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## t Upfront

My daughter declared that she was driving (back) to Dallas by way of Oxford, Mississippi. The upside for her: She'd have her car at school for the second semester of her senior year. The fallout for me: I would worry uncontrollably for the two days that she'd be on the road and, to a lesser degree, some part of each day hence until the Ford was in front of my house again.

Typically, I employ a simple sniff test to decide how actively I oppose such ideas: What would my own parents think/say/do? I recognize that this hypothetical criterion is insidiously fluid. The older my mom and dad get, the lower their tolerance for risk and of my acceptance of same, particularly as it pertains to my permissive parenting. Still, WWMADS (What would Mom and Dad say?) – even if the implicit answer skews too conservative – is a useful baseline to inform my Dad-work. In the case of allowing Gabby, alone in her very imperfect car, to make her second 16-hour road trip in less than a month, I'm certain they'd say NFW, in more delicate language, of course.

As small consolation (which would prove to be an amazing stroke of good fortune), Gabby said she was caravanning – at least for the Savannah-to-Oxford leg – with Kirby, who would be piloting her own car. On the morning of, she told me they were grabbing breakfast and heading out. It was around 9, so allocating an hour for an omelet, a few cups of coffee, and more girl-gossip than I'd be comfortable with, I projected an ETA of something close to 10. I've never driven to Oxford, but I had the idea of eight hours in my head. I kissed Gabby goodbye and implored her to call me when she arrived safely, and, sure enough, my phone rang a little after 6.

"Is everything okay?"

"No." Which is the single worst word for the circumstance, and gateway to a storehouse of horrific images hidden in the darkest, most fear-laden crevasse in my mind.

She was "in a ditch," with "mud everywhere," and "the car wouldn't move," its engine, when ignited, made a "horrible sound," and "I'm not sure, but we're probably near Tupelo," was less precise location data than I would have liked.

"What happened?" A question for which its answer I did not wait. Rather, I pushed on in interrogation, laced with annoyed and unconstructive barbs. "It could have been really bad," she said with both frustration and sadness as she described losing drive-train power halfway across a busy interchange. I felt like a jerk.

A bunch of phone calls filling the subsequent 24-hour span, and she made Dallas, albeit by air, in time for another flight to Taos and the start of a compact winter term.

The next night, I got another call from Gabby that I missed because I was working on edits for this magazine. Back-to-back-to-back phone days aren't a usual thing. As soon as I noticed her name in red, I dialed her back. Her voice seemed to announce the tears that I, right away, knew were filling her eyes. Something unexpected and sad ruined her night, and probably most, if not all, nights for the next few weeks.

"What happened?" This time, unlike with the car issue, I let the dead air linger in spite of the crushing discomfort that such silence wields

Eventually, she revealed the source of her sorrow; but, it was clear that she didn't accept the logic behind the decisions that led her to pain. Still, she seemed reconciled to the truth that she could do nothing to fix her misery in the moment, a fact that made me feel rage and impotence, at once.

I offered no solutions, no sage advice. In fact, I was kind of tonguetied. At one point I said, probably self-indulgently: "These are the times when you probably wish your mom was still around."

To my surprise, Gabby replied, mercifully and sincere: "I don't think she would have had anything better to say than you (do)."

At that moment, I remembered what my girls had screamed into my forever-psyche on a harsh December night four years ago: "Sometimes, we just want you to listen...Mom didn't always have to rush to try to fix everything."

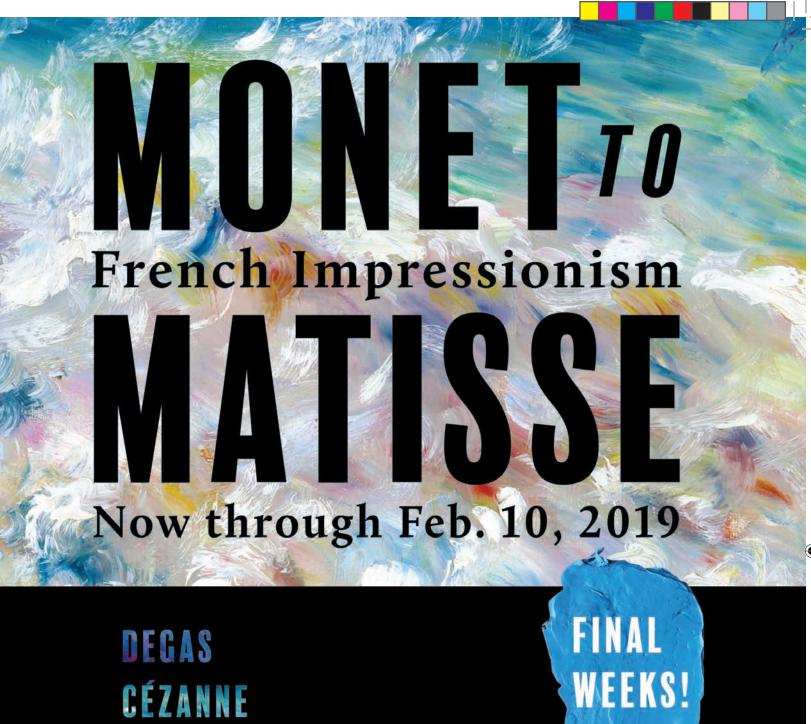
So, I said nothing. We were quiet. Gabby sobbed noticeably, and the awkward silence wasn't awkward at all.

By letting go of the compulsion to control my universe – through surrender – I had reasonably navigated a moment that could have gotten a lot worse. My kids have taught me that being a good dad sometimes requires being a good mom, instead. And a good mom listens, and has the humility to say nothing, when nothing is exactly the right thing to say.

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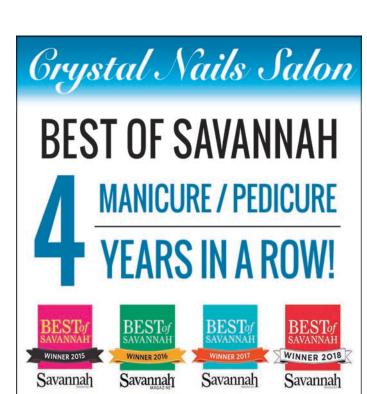


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#### **BLOOD BROTHERS (AND SISTERS)**

On behalf of Skidaway Kiwanis and the American Red Cross, I would like to thank all the people who came out to our recent blood drive. We collected 38 pints of blood, which will help save many lives in the Savannah area. Our next blood drive will be Monday, April 8, at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, from 1 to 6 p.m. We again, thank everyone for their support.

