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Who controls the volume? As DI grows, so does the noise

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Noise is part of the soundtrack of Daniel Island, from sold-out concerts at Credit One Stadium to the rumble of construction equipment shaping the island's next neighborhood. Add in beeping delivery trucks, the rumble of car shows, and early-morning lawn crews, it's no surprise residents occasionally ask: how much noise is too much?

The short answer? It depends – on the time, the source, and who has jurisdiction.

Daniel Island follows Berkeley County's noise ordinance, updated in 2021, which defines noise as "any sound that is either loud, boisterous, unpleasant, unreasonable or that causes a disturbance of the public peace."

The ordinance prohibits unnecessary or unusually loud noise that is prolonged or unnatural in time and lists common culprits, including amplified music, construction, yelling, vehicle exhaust, fireworks, and "any other loud or unnatural noise that would be a discomfort

to any residence."

Generally, normal residential noise is permitted between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Construction and demolition are allowed from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends, unless otherwise permitted. Vehicular music cannot be plainly audible from 50 feet away or inside another residence.

Enforcement falls to the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, with penalties ranging from \$100 to \$500 fines and up to 30 days in jail.

On Daniel Island, the Property Owners' Association is often the first stop for concerns, but not always the enforcer.

"In general terms, how noise or nuisance concerns are handled really depends on the nature of each individual issue," said Tony Elder, DIPOA director of operations. "Many noise matters, such as concerts or amplified events, fall under the city's jurisdiction and are governed by their ordinances."

"Because of the numerous variables involved, each situation is evaluated on a case by case basis," Elder said. "Fortunately, noise



PATRICK VILLEGAS

Construction noise can be heard during the weekdays as crews begin building the Davis Daniel Island Apartments off Seven Farms Drive.

complaints on Daniel Island are quite rare, as our property owners are very considerate."

Perhaps the most high-profile source of sound is Credit One Stadium, home to major concerts and sporting events like the annual Charleston Open. According to general manager Chris Meany, compliance is key.

"All events at Credit One Stadium are planned and operated in accordance with the city's noise ordinance," Meany said. "We work closely with event operators to manage sound and scheduling and have not received any noise-related complaints."

"There are no standing exemptions and all shows are expected to comply with applicable noise requirements," he added, noting that each event requires city approval.

Then there's Ale & Octane Charleston, the monthly car show at New Realm Brewing that

can draw around 1,000 vehicles. Team member Lindsay Johnson said organizers have made major changes over the years to reduce disruption.

"We have a no revving rule for the event, and burnouts or any form of dangerous acts are swiftly handled with a ticket and/or ban," Johnson said. "We no longer have a DJ as people in the apartments could hear the music."

Johnson acknowledged that noise complaints still happen but said, "If anyone objectively compared 2021 when we started to now, it is overall quieter... And most of that noise is coming from the interstate and the entrance and exit ramps."

On Daniel Island, silence isn't always realistic, but courtesy, coordination, and clear rules aim to keep the peace, even when life gets loud.



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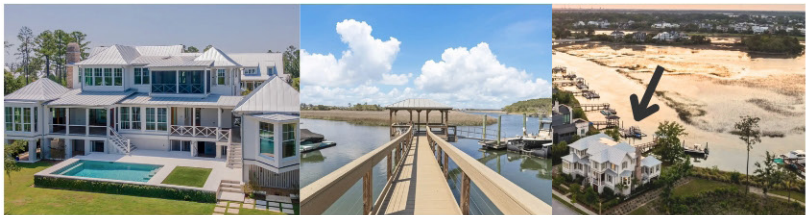
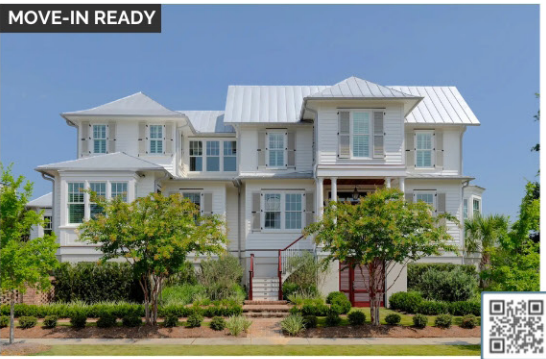
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News 2's Carolyn Murray talks resilience amid health battle

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Under the glow of chandeliers at the Daniel Island Club, Carolyn Murray didn't open her Speaker Series talk with her health journey; she opened with a joke.

"You all really want Rob (Fowler) right now, don't you?" she laughed, nodding to Charleston's beloved weatherman and the looming possibility of snow. It was a fitting start from one of the city's most familiar news faces.

Murray, co-anchor of Count on News 2 on WCBD-TV, didn't come to the Jan. 21 Daniel Island Community Speaker Series to talk about television news. She came there to talk about survival, storytelling, and what it means to keep moving forward when life takes an unexpected turn.

For many in the audience, Murray is best known behind the anchor desk. Fewer know she is also an avid athlete – having run eight marathons and 27 Cooper River Bridge Runs – and a certified spin, barre, and yoga instructor who prides herself on caring for her body. Which is why what happened in early 2020 caught her completely off guard.

"The day my life changed forever was March 14, 2020. I remember that day so well because my husband and I were in the bedroom," she said, with a wink.

Just days after COVID-19 was declared a pandemic, Murray received a call from her neurosurgeon,

following an MRI ordered after weeks of unexplained symptoms: weak legs, numb feet, and a persistent tingling in her hands. "He said, 'You have tumors on your spinal cord, and you need surgery.'"

Within days, she went from newsroom anchor to hospital patient, walking alone into MUSC because visitors were not allowed.

"I walked into that hospital alone and scared as heck," she said.

After surgery, doctors discovered not only tumors but neurosarcoidosis – a rare inflammatory disease. What she thought would be a weekend stay in the hospital ended up being a much longer, lonelier stay. "I no longer had the ability to walk. I couldn't even hold a toothbrush," she said, describing how she spent nearly three months in hospitals and rehabilitation without being able to see her family.

"Everything about my identity was different," she said. "I was scared. I was angry. Inside that hospital, I felt like a prisoner."

Yet it was there, in isolation, that Murray began to reframe her suffering through prayer and perspective. "When things are good, you pray. And when things are bad, you pray harder," she said, recalling her upbringing as a preacher's kid.

