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Lacrosse players act fast to prevent DI Park fire from spreading

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“Not all heroes wear capes,” Taylor Chisum said.

Chisum and his Philip Simmons lacrosse teammates weren’t talking about their thrilling 7-6 overtime victory against St. James High School just hours earlier.

Instead, they spotted a fire on their way home to the Parkside community on Daniel Island – and acted fast.

The Iron Horse lacrosse players, Noah Bernal, Jude Ohlson, and Ethan and Taylor Chisum, were driving back from their game around 10 p.m. on March 3 when they noticed an unusual glow near the Daniel Island Club pool house on Island Park Drive.

“Coming off a lacrosse win in overtime, we were driving Jude home when a bright light, resembling a fire, caught our attention down the road,” Bernal said. “We pulled over to check it out and discovered a small but rapidly spreading fire. Immediately, we dialed 911.”

Taylor Chisum, who was driving, said their reaction was instinctual. “It was an immediate reaction. You could tell the fire wasn’t being controlled by anyone.”

With the back half of a pool shed on fire, Ohlson, familiar with the facility, knew hazardous chemicals were nearby.

“When we saw the fire, our group panicked,” he said. “Almost instantly, though, we all calmed down – this was not the time to be stressing out. I pulled out my phone and called the police because I knew it was the right thing to do.”

The 911 dispatcher asked basic questions to pinpoint the fire’s location. This dispatcher’s first concern? Making sure the boys were safely out of the way.

“Once the fire trucks came, Taylor rushed to move his car, while Ethan made sure no



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Four Philip Simmons High School lacrosse players, Noah Bernal, Ethan Chisum, Taylor Chisum, and Jude Ohlson, spotted a fire behind the Daniel Island Club pool house and quickly called 911. Their quick action helped prevent a potentially dangerous situation.

bystanders came near the fire,” Ohlson said.

When firefighters arrived, they immediately got to work on the pool house and extinguished the flames. The firefighters then took a moment to acknowledge the boys’ actions.

“They were glad we called it in because

it may have gotten much worse,” Ethan Chisum said. “We weren’t ever scared really, just surprised that we were watching this fire grow and nobody else was around. I’m just glad we made the decision to stop and call 911.”

Charleston Fire Department Battalion



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The Iron Horse heroes are Ethan Chisum, left, Noah Bernal, Jude Ohlson, and Taylor Chisum.

Chief Stephen Webb praised the boys for their quick response.

“Their quick actions and decisions led to minimal damage to the property and prevented a potentially dangerous situation from becoming much worse, as there were hazardous pool chemicals onsite,” Webb said in a statement. “They stayed on scene and gave a full report – as well as mentioning they won in overtime.”

Philip Simmons lacrosse head coach Barney Ehrmann also commended his players for their composure under pressure.

“The purpose of the Philip Simmons Boys Lacrosse program is to help boys become men for others,” Ehrmann said. “After battling through an overtime victory just hours earlier, these young men could have easily stayed in celebration mode. Instead, Taylor, Ethan, Jude, and Noah demonstrated selfless courage, stepping up to ensure their community was safe. I couldn’t be prouder of them.”

The four players said the experience reinforced the importance of staying calm in an emergency.

“It’s better to be cautious and call 911 than to assume everything will be okay,” Taylor Chisum said.

Bernal called it a “remarkable coincidence.”

“We had planned to turn right at the Wharf 7 roundabout, but Jude’s last-second suggestion to go straight led us directly to the fire,” he said. “It was a satisfying feeling to know we helped, especially since friends lived nearby. We realized we may have prevented the fire from spreading to the surrounding forest and homes.”

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but thanks to the quick thinking of the four lacrosse players, a dangerous situation was swiftly contained.

Sometimes, heroes don’t wear capes – they wear lacrosse jerseys.

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DI neighbors dedicate park bench in honor of Chief Reynolds

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As the sun dipped behind the Daniel Island homes on Bellona Street on Friday evening, March 7, friends and family of the late City of Charleston Police Chief Luther Reynolds gathered in the park across from the Reynolds' former family home.

Their purpose: to dedicate a new park bench in his honor.

Chief Reynolds passed away in May 2023 after his battle with bone cancer. He left a lasting and positive impact on many, including his Bellona Triangle neighbors.

"Luther was a super kindhearted, nice man who looked out for others," said Justin Lock at the memorial bench dedication. "He always looked out for everyone in the neighborhood."

When Chief Reynolds spent 40 days at the Mayo Clinic following the removal of his leg, the Bellona Triangle neighbors rallied and welcomed the family home with signs and sidewalk chalk messages of love and support.

After his passing, the neighbors brainstormed to come up with a lasting symbol to



Family and friends of the late City of Charleston Police Chief Luther Reynolds gathered around a new park bench donated in the chief's honor at Bellona Park on Daniel Island.

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commemorate the chief and arranged, with help from the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association, the placement of the teak bench to remember and honor Reynolds.

They intended to surprise Caroline Reynolds, the chief's wife, once everything was finalized. Only the surprise played out differ-

ently than they envisioned.

Caroline, who downsized from the family's Bellona Street home in 2024, often walks her dog through the old neighborhood. It was on one of the outings that she discovered the bench and the heartfelt dedication plaque.



The Bellona Triangle neighbors, with help from the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association, purchased and dedicated a park bench in Bellona Park in memory of the late Charleston Police Chief Luther Reynolds.

The plaque reads: "In loving memory of Chief Luther Reynolds, a devoted leader, neighbor, and friend. Your legacy lives on."

Last week's dedication capped a special week that included the birth of Caroline and Luther's grandchild.

The Bellona Triangle neighbors donated all the unused funds they raised for the bench to the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization the chief supported.



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Sunshine Week kicks off March 16



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Community newspapers across our state will celebrate Sunshine Week March 16-22. Sunshine Week is not just about local news coverage. It's a nonpartisan collaboration among groups in journalism, civic, education, government and private sectors that shines a light on the importance of public records and open government.

As a weekly newspaper, we have two editions that overlap with Sunshine Week. This week, our Associate Publisher Patrick Villegas shares some information on how we access information from government and how you can too, page 16.

In this week's paper we also share stories about our new Kids Say reporter and about what it's like to be a community newspaper reporter. Check out those stories on pages 14-15.

Next week, we'll share stories about how efforts to report on government activities have impacted communities and individuals, as well as provide additional tips on how citizens can access



information from government through Freedom of Information Act and Right to Know laws.

I also encourage you to take our reader survey and share ideas about the types of stories and any specific stories you'd like to see us cover. Use the QR code below. Many thanks!

How good are you at calming yourself?



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STEVE FERBER

Nervous, worried, anxious, stressed – call it what you will, each day offers moments that trigger our system. There's no avoiding them: it's simply figuring out how to manage them.

And let's be clear – stress isn't all bad. Note the authors at calm.com: "One type of stress, known as eustress, can serve as a powerful motivator, nudging you to perform better and driving you to overcome challenges."

Merriam-Webster defines eustress as "a positive form of stress having a beneficial effect on health, motivation, performance, and emotional well-being," adding, "During positive stress (eustress), such as a promotion or vacation, feel-good chemicals called endorphins are released."

Ask your neighbor or your favorite AI about ways to calm down, and you'll get a parade of verbs. We begin with the standards: breathe, visualize, exercise, and listen (to relaxing music), then add a few on the lighter side: dance, squeeze (stress ball), sniff (lavender), chew (gum), and shake (yes, shaking – some say it offers neurological benefits!).

CALMING STRATEGIES WORK

They all work – some for a moment, a minute, or an hour or two.

For a "moment," I love the 4-7-8 breathing exercise: inhale for four seconds, hold for seven, exhale for eight. Feel free to give it a go.

SOME FOR A MINUTE

My money is on challenging your thoughts, often referred to as cognitive restructuring. Explains Sara Lindberg and Kerry Weiss, in their

piece for healthline.com: "Part of being anxious or angry is having irrational thoughts... that often (are) the 'worse-case scenario'.... When you experience one of these thoughts, stop and ask yourself the following questions: Is this likely to happen? Is this a rational thought? Has this ever happened to me before? What's the worst that can happen? Can I handle that?"

