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How do you tell the people at home about whom you care very much that coming back to them is hard? My year as a Harvard fellow is days from done. I have never died, but I wonder, if given foreknowledge of when I will, my last days will feel like this – an intense mix of melancholy and celebration. Days with morning light that is more noticeably brilliant than mornings usually are. Music in my head when it would otherwise host a running dialogue between my better instincts and worst fears. A brace of early winter's cold that is more invigorating than harsh.

These final few class days are precious; my heart soars as I grip hard to every word anyone says. Today, in literature, we are thinking about trees. Trees as symbols and metaphors and meaningful things. Read *The Overstory* by Richard Powers (seriously, do yourself a favor and read it), and you'll understand why. Professor Warren, probably 20 years younger than I, has placed branches and spores and leaves around the seminar room, stuff he collected on the way to campus after dropping his three-year-old daughter at school.

So we talk about trees. Soon, the professor tells us to write about trees. Next, he asks us to share what we have written, if we are so inclined.

The other 13 students are undergrads, a fact that has not ceased to disquiet me since it became known. Appropriately, they participate more than I do. But, today, I (gingerly) raise my hand. I read aloud from my laptop screen:

I bought a farm, and soon I recognized that I don't own the land, I'm merely tending to it.

Before, it was a place for cows. Before that, who knows? Now, it tries to birth olives, though some wither and return to the earth.

Near one corner of the land, a big, old, unkempt tree stands alone. It serves no practical purpose and its isolation is odd, but there is an explanation – one that I'll never know.

I planted tiny olive trees, no bigger than a straw, with help from two people who are very dear to me, there on the land, one by one, by the thousands, day after day, for several weeks. Up and down in the dirt, with nothing more than a hand spade, we married the timeless soil to the tiny not-yet-trees. At the end of each day, I watched as water sprayed out across the field, rewarding my plants for enduring another merciless Georgia afternoon.

Time passed, and some plants – many, actually – died. Weeds grew aggressively between the rows of seedlings, demanding attention and stealing from my trees. Obstinate, some trees survived and grew.

Meanwhile, the big, old, lonely pecan continued to cast its shade and litter the ground beneath its branches with nuts. My father, upon seeing the tree, suggested the grass at its base that remains all day in shade as a place to bury what-remains-un-spread of my wife's ashes. I listened, but didn't respond.

Louise never saw the farm. She has no connection to it. Yet my father's idea made sense to me, for some reason. And now I know why.

Trees represent permanence, or perseverance, at least. They stand quietly and strong, through conditions both calm and brutal. They don't hide from crisis. They seem not to change at all; but when you go away from one for a long time and come back to it, it has grown enough to make you sad.

And so we dug a shallow hole, filled it with an urn, covered the urn with the same dirt that, with equal dispassion, sustains and claims my olives. We anchored a small white cross with an inscribed brass plate into a pool of quick-dry concrete, mixed minutes before in a painter's tray. We smoothed the concrete, aspiring to a proper rectangle. In an oval pattern, working away from the cross at its center, we placed rounded white-and-ocher stones. Then we stepped back and looked down at the work we had done. For more than a minute, but less than five, neither my father or I moved.

The big tree predates my birth, probably those of my parents', too. It might outlive my children, and theirs. This tree is a living thing worth loving, and I do. Louise came and left in an instant, but in the soil that nurtures the big, old, stubborn tree, she is not gone. I suspect that's why we put her there – to connect the temporal to the forever, or our version of it, anyway.

I finished reading and looked up. Nobody moved or spoke. An uncomfortably long moment passed before I interrupted with: "Sorry to bring everybody down."

My professor said, his inflection more genuine than kind: "You didn't bring me down at all." I noticed a tear in one girl's eye.

At once, I was elated and crushed. Harvard had changed me, opened me, reintroduced me to the world. But I am finding my voice and losing my microphone, at the very same time. I feel both thanks and anguish, and the two don't seem at odds.

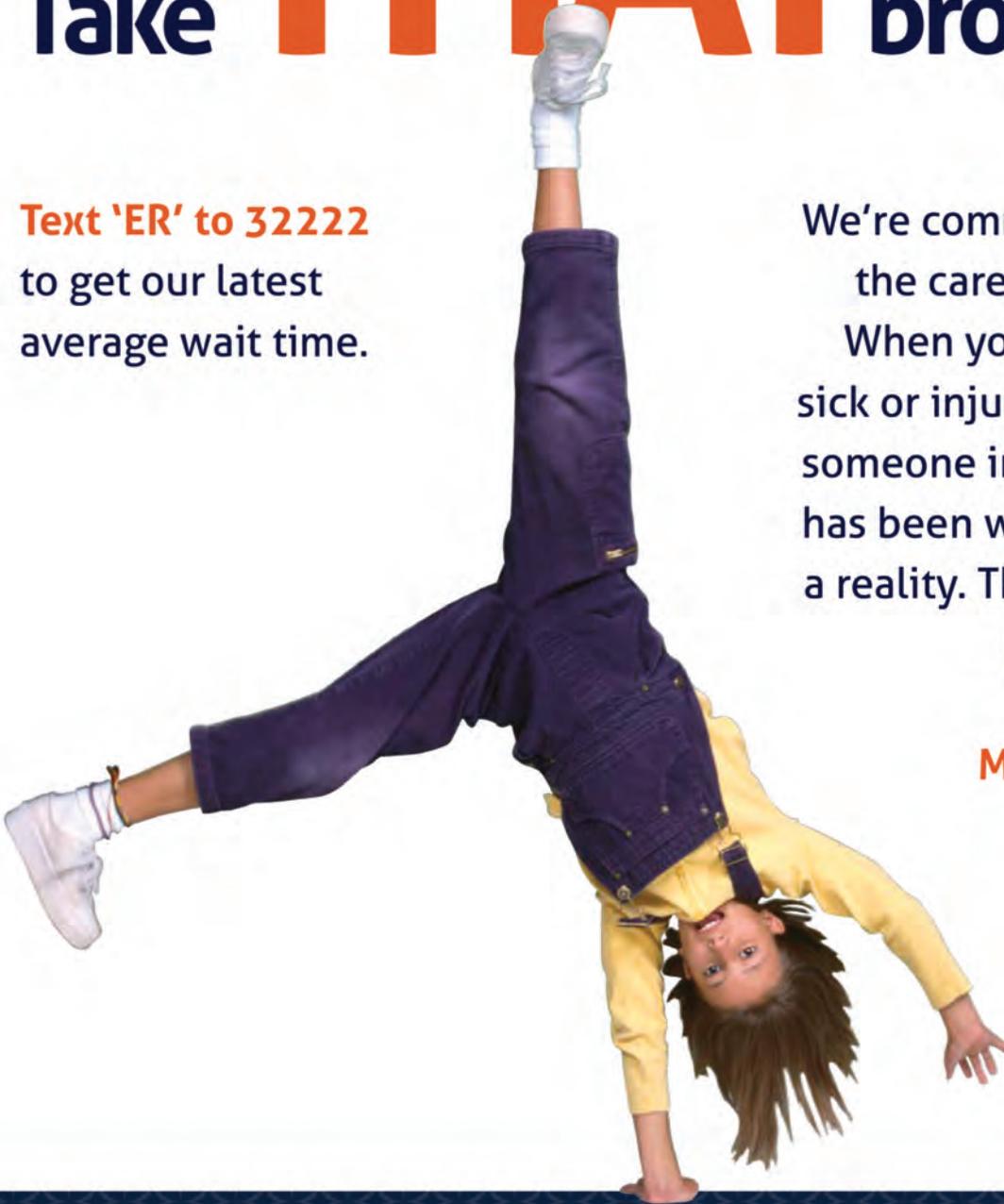
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Another round of tough games got us another tight tiebreaker pool. Tom "Arch" Bishop, Priscilla "Fearless" Farnum, Jim "Not the Refrigerator" Perry, and "Genuine" Ginny Pierce duked it out and all came up with 17 out of 23 perfect picks. But just like the Highlander, there can be only one! The tiebreak game was the excruciating SEC Championship game between the Dawgs and some elephant team from Alabama. The two teams combined to score 63 points. Jim "NTF" Perry was darn close with a guess of 63 – good enough to take home the trophy! Or the gift certificate in this case. At any rate, congrats to Jim and the gang on a pool well-picked. Onward and upward as they say – to the bowl season we go.

