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Forty plus years ago, I found myself single again at 29 years old. Being on my own, I started to date. Over the next several years I kissed some women I thought to be princesses – unfortunately most almost immediately turned into frogs.

Then a wonderful woman came into my life and we seemed to be right for each other. She told me she wasn't royalty, didn't care about getting married – just wanted to spend some quality time (years) together with the right guy. At this point in my life, I am thinking I was a Prince, and worried that she would become ever another amphibian!



Turned out she really was a Princess – and was kissing the frog! Lucky for me her magic worked and turned me into a suitable mate. The rest is history. I no longer act like a frog.....well, except for the occasional croak I make in my sleep!

Happy Anniversary, Obby!

Love, Ed



Upfront

Restoration and remodeling: The theme of this issue. Spring is the season of renewal. Easter restores the soul. Nature restores itself. Green shoots. New growth.

We clean our spaces. Refresh them. Make trips to the garden center. By tending to our environments, we reenergize ourselves. It's an optimistic time. Our hopes run high.

I snapped the photos on this page with my camera phone minutes before sitting to write these words. The scenes from my courtyard are uplifting. They make me happy. Lemons and mandarins have begun to take shape.

What you don't see: The rats that are tormenting us nightly, climbing our boundary walls to feast on our flowers and herbs before returning to the neighbors before dawn.

We've enlisted our pest control company in the fight. Sadly, their branded snares remain impotently empty. Jenna has lined the perimeter with jagged plastic strips. She's deployed a variety of non-toxic concoctions, from fox urine to who-knows-what, to no avail. Surrendering her soft-hearted animal-loving instincts in service of pragmatism, she set snap-traps baited with peanut butter and cheese. The bait has disappeared, but daily reminders of the critters' persistence hasn't. Not a single spring has snapped.

We devise new battle tactics daily. We have conscripted our neighbors to join in the fight. The entire block is energized and mobilized.

But the enemy is crafty, resourceful, determined. To paraphrase experts in counterterrorism, we must be continuously vigilant; the rats only need to be right once (and your mint – which you foolishly believed was unappealing to invading varmints – is gnawed all the way to the soil line).

I stand in the dark, night after night, holding our infomercial hose, dousing each tree, shrub, and flower until they're soaked. Each morning-after, my spirits soar as the planters seem fuller than they were when I left them. But then, there it is – a cluster of vincas robbed of its petals or a long strand of Dipladenia riddle with tiny dental marks.

It's a metaphor, I suppose. When you think you have things just as you want them, think again. Last week, we agreed on a particular quartzite to replace our maintenance-needy kitchen countertops. For a long time, I resisted the impulse to change, now it excites me. Our kitchen is going green – not in an environmentally boastful sort of way, but its actual colorway. The quartzite is appropriately named "Euphoria Green." And I'm excited. I am also realistic; I suspect the work will take longer than I'd like. But we are doing our part – planning thoroughly, designing prudently, budgeting precisely, and choosing good work partners. When the update is done, our home will still be our precious home, but it will feel revitalized, too.

And, by then, though we've lost the initial battles, we hope to have won our war with the local rats.



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Few things freshen a room like original art, such as this painting by Skidaway resident Ed Boudris

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A BRILLIANT Idea

Is Solar Power Right For You?

The future of solar power is bright in Georgia, thanks to the Peach State's favorable climate. Streamlined technology and hefty savings on electric bills have helped make switching to solar more attractive than ever. To encourage more people to make the switch to solar, federal and state governments and local utilities offer generous rebates and incentives.

While solar panels – also called a photovoltaic or PV system – can be quite pricey, they can be a worthwhile investment, and tax credits and other incentives help reduce upfront costs. Eventually, most solar users see significant savings on electric bills, which offset the overall costs. Plus, they appreciate benefitting the environment. Ultimately, the pros of going solar outweigh the cons in most circumstances.

According to Forbes.com, solar users can save up to 50 percent on their annual power costs when they switch. And in some climates, solar energy can eliminate electric bills altogether, while generating extra cash for users as they sell their excess power back to the grid.

The average solar energy savings over a 30-year solar array lifespan

is estimated between \$25,500 and \$33,000, a savings of approximately \$1,500 annually. The savings you realize will depend on the overall cost of the system, how much energy your system can produce and store, and the amount of your current and future energy bills. Potential savings is included in most quotes from solar installers.

SUN SCIENCE

Solar energy is dependent upon “solar insolation,” or incoming solar radiation – the amount of sun shining on the earth's surface. Several factors such as weather patterns, humidity, and haze can affect local insolation levels. Insolation values in Georgia are significant enough to support solar energy systems, with the southern two-thirds of the state having solar insolation values equivalent to Florida.

Solar systems use one or more inverters to convert direct current (DC) electricity from the solar panels into alternating current (AC) electricity used by your appliances and outlets. The amount of power available from a solar panel system depends on various factors, including:

- the average number of hours of direct, unshaded sunlight your

roof receives

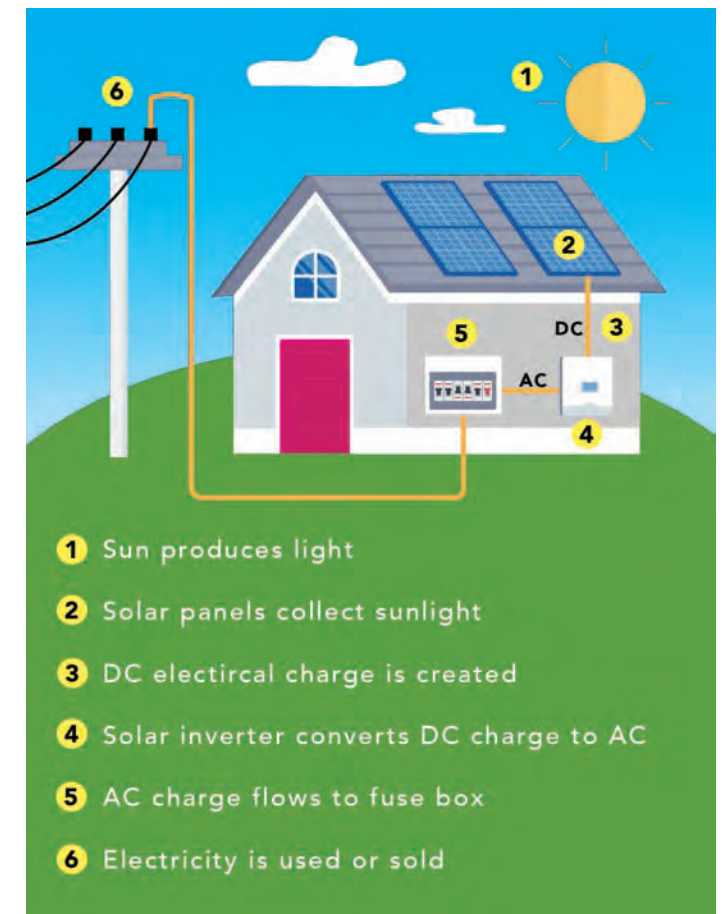
- the pitch (angle), age, and condition of your roof, and the compass direction it faces
- the size and strength of your system
- environmental factors, such as snow, dust, or shade that may cover the system

The first step in converting to solar power is making sure your home is compatible. Your roof needs to be large enough; your electrical panel must be up to date and, most importantly, in good shape, so it won't have to be replaced soon. Once you've determined that your roof is compatible, it's essential to decide how much power your home will require. Enough for lighting and a few appliances or do you want to create enough energy to sell back to the power company?

