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Upfront

This is a public thank you note to nurses everywhere. For better or worse, I have watched you hard at work. In cancer wards, critical coronary units, emergency rooms, and intensive care. In physician practices, home health settings, obstetric suites, and schools. You are men and women, young and old, imposing and petite. You are quiet and shy, or chatty from the first “hello.” You have developed your own unique brand of care, but your compassion and dedication are familiar, as common among your colleagues as your kind smile.

One of you is named Beth. Beth has a son...he's 8, I believe. I met Beth in my mother's intensive care room. Mom, the patient, was unconscious, breathing through a ventilator, with three “presser” meds force-flowing intravenously into her to improve her circulatory metrics into the survivable range. Pressers are hail-Mary drugs. When a doctor asks a colleague, “Is he on pressers?” it's like code for, “It's not looking good, right?”

Anyway, Beth went about her business methodically, verbally thrifty, at first. She had replaced a bubbly night nurse who could make changing a bedpan seem like a party game. As I had at the beginning of each shift, I asked Beth a series of questions that demonstrated I understood a bit more medical science than an average layman and less than I thought I did. She answered dutifully and competently. She tended well to my mom. She left the room and, eventually, so did I.

I returned the next morning and Beth was back, too. Something shifted. Our dialogue warmed. The ventilator continued to feed my mother's lungs, but the three presser meds had been reduced to two – one drip line hung dry. When Beth had finished a series of diagnostic chores, I nodded toward the hall. We met just outside the doorway. “I need to ask you a question...one you probably have no answer for,” I said.

Beth looked into my eyes without speaking, wary. “...you don't know my mom, but she's not a typical 86-year-old. She's active and energetic and fiercely independent. She would rather die than ‘burden’ us with her care...Two days ago, I had to make an impossible decision: Do nothing and let her bleed out or approve the surgery (from which she had yet to awaken) and potentially condemn her to suffering and a diminished life...Before she passed out, she looked up at me – I think she was frightened...her eyes were full-circle wide. She asked, ‘Am I going to make it?’ I said, ‘yes.’ I'm not sure if I was lying to her or myself or both of us.”

Beth's face had softened. Still, she refrained from speech. “I had no way of knowing what my mother wanted,” I continued. “But when she asked me if she would make it...I think she wished to continue to live.”

My voice broke. I cried. Pools formed in Beth's eyes, too. Finally, she replied. “Your mom reminds me of my grandma. I can tell she's special. She's tough. You did the right thing.”

My chest suddenly less tight than moments before, I looked down at the floor but failed to suppress my tears. I gasped and gurgled, then composed myself as well as I could.

“You did the right thing,” Beth said again. And she hugged me in the doorway in the middle of a normal workday for her.

The next day, Beth closed the valve on another presser. The day after, she shut the third one off. Then, she helped the respiratory therapy team measure my mother's breathing capacity before she disconnected the ventilator for good.

Beth had five days off. She and her husband had intended to take their son camping, but they fell sick and postponed. When she returned to the hospital, she was assigned to a different wing than the one with my mother's room, so I was surprised when she came to visit just because she wanted to.

My mom improved. She moved on from intensive care and into a smaller room at the other end of the floor. Since she could speak – when the ventilator came out – the precocious patient had – each day – reported to the medical staff that it was the day she was going home. She was wrong for seven days until she was right. And on that eighth day, Beth was my mom's nurse again, and she triumphantly helped the fragile but feisty old lady into her sweatsuit, a wheelchair, and my car. Beth hugged my mother, an authentic love-heavy hug. She then pulled away from her and embraced me.

There have been many Beths who have helped me through my darkest moments, when the black thoughts suffocate the fluorescent white light haunting an endless ribbon of hallway tile. In the moments when I feared I would lose someone I love forever, the Beths fortified me to overcome my fears. So, too, did the Beths comfort me as my fears were tragically realized. Win or lose, the Beths have been beside me when I wheeled women I have loved out of the hospital for the final time.

This is for the nurses. The Beths. The Angels of Mercy, as they are sometimes known – for good reason – in my Faith.

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Two weeks ago, in this column, I penned a tribute to Cecil Abarr, an important figure in Skidaway Island history. I identified Cecil as president of The Landings developer, The Branigar Organization, relocating from Illinois to Skidaway in 1978. Cecil did serve as Branigar's president, but not until 10 years after he arrived as vice president of finance. From 1978 to 1988, Richard Burke, who remains a Skidaway resident today, steered Branigar as its president, and Cecil worked alongside Richard as they stewarded the growth of this place. The two men remained friends for more than four decades, until Cecil's recent death.



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We have partnered with Oelschigs Nursery for this event since 2014. They have been fabulous in accommodating our needs even through two years of COVID restrictions. Our heartfelt thanks to them.

Kudus to the volunteers and patrons who made it a fun-packed, colorful day with so many beautiful plants. Thank you all!

Jacqy Soderberg

PERSONAL HISTORY

When I read your article on Tinian Island, I wished I could have asked my father about his experience. He was a World War II and Korean War U.S. Army veteran as well as a civilian security analyst for

the NSA during the Vietnam War.

Attached are photos of my father (center soldier) and myself (2014). While on Tinian Island, he worked on building the runways there and sent my mother some photos of his buddies, "big" bombs and the Enola Gay. After my husband and I had visited the Air and Space Museum in Dulles, I emailed the two pictures to my siblings.

My husband and I always look forward to your well-written and often heartbreaking articles. As Veteran's Day approaches (at the time of this letter's writing), I hope we will all reflect on the bravery and sacrifice of our heroes.

My father passed away three years ago at the age of 101.

