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The women on the front cover are sisters. Five siblings from a group of 13. The second one from the left as you're looking at the photo is my mother.

To the left of her is her twin. Jackie and Gerri (my mom) were the babies of the baker's dozen. The eldest female, Madeline, is to my mother's left (your right).

This photograph captures the essence of an America that has mostly disappeared. A celebration of the notion of the American dream. Pretty, bashful Sunday dresses, closed-toe shoes in the freshly cut grass of a proud middle-class lawn, the unavoidable reminder of progress – a utility pole laden with wires - vying for attention with my mom's head.

There's a modern instinct to dismiss such imagery as naively reactionary. Some people nowadays see the sameness of the subjects, their lack of angst, their mix of aspiration and acceptance, as quaint and unsympathetic, or sinister if the viewer is projecting his own self-loathing on a world that has somehow done him wrong. But, if it's true that a picture paints a thousand words, there are thousands more it leaves unsaid.

My mother, who turns 90 in a few days, didn't smoothly arrive in an idyllic suburban scene without friction along the pathway there. Of the 13 siblings, three died before reaching adulthood. Five girls and five boys eventually became women and men. My mother lived in an orphanage; her mother died when Mom was three or four. Caring for so many kids was beyond the scope of possibilities for the grandfather who perished decades before I was born. Neither money nor quality healthcare were readily available; hence the 26 percent childhood mortality rate among the brood.

We overuse the word, but I'm convinced it fits here. These women were heroes in their own unspectacular ways. Absent the opportunity to learn by example, they figured out how to be moms. Each of the five raised children who have gone on to full, beautiful lives. Madeline, Betty, and Jackie have passed away. My mother and indestructible Joan (they pronounce it "Jo-anne") remain.

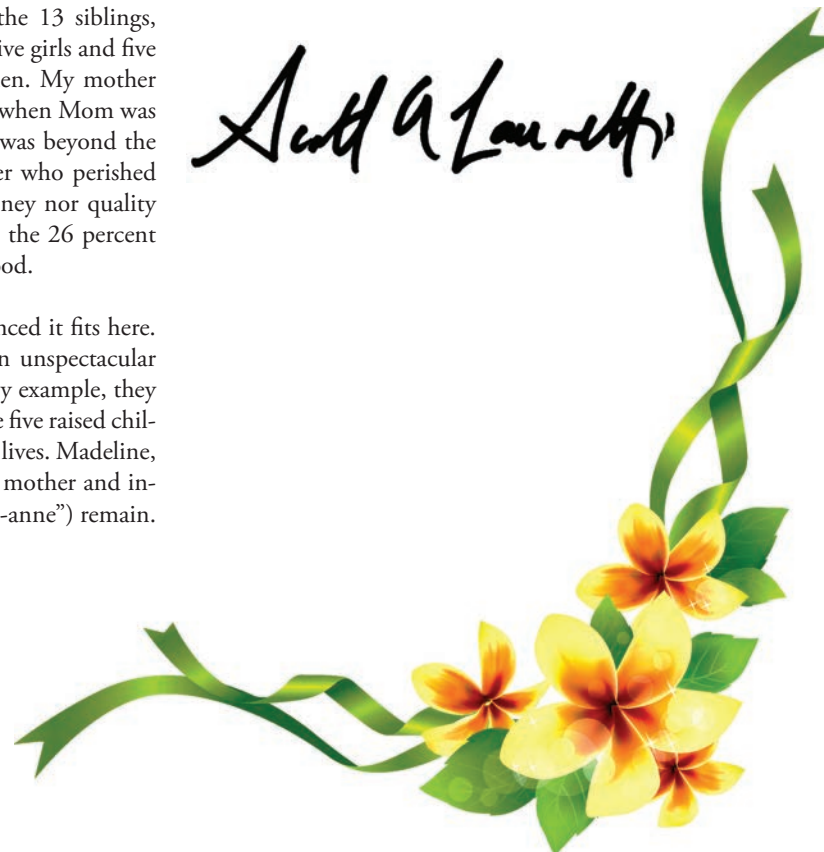
Take another glance at my younger mom. I think she looks like a movie star. She was the good-looking mom and, somehow, that seemed cool to me. But she was also the most single-mindedly dedicated mother I have ever observed – a distinction completely attributable to her spirit and heart rather than genetic serendipity.

