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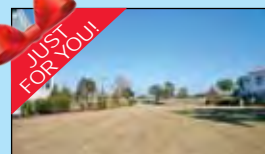
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'The boom is back'

DI economist offers annual fiscal forecast

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What a difference six years can make.

The first time career economist Steve Slifer presented his popular end-of-year Economic Outlook conference on Daniel Island, his message largely focused on a nation still healing from what has been described as the greatest financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Fast forward to 2016 and the forecast has improved considerably. At his seventh annual event at the Daniel Island Club, Slifer was proud to report "the boom is back." A packed ballroom of guests from all over the Charleston region sat attentively as Slifer provided his take on the nation's current economic status and what we can expect down the road. As is typical for Slifer, he was cautiously optimistic.

"All is pretty good!" he said, in kicking off the program.

And Slifer should know. He has been an economist for almost 40 years, beginning his career with the Federal Reserve in Washington. That was followed by two decades as Chief U.S. Economist at Lehman Brothers. Slifer now

runs his own consulting firm, NumberNomics, has written two books and is considered one of the top economists in the country.

THE TWO PERCENT RUT

To begin his presentation, Slifer turned to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), one of the best measures of our nation's economic climate.

"We've been stuck in this two percent rut for a while," he noted, referencing one of the 100 plus slides he prepared for the program. "More importantly, what can we do to speed it up?"

The nation's "economic speed limit" can be an effective indicator of where things are headed, Slifer continued. To determine that figure, he combined the labor force growth and productivity growth.

"If you know how many people are working, and you know how efficient they are, you can probably figure out how many goods and services they can produce," he said.

In the 90s, the two numbers added up to about 3.5 percent. Today, we're at 1.8 percent. He predicts it will increase to 2.8 percent in 2020.

"The economy ought to be up in the 3.5 percent range in the good times," Slifer explained.



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Daniel Island resident Steve Slifer, owner/ chief economist for NumberNomics, an economic forecasting firm, provides his annual fiscal outlook for a packed audience at the Daniel Island Club on December 6.

"And we're obviously disappointed that it's not doing that."

Productivity today is about 50 percent lower than it was 20 years ago, Slifer said, and while economists don't have a really good handle on why that is occurring, he offered some potential causes to his audience. First, the "baby boomers" are all retiring, which is taking a considerable number of employees out of the labor force. And it seems companies are not spending as much on growing productivity.

"Productivity growth is largely determined

by the pace of investment spending," Slifer said. "And that's dried up. It was growing 8 percent a couple of years ago and it has stopped."

Why is that? Slifer has some ideas. He cited a number of potential contributors – including a corporate tax rate of 35 percent (the average corporate tax rate around the world is 23 percent) and dual taxing on corporate earnings (they are taxed once overseas and again in the U.S. if earnings are repatriated).

"A lot of these overseas earnings are staying overseas," he explained. "And they're not bringing them back to the United States. Nobody knows quite how much money we're talking about – but I've heard numbers anywhere from \$2.5 to 4 trillion. So that's problematic."

Also impacting growth is what Slifer calls a "crushing" regulatory burden (the federal register is more than 80,000 pages), a dysfunctional health care system, and unsustainable fiscal policy. Today's budget deficit is about \$500 billion, he said.

"The debt in relation to income is just going to get higher," he continued. "By the end of the decade it gets to what I would consider a dangerous level."

CALLING ON WASHINGTON

So how do we tackle these issues, while helping to spur investment spending?

"The solutions to these problems will require some sort of action by our policy makers in Washington," said Slifer. "In my view, our

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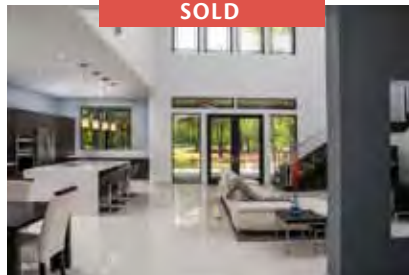
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There will be no access to the Beresford Creek Boat Landing or Bellinger Island until completion of the project. All current Daniel Island Community Association boat landing members will have access to the Ralston Creek Boat

Landing located off of Creek Landing Street in Daniel Island Park during the renovations. Members will be able to use their current boat landing fob to access the Ralston Creek Boat Landing. All kayak and stand-up paddle board rentals are temporarily on hold while work on the site is completed.

If you have any questions, contact the Daniel Island Property Owners Association office at 843-971-9200.

Ten and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

TEN YEARS AGO Seven Farms Apartments Dedicated

In the December 14, 2006 edition of the paper the top news story was the dedication of the Seven Farms Apartments. On December 7, the 72-unit complex was dedicated in a ceremony attended by Mayor Riley and U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, as well as by other community leaders and residents.

At the annual meeting, Daniel Island Company President Matt Sloan reminisced about 10 years ago and how minimally the island was developed. In 2006 he said that Daniel Island had roughly 2,500 residences and a growing population of 5,500. In 2006, there were 14 restaurants, three schools, two churches and more than 20 community groups based on the island. In addition, there were 150 businesses and professional offices. "I remember when we had two," Sloan said.



Dollar World owners Jeanaris Rivers (left) and Ritchie Rivers (right) were excited to bring great deals to Daniel Island. The store was located in the Publix shopping center (next door to Lucia's).



Holy Cross Island School helped deck the halls at the Daniel Island Fire Station. Two classes of four year-old youngsters decorated the station Christmas tree with homemade ornaments. The morning's festivities also included a spirited round of holiday carols sung for the firemen by the children.

FIVE YEARS AGO Economic Outlook good for 2012

In the December 15, 2011 edition of the paper we reported on an optimistic economic forecast for 2012 from Daniel Island resident Stephen Slifer, owner and chief economist for Number-Nomics, LLC. Five years ago he said, "Over the course of the next four years, get the words 'recession' and 'double dip' out of your vocabulary. Just forget them for a while."

In business news, A Dollar World

opened in the Publix Shopping Center and was located next to Lucia's Premium Pet.

In other news, the POA was negotiating with both Charleston and Berkeley counties for a curbside recycling option for Daniel Island. Jimmy Bailey, who was head of the POA at the time, also noted that 40 percent of the DICA, DITA and DIPA budgets were spent on grounds maintenance and 12 percent on pools.



Cheryl Jansen, holding her daughter, listens to the dedication ceremony with Pam Thesing (center) and Leigh Thomson (right). Thesing and Thomson were vocal supporters of the apartments since they were announced in the winter of 2005.



Famed iron-work artist Philip Simmons (left) and Mayor Joe Riley celebrated the Seven Farms Apartment dedication. The community room was named in honor of the Daniel Island born Simmons.

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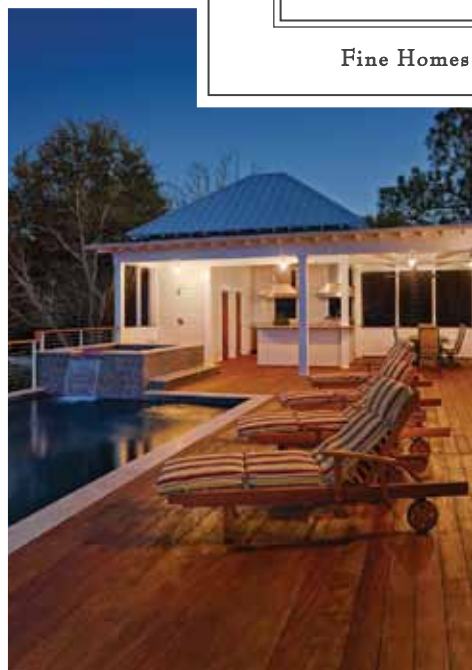


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Barred owl finds new home on DI

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Daniel Prohaska of the Center for Birds of Prey knelt down atop a grassy bluff alongside a pond behind a home on Farr Street. As the sun set over a line of trees in the distance, he placed a small white box lined with tiny holes on the ground in front of him.

"Is everybody ready?" he asked the small crowd gathered for the occasion.

And with that, Prohaska opened the box and a majestic blur of brown and white soared up and out.

"He found a tree right away!" exclaimed Daniel Island resident Carol Wood, who attended the event with her husband, Bob.

"He's got that beautiful brown camouflage," responded Prohaska, who serves as development director for the Awendaw-based non-profit organization.

The guest of honor was a barred owl recently treated and rehabilitated by the Center for Birds of Prey after suffering injuries due to a collision with a car in Summerville. After several weeks, the Center staff determined the owl was ready to be released. Daniel Island residents Laurie and Dean Hubbs, supporters of the Center, offered to host a release event in the backyard of their home on December 2.

"It just touches my heart," said Laurie, after witnessing the release.

