELSE: Benjamin Lowin, PhD student at Skidaway Institute of Oceanography and the University of Georgia, will discuss the primary production that measures the growth at the base of the food chain, which determines how many fish an ecosystem can support and provides an estimate of carbon flux in the water column. The CCA's January raffle prize is a bait-cast combo rod and reel and tackle box valued at \$200.

SHUTTERBUGS

WHAT: Landlovers Digital Photo Club
WHEN: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21 at 3:45 p.m.
WHERE: Bailey Hall, Skidaway Island United Methodist Church



STITCHIN' TIME

WHAT: Landlovers Stitch and Bead
WHEN: Tuesdays, Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and 21 - 2 to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Members' homes
CONTACT: Leslie Mathews (lmathews50@gmail.com) to be added to email list
WHAT ELSE: We welcome crafters working on any type of needle projects - knitting, needlepoint, beading, felting, crewel and cross-stitch. Location announced by email. Landlovers membership is required.

SEW WHAT?

WHAT: Landlovers Material Girls
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church
WHEN: 3rd Thursday of each month, 3 to 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free but you must be a member of Landlovers
CONTACT: Janet Smart, maxwellsgal@aol.com; Sandra Grant, sandragrant07@comcast.net; or Donna Nicol, dkn777@aol.com
WHAT ELSE: Whether you are an experienced quilter or new to the craft, please join us for some handwork, conversation and networking. Bring a project you are working on, show and tell, or just plan to socialize. Learn about quilt shops in the area and local quilt guilds. All members of Landlovers who are interested in quilting are welcome.

WELCOME MAT

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

HOW MUCH: There are no photo club dues this year, but you must be a member of Landlovers
CONTACT: Amy Collings, landloversphoto-club@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Whether you are a novice photographer, an expert shutterbug, or anything in between, come join the Landlovers Digital Photo Club. In-person meetings have resumed, so come out and enjoy being part of our great group of supportive people.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

WHAT: Skidaway Island Democrats general meeting
WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: THRIVE meeting room; 5 Lake Street
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: RSVP at Skidawaydemocrats.com
WHAT ELSE: All Democrats are encouraged to attend. Invited guest speakers are Rep. Ann Allen Westbrook and Wade Herring. Refreshments will be served. Please visit skidawaydemocrats.com for agenda.

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Ladies On The Right (LOTR) luncheon meeting, with guest speaker Star Parker, founder and president of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE) and weekly broadcast host of "CURE America."
WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 19; 12 to 2:30 p.m. Social hour 12 to 1 p.m.; lunch/program 1 to 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club
HOW MUCH: LOTR members, \$30; guests, \$35
CONTACT: For more info or to register/pay (deadline Jan. 16): ladiesontheright.org
WHAT ELSE: LOTR is a greater-Savannah community leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire members to take action roles on issues that impact our country, community and lives.

LADIES' NIGHT

WHAT: Landlovers Girls Time Out
WHEN: Jan. 19; Doors open at 7 p.m.
WHERE: Savannah Smiles Dueling Pianos
COST: \$6 (cash) or \$7 (credit card), payable at the door
CONTACT: Email LLgirlstimeout@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Enjoy an evening out with great ladies. We will be joining New Neighbors Wilde Women for a fun evening of song, food, drink, and a great time. There is street parking, but car-pooling is recommended. Landlovers membership required.

ANIMAL INSTINCTS

WHAT: Saving wildlife at Ft. Stewart
WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 19, 4 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 W Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: free for FOSA members, \$5 for guests
CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Larry Carlile, chief of the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Fish and Wildlife branch, will highlight the efforts to protect threatened and endangered species at the military bases as part of Skidaway Audubon's continuing speaker series. Join FOSA on the web or at the door.

PLAY DATE

WHAT: Landlovers Games Day
WHEN: Jan. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom
CONTACT: landingslandlovers.com – details and sign up listed under Fundraisers
HOW MUCH: \$60/person for play and lunch
WHAT ELSE: Form your tables of four and enjoy your favorite games, raffle, 50/50, and super grand prizes. Landlovers membership required.

