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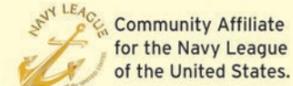
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Upfront

My mother got a new hip yesterday. In a few minutes, my younger daughter and I are going to the hospital to drive my mom home. I don't have much time to write this, so I'll make it brief.

I am – perhaps, unhealthy – acutely aware of and profoundly frightened by...the passage of time.

You leave home for school. It's exciting and a little unnerving; but, in the main, amazingly great. You graduate. You're, at once, wistful and restless, as your first day of work draws near. You're itching to get "the rest of your life" underway. Suddenly, you're 30. You joke: "I'm old." And your friends laugh and buy you funny cards. You turn 40. You're kids aren't little anymore. "Forty is the new 30," your friends say. Everyone chuckles – despite the familiarity of the once-clever line – even if it's with less abandon than a decade ago. Suddenly, your house is quiet; your youngest child has settled into her dorm room, and you're hoping she phones soon. You're 50. "Fifty is the new 40," which makes it the new, new 30, borrowing from the transitive property that you barely remember from four decades before. Soon, you're sore. Your feet. Your knees. Your shoulder. Your back. You say to your son, who has kids of his own...kids who have finished school..."I've had a good life. I made some mistakes, but I did a lot right, too. We've been fortunate." And you almost smile as your eyes track the

bird feeding near the tree in your backyard. Then, you get a new knee. Not long after comes the hip.

Is anyone else scared, like I am, all the time? If so, the world is full of amazing actors, because nobody dares share his dread with me. There are support groups and methods and medicines to help us address every kind of dysfunction or worry. But dying – the ultimate invincible enemy: We don't mention it much, except in church, surrounded by similarly opulent and beautiful windows and music, a place of alchemy, where fear is molded into celebration, until we return home with it, and it reverts back to fear.

I made chicken broth yesterday. My daughter made Jell-o. We bought a case of ginger ale. We want to help. We want her "back to normal," ASAP. For her sake and for mine. I need her now as much as I did half a century ago, when 6 was the new 5.



Scott A. Lawrence



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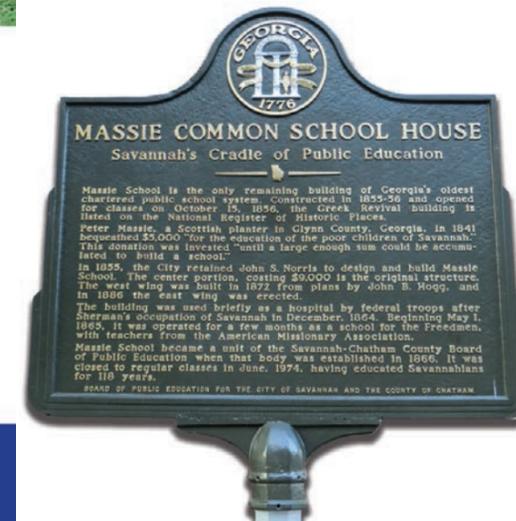
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Bill Tildes took these photos of "Charlotte," a garden spider who took a liking to their fall wreath. Look for more photos of Charlotte on page 30.

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Savannah is not only the Hostess City, but also the Ghostest City, named "the Most Haunted City in America" in 2003 by the American Institute of Paranormal Psychology. Many ghost hunters journey to Savannah, hoping to scare up conclusive evidence of...

SPOOKS and SPIRITS

BY PHILIP SCHWEIER

DISTILLED SPIRITS

Paranormal researchers seem to agree that a violent or unresolved death may cause a spirit to linger where death occurred. If so, there are enough tragic endings in the Moon River Brewing Company building to fill a hotel. The structure was built in 1821 as the City Hotel, and was frequently used as a hospital during outbreaks of yellow fever. The number of people who died there is alarming and tragic. The hotel closed during the Civil War, never to re-open. Since then, the building has seen quite a few owners, until the 1990s when it was converted into a brewery.

Every floor of the building has reported some degree of ghostly activity, especially the basement. People have experienced sudden coldness, bottles falling or being thrown, and the feeling of being touched by someone who is not there. One apparition was seen so frequently that the staff felt he deserved a name – Toby. He has been known to brush up against people in the billiards room, or push them in frustration.

The main floor has seen less activity than others, perhaps due to its

high volume of traffic. It was here that Dr. Phillip Minus shot James Stark in 1832. Stark was a belligerent drunk and troublemaker who was disliked by the people of Savannah. Dr. Minus claimed self-defense and was acquitted of murder. Many people believe the unpunished death of an angry man led the victim's spirit to cause trouble in death. Stark's ghost has been blamed for reports of grabbing, hitting and pushing that people have experienced inside the brewery.

The third and fourth floors are where many children died of yellow fever. It is no surprise that many workers and patrons have reported hearing children talking and playing. The areas are said to have a dark energy that the other floors do not possess.

The third floor is known for violent encounters and the most aggressive spirits in the building. People have reported feeling as though they are being pulled and pushed on the stairs. During construction in the 1990s, the foreman's wife was seemingly pushed down the stairs, shoved hard enough by an invisible force that it was clear she had not simply fallen. The foreman immediately stopped construction on the building and left.



Moon River Brewery on Bay Street was once the City Hotel, and served as a makeshift hospital during the yellow fever epidemics.

A full-body apparition known as "the Woman in White" has been seen many times on the third floor. Sometimes referred to as "Mrs. Johnson," she is one of the better known ghosts at the brewery.

