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AROUND TOWN

USC Upstate's Luka Eble named to Big South All-Academic Team

Charlotte, N.C. – The Big South Conference office announced the members of the Men's Tennis All-Academic team in a press release sent out on Thursday afternoon, USC Upstate junior Luka Eble (Baden-Württemberg, Germany) earned a spot on the 2020 squad.

"We're excited to see Luka garner this type of recognition from the Big South Conference," USC Upstate head tennis coach Tim McLane said. "It says a lot about the type of student-athlete he has been during his time here at Upstate. He's always been one of, if not the, hardest working players I've ever coached, and he always extended that work ethic into the classroom. It's nice to see that kind of work ethic and effort acknowledged."

Eble, a business administration major accumulated a 3.97 overall grade point average and has been named to the Chancellor's List numerous times in her career at USC Upstate. The Spartans No. 3 singles player, Eble amassed 14 career singles victories and 16 career wins on the doubles court.

This is the first Big South All-Academic team accolade for Eble in his collegiate career.

Two weeks after severe storms, Red Cross has helped over 500 people; over 10,200 meals and snacks served

Disaster-trained team members with the American Red Cross of South Carolina have helped over 500 people after strong storms and multiple tornadoes hit parts of South Carolina on April 13th.

The Red Cross of South Carolina:

Have helped over 500 people impacted

Had over 2,400 overnight shelter stays in hotels across the state.

Served over 10,200 meals and snacks

Made over 800 Disaster Health and Mental Health contacts

HOW TO HELP Help people affected by disasters and countless other crises by making a gift to American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. People can donate by visiting redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

South Carolina Arts Commission Arts Emergency Relief grants for organizations and individuals

The application to apply for the Arts Emergency Relief grant will be open through Friday, May 15.

There will be a single user-friendly application which will ask which of the three eligible categories applies to you:

* Arts organizations who ARE current (FY20) operating support grantees (General Operating Support, Operating Support for Small Organizations, and Statewide Operating Support)

* Arts organizations who are NOT current (FY20) operating support grantees

* Individual artists

Funding for organizations will be determined by their budget size. Individual artists are eligible to receive up to \$1,000. The South Carolina Arts Foundation and the donors to its South Carolina Artist Relief Fund campaign is helping to support the grants to artists.

Apply at <https://www.southcarolinaarts.com/grant/relief/>

State Museum virtual resources update

While the State Museum is closed to the public, it is committed to continuing to fulfill our mission to providing educational environments that entertain and inspire.

Museum curators and educators are continuing to develop virtual resources and suggested links for other online resources. This information is free and available to the public at scmuseum.org. This list will be updated weekly.

Webinar: Stitches Through Time!

Fri., May 1 at 12 p.m.

A virtual look at the museum's quilt collection where guests can learn about 200 years of quilting history in South Carolina. To learn more visit scmuseum.org

Telescope Live Stream

Sat., May 2 at 9:30 p.m.

State Museum Boeing Observatory staff is giving guests a live look at the night sky – virtually. Each Saturday night, weather permitting, staff will livestream a telescope feed to the museum's Facebook page. Staff will monitor the stream and respond to questions and comments. Visit scmuseum.org to learn more.



Artist rendering of the \$27.9 million Tindall Corporation expansion.

Tindall Corporation expanding operations in Spartanburg County

Columbia - Tindall Corporation, a leading provider of precast, prestressed architectural and structural systems, recently announced plans to expand operations in Spartanburg County. The more than \$27.9 million investment will create 20 new jobs.

With roots dating back to 1963, Tindall Corporation's in-house engineering, manufacturing, logistics and on-site resources support both traditional and specialized construction project applications using precast concrete. The company creates custom structures for the construction industry serving end users in a variety of markets, including utility, commercial, industrial, institutional, energy and power generation, corrections and retail.

