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Want a behind-the-scenes look at the fun and glamor of magazine publishing? We – I, as some of the salutations read "Dear Scott - received a handful of impassioned emails/ letters the week of March 4. The senders were animated by a letter to the editor that ran in the issue prior to this one. My team and/or I responded in detail to the writers, encouraging each to publish his or her thoughts. Unfortunately, they all declined our invitation. We respect their wishes to remain anonymous. However, revealing a bit of the backand-forth sheds light on our editorial process, imperfect as it is. With a very small staff, we publish a content-rich magazine every two weeks. We have done so for more than 20 years. We do things well and we make mistakes. But we maintain fidelity to our core ethos - to provide thoughtful and entertaining content AND to provide community members with an open forum for communication and discussion that is not restricted by the agendae or implicit biases that influence other outlets.

I offer a sampling of my recent week. I have shortened (some) letters and responses because of space constraints. But the edits do not alter the underlying themes:

Letter Writer One: "Why do you print this crap? How about fact checking what you decide to publish?"

Me: "...we actively welcome all letters, regardless of their points of view. We take pride in our commitment to free and open exchanges of ideas. We make no judgments as to which of our readers are "crazy people" (a reference to a second email from the letter writer) and which are guardians of absolute truths. Our only demand is that letter writers refrain from (named) ad hominem attacks against members of our shared community... We applaud and admire anyone who exhibits the courage to publicly articulate his or her thoughts. We are grateful for those who choose to enjoy any of the close-to-600 issues we have produced over the years...a group into which you must fall, so we thank you."

Letter Writer 2: "Dear Scott – I'm very dis-

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Letter to the Editor with its hateful, divisive, political rhetoric. If you truly are a publication that is The Definitive Voice of Skidaway Island then you would have published two political points of view of Justice for All. Because the view from my living room is not represented by Dick Berkowitz who supports a three-time married, rapist, liar, who incited an insurrection, grifter, with 91 indictments. Calling me a Neo-Marxist who is disrupting his version of a 'perfect union?' My expectations are that you do not support this drivel and that you provide more amicable content. Do better.'

Me: "The letter you reference is simply one man's opinion and, as clearly stated in the magazine (as it has been for 20 years), not the opinion of the magazine...We would have happily published an alternative letter, except that nobody wrote one, and nobody (yet) who objects to the letter has been willing to sign his or her name to an alternative point of view. With your permission, we will publish your letter in our next issue, as I'm sure many people will appreciate your sentiments. As for the "do better" directive...in the main, I am very comfortable with the quality of work we and never consciously denied any point of have done over the last 20+ years. Thank you view access to our pages. We have published for your readership."

Letter Writer 2 responded to my response: "...Actually, within The Landings, we are not allowed to display political flags or clothing with political messages. Politic (sic) discussions are not only discouraged, but not allowed... I do not want to participate in a back-and-forth political debate. There's no win. And it also could be of danger to me and my home. If you do support this type of free speech, I will ask that the Skinnie not be delivered to our residence."

I was surprised to learn that the community intentionally squelches free speech.

Letter Writer(s) 3: "I have become increasingly dismayed with the content of the last few letters to the editor. When did The Skinnie become a political football? You state on your table of contents page that you reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and content and that the opinions of the writers does (sic) not necessarilv reflect the opinion of the magazine and its publisher. You also say The Skinnie is 'the definitive voice of Skidaway Island, including the Landings, Modena Island, South Harbor and the Village on Skidaway Island.' The letter to the editor in the March issue does not reflect my voice. And I not talking about taking a political side. I'm talking about irrelevant content appointed that the Skinnie published the current in a community-based, ad-magazine focusing

on services and local businesses. As far as I can tell, this magazine is NOT intended to be a political FORUM. You can, as editors, refuse this type of letter as it has no relevance to the rest of the content of your magazine. If you feel it does, then you should be prepared to have letters from, and accept, all side of the issues. And by then, I will be gone as a reader. There is enough vitrolic, political rhetoric these days without have to read it in a local ad magazine. And how do all your advertisers feel about this? Maybe not so good if you lose readership."

Me: I didn't respond to this one, but we are very prepared to entertain letters from anybody, regardless of slant. I would hate to think our readers would punish our hard-working advertisers for one reader's opinion.

Letter Writer 4: "After reading Duck (sic) Berkowitz's letter your magazine will go directly into my trash bin every week."

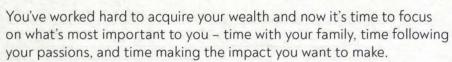
Me: "Thank you for reading... We have published letters that deal with community controversies and broader political opinions as many - probably more - letters from people who fundamentally disagree with Mr. Berkowitz than from his compatriots...We imagine a world where the power of logic and facts wins the day. Should you feel empowered by throwing our magazine in your trash can, it is your right, just as Mr. Berkowitz's speech is his. However, I would invite you to consider the value of the 2,500+ pieces of unique content that we have produced over the years for the benefit of our readers at zero cost to them...Should you be willing to advance a discussion that thrives through strength of reason, we would be delighted to publish your letter, or any letter from you... and we have no problem highlighting your direct criticism of us. If, however, you hold to the notion that destroying our work is your most articulate form of self-expression, we will still attempt to entertain, inform, and serve as a community asset – regrettably without your readership – at times succeeding and at times course-correcting when necessary."

I'm still waiting for a reply, but I'm not holding my breath.