Chris Britten

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Back row, left to right: Kelly Bouchillon, Nina-Kate Brackett, Crystal Montoya, Emerson Ham, Melissa Bouchillon. Front row, left to right: Melanie Kincaid, Eddie Ambrose, Lydia Moore, Noelle Gauthier

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#### Sound View Wealth Advisors

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In late March of 2018, a team of financial advisors and associates handed in letters of resignation and walked across Meeting Street, launching a new chapter in their careers. While the move had been in the works for almost a year, that Friday morning would be the first time they opened the doors to Sound View Wealth Advisors.

The decision to leave their previous employer — the second largest brokerage house in the world — was far from easy. In the last decade, the Sound View team had built a successful practice, managing more than \$1 billion in client assets, and were comfortable with the systems, processes, and support they received from their firm's back office. But comfortable and optimal can be two very different things, and over

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When it comes to wealth management services, bigger isn't always time the Sound View team recognized opportunities to build a better service model under their own name.

> While breaking away from a large, established firm and starting an agile, small business was ambitious, their move echoes a larger shift occurring within the wealth management industry. Unlike many industries experiencing corporate consolidation, the wealth management space is moving towards decentralization, with elite advisory teams at the big, brand-name brokerage firms breaking away in favor of an independent approach.

> Sound View Wealth Advisors — Kelly Bouchillon, Sr.; Emerson Ham III; Melissa Bouchillon; Eddie Ambrose; and Lydia Moore discuss their move to independence, changes in wealth management, and the future of investing.

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EH III: Our core service is providing advice to individual investors and families. In the independent advisory model, we can provide unbiased advice as a true fiduciary and eliminate the conflicts of interest that are often present at larger firms. This desire to provide unbiased advice that is exclusively in the best interest of our clients was the motivation for the move.

#### The Skinnie: How has it been different owning a business as opposed to being an employee?

MB: When you are employed by a large firm, you are provided the policies and procedures to manage day-to-day operations. We have had to create our own procedures; but, in doing this, we have become more efficient, allowing our team to spend more time doing what we love working with our clients. Owning the business also means we have the opportunity to create and nurture our own corporate culture, and that has been very rewarding.



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#### The Skinnie: What service does your firm provide?

EA: As a team, we provide financial planning, portfolio management, and estate planning services to our clients. We work in conjunction with the CPAs and attorneys that advise these clients on tax and legal matters.

The Skinnie: As a small firm, do you have access to the same menu of services that are found at a larger firm?

EH III: In most cases, the spectrum of services available to clients of small firms is broader than what is found at the larger firms. The technology and fund providers have created a "financial supermarket" for advisors and — without a larger firm encouraging the use of proprietary systems or funds smaller firms have the freedom to choose which solutions

are right for them and their clients. This has certainly been our experience.

#### The Skinnie: How has your move been received in the com-

**EA:** We have been overwhelmed by the positive support we have received, not only by our clients joining us, but by the professional community of CPAs, tax attorneys and bankers with whom we cross paths. For the first several weeks, clients sent us cards, champagne, gift baskets and all types of well-wishes to support our courage and commitment. We had one very successful local banker in our office the first week we opened who wanted to discuss how they could help us with any client lending needs. The support has been very gratifying, and our team is very thankful for it.

#### The Skinnie: Given your experience in the industry, why don't more advisors join the movement toward independence?

KB, Sr.: I think there are a number of reasons. If you are a single advisor within a big firm, building a new practice from scratch feels like



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an overwhelming process. The legal, compliance, portfolio management, and business integration needs of the new business would

be daunting for just one person to manage. On top of the complexities of the move, you also have the issue of "inertia." Most advisors are comfortable in their current role and going independent represents a risk to their business.

We were fortunate to have a successful team at our previous firm, so we had the personnel in place when we opened our doors. We also partnered with a consultant that is experienced in these types of transitions, and that partnership helped us manage many of the details that were required. I think having a solid team in place and using outside counsel as needed is good advice for anyone looking to go independent, regardless of the industry.

#### The Skinnie: You hear a lot about this word "fiduciary." What does that mean?

EH III: Wealth managers are held to one of two standards - a suitability standard or a fiduciary standard. Advisors that are held to a suitability standard are permitted to recommend solutions that are "suitable" for a client, but that may not be in their best interest. On the other hand, fiduciary advisors are required to recommend products and services that are in the best interest of their clients. While it sounds like a small distinction, the difference between these two models can have large impacts for clients, and which standard advisors are held to is based on how that advisor is registered with regulators. Kelly and I have worked together as partners for nearly 25 years, and we have always been committed to providing the best, most transparent, and unbiased advice to our clients. The creation of Sound View Wealth Advisors as a Registered Investment Advisor with the SEC means that each of our team members is a fiduciary, and this ensures that we keep the commitment that we started 25 years ago.

The Skinnie: Seemingly there are countless rules and regulations in your industry, and for any small business for that matter. What were some of the complexities of starting your business?

MB: We had to make many large and small decisions as we got started, from our legal structure, to software, to trash cans, to

copiers – but it has been well worth it. Once we decided to form our own entity, we found a great ally and outside consultant who had experience with these transitions. We worked with them for about a year before going independent, and in that process, re learned a great deal about what we didn't

Our goal from the beginning was to assemble a company that legally, operationally, technologically, internally, and financially looked like a 10-year-old successful company. We wanted to create that level of stability so any client would feel comfortable joining us. We accomplished our goal, but it took months of effort. We ended up bringing over 1,500 accounts in the first six months, and have had several former clients join us once they felt confident we were a successful business with plenty of financial strength.

#### The Skinnie: What is your greatest challenge as a small business?

**MB:** The challenge we face as a successful small business is becoming too comfortable in what we do and how we do it. We are very fortunate to have the clients that we have

and to have grown our business over time by helping others. Always improving and never settling for the status-quo is a big part of our mindset. Silly sayings like, 'if we aren't growing we are dying,'

help us stay focused and, as Kelly says... it is not a bad thing to have a healthy paranoia of failure.

