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"Buy low; sell high." If only it were as easy as it sounds.

October conjures spooky thoughts, not limited to goblins and ghouls. Ghosts of stock market crashes past float in the ether this time of year. The original "Black Monday," the impetus for the crash of 1929 and the subsequent "Great Depression," was October 28, 2029. The second Black Monday came a little more than a year into my first adult job, on October 19, 1987. More recently, the "Great Recession," tied to a mortgage market crisis, began with a precipitous fall for U.S. stocks on September 29, 2008, and securities prices continued to tank through October and November of that year.

So far, this year has been a good one for many investors. Over the most recent six months, the S&P 500 index has risen by 27.5%, the growth-and-technology-oriented NASDAQ 100 is up 37.7%, and the price of gold has increased by 27.4%. These are big gains.

We have a running joke in my house. When I mention how well an investment is doing, Jenna replies quickly and jokingly, "Cash it out." Then we discuss why doing so would be sub-optimal, and we do nothing. For many reasons – tax consequences, few compelling alternatives, inertia – it's hard to take profits when things are going well.

Buying low seems relatively simple. A sharp market downturn grabs public attention and stokes collective fear, which leads to additional selling and even lower prices. But, if global population increases over time (and it does), and productivity increases over time (and it does), asset prices must go up. You have more people competing for increasingly scarce things, and we get better at making those things. So, if you buy things when they're beaten up, you'll do fine in the long run.

Determining a good time to sell and pocket gains is considerably harder than buying low, at least it is so for me. Why? Human psychology is hard to circumvent. There are well-researched cognitive and emotional biases that cloud our thinking. Chief among them is FOMO, Fear Of Missing Out, which is closely connected to the greed impulse. Greed can lead investors to believe robust returns are "guaranteed" and will continue forever, or at least a very long time. Similarly, the fear of missing out on future profits, even small ones, can prevent investors from taking a profit today. Investors tend to have short, selective memories, which leads to a thing called "recency bias." People place excess importance on recent events, assuming that what is happening now will continue. When a market is trending

upward for an extended period, recency bias can cause investors to ignore the signs of a potential downturn. As humans, we are emotional creatures, which leads to attachment. An emotional connection to a company or asset can cloud judgment, leading to non-economic pride of ownership and suppressing instincts to sell. And there's a concept called "anchoring bias," where investors fixate on a particular target price, perhaps an asset's previous all-time high. Absent reaching this price, investors won't seriously consider a sale; but anchors aren't necessarily correlated to current market realities, as macro- and microeconomic conditions continuously evolve. And, perhaps illogically, we frame the forfeiture of potential future gains as a prospective future loss, enticing us to hold on and enjoy the ride.

Even if we will fight the FOMO and consider selling, it's likely we'll do so too soon. Finance theorists note the "disposition effect." This is the tendency to liquidate something that has run up really far, really fast. "Prospect theory" tells us that the pain of financial loss generally outweighs to pleasure of an equivalent gain. So, as rational actors in our quest for self-preservation, we are inclined to proactively attempt to avoid pain – sell when prices are falling (not a great strategy), while are bias is inaction when times are good.

So, what am I going to do? I'm not sure. I'd love to sweep some of my chips off the table, but that runs contrary to the adage, "Cut your losers and let your winners run." Ideally, I'd implement a strategy that locks in most of my gains but allows me to continue to participate in market appreciation. But who wouldn't want to do that? If it were easy, or even possible, everyone would.

There are basic truths about money: If you don't spend everything you have, you need to put it somewhere; more is generally better than less; and risk and return are directly correlated to one another. So, it becomes question of which among a vast universe of investments suit your personal objectives. The first step in solving that calculus is developing a true understanding of what those objectives are. If you match your investment ideas to your goals, the angst of trying to predict the apex of prices dulls a bit. Nevertheless, I'm still probably going to sell some gold soon.

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FRIGHT NIGHT

Halloween Lore and Legends

Many Christian faiths recognize November 1 as the Feast of All Saints. The practice of honoring those who died in service to the church was cultivated throughout Ireland and northern England in the 8th Century. In 835, the Feast of All Saints was established by Louis the Pious, emperor of the Frankish Empire, and enthusiastically supported by Pope Gregory IV.

It may or may not be coincidental that November 1 was chosen – perhaps, to coincide with, or more likely replace – Samhain, a pagan festival of the dead celebrated throughout the British Isles. Consequently, much of the mythology associated with Halloween derives from ancient Celtic legends. In fact, the very name “Halloween” originates in the Old English dialect. “Hallow” refers to that which is sacred, usually people (in other words, saints or martyrs). Applying the Scottish contraction for “eve” – e’en – leads to the modern word.

It was the Gaelic people who originated the jack-o-lantern. The earliest known definition in the 1837 Oxford English Dictionary identifies the term as a lantern carved from a turnip, pumpkin, or other vegetable, claiming it represents a soul who has been denied entry into both heaven and hell.

The definition is attributed to a popular Irish folktale of a drunkard named Jack who encounters the devil after a night of drinking. After tricking Ol’ Scratch into climbing a tree, Jack etches the sign of the cross into the bark, trapping him until he agrees he can never claim his soul. Jack then leads an unbridled life of sin; but, when he dies, he is refused entry to Heaven. The devil also denies him, throwing a burning coal from the fires of hell at Jack. Jack places the coal in a hollowed-out turnip, forced to spend eternity wandering the cold and dark hereafter.