"We're excited to be able to get him back into



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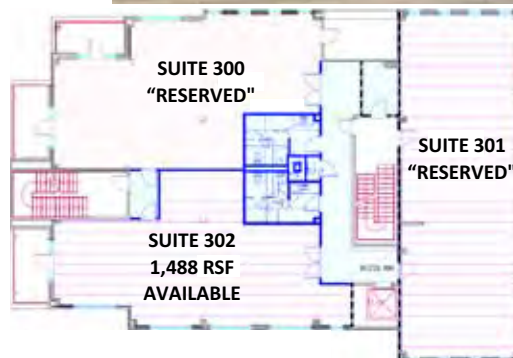
the wild where he belongs," said Prohaska. "... It's a rigorous process to get these birds ready for release. There is critical care, there is intermediate care, and then there is advanced flight recovery. And just like when you're going through a recovery and recuperation process, you have to be very careful how you move these birds along. We don't want them to stay in our care a day longer than they have to."

When asked about the owl's age or sex, Prohaska said they were unable to determine that information.

"It's very difficult to determine age," he added, noting the Center staff members believe the owl is an adult. "Over half of all birds don't

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Owl released on DI

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survive their first year. The average life span of a bird is actually rather small. If they can make it through their first year, their odds of making it in the long run are much greater.”

Prohaska also told the crowd that the owl released has only one eye, as the other was damaged during the accident and had to be removed during treatment.

“That sounds like a very traumatic thing to happen, but birds are very adaptable - even with one eye, because owls hunt mostly by sound,” he said.

After landing in a nearby tree, the owl flew to the rooftop of a neighboring house and stayed for several minutes before lifting off again in the direction of a wooded area off Grand Council Street. One resident asked Prohaska if the owl would remain on Daniel Island.

“It will likely try to stay,” he responded. “This is the perfect type of habitat. A lot will depend on how abundant the prey is. If there is a big food supply – lots of mice around – it will very likely stay. The larger the prey population, the more raptors that ecosystem can hold.”

The Center for Birds of Prey was founded in 1991 and currently has more than 120 birds representing more than 50 species on exhibit. Last year, the Center impacted over 29,000 students and teachers in the state of South Carolina through its education outreach program. They have a total of 12 employees, as well as a volunteer staff of about 80 members who contributed over 18,000 service hours last year.

Prohaska reports that one in eight birds, roughly 12 percent of all birds worldwide, are at risk of becoming extinct in the next 100 years. Because birds of prey are found in a number of types of habitats, they offer an excellent warning system for human health.

“They are critical indicators of the overall health of the ecosystem,” said Prohaska. “By studying these birds, we’re learning about ourselves. We’re learning about problems that are ultimately going to impact you and me.”

For more information on the Center for Birds of Prey, visit <http://www.thecenterforbirdsofprey.org>.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA

Join in a fun evening of Christmas caroling around Daniel Island on Sun. Dec. 18. We will meet at 6 pm at Providence Baptist Church (294 Seven Farms Drive). The group will then disperse to various nearby locations within walking distance on Daniel Island and return to the church to enjoy some delicious Christmas cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share with everyone. Also, you may want to bring a small flashlight to improve your “night vision” while Christmas caroling around DI. Questions? Call Providence Baptist Church at 843-971-5275.

SECRET SANTA FOR SENIORS

The DI Library, 2301 Daniel Island Dr. is a drop-off location for the Trident Area Agency on Aging “Secret Santa for Seniors” program. Donate a gift from the following list: socks, slippers, blankets, and kitchen and bath towels. Lina Naert of the TAAA at 843-554-2275.

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DANIEL ISLAND INSHORE FISHING CLUB

The DI Inshore Fishing Club offers the opportunity to meet other Daniel Islanders interested in fishing, from beginners to more advanced anglers, and serves as a focal point to participate in various aspects of fishing and related educational, conservation, and social activities. Meets on the third Tue. of each month at 7 pm at Providence Baptist Church. All welcome. Bill Lark at lark848@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

The 5th annual celebration of the Jewish Holiday of Chanukah on DI will take place on Sat., Dec. 24, 4:30-5:30 pm at the entrance gate of the Family Circle Tennis Center. Traditional Chanukah food and beverage will be served at the event along with traditional Jewish games and music. The Menorah lighting ceremony will take place at approximately 5:15 pm. Free. Open to the public. Persons of all faiths are welcome to attend. Rain or shine. Volunteers are needed. Fred Danziger, Chairman at 516-524-2208, email fred.danziger13@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

On Wed. Jan. 11, Colette DeGarady, assistant director of science and stewardship for the SC Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, will discuss the 3,000 mile migration of the monarch butterfly, native plants critical to its survival, and conservation efforts in Mexico and the Lowcountry. Guests are welcome at our 2nd Wed. of the month meetings at Providence Baptist Church, 294 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island, at 1 pm. Contact Lydia Freilich at frenchlydia@homesc.com.

DANIEL ISLAND SCHOOL TO PRESENT ‘THE JAZZ CAFÉ’

The Daniel Island School Jazz Band and the Charleston Community Jazz Band will present “The Jazz Café,” an inaugural fundraising event featuring a family-friendly spaghetti dinner and jazz music experience, on Thurs., Jan. 19, from 6:30 to 8 pm. in the DIS multi-purpose room. Proceeds benefit the DIS Orchestra and Band Booster Club. Tickets for the event are being sold online only. For reservations, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-jazz-cafe-tickets-29509157685>.

YOUNG LIFE

Every Mon., high school students gather for a night of crazy fun and fellowship at Anna Kate Gardner’s house from 7:47-9 pm (851 Dunham Street). Contact Tracey Lengyel Thomas (tlengyel91@gmail.com) or charleston.younglife.org.

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This college-level humanities course continues at the Daniel Island branch of the Berkeley County Library System. The free course will be taught on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Participants can attend at any time, as each of the sessions stands on its own.

BENG

“Business Executive Networking Group” meets the first Tues. of every month at the Berkeley County Library on Daniel Island, from 5-6:30 pm. BENG (www.thebeng.org) is a multidiscipline group for mid- to senior-level executive professionals who are seeking a new career. Cathey Petkash, cpetkash@frannet.com. Register at <http://bengcharleston.eventbrite.com>.

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Every Monday 6:30-7:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Dr. Provides a community for addicts, their family and friends to talk about their experiences and find ways to connect with 12-step recovery. Free. Contact Rhett Crull 843-323-7111.

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Free classes. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9-10 am at Daniel Island Library (new location). Call Gwen at 843-718-5454 for information.

RUN CLUB

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Daniel Island ladies of all denominations gather Wed. mornings at 9 am for an hour of prayer and sharing. Call Joan Vitalo, 843-884-1484, or Kay Uhler, 843-971-1445.

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MOM'S PLAYDATE

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A salute to Daniel Island's veterans

CHARLIE MORRISON

Last Wednesday, December 7, was the 75th anniversary of the “date which will live in infamy,” the Japanese surprise attack on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. It was a day of patriotic pride for veterans across the country - a day to remember one of the most calamitous and defining moments in American history.

The folks at the Summit Place senior living community on Daniel Island recognized the significance of the anniversary with a commemorative event entitled “A Veteran’s Patriotic Message to the Future.” The program had two components – one that was dedicated to the past and another that looked to the future. The Summit Place leadership team unveiled an impressive display at their facility, a new “Veterans Wall of Honor,” and also sunk a time capsule into a space behind the wall not to be opened until November 11, 2066, on Veterans Day fifty years from now.

The new 21-foot by six-foot Veterans



ELIZABETH BUSH

Summit Place resident Jack Gleason, 91, a World War II veteran, stands beside the new Veterans Wall of Honor at the assisted living facility on Daniel Island. Gleason served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1945. The wall was made possible by grants from the Rotary Club of Daniel Island and the Daniel Island Community Fund.

Wall of Honor display recognizes the many veterans of the U.S. military who currently and in years past made their

home at Summit Place. Over a dozen of the facility’s veterans, who served our country in times of war and peace all the

way back to World War II, were on hand for the unveiling, an event that induced both cheers and tears.

Attending the ceremony were veterans like 91-year-old Jack Gleason, a U.S. Navy communications officer who served on a base in the Pacific on the Marshall Islands from 1942 to 1945. Said Gleason of his time in the Pacific, “I was there to see the beginning of the end of the Japanese empire.” Dorothy “Dottie” Pike was in attendance at the program, too. Pike was a U.S. Army Nurse who served in 1945.

The display was the idea of Summit Place Maintenance Director and Vietnam veteran Dan Gordon. A Navy man with patriotism “in his blood,” Gordon comes from a long line of American military men that dates back to the Revolutionary War. He not only headed up the team that organized and planned the installation but also served as the master of ceremonies for the event.