HAUNTED HISTORY

Construction on the legendary Pink House began in 1771 and was not finished until 1789, making it one of the oldest structures in Savannah. Its original owner, James Habersham, Sr. remained loyal to the Crown, welcoming British soldiers to his home until his death in 1775. His sons, however, were among the original Sons of Liberty, and fought against British control. When the war ended, James, Jr. resumed construction on the home, removing any reference to the British. He covered the red brick of his home with white plaster, but the red seeped through, turning the home pink. This led to ridicule. Officially, James Habersham, Jr. died of natural causes in 1799, but some reports suggest he committed suicide in the basement after discovering his wife had been having an affair.

The historic house survived the War of 1812, the fires of 1820, and the Civil War. After the Civil War, the home was used as an office, a tea room, and a book store. In 1912, it became Planters Bank. During this time, the pink of the home was hidden by plaster. In the 1920s, a new owner painted it pink to end the continual waste of money on plaster replacement. In 1970, the Pink House was turned into a restaurant, and the pink color became its trademark.

There are many ghosts associated with the Pink House, but few have been identified. It is believed many of the spirits walking the halls were slaves, making it hard to determine who exactly is haunting the Pink House. However, the most famous ghost is suspected to be none other than James, Jr., himself.

A revolutionary war soldier has been seen sitting at the restaurant bar in the basement. He orders drinks and toasts with bar patrons, only to disappear before taking a drink. This spirit is vivid enough that people who see him believe him to be a re-enactor, before he vanishes suddenly. Some workers report seeing the ghost adjusting tablecloths and rearranging chairs. He is particularly concerned with the candles on tables, making sure they don't go out. One server recalls closing the restaurant and turning around to find every candle in the restaurant lit

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when they had just been dark.

Many ghosts that haunt the Pink House do not have identities. They are said to be slaves who died in fires or yellow fever epidemics. They are more active than many other spirits. Menus are sometimes knocked over, and glasses of wine have been spilled without explanation. Visitors are likely to encounter some playful mischief, if left alone long enough. The staff will routinely caution women using the bathroom in the basement, due to frequent reports of someone holding the stall door closed.

Employees tell of hearing a woman weeping upstairs as the restaurant was being locked up for the night. The building had already been checked and was entirely empty when the wails were heard. In 2011, security cameras captured a figure floating down a hallway and then disappearing. The recording has convinced many people in the existence of ghosts.

"...UNTIL DEATH DO YOU PART"

One of Savannah's claims to fame is the birthplace of the Girl Scouts, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. She was born

October 31, 1860, in her family home on the northeast corner of Bull Street and Oglethorpe Avenue. A historic landmark, the home regularly hosts tours and, among the many tales of the Gordon family, is one as heart-warming as it is spooky.

Juliette Gordon Low's parents, William Washington Gordon II and his wife Eleanor – or Nelly – met in 1853, and both lived well into the 20th century. For almost 60 years, they were nearly inseparable, and Nelly reportedly told her family, "I can't live without him. If he goes, I'll have to go."

William died September 11, 1912. In her heart, Nelly knew that he would come back for her when she was ready. Five years later, at 82 years old, Nelly lay on her deathbed, her five adult children in the room with her. Her daughter-in-law, Margaret, having said her goodbyes, waited in an adjoining bedroom. Suddenly, the hallway door opened and William walked in, wearing his favorite grey suit and carrying his hat. He didn't seem to notice Margaret as he approached the door to his wife's bedroom, a happy expression on his face.

As Nelly faded, family members watched her sit upright, her arms stretched out as if joyfully greeting someone. Her features seemed to soften and become young again. She smiled, then collapsed. Moments later, Margaret's husband, Arthur, entered the adjacent bedroom to tell her that his mother had died. Margaret then told her husband her story of seeing William walk into the room, but Arthur didn't believe her. They headed downstairs to let the servants know that Nelly had died. The family butler was a former slave who had been with the family for years. He stood at the doorway holding onto the handle with the door wide open. He seemed as if in a daze, saying he saw the general come down the stairs and out the front door, as if escorting his beloved Nelly to the other side.

There have been no further sightings of William's ghost, but Nelly has been spotted on several occasions. Those who work at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace have reported her ghost in the home's garden and sitting at the kitchen table in her dressing gown. Visitors at the house have seen her wandering the halls, or playing her old piano.



The Wayne-Gordon House was built in 1818–1821. Recognized as the birthplace of the Girl Scouts, it has become a national landmark. Some people say the spirit of Eleanor Kinzie "Nelly" Gordon still wanders the house.

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Historical Significance

MASSIE: THE STORIES OF OUR CITY

By ROGER SMITH

Tens of thousands of school children have visited Massie School, Savannah's oldest institution of grade-school learning, the cradle of public education in our historic city. The 19th-century facility closed as a school at the end of the 1974 academic year. Then, it was reimagined as a site for "heritage education," a starting point for learning Savannah history, understanding architecture, and instilling civic pride and responsibility in children and adults, locals and visitors.

Massie is off the beaten path, a reflection that its teaching installations may not be for everyone. Situated on Calhoun Square, the southernmost square of Abercorn, it's a hike from tourist spots like River Street and City Market. It takes a bit of determination to reach Massie School, and rapt attention to absorb what it has to teach, but both are worth the effort.