Before starting any physical work, research the various incentive programs to make the most of your investment. State and federal incentives can change, and there are often tax credits, rebates, or grants from multiple sources to offset costs.

Since the requirements vary based on need and location, permits will be needed, and subsequent inspections scheduled. It's best to order your project's unique solar panel components all at once to ensure all the materials are compatible and to be as prepared as possible.

Once everything is properly in place, it's time for the solar panel installation. Solar panels are typically mounted on the roof but can also be ground mounted. Panels harness energy from the sun and convert it into usable power in your home. According to GeorgiaPower.



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Protect Your Pocketbook While You Improve Your Property

As summer approaches, many of us turn our attention to updating our homes, both inside and out. In fact, my lovely wife has dropped an ever-growing number of not-so-subtle hints that we need kitchen and bathroom updates and, of course, a covered, screened-in porch. This is just for starters. I can't put it off indefinitely, but so far – it's working.

With remodeling comes the possibility of deception, fraud, or bad-faith practices by service providers. In security and law enforcement, there's the "10/10/80" rule. It applies broadly to almost every category you can imagine, including general employers, the public at large, and, of course, contractors/service providers for home remodeling and repair. It goes like this:

- 10 percent will never steal from you. They're completely honest and remain steadfastly so, even when no one is watching.
- 10 percent of the population of the same group will always find ways to steal from you. They will do this even when you're watching. Deception is their goal and they cover their tracks with lies.
- The other 80 percent is basically honest but might take advantage of you under certain circumstances.

You might wonder what "certain circumstances" are. There are three, according to the late American sociologist and criminologist Donald Cressey.

- **Pressure** – financial stress, life stress, peer pressure, or just simple greed for easy money;
- **Opportunity** – lack of oversight, supervision, or awareness by the client/victim;
- **Rationalization** – the justification that the theft or deception is somehow right or deserved.

With home improvement scenario, you can't directly control the pressure or rationalization, but you can control the opportunity.

You can reference many consumer trade entities online, such as the Federal Trade Commission, Home Builders Associations,

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Countering Crooked Contractors

By Steve Lane





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the National Association of Home Builders, and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. They generally offer six key preventive measures:

- **Verify credentials.** Start by checking the Georgia Secretary of State website, SOS.GA.GOV for contractor licensing. Check the Better Business Bureau (BBB) for reputation ratings. Get a copy of insurance and bond documents. Ask for references. Most people stop there, but it's important to check those references.

- **Get multiple bids.** If possible, get a minimum of three. They should all approximate the work, the materials, the time to complete, and the cost. Be skeptical if any are priced way high or low out of the range of the others and ask for clarification. Way high can mean they don't really want your job. Way low often means they intend to deliver shoddy work, tack on additional costs, or simply take what money they can and run. Ask a lot of questions. The overly cheap estimate scenario appears to be the most common type of contractor/service provider fraud in our area. The lowball offer seems way too good to be true (and usually is). You may end up paying twice the cost for your project after you pay someone to fix the mess.

- **Get written contracts.** Ensure all details are in writing, such as start and completion dates, specific materials, and payment schedules. Do NOT provide final payment until all the work is complete and inspections have passed satisfactorily.

- **Avoid large upfront payments.** NEVER, EVER pay for work in full before it starts, no matter how extensive the reasons the contrac-

tor gives you. If they want cash in advance to pay laborers, this may indicate poor business financial planning and very weak resources. If they want payment in advance to purchase materials, offer to pay for them directly to the supplier. Your payments to your provider can quickly be diverted to other things if they are not running a legitimate business. Custom supplies and materials are much harder to divert. According to trade boards and commissions, a deposit of 10 percent to no more than 30 percent is standard, depending on the type of work being done.

- **Use secure payment methods.** Always pay by check or credit card to maintain a legitimate record of payment.

- **Beware of red flags.** The FTC suggests being wary of door-to-door solicitors, contractors urging you to pull permits yourself, or those demanding immediate large cash payments.

There are two additional suggestions to consider:

- **Offer to purchase materials directly from a supplier.** Although it is not a main key preventative measure, I have personally seen hidden markups on materials of one to three times their actual costs. Also, by paying for materials directly, you own the materials. If your contractor or provider abandons you early on, at least you still own the order and, hopefully, the materials. Additionally, most suppliers have legitimate, licensed, insured, and referenced contractors with whom they are comfortable dealing.

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Please provide surveys on people or companies you have used. This will help purge our neighborhood of bad actors. Trust me, they love it here as much as you do.

During my early years as a federal investigator, I worked many contractor and service provider fraud cases. Losses were usually in the six to seven-figure range, leaving a lot of very good people financially devastated. I tried not to blame or shame the victims for their losses, but often the fraud could have easily been identified and prevented from the start. There were usually multiple red flags that were missed or ignored. The victims assumed they were dealing with the honest 10 percent. Unfortunately, they were wrong, and the costs were steep.

