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In December - eight months ago, give or take a week – I went to a wedding. All weddings are celebrations, but this one was a little something more.

It's hard to capture in words, but you've seen it: A couple that is so taken with one another that their connection seems aspirational to "regular" folks. Like they were – genuinely – meant to be together. Like the kind of magnetic energy that moves artists – in all media... from song to statue – to work. The man looks at the woman with amazement, like she sparkles, like her visage makes the rest of the room seem fuzzy or altogether disappear. Their meeting is, effectively, fate dealing a rare royal flush.

Five minutes ago, I walked into my carriage house office. I haven't yet loosened my tie. In front of me glows the screen where the words you're reading first appeared. To the left of my keyboard, my cellphone, in case someone needs me. To the right, the program (?) from the December-groom's funeral, which ended with "Amazing Grace" less than a half hour ago.

His name was Waverly Phillip Jones. He was 76. I didn't know him well, but every time we crossed paths, he was conspicuously both a gentleman and a gentle man. He filled my friend Diana's world with kindness and light.

The wedding and the funeral were in the same

church, with many of the same guests in attendance for both. The suddenness with which one followed the other is jarring, if not an outright shock.

People who find each other later in life have the benefit of experience to put to work building their relationships. Every mistake they made earlier, in another life, transforms itself from an amalgam of guilt and regret into a spark of inspiration, a needle on a compass pointing them back to a path long lost. They can take what has worked and reuse it, while vigilantly avoiding the stuff that failed them along the way. The thing they don't have, tragically, is time. Or, at least, not enough of it. Which seems unfair.

But what is fair? Better yet – which is preferable? A couple of years of perma-smile-incredible or the whitespace where it never happened at all? My vote: The incredible. It's precious and it's fleeting. Embrace it, without fear.

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The 1972 Olympic Games

Witness to History by Melinda Stein

On September 2, 1972, my husband Steve and I were traveling from Athens through then-Yugoslavia and Austria. We had recently married in New York, and were honeymooning via a leisurely rail trip through Europe and Scandinavia, then returning to Israel where we had been residing. Strategizing over maps to determine the routes and stops for our trip, Steve suddenly remarked, "Hey, we're going to be passing through Munich on our way north, and based on our dates it will coincide with the Olympic Games! Maybe we can spend some time there, that would be an amazing experience!"



American swimmer Mark Spitz earned seven gold medals, and Russian gymnast Olga Korbut won three, at the 1972 Olympic Games.



parents had been victims of the Nazi onslaught. When the war ended, my parents lived in a Displaced Persons camp near Munich until 1949 when they received permission to immigrate to the United States. For my honeymoon I would have preferred to leave Germany off the list.

Reluctantly, I gave in, and my Munich relatives offered to host us during the Olympics. We pulled into the Munich Bahnhof (railway station). It was an impressive building with high arches and many platforms. One of the first things I noticed was that, at 7: a.m., locals were breakfasting with huge steins of beer!

I responded, "Not wanting to rain on your parade, honey, but at this late date it would be impossible to get accommodations there. Forget it." Being something of a sports junkie, Steve was determined to pursue any avenue to make it work, and he asked, "Didn't your father once mention that he has cousins in Munich?"

I had mixed emotions about a stop in Germany. My preference was to travel straight through that country and make the next stop Copenhagen. The reluctance was because my parents were Polish survivors of the Holocaust, and most of my relatives including all four grand-

The city itself was beautiful, the atmosphere festive and polyglot. Athletes and coaches from all over the world milled around in their jackets with identifying country badges. A Mexico City television reporter interviewed us, asking our opinion of the Games thus far. I recall an aroma, wafting through the streets, of roasted, sugared nuts dispensed in paper cones from vendors.

Organizers of the 1972 Munich Olympics nicknamed the event, "the Happy Games." The city was eager to dispel the memory of the 1936 Olympics held there. The ubiquitous Nazi propaganda and rampant fascism would presumably be erased as the current games would

proceed flawlessly and joyously.

Many stores had placed televisions in their front windows, so that crowds could watch the competitions in real time. Thus we managed to see Mark Spitz swim to one of his seven gold medals. Olga Korbut's amazing gymnastic performances drew cheers everywhere. Later, we walked around the Englischer Garten – the English Garden – a park larger than either New York's Central or London's Hyde Park. It was exciting to watch the Olympic archery competitions that were held there and were open and free to all.

September 5, coincidentally my birthday, was a day when no events were scheduled. We decided to take a trip to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, an Alpine ski town outside Munich. It had hosted the 1936 Winter Olympics. It's also the site of Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze. While awaiting the cable car to transport us up to the peak, we overheard rumors of a terrorist attack in the Olympic Village that morning. I experienced a grave premonition. On our way up the mountain, an English-speaking passenger confirmed the attack was against members of the Israeli Olympic delegation. Completely horrified, we returned to Munich as soon as we could.

News reports revealed that in the pre-dawn hours, eight Palestinian terrorists carrying duffel bags full of weapons had scaled the chain link fence in the Olympic Village and attacked the Israeli team. Two athletes had been murdered in cold blood, one of the bodies mutilated, and nine other Israelis were now held hostage.

Television coverage that afternoon was almost entirely in German, frustrating our desire to learn the very latest news. ABC News Olym-



Images of a masked terrorist on the balcony of the Israeli dormitory in Munich have tragically overshadowed the 1972 Olympic Games.

pic correspondent Jim McKay suddenly appeared and broadcast the situation in English. One of the most respected sports announcers was suddenly reporting on the crisis. For 14 hours straight, he provided insight and detail to the world. McKay became a trusted voice in a time of distress. Despite McKay's sympathetic commentary, our emotions ran amok with fear and anger as we watched events unfold on TV.

The terrorists demanded the release of more than 200 imprisoned

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Palestinians. As West German authorities negotiated with the lead terrorist, military officials in Germany and Israel weighed the possibility of an armed response. Logistics and safety measures were considered, but as the day wore on, rescuing the hostages seemed less likely.

Just before we were ready to retire for the night, there were rumors a settlement had been reached. The plan seemed to be that the terrorists would bring the nine athletes to Fürstenfeldbruck, a NATO airbase. A plane would be waiting to fly the Palestinians and hostages to a Middle Eastern location. We went to sleep, optimistic that the hostages would be freed.