It's time for our Bowl Bonanza. Play along with us. Win prizes and (a modicum of) fame. The rules are simple. Predict the winning team for each game. And get more right than the rest of your friends.

As a tiebreaker this week, pick the National Champion.

Entries are due Friday, December 14, at 5 p.m. Email your picks to chendrix@theskinie.com. Or send your entry the old-fashioned way to:

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



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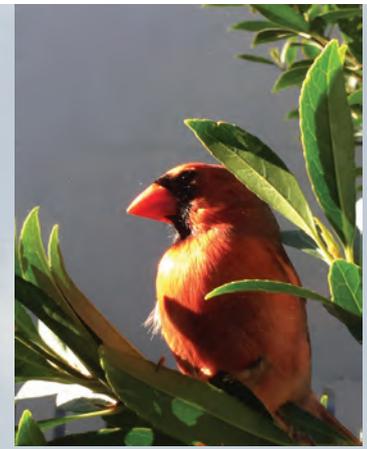
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on the cover:

Carolyn Meehan says this beautiful male cardinal has been trying to chase away the stranger he sees reflected in her window. So far he has not injured himself, the stranger or the window but he refuses to give up!

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Cumberland Island

Story and Photos By Jeff Garrison

A soft red light glows outside in the darkness. It could be a dying street light, except there are no streetlights on Cumberland Island. I check the time; almost 6 a.m. Time to get up if I'm going to beat the tide change. I crawl out of the hammock, slide into flip-flops, and turn around to a beautiful view. The nearly full moon is setting across the marsh to the west, light reflecting off the ripples on the waters of the Brickhill River. I look at the shoreline. The tide is coming in strong. I'll need to be on the water soon if I'm to make the 14 miles back to the landing at Crooked River State Park without fighting the current.

In the dark, with only the moonlight guiding me, I stuff my sleeping bag and hammock into their sacks and stow both into the holds of the kayak. I pack my mini-stove and percolator. I don't have time for coffee this morning. I can pick up some later on my drive home. For breakfast, I take a couple of granola bars and a pear from the food bag that's hanging from a branch, to keep it safe from raccoons. I eat one of the bars while watching the moon set. With sunrise still 45 minutes away, I take out a flashlight and I make a last tour of my campsite. After stowing everything in the kayak, I slide it down the bank and into the water, crawl



into the cockpit, and begin paddling.

I make good time this morning, having passed Table Point in less than 30 minutes. I look behind me and catch the opening rays of the sun as it rises over Cumberland Island. I take out the pear and eat it, enjoying the splendor. When I resume paddling, I notice the large covered submarine dry-dock at the Kings Bay Naval Station. In the low light, it looks remarkably similar to Noah's Ark, floating beyond the marsh grass that separates the Brickhill River from the Intracoastal Waterway. It's ironic, I muse to myself, that each submarine carries almost as much destructive power as that ancient flood.

This was my second trip to the Cumberland Island National Seashore. The first trip, two years ago, was to Sea Camp on the south end of the island. That site is served by a ferry from St. Mary's. It's close to the beach and has potable water, flush toilets and hot showers. My wife and I spent a lot of time soaking up rays on the beach, swimming in the surf, and exploring the ruins of Dungeness, a grand home built by Thomas Carnegie. It burned in the 1950s.

In the late 19th Century, Thomas



**aBoVe: Terrapin Point, overlooking the former Cumberland Wharf
oPPoSITE Page: one of the remaining statues at Dungeness**

Carnegie, the brother of Andrew, purchased much of the island and had a massive winter home built at the site of an earlier Dungeness mansion. Thomas Carnegie died as his mansion was being completed, but his widow, Lucy, occupied it. As each of their children married, Lucy granted them land on the island and a stipend to build homes of their own.

After leaving Crooked River State Park two days ago, my first stop was at Plum

Orchard, the first of the island mansions constructed by the Carnegie children. Originally built by George and Margaret Thaw Carnegie, it was seasonally occupied until the 1960s; George and Margaret's granddaughter and husband being the last occupants. Today, it is a part of Cumberland Island National Seashore, and the National Park Service offers tours.

The 24,000-square-foot home features a grand entryway, a formal dining room, mod-

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The interior of Plum Orchard retains many of its original features from when it was built in 1898.

ern bathrooms, an indoor squash tennis court, a women's parlor, and a men's gun room that displays trophy heads of various animals bagged by the Carnegies. It is a magnificent home, and the delay was well worth it, even if it meant the tide turned and it took me 90 minutes of hard paddling to reach my campsite for the weekend.

The wilderness site, on a bluff along the Brickhill River, can hold six groups, but there are only three other campers the first night; students at Georgia Tech. They had come over on the ferry from St. Mary's and peddled bikes the ten miles along sandy two-track dirt roads to camp here. We chat for a bit and I learn they are planning on leaving early on Sunday in order to catch the 10:30 a.m. ferry back.

Campfires are not allowed at this site, so after setting up my camp, I fire up my miniature gas stove to prepare chicken and rice for dinner. I watch the sunset, sipping on bourbon, then retreat from the bugs into the security of my hammock. It is still warm, so I leave the fly off my hammock in order to receive the best breeze. I read for an hour by flashlight before going to sleep. At 3 a.m. I wake to the rustling of palm leaves and distant thunder. The moon and stars are no longer visible. I quickly get up and position my fly over my hammock. The rain comes as I put in the last of the stakes into the ground. I crawl back into the hammock and fall asleep to the sound of rain.

I sleep in until nearly 7:00 on Sunday morning. Getting up in the dawn light, I perk coffee and boil hot water for oatmeal. I notice my neighbors have already left. After breakfast, I set off on a hike to the old settlement on the northern end of the island, about four miles away. It's warm and muggy, and I'm serenaded by insects, songbirds, and a distant woodpecker providing the bass. About half way to the settlement, a shower passes by, cooling me off.

When I arrive at Terrapin Point, I pause for a few minutes on the high bluff overlooking what used to be the Cumberland Wharf. A large pod of dolphins feeds in the shallows as a barge makes its way south along the Intracoastal Waterway. In the distance, I can see the Sidney Lanier Bridge from Brunswick to Jekyll Island.

The residents of the settlement were former slaves. They lived where they did to work for the hotel that used to sit on the north end of the island, or for the Carnegies who turned much of the island into their private winter playground. The community dwindled after the hotel closed, with a few people hanging on to work as servants in

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some of the islands homes. Today, a church and one home remain open by the National Park Service.

My hope was to be at the old First African Baptist Church by 10 a.m., but I am a few minutes late. The cornerstone indicates that it was built in 1893, but I later learn that was when the original church was constructed out of logs. In 1937, it was rebuilt out of timber. In 1996, 103 years after the church was first built on this site, it was the setting for the late John Kennedy Jr.'s and Carolyn Bessette's private wedding ceremony. Tragically, two years later, both were killed in a plane crash off Martha's Vineyard.

I step into the old building. It's small, with only eight short pews. Taking out my smartphone, I am pleased to have a signal. I log into the streaming service of Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church in time to catch an excellent sermon by Parish Associate Deanie Strength. As I listen, I think about those who in years past worshipped here, and that it is good the gospel is again heard in these walls.