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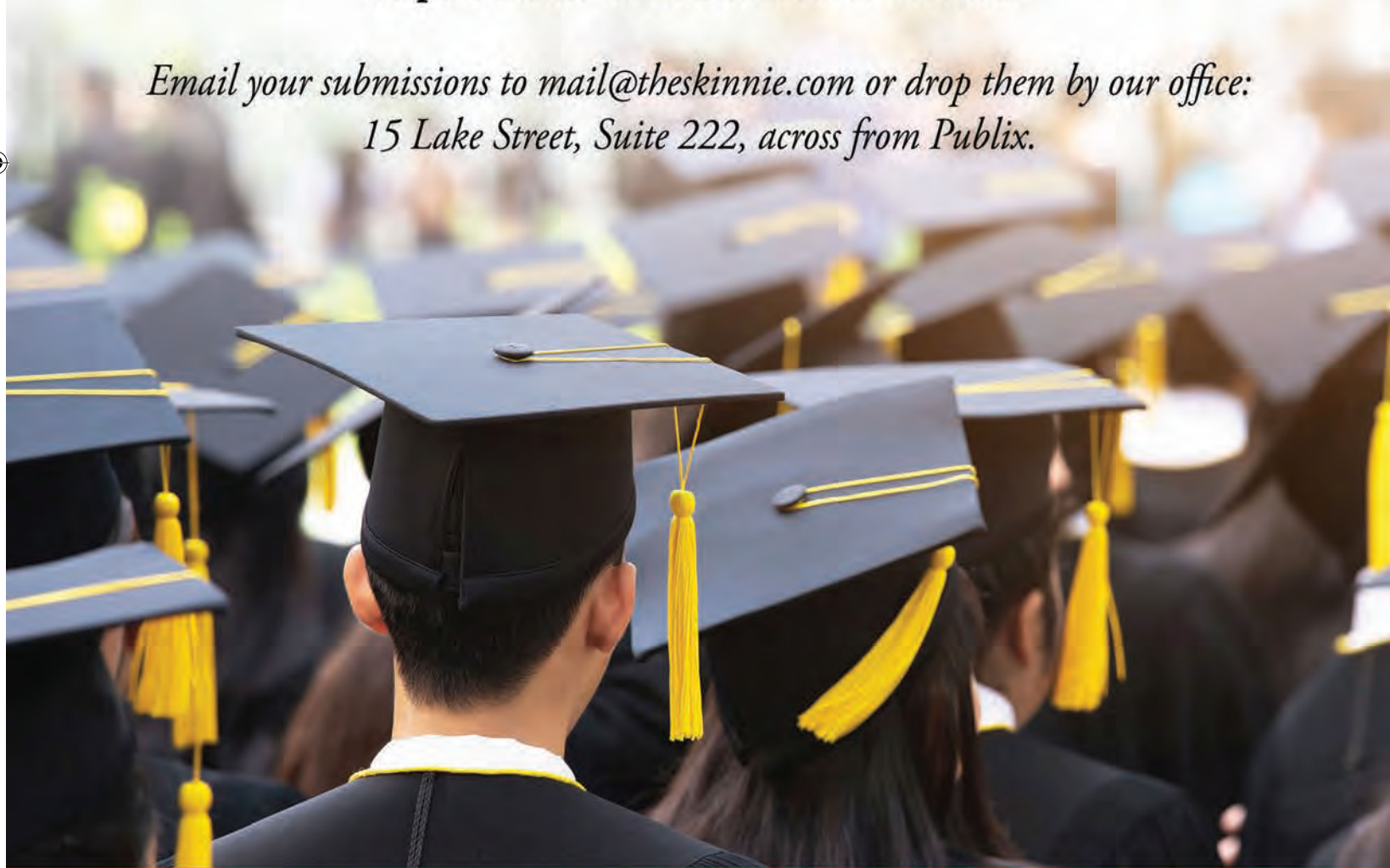
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The annual rite of spring that has become The Skinnie Graduation Issue is fast approaching.

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Even with small remodeling jobs, keep safety in mind.

The inspiration to renew and refresh your living space or landscaping feels great, especially if you enjoy doing some of the projects yourself. While a DIY project can be incredibly rewarding, it can quickly turn into a problem – and possibly a trip to the emergency room – without the right precautions. Whether you are a seasoned remodeler or a weekend warrior, please remember these safety tips:

- **Wear Personal Protective Equipment.** Don't start a project without the proper gear. Use safety glasses when sawing, drilling, or hammering to prevent flying debris from causing permanent eye damage. Additionally, use ear protection when operating loud machinery and

wear a dust mask or respirator when sanding or working with chemicals.

- **Check Your Tools.** Before plugging anything in, check power cords for frays and ensure that tool guards are intact. Dull blades are more dangerous than sharp ones because they require more force, increasing the likelihood of a slip.

- **Practice Ladder Safety.** Workplace guidelines also apply at home. Always maintain three points of contact (two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand) when climbing. Ensure the ladder is on a stable, level surface, and never stand on the top rung.

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Bright Futures

Students Explore Healthcare Career Opportunities

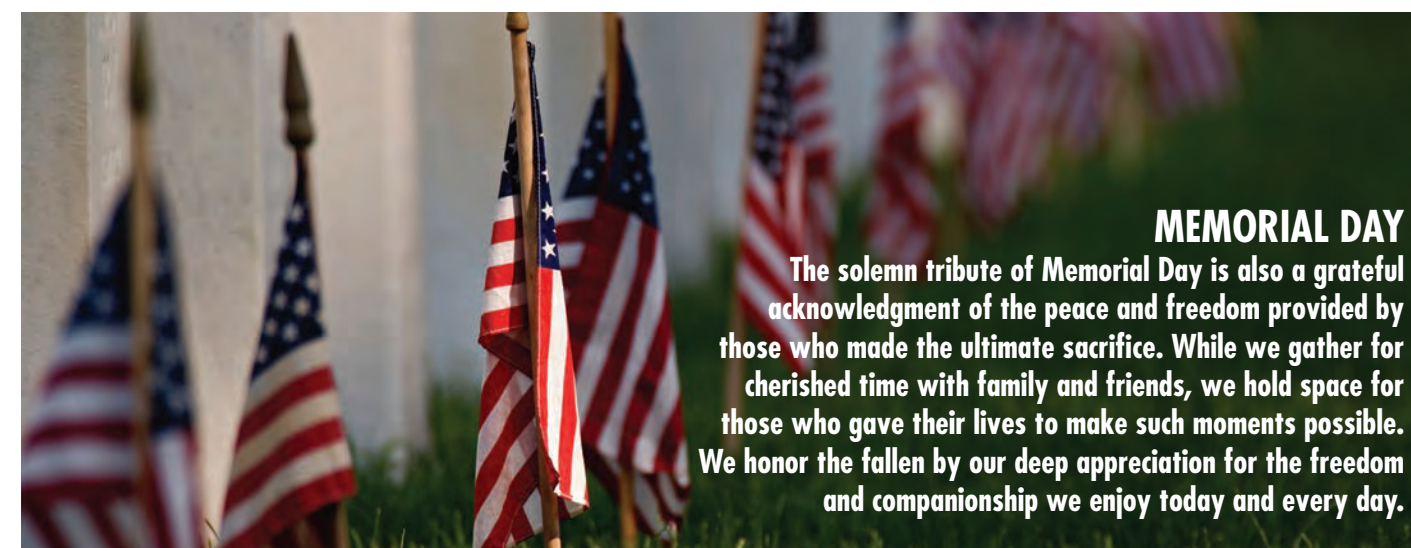
Across Savannah, there is an atmosphere of excitement and accomplishment as high school seniors celebrate their graduations. Years of growth have brought these young people to the threshold of independence. For students who have remained engaged, curious, and committed to personal improvement, their horizons are incredibly bright. These graduates have cultivated the resilience and passion necessary to make a meaningful impact on the world.

