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When my daughters were little, their mother was a traveling investment banker. Mornings when she was on the road, the kids and I did an ill-choreographed, chaotic dance. We snatched outfits from drawers and threw them to the ground when they were rejected. We tried to eat something. We brushed teeth. Then, it was time for hair.

As a coiffeur, I was mostly inept. My younger daughter's locks were texturally fine. Also, short-ish. And straight. Few interesting or practical styling options presented themselves to me, but I stumbled upon one by accident when I tried to draw her uncooperative mane into a neat ponytail. Strands on both sides of her head's vertical axis liberated themselves defiantly from the rubber band with which I fought to secure them. A subset, maybe half, remained in a single desperate sprig of bundled hope. The rest retreated to either side. Instead of a proper ponytail, we were left with a knotted nub reminiscent of an old, mostly bald hippie trying haplessly to cling to his faded youth.

What to do with the rogue, unharnessed mess to the left and right of center? We had plenty of rubberbands, so a pair of pigtails, obviously. And so it was: The Pig, Pig, Pony was born.

I wish I had a photo handy. Several exist, I'm certain, but we stuff them in boxes filed and stacked LIFO-style (last-in, first-out). The precious stuff sinks to the bottom, where retrieving a sought-after image becomes an overwhelming pursuit best left undone. If a mind's eye could squint, mine is scrunched narrowly to sharpen the stored image of my second-born and the signature toddler style I cursed or blessed her with, depending on one's perspective and the passage of time.

She turns 30 today. Her hair is fuller. It has body and shape. Professionals tend to it, not her fat-thumbbed dad. She is all grown up, and she is striking, but I'm reminded of her as a little girl when I see her every day. The devilish smile that suits her natural comedic genius is the same one she wore when she was three. Today, her consistent physical presence in our lives, just a five-minute walk away, is among the greatest of a lifetime's worth of

generous gifts God has given me.

The 20 months we had with her sister before she came along taught us that we could keep a delicate human alive, despite our trepidation. You're less obsessive with the second one. You don't strain to verify every breath each night. So the second ones develop a big, unrestrained personality...at least ours did. And relentless competitiveness and a spirit of self-determination. And a giant, vulnerable heart.

In the days of the pig, pig, pony, something formed and remained that enabled her, as a high school student, to survive saying goodbye forever to her mother much too soon for any girl to have to do. She honors that memory as a businesswoman who self-funded her dream and toiled relentlessly in isolation to build an enterprise with customers in 101 countries today.

I am proud of my little girl. I admire her. She has done and achieved things beyond my reach. Her story – it's early chapters of an epic novel for the ages, to my mind.

I've both avoided and struggled with the question of what to get her, what to do for and with her to celebrate this milestone. I could say it's because nothing I can afford or access or offer equals the achingly profound love I feel for her. But that's a cop-out and not a valid excuse for inertia. So, with Jenna's great help, we've got a few things and a plan.

My little baby is 30 today. The person she is now is arguably my favorite selection from a dense catalogue of greatest hits three decades in the making. But I keep three rubber bands in my desk and the idea of the pig, pig, pony...a metaphor for the process of learning to be a dad...a thing I'm still trying to figure out today...as a simple reminder of how incredibly fortunate I am.

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The two products were similar but varied in distinct ways. The AI's product was flawless, no grammar or spelling errors, made salient and well-thought-through arguments on the subject, and ended with a great hook! Mine on the other hand – well, suffice it to say – I'm not worried that anyone that read the AI's version would ever mistake it for something that was authored by me.

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Unfortunately, magic with wands and spells doesn't really exist outside of books, movies, and television (as far as we know, anyway). However, there are some folks talented enough to make you believe – even make you question everything you're sure you know, at least for a few minutes. And there's a beauty to that, as with any good performance.

Landings Magic Society founder Jim Ruhl says, "Our goal in magic is not to trick people. Our goal is to entertain and have fun. And have somebody think, 'Okay, I know what they did, I know what I saw.' But then they sit back and say, 'But I can't figure it out.' They have this cognitive conflict in their mind."

The Magic Club's resident mentor, Bill Sickels, adds, "If you knew how they did it, you'd forget it. But the fact that you remember it is because you don't know. And that's what magic's all about. We try very hard to hide the gimmick or the way we do it. And

if we do it correctly, you're going to remember that much more than if I showed you how the tricks work."