I appreciate the irrepressible evolution of the world to its fascinating current state. As a species, we relentlessly pursue what's next and doing so is generally a good thing. Yet, part of me is unapologetically nostalgic for a time when my mother wasn't constantly in pain. When she was often smiling and sometimes glamorous and always moving so fast as to create a colorful blur. A time when she could stand straight and tall and triumphant, arm-in-arm-in-arm with her sisters beneath a clear blue sky.

You probably feel this way about your mom, too. Tell her this weekend, even if it's only in your prayers.

Happy birthday, Mom. Ninety is quite a ride.

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Most golf cart drivers are very courteous, but some are reckless. Between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, my wife and I were on our bikes heading south from Hasleiter's Retreat and had just gotten onto the gazebo path along the Intracoastal Waterway. Beth was a little out of sight around the curve ahead when I heard her yell, "Whoa!!!" Almost instantaneously, a golf cart was coming at me and two of its wheels went off the edge of the path to avoid hitting me. Its occupants appeared to be three teenage males, but it was moving so fast that I can't be positive. Beth thought they came within inches of her. I think there might be a mirror along the stretch, but I can't recall seeing it. Regardless, this is a dangerous curve, and everyone should slow down, not only there but everywhere!

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A Prescription to Treat A Catastrophically Ill Health Insurance System

The world's best universal healthcare systems aren't in countries with socialized medicine. They're in Germany and Switzerland, where private insurers compete for customers, prices stay reasonable, and everyone — including people with serious pre-existing conditions — are covered.

Americans would love a system like that. So why don't we have one?

The short answer: our Constitution. The longer answer explains both why the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was doomed from the start and where an actual solution may lie.

Germany and Switzerland solved the hardest problem in health insurance — covering expensive pre-existing conditions — by spreading those costs broadly through the national tax base. No single insurer bears the burden. The government subsidizes the highest risks and insurers compete on everything else. It works.

The U.S. Constitution makes that approach impossible at the federal level. Article I, Section 8 limits Congress to a short list of enumerated powers. Federal insurance regulation isn't on that list.

In 2012, the Supreme Court struck down the Affordable Care Act

(ACA)'s individual purchase mandate 7-2 on exactly these grounds. Mandating specific policy terms — free pre-existing coverage, unlimited lifetime benefits — likely faces the same constitutional roadblock. ACA's architects tried to force a European-style result through a structure the Constitution couldn't support. The predictable consequences followed. By barring insurers from pricing risk, the law overcharged young and healthy enrollees while undercharging the sick. Healthy people dropped out while sicker enrollees stayed, and costs spiraled. Most insurers fled the exchanges. The few remaining had no choice but to raise premiums far faster than actual medical costs were rising.

The prior administration masked the damage with \$70 billion a year in emergency subsidies — some flowing to households earning more than \$300,000. When those subsidies expired at the end of 2025, Congress balked at renewing them. Fifteen years and hundreds of billions of dollars later, 27 million Americans remain uninsured. This wasn't a failure of compassion. It was a failure of design.

The good news: States face none of the constitutional barriers Washington does. They already regulate insurance. Every state has a department overseeing rates, coverages, and insurer solvency. The infrastructure exists. It just needs a better product.

The blueprint is straightforward. Let states price basic health insurance policies fairly and competitively. Handle costly pre-existing conditions through a state-managed pool, funded by a mix of state revenue and federal matching dollars — like Medicaid. Subsidize based on income: A low-income diabetic gets substantial help; a high earner pays full freight. This is, in principle, exactly what Germany and Switzerland do. The difference is that in America the states must do it.

By MICHAEL A. WALTERS



President Obama signs the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2010.

Georgia nearly proved this could work. Legislation introduced in the state capitol would have guaranteed basic coverage, created a means-tested pool for pre-existing conditions, and paired high-deductible policies with tax-advantaged health savings accounts. A young, healthy person could have bought real coverage for roughly \$500 a year — cheap enough that most would buy voluntarily. The bill stalled partly because the state pool needs federal financial partnership. The design itself was sound.