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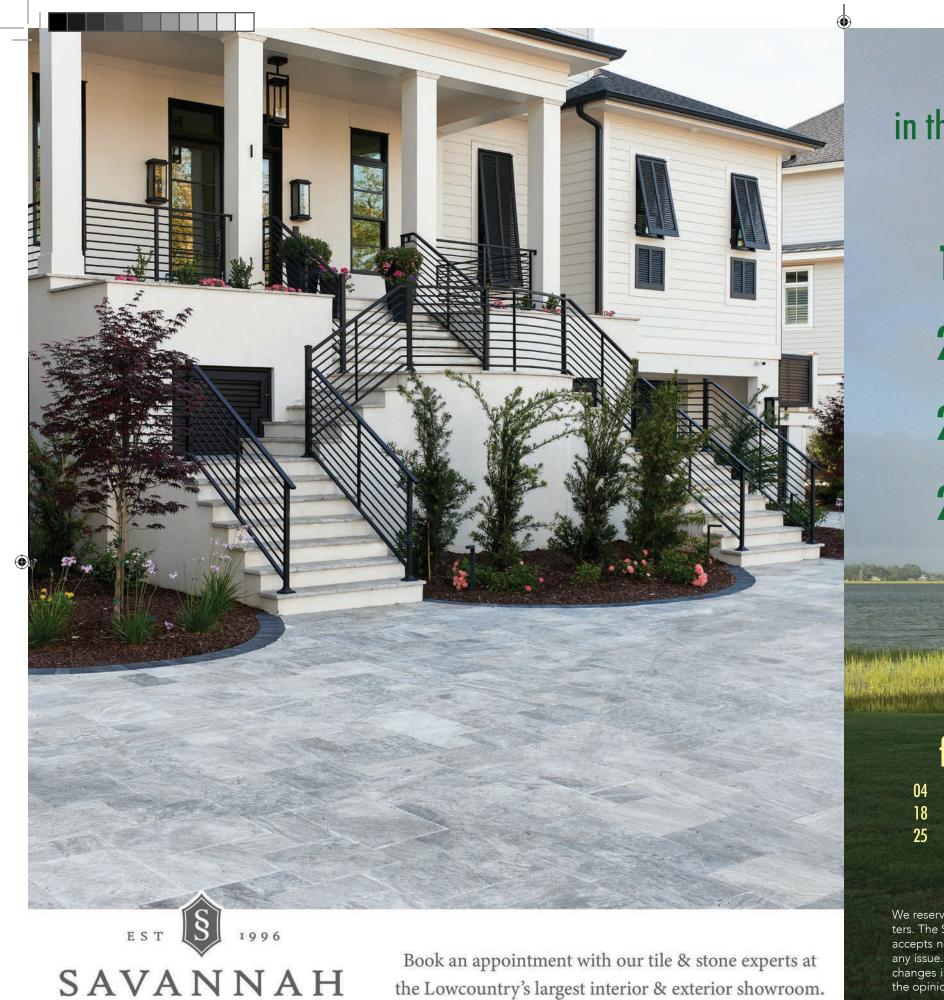


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WELOVE A PARADE

Two Hundred Years of Celebrating St. Patrick

BY ROGER SMITH

of Georgia, of the South, and of the nation.

ing the Irish Harp with a Shamrock border."

Events of March 17, 1824, in tiny Savannah, were smaller than

today's festivities to be sure, but remarkable, nonetheless. On March

16, The Georgian newspaper invited all Savannahians to a "discourse

on the feast of St. Patrick," delivered by John England, an Irishman

from Cork and Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston (which

included Savannah at the time). Following the bishop's remarks, he

presided over the first public St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah.

The procession marched from Liberty Square to the City Hotel on

West Bay Street, then back to the church, accompanied by a band

"playing the Irish national airs and Hibernians carrying a flag display-

Despite Colonial Georgia's ban on "papists," by the end of the

American Revolution Catholics of various nationalities had settled in Savannah. They included the Irish, of course, and by 1779 they

had built a church for themselves on Liberty Square. Protestant Irish

elite were also present at the birth of Georgia: Gen. James Oglethor-

🔽 n a city as old as Savannah (which will soon prepare for its tri- in Savannah, citing their contributions to the prosperity of Savannah, centennial celebration), wagonloads of organizations and events Lare bound to mark milestone anniversaries. But 200 years of the St. Patrick's Day Parade is more than just another bicentennial; Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade is impressive in any year. It's both unmissable and not-to-be-missed, an annual observance that catapults Savannah to the national news, even if the city no longer appears on national weather maps.

In anticipation of the parade's bicentennial, a brand new historical marker was unveiled last month at the former site of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Montgomery Street's Liberty Square. The day felt much like St. Patrick's Day itself – gloriously sunny but with a wind that meant business, three times toppling the Irish flag whose base was wedged under the foot of the lectern, and that was before the ceremony. Both Irish and American flags remained secure as a succession of men from the

parade committee, along with Catholic clergy, spoke passionately about Irish history

St. Patrick's Day Parade

On March 17, 1824 the first public St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah was held to and from this site where the city's only Catholic house of worship, St. John the Baptist Church was built in 1779. The Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, John England of Cork City, Ireland addressed an Irish gathering of Catholics and Protestants. Later they marched to the City Hotel accompanied by a full band playing the Irish national air and Hibernians carrying a flag displaying the Irish Harp with Shamrock border. Bishop En ords that day sparked the parade tradition

"May the example of Savannah be widely influential; here men who differ in religion may meet as friends and brethren; the acrimony of the bigot is not permitted to destroy the harmony of society

Erected by the Committee to Commemorate the Anniversary of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade

ABOVE: St. Patrick's Day Parade travels down Bay Street, 1995 (Courtesy of the City of Savannah Municipal Archives) LEFT: The new historical marker, located at the former site of Liberty Square



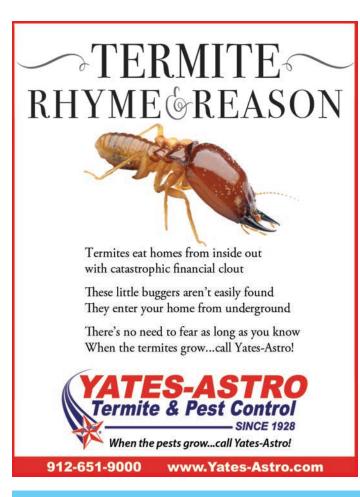
sistance to needy Irish immigrants." Though often shunned in larger



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cities, the refugees were welcome in Savannah, taking on the labor-intensive work of growing crops, laying railroads, and digging canals. The Irish settled into what would become their generational neighborhoods - Frog Town, Yamacraw, and the Old Fort. These enclaves lay on the fringes of Savannah (geographically and socially) in close proximity to clusters of Black Savannahians, enslaved and free, thus creating Savannah's earliest integrated neighborhoods.

The Irish Potato Famine of the 1840s robbed Ireland of nearly a million souls - those who died - and more than a million others (those who fled). Irish refugees poured into the U.S. In Savannah, their numbers were sufficient to swell the ranks of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Meaghan Dwyer-Ryan of Georgia Southern University's Center for Irish Research and Teaching notes that the enormous Irish influx to Savannah of the late 1840s and early 1850s included a majority from Wexford in the southeast of Ireland. These immigrants were nearly half-and-half Protestant and Catholic. Today, GSU boasts a campus in Wexford.