Ruhl recalls his interest in magic started quite early, in New Jersey in 1953 when he was just 11 and went to see the movie *Houdini*, starring Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh. Thirty-seven years passed before he converted that latent interest to practice. A coworker was hurrying to leave for the day, and Ruhl casually asked where he was off to in such a rush. The man said he was going to a magic club. Ruhl went with him. And he began learning legerdemain himself.

When Ruhl moved to the Landings, he found himself with free time that he wanted to spend volunteering. "I figured I owed the community something," he said, "so I decided that going to the hospital and doing magic for sick kids would be a nice fun thing. So, I advertised I was going to start a magic club."

The club, officially named The Magic So-

ciety, had its first meeting in 2008, when Ruhl met Ed Heiser – who was already a skilled magician and visiting the hospital to perform magic for the kids staying there.

"We became a team," Ruhl says, "As the years went by, we added people. And now we've had many teams of two visiting the hospital for probably about six, seven, eight years. As our numbers grew, our confidence grew, and we started recruiting women as well, because half the patients are girls. Instead of just two old men going in, now we have a mixture of men and women, in pairs of two. We go every Friday. And we've done it for about 12 years."

While hospital appearances are still very much the heart of the Magic Society's outreach, they also donate magic shows to silent auctions at various charity events, such as those hosted by Safe Shelter, Kids Café, Second Harvest, and the American Cancer Soci-

ety, to help charities raise money.

Recently a woman who had won a charity auction called to schedule a performance for her 50th reunion for Savannah Christian High School. "She asked if I'd come and do a magic show, and I said yes," Ruhl says. "Most of them we do in the people's homes, for a birthday party or maybe just around Thanksgiving, Christmas. A lot of people have family in. Sometimes it's adults and sometimes it's just a kid's birthday."

Understandably, the magic should be tailored to the audience. If it's just kids, they usually stick to "goofy" stuff – silks out of cans and multiplying sponge balls. For adults, they lean toward cards and coin tricks. A mixed group or a large gathering might require white boards and mentalism – mind-reading – which is often a hit for all ages.

The Landings Magic Society meets every second Thursday of the month at the Palmetto Clubhouse. While a lot of the members are Landings residents, the invitation extends farther. "Some professional magicians have moved to Savannah, and we've invited them to join our club," Ruhl says. "They're a great asset. We're not limited to the Landings. If somebody's interested in going to the hospital to entertain children, we're all for it. Our goal is to put a smile on a kid's face in the hospital."

Sickels, like Ruhl, first got interested in magic as a boy, at 10 years old. "I had a paper route in Pittsburgh, and I made about \$6 a week," he says. "I found a little magazine that sold magic tricks. So, I would spend some of my money, and I started buying tiny tricks. And then

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I started a magic club in high school that had about two or three people. We got together at one of our houses to play around with stuff. I thought when I went to college, I'd do magic and be in a fraternity."

However, the college Sickels attended was The Citadel, a military academy that unfortunately did not enthusiastically accommodate such a hobby, so Sickels took a break from magic. But some years later, his magical destiny lined up like a perfectly executed sleight of hand.

"When my children were born, I went to my mom's house where my suitcase had been sitting," Sickels recalls. "All the plastic had melted, and a lot of the metal had rusted. But there was enough left that I could replace some, fix some, and I started doing magic for my children, and later for my grandchildren. But I was just strictly an amateur. When I moved here, I discovered the Magic Society. I met Jim, and there were three professional magicians who were members, and they started teaching us the real deal."

Though, the realest deal was still the heart of the project - the hospital visits. "Jim started the Magic Society specifically to go to the hospital," Sickels says. "I joined it 10 years ago and have been going to the hospital ever since. We needed a few more people, though, so I started teaching a magic class at my house so we could manage more visits to the hospital kids. I've been doing that for 10 years."

Sickels still makes other prestidigitation appearances as well. As the years passed, he started learning more sophisticated tricks and performing magic shows at people's homes, the Marshes, Thrive, and Palmetto Club. He's usually hosting a magic show about every two or



Bill Sickels has converted his garage into his personal "Magic Castle."

three weeks somewhere, whether it's a birthday party or special event. Magic is now his primary hobby. "I play golf and I do magic. That pretty much takes up most of my time," he says.

According to Sickles, there are 12 different categories of magic:

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| • Cards | • Penetration | • Ropes |
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Like Ruhl, Sickels' favorite type is mentalism, a form of mindreading. It's the type that can become the most personal, unlike passing a



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Bill Sickels' repertoire includes a variety of illusions and tricks to delight audiences of all ages.

ball through a piece of plastic or dividing and rejoining rope.