CARING WITH CASSEROLES

WHAT: Safe Shelter Casseroles
WHEN: Jan. 24, Feb. 14, March 7
WHERE: Your home
CONTACT: Carol Stiles, carolstiles@gmail.com, or Sue Souls, smsouls@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: If you enjoy cooking and want to help those in need as well, we need your help providing casseroles to SAFE Shelter. On your assigned day, you make any casserole you want at your home, and we'll deliver it to SAFE Shelter. To learn more, email LLcommService@gmail.com to get on our distribution list for more information. Must be a Landlovers member to participate.

POSTAL PEOPLE

WHAT: Landings Stamp Club
WHEN: Jan. 27 at 10 a.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church conference room
COST: Free
CONTACT: Carl Luecke, cluecke@comcast.net or 912.349.0340 for meeting details.
WHAT ELSE: Beginner, advanced, or anyone in between is welcome to join our monthly meeting. Learn about buying, selling or preserving your collections, and discover different types of stamps from all over the world.

FLOWER CHILD

WHAT: The Works of Eyal Sherman
WHEN: Feb. 1 – 28
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111
WHAT ELSE: Eyal Sherman was a quadriplegic for 32 of his 36 years. Despite his physical chal-

lenges, he became an artist, achieving a bachelor of fine arts from Syracuse University. "Eyal's Flowers" is a collection of his works, and has been generously loaned by the Eyal Sherman Foundation, which raises funds to support the physically disabled, in both medical and non-medical causes.

SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE

WHAT: Landlovers Winter Social
WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 5-7 p.m.; Member bar opens at 4:45 p.m.
WHERE: Marshwood Clubhouse, Arnie's Tavern and Palmer's Steakhouse
CONTACT: Laura Gebele, lgebele121@gmail.com; Nealy Madsen, mnmdsen2000@gmail.com; Holly Taylor, sweetbrook231@hotmail.com
HOW MUCH: \$80 per person
WHAT ELSE: "Travel" with Landlovers to Portugal for a casual evening of mingling over fine wines and small plates, prepared by Chef Sam at Marshwood. Reserve your spot at landingslandlovers.com (Happenings – Socials). The event is capped at 120 participants. You must be a Landlovers member to attend, but club membership is not required.

DANCE FEVER

WHAT: Landlovers "Shall We Dance?"
WHEN: Monday, Feb. 13, 7-8:00 p.m.; 8-8:30 p.m. free dance
WHERE: Skidaway Island United Methodist Church
CONTACT: Marilee Dalbey, 334.797.9952
HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$15/person available at www.landingslandlovers.com
WHAT ELSE: February is the Tango! Landlovers members only. Sign up begins on Jan. 20. Bring water, wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Class size is limited to 66.

GATHERING GROCERIES

WHAT: Second Harvest Packing
WHEN: Friday, March 3 and Friday, May 5; 9-11 a.m.
WHERE: America's Second Harvest Volunteer Center; Meet at the Methodist church by 8:15 to carpool
CONTACT: Carol Stiles or Sue Souls, llcommervice@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Four times a year, Landlovers Community Service gets together on Friday mornings to provide volunteer labor to pack boxes for needy families at America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, a nonprofit food bank and community partnering organization. No skill is required, just a caring heart. We'd particularly like to encourage any men who have time to join us. All are welcome, but participants must be members of Landlovers. We are in search of a coordinator. If you are interested in leading this wonderful effort, please let us know!

TAXATION REPRESENTATION

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

FINANCIAL AID

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

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.