Geri Koehler



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Timeless

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Jewelry Box
Essentials

By Lowell Kronowitz

Building a jewelry collection spans a lifetime. Many women remember receiving their first piece of nice jewelry, usually given to them as a young lady for a significant birthday or at a family celebration. The collection often grows from that first piece. There is no better time than the holiday season to put together a wish list and drop hints for a new piece. If someone you love is looking for a perfect gift for you, start by sharing this article with them. For the husband reading this, if you are unsure

what to get, peek inside her jewelry box and look for what she doesn't already have. Every woman's assortment is unique, but there are staples that can be worn for many years for life's events and special occasions.

If classic is your style, then keep it traditional and start with diamonds. As you may already have heard, diamonds are a girl's best friend. They pair perfectly with jeans or a cocktail dress, adding the right amount of sparkle to any outfit. Consider a pair of di-

amond stud earrings and a matching tennis bracelet. These come in all shapes and sizes and budgets, and can be as dynamic as the person wearing them.

What might sound like a cliché is still true today: Southern women love their pearls. Whether you were born and raised in the South or have recently moved here, it is safe to say a classic pearl necklace and matching stud earrings are loved by all. Quite often, it is that "first piece of good jewelry" most young

women receive. Pearls are not just a Southern staple, they are a timeless everyday accessory, and perfect with any style.

A luxury timepiece or watch is an essential piece for every woman's wardrobe. A classic luxury watch will never go out of style and is a great gift to celebrate any milestone occasion. There are no rules regarding what defines the perfect watch. It is purely a personal preference as to what color metal, case size, and shape you like best. It also doesn't matter if you prefer a metal bracelet or a leather strap.

Colored stones are a must. Whether you prefer sapphires, rubies, emeralds, or love them all, colored stones are a great gift. Adding a pop of color to your day or evening, these stones can be worn simply as a right-hand ring, earrings, necklace, or bracelet. Don't hesitate to wear a stack or combination of any of these.

Whether bold and chunky, delicate, or something in between, a classic precious metal bracelet and matching necklace are two pieces that are always fashionable, adding shine to any occasion. They can be silver or gold or platinum, in a variety of styles adding shine to any occasion.

You can always wear an everyday pendant to add a little bit of elegance to a basic ensemble. It can be as simple as a gold initial on a chain, a diamond solitaire, or your favorite-colored stone semi-precious pendant on a chain.

Hoop earrings never go out of style. Hoops come in all shapes and



A pearl necklace is a versatile accessory for any occasion, especially when paired with matching earrings.

sizes, in gold or silver, with or without stones. Small and dainty or big and bold, no woman can have too many hoop earrings.

To round out your timeless jewelry collection, consider a statement necklace – a "wow" piece for the most special occasion. Whenever you wear it, its sparkles can be seen from across the room, making you feel

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like the most beautiful woman alive. It could be diamonds, sapphires, or a lustrous strand of South Sea pearls. Whatever statement your necklace makes, it is destined to be a showstopper piece of jewelry in any collection.

When women think back on their childhood, no doubt they fondly recall sitting beside their grandmothers, beloved aunts, or mothers, admiring a specific piece of jewelry. Perhaps, it was a ring or a diamond brooch. They never forgot seeing a twinkle in your eye whenever you these women wear their favorite jewelry. Jewelry is best enjoyed when it conjures special memories. It's that wonderful recollection that comes from wearing a cherished family heirloom presented on a special occasion or from a beloved relative. A treasured heirloom is a gift that will be unmatched for years to come.

Remember, a classic collection is much more than the individual items in your jewelry box. These pieces give you confidence and make you feel beautiful while wearing them. They are reminders of milestone occasions and tell the story of your fondest memories. Whether you have all these pieces in your jewelry collection or only a few, these classic styles and designs will stand the test of time. Fashionable pieces may come and go, but luxury jewelry pieces will be treasured for many years to come. You can never go wrong in purchasing a timeless piece of jewelry for yourself or a loved one.

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Spa Life

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By Tara Scott-Johnson



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Today's spas can help you cope with medical issues or major life changes. They provide relaxation, rejuvenation, and a renewed sense of purpose. There are many types of spas across the country and choosing one that speaks to you and fits your needs takes a bit of research. Many feature luxurious accommodations, while some place you right in the middle of nature. The common denominator that ties all of them together is their emphasis on comprehensive wellness.

DAY SPAS

Local day spas are not to be dismissed. Many day spa treatments rival the high-end treatments available at exclusive destination and resort spas, while providing the convenience of remaining close to home. Ayurvedic and Shirodhara treatments are available right here in Savannah.

Ayurvedic massage incorporates the 5,000-year-old Indian principles of Ayurveda, which translates to "the science of life." This type of massage is designed to create balance among the mind, body, and spirit, and to help the body heal itself. Each massage is tailored to address imbalances in the client's dosha (meaning "that which causes problems.") According to licensed massage therapist Dana Gunter, "Whether it is stress at work or lack of sleep, Ayurvedic treatments are designed to create a stillness within the mind and body. Abhyanga is a full-body massage that eases muscle soreness, soothes the nervous system, and leaves the client feeling refreshed."

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Search out local day spas in Savannah and be sure to ask about their exclusive spa treatments. You may be surprised to find innovative treatments that can heal your mind, body, and soul.

