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Recently, the U.S. Senate (unanimously...imagine that?!) passed the Sunset Protection Act (SPA), which would eliminate the annual reversion to Standard from Daylight Savings Time. Who doesn't love extra late-day light?



Not so fast. Nothing is ever as simple as it seems. Consider the math and science (as our current president, who graduated with a dual degree in history and political science – which isn't really "science," per se, but whatever – 506th in his class of 688, from the University of Delaware – often referred to as "the Harvard of the other Newark" – implores us to: "Follow the science." So, indeed, work through the calculus with me...

Standard Time governs our clocks for four months each year, approximately 120 days. Without "falling back," we'll recoup an hour of waking-time sun each of those 120 days. One hundred twenty hours is equivalent to five days. Five more days of direct sunlight. Sounds great, right?

Not according to many leading geriatricians. Studying the deleterious effects of sun exposure to aging skin and the attendant toll on the rest of the body's systems, researchers conclude an inverse relationship between hours of afternoon sun and human lifespan. So, you're going to gain an hour of golf time a day from November

through March, but you'll effectively sacrifice five days from the expected duration of your existence for each year the new time system is in place.

What's the practical implication? Think of it thusly: Instead of recognizing today as April 6 (which, it is, as I type), I would have "lost" five days off my life attributed to increased sun exposure during the winter of '21/'22. In other words, today wouldn't be **April 6** for me, as my calendar say, but **April 1**, and if I live another 30 years, 2052 will be finished on the last day of July.

So, the SPA, which is ironically similar and totally antithetical to SPF (the number on your sunscreen tube), might not be such a "bright" idea after all.

Scott A. Lauretti

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Peter Schreck sent in this image, which we thought was perfect for Easter, as well as our annual April foolishness.

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Rockin' the Boat


By Darrell "Draggin'" Thilyne



Savannah has hosted recent concerts by historically significant music acts such as The Eagles and Bob Dylan. In an effort to capitalize on the popularity of vintage music, a local promoter has floated the idea of bringing Comb Over Productions' Yacht Rock Road Show to Savannah.



Yacht rock refers to soft rock hits of the 1970s and '80s. Many of the original performers of that era enjoyed brief flashes of fame, generating one or two hits before sinking into obscurity.



Maury Sline Jr., head of Comb Over Productions, has been sailing the waves of nostalgia for years. "Golden oldies or one-hit wonders, call them what you want," he says. "I've been loving these old songs for years, but it's only in the past decade or so they've become defined – and marketable."

Sline has captained a barge with a spacious stern to perform at ports-of-call along the eastern seaboard. The floating stage drops anchor at marina-based events like boat shows, seafood festivals and fishing tournaments.

"Skidaway Island fits perfectly with our 55-and-over demographic," he says. His plan is to pull into Butter Bean Beach, with seating arranged on the boat ramp, providing a natural amphitheater effect. Concert configuration will accommodate an ADA-compliant mosh pit.

The barge also serves as Comb Over's

Pausing at the keyboard to peck out a few chords of 'Muskrat Love,' Sline gushes, 'Look at me! I'm 'The Captain' now.'



corporate warehouse and headquarters. Below-deck dressing rooms house an ample supply of stage costumes from the past 50 years – earthy plaid of the singer/songwriters era, disco glitz, and mid-'80s New Wave neon. The hold of the barge serves as rehearsal space. Wandering among the various musical instruments, Sline pauses at a box-like synthesizer to peck out a few chords of 'Muskrat Love.' "Look at me!" he gushes. "I'm 'The Captain' now."

Sline launched Comb Over Productions after purchasing the contents of an abandoned storage locker. "What I found were several file boxes containing paperwork from the old *Mel's Rock Pile* show in the '70s," he explains. "I was amazed! I mean, what's the paperwork for a 40-year-old Canadian TV show doing in a storage locker in rural Georgia?"

A graduate of Hudson University Law

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School, Sline discovered that many of the musical performance contracts remained in effect, but maritime law complicates the enforceability of earthbound agreements. Still, he has assembled an impressive roster of musicians from a wide range of genres – soft rock, country, singer/songwriters, and prog-rock (progressive rock...Sline acknowledges that 'progressive' becomes a debatable moniker 40-plus years after its heyday).

Members of Sline's floating troupe have come and gone over the decades. Some bands have merged in order that they may have enough members to cover all their songs' parts and sufficient blended song catalogs to fill a set. This trend, borne of necessity, has led to such acts as Men at Work Without Hats; Four Non-Blonde Waitresses; Twisted Sister Sinead; and Jethro, Floyd and Palmer. Perhaps the tours most popular act, is a "super group" dubbed The Ampersands, featuring former members from such legends as Loggins & Messina, Hall & Oates, Captain & Tennille, Seals & Crofts, and Earth, Wind & Fire.

"If we can't get the current iteration of the original bands, we have the best cover

bands available," adds Sline. These include such musical acts as Mediocre Caucasian Music Group, Sail Like the Wind, and A Band With No Name.

SEAS THE MOMENT

"Many of the performers jumped at the chance to get back out on the road again, and introduce new fans to their music," Sline says, referring to his artists' enthusiasm for their deck work.

John Pepys was the creative guru behind Giza, a prog-rock band of the early 1980s, remembered best for their hit single "Pharaohs of Phunk." However, the song borrowed heavily – "sampled," Pepys argues – from a 1978 song by another group. This led to copyright-infringement claims. In the aftermath of legal action, the band's success evaporated, and Giza followed Asia, Europe and



John Pepys of Giza

Kansas off the musical landscape. To distance themselves from their legal woes, the band re-invented itself as a jazz fusion combo. In the decades since, Giza has struggled to remain cohesive and relevant. Never finding its place in the grunge rock movement of the 1990s, it broke up, got back together, then broke up again, over and over. Most recently, Pepys has been actively recruiting musicians to join him for weekend gigs in easy driving distance of his home in Escaldado, New Mexico. Then came the barge.

"When Maury phoned me, my career was not at a high point," Pepys admits. "But he presented me with an irresistible opportunity to play for bigger audiences, show after show. It was impossible to turn down."

