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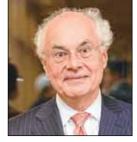
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Some linguists may disagree, but it seems there is an intrinsic difference between that which is brave, and that considered valiant. Both possess a foundation of courage, of course. But bravery seems to point more toward personal boldness, while valor is typically incited by external forces. A valiant person or act is consciously undaunted against high risk for a selfless reward.

And so it follows that Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief is soundly named. It is, after all, an organization that stoutheartedly faces down danger in the safeguarding of some of the Lowcountry's most helpless creatures.

Founded in 2004 by current Executive Director Michelle Reid, the services this non-profit organization provides are threefold: emergency animal disaster relief, support services during animal cruelty seizes, and the rehabilitation and re-homing of abused and neglected animals. Teaming with other organizations, such as FEMA and the Red Cross, as well as partner professionals, such as veterinarians and law enforcement, Valiant has a remarkable history of rescuing scores of animals, from domesticated pets to unlawfully-held wildlife.

Reid is nothing short of amazing... and truly valiant. Her resume reads like a CSI-meets-Avengers casting call, but she couldn't be more



JENNIFER JOHNSTON

Valiant founder and Executive Director Michelle Reid with six rehabilitated and rehomed hounds from the largest cruelty case in South Carolina history.

real. In the name of animal advocacy, she has played the role of investigator, consultant, key witness, and emergency responder. Her certifications range from Forensic Photography to Master Naturalist, and her training runs an even broader gamut, from Concealed Weapons to Dog Bite Prevention. She has an impressive portfolio of accreditation with both the Red Cross and FEMA, and is equipped to train members of law enforcement, oversee animal

seizes, and provide consulting for government animal welfare organizations. In short, that valor has some solid cred behind it.

Because Reid is typically contracted out by local, state, or federal agencies to assist with large-scale animal cruelty and endangerment cases, she is rarely the first point of contact for the general public. Because it does not operate a shelter, Valiant does not accept owner surrenders, but rather has a network of volunteers

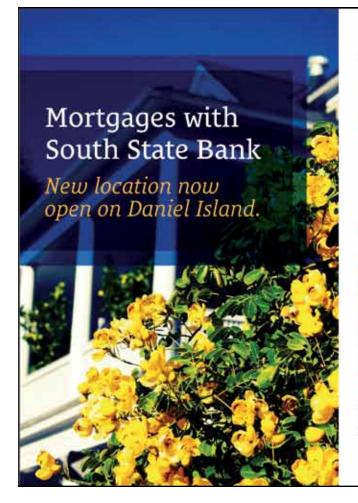
that foster seized animals and assist with their ongoing rehabilitation. The primary difference between Valiant and other organizations, such as municipal animal control services, is that Valiant's model sees the process through from investigation and search to removal and rescue to re-home and rehabilitate.

"Valiant's core focus, however, is using our animal forensics expertise to stop animal cruelty at the source and to help law enforcement hold offenders accountable," explains Reid. "In doing so, we can prevent future animals from entering the same situation and can set the precedent that animal cruelty will not be tolerated in our communities."

When Reid receives a case, she deploys her team of veterinarians, animal behaviorists, and other professionals. Embedded with law enforcement officials and operating under anonymity, this expert squad utilizes a mobile unit equipped with all the gear needed to collect forensic evidence (including colonies of dermestid, or flesh-eating, beetles used to clean the bones of deceased animals analyzed as crime evidence), assess animal conditions, and provide emergency medical treatment. In the case of rescue work necessitated by natural disaster, Valiant partners with other front-line organizations, such as FEMA and the Red Cross.

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In Memorium: Richard Sommerfeld

Richard Sommerfeld passed away peacefully the evening of November 5 at Somerby in Mt. Pleasant. He was 87 and had been fighting Parkinson's disease. Richard was an active participant on Daniel Island, serving to improve the Daniel Island community, writing the Passing Parade column for The Daniel



passing parade

Island News, and sharing his wit and wisdom with a wide variety of friends on the island.

He enjoyed collecting art, attending plays, and volunteering on the annual Charleston Tour of Homes. He is missed by many friends, his brother Ken (wife Roberta), children Susan, Gretchen, and Eric and grandchildren Miles, Sean and Lauren.

letter to the ED

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU

Dear Daniel Island community,

On behalf of the Charleston Area Operation Christmas Child volunteers, thank you for your support of the recent shoebox packing party held at Holy Cross Daniel Island. Our goal was 500 shoeboxes, and we packed 526! Many of you donated filler items, and many of you came out on Saturday, November 21. It took us less than two hours to accomplish such a big task.

Our apologies if you showed up to pack shoeboxes after 11:45. So many people came out to support the effort, we were done in no time.

Special thanks to Holy Cross Church, Desi Runey and the Bishop England National Honor Society, Brielle Kociolek and the Daniel Island School Junior Beta Club, Sheila Underwood of SunTrust Bank, Beth Bush and Sue Detar of The Daniel Island News, Pam Thesing, Lynn Cobb, Lee LoPriore, Jenny Hartzog, Cheryl Jansen and so many others who helped make the packing

party possible.

Because of all of you, 526 children around the world will receive a shoebox gift - and with it the gift of the message of the Gospel of Jesus

Let's do it again next year!

Merry Christmas!

Jennifer Roberts, Charleston Area Coordinator, Operation Christmas Child

Time to Sign Up for Health Insurance

JANET TRAUTWEIN

The Affordable Care Act's health insurance exchanges opened for business earlier this month. Now, millions of Americans who do not get coverage through work have the opportunity to shop for policies that will take effect in 2016.

But they only have a few months to do so. This open enrollment period will end on January 31, 2016.

Those who currently lack insurance should sign up without delay. And those who have had coverage this year should investigate whether there's a better deal available to them for coverage that will kick in next year. Picking a plan can be complicated, but it's worth it -- and there's help available to ensure that consumers make wise decisions for themselves and their families.

There are many advantages to getting covered. The most important, of course, is that insurance ensures access to medical care. Robust coverage can be a life-saver in the event of a serious medical emergency.

But insurance also keeps people from having to pay the Affordable Care Act's penalty for not maintaining coverage -- a penalty that increases dramatically in 2016.

This year, those who were uninsured paid either \$325 per adult and \$162.50 per child, up to a maximum of \$975, or 2 percent of their income -- whichever was greater.

In 2016, those who don't secure coverage will pay much more. The per-person rates will more than double to \$695 per adult and \$347.50 per child, up to a maximum of \$2,085. Wealthier uninsured will have to pay 2.5 percent of their incomes.

That's a lot of money to spend on not getting insurance.

Additionally, federal tax credits subsidizing coverage are available through the exchanges for low-income individuals who need help paying for their policies. This year, 85 percent of those who bought private plans on the exchanges got financial assistance.

However, the online insurance exchanges can be very complex. Fortunately, buyers who find themselves overwhelmed can seek the expert counsel of a licensed, professional insurance broker. The easiest way to do so is via a free tool available online, at agent-finder.org.

Brokers are specifically trained to help consumers work their way through the maze of plans, coverage levels, deductibles, networks,

and premiums. Nearly three-quarters spend most of their time explaining coverage to clients, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. And nearly two-thirds of brokers devote significant time to resolving claims questions or disputes with insurance carriers.