DESTINATION SPAS

Choose a destination spa if you are looking for a purposeful retreat to focus on a solution to a particular issue or problem, the stress of a life-altering event, or making a major long-term change to your health and habits. Destination spas are fully equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and top-notch practitioners offering dedicated programs. The legendary Canyon Ranch Tuscon offers all-inclusive packages providing full use of spa and fitness facilities, Yoga classes, meditation gardens, pools, restaurants with unlimited meals and snacks, and ac-



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MINERAL SPRING SPAS

Native peoples, Roman soldiers, and royals have all journeyed to bathe in warm mineral springs famed for their ability to alleviate pain and cure ailments. Mineral spring spas such as California's renowned Indian Springs Calistoga make the pilgrimage a profound pleasure. Indian Springs features 17 acres of rolling hills and ponds, lush olive trees, and fragrant gardens bursting with lavender and roses. Blessed with rare, sustainable natural resources, including mineral water from four thermal geysers and special mud from pure volcanic ash, guests have long recognized the restorative powers of the abundant land at the site. The current nightly rate for accommoda-

tions at Indian Springs is \$400 per night for a double occupancy room. Pools and ponds are included in the rate, but meals and spa services require additional expense.

RESORT SPAS

High-end resorts boast some of the finest spa facilities in the country and typically employ highly skilled therapists. One such resort spa that should be at the top of your list is the Carillon Miami Wellness Resort, which combines modern, luxury accommodations; organic cuisine; and a cutting-edge wellness center, all situated on a long stretch of Miami Beach. The spa offers exclusive treatments like the Carillon seaside facial, detox body wrap, and ginger-coconut argan sugar glow. A one-bedroom apartment at the Carillon is \$500 to 700 per night and can accommodate up to four adults - perfect for a girls' getaway trip.

Resort spas within driving distance of Savannah, include the Cloister at Sea Island and the Barnsley Resort in Adairsville, Georgia.

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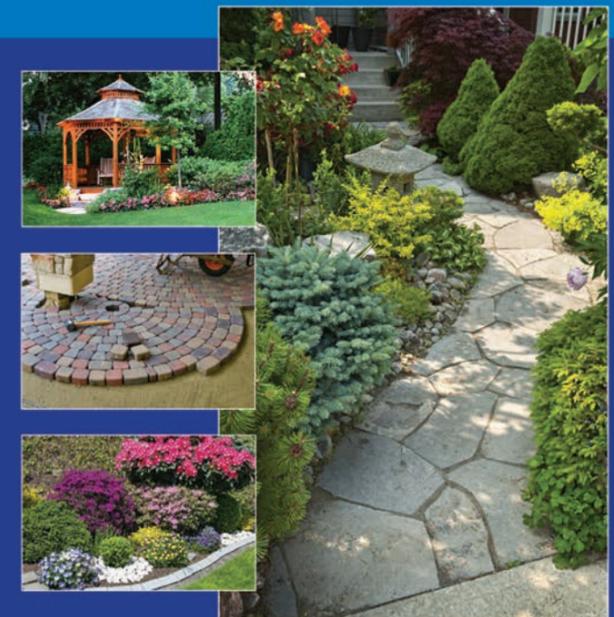
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ON THE MOVE

BY JULIE DUNCAN

Skidaway Island is luxury living at its finest. It's not just a retirement community, as people of all ages flock to our little piece of paradise. As working remotely becomes more practical, the demand to live here increases, driving real estate values higher than ever.

As older sellers explore options for independent or assisted senior living, they soon discover that downsizing their homes can be more challenging than the actual sale of the house. They quickly become overwhelmed by the process of moving, requiring help to prepare for a move months before they are ready to put a sign in the yard. Realtors have responded by offering concierge services – full moving packages for clients needing extra time and extra help. Whether it's upsizing for a growing family, cashing out some equity, or downsizing to lower maintenance, helping clients reorganize their living situations while maintaining their lifestyle is a win-win for everyone.

“Our goal is to make the move as easy as possible for our seller,” says Cathryn O’Neill of Savannah Real Estate Experts. “We have everyone from handymen, organizers, auction houses and movers on our team.”

Many realtors and relocation specialists maintain a network of people and businesses who provide a wide variety of services, from giving

a home a modest facelift to add curb appeal to packing and transportation services, and everything in between.

It's reasonable to expect clients have things in their homes they don't need or want to pack. Purging years' worth of accumulated household items may require a more objective viewpoint than family members are able to offer. Then, there are items that are more precious, that require special packing attention – a grandfather clock that dates back several generations, or a lifetime collection of figurines. Some moving companies specialize in fragile or high-end items, or you might inquire if a local clock repair specialist will pack or relocate an antique grandfather clock for a reasonable fee.

Reserving a moving van may seem simple, but it helps to be familiar with details regarding mileage, insurance, and other bookkeeping matters. The vehicle will fill up a lot faster than most people expect, so correctly estimating the optimal size is important – financially, logistically, and emotionally. Moving day is crazy, so buyers and sellers with pets and kids need a plan for their more vulnerable and less self-sufficient family members, whether it's help from the grandparents or a paid service like daycare or pet-sitting. If such options aren't available, a list of kid-friendly activities near the new house might be a welcome alternative. One parent can take the kids exploring or adventuring



while another supervises the move.

With so much going on, some home sellers might have trouble leaving their previous house clean, especially first-time buyers who are moving out of a rental. You'll need to scrub it from floor to ceiling to get your security deposit back. Your realtor might be able to offer a professional cleaning service to take care of that unwelcome task. The new home should be equally clean when you move in, but there's likely work to be done – dust, the carpets may not have been cleaned, and overlooked debris from the move-out. A professional deep-clean would be a wonderful welcome gift – before or after move-in, depending on the new owners' preference. Moving in might track in too much dirt for a pre-move clean to be practical, or there could be weather conditions creating a messier move.

Moving directly into a new home might not be logistically possible. Home-buying happens fast, the variables don't always fall into place conveniently. You might need to vacate a rental suddenly or have complications with new construction. When buyers need a temporary solution before moving into their new house, some real estate services can arrange for a storage unit to accommodate overflow items.