Other musicians found it harder to get on board with Sline, resentful of being shanghaied into going back onto previous tour. In 1981, Texas radio personalities Lightning Jack Rappaport and Norvell Hardy scored a faith-based country cross-over hit, "Mary Does It for Me," which later won an American People's Music Choice Award. With the advent of hip-hop in the 1990s, the song was resurrected by the rap duo 2Hot2Handle. It

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Heavy metal bands such as Tongues of Destruction (above) have had to completely re-invent themselves as musical tastes continually evolve.

became their best-selling recording, reaching Number 2 (ironically) on the Urban Contemporary charts.

Though Hardy died from an accidental oxybenzone overdose at his home in Tampa, Rappaport could be legally forced to perform again, this time as part of 2Hot2Handle + 1. Now teaching jazz appreciation classes at a community college in Pilot Point, Wisconsin, his only comment (through a legal representative) is: “When I signed that agreement, I had a substance abuse issue, which I believe was unfairly exploited by the producers of *Mel’s Rock Pile*. I am currently working toward legally nullifying that contract.”

COMEDY CREWS

Comb Over’s Yacht Rock Road Show promises a handful of nostalgic surprises. Funnyman Skip Bittman, brother of Canadian comedy legend Bobby Bittman, will emcee the three-day festival, assisted by TV stars of the 1970s. “We also hope to have the last surviving Sweat Hog, as well as the actual ‘Dukes,’” Sline says.

Believing he was referring to *Dukes of Hazzard* stars Tom Wopat and John Schneider, *The Skinnie* attempted to reach out to the actors’ representatives, but no firm commitment could be verified. It is speculated Sline may have been referring to the so-called “new Dukes” who temporarily replaced Wopat and Schneider during the show’s fifth season.

Sline intends to resurrect the feel of the original *Saturday Night Live* of the 1970s. “Back then, it was performed live, and only the occasional short film was pre-recorded,” he says. “I want to bring that back – the danger, the thrill of live sketch comedy, when anything can happen.”

When pressed for details on when the Yacht Rock Road Show will be held in the Savannah area, Sline explained a firm date has not yet been set, citing variables such as scheduling, costs, and tidal fluctuations. He believes Enmarket Arena would be the perfect location for the stadium version of Yacht Rock Road Show. “Considering it’s named for a company that deals in fossil fuels,” he says, “what better place to showcase a bunch of dinosaur bands?”

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John Updike, *“Golf Dreams”*

Updike's merry murk is my messy mis-asma, no doubt due to higher expectations. Some so-called hackers and novices may believe that more skilled players look down on them with derision or pity. This is not so, except perhaps when they go on an extended topping spree.

Everyone has been a rank hacker at some point in their golfing life. Golf is a game that humiliates all who play it. Case in point: Tiger Woods' ignominious 10 on the 12th hole of the 2020 Masters Tournament.

In golf, you can't be afraid to fail, because you fail so often. On the PGA Tour, the very best players only hit three out of four greens in regulation on average. Good golfers at the weekend level are happily befogged with four out of 10. Perhaps A.A. Milne, creator of Winnie the Pooh, said it best: “Golf is so popular simply because it is the best game in the world at which to be bad.”

Updike went on to say, “Our behavior is better here than elsewhere because we are happier here than elsewhere. Golf camaraderie, like that of astronauts and Antarctic explorers, is based on a common experience

of transcendence; fat or thin, scratch or duffer, we have been somewhere together where non-golfers never go.”

Am I transcendent when I golf?

Unfortunately, Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson never picked up a club and can offer no assistance on the question. Thoreau spent some time at the edge of a pond, as do golfers searching for errant shots, but any similarity ends there.

The transcendentalists believed that self-reliant, independent people were the basis for true community. I don't see how rugged individualists instinctively aggregate into communities. Golfers are indeed self-reliant, independent, and form societies; but, do they truly go beyond – transcend – the quotidian? Nah. We are the same idiots with a myriad of conflicting crackpot opinions on or off the course. Harvey Penick wrote a collection of golfing adages titled, “And if you play golf, you're my friend.” Alas, that may not be the case today. Penick lived in simpler, less polarized times. Nowadays, too many golfers bring their social grievances with them onto the links, sully our refuge from the madness.

By Peter Sizer

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Every golfer should have a reproduction of Van Gogh's "The Potato Eaters" hanging in his or her home. It's a reminder of Ben Hogan's advice that an effective golf swing is dug from the dirt through constant practice. Incidentally, the characters depicted in that painting seem about as cheerful as the typical golfer. Sorry, Mr. Updike, but we golfers are – actually – a miserable lot.

Some would claim that golf is an apposite paradigm for living. You tee it up (you're born) and start to play (live). You play the ball as it lays (take what comes) and don't try to cut off too much of the dog-leg (get greedy). You're quiet when your companions play their shots (respect the rights of others). You control your behavior (play by the

rules), and with fortuitous rub of the green (good luck), when the round is over (you croak), your birdies (joys) outnumber your bogeys (sorrows). Those who say this are...at minimum...stretching things a bit.

The famous quotation, "Golf is a good walk spoiled," has been attributed to Mark Twain, but probably erroneously. Some researchers cite a 1903 book on lawn tennis in which a person of surname Allen is quoted, "To play golf is to spoil an otherwise enjoyable walk." But what do tennis players know of life, cooped up in their little cages of chain link? Put them on real grass and 200 acres of undulating parkland and they would be suffused by crushing agoraphobia. In 1904, a novelist by the name of Harry Leon Wilson expanded Allen's premise, saying, "Golf has too much walking to be a good game, and just enough game to spoil a good walk."

Unless compelled by management policy to ride, the Feral Golfer has been trudging the fairways for most of his golfing life. The health benefits to the body and the course are self-evident, and appreciation for the "natural" environment seems enhanced at three miles per hour rather than 23. If Wilson were alive today to witness the cacophony of careering clown cars crisscrossing our courses, he might revise his conclusion to, "Riding in a cart is a good walk and a good game spoiled."

Twain did say, "It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling. I've been studying the game of golf pretty considerably. I guess I understand now how it's played. It's this way. You take a small ball into a big field and try to hit it — the ball, not the field. At the first attempt, you hit the field and not the ball.