When European settlers arrived on the shores of North America, they brought with them their faith and its many celebrations. Anglican and Catholic colonists recognized All Hallows’ Eve, though the Puritans of New England did not, nor did they observe other holidays such as Christmas. Ironically, it was the typical Puritan fashion – dark clothing and conical hats – that eventually inspired the caricature of witches. This can be attributed to the Salem Witch Trials in Massachusetts.

Beginning in February of 1692, two young girls, the daughter and niece of a local reverend, began to exhibit fits. They screamed, threw things about the room, uttered strange

sounds, crawled under furniture, and contorted themselves into peculiar positions. They complained of being pinched and pricked with pins, but a doctor could find no physical evidence of any ailment. The only explanation was that they were the victims of witchcraft.

Accusations soon followed, usually directed at those who failed to adhere to Puritan ideals of self-control and discipline or were considered “not pious enough.” Tituba, an enslaved woman from the West Indies, likely became a target because of her ethnic differences from most of the other villagers. She was accused of luring children with tales of enchantment and fortune-telling. Some residents who doubted the allegations were later accused themselves, along with others whose lifestyle was deemed “immoral.”

By May of 1693, more than 200 people had been accused of witchcraft, including several prominent citizens. Thirty people were found guilty, 19 of whom were executed by hanging. Another man died under torture after refusing to enter a plea, and at least five others died in disease-ridden jails. The trials came to an end when serious doubts



This engraving depicts the mania surrounding the Salem Witch Trials, in which 20 people were put to death, accused of “communing with the Devil.”

began to arise among leading clergymen and magistrates regarding the validity of the testimonies that had been used to justify many of the convictions, and due to the sheer number of the accused. Several of the accusers were teenage girls who later admitted they had fabricated their charges.

Many Christian cultures have established celebrations honoring the dead; Mexico’s Day of the Dead, for example. They recognize not only those who died in service to their faith but loved ones who have passed. This devotion has “thinned the veil” that separates the living and the afterlife and contributed to the interest in seances and Ouija boards, but no bridges between here and the hereafter have been established.

After his beloved mother died in 1913, famed magician Harry Houdini became desperate to communicate with her in the afterlife. This led him to spend many years exposing the fraudulent methods of bogus mediums, hoping to eventually discover a genuine spiritualist. Houdini died on October 31, 1926, from peritonitis, likely related to a burst appendix. Before his death, he promised his wife Bess that if

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he found a way to communicate after death, he would deliver the message "Rosabelle, believe," a secret code they agreed to use. For 10 years, Bess held annual seances on Halloween. Finally, in 1936, after a disappointing seance on the roof of the Knickerbocker Hotel in New York City, Bess Houdini extinguished the candle she had kept burning since her husband's death. In 1943, she explained, "Ten years is long enough to wait for any man." However, she asked Houdini biographer and fellow magician Walter Gibson to carry on the tradition. Gibson continued hosting seances at New York's Magic Towne House until his death in 1985. Today, the tradition of holding a seance for Houdini continues, held by magicians throughout the world.



Harry Houdini

It wasn't until after mass Irish and Scottish immigration in the 19th Century that Halloween was widely celebrated in North America. Celtic traditions were gradually assimilated into mainstream society and observed coast to coast by people of all social, racial, and religious backgrounds.

One such tradition is "mumming," a medieval practice in which people dressed in fantastic clothing and costumes to serenade people outside their home. Their hope is to be invited to join the party inside – or at the very least, to be offered a delicious bribe to visit someone else's house. By the late 1800s, dressing up in costumes at Halloween was common in Ireland and Scotland, where "guising" referred to the disguises or costumes worn by children. In the early 20th Century, costumes became popular for Halloween parties in the U.S., as much for adults as for children.

Costumed children visiting neighbors in search of candy became popular in North America in the 1920s and '30s. "Trick or treat" carried an implied threat of mischief on the homeowners or their property if no treat was given. Homemade Halloween costumes were traditionally modeled after ghosts, skeletons, witches, and devils. However, as Halloween grew more popular, there came the opportunity to mass-market costumes.

Perhaps the most popular costume manufacturer was Ben Cooper, Inc. In 1927, Ben Cooper established a theatrical costume business to meet the growing needs of stage productions throughout New York City, but the Great Depression eroded live theater. In 1937, his company assumed control of A.S. Fishbach, Inc., a costume company that licensed Disney characters such as Donald Duck and Snow White. The two companies formally merged and incorporated as Ben Cooper, Inc., in 1942. By the end of the decade, Ben Cooper, Inc. was one of the largest and most prominent Halloween costume manufacturers in the U.S. Its costumes were generally thin fabric with a silk-screened image on the front and a plastic facemask, selling for less than \$3 through national retailers like J.C. Penney, Sears, and Woolworth's. The most popular costumes were traditional Halloween figures such as devils, ghosts, skeletons, and witches, but movie monsters from Universal Studios – Frankenstein, Dracula, and the Wolf Man – were also popular. Over time, the costume selection extended to include characters like Superman and Snoopy, as well as celebrities and generic archetypes such as ninjas and princesses.

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Space Invaders

At 8 p.m. on October 30, 1938, CBS broadcast a live radio adaptation of H.G. Wells' novel *The War of the Worlds*. However, rather than entertain his audience, young theater impresario Orson Welles incited a public panic. By setting the story in contemporary times and presenting it as if it were a series of news breaks and public announcements, the program led some members of the listening audience to believe a real invasion was taking place.