Afteward, I eat lunch and then hike back to camp, taking the Terrapin Point and Brickhill Bluff trails. At times, from high bluffs, I'm afforded wonderful views of the marsh. Other parts of the trail move deeply into the woods of this maritime forest. I am amazed at the size of some of the longleaf pines. In addition to pines and live oaks – the most abundant trees – hickory and magnolias are also common. I scare up a few feral hogs that grunt as they run away, along with a wild turkey and an armadillo that makes all kinds of racket as it rushes through dense growth of saw palmetto.

It's about 2:00 p.m. when I arrive back at my campsite. I rest for a few minutes, reading David Gressner's Return of the Osprey. As I

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Cumberland Island Ferry provides transportation to and from the south end of the island. Its schedule varies depending on the season. Please refer to www.cumberlandisland-ferry.com for more details. Boats (motored and kayaks) can be launched from St. Mary's or Crooked River State Park.

read, I notice an osprey hunting out over the Brickhill River. For the longest time, the bird never dives for a fish, but when it finally does, he misses. The bird comes up out of the water flapping, nothing in its talons. It shakes its wings as if to shake off his missed lunch. In reading this book, I learn that mature birds generally catch their prey 50 percent or more of the time. That's a pretty high percentage. Either my bird was having a bad day or it was young and just learning to dive for fish.

Taking my chair, book and some snacks, I hike the two miles out to the beach. Along the way, I pass several fresh water ponds. In one, an alligator is sunning and as I walk by,

I catch sight of the tail of a large snake slithering down into the water. I spend nearly two hours on the beach enjoying the sound of the waves as I read and nap. At 5:30, I start back, hoping to fix dinner and prepare for the evening before darkness falls. Knowing it's going to be a long paddle in the morning, I am in my hammock sleeping shortly after watching an amazing sunset.

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Part 1 of 2 • By Ron Lauretti

As we approach the end of 2018, we remember the two dozen veterans profiled during the past year. In this column and the next, we review our subjects chronologically, 12 here and 11 in a couple of weeks. Because those who serve in our military comprise less than one percent of our national population and many are volunteers, we honor the commitments of these men and women.

DEMPSEY LOGUE

Dempsey is a 43-year veteran of the Georgia Army National Guard. He comes from a long line of Georgia veterans, dating back to the Georgia Hussars of pre-Revolutionary War days. As a 17-year-old junior at Benedictine Military School in 1949, he joined the local 118th Field Artillery Battalion. In the Army National Guard, he became a “cannon cocker” on the 105-mm Howitzer while practice firing on artillery ranges in South Carolina and Alabama. Dempsey steadily progressed through the ranks, advancing to battalion master sergeant (E-8), then brigade sergeant major (E-9), and finally command sergeant major for the entire Georgia Army National Guard – the highest enlisted rank attainable statewide. From 1986 to 1988, he served as sergeant major of the Guard’s NCO Leadership School in Milledgeville. Dempsey volunteered for active duty for Operation Desert Storm in Iraq, but the war ended so quickly (21 days) that his unit, training in California’s Mojave Desert, was ordered to stand down just before its scheduled deployment to Iraq. He was awarded the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three oak leaf clusters when discharged on March 6, 1992. Dempsey is a former board of director president for Riverview Health and Rehabilitation Center and a long-time member of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee.



MIKE WORDEN

Mike hails from South Carolina and was drafted into the Marine Corps in 1966. He deployed to operational 12th Marines in South Vietnam after stateside training as a mobile radio communications operator. He transferred to the 9th Marines and helped defend Khe Sanh combat base from heavy enemy attacks. He directed supporting artillery fire by radio while on multiple patrols in enemy controlled territory, enduring several close calls from frequent mortar attacks after returning to base. Worden was promoted to corporal at completion of his 13-month combat tour. After an honorable discharge and earning an associate’s degree in chemical technology from Savannah Technical College, he began a 44-year civilian career in Savannah, first with GAF and then with Gulfstream. He is active in the Savannah Marine Corps League, serving twice as commandant, and also an active member of the Chatham County Veterans Association.




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Mark graduated top of class in 1955 from Webb Institute Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in Glen Cove, New York. He was hoping to be involved with the Navy's fledging nuclear reactor program. He passed a demanding selection interview with Adm. Hyman Rickover and received a Navy commission after an accelerated OCS program. After OCS, he studied nuclear shield design and nuclear reactor design before reporting to the world's first civilian nuclear plant in Shippingport, Pennsylvania. He helped bring the plant to full power, followed later by the challenging task of refueling the reactor. Forsell was fortunate enough to ride the *Nautilus*, our first nuclear submarine. He left the Navy in 1959 to begin a 29-year civilian

career with the Atomic Energy Commission. He spent the next 10 years as a project manager for on-land prototype submarines or surface ship reactors, and interviewed all candidates for the Navy's nuclear program. He evaluated sub crews before they started any reactors and conducted 27 sea trials. He progressed to director of the Navy's nuclear-powered attack submarines, while helping to develop the number of missile tubes and increase in power of the propulsion plants. He helped to design the next generation of attack submarines, the



Seawolf class, and then the Virginia class. He retired from government service in 1988 and was awarded highest honors by President Ronald Reagan and Adm. Kinnaird McKee. In 1995, he moved to the Landings with wife Shirley, but continued in the nuclear industry – privately consulting for two years, then spending five years in California as chief operating officer for CEGA, a reactor design subsidiary of General Atomics Company. After his final retirement, Mark and Shirley chartered a 45-foot sloop and explored remote islands in the South Pacific. He served several summers as a scoutmaster, and is very active in St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Additionally, Mark ran a \$900,000 capital campaign fund for the Interfaith Hospitality Network's day center.

KEITH KUCERA

Keith is the former commander of Coast Guard Station Tybee, before retiring from the Coast Guard in July of 2018. He joined the Coast Guard in 1993 and scored well on the vocational aptitude battery test. Kucera specialized in boat operations. His first duty station was aboard the cutter, *USS Mohawk*, rescuing and repatriating refugees in the Caribbean. He added EMT certification to his record while doing so. Keith transferred to sea duty at Cape Canaveral, Florida, for search-and-rescue operations, space shuttle security, and fisheries law enforcement, and was promoted to petty officer first class. He transferred every couple of years to Coast Guard stations along the East and Gulf Coasts. After promotion to senior chief petty officer, he took command of the coastal patrol boat *USS Flyingfish*, homeported in Boston, and was charged with strict harbor security after the Boston Marathon bombing. Coast Guard Station Tybee was his final assignment, where he commanded 49 active duty Coasties and 38 reservists, and was responsible for operational readiness of four Coast Guard vessels docked at the station. Keith directed post-storm response and repair after damage from two hurricanes affecting Tybee. He retired six months ago after 25 years of Coast Guard service and moved to the north Georgia mountains with his wife Pamela and their four children.



COL. JASON A. WALTER

Jason is the base garrison commander at Fort Stewart. After graduating high school in Illinois, he was accepted to the Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, and West Point, with necessary Congressional appointments to each. He chose West Point, preferring an Army career. After graduation in 1994, he became an armor (tanks) officer. Following his first commands in Colorado and Germany, Walter was deployed to hot spots in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Macedonia, Kosovo, East Africa, and Tunisia, with corresponding promotions in rank. His other assignments include aide-de-camp to the commanding general, 1st Infantry Division; brigade operations officer 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101ST Airborne; and battalion commander, 1-63rd Combined Arms Battalion, 1st Infantry Division; also, associate professor at West Point. Besides armor, Jason has received advanced training in artillery, command, and airborne assault and is a Ranger School graduate. His awards include two Bronze Stars, Combat Action Badge, and five Meritorious Service medals. He has also earned two masters degrees – one in engineering from Northwestern and one in strategic studies from the Army War College. Jason is a hands-on garrison commander who is responsible for high morale by personally welcoming every new reporting soldier. He is always available to offer advice and encouragement to his soldiers.