After that, you probably hit the air or else the boy who is carrying your bag of utensils. When you've gone on long enough, you possibly succeed in obtaining your original object. If the boy's alive, you send him off to look for the ball. If he finds it the same day, you've won the game." I can't speak for others, but such inspirational prose has me eager to get back out there immediately.

I was playing the other day with a friend who has no shoulder turn and never finishes his backswing, the shaft pointing toward Polaris at its absolute limit. He is constantly grumbling about his abbreviated swing. We got to a hole with a lagoon along the right and he hit an anemic push that squirted right, into the water. In disgust, he mumbled to himself, "Never got to the top."

To which I immediately offered: "But the ball got to the bottom." I promised him a bottle of Glenlivet 21 if he ever gets the club to parallel.

Unfortunately, last summer, one of my regular courses suffered the failure of several green surfaces. Out of necessity, the golf committee placed a sign on the 11th tee, telling golfers that on holes 11 through 14, for handicap purposes, a two-putt maximum would apply. This was completely unnecessary as the "circle of friendship" conspiracy already ensures that result.

A fellow golfer nearly whiffed his drive and it ended up 20 feet away in scruffy grass on the sloped side of the tee box. "Well, I've never been here before," he observed. I replied, "No one has ever been here before, Jim, no one."

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St. Joseph's/Candler and Savannah Technical College Launch Innovative Apprentice Programs for Healthcare Workers



St. Joseph's/Candler President and CEO Paul P. Hinchey announces new workforce partnership with Savannah Technical College

St. Joseph's/Candler and Savannah Technical College (Savannah Tech) have created two innovative programs to provide employment with a full-time salary and free tuition while quickly developing students into healthcare professionals. The accelerated apprenticeships offer students the opportunity to obtain certified nurse aide or patient care technician certifications while going to school and working shifts at St. Joseph's/Candler.

"This is a great example of how we can come together to creatively address workforce development, create new jobs, and meet the healthcare needs of our community," says Paul P. Hinchey, president and CEO of St. Joseph's/Candler. "Not only will these students earn a great wage; full-time benefits; and practical, on-the-job training; but, they will have their tuition covered while they go to Savannah Tech, which is known for producing highly skilled students ready for the workforce."

Savannah Tech president Dr. Kathy Love adds, "We know there is tremendous demand for healthcare workers and we are excited to partner with St. Joseph's/Candler to offer this accelerated healthcare training. Thus far, our apprenticeship programs have centered around the manufacturing sector. We are pleased to see those opportunities for students expanded to our certified nurse aide and patient care technician training."

HOW IT WORKS

Prospective students apply for a certified nurse aide (CNA) or patient care technician (PCT) position at St. Joseph's/Candler and Savannah Tech simultaneously. Students work part-time at St. Joseph's/Candler and attend classes part-time at Savannah Tech, while earning a full-time salary for the duration of the program. St. Joseph's/Candler pays for tuition and fees for the CNA accelerated program at Savannah Tech and a state program covers fees for the PCT program. The CNA accelerated program is eight weeks and the PCT program is 18 weeks.

WHAT DOES A CNA DO?

Certified nurse aides are important in any healthcare setting, with many responsibilities that make them integral to patient care. CNAs help patients with direct healthcare needs, often under the supervision of a nurse. They perform critical - sometimes physical and complex - tasks that ensure patients are well treated and safe during their hospital stays. Tasks might include:

- Serving meals and providing eating assistance
- Bathing patients and brushing their teeth
- Helping patients dress
- Answering calls for help
- Delivering messages
- Making beds and tidying rooms

Being a CNA is a great stepping-stone to other healthcare professions, especially nursing. Becoming a CNA teaches students how

Candler Clays Charity Shoot and Auction Sets Record

Annual Event raises \$207,220 for the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion

It broke its own record and the \$200,000 mark, proving that the Candler Clays Charity Shoot and Auction, in its 20th year, is more popular and impactful than ever. This is good news for cancer patients and their families across the region, as the funds will support St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations' Advancements in Cancer Care initiatives in Savannah, Bluffton, Hilton Head, and surrounding regions.

Candler Clays is an annual two-day event combining a charity auction of items donated by local merchants and a clay shooting competition at the Forest City Gun Club. Since its inception two decades ago, the event has raised \$1.95 million for the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion (LCRP) at St. Joseph's/Candler.

"Candler Clays celebrated its 20th anniversary reaching a record goal led by more sponsors than ever before," says Vernice Rackett, executive director of the St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations. "Loyal sporting clays enthusiasts traveled from Boston, Bluffton, Greenville and Hilton Head for this hallmark event."

J.E. Dunn Construction was this year's presenting sponsor and the Mingleorff Family Trust was the platinum sponsor. Batson Associates was the gold sponsor. The event was co-chaired by Matt Albert and Sam Lewis. "Matt and Sam inspired the committee as well as our dedicated volunteers," Rackett says. "Everyone gathered in the spirit of gratitude, remembering past honorees, in support of advancements in cancer care for the needs of our patients."

Each year the event honors a survivor or memorializes someone who died of cancer. This year, the honoree was breast cancer survivor Dr. Monica Kenney. "Dr. Kenney's poignant survivor story moved live auction participants to donate more than \$68,000 to sustain the nurse navigation program for the cancer patients we treat," Rackett notes.

Prizes were presented to the top



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Members of the Candler Clays committee along with staff from St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations, celebrate their record fundraising total. From left to right: Dennis Reed, Yulia Bolgan, Ellie McKenzie, Gretchen Pearce, Matt Albert, Sam Lewis, Ashley DuBois, Vernice Rackett and Hal Richards.

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HOLY ROLLERS

BY ROY MUNSON

As Easter approaches, it's important for people of all faiths to spare some time reflecting on the message of rebirth that comes every spring – to discard the old and worthless in favor of a fresh start that comes with a new day. Unlikely though it may sound, bowling is analogous to matters of faith.

Much of the game is spent in quiet contemplation, while allowing others – teammates as well as opponents – to cast their balls down the alley. This is how many of us function in life, stepping back while those in our immediate orbit seek to fulfill a goal. As we take our position, we are free from the involvement of others. This is a moment of individual achievement; no pitcher, no quarterback, just one person with a bowling ball cupped in both hands. It is round, reminding us

that the Almighty is without end. It is heavy, indicating His word carries weight. Before us is a foul line, which serves as a universal starting point to keep the game safe and fair. Lanes are polished, making them very slippery; people can fall and be hurt. Temptation is our adversary, and we must remain vigilant not to cross the foul line, resulting in penalties or injury.