As the broadcast continued, most of the audience sat relaxed in their living rooms enjoying the show. However, some listeners, overcome by tension and anxiety in the run up to World War II, mistook the fiction for genuine news. Thousands shared the false reports with others or called CBS, newspapers, or the police to ask if the broadcast was real.

Network staff had to physically restrain police officers who had come to the studio to shut down the production. Meanwhile, producer Davidson Taylor stepped out of the studio to take a telephone call in the control room. The network ordered him to immediately interrupt the broadcast to announce the program's fictional content. By the time he returned to the studio, the program was less than a minute away from its first scheduled break, which proceeded as planned: "You are listening to a CBS presentation of Orson Welles and the Mercury Theatre on the Air, in an original dramatization of *The War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells."

At the end of the broadcast, host and star Orson Welles explained the show was intended as the equivalent of the Mercury Theater "dressing up in a sheet, jumping out of a bush, and saying 'Boo!'" He assured listeners that, "If your doorbell rings and there's nobody there, that was no Martian; it's Halloween."

Though the panic was never truly widespread, many newspapers regarded radio as a media rival and were willing to exaggerate accounts, helping to give the network a black eye.



At a news conference the following morning, Orson Welles apologized, and no punitive action was taken.

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A vintage Ben Cooper costume from the 1960s

Over the years, some communities have eschewed neighborhood trick-or-treating in the interest of safety. Instead, children are invited to trick-or-treat in malls or senior homes. Another alternative is known as trunk-or-treating, popular at church and school parking lots, in which the trunk of each automobile is decorated. It has become more widespread due to its perception as being safer than going

door-to-door, a point that resonates well with parents. (*St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host trunk-or-treating this year. Look for details in the Island Hopping section.*)

As traditional trick-or-treating has fallen out of favor, many Halloween enthusiasts have opted for attractions like haunted houses, corn mazes, and hayrides. During the 1930s, temporary haunted houses began popping up for Halloween. In the late 1950s, haunted houses as major attractions began to appear, first in California, then spreading throughout the country, culminating with the Haunted Mansion in Disneyland in 1969. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, theme parks jumped headfirst into the Halloween business. Six Flags Fright Fest began in 1986, and Universal Studios Florida initiated Halloween Horror Nights in 1991.

As the industry has grown, the level of sophistication of the effects has increased. Created by film and television professionals, Netherworld Haunted House in Stone Mountain, Georgia, has thrilled and terrified visitors since 1997. It has attracted national attention and has been rated "one of the Top Haunted Houses in the Nation."

On a smaller scale, community civic groups and non-profits such as the Jaycees and Kiwanis host family-friendly attractions across America. In Savannah, the Alee Temple Shriners host a haunted house at 100 Eisenberg Drive, just off Skidaway Road.

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Cacio e Pepe

Four foundational pasta dishes define a cornerstone of Roman cuisine. Amatriciana, Cacio e Pepe, Carbonara, and Gricia. Despite their inextricable links to Rome, two are named for their origins outside the city: Amatriciana refers to the small town of Amatrice (population 2200ish) and Gricia to the even-smaller (population 440) Grisciano, both in the "regione" (think large county or small state, in U.S. terms) of Lazio, as is Rome itself. Cacio e Pepe began as a simple sustenance food for shepherds in rural hills. And Carbonara, a reference to coal miners – carbonari – didn't appear in the culinary lexicon until after World War II, when occupying American soldiers began to request a dish with eggs, bacon, and cheese. Each of the four is related to the other three, adding or subtracting an ingredient or two. At their essence, each features pasta and grated cheese. "Cacio" is both a Roman dialectic term for "cheese" and a specific sheep's milk variety found in the area. But pecorino Romano is widely used in these recipes and readily available here. Grana Padano or Reggiano-Parmigiano will work, too.

Cacio e Pepe, upon review of its ingredient list, seems the simplest of the four. But it might be the hardest to perfect, as success depends upon technique. When you're using only a few items, you'd better use them well. Versions of the dish have become Internet sensations, especially among young adults, and Cacio e Pepe was named "coolest pasta dish of 2016" by *New York Magazine* and "Italian dish of the year" by *Gambero Rosso*, a definitive Italian food guide. At its best, it's the perfect, balanced blend of salty, spicy, and creamy, though it doesn't contain cream. It has three components – pasta, pepper, and cheese – plus a fourth if you include the water from the pasta pot in your list, which is a must.

- 1 lb dried, bronze-cut pasta – mezze rigatoni, spaghetti, or bucatini all work well
- 4 c finely grated Pecorino Romano
- 1½ tsp whole black peppercorns
- Salt

In a pot, bring water to boil. Use less water than you normally would to boil pasta – this results in ample starch. Salt the water liberally.



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With a mortar and pestle, grind up the peppercorns to a fine consistency.

Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook it for half of the amount of time indicated on the box. It will finish cooking in the sauce's pan.

While the pasta is cooking, heat a large saute pan over medium heat. Add the pepper and toast it quickly (about 30 seconds). You will smell the aroma of pepper. Take care to avoid burning. Add a ladle of pasta water to the pan.

Add the partially cooked pasta to the pan. Still over medium heat, finish cooking the pasta in the pan, moving it around with tongs and shaking the pan to coat the noodles well. Add more pasta water as needed. You want to get the starch to release into the pan. Starchy liquid in the pan forms the creaminess in the sauce.