She leaned into the power of stories, the same force that led her into journalism in the first place. She spoke of a childhood neighbor, Sadie Oglesby, who introduced her to storytelling and inspired her love of communication. She recalled interviewing civil rights icon John Lewis and asking how he continued after being brutally beaten on the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

"He said he realized that it was more important to use his life for the good than any pain that he might suffer," Murray said. "I did my best to keep moving forward."

Murray also reflected on meeting Oprah Winfrey and asking her what success truly meant.

"She said, 'Success means doing work every single day with the same amount of integrity, whether a million people see it or only you know what you do.'"

That message stayed with her as she quietly tried yoga poses in her hospital room, even when they barely worked.

Her love for journalism, she explained, is inseparable from who she is. "I never imagined I would do anything other than this," Murray said. "Communication to me is everything. It's how we connect with each other."

Today, Murray still lives with two incurable spinal conditions, yet she stood before the Daniel Island audience in heels, with a smile.

"Look at me today," she said. "I have transformed the most difficult period in my life into a triumph. The power of resilience is within us all if we keep moving forward."

Animal society launches Lifesaving Express van to move animals to safety

STAFF REPORT

The Charleston Animal Society has added a new tool to its rescue efforts: a cargo van dubbed the Lifesaving Express, a fully-outfitted Ram ProMaster donated by the Shelly Leeke Law Firm to support animal transport across the Lowcountry and beyond.

The van offers more than 500 cubic feet of interior space and can carry up to 20 dogs or 40 cats at a time, increasing the organization's ability to safely move animals in need.

"We are so proud to donate this vehicle to Charleston Animal Society's lifesaving mission," said Shelly Leeke, who is also a member of the Charleston Animal Society's Board of Directors.

"As we had written on the side of the van, Charleston Animal Society is 'Driven to Rescue.' We are honored to play a part in helping more animals reach safety and eventually find loving homes."

The Lifesaving Express will support a variety of programs, with an early focus on moving animals from the shelter's Berkeley Campus, where intake continues to rise.

"The Lifesaving Express will allow us to bring animals

to the main campus for medical treatment and spays or neuters," said Aldwin Roman, vice president of operations and strategy at the Charleston Animal Society. "This will also open up opportunities to take animals out to adoption events across the area."

The van will also be used for:

- Large-scale rescue operations
- Emergency medical and cruelty response
- Interstate adoption transports
- Shelter-to-shelter transfers to relieve overcrowding

The need for dependable transport has grown as Charleston Animal Society continues to take in more than 90% of stray animals from Charleston and Berkeley counties. Facilities remain full and lifesaving often depends on moving animals from crowded shelters to partners or adopters ready to welcome them.

"With this new lifesaving tool, we can ensure that more animals get where they need to go – whether that's a medical clinic, an adoption center, or a rescue partner out of state," said Joe Elmore, Charleston Animal Society president. "The gift of this van directly translates to more lives saved."

Within the last few weeks, the van transported 21 dogs



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The Lifesaving Express transports animals safely to care, adoption events, and rescue partners.

from Lexington County Animal Services following a 100-plus animal cruelty seizure, helping the animals access care and safe housing.

Recently, 30 cats traveled to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for adoption as part of a strategic transfer to relieve overcrowding at the Charleston Animal Society's Berkeley Campus.

Society officials said transfers like these will allow shelters to open space quickly and help connect pets with communities where more adoptive homes are available.



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Still lost in Publix

'Bananas are the other way, Magellan'



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DALTON WILLIAMS

I feel Norma Desmond's pain. You may recall the aging movie actress in "Sunset Boulevard." Like Norma, I used to consider myself "big," a captain of industry – making global strategic decisions and mobilizing thousands of fellow workers.

Then came retirement. I descended the corporate ladder to assume a new role – administrative assistant to my lovely wife, Grace. I'm not lamenting being back on the bottom rung in this latest chapter of life. Grace has run the home ship superbly and deserves the skipper's seat. It's just the sobering reality of the old dogs and new tricks adage.

I recently accompanied Grace on a senior-day shopping run to our new and expanded Publix supermarket on Daniel Island. As usual, I found myself following her around the store.

I concluded this was part of the continuing training for my assistant shopper job, akin to the centuries-old practice in which guild apprentices, before embarking on a trade or craft, first observed the great masters of their day. Still, I felt prepared to take it to the next level.

I suggested we could complete our chores more quickly if we each fetched multiple items from the grocery list, especially since the store now had twice as many aisles to traverse as our "old" Publix. Grace brought the shopping cart to a halt, looked at the list, and replied, "Okay, I'll let you start with one item."

"I can do more than one," I proudly boasted.

"No. We'll start with one," the master reaffirmed, perusing the list. "How about bananas?"

As I made a step toward the produce aisle, Grace grabbed my arm like a coach with a player poised to enter the game. "Remember, get four. Now, if they come more to a bunch, just break off four."

She held up four fingers and asked, "Okay? Got it? Four!"

"Got it," I reassured her, holding up the same number of digits. "Be right back."

Finding the produce department and bananas was no problem, nor was culling four good ones from a tropical six-pack. I hurried back to the bakery department where I had left Grace only to find she was no longer there.

This presented a new obstacle – finding her among the many corridors that run the length and breadth of the store. I began to walk down the long path at the back of the store. Peering down each perpendicular aisle as I passed, I caught a glimpse of Grace headed down the long path in the front of the store. Calculating space and time quickly, I broke into a full run planning to shoot up one of the frozen food aisles to intercept Grace. I didn't see a shopping cart exiting the frozen food aisle until it was too late. The collision knocked some of the cart's contents – Old El Paso taco and tortilla shells – onto the floor.

"I'm sorry," I apologized, reaching down to retrieve the jettisoned items.

The cart driver, a young woman, inspected the mess. "I hope they aren't broken."

"Let me get you replacements," I offered.

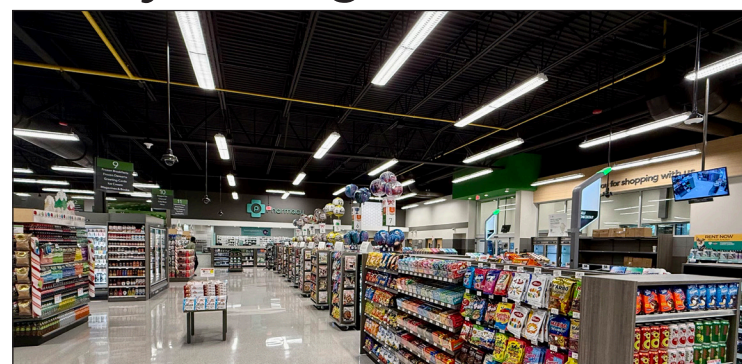
"That's okay, I can get new ones," she replied, soothing a toddler in the cart seat who had begun to whimper.