The Savannah Morning News has published meticulous research on milestones in the parade's history, citing the rare occasions on which there was no St. Patrick's Day Parade. St. Patrick's Day in 1830 lacked its parade because the Hibernian Society inadvertently neglected to meet, neither planning nor announcing the event. The American Civil War and COVID-19 shut down the same number of parades - two each. The 1921 parade went on hiatus, in solidarity with the Irish Revolution that was then underway.

The precise date of the celebration has occasionally played hop-



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scotch with important days of Holy Week, although the Church made peace with the frivolity of the parade long ago, even though it occurs during Lent. The "Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah" has been a formally elected position since 1870.

A growing number of sites and ceremonies in the St. Patrick's Day orbit have appeared in the firmament. Today, a Celtic Cross stands on East Bay Street in the Strand (once called the Irish Green due to its proximity to the Old Fort neighborhood). A historical marker there tells the story of the Irish patriot Robert Emmet who was executed in 1802 for his role in a Dublin uprising demanding independence for his homeland. Savannah's Irish pay homage to Emmet in an annual ceremony, in addition to Sgt. William Jasper, a casualty of the Siege of Savannah in 1779 and heralded by Savannah's Irish community (the "Jasper Greens"). President Grover Cleveland attended the 1888 dedication of the Jasper Monument in Madison Square, and Irish community members gather there annually to honor the fallen sergeant who rescued the colors. In a recent lecture on Jasper, historian Christopher Hendricks acknowledged Jasper's murky nationality; but, in Savannah, everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

Today's historic St. Patrick's Day Parade would be nearly unrecognizable to that small band of Irish men and women led by Bishop England 200 years ago. Where St. John the Baptist Catholic Church once stood is now the Robbie Robinson parking garage. But since the 1870s the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (now a minor basilica) has cast its regal shadow over Lafayette Square. And the old City Hotel on West Bay Street - the destination of that first St. Patrick's Day Parade - is now home to the Moon River Brewing Company, which, in all



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Jasper Monument, c. 1902 (Courtesy of the City of Savannah Municipal Archives)

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Mayor J. C. Lewis in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, c. 1967-1971 (Courtesy of the City of Savannah Municipal Archives)

honesty, will certainly be a St. Patrick's Day destination, whether a bishop leads the way or not.

It's dizzying indeed to witness the heights to which Irish Savannahians climbed in business, education, and politics across 200 years. Poignant, too, is the fact that enslaved Africans frequently worked alongside wage-earning Irishmen to forge the antebellum infrastructure, yet it's an African-American who serves today in the city's highest office. At the marker's dedication, Savannah Mayor Van Johnson took



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Benedictine cadets march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, c. early 1960s (Courtesy of the City of Savannah Municipal Archives)

the microphone to add his own observations regarding Irish contributions to success and society, praising the unity that Savannah enjoys - a city comfortable in its rainbow of diversity.

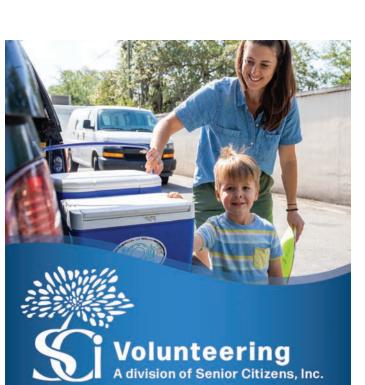
Roger Smith is a native of Savannah who recalls scores of St. Patrick's Day Parades. Formerly the director of education at the Georgia Historical Society, he became the founding director in 2007 of The Learning Center, Savannah's premier lifelong learning institution, a program of Senior Citizens, Inc.



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I've been blessed with a career that involves very frequent international travel. I've visited about 75 countries over the past decade. Preparation for these trips depends on the country. Regardless of the region, I follow these travel pointers to safely navigate the world:

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Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is used in most every credit distracted Americans loaded with valuables. card we carry now, as well as in newer drivers' licenses. If you've ever tapped to pay with your credit card, the card reader received payment SECONDARY SECURITY data via radio waves from a small antenna in the card's microchip. Un-In some countries with high crime rates, I carry an extra "fake" walfortunately, this card data can be skimmed off your card for nefarious let. This is basically a cheap, small money clip with some cash - a few reasons up to 15 feet or so from the card reader. This threat is beones and fives will do - and some fake credit cards. You know - those ing debated, but I travel with an RFID-blocking wallet for my credit small, generic identification and credit cards you get in the mail all cards and driver's license, as well as an RFID-blocking passport holdthe time. Save some of them and put a half dozen or so in the money er. Modern passports transmit just like credit cards. It makes global clip. If you're mugged, do not hand the clip directly to the assailant. immigration quicker and more convenient, but it creates a potential Toss the clip at his feet or his side. With his attention diverted to the data security risk. RFID-blocking wallets are not expensive and can be money clip, you have bought yourself a few valuable seconds in which found at Amazon or most retail stores. to escape.

PASSPORT/DRIVER'S LICENSE INFO

You will likely find overseas hotel door locks not quite to Ameri-I keep a photo of my current passport and driver's license on my can standards. Some are low-quality with no secondary lock. I always phone. This can help tremendously in the event of a loss or theft of carry a portable secondary hotel door lock. They are small and cheap,



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either item.

DON'T BE A TARGET

Dress as plainly as possible so that you effectively disappear into the crowd of locals. Blues, blacks, greens, and greys are all great colors for blending into a crowd. Refrain from any brand that makes you look like a prosperous American. Always keep your head up and be aware of your surroundings. Don't walk around with your head down in your phone or looking at a map, especially when traveling abroad. Leave flashy, expensive jewelry at home. Remember, foreign thieves look for

available on Amazon as well. Mine is from Ace- emergency and push important travel warnings Mining.

People will likely come into your room for one legitimate reason or another, such as housekeeping or maintenance. But don't permit anyone to unexpectedly enter your room while you're in it.

STATE DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

The US Department of State does a great job of issuing travel advisories for U.S. citizens. Wherever you are considering traveling, the State Department likely has good information regarding crime, terrorism, illness, etc. It also has a program called the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP), which you can find at https://travel.state.gov. You can enroll yourself, your travel plans, and emergency contacts with the local embassy or consulate. With this free service, the State Department can reach you in the event of an

to you if needed.