While states develop better systems, Congress can reduce some of the distortion within ACA itself. Start with the overpriced bronze

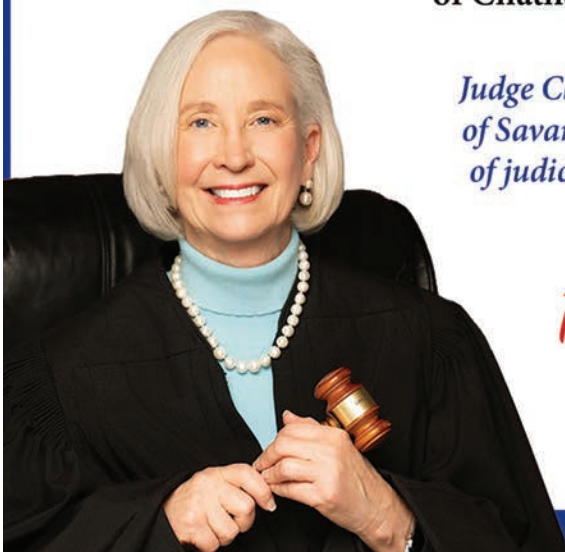
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plans. Allowing even modest, common-sense discounts would bring premiums closer to reality. For example, a 10 percent discount for families with no dependents between ages 20 and 26 living at home. Or a 10 percent discount for electing a \$1 million lifetime benefit cap instead of unlimited coverage. Perhaps, 20 percent for single enrollees under 30, and 30 percent for enrollees with no pre-existing conditions.

These aren't exotic ideas. They're how every other form of insurance already prices risk, based on statistical analysis.

A 25-year-old in good health should pay less than a 60-year-old with diabetes, just as a safe driver pays less than one with three accidents. ACA banned that logic. Restoring just a portion of it would slow the exodus of younger, healthier enrollees and stabilize the exchanges while states build something better.

Meanwhile, Congress should level the tax playing field. Employer-sponsored insurance has enjoyed a tax deduction since World War II. Individual policies get nothing. This pushes people toward employer plans that vanish the moment they change jobs. Expand the standard deduction for anyone buying a basic individual health policy — say, \$500 for those 20 and under, rising \$100 for each year of age. Index it to inflation. The cost to the Treasury would be minimal. Few individual policies exist today precisely because the tax code punishes them.

Covering pre-existing conditions is a goal Americans share across party lines. ACA's architects were right about the destination. They chose a route the Constitution couldn't sustain and that arithmetic



Lawmakers at the Georgia Capitol spend only 40 days in session, usually from January to April.

couldn't support.

Germany and Switzerland show that competition delivers universal coverage at reasonable cost. The U.S. can get there, too. The path just runs through state capitals, not Washington.

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Tapley Tales by Ed Tapley

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It was a dreary, overcast day, in terms of both the weather and my psyche. I had received some disturbing news and was trying to digest it. But, like a large repast, it was not going down easily.

Not wanting to spend the rest of the day brooding, I grabbed a pole and wandered over to the lagoon across the street to tease the fish and clear my mind. I was alone; nobody else was in search of the "big one" that day. It seemed the cold was keeping prospective anglers indoors.

I aimlessly casted my line and drew deeper into my tormented thoughts. Despite my preoccupation, I spied a man across the water. He was working a fly rod and doing so magnificently. I stopped my uninspired attempts at hooking a bass and studied his technique. As if magnetically drawn in his direction, I slowly walked near the spot he was aiming his fly.

He looked up and smiled. I backed off to give him peace. He said, "Hi, Ed! How are you today?"

I didn't recognize the man, but you meet so many nice people in your day-to-day activities in our neighborhood that it's hard to keep track. He invited me over and we began discussing fishing, the beauty of the lagoon, and other pleasantries. He could tell my mood was a little off, so he asked about it. Initially, I was evasive.

Our camaraderie built. Eventually, I shared what was weighing on me. He listened and offered encouragement. I went on to tell him that times like these made me question how I had spent my life and that I wondered if I had squandered my time on pursuits that really didn't matter. I said that I often thought I should have done more for others than I had.

He looked me in the eye and said, "You were a Boy Scout, and I believe you still remember that slogan, don't you? Well, there is always the rest of today, probably tomorrow and, with some luck, many more tomorrows after that."

I stood quietly, absorbing what he said. I wondered how he knew I had been a Scout, and I wondered why I wasn't trying to live up to that slogan ("Do a good turn daily"). When was the last time I made sure I did a good turn for someone? More than a day ago, for certain.