SOME FOR AN HOUR OR TWO

I enjoy the acronym HALT. Shares Clay Drinko, in his article for playyourwaysane.com: "When I'm feeling stressed or anxious, my first step is to HALT. That stands for Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired. Basically, I do a quick self-reflection and ask myself if I'm feeling any of those four sensations. If I'm hungry, I eat. If I'm tired, I take a nap. Just kidding. I have two young children. If I'm tired, I tell everyone around me that I'm tired, and they try to steer clear."

SOME FOR A DAY OR A LIFETIME

Seeking creative outlets and building on them step by step may be the answer, according to author Martha Beck, who in January released her latest book, "Beyond Anxiety: Curiosity, Creativity, and Finding Your Life's Purpose." A snippet from goodreads.com: "Using a combination of the latest neuroscience as well as her background in sociology and coaching, Beck explains how our brains tend to get stuck in an 'anxiety spiral,' a feedback system that can increase anxiety indefinitely. To climb out, we must engage different parts of our nervous system – the parts involved in creativity."

FREE YOURSELF

Writer Stephanie Friedman shares a bit of insight on what led to Beck's latest: "After earning three Harvard degrees in social science, dealing with intense anxiety that lasted 'from birth to 60,' and meditating for thousands of hours over

the years, (Beck) embarked on a mission to not just learn how to find a temporary state of calm, but to free herself from anxiety long-term." Beck took to drawing and painting, revealing how the "creativity spiral" overtook the "anxiety spiral."

Sharing Beck's words, Friedman writes, "Make a creative activity that you love the first priority for your time, then add on another piece, 'and then another piece, and then another piece until your whole life time frame is filled with things you love.'"

CONSISTENCY, NOT COMPLEXITY

Our final words are from the lips of psychologist Grace Tworek, as quoted by the Cleveland Clinic: "If you find something that works really well for you, engage in it frequently," she said. "It's not necessarily about the complexity of some of the things that we do to calm our nerves; it's the consistency."

Extended deadline: Tell us about the newspaper you want

The Daniel Island News is looking at the types of services readers expect from us and what they want to see in their community newspaper. Your feedback about what you need and want from your local newspaper is essential. Share your thoughts about your favorite things to read in the paper, things you think need to change, and what type of coverage you think should be added. Tell us your ideas at surveymonkey.com/r/DINEWS_coverage or use the QR code. Your comments are important so this survey is still open, with the deadline extended to Sunday, March 16, at 5 p.m. Your input will help us deliver the best news coverage possible.



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Daniel Island School student



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Avery, age 7
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I would like to see more about dancing because I love dancing.
Riley, age 8
Daniel Island



Sports because I play a lot of them.
Finn, age 10
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I would like to see more about unicorns because they are my favorite animal.
Camilla, age 6
Daniel Island



The kids section because it's fun to see.
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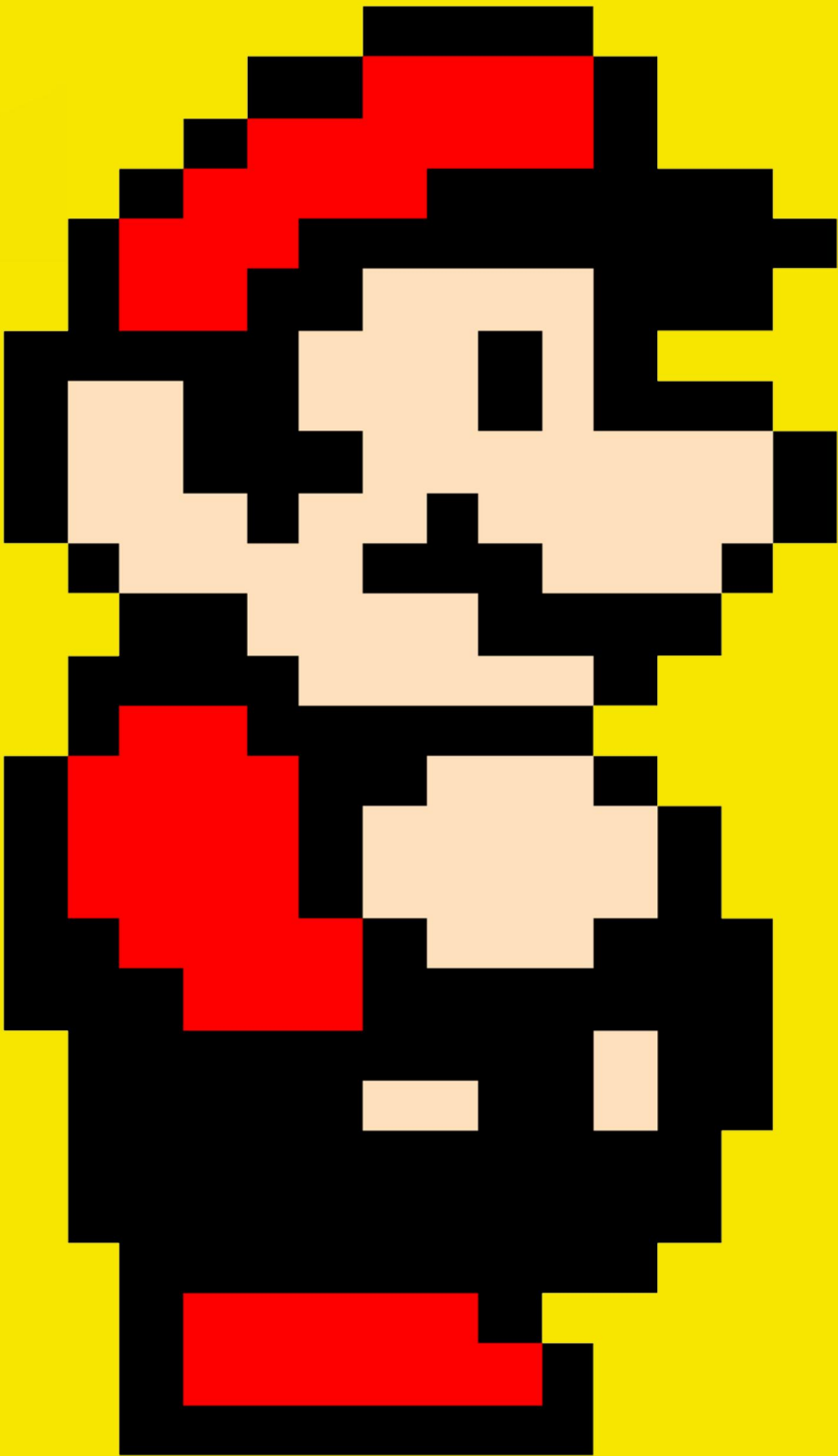
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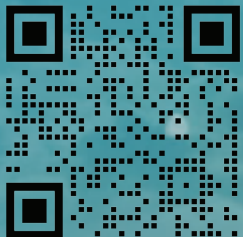
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The Roundup: Scams, Real ID, 250th anniversary, and Lowcountry Lowline

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HANG UP: A RISE IN TELEPHONE SCAMS

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a rise in phone scams involving callers posing as law enforcement and demanding payment of a penalty fine for missing jury duty.

"Please note that court staff and the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office will NEVER request payment in any form for failure to appear for jury duty," the county stated on social media.

Officials remind residents that a jury summons is always sent by mail, and fines are never imposed without a court appearance. Residents are urged to hang up immediately and report scam calls to local authorities.

WANT TO FLY? GET YOUR REAL ID NOW

"The time for waiting on Real ID is over," said Kevin Shwedo, executive director of the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

With less than 60 days until the May 7 Real ID deadline, South Carolinians are urged to upgrade their drivers licenses immediately to comply with federal travel requirements or risk being turned away at airports.

Although not required for driving or voting, a Real ID will be required not only to board domestic flights but also to en-

ter military bases and access federal buildings. Residents can check scdmvonline.com for a list of required documents.