When asked if he had any words of wisdom or encouragement for those who might be considering joining the Magic Society, Sickels replies, "If you've ever had an interest in magic and enjoyed watching a magician, you should join the club. You don't have to go to the hospital. You can join the club to learn some tricks to do for your grandchildren. And when you are performing magic, just remember that you are a performer. Just like a singer, or a pianist, or guitarist. We are here to entertain. We're not here to fool and trick people. Nobody likes to be tricked. When we perform as though we're entertaining, it's a whole different thing. And that's one of the things we love to share with people."

Magic, like an instrument, or any skill, comes with a learning curve. New magicians will hit walls and get frustrated as tricks fail to turn out quite right. That's part of the beauty of it, especially when performing for kids.

"It is a joy for me to go visit the hospital," Sickels says, "I remember those first few days. I was scared to death. I was dropping everything and messed up all the tricks. But the nice thing about the hospital is you can go in a room and practice your trick. If it doesn't work, you just go into the next room and try it again. And after we go in 10 or 15 rooms, you've done the trick 10 or 15 times. With new people, there's always somebody to share as we make it a little better or a little more dramatic. That's the thing we focus on - to make it entertaining. It's more than a magic trick. It's building a story with a bit of drama to create wonder in the mind of the person watching."

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Here are some tips to keeping your pickleball outings injury-free:

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Beware of the lob. – A large share of falls result when your opponent hits a ball over your head. You backpedal to chase it, your weight drifts behind your heels, and you land on an outstretched hand or the back of your head. Avoid this peril thusly: Turn your hips, shuffle sideways, and take the ball over your shoulder. If you cannot get there

Lisa Aliotta Earns Prestigious Lientz Award

St. Joseph's/Candler has named Lisa Aliotta recipient of the 2026 James R. Lientz Humanitarian Award. She was selected for this annual award from among 131 of her nominated co-workers representing 68 departments. Aliotta has served as a pre-screening resource coordinator for Outpatient Surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital since 1993 but has been with the health system since 1986.

At the Lientz Award ceremony on October 15, St. Joseph's/Candler president and CEO Paul P. Hinchey shared comments from the co-workers who nominated Aliotta. They described her as someone who always makes patients her top priority. Her peers characterized Aliotta as patient, selfless, empathetic, and hardworking. "She is known for going the extra mile," Hinchey said. "She calms you down and sets the tone when you are here. She puts you at ease, and she is loved by her co-workers in the surgery department."

One nominating co-worker noted that Aliotta went out of her way to help a patient secure transportation and a place to stay overnight the day before a serious surgery. She was not obligated to do this, but she listened for the patient's needs and delivered.

Another co-worker described Aliotta as "a humanitarian in the truest sense of the word. She serves without expect-



Lisa Aliotta joins St. Joseph's/Candler President and CEO Paul P. Hinchey at the podium to accept the 2026 Lientz Award.

tation, advocates without hesitation, and gives of herself because she believes every person deserves the opportunity to receive the care they need."

Along with the Lientz Award plaque and pin, Aliotta received a \$3,000 honorarium, a one-year parking pass in the location of her choice, a one-month cafeteria meal pass, a 60-minute massage gift certificate, and a commemorative watch. Her plaque will be added to the Lientz Award display in the main halls of St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals, joining 33 previous recipients of the award.

Conceived at Candler Hospital in 1993,

the award recognizes a system co-worker whose humanitarian values and actions reflect those of the late James R. Lientz, who served as a Trustee of Candler Hospital beginning in 1959. He was chairman of the board of trustees from 1970 to 1991, and chairman of Candler Health System Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1992. Among his many notable achievements was his role in securing the current Reynolds Street location for Candler Hospital. In addition to his service to St. Joseph's/Candler, he held leadership roles in various local organizations including the Georgia Infirmary, the Health Planning Council of Savannah, and United Way of the Coastal Empire.

safely, let it go. One point is not worth a wrist fracture and six weeks in a cast.

Know your strengths and weaknesses. – Injury patterns often highlight areas of physical vulnerability. For example, women are considerably more likely to fall and to fracture, especially in the hand and wrist – a trend often linked to natural shifts in bone density. If it's been a while since your last bone density scan, having an active lifestyle is a good reason to ask for a new one. On the other hand, muscle strains – particularly in the Achilles, calves, and hamstrings – are more prevalent among male players. These soft-tissue injuries typically occur when jumping into play without a proper warm-up, pushing through fatigue late in a long session, or the first rally after sitting out a game.

Feet first. – The Landings Golf and Athletic Club operates weekly clinics, and good footwork is one of the best forms of injury prevention. Even longtime players benefit from instruction on how to move to the ball.