Sixty feet away stands an array of 10 pins. Individually, they might each represent one of the Ten Commandments. However, getting knocked over does not represent a subjugation of the Commandment in question, but rather an achievement of that Commandment. This metaphor is reinforced by the nefarious 7-10 split. The corresponding Biblical edicts – “Thou shall not steal” and “Thou shall not cov-

et thy neighbor's goods" – are increasingly vexing challenges in this era of keeping-up-with-the-Joneses. The pins are arranged in a triangle. Three is a recurring numerical theme among the many religions of the world. Among Christians, it often refers to the Holy Trinity. In Jewish lore, it might be indicative of the Three Patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In more secular terms, a triangle might represent mind, body and spirit.

In devotion – or perhaps desperation – we mutter a soft prayer for positive results, and then we act. Proverbs 3:6 tells us "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart...and He shall direct thy paths." We take a leap of faith, lunging forward and releasing the ball from our hands, casting our fate to the Almighty. As the ball zooms down the alley, we contort our bodies or wiggle our fingers in a spiritual attempt to influence its trajectory. We blow in the air, hoping the tiniest of air currents will alter the ball's course just enough.

Does it help?

Unlikely, but what can it hurt? We do it because we wish to feel like we have some control over that which we do not (insert Serenity Prayer here).

Every bowler's ambition is a strike, indicative of a firm control over the group of ten (pins or transgressions) and an adherence to the will of God. The ball makes contact (we hope) with the head pin, kinetic energy generating the thunder of the Old Testament's vengeful deity. Though loud and chaotic, the wooden clatter is satisfying to the ears, a reminder of His mix of power, justice and mercy.

There may uncomfortable, empty silence, as our ambitions tumble aimlessly into the gutter. As if diverted by some moral weakness, the ball follows a lazier path, held captive by a side channel, forever kept from its desired target. But fear not. The pins are re-set, reminding us of the Resurrection. Regardless of our failings, the ball return reinforces that the love of Our Creator will circle back to us again and again.

Bowling features the collegial support of teammates, and good-natured ribbing from opponents. Throughout this cycle of bowl, return and rest, participants from all walks of life stand side by side, facing the same direction, sharing the same goals. It is a humble, blue-collar world where, despite the clatter and chaos, balance and harmony win the day.

We patiently allow our immediate neighbors their opportunities before taking our own hesitant steps towards the cautionary line. Perhaps, the rented shoes on our feet are symbolic of the notion that wherever our steps may lead, nothing is ours to take with us.

Even if our aspirations of perfection (a 300 game) are not met... and is it realistic to expect perfection, for only He is truly without flaw? – there is always the next time to do better.

Consider that keggling is your humble communion, its bread a soft pretzel and its wine a Miller Lite. As Joan Osborne wonders lyrically, "What if God was one of us?" but in an loose, short-sleeved, embroidered lounge shirt.

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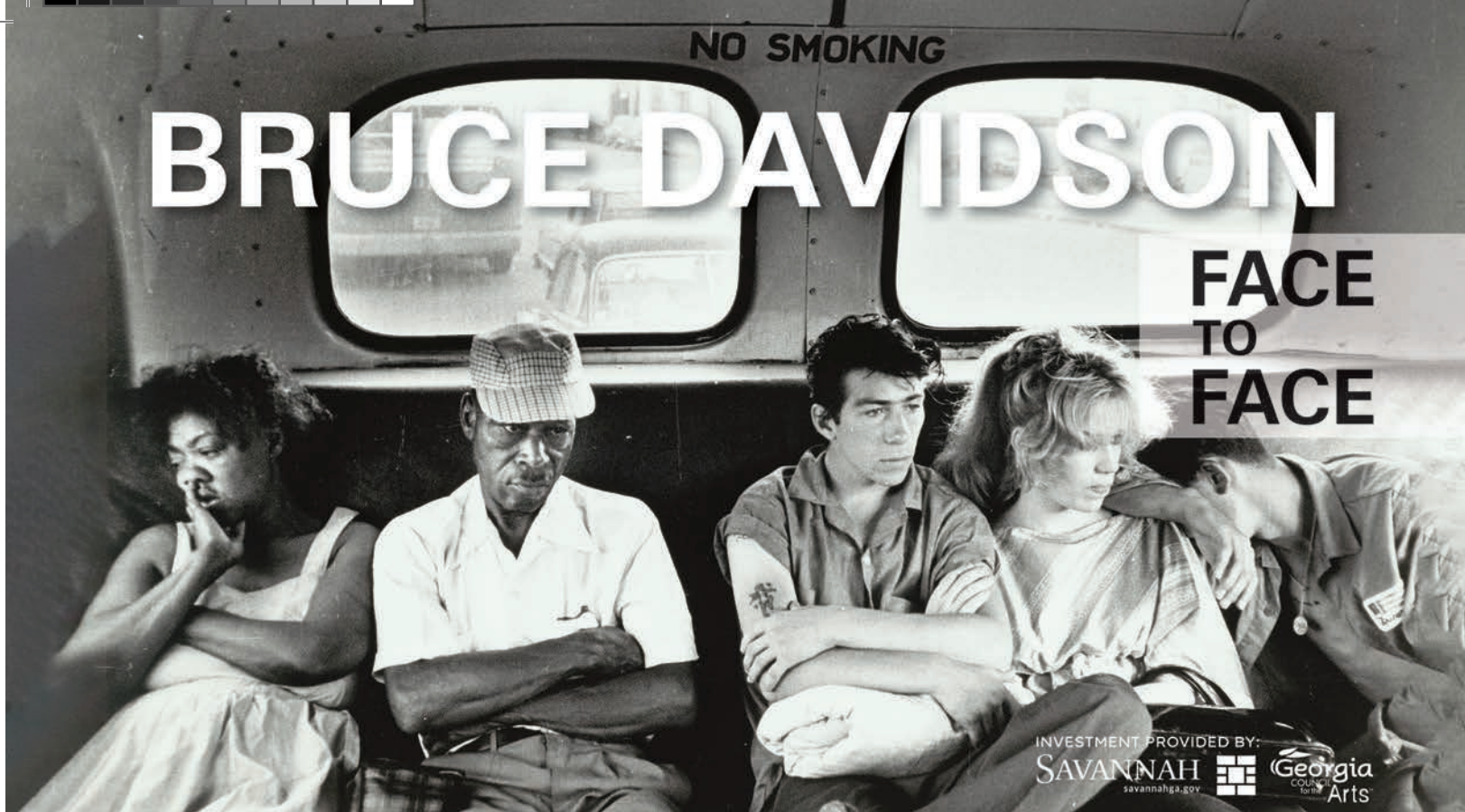
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This engraving depicts Col. Henry Knox arriving at Dorchester Heights near Boston with artillery seized from the Continental Army's victory at Fort Ticonderoga. The illustration is by Felix O. Darley. and the engraving by John Halpin.