We observed this with students from Richmond Hill who participated in St. Joseph's/Candler's Career Discovery Program this past semester. The program provides an inside – and hopefully inspiring – look at how the health system operates in both clinical and non-clinical areas. Students shadowed co-workers at both St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals. For some students, the experience



solidified their career goals in healthcare; for others, it revealed new opportunities like physical therapy, laboratory work, and biomedical technology.

St. Joseph's/Candler hopes that all graduates across the region will enjoy one last relaxing summer before they begin the next exciting chapter of their lives. Congratulations to all!



MEMORIAL DAY

The solemn tribute of Memorial Day is also a grateful acknowledgment of the peace and freedom provided by those who made the ultimate sacrifice. While we gather for cherished time with family and friends, we hold space for those who gave their lives to make such moments possible. We honor the fallen by our deep appreciation for the freedom and companionship we enjoy today and every day.

- **Keep A Clean Workspace.** A cluttered floor is a tripping hazard. Keep your work area clear of sawdust, scrap wood, and tangled cords. Always unplug power tools when changing blades or bits to avoid accidental activation.

- **Know Your Limits.** Significant carpentry, electrical, or plumbing work requires a licensed professional. If a task feels beyond your skill level, the safest choice is to call an expert.

Completing outdoor projects requires extra consideration, especially during Savannah's long, hot summers. First, there is the risk of sunburn and skin damage. Experts recommend applying a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher to all

exposed skin. Even on cloudy days, up to 80 percent of harmful UV rays can penetrate the skin. Wearing a wide-brimmed hat and lightweight, long-sleeved clothing can provide a helpful barrier against those damaging rays. The second consideration is hydration. The more physical the labor, the more rapidly the body loses fluids through sweat. Staying hydrated is essential for maintaining the focus and coordination required to operate machinery safely. Don't wait until you feel thirsty to drink water; thirst is often a late sign of dehydration. Aim to drink small amounts of water frequently throughout the day and consider electrolyte-rich beverages if you are engaging in intense exertion for more than an hour. Proper hydration prevents heat exhaustion and ensures your mind stays sharp until the last nail is hammered, the paint has dried, and the toolbox is closed.

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Cars & Coffee

Skidaway Community Church hosted Cars and Coffee last Saturday morning, with many exotic and historic autos on display in the church parking lot. From a 1928 Ford Model A, to vintage hot rods, to modern luxury sports cars, the morning offered everything auto enthusiasts would need to turn green with envy.



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MEMORIAL DAY QUIZ

WHADDAYAKNOW BY JIM TOEDTMAN

1 Until 1971, the national holiday honoring the nation's war dead was called Decoration Day. Why?

- a) It was started by Gen. John A. Logan's 1868 directive to decorate the gravestones of soldiers who died in the Civil War
- b) Families of Civil War veterans were urged to decorate their homes
- c) Donors to the Lincoln Memorial received an Abraham Lincoln poster for decorating their mantels

2 How many of the following women are buried at the Arlington National Cemetery?

- a) "Florence Nightingale of the South" Juliet Opie Hopkins in 1890
- b) Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg in 2020
- c) Jackie Kennedy in 1994
- d) Maj. Marie Rossi, first female pilot to fly in combat in 1991
- e) All of the above

3 Robert E. Lee has a special connection to the Arlington Nation Cemetery that overlooks Washington. What is it?

- a) He's buried there
- b) He owned the house where the cemetery is located
- c) He gave the property to the U.S. as a park
- d) His horse, Traveler, is buried there

4 The loss of 620,000 U.S. soldiers represents the nation's highest war-time death toll. What was the war?

- a) World War II
- b) World War I
- c) Civil War
- d) Revolutionary War

5 There were 416,800 American soldiers who died in the war with the second highest U.S. death toll. What was the war?

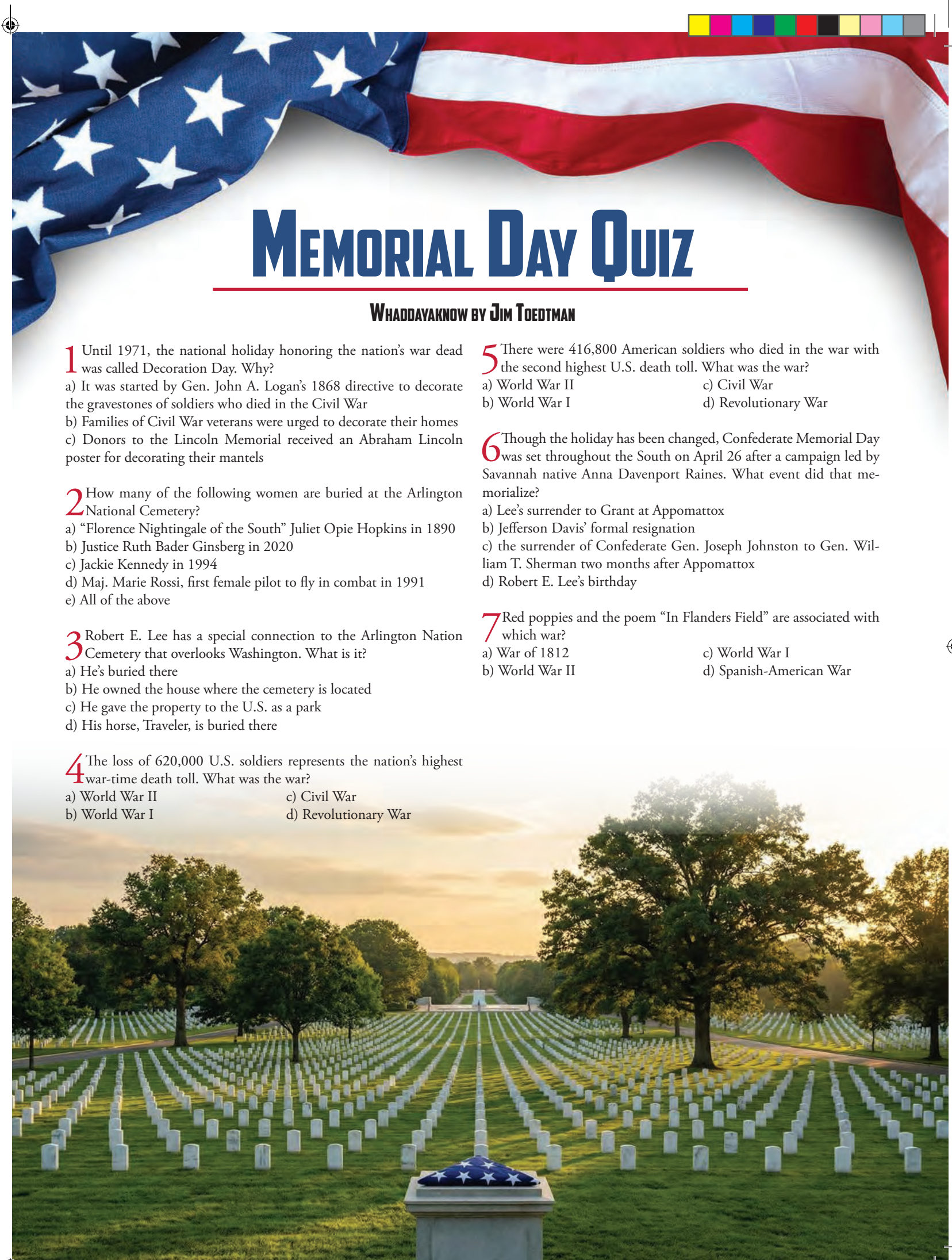
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- c) Civil War
- d) Revolutionary War

6 Though the holiday has been changed, Confederate Memorial Day was set throughout the South on April 26 after a campaign led by Savannah native Anna Davenport Raines. What event did that memorialize?