What we awoke to was utterly devastating. West German authorities had hoped to lure the terrorists into a trap. Several West German sharpshooters were deployed at the airbase, prepared to open fire on the Palestinians. However, authorities had underestimated the number of terrorists involved. Detecting a trap, the terrorists panicked. Fearing the hostages were in immediate danger, the West German snipers opened fire. In the ensuing battle, all nine hostages were killed, as well as a West German policeman. Five of the eight terrorists died; the three survivors were in custody.

My cousins were speechless and in shock. Though it was summer,



Jim McKay

my body felt ice cold, and I asked myself incredulously, “How on earth can this be? We’re in modern times now, it’s 1972 and not 1942. Jewish bodies and blood are again staining German soil?”

There was an announcement regarding a hastily-arranged memorial ceremony for the murdered athletes. None of us felt the urge to attend. The ceremony did not observe the traditional moment of silence for the victims. It was also expected the day’s games would be postponed until the next day out of respect for the mourners, but Avery Brundage, the president of the International Olympic Committee, insisted, “The games will go on,” without any deferral. Steve wondered if that would have been the reaction had the massacre taken the lives of 11 American athletes.

Steve and I went outside, having had our fill of television coverage. The streets that, a few days ago, had seemed gracious, welcoming and, to use the German term, *gemutlich*, now felt uncaring and heartless. We looked at each other, disgusted, and, nearly simultaneously, said, “We’ve got to get out of here.” Our decision was to cancel the rest of our honeymoon traveling, take a train to Switzerland and from there a plane to Israel.

Experts found significant gaps in the security for all Olympic athletes. From inadequate protective measures in the Village, to the bungled police attempt to rescue the hostages, mistake upon mistake had been made. It seemed impossible there hadn’t been any sort of security other than the meager fence to safeguard the international competitors. Some believe the West German police refused to allow Olympic security officers to be armed, or to screen for weaponry at the airport arrival gate and anywhere else in the Olympic area. Weeks ahead of the Olympics, one event security expert recommended athletes be housed based on sport, not country – swimmers in one area, track and field in another, and so on. That would have prevented any type of incident targeted against a particular nationality. The idea was nixed, in favor of fostering the image of the “happy games.”

The West German government was criticized for poor execution of its rescue attempt and overall handling of the incident. A month later, during the hijacking of Lufthansa Flight 615, the West German government released the three surviving terrorists in a hostage exchange. The Israeli government later authorized Mossad agents to locate and execute those involved in the “Munich Massacre.”

Books have been written about the 1972 tragedy, as well as several films on the subject. The terrorism and murder in Munich destroyed the belief that Olympic Games were innocent competitions between the athletes of the world. Forever afterwards, there will always be security concerns and fears of political disruptions.

Today, a half century later, it behooves us to think about all that went wrong, and why. In memory of the innocent lives cut tragically short, we have an obligation to learn from the past, to insure such tragedies can never happen again.

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Our fellow human beings can be really annoying – at home, at work, at the grocery store, and especially on the golf course. Each golfer has an established manner of play – quickly or deliberately, deep in thought, or just watching the scenery go by between half-hearted swipes at the ball. A clash of styles is inevitable, and golfers who like a fast pace must bite their tongues and do little more than roll their eyes when paired with a snail going through a pointless routine, technically known as “process.”

We who are easily peeved don't have the horde immunity that the fans at the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black enjoyed as they heckled those players whose process had become extreme, such as Sergio Garcia. El Niño was a mere lad of 22 at the time, and he had the irritating habit of re-gripping the club – “milking” the grip – as he stood over the ball, as many as a dozen times. Well, the typical New York fan



Sergio Garcia

was not going to let this peccadillo pass without comment, and some in the crowd started to count off – loudly. Others began a chant of “moo, moo, moo...” To his credit, Garcia was able to withstand this heckling and finished fourth, six shots behind Tiger Woods, on a brutally difficult course. But the experience convinced him that his survival on the American tour depended upon changing his process.

Last summer, I was playing in a foursome that included a stranger, and on the first tee I knew that I was about to endure a day on the course waiting for his process to run its course. As he prepared to hit, he would tap the club head on the ground six times. This number was consistent with every club, except when he was really bearing down. Then, the count would go to eight or nine. He would place the club head behind the ball, take it back slightly, return to the ball, tap the ground, and then repeat. I thought about asking him if he was killing ants, but my coping mechanism is to remind myself that 20 years ago I was stuck in an office on many a beautiful summer's day, wishing I was playing golf, however badly or slowly. But as we bake in the savage Savannah sun, patience wanes.

Process is really about psyching yourself up to strike the ball with force, while simultaneously managing the tension that accrues.

Notes From the Deep Rough by Peter Sizer

I'm fond of Phil Mickelson's approach, which wastes no time at all. As he steps to the ball he is already mentally prepared to hit, and his little tension reliever is to twirl the club in one hand. Golfers are fond of twirling the club after a particularly fine strike, and perhaps Mickelson's pre-twirl is also a plea to the golf gods for a good result.

The term “effortless power” has become a cliché in the analysis of the golf swing, but it's clearly an oxymoronic expression. In physics, power and energy are directly related – there is no power without energy. Energy is defined as the ability to perform work, and work is defined as occurring when applied force moves an object. So, when we're golfing, we are actually working. Wait, that can't be right – we golf to avoid work, whether in the house, the yard, or the office.

The launch of a golf ball is governed by the physics of collision between a moving object with kinetic energy and an object at rest. An efficient, graceful golf swing, like that of Rory McIlroy, may seem casual in its application of power, especially in comparison with that of a basher like Bryson DeChambeau. Club head speed of 120 m.p.h. is not achieved without

effort, but, when everything is synched and smooth, McIlroy's action does appear effortless. In comparison, it's obvious that when Justin Thomas swings, he risks bursting a blood vessel in his temple. A small price to pay for 320 yards.

At the level at which most golf is played, the use of optically-based range finders seems unnecessary, and may actually slow the pace of play. The average hacker may hit a 7-iron 140 yards from the center of the club face, but the center is found in one swing out of ten, and if it is, the face is rarely square. A GPS-based device that gives distance to the front, middle and back of the green is all that the vast majority of golfers ever need. With that simple gadget, they will know which club to mishit immediately upon arriving at their ball.