Brokers also yield results for their clients. According to research from the University of Minnesota, premiums are 13 percent lower in areas where there are the most brokers, compared with those with the fewest.

It's no wonder that nearly 84 percent of shoppers who got assistance purchasing exchange coverage in 2014 rated their agent or broker as "helpful." No other enrollment assistance group received a higher satisfaction

Selecting a health plan can be confusing. But help is readily available. And the Affordable Care Act provides incentives for buying insurance -- carrots in the form of subsidies to those with low incomes, and sticks in the form of penalties for those who fail to sign up.

During this open enrollment season, getting covered should be a no-brainer.

Janet Trautwein is CEO of the National Association of Health Underwriters. To learn more, visit www.BrokersMakingaDifference.

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Drew Gallagher because he is my best friend. Bobby 8



My parents because they are always there for me. Brandon 11



My mom because she is always there when I get hurt. Andrew 8



My dad because he loves me. Brooke 5





DANIEL ISLAND HOLIDAY BRIEFS

2015 DANIEL ISLAND HOLIDAY **FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

The 2015 Holiday Festival on Daniel Island will be held on Saturday, December 5, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Family Circle Tennis Center. This family friendly, holiday treasure has been voted one of the "Top 10 Best & Free" events during the holiday season by the Charleston community. Be sure to find out why and discover for yourselves all that it has to offer! Join us and invite your friends, relatives and neighbors as well!

The festival is the perfect way to celebrate the Holiday season, with activities and events for the whole family! Shop for the perfect holiday gift for everyone on your list, including you; in the festive Holiday Vendor area, where scores of handpicked vendors will be there to help you with your gift list. This popular Lowcountry festival, open to all of Charleston and its surrounding communities, has evolved into one of Charleston's most exciting annual holiday events.

Shop while enjoying festive drinks and nibbles, family entertainment and much. much more! The Holiday Festival on Daniel Island has no gate/admission fee and is open to the general public. \$10.00 wristband cost will allow access to kid's activity

Should event need to be rescheduled due to severe weather conditions on Saturday, December 5, the Festival will be rescheduled for Sunday, December 6, from 1 - 6 p.m. - note different time. Be sure to check www.dicommunity.org and Daniel Island Property Owners Association Facebook for any announcements or updates.

DANIEL ISLAND CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY **BRASS CONCERT & CAROLS** SING-ALONG SATURDAY, **DECEMBER 5 AT 6 PM AT** COMMUNITY TREE ON SEVEN **FARMS DRIVE**

The Daniel Island Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 5 at 6 p.m. at Daniel Island Family Circle Stadium. This event will be featuring Holiday Brass from Chamber Music Charleston. Students from the Charleston County School of the Arts have been mentored by CMC Brass Quintet and will be playing trumpets, the horn, trombone and tuba. There will also be a selection of Christmas Carol Sing-Alongs.



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Thank Goodness It's First Friday, an informal social open to all Daniel Island residents, will be on Fri. Dec. 4, at Daniel's Landing Clubhouse 6:30- 9 p.m. Bring an hors d' oeuvre to share and your favorite beverage. Also this month bring and unwrapped children's toy for the US Marine Corp Reserve Toys are Tots Program. Florence and Tom Neary, and Dan and Trish McGee will be the hosts. Contact: Walter and Barbara Jenner 216-2573.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL & TREE LIGHTING

Holiday Festival, Saturday, Dec. 5, 11 am - 4 pm at the Family Circle Tennis Center. Shopping, activities and events for the whole family! Tree lighting at 6 pm with music by Chamber Music Charleston, Charleston County School of the Arts and a Christmas Carol Sing-Along. **WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

"Canada Changes Direction: With Prime Minister Justin Trudeau a New Generation Takes Charge and What it Means for Canada and the U.S." is the topic of the Dec. 9 World Affairs Council of Charleston meeting, Laura Dawson, director of the Canada Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., is the speaker. The hour-long event will be held at the Citadel Alumni Center at 6 p.m., with a reception starting at 5:15 p.m. Trudeau, who will be 44 on Christmas Day, was elected in October. He is the second-youngest Canadian prime minister and the eldest son of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Dr. Dawson was named one of Canada's Top 100 foreign policy influencers by the Hill Times in 2014. She has served as senior advisor on economic affairs at the U.S

Embassy in Ottawa and taught international trade and Canada-U.S. relations at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The DI Garden Club will be selecting a home in each neighborhood for the best holiday decoration displays. Judging will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on the evenings of Dec. 12 and 13, so be sure to have your holiday lights on and your decorations dazzling and looking their best on both nights. Once the judging is complete, winners will be notified and homes will be announced in the Daniel Island News. Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only. Therefore only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged (corner lots will be judged from both streets). Judges will not enter the property to view back or side yards. Judging criteria will include: Unique design and creative use of lights and decorations, display and placement of decorations, animated objects, etc., and overall presentation

DI CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

The fourth annual public celebration of the Jewish Holiday of Chanukah on Daniel Island will take place on Sat., Dec. 12, 4 - 5:30 p.m. at the entrance gate of the Family Circle Tennis Center. This event will provide education and awareness about the Jewish Holiday of Chanukah for adults and children of the Daniel Island community. Traditional Chanukah food and beverage will be served. Participate in traditional Jewish games. Entertainment provided by Black Tie Music Academy. The Menorah lighting ceremony at 5:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the entire Daniel Island Community and persons of all faiths are encouraged to attend. In case of rain the event will be held under cover of the stadium. Contact: Fred Danziger at fred.danziger13@gmail.com or 516-524-2208.

FREE FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Shari Chavez Ergle is providing a free family and individual photo session for Seven Farms Apartment residents on Tues. Dec. 22, 10 am – 2 pm at Providence Baptist Church (across the street from the apartments).

Appointments only. Please call 843.408.1997 to schedule your session.

TAI CHI CLASSES

Free Tai Chi classes. Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:30-9:30 am at Providence Baptist Church. Call Gwen for more information 843-718-5454

WILLINGWAY CONTINUING CARE **MEETINGS**

Every Monday 6:30-7:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Dr. Anyone with addiction issues-you, a family member, a friend regardless of whether you've been a patient of Willingway, is invited. Continuing Care provides a community for addicts, their family and friends to talk about their experiences and find ways to connect with 12-step recovery. Just show up, there is no charge. Contact Rhett Crull 843-323-7111 with auestions.

RUN CLUB

Gaia Fit Run Club meets on Fridays 5:30 am and Sundays 7:30 am for group runs as well as First Friday Happy Hour Runs at DI restaurants. Email mary@gaiafit. com for more information.

GROUP RUN/WALK

Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 am from Pierce Park Pavilion: Enjoy a 3-mile walk or run along the Wando River and share your thoughts and input with the Daniel Island News' writers and advertising executives. This is part of the Live a Better Life series sponsored by The Daniel Island News.

"Business Executive Networking Group" meets the first Tuesday of every month at Benefits & Health Marketplace, 130 Riverlanding Dr., Suite 1D, 5 to 6:30pm. BENG (www.thebeng.org) is a multidiscipline networking group for mid to senior level executive professionals who are seeking a new career. Contact Cathey Petkash, cpetkash@frannet.com. Register at http://bengcharleston.eventbrite.com.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Daniel Island ladies of all denominations gather Wednesday mornings at 9 am for an hour of prayer and sharing.