NICK FARAKLAS

The New Jersey native graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1978 with a biology degree. Nick applied to the Navy's nuclear power program as a prerequisite for admission to submarine service. He passed a demanding personal interview with Adm. Hyman Rickover, "father" of the nuclear Navy. After commissioning as a naval officer, Nick attended a one-year all-inclusive nuclear reactor school, followed by a basic submarine procedures course. After an assignment teaching physics and thermodynamics to enlisted submariners, he transferred to the fast-attack nuclear sub base in Hawaii. In 1981, Faraklas reported to *USS Indianapolis*, SSN 697, a fast-attack nuclear powered submarine, for a four-year tour. He worked his way up from electrical officer to department head in charge of weapons and sonar systems, and was promoted to lieutenant. During his tour on board the Indy, he had three major Cold War "cat-and-mouse" deployments in the western Pacific against Russian subs, and he also did a refugee-at-sea rescue mission, as well as assisted the Hawaiian island of Kauai after damage caused by Hurricane Iwa. Nick left the Navy in 1985 and joined the pharmaceutical division of Procter and Gamble, specializing in market research, until retirement in 2012. He moved to the Landings in 2016 with his wife, Judy.



KENT CRENSHAW

Deceased – Kent was a veteran military and civilian aircraft pilot who died in a tragic accident, April 2, 2011, while test-piloting a Gulfstream G650. After graduating high school in 1965 in Littleton, Colorado, he received a Congressional appointment to West Point with the understanding that he could accept, upon graduation, a commission from the Air Force, which he did. He joined the 457th Tactical Airlift Wing in Vietnam after completing pilot training and earned a Distinguished Flying Cross and three air medals. Afterward, he served with the 380th Bomb Squadron (1972-1973) and 19th Bomb Wing (1973-1975). Next stop, Wright-Paterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, where he earned a master's degree in aeronautical engineering, followed by a three-year assign-



ment as instructor at the Air Force Academy. Upon completion, Kent volunteered for test pilot school at Edwards Air Force Base and finished as the distinguished graduate in his class. He returned to the Air Force Academy as instructor for future test pilots before going back to Edwards as commander and instructor of the 6510th Test Wing, testing all new Air Force planes coming on line. Crenshaw, then a lieutenant colonel, retired from the Air Force in 1989 to become a civilian test pilot. He was hired by Northrup Grumman, and eventually became chief test pilot for their

B-52 Stealth Bomber. He set the speed record from Mongolia to Chicago. He owned a personal aircraft, a Beechcraft Bonanza, and taught his wife, Judy, an operating room nurse, how to fly. After seven years at Northrup, he joined Gulfstream as chief test pilot for commercial and special missions test programs, specializing in developing recovery procedures during loss-of-control events. He was killed at Roswell International Air Center almost eight years ago when a Gulfstream G650 he was piloting crashed during takeoff. Crenshaw, a former Landings resident who was extremely well-liked and admired at Gulfstream, is listed for his accomplishments on the Aviation Wall of Honor at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. He was interred with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

WILLIAM NORTH

William is a veteran with more than four decades of military service – 33 years with the Air Force, and the next 13 (and counting) with the Army. He graduated from UCLA in 1973 with an engineering degree and an Air Force ROTC commission as second lieutenant. After reporting to Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, and earning his pilot wings, North transferred to Castle Air Force Base, California, and qualified as a B-52 co-pilot for the 93rd Bombardment Wing. He transferred to the 28th Bomb Squadron, Robins AFB, Georgia, earning a promotion to B-52 aircraft commander. A host of assignments followed – 60th Bombardment Squadron, Guam (as instructor pilot); Strategic Air Command (SAC), Offutt AFB, Nebraska; and Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Returning to Guam, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and became operations officer for the 60th Bombardment Squadron. After closure of the 60th in 1990, he spent four years at the Pentagon, and then three years back at Maxwell as a course director for Air University. Maxwell retired from military service for three years before returning to active duty status as air liaison officer for the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, then participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom by calling in supporting air strikes for the 3rd ID as it fought its way from the Kuwait border to Bagdad. He was released from active duty in 2005 and returned to Fort Stewart. He is currently the senior civilian officer for G-3 Operations for the 3rd ID, working closely with its five brigades.



NOEL AND CAREY RUPPERT

Noel and Carey are a husband and wife team of Navy veterans. Noel graduated from Stetson University and Carey from the University of Oklahoma. They met and married while both on active duty. Noel became a naval aviator (rotary aircraft) after commissioning as a naval officer; Carey transitioned, after commissioning, from personnel policies to social aide for President and Mrs. Reagan, to a chief protocol officer for several Navy upper brass, then to liaison officer for the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs. Noel's surface fleet assignments included commanding the amphibious assault ship, *USS Inchon*, and a five-ship amphibious assault squadron. Noel retired from the Navy in 1990 as a captain, finishing as Director of Aviation Officer Distribution and joined Ability Resources as C.E.O. until his civilian retirement in 2004. Carey left active duty in 1991 as a lieu-



tenant commander, then joined the Navy Reserve and doubled as a lobbyist for Newport News Shipbuilding Company until her final retirement from the Navy in 1997. The couple moved to the Landings in 2002. Noel is involved with the Landings architectural review board. Carey is a member of the Skidaway Island Fire Department and a personal chef for select clients.

DALE DE ROIA

Dale completed a 35-year military aviation career that began in 1970 after ROTC graduation from John Carroll University. He joined the Army and was assigned to the transportation corps and then transferred to flight school. He graduated with honors from helicopter flight school and chose the Cayuse Scout model for close-in enemy location ability in anticipation of deployment to Vietnam in December of 1971. Dale completed multiple combat missions with 17th Cavalry over the Mekong Delta area and classified missions into Cambodia before the unit was ordered to stand down and relocate to Hawaii. De Roia soon deployed back to Vietnam to the



16th Cavalry in support of the final U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam. Two stateside assignments followed – aircraft maintenance and test pilot for the CH-54 Skycrane helicopter at Fort Benning, Georgia, then Hunter Army Airfield, as a helicopter maintenance officer and executive officer. After active duty discharge in December of 1975, Dale remained at Hunter as a civilian aircraft maintenance officer until his enlistment in the Georgia Army National Guard in February of 1976, with weekend maintenance assignments at the Naval Air station, Albany, Georgia, until his Guard tenure ended August of 1981. He returned to Hunter in 1983, managing all 1,300 aircraft maintenance contract employees until 2007. He retired from the Army in 1998 as a lieutenant colonel. De Roia lives in Guyton with his wife Dawn, a former school teacher. He is an active member of the Italian Society of Savannah.

FRANK RIZZA

Frank was a native Savannahian who graduated from Benedictine Military School, Emory University, and the Medical College of Georgia. He completed a four-year residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. Frank was drafted into the Army Medical Corps in 1957 and deployed to South Korea for 18 months as chief medical officer of #4043 MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) unit. He was released from active duty with the rank of captain. Frank returned to New Orleans and began a pediatric surgery private practice, which he operated for 49 years. He was affiliated with Louisiana State and Tulane Universities medical facilities. Rizza was the recipient of several prestigious international awards for his medical expertise. After retiring in 1997, he returned to Savannah and became a patron of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist church and the Telfair Museum. He was a founding member of the Italian Society of Savannah. Frank passed away in 2018.