Impure strikes, like impure thoughts, can occur at any time, no matter how hard we try to suppress them through practice or rectitude. Unfortunately, we can't blame the devil for bad swings. They are strictly the fault of the golfer, and a really poor shot may produce an angry reaction in those who expect better



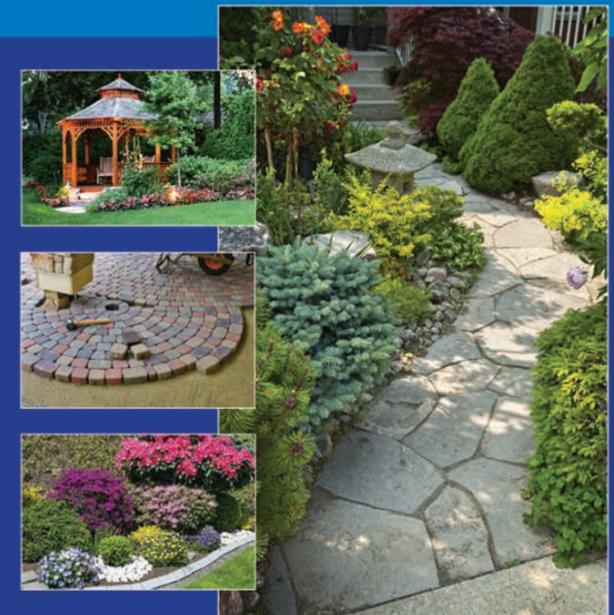
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from themselves. This anger can either be internalized or released. The former is not conducive to long-term mental health, but the latter can make our playing partners uncomfortable. Release may include actual release of the club in a careless toss or a hammer throw heave into the trees. Snapping a shaft over a knee is uncommon, given the price of golf clubs these days. Burying the club head six inches into the turf is a less costly option. Profanity is a common reaction, either a single mild expletive or a creative stringing together of the seven words you can't say on network television. But playing with Monty Vesuvius can be stressful for those of tender sensibilities, unless bets are made as to when the first eruption will spew, and which form it will take. The Feral Golfer is not so-called without some justification, but in deference to my fellow golfers, when I hit a shot that galls me, I will not vent like a petulant child. Rather, I will relish the challenge of making a great recovery from the previous imperfection. (Yeah, we'll see how long that lasts.)

Despite overwhelming evidence that demonstrates that most golfers should have no expectation whatsoever of pulling off the shot at hand, confidence is paramount in playing good golf. You have to believe that the club you wield will yield the desired result, shield you from disaster, and not leave you out in left field.

Me to my partner: "Good shot. Surprisingly good."



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St. Joseph's/Candler and Raydient Places And Properties Form Strategic Alliance

Visionary plan will help families live longer, healthier lives

St. Joseph's/Candler and Raydient Places and Properties have announced a strategic alliance to create a unique health and wellness initiative at Heartwood, a new mixed-use community in Richmond Hill. This partnership brings together two highly successful companies with a shared vision to help families live longer, healthier lives.

Raydient is developing Heartwood at Belfast Keller Road on Interstate 95. Heartwood is a place to grow your family, your business dream or your industrial footprint, offering opportunities for education (K-12 school campuses), jobs, recreation, shopping and industry.

It will now offer a significant healthcare infrastructure thanks to a strategic alliance with St. Joseph's/Candler. The alliance will positively impact both Heartwood residents as well as Bryan County residents as a whole.

"Part of the mission at St. Joseph's/Candler is to not only treat illness but to promote wellness," said Paul P. Hinchey, president and CEO of St. Joseph's/Candler. "We proposed implementing a unique version of our Be Health and Well-Being lifestyle initiative in the new Heartwood community, one that would be focused on impacting the health of Heartwood residents; while expanding access to other health care services for all residents in the Richmond Hill area."

The idea dovetailed with Raydient's vision. "We aspire to build a community that promotes optimal health," said Chris Corr, senior vice president of real estate development of Rayonier, and president of Raydient. "We conducted our search for the right partner, St. Joseph's/Candler put forth the Be Health concept. Be Health's innovative holistic approach and commitment to Heartwood made it an easy decision."

FEATURES OF THIS ALLIANCE

St. Joseph's/Candler will be adding two key features to Heartwood. The first is wellness. Be Health and Well-Being is a health and wellness initiative of St. Joseph's/Candler that has been enhanced to impact the long-term health and well-being of Heartwood residents.

Residents will have access to all they need to keep their families healthy, right in their own community. To that end, St. Joseph's/Candler is creating:

- Wellness and exercise classes at The Outfitters at Heartwood, health care lectures, certain screenings and access to other wellness services as needed.
- A dedicated Be Health navigator, who will be an onsite health coach that will manage fitness/wellness initiatives as well as serve as a liaison for other health care services offered through St. Joseph's/Candler. This navigator will guide residents to resources and



St. Joseph's/Candler President and CEO Paul P. Hinchey

specialists to improve their overall health and wellbeing.

St. Joseph's/Candler has also developed an app that will allow residents and community members to easily sign up for wellness classes, lectures and screenings, plus book an appointment with the Be Health navigator. It is available for Android and iOS now. It will also incentivize wellness with a loyalty program where users can earn points to redeem for products from St. Joseph's/Candler and eventually other local retailers. This app will evolve in features as the community grows so

residents can track their health progress.

St. Joseph's/Candler has underwritten the St. Joseph's/Candler Be Health and Well-Being Walking Trails. Raydient had a vision to create a property focused on wellness and recreation and incorporated miles of walking and biking trails into the plans. These trails will eventually encompass paths to the schools. Some of the trails are easy and some more challenging so there is something for everyone. The Be Health navigator will host a weekly walking club and incorporate various activities into their walks. But the beauty of the trails is that they are available to anyone in Richmond Hill.

Throughout this build-out, St. Joseph's/Candler will be collecting real data from willing residents to track their wellness. "We want to track their health care journey and study what works and what other things we might need to add," Hinchey said. "We want to see if this concept of targeting a specific community has the benefits we expect to achieve. We have a talented group of co-workers at St. Joseph's/Candler as well as other partners who will be able to parse the data and make improvements over time, and we believe that with this strategic alliance with Raydient, we can influence the health of a whole community for the better."