Put Your Heart into It. – Maintaining cardiovascular wellness is critical, too. Playing in high heat and humidity places extra demand on the heart, making it wise to consult with your physician before significantly increasing the intensity or frequency of your weekly games.

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Smells Like Sunday

Roasted Tomato Soup

From the Kitchen
of Scott Lauretti

On the first crisp October day, I made soup. Nothing fancy. Just a few vegetables and broth. I bought a big tuna loin and pan roasted it to turn it into chunky tuna salad, which we scooped onto thick slices of brioche. We enjoyed tomato soup and tuna sandwiches while we watched the teams we favor lose in disappointing fashion. You win some; you lose some. But this soup was a clear winner.

2 lbs small tomatoes (vine-ripened cherry, grape, or mini-Roma)
½ to 1 c diced celery
½ to 1 c diced Garleek (garlic and leek hybrid, like large green onions)*
24 oz beef broth
½ tsp dried oregano
½ tsp dried tarragon
½ tsp dried thyme
Sea salt
Freshly cracked black pepper
Extra virgin olive oil
2 tbsp red wine vinegar

Preheat oven to 400. In a mixing bowl, toss tomatoes in olive oil, salt, and pepper

to season and coat well. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Spread and arrange the seasoned tomatoes on the foiled sheet. Roast tomatoes in the middle of the oven for about 15 minutes (They should be softening and losing shape, but don't allow them to burn). Meanwhile, in a Dutch oven or medium pot, heat olive oil over medium-high. Add celery and Garleek, season well with salt and pepper, reduce heat to medium, and saute for 5 to 7 minutes. Dump roasted tomatoes and their juices into the pot and mix everything well. Add the dried herbs and continue to saute and stir, breaking the tomatoes down (Further soften with a potato masher, if you like, but don't puree...this is a rustic soup). Add beef broth, season again, stir everything well, raise heat to high to bring close to a boil, reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for at least 30 minutes. Uncover when you're ready to serve, stir vinegar into soup, and ladle into bowls. Crusty bread makes a good accompaniment.

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Trick or Treat!

by Jim Toedtman

Ghosts and goblins are preparing for their annual visit. Test yourself to see how prepared you are for the Halloween celebration.

- Halloween has a long, layered history. Its roots can be traced to:
 - A Native-American celebration of the dead
 - Samhain, a pre-Christian Celtic celebration of the end of the harvest season that was adapted during the Roman Empire to lure converts to Christianity
 - A pagan celebration discovered by Christopher Columbus on his second trip to the New World and adapted to Christianity by Spanish explorers
 - The Blair Witch Project*
 - The Wizard of Oz*
 - The Witch*
 - The Night of the Living Dead*
- Skittles, which is the most popular candy in Georgia, moved into the top 10 nationally this year. What candy bar dropped out?
 - M&Ms
 - Milky Way
 - Baby Ruth
 - Butterfinger
 - Snickers
- Casper the Friendly Ghost was a cartoon character first drawn in 1945 by Joseph Oriolo and Seymour Rait. Which of the following Casper facts is NOT true?
 - Starred in 55 animated cartoons
 - Was the first computer-generated character to star in a film
 - Was sold to Paramount in 1945 for \$175
 - Was the name given the command space capsule for Apollo 16
 - Is the name of a U.S. Navy cruiser
- The presence of witches in Halloween celebrations can be traced to

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- a) The Salem witch trials

b) South America, where invading Spanish troops related stories from conquered territories haunted by local “Las Brujas”

c) 15th Century Europe, when pagan healers and wise women were rebranded as agents of the devil
7. Brach’s Confections is producing 7 billion pieces of Candy Corn this year. The ever-popular seasonal indulgence was invented in 1880 in Philadelphia by George Renninger of the Wunderle Candy Co. What was it originally called?

a) Chicken Feed

b) Tri-color Chips

c) Goblin’s Molars

d) Ghost Gummies
8. In China, the holiday most like Halloween is Taoists’ Zhongyuan Festival or Buddhists’ Yulanpen Festival, which occur on the 15th day of the 7th lunar month, usually August or September. It’s called the Ghost Festival, a time when the gates of the underworld open and allow spirits and wandering ghosts to roam the earth. How is it celebrated?

a) As a quiet day for honoring ancestors

b) Families burn imitation money and incense and set out food offerings

c) Water lanterns are floated to guide lost souls

d) All of the above
9. Candy prices have jumped 8 percent this year, but across the country, what candy bar remains the top Halloween seller?