Massie tells the stories of Savannah. Visitors meet indigenous peoples who lived here before Europeans came. They have a bird's-eye view of the Landmark District through an impressive scale model. They study centuries of European and American architectural styles, connecting them to Savannah's particular echoes of those styles. They see the city's preservation through architectural fragments - including an enormous round window from the old City Market, demolished

in 1954 - that punctuate photos of Savannah's buildings, both lost and saved.

Perhaps the most memorable exhibit in the old school is its "Heritage Classroom," a meticulously reconstituted 19th-century educational experience: Student desks fitted with holes for ink wells, McGuffey Readers from which children once recited patriotic literature, framed images of Christopher Columbus and George Washington, and a dunce cap, a reminder that corporal punishment was banned early in Massie's history, even if student shaming carried on.

Massie is a product of antebellum Savannah. It consists of three buildings - the center one is the oldest, built in 1856. It is flanked by two freestanding wings, one constructed in 1872 and the other in 1886, added as the school population grew. The three edifices are in a consistent Greek Revival style, making it easy to believe they were built at one time. Six classrooms were all Massie ever had, and those classrooms today house the artifacts and models, photographs and text panels, which are key to Massie's magic.

Massie's history is a modern-sounding one, involving capitalism, private-public partnerships, local governance, and adaptive innovation. A quarter-century before Savannah (or even Georgia) had a char-

ter for free public education, a successful Scottish-American plantation owner, Peter Massie, lamented the plight of Savannah's poor children. After Massie's death in 1841 his will bequeathed \$5,000 (\$150,000 today) to the City of Savannah for the "education of poor children." Savvy investing in railroad and gas company stocks compounded the bequest. By 1856, the gift had grown to \$15,000 - enough to construct a school, furnish it, and staff it with six teachers for one year.

New York architect John S. Norris had come to town in the late 1840s to build Savannah's U.S. Custom House. He stayed to design residences for magnates such as Andrew Low and Charles Green. Then, the prominent architect agreed to build a school for poor children. Massie School rose on the south side of Calhoun Square in the opening months of 1856 and was ready to host its first students - 240 of them - by October 15.

A school for poor children was novel to Savannah. Education was not a right, but a privilege for those who could afford it. Yet, it must be said, Massie was a school for poor white children. At the time, children of color - enslaved or free - had virtually no educational opportunities. It was illegal to teach black children to read, and the punishment was worse if the perpetrator was a person of color.

The Civil War saw Massie School appropriated as a hospital for occupying Union soldiers. The war ended American slavery, but even then education for Freedmen and their offspring remained elusive and unequal. Reconstruction allowed children of former slaves into Massie's classrooms, but only briefly. White children soon returned to Massie as the antebellum white Southern elite reasserted its hold on



Massie School first graders gather for a class picture in 1927

Savannah's institutions. By the 1970s, though, Massie was an integrated school, and its final principal was African-American.

Racial tension played a role in Massie's modern incarnation as a teaching museum. In 1974, a bright and refined educator named Saxon Bargeron (who had been principal at Massie) had risen to be Savannah-Chatham County Superintendent of Schools. According to Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education records, she was abruptly dismissed one year into her three-year contract. Meeting minutes reveal that, after her firing, she graciously promised a smooth transition to incoming superintendent, Dr. Dennis J. Harris. Bargeron, a casualty of tension regarding school bussing, was redubbed "superintendent emeritus." Keeping her superintendent's salary, she was relocated





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to the old, defunct Massie School –now a repository for broken desks and worn-out textbooks. She was told to use her time to research the history of Massie, and to develop an adaptive use for the historic structures.



L-R: Saxon Barger and Emma Adler

Whether the assignment was issued in earnest or meant only as busy-work, Barger took it seriously. She conducted research on the school and gathered success stories of schools-turned-museums from across the region. She convened preservation- and history-minded citizens into a “Friends of Massie Committee,” most notably Savannah native Emma Adler – fresh to the Board of Education and a Massie neighbor, just a few yards to the west on Monterey Square. Emma and her husband, Lee, were outspoken champions of Savannah’s preservation movement. She became the most ardent and long-serving “Friend of Massie,” chairing the committee for more than 40 years. She died in July of this year at the age of 90.

I had the frequent good fortune to hear Emma Adler speak to students, emphasizing the importance of their city. She reminded them that one of the 13 stripes on the American flag represents Georgia. “That stripe is for Savannah,” she’d say. She traveled the world, and said repeatedly upon returning to her beloved home, that Savannah “stands up.”

She told me the story of a young African-American schoolgirl on a visit to Massie. In the historic preservation installation, a Victorian gingerbread front porch, rendered in wood, looms overhead. Its length ranges from weathered and decrepit at one end to fully restored and painted at the other. With no way of knowing this young person’s home address and living arrangements, nor the physical condition of her dwelling, Emma said that she cocked back on one hip, looked up at the gingerbread, and said, “My house has stuff like that on it.” This young person had seen – in a museum – something she recognized, and thus had found value in her home, her neighborhood, and the city in which she lived.

It’s this kind of civic pride and responsibility that Emma, other Friends of Massie, and the school system hoped to engender in school children and adults. The historic Massie School – now the Massie Heritage Center – continues that work today.

Roger Smith, a Savannah native, formerly served as the director of education at the Georgia Historical Society, and as a museum educator at the Massie Heritage Center in 1999 and 2000. He currently directs The Learning Center of Senior Citizens, Inc.