While the pasta is cooking in the pan, add a small amount of pasta water to the grated pecorino in a bowl. Mix the pasta water in until the mixture forms a paste. Set it aside.

When the pasta is cooked to your liking (preferably, al dente), remove the pasta from the heat. Wait 30 seconds, add the pecorino paste to the pan, and stir well with tongs. A beautiful creamy consistency should form between the pecorino and the starchy liquid in the pan.

Garnish with more pepper and grated cheese, if you like. Serves 4 to 6.



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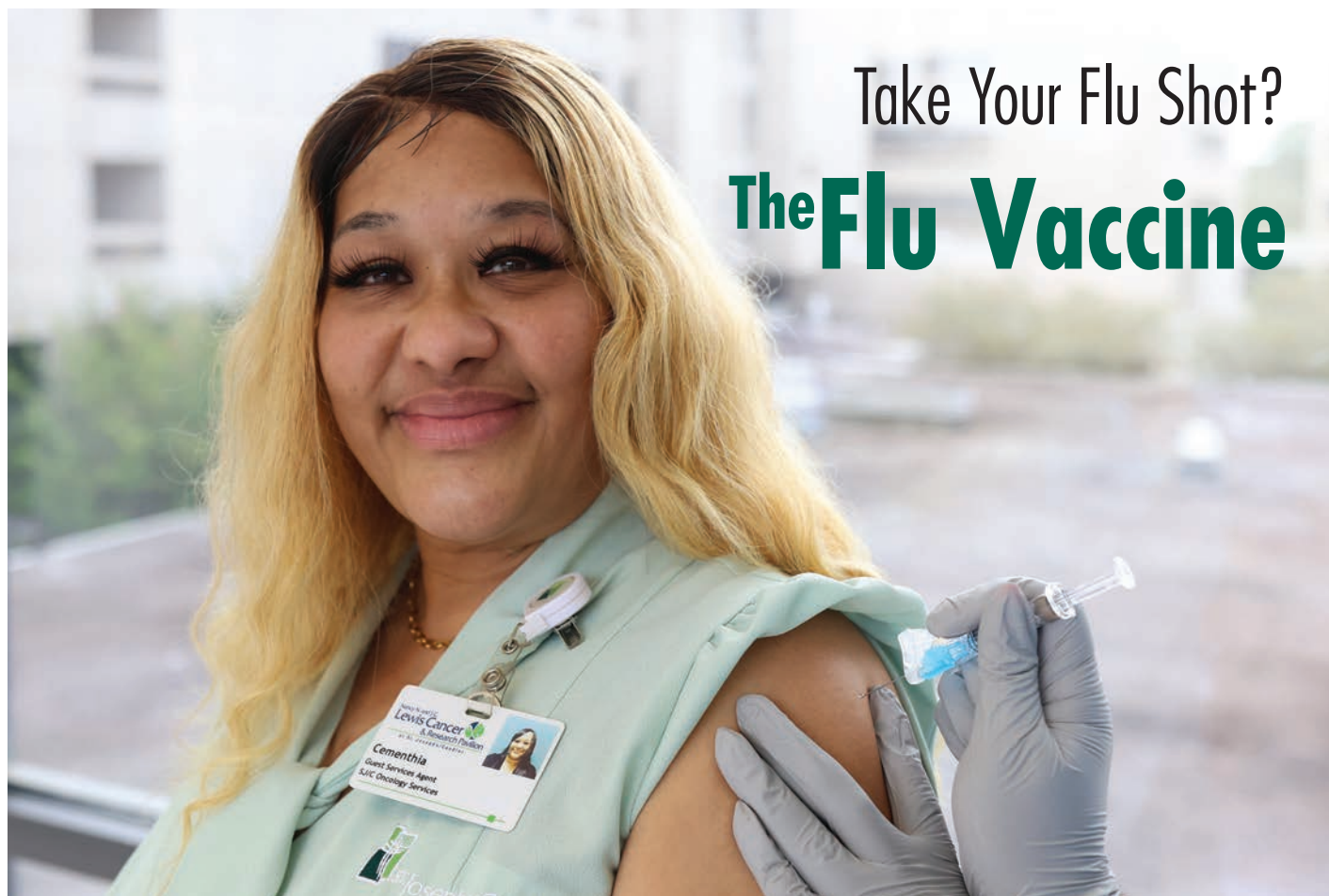
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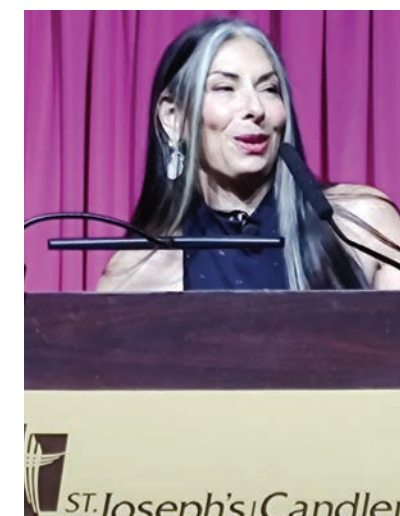
Many people who resist the flu shot worry it will make them sick or that it isn't effective. The flu shot cannot give you the flu. The vaccine is made with an inactivated virus, which triggers your immune system to build protection without causing infection. Any mild, temporary side effects, like a sore arm or low-grade headache, are simply signs that your immune system is doing its job.

The benefits of the flu shot include reducing your risk of getting sick and reducing the severity of your illness if you do catch the flu.