HOCUS POCUS

WHAT: The Landings Magic Society
WHEN: Second Thursday, January through November - 7 to 9 p.m.
WHERE: Card Room at Palmetto Clubhouse
CONTACT: Jim Ruhl, JSRuhl@gmail.com or 912.956.3948; Bill Sickels, whsickels@gmail.com or 912.598.9123
WHAT ELSE: We welcome anyone interested in learning the art of magic. Our members ages

range from 12 to 87, including some professional performers, but mostly amateurs who would like to learn some magic to do for their kids or grandchildren. Members perform every Friday at Memorial Childrens' Hospital and local organizations and clubs or parties.

SMALL WORLD

WHAT: Landlovers Marco Polo Group
WHEN: Third Monday, October through May, at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Member homes
CONTACT: Sue Souls, LLMarcoPolo100@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: The Marco Polo group is for our international friends. If you were born in or have lived at least one year (including an academic year) outside the U.S., you are eligible to join. Attendees are asked to bring an international appetizer to share as well as their own beverage and glass. Must be a Landlovers member. Membership is open to all residents of Skidaway Island.

BODY AND SOUL

WHAT: Mat Pilates and Sit-Fit exercise classes at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church (SIUMC)
WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mat Pilates, 9:15-10:10 a.m.; Sit Fit: 10:15-11:10 a.m.
WHERE: Bailey Hall at SIUMC, 54 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: \$5 per class for 8 or more classes per month. \$6.25 per class for 7 or fewer classes per month.
CONTACT: For more info or to register, call Elena Bennett, ACSM-certified fitness instructor at 404.510.6042
WHAT ELSE: Mat Pilates participants must bring an exercise mat and be able to get up/down from the floor. Sit-Fit participants should wear athletic shoes. Everyone should bring a water bottle.

FRIENDLY WORDS

WHAT: Skidaway Scrabblers
WHEN: Every Thursday afternoon
WHERE: Members' homes
CONTACT: Cathy White, cathy77024@yahoo.com
WHAT ELSE: We are a happy group of dedicated Scrabble players who enjoy a social game. Join us for a game or two and discover that you, too, may want to be a Skidaway Scrabbler.

IT'S AN HONOR

WHAT: Honor Flight Savannah seeks war veterans and volunteers
CONTACT: honorfightsavannah.org or

912.367.9020
WHAT ELSE: Honor Flight Savannah is offering WW II, Korea and Vietnam War era veterans living in southeast Georgia and southeastern South Carolina an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to visit their war memorials. Funding for trips is dependent on contributions from community citizens and businesses.

WALK AND TALK

WHAT: Landlovers "Let's Walk"
WHEN: One hour every Wednesday and Saturday at 8 a.m.
CONTACT: Email Bev Dalrymple at bevda00@gmail.com to sign up
WHAT ELSE: Looking for walking buddies? Join our morning walking group. Walking pace is brisk but "talkable." This is a great way to get some exercise, see the island and chat with friends. You must be a Landlovers member to participate.

SHALOM

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.

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.

DUEL PURPOSE

WHAT: Skidaway Hamiltons meetings
WHEN: Every third Tuesday of the month, 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, Skidaway Island
HOW MUCH: Free for members of the Skidaway Hamiltons and Skidaway Abigails
CONTACT: HamiltonsMembers@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: To learn more about Skidaway Hamiltons, a non-partisan civic-minded men's organization, visit skidawayhamiltons.org. See the calendar for past and future speakers.