“This is an extremely exciting day,” noted Gordon, as he introduced himself to the folks gathered for the occasion. “Today we are commemorating the start of World War II with the attack on Pearl Harbor, but we’re also remembering our veterans who served and not just in World

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The display recognizes Summit Place veterans

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War II but in all the different wars after that as well. I'm excited that we're going to be able to honor you all with this wall that we're dedicating today. It's been a long time coming."

The wall itself spans a large section of one of the facility's main hallways. It features a center display with a framed U.S. flag dedicated to Summit Place by US. Army Veteran Sgt. William Westberg. Around the exhibit are branch of service plaques honoring each of the five branches of the U.S. military. Above the display are the words "Duty, Honor, Country," and flanking each side are over a dozen framed photographs of current and past Summit Place veterans.

Each photo is labeled with the service person's name, branch of the military in which he or she served, rank and years served, and on the corner of each is a small hook from which current Summit Place veterans hung commemorative dog tags made for the event. Veterans living at the facility were each issued a pair of dog tags, one for hanging beside their picture

on the wall and one to keep.

Following an official presentation of the colors and a collective reading of the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer of dedication by pastor B.H. Rader from interdenominational North Charleston church Cathedral, and a reading from the World War II non-fiction book "Battlefields & Blessings: Stories of Faith and Courage from World War II" delivered by Summit Place resident and military widow Mabel Ward, the group arrived at the much-anticipated moment of the unveiling.

In addition to current veterans at Summit Place, family members of deceased veterans who had lived at the facility were invited to hang dog tags on the respective branch of service plaque.

Following the ceremony, Gordon set to the task of sealing the time capsule in the wall. The capsule was actually a trio of .30 caliber munitions boxes inside which the community was invited to place pictures, notes, and other small items of meaning for future generations to discover. Contributors signed messages on the



CHARLIE MORRISON

Summit Place unveils a new Veterans Wall of Honor, time capsule at 'Veteran's Patriotic Message to the Future' event. Above photo: Bill Westburg and Dan Gordon.

inside of the metal covering that locked the munitions boxes inside the wall, and the time capsule was sealed.

"I probably will not be here but I'm excited that we're able to create this patriotic message for the future, and with our country the way it is right now with so many different divisions I think it's important that we plant seeds into the future," said Gordon.

Following a moving rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Bishop England student and singer Elizabeth Ludlam

that left some of the vets in attendance saluting and some wiping tears from their wrinkled cheeks, it was Summit Place Administrator Sean Davis who took to the microphone to wrap up the afternoon's commemoration ceremony.

"This runs deep for many reasons and rightfully so," said Davis. "We're recognizing a lot of folks in our community and on a really important day...The nice thing about our community is that we are supported by the large Daniel Island community in so many ways, whether its partnerships for this or with Bishop England."

"In senior living, you talk in terms of community," continued Davis. "Having worked in other places I can say that community legitimately exists here. It's Bishop England, it's the Daniel Island Academy, it's the moms with the baby joggers who come off the sidewalks to say hi to our folks, people walking their dogs who come in, that's what it's all about."

In closing, Davis also thanked the Daniel Island Rotary Club and the Daniel Island Community Fund for their support of the project, and also North Charleston printing company Fast Signs for donating the labor in creating the display.

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Slifer offers optimistic forecast

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economy has suffered because of the gridlock we've had in Washington for the last eight years or longer."

Enter President-Elect Donald Trump. Slifer is hopeful the new Commander in Chief will do his part to get things back on track. His first course of action could be lowering the corporate tax rate to around 20 percent, noted Slifer, which would "put us back in line with the rest of the world." Trump could also decide to allow U.S. companies to bring overseas earnings back into the country at a tax rate of 10 percent.

"You can imagine three or four trillion dollars being taxed at 10 percent – that's 300 or 400 billion dollars-worth of tax revenues," Slifer said. "That's a good thing...I'm really excited about that particular piece if it comes to pass."

President-Elect Trump could also ease regulatory burdens – getting rid of what Slifer calls "unnecessary, needlessly complex, overlapping" regulations that hinder some members of the business community. In addition, he could make extensive revisions to Obamacare, said Slifer. All of these potential actions, along with cutting individual income taxes, are likely to increase revenues, bring down the deficit, and get the economy growing again, predicted Slifer.

"I think it's a fairly reasonable, well thought out plan," he said. "I get encouraged about that and it makes me hope that we're going to

have a little bit of a change in fiscal policy as we go forward...It's my hope that that unleashes a wave of investment spending which in fact goes up productivity growth."

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017-2018

Consumer confidence is up, reported Slifer, and there are "lots of reasons why we ought to feel good." With the stock market at a record high and debt (in relation to income) at its lowest rate in 20 or 30 years, there is reason for optimism, he said.

"If we want to go out and spend a little more quickly, we have the ability to do that."

Slifer also pointed to readily available credit, a growth rate of 170,000 new jobs per month, and a drop in gasoline prices as reasons he expects to see a 2.5 percent growth in consumer spending over the next several years.

"Remember, we're two thirds of the pie, so you have a core piece of this GDP that looks like it's going to grow at reasonable rate."

Other positives noted by Slifer – home sales are at the fastest rate they've been thus far in the cycle and demand continues to exceed supply. Additionally, mortgage rates are still relatively affordable and well below what they were 16 years ago. On the rental side, supply is short and the vacancy rate is down to the lowest it's been since 1985.

"If you want to go and rent somewhere in ar-

reas around the country, you'll have a really hard time finding an available property," said Slifer. "Given that, it's not surprising that rents are on the rise, steadily accelerating at 3.5 percent in the last year."

Slifer also reported a rise in car and truck sales – another revealing statistic.

"Autos and housing are our two biggest ticket items in our budget," he said. "If we're getting antsy and nervous, those are the places that you see that slowdown first, and there is absolutely none. So everything I see related to the consumer looks pretty positive."

TOUGH ON TRUMP

While Slifer is encouraged by the new change in leadership in Washington and what that may mean for the economy, he hopes President-Elect Trump steers clear of negativity.

"Trump manages to talk about a lot of pretty ugly stuff," Slifer told his audience. "...He's talking about building walls, putting tariffs on goods coming from China, taxes on firms that choose to go overseas. I'm an economist. I don't like any of that sort of stuff. This goes back to Econ 101. Trade is good, right?"

During his campaign, Trump often criticized U.S. companies for sending thousands of jobs overseas. Slifer argues that giving companies a more business-friendly environment at home will encourage them to stick around.

"I'm hoping that as we evolve, we'll get away from all of the nastiness he was talking about before and try to encourage US firms to stay here."

There is reason to focus on the positives, added Slifer. While he noted that the year 2020 is the earliest the country may experience another recession, the potential increase in U.S. companies' coffers, a slow raising of rates from the Federal Reserve, a modest uptick in inflation, and a potentially record-breaking expansion are all encouraging.

"This (current) expansion started in June of 2009," added Slifer. "...If it lasts until June of 2020, that's 11 years...it's going to go down in history books as the longest expansion on record...It doesn't get much better. I really believe that if we can get some of these policy changes that we talked about...it's really going to get us out of this slow growth mode and lots of good things will happen in the interim."

Ultimately, Slifer predicts that GDP will increase to 2.3 percent in 2017 and 2.6 percent in 2018. When one audience member asked if there are any storm clouds we should be watching for, Slifer called on his trademark optimism to finish out his presentation.

"I'm proud that I've stuck with a reasonably upbeat scenario, when you think about all the ugliness that everybody gets scared about – and, man, economists love to talk about bad news and the horrible, nasty things that can happen. But this economy has been going now for a long time and it looks like it's going to keep going... If we can really pull off some of these positive things, it just really might get better... I'm not giving up yet!"



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Cast members included Marshall Fleming as Charlie Brown, Nate Heineck as Snoopy, Charlotte

Francis as Lucy, Brady Bishop as Linus, Buist Grimball as Pig Pen, Caroline Turner as Frieda, Nolan Kiefer as Schroeder, Amber McAdams as Violet, Bella Catherine Byham as Sally, Ella Cooper as Patty, and Davis Bares as Shermmy. Ryan Hinske, Payson Noding, Søren Spina, Eli Crowley, Kate Johnston, Buist Grimball, Emma Douglas, and Lily Kate Cobb served as understudies.

The Flowertown Players of Summerville loaned the show some of their set pieces, and DIS parent Veronica McAdams made all of the costumes by hand! The school's next production will be The Sound of Music, set to debut March 23-26.



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Karen and Ralph Thomas have provided quite a jolly display on Daniel Island.

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It only seems like Clark Griswold lives on Daniel Island.