Influenza is far more serious than a bad cold. It sends hundreds of thousands of people to hospitals in the U.S. each year. It can lead to severe complications like pneumonia, heart attacks, or worsening of chronic conditions like diabetes or asthma.

While vaccine effectiveness varies each year depending on how well the vaccine strains match the circulating viruses, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) consistently show significant benefit. Vaccination is associated with a 40 to 60 percent reduction of contracting flu that will require medical treatment. Even in years where the match isn't perfect, studies have shown that vaccination can significantly reduce the risk of flu-related hospitalization and death. For adults hospitalized with the flu, being vaccinated has been associated with a lower risk of Intensive Care Unit admission.

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SmartWomen Speaker Stacy London

SmartWomen's Impact Continues

If you attended this year's SmartWomen event earlier this month, we hope you had a wonderful time. Stacy London's story of perseverance and empowerment was inspiring, and she was equally impressed with Savannah's community spirit. This event highlights what the community can accomplish when people get together to help those in need.

All the money raised from SmartWomen goes to St. Joseph's/Candler's Telfair Mammography Fund, which helps provide much-needed mammograms to uninsured and underinsured women. Even though

this year's event has come and gone and Breast Cancer Awareness Month is winding down, there is still time to add to its impact. You can become a SmartWomen Champion through the end of October by contributing to the Fund the Mission initiative, sponsored by Servpro. Go to sjchs.org/smartwomen and click on "Funding the Mission" to learn more about how your donation helps women receive lifesaving screenings and other breast health services. Or text MAMMO to 50155 on your smartphone and you will receive a link to the donation page.

Simply put, the flu shot acts like a safety net. It works to keep you from falling sick; but, if you do, it makes the landing much softer. While protecting oneself is reason enough for some people, another profound and empathetic reason to get a flu shot is the concept of community immunity (often called herd immunity). This is about creating a protective circle around those who cannot easily protect themselves.



not be able to mount strong defense against the virus.

When you get vaccinated, you're not only safeguarding your own health but also dramatically reducing the chances of passing the illness to a grandparent, a new baby, or a neighbor fighting an existing health battle. It's an act of collective care that has real, tangible benefits for the community.

If you remain hesitant or have specific concerns – whether

about ingredients, side effects, or anything – reach out to your doctor or trusted healthcare provider. They are there to listen without judgment, address your questions, and provide you with credible, up-to-date information. An annual flu shot is a simple, safe, and effective measure to help you stay healthy, reduce your chance of severe illness, and protect the people you love. As you weigh your options this season, know that by choosing to get a flu shot, you are taking a step toward a healthier you and a safer community.

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THE KRAFT BROTHERS

THEY SERVED BY RON LAURETTI

James Kraft and his two brothers served in the U.S. military. The eldest of the three, brother Baxter, was an enlisted airman during the Korean War, perhaps inspiring his younger brother Jim to join the Air Force.

Born February 1, 1935, in Berea, Ohio, Jim Kraft graduated from Ohio University in 1957 and was commissioned a second lieutenant, earning his pilot's wings before the end of the year. For the next 21 years, he served with courage and distinction, earning more than 7,000 hours of flying time in 17 different aircraft.

Kraft accumulated six years in the cockpit with the Strategic Air Command as a combat crew member, accumulating more than a thousand hours each in B-47 and B-52 bombers.

During deployment to Vietnam in 1968 and 1969, Kraft was stationed at Can Tho Airfield. He flew more than 900 combat hours in an O-1E Bird Dog, a Cessna two-seater observation plane used for artillery spotting, liaison, and forward air control. To relay accurate information to ground forces, O-1E pilots flew low and slow, making a relatively easy target for the enemy. Kraft flew into harm's way, marking targets with smoke rockets, then radioing to attack pilots to "Hit my smoke!"

In August of 1968, the area around Can Tho was infiltrated by the enemy, and American forces suffered heavy mortar and artillery attacks. On the night of August 24, Kraft was called into flight for an airstrike with two F-100 fighters, aided by a C-47 flare ship. Despite heavy fire from the enemy, Kraft remained in the target area to pinpoint enemy positions and direct airstrikes on enemy gun positions. After-action reports indicated a sizeable enemy force had been silenced, relieving the pressure of further enemy attacks. Kraft's commitment to duty earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross. His other commendations include the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Air Medal with 13 oak leaf clusters, a Meritorious Service Medal, and an Air Force Commendation Medal.

In 1978, Jim retired from active duty with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He began a successful civilian career in procurement and contract management, working in the field until 1994. He died in April of 2025 and in September his ashes were interred at the Georgia National Cemetery at Canton, Georgia.

Bob Kraft, the youngest of the three brothers, chose to join the Navy. From 1961 to 1965, he served aboard the *U.S.S. Taluga*, (AO-



Jim Kraft and his O-1E Bird Dog during his deployment to Vietnam. With more than 700 flights in the aircraft, he recalled it felt "like I was 'strapping on' rather than 'strapping in.'"