Many folks travel to a foreign country with no idea if it hosts a U.S. embassy. Know this before you go; there will likely be one. If not, determine where the nearest American embassy is located and how to contact it in the event of an emergency or disaster - natural or man-made. Consider this a lifeline to urgent help if needed. I have a picture of the nearest embassy address and phone number in my phone everywhere I go so I can get to it quickly.

We live in a world filled with natural disasters, crime, political upheaval, terrorist events, etc. Imagine getting caught in a crisis overseas. It would be chaotic and confusing. Plan and stack the deck in your favor with available resources. There are fascinating things out there to explore. Go see them – and travel fearlessly.

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Staying Young at HEART

It's never too early to get heart smart.

f you're in your 20s, 30s, or 40s, you might believe heart disease is something you don't need to worry about right now. However, it L becomes more common as we age, and it's never too early to start paying attention to your heart's health. The rise in obesity and diabetes at early ages adds to the risk of heart problems in young adults. For people aged 25 to 34, both genders, heart disease is the fourth leading cause of death. For those between 35 and 44, heart disease is even deadlier - the second deadliest killer of men and the third among women.

"The heart is a critical organ that you can't live without, and if it's not functioning well at any age, you may not live well with it," says Dr. Michael McNeely, primary care physician at St. Joseph's/Candler at the Islands.

Most likely, if you are in your 20s or 30s, you are not seeing a cardiologist. That's why it's so important to visit your primary care physician annually. They can monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and heart rate - among many other things - and refer you to a cardiologist if needed. Taking care of your heart can help prevent heart disease at any age. It also lays the groundwork for a longer, healthier future.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Blood pressure tends to rise with age. Yet, by their 20s and early 30s, about 29 percent of men and 14 percent of women already have

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high blood pressure. Compared to older adults, young adults with high blood pressure are less likely to receive treatment and get their blood pressure under control. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to problems down the road, including:

- Heart disease
- Heart failure
- Stroke
- Peripheral arterial disease (poor blood flow to the legs)
- Kidney disease

HIGH CHOLESTEROL

The chance of having high cholesterol increases with age, but among people in their 20s and early 30s, about nine percent of men and five percent of women already have the problem. Over time, it can raise your risk for heart disease and stroke. Unhealthy habits may contribute to high cholesterol, especially poor diet. However, some people have a genetic condition called familial hypercholesterolemia (FH), which causes high cholesterol levels at a young age. If FH isn't diagnosed and treated, it can lead to early risk for heart disease, stroke, and heart attack.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Practicing a healthy lifestyle at any age can help your heart's health, especially if you commit to it at a young age.

• Don't smoke. If you smoke, stop now. Smokers are four times

'Get Your Rear in Gear' Returns 5K Walk and Run set for Saturday, April 20

detection,

The Get Your Rear in Gear® 5K Walk/Run (GYRG) in support of colon cancer awareness and prevention will be held Saturday, April 20, at the Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion, located directly across from Candler Hospital. The event is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Sponsored in part by St. Joseph's/Candler, Gastroenterology Consultants of Savannah, P.C., WTOC-TV, The Savannah Morning News, and News Radio 97.7 WTKS, the event honors the memory of longtime WTOC-TV news anchor Mike Manhatton, who succumbed to colon cancer.

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week. Increasing physical activity increases the levels of good cholesmore likely to develop heart disease than non-smokers. Smoking accelerates the hardening of the arteries. McNeely says, "Smoking obviterol (HDL) and strengthens your heart muscle. ously influences the lungs, but it's also a major determinant of plaque build-up in the blood vessels, whether it's those in the heart, brain, • Limit alcohol. Alcohol doesn't have a direct impact on your heart legs, or elsewhere in the body. "I tell patients whatever you do, don't if you are a moderate drinker. (The recommendation is no more than start smoking, or if you are a smoker, stop now because the risk of vasone alcoholic beverage for women and two for men daily.) However, cular disease, heart attack, and stroke is multiplied when you smoke." too much alcohol can impact other risk factors, including blood pressure, levels of triglycerides, and obesity.

• Maintain a healthy weight. Obesity is a major risk factor for just heart disease and diabetes, which has an impact on your heart. When "Exercising, following a prudent diet that limits salt, keeping alcopeople have more fat, they require more blood supply to nourish the hol to a minimum, and taking any medications for pre-existing conextra fat. That, in turn, increases blood pressure and puts a strain on ditions can impact your heart in a positive way," McNeely says. "Your the heart. McNeely explains, "People who lose weight will have less heart is absolutely essential, so let's take care of it - at any age." cardiac demand and less problems overall. Losing weight helps with lowering blood pressure, as well as preventing or controlling diabetes." If you are you in 20s and 30s and are not seeing a primary care

doctor, now is the time to start. A primary care physician performs all • Practice good nutrition. One way to lose weight or keep extra necessary screenings and lab work to help diagnose any conditions or fat off is by following a healthy diet. Avoid or limit red meat, fried risk factors, such as the ones mentioned above. St. Joseph's/Candler foods, highly processed foods, and other foods high in saturated fats. has more than two dozen primary care physicians who see patients All these foods are known to contribute to obesity and heart disease. across the region.

• Exercise. Living a sedentary lifestyle at any age is unwise. The Visit sichs.org for information on finding the right primary care physi-American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of cian for you and your family. moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous activity each

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ties, helping with prevention, early treatment, and healthy living projects for patients currently fighting the disease. The Savannah race directly benefits the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion's and the Colon Cancer Coalition's effort to provide early de-



Mike Manhatton

tection and prevention tools such as colootherwise be able to afford them.

April 20. Participants can register online at preventable.

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portunities to honor survivors and those lost to colon cancer in our community.

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Spaghaii al Limone

From the Kitchen of Scott Lauretti

A the intersection of simplistic and soul-satisfying you'll find joy in its purest form. As it's true in life writ large, so is it with food. What follows is both easy and extraordinarily good. You don't need a knife, the most essential of chef's tools; there's nothing to chop. A box grater is the sole necessary implement, though I use a zester, too, to keep two of the three ingredients from comingling before I want them to meet. Also, a pot for pasta and a pan in which its luscious companion sauce gently waits over the lowest flame.

