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This month's cover of *The Florida Geographer* shows Florida in new perspective. The stepped statistical surface presents the state as would be seen from the Gulf of Mexico looking toward the northeast. The columns represent the state's population aged 65 and over by counties, raised to elevations proportional to their numbers. Lydia Golden, a free lance cartographer, submitted the drawing.