#### The Skinnie: Where do you see yourself in 3 to 5 years?

**KB**, **Sr.:** We see ourselves in this business for a long time, helping people reach their financial goals and identifying ways to improve their financial lives along the way. In three to five years, I see us doing much of the same work at Sound View Wealth Advisors that we are doing today, but with an expanded team and even more customized services for the individuals and families that trust us with their financial future.

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We're Giving It Away!

Bonanza finishes in fine fashion, with the Clemson Tigers rolling over the Alabama Crimson Tide in a 44-16 victory that most did not see coming.

There was plenty of exciting action this year during the 40-game bowl season. Fittingly, our pool-pickers took the battle down to the wire in their quests for victory.

Past-champ "Genuine" Ginny Pierce and husband "Leaping" Lee Pierce both got 26 of

The college football season and our Bowl 39 games right; as did Jim "Not the Refrigerator" Perry and "Durable" David Denhard. But as you know, we can only have one winner. And only one brave soul chose Clemson as the winner of the National Championship

> Let's have a huge round of applause for "Leaping" Lee Pierce. He went out on a limb for the underdog Tigers and it paid off big. Congratulations, Lee, and thanks to all of you who follow along. It's our favorite time of year and we know it's yours, too.

Farewell for now. But rest assured we'll be back next season with more picks, more prizes, and more fun for everyone!



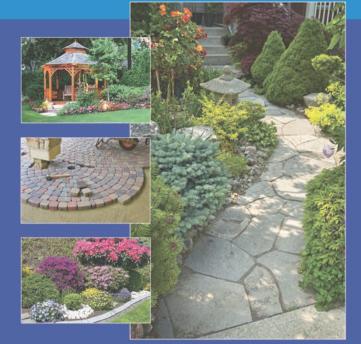


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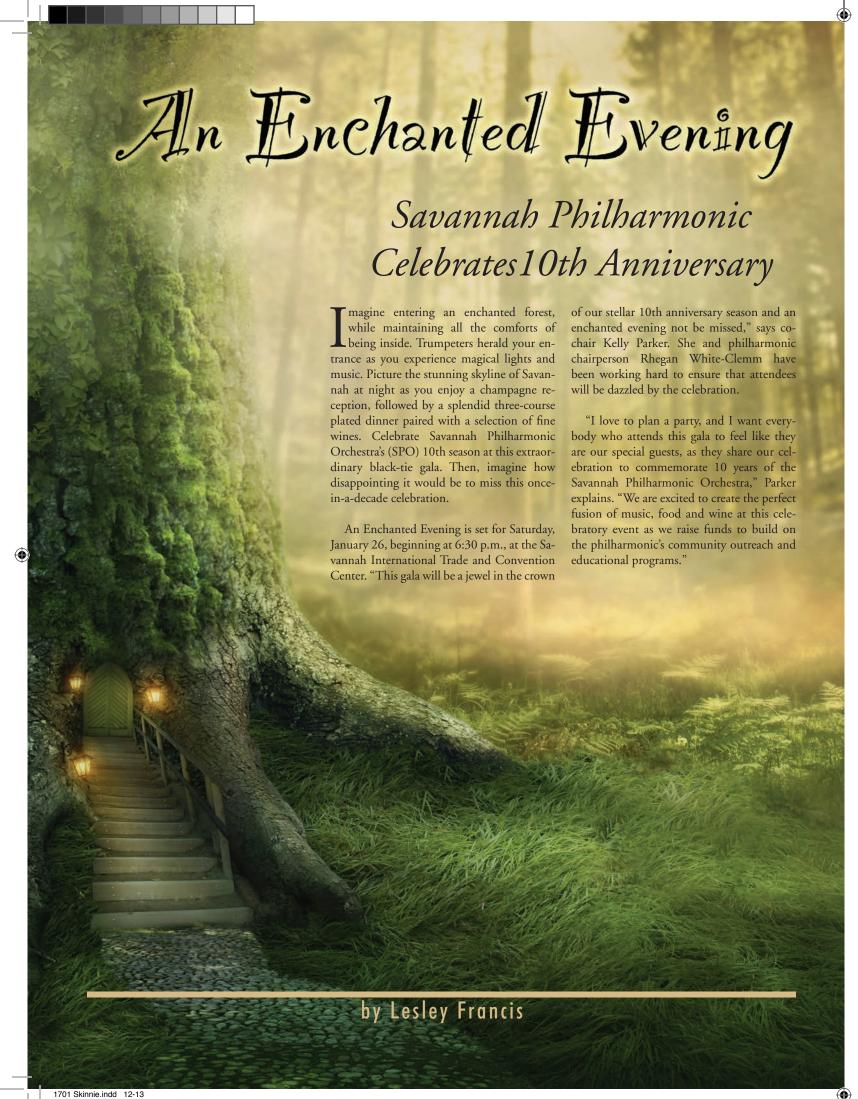
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The orchestra and chorus will perform a two-act program, featuring classical, choral and gypsy jazz music. American Traditions Vocal Competition (ATC) Executive Director Mikki Sodergren will perform as a guest soloist, continuing ongoing collaboration between SPO and ATC. The talented soprano will sing "Habanera" from Carmen, "Skyfall" by Adele, and "Happy Birthday" to the philharmonic. SPO Conductor and Artistic Director Peter Shannon, who is completing his final season, will be honored. WTOC's Cyreia Sandlin will emcee the evening.

Parker first came to Savannah in 1989 for her work in fashion merchandising, and fell in love with the city immediately. She has lived downtown ever since, bringing her creative flair to renovating and transforming her family homes over the years as she raised her three children and continued to work in merchandising. She became a patron of the SPO three years ago, working on the Development Committee, and now serves on the board. She has played a vital role in many successful fundraisers for the Caretta Research Project, Historic Savannah Foundation and the Telfair Ball.

Gala co-chair White-Clemm and her husband Tim Clemm have enjoyed living at the Moon River development on Skidaway Island since 2010. As tennis players and boaters, they love the proximity to downtown and the cultural options available. In addition to singing in the philharmonic chorus, White-Clemm was recently elected Chairperson of the SPO Board of Directors.

Both ladies are powerhouses of energy and enthusiasm, whose commitment and love of music clearly ensures that the philharmonic will



Kelly Parker (left) and SPO incoming chair Rhegan White-Clemm



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benefit from this stunning evening. Proceeds will support the SPO's mission of informing, instructing and enriching the community through orchestral and choral performances, and to promote community appreciation of the arts.