1 lb spaghetti (or similar long-noodle pasta) 3 to 4 lemons

1 pint heavy cream

 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 c grated parmigiano-reggiano cheese

(depending upon your instincts and taste) 1 small knob of good butter

Salt and (a little) freshly ground black pepper

Zealously zest the lemons onto a dish or into a small bowl. Cook pasta in liberally salted water for a minute or two less than recommended on the box (if you like a toothsome bite, like me). Pour the cream into a high-sided saute pan or a Dutch oven (which I prefer), turn the heat to medium/medium-high for about a minute, then reduce to low/medium-low. Tip grated lemon peel into cream and stir well to incorporate. Season with some salt (not too much) and pepper. Add grated cheese and keep stirring as it melts. Add butter, stirring as it melts, too. Turn heat to low or all the way off while you wait for the pasta. Drain cooked pasta, add to the saucepan, turn heat back up to medium-low, stir well to coat, remove from flame, and serve immediately.



The annual rite of spring that has become The Skinnie Graduation Issue is fast approaching.

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arch is designated as Women's History Month in the U.S. and several other countries around the globe. The monthlong celebration piggybacks on International Women's Day, which was March 8. Here are a few ladies who have earned the nation's third highest award for valor in combat. To receive the Silver Star is a rare honor, bestowed on less than one of every 250 service members. Demonstrating courage and dedication to duty, these servicewomen embody the heroic ethos we celebrate as grateful citizens.

ARMY SGT. LEIGH ANN HESTER

While protecting a supply route near Baghdad, Iraq, in March 2005, a rocket-propelled grenade struck the vehicle directly in front of Hester's, wounding three members of her squad. Under fire from dozens of insurgents, Hester and her squad leader jumped out of their truck and advanced toward the enemy. Dropping behind a trench line, she exchanged fire at close range with hostile forces for an intense 45 minutes. Hester and her combat colleague killed 27 insurgents, wounded six more, and took one captive. Every American soldier survived the attack and the supply route remained open. For their actions, Hester and her squad leader were each awarded a Silver Star. Hester was the first woman to receive that honor since World War II.

MAGDALENA "MAGGIE" LEONES

When the Japanese invaded the Philippines during World War II, the 22-year-old daughter of an evangelical missionary refused to surrender when Bataan fell to the enemy. While imprisoned for five months, she taught herself the Japanese language. Upon her release, Leones was secretly recruited by the U.S. Army to serve as a special agent, ferrying radio parts, intelligence data, and medical supplies to resistance forces throughout enemy territory. Her church connections and



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She Served by Ron Lauretti



Hester after receiving her Silver Star medal during a military awards ceremony at Camp Liberty, Iraq in June 2005. (photo courtesy of Wikipedia/Specialist Jeremy D. Crisp, USA)



U.S. Army Spec. Monica Brown is the second woman since World War II to be awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in combat. (Photo courtesy of Wikipedia/Spc. Micah E. Clare, USA)

language skills enabled her to operate under the noses of the enemy. Leones's critical intelligence facilitated the American landings at Leyte and the eventual liberation of the Philippines. In 1945, the courageous Leones was awarded a Silver Star for her invaluable service. She later emigrated with her husband and children to California where she lived until her death in 2016 at age 95.

THE THREE ANGELS OF ANZIO

The Anzio campaign in southern Italy during World War II lasted for five months as Allied forces made every effort to drive the Germans out of Rome. The Army took heavy casualties. Three nurses – 1st Lt. Mary Roberts, 2nd Lt. Elaine Roe, and 2nd Lt. Rita Rourke – cared for the wounded in field hospitals in 12- to 15-hour shifts. Though clearly marked, the hospital tents were often under artillery barrages or bombing runs, and shrapnel penetrating the wall of the tent was could be lethal. The three "Angels of Anzio" protected their patients as best they could. Many recovering soldiers owed their lives to the trio. For their perseverance and brave service to their fellow soldiers, each of the nurses received a Silver Star. After the war, Roberts told a reporter, "We were fearful,

but not scared. After all, there were so many wounded soldiers depending on us." Roberts remained a military nurse and served as the operating room supervisor for 24 years at a Dallas VA hospital. This outstanding humanitarian married an Army veteran and became a stepmother to his three children.

PFC MONICA LIN BROWN

In Afghanistan in 2007, Brown was on patrol with the 82nd Airborne Division when a vehicle in the convoy hit an IED, severely wounding several soldiers and initiating an enemy ambush. Ignoring the incoming rifle fire and mortar rounds, Brown saved the lives of several soldiers, applying first aid while shielding them from enemy fire and from flames from their vehicle. Despite restrictions on women limiting combat opportunities at the time, Brown enthusiastically joined many combat missions that didn't have an assigned male medic. When Brown returned to the U.S., Vice President Dick Cheney pinned a well-earned Silver Star on her uniform.

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Charity Spotlight: Together for a Cure

The Landings Women's Golf Association has organized its annual special tournaments on behalf of Together for a Cure to raise funds for cancer research and cancer patient support. Now in its 21st year, the gold tournament will be held on Wednesday, April 17, with a reception to follow. Registration is now open at www.togetherforacure.net or use the QR code. Golfers

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can also sign up directly with Golf Genius. Morning play is \$160 including lunch; afternoon play is \$170, including reception.

All proceeds remain in the community to benefit the Mercer University School of Medicine's Landings Scholar program. Funds raised will continue to support the LWGA Summer Scholars program, placing five to eight summer scholars with cancer research professors at the Mercer University School of Medicine. The events also support the St. Joseph's/ Candler Health Systems Nurse Navigation program, specifically financing a lung screening and incidental pulmonary nodule



navigation program for early identification of lung cancer patients. In addition, money will provide critical services for Chatham County patients coping with cancer through the St. Joseph's/ Candler Foundations efforts for patients at their facilities, and through the Stephen D. Hollenberg Memorial Patient Assistance Fund for patients at Memorial Health Systems.

There are many ways for non-golfers to participate:

• Tennis, pickleball, bocce, and croquet tournaments will be held on Saturday, April 13, and a cookout is included. The cost for tennis, pickleball, and bocce is \$85, and the cost for croquet is \$70.

• Hole sponsorships are available for \$250

on the website. If you would like a different amount, please contact Vicki Marino at vmmpharma1@gmail.com.