a) Three Musketeers

b) Snickers

c) Reese’s Peanut Butter Cup

d) Butterfinger

10. Americans spend \$13.1 billion for Halloween costumes, candy, and decorations. Where does Halloween rank in terms of holiday retail sales?

a) First

b) Second

c) Third

d) Fourth

e) Not in the top 10
11. The Jack-o-Lantern traces its history to the Celtic era in the early 1600s. According to legend, a character named Stingy Jack was sentenced by the devil to roam the earth through eternity with only a small ember of coal for light. Early European settlers in America discovered pumpkins, which were bigger and easier to carve than the smaller root vegetables used in Europe. What prompted that mass migration of Europeans in the 18th and 19th Centuries?

a) The Seven-Years War

b) The French Revolution

c) The Potato Famine

d) The Plague
12. “Trick or treating” wasn’t always the fun and frolic we see today. A thousand years ago, peasants would visit homes of wealthy people and receive pastries called soul food. In exchange, they promised to pray for the souls of the homeowners’ dead relatives. In the U.S., the emphasis was on mischief, particularly during the Great Depression. What happened next?

a) The buoyant post-war mood prompted community activities

b) The end of sugar rationing meant candies could be given as treats

c) The post-World War II growth of suburbs meant children could collect their treats door-to-door

d) All the above

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13. *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley was published in 1818. In what year was it first adapted to film?
a) 1910 c) 1931
b) 1915 d) 1933
14. In Washington Irving's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, how did the legendary Headless Horseman lose his head?
a) Beheaded as a spy for the British Army
b) Killed in battle during the American Revolution
c) Tortured by Algonquin Indians
d) Cursed by a witch during the Salem Witch Trials in 1692
15. Many successful film directors – including Steven Spielberg, John Landis, and George Romero – have mentioned a popular horror magazine of the 1950s and '60s as having influenced their careers. Edited by Forrest Ackerman, the godfather of science fiction fandom, the magazine's title is:
a) Fangoria c) Tales from the Crypt
b) Starlog d) Famous Monsters of Filmland

ANSWERS:
1-b; 2-c; 3-a; 4-b; 5-d; 6-c; 7-a; 8-b; 9-c; 10-b; 11-c; 12-d; 13-a; 14-b; 15-1

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TIEBREAKER

As a tiebreaker this week, pick the total points in the Florida/Georgia game.

Email picks to editor@theskinny.com (please note the new email address). Or send your entry the old-fashioned way to: **The Skinny, 15 Lake Street, Suite 280, Savannah, GA 3141.** Alternatively, just drop it by our offices in the Lake Side Center across from Publix.

*Please, limit one entry per contestant.
Good luck and enjoy the games!*

We're Giving It Away!

The Skinny Football Pick 'Em Pool

It was a tough week. More than half of you missed more than half your picks. "By Hooks or By" Brooks Glendye was the only picker to choose the outlier trifecta of BYU over Notre Dame, Kentucky over Oklahoma, and TCU over Baylor. BHOBGG finished with 16 of 25, one better than runner up Steve "Que" Shirah "Shirah."

It's your turn. What are you waiting for?! The season won't go on forever and you'll regret your indecision until next fall. Enter this contest and win bragging rights and real prizes. It's easy. Pick the winning team for each game. Guess more winners correctly than the other prognosticators. For the tiebreaker game, forecast the total points that the two teams will score (combined).

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ISLAND HOPPING

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

WHAT: Savannah Children's Theatre Gala and Auction
WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m.
WHERE: Savannah Children's Theatre, 550 Mall Blvd.
CONTACT: Call 912.238.9015 or visit savannahchildrenstheatre.org
WHAT ELSE: A fundraiser to transform "Once Upon a Time" to "Happily Ever After," as the organization continues to seek its "Founding 50" donors and fundraise for the next stage. To contribute to SCT's Build the Next Stage fundraising campaign, visit www.savannahchildrenstheatre.org/donate-1.

CHILD SUPPORT

WHAT: One Hundred Children Foundation annual grants reception
WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 5 - 8 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club Ballroom
HOW MUCH: \$75, including hors d'oeuvres
CONTACT: theonehundredchildrensfoundation.org
WHAT ELSE: Join us for "An Evening of Giving" as we present grants to local organizations who help fulfill our mission of promoting the health, education, and wellbeing of children in the Savannah area. Learn how your volunteer efforts and donations make an impact on the children we serve.