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR SHOT

They were young, scrappy, and hungry, and like the song from the musical "Hamilton," the American revolutionaries did not throw away their shot to fight for the country's independence.

To commemorate next year's 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War on July 4, 2026, Berkeley County is kicking off a series of events to highlight the county's critical role in the fight.

South Carolina saw more skirmishes than any other state, with more than 200 battles against the British, including key engagements across Berkeley County, from Cainhoys to St. Stephen.

From now through May, residents can take part in a schedule of battlefield tours led by historian David Reuwer of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust. Organized by the Berkeley 250 Commission, in partnership with the state's SC250 initiative, the events will allow attendees "an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past (and) honor the contributions of all Americans." For event details, visit bygoneberkeley.com.

CITY TO CONVERT RAILWAY TO GREENWAY

Charleston City Council has approved funding for Phase 1 of the Lowcountry Lowline, a long-awaited project that



will convert 1.7 miles of abandoned railway and highway corridor into a greenway for walkers and cyclists. The \$15 million project will create a 1.6-mile path from downtown's Mt. Pleasant Street to Line Street and will include a public park and two revenue-generating parking lots. Groundbreaking is expected this fall.

"This is a huge win for Charleston," Charleston Mayor William Cogswell said in a press release. "The Lowline will bring incredible benefits to our residents, reshaping the way our city functions. When combined with our other initiatives, Charleston will be more connected and accessible than ever before."

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Stolen credit cards used at liquor store, sports bar, and vape shop

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The following incidents were taken from the Charleston Police Department's crime reports within Team 5, which covers Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, and parts of Cainhoy, between Feb. 16-28.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

On Feb. 16, an officer responded to Crooked Oak Road after being advised of a suspicious vehicle with two flat tires and fresh scuffs and paint marks on the front bumper. On the scene, the officer spoke with the sole occupant of the vehicle, who stated that she had not hit any other vehicles.

The police report said the driver displayed multiple signs of impairment: slurred speech, bloodshot and glassy eyes, and had the odor of

alcohol on her breath. She informed the officer that she had consumed one beer earlier in the day. The suspect agreed to a field sobriety test, but police said she could not keep her balance, count properly, or remain in a one-leg stand position. She was arrested and transported to the Al Cannon Detention Center, where she refused to provide a breath sample.

Then, police said she admitted to having two beers without eating that day. An officer who provided an inventory of the vehicle stated that a case of beer had been found in the vehicle with only one beer remaining. The driver was booked and lodged at the Hill-Finklea Detention Center.

THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

A resident of River Landing Drive stated that his credit cards

had been stolen from his vehicle and reported it on Feb. 11. While grocery shopping that morning, he noticed that credit cards were missing from his wallet.

Upon reviewing bank statements, he discovered that fraudulent transactions had occurred over several days, totaling \$300. The cards were used at a convenience store, a liquor shop, a sports bar, and a tobacco and vape store. An employee from the liquor store provided security footage. The report said the footage showed the suspect paying for items with the card. The investigation is pending.

DRUG/NARCOTICS VIOLATION

On Feb. 17, around 2:30 a.m., an officer conducting a routine patrol on Clements Ferry Road observed a vehicle with temporary tags parked in a handicap spot at a convenience

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store, without a proper handicap placard. Three men were seen exiting the vehicle. When the officer confronted the driver about the parking violation, he noticed the smell of marijuana coming from the driver and the vehicle.

The driver admitted to having the substance and handed it over to the officer. The second passenger was identified, and the third suspect used a side exit at the store to flee the scene. A firearm was found in the glove box, possessed legally by the driver. About six grams of marijuana were seized and submitted to the Charleston Police Department for destruction.

VANDALISM

A resident of Robert Daniel Drive

parked her car in the complex's garage and later reported that her rear driver side window had been completely broken out sometime between Feb. 15-17.

Nothing from the vehicle was missing. No security cameras were available in the immediate area.

HIT-AND-RUN

On Feb. 17, a complainant reported that he had been a victim of a hit-and-run on Clements Ferry Road. The vehicle was struck by a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed when it swerved into his lane and collided with the front end of the car.

After the collision, the car's driver pulled into a parking lot at a business off Clements Ferry Road in an attempt to meet with the motorcyclist. The rider entered the lot, made a U-turn, and immediately left the area. Damage to the vehicle's side mirror, fender, wheel, and paint transfer was noted.

Security footage taken at the intersection of Charleston Regional Parkway and Clements Ferry Road has been requested for review.

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Where are you from, originally?
I am from Delaware.

How long have you been in the business?
I have been cutting for 11 years.

What do you love most about this profession?
My favorite thing about my profession is the ability to connect with people and help my community look and feel better.

If you could choose any other career—what do you think you would do?
I would like to be involved in the fashion or photography industry if I wasn't a barber.

What is your favorite time of the year?

My favorite time is the spring when the flowers bloom or back up north it was fall when the trees changed colors.

If you were stranded on an island what one thing would you take with you?

If I was stranded on an island I would bring a large drum of medical grade isopropyl alcohol.

What is your favorite food?
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New Kids Say reporter
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If you've ever flipped through The Daniel Island News and smiled at the creative and sometimes unexpected answers in the Kids Say section, you know it's a reader favorite.

Each week, the newspaper's youngest staff member asks local kids a fun question related to the paper's theme.

Now, there's a new face behind the notepad. Meet Rose Monahan, the newest Kids Say reporter.

Monahan, a fifth grader at Daniel Island School, is making her mark as the newest interviewer-in-chief. More than just a fun activity, the 10-year-old said it's a chance to engage with her community.

"I thought it was an interesting opportunity to meet a lot more people around the island. It also helps me be more active," she said.

For someone who loves writing and chatting with people, the job feels like a perfect fit. When she approaches her classmates or other

local kids with weekly questions, Monahan said she already has a strong philosophy on what can put her interviewees at ease.

"I think some humor in questions is really good. It makes the answers more fun to read."

Speaking of memorable answers, she has already collected a few gems.

"The interviews help me learn new things," she said. "A recent answer in the March 6 edition (about what kids liked best in their bedroom) was that someone had a rainbow canopy in her room. I'd like that in my room!"

There's a special thrill about seeing your name in the newspaper, and for Monahan, it's a part-time gig that could lead to a glimpse of the future.

"I feel really proud of myself for my work. I'm excited to do more. I think when I'm older I would like to be one of those reporters on TV!"

Before Monahan took the reins, Kids Say was led by another young journalist – Harper Wiswall, a Daniel Island School student who held the role from October 2023 to February 2025.

Reflecting on her time as the Kids Say reporter, Wiswall said she felt like it was the right time to hand over the pen and pad.

"I thought it would be a fun experience to try new things! I had a good run at The Daniel Island News and stepped away to focus on other activities and give the opportunity to someone else."

Wiswall's favorite part? Interviewing younger kids.

"They had the cutest answers!" she said. One of her favorite questions was "What is one thing that makes you laugh?" because of the "ridiculous answers" she received.

With Monahan now leading the charge, Kids Say will continue to pick the minds of the younger generation. Whether she's asking kids about their favorite teachers, dream vacations, or the weirdest thing they've ever eaten, count on her to bring out the best, and funniest, responses.

Keep an eye out for her Kids Say interviews each week, and who knows? You or your kids just might be the next ones featured.

WHO'S WRITING THE NEWS?

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Whether in the form of news sheets posted on message boards in ancient Rome, or in handwritten notices shared among European towns and villages, or from mass-produced pages splashed with black and colored ink, the craft of journalism has always shared one common trait.

Someone has to write that stuff. And with that, the journalist was born.

The desire to become a journalist normally starts when a person is young and bright and curious, and has yet to discover that there are much better ways to make money in life.

The journalism bug normally bites when a cub reporter shares their first breaking news story to classmates: the scoop on who has a crush on whom – or the real story of why Johnny got in trouble at recess – or the "exclusive" on what Coach Jones really drinks from that giant mug of coffee.