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2020 St. Joseph's/Candler SmartWomen Defies Pandemic, Raises \$137K

Eighteen Dynamic Local Women Provide Huge Boost to Telfair Mammography Fund

As popular as St. Joseph's/Candler's SmartWomen Luncheon and Expo is every year, its normal format of gathering 1,400 inside the Savannah Convention Center to hear an inspiring, renowned speaker had to be reconsidered due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet addressing the need for assistance for women who can't afford an annual mammogram or other breast health services cannot be postponed. SmartWomen raises money for the Telfair Mammography Fund,

which is needed now more than ever as women and men in our community experience layoffs and other hardships as a result of the pandemic.

In recognition of the 18th annual year of the event, 18 women were selected from Savannah and the Lowcountry, each doing as past keynote speakers have – telling their inspiring stories in their unique voices. The women delivered their talks through videos

that were shared online through social media, on St. Joseph's/Candler's website, and by SmartWomen's media partners.

The month-long virtual event surpassed its \$100,000 goal, raising \$137,748 with the help of the 18 presenters and the generous support of sponsors, including title sponsor Savannah Chatham Imaging.

"Every penny will help uninsured and underinsured women get their mammograms," says St. Joseph's/Candler president and CEO, Paul P. Hinchey. "We never want any woman in our region to miss getting her mammogram because she doesn't have insurance or can't af-

smart women

ford to pay. And as much as COVID-19 has affected all of our lives, we could not let it stand in the way of refilling this fund."

Graciously produced by WTOC-TV, the inspiring videos remain online and can be viewed at sjcsmartwomen.com. The videos were generously promoted throughout the month by all of the event's media partners, including the Savannah Morning News, iHeart Radio's 98.7 The River, and WTOC-TV.

"The people in our community responded in an amazing fashion to the virtual SmartWomen event," says Monica McGoldrick, SmartWomen chair. "We exceeded our goal and are immensely thankful. Now we can ensure that many women will receive their needed mammograms."

In our region, approximately 20 percent of the population is uninsured or underinsured. The goal of the Telfair Mammography Fund is to ensure that all women have access to mammography and other breast health services, even if they have no insurance or high deductibles or co-pays. The SmartWomen Luncheon and Expo has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Telfair Mammography Fund to meet this goal since its inception 18 years ago. In its regular construct, SmartWomen has featured notable women including Taya Kyle, Jane Seymour, Anne Burrell, Fran Drescher, Amy Grant, Dr. Jennifer Ashton, Marilu Henner, Joan Lunden, Giuliana Rancic, Leigh Anne Tuohy, Olympia Dukakis, Ellen Burstyn, Peggy Fleming, Ivana Trump, Erin Brockovich, Suze Orman and Mary Kay Andrews.

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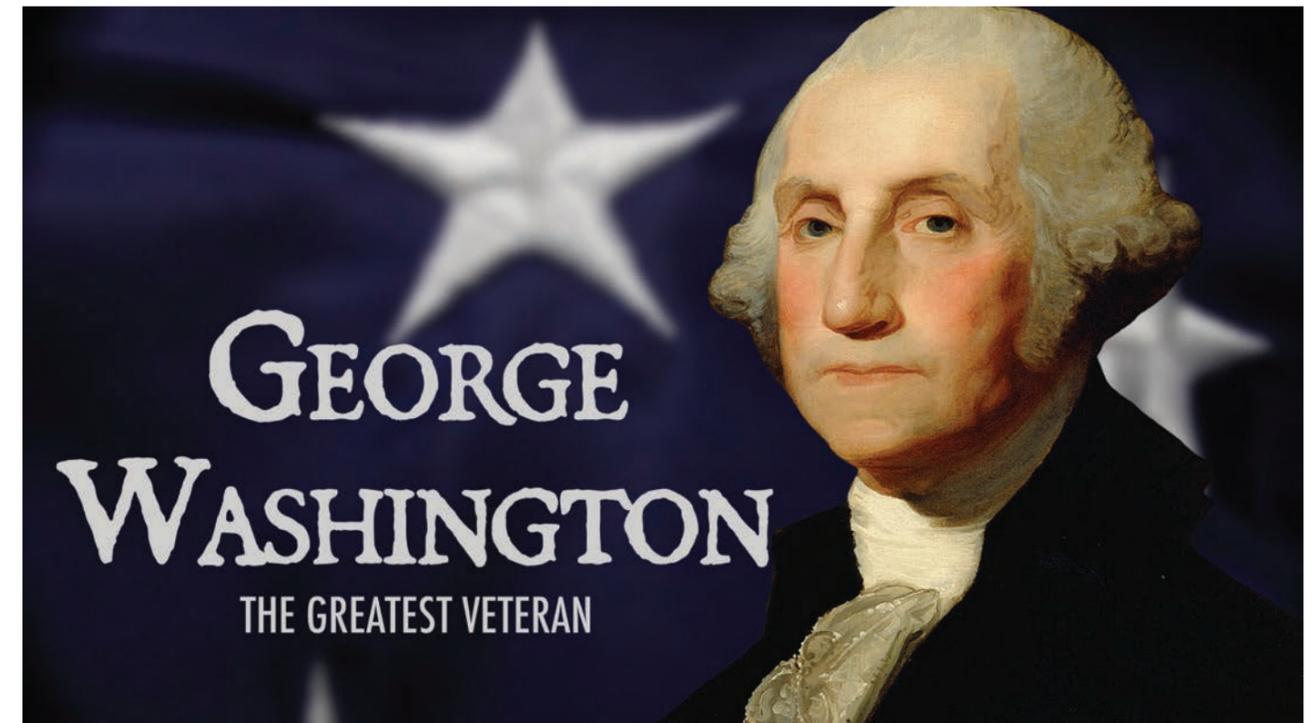
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In 1918, at 11 in the morning, on the 11th day of the 11th month, Allied and German representatives signed an armistice agreement in a rail car in the Compiègne Forest of France, ending the hostilities of World War I. The U.S. had entered the conflict in 1917. More than 116,500 American “doughboys” were killed, wounded, or missing in action, much of the fighting coming in the form of bloody trench warfare. In honor of their sacrifice, a federal holiday – Armistice Day – was established on November 11, the anniversary of the end of what was optimistically called “the War to End All Wars.”

