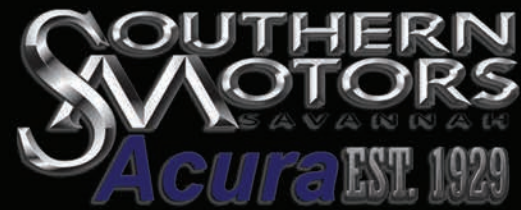




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Upfront

This is an open letter to the mayor of Savannah and members of the City Council. It might seem self-indulgent, for that I am a little embarrassed. But service is my motivation, and sometimes you have to yell (metaphorically) to get noticed.

Less than two weeks ago, Savannah City Manager Rob Hernandez announced his resignation; he will assume an assistant city administrator position in Ft. Lauderdale. Hernandez has been in his current job since September of 2016, when the city council hired him with an annual salary of \$238,000, plus a \$600 per month automobile allowance and \$7,000 in annual contributions to a retirement account – total annual first-year compensation of \$252,200. It's a safe bet that the number hasn't decreased during RH's two and a half years here.

Hernandez is a short-timer, as was his predecessor, albeit for different reasons. As Alderman Van Johnson recently said, "This is a very important position and obviously, we can't seem to retain one in this bureaucracy,"

Mayor Eddie DeLoach says it would be inappropriate to start a search for a new permanent city manager until after the city council election in November. Therefore, DeLoach has proposed the installation of an Interim City Manager, and he apparently advocates for naming Pat Monahan, retired long-time county administrator. Said DeLoach in a recent, published report, "I've spoken to Pat Monahan about the possibility of taking the interim job for us, and he's agreed that he would do that, but I want to get a resumé in front of all of council, and if council approves him and we get things squared away, we'll be about making sure we get him on board."

In our local form of government, City Manager is a very important job, arguably invested with more genuine authority than the mayor or any other municipal official. According to Savannah's own website: "Savannah operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The City Council appoints the City Manager to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the City...The City Manager carries out Council's policy direction and Savannah's community vision through the day-to-day management and operations of all City divisions."

In my experience, deferring crucial decisions is a bad idea. But it appears that is exactly what city leadership intends to do. Wait until a new council is elected – why? The "new" council is very likely to look like the existing council, with incumbents winning reelection for many, if not all, seats. And what happens in November? With the new council empaneled, they will likely engage some phone-it-in search consulting firm that will blast digital want-ads on platforms that target potential job-hopping lifetime civil servant/bureaucrats. These placement experts will sort through applications and send us a candidate list and a six-figure bill. And council will pick one, anoint him or her

as exceptional, start paying a hefty salary, and quietly hope the guy or gal sticks around for a while and doesn't screw things up too badly. Hardly the template for inspirational and aspirational leadership development.

The career-bureaucrat solution doesn't work. So why not look outside that far-too-confining box? I'll raise my hand. Not to sound cocky, but I think I'm a good fit. I've done a lot of stuff, some of it pretty well, and had successes. I'm smart enough. I'm manically high-energy. I love this city, and I plan to stay here until I die.

I've learned things, mostly through the everyday lessons of livings, but school has helped, too. I'm a product of a public school system; I have a BS in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University (which taught me operational efficiency), an MBA with a concentration in Finance from the Wharton School (which taught me how to optimize the deployment of capital), and I completed a Fellowship at Harvard University, spending a year at The Advanced Leadership Initiative (mission: to further empower a force of experienced leaders to change society and its institutions... Fellows individually and collectively attack and solve global, national and community problems. One of my fellow Fellows is currently running for president of her country, while another already was head of state in hers.)

I worked in New York at two big financial services firms – Lehman Brother and Morgan Stanley. I advanced quickly, until six years in, my star imploded. Caught in an illiquid market heading far in the wrong direction, the youngest VP in Morgan Stanley's Fixed Income Division was suddenly unemployed. Rather than leap back into a similar pool to the one that had drowned me, I joined four friends and we (naively) founded our own firm to compete with the ones from which we had come. It worked. From five guys and a folding table, we evolved to a firm with more than \$265 billion in assets today.

One of the best decisions I ever made came in 2001. With my kids reaching grade school age, and the toxicity of New York life stripping me of the remnants of my soul, I proposed a radical change. "Let's move South," and I consulted a map. Quickly, "South" evolved into Savannah for no pre-ordained reason. We knew nobody, had spent no time here aside from a single weekend, possessed no understanding of the local economy, and had never uttered – neither my wife nor I – a single y'all. I announced the (arguably rash) decision to my colleagues at Guggenheim Partners and, to my surprise, the head guy replied, "Cool. Why not keep doing what you're doing from down there?" And so I did. By the time I retired in June of 2015, I was co-managing the Fixed Income Division of what has grown to a 3,000-person organization.

Moving South was eye-opening. My neighbors appeared to conspicuously care about one another, without the lure of personal reward as incentive. Slowly, we returned to our Faith. Less slowly, we threw ourselves into public and community service. Serving in this way has been the most organized fun and deeply rewarding endeavor of my life. I have enjoyed the privilege of leading several vital organizations that focus on social benefit and community care, work that I continue

today. I have learned to be less rigid about my delineation between "work" and everything else.

I have built things here – businesses, relationships, a life I love. I publish this magazine that I founded in 2003, run a coffee business that I acquired and retooled, and invest in residential and commercial real estate...and I have a farm.

Which leads me to my proposal: I'd do the City Manager job – because I adore this place – for significantly less than they pay the guy in the seat now. I'll take \$195,000 all-in (which sounds more reasonable than something starting with a "2"). I'm comfortable that my CV will compare favorably with the ones that the search firm will forward our way. So call me, Council, and let's talk.

I'll let you know if I hear back.

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THE JOKE'S ON...

I loved your April 5 issue of The Skinnie. I was reading it and beginning to be upset, and then I said, "Oh, no, they got me again this year!!"

It was the April Fool's edition! And, then, I really began laughing! Great edition! Really enjoyed reading it a couple of times.

Sincerely,
Billie Hale

Ed. Note: Consistent with our commitment to fairness, we acknowledge that we received two emails and two calls expressing displeasure with our April Fool's issue. We asked each of the writers/callers to permit us to publish his/her sentiments, but each declined.

Evidently, some people didn't recognize our 16th annual tongue-in-cheek, somewhat satirical creation for what it is – an exercise in creativity and a chance for us all to have a little fun.



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A comprehensive study of high-net-worth individuals, launched by the Angel Capital Association and Wharton Entrepreneurship, reports that 200,000 American angels invest annually an estimated \$25 billion in more than 71,000 start-up deals. Business angels supply more than 90 percent of the outside capital for new ventures in the U.S.