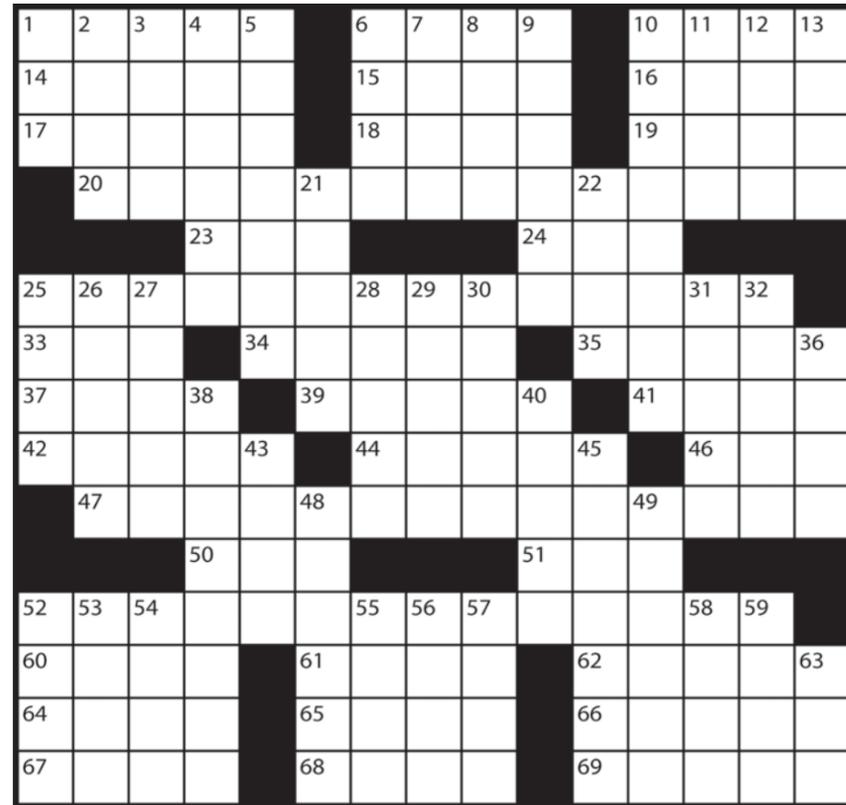
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CHALLENGER CLUES*

ACROSS

- 1. Industrial blacklegs
- 6. American island in the Eastern Hemisphere
- 10. A discoverer of insulin
- 14. Lug with difficulty
- 15. Win over
- 16. Basque word for "merry"
- 17. Hollywood Hopper
- 18. Smart guy?
- 19. Taciturn
- 20. He fiddled with his on TV newscasts
- 23. Hot thing in politics
- 24. UNLV athlete
- 25. His is displayed prominently in his self-portrait
- 33. Euro predecessor (abbr)
- 34. Byzantine Emperor called "the wise"
- 35. Winner of 82 PGA events
- 37. Bach's eldest son
- 39. Emulates a buzzard
- 41. Author of "Two Years Before the Mast"
- 42. Wasted, Mafia style
- 44. Belt
- 46. See 35-Across
- 47. His is on display in the Smithsonian
- 50. Biblical judge who died from a broken neck
- 51. Lao is part of this language group
- 52. His is elementary
- 60. Tiger, to Hirohito
- 61. Bleep, for one
- 62. Two in the morning (Zulu), in Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 64. Poetry genre
- 65. Abdul el Bulbul of song
- 66. Blue bloods
- 67. Colliery



- 68. Type of bank
 - 69. His sidekick was Little Beaver
- DOWN
- 1. Librarian's word
 - 2. Prepare to swallow
 - 3. Vinick on TV's "West Wing"
 - 4. Condition when the inmates run the asylum
 - 5. Three-dimensional
 - 6. Food thickener made from seaweed
 - 7. Hydrated magnesium silicate
 - 8. Echelon
 - 9. Prepare to decant
 - 10. Stunt for Corbut
 - 11. Morlock's dinner
 - 12. 2010 title role for Jolie
 - 13. Oxydol rival
 - 21. Fish eagles
 - 22. Kind of hound or boy
 - 25. Popular PCs in Japan
 - 26. "Horse Capital of the World"
 - 27. Like Dogpatch

- 28. Place for resting
- 29. Shaped like Humpty Dumpty
- 30. The highest clouds
- 31. Let
- 32. Hawaii's "Pineapple Island"
- 36. @&*%!
- 38. "Mr. Showmanship"
- 40. Religious icon of Mexico
- 43. Squeeze of Charles II
- 45. Breviary
- 48. Ran amok
- 49. Early
- 52. Occlude
- 53. Navajo foe
- 54. Cork's location
- 55. Robin Cook's first novel
- 56. Sweater, e.g.
- 57. Goddess swallowed by her father
- 58. It's 112 miles west of Tulsa
- 59. Fill up
- 63. Sea off the coast of Brittany

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OH, DEER!