• A live auction features three fabulous trips, including one to a countryside villa in Tuscany for eight people with a starting bid of \$12,000. Other auction items include dinner and entertainment offerings, wine tastings, and meals by a private chef. A 2024 Evolution D5 Ranger golf cart in mineral white, with four forward facing seats and a lithium battery, is also available. All information is available at www.togetherforacure.net.

Premier platinum sponsors Brody & Frohn Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors and Whelan's Furniture and Accessories are both very passionate about cancer research and patient care, as it is close to their hearts given their personal experiences.

For information please contact Nina Stanga, TFAC chairperson, at nstanga@me.com, or visit www.togetherforacure.net.

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Please email content to mail@theskinnie.com. Deadline is the Friday prior to publication. Complete Island Hopping listings are available at www.TheSkinnie.com

HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway WHEN: Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. WHERE: Palmetto Club HOW MUCH: Free to attend, including any refreshments, which includes coffee/tea (compliments of Morgan Stanley) and occasional pastries from Auspicious Bakery. CONTACT: Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474 for

gate pass

WHAT ELSE: Membership is open to Savannah/ Chatham area residents. Visit www.kiwanisofskdaway.com for more information.

WHO NEW?

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

MY KIND OF KINDNESS

WHAT: "Our Home, Our Family" WHEN: All of March WHERE: The Landings HOW MUCH: No charge, just a bit of courtesy **CONTACT:** webmaster@landings.com WHAT ELSE: Courtesy is all around us at the Landings. We need to recognize it. If you see a courteous act being performed in our community please send a brief description of your experience, a photo, or a short video to webmaster@ landings.com for consideration for posting on our social media sites for all to enjoy. Look for more information on an upcoming social media contest where we will give away tickets to the Savannah Bananas game on April 5. Sharing our thoughtfulness with others helps affirm that "Courtesy is all around! Look for it!"

WHEN NATURE CALLS

WHAT: Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Museum and Nature Center visit WHEN: Wednesday, March 20, 9:30 a.m.- 1

p.m.

WHERE: Meet at the Methodist Church **COST:** \$5 or \$3 for seniors, paid at the door CONTACT: Donna Bunn, donnabunn@gmail. com

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Diamond Causeway to defrav food costs each program date.

Right (LOTR). lunch/program 1-2:30) members - \$40

WHAT: Iris expert Stan Gray **WHEN:** March 21, 4 p.m. WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Rd. HOW MUCH: Free for FOSA members, \$5 for

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WHAT ELSE: We'll learn about the natural and cultural history of the area and walk the trail (an easy half-mile out and back) alongside the historic canal to the Ogeechee River. The 16-mile canal was hand-dug in 1830 to connect the Savannah and Ogeechee Rivers. Lunch is at a nearby restaurant. Registration opens Feb. 20 at Landingslandlovers.com. Max attendees - 20.

RELATABLE STORIES

WHAT: 2024 Lenten series: "Art in the Parables" WHEN: Wednesdays in Lent: March 20, at 5:45

WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50

HOW MUCH: \$10 donation/person requested

WHAT ELSE: SCC pastor Jon Hauerwas will lead discussions based on familiar biblical parables: The Sower, The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son, and The Rich Fool. Soup suppers catered by Olive Garden at 5:45 p.m.; lessons at 6:30. Island friends, neighbors, and guests are invited to register at skidcc.org no later than Monday before

RIGHT ON

WHAT: Luncheon meeting of Ladies On The

WHEN: Thursday, March 21 (social 12-1 p.m.;

WHERE: Landings Palmetto Club ballroom HOW MUCH: LOTR members - \$35; Non-

CONTACT: To register (March 19 deadline) or to join LOTR, visit www.ladiesontheright.org WHAT ELSE: Ginger Howard, one of Georgia's three delegates to the Republican National Committee, will address the importance of Georgians having a voice at the 2024 Republican National Convention in choosing our presidential candidate, and how we can get involved in that process at the local level. LOTR is a greater-Savannah Conservative leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire members to take action roles on issues that impact our country, community and lives. LOTR hosts luncheon meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

BLOOMS AND BIRDS

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.

TAXATION REPRESENTATION

WHAT: Opportunities for volunteer income tax assistance with Neighborhood Improvement Association

WHEN: starting in January, flexible hours from 9 a.m. - 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

guests, payable online or at the door CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.

WHAT ELSE: Birding and gardening expert Stan Gray will be Skidaway Audubon's guest speaker. Attendees are asked to pre-register online at SkidawayAudubon.org.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

WHAT: Skidaway Island Democrats Meet the Candidates

WHEN: March 21, 7 p.m.

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WHERE: Starting March 21, our monthly meetings will be held at The Landings Association, 600 Landings Wav

CONTACT: If you are not a Landings resident, please email our treasurer at rwmackey1@gmail. com so we can have a gate pass available for you WHAT ELSE: Our Meet the Candidates series continues, featuring Shelena Cook-Jones, incumbent for Chatham County District Attorney; Tracie Macke for magistrate court judge; and Christopher Middleton for superior court judge.

FLOWER POWER

WHAT: 36th annual orchid show, presented by the Deep South Orchid Society WHEN: Friday, March 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday, March 24,12 noon - 3 p.m. WHERE: Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, 2 Canebrake Rd. **COST:** Botanical Garden tickets are \$5; orchid show included **CONTACT:** Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, 912.921.5460 WHAT ELSE: Orchid show vendors open Thursday, March 22.

FORE THE CHILDREN

WHAT: The One Hundred Children's Foundation Golf Ball Drop WHEN: March 25, 6 p.m. WHERE: Marshwood Club HOW MUCH: Event dinner ticket - \$125; Golf ball raffle ticket - \$100 CONTACT: www.theonehundredchildrensfoundation.org WHAT ELSE: Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and

live music under the stars, with dinner carving stations and dessert. Only 300 golf balls will be sold. You do not need to be present to win. Three golf ball raffle prizes - Closest to the hole, \$2,500; 2nd, \$1,500; 3rd, \$1,000. For event and raffle tickets: theonehundredchildrensfoundation.org.