Call Joan Vitalo, 884-1484, or Kay Uhler, 971-1445, for

WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK (WIN)

Join professional women for a networking luncheon, which is held the last Wednesday of each month at The Islander, from 11:45am - 1pm. Contact Sheila Underwood - 843.849.3820 or email Sheila.underwood@ suntrust.com. RSVP is required.

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TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters of Daniel Island meet on the first and third Friday of every month, from 12 to 1pm at Summit Place, 320 Seven Farms Dr. For more information please contact claire@eduave.com or Brian Richards (843) 884-5987

AA MEETINGS ON DI

Daily M-F 8 am, Tue. 7pm, Fri 7pm at Providence Baptist Church, 294 Seven Farms Dr.; Sat. 8 pm at Holy Cross Church, 299 Seven Farms Dr

DANIEL ISLAND EXCHANGE CLUB

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (with some exceptions) at 5:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Drive and centers its service initiatives on Americanism, youth programs, community service and the prevention of child abuse. For questions about meeting dates and programming, contact PresidentDIExchangeClub@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page.

MOM'S PLAYDATE

Join local Moms and kids for playdates twice a month. @ Center Park (train side) on the 1st Tues. of every month at 10am and the 3rd Wed. of every month at 11am. Erica Elmenhurst (ericaelmenhurst@gmail.com) and/or Marie Corbin (mariefw@qmail.com) for more information.

MEN'S FITNESS GROUP

F3, a free men's workout group, meets every Saturday morning starting at 6:30 am at Governors Park and at 5:30 am on Wednesdays. F3 workouts are always free of charge, open to all men over age 17. The group will meet at 6:20 am with the hour workout beginning promptly at 6:30 am. Visit www.f3nation.com or email to F3Charleston@gmail.com.

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Katrina, assisting with the rescue of animals from some of the hardest hit areas. Reid's team was here in October, when floodwaters threatened the lives of animals across the state, and rescued 52 dogs, 23 cats, and numerous horses. Her organization was responsible for seizing 45 hound dogs – and removing the remains of 200 more – from a Berkeley County property in early 2013. Valiant even coordinated the 2012 removal and relocation of an adult black bear from a backyard imprisonment in Colleton

It is clear that the work being done by Valiant is deserving of its moniker; its beneficiaries would agree if they could speak the words. Reid shares that the cases Valiant addresses often reveal concurrent crimes, such as domestic violence, gang activity, and child abuse. But because it is neither for-profit nor governmentfunded, it relies on the generosity of the community to contribute time, talents, and money to continue its compassionate, gutsy mission.

On Saturday, December 12, the Exchange Club of Daniel Island, along with Lynn Cobb Photography, Lucia's Premium Pet, Mudd Pie Girl Bakery, Publix, and Greystar Daniel Island Village, will sponsor a "Santa Paws" benefit for Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greystar Clubhouse, pets will be welcomed to get their photo taken with Santa Claus in front of a festive Christmas

BENEFITS

tree. For a \$20 donation, Lynn Cobb will do a mini holiday photo shoot with each pet, and make a print available for pick-up at Lucia's on December 17. All proceeds will go to ARR, and some of the animals rescued and rehabilitated by Valiant will be present at the December 12 Santa Paws event.

Nationally, all Exchange Clubs maintain the mission of child abuse prevention. Locally, the Daniel Island chapter supports Windwood Farms and Windwood Family Services, organizations that directly combat child abuse. But the Clubs leaders believe there is an undeniable connection between that cause and the plight of vulnerable animals. "The Daniel Island Exchange Club takes a broad view of abuse because we know that individuals who abuse children and women often abuse animals and visa versa," states Clyde Rush, President of the Exchange Club of Daniel Island. "We chose Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief because all the animals they deal with have faced significant abuse. In additional, Valiant is a smaller agency that does not get the recognition and support that larger animal support organizations receive."

As the event photographer and affirmed animal lover, Lynn Cobb is thrilled to share her shutter skills with the pets, their owners, and the great cause. "Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief is such a great organization advocating for animals that can't advocate for themselves," Cobb relates. "I've known Michele Reid for many, many years and I know that she works very



JENNIFER JOHNSTON

The subject of one of Valiant's active cruelty cases, Molly was removed from a location where she had been exposed to Methamphetamine and had been struck across her back with a board which left her unable to walk. Valiant is working to rehabilitate Molly and locate her abusers, and has recently placed her into a loving foster home on Daniel Island.

hard and in sometimes very difficult situations, to bring justice for these animals."

No prior registration for the Santa Paws benefit is required, but please be aware that credit cards will not be accepted for the \$20 donation.

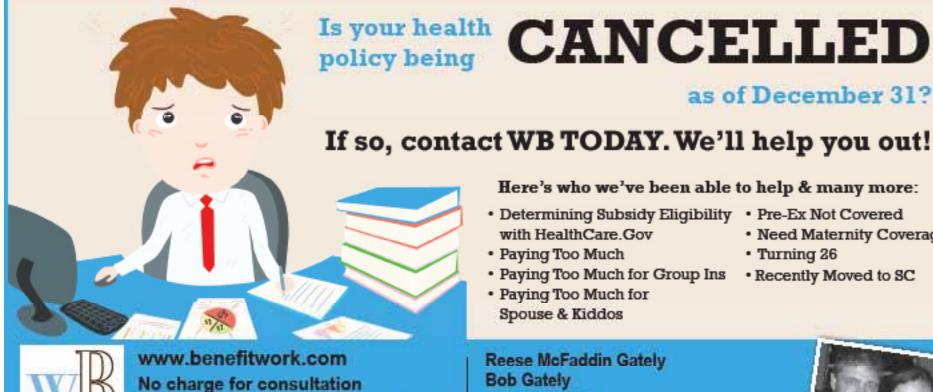
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The Greystar Daniel Island Village Clubhouse is located at 162 Seven Farms Drive, Suite 115. To donate to, or volunteer with, Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief, visit valiantanimalrescue. org, and discover other upcoming support opportunities by visiting the Valiant: Animal Rescue + Relief Facebook page.

GETTING THEIR GOOD SIDE: LYNN COBB HELPS PREP YOUR PET FOR A SUCCESSFUL SHOT

1. PEACEFUL LOCATION: For pet photography, it's best to choose a location where your pet is calm and feels at peace. A good place for this is at your home or perhaps a place where you walk your dog a lot. Also, choose a location that doesn't have any distractions such as other dogs. The fewer distractions, the more your dog will pay attention to you. 2. MILD WEATHER: Choose mild weather when photographing your pet. If it's 90 degree heat and your dog's tongue is hanging out, that won't make a great photo. Fall, winter, or spring are great times for pet photography. In addition to that, always bring water for your pet no matter what the weather is. 3. GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO DO: Pets love to go for walks, run on the beach, go for a boat ride, sit on a dock looking for birds etc. Photograph your pet doing something they love to do. The best photos are the ones that remind you of exactly who your pet truly is and what places make them happy. 4. GO FOR EMOTION: Although you may want your dog to be looking at the camera for every photo, that probably won't happen. Play with your dog, give him/her hugs, talk to your dog during the photoshoot. Sometimes the sweetest photos are all about "interaction and love," not so much the "perfect photo."