"No, no," I pleaded. "It was my fault. I'll get them for you. What aisle are they on?"

"I think of the one with sauces and spices, or maybe condiments, that way," she pointed back toward produce while offering the kid some gummy worms.

"Make sure the taco shells say 'Stand 'n Stuff,'" she said, adding, "While you're there, could you also get me another can of refried beans?"

"Got it," I responded and headed off, feeling proud to be trusted to secure more than one item. Fortunately, there was one box of Old El Paso taco shells. I swapped the box of broken shells for it, made my way back to the young



mother, placed the provisions gingerly in her cart, and offered one more apology.

"Oh, that's okay, it's just that Trey here loves his tacos," she smiled, nodding toward her little boy, who pulled a gummy worm from his mouth and held it out for me to see or maybe even taste.

I declined the sticky treat and walked briskly toward the pharmacy side of the store. Despite my taco diversion, this was the direction I had last seen Grace going. Passing each aisle, I looked for her while also keeping a safe distance from any exiting carts.

At paper products, I saw Grace again, on the long front aisle but now headed back toward the bakery side of the store. I turned and jogged that way, noting I was gaining on her with each aisle we passed.

It was a bit like playing the board game Clue – when you know the culprit and weapon (e.g., Colonel Mustard and the lead pipe), and you are racing to reach the crime room before your opponents. I sprinted ahead and dashed down the cereal aisle hoping to intercept Grace. Midway, I met the Old El Paso mother and child. She saw me coming, pulled her cart sharply to the side, and bent over it with her arms sprawled out to guard the kid and contents.

"Thanks," I gasped as I sped past. At the end of the aisle, I came face-to-face with Grace.

"Where have you been? I've been looking all over for you," she inquired.

"Getting these bananas," I replied, holding up my right hand and then my left. Unfortunately, both were empty. I

must have set the darn bananas down when I picked up the taco shells and refried beans.

"Be right back," I declared, and then paused. "Don't move," I pleaded, holding both palms out. "Stay right here," I begged as I trotted toward the taco shells.

"Bananas are the other way, Magellan," Grace called after me.

"I know. You'll see," I shot back over my shoulder. I located the bananas nestled among the salsa and picante display. I hurried back toward Grace. She had ignored my request and meandered toward the bottled water and soft drink shelves.

"Yes, we have four bananas," I sang, offering my trophy, as I caught up to her.

"Oh, those are too ripe," Grace declared.

My heart sank. My reach for more responsibility wasn't going well.

"Always get them yellow-green, but not too green. Never all yellow, they over-ripen so quickly. Think chartreuse," she explained.

"And be sure to put them in this," Grace continued, holding out a small plastic bag, which she, like a magician, made appear from nowhere.

I trudged back to the banana stand and surveyed for chartreuse, wishing I had paid more attention to color hues in art appreciation class. I located four that looked the appropriate shade and stuffed them into the plastic bag.

"Here you go," I stated, handing her the bag of yellow-green bananas.

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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department’s crime reports within Team 5, which covers Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, and parts of Cainhoy, between Jan. 1-15.

HOMICIDE

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7:34 a.m., Charleston Police Department officers responded to a collision between a vehicle and a power pole on Clements Ferry Road, about half a mile from Cainhoy Road.

Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle off the roadway along with the driver and a passenger.

Berkeley County EMS and the City of Charleston Fire Department arrived on the scene and advised other authorities that the driver of the vehicle had been killed.

During the preliminary investigation, detectives determined that the driver, later identified as Arthur Broughton Jr., age 39, of Huger, had been the victim of a gunshot.

Police believe the shooting occurred inside the vehicle prior to the crash.

The passenger of the vehicle was transported to a local hospital.

Detectives are continuing to investigate the circumstances leading up to the shooting. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Charleston Police Department at 843-720-2422 and request to speak with the on-duty central detective or submit a tip online at charleston-sc.gov/tips.

THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

On Thursday, Jan. 1, an officer responded to Sawyer Circle regarding stolen property from the complainant’s vehicle. The victim advised that his locked truck had been broken into at the apartment complex, and the title of the

vehicle had been stolen from the glove box. The driver’s side door was found slightly ajar, and the glove box was open. Video footage from a door camera captured two males wearing hooded sweatshirts over their heads walking away from the vehicle on Dec. 31, 2025. An investigation is underway.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

On Jan. 6, an officer was flagged down on Coastal Drive in reference to a stolen golf cart. The victim last saw his cart on Friday, Jan. 2, and was still in possession of the vehicle’s only key. Multiple cameras were mounted on an adjacent building where the theft occurred and the video footage will be reviewed as the investigation continues.

SHOPLIFTING

Team 5 police officers were called to Clements Crest Lane regarding a shoplifting incident that occurred at a store on Thursday, Jan. 8. A review of security camera footage showed two male suspects entering the store separately. One suspect removed

a yellow box and a red box of tools from the checkout counter and exited the building while an employee was assisting a customer. The first suspect re-entered the store and both suspects were observed exiting the store through the garden center, each carrying a lawnmower, which they placed into the vehicle. The suspects departed the area in an SUV with the stolen merchandise. The stolen items were valued at \$2,910.

On Jan. 12, the same business was hit with another shoplifting heist. Two male suspects fled the store after stealing various power tools and batteries. They entered a parked car, which was driven by a third suspect and left the premises. The total value of the items stolen was \$1,475. Security footage has been turned over to police for review.



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chicken wings, sandwiches, and wraps.

The Mac's team aims to create a fun, clean, and safe space for guests of all ages, complete with local beers, arcade games, and frozen drinks for kids and adults alike.

"We like operating on Daniel Island because we live in this community. We have lived in the Charleston area for over 20 years and I have over 30 years in the hospitality industry," owner Garret McNally said. "We like to operate as a comfortable and casual space and hope to serve you and your families."

Mac's also has a downtown Charleston location.

White on Daniel Island is a couture wedding gown boutique offering a curated selection of designer gowns and an exclusive in-house collection under owner Jodi Moylan's label, White Pure Couture. Open seven days a week and by appointment only, the boutique provides personalized service to brides in search of their perfect dress.