- a) Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox
- b) Jefferson Davis' formal resignation
- c) the surrender of Confederate Gen. Joseph Johnston to Gen. William T. Sherman two months after Appomattox
- d) Robert E. Lee's birthday

7 Red poppies and the poem "In Flanders Field" are associated with which war?

- a) War of 1812
- b) World War II
- c) World War I
- d) Spanish-American War



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A sentinel walks the mat at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery

8 Since it was first built in 1921, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has added three crypts to hold remains of unknown soldiers from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Which of the crypts is now empty?

- a) World War I
b) World War II
c) Korea
d) Vietnam

9 The U.S. Army soldier guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier marches 21 steps to the south, turns to the east and pauses 21 seconds, then marches 21 steps to the north, pauses 21 seconds, and repeats the cycle. How often does this occur?

- a) During daylight every day
b) Day and night every day
c) Only on national holidays
d) On all weekends and national holidays

10 For Memorial Day, the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force will celebrate Flags for the Fallen, placing a 48-star flag for each of the Mighty 8th airmen killed during World War II. How many flags will that be?

- a) 26
b) 260
c) 2,600
d) 26,000

11 Patriots in Boalsburg, PA; Charleston, SC; Carbondale, IL; Columbus, GA; and Columbus, MS; claim they hosted the nation's first Memorial Day. What city did the law signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson declare has that honor?

- a) Waterloo, NY
b) Gettysburg, PA
c) Arlington, VA
d) Baltimore, MD

12 The distinctive bugle melody, "Taps," is played at U.S. military funerals. Which one of the following details of its origins is NOT true?

- a) Until 1891, the melody signaled "lights out" at U.S. military installations
b) It was first played in tribute to those who died during the 7 Days Battles at Richmond
c) It was first played at Berkeley Plantation located at Virginia's Harrison's Landing, which happens to be the home of Benjamin Harrison V, who signed the Declaration of Independence, and birthplace of William Henry Harrison, the 9th president
d) The rhythm could be altered to send Morse code signals to nearby Civil War campsites.

13 Cannon salutes have a long history. Seafaring seven-gun salutes from U.S. warships became 21-gun salutes from canons on land because...

- a) There was greater gunpowder supply on land
b) Wooden ships were shattered when 21 canons were fired
c) Land-based canons were more accurate
d) It celebrates adoption of the 21st amendment, which repealed the 18th amendment prohibiting the sale of alcohol
e) It honors Illinois, the 21st state and Abraham Lincoln's home

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

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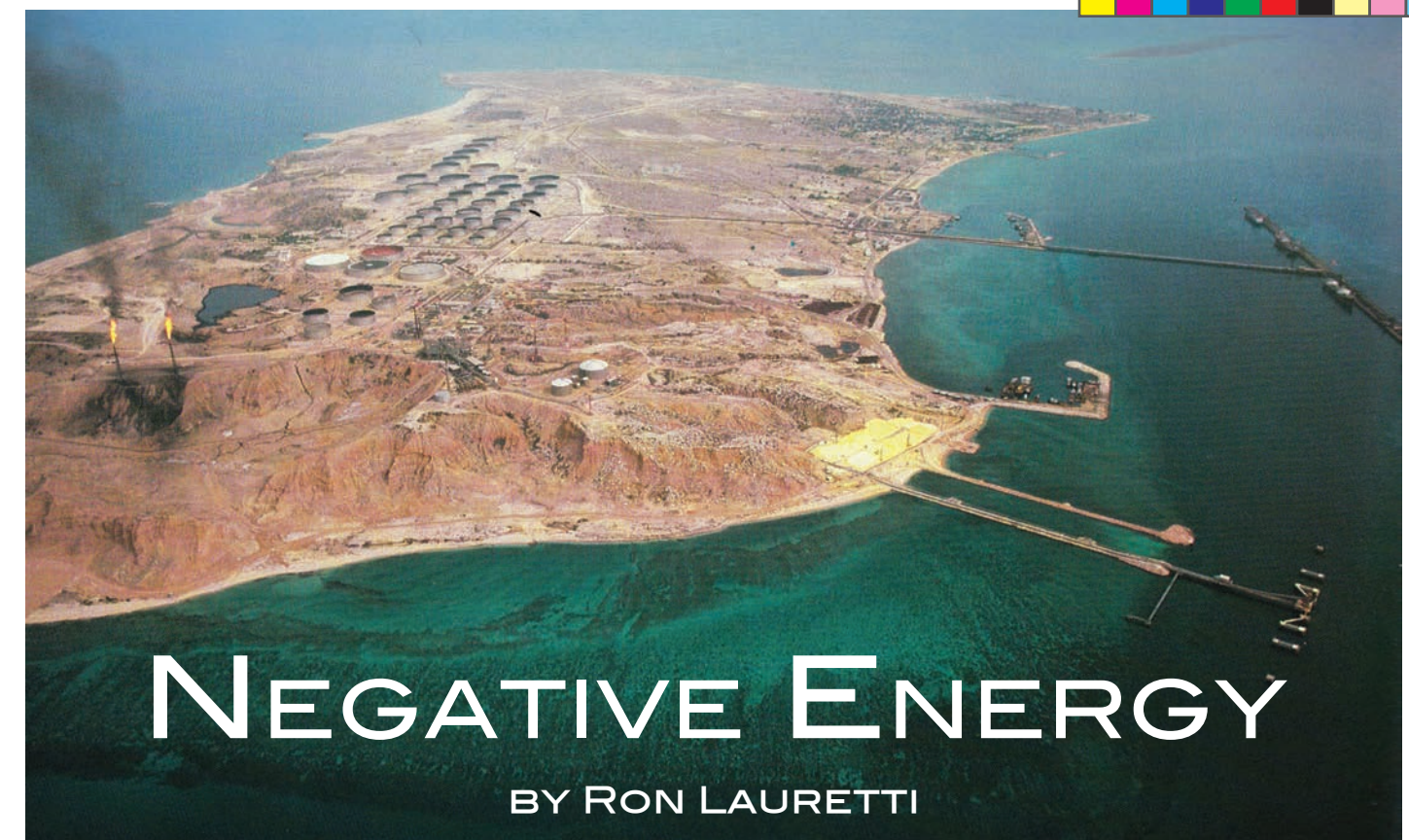
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Kharg Island. It's a place you probably hadn't heard of until fighting with Iran commenced. Suddenly, the little place is receiving outsized attention on the global stage.