GRAND OLD PARTY

WHAT: Inaugural Liberty Gala
WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 29, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom
HOW MUCH: \$125 per person
CONTACT: LadiesontheRight.org for reservations
WHAT ELSE: Ticket price includes food stations and entertainment by DEAS-GUYZ. Put on your fancy clothes, your dancing shoes, and join us for an amazing night of fun and celebration. Bid on wonderful trips in the live auction.

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

WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors
WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar
CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Jody at nnnewmember@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: New Neighbors is one of the best ways to meet your neighbors, make new friends, and become part of our community. From biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups, and fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, needle arts, and Canasta, there's something for everyone. You'll also enjoy exciting tours, special events, and countless opportunities to connect with others on Skidaway Island.

BLOOMING BULBS

WHAT: Landings Garden Club annual daffodil bulb sale featuring the Carlton Daffodil
WHEN: Orders accepted Oct. 19-24; Pickup - Sunday, Nov. 15 and Monday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Pickup dates are subject to change, purchasers will be notified
WHERE: Pickup on Black Hawk Trail - Exact address provided on the order form
HOW MUCH: Bulbs are \$20 for a bag of 12
CONTACT: landingsgardenclub.com, click "Daffodil Order Form" in the upper right corner of the homepage
WHAT ELSE: Carlton is a Southern garden favorite with large, buttery-yellow blooms. This reliable, easy-to-grow daffodil returns year after year and multiplies readily. It grows 16 to 18 inches tall, blooms in March, and thrives in full sun to partial shade.

SPACED OUT

WHAT: Landlovers Flea Market and Auctionmania
WHEN: From now until March
CONTACT: janie1040@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Due to overwhelming response, we need more space to store treasures people have

already donated. By lending your garage or secure space, you can make this year's Flea Market and Auctionmania a success. Sign up and have a great time working for a great cause.

SCOUT'S HONOR

WHAT: Boy Scouts smoked turkeys and Boston butts
WHEN: Thanksgiving
WHERE: Delivery on Skidaway Island and nearby, probably Monday, Nov 23 or pickup at Coach's Corner same day
HOW MUCH: \$35 each for turkeys and Boston butts
CONTACT: email glenn0712@yahoo.com or call/text 912.980.2966
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HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

WHAT: Landlovers Garden Tour
WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$40 per person, tickets to be purchased with a credit card on the Landlovers website
WHAT ELSE: This year's Landlovers Garden Tour invites you to discover the personalities of eight gardens at the Landings and gather fresh ideas for your own outdoor oasis. Visitors can also explore Skidaway Farms, including individual raised garden beds and communal herb and flower gardens. Throughout the day, four speakers will present at the farms on "Being Waterwise," "Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding," "Native Plant Gardening," and "Fall Vegetable Gardening."

HOUSE OF SECRETS

WHAT: A Literary Crawl through the Green-Meldrim House
WHEN: Friday and Saturday evenings, Oct. 23, 24, and 30, at 6 and 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Green-Meldrim House, 327 Bull St.
HOW MUCH: \$18 in advance, \$22 at the door
CONTACT: 912.233.3845; jcredle@green-meldrimhouse.org
WHAT ELSE: Savannah is famous for its ghosts, but the real spirits live within the words left behind. Come to the historic Green-Meldrim House for a one-of-a-kind evening where history, architecture, and literature intertwine during the creepiest month of the year. Reservations are strongly recommended. Spaces are limited for this intimate experience.

SOUNDTRACK FOR P.A.C.K.

WHAT: Rockin' Scott and the Hot Shots

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 24, at 5:30 p.m.
WHERE: First Presbyterian Church, 520 Washington Ave.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to all with free street parking
CONTACT: savannahfpc.org; 912.354.7615
WHAT ELSE: Kick up your heels with a tasty gumbo of New Orleans-inspired R&B and roots rock 'n roll, delivered by a powerhouse local band. Donations help P.A.C.K. fill backpacks with nutritious meals for hungry Savannah students.

WORDS AND PICTURES

WHAT: Fall book and art sale
WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: The Village Library, 1 Skidaway Square
CONTACT: 912.598.1183
WHAT ELSE: Hundreds of books for readers of all ages and genres - all at bargain prices! The event includes exhibits by members of the Landings Art Association, local authors available to meet and greet, and kids' activities.

CAFE CONVERSATIONS

WHAT: EnviroWay Community Café
WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 1, 1 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Harbor Marina
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Kim Slodden, 845.820.3123
WHAT ELSE: Worried about the future? Let's talk about it. Join us for a guided group conversation. Bring your own water, tea, coffee and dress to be outdoors.