The second aspect is health management. St. Joseph's/Candler is developing a Richmond Hill campus and has purchased 27 acres from Raydient across the street from The Outfitters at Heartwood. This property will allow St. Joseph's/Candler to grow with the health care needs of both Heartwood and south Bryan County.

The campus will be built in stages, beginning with a building that will house primary care and urgent care, with space for specialists. It will also include additional space for our Be Health and Well-Being program, including classroom space for things like diabetes management, childbirth classes, a massage therapy room and consult space for other services that may be needed. This building will be about 15,000 square feet with an estimated cost of about \$15 million. Ground breaking on the building is planned for January of 2023 with the goal to open by February 2024.

The master plan includes building up to five buildings over the next 10-20 years. As



Master diagram of St. Joseph's/Candler's new Richmond Hill campus

the community grows, St. Joseph's/Candler can determine the timeline, what services are needed and then build out the property as the Radient population expands. We have planned on being able to provide up to 225,000 square feet of medical office space with 960 parking spaces.

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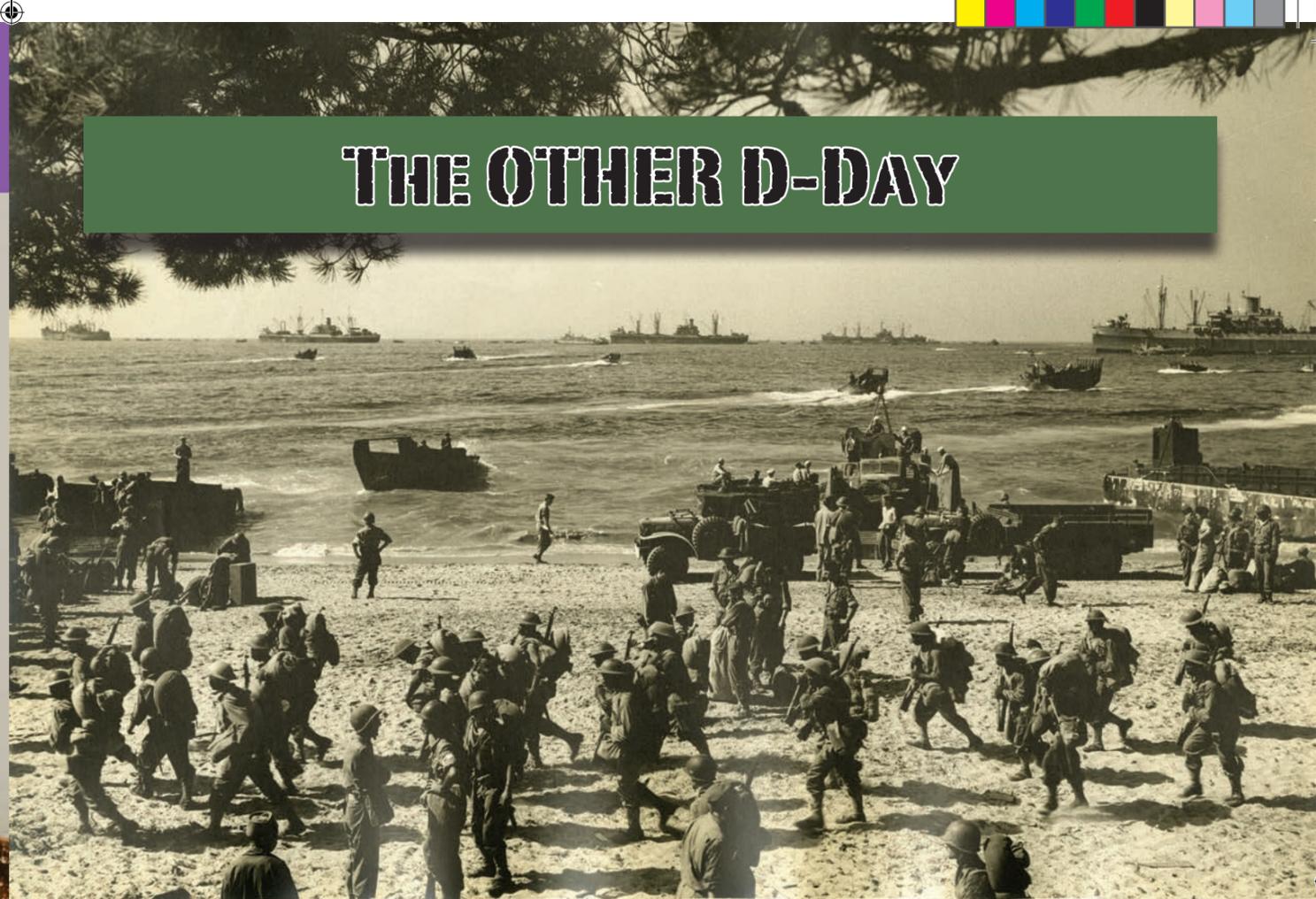
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THE OTHER D-DAY



Troops, vehicles and equipment line the shore of Alpha Beach near Cavalaire-sur-Mer in southern France during Operation Dragoon. Landing craft in the water cruise from and towards large ships off shore. 1944.

The Champagne Campaign

BY RON LAURETTI

The June 6, 1944 invasion of France by the Allied armies will remain one of the most historic amphibious landings of all time. Codenamed Overlord, it involved 7,000 ships and landing craft manned by more than 195,000 naval personnel from eight Allied nations. Leading the charge were 133,000 troops from the United States, England and Canada. D-Day casualties from those three countries alone numbered 10,300. By June 30, more 850,000 men, 148,000 vehicles, and 570,000 tons of supplies had landed on the shores of Normandy.

But there was another strategic assault that contributed to the demise of Nazi Germany. Defeat in Western Europe cost the German army approximately 150,000 troops – a major reason why Adolf Hitler’s “thousand-year Reich” lasted less than two decades. Some of the credit for that victory is due to the Champagne Campaign, which helped shorten the war in Europe.

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Operation Anvil was originally scheduled to coincide with Operation Overlord, but due to a shortage of critical resources and supplies, Anvil was cancelled. However, in the aftermath of the Normandy landing, French ports along the English Channel became too congested to adequately supply Allied forces pushing deeper into France.