Kharg is a small coral island located in the Persian Gulf, 15 nautical miles from the Iranian mainland, about 35 miles northwest of the port city of Bushehr. Bushehr has evolved from a sleeping fishing village to a metropolis similar in size to Savannah and its surroundings. The British Royal Navy once occupied a base there. In the 1700s, Iranian military commander Nader Shah decided to headquarter his ambitious Persian Gulf fleet there. Kharg is slightly larger than nearby (to here) Daufuskie Island, measuring five miles in length and three miles wide.



The island has long been key to Iran's economy. A 1984 CIA document published online said the facilities are "the most vital in Iran's oil system, and their continued operation is essential to Iran's economic well-being." Kharg provides a seaport for the export of Iranian oil, the commodity that is the driving force in the Iranian economy. Jetties stretching into the deep waters surrounding the island provide mooring for tankers. Much of the rest of Iran's coastline features shallower water, making navigation and porting more difficult.

Tankers enter the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow waterway between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, on their way to load Iranian oil at Kharg. Up to 90 percent of Iran's oil exports – which include crude oil, liquified natural gas (LNG), fertilizers, and other products – pass through the Kharg terminal, which can load 10 supertankers at once. There is enough storage for the rough equivalent of 30 million barrels. In addition, approximately 20 percent of worldwide oil exports from other Middle Eastern nations is shipped through this area into the Indian Ocean.

On March 13, the U.S. targeted close to 100 sites on Kharg Island, including "naval mine storage facilities, missile storage bunkers, and

multiple other military sites," according to U.S. Central Command. However, oil infrastructure on the island remained intact. A week later, Axios reported that President Trump was considering blockading or seizing the island, to force Iran to open the Strait of Hormuz. White House officials claim taking Kharg Island would "totally bankrupt" Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, potentially leading to the end of the war. However, many inside the Trump administration have been wary of such a move, due to the significant number of ground troops it would require. The island has layered defenses, and the Iranians have laid traps and repositioned military personnel and air defenses in response to the threat of invasion.

On April 7, CNN reported an intense wave of overnight strikes on Kharg Island, although oil facilities were not targeted. A U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, described the strikes as hitting targets previously struck and not directed at oil infrastructure.

In the weeks since, more attention has been focused on the Strait of Hormuz. Once closed by Iran, the U.S. has imposed a blockade to restrict the flow of ships into and out of Iranian ports. Consequently, few tankers have been able to access Kharg Island. Recent satellite

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images have shown empty jetties at the island, curbing Iran's ability to export crude oil. Absent shipping ability, storage tanks on Kharg continue to fill towards capacity. Some analysts estimate Kharg could reach its maximum capacity of stored, unshipped products by the end of June.

As Mideast tensions continue to dominate global affairs, it's likely the fate of this relatively small island outpost will shape international relations for decades to come.



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HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

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

WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors
WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar
CONTACT: Visit our website or email vp.landingsnewneighbors@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.

JUNE AT THE JEA

WHAT: Workshop: Summer Sling Bag Project from Plarn Mat*ters raise essential items for area veterans and others in need for the summer
WHEN: Wednesday, June 3, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: JEA, 5111 Abercorn St., just north of DeRenne (free parking)
CONTACT: MStarArts@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: We need 20 slings plus products from our wish list to fill them. But we need your help! Please spread the invite or send a group representative to learn how to make them.

SATURDAY STROLL

WHAT: Early Bird's Heart of the Historic District 90-minute walking tour
WHEN: Saturday, May 23 and 30, at 8 a.m.
WHERE: Begin and end at Green-Meldrim House on Madison Square
HOW MUCH: \$26.50 per person
CONTACT: [Jamie Credle, jcredle@green-meldrimhouse.org](mailto:jcredle@green-meldrimhouse.org), 912.233.3845
WHAT ELSE: Step into spring with a guided walk through Savannah's most beautiful architecture. Led by the GMH Director, this tour explores historic buildings, gardens, and stories of preservation that continue to shape the city. The tour concludes with coffee and treats on the

porch overlooking the parterre garden. Tickets at greenmeldrimhouse.org.

FASHION FORWARD

WHAT: 3-day women's fashion pop-up shop
WHEN: May 27 - 29; 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday
WHERE: 3 Skidaway Village Walk (former Kacey's Grill in The Village on Skidaway Island)
CONTACT: RSVP at info@desxpress.com or text 973.216.2227
WHAT ELSE: Designers and their representatives present a rich selection of ladies' apparel, shoes and accessories, designed and made in the U.S. and Europe. Browse, shop, pick an item you like on the spot, or order ahead something special. See details about the participating brands at <https://desxpress.com/pages/dx-savannah>.

MAIDEN VOYAGE

WHAT: Sister Sunset Sail
WHEN: Monday, June 1, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Harbor Marina
HOW MUCH: \$50
CONTACT: panhellenicsavannah@gmail.com for a registration form
WHAT ELSE: Private charter includes picnic fare, wine, and beverages. Last date to register is May 11 or until sold out. Event is open to all area sorority women.

WATER WORLD

WHAT: World Ocean Day
WHEN: Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
WHERE: UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium, 30 Ocean Science Circle
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: gacoast.uga.edu/events/ or Cindy Lingeback at calingeb@uga.edu or 912.598.2344
WHAT ELSE: Dive into a full day of ocean-themed activities, including art projects, games, and hands-on science. The UGA Aquarium will be open to visitors free of charge.

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Ladies on the Right June luncheon and meeting
WHEN: Thursday, June 18. Social 12 p.m., lunch and speaker, 12:30
WHERE: Palmetto Club at the Landings
CONTACT: Please visit www.ladiesontheright.org
WHAT ELSE: Speaker will be Christian Robey, president of Our America and Our America Foundation, will discuss "A Movement in Tran-

sition: Trump, Populism, and the Fight for the Future of Conservatism."

SEA-PLUS

WHAT: Value-added summer programs
WHEN: Tuesday - Friday in June and July, 10-10:30 a.m.
WHERE: UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium, 30 Ocean Science Circle
HOW MUCH: Included in admission
CONTACT: gacoast.uga.edu/events/ or Cindy Lingeback at calingeb@uga.edu or 912.598.2344
WHAT ELSE: Visitors will have special opportunities to see ambassador turtles, hold marine invertebrates, do fun crafts, and watch the animals get fed. Each day is a new program.