Parker is passionate about encouraging people to discover the music of the philharmonic. She has seen for herself people who might not have thought about attending a concert or special event finally do so, and become avid supporters. "We have been very blessed by the tremendous support for this important institution and want the gala to bring positive energy for the philharmonic to the community," she says.

A number of individuals and local businesses and individuals have donated generously to make this evening possible. "One of our sponsors, the Kessler Collection, will offer a special way to enhance the enchanted evening experience with a luxurious Bohemian Hotel Getaway, including free Gala transfers," says White-Clemm. "This community is very special and it is really coming together to make this unforgettable celebration count. It is so important to us to raise funds to enable us to do more community outreach in the schools and hospitals, to people who might not have the opportunity to otherwise experience classical music."

Stage Front Productions began its partnership with the SPO by revolutionizing the Picnic in The Park experience last October. "They are bringing their expertise with a spectacular audio-visual experience and scenic design, which makes the enchanted forest feel very real," Parker says. "We have been working with Chad Mabry on the design aspects and, along with the team at the Trade Center, we guarantee that when

guests are transported to our enchanted forest, they will not recognize what they think they know about this venue. The panoramic views of the city through the glass walls as our musicians play are just the icing on the cake."

White-Clemm concludes, "Becoming a Gala patron is a wonderful way to support Savannah's very own orchestra, as well as enjoy what is certain to be one of the 10th season's most delightful and memorable evenings. We hope to see you there!"

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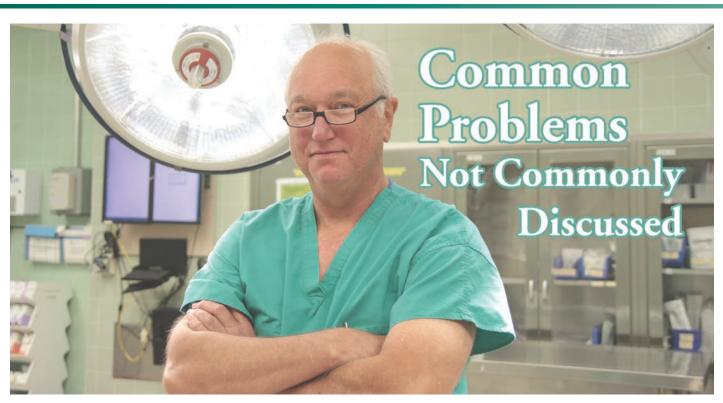
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Syl Alan Lord, MD, of Metro Surgical, PC

#### Awareness of minimally-invasive treatments can help patients face colorectal disease

**(** It's not something people want to talk about in the grocery store," says Syl Alan Lord, MD, of Metro Surgical, PC, with a laugh. He's talking about things he deals with every day - conditions and diseases of the colon.

Board certified in general surgery and colon and rectal surgery, Lord has probably heard it all during his more than two decades as a Savannah physician. He understands it's not easy to discuss the conditions that drive patients to seek his services, but with advances in minimally invasive robotic surgical procedures and colon cancer screening, there's no reason to suffer in silence. Some of the common conditions that Dr. Lord treats include:

• Diverticulitis: A pocket or pouch that develops on the wall of the colon, called di-

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verticula, can become perforated, which can then lead to an infection, causing pain, bloating, nausea, or fever.

• Hemorrhoids: When venous pressure weakens the veins in the anal and lower rectum areas, they can swell and prolapse (slip forward or down), causing pain and possibly

• Rectal pain or bleeding: This can have a variety of causes, including hemorrhoids or anal fissures, which are small tears in the lining of the anal canal.

· Abscesses and fistulas: Abscesses are infected gland sites, filled with pus. If an abscess bursts or decompresses itself into the nearest structure, it will cause a fistula, an abnormal connection between the rectum and the skin or another organ.

• Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis: These are types of inflammatory bowel disease, where inflammation of the digestive tract can lead to abdominal pain and other potentially debilitating symptoms.

While many cases of the conditions above can be treated with medication and lifestyle changes, the most severe cases must be treated surgically. Lord treats many of his surgical cases using the da Vinci Robotic Surgical System, an advanced, minimally invasive approach that gives patients a quicker recovery and less post-operative pain.

Through his years of practice, when Lord desired a second opinion for his patients, he would send them to Mark Blankenship, MD. Now, the two physicians enjoy working together at Metro Surgical, PC.

"Dr. Blankenship has long been consid-

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## Live smart

### **PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

St. Joseph's/Candler Protects Patients, Visitors and Caregivers With Visitor Restrictions

ue to the rapidly increasing number of flu cases in our area, St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals began implementing visitor restrictions in late December to protect patients, visitors and health system workers.

Flu cases started increasing in November, and over the course of the last several week, patients with influenza-like illnesses at St. Joseph's/ Candler have been above the state baseline.

The visitor restrictions currently in effect:

- Do not visit any St. Joseph's/Candler patient if you have any signs or symptoms of influenza.
- Children under the age of 18 are not permitted to visit any patients at St. Joseph's/Candler.
- Those under the age of 18 cannot visit patients at the Telfair Birthplace at Candler Hospital unless they are the primary caretaker.
- Only children seeking treatment should come to the hospitals.
- Children under the age of 18 are not permitted to wait for family in any waiting area.
- Patients can only receive two visitors at a time, except the Emergency Department where one visitor is allowed.

Flu-like symptoms include:

- Fever (100 degrees or more)
- Cough
- Sore throat



- Muscle/joint/body aches
- Headache
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

To help prevent the spread of the flu, remember to wash your hands regularly, cover your cough and sneezes, and get the flu vaccine. The vaccine can be obtained at any of the St. Joseph's/Candler Medical Group Primary Care practices. Call 912.819.8888 for an appoint-

ered the most cutting edge and best GI surgeon in the region, and we've always had a good working relationship," Lord says. "I was happy to have this chance at joining up with

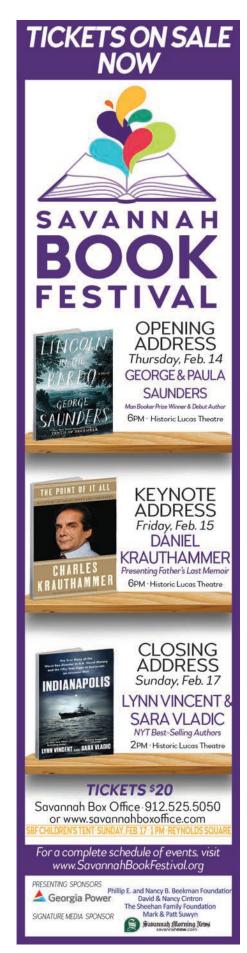
tients in Savannah to be up front about any symptoms they have.