Free French leaders urged the Allies to revive Operation Anvil. The Third Reich was under attack in three geographical areas – central France, Russia and northern Italy. Opening another front would further weaken enemy lines, while securing critical ports along the French Mediterranean coast.

Renamed Operation Dragoon, the invasion took place August 15, 1944. It was spearheaded by the U.S. Seventh Army under the command of Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, who had commanded U.S. Army and Marine Corps units at Guadalcanal in the Pacific. The as-

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sault force consisted of 151,000 amphibious troops transported by 885 ships and 1,355 smaller landing craft. Preliminary operations deployed British and American airborne commandos to secure the coastal defenses of nearby Hyeres Islands.

The combined might of Allied air strikes and a massive uprising of the French Resistance further disrupted the German defenses. Free French forces evolved from loose-knit guerillas in to a semi-organized army called the French Forces of the Interior (FFI). Aided by the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the FFI sabotaged bridges and German communication lines, seized important traffic hubs, and directly attacked isolated German forces.

Two American divisions and two reinforced combat regiments advanced toward the critical ports of Toulon and Marseille. Throwing caution to the wind, the French moved inland around the two cities. Striking simultaneously, they compelled the garrison at Toulon to surrender on August 26, followed by the defenders of Marseille the following day. The captured French ports were essential to resupplying the Allies in France, and were immediately put into operation.

The Champagne Campaign in southern France required the German armed forces to deploy part of their military assets to an addi-



tional front, further dividing their manpower and supplies, which they could ill afford to do. The German 19th Army retreated north to the Rhone valley, unable to combat the flow of Allied forces.

Pushing northward, the Allies liberated Paris on August 25, 1944. Operation Dragoon came to a close on September 14, as the continuing advance brought Allied units from Dragoon and Overlord to link up near Dijon, France. They merged their assaults against the enemy, but German soldiers were weak from poor supplies, low morale and constant retreat. Allied forces chased the German army back into the Fatherland, until the final assault on Berlin in April 1945.

Maj. Gen. Patch was promoted to lieutenant general (three stars) on August 18, 1944. He died November 21 1945, his health having suffered significantly since his time in the Pacific.

As for the name that the sideshow that turned into a major military initiative came to be known by – the Champagne Campaign – it describes a curious, close and friendly relationship between Allied troops and civilians in the region. As historian Robert Aldeman wrote, the invasion was so dubbed as the Allied soldiers “commuted between deadly patrols in the field and champagne parties in Nice.”



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RIGHT ON

WHAT: Ladies On The Right (LOTR) luncheon meeting, featuring speaker Inez Stepmann, senior policy analyst of the Independent Women's Forum.

WHEN: Sep. 15; Social hour 12-1 p.m.; Lunch/program 1-2:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club

HOW MUCH: LOTR members, \$35; guests, \$40

CONTACT: For more info or to register/pay (deadline Sept. 12): www.ladiesontheright.org

WHAT ELSE: LOTR is a greater-Savannah community leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire members to take action roles on issues that impact our community, country and lives. All are welcome.

CONSERVATIVELY SPEAKING

WHAT: Brent Bozell, founder and president of the Media Research Center, speaks at the Landings

WHEN: Monday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m.

WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club Ballroom

HOW MUCH: Admission is free

CONTACT: Melissa Emery; 912.598.1883

WHAT ELSE: Brent Bozell is one of the most outspoken and effective national leaders in the conservative movement today – featured on Fox News and Fox Business. He is a syndicated columnist, TV commentator, businessman and author of six books. Since the MRC was launched in 1987, it has grown to 650,000 members nationwide. All attendees must register for the event at www.eventbrite.com/e/394354343457. A cash bar will be available, and complimentary appetizers will be served.

FRIENDS OF FRIENDS OF BILL W.

WHAT: Al-Anon

WHEN: Mondays, 4 p.m.

WHERE: Skidaway Island United Methodist Church

WHAT ELSE: A recovery program for families and friends of people who are struggling with addiction.



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WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors

WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar

CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Jody at nnnewmember@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: The club offers more than 250 different activities from biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups or fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, Needle-arts and Canasta. We have exciting military tours and special events for you to enjoy right here on Skidaway Island.

GOTTA LOVE IT

WHAT: Landlovers membership / open to all Skidaway Islanders

HOW MUCH: Each \$30 membership fee covers one household of one or two adults.

CONTACT: Vicki Knapp at landloversmembership@gmail.com or visit www.landingslandlovers.com for more information.

WHAT ELSE: The membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization dedicated to enriching the Landings community and Skidaway Island at large. Landlovers sponsors year-round social activities and fundraising events to support student scholarships and multiple non-profit service organizations.

PHOTO FINISH

WHAT: (Sean) Grenville Emmet IV photography exhibit

WHEN: Aug. 1 through 31; reception Aug. 5 - 4 to 6 p.m.

WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.

HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public

CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912-355-8111

WHAT ELSE: This is Emmet's second exhibit at the JEA's gallery. It focuses on this country's natural settings and towns. Of special note in the exhibit are photographs from New Mexico's Brushy Mountain and the nearby ghost town of Mogollon, and Sedona, Arizona, surrounded with highly colored, picturesque red rock cliffs and buttes.

DAVENPORT DOCENTS

WHAT: Tour guide training - Volunteer docents needed

WHEN: Monday, Aug. 29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Davenport House Museum Entrance and Shop, 323 E. Broughton St.

HOW MUCH: Free to those committed to volunteering at the Museum

CONTACT: Sheena Fulkerson, 912.236.8097, sfulkerson@davenportmuseum.org
WHAT ELSE: Docents lead tours and assist with programs for people from around the world who visit the historic house. Davenport House Museum is a property of Historic Savannah Foundation.

BLOOD BROTHERS (AND SISTERS)

WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Blood Drive

WHEN: Monday, Aug. 29, 1 to 6 p.m.

WHERE: Skidaway Island United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 54 Diamond Causeway

WHAT ELSE: Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "SIUMC" to schedule an appointment.

POWER PLANTS

WHAT: P.E.O. Chapter BB Plant Sale

WHEN: Accepting orders from Sep. 1 thru Oct. 6. Order pick-up on Oct. 18; A-L 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and M-Z 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peters Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Road

HOW MUCH: Pricing varies on the order form

CONTACT: Jacqy Soderberg at jacqy@aol.com

WHAT ELSE: P.E.O. is a philanthropic education organization that raises funds for scholarships and loans for women in higher education.