But then, over time, the desire to share and write stories becomes more serious.

A profile on someone who might move a reader to tears.

A revealing story that could save lives.

An investigative report unraveling a cover-up.

Or just a silly column written to make someone smile

On this page, there are two stories of journalists and their beginnings. A student reporter learning the craft of interviewing and accuracy, and a teacher-turned-journalist who is pursuing her once-hidden dream.

Both have a common desire to communicate to others, in what can sometimes be lacking in news writing today: the instinct to tell the truth.



EMMA SLAVEN
Journalist Emma Slaven began her reporting career at The Daniel Island News in July 2023.

MY STORY: CONFESSIONS OF A NEWS REPORTER

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Nearly every playdate between the ages of 9 and 12, I pretended to be Barbara Walters or Oprah Winfrey interviewing my friends.

Before school, I'd listen to Good Morning America to catch up on who won last night's American Idol finale or whether Obama had become president, thanks to my mom being strict about bedtime.

In our house, news was everywhere – if you knew where to find it.

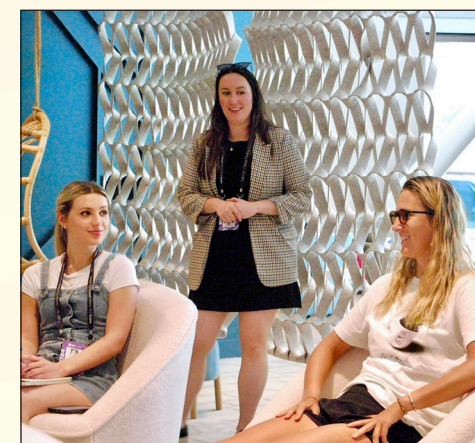
When I wasn't religiously reading Tiger Beat magazine, I was flipping through the Sunday comics after my grandpa finished reading the boring stuff. A newspaper was always on the kitchen counter, and by the time I was old enough to understand it, I was already fascinated by the world of journalism.

But growing up, I was told journalism was dying, especially print media. It wasn't a practical career choice, and even if I did try, the odds of success were slim.

Teaching seemed like a safer route. Maybe nursing school.

Despite the warnings, I never stopped writing or asking questions. At the age of 10, I started crafting stories just for fun. In elementary school, I was on the morning news, proudly announcing school sports, upcoming tests, and, most importantly, what was for lunch.

I loved watching reporters on TV – the way journalists asked questions, the way they could make people feel comfortable enough to open up. I even wondered if the weatherman struggled with the green screen.



PATRICK VILLEGAS
Emma Slaven, left, interviews world-renowned female tennis player Victoria Azarenka at the 2024 Credit One Charleston Open. She has had the opportunity to cover major stories and profile interesting people at The Daniel Island News.

In high school, I had no idea what to do. I knew I wanted to write, but could that actually pay the bills? I bounced between majors in college – nursing, Christian studies – before finally accepting that English was the right fit. When I saw journalism listed as a minor, it was an easy choice.

Now, as a journalist for The Daniel Island News, I realize how much this job is about more than just writing – it's about listening. Reporting is gathering perspectives and turning those stories into something the community can engage with. I get to be the first to hear them and the one to share them.

On a weekly basis, I cover everything from education to features to development and government updates.

I've interviewed the mayor, local leaders, and even Beeple, the multimillionaire NFT artist with 2 million followers – who works right down the street from me. I've told the stories of inspiring students, covered how the community rallies around those in need, and even wrote about two local chefs rowing 3,000 miles across the Atlantic.

One of the things I love most about this job is the variety. One day, I'm covering a major development project; the next, I'm talking to world-class tennis players at the Charleston Open.

But what sticks with me the most are the quieter moments – when a reader tells me they picked up the newspaper because of something I wrote, or when a story I covered makes a real impact on someone's life.

Journalism combines everything I love: writing, knowing what's happening before everyone else, asking a million questions, and getting into people's business.

Local journalism isn't just about reporting facts – it's about being part of the community, understanding it, and telling the stories that matter. It's about digging deeper than a press release and finding the human element in every story.

When I sift through research and interview sources, I'm always thinking: How can I make this story something people actually want to read? How can I take what's happening and connect it to the lives of the people who call this place home?

So no, journalism isn't dead. It's alive in every conversation, every challenge a community faces, and every story waiting to be told. And I feel lucky to be the one to tell them.

"I FEEL REALLY PROUD OF MYSELF FOR MY WORK. I'M EXCITED TO DO MORE. I THINK WHEN I'M OLDER I WOULD LIKE TO BE ONE OF THOSE REPORTERS ON TV!"
- ROSE MONAHAN

The not-so-secret files

Online tools you can use to dig up some surprising public information

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As this edition overlaps with the start of Sunshine Week, which spotlights the importance of a transparent government, I took an honest deep dive into the surprising, and yet little-known apps, websites, and public databases you can access to uncover some of the most useful, valuable, and forthright online services in the Charleston area.

I'll admit tinkering around government websites might sound worse than manual labor, but once you jump in, you'll find an impressive list of interactive maps, charts, and search engines that will make you feel like you've mistakenly stumbled and unearthed troves of hidden files and secret government documents.

But for the most part, these databases have been available to the public all along - and for free.

So set aside your cell phone, turn off the TikTok, and fire up the laptop to dig into these eight online resources that you might just end up bookmarking.

CITY OF CHARLESTON GIS

gis.charleston-sc.gov

This landing page is a good place to start and a goldmine of information you never knew you wanted to peruse.

The City of Charleston Geographic Information System site is essentially the city's table of contents for its vast list of public apps, maps, and databases.

Here you'll find clickable links to access the normal stuff, like property records and tax bills.

But as you scroll down further, you'll also see fun database sets: Maps of West Ashley restaurants, a pinpoint breakdown of every commercial property owned on King Street, or even a map tracking the whereabouts and density of all the tree canopies covering public streets and rights-of-way. Weird, but definitely neat.

Note: Ok, here's the disclaimer part. Before you access any site from the City of Charleston, Berkeley County, and other entities, they will go to great lengths to warn you that the information they have online could be wrong. Or old. Or not updated. So, as we go forward, use these public sites as only a starting point only and don't rely on them as gospel before you sue your neighbor for



mowing into your property line.

CHARLESTON MAPNET

gis.charleston-sc.gov/interactive/mapnet

Once you pop into this never-ending, wholly interactive app that pulls up all the goods on property records, you may never pop out.

Charleston MapNet, like Google Maps, gives you a satellite view of the city allowing you to hover and click on any property or piece of land. Once you do, boom! The map reveals who owns the property, or who previously owned it; identifies its Tax Map Number, parcel size, and property lines. You can also check out flood zone information, some with access to elevation certificates, and the app will even show, among other things, the property's closest fire station and what day to leave your garbage out for pickup.

So be prepared to reserve an hour or two to poke around Charleston MapNet.

Note: Berkeley County has a similar app at gis.berkeleycountysc.gov/maps/desktop/advanced-mapping.html

INTERACTIVE ZONING MAP

gis.charleston-sc.gov/interactive/zoning/#

This site might only be for zoning geeks, landlords, and aspiring business owners.

The city's interactive zoning map color codes every property in the city, detailing its specific zoning district of which there are dozens.

Click on a property, and it spells out basic restrictions on the land or building and what may - or may not - be done to it. Throw in brief zoning descriptions, definitions,

and links to the city's municipal codes, and you've got an all-nighter of zoning heaven.

CHARLESTON POLICE DATA INCIDENT MAP

pdi-charleston-sc.opendata.arcgis.com

This tool is an important and widely accessible database that could impact the safety of all.

The Charleston Police Data Incident Map tracks and maps reported incidents from the police department over the last five years.

A small, circular emoji is placed at the location of a reported incident, where you can click to learn more.

For example, a car emoji on a street may indicate a vehicle theft occurred there.

An icon of a gun may indicate a weapons violation or a theft.

A fist icon may indicate a report of assault.