"We've been here for 20 years and provide the best experience and selection of couture gowns in Charleston," Moylan said. "Working on Daniel Island, I can take a break and walk the beautiful island in between appointments." The shop and collection have also been featured in Vogue.

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Doing the dirty work to keep Daniel Island clean

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After a big concert at Credit One Stadium or a waterfront festival, Daniel Island doesn't stay messy for long.

Behind the scenes, city crews, private collectors, and volunteers swing into action, clearing trash, sweeping streets, and protecting the island's waterways.

Garbage and recycling on Daniel Island are handled primarily by Trident Waste, which runs five trucks on Mondays, four on Tuesdays, and three on Wednesdays. Ten employees work full-time to keep the island's streets and neighborhoods clean.

"Garbage and trash pickup, including bulk items and yard debris, happens weekly," said Matt Alltop, director of public works for the City of Charleston. "We also have city street sweepers that come through the island the fourth week of every month to help keep debris out of storm drains."

Street sweeping and trash collection aren't just about appearances; they protect water quality and public safety. Debris left in streets can block storm drains, causing localized flooding and contributing to water pollution.

"The goal is to ensure storm drains don't get blocked up," Alltop said.

The work is not without challenges.

Equipment breakdowns, maintenance delays, and increasing traffic can slow collection, while storms and holidays, such as Christmas, create extra work with discarded wrapping, trees, and other debris.

Despite the grind and heavy lifting, Alltop says the work can be rewarding.

"Having compliments from residents and little kids waving as our trucks pass brings a lot of joy to our driver team," he said.

While city crews handle daily and monthly maintenance, the annual Daniel Island River and Beach Sweep event tackles litter in hard-to-reach areas and raises awareness about environmental impact. Organized by Daniel Island resident Claire Law, the sweep draws residents, students, and off-island volunteers to comb marshes, trails, and waterways for debris.

Last year, about 150 volunteers joined in, collecting twice as many items as the previous year, discovering everything from cast-off boat seats and construction debris to beer cans and fire extinguishers.

"The Beach Sweep definitely benefits our island environment and waterways, even though it's only a once-a-year event," Law said, adding that volunteers pay special attention to small pieces of litter that break down into microplastics and PFAS, which are known as "forever chemicals" that can harm fish, birds, and humans.

Law recalled last year's sweep scene. "I will never forget a white egret standing tall on the marsh, surrounded by plastic bottles, empty takeout containers, beer cans, and plastic bags. It broke my heart."

Law said some volunteers even waded into marshes until the terrain became too unstable, while a couple of kayakers ventured farther into the waterways to recover trash likely coming from boats or blown off highways.

Beyond the environmental cleanup, the sweep also serves as a hands-on educational experience. Volunteers track litter on tally sheets submitted to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, contributing data for state research.

But Law emphasized that residents don't have to wait for the annual event to make a difference. "Beach Sweep doesn't have to be just a once-a-year event. Beach Sweep every day!"



CLAIRE LAW

Once a year, students and volunteers fan out along Daniel Island's waterfront for the annual Beach Sweep, clearing debris to protect local waters and wildlife.

Charleston's greenhouse volunteers bring color, community, and a touch of magic to city parks

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"I feel closer to God in that greenhouse than in any other building," Les Schwartz said, inhaling and exhaling.

It's a bold statement, but for volunteers like Schwartz who spend their mornings tending Charleston's city greenhouses, this isn't just gardening. It's a hands-on, living connection to the city and its public spaces.

Most visitors see only the colorful blooms that fill Hampton Park, the Pineapple Fountain, and dozens of other public spaces in downtown



Hampton Park features thousands of plants grown by city staff and volunteers.

Charleston, but behind every bed of snapdragons, pansies, and zinnias is a quiet army of volunteers turning greenhouses into workshops and gardens into living canvases.

Each year, about 30 volunteers help cultivate more than 60,000 annuals and several hundred perennials, transforming the city's green spaces while keeping costs low and community engagement high.

The program, officially known as Stewards of Hampton Park, has supported the City of Charleston Horticulture Division since 2000. Sarah Robinson, horticulture program coordinator, oversees the volunteers and the growing seasons.

"Our mission is to beautify Charleston's public parks while cultivating community pride and involvement," Robinson said. "Our volunteers are essential. We're responsible for 28 downtown beds, 18 beds in Hampton Park, and several more across James Island and West Ashley. We wouldn't be able to grow such a large crop or maintain all those beds without them."

Volunteers work both inside the greenhouses and outdoors in the parks.

In the greenhouse, they start the season seeding hundreds of tiny wells by hand, then pot the seedlings into four-inch pots, pinch back growth, move trays, and maintain tools and



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Inside the City of Charleston's greenhouses, volunteers seed trays, transplant seedlings, and tend to young plants destined for city parks.

materials.

In the parks, they pull weeds, prune shrubs, deadhead spent flowers, and install new annuals grown in the greenhouses.

"You get a tray with 288 tiny cells, fill each with soil, then plant one seed by hand," Robinson explained. "It's repetitive, but it's incredibly rewarding, especially when you see the plants thriving outside."

Schwartz, one of the first volunteers in the program before it was officially established, has a lifelong connection to Hampton Park.

"I grew up playing and climbing here," she said. "Helping maintain it is only fair. Watching little seeds grow into lush plants is magic, religious, stunning, and a pleasure. There is no task that isn't gratifying."

The program saves the city money

in more ways than one. By growing plants in-house, the city avoids the high cost of buying mature plants from nurseries, which can be ten times more expensive than seed packets.

"We save thousands each year by buying seeds at an average of \$5 to \$10 a pack of



Hampton Park features thousands of plants grown by city staff and volunteers.

When we've grown a great crop that is healthy and has good roots, we know the plants will thrive out in the parks and provide enjoyment for so many people," Robinson said.

"It's really cool to see folks taking engagement or prom photos in Hampton Park, or even to see our downtown beds on someone's Instagram story! I always think to myself, 'We grew that!' So many people had a literal hand in making those flower beds as lovely as they are."

The city runs two main growing seasons. In January, volunteers start spring varieties like snapdragons, pansies, and dianthus, which bloom through winter into early spring. In August, summer varieties such as zinnias, marigolds, and vinca are seeded and later planted, keeping parks colorful through fall. Volunteers even manage germination chambers and misting systems, ensuring seedlings develop strong roots before hitting

the ground.