The last thing most new homeowners want to do the first night in a new house is to cook dinner. They've spent most of the day loading and unloading an entire house's worth of belongings, and kitchen utensils and plates probably haven't been unpacked. Ordering out is the ideal solution, with pizza being the most common choice. Some relocation professionals will go the extra mile, providing grocery pick-

up and delivery. While basic items such as eggs, milk and bread are obvious, your realtor can ask what you need and arrange for the groceries to be purchased and delivered just before dinner time.

Arriving in your new home can be both exciting and challenging, especially if you're relocating to a new community. Establishing utilities and other services can be confusing if you're uncertain whom to contact. It's important to make sure services at your previous address have been discontinued to avoid any unnecessary charges. Many real estate professionals offer a newcomers' guide, making the move seamless when migrating gas, electricity, water, and trash services. Some cable and Internet companies offer set-up services. These specialists can link TV, Internet and online devices – Alexa, Nest or Ring doorbell camera – to make your new home "smarter."

Regardless of how DIY-capable you are, after a big move you may be ready to take a break and pass a few chores on to someone else. Ask your real estate agent for recommendations. Many maintain a list of home repair professionals they know and trust, from general home repair to landscaping.

The privilege of moving into a gated community also provides a certain level of service, either from your real estate professional or the local homeowners' association. Such resources are invaluable, offering guidance and advice as to who can help make your move to your new home much easier.

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Fighting cancer is more of a "team sport" than ever.

Immunotherapy and genome-guided cancer treatments are altering the cancer-care landscape. It's a trend that surgical oncologist Leonard Raymond Henry, MD, MBA, FACS, finds very exciting. "The blooming of personalized cancer approaches and the advancement of these drugs has been pretty mind-boggling," Henry says. "There seems to be a new drug coming to market just about every day."

Is the surgeon worried that such advances will put him out of a job? "The role of surgery may change, but it won't go away," Henry says. "Nor will radiation therapy. All these treatments, working in conjunction, will become even more effective."

Henry had been studying the evolution of cancer care for years as medical director of the Goshen Center for Cancer Care in Goshen,

Indiana. He joined the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion (LCRP) as medical director in September.

As an aside, Henry posits, "I'm probably the biggest Notre Dame fan in Chatham County."

Earlier in his career, Henry served in the U.S. Naval Medical Corps, which took him all over the world. He treated cancers of all types. "My military service allowed me to be versatile clinically," he says. "I've focused on a lot of different things – breast cancer, melanoma, thyroid, head-and-neck. I've also worked in the upper GI tract and performed lung resections. In the military, you get used to doing whatever is necessary."

Advances in surgery have improved perioperative care and post-op

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Dr. Leonard Raymond Henry (opposite page) recently joined the team of the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion (above).

pain, while procedures that were once high-risk are becoming more manageable. The impact of these changes will be felt while targeted therapy continues to evolve and expand quickly.

"One of the key things about cancer (care) is that it has to be a team sport," Henry says. "As things advance in one area, it changes how other areas practice."

Through the collaboration of the clinical effectiveness teams at the LCRP, these advances provide the best individualized treatment for each patient.

"Take a breast cancer patient, for example," Henry explains. "What the medical oncologist does impacts the surgeon and the radiation oncologist, and what the surgeon does impacts everyone else, too. But you also may have the aspect of genetics, plastic surgery, and other factors that impact one another. It quickly becomes incredibly complex, and the entire team has a stake in decision-making. Ideally, all of this is planned out before treatment begins."

One of the attributes that attracted Henry to the LCRP is its partic-

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ipation in the Georgia NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP). The program was created by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) as a comprehensive initiative to provide access to innovative cancer trials to individuals in their local communities. The focus on community aligns with Henry's philosophy regarding what the LCRP does well and can build upon for the future.

"A doctor and a patient have a sacred relationship," he says. "I believe a cancer program should have that kind of relationship with the entire community. We have great doctors; we'll take great care of you. But it's also important to nurture that longitudinal relationship with the community to reduce the burden of cancer through wellness, prevention and screening, and survivorship."

For Henry, the wide scope of care includes advances in treatment, education, palliative services and research.

"The work that has been done (thus far at the LCRP) has been fantastic," Henry explains. "We hope to grow off that and continue to meet the needs of the people in this region, which I have quickly come to love."

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JOSEPH ROGERS

When Joseph Rogers joined the Navy in 1954, he didn't imagine that in a few short years he would be hunting some of the most powerful weather Mother Nature could throw at him. Like many of his challenging assignments during his 20-year career as a naval aviator, Rogers met this challenge head-on...literally.

When Rogers was five, his father, a Pennsylvania coal miner, died on the job. The next year his mother enrolled him in the Milton Hershey School for Orphan Boys in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Established by Milton Hershey, the legendary founder of the Hershey Chocolate Company, the school would be Rogers' home for 12 years.

After graduating from MHSOB in 1952, Rogers attended Hershey Junior College for two years, then enlisted in the Navy. The Korean War was on, and the Navy needed replacement pilots. Rogers reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola where he progressed through basic training, basic flight training, formation flying, and gunnery-and-bombing training. Then, he learned to take off and land on an aircraft carrier at sea. Rogers and his fellow pilot-trainees first practiced on a carrier "deck" outlined on land. They progressed to an actual carrier on the water, the repurposed *USS Lexington, CV-2*, a battle-tested survivor of World War II. The learning pilots on the "*Lady Lex*" did not use propulsion to assist with takeoffs, making the end of the runway deck seem precariously close.

Rogers will never forget his first landing on the *Lady Lex*. The landing signal officer waved him in with hand-held flags fluttering in the Gulf of Mexico breeze.