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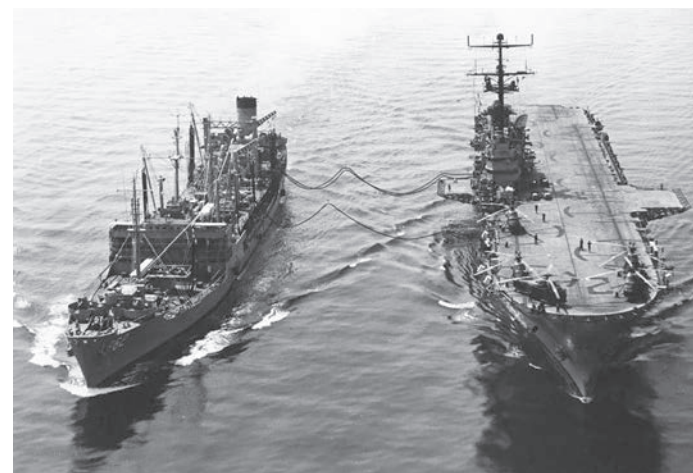
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USS Taluga (left) refueling USS Iwo Jima (right). (US Navy photo)

62) a World War II-era oiler that supplied fuel for fleet ships and carrier aircraft. His service included two seven-months cruises of the Western Pacific (WESTPAC). The sea doesn't care that you're trying to refuel another vessel while tossing in the waves, so duty aboard the *Taluga* required laser focus on safety.

Bob's shore duty service was as a missile fuzing engineer at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Corona, California. Since 1997, Bob and his wife, Marie, have enjoyed retirement on Skidaway Island.

The Kraft brothers are a trio of patriots who served their beloved nation well.

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WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway
WHEN: Thursday mornings at 8 a.m.
WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club Ball Room
HOW MUCH: Free to attend, including any refreshments, which includes coffee/tea (compliments of Morgan Stanley) and occasional pastries from Auspicious Bakery.
CONTACT: Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474 for gate pass
WHAT ELSE: Membership is open to Savannah/Chatham area residents. Visit www.kiwanisofskidaway.com for more information.

WHO NEW?

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

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture Series
WHEN: Mondays through Nov. 10, 1 – 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: \$10 – member, \$20 – visitor, per lecture; \$50 – member, \$100 – visitor, for the series
CONTACT: seniorcitizensinc.org/skidaway or dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org
WHAT ELSE: Enjoy three six-part lecture series, examining the pivotal events and human stories that shaped the dramatic final year of World War II; exploring Southerners whose time abroad broadened perspectives, leaving lasting legacies and shaping culture and history; and exploring the history of the Blues, from its origins in hardship to its rise as one of America's most enduring and expressive musical traditions.

BE A DECENT DOCENT

WHAT: Tour Guide and Docent training
WHEN: Mondays in October, beginning Oct. 20
WHERE: Green-Meldrim House, 14 W. Macon St. on Madison Square
HOW MUCH: Free of charge
CONTACT: Jamie Credle, 912.233.3845 or jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org
WHAT ELSE: The class of trainees will meet on four Mondays beginning Oct. 20 for a three-hour session each week. Once trained, volunteer docents are asked to give at least six hours (2 shift) to the museum each month, leading tours and assisting with programs for people who visit the historic Green-Meldrim House.

FUELING THE FUTURE

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

CASINO ROYALE

WHAT: SAFE Shelter 3rd annual gala, "Twilight Ball: Skyfall"
WHEN: Friday, Oct. 24, 6-10 p.m.
WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club Ball Room
HOW MUCH: \$175 - individual; \$325 - couple
CONTACT: Kathryn Autry at kautry@safeshelter.org or 912.480.0878
WHAT ELSE: Get ready for an unforgettable evening of glamour, intrigue, and high-stakes excitement at Palmetto Club with a bold new theme: James Bond's "Skyfall." Guests are invited to immerse themselves in the stunning experience while enjoying silent and live auctions, formal dinner program, and thrills on the casino floor.

DOG DAY AFTERNOON

WHAT: Barktoberfest Games
WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 25, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
COST: \$20 adults, \$10 kids, \$50 family pass
CONTACT: Frankie Hale at 4402228frankie@gmail.com or 614.440.2228

HOME STUDY

WHAT: A literary crawl through the Green-Meldrim House
WHEN: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25, 6 and 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Green-Meldrim House, 327 Bull St., on Madison Square
HOW MUCH: \$18 per person
CONTACT: Jamie Credle, 912.233.3845 or jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org
WHAT ELSE: Limited attendance; call 912.233.3845 or email info@greenmeldrimhouse.org for tickets. Lovers of words and houses will hear the words of renowned writers Flannery O'Connor, Conrad Aiken, Joel Chandler Harris, and more as you move through the Gothic-Revival style townhouse. In keeping with the autumnal season, the authors will share two Gothic tales.

WORDS AND PICTURES

WHAT: Fall Book and Art Sale
WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
WHERE: The Village Library, 1 Skidaway Square
CONTACT: Contact the library at 912.598.1183 for more information
WHAT ELSE: Discover hundreds of books for readers of all ages and genres – at bargain prices! Includes exhibits by members of the Landings Art Association, local authors available to meet and greet, and activities for kids.

A PICTURE IS WORTH HOW MANY WORDS?

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture: "Flannery O'Connor, Artist"
WHEN: Monday, Nov. 3, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.; Reception begins at 5 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church
HOW MUCH: \$15/\$20 per lecture (member/visitor)
CONTACT: seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center or dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org
WHAT ELSE: Antiques and art appraiser David Levy explores Flannery O'Connor's lesser-known talents as a cartoonist and painter, including a newly discovered cache of her artwork, and shares his appraisals for the O'Connor Charitable Trust.