GILES MCCOY

Deceased – Giles was on board the *USS Indianapolis* when the big cruiser was torpedoed and sunk in the Philippine Sea by a Japanese submarine on July 29, 1945. Of the 1,195 sailors and Marines on board, Giles was one of approximately 900 survivors who made it into the ocean before the ship sank. The sergeant, a crack Marine sniper, was on board pulling light duty recovering from injuries after being seriously wounded in the battle of Peleliu 10 months earlier. The *Indy* was on the way to Leyte Gulf to join a task force preparing for the anticipated invasion of Japan and, because it had previously transported Little Boy, the first atomic bomb, from San Francisco to Tinian, its voyage was top secret. *Indy* survivors floated in shark-infested waters for four days and nights until spotted by an amphibious plane on patrol. Only 321 men, including Giles, were still alive to be rescued. After recovery from the ordeal and a meritorious honorable discharge, Giles became a chiropractor and then a medical doctor. Also, he was one of the *Indy* survivors who led the long campaign to have the ship's captain, Charles McVay, exonerated from blame for the disaster. Giles retired with his wife Betty to Palm Coast, Florida.



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Sometimes, we think the ideas of fun and health can be antithetical. But, you can enjoy holiday food and maintain your weight with balance, portion control and a little bit of will power. Don't restrict yourself so much that you don't enjoy the holidays. Instead, try and employ these 10 healthy holiday eating tips this season:

1. Eat on small plates to encourage appropriate portion sizes.

Using a smaller plate means you are less likely to grab as much food, which helps with portion control.

2. Start your holiday get together with a salad or put vegetables on your plate first.

Starting with a salad gets your vegetables in and fills you up. Thus, you are less likely to grab as much of the casseroles, rolls or sweet potatoes with marshmallows on top.

3. Incorporate high fiber foods into your meals.

Adding fibrous foods to your meal – fruits, vegetables and whole grains – can satisfy your hunger pains. Consider making a fruit salad for dessert. Instead of a huge piece of cake or pie, go for a smaller portion and add fruit.

4. Skip the skin.

The general recommendation for meat portions is three to four ounces (or the size of a deck of cards). White, rather than dark meat is mostly a matter of preference. Dark meat has a higher calorie count, however, it has more iron than white. Three ounces of dark meat supplies 15 percent of the recommended daily intake of iron. White meat has only about eight percent. Avoid the skin of the turkey or chicken due to the high portions of fat and sodium.

5. Don't make everything a casserole; balance out your side dishes.

Traditional holiday dishes tend to be casseroles – green bean, broccoli, sweet potato, squash. And while the cheesy, crunchy goodness is a staple, adding fat, sugar and sodium decreases the nutritional value of



vegetables and increases your calorie count. Instead of the green bean casserole with fried onions, try a simpler approach of green beans and almonds. Add roasted potatoes, carrots and broccoli to your menu. A good balance will cut a lot of calories without dampening the festive mood.

6. Spice your foods with herbs rather than extra salt and butter.

Herbs add a savory touch and save on calories as opposed to butter, heavy cream and processed soups, such as cream of mushroom.

7. Make healthy substitutions.

Consider substituting whole grain bread for crescent rolls. Choose a green vegetable salad instead of a heavy potato salad. Consider healthy versions of green beans and sweet potatoes, rather than casseroles.

8. Wait 10 to 20 minutes for second helpings to let your food digest.

Wait at least 10 minutes after your first plate before returning to the buffet line. This allows your body to digest what you ate and determine if it's still hungry. If you decide to go back, grab vegetables over carbs or protein choices.

9. Wait 30 minutes to an hour before dessert.

Delay before hitting the dessert bar. You'll be inclined to grab a smaller portion, and you are more likely to enjoy it. If you are worried about the mounds of sugary goodness that tend to show up at your office this time of the year, bring a healthy snack with you. Choose fruits, nuts or a piece of dark chocolate.

10. Don't stop exercising

The holidays are meant to be a joyous time, and that includes enjoying food with family and friends. While it's important to maintain a balanced diet, it's just as important to continue your exercise regimen during the holidays. Exercising will help counteract any inflated caloric intake. Plan a family walk after Christmas lunch or start a pick-up game of touch football or basketball instead of spending the rest of the day on the couch.

Live smart.

The One Hundred Awards Major Grants To St. Joseph's/Candler

In its first year as its own foundation, The One Hundred Children's Foundation has extended its reach to several organizations providing pediatric care. The St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations received \$68,720 in grants from The One Hundred Children's Foundation to continue high-quality care at The Children's Place at Candler Hospital and for scholarships to Camp Adam Fisher, where children with diabetes enjoy a classic camp experience while learning to manage their disease. The grants were part of a total of \$120,000 awarded by The One Hundred Children's Foundation during a special ceremony aboard the Georgia Queen riverboat in November.

Since 1994, The One Hundred has provided pediatric financial support, raising more than \$4 million, and its members have volunteered at the Dwaine and Cynthia Willett Children's Hospital at Memorial. The organization formed its own foundation this year and extended its outreach services to include St. Joseph's/Candler, J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care Center, and other charitable organizations with programs focused on pediatric health and wellness.

"The One Hundred Children's Foundation is proud to award two of our 2018 grants to St. Joseph's/Candler," says Ann Walker, president of The One Hundred Children's Foundation. "This is a historic and exciting expansion of our foundation's mission as we strive to serve more children's health and wellness needs in our



(l to R): Carri Stoltz, Laurie Milano, Meredith Scaccia, Jeanne Conrade, Vernice Rackett, adeline Taylor, John Rowlett, M.D., and Ann Walker

community. As our motto says, "Together we will make tomorrow better by working for healthy and happy children today."

The grant funds for St. Joseph's/Candler have been designated for two purposes. The first is to help provide camp scholarships for 20 children from Chatham County with diabetes to attend Camp Adam Fisher. This camp is designed to provide kids with all of the fun, activities, and camaraderie that are part of a traditional overnight summer camp while also providing education on diabetes management in a safe, supervised environment. The scholarships will be shared between St. Joseph's/Candler and Memorial Hospitals. The second piece of the grant will be to renovate and re-equip the procedure room at The Children's Place at Candler Hospital.

The Children's Place is where St. Joseph's/Candler provides its pediatric acute

care program. The bright and cheerful space helps ease the anxiety of a hospital stay for young patients and their parents. This area is full of special kid-friendly features, such as toys, games, TVs and computers, and even a playroom. While The Children's Place has its own unique look and feel, its patients deserve the same high-quality care that benefits adult patients at St. Joseph's/Candler. The renovation will help keep The Children's Place on the same cutting edge of medical technology as the rest of our facilities.

"The women of The One Hundred Children's Foundation have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to initiatives impacting children's healthcare in our community," explains Vernice Rackett, executive director of St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations. "Our team is humbled to be recognized for the Camp Adam Fisher scholarships and The Children's Place enhancements that will improve the lives of children and create a caring and meaningful patient experience."

The St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations support vital clinical programs, assist in the purchase of advanced medical technology and enhance outreach programs designed to keep people in our community healthy. This important educational component helps our community be more proactive about health and disease management.

To learn more or to make a donation, visit sjchs.org/foundations.



THE AMERICAN PROHIBITION MUSEUM

One hundred years ago this month, the 18th Amendment was proposed in the Senate, leading to 13 years of national Prohibition – and nationalized criminal behavior. The American Prohibition Museum, located in Savannah’s City Market, is the only museum in the country dedicated to Prohibition. It is a one-of-a kind space, designed to both entertain and educate.

Despite its over-21 theme, the museum is open to visitors of all ages every day except St. Patrick’s Day. The 5,700 square-foot museum features 15 different galleries, including a fully functional speakeasy. “Make sure you bring your photo ID, if you wish to partake in a cocktail from the speakeasy,” advises museum director Kayla Black. “It doesn’t matter how old you may look, we have to card everyone.”