You can filter the search engine by the type of criminal charge, the date of the incident, and the location.

Once you start, these maps will reinforce the all-true notion that crime can, and does, happen anywhere.

A similar link listings arrests, electronic citations, and law enforcement calls can be found at arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=fad2a3f085c644d0b014b507d23bcd9a.

CHARLESTON ROAD CLOSURES

gis.charleston-sc.gov/road-closures-regional

Although it may be suited more for a commuter who works downtown or a driver taking a trip through the city, this app lists all

the live road closures in the City of Charleston, whether it's due to construction, flooding, or a special event. It provides updates on how long a road is expected to be closed, the reason why, and also has a running list of anticipated future road closures.

TIDE EYE

gis.charleston-sc.gov/tideeye

Available on the web and by mobile app, TIDEeye updates the local weather, winds, and tides that may impact not only boaters but also low-lying roads and areas prone to flooding.

It's a page full of squiggles, moving arrows, and decimal numbers, displaying all the in-depth weather data and graphics for people who didn't abandon science or heavy windbreakers, like I did.

The site also labels the current flood and traffic risk, and links to in-depth forecast data from the NOAA's National Weather Service.

CITY OF CHARLESTON DOCUMENT SEARCH

gis.charleston-sc.gov/document-search

Looking for copies, or PDFs, of old property records, ordinances, plats, or permits? Then this may be your one-stop shopping for property docs located within city limits.

SPEEDHUMPS

bit.ly/SpeedHumpsCHS

And finally, for fun, it's the map app you never knew existed.

Thanks to the full transparency of the City of Charleston, you can, street by street, locate where all the speed humps are located in area neighborhoods. Don't see yours, but want one? You can request one here, too.

AND MUCH MORE

These apps are literally just the top of the digital iceberg.

Keep digging into most city and county websites and you'll find you can access court records, building permit applications, review board approvals and denials, archived videos of past government meetings, and upcoming agendas.

If you're curious, you may also want to plug in your own name or address to see what's available on your public file. You may just end up spending more time tooling around here, than on YouTube.

Happy Sunshine Week, everybody!

Bishop girls' soccer snares second place in prestigious Viking Cup

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The Bishop England High School girls' soccer team is off to an impressive start in its first season as a Class 4-A entry.

Just ask some of the best Class 5-A soccer programs in the Palmetto State that battled the Bishops in the prestigious Viking Cup, which was hosted by Spring Valley High School, from Feb. 28 to March 2.

The Bishops posted a 3-1 record and finished in second place. They defeated Dreher High School 2-0 in the opening round, and followed it up with a 1-0 victory over Class 5-A Riverside High School, and earned a 2-1 decision over Class 5-A Chapin High to advance to the championship game.

However, Blythewood High School, a top-5 team in Class AAAA, topped the Bishops 1-0 in the title game.

Still, BE coach Netha Kreamer had reason to be encouraged as the Bishops navigate a challenging schedule.

"The Viking is a great preseason tournament," Kreamer said. "It gives me and my coaching staff a litmus test for the team with in-game scenarios you just don't get in practice. We have a chance to not only examine our strengths and weaknesses, but to see our team chemistry and our leaders come to the forefront.

"We were incredibly proud of the way our girls approached the tournament and the energy they brought to each and every game.



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The Bishop England girls' soccer team displayed their second-place medals from their impressive performance at the Viking Cup. Evey Trego, holding the plaque, was also named the tournament's Ashley Nicole Dent Senior MVP Scholarship winner.

It was encouraging to see how we competed against a very talented field."

The Bishops were 13-8-2 last spring and reached the Class 2-AA Lower State Championship only to drop a 1-0 decision to eventual state champ Oceanside Collegiate Academy in a match that was decided on a golden goal.

The team lost six key seniors from the

squad, including three who earned all-state recognition.

Kreamer is encouraged that the team has depth at every grade and has a number of players who are dynamic enough to play multiple positions.

"Having a relatively young team is fun, and sometimes challenging, but leaning into the kids that have been on varsity in previous

years really helps us maintain the culture we want and expect," Kreamer said. "(Senior) Evey Trego was awarded the Ashley Nicole Dent Senior MVP Scholarship at the Viking Cup and is setting a great example for our young players.

"Liz Brady is a junior who has been on varsity since she was a freshman, continues to be our workhorse in the middle of the field, controlling our game and leading by example," Kreamer added. "Sophia DeMarco and Ava Delpino, both sophomores, continue to produce goals and assists and are demonstrating the work effort we want to see from all of our girls."

The Bishops' tough schedule continued after the Viking Cup. They lost to Class 5-A state power Wando High School and were scheduled to play 5-A West Ashley High this week.

"In terms of strength of schedule, those surely are strong sides to kick us off," Kreamer said.

"That said, if we want to be our best, we have to play the best, and we try to prepare for each game with the same energy and effort. In terms of losing seniors, part of the challenge of high school sports is that every year you have kids graduate, and every year you bring in younger players. It's ever-evolving, but other schools must adjust each year as well. While having a large class of graduates can be difficult, we have a team full of talented players this year."

Rising Stars: PSHS boys and girls soccer teams set early season tone

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The Philip Simmons High School boys' soccer team is off to another impressive start to begin the season, which, if past history under coach Patrick Gunderson is any indication, means the Iron Horses are headed to another successful season.

The Iron Horses are 4-0 to begin the 2025 season, outscoring foes 11-1 to continue the trend of starting the season on a positive note.

Gunderson is a 48-year-old native of Norway and has been in the United States the past 13 years. He was an assistant at PSHS in 2020, the year the season was cut short by COVID-19.

Since then, he has built the program into a state power. The team, ranked No. 4 to begin the season in Class AA, had its best season ever last spring and reached the third round of the Class AAA playoffs.

In 2021, Gunderson inherited a program that was coming off a COVID-19 season that included only four games on the schedule. The team won its first six games of the 2021 season and finished 14-4.

The following season, the Iron Horses won five straight games and finished 15-2. In '23, they opened with eight straight wins and concluded with a 19-5 record.

Last spring, the Iron Horses won four of their first five and set a school record with 20 victories. Add the four victories in '25

and Gunderson is 72-15 at the helm of the program.

The Iron Horses were scheduled to begin Region 6-AA action on March 11 against Woodland High School and were slated to play Summerville High on March 14.

PSHS GIRLS SOCCER

Meanwhile, the Iron Horse girls team entered this week's action with a 2-3-1 record after being ranked No. 2 in Class AAA in the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association's preseason poll.

The Iron Horses have a young team and have played a challenging schedule against schools that compete at Class AAAA and AAAAA.

The Iron Horses posted a 13-9-1 record last spring, finishing in second place in Region 8-AAA. But this year's squad is young once again, with 10 sophomores and five underclassmen.

Jeffrey Collins was named the third coach in four years to begin '24 and has brought stability to the program.

Haley Franko set school records last season when she scored 27 goals and tallied 18 assists as a freshman. She's off to a good start, recording three of the team's six goals in six games.

Classmate Emmi Skipper has collected two goals and two assists, while freshman Hunter Thaxton has the Iron Horses' other goal.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bishop England girls' LAX home loss ends impressive winning streak

Iron Horse Steed claims 3 gold medals

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The streak is finally over.

The Bishop England High School girls' lacrosse team finally lost a match on the field when they dropped a 13-7 homefield decision to Georgia state power, Johns Creek High School, on March 1.

It marked the first time coach Jeff Weiner's squad lost a match on the field since April 10, 2017, when Charlotte, North Carolina, LAX heavyweight Myers Park High School defeated the Bishops.

If you are wondering how long that undefeated streak was, wonder no more: it was 2,882 days.

(In 2023, the Bishops forfeited five wins when the South Carolina High School League ruled the Bishops used an ineligible player. The forfeits officially counted as losses and ended the Bishops' 98-game winning streak and the Bishops' six-year reign as the best team in the Palmetto State.)