DINNER AND A SHOW

WHAT: Savannah Music Festival's Bayou Boogie WHERE: Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum

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WHEN: Friday, March 29, 5 p.m. departure from Skidaway Island Methodist Church HOW MUCH: \$60 per person, includes trolley

ride, fees, tip, and general admission (standing, dancing) to the show CONTACT: Jane Golz, golzjane@gmail.com, or

Marilee Dalbey, marileedalbey@gmail.com WHAT ELSE: Don't miss out on a fabulous evening of the high-energy Creole music of Clayton Joseph Chenier, son of the legendary inventor of Zydeco music, Clifton Chenier. Marcia Ball and the Red Hot Louisiana Band will also play rollicking boogies, swampy New Orleans ballads and groove-laden Gulf Coast blues. Attendees will have time for dinner following the show. The show ends at 7 p.m., so plan your dinner reservations accordingly. The trolley will pick us up at the drop-off location at 9:30 p.m. to return to SIUMC. You are welcome to bring a beverage on the trolley. Limit 2 tickets per person. Space is limited to 37 total.

HERE COMES THE SON WHAT: Easter Sunrise Service

WHEN: March 31, Easter morning at 6:45 a.m. WHERE: Priest Landing Marina CONTACT: skidcc.org or 912.598.0151 WHAT ELSE: Led by Skidaway Community Church pastor Jon Hauerwas, the service celebrates the beauty of this place and the gift of our Risen Lord. Light refreshments will be served. Neighbors, friends, and visitors are invited to bring folding chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at 50 Diamond Causeway.

HANDS UP

WHAT: Bring back the Skidaway Wave WHEN: April 2024 WHERE: The Landings HOW MUCH: No charge, just a bit of courtesy **CONTACT:** webmaster@landings.com WHAT ELSE: When we all moved to Skidaway Island, one of the first things we noticed about our new home was that everyone waved to us on the cart path, at the harbor, in the Village, at the playground, at the dog park – everywhere. Remember how welcome and comfortable it made us feel and how glad we were that we moved here? It's time to start smiling and acknowledging each other again. Look up from our phones and see who's walking near us, standing in line next to us at the pharmacy, or driving down the cart path toward us. Want to brighten your and others' days? Bring back the Skidaway Wave!

GATHERING GROCERIES

WHAT: Packing groceries for Second Harvest WHEN: 9 - 11 a.m., April 5, June 7

WHERE: Second Harvest, 2501 E President St. CONTACT: Terry Lewis, terrylewis324@gmail. com

BONING UP ON BONAPART

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture Series -"Napoleon: The Path to Power, 1769-1799" WHEN: Mondays, April 8 - May 13; 1 to 2 p.m. WHERE: Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway

HOW MUCH: \$10 member, \$15 non-member, per lecture

CONTACT: To register, visit www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center or email dhornsby@ seniorcitizens-inc.org

WHAT ELSE: From the path to power to his final days in exile, this six-part lecture series explores the life and times of Napoleon Bonaparte.

PLAY DATES

WHAT: Together for a Cure (TFAC) 21st annual fundraising event

WHEN: April 13 - pickleball, tennis, bocce, and croquet tournaments; April 17 – golf tournaments; Registration opens March 6 at togetherforacure.net

CONTACT: Nina Stanga, TFAC Chairperson, nstanga@me.com

WHAT ELSE: This annual event raises much-needed funding for many local cancer research projects benefiting St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations Nurse Navigator Program for Lung Cancer, Mercer School of Medicine for Cancer Research, LWGA Summers Scholars Program, and the Stephen Hollenberg Patient Assistance Fund. Receptions following the events to celebrate your accomplishments will include an auction and raffles.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

WHAT: Canoochee River paddle race WHEN: Saturday, April 13, 12 noon to 5 p.m. WHERE: Rocks River Bridge Landing: GPS 32.184196, -81.889276 HOW MUCH: \$50 per person; Free to cheer for

the paddlers WHAT ELSE: Details and registration: https://

www.ogeecheeriverkeeper.org/events/canoochee-paddle-race/ The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 10, at noon.

SHOW AND TELL

WHAT: 35th Annual Landings Art Association Spring Show **WHEN:** April 16, 5 - 8 p.m. WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom HOW MUCH: \$5 cash at the door

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CONTACT: Jane Golz at golzjane@gmail.com or www.landingsartassociation/events

WHAT ELSE: Everyone is welcome to view more than 200 paintings, photographs, and 3D art. Most of the artists will be available to discuss their art. The show also includes live music, a member and cash bar, and a silent auction. It's a great opportunity to shop for original art and support arts in education.

NIGHT MUSIC

WHAT: Musicales Evensong concert WHEN: Friday, April 19, 5:45 p.m. wine and cheese; 6:30 p.m. concert WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West

Ridge Rd. HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public; A goodwill offering is appreciated

CONTACT: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 912.598.7242 WHAT ELSE: The finale of a series celebrating

the 20th anniversary of the installation of the Schantz Opus 2223 pipe organ. Kathleen Turner will be the featured organist, offering her composition The Skidaway Setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, along with other original works. Lauda Jerusalem by Antonio Vivaldi will feature strings from the Savannah Philharmonic with Sinisa Ciric (soloist and concertmaster emeritus), Rebecca Flaherty (soprano) and Lance Hensley (counter tenor) as soloists, and Julia Tucker,

GO PAPERLESS

WHAT: Secure document shredding WHEN: Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway **CONTACT:** skidcc.org or 912.598.0151 WHAT ELSE: Donations benefit Safe Shelter, providing services for abused women and children.

TEA TIME

WHAT: Sisters spring tea WHEN: Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m. WHERE: Palmetto Club Azalea Room **HOW MUCH:** \$42 **CONTACT:** Email panhellenicsavannah@gmail. com for a registration form WHAT ELSE: In addition to the lovely tea and light menu, we will be featuring a panel of recently graduated sorority women discussing sorority life on campuses today. All area sorority women are welcome.

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WHAT: Basic sailing class, sponsored by The Landings Sailing Club

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4 hours on the water Way South mail.com, 973.296.8011 refresher course.

tournament the Landings Blind and Low Vision leatherly@savannahcblv.org

WHEN: Ongoing; Drawing - May 4 WHERE: Winner enjoys prepared dinner at your own residence HOW MUCH: \$20 per ticket **CONTACT:** Julie Storm – jstormdallas@gmail. com 214.789.7918 **WHAT ELSE:** A chance to win a three-course meal for 8 people served in your home by a private chef who provides the meal and cleans up the kitchen. The winner will select the chef from Fire, Food and Knives, the cuisine, and the date. To purchase tickets, visit Www.landingslandlovers. com, under Happenings/Fund Raisers.