"People would rather not talk about their colon," Lord says. "But I think more people

Both Lord and Blankenship encourage pa- are coming around now that they see the options that are available - not only with colorectal surgery, but with colon cancer screening as well. These advances are saving lives and making a huge difference."

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### BOBBY L. CHRISTINE

#### He Serves ★ By Ron Lauretti

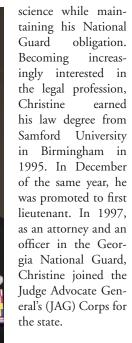
n addition to serving as the lead U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, Bobby L. Christine is a high-ranking officer in the Georgia National Guard. He was a practicing attorney, is an adjunct college professor, and has been a chief magistrate. He is a leader and a high achiever who needs little down time.

Much of Christine's drive and motivation comes from his father, who was a career Army officer. Alexander Christine's 17-year military career began during the Korean War. However, during his second combat tour

in Vietnam, he lost an arm and leg when his jeep hit an anti-tank mine. Nevertheless, he remained on active duty during and after a long rehabilitation period, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Bobby Christine was born in 1969, in the base hospital of Fort Knox, Kentucky, where his father was stationed. After finishing high school in Augusta, Georgia, Christine enrolled in the Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, a liberal arts junior college. At 17, he joined the Georgia Army National Guard and qualified as a combat engineer, one of two eventual military occupational specialties. He was designated a distinguished military student, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the National Guard in 1989.

The newly commissioned officer enrolled in the University of Georgia, graduating in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in political



Christine's service as a combat engineer and JAG officer included a year-long deployment (March of 2003 to February of 1994) to Ah Na-

siriyah in southeastern Iraq. The then-captain was assigned to the 265th Engineer Group, in support of the U.S. Marines that had liberated the city. "Our engineering group was much more constructive than destructive," Christine explains. "We repaired much of the damage from the previous heavy combat, such as local schools, roads, water systems. The native population seemed very appreciative of our efforts."

After his deployment, Christine returned to the JAG office in Georgia. A year later, he was appointed magistrate judge in Columbia County, which led to a term as chief magistrate judge, from 2009 to 2013. The court operated 24 hours daily, hearing nearly 3,000 civil and 4,500 criminal cases annually, and employed a staff of 17 people. During this time, Christine added a private law practice to his list of commitments.

He is an expert in time management, and

found the time to serve as an adjunct instructor at the Augusta campus of the Georgia Military College, teaching paralegal studies, introduction to American government, and business law. It is work that he gladly continues to do.

In 2010, Christine served a brief tour in Africa as a U.S. Army deputy staff judge advocate, advising military commanders on legal matters pertaining to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

In November of 2017, Christine was appointed the Chief U.S. Attorney for the Department of Justice's Southern District of Georgia. Headquartered in Savannah with a branch office in Augusta, the district encompasses 43 counties and more than 30 federal attorneys. The district is responsible for developing and implementing law enforcement strategies, anti-terrorism efforts, and the litigation of all criminal, civil and appellate issues.

Christine is the brigade judge advocate of the 78th Homeland Response Force, Georgia Army National Guard, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is a graduate of the Army War College, a qualified parachutist; and, during his military career, was deployed three times for federal duty and five times for state emergencies. Among his many awards are the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Georgia Special Operations Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass and "M" Device). In 2016, he was designated the Outstanding Career Judge of the Army.

Christine is married to the former Sheri Lott, whom he says has been extremely supportive and deserves her own "spousal medal of honor." They have three children – two in high school and one in college.

Reassuringly, Southern Georgia is a little safer than it otherwise would be with Christine at the head of the federal prosecutorial force.



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The giant annual flea market is set for Saturday, March 9. The area is laid out in sections with merchandise clearly marked, like a deep discount outdoor department store.

Although most flea markets and auctions are run by business people for commercial purposes, the annual Landings Landlovers Flea Market and Auctionmania depends entirely upon volunteers who organize, clean, price, display and sell donated goods. And the items for sale come to Landlovers because of the generosity of neighbors like you.

Local residents can begin to gather items to donate during Intake Days - Saturday, March 2, through Monday, March 4. On those dates, bring your items to the Landings Association building, where volunteers will help you unload your vehicle. For larger items like furniture, pre-intake days begin in January. The organizing committee is still looking for volunteers with trucks. Please email landingsfleamarket@gmail.com if you are able to assist.

The Flea Market is Saturday, March 9. Hundreds of shrewd shoppers begin to line up at dawn to enter Skidaway Lutheran Church at 9 a.m. The shopping is frantic and exciting. "The atmosphere of the flea market is super high energy," says Flea Market chairperson Gail Tomassini. "Our 700-plus volunteers are ready for an even bigger day this year, than ever before!"

There are strategies to finding bargains, but most tables are lad-

en with well-priced selections. By 1 p.m., whatever is left is packed for donation to the Salvation Army, and the items are trucked away. Volunteers clean up remaining trash and the Skidaway Lutheran (to which Landlovers is most grateful) parking lot looks as if nothing out of the ordinary ever happened.

"We know the effort it takes to raise these funds, and we are extremely appreciative," says Kelly Harkavy Gordon, president of the Skidaway Island First Responders, one of the recipients of funds raised from the Flea Market and Auctionmania. "Quite simply, without the funds we receive from Landlovers, we would not be able to operate."

For 36 years, Landlovers has supported dozens of local organizations, such as Skidway Island First Responders, Landings Military Relief Fund, Skidaway Audubon, Skidaway Boy Scouts, Skidaway Library, Southside Fire and the Children's Garden at Skidaway Farms.

John Redden of Bethesda Academy enthusiastically shares his gratitude for Landlovers and its continual support of the school. One grant funded a new refrigeration system for the garden. Another was given for a paper pot transplanter, which allows farming students to plant considerably more acreage in a fraction of the time. The result has been an abundance of crops that has all been used by the Landings

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Club. "The chefs have agreed to buy as much of our produce as we can deliver," explains Redden.