Drive past the intersection of Village Crossing Drive and Pierce Street and you will see Christmas pomp and circumstance in the form of elaborate decorations that increase the electric bill, attract neighbors and passersby, and bring a spirit of goodwill to all who visit.

Is this a scene out of the movie "Christmas Vacation?" No this is real life and the house with the incredible Christmas decorations belong to Karen and Ralph Thomas, who have provided quite a jolly display on Daniel Island.

The couple moved to the Lowcountry approximately 2 ½ years ago from the Phoenix-Scottsdale area and brought their Christmas decorations with them.

They've expanded their collection to include more than 40 inflatable Christmas figurines that include a military Santa, all the reindeer Santa calls on on Christmas Eve, Mickey Mouse as Santa, Frosty the Snowman, American flags, Uncle Sam and much, much more. The display also features flags, wreaths and the traditional house lights, although Thomas doesn't have 25,000 twinkle lights attached to his roof like Griswold did in the movie.

There's even an inflated Dori and Nemo to stimulate the youngsters and toddlers who come to view the extravaganza with their parents, traveling in strollers or in cars.

"We've done it for years," Thomas said.

"We started doing it in Phoenix as part of an outreach to help others. There was a military base in the Phoenix area and that's why we have the military characters."

Arranging all the decorations so they look just right is a project in itself. Karen is part of the design team, deciding which decoration goes where and to make sure there is an order to prevent chaos.

The Thomas' daughter Marianne lives across the street on Daniel Island and provides advice. She also offers quite a Christmas display herself, although it is more religious-oriented.

But across the street, Ralph is in charge of installing the decorations - which are kept in place with anchors and 85-pound heavy-duty fishing line. Unlike the desert area of Arizona, keeping the holiday adornments in place can be a chore. If it's rainy or windy, it's not unusual to see Thomas outside repositioning the decorations.

"It's more of a challenge here," Thomas said. "It's work. But it's a labor of love."

That was the situation on Sunday, December 4, when Daniel Islanders came together to celebrate community. Residents throughout town lit luminaries and placed them along their sidewalks and walkways to connect neighbor-to-neighbor and street-to-street.

Thomas had his part in the "Island of Lights" event. He dressed up as Santa and handed out more than 700 candy canes to children of all ages.

"People were backed up waiting to see and take part," Thomas said. "It was something else. We enjoyed it."

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Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center fills gap

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Children in Huger received a new playground just in time for the holidays! The Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center, a satellite facility of non-profit East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO), was the beneficiary of the special gift completed last month by local volunteers.

Rotary Club of Daniel Island member Bill Stevens was one of the participants who helped plan and build the play structure.

“When Baldwin Carson opened last year, a few of us got together and thought, wouldn’t it be nice to give the kids a place to play while the adults are getting the training or help they need at the center?” remembers Stevens.

“We asked some of the residents served by ECCO to pick the design, while Chris Hamil of the DIPOA came up with a plan to put down a border and woodchips for



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The funding for the project came in equal parts from the Daniel Island Rotary Club and Daniel Island Community Fund. Daniel Island resident Ed Heavey served

as the general foreman of the project while Rotary Club members Tom and Pat Richards help manage the details.

The Huger area had remained isolated from local support agencies, with Moncks

Corner and Mount Pleasant both 20 miles away, until the construction of the Baldwin Carson Center in 2015.

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The center's playground was completed last month by volunteers

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After ECCO found that almost 20 percent of its clients lived in the Cainhoj/Wando/Huger area, the organization realized the great need for medical and dental care, home repair, education classes, and job assistance in this rural community.

In 2014, ECCO partnered with local and community sponsors, including the Daniel Island Community Fund, Christ Our King Catholic Church, Benefitfocus, Nucor Steel, Google, BP, and the Wando-Huger Community Fund of Coastal Community Foundation of SC, to build the center and fund its first few years of operation.

The Baldwin Carson building hosts ECCO's medical, dental and health education programs, as well as skills training and human services. The center offers Huger residents access to prescription assistance, medical health information and medical and dental screenings, with medical referrals via a nurse practitioner from MUSC's College of Nursing. Local IT and business professionals assist with computer and home budgeting classes

while staffing the job resource center. Complimentary Internet access is provided to all center visitors.

ECCO's mission is to provide safety net services to our low-income neighbors, while empowering them to create better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. The organization strives to eliminate poverty in the East Cooper region, and focuses on three main program areas: basic needs, health services, and empowerment and education. More than 4,500 households annually receive assistance for food, clothing, household goods, and financial aid, along with access to dental and medical care, treatment for chronic diseases, prescription assistance, health education, counseling, financial literacy classes, savings programs, job readiness training, and a range of specialized employment services.

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Next week will mark one year since Blondie's Bagels and Café first set up shop on Daniel Island. According to Anne Turner, who owns the popular eatery with her husband, Jon, there are several raffles and giveaways planned for the week of December 19-23 in celebration of the anniversary. Customers will have an opportunity to win Blondie's gift cards, travel tumblers, and other promotional items.

According to Turner, their first year in business has been dedicated to getting day to day operations running smoothly.

"We could not have asked for more in our first year," she said. "The community has been overwhelmingly supportive and has remained patient as we worked through the initial kinks that come with opening any new business. We feel lucky to have gotten to know, on such a personal level, many of our customers who visit us so frequently, many of them daily."

The business has worked to improve consistency and speed, ensuring customers have a positive experience, added Turner. They introduced daily house-made soups in October and plan to build on their seasonal cream cheeses and coffee menu.

"The next year will be geared towards our catering business, having a presence at island events and getting creative with our lunch specials," Turner said. "...We (also) plan to improve upon our outdoor seating area. With the amazing weather we get here in Charleston, we want our courtyard to be just as inviting as our interior space."

HOME TELECOM LAUNCHES GIGUP CHARLESTON

Home Telecom, an independent telecommunications company, recently announced the official launch of GigUp Charleston, a service that is designed to improve business and residential internet speeds on the Charleston Peninsula by 100 times current standards. The Moncks Corner-based company will phase in the introduction of the new fiber and gigabit service first in the tech corridor of Morrison Drive and East Bay Street in downtown Charleston and then extend the offering along Calhoun Street to the West Edge neighborhood within the first six months of 2017.

"We are excited Home Telecom has made the decision to expand their fiber network onto the Charleston Peninsula," said Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg. "Gigabit internet speed will help grow our knowledge-based and technology businesses, support small businesses and improve the quality of life for all area residents."

As early as 2004, Home Telecom began offering Fiber-to-the-Premises on Daniel Island and immediately began expanding their fiber

network throughout Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley Counties. In 2013, they became the first to begin offering gigabit internet services in the Tri-county with its partnership with Nexton in Summerville. Today, Home Telecom is actively serving over 12,000 homes and 1,000 businesses with fiber currently passing an additional 11,000 addresses in the Tri-county area. Home Telecom began offering gigabit internet on Daniel Island at the end of 2015. To date, the company is providing the high speed service to 71 residents and four businesses on the island.

According to Home Telecom President and COO, William S. Helmly, his company is a member-owner of Spirit Communications, who will collaborate with Home Telecom in the implementation of GigUP Charleston.

"By combining our fiber network and our experience in fiber technology with Spirit Communications' nearby fiber network, we will be successfully improving broadband connectivity for the Charleston Peninsula area," said Helmly.

Residents and businesses on the Charleston Peninsula can share their interest in receiving new gigabit internet technology by completing an interest form available on GigUP Charleston's new website at www.GigUPCharleston.com.

BLACKBAUD ANNOUNCES SURGE IN ONLINE GIVING ON #GIVINGTUESDAY

Generosity flowed on #GivingTuesday, a day set aside across the nation to promote online giving for charities. The amount of money raised for non-profits on November 30 as part of the annual observance increased 20 percent over 2015 totals, according to Daniel Island-based Blackbaud, the world's leading cloud software company powering social good. Additionally, about 33 percent more charities received donations, as compared to last year.

Blackbaud's systems processed a majority of the online donations made on #GivingTuesday, stated a press release issued by the company, and managed more than \$47.7 million from over 6700 organizations that received at least one online donation.

In other news from Blackbaud, the company announced last week that its developer portal, SKY API for Raiser's Edge NXT and Financial Edge NXT, is now generally available to customers and partners. With the SKY API launch, developers will have access to open, industry-standard REST APIs, allowing them to customize, integrate or extend the functionality of their current solutions. According to a press release, SKY API is changing the game for how organizations contribute to the ecosystem of good. For additional information, visit <https://developer.sky.blackbaud.com>.

Taking 'No' out of your playbook: And why it matters



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Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome
— Samuel Johnson

Leaders understand that obstacles are a part of the landscape on the road to success. But how many leaders are self-aware enough to realize that some of the obstacles blocking their desired success are self-inflicted?