Despite the structured tasks, Robinson says anyone can volunteer, even without gardening experience. "Everything is taught one-on-one," she said. "We have long-time volunteers who help beginners, and because we're growing on such a large scale, even experienced gardeners learn new techniques."

Whether planting seeds, moving pots, or pruning shrubs, these volunteers are quietly shaping Charleston's public spaces in ways that every resident enjoys, often without realizing it.

"I've yet to work in a park where someone passing by didn't thank me for keeping it pretty," Schwartz said. "We put tiny seeds in tiny cells, and before you know it, they're the season's best colors. Being part of that is a joy unlike any other."

Anyone interested in volunteering can join Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon,

with new volunteer orientations offered periodically. For more information, contact robinsons@charleston-sc.gov.



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New coach brings a family lacrosse legacy to Bishop England

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Billy Bitter is one of six children born to Ward and Nancy Bitter. His father, Ward, was a standout lacrosse player at Boston College, where he earned All-America honors and is now enshrined in the school's athletic hall of fame.

Bitter, Bishop England's new girls' lacrosse coach, will tell you the sport is a family affair. He has four nieces who could be on the Bishop England roster in 2027: Whitney Jellison, Patsy Jellison, Virginia Jellison, and Mimi Bitter.

And that's not the only family connection: His sister, Kristen Bitter Jellison, is the head junior varsity coach this season.

But first, there's the 2026 season to contend with, as Bitter has the unenviable task of replacing legendary coach Jeff Weiner, who started and built the BE program that went 226-36 over 12 years.

Weiner led BE to seven state championships, and the team even had a

98-game win streak that would have reached 117 games if the South Carolina High School League hadn't ruled the Bishops used an ineligible player in 2023.

The proud program has been the standard in the Lowcountry, region, and state over the years.

"The girls know the history of the program," said Bitter, a 37-year-old native of Manhasset, New York, a lacrosse hotbed on Long Island. "They know what it means to represent Bishop England. They take pride in the program."

He has been coaching for more than four years at the collegiate and high school levels and began his coaching career as an assistant at Boston College in 2021, the year the Eagles women's team won the NCAA title. He served as head coach of Cohasset High School in Massachusetts in 2022 and served as Weiner's assistant.

Bitter also knows the program's history. The three-time All-America and ACC Player of the Year selection at the University of North Carolina served as an assistant under Weiner.

"We're not changing much," Bitter said. "But we will do things a little differently."

Bitter was with the team during the spring open season and held voluntary workouts in June and July that were well attended. The team practiced every day in October and again in January until workouts were halted before tryouts.

While the roster isn't set in stone, Bitter said the team already has captains selected. The tri-captains are Kate Moldenhauer, Natalie Noone, and Taylor Ayers.

Moldenhauer signed with Sewanee: The University of the South, while Noone and Ayers were the offensive leaders on a team that went 16-3 and reached the state championship, dropping a 12-8 decision to Oceanside Collegiate Academy in the state title game. Noone averaged 2.4 goals a game while Ayers averaged 1.7 goals.

Two of Bitter's nieces will be part of the BE program this year: Whitney Jellison, who is a junior, and Patsy Jellison, who is a freshman. Virginia Jellison and Mimi Bitter are both in the eighth grade.



Billy Bitter, BE girl's lacrosse coach

High school realignment for Philip Simmons, Bishop England settled for next two seasons

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It's official.

The South Carolina High School League recently announced region realignment for the next two academic years, beginning with the 2026-27 year.

As expected, Philip Simmons High School will compete at the Class AA level, while Bishop England is slotted as a Class AAA school, dropping down a classification from the current alignment.

Philip Simmons is one of seven teams in Region 6-AA. Other schools include Battery Creek, Bridges Prep, Lake Marion, Timberland, and Woodland.

The Bishops will compete in Region 5-AA in 2026-27. The other schools include Georgetown, Hanahan, North Charleston, and Oceanside Collegiate.

The realignment process occurs in the Palmetto State every two academic years and is based on 45-day enrollment numbers

from grades ninth to 11 and includes an out-of-zone multiplier for the second time. That



multiplier counts each student who lives outside the school's assigned attendance zone as three for total enrollment purposes.

BE BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Bishop England High School boys' basketball team used some sharp shooting from William Donato and Patton Lyttle to defeat Colleton County, 62-50, in a Region 6-AAAA home game at Father O'Brien

Gymnasium.

Donato hit six of seven from the field,



including three for four from three-point land, to finish with 15 points. He also grabbed seven rebounds as the Bishops improved to 10-9 overall and 3-2 in the league, which is good for second-place in the team standings. Bluffton is on top of the league standings with a 5-0 record.

Lyttle cashed in on five of eight from the field and finished with 13 points. Charlie Reardon chipped in with 10 points, while

Drew Gallagher collected eight points and eight rebounds.

The teams were tied, 17-17, at the end of the first quarter, but the Bishops went on a 35-22 run in the second and third stanzas to take a 52-39 lead.

BE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Olivia Allen was a scoring, rebounding, and defensive machine as the Bishop England girls doubled the score in a 48-24 Region 6-AAAA win against Colleton County.

The Bishops were never threatened as they jumped to a 14-3 lead at the end of one stop and upped the lead to 24-8 at the end of halftime.

Allen scored 19 points and added 11 rebounds. She also had two assists and five steals.

The Bishops upped their record to 13-8, including 4-1 in the league, good for second place.

212 days and counting

College football fanatics brace for a wild new era

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It seems like only yesterday college football fans were chanting “S-E-C, S-E-C” following the National Championship game, usually a victory by Alabama, Georgia, or even LSU.

But that chant has turned into a cry, “N-I-L, N-I-L,” now that the Big 10 has won three straight consecutive national titles, with Indiana University being the latest conqueror with a 27-21 victory over the University of Miami at the Hard Rock Stadium on Monday, Jan. 19. Indiana’s victory over the Hurricanes marked the first time in 83 years the B1G has won three national titles in a row.

Indiana?

Yes, the Indiana Hoosiers, who just completed arguably the greatest season in college football history.

You know the team. Indiana, the school

that’s lost 715 football games, the second most in FBS history, only to Northwestern.

The Hoosiers, thanks to the genius of coach Curt Cignetti, the transfer portal, and NIL money, are the new face of college football during a time when the sport is undergoing seismic changes.

NIL, in case you missed the party, stands for Name, Image, and Likeness, and it refers to the legal right of individuals, especially college athletes, to control and profit from their personal brand through endorsements, social media, appearances, and merchandise.