Yet, the Landings Club commitment created another challenge fulfillment. "The wonderful Landlovers folks made an incredibly generous gift that allowed us to purchase a brand new Ford Transit Van for produce deliveries to the Landings and to our many restaurant customers who prize fresh produce as much as they do their relationship with Bethesda," Redden says.

Sustainable gardens require active, ongoing involvement from growers. "The grant from Landlovers enabled us to purchase supplies for the redesign of the Together Garden, in which we all plant, harvest and care together," says Jane Kollman, organizer of the Children's Garden at Skidaway Farms. Volunteers donated labor and design. Part of the money paid for coverings that protect gardens from the summer sun and provide food for bees while improving the soil.

Landlovers funds also provide scholarships for deserving students. Over the past five years, Landlovers has awarded nearly half a million dollars in grants, scholarships and merit awards; more than \$100,000 last year alone. Maryce Cunningham, past chairperson for the flea market, now heads up the Grants, Scholarships and Merit Awards committee. "Landlovers' goal is to improve the life of our community, and it's clearly demonstrated through the group's fund-giving activities," she says.

Auctionmania is Tuesday, March 12, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Plantation Ballroom. "This is such an exciting event," says chairperson





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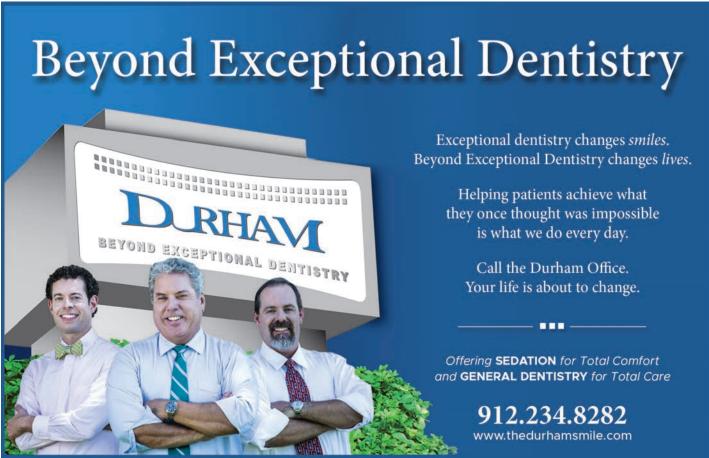
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Funds raised by Landlovers help pay for vital equipment for Skidaway Island First Responders, such as medical bags and needed gear. Volunteer responders David Canham, Anne Lyon, Kelly Harkavy Gordon, Bill Haeger, Ann Chapman and Kelly Weaver.



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Intake Days for resident donations begin Saturday, March 2, in the back parking lot of The Landings Association office.

Bonnie Kelly. "The quality of the furniture, silver, crystal, rugs, jewelry, antiques and art work is amazing."

Two paintings that originally hung in the Marshwood clubhouse will be auctioned. Judy Weaver of Sandfly Custom Framing, who graciously cleaned them for the auction, praised their high quality.

Kathi Seigel began volunteering with Landlovers when she moved to the Landings in 2012. After attending her first volunteer meeting, she became a table chair. "I had no idea what I was doing, but figured what the heck," she says with a laugh.

Now, Seigel has 20 people on her team, handling luggage, purses, belts, scarves and small goods. "We love our area because nothing is breakable," she says.

During intake, Seigel's team has found some unusual items left in the donations. "All part of the fun," she says.

She's proud that her team sells 90 to 95 percent of its inventory. "It's amazing how much stuff we take in and so satisfying to get it into another person's hands who can use it – and then to see the proceeds benefit Landlovers wonderful endeavors," she concludes.

Relatively new volunteer Mary McBride has thoroughly enjoyed working one of the checkout counters. "It has given me an opportunity to be part of my new community and to meet new neighbors," she says. "It has also given me a snapshot of the greater community and how much the Landings does and can do. A give-back for the privilege of living in this paradise.

McBride smiles as she recalls some small customers. "The young kids were such a treat," she says. "They were beyond excited to be able to buy a toy and actually pay for it themselves."

While Flea Market and Auctionmania are the only Landlovers fundraising efforts, for the past 20 years they have been two of the most anticipated and successful annual happenings on Skidaway Island. It's one weekend a year, but the benefits to so many people last for so much longer.



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#### AN R IN THE MONTH

**WHAT:** CCA of Skidaway Meeting – Eastern Oyster (Crassostrea virginica) Aquaculture in Georgia

WHERE: St. Peter's Church WHEN: Monday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

HOW MUCH: No charge

CONTACT: Dave Devore, 330.329.6457 WHAT ELSE: Eastern Oyster Aquaculture in Georgia will be the topic of the CCA of Skidaway's first meeting and seminar of the new year. Thomas Bliss, director of the Shellfish Research Laboratory with the University of Georgia Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant, will provide an overview of research being conducted on oysters in the estuaries and in the shellfish hatchery to help get commercial oyster aquaculture established in Georgia. An oyster steamer from Bass Pro Shops will be the CCA's January raffle prize.

#### **SEA, FOOD**



**HOW MUCH:** \$35 for SIBC members, \$45 for non-members

CONTACT: siboatingclub@gmail.com WHAT ELSE: Prospective and current members are invited to enjoy a three-course dinner and cash bar, and learn about the fun activities planned for 2019. Landings Club membership is not required. RSVP by Jan. 11. Tube checks, payable to SIBC, to 4 Shagbark Lane or 20 Tarrow Ridge Road, or pay at skidawayislandboating-club.org. Boat ownership not required. Come cruise into the New Year

#### **CHILDS PLAY**

to get involved!

WHEN: Thursdays,

with us, and resolve

Jan. 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.

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#### **THE NEW YOU**

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.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.

#### PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

WHAT: Gail Wickstrom Exhibit, Artist in Residence at The Landings Company WHEN: Jan. 1 to Feb. 28

**WHERE:** The Landings Company Real Estate and Welcome Center, One Landings Way North

**CONTACT:** 912.598.0500

**WHAT ELSE:** M – F, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **FIBER OPTICS**

**WHAT:** Exhibition of the works of Urban ipena

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.