As he fluidly cast his line, we continued to share our thoughts. My concerns didn't melt away, but they lightened a bit. All the while, the man worked his fly rod expertly, but he wasn't rewarded with a fish. Then, I noticed that the end of his

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line was empty. No fly or lure or bait of any kind.

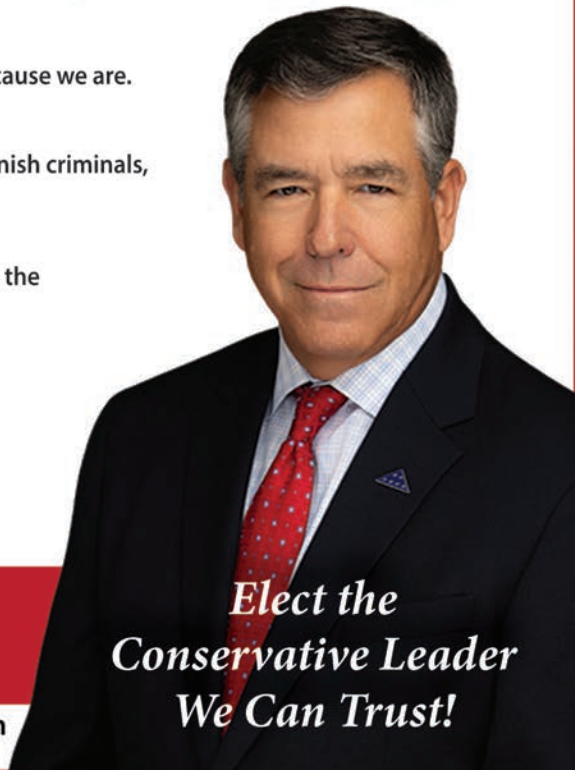
The fisherman said he had another "appointment," as if our encounter was planned and now nearing its end. He packed his gear and started towards the nearby brush. I told him he had inspired me to engage positively with others whom I might otherwise quietly avoid. I thanked him. I said I hope we would meet again. He surmised that we probably would.

Just before he disappeared I asked him, "How do you hope to catch a bass with no bait?"

Turning, he explained he wasn't after fish at all. "But I caught you, didn't I?" he mused.

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This year has been a remarkable one for nurses at St. Joseph's/Candler. Last May, they achieved what few in the world have – Magnet Recognition for Nursing Excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for the sixth time. This prestigious distinction confirms what patients know: St. Joseph's/Candler nurses deliver exceptional care with laudable skill and unwavering dedication. Only 20 healthcare systems worldwide have earned six Magnet designa-

tions, and St. Joseph's/Candler remains one of just 14 Magnet-recognized facilities in Georgia.

Established in 1994, the Magnet Recognition program is considered the gold standard for nursing excellence. The ANCC established the distinction to identify organizations that prioritize nursing professionalism and patient safety. To earn Magnet Recognition, nurses must demonstrate measurable benefits for patients. For each of its six designations, St. Joseph's/Candler demonstrated to Magnet appraisers that the system's nurses measurably improved patient outcomes. During the most recent evaluation period, the health system outperformed Magnet standards on aspects of care including the prevention of hospital-acquired pressure ulcers, superior surgical outcomes, workplace safety, patient satisfaction with discharge education, and

HAY DAYS

Hay fever is an allergic reaction that can happen to anyone.

It's not the farmers' fault. Yes, they grow tall grasses, then cut and dry them to feed their animals, and that hay could trigger a runny nose, sneezing and watery eyes. But allergic rhinitis, commonly known as hay fever, can be caused by a variety of allergens, not just cut and dried grass. And there is no actual fever involved. In fact, having a fever is one indication that you don't have allergic rhinitis.

"Hay fever is when you get upper respiratory symptoms that are triggered by an allergy to something in the air," explains Lawrence Zottoli Jr., MD. "If you have a fever, it's not an allergy. Other than typical allergy symptoms – watery eyes, runny nose, sometimes a nasal drip – people with allergies don't feel bad. They don't have the aches, pains, and fever that come with a cold or flu."

Pollen is one of the major culprits for allergic



Lawrence Zottoli Jr., MD

rhinitis. If tree pollen doesn't bother you in early spring, then you still must get through grass, weed, and ragweed pollen through summer and fall. Symptoms can start within minutes of exposure to the allergen.