In 1954, at the urging of American veteran organizations, the holiday was changed to Veterans Day, to honor all of who have served in uniform honorably. Noteworthy veterans have authored American history across generations. Amazing stories of valor, like those of Travis Mills, a quadruple amputee wounded in Afghanistan; Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon; and Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated American soldiers during World War II. Perhaps, the most renowned and distinguished is George Washington, commander of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, and the first American president.

At six foot, two inches, Washington cut an impressively tall figure on horseback. Always well-groomed and tailored, he presented the admirable bearing of a professional soldier. As a Virginia militia officer in the French and Indian War of 1754-1763, he cultivated a reputation as a capable commander in the field. Robust, athletic, and experienced in frontier combat, he was judged the best man to command American forces against the powerful British Empire. A modest man, 43-year-old Washington accepted with one condition: He did not want to be paid, but he demanded the Continental Congress cover

the expenses of his military staff and the cost of necessary espionage.

During the war, Washington struggled to keep his army together. At its biggest, Washington's forces totaled 35,000 men, who were chronically underpaid, underfed, poorly clothed and short of arms. With never enough support from Congress or the colonies, Washington held his men together by appealing to their patriotism, sharing their suffering, and through force-of-will. In spite of early setbacks, most of the men who fought alongside Washington believed he would eventually lead them to victory.

The darkest moment of the Revolutionary War for the Americans came in November of 1776, when 36,000 British soldiers and German mercenaries, supported by a fleet of British warships, captured the island city of New York. Hundreds of Washington's outnumbered and outgunned patriots were slaughtered. Washington refused to accept defeat, retreating with his remaining 6,000 men into Pennsylvania. He recognized the British needed to win the war as soon as possible. Their elongated supply lines stretched across an ocean, and the Crown feared the French would eventually side with the rebellious Americans.

While suffering through a miserable winter encampment at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, Washington knew he had to do something soon. Desertions, expiring enlistments, and increasing illness rates were shrinking his already undersized army. He crafted an ingenious quick-strike mission that would change the course of the war in favor of the American forces. On the evening of December 25, 1776, he gathered his men who were physically able to travel and fight. He led them to MacConkey's Ferry, on the banks of the Delaware River. Using boats gathered earlier, he led 2,400 men across the ice-choked river during

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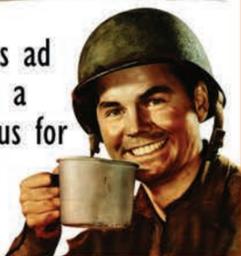
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a blinding snowstorm. They launched a surprise attack on the drunken Hessian garrison at Trenton. The assault was a complete success, providing much-needed supplies and equipment. Equally important, it re-ignited the cause of freedom for the patriots and gave new life to the American Revolution. Another major victory at Princeton quickly followed.

The Revolutionary War was conclusively won at Yorktown, Virginia. On October 19, 1781, England's Gen. Charles Cornwallis surrendered to American forces, who were aided by the recent arrival of the French fleet. However, hostilities dragged on for another 18 months, until the British finally accepted American independence and signed a treaty of peace in 1783.

It is amazing how an undersized army of irregulars and scattered militia defeated the largest and most victorious military force in history (to that point). Most historians agree that the American Revolution would not have succeeded if not for Washington's outstanding strategy and leadership. The leader demonstrated grit, determination and skill on many battlefields and in numerous negotiations with the Continental Congress.

After the war, Washington quickly resigned his commission and returned home to his beloved Mount Vernon. When King George III learned Washington surrendered his authority to resume life as a gentleman farmer, the monarch declared the American to be the greatest man in the world.

In retirement, Washington was the most important figure in the new republic. In need of a distinguished and dynamic leader, the founding fathers, led by James Madison, unanimously selected Washington as our first president. He reluctantly accepted and was inaugurated on April 30, 1789. As president, Washington had only four people in his cabinet:

- John Adams, Vice President
- Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of State
- Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury
- Edmund Randolph, Attorney General

Jefferson and Hamilton were two of the most brilliant men of their time. With their valuable assistance, Washington was able to mold the cash-strapped new republic into a land of opportunity. When his four-year term ended, he was urged to serve a second term

before permanently retiring from public service in 1797.

Immediately after the inauguration of his successor, John Adams, Washington simply packed up and departed for Mount Vernon. This voluntary transfer of power was stunningly novel, as the New World had no living former heads of state. Other nations were governed by kings, and no king or dictator voluntarily surrendered his position of power.