Skidaway Island residents are actively engaged in this investment trend. Savannah's Ariel Southeast Angel Partners (ASAP) has members

from across the Southeast, but the Landings is at the center. Approximately one-third of ASAP's members – including about half of the board of directors – live on Skidaway. In addition, a large portion of the group's individual investments comes from here, making it one of the biggest Angel groups in the country. Less than one in 20 of angel groups have portfolios exceeding \$10 million, but ASAP is poised to reach the lofty milestone later this year.

Since 2005, ASAP has invested in 35 companies. The group cur-

By Lesley Francis

rently has nearly 50 active members, including several partnership members, who represent investment groups capable of making larger capital commitments than many individual investors.

"Our members are smart, switched-on, enjoy being involved with early stage businesses," explains chairman of the board Beau Anders, "and bring solid career and life experiences to the group."

Originally from Philadelphia, Anders moved to the West Coast in 1989, where he was KPMG's managing partner-in-charge, as well as the western area partner-in-charge of transaction services. KPMG's Silicon Valley office had more than 750 employees providing audit, tax and advisory services to technology companies throughout the South Bay. Anders was responsible for all market-facing activities of the firm, as well as providing direction and guidance in "making KPMG a great place to work and build your career." Based in Mountain View, he was focused on high-tech businesses involved in mergers and acquisitions. He also has extensive CFO experience, including two initial public offerings and numerous transactions in the medical device and pharmaceutical industries.

When Anders retired in 2009, he and his wife, Chris, decided they wanted to move back east, and discovered the Landings in an online search. "We spent a couple of years deciding where to move, and our search spanned from Savannah up to Williamsburg," he says. "We found this to be the best spot, as it met all five of our main criteria: It isn't a resort, has great medical care, a convenient airport, impressive cultural opportunities and a great social scene at The Landings Club with its golf! It is amazing how quickly you are welcomed into this community. We really enjoy the close friendships we have made since



Landings residents Jerry Thimme and Beau Anders are active leaders of Ariel Southeast Angel Partners.

our early days in New Neighbors, and these friendships have expanded over time with the inflow of new people every year."

Like many residents, the Anders' are very active, both within The Landings Club and in the greater Savannah community. Beau has served as both president and treasurer of the Landings Club board of governors, and on the board of the Marshes for six years. He is currently in his second year as president of the board of the Savannah Book Festival.

Given his impressive career, it is clear how Anders has come to lead Savannah's angel investing group. "ASAP" allows me to continue to

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use my expertise, and I enjoy being involved in the evaluation of start-up and early stage companies seeking funding from our group," he says. "The investor presentations are quite stimulating, and we see cutting-edge medical technologies almost every month. I also really enjoy our monthly member's meetings, and seeing the wealth of experience my fellow members bring to the group. That allows us to evaluate the presenting companies on behalf of the group, and have fun as well."

ASAP is extending an invitation to its Skidaway Island neighbors on Wednesday, May 1, to learn more about this impressive group. A breakfast meeting will be held from 8.30 - 10.00 a.m. at the Landings' Plantation Club, followed by a 15-minute presentation entitled "Anatomy of an Angel Investment." ASAP will profile one of its current investments, Respiratory Motion, to demonstrate the group's investing approach and engage-

ment with its portfolio companies.

"New members are the best way for ASAP to stay on course as a leading angel group," Anders says. "More members translate into potentially larger group investments. That leads to an even greater recognition in the investor community, and more deals come our way to see and evaluate."

Anders adds that all investment decisions are made individually, and there is no requirement to invest at all. "While there are some modest annual dues, our members are all accredited investors and are very capable of making their own investment decisions," he explains.

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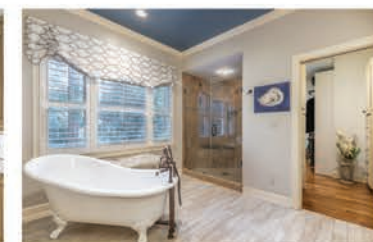
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Margaret Cook Levy in her home at the Landings. A photo from her racing days lies on the table before her.

Margaret Cook-Levy

English Class

By Kristyn Fielding

British-born Margaret Cook-Levy claims to be retired but her home at the Landings is a hub of activity, with frequent incoming phone calls, days spent arranging local and foreign adventures, and a growing collection of medical supplies in the corner of the kitchen.

“During a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, I met some doctors there who have become friends, and I realized that they always need basic medical supplies,” Cook-Levy says. “I decided that I wanted to help, so ever since then – with the tremendous assistance of friends and neighbors – I collect a wide range of things, from gauze pads, vitamins and over-the-counter medication like aspirin.”

Cook-Levy first came to the Landings 15 years ago to visit her husband’s cousin and fell in love with its beauty and amenities. She explains, “When my husband passed away, I decided to rent a condo here for two months and loved it. I sold my house in New Jersey and bought this house seven years ago. My friends from the north were worried that I didn’t know anybody here, but nine of them have followed me to live on Skidaway Island!”

She clearly loves her life here, relishing the natural beauty and well-maintained facilities, and the fact that it is only 20 minutes to downtown Savannah.

“I was very warmly welcomed and joined the New Neighbors, which offers great opportunities to meet people,” Cook-Levy says. “There were dinners with neighbors and the opportunity to learn and play canasta. I still travel to Europe as well as visiting friends and family in New Jersey, Maine and California. I have three sons, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.”

Cook-Levy was born and raised in Rayleigh in Essex, England, which, at the time, was a quiet, rural town. “After leaving the British equivalent of high school, I worked as a matron at a boy’s school – I had two younger brothers so I had experience – but I wanted to travel,” she says.

In 1959, the British government was offering to pay the travel costs for people willing to work in Australia or New Zealand. Margaret registered with an agency in London to work as a nanny, excited by the thought of relocating to Australia. “But I would have had to commit to being away from home for three years, which seemed too long at 19,” she recalls.

Instead, Margaret was able to find a position as a nanny in New York City, which came with a one-year contract and included travel expenses to the U.S. She planned to save her wages, then go on to Australia. It was then that her extraordinary adventure began. “I never

imagined that, within a few years, I would have met and married a Canadian actor, had three children and become a U.S. citizen,” she marvels.

When free of childcare duties during the evening, Cook-Levy was asked to coach actors in a Broadway play with British roles, to help improve their accents. The nanny/accnt-tutor fell in love with a tutee, and they were married in England on New Year’s Eve, 1960.

“My husband worked for the Standard-Triumph Motor Vehicle Company and drove a sports car,” Cook-Levy says. “He loved motor racing, so I used to join him working in the pits at the races, timing and scoring the drivers.”

Cook-Levy attended driver school and, after a three-day course, was qualified to race herself. The couple went to Le Mans, France, as part of a team in the famous 24-hour race. Following their divorce, her love affair with racing continued.

As a single mother of three boys, ages 7, 5, and 3, Cook-Levy went back to work, driving a minibus for a nursery school and working as a substitute teacher near home in New Jersey. “I would take my youngest child with me, so it was a convenient job at that stage of my life,” she explains.