5. TREATS: Of course, always give your dog treats for being good. (Tess, my Labrador, had me write this part in...)



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Spoleto story takes center stage at DI Speakers Series

Guest Speaker Nigel Redden offers festival fanfare

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Prepare to be dazzled. A visual and auditory feast is coming your way in the form of the 2016 Spoleto Festival USA. The 17-day cultural spectacle may be six months away, but already hype is growing that this will be the event's grandest ever in the Holy City.

That prediction was further authenticated by the festival's longtime general director Nigel Redden, who served as the 12th guest speaker in the popular Daniel Island Speaker Series, held at the Daniel Island Club on November 18. Redden offered a few sneak peaks into some of the planned shows for the upcoming festival, among them a much anticipated production of the 1935 opera Porgy and Bess, which will feature the 22-member Johnson C. Smith University Concert Choir and set designs by acclaimed artist and Gullah native Jonathan Green. The opera, dubbed "a landmark production," will help inaugurate the renovated Gaillard Center as a

new venue for Spoleto USA. Redden is confident audience members will be collectively wowed when the curtain goes up.

"Anyone can see Charleston around them," he told the crowd. "So how do you make it special? How do you make it different from a Porgy and Bess that might be done in Chicago, or New York, or San Francisco? And the solution is Jonathan Green. Jonathan is a very sophisticated artist...As the opera begins to explore the people of Catfish Row, I hope that what you will see is a transformation. Certainly there will be a transformation on the set...I think that it will be a very moving production."

"With Porgy and Bess, Charlestonian DuBose Heyward painted a distinctive and enduring portrait of Gullah life as lived by the residents of his fictional Catfish Row," stated Green, in a press release about the performance. "As someone who shares this Gullah heritage, telling this story with an authentic Gullah voice is an exciting opportunity for me and one that I will use to reveal some of the lesser-known

African traditions that are an integral part of Charleston history."

Another special feature of the production has yet to announced publicly, but will offer a unique, historic family tie to the performance. Redden is hopeful the festival can add a second showing of Porgy and Bess in Marion Square. They are working to secure funding for that now, he said.

"It would be great if we can," he added. "Because I do think it would be a popular

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

Redden also took time to showcase some of the history behind Spoleto USA. The event got its start in Spoleto, Italy, under the direction of Pulitzer Prize winning composer Gian Carlo Menotti. "The Festival of Two Worlds" began in 1958 as an event spotlighting operatic performers, dancers, musicians, and visual artists in both Europe and America.

"Gian Carlo very much desired a festival that young American artists

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Nigel Redden, general director of Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, gave guests at the November 18 Daniel Island Speakers Series event an inside view of the acclaimed arts and music celebration, its history in the Holy City, and ties to Spoleto, Italy. Redden has been associated with the festival for more than 30 years.

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Ten and Five Years Ago in

THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

Five Years Ago -Daniel Island coming out of the recession

In the December 2, 2010 issue of the Daniel Island News, a recap of the end of the year meetings of DIPA and DICA was reported. Jimmy Bailey, the then Daniel Island Property Owners Association Vice President of Community Services, reported that after a slump in the economy over the past several years, the outlook for Daniel Island is very bright. "I'm not sure that the recession is over for our country or not," said Bailey in his report. "...But I'm basically declaring it over for our association. We're adjusting to a new normal and I actually think that's really healthy. I certainly don't want to go through a period like the last several years again, but some of the lessons learned can definitely carry us forward." His reason for that forecast was the association's operating on a leaner budget. By questioning expenses and long standing policies they were able to trim unnecessary expenses from the budget.

Daniel Island CPA Clyde Hiers provided part one in a 2-part series of the Ten Commandments for tax and financial planning.

And the centerfold listed all the happen-

ings of the Holiday Festival coming up the next weekend. You will find a similar list in the centerfold of this issue as the tradition of the Holiday Festival continues this year.





Top photo: U12 Boys Division III Champions. Back Row: Chris Cobb (Asst. Coach) Charlie Hamlin, Josh Grey, Sean Stalbird, Mason Greenho, Kyle Lonneman (Coach). Front Row: Adam Cutright, Grant Lonneman, Doscher Hill, Michael Tunesi, Allen Knepper, Trevor Cobb.

Bottom photo: U12 Girls Division III Champions. Back Row: Katie Easterlin, Rachael Tunesi, Allie Wood, David Tunesi (Coach), Meredith Goss, Mackenzie Patrick. Front Row: Riane Coman, Emma Grace Patrick, Lindsay Crothers, Kyle Thayer, Mackenzie Howard, Darby Carpenter, Kathleen Sumner (not pictured).

Ten Years Ago – Christmas crime prevention tips

In the December 1, 2005 issue of the Daniel Island News the front cover and feature story highlighed island resident Mark Petyak and his medical miracle. While training in 2004 for a grueling October multi-sport adventure race, he suddenly began a terrifying descent into paralysis caused by a rare neuroimmunological disorder called transverse myelitis. It is as an inflammatory disorder that affects part of the spinal cord and causes altered sensation on both sides of the body, and weakness of both legs and sometimes the arms. Facing possible permanent paralysis and disability, Mark made a stunning comeback and is known to many on the island today as a coach at DI's Crossfit Discovery.

In other news, Charleston Police provided crime tips for the holiday season. These tips are still use-

- Place your tree where the gifts will be less visible from outside. Thieves like window-shopping through your windows.
- · Report persons or vehicles roaming your neighborhood, day or night so police may check them. They may be simply looking at Christmas lights, or they may be "casing" houses to burglarize.
 - Make sure to keep doors and windows locked.
 - Turn on outside lights at night.

If your family is planning to leave home for the holidays, take these extra steps:

• Call the police department to request a periodic

residence check ("Keep-A-Check") while you are away.





away so they can look out for the house, give them emergency and cell numbers to reach you, but don't tell everyone you know you will be gone. People you don't know might find out. Don't leave notes for friends or delivery men.

- Have the neighbor pick up mail, papers, and ads, put out your trash can, and park in your drive-
- · Timers on exterior lights, interior lights, and TVs will help make it look like you are home. Don't leave an answering machine message saying you are gone, in fact turning it off would be better.
- · Double check all doors and windows, including second floor and basement. The doors should have dead-bolts; key locks for windows are also available.
- When you return, look around outside first. If you see any evidence of a break-in, do not go inside. Go to a neighbor's house and call police. The burglars could still be inside.



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Redden showcased the history behind Spoleto USA

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would have an opportunity to perform for European audiences," said Redden, who grew up in Italy and later obtained an art history degree from Yale University. "He also wanted to show Europeans what was going on in America...The festival was an opportunity for Italians to have a window on the rest of the world."

The event helped transform the hillside city of Spoleto, which had a population of about 30,000 people, into an arts-infused cultural mecca.

"When Gian Carlo started the festival in Italy, he had wanted it to be in a town where a festival could make a difference, not only artistically, not only aesthetically, but also financially. And certainly the festival in Spoleto has done that."

In 1975, Spoleto administrators began looking in America for a location to expand the festival, with the goal of creating an equally impactful event that would mirror its purpose in Italy. Initially, they started exploring sites along the Hudson River in New York, largely due to its close proximity to the burgeoning arts scene in New York City. But after receiving a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, they began to shift their search to the South. After studying Winston-Salem, North Carolina, they set their sights on Charleston.