So much for the NCAA’s past rules that prohibited such compensation for amateur athletes.

NIL, an expanded playoff field, and the transfer portal have changed college football for now, and perhaps forever, or at least until cooler heads prevail.

The NIL money has become too much money, too soon, and might change a teenager’s life forever if they don’t have a

financial planner – or common sense – to help with all the financial windfall.

As an Ohio State alumni, I do have some inside info on Buckeye players and their NIL money. Wide receiver Jeremiah Smith was projected to earn \$4.4 million in 2025. He has major deals with Red Bull, Adidas, Nintendo, and even Lululemon, to name a few.

Here’s where it gets interesting. Jaxon Smith-Njigba, a former OSU star and arguably the best wide receiver in the NFL, made about \$3.6 million this season, not counting endorsements.

I do love the expanded playoff system. The field of 12 teams is more forgiving and doesn’t punish a team for one or two losses.

I thought the first-round byes would benefit the top four teams because one less game means a team is healthier and more prepared. But I thought wrong. Of the eight seeds in the first two years of the 12-team playoffs, only one seeded team won, and

that’s Indiana.

Turns out having that bye doesn’t make a team rested and ready. It makes them rusty. Schools such as OSU and Georgia went 25 days between conference championships and the first game, while schools such as Miami had only an 11-day layoff.

Expand the playoffs to 16 teams and give the top eight teams a home game in the first round. That should eliminate the rust vs. rest debate.

Finally, there’s the transfer portal. It might not ruin college football, but it could have devastating consequences for student-athletes who think happiness is at the end of the transfer rainbow. Some accuse the transfer portal of creating superteams while disrupting an athlete’s loyalty to their school. Players can leave at any time, any number of times, without any consequences.

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fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

The other day, after a cold morning of fishing, I was warming up at Agaves Cantina with a large bowl of chicken tortilla soup. A patron at an adjacent table asked if I was the fishing guy in The Daniel Island News newspaper. I replied that I was.

Of course, the next question was, "Does Brody really find fish and trade stocks?" I shared a few examples of how Brody finds fish and trade stocks, and how it is tough to live in the shadow of your dog. We had a good laugh together.

After we finished laughing, my new friend asked about my fishing tackle. I laughed again and asked, "How long do you have?" For the next few minutes, we talked about all things fishing tackle. As the patron left the restaurant, he thanked me and said, "You should put that in your article." So, here it is.

For me, fishing tackle selection begins with the lure and the target species. First and foremost, the rod needs to cast the lure effortlessly. It is important to

match the lure and rod characteristics. Typically, I fish smaller and lighter lures like the Z-Man Finesse TRD on 1/6-ounce NedLockZ jigs, so my everyday rod has a light and sensitive tip section. The light tip makes casting the small lure easy. This is important because I will cast a lure hundreds of times per fishing trip.

Target species is another aspect of rod selection. The rod should have sufficient backbone in the butt section to effectively fight the fish. These days, high-tech graphite and carbon fiber provide lots of backbone in very light rods. Most quality rods check this box.

In the picture to the right, my son Elliott is using a 7-foot Shimano/Loomis NRX+ 840S rod matched with a 1000 frame Stella reel. This combination is our everyday inshore fishing outfit.

FISHING CLASS UPDATE

Thanks to all who sent email messages about the free community fishing class. Interest is high. I am planning to hold the class in March. Seating is limited. If you would like to attend, please send me a note at captgregp@gmail.com. I will put you on the list and share details as they become available.



GREG PERALTA

Elliott Peralta uses a 7-foot Shimano/Loomis NRX+ 840S rod paired with a 1000 frame Stella reel, which he and Capt. Greg use for everyday inshore fishing.

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minutes," Grace said slowly, looking at her watch. "At this rate, we should be out of here by next Tuesday."

"I can do better," I pleaded. "Give me another assignment."

"Do you think you can find the yogurt?" Grace asked.

"Find it?" I gasped. "I've passed the dairy case four times getting the bananas and looking for you. Why didn't you..."

"One item at a time," the master interrupted, holding up a single finger. "Now, if you want to be useful, get six yogurts. But don't get any strawberry. Be sure to check the expiration date."

"Okay, okay, got it," I replied, making my way to the dairy case. I picked out six yogurts (two each of cherry, blueberry, and harvest peach) and carried them back to Grace's cart.

"Where's the bag?" she asked, inspecting the pile of yogurt containers cupped in my hands.

"Bag?"

"Yes! I always put them in a bag to keep them together."

"What kind of bag?"

"Like this one," Grace replied, holding up the bag of bananas.

"Sheesh! Where are the bags?" I sighed.

"Right next to the bananas, Dear," Grace

smiled. "Back in produce."

As we loaded our purchases into the car, I figured I had flunked my assistant shopper promotion exam. I made a mental note to hide an AirTag in Grace's purse next time we went to Publix. That would make it easier to find her in the bigger store.

I was caught off guard when Grace smiled and said, "Thanks for your help, Norma."

"Norma? You mean like Norma Desmond?"

"No," Grace replied, adding, "Are you wearing your hearing aids?"

When I didn't respond, she continued, "I said, 'Thanks for your help, Norman,' as in Norman Thayer in the movie 'On Golden Pond.'"

"Oh, you're welcome," I said softly.

"How about a latte?" Grace suggested. "I'll treat."

"Sure."

"Plus," she added, "this isn't the only treat I have for you today."

"Really?" I replied, eager to hear what else she had in mind.

"I got you something special for dinner."

"What?"

"Mexican fare. Publix had a special today on Old El Paso and I got the last box of taco shells."

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DI moms deliver 'Warm Hugs' to families

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When Daniel Island moms Alicia Hughes and Jenny Ladd dropped their college freshmen off for the first time this past August, they were hit with “all the feels.”

The longtime Daniel Island residents describe themselves as deeply involved, hands-on mothers so when their graduates left home, the separation hit hard.

Looking for ways to stay connected, they found that both their kids' colleges, including College of Charleston, offered care package deliveries done by moms in the area. Once back home, those empty-nest emotions sparked an idea: what if love, care, and support could be delivered in a box?

Just a few months later, Warm Hugs was born.

“We wanted to bring that feeling of connection, not just to college students, but to anyone who could use a little joy,” Hughes said.