In 1972, Margaret began her commitment to service by bringing the British tradition of Meals on Wheels to those in need in New Jersey. The initiative succeeded and spread throughout the nation, continuing to this day in North America and the UK.

“I then became involved with the Westwood Senior Housing organization,” Cook-Levy recalls. “It began with 182 units of senior housing, which the elderly and disabled desperately needed on the east side of New Jersey.”

Later, she worked for Habitat for Humanity for 30 years, developing the first Habitat for Humanity project in Manhattan. She served on the organization’s advisory board for the northeast region, before becoming president of the board. She was surprised when she was selected to serve on Habitat for Humanity’s international board, as she had been nominated a few times before and there are a limited number of spaces. “There were two other women from the U.S. on that board at the time so I never thought I would be selected, but I ended up trotting all over the world to support the work of this impressive charity,” she says.

In 1998, she married Edward Levy, a widower, after the two met through their sons. They enjoyed eight happy years together. She ended her career – so to speak – with a 16-year role as the director of community transport in Bergen County, New Jersey, where she oversaw services for the elderly and disabled and the delivery of 1,000 Meals on Wheels a day.

When she made the move to Skidaway Island, she was looking for a church home. “My faith drives me to give back,” she says.

“I was visiting and considering different churches in Savannah, when someone said that I would really fit into Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church.”

After joining, Cook-Levy met Jan Durham, who had learned of her background and experience with Habitat for Humanity. Six years ago, Durham recommended her to Asbury’s pastor to work as part of a newly refocused group providing outreach and support to the community. Cook-Levy really threw herself into her new role with the church. She says, “People are living in dangerous environments with holes in the floor or worse just on our doorstep. We liaise with the city, which helps by providing skilled roofers, electricians and other experts, and the church provides volunteers, materials and funds. A couple had a fire recently and were not insured. We provided work parties to salvage clothes and furniture and did what we could. When you are poor, it is so difficult. People have to choose between insurance or food or prescriptions.”

Cook-Levy looks healthy and younger than her 79 years. She suffered a stroke two years ago and, though she is now recovered, she is looking to pass some responsibilities on to others. “It seems a very long time ago that I was living in England,” she reflects. “Now I have my Landings home and my Asbury home.”

One of her last big projects for Asbury Memorial is to manage the silent auction for the church’s annual Springtime Revue, which is planned for Saturday, June 22. “I would encourage my Skidaway Island neighbors to donate to the silent auction and join us for a fun evening,” she says. “Last year’s event was great fun with comedy, song and dancing. This type of fundraising is vital to help us continue our community outreach, and I am working with Linda Combs to make our 2019 event even more successful than ever before.”



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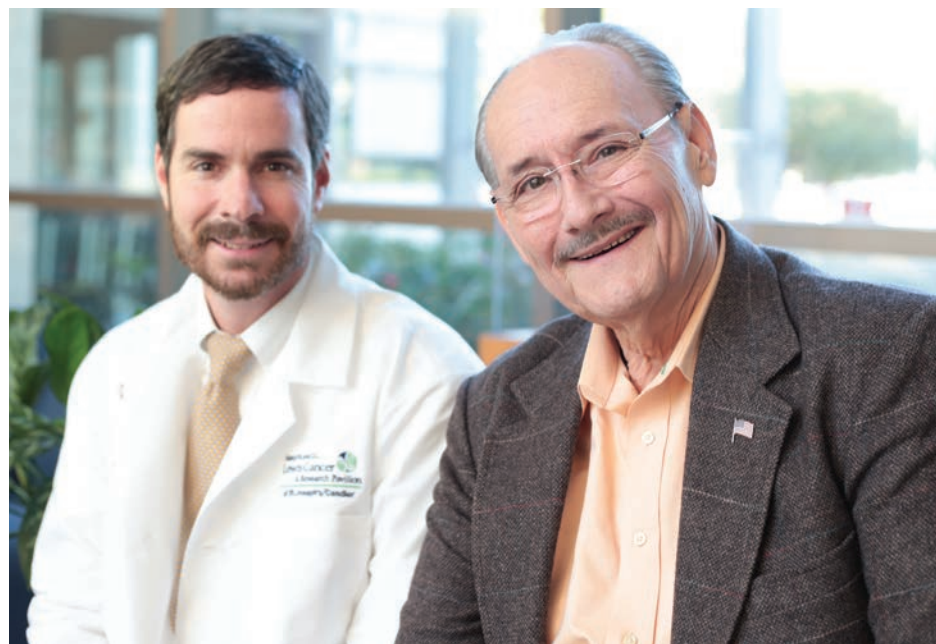
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Radiation therapy can be an effective part of colorectal cancer treatment, depending on the site and type of tumor

Radiation therapy can be an effective component of colorectal cancer treatment, depending on the site and type of tumor. Colorectal cancer can start in either of two places – the colon or the rectum. This cancer is also referred to as either colon or rectal cancer, depending on that starting point. Though these cancers are grouped together because of their similarities, treatment plans can be different. For example, radiation therapy is commonly used for rectal cancer, but not for colon cancer.

“It’s more difficult for surgeons to get widely around a tumor in the rectum as opposed to the colon,” explains radiation oncologist, Joshua T. McKenzie, MD. “The rectum is located within the pelvis, which is sort of funnel-shaped, and within the narrow neck of that funnel. Colon cancer, on the other hand, typically occurs higher up in the abdomen, and you don’t have to deal with nearby structures such as the bladder or pelvic sidewall.”

Radiation therapy sends beams of high-energy waves or particles (such as X-rays) to a specific part of the body, damaging or destroying cancer cells and shrinking tumors.



Radiation Oncologist Josh McKenzie, MD, with cancer survivor Dennis Baxter

It is often used in conjunction with chemotherapy or surgery in the treatment of various cancers.

FIGHTING CANCER AND ITS RECURRENCE

Radiation therapy often serves two purposes in the treatment of rectal cancer. Performed before surgery (known as neoadjuvant therapy), it can make tumors easier to remove. Radiation can also reduce the incidence of disease recurrence.

“If a patient has a tumor of a certain size, or if their lymph nodes are affected, there is an increased risk of recurrence, even if the surgeon is able to remove the tumor,” McKenzie explains.

Adjuvant therapy, done after surgery, helps prevent cancer from returning, and may involve both radiation and chemotherapy. Reducing the rate of recurrence is important with rectal cancer, because it is even more difficult to treat a second time.

“Pelvic recurrence causes bowel and blad-

der dysfunction and severe pain,” McKenzie says. “In addition, it is almost never possible to go back and operate again.”

Another type of cancer, in which radiation therapy can reduce the risk of recurrence while protecting nearby structures, is cancer of the esophagus, which is located in the middle of the chest near the heart, lungs and spine. McKenzie treats patients with head and neck cancers post-operatively to reduce the risk of cancer recurrence in that region.