SEE TURTLES

WHAT: Annual release of turtle hatchlings

WHEN: Thursdays, Sep. 1 and 15, 4 - 5 p.m.

WHERE: Sunset Park, 707 Landings Way South

HOW MUCH: free

CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Attendees learn how Diamond-back terrapin eggs are rescued from golf course sand traps and incubated. They will help release the hatchlings into the marsh. Only 60 attendees per session. Participants are limited to just one session due to the popularity of this event. You must pre-register online at skidawayaudubon.org by clicking on the news/events tab. Attendees must be five years of age or older. Parking is limited.

PORCELAIN PERFECTION

WHAT: Exhibit of the work of Phyllis Aaron

WHEN: Sep. 1 through Sep. 30; Reception Sep. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.

HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public

CONTACT: Vicky Lunick 912.355.8111

WHAT ELSE: Aaron began working with clay

when her two sons started school. She has taken many art courses over the past 20 years and, with her husband's support, she created a home studio to continue her work.

FORE THE FOREDECK SET

WHAT: Savannah Navy League Classic Golf Tournament

WHEN: Friday, Sep. 9, 7:45 a.m. check-in, 9 a.m. shotgun start

WHERE: Crosswinds Golf Club, 232 James B Blackburn Dr.

HOW MUCH: Visit snl.clubexpress.com for details

CONTACT: Tom Nichols, 912.704.1508 or nichostom@yahoo.com

WHAT ELSE: Enjoy a day on a great course while supporting your military heroes. BBQ buffet and awards banquet at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY SISTERS

WHAT: Sisters Who Brunch

WHEN: Saturday, Sep. 10, 11 a.m.; RSVP by Sep. 2.

WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse

HOW MUCH: \$40

CONTACT: panhellenicsavannah@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: This event is open to all sorority women in the greater Savannah area. Seating will be by sorority. Registration form with additional details will be sent upon request.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: The Landings 50th Anniversary Grand Finale Celebration

WHEN: Saturday, Sep. 10, 3 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Landings Harbor Marina

CONTACT: Landings Association, 912.598.2520, or visit www.landings.org/50th

WHAT ELSE: Join in for a fun-filled evening of good food and great times, as the Landings 50th Anniversary Celebration wraps up. A horse-drawn carriage shuttle will take you from your vehicles on Priest Landings Drive to the marina, for food vendors, live music from the Yacht Club Band, kids' activities, and more. If you think the first 50 years were great, just wait until you see the next 50!

TAG, YOU'RE IT

WHAT: Telfair Academy Guild (TAG)

WHEN: Monday, Sep. 12, Coffee Reception, 10 a.m., Meeting and Presentation, 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Neises Auditorium, Jepson Museum, 207 West York St.

CONTACT: TAG welcomes members and their guests, along with individuals interested in joining. Contact Laurie Milano, 914.474.4943 or lauriemilano2@gmail.com for more information on joining.

WHAT ELSE: Telfair Museums assistant curator Anne Solene Bayans is a specialist in 19th-century French art. She will speak on the Gothic Soul

exhibition at the Jepson, focusing on the tumultuous life and work of French artist Charles Meryon (1821-1868), who devoted himself to etching after discovering that he was color blind.

THE COAST WITH THE MOST

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway September Meeting

WHEN: Monday, Sep. 12, 7 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter's Church

CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279, or visit www.ccaskidaway.org

WHAT ELSE: CCA Skidaway welcomes Abby Sterling and Allie Haysler of the Manomet Bird Observatory for our September seminar, "Building Connections for Shorebird Protection: How Education and Outreach Can Protect Georgia's Shorebirds." We will learn about the incredible habitats that shorebirds from across the hemisphere depend on, right in our own backyards! Raffle prize will be a \$100 gift certificate to Castaways.

CARING WITH CASSEROLES

WHAT: Safe Shelter Casseroles

WHEN: Tuesday, Sep. 13

WHERE: Your home

WHAT ELSE: If you enjoy cooking and want to help those in need as well, we need your help providing casseroles to SAFE Shelter. On your assigned day, you make any casserole you want at your home, and we'll deliver it to SAFE Shelter. To learn more, email LLcommService@gmail.com to get on our distribution list for more information. Must be a Landlovers member to participate.

STITCHIN' TIME

WHAT: Landlovers Stitch and Bead

WHEN: Tuesdays, Sep. 13 and 27, 2 - 4 p.m.

WHERE: in member's homes (announced by email)

HOW MUCH: Free for Landlovers members

CONTACT: Leslie Mathews, lmathews50@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: We welcome crafters working on any type of needle projects, from knitting to needlepoint, beading, felting, crewel and cross stitch. Landlovers membership is required. Contact to be added to our email list.

DEAR ABBIES

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails Midterm Madness

WHEN: Tuesday, Sep. 13, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church

HOW MUCH: Free to members, \$10 guest fee with member

CONTACT: To learn more about Skidaway Abigails or register for this event, please visit skidawayabigails.org or email chair@skidawayabigails.org.

WHAT ELSE: Rebecca Rolfes and Margaret Coker will share their insights about messaging, turnout efforts, and how voters seem to be responding. Don't miss this chance to help us sort

through the chaos and target our advocacy efforts in the final weeks leading up to an election with huge consequences! Must show proof of vaccination; masks are optional. Skidaway Abigails is a nonpartisan organization of progressive women to provide social engagement and a forum for discussion of important sociopolitical issues.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

WHAT: TAGatNIGHT

WHEN: Thursday, Sep. 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: SCAD Museum of Art, 601 Turner Blvd.

CONTACT: TAG members wishing to bring a guest, please contact Chris Lanigan at chrislanigan40@gmail.com with your request. Those interested in joining TAG, call Laurie Milano, 914.474.4943 or email her at lauriemilano2@gmail.com.

WHAT ELSE: The SCAD Museum of Art is housed in the former Central of Georgia Railway depot, a brick structure built in 1853. Attendees will be given a guided tour, including an introduction to the building's history and information on the special exhibits on display in September. Guests are welcome, but space is limited.

LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED

WHAT: Landlovers Opening Reception

WHEN: Sep. 28, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom and Azalea Room

Cost: Free

CONTACT: Milli Sample and Kathy Collura landloverssocials@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Enjoy complementary appetizers and a member/cash bar as you browse activities, social events and volunteer for philanthropic projects. Join or renew your membership (\$30 annually.) All Landings residents are welcome!

LANDLOVERS ON THE LINKS

WHAT: Landlovers mixed golf scramble

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 16, 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Palmetto

HOW MUCH: \$65/person

CONTACT: Eileen Yost at eileenyrn@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Mark your calendar for Landlovers' first golf scramble! Get your foursome or twosome together and we will do the rest. It will be an 18-hole scramble with dinner to follow. If you would like to invite a Landlovers member who is not a member of the club, the guest fee for golf will be an additional \$40.

SHALOM

WHAT: JWOL Membership

HOW MUCH: Annual membership is \$20

CONTACT: Sherri Brecker

WHAT ELSE: Mail or tube check to Sherri at 18 Cricket Court. Membership entitles each member to share in the many wonderful programs and social events JWOL offers.

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CHALLENGER CLUES*

They're sure not The Brady Bunch!!!

ACROSS

- 1. Faith bound?
- 5. Vespid
- 9. Butler who's 6 ft., 9 in. tall
- 14. Woodie Guthrie's boy
- 15. Neighborhood
- 16. Capri o Sicilia
- 17. THEY'RE ____
- 20. Stupid, in Spanish
- 21. Fatigues
- 22. 1734 Handel opera
- 24. 1996 Pulitzer Prize rock musical
- 25. Mummer's parade?
- 28. Mother of 7-Down
- 30. Resurrections
- 32. Charles Darwin's field of sci.
- 36. Creep
- 39. Source of coconut oil
- 40. THEY'RE ____
- 43. Tesla engine
- 44. Auction
- 45. Notable vaudeville family
- 46. Viscount Greystoke, for one
- 48. Technique used for 3-D mapping
- 50. "So's ____ old man!"
- 51. Standard
- 54. 2022 NCAA Basketball Champions
- 59. Opposite of gauche, in Paris
- 61. The 1945 "Argonaut" conference was held here
- 62. THEY'RE ____
- 67. Manila hemp
- 68. Brand
- 69. 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction winner, Jennifer ____
- 70. Adulated
- 71. Einstein's donuts
- 72. MEGO

DOWN

- 1. Comb. form meaning 'milk'
- 2. Flub
- 3. Coeur d'____, ID
- 4. Hughes, Blake, & Silverstein
- 5. Core topic of "how to" books
- 6. Gamel Nasser, e.g.
- 7. Title with a tilde
- 8. Father of 7-Down

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- 9. Morticia Addams uses one called "Red Light"
- 10. ETF that tracks the price of Texas Sweet crude
- 11. Disney joey
- 12. Mercedes-Benz luxury model
- 13. Kind of wire
- 18. Grecian lekythoi
- 19. Forward
- 23. Gannon University site
- 25. Finland's second-largest city
- 26. Tenebrous
- 27. Performs an ovariectomy
- 29. They're found in pants
- 31. Flub
- 32. Grape used to make Beaujolais wine
- 33. Emulate Robert Browning
- 34. Largest weasel
- 35. Hang over

- 37. All the tea in China ?
- 38. Grasped
- 41. "Squint," to Gomez Addams
- 42. Exude
- 47. Opposite of 'sud'
- 49. Before Olmec and Aztec
- 52. Ridicule publicly
- 53. Photocopier predecessor
- 55. I.D.s
- 56. Irish town where W.B. Yeats, grew up
- 57. Popular country album?
- 58. Refuse
- 60. Title of the Byzantine emperor
- 62. Abe Lincoln's youngest son
- 63. Premium TV channel
- 64. Feed
- 65. Ideal service?
- 66. Calendar abbrev.