Back at Mount Vernon, Washington became a country squire again. He died at age 67, in part because he was a socially considerate person. On December 11, 1799, he had been riding on his estate for several hours. There was a heavy sleet storm, completely soaking the land and anyone on it. By the time Washington stabled his mount and entered the house, guests had arrived for dinner. Not wanting to delay anyone from the ready meal, he neglected to take the time to go upstairs and change into dry clothes. Instead, Washington sat down in wet clothes and enjoyed a long dinner with his guests. Later that night, he became very ill. Three doctors rushed to Mount Vernon. When they arrived and took note of Washington's sickly condition, they drained about one quart of blood from their patient. In those days, therapeutic bleeding was thought to cure fevers. Instead, it probably weakened him, and he died within hours.

For many years, it was believed the Father of our Country died of pneumonia, but the current view is that he had contracted epiglottitis, an infection that causes the tissue covering the windpipe to swell. Breathing can become difficult, and suffocation may follow. Today, it can be remedied very quickly with antibiotics.

Years earlier, Washington had directed his body to be placed in a simple tomb at Mount Vernon. His wishes were honored, despite considerable pressure that his remains be entombed in the Capitol. In his will, he did something that no other Founding Father did: He directed that upon his death and the death of his wife, Martha, all their Mount Vernon slaves – about 130 – be freed. Washington had been born into a world in which slavery was an accepted practice, but during the Revolution and the years that followed, he developed a personal belief that the practice was unjust.



Washington observes the Battle of Yorktown, in this illustration by N.C. Wyeth

Washington was a man with long-term vision. He laced his correspondence with phrases like "a century hence," and mused about a mighty and righteous America. More than two centuries since his death, this coming Veterans Day, let's honor the (arguably) greatest American veteran, whose patriotism and deeds are forever entwined with the story of the world's greatest nation.

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The Skinny Football Pick 'Em Pool

We made another boo-boo. Or two. The Georgia/Kentucky and Missouri/Florida games will not be played until October 31, so they are out; leaving us with 23 total games.

We had a plethora of pickers – seven – who missed only five games. It was looking like we were heading for a tiebreaker. But, with one of the last entries we reviewed, Arnold "The Axe Man" Axelberg chopped down the rest of the field with a stellar 21 of 23 correct. Congrats, Axe! Great work.

And thank you as always to the folks who play. Keep sending those entries, and spread the word. There's absolutely no reason not to play!

Play along. The rules are simple. Predict the winning team for each game. And get more right than the rest of your friends. Twenty college tilts and five of the NFL variety, making 25, in all. If you win, you get prizes...specifically a gift card for a generous amount. Playing makes watching those Saturday scoreboard shows a little more interesting.

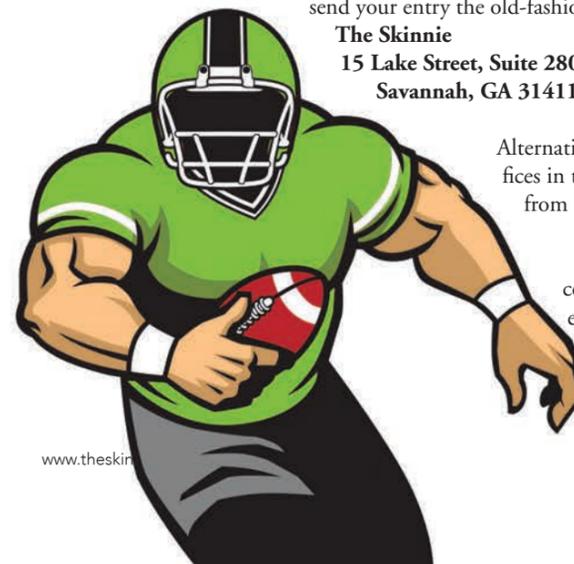
This slate of games will be played Thursday, November 5, through Sunday, November 8. Entries are due Thursday, November 5, at 5 p.m.

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- SMU at Temple
- Wyoming at Colorado St.
- Miami (FL) at NC St.
- BYU at Boise St.
- Oklahoma St. at Kansas St.
- West Virginia at Texas
- Tennessee at Arkansas
- Air Force at Army
- Nebraska at Northwestern
- Michigan at Indiana
- Boston College at Syracuse
- Troy at Georgia Southern
- Florida vs Georgia (in Jacksonville)
- Maryland at Penn St.
- Stanford at Oregon
- Clemson at Notre Dame
- Washington at California
- Fresno St. at UNLV
- Tulane at East Carolina

NFL

- Green Bay at San Francisco
- Seattle at Buffalo
- Las Vegas at LA Chargers
- New Orleans at Tampa Bay
- Carolina at Kansas City

As a tiebreaker this week, pick the total points in the Florida/Georgia game.



TREE WORSHIP

WHAT: Community Prayer and Praise Service
WHEN: Sunday evenings at 5 p.m.
WHERE: Under the old oak tree in the back parking lot at Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: Free to all
CONTACT: PrayerPraiseSIGA@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Sing along with Brad Damas in a casual environment. Bond with neighbors and friends. Dress for the outdoors. Use golf carts or folding chairs. Social distancing is made easy. Bring masks for your comfort.

NOW HEAR THIS

WHAT: Music Academy Online Free Instruction
WHEN: 7 days a week
WHERE: Via Zoom
HOW MUCH: Free, courtesy of St. Peter's Church
CONTACT: Dr. Timothy McKee, tmckee@saintpeterssav.org
WHAT ELSE: Learn and cultivate music skills.