What started as care packages for college

students quickly grew into something bigger. Warm Hugs now delivers custom “Hugs” to teachers, nurses, colleagues, family members, and friends. “We very quickly diversified and broadened our focus to bring as much joy as possible, to as many people as possible,” Hughes said.

Each Hug is thoughtfully curated with products from local, women-owned businesses. “The women-owned small business community is the most supportive and uplifting group of individuals we know,” Hughes said. “The love and care for their craft and each other are unmatched.”

Packages might include candles from Cool Wix Candles, honey from Island Haus, cookies from Val and Vanilla, coffee from Charleston Coffee Exchange, hats from B's Trucker Hats, soaps, ornaments, and even oyster jewelry.

“We love working directly with people we know and admire,” Hughes said. “It's far easier to get a product that perfectly matches the recipient when you can pick up the phone and call the maker.”

And if recipients want something more everyday – like Diet Cokes, face masks, or soft blankets – they can include those too. “We tailor every Hug to the person receiving it,” Hughes said.

Customers can order standard or custom Hugs online, which Hughes and Ladd assemble and deliver locally or ship nationwide, often within 24 hours for local orders.

In just a few months, Warm Hugs has delivered roughly 100 packages – to college students, nurses at MUSC, Daniel Island School and Philip Simmons High School staff, school PTAs, sports teams, and even law firms. “The (Daniel Island School) PTA has invited us into several of their events and Bishop England included us in the Bishops Boutique!” Hughes said.

The ultimate goal, Hughes said, is to make someone feel cared for, even when you can't be there in person.

“Every item says, ‘I picked this for you,’ and the whole package feels like a squeeze from someone who genuinely cares. It's



about giving people a little lift on a tough day, adding some cheer to a celebration, or reminding them they're not doing life alone.”

For more information, visit warm-hugs.com.



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December sales cool on DI, but new construction signals busy 2026

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Tricia Peterson

Daniel Island home sales for the final month of 2025 were slightly below the two-year average, with 15 properties sold at a total value of nearly \$27 million. The monthly average of homes sold in 2023 and 2024 was 18, with an average total value of \$28.9 million. Out of the 15 properties sold last month on Daniel Island, six were sold at prices between \$2 million and \$4 million.

The most expensive home sold in the month was at 239 Delahow St., at \$3.9 million, while the lowest was at 200 Bucksley Ln., Unit #205, at \$320,000.

Nationally, pending contract signings were down in December, according to Tricia Peterson, broker-in-charge at Island House Real Estate.

“Potential factors to blame were bad weather in some areas, a lack of inventory, or general economic uncertainty,” Peterson said. “But locally here on Daniel Island, we saw 66 homes go under contract (as of Jan. 26, 2026)... proof our local market is far from what the national norm is.”

Of those 66 homes currently under contract, more than 40 are newly-built townhomes or units under construction at building sites near Governor’s Park or Daniel Island’s Waterfront Park.

There are currently 68 active listings on Daniel Island.

Month	DI Homes Sold Per Month				Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	32	21	24	15	\$31,722,900	\$30,478,015	\$39,768,900	\$31,004,275
February	21	12	18	15	\$26,962,940	\$12,278,500	\$44,064,646	\$29,665,000
March	38	19	25	30	\$47,581,769	\$33,002,153	\$37,717,567	\$55,306,500
April	34	25	27	25	\$45,284,139	\$41,784,300	\$56,836,000	\$51,217,200
May	34	36	36	35	\$52,184,737	\$54,607,975	\$70,444,400	\$59,380,250
June	30	30	30	23	\$44,261,525	\$56,576,160	\$60,970,500	\$39,987,900
July	14	25	40	23	\$29,707,500	\$36,919,032	\$64,952,400	\$37,501,400
August	22	22	25	18	\$35,597,327	\$33,646,299	\$45,617,000	\$31,850,950
September	30	26	19	19	\$44,069,749	\$41,327,400	\$29,435,000	\$38,262,500
October	16	31	22	14	\$22,021,005	\$49,493,910	\$40,804,500	\$18,875,000
November	12	10	23	23	\$14,639,805	\$14,627,000	\$38,841,400	\$72,678,500
December	10	19	17	15	\$7,903,422	\$27,809,500	\$30,153,400	\$26,832,724
YEAR TOTALS	293	277	306	255	\$401,936,818	\$432,550,244	\$559,605,713	\$492,562,199

DECEMBER 2025 HOME SALES

1080 Barfield St.	\$1,200,000
200 Bucksley Ln. #205	\$320,000
221 Delahow St.	\$2,325,000
239 Delahow St.	\$3,913,724
156 Etiwan Park St.	\$1,250,000
130 Fairbanks Oak Alley #4B	\$2,000,000
720 Island Park Drive #104.....	\$2,295,000

2555 Josiah St.....	\$1,650,000
457 Lesesne St.	\$3,600,000
320 Longshore St. #1031	\$1,250,000
117 Lucia St.	\$1,775,000
1119 Oak Overhang St.	\$2,500,000
145 Pier Viewt. #404 –	\$449,000
135 Pier View	\$830,000
158 Scott St.	\$1,475,000



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Three 1-story retail buildings off Clements Ferry Road up for design review

Here are the developments before the various City of Charleston boards and committees this week, as well as results, if any, from the prior week's items specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. More detailed agendas and results can be found at charleston-sc.gov/agendacenter.

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RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, Jan. 22: Point Hope North Residential - Phase 1 - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 93-lot single-family development on 54.8 acres at 1698 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Cainhoy Land and Timber. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach at roach.s@tandh.com. *Results: No Return/ Paperwork Comments.*

UPCOMING: DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Monday, Feb. 2 - 601-611 Brooking Square Lane, Cainhoy – Requesting preliminary approval for (3) one-story retail buildings (building #1, 2, and 3). TMS# 262-00-00-028. Owner: SLS Development, LLC Applicant: The

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DIHS PRESENTS: THE MEN OF THE 371ST INFANTRY

Tues, Feb. 17, 7-8 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island. Learn about the remarkable 371st Infantry Regiment of WWI, an African American unit which included local soldiers from Daniel Island and Cainhoy. Guest speaker: U.S. Navy Petty Officer (Ret.) Perry James, whose grandfather served in the 371st.