A patient might want treatment to stop his nose from running, but it's not that simple. Your treatment plan should be tailored to your doctor's diagnosis.

"Some patients come to me saying they have an allergy when they have a chronic sinus infection," Zottoli says. "It might have begun with

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an allergy; but, if there's a problem with the nasal cavity, bacteria can get sequestered in there and you're on your way to an infection."

In many cases, allergic rhinitis can be managed with medication, in addition to avoiding outdoor triggers as much as possible. Your doctor will either write a prescription or recommend certain over-the-counter medications. If the symptoms are so frequent or severe that they disrupt a person's daily life, your primary care physician will refer to an allergist for testing. But many patients don't need that step.

"Once we know what we're dealing with, we have some simple but effective remedies," Zottoli explains. "If it is what they used to call hay fever, there's a good chance you can manage it and still enjoy getting outside."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Whether you're a mom, a grandmother, a mother figure, or someone who nurtures others with a mother's heart, St. Joseph's/Candler salutes you this Mother's Day. Thank you for the endless love, patience, and warmth you bring into the world. You make it a much brighter place just by being in it. Be proud and enjoy your special day.



more. Re-designation is not automatic. An organization must prove that it has maintained Magnet standards and improved over time. St. Joseph's/Candler nurses did just that – showing the Magnet appraisers that they consistently elevate levels of care, innovate practices, and improve patient outcomes year after year.

For St. Joseph's/Candler nurses, it's not about awards. It's about

patients and families. It's about better outcomes, safer care, and the teams who make it possible. St. Joseph's/Candler is grateful for the work its nurses do, day and night, no matter what year it is or what recognition has been given. In return, St. Joseph's/Candler nurses are always quick to thank their co-workers – the techs, assistants, therapists, specialists, and non-clinical staff who work together to make the health system successful and accessible to the people in this region.

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James "Butch" Miltiades

When you meet Landings resident James "Butch" Miltiades, you're likely to think he's quite a character, in the best way. He's friendly, upbeat, funny, interesting, and a proud Navy veteran.

Miltiades was born August 13, 1939. He's a Savannah native. Just as he is proud of his Navy service, he's proud of his Greek heritage, as a second-generation American. His grandparents came to the U.S. and his parents eventually settled in Savannah. He graduated from Savannah High School in 1957, where he was a member of the football team, and did some of the team's dirty work as an offensive lineman. "Those were the good old days," he says with an infectious smile.

Soon after high school, Miltiades enlisted in the military for several reasons. He expected his service would be a firm foundation on which to build a civilian career. He chose the Navy because he liked the idea of shipboard life or a naval base. He had the coastal life in his blood. He enjoyed recreational boating and had developed a great appreciation for the seas. Also, he reasoned there there would be more girls near a Navy beach than an Army base in the boondocks. Butch logic, complete with a devilish wink.

The seaman recruit went to Navy boot camp near Annapolis, Maryland, where he learned how to salute and perform close-order drills. He scored well on general tests given to new recruits. So, he earned a training slot as an aviation electrician, focused on the Navy's new-at-the-time Crusader fighter plane. This was an important and complicated job, and Miltiades spent much of his three-year enlistment going to school to master the necessary skills. He was sent to training facilities in Jacksonville, Memphis, and Oklahoma.

The Navy's F-84U Crusader was a supersonic jet fighter introduced for combat in 1957. Powered by a powerful single jet engine, the aircraft had a maximum air speed of 1,227 miles per hour. Its variable incident wing allowed for slower-speed lift for takeoff and landings, which made it suitable for aircraft carriers. The mechanism to raise or



lower the auxiliary wing was housed in a separate "black box." Miltiades' primary responsibility was to maintain that black box and to inspect and maintain the instruments on each jet.

"I never had a complaint," he says with pride.

The Crusader was a deadly weapon. It had a 19 to 1 kill ratio during the war in Vietnam. Its 20-mm cannon shot through the center of its propeller cone. Because it was the last American fighter to fire bullets instead of rockets, the Crusader is remembered as "the last of the gunfighters."