HELP AROUND THE HOUSE

WHERE: locations vary whatever they feel comfortable with. Tools are provided.

WHAT: Landlovers Men's Lunch Group WHERE: Various restaurants around Savannah WHEN: 2nd Wednesday of each month HOW MUCH: Based on restaurant

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., plus

WHERE: TLA Meeting Room, 600 Landings

HOW MUCH: \$100, of which \$25 of which will be refunded if you join TLSC within 30 days CONTACT: Angela Margolit, amargolit@hot-

WHAT ELSE: Open to all Landings residents 21 or older who are either new to sailing or want a

VISION QUEST

WHAT: Ninth Annual Fore Vision charity golf

WHEN: Monday, April 29, at 10 a.m. WHERE: Palmetto and Terrapin golf courses at

HOW MUCH: \$150 individuals, \$600 team of 4; Make checks payable to Savannah Center for

CONTACT: Leslie Eatherly, 912.236.4476 or

WHAT ELSE: Box lunches provided during play. Complimentary drinks on course. Benefits the Savannah Center for Blind and Low Vision.

DINNER IS SERVED

WHAT: Private chef dinner party raffle

WHAT: Habitat for Humanity volunteers wanted WHEN: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, possibly Thursdays

CONTACT: Mark Piven, 912.598.0323 WHAT ELSE: Prior experience is not necessary. Many volunteers learn on the job and only do

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CONTACT: Rick Armstrong, armstrp@hotmail. com or John Holmquist, llmenlunchgroup@ gmail.com

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WHAT ELSE: Participants must be members of Landlovers.

MAGPIE LADIES

WHAT: Landlovers Ladies Discussion Group WHEN: First Thursday every month, year round, 1-3 p.m. **WHERE:** Members homes HOW MUCH: Free CONTACT: Lisa Olson, lolsonnc@yahoo.com

WHAT ELSE: New members are always welcome, but participants must be members of Landlovers.

SHOP TALK

WHAT: Green-Meldrim House Gift Shop – Volunteers needed WHEN: Ongoing WHERE: Green-Meldrim House, 14 W. Macon St. – Madison Square HOW MUCH: Training provided CONTACT: Jamie Credle, jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org or 912.233.3845 WHAT ELSE: Request for two shifts per month. Please visit GreenMeldrimHouse.org for more information.

WALK AND TALK

WHAT: Landlovers walking group WHEN: Wednesdays and Saturdays WHERE: Starting places changes monthly; info is on website "Calendar" **CONTACT:** Email Bev Dalrymple at bevdal00@ 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.

BATH AND BODY WORKS

WHAT: Landlovers community service toiletry collection

WHEN: ongoing

WHERE: Drop-off at 7 Heartwood Court **CONTACT:** Linda Brownlee, 912,963,7229 **WHAT ELSE:** Are you traveling and staying at a hotel? If you have any unused hotel soaps, shampoos, or lotions, please bring them back to Savannah. Share your vacation with Social Apostolate, which works with poor, homeless and disabled people in different ways including providing showers for those in need. No mouthwash or larger sized toiletries, please.

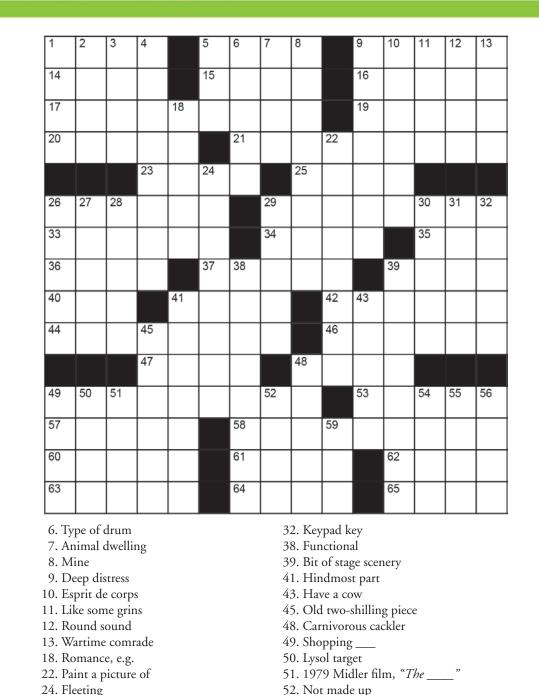
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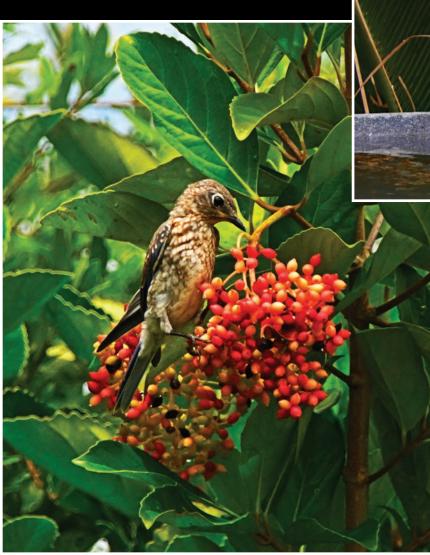


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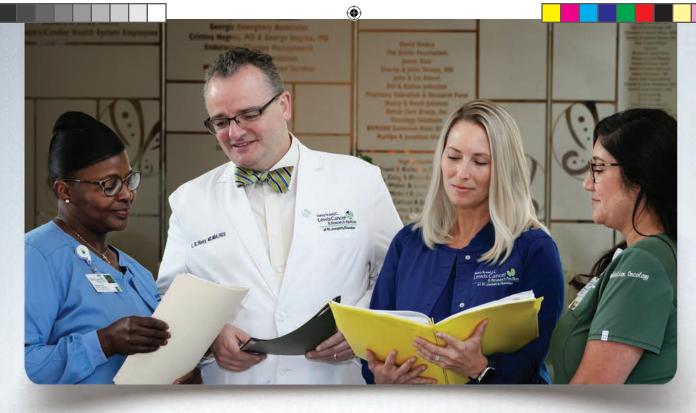
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