The 2025 Bishops also had another streak end on March 8 when they lost to Lexington High

School, marking the first time they lost to a team from South Carolina since March 7, 2017, when Greenville's J.L. Mann High School beat the Bishops. That ended a 2,923-day win streak against Palmetto State teams.

Last year, the Bishops outscored their opponents 327-39, culminating with a 22-2 victory over Greer's Riverside High School in the state championship, a match played with a running clock because of the lopsided score.

Weiner said his team had some holes to fill as they prepared for the 2025 season after losing nine starters, including two All-America selections from last year's team.

This spring, the Bishops are seeking their eighth state title in nine years. They owned a 2-2 record and outscored foes 54-28 heading into a March 15 home clash against Spartanburg High School at Jack Cantey Stadium. They follow that up with a home game against J.L. Mann on March 17.

PSHS' COREY STEED SHINES

It was only the second track and field meet of the season, but Philip Simmons High School sprint star Corey Steed was in postseason form when the Iron Horses competed in the 2025 Azalea/Zaxby's Invitational on March 8. The meet, hosted by

Summerville High School, featured 30 teams.

Steed, who won silver medals at the Class AAA state championships last spring in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and the 4x100-meter relay, placed first in all three events at the Azalea.

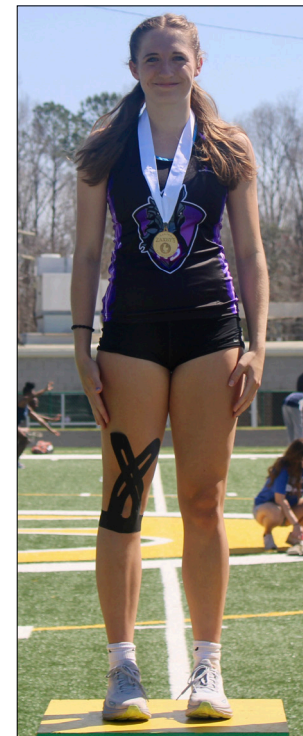
Steed ran the 100 and 200 with respective times of 10.87 and 21.80 seconds. His time in the 200 finals and the 200 prelims were national elite efforts.

Steed ran the anchor leg of the 4x100-meter relay team that also finished with a gold medal and a time of 42.91. Other members of the relay team included Jeremiah Richardson, Cameron Richardson, and Cameron Steed.

The Iron Horses finished the event in third place with 56 points, as Summerville won the boys' championship, securing 66.6 points with Cane Bay High School finishing second with 62.5.

In the girls' meet, the Iron Horses held down seventh place with 34.5 points. Julia Riley had the only first-place finish for the PSHS girls, winning the long jump with a leap of 16 feet and 8.75 inches.

Fort Dorchester High School edged out Summerville and Wando for the first-place victory in the girls' meet. The Patriots scored 78 points, the Green Wave tallied 75, and Wando 74.



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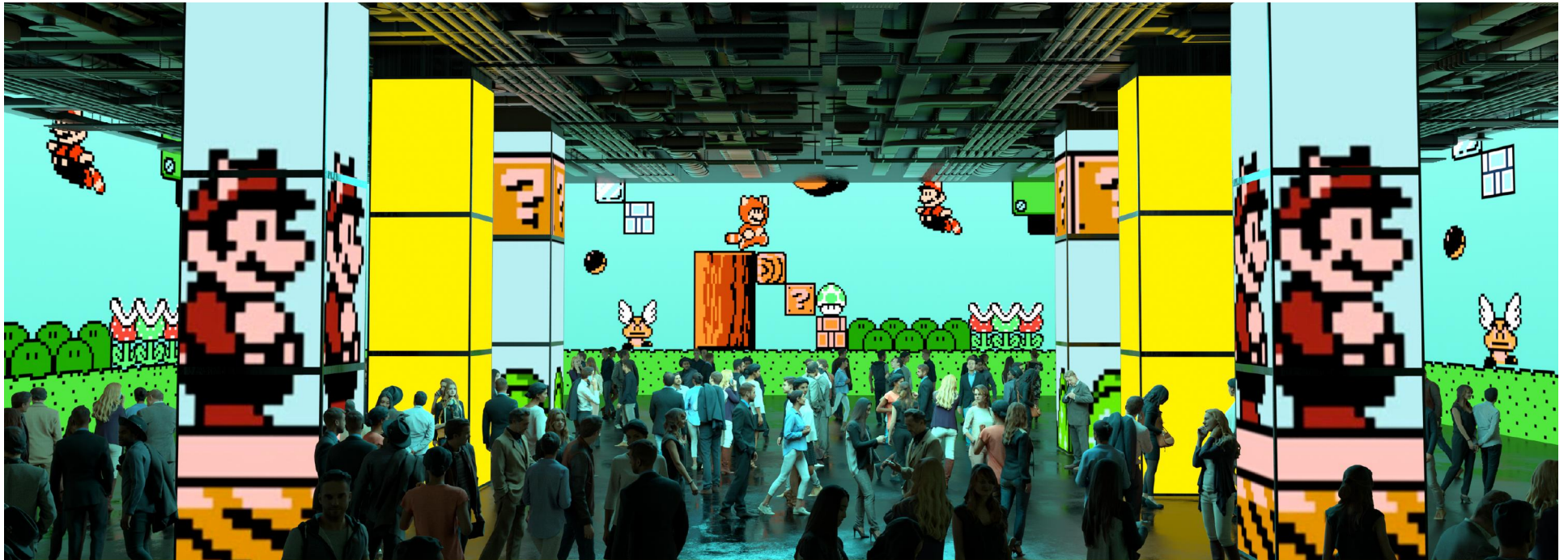


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Winning streak: DI School 5th grade girls win championship

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The day before their championship game, the girls from the 5th grade Daniel Island Ospreys basketball team gathered together and prepared.

Practice? Check.

A pasta dinner? Check.

Make signs for the championship game? Check.

The Ospreys had just endured three playoff rounds, sending home the likes of crosstown rivals from Sullivan’s Island, Blessed Sacrament, and Pinkney.

Now, with just the title game remaining, they set their eyes on one final team to beat – the girls from Whitesides Elementary.

The next day, Feb. 20, at the Moultrie Middle School gym, the 5th grade girls from Daniel Island School took to the court – and did just that.

They won.

The Ospreys sealed the Trident Basketball Association Junior Girls Division II championship with a 24-11 victory, capping off a season that began with a rocky start as the



PROVIDED MARY ALICE LATHEM

The Daniel Island School 5th grade girls' basketball team proudly holds their championship trophy after their 24-11 win over Whitesides Elementary School.

team opened with two straight loses.

But the girls rallied, shook it off, and worked hard to turn it around.

Multiple weekly practices paid off.



PROVIDED MARY ALICE LATHEM

The night before their championship game, the 5th grade Ospreys from Daniel Island School created homemade rally signs for the big match-up.

Basketball skills improved.

And after reeling off 14 straight wins to capture the Trident league title, the 5th grade Osprey girls can now call themselves – basketball champions.

Coaches Jason Wilkinson and Steve

Lathem lead the title team comprised of players: Addie Harridge, Mackenzie Moore, Lucy Turner, Gabriella Parker, Ava Auricchio, Brooklyn Santangelo, Julie Tracy, Julia Stroble, Quinlyn Wilkinson, Lexi Buss, Charlie Mahan, and Mary Benton Lathem.



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Windy day makes for OK fishing, but great time with friends



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

They say that March is a windy month.

Well, whoever “they” are was right on Saturday. I was fishing with my old friend Tom Nawrocki and his son, Chris.

Our plan was to target redfish on the falling tide and switch to trout as the tide began to rise. The forecast was for breezy conditions in the morning and a gale in the afternoon. Unfortunately for us, the gale arrived early.

Undeterred, we stayed with our plan and started fishing near a shallow oyster shelf that dropped off

into deeper water. I cast a Z-Man StreakZ 3.75 on a 1/8-ounce Eye Strike Finesse jig to the oyster bar, and a redfish ate it. While I fought the fish, Chris cast a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a 1/6-ounce NedLockZ jig and hooked up as well. The fish were not large, but we were happy to check redfish off the list.