BELOW (FLIGHT) DECK

WHAT: The Skidaway Speakers Series: "Extraordinary Lives Next Door," sponsored by Landlovers and Compass Realty
WHEN: Monday, Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: TLA Community Room
HOW MUCH: All presentations are free to attend
CONTACT: Please RSVP to amyzabin@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Kent White shares an insider's look at life aboard a U.S. aircraft carrier. This exciting new program features neighbors sharing their knowledge, experience, and expertise. Each monthly presentation promises to be informative, engaging, and refreshingly informal.

MERCY MEALS

WHAT: Drive-by food collection to benefit All Angels food pantry for food-insecure local families and the homeless
WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 8, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 W. Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: Regina Poulos, 305.323.5353
WHAT ELSE: Requested food items include canned chicken, tuna, spam, beef stew, chili, corned beef, canned fruit, individual snacks, granola bars, crackers, canned vegetables, gravy mix, stovetop stuffing, boxed potato and rice options, corn muffin mix, cranberry sauce, mac and cheese, small bags of nuts or dried fruit, cake, and cookie or brownie mixes.

WHALE OF A TALE

WHAT: "Georgia's Endangered Whales"
WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 W. Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: The presentation is free for members of Friends of Skidaway Audubon (FOSA), and \$5 for guests, payable at the door; cash only
CONTACT: Please visit skidawayaudubon.org for more information
WHAT ELSE: Guest speaker Courtney Reich, coastal director of Georgia Conservancy, will outline the status of Georgia's whales and strategies for reducing the death toll of this endangered species. Attendees are asked to park in the rear lot, and pre-register at SkidawayAudubon.org.

GIRL POWER

WHAT: P.E.O. Chapter S Charity Tag Sale
WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island Methodist Church Pavilion.
CONTACT: Jane Bruno, 912.303.9888 or janebruno25@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: P.E.O. is a philanthropic education organization that raises funds for scholarships and loans for women in higher education.

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Ladies on the Right September luncheon and meeting
WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 19, 12 noon - 2 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom at the Landings
HOW MUCH: \$37.50 for LOTR members and \$45 for non-members
CONTACT: Please visit www.ladiesontheright.org
WHAT ELSE: For reservations, please visit LadiesontheRight.org. Speaker will be Tom Hanton, who served in the Air Force for more than 25 years, from Vietnam to Desert Shield.

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

WHAT: Savannah Council on World Affairs

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 19, 7 - 9 p.m.
WHERE: Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm St.
HOW MUCH: Free for SCWA members, full-time students, faculty, and active military; \$20 for the general public
CONTACT: Confirm details of time and place at savannahcwa.org
WHAT ELSE: James Townsend, former deputy assistant secretary of defense and now a Fellow at the Center for a New American Security, will address "NATO's Future and the U.S. Role in the Alliance."

HOLIDAY HAPPENING

WHAT: Landings Art Association Holiday Market
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom at the Landings
CONTACT: Sandra Hodge, sanhodg50@gmail.com or Martha Hough, mchough1@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Thirty Landings Art Association members will be offering a variety of artful items to inspire your holiday gift-giving. Original art, ceramics, mosaics, woodturnings, paper art, note cards, jewelry, ornaments, lamps, and so much more. Don't miss this popular annual event. Bring your friends.

NOURISHING NOTES

WHAT: Free concert with Savannah-based band The Bourbon Boys
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 20, 4 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Marina picnic grounds
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Mimi Krupp, mimikrupp7@gmail.com or 912.401.7775
WHAT ELSE: A benefit for Second Harvest (Feeding America), Kids Café. Donations will be gratefully accepted to help alleviate hunger for the children of Georgia.

SHELL GAMES

WHAT: 10th annual Oyster Roast for a Reason, a premier fundraising event celebrating Georgia aquaculture
WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 21, 1 - 4 p.m.
WHERE: On the bluff next to the UGA Aquarium on Skidaway Island
HOW MUCH: Early Bird tickets are \$150/individual, \$275/couple; Prices increase Nov. 4
CONTACT: gacoast.uga.edu/oysterroast
WHAT ELSE: Guests enjoy a catered buffet, beverages, live music by City Hotel, and the opportunity to eat local oysters, roasted and on the half shell.