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WHAT ELSE: Blessing of the Pets, Doggy contests/prizes and grand parade. Pet costumes encouraged. All proceeds benefit the One Hundred Children's Foundation, dedicated to improving the lives of children in the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry communities.

NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS

WHAT: 4th annual Trunk-or-Treat
WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 26, 12 noon – 2 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Susanne O'Day at soday@saintpeterssav.org for more information or to volunteer with decorating, games, food, distributing treats, donations
WHAT ELSE: Food, fun, costumes, community, and candy!

THE MAD MONK

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture: "Rasputin: The Man Who Would Not Die"
WHEN: Monday, Oct. 27, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Reception - 5 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: \$15/\$20 per lecture (member/visitor)
CONTACT: www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or contact dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org
WHAT ELSE: Retired Georgetown University adjunct professor Ralph Nurnberger unravels the unbelievable rise of Rasputin, the semi-literate mystic who gained influence in the final years of Czarist Russia, and the astounding, controversial truth behind his death.

SOUND BITES

WHAT: Lunchtime lectures and live music
WHEN: Friday, Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 19 at noon
WHERE: Liston Hall, Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: skidcc.org/sound-bites or Nick Klemetson at nick@skidcc.org
WHAT ELSE: Pack your lunch and join Skidaway Community Church's music director Nick Klemetson for an hour of bite-sized talks and live music on piano, organ, and more — the perfect mid-day mix of learning and listening.

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PLANT-BASED

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club nighttime meeting and program
WHEN: Monday, Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m. social, 6 meeting, 6:30 program
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W. Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: jonibro2022@outlook.com or 925.787.9800
WHAT ELSE: Discover physic, medicinal, and poison gardens of Europe with Vicki Menke — an evening of stories, photos, history, deer-proof plants, and a few whimsical "potion" recipes. All are welcome.

PUT A BOW ON IT

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club Holiday Bow and Bulb Sale
WHEN: Oct. 28 to Dec. 2, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Village Pharmacy Fountain
HOW MUCH: \$15-25; \$10 for 10 bulbs
CONTACT: Joni, 925.787.9800, jonibro2022@outlook.com
WHAT ELSE: Handmade holiday bows are back, in large indoor and outdoor styles with shapeable wire. Daffodil bulbs in two varieties are also available: Fortune (yellow with soft orange) and Sempre Avanti (white with orange and yellow). Proceeds support local projects including the Pollinator Garden at Sparrow Field, Skidaway Farms Children's Garden, and the Serenity Garden at the Anderson Cancer Institute.

SOLID FOUNDATION

WHAT: The One Hundred Children's Foundation Annual Grants Presentation and Cocktail Reception
WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 5 - 7 p.m.
WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club Ball Room
COST: \$70
CONTACT: Tickets may be purchased at theonehundredchildrensfoundation.org
WHAT ELSE: Grant recipients will highlight the incredible work they do that has meaningful impact on children. Enjoy appetizers and a silent auction; member bar/credit card.

TREASURED ISLAND

WHAT: Day on the Island 2025
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
WHERE: Isle of Hope United Methodist Church, 412 Parkersburg Rd.
HOW MUCH: \$50 per person
CONTACT: Mimi Jones, 912.355.8527 or info@iohumc.com
WHAT ELSE: Join the women of Isle of Hope United Methodist Church for a day of shopping, a delicious luncheon, a historic trolley tour of Isle of Hope, and an online silent auction. All funds raised support local mission organizations. For tickets, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/day-on-the-island-tickets-1612021251959>

TAG, YOU'RE IT

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

AUDIBLE CLUES

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

THE OLD SONGS

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

Award-winning musical comedies and the American songbook, including medleys by Gershwin and Porter.

WHAT A DRAG

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

DOWN ON THE FARM

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club Woodpecker Trail Olive Farm field trip
WHEN: Thursday, Nov 13, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: 2437 Hwy 121, Glennville
CONTACT: jonibro2022@outlook.com, or 925.787.9800
WHAT ELSE: Participants will learn about olive varieties, tree care, regenerative farming, and the harvest-to-cold-press process. The tour ends with a guided tasting of olive oils and balsamic reductions, with first press EVOO available for purchase. Event details will be sent via e-vite to garden club members.

ROLLIN' ON THE RIVERS

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

SEASONAL ART SALE

WHAT: Landings Art Association Holiday Art Sale
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 14
WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club Ball Room
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT ELSE: Shop for one-of-a-kind gifts, in-

cluding original and print art, pottery, handmade jewelry, handmade wood pieces, and more.

SEMPER FI

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

DOUBLE YOUR FUN

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

GIVING THANKSGIVING

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

THE OKEFENOKEE IS OK

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club meeting and program
WHEN: Monday, Nov 17; 9:15 a.m. social, 10 a.m. meeting, 10:45 program
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W. Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: jonibro2022@outlook.com or 925.787.9800
WHAT ELSE: The Okefenokee Swamp draws 600,000 visitors a year and is recognized as a National Wildlife Refuge and wetland of global

importance. Naturalist Eric Swanson will share updates on current protection efforts and why preserving this unique ecosystem matters. All are welcome.

FLOWER POWER

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

GOOD GRIEF

WHAT: 11-week grief support group
WHEN: Fridays, through Nov. 21, and Dec. 5 and 12; 3:30 – 5 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, One West Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: \$20 for books
CONTACT: For more information and to register, contact Pastor Karen Scheib, kdsspin54@gmail.com or send an inquiry to [MessiahSK@gmail.com](mailto: MessiahSK@gmail.com) or call the church at 912.598.1188
WHAT ELSE: The group is open to adults in the community who have experienced the death of spouse, life partner, parent, adult child, relative, or friend. Maximum group size 10. Registration closes on Sep. 25.