When what stands between your employees or volunteers and potential success is a constant drumbeat of “no” or the good ole standby of, “We’ve never done it this way before,” then you are capping your talent and are hindering your chances of success.

In his book, “It’s Not About the Coffee,” former Starbucks International president Howard Behar writes of the necessity of taking “no” out of your playbook. His thought was that we can grow so accustomed to saying no to our customers or employees that soon these roadblocks take on a life of their own and become the unspoken rules, the No Book, that stands between you and your potential success.

One example Behar shared about Starbucks turning an everyday “no” into a “yes” was by opening the door early in the morning. Customers would come by ten minutes before the store opened and they were routinely turned away. The message the prospective customer would get was, “No, we’re not open yet.” When they realized they could say yes they began to open ten minutes before the posted opening to serve their customers.

To be sure, not every yes will guarantee success and not every no will deny it. But what you must realize is that until you release the power of possibilities in your people they will never have a chance to find out. Taking “no” out of your playbook will unlock their potential and give them much needed freedom to grow. That is critical to your success. Here is why taking “no” out of your playbook matters to you as a leader.

IT EMPOWERS YOUR PEOPLE.

There is no better way to empower

your people than to release their creative ingenuity with a “yes” attitude. It signals that you believe in them and want them to reach their full potential. Empowered people are driven people and are more invested in the product and outcomes. When you remove “no” from the playbook and replace it with a yes then you elevate everyone to a new level.

IT PUTS THE FOCUS WHERE IT BELONGS.

When “no” is replaced with a ‘yes’ then the playbook becomes a different document. The paradigm shifts. You go from playing defense to playing offense. Now instead of the focus being inward it’s outward. Where once it was all about you, now it’s about those you serve. When your purpose revolves around a “yes we can” mentality then there is no room for “no we can’t” detractors. When your people are free to focus on what they can do, instead of what they can’t do, it will make a world of difference.

IT CREATES MOMENTUM.

Some leaders exert a lot of energy and waste a lot of time trying to figure out the secret to creating a culture of momentum. Sadly, what some do not realize is that they are the reason why it’s lacking. Why? They haven’t taken “no” out of their playbooks and consequently their much-needed momentum lies dormant.

What would it take to motivate you? Former Miami Dolphin’s great Bob Kuechenberg shares how he got his. He tells the story of his father and uncle who were human cannonballs in carnivals. His father told him, “go to college or be a cannonball,” said Kuechenberg. Then one day his uncle came out of the cannon and missed the net and hit the Ferris wheel. It was then that Kuechenberg decided to go to college.

As a leader you can either take “no” out of your playbook and put in a resounding “yes,” or be shot out of a cannon. Why not release the potential of your people, focus on those you serve, and generate the momentum you need? Say yes!

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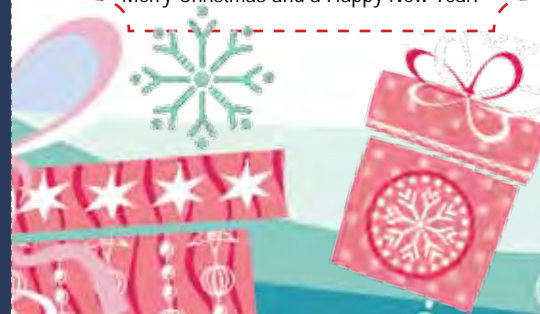


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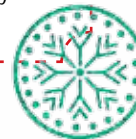


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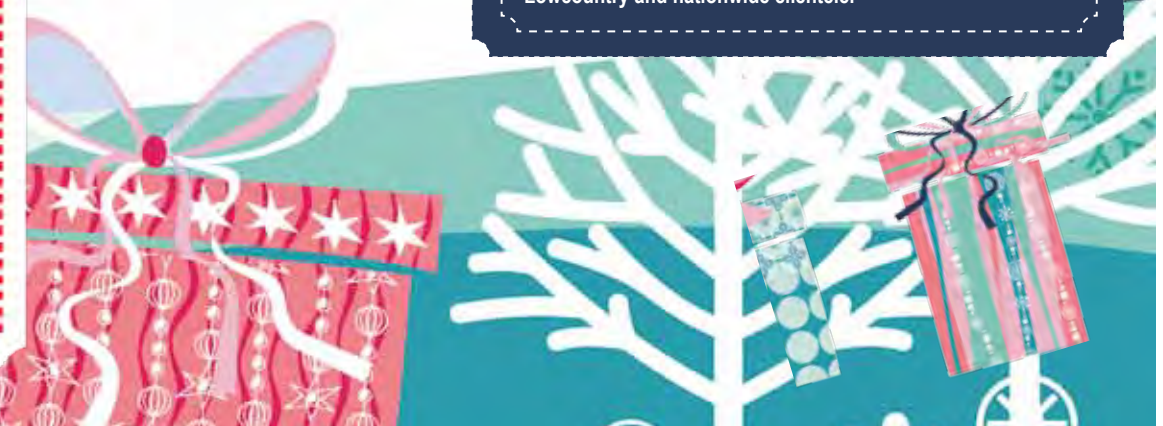
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Police investigate alleged threat at BEHS

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City of Charleston Police are investigating a Bishop England High School student who allegedly threatened to harm students at the facility last week. According to Lt. Jim Byrne, commanding officer for Daniel Island-based Team 5, the student is a 15 year-old Daniel Island resident.

A police report filed on the incident states that an officer was called to the school on Wednesday, December 7, in reference to the threat. School personnel told police that at 8:45 a.m. they were informed that the student was going to “shoot up” the school that day. The employees then checked the attendance roster and noted that the student was not present at school.

The report went on to indicate that school personnel believed the threat was made in a private conversation with another student the evening before – and that the suspect told the other student not to show up to school that day.

“That private conversation was then posted on social media by an unknown person,” stated the report.

After learning of the threat, BE staff members contacted the student’s parents, who told them he was home sick that day and staying with his grandmother. When police phoned the grandmother, there was no answer, so two officers went to the residence to speak with the student. When questioned, the student reportedly denied he had made the threat, but later told officers that he was watching a video of a school shooting and that maybe someone overheard the video. According to the police report, he told officers that his father does own firearms but that they were locked up. The report also stated that the student’s father later informed officers that he would ensure that all guns in the house were secured.

Bishop England Principal Patrick Finneran issued a statement via email to school parents shortly before noon on Wednesday indicating that there was “a safety concern” at the school.

“The police were called as a precaution to keep our students, faculty and staff safe,” wrote Finneran. “After investigating the situation and speaking with the people involved, we and the police have determined that there is no threat to our students.”

The school continued normal operations for the rest of the day. In an update announcement sent out to school families on Thursday, Finneran provided more detailed information about the incident.

“A teacher at Bishop England High School received information on Wednesday...that a student had made general threats against the student population at the high school...Bishop England officials are cooperating with the City Police during the ongoing investigation. During this time, there will be an increased police presence on campus.”

Finneran went on to report that the student who allegedly made the statement was not on campus when the allegation was received and has not been permitted to return to campus pending the outcome of the investigation.

“Bishop England High School officials take any type of threat seriously,” he continued in his message. “They are committed to providing a safe environment for their students, teachers and staff.”

“Anytime that an allegation or issue of this nature is brought to the attention of the police department, it is taken seriously and investigated fully so that we know whether or not there is a danger or risk to the students or to the greater population of the city,” added Lt. Byrne. “Whether or not this case involves something credible is at the very nature of the investigation.”

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BE boys' basketball team suffers loss to No. 1 Porter-Gaud

Despite defeat, season outlook promising, says coach

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The Bishop England boys' varsity basketball team dropped a 64-54 decision to rival Porter-Gaud on Saturday night. After the game, you didn't find Bishop coach Bryan Grevey sulking or searching for excuses – and for good reason.

After all, Porter-Gaud, 9-0, is ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 24 in the nation, according to MaxPreps, a website that specializes in coverage of high school sports.

"Porter-Gaud is very, very good," Grevey said. "They probably have five Division I players on their roster and we played them very close. JP (John Pearson) does a great job and always has his team ready to play. Any other game, we would have won."

Even with the loss, the Bishops have a very healthy 6-3 record heading into this week's action. Porter-Gaud has pinned two of the losses on the Bishops while Class AAAAA entry Wando handed the Bishops their other setback.

The Bishops have the talent, experience

and coaching to contend for the Region 8-AAA title this winter, but it won't be easy. Lake Marion and Timberland both have won recent state titles in basketball and the region should be balanced from top to bottom.

The Bishops have a nucleus of Brendan McHale, Christian Drummond and Leo Albano, players who each contribute something unique to the Bishops' attack.