#### **TRAIL TROT**

**WHAT:** The Yates-Astro Resolution 5K Trail

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 12, 9 a.m. WHERE: Bethesda Academy, 9520 Ferguson

**HOW MUCH:** \$35 with student and military

**CONTACT:** fleetfeetsavannah.com/races to sign up or email lisawilkessavannah@gmail. com for questions

WHAT ELSE: Use STUDENT19 and MIL19 at check out during sign up. All proceeds directly benefit the students of Bethesda Academy. Start your year off right with the Yates-Astro Resolution 5K Trail Run! The breathtaking 3.1-mile course winds through Bethesda's scenic roads, gravel paths, alongside the Moon River, and under century-old oak trees. Afterward, enjoy a pancake breakfast. Race Day signup is allowed!

#### **BIRD WATCHING**

WHAT: Friends of Skidaway Audubon Friends of Skidaway Audubon Raptor Presentation

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m. WHERE: TLA Athletic Field **CONTACT:** Carolyn McInerney, 912.507.3700 or email carol9133@gmail.com WHAT ELSE: Skidaway Audubon has initiated a membership program to involve more of our families and youth in various environmental and sustainability issues on our island. The kick-off to our Friends of Skidaway Audubon project will be an exciting venture into the world of Raptors. The Center for Wildlife Education at Georgia Southern University will be presenting a raptor flight demonstration and an informative presentation on these birds of prey! For their safety, no dogs will be permitted at the event. But be sure to bring the kids! Come meet Friends of Skidaway Audubon committee members, offer suggestions for programs that would be of interest, and sign up to become a founding Friend!

#### ALL THAT JAZZ

WHAT: Jazz Concert – The Auction Project WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 13, 4 p.m. WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church HOW MUCH: Free

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**CONTACT:** Tim McKee, 598.7242 ext. 5 or tmckee@stpeterssavannah.org

**WHAT ELSE:** Fusion of jazz and Afro-Latin with Celtic fiddle, featuring alto sax, piano, bass, drums and violin.

#### **TECH TALK**

WHAT: Telfair Academy Guild (TAG) Coffee, Meeting and Program: "The Blurred Lines Between Art and Technology"
WHEN: Monday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.
WHERE: Jepson Center, Neises Auditorium
WHAT ELSE: Teri Yarbrow, SCAD Professor and Max Almy, SCAD Dean are EMMY, AFI, NEA and ARS Electronica award winners, internationally exhibited, video and installation artists known for pushing the boundaries of art and technology. TAG Members and their guests are welcome to attend.

#### **A STITCH IN TIME**

WHAT: Landlovers Stitchers and Beaders WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 3-5 p.m. CONTACT: Jayne: JMRogers341@gmail.com or Kathy: Kathysilbert@gmail.com WHAT ELSE: You will receive an email with the place of the next meeting and a request to RSVP. Bring your project and enjoy a couple hours of good company while you stitch or

#### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Landlovers Photography Club WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 3:45-5 p.m. WHERE: Skidaway Island United Methodist Church

**HOW MUCH:** Annual membership fee is \$20

**CONTACT:** landloversphotoclub.wordpress.

WHAT ELSE: Whether you're photographing Buckingham Palace or the Biltmore, there are many considerations such as perspective, distortion and angles. John McKinnon, who shoots promotional artwork for corporate and tourist locations worldwide, will speak on architectural photography at the January meeting of the Landlovers Digital Photo Club. Club members range from novice photographers to expert shutterbugs. All participants must be members of Landlovers. Come join us! Sherri Reddick, Amy Collings and Michael Siegel, co-chairs.

#### **AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER**

WHAT: Sarah Cameron, assistant professor, University of Maryland, Department of History, speaking on the topic "The Hungry Steppe: Famine, Violence and the Making of Soviet Kazakhstan"

WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019; 7:30 p.m.

social; 8:00 p.m. program

WHERE: Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway HOW MUCH: Open to the public and free for members, students and accompanying family members, educators, and active duty military and their dependents. \$10 charge for non-members. Annual individual membership is \$40; family membership is \$60.

**CONTACT:** www.savannahcwa.org **WHAT ELSE:** The Savannah Council on World Affairs, Inc. is a non-partisan, non-profit organization. Its purpose is to make available information, analysis, and strategic thinking about important international issues.

#### **BOOK YOUR RESERVATION**

**WHAT:** Jewish Women of The Landings Book Club

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. WHERE: Member's Home HOW MUCH: Free to JWOL members CONTACT: Sherri Reddick at sherrireddi

CONTACT: Sherri Reddick at sherrireddick@me.com or Phyllis Aaron at paaron@comcast.net

**WHAT ELSE:** JWOL's Reel Time selection is the suspense novel A Conflict of Interest by Adam Metzner.

#### **LIFE LESSON**

WHAT: Papal Appointee to speak at Hospice Savannah's Annual Lecture Series presented by St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 24, 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Savannah Technical College's Eckburg Auditorium, 5717 White Bluff Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free of charge

CONTACT: www.HospiceSavannah.org/ Annual-Lecture-Series

WHAT ELSE: Msgr. Renzo Pegoraro, physician, author, bioethicist and Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy for Life at The Vatican, will be joined by ethicist Dr. Kathleen Deloach Benton, the newly appointed president and CEO of Hospice Savannah, Inc. The public is warmly invited for coffee, pastries and conversation on "The Art of Living and the Art of Dying: Dignity at End of Life."

#### **GAMES PEOPLE PLAY**

**WHAT:** Landlovers 2019 Luncheon and Games Day

**WHEN:** Thursday, Jan. 24, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**HOW MUCH:** \$40, includes buffet lunch, play and raffles

CONTACT: susan.p.danner@att.net or 404.681.3888

**WHAT ELSE:** Bridge, Bunco, Canasta, Dominoes, Mahjong, Poker, Scrabble. All casual play, no tournament play, but each table

can play for \$\$. To register, visit https://land-loversevents.eventsmart.com/events/games-day-and-luncheon/. Pay by credit card or PayPal at time of registration. No checks will be accepted. Play is open only to Landlovers, but you do not have to be a Landings Club member.

#### **BE A DECENT DOCENT**

**WHAT:** Davenport House Museum Docent Training Program

WHEN: February 2019 (4 dates)

**WHERE:** Davenport House Museum, 324 E. State Street, Savannah

**HOW MUCH:** Free of charge **CONTACT:** Sheena Fulkerson,

historic house.