After completing his required number of flights on training flights on the *Lady Lex*, Rogers studied instrument and night navigation at Corry Field, Pensacola. He received his coveted



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aviator wings in August of 1956. The new ensign reported to his first duty station in Jacksonville, Florida, as a hurricane hunter co-pilot.

Navy hurricane hunters seek out, track, and penetrate the worst of Mother Nature's weather phenomena, flying above, into, and below the savage storms. They fly below storms as low as 300 feet above the ground. They often cruise just above the turbulent, swirling winds. The aircraft commander, assisted by the co-pilot, holds the lives of his crew in his hands. "On-the-job training was immediate and thorough," Rogers recalls, with a note of understatement.

Hurricane season in the Western Hemisphere spans from June through November. Hurricane winds circulate faster than 75 miles-per-hour, revolving about a central low-pressure area that includes strong, ascending currents. The storms usually move between 10 and 20 miles per hour over water, and they often slow over land. Whenever a hurricane develops in the Atlantic, residents of the Florida and Georgia coasts anxiously follow media reports tracking the projected path of the storm, hoping it will pass by.

When Rogers reported to Jacksonville in 1956, "It was rock and roll time," he says with a grin. He served as a co-pilot in a P2V Neptune, performing daytime low-level reconnaissance flights, or on a

WV-3 Super Constellation, used for night radar tracking. Constellation flights often lasted 12 to 15 hours and required a crew of up to 29 aviators and weather technicians. With one sweep of its powerful radars, a Constellation could scan more than 200,000 square miles and provide information on an area encompassing 1.5 million square miles.

Rogers remained on duty in Jacksonville for two years. Promoted to lieutenant junior grade, he began flying anti-submarine patrols over the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. The Cold War was a constant threat, and Soviet submarines often wandered close to American waters. Rogers team was on the lookout for such brazen vessels.

Rogers then deployed to Sicily for six months for more anti-sub patrols. These flights had an added complication: an on-board live nuclear bomb intended to deter potential Soviet aggression.

Rogers returned to Pensacola as a senior flight instructor. He subsequently transferred to Norfolk for a lengthy tour as the communications officer for the commander of the Atlantic Fleet. During this tour – on May 22, 1968 – the Navy's nuclear-powered submarine, Scorpion, SSN 589, mysteriously imploded and sank 9,800 feet to the bottom of the Mediterranean, with a loss of all 99 hands. Cold War tensions were high at the time. After an extensive investigation, it was not definitively determined if the tragedy was due to an on-board accident or because of aggressive Soviet action. The loss of the Scorpion remains a vivid memory for Rogers.

Iceland was his next duty station, where Rogers was promoted to



Joe Rogers retired from the Navy in 1974, at the rank of lieutenant commander.



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lieutenant. As an aircraft commander, he led both anti-submarine and iceberg patrols. North Atlantic blizzards made landings hazardous, especially when there was heavy fog. One time, while flying over the Barents Sea, Rogers received a warning shot from a Russian vessel below.

After returning to Pensacola for catapult-assisted takeoff training, the versatile aviator departed for a tour aboard the super-carrier USS America, CV-66, as a combat pilot. The America patrolled the Gulf of Tonkin off Vietnam. Rogers made flights to Korea, Japan, the Philippines, and Thailand, and became a centurion after making his 100th landing on an at-sea aircraft carrier during the tour.

Rogers finished his 20-year Navy career with a two-year deployment to Pearl Harbor, serving as the Navy representative to the Coast Guard for its air-sea rescue service. He retired in 1974 with the rank of lieutenant commander, after which he returned to Pennsylvania where he served as a substitute teacher at the Milton Hershey School and a flight instructor and charter pilot out of the Hershey airport.

After relocating to Savannah, Rogers became a managing partner of the Golden Corral restaurant for 15 years until it closed a few years ago. A widower, he leads a quiet retirement on Skidaway Island. He has a multitude of Navy memories, especially when an approaching hurricane is featured on the local news.




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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.

SCOUTS HONOR

WHAT: Boy Scout Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser – Smoked Turkeys and Boston Butts
WHEN: Order now, deliveries on Nov. 23
HOW MUCH: \$30 each, cash or check only please
CONTACT: Text your order and address to 912.980.2966 or call 912.368.2290
WHAT ELSE: Deliveries to Skidaway Island and nearby areas on Nov. 23. Later deliveries may be arranged if you are out of town Thanksgiving week. Thank you for your support.

WHERE ART THOU?

WHAT: The Art of Vanessa Withun
WHEN: Now through Nov. 30
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111
WHAT ELSE: Vanessa Withun is a contemporary, representational artist, originally from The Bronx, New York. Her work incorporates a variety of landscapes, still-life, portraits, and conceptual art inspired by the power of chiaroscuro, brushwork and tones in order to capture emotion. She is a 2021 recipient of the J. Shepard, Jr. and

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ANGELS AMONG US

WHAT: The 24th Annual Angel Tree
WHEN: Now through Dec. 1
WHERE: The Landings Company Office, 1 Landings Way N.
CONTACT: Candice Parsons, 912.598.0500
WHAT ELSE: The Landings Angel Tree is partnering with MARNE/HAAS Toy Drive and Chatham County CASA to provide gifts and toys for the underserved in the Savannah Community. Pick an Angel and buy a gift to make the holiday season brighter for all of our children.

SEMPER FI

WHAT: Landing Marine Corps Birthday Ball
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 18; Social hour - 6 p.m., celebration - 7 p.m., followed by music and dancing
WHERE: The Landings Club Palmetto Ballroom
HOW MUCH: To be determined
CONTACT: Please call Bob Longueira at 912.598.2875 for more information
WHAT ELSE: After several years absence due to the pandemic, the Landings Marine Corps Birthday Ball is back. Invitations will be sent out toward the end of September.