Shortly after releasing the redfish, the wind picked up. It was so strong that the trolling motor struggled to hold the skiff into the wind. The area we were fishing in quickly became unfishable.

So, we left the redfish biting and went in search of a wind-protected bank. After a bit of looking, we found an oyster bar that was adjacent to a tall tree line. It was still pretty windy there, but at least I could control the skiff with the

trolling motor.

Tom and Chris joked about casting 10 feet to the left of the oyster bar and letting the wind push the lure toward the oyster bar before it hit the water. Conditions were not optimal, but it was fun hanging out together. Whenever we could cast the lure to the right spot, we would catch a trout.

Unfortunately, the wind made accurate casting a challenge.

In three hours of fishing, we released 40 fish. The entire time we were joking and laughing.

On the ride back to the dock, I summarized our trip: the wind was awful, fishing was OK, but the time with friends was great.

Contact Captain Greg Peralta at captgregp@gmail.com or call (843) 224-0099.



GREG PERALTA

Tom Nawrocki, right, and his son Chris, battled the wind alongside Capt. Greg, but still managed a nice catch-and-release haul of 40 fish.

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What's in a name?



management moment

DOUG DICKERSON

Setting out from Hamburg, Germany, one day to give a concert in London, violinist Fritz Kreisler had an hour before his boat sailed. He wandered into a music shop, where the proprietor asked if he could look at the violin Kreisler was carrying. He then vanished and returned with two policemen, one of whom told the violinist, "You are under arrest."

"What for?" asked Kreisler. "You have Fritz Kreisler's violin," replied the officer. "I am Fritz Kreisler," he responded.

"You can't pull that on us. Come along to the station." As Kreisler's boat was sailing soon, there was no time for prolonged explanations. Kreisler asked for the violin and played a piece he was well known for. "Now, are you satisfied?" he asked. They were!

Kreisler's detainment and subsequent release from the questioning authorities are reminders of the importance of knowing

one's name and what it is known for.

If I were to give you a list of names, you could immediately identify them by what made them famous. For example:

- Henry Ford - Inventor of the Model T Ford
- Thomas Edison - Inventor of the light bulb
- Walt Disney - Animation pioneer
- Michael Jordan - Arguably, the greatest NBA player of all time
- Steve Jobs - Co-founder of Apple
- Billy Graham - The greatest evangelist of the last century
- Babe Ruth - One of baseball's all-time greats

While my name and yours may not be synonymous with a great inventor or a star NBA player, our names represent a life that matters. As leaders, this is significant.

Some leaders command the spotlight with grace and dignity, while others serve with equal honor in obscurity.

Sadly, some abuse their place of leadership by mishandling their authority and using others to get ahead and make a name for themselves at the expense of those around them.

As you read this, the challenge is to reflect on what your name as a leader means and

*"I yam what I yam an'
that's all that I yam!"
- Popeye*

what you want to be known for.

BE KNOWN AS A SERVANT LEADER, NOT SELF-SERVING

When you believe your leadership is about your title or position, a self-serving leadership posture will define you. Rule one in leadership is that it's not about you.

BE KNOWN FOR ADDING VALUE, NOT SUBTRACTING

As leaders, you and I have a choice every day to add value to those around us or to subtract. This is an amazing privilege. Leadership is not about what others can do for you but is found in what you can do for them.

BE KNOWN FOR LISTENING MORE AND TALKING LESS

As a leader, you don't always have to be the "answer man" to everyone around you. Your influence increases as you listen and seek to understand those around you. The old

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saying rings as true today as ever: God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason. Use accordingly.

BE KNOWN FOR BRIDGE BUILDING

Be known for bringing people together when the culture wants to divide. Division is ruled by fear; unity is defined by those who seek understanding. Good things can happen when people come around the table with open hearts and minds. That begins with you.

BE KNOWN FOR YOUR HUMILITY, NOT YOUR ARROGANCE

Leadership is not about your "rights" or the weight you want to throw around. Leadership is a privilege, and serving others is your mission. Arrogant and haughty leaders may command a room, but they don't lead the hearts of those in it. That comes from genuinely understanding your role as a leader.

As you consider the above list of ways you want to be known as a leader, I trust you will build on and add to it. Make your name and your leadership count!

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DIBA kicks off its 2025 networking events at Blume, New Realm Brewery

The Daniel Island Business Association held its first two networking block parties of the year to encourage the growth of local businesses around the Daniel Island area. DIBA members, guests, and residents met and connected at Blume Designs Floral Artistry at 250 Seven Farms Drive, Suite C, which sponsored the block party on Jan. 30, and at New Realm Brewery on Island Park Drive on Feb. 27. The monthly events are free. To learn more and register, visit danielislandbusiness.com/events.

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Employees of H.W. Cabinet Co. make the rounds inside Blume Designs on Seven Farms Drive during the January DIBA networking event. The cabinet designers recently moved their business into an adjacent suite. Pictured are Cody Wilt, left, Steve Wilt, Kate Hannon, Kyle Trombley, and Fred Calawor.



Enjoying the Daniel Island Business Association's networking event, sponsored by New Realm Brewery on Feb. 27, are Carter Royer, left, Lina Garcia, Sean Fagan, and Tammy Georgian.



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City boards review local business developments, storage facility

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

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

March 13: No items pertaining to the Daniel Island or Cainhoy areas.

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

March 6: The Pointe At Governors Cay - Proposed concept plan for future fee simple development, 55 units on 4.25 acres in Cainhoy. TMS: B2710002133. Owner: Trident Medical Center LLC. Applicant: Sitecast, LLC Zoning. Contact: Jacob Cordray, jcordray@sitecastsc.com. **Results: No return/Paperwork submittal.**

March 6: Cainhoy Hopewell Residential - Phase 2 - Fifth review of proposed

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preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 125 lots for single-family homes on 74.8 acres at 800 Hopewell Drive. TMS: B2620000008. Owner: Cainhoy Land & Timber LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hut-ton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach, roach.s@tandh.com. **Results: Open pending delivery of stormwater comments.**

March 6: Extra Room Clements Ferry - Second review - Proposed 4-story climate-controlled storage facility on 2.44 acres at 2274 Clements Ferry Road. TMS: B2670000148. Owner: Extra Room Clements Ferry LLC. Applicant: Earthsource Engineering Zoning. Contact: Noah Nelson, nelsonn@earthsourceeng.com. **Results: Revise and return.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DIS DAY OF GIVING

The Daniel Island School PTA is encouraging you to shop local this Thurs., March 13. Participating shops will help donate funds to the DIS Improvement Fund. Info on donations and participating shops can be found on the DIS PTA Facebook page

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES WOMEN

The Daniel Island Historical Society will celebrate Women's History Month in March by spotlighting some of the Holy City's most impactful female residents. Serving as guest speaker will be Leigh Jones Handal, an author and historian who heads up the local tour company Charleston Raconteurs. Tues., March 18, 7-8 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit, 299 Seven Farms Dr., Daniel Island. All welcome. Free. dihistoricalsociety.com.

DI NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

The quarterly DINA meeting will be held Wed., March 19, at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Drive from 6-8 pm. SC Port Authority's Cami McCoy will be the featured speaker to discuss port activities.

2025 SPRING RED BALLOON SALE

Sat., March 22, 7 am-1 pm at homes throughout Daniel Island. The sale provides an opportunity for shoppers to wander the neighborhoods of Daniel Island in search of unique finds and special deals. Rain-or-shine event. To be added to the yard sale map, email info@dicommunity.org with the subject line "2025 Spring Red Balloon Yard Sale Map" and in the body of the email provide your DI address and phone number.

SPRING ARTISAN MARKET

Waterfront Park on Sat., March 29, 1-4 pm. Local artisans and crafters, live music, local food vendors, interactive art displays, and children's activities. Free. Children and furry friends are welcome. A portion of proceeds from all vendor sales and raffle tickets will be donated to

Charleston Waterkeeper.