Much of Miltiades' enlistment was spent at Cecil Field in Jacksonville – an easy drive to Savannah for an occasional weekend home. He enjoyed a productive and pleasant time during his Navy service except

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The Navy's F-84U Crusader jet is remembered as "the last of the gunfighters"

for one incident. An F-84 pilot failed to engage the auxiliary wing properly and the plane crashed on takeoff, and the pilot lost his life. Miltiades assisted in recovering the pilot's remains.

After his honorable discharge with the rank AE3 (aviation electrician mate 3rd class), Miltiades returned home and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia in 1964. A natural entrepreneur, he opened the Stagg Shoppe, a menswear store, in 1965. After operating in Oglethorpe Mall for many years, he closed the business in 2009.

Miltiades is now retired, enjoying the local social life, and talking fondly about his Navy days from time to time.



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BETWEEN THE LINES

WHAT: Author Conversation Series
WHEN: Monday, May 11, 5 – 7 p.m.
WHERE: The Village Library
HOW MUCH: Free to all Skidaway residents
CONTACT: Please contact the library at 912.598.1183

WHAT ELSE: A wine-and-cheese reception hosting Savannah author Steve Vesce and his novel, *One Ordinary Man*. The event includes a presentation by the author, Q&A, and book signing.

ONCE UPON A TIME...

WHAT: Children's Story Hour
WHEN: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
WHERE: The Village Library
HOW MUCH: Free to all children on Skidaway Island
CONTACT: Questions? Contact the library at 912.598.1183
WHAT ELSE: Children ages 2 – 6. New stories begin every half hour.

READ ALL OVER

WHAT: Landings Singles Co-ed Book Club
WHEN: 4th Thursday each month, 5 p.m.
WHERE: Various Landings clubhouses
CONTACT: Marianne Claysmith, claysmith2@aol.com
WHAT ELSE: We read novels and biographies. Members belong to the Landings Club.

BRICK BY BRICK

WHAT: Membership Gift Card at The Village Library
WHEN: Available year round
WHERE: The Village Library
CONTACT: 912.598.1183 or come by Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
WHAT ELSE: The Village Library Legacy Brick Program is designed to recognize donors, commemorate special events, honor friends and family, or memorialize the passing of a loved one. Brick donations are \$250 each.

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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 email vpandingsnewneighbors@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.

TRAWLING TOUR

WHAT: Sea Dawg Trawl
WHEN: Wednesday, May 6, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
WHERE: UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium, 30 Ocean Science Circle, Skidaway Island
HOW MUCH: \$20
CONTACT: gacoast.uga.edu/event/ or Cindy Lingeback at calingeb@uga.edu or 912.598.2344
WHAT ELSE: Climb aboard the research vessel, the *R/V Sea Dawg*, for a trawl in Wassaw Sound. Participants actively contribute to marine sampling efforts alongside marine educators.

PIANO MAN

WHAT: The Arts at Messiah, featuring award-winning pianist Derek Hartman
WHEN: Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W. Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public, but a suggested donation of \$20 per person is appreciated
CONTACT: 912.598.1188, Monday-Friday mornings
WHAT ELSE: In 2025, Derek Hartman was awarded First Prize in the prestigious 17th International Beethoven Piano Competition in Vienna, becoming the first American-born musician to receive top honors in the event's 60-

year history. He has performed on stages across the U.S. and Europe. Program includes works by Bach, Beethoven, Ravel, and Brahms.

SATURDAY STROLL

WHAT: Early Bird's Heart of the Historic District 90-minute walking tour
WHEN: Saturdays, May 9, 16, 23, 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@greenmeldrimhouse.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.

SHELL GAME

WHAT: "From Farm to Reef: Oyster Aquaculture and Restoration"
WHEN: Tuesday, May 12, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium, 30 Ocean Science Circle
HOW MUCH: \$30
CONTACT: gacoast.uga.edu/events/ or Cindy Lingeback at calingeb@uga.edu or 912.598.2344
WHAT ELSE: Explore Georgia's oyster aquaculture efforts by touring the UGA Shellfish Research Lab and traveling by boat to oyster farms in the Bull River.

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Ladies on the Right May luncheon and meeting
WHEN: Thursday, May 21. 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 Joseph A. Morris, former assistant attorney general of the US and current chairman of the Heartland Institute.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

WHAT: Skidaway Island Democrats general membership meeting
WHEN: Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m.
WHERE: The Landings Association, 600 Landings Way South
CONTACT: Please email Rosemary Mackey (rwmackey1@gmail.com) if you need a gate pass.