"Charleston had everything that Spoleto had," said Redden, who has been associated with the Charleston festival for more than 30 years. "It's a city with a sense of itself. A city with a sense of beauty. A city with an extraordinary history, and even more importantly, a city with some theaters...They decided on Charleston and wanted to keep the same formula, the same idea of having dance, music, theatre,

opera, all of the performing arts and visual arts, in the compact of 17 days."

Spoleto Festival USA officially debuted in Charleston in 1977. The Dock Street Theatre had just completed a renovation the year before, so it served as an idea place to showcase events.

"The first opera to be performed in America was performed in Charleston in the original Dock Street Theatre," added Redden. "There was a ballet company here in the 18th century, there was a French language theatre company and an English language theatre company in the 18th century. The oldest musical organization in the country is in Charleston."

Spoleto administrators also saw an opportunity for larger audiences in the new American location. In Italy the equivalent of the Dock Street Theatre seats 200 people, versus the 463 offered here. The equivalent theatre to the newly finished Gaillard Auditorium in Italy seats 900. The Gaillard now seats 1600 to 1800.

"What we needed to do was have a program rich and varied enough to attract an audience of more people from Charleston, but also from far away," said Redden. "The festival financially costs more than is reasonable to expect for a city this size... So we raise money all over the country, particularly on the east coast."

The success of the festival in Charleston has been tremendous, with many performances selling out each year. Their annual chamber music performances, for example, are hugely popular.

"I think we have a larger chamber music audience per capita than any other city in America during our 17 days," said Redden. "We do 33 concerts, and 11 different programs, all in the Dock Street," said Redden. "So we have an audience of al-



Spoleto Festival USA General Director Nigel Redden poses with Steve Slifer (left), coordinator of the Daniel Island Speaker Series, and Gray Ives (right) of the Rotary Club of Daniel Island.

most 1500 for each of those programs. It's extraordinary who comes (to perform)."

One young performer who took part in the festival's early days, Yo-Yo Ma, is now a highly acclaimed musician who showcased his talents at the new Gaillard's inaugural performance on October

The other thing Spoleto does well, Redden added, is its offering of unique and different performances that festival goers are not likely to experience here at other times of the year.

"The festival always every year walks a tight rope between doing things that are going to be popular and things that are going to attract someone from Japan (and other places)," he said. "Every year we try to be different. We try to do something a little better, and offer a little more, from the year before."

Tickets for Spoleto Festival USA 2016 go on sale January 3 with a plethora of exciting new offerings and refurbished venues. The event will be held from May 27 through June 12.

"I think it will be the best that we've ever done," added Redden. "So I do hope you'll come!"

For additional information, visit www. spoletousa.org. The next event in the Daniel Island Speaker Series will be held on February 3, when the program welcomes retired U.S. Air Force Four Star General Al Hansen as the guest speaker.





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Berkeley County Receives Bond Rating Increase

Staff report

Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler announced last week that top creditrating agency Standard and Poor's has raised the bond ratings for the county's utility bonds to 'AA,' up from 'AA-.' The 'AA' rating is only two upgrades away from the highest rating of 'AAA.'

The announced upgrades are for the long-term ratings of the Berkeley County combined utility system revenue bonds and the Berkeley County's water and sewer revenue bonds.

In issuing the upgrades, Standard and Poor's stated the upgrade reflects their "view of the county's stronger financial performance trend, which has resulted in stronger total debt service coverage and a strong liquidity position." They continued, "The stable outlook reflects our expectation that the system will sustain its healthy financial profile."

In the upgrade, Standard and Poor's also highlighted Volvo's opening of its first U.S.-based manufacturing plant in Berkeley County, which will serve as a large water and sewer customer for the county.

"We are honored to receive the rating upgrades from Standard and Poor's," said Supervisor Peagler. "It is a testament to the incredible momentum we have in Berkeley County, our significant economic development growth this year and the strong, conservative financial approach county government takes."

While it is not expected within the next two years, Standard and Poor's did state that they could raise the rating should there be a trend of sustainably stronger financials.

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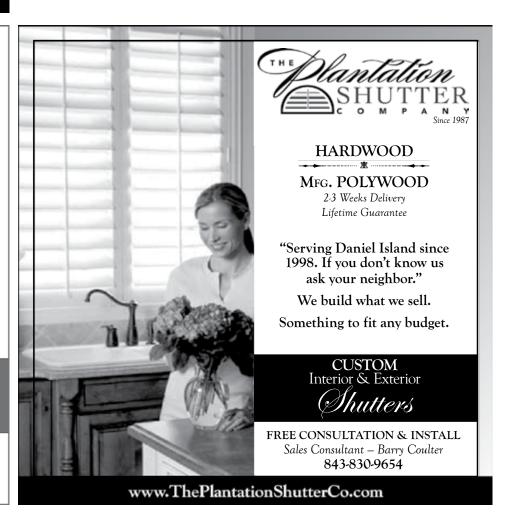
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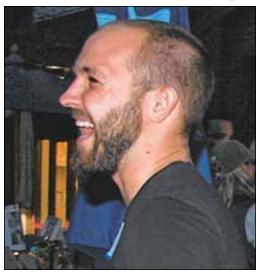




DIBA Block Party!

Daniel Island Business Association (DIBA) members joined island residents and business professionals for a neighborhood "Block Party" at Wasabi on November 19. The event, a cooperative effort between DIBA and Daniel Island Life Magazine, was sponsored by Crescent Moon Orthodontics, Stella and Dot, Sustainable Energy Solutions, and Greystar Daniel Island Village.













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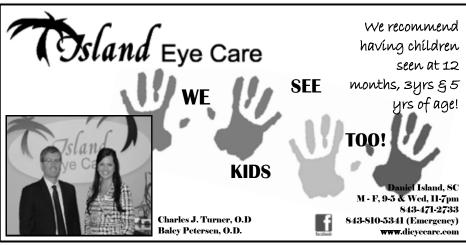
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Life's battles don't always go To the stronger or faster man, But soon or late the man who wins Is the one who thinks he can.

- From, The Man Who Thinks He Can, by Walter D. Wintle

The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit.

As we move down the stretch toward the end of 2015 now might be a good time to think about how you are finishing the year. As it was with the Greeks, it's the one who finishes the race with his torch still lit that wins.

At this juncture in the year you may be tired and weary. You may be more than ready to turn the page on 2015 and welcome a clean slate that awaits you in 2016.

With the finish line of 2015 in sight let's consider the traits of leaders who finish strong. It's a simple list and is certainly not an exhaustive one. You may want to add to it. These are my top three.

LEADERS WHO FINISH STRONG HAVE CLARITY OF PURPOSE

One of the traits of leaders who finish strong are those who live their life intentionally with purpose. Each day is seen as a gift and an opportunity to add value to those around them and make a difference in their world.

Living and leading with purpose makes each day meaningful and unique. It's an opportunity to use your God-given gifts and abilities for a good cause. When you live your life with purpose it motivates you in a different way. No longer is it about you, it's about others. A selfless leader is a strong leader who will also finish strong.

LEADERS WHO FINISH STRONG HAVE A RESILIENT ATTITUDE

I've yet to meet a leader who doesn't face his or her fair share of problems and adversity. It comes with the territory. Maybe more so. But the leader who finishes strong is not the one who was exempt from adversity but the one who endured it.

Leaders who finish strong have discovered the secret that it's not about what happens to them that matters but what happens in them that sets them apart. Leaders who finish strong have a resilient attitude that never gives up. They understand that they are responsible for it and work at having a good one every day.