COL. HENRY KNOX

and the **GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS**

By Ron Lauretti

In May of 1775, less than a month after the American Revolution began, colonists defeated British troops occupying Fort Ticonderoga and claimed its cannons. Many historians agree that were it not for the captured artillery, the Siege of Boston might otherwise have failed, dooming the Revolution.

Ethan Allen had formed a group of colonial militiamen known as the "Green Mountain Boys," in New Hampshire in 1770, to safeguard properties east of the Hudson River. There was little centralized law and order in pre-Revolutionary times, and sheriffs from neighboring territories were known to illegally confiscate settlers' homesteads. On May 10, Allen led the Green Mountain Boys in a daring early morning raid on Ticonderoga, located in upstate New York on the shores of Lake Champlain. It was garrisoned by a small contingent of British troops under the command of Cpt. William Delaplace. The raiders surprised the lone sentry, and Allen went directly to the commander's



"The Capture of Fort Ticonderoga," by Alonzo Chappel (1828-1887)

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quarters to demand his surrender. Delaplace emerged from his chambers and surrendered his sword, and the rest of the fort's garrison surrendered without firing a shot. By capturing Ticonderoga, the Green Mountain Boys became fully involved in the Revolutionary War, which was not necessarily their plan.

Following the battles of Lexington and Concord, the British retreated to Boston, where they fortified themselves from conventional infantry attack. When Gen. George Washington, newly appointed commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, arrived in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he was tasked with capturing the strategic port of Boston. Heeding the advice of his officers, he delayed the attack until he could obtain supporting artillery. Aware of the captured cannons at Ticonderoga, Washington dispatched one of his most trusted officers, Col. Henry Knox (pictured) to return with the cannons. It would be no small task.

Knox departed Washington's camp on November 17, arriving at the fort on December 5. He immediately set about identifying the equipment to take, selecting 59 cannons and mortars weighing roughly 60 tons in total. The largest pieces were the "24-pounders" cannons, which were 11 feet long and estimated to weigh more than 5,000 pounds each. To transport them, soldiers had to wrangle them onto wooden sleds. When Knox and his group of revolutionaries left the



fort, they had a "noble train of artillery," weighing 60 tons, in tow.

Freezing weather and deep snow, typical of a bitter New England winter, complicated the journey across 300 miles of wilderness. Sleds slid across the blanket of snow in the region, but their heavy cargo was too much for icy rivers.

On December 9, 1775, three boats loaded with the artillery from Ticonderoga set sail on Lake George. For eight days, they floated 40 miles to the southern end of the lake. The rest of the journey south to Boston was on land, mostly wooded, and required crossing the frozen Hudson River four times. Teams of eight horses pulled each of the 42 sleds, supplemented by additional oxen and whatever extra manpower was required.

Knox nearly froze to death while trying to walk through three feet of snow in a blizzard. He had estimated that the journey would take 16 days, not the 40 to which it extended. Even so, not a single cannon was lost and the stalwart group finally arrived at the Continental Army camp outside Boston.

On January 27, 1776, Knox met with Washington in Cambridge. The Continental Army was now armed with the necessary artillery to support an all-out infantry attack on the 11,000 British troops entrenched in Boston. On March 4, Washington gained the advantage of high ground by moving the cannons into position on Dorchester Heights overlooking the city and Boston Harbor. The next day, with the support of bombarding artillery, he launched a successful infantry attack on the Redcoats.

A day later, British commander Gen. William Howe ordered his men to prepare for evacuation. On St. Patrick's Day, 1776, 120 ships carried the remaining British soldiers, 1,200 dependents, and 1,100 loyalists (to the British Crown) out of Boston. It was a crucial early victory for the colonists, bolstering morale and demonstrating they had a chance of winning the war.

The harrowing mission of Knox and his early band of teamsters transporting the cannons from Ticonderoga proved to be to the victory at Boston, and a vital link in the chain of events leading to the creation of the United States of America.

Today, the Vermont Army and Air National Guards are collectively known as the Vermont National Guard or the "Green Mountain Boys," even though women have served in both branches since the mid-20th century. Both units use the original Green Mountain Boys battle flag as their banner.



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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.

TYBEE TIME

WHAT: Landlovers Coastal Georgia Living, formerly known as the Green Thumb Club, presents "Tybee Island: Savannah's Summertime Retreat"
WHEN: Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Fellowship Hall at Messiah Lutheran Church
HOW MUCH: Membership fee pro-rated for end of year/\$5 guest fee
CONTACT: Donna Bunn, donnabunn@gmail.com or Deb Werner, debkwerner@yahoo.com
WHAT ELSE: Sarah Jones, executive director of Tybee Island Historical Society, will take us from the first English settlers on the island to the 20th century. Open to all Skidaway Islanders, but you must be a member of Landlovers.

PLAY DATE

WHAT: Landlovers Game Day
WHEN: Friday, April 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse
HOW MUCH: \$50 for play and lunch buffet
CONTACT: For more information and to register by April 5 to play and/or buy raffle tickets for some great items, go to landloversevents.eventsmart.com, or contact Eileen Yost @

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WHAT ELSE: Open to all Skidaway Islanders, but you must be a member of Landlovers. www.landingslandlovers.com/join.

