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A few highlights: Steve Featherstone goes hunting for pythons in the Everglades; Jamie Quatro reflects upon the intimacy of Flannery O’Connor’s prayer journal; Rachel Monroe interviews Bryce Reed about the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas; William Giraldi pays tribute to Elizabeth Spencer; Kate Sweeney attends a burial at sea; Mark Lane remembers a painful accident from childhood; and new fiction from National Book Foundation “5 Under 35” recipient C. E. Morgan.

Local Fare columnist John T. Edge, the director of the Southern Foodways Alliance, tells us why potlikker “is now vogue.” And in a new installment of Cooking with Chris, contributing editor Chris Offutt shares an unforgettable story about eggs.

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