McHale's father coached basketball in North Carolina and it's evident that McHale has learned from his father. He's talented and extremely coachable. He began the season as one of the top five seniors in the state, according to the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association.

Drummond is a 6-5, 220-pounder who can score from inside or by hitting it from long distance.

"He provides problems for defenses because of his size," Grevey said. "He is a tremendous shooter for his size."

Albano is a three-sport star who also plays quarterback on the football team and

pitcher on the baseball team. He also excels in the classroom.

"There is nothing but bright days ahead for Leo Albano," Grevey said.

The other starters include senior guard Ben Quinke and 6-5 senior Brian Privett, who give the Bishops another inside force.

Grevey is happy with his team's depth as well and rotates numerous players to keep fresh legs on the court.

The biggest factor in the Bishops' success just might be team chemistry.

"The biggest factor is this team has so much fun out there," Grevey said. "Everyone roots for each other. They don't care who gets the glory. All they want to do is win and have fun. Everyone supports each other."

The Bishops went 15-11 last year to record their first winning season since the 2007-08 campaign. This year, the Bishops are looking for another winning season and that means they will have to fare well in region play.

"It's an entirely new region for us since we moved up to Class AAA," Grevey said. "We have a big challenge ahead, but I like our chances."



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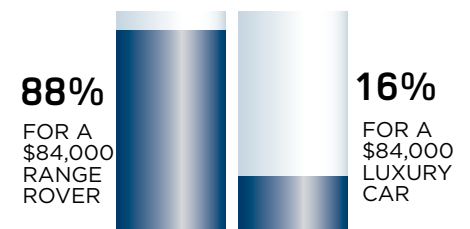
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Each year, the grand champion of the Daniel Island Kids Fishing Tournament wins a fishing trip with me. This year, Jackson Mackey was the tournament winner. So last week, I took Jackson and his father, Dave, fishing. We met at the boat landing at noon. Unfortunately, it was very windy and rain was forecast to arrive later in the day. Dave and I talked about rescheduling, but we decided to give it a try. The tide was high and falling when we arrived at our first spot, a wind sheltered creek that was draining into the main river. Jackson and Dave cast

Z-Man StreakZ Curly Tails (Bad Shad) on quarter ounce jigs into the creek mouth and imparted a sharp jerk and long pause retrieve. After a few casts, Jackson hooked up with a Trout. Then another and another. After a while, I asked Jackson if he wanted to continue catching Trout or attempt to catch a big Redfish. Without pause, he opted for big Redfish. Given the weather conditions, I wanted to properly set Jackson's expectations. On the ride to the Redfish spot (a shallow wind sheltered flat), we talked about this being a Hero or Zero move. He smiled and said he was having fun. I looked at Dave and saw the very same smile.

Upon our arrival at the flat, the water clarity was not very good. So we replaced our lures with frisky mud minnows. Even with live bait, there were no Redfish to be found. It was windy, cold and a light rain was falling but Jackson and Dave kept on smiling. The sun was low on the horizon, when we pulled up to our last spot of the day (a long oyster bar in about a foot of water). We cast mud minnows to the base of the bar and Jackson quickly hooked a Redfish. Jackson and Dave fought the fish together and soon a



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Jackson Mackey's grand prize for winning the 2016 Daniel Island Kids Fishing Tournament last June was a day out on the water with Captain Greg Peralta. The much-anticipated fishing excursion took place last weekend - and Jackson, pictured here with his father, Dave Mackey, scored a hero-sized Redfish!

hero size Redfish came to the skiff. Jackson was amazed at the size of the fish. A great catch on light tackle and a personal best for Jackson.

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BE's Kathleen Sumner is Carolinas PGA Junior Champion

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The wind chill was near freezing both mornings - and the thermometer really didn't budge for most of the weekend as clouds and a stiff breeze made the work environment less than ideal.

But that didn't stop Kathleen Sumner from winning the 27th Annual Charles Tilghman Carolinas PGA Junior Championship, which was contested last Saturday and Sunday at the Members Club at Grande Dunes in Myrtle Beach.

Sumner, a senior at Bishop England High School, carded a 71 on both days to finish at par. She won the championship in a playoff against Graycn Burgess of Lexington.

Keeping warm isn't a problem for Sumner, who recently was named the Class AAA golfer of the year by the Coaches Association of Women's Sports (CAWS).

"You just have to layer up when it's cold out," said Sumner, who helped the Bishop girls win the Class AAA state championship last month. "You just try not to layer up too much. It's actually not bad because you are constantly moving around."

Sumner is one of the top female golfers in the state - and has the resume to prove it.



PROVIDED

Bishop England senior Kathleen Sumner captured the championship trophy at the 27th Annual Charles Tilghman Carolinas PGA Junior Tournament in Myrtle Beach last weekend.

She's won many top-notch tournaments and has a scholarship to Florida State in her back pocket. But for now, she's savoring her high school accomplishments and planning her future.

"Winning golfer of the year is awesome," said Sumner, who is talented enough to play

on the BE boys' golf team.

"It's my senior year," she said. "It's a great way to end my high school career. I had a good year. It was icing on the cake."

She plans to play on the boys' team this spring and will attempt to win a unique pair of state championships. There aren't too many

golfers in the Palmetto State who can say they won a state title as a member of the girls' and boys' golf teams in the same academic year.

Sumner was third at the 2016 Dustin Johnson World Junior Championship and third at the Sea Pines Junior Heritage Championship earlier this year.

She also has a knack for making holes-in-one. In 2012, she recorded two aces six weeks apart. She just recently added a third when she competed in an SCJGA tournament at Cheraw Country Club in Cheraw.

She used an 8-iron to ace the No. 9 hole, which is 135 yards and plays uphill.

She'll graduate in May and then matriculate to Tallahassee in late summer 2017.

"I'm really excited about Florida State," she said. "When the recruiting process first started, I didn't know too much about Florida State. But I have learned a lot. When I went there to visit, I had a lot of fun, and got to meet the coaches. It's an amazing situation."

Sumner points out that the FSU women's golf team is ranked No. 3 in the country. She also notes that she would like to contribute to the team's success as a freshman.

"I want to be in the top five and play in all the tournaments," she said. "I want to do well."

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Kvitova to make VCO debut in 2017

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Petra Kvitova will make her Charleston, South Carolina tennis debut at the 2017 Volvo Car Open, April 1-9 on Daniel Island. Kvitova is a two-time Wimbledon champion and currently ranked World No. 11. She ended the 2016 season in impressive fashion, picking up titles at Wuhan and Zhuhai, as well as helping the Czech Republic to a historic fifth Fed Cup trophy in six years.



GETTY IMAGES

In addition to Kvitova, the player field forming for the 45th year of the WTA premier tournament includes:

- Former World No. 1's Venus Williams and Caroline Wozniacki
- World No. 8 Madison Keys
- World No. 10 Johanna Konta
- 2016 Volvo Car Open Champion Sloane Stephens
- Olympic Gold Medalists Monica Puig and Elena Vesnina

"We have been pursuing Petra to enter Charleston for more than four years," said Eleanor Adams, VCO Tournament Manager. "To say we are excited is an understatement! Petra's left-handed game and serve are perfectly suited for our courts. The fans will be amazed by her talent, fierceness and gracious

personality - we can hardly wait!"

This season celebrates Kvitova's sixth straight top 15 finish. In addition to her two titles in 2016, she captured a bronze medal in the Rio Olympics, was a finalist in Luxembourg, made the semifinals in New Haven and Stuttgart and made the quarterfinals in Indian Wells and Beijing.

"I'm very excited to play in the Volvo Car Open for the first time," said Kvitova. "I've heard what a wonderful city Charleston is and the Volvo Car Open is a great tournament, so of course I'm looking forward to April".

The nine-day Volvo Car Open is the largest women's-only tennis tournament in North America, attracting an average of 90,000 attendees and 70+ of the top tennis players.

DIS Lady Ospreys dominate pre-season tournament!


The Daniel Island School 6th grade girls' basketball team finished first in a pre-season tournament held at Fort Johnson Middle School over the last several weeks. The Lady Ospreys completed the tourney with a 3-0 record, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 70-12. The

other teams taking part in the competition were Fort Johnson Middle School, Simmons-Pinckney Middle School, Christ Our King, and Mason Prep. The DIS 6th grade girls team also won their first home game of the season against Ashley Hall on December 9.



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Oops, she did it again! Rona Bobey keeps hauling in the gift cards

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Rona Bobey & Tyson

This week's winner of the Pigskin Challenge is Rona Bobey, again! This is Bobey's third time winning this year – and she is up against stiff and plentiful competition. This week, she was only one of two people to beat Paul Conway of Tiencken Conway, LLC. Conway was 8-4, Neill Fitzpatrick was 9-3 and Bobey was 10-2.