BODY AND SOUL

WHAT: Skidaway Island United Methodist Church (SIUMC) Exercise Classes
WHEN: Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, times are below
CONTACT: For more information or to register for January session, visit siumc.org/exercise or call 912.598.8460
WHAT ELSE: Mat Pilates from 9:15-10:15 a.m.; and Sit-Fit from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Classes are led by Elena Bennett, an ACSM-certified exercise instructor. SIUMC has added Friday classes to its offerings for church- and non-church members alike.

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 Deadline is the Friday prior to publication.

WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors
WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar
CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Milli at nnewmember@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: The club offers more than 250 different activities from biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups or fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, Needle-arts and Canasta. We have exciting military tours and special events for you to enjoy right here on Skidaway Island.

GOTTA LOVE IT

WHAT: Landlovers Membership
HOW MUCH: Each \$30 membership fee covers one household of one or two adults.
CONTACT: Cindy Altman, Landlovers Membership Director, at Landloversmembership@gmail.com.
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization. More information and details can be found at www.landlovers.com. Membership year runs from Sep. 1, 2020 through Aug. 31, 2021.

TEA TIME

WHAT: Southern Tea Party, sponsored by Savannah Elks Auxiliary
WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 14, 1 to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Savannah Elks Lodge #183, 183 Wilshire Blvd.
CONTACT: For reservations, call Dee Christy at 912.657.2125
HOW MUCH: Donations - \$20 per person
WHAT ELSE: Please Reserve by Nov. 5

BOW REGARD

WHAT: Landings Garden Club Holiday Bow Sales
WHEN: Beginning Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and continues Monday, Nov. 9; Saturday, Nov. 14; Monday, Nov. 16; Saturday, Nov. 21; Monday, Nov. 23; Friday, Nov. 27; Saturday, Nov. 28; Monday, Nov. 30; Saturday, Dec. 5; Monday, Dec. 7; Saturday, Dec. 12
WHERE: In front of the Village Pharmacy fountain
HOW MUCH: Starting at \$15
CONTACT: www.thelandingsgardenclub.com
WHAT ELSE: This annual Garden Club fundraiser aids in island conservation and beautifica-

tion. Many new ribbon patterns this year. Shop early for the best selection.

WHERE ART THOU?

WHAT: The Art of Vanessa Withun
WHEN: Nov. 1 - 30; A limited, socially-distanced reception will be held Nov. 29, 2 to 4 p.m.
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.
HOW MUCH: No charge
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111
WHAT ELSE: Originally from the Bronx, Vanessa Withun is inspired by the wetlands and marshes that surround the coastal area. Her work, a combination of expressionism and realism, has been exhibited across the country.

KEEP 'EM FLYING

WHAT: The National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force
WHEN: Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.
CONTACT: For more information call 912.748.8888 or visit www.mightyeighth.org
WHAT ELSE: New guidelines are in place to protect staff and visitors. Visitors are strongly recommended to wear facemasks. Hand-sanitizing stations have been established throughout the museum. Some areas will be capacity-controlled.

HOCUS POCUS!

WHAT: Landings Magic Society
WHEN: 7 p.m., second Thursday of the month, Oct. through May
WHERE: Plantation Club card room
CONTACT: Jim Ruhl, 912.856.3948, jsruhl@gmail.com or Bill Sickels, 912.598.9123 or whsickels@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Anyone with an interest in magic is welcome. Every meeting is instructional, entertaining and enlightening.

HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Island
WHEN: Thursdays at 7:45 a.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club in the Landings
HOW MUCH: Free to attend.
CONTACT: Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474, before attending
WHAT ELSE: This club donates more than \$60,000+ for at-risk children yearly.

STUCK IN BETWEEN

WHAT: Middle Aged Tweens of Skidaway (MATS).
WHERE: Usually in private homes.
CONTACT: matskidaway@gmail.com or call Ann Nash at 203.856.8927, or visit www.matskidaway.com
WHAT ELSE: MATS was formed to create social activities for people in their 'tween years. There are monthly socials, book club groups, business group, Ladies Night Out, Men's Poker Night and more! Many of us are empty nesters or semi-empty nesters. We may find ourselves in the later stages of our careers, working part-time or navigating issues of early retirement. Some of us are still responsible for raising children.

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. We will provide trash bags. Water is recommended to avoid dehydration.

WE HAVE A WIENER

WHAT: Landings Longdogs Get-togethers
WHEN: 4th Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Harbor Marina
HOW MUCH: No charge
CONTACT: Linda Rich, lindarich912@bellsouth.net
WHAT ELSE: A fun play date for you and your dachshund(s). Meet other owners and their special friends.

IT'S AN HONOR

WHAT: Honor Flight Savannah seeks war veterans and volunteers
CONTACT: honorflightsavannah.org or 912.367.9020
WHAT ELSE: Honor Flight Savannah is offering WW II, Korea and Vietnam War era veterans living in southeast Georgia and southeastern South Carolina an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to visit their war memorials. Funding for trips is dependent on contributions from community citizens and businesses.

MEETING OF THE MINDS

WHAT: Stroke Survivors
WHEN: Third Thursday of every month, 4 to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West

Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Shirley Nack, 598.7047
WHAT ELSE: Share your experiences with stroke survivors. At our meetings we listen and learn what other survivors have accomplished in order to return to an active lifestyle.