According to Black, Savannah has a lot of Prohibition history that many people don’t know about, dating back to the earliest days of the colony. “We cover a huge, expansive time. Obviously the most talked about portion is from 1915 to about 1940, and a real big chunk of that is the Prohibition era.”

In 1735, King George decreed, “NO Rum or Brandy nor any other kind of Spirits or Strong Waters by whatsoever name they are or may be distinguished...shall be imported or brought to shore of the Province of Georgia.” Similar statutes were enacted following the American Revolution. Nevertheless, alcohol consumption was common in saloons and taverns throughout the state.

In the late 1800s, a growing temperance movement fought to outlaw liquor in all its forms. Groups such as the Women’s Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League claimed the moral high ground by delivering evangelical arguments on the evils of drink. By 1896, 100 of Georgia’s 137 counties voted themselves dry.

When Georgia became the eighth state in the Union to enact statewide prohibition in 1908, Chatham County threatened to secede from the state, because Savannah didn’t want to go dry. “They still wanted to have a boozy St. Patrick’s Day,” explains Black. “There’s a great story where some out-of-towners came in during one of the Grand Prix races (1908-1911), and one of them asked, ‘Hey, where can I get something to drink?’ And the person they asked turned and pointed to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The out-of-towners were appalled. ‘Oh, my God, a church?’ and they were told, ‘No, anywhere BUT there, you can get a drink.’”

LAST CALL

Prior to World War I, 80% of the saloons and breweries in the United States were owned or controlled by German-Americans, which temperance propaganda often referred to as “the enemy.” By the time the war ended in 1918, national Prohibition was around the corner. In October, 1919, the Volstead Act was passed by Congress, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. Its supporters predicted economic prosperity, as the nation was freed from the shackles of liquor. They were wrong.

BY PHILIP SCHWEIER

Brewers and distillers paid up to 40% of all U.S. taxes. When Prohibition forced them to shut down, states lost millions from their operating budgets. Thousands of people were thrown out of work; not just manufacturing employees, but businesses all along the supply chain were hit. Farmers and bottle makers, warehouse owners, trucking companies, hotels and restaurants all suffered major losses in revenue.

Savannah maintained an atmosphere of being an open city for liquor. City leaders had made it clear they opposed the law, and local authorities were not expected to cooperate in the law's enforcement. In his annual report, Mayor George Tiedeman candidly stated, "The vast majority of our people are heartily and conscientiously opposed to such legislation and will earnestly resent its being forced upon them. The result will be that the enforcement in this community of this law, lacking sentiment, will be impracticable, drinking will not decrease, and liquor will be sold, but without license or regulation."

GANGSTERS' PARADISE

Savannah became a hub for bootlegging activity. In 1921, Bill McCoy brought 1,500 cases of liquor from the Bahamas to Savannah. This authentic liquor – the origin of the phrase, "the real McCoy" – earned him \$15,000. Seeing the potential of the bootlegging trade, he bought a 130-foot vessel, refitted it to accommodate as much contraband as possible, and began delivering liquor all along the Eastern Seaboard.

Coastal Georgia's inlets and finger creeks facilitated rum-running, and the 300-mile Savannah River offered bootleggers a watery highway to supply the Southeast. Skidaway Island was prime bootlegging territory due to its isolation, and the Wilmington Island area became a drop off destination. Bootleggers would deliver cases of liquor by boat



Prohibitionist Billy Sunday (1862-1935) referred to Savannah as "the wickedest city in the world" for its tendency toward alcohol consumption.

late in the evening and hide them in the marsh, where they were later picked up.

For organized crime, Prohibition was a period of rapid (often violent) growth. Though successful in reducing the consumption of liquor, Prohibition led to a black market of alcohol sales that in turn fueled other criminal activity: gambling, prostitution, and increased drug abuse. This was in direct contradiction to claims by Prohibition advocates that less liquor would lead to less crime. As various criminal fac-

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tions battled for broader territories, innocent bystanders were often caught in the crossfire.

The most notorious bootlegger of all was Chicago crime lord Al Capone, who rose to power by killing off his competitors. “Al had a local guy here who chopped cars for him, named Moose Helmey,” says Black.

Sherman I. “Moose” Helmey operated a local garage. One evening, a black Ford truck pulled into his shop in need of a new transmission. The driver, a short balding man with a round face, asked Moose to fix it. “When it’s done,” the man said, “deliver it to the Desoto Hotel and leave the keys at the front desk.” Moose realized the driver was Al Capone.

When he delivered the truck to the hotel, Capone offered Moose more work. From that day on, the Helmey garage was Capone’s official repair shop. Moose’s mechanics worked on a fleet of Cadillacs and Lincoln Continentals with bullet-riddled radiators and cracked windows from “hunting accidents.”

Rather than eliminate drinking, Prohibition simply drove it underground. Illegal saloons – speakeasies – opened in back alleys and basements across America, serving alcohol to any-

one who knew the password. Where the term “speakeasy” came from is unknown. Some claim it was from the furtive way a patron might give the password for entry. Others say it refers to keeping things quiet, so as not to attract the attention of the authorities. For some establishments, serving alcohol was almost secondary to serving dinner and providing live music.

One of the most frequented Savannah speakeasies was the Pirates’ House on East Broad Street. Smugglers could easily slip contraband into the tunnel system that runs beneath the building and store it in any of the secret walls and compartments of the house and basement. Other known speakeasies included Green’s, a waterfront bar convenient to boats bringing in shipments of liquor; a gas station on Abercorn Street where drivers could fill their gas containers with whiskey; and an unassuming restaurant on West Jones Street (now the Crystal Beer Parlor).

Perhaps the most colorful and popular speakeasy in Savannah was Bo Peep’s, located at 17 Congress Street. The restaurant and pool hall was owned and operated by Wolfe “Bo Peep” Silver, who was just 21 when Prohibition was passed. Reportedly, Wolfe

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The general oglethorpe Hotel on Wilmington Island (now Wilmington Plantation) was reportedly built in part by Al Capone so he and his buddies could escape from Chicago or wherever and get away from the feds for a while.

traveled to New Orleans, where he met and partnered with gangster Bugs Moran. This led to him spearheading a nationwide bootlegging network, operated from his speakeasy on Congress Street, directly across from Christ Church. According to local lore, more than once, a preacher from Christ Church stopped by, collection plate in hand, and remarked, "Let me hold some of that money. The devil has had it long enough."

By the 1930s, Bo Peep was making a lot of money, some of which he

shared with local authorities to continue operating, as well as with Christ Church, as the congregation really didn't want a pool hall across the street. The church eventually got its wish when the building was torn down years later.

Savannah became known as the "spigot" for the Southeast – literally. According to Black, Savannah Police raided a building across the street from the police barracks because they heard there was a moonshine ring there. "They went in and couldn't find an ounce of liquor anywhere," she says. "One police officer was thirsty, so on the way out the door he turned on the tap to get a drink of water and it flowed with moonshine."

The museum is happy to share such legendary tales, true or not. "That's how every Prohibition story goes," she adds. "Everybody in Savannah has a Prohibition story, and some of them have more shades of truth than others."

Not only did the unpopular law lack the support of the general populace, law enforcement lacked the resources to control the flow of illegal liquor. The number of Prohibition agents never exceeded 3,000 – roughly one for 70,000 people in the United States. Also, the legal system was infested with corruption and bribery, from the cop on the beat paid to look the other way, to the courtrooms where repeat offenders received token punishment. The sudden spike in criminal activity was unexpected, and authorities were frustrated as to how to combat it.