PICKUP ARTISTS

WHAT: Early intake for Landlovers Flea Market and Auctionmania
WHEN: the first Tuesday of each month
WHERE: Your home
CONTACT: fleamarketdonations@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Take advantage of Landlovers special early pick-up service designed for island residents facing unique challenges – whether you're moving, planning an estate sale, have physical limitations, or expect to be out of town. Collected treasures will be reserved for the March 2026 Landlovers Flea Market and Auctionmania, with proceeds supporting the Landlovers Foundation's scholarships, merit awards, and grants to local students and non-profit organizations.

HABITAT HELPERS

WHAT: Habitat for Humanity volunteers wanted
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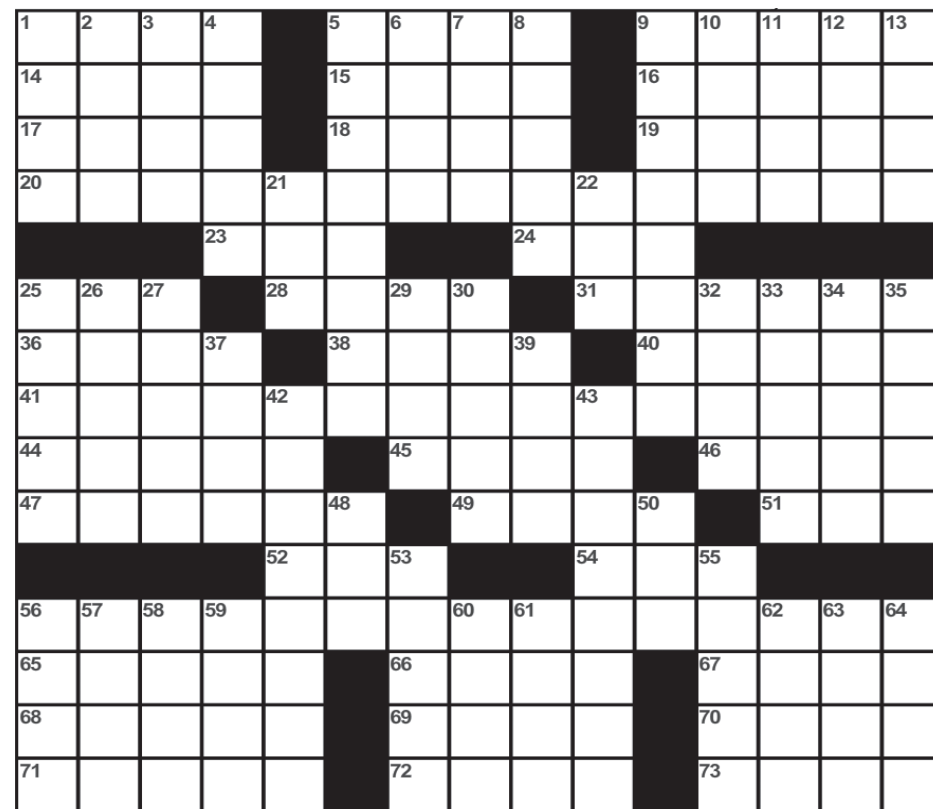
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ACROSS

1. Skip over
5. Diary fastener
9. ____-loading (marathon prep)
14. Flower holder
15. Region
16. Arctic, for one
17. "____ for the poor!"
18. One with pants on fire?
19. "Lather, __, repeat"
20. Kind of roll
23. Addition total
24. Kennel sound
25. Put a scuff on, e.g.
28. Artsy New Mexico town
31. Lobs softly
36. Came back to earth
38. Boars' mates
40. "Glycerine" opener
41. Arctic tern's landing spot?
44. A month in Madrid
45. Kind of pudding
46. Polluted air
47. Yucatan female
49. Mythical god of thunder
51. Cunning
52. Furniture wood
54. Auction grouping
56. Super-fit fighter, figuratively
65. Video's complement
66. Equine shade
67. What skunks are known for
68. *Reversal of Fortune* Oscar-winner Jeremy ____
69. Agitated mood
70. Planted, as grass
71. Mathematical subgroup
72. Alters a skirt
73. Ominous alternative

DOWN

1. Shape of the President's office
2. French Sudan



3. Credos
4. Diagnostic aids
5. Flag position
6. Opera offering
7. Word after "box," "hot" or "bucket"
8. Political group
9. Bread from meal
10. Liquid that can eat through metal
11. Painter Magritte
12. First, second or third
13. Small bills
21. Not safe?
22. Complete a fast
25. Finishes a chess game
26. Classic dress style
27. Become ready to pluck
29. Amazed expressions
30. Perspiration
32. Brothers and sisters
33. Wineglass parts
34. Robin Hood actor ____ Flynn
35. Overly wet
37. Bull in a ring
39. "Oh, well" noise
42. First in order
43. Freon and antifreeze
48. Kind of beer
50. "1001 Nights" bird
53. British actress Jean ____
55. "____ were the days"
56. Like some church matters
57. It replaced the drachma
58. Commotions of Shakespearian proportions?
59. Highest single digit
60. Zero
61. Seriously injure
62. Heathen's statue
63. "____ the time!"
64. Fish-eating bird

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