In describing her system of picking winners, Rona said, "I take into account the weather conditions, the average yards per game each team makes, average weight of the

offensive line, and average number of first downs made. I also take into consideration if I like the team colors and city they come from! Then if it is still too close to choose, I let Tyson, my pup, point his nose to who he chooses!" "Pig Skin Pick-'Em is consuming my life!" she added. Each week from now until the Super Bowl, readers will be given the opportunity to "Beat the Sponsor" and to win great prizes. We will email a link to the survey each Monday via a Daniel Island News eblast and we will also put the URL link on our Facebook page and here in the paper. To be eligible to win, you must select your entries online by noon on Friday. There is no cost to enter. If you'd like to

be added to our eblast, please send your email address to sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com.

To enter, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RFGS95S> and fill out your ballot.

Each week, we will also include a running win-loss record for each of our sponsors and the paper will donate \$500 to the charity of choice of the sponsor who has the best overall win-loss record at the end of the season. The sponsor competition is heating up, Rosie Stieby of Daniel Island Real Estate and the duo of Jeff Burton & Steve Meyer of Millennium Private Wealth are now tied for first place!

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Noshing Nirvana

The best thing
you ate all month

SUZANNE DETAR

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Early one morning this month, my husband and I were walking our dog along Island Park Drive when my husband stopped abruptly in front of Laura Alberts to read their “Dinner to Go” menu. Wow, always fans of Laura Alberts’ lunches, we wondered how we didn’t know that we could order dinner in the morning and pick it up in the evening?

This week I gave it a try. At the beginning of each week, Laura Alberts posts their dinner to go menu on their website (www.lauraalberts.com). On Monday morning I emailed my order for the Chicken Pot Pie for two. Around five

Laura Albert’s ‘dinner to go’ chicken pot pie in front of the Advent Wreath



o’clock I stopped in and the proprietor, Karen Eley, gave me my dinner with instructions on how to heat the meal.

Three things left me speechless about this meal. First, I didn’t have to take the time to prepare it. I simply sent an email in the morning and picked it up in the evening. Second, I got to enjoy it in my own home with my husband in front of our Advent candles and Christmas tree.

And, third, being at home with Chicken Pot Pie reminded me of my grandmother. The taste, flavor and consistency were amazing. Combine the down home comfort feeling of Chicken Pot Pie and the loving holiday surroundings of my home with memories of my grandmother— I felt like I was in heaven with her.

I slowly savored the thick stew and the delicate crust of the pie. Simply superb. The crust melted in my mouth and the pie had a wonderful subtle peppery taste combined with

the creamy filling of chicken and peas.

My husband is a vegetarian and Karen told me that as long as I let them know in the morning when I order, they can convert the dinner of the day to vegetarian. Since I didn’t ask for the vegetarian meal in advance, luckily for me I get the leftovers for lunch! In fact, the serving portion was billed for two people but it really was enough for three or four people, especially if you pair it with a salad.

I also ordered the Friday meal for four people. I’m looking forward to celebrating my daughter’s college homecoming from Ohio with a fine meal of Bourbon Glazed Salmon with Jasmine Rice and Asparagus ... and to lighting the three advent candles of hope, peace and joy with her.

The dinner to go meals range in price depending on the number of people fed (2 or 4) and on the selection. The two person meals for this week ranged from \$20-26 dollars and the

four person meals ranged from \$40-56.

Want to share your tale of noshing nirvana? It’s simple – just respond to the following or go online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/t/7VNR3ZT> to answer the same questions as here:

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 slowly...

4) Dish more on the dish, if you can - price, portion size, availability on regular menu, and the psychological repercussions of consuming something so rad.

5) Please email a photo of your to-die-for dish and responses to the four questions above (don’t leave any out!) to sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com.



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Daniel Island Families: Meet your Publix staffers!

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KATE MAAS

This week, as a special holiday treat, we were invited to sit down with several members of our Daniel Island Publix "family" - the friendly and helpful employees at our local Daniel Island Publix store. They keep the store humming along seamlessly, help us carry our grocery bags to the car, find the right kind of apples we need for our holiday pies - and make some of the best deli sandwiches we've tasted anywhere. But the Daniel Island Publix team does so much more! Cashiers and customer-service associates, many of whom we've come to know so well, treat us like old friends - asking about our health and our families - or simply telling us that they've missed seeing us at the store if we've been out of town for a while. Certainly, Store Manager Vicki Parker has a hand in fostering the positive attitude of her team and the stellar, personable customer service experience we receive; she was just named the 2016 Charlotte Division recipient of the George W. Jenkins Award for Excellence, which recognizes the preservation of Mr. Jenkins' ideals through excellence in leadership, fairness and integrity. Is it any wonder, then, that we feel blessed with the Christmas spirit whenever we walk through those sliding glass doors - not just during the holidays - but practically every day of the year?



SONNY KEMP, CASHIER

How long have you worked for Publix - and specifically at the Daniel Island store?

I've been working at the Daniel Island Publix for 8 years.

Where are you from originally?

I'm from Williamstown, Mass.

What brought you to the Charleston area? When did you move here?

I moved down here in 1985 to be with my sister who already lived in the area - and my nephew who works at another Publix store. Besides, it was way too cold in Massachusetts and, at the time, difficult for me to get around with a sprained ankle.

What's your favorite part of the job?

Working with the customers.

How do you motivate yourself to keep going through a difficult day?

Knowing that I can help people out in

any way that I can.

Do you celebrate Christmas? If so, how do you celebrate it?

We usually go to our 90-year old aunt's house for Christmas. We open presents and eat a lot.

Christmas season is a time of giving. How will you be giving to others this year?

Christmas is actually a sad time for me now since my mother died two years ago. Every Christmas I make an offering at church in her memory.



DONALD JOHNSON, DELI CLERK

How long have you worked for Publix - and specifically at the Daniel Island store?

I've only worked at the Daniel Island

store. I've been here for 5 years.

Where are you from originally?

I'm actually from Charleston. I grew up here.

What's your favorite part of the job? Making people happy!

How do you motivate yourself to keep going through a difficult day?

I focus on making at least one person happy. I figure that if I can turn one person's day around - whether it's a customer or another Publix associate - I've made my own day that much better.

Do you celebrate Christmas? If so, how do you celebrate it?

Christmas is my favorite time of year. I guess you could say I'm a Christmas fanatic. I love eating and opening presents. Just having a lot of fun with my family, which includes my dad and now my fiancée, Cass. They both work at the Daniel Island store.

Christmas season is a time of giving. How will you be giving to others this year?

Giving as much joy as I can to others. I feel that Christmas is a time when most everyone is happy. I'd like to help keep that joyful spirit go on as long as possible.

Meet Publix employees

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**CASS SMITH,
BAKING
CLERK**

How long have you worked for Publix - and specifically at the Daniel Island store?

I've only worked at Daniel Island Publix. I've been

here for three months.

Where are you from originally?

Jackson, Michigan.

What brought you to the Charleston area? When did you move here?

I moved down here from Michigan three years ago to be with Donald, who's now my fiancé.

What's your favorite part of the job?

I love giving out free cookies to the kids

How do you motivate yourself to keep going through a difficult day?

I always feel better when I can turn someone's day around. You can always find some way to make someone a little bit happier - especially when they're not in a good place.

Turning someone else's frown upside down always makes my day. It's all about attitude.

Do you celebrate Christmas? If so, how do you celebrate it?

I celebrate Christmas with my fiancée and his father, David. We'll open presents, decorate the tree. We like to laugh a lot - so I know we'll have a lot of fun.

Christmas season is a time of giving. How will you be giving to others this year?

I'm really excited to be involved in the store's holiday toy drive. There's a big box in the front of the store for donations of new toys that will go to children who MUSC Children's Hospital. I'm bringing lots of toys for that box and helping out with the drive in any way I can.



**DAVID
JOHNSON,
CASHIER**

How long have you worked for Publix - and specifically at the Daniel Island store?

I've been working at the Daniel Island store for 4

years.

Where are you from originally?

Cleveland, Ohio.

What brought you to the Charleston area? When did you move here?

I moved here for the sunshine, to get away from the snow...let's say it was many years ago.

What's your favorite part of the job?

Talking with people. Interacting with customers and other associates every day. Just like Cass was saying, we all have bad days, but it's important to remember that if someone is acting irritably towards others, they might just be having a bad day. Sometimes all it takes is one kind word that can bring out the sunshine in someone else's cloudy day. I also really enjoy mentoring the younger associates who've just been hired, showing them the right way to do things at the store, whether it's stocking the shelves, working the register or greeting customers with a genuine smile.