“The most effective treatment plan is determined by the body site, stage, and specific type of cancer,” McKenzie explains.

PAINLESS AND FOCUSED

Most patients receiving radiation therapy will receive treatments five days a week for several weeks. The process is painless and similar to getting an X-ray – patients are positioned on a treatment table and are asked to be still while the radiation beams are delivered. Each daily session usually lasts between 10 and 15 minutes.

“Patients with rectal cancer are sometimes treated in the prone position to help reduce the exposure of the bladder and small intestines to higher doses of radiation,” McKenzie says. “We shape the beams to conform to the shape of the tumor to help protect patients from side effects or damage to healthy cells.”

COLONOSCOPY: A PIECE OF CAKE?

One of McKenzie’s radiation therapy patients is Dennis Baxter, who, after being diagnosed with rectal cancer in July of 2017, is now a cancer survivor. Like many others, Baxter avoided getting a colonoscopy, but today he is a vocal advocate for getting screened.

“The peace and assurance you can walk away with after a colonoscopy is certainly worth the effort you have to put in and the little bit of aggravation you might go through in getting ready for it,” Baxter says.

When Baxter first discussed the problems he was having going to the bathroom with his doctor, he underwent a CT scan that showed nothing. But his uncertainty for what might be wrong was strong enough that he reached out to Steven Carpenter, MD, a gastroenterologist with the Center for Digestive and Liver Health, to receive his colonoscopy months earlier than originally scheduled. The screening revealed the tumor in his rectum.

That’s when Baxter began radiation and chemotherapy at the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion, followed by robotic surgery performed by Mark Blankenship, MD, of Metro Surgical. More weeks of chemotherapy followed, along with the use of an ileostomy bag (the ileostomy was later successfully reversed by Blankenship), and just over a year after his diagnosis, it was time for another colonoscopy.

“It (a colonoscopy) wasn’t a piece of cake, but it was pretty close to it,” Baxter says. “It’s really not that bad. And the comfort and assurance in knowing that everything is fine is well worth it.”

Live smart

St. Joseph's/Candler Savannah Challenger

Court is in Session

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) has announced that Paolo Lorenzi of Rome, Italy, will headline the competitors for the 2019 St. Joseph's/Candler Savannah Challenger, a USTA Pro Circuit and ATP Challenger 80 event, hosted at the Landings Club, April 29 through May 5. The tournament is the seventh Pro Circuit Men's Challenger event of the 2019 season. It is the last of three consecutive Challenger tournaments held on clay courts to help develop players on the surface leading up to the 2019 French Open. There are eight Pro Circuit men's events (ITF World Tennis Tour and Challenger events combined) currently scheduled in the USTA Southern Section in 2019.

With more than 100 tournaments throughout the country, and prize money ranging from \$15,000 to \$160,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, and the pathway to the U.S. Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players. Now in its 40th year, the Pro Circuit has been a launching pad for many of today's top pros, including Andy Murray, Maria Sharapova, John Isner, Sloane Stephens, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka, Caroline Wozniacki and Garbine Muguruza.

Currently No. 108, Lorenzi is the highest-ranked of the 40 men who received direct acceptance into the 48-player main draw. Four players will compete in the qualifying tournament April 29, for two other

berths. The local tournament organizers and the USTA will also award wild card entries to complete the field.

Lorenzi, a clay court specialist, has reached four ATP Tour singles finals, raising the trophy in 2016 at the Generali Open Kitzbühel. He achieved a career-high ranking of 33rd in the world in May of 2017. The 37-year-old has also claimed one ATP Tour doubles title and reached the quarterfinals of the French Open in 2017. He is third in all-time singles titles on the ATP Challenger Tour and has claimed at least one title per year since 2014. He holds 26 ATP Challenger Tour titles overall; 21 in singles, five in doubles.

Joining Lorenzi in the main draw is 2018 finalist Christian Harrison, and four-time Challenger singles titlist Noah Rubin. Next-gen ATP Finals contenders Corentin Moutet, Ulises Blanch and Stefan Kozlov, are also expected to compete.

New for 2019, all Landings Club members will receive free grounds admission April 29 through May 3, and non-member grounds admission is \$10. Stadium admission is \$15 daily, April 29 through May 3, and \$20 May 4 and 5. Children 7 through 12 are \$5, while children 6 and under are free. Weekly tickets are available for \$100, and all tickets are available daily during the tournament at the Franklin Creek Tennis Center front entrance.





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He Served • By Ron Lauretti

Kenneth Zike

Kenneth Zike served his country as a U.S. Marine, and then continued to work in support of national defense with Boeing. His spirit of patriotism is evident, and has influenced his work since he first considered the Corps.

Zike graduated from high school in East Prairie, Missouri, in 1955, and headed to Missouri State University, where he majored in mathematics and completed two years of Army ROTC. After college, Zike did the six-month basic course at the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia, earning his commission as a Marine second lieutenant in June of 1960.

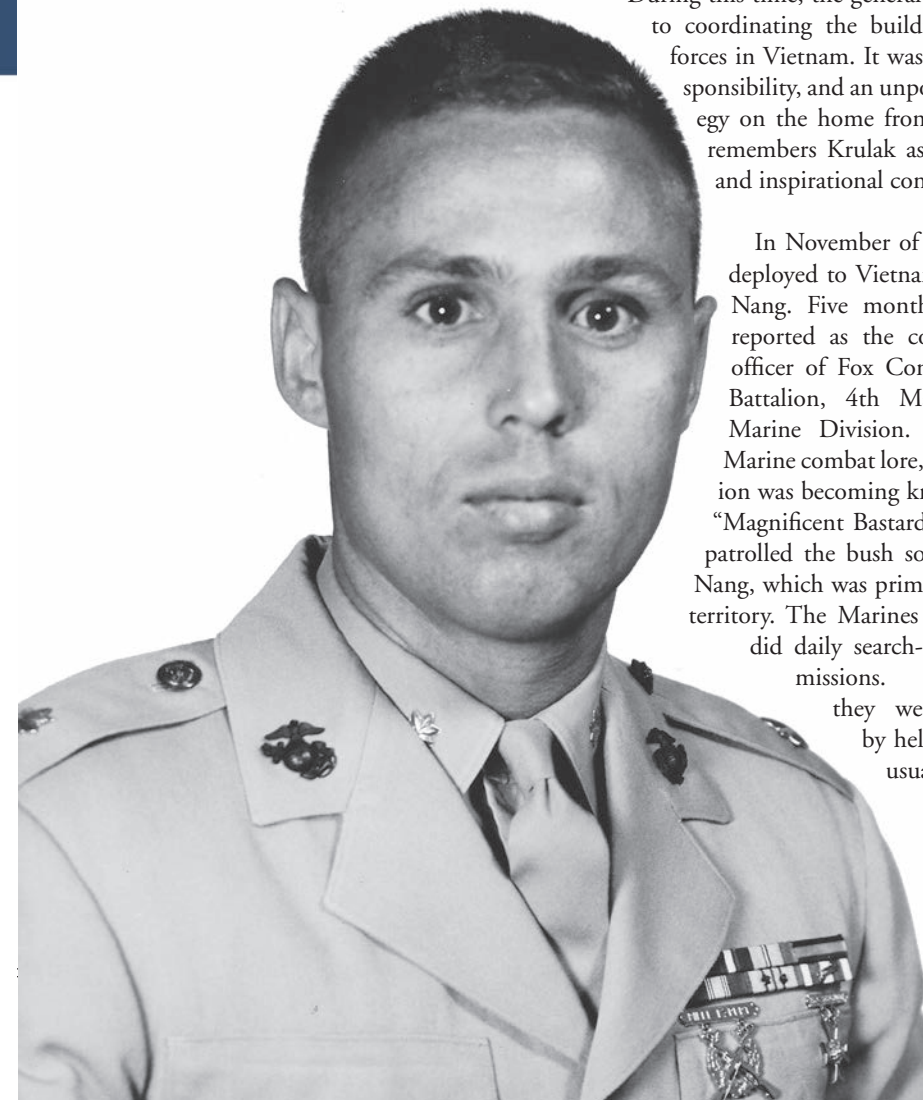
Upon commissioning, Zike reported to the newly-forming 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, at Camp Pendleton, California. After exten-