BOW REGARDS

WHAT: Landings Garden Club Holiday Bow Sales
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 19, 21, 25, 26, 28; Dec. 3 and 5
WHERE: In front of the fountain in the Village, near the pharmacy
HOW MUCH: \$15-\$20
WHAT ELSE: Proceeds from our bow sales are used for many beautification projects on our island. Shop early for the best selection amongst the eight patterns offered.

NURTURING NATURE

WHAT: Giving Tuesday Reception
WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 29, 5 to 6 p.m.
WHERE: Merrill Lynch, 3 Skidaway Village Square
HOW MUCH: free
CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Skidaway Audubon is participating in Giving Tuesday, an international day of giving, and has partnered with Merrill Lynch to offer an informational session to residents on

A HOT TIME

WHAT: Landlovers Holiday Campfire Party
WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 6 - 6 to 8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island State Park Group Activities Building
HOW MUCH: \$ 55 per person, includes day admission to the park, entertainment and food
CONTACT: Milli Sample and Kathy Collura, landloverssocials@gmail.com to sign up
WHAT ELSE: Put on your jeans and flannel shirt and come ready to enjoy a gourmet campfire-themed meal. "Gourmet campfire" dinner catered by Erika Davis Lowcountry will feature a smoked half chicken, mac 'n cheese, caramelized brussels, and coleslaw. Finish the evening with s'more bars and ghost stories from a professional storyteller. BYOB beverages. Landlovers membership required. Registration ends Nov. 22; 130 person maximum attendance.

HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

WHAT: Savannah's Holiday Tour of Homes and Inns needs docents
WHEN: Saturday, Dec 10, 10 a.m to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Downtown Savannah
CONTACT: holidaytour@savannahdna.org
WHAT ELSE: Free tickets to volunteers who serve as docents at the tour locations. Docents are expected to serve a two-hour shift, following prepared description aspects of the homes and inns, and assist tour-goers at each location. Sign up at savannahdna.org.

THEATRE-GOING

WHAT: Landlovers "Trolley to the Arts"
WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 15 - depart at 5:30 p.m., returns at 10:30 p.m.
WHERE: Savannah Theatre, meet at SIUMC
HOW MUCH: \$60 per person, limit two; Tickets in advance at landingslandlovers.com and include transportation and admission to the show
CONTACT: Marilee Dalbey, marileedalbey@gmail.com or 334.797.9952; or Jane Golz, golzjane@gmail.com or 704.641.4467
WHAT ELSE: "A Christmas Tradition" musical revue. Join friends on a fun trolley ride provided by Savannah Trolley Tours departing from Skidaway Island United Methodist Church. Participants will have time to dine on their own downtown. Space is limited. Must be a Landings Landlovers member.



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HIGH FIBER

WHAT: Fiber Guild of the Savannahs "In Search of the Golden Fleece" 50th anniversary
WHEN: Dec. 1 - 30; opening reception Sunday, December 4, 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: The Fiber Guild of the Savannahs is a group of fiber artists who meet regularly to share inspiration and techniques regarding a wide variety of fiber arts: spinning, weaving, dyeing, quilting, knitting, basketry, rug making, paper manipulation, needle felting, and crocheting, for example. Beginners, amateurs and professional fiber artists are invited to join.

CHRISTMAS CARTS

WHAT: Landlovers Holiday Decorated Golf Cart Parade
WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 4, beginning at 3:30 p.m.
CONTACT: Karen Duncan, khome44@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Decorate your golf cart and join the fun! The parade will begin at the Landings Association Building and end at the Harbor Marina, with a special final cart featuring our own Santa with his "sleigh" collecting Toys for Tots! Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate. The party continues with food trucks, the Tiki Hut for hot chocolate, a special musical performance of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," by the Savannah Repertory Theater and the lighting of the Landings Christmas Palm Tree.

CARING WITH CASSEROLES

WHAT: Safe Shelter Casseroles
WHEN: Dec. 6
WHERE: Your home
CONTACT: Carol Stiles, carolstiles@gmail.com, or Sue Souls, smsouls@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: If you enjoy cooking and want to help those in need as well, we need your help providing casseroles to SAFE Shelter. On your assigned day, you make any casserole you want at your home, and we'll deliver it to SAFE Shelter. To learn more, email LLcommService@gmail.com to get on our distribution list for more information. Must be a Landlovers member to participate.

DANCE FEVER

WHAT: Landlovers "Shall We Dance?"
WHEN: Monday, Dec. 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island United Methodist

Church
HOW MUCH: Tickets - \$15/person available at landingslandlovers.com
CONTACT: Jane Golz, 704.641.4467
WHAT ELSE: A professional instructor will lead us through the moves! December's class: Learn to fox trot to Michael Buble's holiday hits. Must be a Landings Landlovers member

SOMETHING FISHY

WHAT: CCA of Skidaway December Meeting - Jesse Blanco: "The Local Seafood Culture"
WHEN: Monday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Church
CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279
WHAT ELSE: Chief executive foodie and media personality Jesse Blanco is the featured speaker at the CCA of Skidaway's December meeting and seminar. Blanco and his invited chef will share their expertise and dedication to the local seafood culture and its future, demonstrate several regional specialties, and offer attendees the opportunity to taste. The December raffle prize is a gift certificate to our guest chef's local restaurant.

ON THE HOUSE

WHAT: Cocktails with Friends
WHEN: Dec. 17, 6 to 8 p.m.
WHERE: Members' homes
CONTACT: Becky Dominguez, beckydom61@aol.com, or Connie Rice, csrice1948@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Meet new friends by hosting a cocktail party! Cocktails with Friends will arrange it for you, and guests will provide their own cocktails and an appetizer to share. Register with the chairs.