LEADERS WHO FINISH STRONG HAVE TAPPED INTO THEIR WORK-LIFE BALANCE

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," so says the old proverb. Leaders who finish strong are those who understand the importance of a sound work-life balance. These leaders know and understand the value of hard work and give it their all day in and day out. They roll up their sleeves and are willing to go the extra mile to get the job done.

But finishing strong requires balance. And if as a leader you are burning the candle at both ends with no balance in your life as it pertains to rest and recreation soon you will be of little value to anyone.

Leaders who finish strong are able to do so because they have found the balance they need. Make sure that you give your mind and body the rest it needs and deserves. Remember, it was not about finishing the race first for the Greeks that mattered, it was finishing with your torch still lit. If you cross the finish line of 2015 burned out and spent how will you begin 2016?

As the year draws to a close think about how you can finish strong. What action steps do you need to take? It's not too late. Finish strong and be ready to tackle a new year with a renewed sense of passion and purpose.

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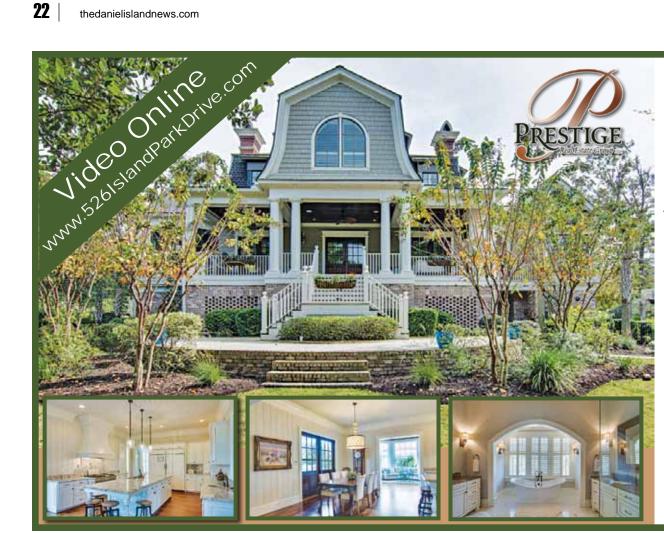
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Eight is enough as Hanahan boys' basketball team starts season with seasoned roster

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

It sounds like a television show from the 1970s and it could just be the Hanahan boys' basketball team's theme for the 2015-16 season: Eight is enough.

The Hawks have eight seniors back for their final season and the 15-man roster totals 12 players who have lettered.

It's a far cry from last year's team that had one senior, went 8-15 on the season and missed the playoffs.

"We have the most returning players since I've been here," said Coach Pieter Smits, who is in his fifth year at the school after serving as an assistant at Goose Creek. Änd I've got more returning seniors this year than I have the previous years combined."

The lone senior on last year's team was Rodney Keener, a player who the Hawks relied on perhaps too much. He finished his career with 999 points.

"Any time you lose a two-time all-state player, that's a big loss," Smits said. "We might have leaned on Rodney too much. Other teams would double team Rodney and we had problems getting someone else to step us. This year, everyone has responsibility to get the job done."

Fundamentals submarined the Hawks' chances for a Region 8-AAA title last winter. The team shot 43 percent from the field, including 47 percent from 2-point range. But the Hawks managed only 58 percent from the foul line.

The Hawks also had problems making easy layups, missing nearly 200 for the

season. Throw in turnovers and that's why the Hawks were sitting at home when the playoffs commenced.

The team has depth and experience, and the two players with the most experience are Keiontae Dubose and Tre' Smalls. Both players have been on the roster since their freshman seasons.

Dubose was injured late last season and still finished with 12 points and four assists per outing. Smalls, a three-sport star, averaged eight points and eight rebounds per game.

Dubose should contend for all-state honors.

"Pound for pound, he is possibly the best guard in the Lowcountry," Smits said. "He's not the biggest guy out there, so we have to put him in position to score."

Dubose and Smalls will definitely start. The other three positions are up for grabs. Look for Sean Brady, Javonte McLaurin, Trace Chandler, Dominique Green and Steven Bennett to get plenty of playing time.

Nick McKnight, Noah Mills, Kevin Waddell, Jaime Watson, Cal Deas, Nathan Fenters, Jon Glee, Aaron Manley and Jarvis Ward round out the roster.

The Hawks, who opened the season Wednesday at Cane Bay, should have spirited practices with all the experienced players.

"We want to win the region," Smits said.
"We have to go to places like Orangeburg
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play a game. We have to be intense in practice if we want to play with intensity during
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Thanksgiving (with Turkey on the menu), I released the Trout after taking a selfie. The Trout bite was phenomenal. For the next hour, pretty much every cast produced a strike. When the flow of water draining out of the creek began to slow, the Trout bite did as well. However, a quick run to another creek drain put me right back into the action. I caught and released Trout until my arm began to hurt. It was definitely, a Trout bite to be thankful for!

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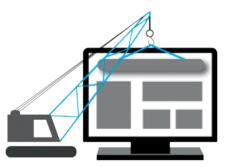
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Natasha Beard wins in tiebrea

Natasha Beard is this week's Pig Skin Pick 'Em Challenge winner. Natasha was tied in head to head play with Sherrill Holland, both with 6-5 records. Natasha was 1 point closer in the score tiebreaker than Sherrill for the Clemson-Carolina game to beat Dr. Estes to earn a \$50 gift card to Mellow Mushroom

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several weeks of swinging back and forth. And, Daniel Island News sportswriter Phil Bowman, made a big jump up to third place this week by having the best record of the week, going 9-2.

First place tie - Dave Williams of 843 Health Marketplace is tied with Steve Meyer and Jeff Burton of UBS (95-40); third place - Phil Bowman, sportswriter for The Daniel Island News (91-44); fourth place tie – Dr. Estes of Southern Orthopedics and Tony Pope State Farm (87-48); sixth place - Helen Girly Brown (83-52); seventh place - Cara Schaafsma of Iron Gate Realty (82-53); and, eighth place, the employees of the Daniel Island Grille (74-61).



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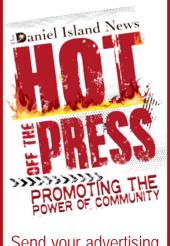
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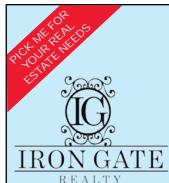
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Rhetta Moore was all-state in basketball last winter and was an integral part of a team that won its 16th straight state volleyball title.

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

Rhetta Moore has her work cut out if she hopes to equal her sister's state championship haul.

Moore is a junior at Bishop England High School and has now played on three state championship teams after the volleyball team won yet another state title last month. She's collected a gold medal in volleyball and two in basketball.

Her older sister, Mary Harriet, played on six state championship teams during her time at the school. She collected four gold medals in volleyball and two in basketball.

The sisters are competitive but supportive. "Personally, I hope to at least tie her and hopefully beat her," said Rhetta, who also plays soccer. "It's a friendly competition. She roots for me and supports me. But she says she can beat me one-on-one in basketball and in volleyball."

Moore, like her older sister, has had key roles in her team's success. She was all-state in basketball last winter and was an integral part of a team that won its 16th straight state volleyball title.