sive field training, the infantry battalion left for Okinawa, where it joined the 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. The 3rd Battalion trained heavily both on shore and at sea (amphibious landings) and was designated the "Pacific Ready" battalion, the first to react in the event of military action. While training in the Philippines, the unit was issued live ammunition in anticipation of an armed intervention into Laos. The Laotian foray was called off at the 11th hour, though Zike later deployed elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

Meanwhile, back at Pendleton for two years, Zike was assigned a temporary MOS (military occupational specialty) as a communications officer. He spent 18 months working for Gen. Victor "Brute" Krulak, the commanding general of the 100,000 Marines stationed throughout the Pacific.

During this time, the general was central to coordinating the buildup of U.S. forces in Vietnam. It was a heavy responsibility, and an unpopular strategy on the home front, but Zike remembers Krulak as a splendid and inspirational commander.

In November of 1966, Zike deployed to Vietnam near Da-Nang. Five months later, he reported as the commanding officer of Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. Adding to Marine combat lore, 2nd Battalion was becoming known as the "Magnificent Bastards." Fox/2/4 patrolled the bush south of Da-Nang, which was primarily enemy territory. The Marines of Fox/2/4 did daily search-and-destroy missions. Sometimes, they were inserted by helicopter, but usually they



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marched into the frequently changing, widely varied terrain.

"We were almost constantly in the bush, contact with the enemy was often, and we did take casualties," Zike recalls.

Zike's primary job as communications officer in the field was to relay accurate information in a timely way to segments within his battalion, and to and from supporting units, such as air, artillery and medical evacuation. This is especially important during combat, and the communications officer must be absolutely certain about all outgoing or incoming communiqués. Lives depend upon it. Zike remembers that whenever he went on patrol in Vietnam as the Fox Company commander, two Marines accompanied him, each carrying a PRC-41 radio – one for communication to his platoons and one for communication back to battalion headquarters.

For three months, Zike led Fox Company on patrols before the Magnificent Bastards were transferred to Camp Evans, a base in the central Vietnam highlands. The Marines stationed there patrolled the surrounding foothills by day and hunkered down in a security perimeter at night. If the elusive enemy chose to make contact, it was usually in the dark of night rather than during the clear vision of daylight hours.

In October of 1967, Zike finished his tour in Vietnam. Then a captain, he reported to the Marine Corps Development Center at Quantico, where Marine personnel, working with civilian defense contractors, developed new and better infantry weapons – rifles, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, to name a few types. Zike

became the project officer for the development of an advanced flamethrower. The rocket-propelled prototype he created launched incendiary warheads accurately up to 250 meters, a decided improvement over the dangerous short-range World War II model.

After completing his weapons-development tour and earning a promotion to major, Zike was assigned as the officer in charge of recruiting for a four-state area including Minnesota, where he was based in Minneapolis. Because of the political strife regarding America's involvement in Vietnam, it was a challenging recruiting period for the U.S. military, but Zike and his staff met their recruiting targets.

"I had an additional assignment during that particular tour, which was necessary and important, but not easy to do," Zike explains. Casualty-call duty required him to visit and offer condolences to families of Marines killed in action.

From October of 1972 to September of 1973, Zike was assigned to the "Rose Garden," the nickname for a remote Royal Thai Air Force Base near Nam Thong, Thailand. Three American aircraft squadrons were maintained there, flying bombing missions over North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Zike's 450 Marines and 200 Thai troops maintained security for the base, but it was not exactly an ideal job for hard-charging mobile Marines trained primarily for offensive combat against a known enemy force.



Zike's next assignment was as commanding officer of the headquarters battalion of the Marine logistics base at Barstow, California. During this time, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

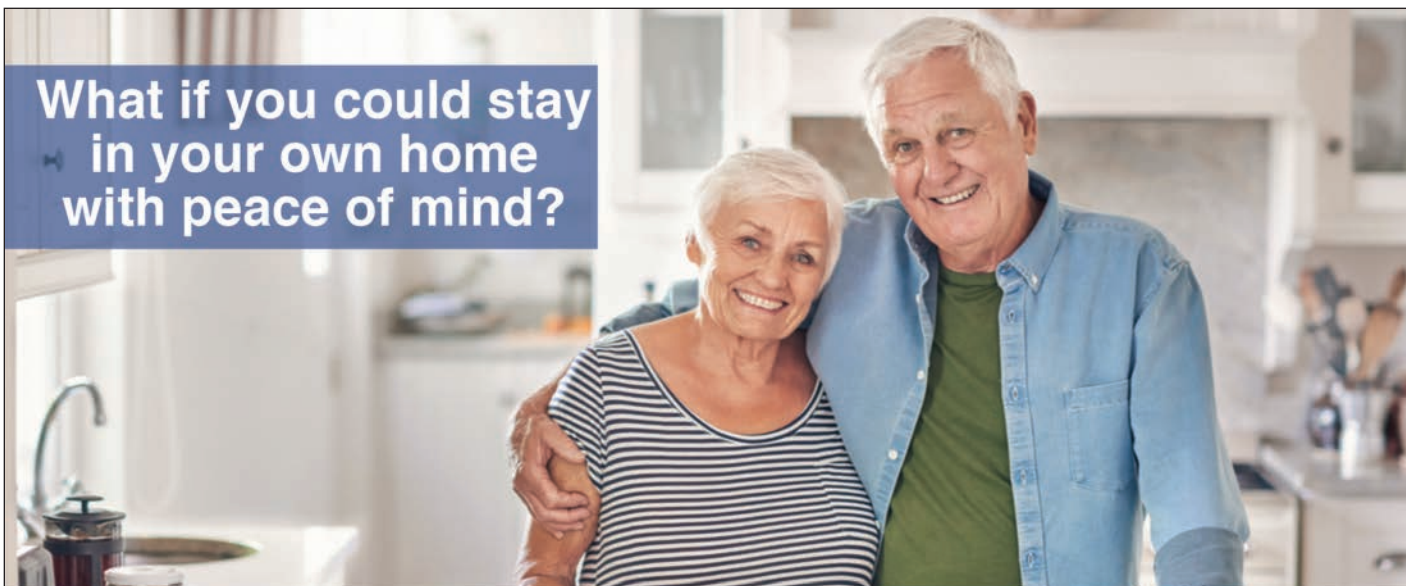
Two and a half years later, Zike moved 3,000 miles east to Parris Island, where, for 18 months, he commanded all Marine Corps recruiting east of the Mississippi River. He was later named executive officer of the recruit training regiment on base, a by-the-book responsibility with rigid standards.