GATHERING GROCERIES

WHAT: Second Harvest Packing
WHEN: Friday, Jan. 6, 9 to 11 a.m.
WHERE: America's Second Harvest Volunteer Center; Meet at the Methodist church by 8:15 to carpool
CONTACT: Carol Stiles or Sue Souls, lcommervice@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Four times a year, Landlovers Community Service gets together on Friday mornings to provide volunteer labor to pack boxes for needy families at America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, a nonprofit food bank and community partnering organization. No skill is required, just a caring heart. We'd particularly like to encourage any men who have time to join us. All are welcome, but participants must be members of Landlovers. We are in search of a coordinator. If you are interested in leading this wonderful effort, please let us know!

SHUTTERBUGS

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

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

LADIES' NIGHT

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

PLAY DATE

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

BUNCO SQUAD

WHAT: Bunco: enjoy a dice game requiring no skill but enjoying a fun night out with friends
WHEN: 2nd Wednesday each month - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Association building on Landings Way South
HOW MUCH: \$6 to cover room cost and prizes
CONTACT: Dianne Bloom, thewinelady2005@yahoo.com; or Barbara Capes, b_capes@comcast.net
WHAT ELSE: Any Landlovers member. Club membership is not required.

GREEN NO MORE

WHAT: Landlovers Coastal Georgia Living
WHEN: First Wednesday each month, October through May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
HOW MUCH: Annual dues are \$25 individual or \$30 family; Guests welcome for \$5
CONTACT: Donna Bunn - donnabunn@gmail.com

or Deb Werner - debkwerner@yahoo.com
WHAT ELSE: Coastal Georgia Living, formerly known as Green Thumb Club, focuses on gardening, wildlife and the Georgia coastal lifestyle. Must be a Landlovers member. Membership is open to all residents of Skidaway Island.

SMALL WORLD

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

HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway
WHEN: Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club
HOW MUCH: Free to attend; Coffee/Tea: \$2.50 (Occasionally free pastries)
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.

LOSS MITIGATION

WHAT: Pandemic support group
WHEN: Meeting Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church Library
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Suzanne at St. Peter's, 598.7242
WHAT ELSE: Many of us have lost friends or family, and pandemic isolation has made dealing with these losses difficult. Dr. Stevens Peirsol will guide the group, offering those who would like to share and find help in processing loss.

IN THE CARDS

WHAT: Ladies Swiss Pairs dinner bridge
WHEN: First Wednesday of the month for six months, probably beginning in November this year
HOW MUCH: \$10 each/\$20 per team
CONTACT: Bobbi Erwin, berwin234@aol.com, or Karen Sellick, ksellick@bellsouth.net, or Carol Young, chsy@comcast.net
WHAT ELSE: New players welcome. You and

your partner may sign up ONLY at the Landings Landlovers opening reception on September 28. Must be a Landlovers member and a Landings Club member to participate, in accordance with Landings Club policy. Includes a delicious dinner, followed by three rounds of duplicate style bridge against other teams.

BRIDGING THE GAP

WHAT: Landlovers Modern Bridge
WHEN: First Wednesday of each month, 1 to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Marshwood
CONTACT: Marianne Claysmith, claysmith2@aol.com
WHAT ELSE: The Modern Bridge group is designed to use the following basic conventions: Stayman, Jacoby Transfer, Weak 2's, Ace asking. Joining this group assumes you either currently use these conventions or are open to learning them. A 15-minute brush up will start at 1:00 p.m., game to follow. This group is open to those who wish to observe (kibbitz). All participants must be members of Landlovers and a Landings Club member to participate, in accordance with Landings Club policy. Due to limited space, sign up is required.

READ ALL OVER

WHAT: Landlovers Singles Co-ed Book Club
WHEN: 4th Thursday each month
WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse
CONTACT: Marianne Claysmith, claysmith2@aol.com
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers and Landings Club membership is required.

CAN YOU CANASTA?

WHAT: Landlovers Canasta lessons
WHEN: Every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse. Byrd Room (11/2, 11/16, 11/30); Hills Room (11/9, 11/23)
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Dianne Bloom, thewinelady2005@yahoo.com
WHAT ELSE: Open to men and women. Maximum 24 players and must have basic knowledge of the game. Because we play in the Palmetto Clubhouse, you must be a member of both the Landings Club and Landlovers.

STITCHIN' TIME

WHAT: Landlovers Stitch and Bead
WHEN: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 2 to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Member's homes (announced by email)
HOW MUCH: Free for Landlovers members

CONTACT: Leslie Mathews, lmathews50@gmail.com to be added to the email list
WHAT ELSE: We welcome crafters working on any type of needle projects, from knitting to needlepoint, beading, felting, crewel and cross stitch. Location announced by email. Landlovers membership is required.

LUNCH BUNCH

WHAT: Landlovers Men's Lunch
WHERE: Various restaurants around Savannah
WHEN: To be determined
HOW MUCH: The cost of your own meal
CONTACT: Dick Hughey, dickhughey1@att.net; Jim Smart, smartsville@aol.com; or Rick Armstrong, armstrp@hotmail.com
WHAT ELSE: This is the eighth year of this successful men's activity. Participants must be members of Landlovers.

SEW WHAT?

WHAT: Landlovers Material Girls
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church
WHEN: 3rd Thursday of each month, 3 to 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free but you must be a member of Landlovers
CONTACT: Janet Smart, maxwellsgal@aol.com; Sandra Grant, sandragrnt07@comcast.net; or Donna Nicol, dkn777@aol.com
WHAT ELSE: Whether you are an experienced quilter or new to the craft, please join us for some handwork, conversation and networking. Bring a project you are working on, show and tell, or just plan to socialize. Learn about quilt shops in the area and local quilt guilds. All members of Landlovers who are interested in quilting are welcome.