"I like basketball better than volleyball, but don't tell the volleyball coach," Moore said. "It takes a little time to get into basketball shape because there's so much more running involved. I'm a week behind schedule because the volleyball season was pushed back a week because of the rain and flood. I'm starting to feel good."

Coach Paul Runey said the girls are alike although Mary Harriet is 6-1 and Rhetta is 5-8.

"Rhetta wasn't that tall until she had a growth spurt the last year or so," Runey said. "Both are soft-spoken and lead by actions. When you are a good player and get the job done, your teammates tend to notice."

The Bishops opened the season with two straight wins, 80-19 over Carvers Bay and 50-13 over Pinewood Prep. The Bishops were No. 1 in the state basketball coaches' preseason poll. But Moore knows it's how you finish the season that counts.

"We can be the best team in the state if we work hard and play up to our potential," she said. "We have the talent. We just have to execute."

The Bishops are 52-5 since Moore joined the team as a freshman. She was on the state championship volleyball team that sported a 33-9 record. She hasn't been to the top of the soccer mountain just yet. But she will give it her best effort.

"Playing soccer keeps me busy," she said.
"I don't have a lot of free time. I get a couple weeks off in the summer and then its (travel) basketball. But I like it. It helps me get better."

Moore, who is a member of the BE National Honor Society, wants to play college basketball at a Division 1 college with great academics. Her older sister is at Davidson.

Rhetta is receiving lots of interests lately from such schools as Bucknell, Cornell, and Mercer.

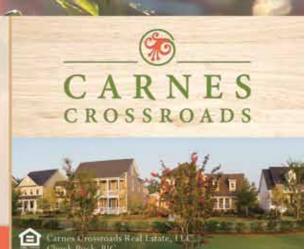


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Did you try a fabulous new Charleston restaurant over the weekend? Or pay a visit to a tried-and-true favorite? Whether the joint just opened doors or boasts a long local history, we know some of you swooned over something that came from a community kitchen. It might have been the best burger you've ever bitten into (eighteen times without putting it down). Or the salad that was so mind-blowing you forgot it was green stuff. Or the dessert that made you weep as angels sang and time stood still. Whatever it was, you can't in good conscience keep it to yourself - and we're not all Facebook friends with you, so you need to share that photo and braggy comment more publicly,

Here's what we need from you:1) Where were you served the best thing you ate all month?

- 2) What was the food that left you speechless (mainly because you couldn't stop horking it down)?
- 3) Can you describe what made the dish so magical? Be sure to speak
- 4) Dish more on the dish, if you can - price, portion size, availability on regular menu, and the psychological repercussions of consuming something

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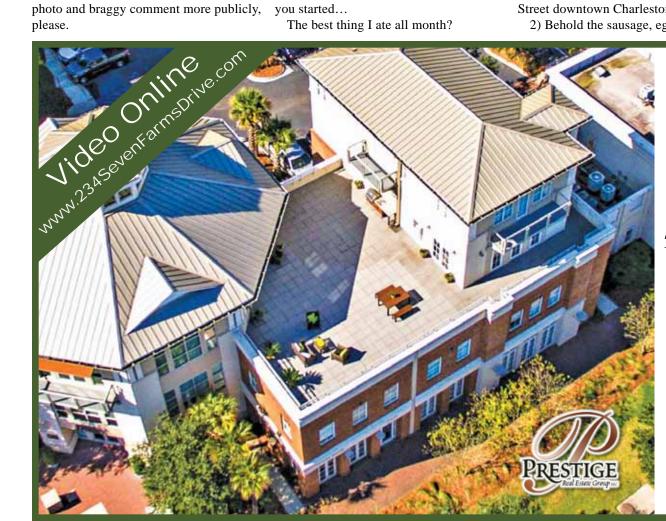
The best thing I ate all month?



- 1) I got this perfect comfort food gem from Callie's Hot Little Biscuit on King Street downtown Charleston.
 - 2) Behold the sausage, egg, and pimento

cheese biscuit.

- 3) Callie has the biscuit on lock, that is a no-brainer. But the Glass Onion Belle's sausage is tangy and tender, the scrambled egg is fluffily (yes, that is a word) folded, and the housemade pimento cheese gives it all gooey goodness without overwhelming any of the other savory flavors.
- 4) I'm not going to lie and say you can eat this with a lot of dignity. It is taller than it is wide, which always poses a problem to those lacking double-jointed jaws. But the portion size is spot-on for a small meal or heavy snack. When you look at the \$7 price tag relative to the size of the sammie, you might fear a mild gouging - BUT then you will taste it, love it, feel surprisingly full, and worry that perhaps you ripped off Callie. (You didn't; she's fine.)



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drollery DALTON WILLIAMS

A blog post (Dalton is tech savvy) at townandcountrymag.com reports an amazing and inviting scientific finding: drinking three glasses of champagne every day may help prevent the onset of dementia and Alzheimer's. Professor Jeremy Spencer (tip of the glass to this guy!) and a team at Reading University (a property in Monopoly I think) carried out experiments on rats. The good professor described the results as "dramatic."

This news could not come to the Williams' household at a better time. Here are two reasons why. First, we are rapidly approaching the holiday party season when my lovely wife, Grace, reminds me not to 'overserve' myself. Now I can comfortably assure her that those extra glasses of bubbly are my contribution to medical research. Secondly, Professor Spencer's breakthrough holds out the hope that champagne may one day replace you know what as the de rigueur super food. Yes, say it with me...Kale.

The first time, several years ago, that Grace plopped some kale on a plate in our household, I stared at the pile of greenish, purple plant life, and quipped, "Is this food for humans or rabbits?"

"Nobody likes a smart aleck," she replied, "Try it. It's good for you."

I have come to learn that 'it's good for you' also translates to 'it doesn't taste good' and bitter kale fit this axiom perfectly. I poked with my fork at the strange leaves. They looked vaguely familiar. Where had I seen them? Then it hit me. Years before, I saw this in a supermarket produce department. It was the stuff used to separate fruits and vegetables from one another. Now the store uses a green plastic divider that looks a lot like what was now sitting on my plate. "A-ha!" I declared holding a kale leaf up on the end of my fork.

"Do you have something to share with the table?" Grace stated. "And don't play with your food!"

I sputtered out my recollection of kale's former use as a display item rather than a food source.

"Whatever," Grace retorted, dismissing my observation. "Kale has oodles of vitamins. So, eat up"

"You know," my Aunt Toogie piped

I'll Drink To That!

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- Dalton Williams

up, "Dalton's right. My brother, Orville, worked at Piggly Wiggly and they used kale, or some kind of cabbage, to display produce."

While Toogie normally sides with Grace in family discussions, I sensed she was with me on this one based on her expression following a first taste of kale. Seizing that advantage, I pressed on, offering a proposition that, when plastic display material was introduced, farmers and grocers conspired to do a brand makeover on an otherwise excess byproduct. The result was the new trendy super food, kale!

"It's possible," Toogie interjected. "Orville said they used to just throw it away when it went bad. Nobody ate it."

"How would they know if it was bad?" I shot back. "It's already purple."

"Maybe by the odor after..."

"Enough!" Grace interrupted. "Everyone knows that dark-colored foods are nutritious and high in antioxidants." When neither Toogie nor I responded, Grace added, "Such as blueberries and these leafy greens."

"How about licorice?" I asked. "It's dark."

Before Grace could reply, Toogie giggled, "Remember Chuckles, the candy with five flavored gummy chews? I used to love the licorice one."