His last assignment before retirement was as commanding officer of the Marine Barracks of the Concord, California, Naval Weapons Station, once more commanding a 450 Marine security unit. He retired with honors from the Marines in July of 1983, after 23 years of service to Corps and country.

As a civilian, Zike's service continued as senior manager of information security at the Boeing Company, a major defense and aerospace contractor in Seattle. Zike held the position until his final retirement in 1999. While employed at Boeing, Ken and his wife, Debbie, enjoyed downtime at their vacation home in Maine.

Appreciating a "shore thing," the Zikes chose the Southeast coast and the Landings two and a half years ago. Ken, true to his Marine roots, is a regular at the Landings Club Fitness Center.

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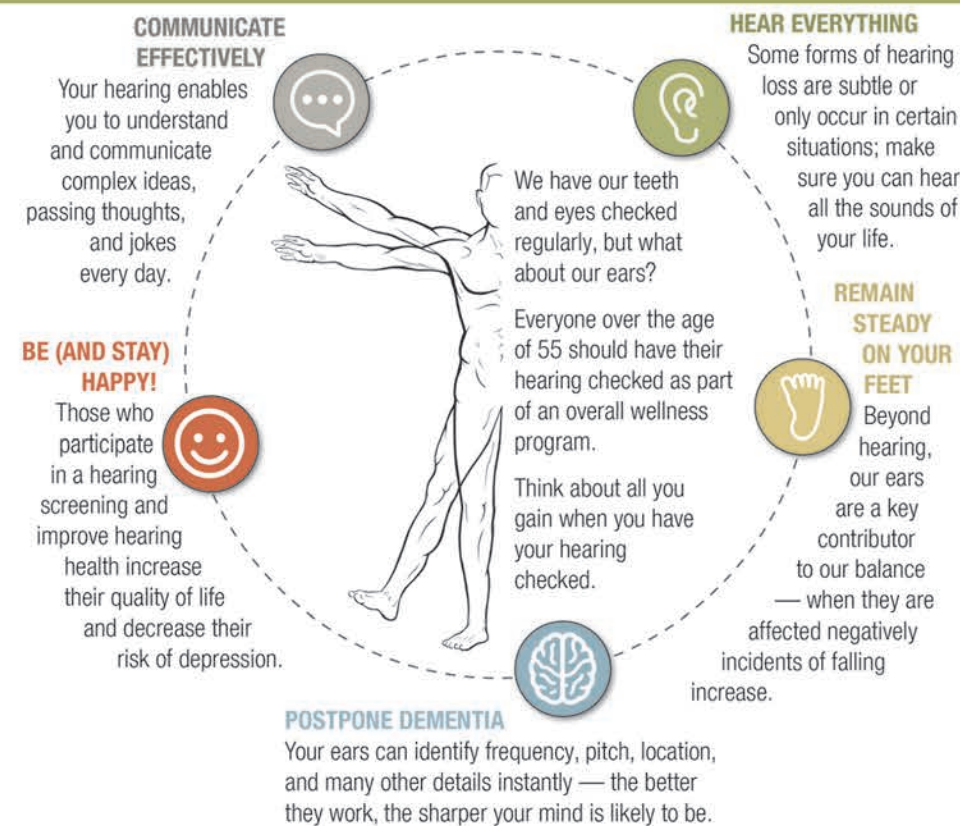
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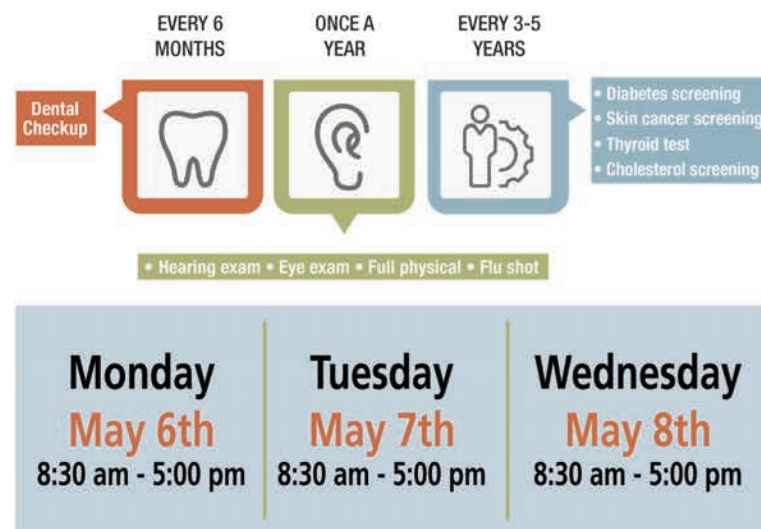
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WHAT: Are you a New Neighbors member?
CONTACT: To join, go to the website and click on Membership, or contact Deb Werner at nnnewmember@gmail.com or 912.660.0174

WHAT ELSE: New Neighbors is a very active club open to any individual who lives at The Landings on a full- or part-time basis, is over the age of 21 and has never belonged to the Landings New Neighbors. The club offers more than 250 different activities, tours and events for you to enjoy. Go to www.landings-newneighbors.com to see more examples of how exciting New Neighbors can be.

GOTTA LOVE IT

WHAT: Join Landlovers
CONTACT: Landlovers Membership Chair, Lynn Stephens at Landloversmembership@gmail.com or 912.228.5383
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers Club is open to all Landings residents, and offers both social and philanthropic activities. To learn more about our activities and fundraisers, visit Landingslandlovers.com and click on "The Happenings" tab on the left.