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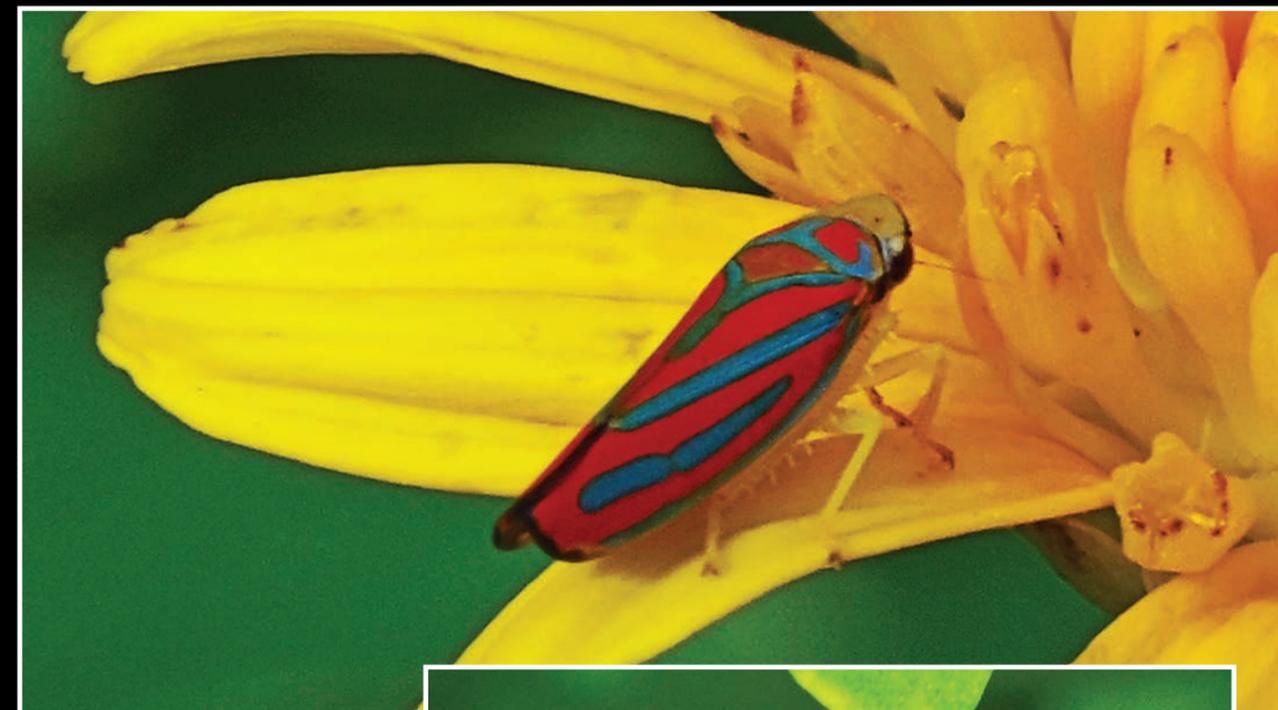
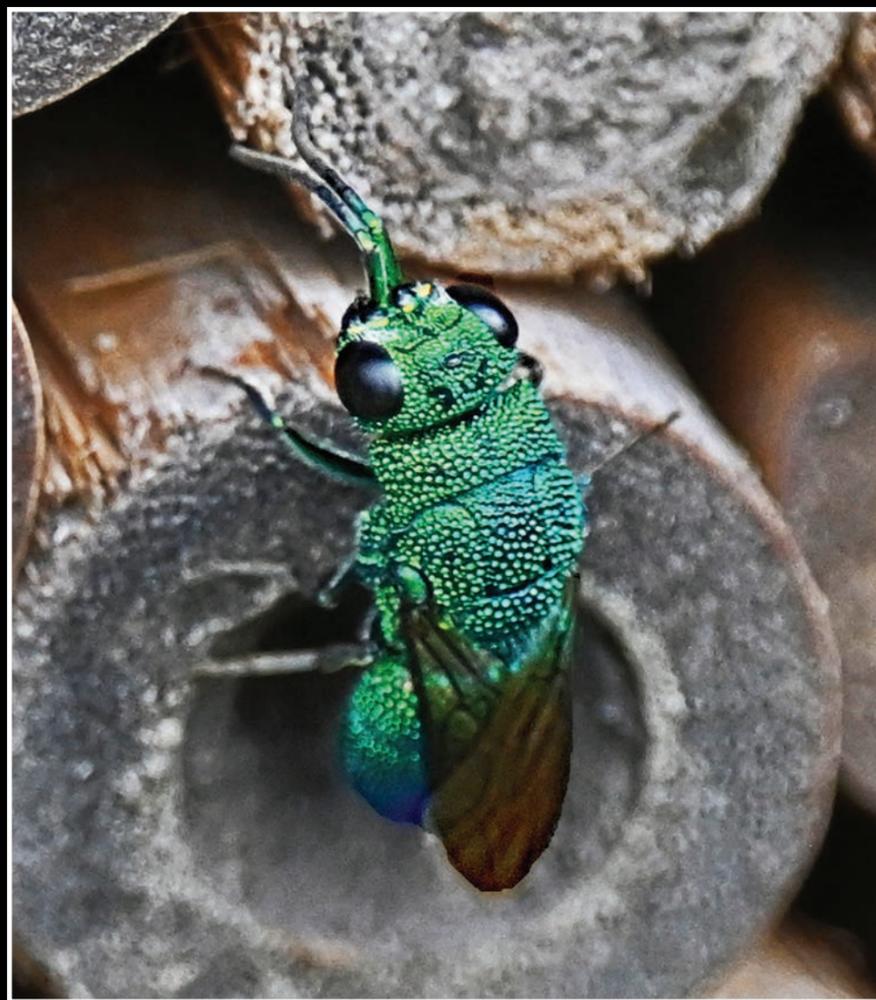
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MACRO-PHOTOS

Frequent contributor Jorge Gojman has been busy been capturing some amazingly interesting and colorful examples of macro-photography – close-ups of Mother Nature’s littlest subjects, such as insects and small animals.

“Lately I’ve been blessed to find more unique little critters in Mary Ann’s garden as I continue to learn to use new macro photography equipment,” he says.

Right:
A macro image of
a cuckoo wasp



Above: The tiny red-banded leafhopper on a bright yellow bush daisy is anything but discreet, as it flaunts its unique graphics with bright red and blue, sure to stand out on the bright yellow flower.



Right: A master of disguise, the rarely photographed wavy-lined emerald moth caterpillar is hard to find and therefore not many photographs of it around, though the mature moth it is quite common.

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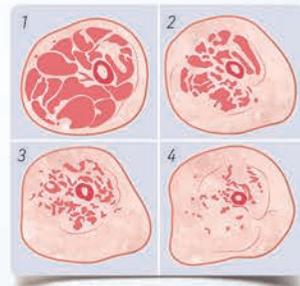
A sudden onset of weakness in her limbs and hands began interfering with two of Elaine's biggest joys: painting and bike riding. Additional symptoms, including slurred speech and severe trouble swallowing, led to electromyography (EMG) and muscle biopsy testing, which revealed necrotizing autoimmune myopathy – a rare autoimmune condition attacking the muscles.

Under the care of Dr. Poston, a neurologist, Elaine was treated with intravenous immunoglobulin and other lifesaving drugs. Immunosuppression and regular follow-ups with Dr. Poston and multiple St. Joseph's/Candler specialists helped Elaine regain her strength and return to the pursuits she loves.

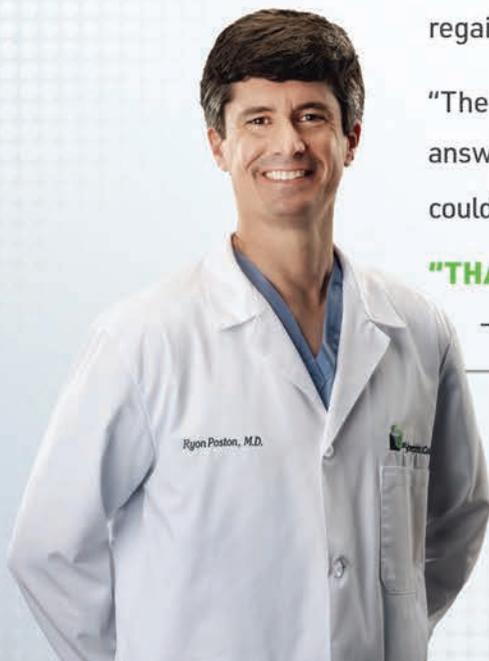
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