COME FLY WITH ME

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway April meeting – "Fly Fishing"
WHEN: Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Skidaway Island
CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279
WHAT ELSE: Speakers Chad Dubose of Rivers and Glen Trading Company and fly fisherman Doug Painter will discuss fly fishing and how it differs between Savannah and mountain rivers, streams and lakes. They will address lagoons in the Landings, the Lowcountry marshes, and tidal fluctuations, as well as the different flies and equipment used. The April raffle prize is a fly rod and reel from Rivers and Glen.

STITCHIN' TIME

WHAT: Landlovers Stitch and Bead
WHEN: Tuesdays, April 12, and April 26, 2 - 4 p.m.
WHERE: Members' homes
HOW MUCH: Free, open to all Skidaway Island residents but Landlovers membership is required
CONTACT: Leslie Mathews at lmathews50@gmail.com to be added to the email list
WHAT ELSE: All crafters working on any type of needle or beading projects are welcome!

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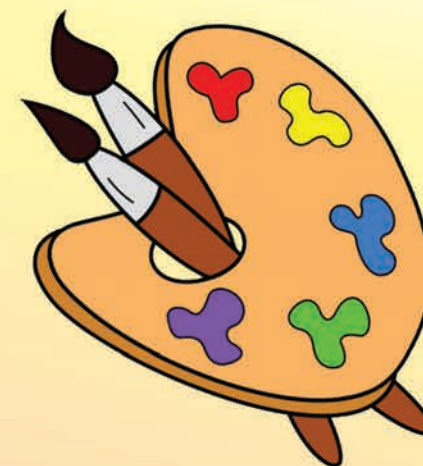
WHAT: "True Perspectives with Georgia Congressman Buddy Carter," hosted by the Skidaway Island Republican Club
WHEN: Tuesday, April 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club Ballroom
HOW MUCH: No cost to attend, but pre-registration requested
CONTACT: skidawayislandrepublicanclub.wildapricot.org; For assistance registering, contact SIRCwebhelp@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Buddy Carter shares his views on current affairs and discusses how to donate to key house races via the Buddy PAC.

BLESSED BROTH

WHAT: Church and Chowder
WHEN: Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Road
HOW MUCH: No charge for lunch or fellowship (donations are welcomed)

HOW GREAT THOU ART

WHAT: Art exhibit by Landings resident John Nelson
WHEN: Sunday, April 10 through Sunday, April 17
WHERE: Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, Bailey Hall
CONTACT: Visit the siumc.org/Jesus or the church website siumc.org or michelle@siumc.org for more information
WHAT ELSE: Don't miss this curated show by local illustrator John Nelson, featuring his amazing oil and watercolor paintings of the life of Jesus.



ARTISTS AND RESIDENTS

WHAT: Landings Art Association Annual Spring Show and Silent Auction
WHEN: Monday, April 11, 5 to 8 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club Ballroom, the Landings
HOW MUCH: \$5 per person at the door
CONTACT: LAA website at www.landing-sartassociation.com
WHAT ELSE: A juried show of more than 100 works by local artists in all media, and a silent auction of original art from 35 artists to benefit Savannah schoolchildren through LAA's Arts in Education programs. Live jazz and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. All artwork on display is for sale. Come marvel at the talent that surrounds you!

NICE FIGURES

WHAT: Stacie Jean Albano Art Exhibit
WHEN: Now through Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily
WHERE: The Mansion on Forsyth Park Grand Bohemian Gallery, 700 Drayton St.
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Carmen Aguirre, Carmen.Aguirre@kesslercollection.com or 912.721.5007
WHAT ELSE: Savannah artist Stacie Jean Albano is April's featured artist in the 4th annual Savannah Series. Albano is known for her whimsical figurative drawings and confident use of a palette knife, paint brush, and color.

CONTACT: RSVP to kturner@saintpeterssav.org
WHAT ELSE: Join us for a quiet service of reflection, prayer and music in St. Peter's Chapel, followed by a soup lunch in the parish hall

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/screeners and tax preparers.

PREPARATION STATION

WHAT: AARP volunteer free tax preparation
WHEN: Now until April 18, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Live Oak Library: SW Branch at Savannah Mall, 14097 Abercorn St. (Monday through Friday); Bull St. Branch, 2002 Bull St. (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Visit www.aarp.org/taxaide for more information.
WHAT ELSE: AARP Foundation Tax-Aide can help prepare your 2021 tax return. IRS-certified volunteers provide tax preparation service to anyone, completely free. You don't even have to be an AARP member. To be safe, we are using a "drop-off" service model, where you make an appointment to leave your documents for us to prepare your tax return.

POWER PLANTS

WHAT: Landlovers Plant Strong of Skidaway Island
WHEN: Monday, April 18, 6 to 8 p.m.
WHERE: TLA Meeting Room
HOW MUCH: Free, but Landlovers membership is required
CONTACT: RSVP to Simone at simoneheyman-wfpb@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Open to all Skidaway Islanders. Panel speakers Greg Hoff, Laurie Phillips, Mike Stevenson and Jeff Adams will discuss Dr. Michael Greger's "Daily Dozen." Attendees pair up with a plant expert for education and support.

TAG, YOU'RE IT

WHAT: TAGatNIGHT
WHEN: Wednesday, April 20
WHERE: Hostess City Hot Glass, 918 Mont-

gomery St.
HOW MUCH: TAG members are welcome to attend
CONTACT: Betsy McCullar, betsy2mccullar@gmail.com or 917.566.9101
WHAT ELSE: Owner Ronald Martinez will take us on a tour of his new studio and give us a behind-the-scenes look at how glass is blown. The studio sells hand-blown glass to galleries and offers classes where participants can experience glassblowing.

RIGHT ON

WHAT: Ladies On The Right (LOTR) meeting on "Climate" – political and environmental, globally.
WHEN: April 21, social hours - 12 to 1 p.m.: lunch and program - 1 to 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: The Landings, Palmetto Club Ballroom
HOW MUCH: \$25 for LOTR members; \$35 for guests. All are welcome.
CONTACT: For more information or to register (deadline is April 18), visit www.ladiesontheright.org
WHAT ELSE: Guest speakers include Georgia gubernatorial candidate David Perdue and lieutenant governor candidate Jeanne Seaver. LOTR is a greater-Savannah community leadership organization based on Skidaway Island. Its mission is to inform, educate and inspire members to take active roles on key issues that impact our community, country and lives.