BRUSH WITH GREATNESS

WHAT: "Points of View," by Karen Macek
WHEN: Now through April 30, 2019
WHERE: The Landings Company Real Estate and Welcome Center, 1 Landings Way North, Savannah, GA 31411
CONTACT: 912.598.0500
WHAT ELSE: M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

COLOR MY WORLD

WHAT: The Artwork of Dell Belew
WHEN: April 1-30, 2019.
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111
WHAT ELSE: Dell Belew has always been fascinated by color, especially colorful paintings. She began painting in oils in 1975. In 1985, she received a studio art degree from Armstrong and completed her doctorate in English in 1994. She taught at the university level until 2015 when she retired to pursue her

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painting and writing.

DA VINCI DECODED

WHAT: "Celebrating Leonardo" lecture series by The Learning Center of SCI
WHEN: Mondays at 2 p.m., through May 13
WHERE: Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: TLC members - \$60 series, \$10 per lecture; visitors - \$120 series, \$20 per lecture
CONTACT: Debbie Hornsby, 912.236.0363 or dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org

THE LONGEST DAY

WHAT: "D-Day and the Battle for Europe" lecture series by The Learning Center of SCI
WHEN: Mondays at 3:30 p.m., through May 13
WHERE: Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: TLC members - \$10 per lecture, visitors - \$15 per lecture
CONTACT: Debbie Hornsby, 912.236.0363 or dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

WHAT: Evening lectures by The Learning Center of SCI
WHEN: Mondays through May 13; wine and cheese reception at 5 p.m., lecture at 5:30 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: TLC members - \$15; visitors - \$20; add \$5 within one week of lecture
CONTACT: Debbie Hornsby, 912.236.0363 or dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org
WHAT ELSE: April 22, "The Public Enemy Era;" April 29, "Mid-Century Savannah: A Pictorial Essay;" May 6, "King Charles III and Tomorrow's Royal Family;" May 13, "Oglethorpe in Britain."

CHRISTIAN CARNIVAL

WHAT: The Seed Church Easter Carnival
WHEN: Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: 1950 Chatham Parkway, corner of Veterans and Chatham Parkway across from Red Gate Farms
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Visit www.theseedchurch.com/events/carnival for details.

GOLF FOR A CURE

WHAT: Golf tournament hosted by LWGA, LMGA AND L9GA to fund cancer research at Mercer Medical School
WHEN: Tuesday, April 23
WHERE: The Landings Club - all six golf courses
HOW MUCH: \$100 per entrant, which is totally tax deductible
CONTACT: Anne Warhola at annewarhola@msn.com
WHAT ELSE: This is the first time that the LWGA-sponsored golf tournament is being fully supported by both the LMGA and L9GA. If you haven't already signed up, put your foursome together and join in this very worthy fundraising event. If you don't golf, but want to support this event, you can purchase raffle tickets from Gretchen Nazaruk at ketchup57@aol.com.

POSITIVE PUTTING

WHAT: 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Fresh Air Home of Tybee and SAFE Shelter kids summer camps. Hosted by the Notre Dame Club of Savannah.
WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2019. 11 a.m. sign-in. 1:15 pm shotgun scramble
WHERE: Oakridge Club, the Landings
HOW MUCH: 18 Hole Foursome from \$400. Includes lunch buffet. Hole sponsorships from \$100.
WHAT ELSE: Please contact Gene Fochtman at 678.428.9516 or ndclub-savannah@gmail.com to sign up as a golfer, sponsor, and/or donor. Prizes including Low Net for foursomes, putting contest, and many other prizes.



WHAT ELSE: Live music, train and firetruck rides, around the lake, carnival rides, egg hunt, and more.

NURTURING NATURE

WHAT: Friends of Skidaway Audubon and TLA Picnic in the Park
WHEN: Saturday, April 20, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Harbor Marina
HOW MUCH: Free to all, however donations to Friends of Skidaway Audubon are appreciated
WHAT ELSE: Victory Garden shares supplies for making seed balls. These balls can be placed in your garden and will sprout plants to attract birds, bees and butterflies. There will be veggie starts, grasses, native plants and citrus trees to buy. You can learn benefits of and how to begin composting at home. Earth Day photo booth, so bring your camera.

RACQUET SQUAD

WHAT: Special Pops Tennis and Beyond
WHEN: Saturday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m.
WHERE: Franklin Creek Sports Complex

CONTACT: 404.395.8691 Specialpopstennis-savannah.com
WHAT ELSE: Enriching the lives and well being of athletes with intellectual challenges, this program focuses on tennis and pickleball instruction, health/nutrition, and socialization.

BIRDS, BEES AND BLOOMS

WHAT: A day showcasing the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens
WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, 2 Canebrake Rd.
HOW MUCH: \$5 per person, children under 10 free
CONTACT: Stan Gray: graysirsgarden@comcast.net
WHAT ELSE: Enjoy the beauty of spring and roam the garden's 52 acres, with hourly bird walks, Stan Gray's Louisiana Iris Garden, and wildlife encounters. Enjoy a local art exhibition and sale, and a Friends of the Coastal Gardens plant sale featuring pollinator-attracting plants. Pack a picnic lunch, or purchase a gourmet hotdog provided by Friends, and finish up with a Shave Ice from Kona Ice.

KOSHER CONNECTIONS

WHAT: Jewish Women of the Landings dinner out
WHEN: Sunday, April 28, 2 p.m.
WHERE: East End Provisions, 420 E. Broughton St.
HOW MUCH: \$30 per person, JWOL member or guest (includes food, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity)
CONTACT: Marilyn at mzm.consulting@gmail.com

FELLOW TRAVELERS

WHAT: Landlovers Community Service – Toiletries Collection
WHEN: Wednesday, May 1 - Tuesday, May 7
WHERE: Drop off at the Landings Welcome Center (i.e. the real estate company)
CONTACT: llcommsservice@gmail.com or contact Carol Stiles, 349.9977 or Sue Souls, 713.502.6094.
WHAT ELSE: If you're traveling and have any unused personal-sized soaps, shampoos or lotions, please bring them back to Savannah. (No mouthwash, please.) We will share them with Social Apostolate which works with

poor, homeless, disabled and "at risk" people in many different ways, including providing showers for those in need.

THUMBS UP

WHAT: Landlovers Green Thumb Club
WHEN: Wednesday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon.
WHERE: Meet at Messiah Lutheran Church
HOW MUCH: Open to members of Green Thumb Club
CONTACT: Kate Kastner 912-999-6564 or katekastner@icloud.com
WHAT ELSE: Green Thumb Member Garden Tour

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Landlovers Photo Club Exhibition
WHEN: Wednesday and Thursday, May 1-2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Wells Fargo – The Private Bank, across from Four Seasons Travel
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: landloversphotoclub.wordpress.com

WHAT ELSE: The Landlovers Photography Club will showcase its members' best work at its 2nd annual photography exhibition.