WELCOME MAT

WHAT: Learn to create sleeping mats for the homeless from discarded plastic bags
WHEN: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon at Oakridge Club; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon at JEA
CONTACT: Please RSVP to Carol Greenberg at 912.355.1238 or MStarArts@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Help divert plastic bags from landfills and waterways while providing comfort to the homeless. Completed mats will be on display the first week in February at the JEA Art Gallery.

HORSE SENSE

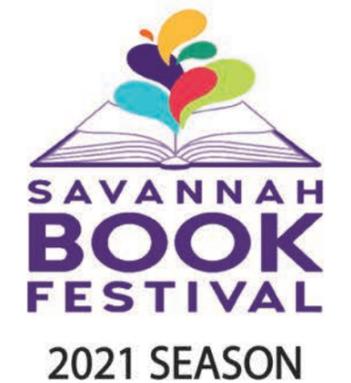
WHAT: Pegasus Riding Academy volunteers needed
WHERE: Old Roberds Dairy, 2500 Tennessee Ave., Savannah
CONTACT: For information and directions, visit www.prasav.org or call 912.547.6482
WHAT ELSE: Pegasus Riding Academy is a therapeutic riding program providing safe, professional and ethical equine-assisted activities for individuals with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Volunteers are needed to assist these special children. Horse experience not necessary.

SAFE AND SOUND

WHAT: Women's support group for people going through or having experienced domestic or family violence
WHEN: Third Wednesday of every month, 12 noon - 1 p.m.
WHERE: SAFE Shelter Center for Domestic Violence Services Outreach, 7373 Hodgson Memorial Dr.
CONTACT: Outreach office, 912.651.0004
WHAT ELSE: SAFE Shelter's mission is to prevent domestic violence, protect victims and promote change in lives, families and our community. This is an opportunity to meet with women experiencing similar challenges. Light refreshments will be served.

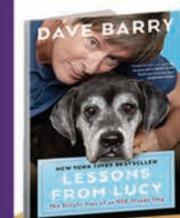
CERVUS WITH A PURPOSE

WHAT: Bingo at the Elks Lodge
WHEN: Sundays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: 183 Wilshire Blvd
WHAT ELSE: \$1,500 in prizes. All proceeds benefit Elks charities.



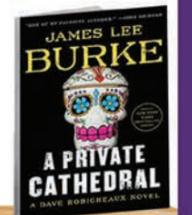
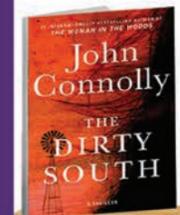
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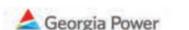


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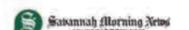
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ACROSS

- 1. Hitching post?
- 6. Sloth-like
- 10. * ___ buco (Italian veal dish)*
- 14. "Casablanca" (1942), for one
- 15. Title role for Leslie Caron (1953)
- 16. Ollie's partner in comedy
- 17. **Where No Man Has Gone Before**
- 20. Assistant
- 21. Spain/Portugal peninsula
- 22. Redeem your casino chips (two words)
- 26. Breathing mask often worn along with swimfins
- 27. *Exorbitant price*
- 30. ___ Janiero (Brazil)
- 31. Los Angeles Airport, for short
- 32. Eldest of the Marx Brothers (played the piano)
- 37. First U.S. multi-millionaire, John Jacob ___
- 38. Kwik-E-Mart operator on "The Simpsons"
- 39. Macho type
- 40. Many acne sufferers
- 41. ___ culpa (my fault)
- 42. Cheer up
- 43. *It once flew over the Caribbean*
- 45. AAAAA size bra cups?
- 50. Goes in
- 51. University of Georgia site
- 52. Aloha, in Livorno
- 54. *The other four asterisked clues*
- 60. Matador's target
- 61. "___ Kleine Nachtmusik" (Mozart)
- 62. "___ welcome" (response to thanks)
- 63. The Battle of the ___ (1914 Belgian WWI victory)
- 64. Watch-winder
- 65. Ars ___, vita brevis (anagram for ALONG)

DOWN

- 1. Many old radios
- 2. Site to build a house
- 3. Utility co. founded by FDR
- 4. Type of pressure
- 5. Orthodontists use them to maintain straightened teeth
- 6. Toboggan

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- 7. Dig, in a way
- 8. Grand ___ Opry (Nashville)
- 9. Windshield cleaning action
- 10. "The Matterhorn of the Bavarian Forest" (anagram for SORES)
- 11. Bird that frequents maternity wards?
- 12. ___ Hawkins Day ("Li'l Abner")
- 13. 7-footer, Shaquille ___
- 18. Melon skin
- 19. Language of the Kwa group (anagram for BIO)
- 22. Jeweler's weight measure
- 23. Stand up
- 24. Clobbered, Biblically
- 25. Wore (two words)
- 26. Carnal
- 28. Los ___, NM (atomic bomb development center)
- 29. Place for a boutonniere
- 32. Russian nuclear disaster site
- 33. Spartan slave (anagram for THOLE)
- 34. Mirror ___
- 35. Supply food for an event
- 36. Unique types
- 43. Outlaw James and Reverend Jackson
- 44. Informal assent
- 45. Hamburger portion
- 46. One Musketeer
- 47. Talia ___ (Adrian in "Rocky")
- 48. Enrico Caruso was one
- 49. Last three letters of any English gerund
- 52. Prefix meaning 'motion picture'
- 53. Thing on a list
- 55. Cleverness
- 56. Tic-tac-toe winner
- 57. Woman with a habit?
- 58. Metric unit of work or energy
- 59. Mediterranean, for one

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