SECRET GARDENS

WHAT: 45th annual NOGS Tour of Hidden Gardens
WHEN: April 22 and 23
WHERE: Savannah Historic District
CONTACT: For ticket information and other details, visitgardenclubofsavannah.org
WHAT ELSE: This special tour unlocks the garden gates of selected private gardens and historic gardens for self-guided exploration. Ticket holders will enjoy springtime gardens located north of Gaston Street to the Savannah River. As part of the tour, guests are invited to a Southern Tea at the Green-Meldrim House. Proceeds are donated to organizations throughout the Savannah area thanks to your generous support.

PLANT FOOD

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club Spring Luncheon
WHEN: Tuesday, April 26, 9 a.m. to noon, Palmetto ballroom at the Landings Club
HOW MUCH: \$38 (cash or check to The Landings Garden Club)
CONTACT: Pam Patterson, pampattersonjax@gmail.com or 4 Goddard Lane, Savannah, 31411.
WHAT ELSE: Register at thelandingsgardenclub.

com/2022springluncheon.php. Open to the public. Tube or mail to Contact person above. Join us for a buffet lunch, followed by speaker Laura C. Martin, who has authored award-winning books, appeared on numerous TV and radio shows, earned a Certificate of Botanical Art and Illustration from the New York Botanical Garden, and authored a scientific gardening column focusing on growing native plants for nine years for the Atlanta Journal and Constitution.

FORE THE CHILDREN

WHAT: The OHCF 2nd annual Golf Ball Drop
WHEN: Monday, April 25, 5:30 to 8:15 p.m.
WHERE: Deer Creek driving range
CONTACT: Sign up now at theonehundredchildrensfoundation.org
WHAT ELSE: Make a difference in a child's life: Buy tickets, a golf ball, or become a sponsor.

SEEING GREEN

WHAT: Annual JIT "FORE Vision" Charity Golf Tournament, to benefit the Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision
WHEN: Monday, May 2 at 9 a.m.
WHERE: The Landings Club
HOW MUCH: \$135 individual; \$540 for a team of four
CONTACT: For more information or to reserve your team's spot, contact Leslie Eatherly at leathery@savannahcblv.org
WHAT ELSE: The JIT "FORE Vision" Charity Golf Tournament Silent Auction will be held online, April 17 through May 1. The auction is open to anyone who wishes to bid. Winners will be notified once the auction closes.

THE COAST WITH THE MOST

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway May Meeting – "The History and Nature of the Savannah Area Waters"
WHEN: Monday, May 9, 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Church
CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279; For more information about CCA Skidaway or to register to attend the May CCA meeting and seminar, visit ccaskidaway.org
WHAT ELSE: Cpt. Mike Neal, seasoned cruise captain and owner of Bull River Cruises and Moon River Kayak Tours, shares his knowledge of the barrier islands with the history and nature of the area, boating along Coastal Georgia, and his interesting experiences working with the film and TV industries. Raffle prize is a half-day in-shore cruise for two with Capt. Stan Allen of Marshland Adventures.

LADIES ON THE LINKS

WHAT: Landlovers Ladies 9-Holers "School Spirit Scramble"
WHEN: Tuesday, May 10, plus weekly play

WHERE: Landings Golf Course TBD
HOW MUCH: Free to members
CONTACT: Jan Rosenbaum, landloverladies9@gmail.com or visit www.landingslandlovers.com for more info
WHAT ELSE: Registration now open to Landlovers members with a Landings golf membership, a basic understanding of the rules and pace of play, and a GHIN number.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

WHAT: "Envision and Enjoy," Landlovers 2022 Tour of Homes
WHEN: Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Eight extraordinary homes in the Landings and two in the Marshes
HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$50 at landloversevents.eventsmart.com/. Deadline for purchase is May 6, or while supplies last. Tickets are limited in quantity, available only to Skidaway Island residents and their guests.
CONTACT: Heidi Lieberman at hlieberman5@gmail.com.
WHAT ELSE: We encourage you to travel by golf cart and to please wear soft-soled shoes to tour the homes.

SPEAK EASY

WHAT: Savannah Speech and Hearing Center's "Speak Easy"
WHEN: Every Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Savannah Speech and Hearing Center - 5414 Skidaway Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Jenna Harcher, 912.355.4601 or jharcher@speechandhearingsav.org
WHAT ELSE: A support group for survivors of stroke or traumatic brain injury and their family or caregivers. Participants work on improving and maintaining skills associated with speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Due to Covid-19, masks are currently required.

WORLD TRAVELERS

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

LUNCH BUNCH

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

SEW WHAT?

WHAT: Landlovers Material Girls
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church
WHEN: 3rd Thursday of each month, 3 to 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free but you must be a member of Landlovers
CONTACT: Janet Smart at maxwellsgal@aol.com or Sandra Grant at sandragrant07@comcast.net
WHAT ELSE: Open to all Skidaway Island residents, not just The Landings. Whether you are an experienced quilter or new to the craft, please join us for some handwork, conversation and networking. Bring a project you are working on, show and tell, or just come to socialize and learn about quilt shops in the area and local quilt guilds.

CAN YOU CANASTA?

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

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

HORSE SENSE

WHAT: Pegasus Riding Academy volunteers needed
WHERE: Old Roberds Dairy, 2500 Tennessee Ave., Savannah

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

BUNCO SQUAD

WHAT: Landlovers Bunco, open to all Skidaway Island residents, not just the Landings
WHEN: Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Association meeting room
HOW MUCH: \$6 in singles to be used as prizes and to cover the room fee
CONTACT: Eileen Yost, eileenyryn@gmail.com.
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers membership is required but Landings Club membership is not required. TLA reserves the right to reschedule and will try to give a 24-hour notice. Unless you hear otherwise, meet at 6:30 p.m. to set up and socialize before the games begin. Drinks in covered containers are allowed.

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.