ACE SCHOLARSHIP

The \$2,500 ACE Scholarship is awarded by The Exchange Club of Daniel Island each year to a graduating senior who lives in the 29492 zip code and is designed to honor those students who have overcome obstacles in their lives or academic challenges. Applications are available at local high schools. Essays must be submitted with the student transcript and the application form signed by the school guidance counselor. Due date: March 31.

DRAGON BOAT CHARLESTON PADDLING CLASSES

Dragon Boat Charleston's FREE paddling classes, also known as PATH (Paddle, Achieve, Thrive & Heal), begin April 1. Three-week program with two classes each week on Tues. and Thurs., 5:30-7 pm. Instructions, life vests, boats, paddles, and an accompanying safety boat are provided. This DBC program is for cancer survivors, fighters, supporters, and friends. Classes held at Brittlebank Park, 185 Lockwood Drive, downtown Charleston. RSVP, Andi Ganz Seiderman, at path@dragonboatcharleston.org.

FINE ARTS SHOW & SALE

Saturday, April 26, 10-4 pm, at DI Recreation Center, 160 Fairbanks Oak Drive, with 18 local artists showcasing their original work. Art will be available for purchase.

PAT TILLMAN RUN

The Pat Tillman Honor Run, a 4.2-mile run/walk, April 26, at Credit One Stadium on Daniel Island, honoring American hero Pat Tillman and supporting the Tillman Scholars Program.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE

Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other non-perishables at Edward Jones (8:30-4), 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2 or the DI News (8-6), 225 Seven Farms Dr., Suite 108.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY

Fridays at Guggenheim Terrace, 11 am-4 pm.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS - CLEMENTS FERRY

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

AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND

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

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

BONE HEALTH TRAINING CLASS

Tues. at 11 am., Thur. at noon Pilates/Balance/Strength class for Bone Health. All ages and levels. The class is \$10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366.

COMMUNITY YOGA Mindful flow yoga. All levels, mats and blocks provided. Thurs., 9-10 am at DI Recreation Center. Teresa Donohue dicommunityyoga@gmail.com.

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

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB 3rd Mon., 8am, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free.

DI INSHORE FISHING CLUB Monthly, 3rd Tues. of month. Family friendly. Call/text Bill at 919-418-3220, danielislandfishingclub.com.

DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

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

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE Duplicate Bridge, ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, 160 Fairbanks Dr. Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reserva-

tions required, 843-224-6778/843-209-1471. **EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND** 4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dixchangeclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A First Mon. of the month at the DI Library from 4-6 pm, trained and certified Clemson Extension Tri-County Master Gardener volunteers will answer questions about lawns, trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, and all aspects of gardening in the Lowcountry. Soil samples, at a cost of \$6 per sample, will be tested by Clemson University to provide the homeowner with info to improve growing options.

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

REPUBLICAN LADIES OF DI meets 1st Friday of the month. 8:30 am at Daniel Island Village, 455 Seven Farms Drive, in the Community Room. Free. 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS Daniel Island is home to an active Rotary Club that gathers most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am. Their sister club, the Cain-hoy Rotary Club, meets 1st and 3rd Tues. at 6 pm. A new lunchtime Rotary meeting will launch in March 2025. Details to come. Mary Jo Romeo, maryjo.rotary@gmail.com.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS Meets at 4 pm on 3rd Sun., Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com.

TAI CHI CLASSES DI Library Tues., 10 am & Fri., 9 am.

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

WILLINGWAY'S "CONTINUED CARE GROUP" helps families struggling with alcohol/drug abuse. Meetings are at Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull, 843-323-7111.

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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Capital Gains



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Choose the correctly capitalized sentence in the following pairs.

1. a.) The Main Street in our town will be closed for the parade.
b.) The barber shop is located at 156 Main Street.
2. a.) Carla won the Citizen of the Month award.
b.) Carla won an award for Citizenship.
3. a.) Edgar went to Canada in hopes of spotting a Moose.
b.) Edgar is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Answers: Streets, awards, monuments, organizations, holidays and nationalities are just some of the proper nouns we capitalize. Always consult a dictionary for specific words that you question. 1. b. 2. a. 3. b.

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By Neil R. Manausa

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9 Barton or Bow
14 Finis!
15 ____ voce
16 Lord of poetry
17 "Mike Stivic"
19 Move stealthily
20 Explosive initials
21 Cotton cloth from India
23 Baby's first word
24 Grooming aid packs
25 ____ moment's notice
27 Malice
29 Zealots
34 Goes a few rounds
35 Like, stupid!
36 West Pointer
37 Sherman or Panzer
38 Pub draft
39 Wander
40 Caustic liquids
42 Sleep phenomenon, for short
43 Scatter
44 Tells
46 See-through
47 That's one, for Pablo!

- 48 Crowning glory
49 One of Dracula's teeth
52 Crooner Vic
55 Lingerie item
58 Napoleon's punishment
60 Killed in a Spyder
62 Poe's middle name
63 High cards
64 Weather word
65 Ms. Witherspoon
66 Take five
67 ____ log

DOWN

- 1 ____ Ticonderoga
2 Stratford's river
3 Reason for an IOU
4 Be wrong
5 Fly
6 Ties up
7 Not once, not ____
8 Zhivago's beloved
9 TV network
10 "Wonder Woman"
11 ____ of influence
12 Byway
13 He sang "Diana"
18 Gives forth

- 22 Blue
24 "Spartacus"
26 Facial spasm
27 Elbow room
28 One kind of button
29 Has control of
30 Sound for attention
31 Idolize
32 Prying tool
33 Fret
34 Have the lead
35 Flit
41 Day light
43 Flinches
45 Wink and a ____
46 Most rational
48 Mnemonic for the Great Lakes
49 De Niro film, "Cape ____"
50 Rod between wheels
51 Cairo's river
53 Slightly open
54 Spice shelf item
55 Jeff's brother
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57 Ms. Hathaway
59 Compass reading
61 Thirsty

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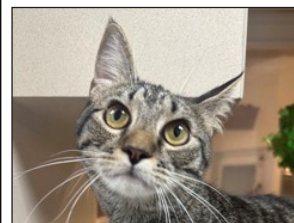
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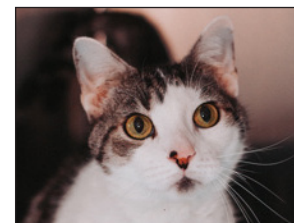


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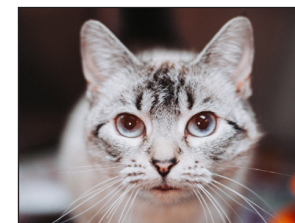
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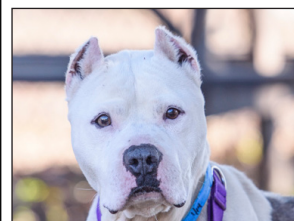
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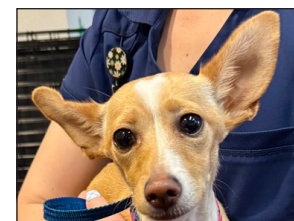
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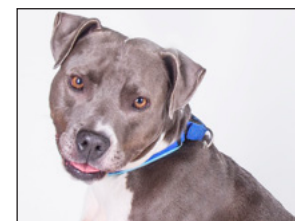
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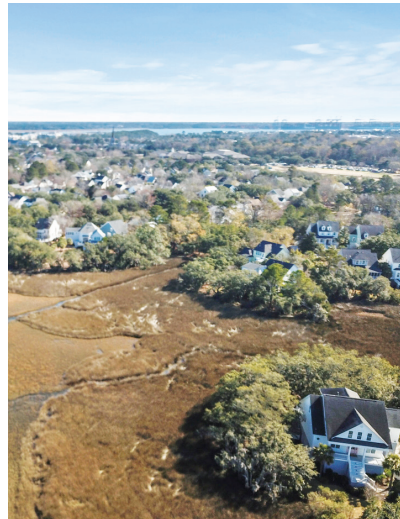
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