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The speakeasy offers cocktail classes on Mondays, offering patrons the opportunity to learn how to mix drinks, as well as the history behind them. Tuesday through Saturday, the speakeasy opens half an hour after the museum closes. "We have a dress code," Black advises. "No tattered jeans, no flip flops, no sports jersey, no sweats, no ball caps, no pajamas. We just want to be sure that you know what you're



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getting into, and a mesh tank top doesn't really convey what we're going for in the speakeasy."

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WHAT: “Bocce and Cocktails”

WHEN: Every Sunday afternoon, 3 to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Bocce Ball Courts at Franklin Creek

HOW MUCH: Free – but please bring refreshments to share

WHAT ELSE: No RSVP required.

Simply drop by. Please bring an appetizer to serve eight, a bottle of wine or other beverage to share, with cups, and a lawn chair if you have one. This is a non-league, fun event to eat, drink, be merry, and meet new friends, with bocce thrown in. No teams required, so players will rotate in shortened games so that all can play if they wish. Open to Landings Club members. Newbies and beginners welcomed.

CARE FOR CROQUET

WHAT: Croquet Lawns at the Landings

CONTACT: Please email John West (jkwest3@comcast.net) to add your support for including croquet to the activities available at The Landings. The list will be forwarded to the appropriate officials to show them the potential players

WHAT ELSE: In order to build croquet lawns at the Landings, the officials need to know that a significant number of members would play croquet if available. Golf croquet is a fun, social game that is easily learned and is rapidly expanding in similar developments in the Southeast.. Golfers rapidly adapt to the game and for many, croquet would become a favorite sport. The Landings could be the first club to offer croquet in the Savannah area, with the potential to equal the enthusiasm seen on the Bocci courts.

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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 nnewmember@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.landingsnewneighbors.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.

BE A DECENT DOCENT

WHAT: Andrew Low House docent work

WHEN: Weekdays and Saturdays - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sundays - 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Andrew Low House, 329 Abercorn St.

HOW MUCH: Starts at \$8 an hour

CONTACT: Chris Sergi, Docent/Education Coordinator, at csergi@andrewlowhouse.com

WHAT ELSE: The NSCDA is in search of enthusiastic people who have a love of history to serve as guides and educators in the Andrew Low House Museum.

WALK ON WATER

WHAT: Fall Marsh Trek Promotion

WHEN: Now through Dec. 31

WHERE: Tybee Island Marine Science Center

HOW MUCH: \$5 per person

CONTACT: www.tybeeislandmarine.org

WHAT ELSE: Program meets offsite, directions provided with paid reservation. Closed toe, closed heel shoes required.

DECEMBER DISPLAY

WHAT: The Artwork of Vanessa Withun

WHEN: Dec. 2 through 31; Reception - Dec. 9, 4 to 6 p.m.

WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.

CONTACT: JEA Art Gallery, 912.655.8111

ALL ABOARD

WHAT: Landlovers Train Lovers

WHEN: Monday, Dec. 10, 7:30 a.m.

CONTACT: Willson Blake, 912.308.7762 or willson.blake@gmail.com for more information

WHAT ELSE: Train Lovers brings together Landlovers who are interested in model trains of all makes and eras. We share ideas, promote the hobby, and serve as a resource for newcomers. Future activities include a trip to Folkston (Dec. 10) and a visit to the Roundhouse Museum (Jan. 11). The next breakfast meeting will be held in the Oak Room at the Oakridge Clubhouse on Jan. 22 at 7:30 a.m.

MOMS THE WORD

WHAT: Harvest lecture: “Maternal Bodies: Redefining Motherhood in Early America”

WHEN: Monday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Kennedy Pharmacy, 323 E. Broughton St.

HOW MUCH: Free to the public but reservations for seating are requested

CONTACT: 912.236-8097

WHAT ELSE: Dr. Doyle discusses her newly published book on motherhood in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. A review reads: “The only study of its kind to combine social history, literary sources, and visual culture, Maternal Bodies offers a rich and complex discussion of the meaning of motherhood in colonial North America and the antebellum United States.” A reception will follow with an opportunity to meet the speaker.



GUYS NIGHT OUT

WHAT: Landlovers Men's Action Movie Night
WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m.
CONTACT: Email boating20@gmail.com to be added to the email distribution; Call Al Stiles, 349.9977, with any questions
WHAT ELSE: Men's Action Movie Night is a fun gathering of men who want to see movies that their wives are glad to not see. The second Tuesday of the month, we attend a 4 p.m. matinee showing at a local movie theater and then eat at a local casual eatery. We usually choose among three movies. Not everyone has to go to the same movie. RSVPs are appreciated so we know whether to expect you. Carpool from the Methodist Church, no dues, please wear your name tag. Upcoming date is January 8. About six days in advance, you will receive an email with the movie choices and restaurant selection.

CHILDS PLAY

WHEN: Thursdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 3, 10, 24 and 31; 9 – 10 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Price Included with aquarium admission
CONTACT: Kayla Clark, kayla270@uga.edu or 912.598.3345
WHAT ELSE: Explore the coast with your child in a unique setting perfect for inspiring wonder and curiosity. A mix of games, art, stories and animal encounters provide fun learning experiences about the ocean. Children 2-4 years old are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult. Register online to guarantee your spot.

WINTER WOMEN

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails December Meeting
WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 13, 3:45 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Members free, Guests \$5
CONTACT: chair@skidawayabigails.org
WHAT ELSE: Come to our December meeting and enjoy festive refreshments and social time, plus the opportunity to learn more about Girls on the Run.

'TIS THE SEASON

WHAT: Landlovers Annual Holiday Luncheon
WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 13 – Reception, 11:30, Lunch, 12 p.m.

WHERE: The Plantation Ballroom
HOW MUCH: \$30 per person
CONTACT: Ellen Cayer at ercayer@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: For reservation and payment, go online to the Landlovers Events Portal at landloversevents.eventsmart.com/events/landlovers-holiday-luncheon/. Join us to begin the season with the performance of The Savannah Children's Choir following our Holiday Luncheon. Park Place Outreach, which provides emergency 24-hour shelter for at-risk youth in crisis, is our selected charity. Their program assists runaways, homeless and street youth in Chatham County. Contributions of checks, gift cards, household products, toiletries and canned foods are appreciated. Additional details and reservation information is in the Landlovers November Newsletter.

ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMIN

WHAT: Honoring Ben Tucker with a FUN-Raiser dinner and dance
WHEN: Friday, Dec. 14, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
WHERE: Ben Tucker Pavilion, The Westin
HOW MUCH: \$50 individual, \$75 couple
CONTACT: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-dance-ben-tucker-birthday-celebration-tickets-51659699552>
WHAT ELSE: Dinner provided by Nick and Tracy Mueller. Dance music by DJ Mac. Help raise funds for a case for "Bertha," Ben's 249-year-old bass. Visit www.FriendsOfBenTucker.org for more information about this and other events. This community-based nonprofit's mission is to preserve the legacy and values of Ben Tucker that transform people's lives through music, collaboration, literacy, cultural enrichment and community development. Celebrate Ben's birthday with fine food, dancing, friends and fun!

HOLIDAY HAPPENING

WHAT: I Cantori Christmas concert: "Sing Alleluia"
WHEN: Friday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, Skidaway Island
HOW MUCH: \$20 adults, \$10 students
CONTACT: www.icantorisavannah.com or 925.7866
WHAT ELSE: Help us celebrate the Christmas season.