How do you motivate yourself to keep going through a difficult day?

We're a family here at the Daniel Island store. We have to interact with each other - and with customers every day - so why not make the most of it?

Do you celebrate Christmas? If so, how do you celebrate it?

As you know, I'm having Christmas with my son, Donald, and soon-to-be daughter-in-law, Cass. I get to do all the cooking!

Christmas season is a time of giving.

How will you be giving to others this year?

I like giving. I like receiving, too! (Grin). Seriously, Christmas can be a lot of fun, but it's important that we don't forget the real meaning of Christmas. It's all about love.



**TOM GRALSKI,
CUSTOMER
SERVICE
ASSOCIATE**

Where are you from originally? How long have you lived in Charleston?

I'm from Den-ville, New Jersey. I've lived here on

Daniel Island for 15 years.

How long have you worked at Publix - specifically the Daniel island store?

I've worked at Publix Daniel Island for 2 years.

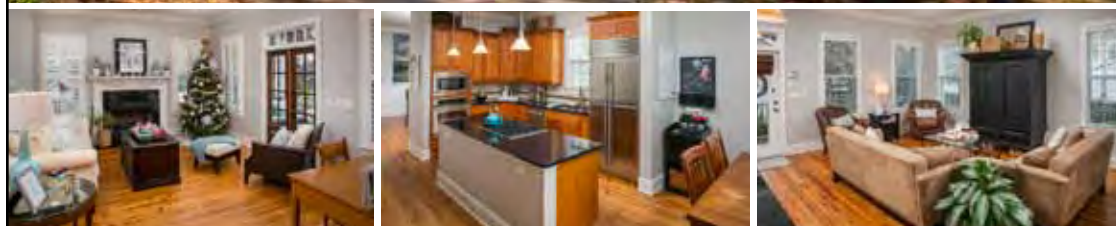
What do you like best about your job?

Solving problems - for customers and associates alike.

Will you be celebrating Christmas? If so, how will you celebrate it?

I will be going down to Florida to see my daughter and my 19 year-old grand-

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son, who's being deployed in a few weeks to Iraq. It's a difficult time of year for me right now. My wife, Dale - I called her by her middle name, Susie - and my sister, Corinne, both passed away last April. Dale and I would have celebrated our 44th anniversary on the 23rd of this December. I miss them both very much.

What gets you through a tough day at work?

I don't sweat the small stuff ... and it's all small stuff. What I'm going through could be minutiae compared to what others around me are going through.

Christmas is a time of giving. How will you be giving back this season?

Every year I give a sizable donation to the Salvation Army.

DIANE WHITAKER, CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER

How long have you worked for Publix - and specifically at the Daniel Island store?

I've been working at Publix for 12 years. I've been at the Daniel Island store for 1 year and 7 months.

Where are you from originally?



Diane Whitaker

New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

What brought you to the Charleston area? When did you move here?

I first moved to Myrtle Beach, to work in Customer Service at the store there. I got promoted to a position as a Team Leader at

the Pawley's Island Store, followed by this last promotion to Daniel Island. I really love the area. Charleston reminds me of home - a small beach town with a big city vibe.

What's your favorite part of the job?

Making people happy...customers and associates alike. I like to treat my associates well so they're more likely to treat the customers well. To start with, we have a great group of people here at the Daniel Island store. Everybody gets along well. That in itself makes my job enjoyable. But I try to cultivate and build on this spirit of good will in any way I can.

How do you motivate yourself to keep going through a difficult day?

Like the other associates have already shared here, making someone's day in some

way - especially when they're not feeling happy - is the best way for me to turn my day around!

Do you celebrate Christmas? If so, how do you celebrate it?

I'll be celebrating Christmas in Charleston with my boyfriend at his grandmother's house on James Island, along with his sister and father.

Christmas season is a time of giving. How will you be giving to others this year?

I love that Publix participates in the annual Toys for Tots program as well as our local Daniel Island Store toy drive for M.U.S.C Children's Hospital. Publix really loves kids! I'm going to get involved in any way I can to make kids happier this Christmas.



VICKI PARKER, STORE MANAGER

How long have you worked for Publix - and specifically at the Daniel Island store?

I've been working at Publix for

13 years. I started out as Customer Service staff member in Columbia and then was promoted to Store Manager in Greenville. One year ago, as a result of a career growth opportunity, I became Manager of the Daniel Island Publix store.

Where are you from originally?

I'm from Columbia, SC. I'm part of a large family, one of nineteen siblings.

What brought you to the Charleston area? How long have you lived here?

I moved to Charleston one year ago when I became Manager of the Daniel Island Store.

What's your favorite part of the job?

Working with my team and helping each team member realize his or her potential by

pushing them to the next level. It's exciting for them - and me - to see what they're capable of achieving.

How do you motivate yourself to keep going through a difficult day?

I stop to reflect on how grateful I am for all that I have, including my family, my career and all the possibilities that are available to me.

Do you celebrate Christmas? If so, how do you celebrate it?

My whole family will be coming down to celebrate at my mother's in Lugoff, a small town outside of Columbia.

Christmas season is a time of giving. How will you be giving to others this year?

My baby sister has Down's Syndrome and cancer. She's going to be at MUSC for several weeks undergoing a bone marrow transplant. I'm really looking forward to going to visit her next week. And, of course, I'm going to do my part to encourage our associates to donate to our in-store toy drive, an opportunity for us to share a little bit of Christmas with young patients at MUSC Children's Hospital. Publix has always been involved with different charities like United Way and March of Dimes and the Daniel Island store is consistently a top fundraiser, thanks to the dedication of our team. Although Daniel Island Publix has the fewest associates among the Charleston area stores, we nevertheless came in first place this year for our support of United Way, with a total contribution of \$43,394.00. The store is also currently promoting Food for All (through 12/23/16) in support of the Lowcountry Food Bank, a campaign that welcomes contributions from customers as well as associates. Thanks to the generous support of our customers in the Daniel Island community and the enthusiasm of our store associates, last month we raised \$16,022.00 during our Thanksgiving Food for Sharing drive which also benefits the Lowcountry Food Bank. I couldn't be prouder of my team.

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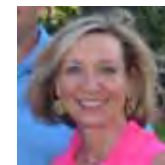


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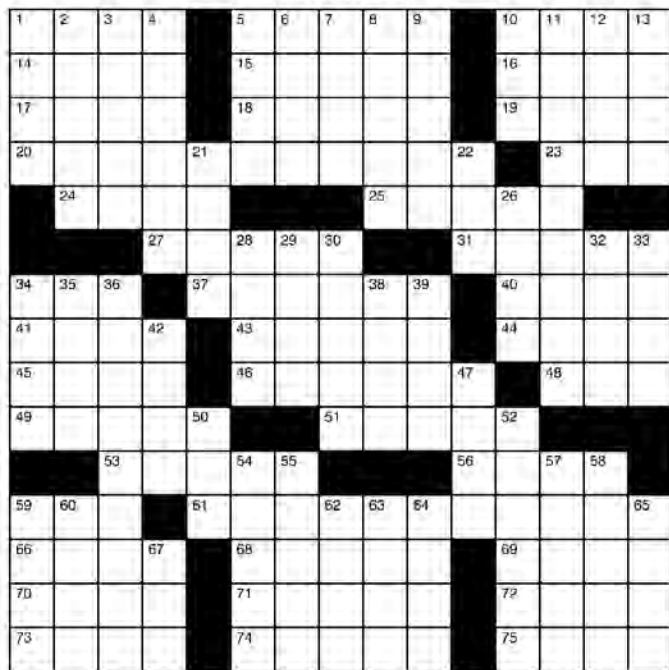
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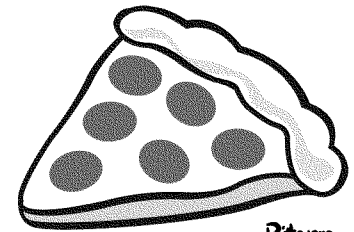
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by Patty Gibbons Saunier



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2. The committee spent (less, fewer) time on the auction.
3. Hey! I have (fewer, less) pepperonis on my pizza.
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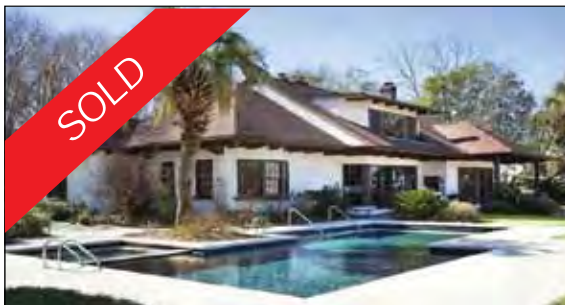
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