912.236.8097; sfulkerson@davenporthousemuseum.org, davenporthousemuseum.org WHAT ELSE: Davenport House volunteer docent/tour guide training is offered in February. This is a four-week training program. Docents lead tours and assist with programs for people from around the world who visit the

#### WHERE FOR ART THOU?

**WHAT:** The Art of Harriet Zabusky-Zand **WHEN:** Feb. 1-28; Reception on Feb. 10, from 3 to 5 p.m.

WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St. HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111 WHAT ELSE: Harriet Zabusky-Zand received a BFA from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and her MFA from Massachusetts College of Art. Her work has been exhibited in the U.S. and in England, and is included in the Gillette Corporation collection, the Sonesta Sonnabend collection, the Westin Hotel, Accenture, Mohegan Sun Casino, Marriott Hotels, the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in New York, and many other corporate and private collections.

#### **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

**WHAT:** American Heart Association's Go Red for Women, Red Dress Fashion Show **WHEN:** Wednesday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m.; reception, 12 p.m. lunch, 12:30 p.m. speaker, fashion show at 12:45 p.m.

WHERE: The Plantation Club, The Landings HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$50 per person; Tables of 10/12 Heart tables - are \$600 CONTACT: Kathy Levitt 912.598.0839 WHAT ELSE: To purchase tickets, call Florence Anderson - 912.657.6640. Dr. Marianne Fleming will present key factors on heart disease as the number one killer of women. All proceeds benefit the American Heart Association, tax deductible as permitted by law.

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#### JACK HAMMOND

#### CHALLENGER CLUES\*

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Reports from the NRA?
- 6. Tuna
- 10. Pelota in a fronton
- 14. Perceptive
- 15. Cookie found in crossword puzzles
- 16. Computer operating system created at
- 17. Tulips in 17th century Holland, e.g.
- 18. Fabulist
- 19. Sauce-thickening sauce

#### 20. Start of a Steven Wright quip (3 words)

- 23. Blue Jay, but not a Cardinal
- 24. The Azores, e.g.
- 28. Red cross, for one
- 31. Aghast
- 34. 2014 NCAA football champions
- 35. One quarter of an acre
- 36. Cat \_\_\_\_ tails
- 37. Flyers of the F/A-18 Super Hornet

#### 38. More of the quip (3 words)

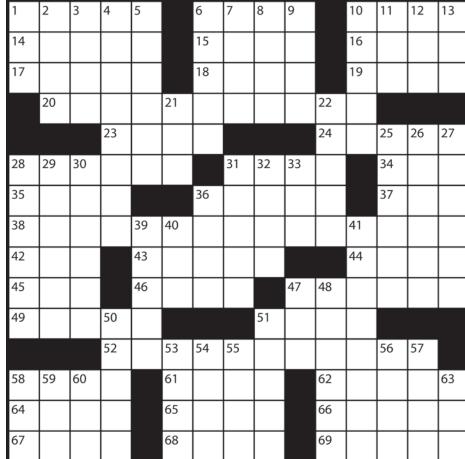
- 42. Art for the bod
- 43. Turn inside out
- 44. Lawless character?
- 45. Knock off
- 46. Bank on
- 47. Bell Boeing V-22
- 49. UPC, et al.
- 51. The Amu Darya river flows into this sea

#### 52. End of quip (4 words)

- 58. Role
- 61. Dele 62. Fungal poison that triggered the Salem witch trials
- 64. Mess
- 65. One on the orchestra staff?
- 66. 2014 film with a civil rights theme
- 67. Milquetoast
- 68. One in a long Russian line
- 69. Sylvan

- 1. When doubled, a "Flintstone" character
- 2. Ending in a fronton
- 3. J. Lo, when born
- 4. Royal family of Monaco
- 5. Basic supply item
- 6. Grinder

### Steven's Wright on schedule!



- 7. CNN news anchor Burnett
- 8. Director of "Doctor Zhivago"
- 9. Doughnuts, topologically
- 10. Historically, fortified towns
- 11. Enero begins one
- 12. The Blackbirds of the NCAA
- 13. Year the Romans destroyed Jerusalem
- 21. Part of the Apollo 11
- 22. Largest country in West Africa
- 25. Ventilation slits
- 26. 2nd century Palestinian sect of crosswords
- 27. Beam at daybreak
- 28. Like "Lolita"
- 29. Highlight of the French Riviera
- 30. Absquatulated suddenly
- 31. Heated
- 32. Type of horse
- 33. Fish Hawaiians call 'wahoo'

- 36. Like Ogden Nash's priest
- 39. Even-numbered page
- 40. Common adjective suffix
- 41. Marco Polo, e.g.
- 47. Geppetto's gold
- 48. Most discerning
- 50. Forbid, to a judge
- 51. Anagram for RATES
- 53. Garamond, for one
- 54. First biblical prophet book written
- 55. She played Anita in "West Side Story"
- 56. Check out
- 57. The \_\_\_\_ (stadium in St. Louis)
- 58. Relative of 1-Down
- 59. Clay, eventually
- 60. Just barely miss a putt
- 63. Bit

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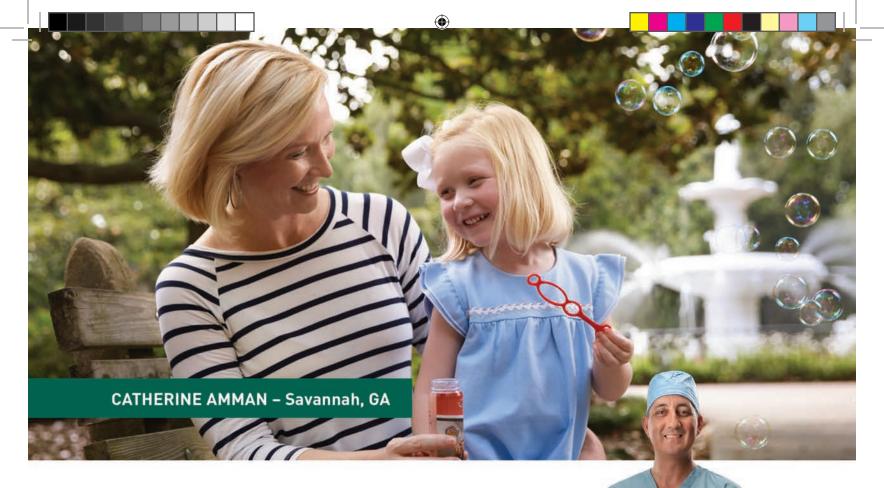
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