ANIMAL ATTRACTION

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

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CHALLENGER CLUES*

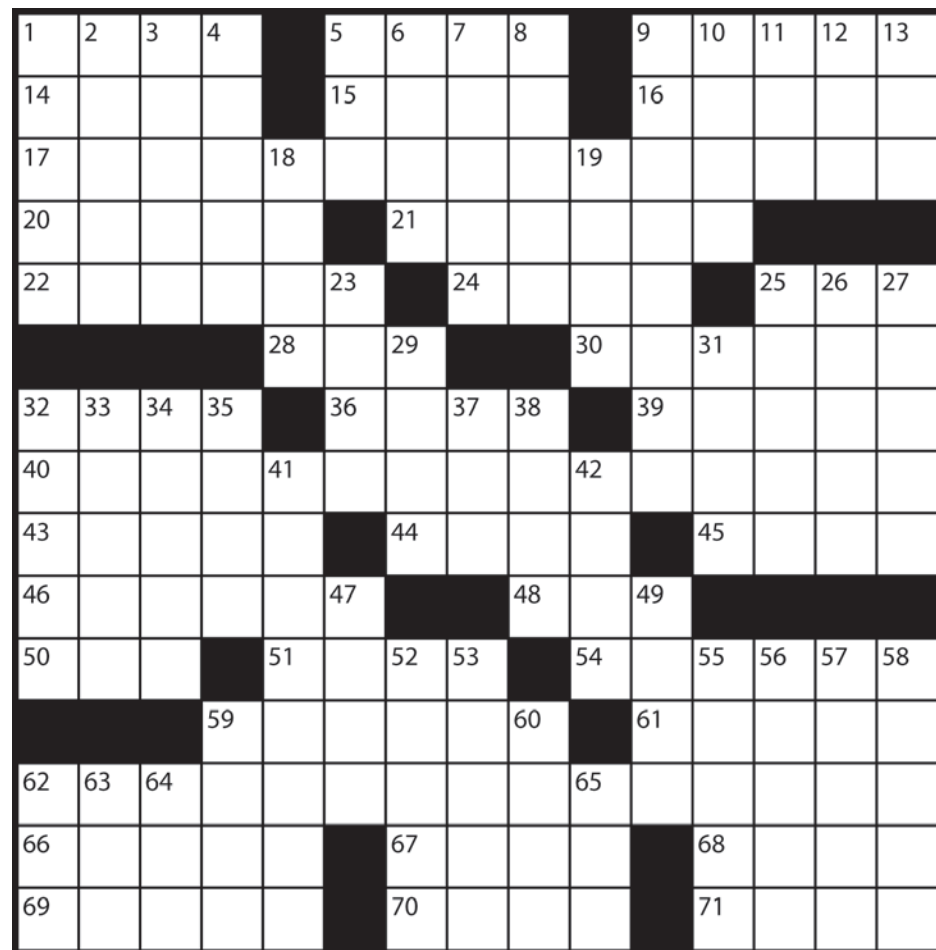
ACROSS

- 1. Agave fiber
- 5. N'Djamena is its capital
- 9. Goldbricked
- 14. Has the skinny
- 15. Choice
- 16. "___ Ike!"
- 17. Drink fit for the goblet of Henry VIII
- 20. Sister of Sherlock Holmes
- 21. GMC luxury model designation
- 22. Maroon
- 24. Dolly's last name ("Hello Dolly")
- 25. Eagle on a par three
- 28. Canada's easternmost prov.
- 30. Literary codicil
- 32. Mold
- 36. Be upset?
- 39. Practicable
- 40. Bespoke finger food for a Brit
- 43. Vermont's "Granite Center of the World"
- 44. 500 liter Spanish wine barrel
- 45. Accepted an IOU
- 46. Apply chrism
- 48. Georgia's favorite bulldog
- 50. British stableboy
- 51. Tongue of a cart drawn by animals
- 54. Bury
- 59. Orderly procedure
- 61. Ancient Greek name of Western Anatolia
- 62. Rare day in English poesy
- 66. Nintendo's fictional plumber
- 67. IBM is one
- 68. Initial wager
- 69. Aft
- 70. What ushers do
- 71. Burden

DOWN

- 1. Like velvet
- 2. Void
- 3. Lawnmowers made in the Midwest
- 4. Fish with a hook
- 5. Limo, for one
- 6. Tilled
- 7. Nolan Ryan, notably
- 8. America's first foreign diplomat

With apologies to Olympic gymnast Simone Biles



- 9. Enemy of Blefusco
- 10. Half a court game
- 11. Noted author of books on salesmanship, ___ Ziglar
- 12. Lengthen
- 13. ___ Spiegel
- 18. Husband of a countess
- 19. Wash
- 23. Hydrated magnesium silicate
- 25. ___ Springs, Australia
- 26. City at the Atlantic entrance of the Panama Canal
- 27. Evacuate
- 29. Type of tube
- 31. Sign of stress (abbr)
- 32. Conspiracy
- 33. Downward Dog, e.g.
- 34. Young haddock
- 35. Harmless oral bone growths
- 37. ___ Miguel Island (Azores)
- 38. Caesarian reprimand
- 41. Victorian Poet Laureate
- 42. Solomon, notably
- 47. Check
- 49. Ouzo flavoring
- 52. For any reason
- 53. Superior grade of black tea
- 55. Aggregate
- 56. Trump introduction?
- 57. Mazda MX-5
- 58. Like finished pottery
- 59. Rouse
- 60. One thousand times 'kilo'
- 62. The 'k' in k.p.h.
- 63. Feed
- 64. 100 square meters
- 65. Sward

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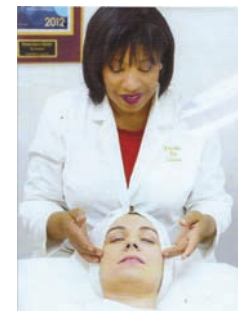
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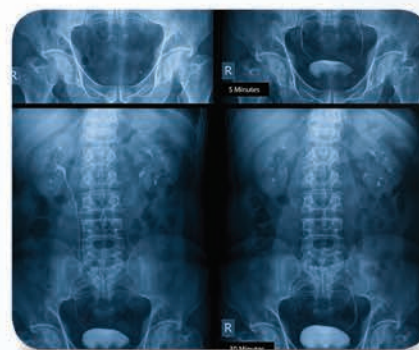
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