"You are in great shape for your age," I proclaimed. "So, Grace must be correct about dark foods. By the way, the licorice Chuckle was on the far right, wasn't it?"

"Nah, it was in the middle," Toogie

"Bet you it was on the right."

"What's the bet?"

"Loser has to eat the winner's kale?" I suggested.

"You are going down," Toogie boasted, reaching for her cell phone. "Let me Google Chuckles." A moment later, she

exclaimed, "Yeah, baby!" and thrust the phone at me. The screen displayed a photo of Chuckles with licorice smack in the middle of a line of five colored treats. "Here you go, health boy!" she chortled, sliding her plate of unfinished kale toward me.

"Laugh if you will," Grace sighed. "If you want to learn something useful, Google the vitamin contents of kale."

A short time later Toogie reported, "Score one for Grace. Looks like kale is high in vitamin A, C, and K. Especially K. One serving of kale has nearly 700% of your daily recommended amount of vitamin K." Toogie peered at my plate and added, "Or around 1,400% for a double dose like Dalton has."

Grace smiled. Toogie grinned. Finally, I asked, "Excuse me, but doesn't vitamin K help with blood clotting?"

"Yep," Toogie answered.

"I'm no doctor," I continued, "but it strikes me that if one ate a serving or two of kale every day, eventually their blood would have a consistency somewhere between strawberry preserves and spackle."

"That does it!" Grace declared, setting down her silverware. "I'm just trying to serve healthy meals here. So, I'll make you a wager. You find a food as healthy as kale and I'll serve it."

Which brings us back to the present and my newfound hero, Professor Jeremy Spencer. He and his team conducting their study on the salutary benefits of champagne "now hope to move on to trials involving pensioners." Sign me up! Heck, move the entire experiment to Daniel Island! It's full of retirees. I'll bet a bunch of them would be glad to guzzle champagne for academic or most other purposes. We will welcome Professor Spencer and his colleagues with open arms, hoisted flutes, and nary a leaf of

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DIPAC planning moves forward

ELIZABETH BUSH

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Plans to bring a new Broadway-style, landmark performing arts center to Daniel Island are progressing right on cue. After it was announced last September that the facility was in the works, those behind the project have been busily composing the effort's next phase.

The proposed Daniel Island Performing Arts Center (DIPAC) will have two theaters, a 450-seat Proscenium theatre for large productions and a 99-seat black box theatre for more intimate shows. Additionally, there are plans for outdoor plazas, indoor gathering spaces, catering kitchens, and educational offerings.

A DIPAC Advisory Committee, made up of island residents, business leaders and other community members, has been formed as a way to "grow mutual understanding of and support for DIPAC," stated the project's visionary Mary Gould, founder and producer of the South of Broadway Theatre Company of North Charleston. The group has been meeting for the last six weeks to generate ideas for the facility and to craft fundraising strategies.

The goal is to raise \$1 million by April

Community support is key, says project leader 2016 to secure a professional fundraiser and architect, as well as to pay for other building preparation requirements. A second phase, set to start in May of 2016, will focus on raising an additional \$9 million, part of which will be financed.

> "We have been meeting with potential corporate funders and are working with them on benefit packages which will be made public as soon as they are finalized," added Gould.

A call to the Daniel Island community

The development of a new DIPAC website (www.DanielIslandPAC.com), set to launch in early December, will help promote the project's end-of-the-year online giving campaign dubbed the "Founders' Circle." This sponsorship program will offer varying giving levels ranging from \$50 to over \$10,000. Depending on the size of the donation, campaign donors will receive a special gift for participating, including DIPAC t-shirts, a paver in a "Daniel Island Walk of Fame," a benefactor bench on the DIPAC grounds, complimentary ticket packages, theatre seats, invitations to dress rehearsals and other special events, or an opportunity to be named on the Lifetime Patron of the Arts Wall in the DIPAC lobby. Buy-in from the Daniel Island community is critically



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The new Daniel Island Performing Arts Center could look something like this. Clemson University architectural students provided DIPAC project leaders with a series of conceptual images of possible designs for the facility.

important, said Gould.

"From now until the end of the year, Daniel Island has the opportunity to not only have a say in how the project is being developed, but also to show their support financially by joining The Founders' Circle," she added. "This is the critical part where Daniel Island lets us know they want their own performing arts center. Evidence of community support is key as we approach major funders."

Gould said she has been interviewing professional fundraisers to head the capital campaign in the first quarter of 2016, as well

as conducting due diligence on the many regulatory and legal matters pertaining to the project.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The DIPAC team is also working to create several videos of frequently asked questions that will be posted to the website, such as how potential traffic from the facility could impact the island.

Land for the facility is under contract for a 1.78 acre plot behind the current UBS building

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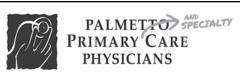


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on Island Park Drive. Since the DIPAC site and associated parking are located within very close proximity to the exit ramps on and off the island to I-526, Gould is confident traffic will not be an issue.

"There will be no need to actually come further onto the island," she said. "Also, a sold-out house is only 450 people, and theaters don't always sell out."

Gould expects others will want to know how the DIPAC will be different from other theatre venues, such as the new Gaillard Center downtown or the North Charleston Performing Arts Center.

"Apart from seating roughly 1,500 less people than those institutions, DIPAC will actually be a self-producing entity, which those institutions are not," said Gould. "They house touring shows which come and go. They do not cast and produce locally as DIPAC will. DIPAC, with a 450 seat theatre, and a smaller black box facility will offer viable alternatives to local performing arts groups for which the larger auditoriums are neither feasible nor affordable."

So far support for the facility has been widespread, said Gould.

"The response has been overwhelm-

ingly positive. There are various legitimate questions that have been raised by residents, which is why we are preparing video answers to various 'FAQs.' This kind of feedback is important as we move through the planning stages."

Once completed, the DIPAC will be "a landmark destination," added Gould, and the very first League of Resident Theaters (LORT) facility in South Carolina. Marigold Arts Development, Inc., operating as the South of Broadway Theatre Company (SBTC), is listed as the developer of the project. The SBTC, currently located in the Park Circle community, would be the new facility's main tenant.

Gould expects the world class venue will attract patrons not only from the Charleston region, but other parts of the state and nation as well. The LORT designation would bring to Daniel Island Broadway-caliber productions that would be eligible for Tony Awards. Projected timelines and benchmarks for the facility are currently on target for a 2019/2020 inaugural season.

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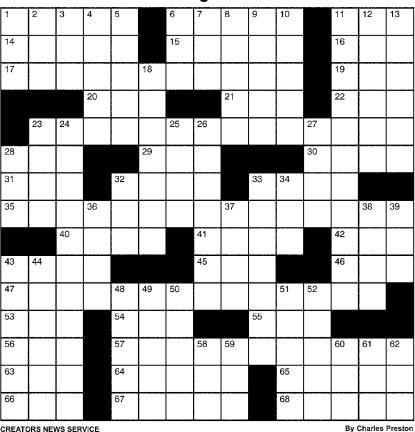


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- b. verb
- c. adverb
- 2. The model tripped **on** the runway.
 - a. interjection
- b. preposition
- c. adverb
- 3. Sheila always complains about college food.
- a. preposition
- b. verb
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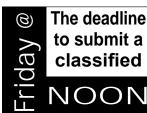
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