BEHIND THE SEA-NS

WHAT: Behind the Scenes Aquarium Tours
WHEN: Wednesdays in June and July, 2-3 pm
WHERE: UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium
HOW MUCH: \$15
CONTACT: gacoast.uga.edu/events/ or Cindy Lingeback, calingeb@uga.edu or 912.598.2344
WHAT ELSE: Participants will tour areas that are not typically open to the public, as aquarium staff demonstrates what it is like to care for our ambassador animals.

SUMMER SALVATION

WHAT: Vacation Bible School
WHEN: July 6-10, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: 912.598.1188 or Peggy Pearson, VBS director at 443.995.1146
WHAT ELSE: Kingdom Quest VBS open to kids 3 (potty trained) to rising 5th graders. Biblical theme: Jesus is the light of the world, overcoming darkness, is expressed in lesson, story, games, song, snacks in Mario meets Minecraft setting. Kids too old for VBS? We welcome pre-teen and teen helpers. Register now at Messiahsi.org.

HABITAT HELPERS

WHAT: Habitat for Humanity volunteers wanted
WHEN: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, possibly Thursdays
WHERE: locations vary
CONTACT: Beth Heddleson, 912.353.8122, ext. 109
WHAT ELSE: Prior experience is not necessary. Many volunteers learn on the job and only do whatever they feel comfortable with. Tools are provided.

TAXATION REPRESENTATION

WHAT: Opportunities for volunteer income tax assistance with Neighborhood Improvement Association
WHEN: starting in January, flexible hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
WHERE: Several sites in Savannah, Pembroke, Rincon, Richmond Hill and Hinesville
CONTACT: Tiffany Carter, tcarter@niacdc.org or 912.447.5577
WHAT ELSE: This program helps underserved communities by offering free tax preparation. No experience necessary. Volunteers include greeters/screeners and tax preparers

FINANCIAL AID

WHAT: AARP Tax-Aide Program needs volunteers
WHEN: Training in Dec. and Jan.; Tax preparation starts Feb. 2 for 10 weeks; hours and days are flexible
WHERE: Chatham SW and Bull Street Libraries
CONTACT: Volunteer coordinator John Gerardi, 912.661.8705 or johngerardi@hotmail.com
WHAT ELSE: This program provides free tax preparation for low- to moderate-income families, as well as the elderly and people with disabilities. AARP Tax-Aide saves underserved individuals/families millions in preparation fees and helps taxpayers claim millions in refunds, which can be used to reduce poverty. Tax preparers will be trained to become IRS-certified. Volunteers are also needed to help with intake/front desk

REEL MEN

WHAT: Landlovers Men's Action Movies and Dinner
WHEN: We usually see an action movie once a month.
HOW MUCH: Movie admission
CONTACT: [Dave Robinson, dave.robinson16@gmail.com](mailto:dave.robinson16@gmail.com)
WHAT ELSE: Men's Action Movies is a friendly gathering of men who want to see movies your wife probably wouldn't want to see. Must be a Landlovers member. Membership is open to all residents of Skidaway Island.

SPEAK EASY

WHAT: Savannah Speech and Hearing Center's "Speak Easy"
WHEN: Every Friday morning, 10-11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Savannah Speech and Hearing Center, 5414 Skidaway Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public

CONTACT: Jenna Harcher, 912.355.4601 or jharcher@speechandhearingsav.org
WHAT ELSE: An in-person support group for survivors of stroke or traumatic brain injury and their family or caregivers. Participants work on improving and maintaining skills associated with speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Attendance via video is an option.

BATH AND BODY WORKS

WHAT: Landlovers community service toiletry collection
WHEN: ongoing
WHERE: Drop off location is the front porch at 7 Heartwood Court, the Landings
CONTACT: Linda Brownlee lindabrownleemd@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Are you traveling and staying at a hotel? If you have any unused hotel soaps, shampoos, or lotions, please bring them back to Savannah. Share your vacation with Social Apostolate, which works with poor, homeless and disabled people in different ways including providing showers for those in need. No mouthwash or larger sized toiletries, please.

BODY AND SOUL

WHAT: Exercise classes at Skidaway Island Methodist Church
WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mat Pilates, 9-9:45 a.m.; Functional Full-Body, 10-10:45 a.m.
WHERE: Bailey Hall at Skidaway Island Methodist Church, 54 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: \$8 per class or \$65 for the whole month.
CONTACT: Taylor Reese (Taylorreesept@gmail.com) for more info or visit skidawaymethodist.org/exercise
WHAT ELSE: No advanced registration is required. Mat Pilates participants must bring an exercise mat and be able to get up/down from the floor. Functional Full-Body participants should wear athletic shoes. Everyone should bring a water bottle. Everyone should bring water.

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WHAT: Al-Anon
WHEN: Mondays, 4 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island Methodist Church, 54 Diamond Causeway
WHAT ELSE: A recovery program for families and friends of people who are struggling with addiction.

TILE WITH STYLE

WHAT: Landlovers Mahjongg
WHEN: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse, Byrd Room
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: landingsmahjongg@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: You must also have some knowledge of the game. Please bring your set and your quarters. We can accommodate a maximum of 24 players.

FRIENDLY WORDS

WHAT: Skidaway Scrabblers
WHEN: Every Thursday afternoon
WHERE: Members' homes
CONTACT: Cathy White, cathy77024@yahoo.com
WHAT ELSE: We are a happy group of dedicated Scrabble players who enjoy a social game. Join us for a game or two and discover that you, too, may want to be a Skidaway Scrabbler.

BUNCO BABES

WHAT: A fun and easy dice game with friends
WHEN: 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Second Tuesday of the month starting Aug. 12
WHERE: The Landings Association Building, Landings Way South
HOW MUCH: \$6 to cover room rental and prizes.
CONTACT: Wendy Crowell, Wendyl-wc68@gmail.com.