CUSTOMS BY CANDLELIGHT

WHAT: Holiday evening tours by candlelight at Davenport House Museum
WHEN: Dec. 26 thru 30, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Davenport House Museum, 324 E. State St.
HOW MUCH: \$12 adults in advance, \$15 at the door; \$6 children in advance, \$8 at the door (Plus tax); Combination pass for the daily tour and the holiday evening tour is \$16; Reservations encouraged
CONTACT: Davenport House Museum, info@davenportmuseum.org, 912.236.8097, www.davenportmuseum.org
WHAT ELSE: Glistening by candlelight, the Federal-style home welcomes visitors to an event emphasizing the end-of-year celebrations of early 19th century Savannahians, including the Davenport family, who lived in the fine brick home on Columbia Square. Light refreshments, music and skilled interpreters show visitors through the home and are among the highlights of the presentation. A demonstration of period dancing will culminate the evening. The performance requires that guests be able to walk up and down stairs and maneuver in the candlelit rooms.

FIBER OPTICS

WHAT: Exhibition of the works of Urban Jupena
WHEN: Jan. 3 through Jan. 31; Reception Jan. 16, from 3-8 p.m.
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St. Savannah
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick 912.355.8111
WHAT ELSE: Jupena is a former professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, where he taught weaving and fabric printing and dyeing.

CAUSEWAY CLEAN-UP

WHAT: "Shine Bright like a Diamond (Causeway)," litter pickup along Diamond Causeway
WHEN: 1 or 2 times per month, as trash amount deems necessary
WHERE: Meet in the parking lot of Butterbean Beach
CONTACT: Courtney Fowler, causewaycleanup@gmail.com or 912.313.6040
WHAT ELSE: Please bring work gloves and a safety vest if you have one; a trash-picker works wonders as well.

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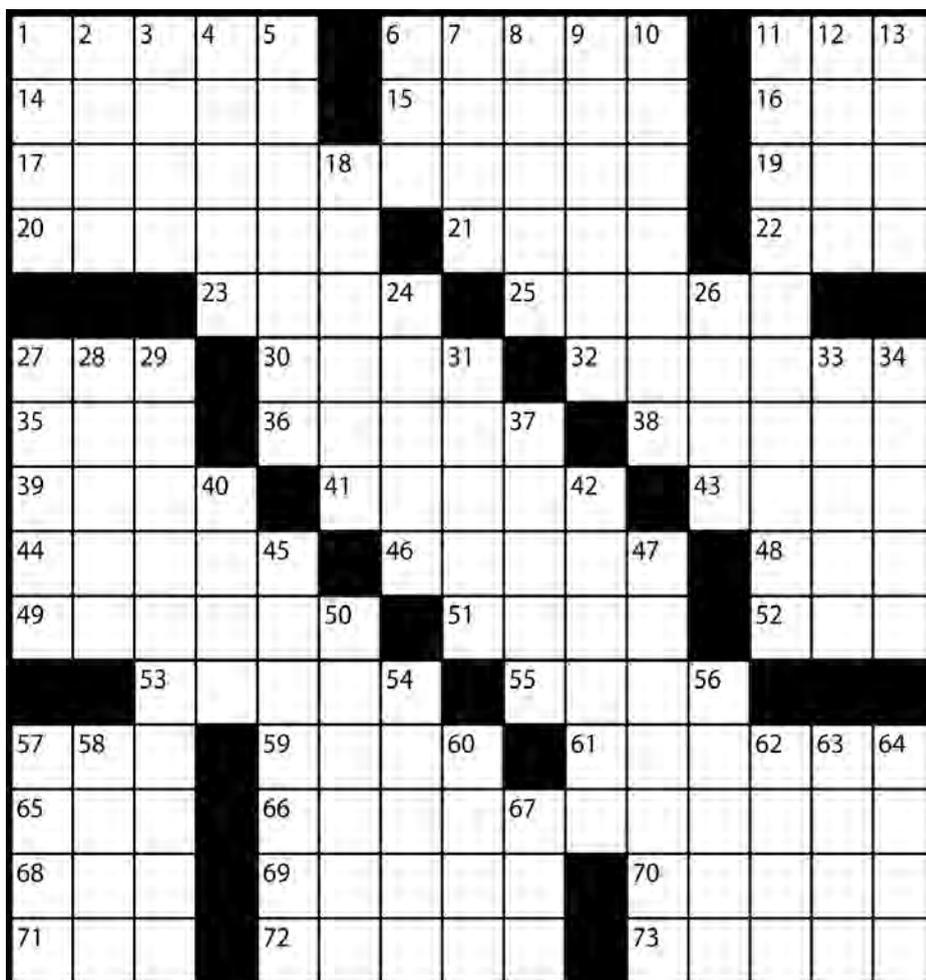
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1. Impudent kid
6. Astonished
11. Drink the Brits call 'flip'
14. Odin's crowd
15. Relative of 'radial'
16. Nixon started it in 1970
17. **First words of The Editorial**
19. Rapper ___ Khalifa
20. LP protector
21. "Tasteful" things?
22. Indeed
23. Emulates Eminem
25. Jumbo opener?
27. Circular calculators?
30. STEM part
32. Port, in Spain
35. Messenger or transfer
36. Arthur Andersen's \$60B mistake
38. Large old-world falcon
39. Johns, in Glasgow
41. Capt. Bligh's landfall after the Bounty mutiny
43. Org. for 'seeders'?
44. Pieces of pots
46. Ninth President of Israel
48. Greek amphora, e.g.
49. Exiguous
51. Tabula ___
52. Carp
53. Topics for volcanologists
55. Take out
57. Hebrew kind of mud?
59. Miami NBA team
61. Desi Arnaz, notably
65. Founder of NBC
66. **Last words of The Editorial**
68. Perrier ou Evian
69. Played a rerun
70. Antonym of soften
71. China's President Jinping, et al.
72. Type of football
73. Military rejection

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1. Manners
2. Command to a dog
3. First word of North Carolina's motto
4. Reddish-brown hue
5. Like a personal diary



6. Nat'l Goat Cheese Mo.
7. Voluble
8. Per ___
9. All even
10. "Pandora's box" originator
11. **Publisher of The Editorial**
12. Mayberry boy
13. Palestine's largest city
18. Message from the pulpit
24. I.O.U., e.g.
26. Wooer
27. Father of Cassandra
28. Jejune
29. **Subject of The Editorial**
31. Big hit
33. Most popular home aquarium fish
34. World's largest arboreal animal
37. Gov't agency that tracks the Christmas Eve flight of Santa
40. Trumpet-shaped lily
42. Used car dealer's objective
45. Madame, in Lisbon
47. Muslim commander who recaptured Jerusalem in 1187
50. Pea coat
54. ___ Coeur Basilica
56. Prefix used by anthropologists
57. Leading part in "Jurassic Park"
58. Latin American berry
60. Comparative conjunction
62. Markers
63. Saeweed used to wrap sushi
64. Smelly German river?
67. Hollywood actress Balin

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NOTICE

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SERVICES

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Very Happy 2019 • After 10 years of serving the good people of the Landings, Santa has chosen me, George, Guy Friday, to be the Official Holiday Elf. I am delighted and filled with holiday cheer. Call me with all your chores and tasks that you need help with during this holiday season. Moving things about, organizing the garage or attic space, or hauling away unwanted items to make room for the new ones Santa will bring. I have my own sleigh to take it away. Call George, 912.598.1661 at home or the sleigh number, 912.660.0432. HAPPY HOLIDAYS from Guy Friday.

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AFTER BATTLING CANCER, CHRISTY FOUND BALANCE.

Christy thought she was too young for cervical cancer until she found out she had it. Yet, she remained calm and never panicked because of her confidence in the expertise at the Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion. Dr. Richards, an expert in gynecological cancer treatment, performed minimally invasive da Vinci robotic assisted surgery to remove the cancer – reducing Christy’s recovery time and minimizing complications. The results? Well, based on her yoga form, we’d say her balance and outlook on life is pretty spot on.



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