If you need a ride from The Marshes or Thrive, contact Mitzi Toth at mlanetoth38@gmail.com.
WHAT ELSE: Guest speakers will be Colin McRae, chairman of the Chatham County Board of Registrars; Brook Schreiner, election supervisor for the Chatham County Board of Elections; and Rebecca Rolles, who has served as president of the League of Women Voters, Coastal Georgia, and is the editor of the State League's weekly newsletter *Under the Gold Dome*.

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

WHAT: Savannah Council on World Affairs speaker event
WHEN: Thursday, May 21, 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: Visit savannahcwa.org for more information
WHAT ELSE: Former Ambassador to Venezuela, Charles Shapiro, will present, "U.S. Relations with Latin America; After Venezuela, Is Cuba Next?"

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
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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.

SEA-PLUS

WHAT: Value-added summer programs
WHEN: Tuesday - Friday in June and July, 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.

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@niadc.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
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.

ACROSS

- 1. Ancestor of Methuselah
- 5. Bring to a near boil
- 10. Cry of pity
- 14. Corporation emblem
- 15. Safari headgear
- 16. Pack down, as dirt
- 17. Cooking fat
- 18. Type of metal girder
- 19. Part of a military band
- 20. Accountant's attribute
- 23. Breakfast spread
- 24. Turn swords into plowshares, e.g.
- 25. Chilled out
- 28. Peak of perfection
- 30. Frankenstein's helper
- 31. Clean with elbow grease
- 33. Team's pronoun
- 36. Is willingly up to no good
- 40. Hallucinatory stuff
- 41. Big and strong
- 42. "Nanny" animal
- 43. Recital artist
- 44. Longtime *What's My Line?* panelist
____ Francis
- 46. Port city of ancient Rome
- 49. Exceptionally smart people
- 51. Like jumbo jets and roomy sedans
- 57. "____ do" (faint praise)
- 58. One with a famous belt
- 59. Bones in the pelvic area
- 60. Genealogy chart
- 61. Test a modified paper airplane
- 62. Aquatic shockers
- 63. Reddish-brown gem
- 64. Tribal symbol on a pole
- 65. Deer with three-pointed antlers

DOWN

- 1. Vocalist Fitzgerald
- 2. TV doctor ____ Wyle
- 3. Shrek is one
- 4. Malted maker
- 5. Archie Bunker order
- 6. Computer programming language
- 7. Mimic's activity

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- 8. Canadian flag feature
- 9. Moore of "the Rat Pack"
- 10. Make harmonious
- 11. Hillary preceded her
- 12. Brew hue
- 13. Writer's cramp, e.g.
- 21. Animal house
- 22. Thick stew
- 25. Sash neighbor
- 26. Obstacles to quiet on the set?
- 27. Cathedral cross
- 28. Cultured
- 29. Mean mutt
- 31. Bad at enduring hardship
- 32. Old PC component
- 33. Woodwind with good range
- 34. ____ Bator (capital of Mongolia)
- 35. Nerve network

- 37. Young weaned pig
- 38. Agent's payoff
- 39. Graffiti, e.g.
- 43. Formed fuzzballs
- 44. Mr. X, for one
- 45. Part of a crater
- 46. Expiration notices?
- 47. Kama ____
- 48. One kneeling at work
- 49. Confidence game
- 50. Parisian school
- 52. Knox, for one
- 53. Nabisco mainstay
- 54. Meltable spread
- 55. Raise the hackles of
- 56. It covered Sputnik

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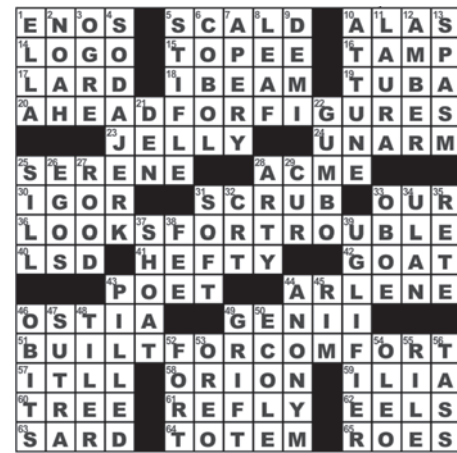


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