BODY AND SOUL

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

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CHALLENGER CLUES*

ACROSS

- 1. Item in a pantry
- 6. Middle of an SOS
- 9. College football's highest-paid coach
- 14. Jimmy
- 15. Contract bridge whiz Culbertson
- 16. Cleeks, e.g.
- 17. The last Oldsmobile
- 18. Abe Lincoln's youngest son
- 19. Lead singer of Herman's Hermits, Peter ____

20. CLAM BRINE POTION...
...good at the raw bar

- 23. Ten Commandments word
- 24. Trompe l' ____
- 25. Piquant
- 28. Bongos, e.g.
- 30. Bro
- 33. Serve
- 36. Monet's "View of Le Havre", for one

39. A FINNISH DAZZLER...
...pair with Baltic herring

- 42. Designer
- 43. "A Bell for ____"
- 44. Name of 13 Catholic Popes
- 45. Be a spendthrift
- 48. Gets
- 49. Existent
- 51. Birthplace of rai music

54. GIANT CHINA CHEER...
...complements Peking duck

- 61. On the up and up
- 62. Pile
- 63. Hostler
- 64. "____ for Emily" (Faulkner)
- 65. Germanium monoxide, to a chemist
- 66. Rod-shaped bacterium
- 67. Dampen
- 68. Nikon F6, e.g.
- 69. Wrangler, at times

DOWN

- 1. Type of dash?
- 2. Grandfather of Jesus Christ (per Luke)
- 3. Like verso pages
- 4. Garden dormouse
- 5. Barm
- 6. Apt anagram for ROUTED

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- 7. Mountain range between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan
- 8. Unfermented mead
- 9. Egyptian peninsula in Asia
- 10. On ____ (lucky streak)
- 11. Type of tube
- 12. Youngest of the Brontë sisters
- 13. 1 million femtoseconds
- 21. East of Eden
- 22. Buttes
- 25. Good name for a witch?
- 26. Like Dolly's clone
- 27. 1989 title role for Sylvester Stallone
- 29. Stoners
- 30. Half-sister of Abraham
- 31. Toothpaste used by Bucky Beaver
- 32. World's third-richest man
- 34. "____ Ran the Zoo" (Dr. Seuss)
- 35. Ethernet connection

- 37. ____ Na Na
- 38. The 345 in a 345 Hemi
- 40. Like a greenhorn
- 41. Business
- 46. Antonym for 'liveliness'
- 47. Prior, to Prior
- 49. Rear
- 50. Log
- 52. Make sore
- 53. Drug dealer
- 54. Type of hammer
- 55. Mother of Hebe, in myth
- 56. "____ Rythym"
- 57. Iona College athlete
- 58. Relative of a condo
- 59. Cause of a leak
- 60. Unlikely anagram for MEIR

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As a tiebreaker this week, pick the total points in the Michigan at Ohio St. game.

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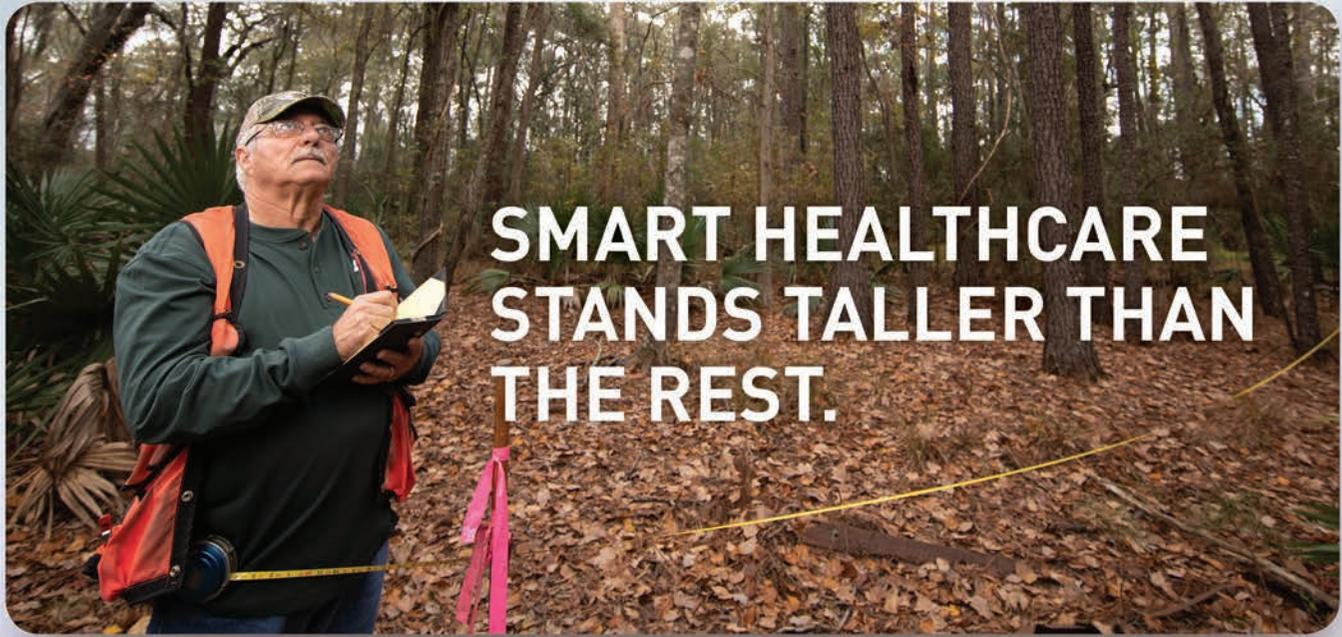
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