Complete Island Hopping listings are available online at www.theskinnie.com

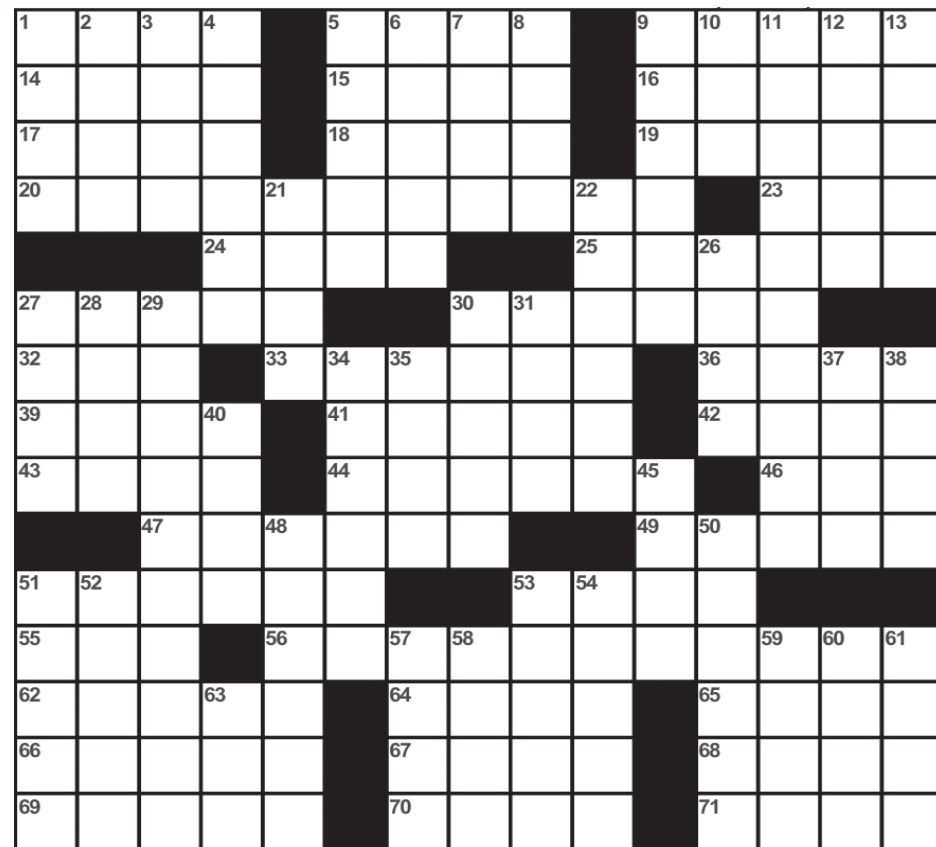
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ACROSS

1. It's played on base
5. Store safely
9. Yahtzee and Monopoly
14. Certain cookie
15. Reason to discard a sock
16. Deal-or-no-deal figure
17. Fabricator
18. Angle between stem and branch
19. Ne'er-do-well
20. Kind of lamp
23. Is in the plural?
24. *A Prayer for _____ Meany*
25. One in mid-spring
27. Upside-down "e"
30. Insult the name of
32. *The Thin Man* actress
33. Barked sharply
36. Change position
39. European peaks
41. Cacophony
42. *National Velvet* author Bagnold
43. Track tournament
44. Continuous
46. 2010 title role for Denzel
47. Negligent
49. Early stages
51. Button on web forms
53. "Junk begets junk" computer acronym
55. Love of Lennon
56. Large grocery
62. Book of the world
64. Uppermost
65. TV show set in Korea
66. Musical number
67. Bar locking a capstan in place
68. "... and another thing"
69. Approvals
70. War figure
71. Not look so good?

DOWN

1. Balsam used in perfumery



2. Seed coating
3. Bog material
4. What's sweet about parting
5. Hair-razing experience?
6. Snake venom, for one
7. Collection of miscellany
8. In good health
9. Harmless snake
10. "A long time _____"
11. Amplifiers without wires
12. Accustom to hardship (var.)
13. Beef on the hoof
21. ...in a galaxy far, far _____
22. Left out, in pronunciation
26. Highest place
27. Word with "body" or "grand"
28. Nursery rhyme king
29. Extravagant exaggerations
30. They gather intelligence
31. Costa _____, Calif.
34. As originally positioned
35. Cookware
37. Beneath contempt
38. Work on a rough cut
40. Wine glass holder
45. Body-bending exercise
48. Fails to amuse, as a joke
50. Run-of-the-mill
51. Lathered up
52. Free from bondage
53. Boxer's warning
54. Express indirectly
57. Nickname for Hemingway
58. Catalog card abbr.
59. Cabbagelike vegetable
60. In _____ (actual)
61. Mythical god of thunder
63. Hotshot fighter pilot

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