LET US PRAY

WHAT: National Day of Prayer
WHEN: May 2, 7 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island Baptist Church
WHAT ELSE: Rev. John Crunkleton, pastor of SIBC, will lead the service with all the Skidaway Island ministers participating, as well as the priest of St. James Catholic Church. A nursery will be provided during the service, with refreshments and fellowship to follow.

BY ANY OTHER NAME

WHAT: Annual Rose Festival
WHEN: Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: Savannah Botanical Gardens, 1388 Eisenhower Dr.
HOW MUCH: Free admission, free parking
CONTACT: Savannah Botanical Gardens, 912.346.4770 or sacgc1388@botanical.com-castbiz.net
WHAT ELSE: The Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs and the Savannah Botanical

Gardens present the 2019 Rose Festival, an annual fundraiser to benefit the Savannah Botanical Gardens. Plants, roses, and daylilies for sale. Also on hand will be artists and crafters, garden tours, "Ask a Master Gardener," and children's activities.

GREAT SCOT!

WHAT: 43rd annual Savannah Scottish Games
WHEN: Saturday, May 4, opens at 9 a.m. to the public, closing ceremonies at 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Bethesda Academy
CONTACT: Savannah.scottish.games@gmail.com or visit: www.savannahscottishgames.com
WHAT ELSE: Originally founded by the St. Andrews Society, the Savannah Scottish Games is a phenomenal opportunity to learn more about your Scottish roots or simply come out and enjoy a day of fun for the whole family. From Scottish dancing, unique and delicious food offerings, shopping, tons of kids activities and intense athletic competitions among the clans, the Scottish Games is a one-of-a-kind event you don't want to miss.

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15. State fish: cutthroat trout
16. Gyro wrap
17. State bird: quail
19. Opposite of 63-Across
20. Twins 8-time All-Star right-fielder, Tony ____ (anagram for VIOLA)
21. “Diana” (1957) singer-songwriter, Paul ____
23. Org. for the Bruins and the Canadiens
24. Dakar is its capital
27. Creepy
29. Virginia willow (anagram for I ATE)
31. More compacted
34. State nickname: “The Prairie State”
38. Speed of TV replays, informally
39. Palindromic time of day
40. State insect: honey bee
43. Bickering (two words)
44. Pulverize
46. State flower: peach blossom
48. Ta-tas, in France (anagram for DIE USA)
50. John, in Wales
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53. Antonym for exhumes
58. Number on a Roman sundial
60. Himalayan legend
62. Chicago’s airport
63. Opposite of 19-Across
65. State tree: hemlock
68. Dine’s partner
69. TV host, ____ Degeneres
70. State fruit: tomato
71. Eve’s squeeze
72. Nemesis of Caterpillar
73. Like the Canon EOS T6 Rebel (abbr)

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7. Grandma, often
8. “For ____ is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,”
9. Thoroughly wet
10. Mineral spring
11. State motto: is in French
12. State gem: topaz
13. Like Abraham Lincoln
18. Villain in “Oliver Twist”
22. Greek god of war
25. Teeny-weeny bit
26. “Star Wars” princess
28. Relative acquired by marriage
30. Actor’s line directed at the audience
32. Arabic ruler
33. Repetitious learning
34. Machu Picchu builder
35. “____ of the Flies”
36. State drink: milk
37. Like a tile in a mosaic
41. Star of the “Scream” horror movies, ____ Campbell
42. Panache
45. Nephew of Donald Duck
47. Russian writer and dramatist, ____ Chekhov
49. Fretted over
52. Trite
54. 1977 George Burns movie (two words)
55. Calculus, geometry, algebra. etc., at Oxford (anagram for T SHAM)
56. Cook using the oven’s top burner only
57. Mr., in Tiajuana
58. State bird: eastern goldfinch
59. Any plant of the iris family
61. Wight or Man
64. Apollo 11 moon lander
66. That lady
67. Ending for ‘can’ or ‘comb’

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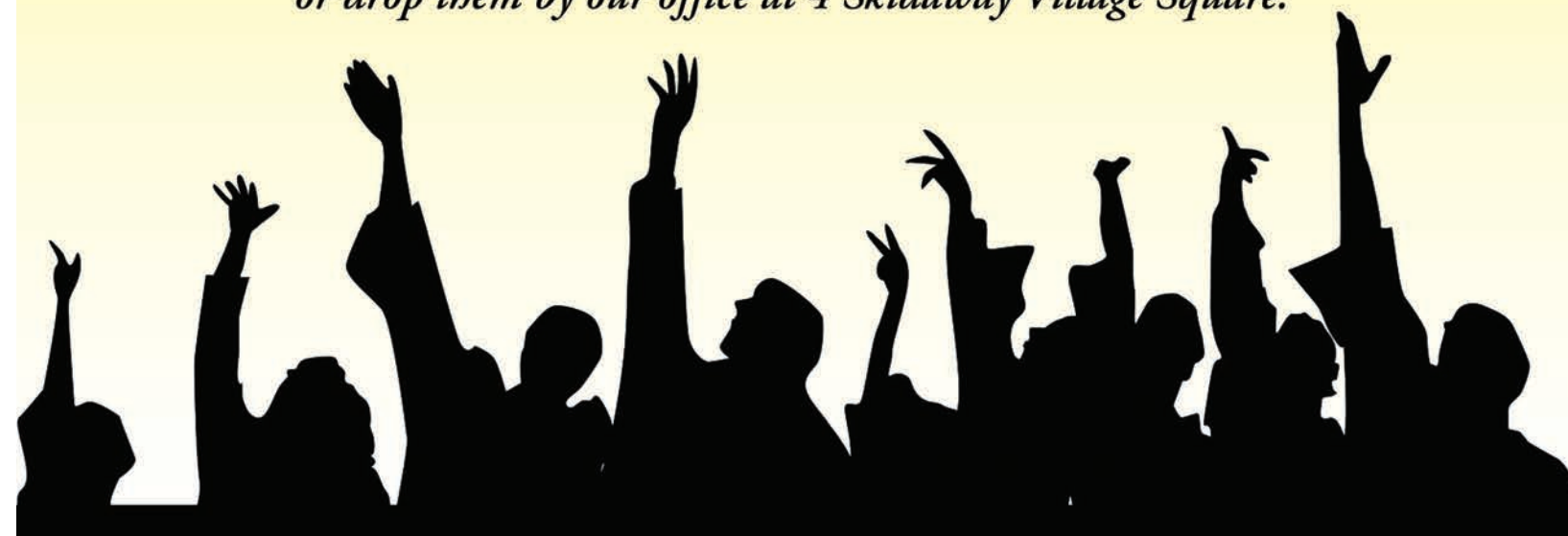
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