One of Skidawy Island's many charms is the proximity to wildlife. It's not uncommon to see deer approach a home, most likely out of curiosity or seeking a potential meal. Though usually skittish and docile, deer are no different from any wild animal, and are best observed from a distance, for your safety and theirs.



Peter Schreck took this photo at Moon River Landing in July 2021.



This stag investigated Diane Ryan's garden off Palmetto #12 hole to sample her bird food.



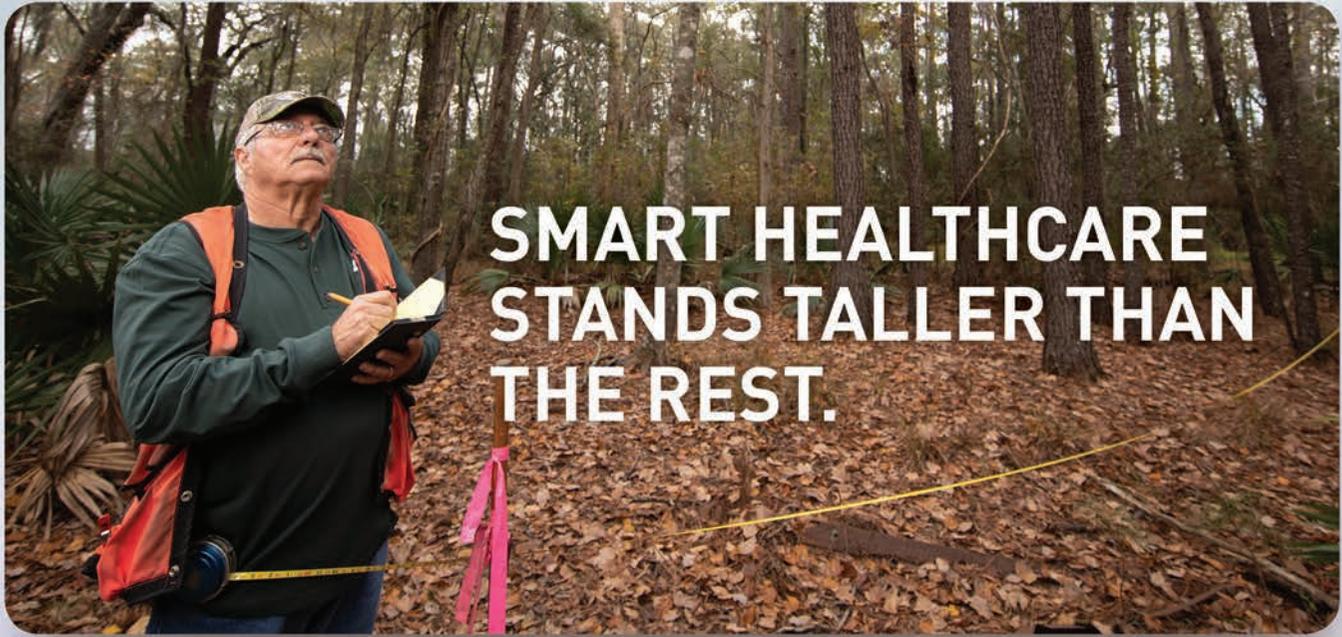
TOP: Kaila McMakin found this baby deer grazing amongst some playground equipment on Staysail Lane.

ABOVE: Christopher Prober saw this *odocoileus virginianus* (better known as the whitetail deer) one early summer morning on Green Island Road. The buck is still in velvet, with a few months to go before his antlers would harden.

RIGHT: DRB Wendell submitted this photo in July 2022.



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