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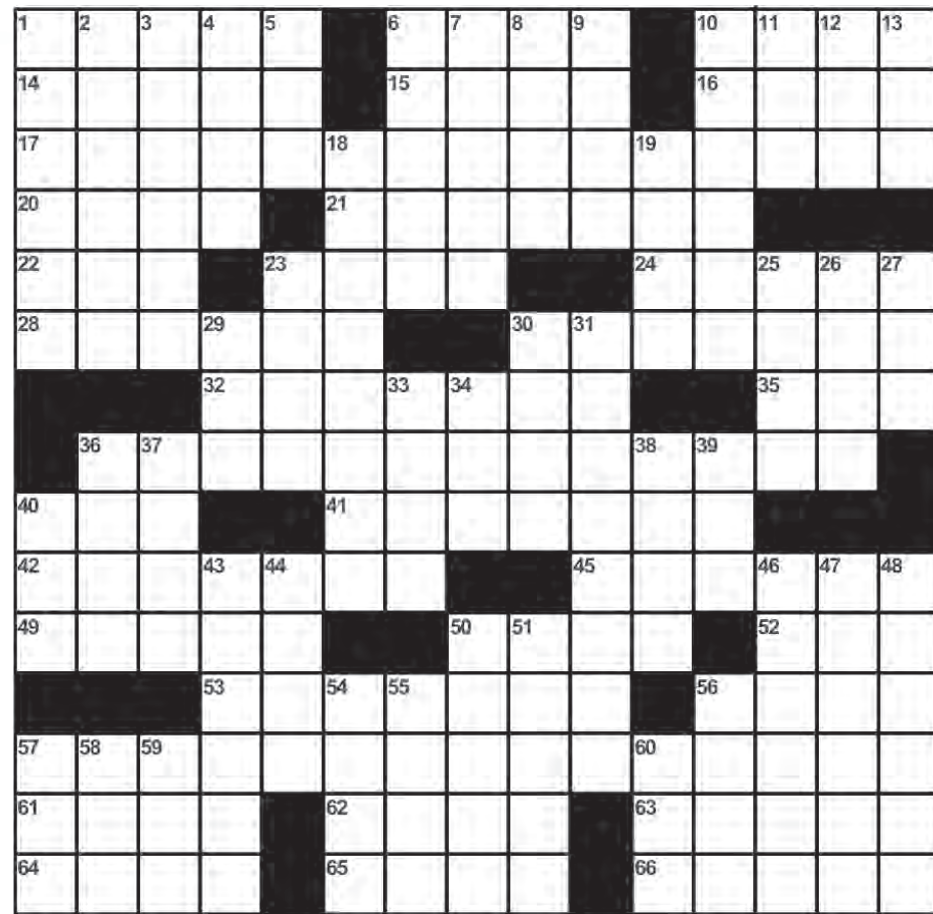
WHAT: Mexican Train Dominoes
WHEN: Every Tuesday, 2:30-4:50 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club Byrd Room
CONTACT: Lesa Thompson, lthompson2761@gmail.com

ACROSS

- 1. Devour, slangily (with "down")
- 6. Folks with return engagements?
- 10. Animated chipmunk
- 14. More humongous
- 15. Govt. workplace monitor
- 16. Oscar nominee Clive
- 17. Light pat from de Milo?
- 20. Battery or folic
- 21. Partial beards
- 22. Poetic contraction
- 23. Tabby's defensive weapon
- 24. Linen tape used in trimming
- 28. Horn of Africa people
- 30. Plant with colorful flowers
- 32. It has nine angles and nine sides
- 35. Night before a holiday
- 36. Aphrodite is one
- 40. Name among boxing legends
- 41. Fish market fare
- 42. Etheridge of music
- 45. Gnawing critter
- 49. Sauce made with pine nuts
- 50. Sure winner
- 52. Tropical neckwear
- 53. Printer option
- 56. *The King of Queens* first name
- 57. Mira Sorvino's Oscar film
- 61. Moisturizer additive
- 62. Greet the judge
- 63. CD player component
- 64. Walk with effort
- 65. One who nails a test, say
- 66. Hair colorists

DOWN

- 1. Little pigs
- 2. Vatican emissary
- 3. Type of hiring discrimination
- 4. Like many on a fixed income (abbr.)
- 5. To's reverse
- 6. Drink served with marshmallows
- 7. "Oh, baloney!"
- 8. *Cat On _____ Tin Roof*



- 9. Out of harm's way
- 10. *Alice _____ Live Here Anymore*
- 11. Bristle on barley or rye
- 12. Romanian monetary unit
- 13. No one has two of them?
- 18. Storied duckling's problem
- 19. Blood carrier
- 23. Chunk or clunk
- 25. Chicken dish
- 26. Wash up
- 27. 67.5 degrees, to mariners
- 29. Common conjunction
- 30. Careless mistake
- 31. Mob tough
- 33. Where the buoys are
- 34. Govt. agency since 1949
- 36. School's musical club
- 37. Adds lubrication to

- 38. "Check it out!"
- 39. Like 11 or 77
- 40. Sound investment?
- 43. Reacted to poison ivy
- 44. Flue residue
- 46. Kay Thompson character
- 47. Keep from reproducing
- 48. Clemson's team
- 50. Concentration problem
- 51. Catchall category
- 54. Vega's constellation
- 55. Non-clerical
- 56. Make-or-break date
- 57. Google Earth offering
- 58. Indisposed
- 59. Moo _____ gai pan
- 60. Like an antique

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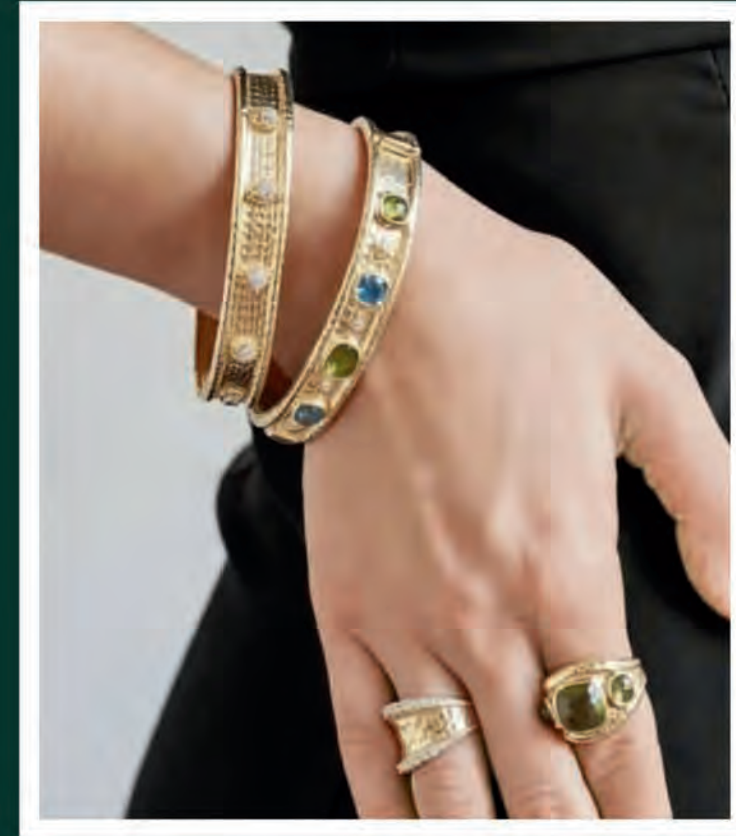
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