2026 SPRING RED BALLOON YARD SALE

Sat., March 21, 7 am-1 pm. Daniel Island-wide yard sale. Look for red balloons to find participating homes. Shop for deals, treasures, and unique finds. Rain or shine. Map of participating homes coming soon. Palmetto Goodwill donation truck available 12-2 pm at the Blackbaud parking lot.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY

Fri. at Guggenheim Terrace, 10:30 am-3 pm.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other nonperishables at Edward Jones 8:30am-4 pm, 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2, and at the Daniel Island Library, Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 9 am-5 pm.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS - CLEMENTS FERRY

King's Cross Church: Mon. and Fri. - 7:30 pm. Women's only meeting: Tues. - 8 pm. 2011 Clements Ferry Rd. 843-723-9633.

AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND

Providence Church: Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am. Church of the Holy Spirit: Speaker Mtg. Sat., 7 pm; 12 Step Mtg. Wed. 7:30 pm.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics, meets every Thurs., 7 pm at Providence Church on Daniel Island.

STRENGTH AND BALANCE

Tuesdays, 10-11 am. All ages and levels. The class is \$10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216- 6366...

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CRAFTERNOONS

Crafternoons with Edie every 1st Fri. of the month from 1-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Tim Boyle at 843-471-2952 or timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB

3rd Mon., 8am, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free. Contact Mark Smith at 843-442-8371 or Susan Chapman at 203-512-3929 for info.

DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Grp: Tues. 1:30-2:30 pm; Needleworkers: 2nd & 4th Tues., 11:15 am; Deepthinkers Discussion Grp: Wed., 10:30 am - noon; Social Bridge Club: every Monday 1-4 pm.; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

DANIEL POINTE CHAPEL

Non-denominational Christian worship services in the Theater of the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 514 Robert Daniel Drive. Deacon Ed Dyckman at dyckman.edward@gmail.com and 843-367-5647.

DI COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS

Meets in person on the first and fourth Tuesday at the DI Library from 6-7 pm. Enjoy speaking among friends! See how Toastmasters Pathways can help you speak your mind with confidence. Free public demonstrations Jan. 13 and 27. Email claire@eduave.com.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge, ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, 160 Fairbanks Dr. Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reservations required, 843-224-6778/843-209-1471.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND

4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dexchangeclub.org.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX

A bi-monthly multimedia discussion group for music lovers. All music genres including: Country/western, baroque and electronia. 2nd & 4th Thurs. at the DI Library from 11 am - noon.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A

Certified Clemson MGs. DI Library, first Mon. of month, 4-6 pm. Soil samples, at least two cups in a sealed plastic bag, are tested at Clemson University for \$6 per sample, payable by check or credit card only.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

Meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Daniel Island Club at 5pm. RAKL is a nonprofit organization of volunteers whose focus is improving the lives of people in the

Lowcountry. All are welcome! info.rakl2020@gmail.com

RECORDER GROUP

Join Captain Daniell's Pipers at the DI Library every Tue. 1:30-2:30 pm. All welcome regardless of your level of playing. Richard Foreman, eflat3@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN LADIES OF DI

meets 1st Fri. of mo., 8:30-10 am. Call or text for venue info and RSVP, 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS

The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am and on the second Tues. of each month at noon. The Cainhoy Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month at 6 pm. Contact: Ben Laaper, ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Daniel Island Rec Center. A free, relaxed weekly meetup for senior men to socialize and connect. Coffee and refreshments provided.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS

Meets at 4 pm on 3rd Sun., Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com. Contact 843-216-6366.

TAI CHI CLASSES

DI Library Tues., 10 am & Fri., 9 am.

WILLINGWAY'S "CONTINUED CARE GROUP"

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil Manausa

ACROSS

- 1 Arrange in storage
5 Iron
10 Restrain
14 Israeli dance
15 Bowler's button
16 Follow orders
17 Iron and Bronze
18 Western movie
19 Nary a one
20 Spuds, sometimes
23 Flightless bird
24 Flask
25 Foundation, of a type
29 Tuscany, formerly
33 Exist
34 High schooler
36 Not more
37 Bell-shaped veggie
42 Fencer's sword
43 Garb for woman on her toes
44 Owing
45 Leaves on base
49 Sayonaras
51 Sharapova or Callas
53 Garland
54 Accountant, sometimes
60 Soft drink
61 Tapestry
62 Mustard family member
63 Mild expletive
64 Superman portrayer
65 Fashion mag
66 Not crazy
67 Affirmatives
68 Genuine

DOWN

- 1 Not 68 Across
2 Robe of office
3 Molybdenite and galena
4 Home appliance
5 Play financier and supervisor
6 Harvest
7 Prohibit legally
8 Be very agitated
9 Narrow channel
10 Pearl Harbor's neighbor
11 Orchestra member
12 Refraction device
13 Tint
21 Act the ham
22 ____ and feather
25 Ruth and Didrikson
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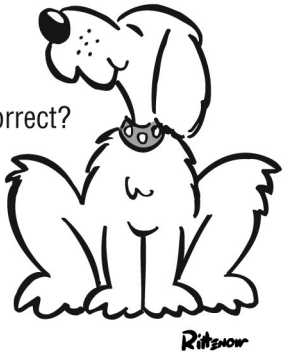
by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Choose a Roommate

Julie has three roommates.
One of them has a dog.

Which of these sentences is grammatically correct?

1. Julie's roommates' dog sheds a lot.
2. Julies' roommate's dog sheds a lot.
3. Julie's roommate's dog sheds a lot.



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2. Incorrect because there is only one Julie.
3. Correct.

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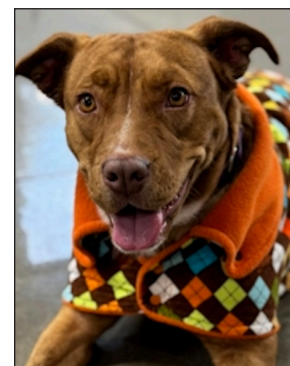
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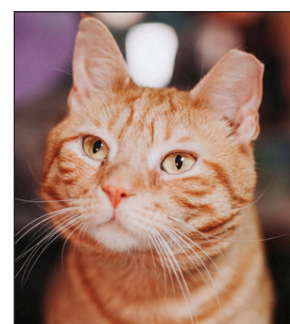
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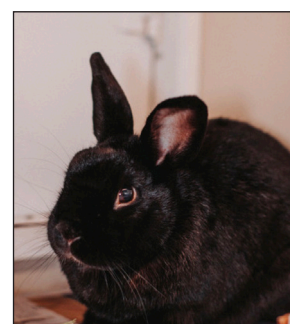
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