"The Tindall team is proud to call Spartanburg home. As we have provided infrastructure products for so much of the industrial and residential growth in our region, we are excited to now add our name to the list of manufacturing operations that build and grow new opportunities here in Spartanburg," stated

Tindall Corporation Vice President & General Manager Joel Sheets.

South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster added, "Now more than ever we are working hard to take care of the companies that call South Carolina home, and the people they employ. Tindall Corporation is a great South Carolina company that we are proud of, and we congratulate them on their investment that will bring more jobs to the Upstate."

Located at 2877 Fairforest Clevedale Road in Spartanburg, Tindall Corporation will construct its state-of-the-art Utility Division manufacturing facility to increase production capacity and expand product offerings. Precast concrete made at the new facility will be shipped throughout the Southeast and beyond, accommodating a wide range of construction needs.

"Tindall Corporation has been a longtime partner in South Carolina's business community, and we are thrilled to see this home-grown company's footprint continue to grow. Congratulations to Tindall

Corporation on this latest expansion, and we look forward to their continued success for many years to come," stated Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

"Expansions of existing industries in Spartanburg County are an indication of healthy economic development conditions. Tindall Corporation has been a solid corporate partner in Spartanburg, providing great jobs and excellent products for over five decades. This expansion will allow for increased production capacity, market diversification and new automation solutions," added Spartanburg County Council Chairman A. Manning Lynch Jr.

The company's expansion is expected to be completed in early 2021. Individuals interested in joining the Tindall Corporation team should visit <https://tindallcorp.com/about/careers/>.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has awarded Spartanburg County a \$100,000 Set-Aside grant for costs related to the project.

Spartanburg art agency launches website to exhibit and sell art

In reaction to COVID-19 and the demand for online art exhibitions and sales, Artists Collective Spartanburg has launched a new website - Shops.ArtistsCollectiveSpartanburg.org - that features the work of local artists.

"This is something we have wanted to do, and COVID-19 pushed us to quickly develop and bring online a website that showcases the work of our members and gives the public an easy way to make purchases," Collective Chair Beth Regula said. "We have more than 50 members and all of them have been invited to 'set up shop' on this website. It's one of their membership benefits. Plus, it's a great benefit to the patrons of the arts, giving them an online way to see the work and purchase it, avoiding possible coronavirus exposure."

Normally, the art venue is open to the public Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

however, it is now closed to the public because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The new website is set up so that each artist has his or her own "shop." When visiting one of these shops, the patron can see photos of art by the artist. In addition, there is information on pricing, materials, availability, shipping, and the artist. Currently, the website features jewelry, glass fusion, miniatures, mixed media, paintings, and photographs. Payment can be made by credit or debit card.

All members have the option to have a free shop on the website, and so far several have established their presence with more expected to go virtual as the site gains popularity.

"It's a very user friendly website," Regula said. "By word of mouth so far, people are already visiting the site and buying art, which absolutely thrills me. Artists Collective | Spartanburg is focused on the artists of this

community. We try very hard to provide private and affordable studio space, public galleries with current exhibitions, the community's most extensive gift shop for locally made art, and now this new website. We are always looking for ways to help artists and to make art more available to the general public."

Artists Collective | Spartanburg is one of the leading not-for-profit art agencies in Upstate South Carolina. It is a membership-based agency with more than 50 members, most of whom live and work within driving distance of Spartanburg. The venue is located at 578 West Main St. in a converted three-story Baptist church. Normally, it hosts three public and free art exhibitions each month, but the venue's galleries are now closed to the public because of the pandemic until further notice.

Clinical depression is much more than feeling sad

From the American Counseling Association

Spring is often a favorite time of the year. Warmer temperatures, longer days and increased opportunities to get outside and enjoy nature. And yet, for large numbers of people, the changes in weather and long days do little to overcome their serious feelings of sadness.

The reality is that we all experience mild forms of depression at various times. It's a normal human emotion, a common response to a loss, a failure or a disappointment. When things in our lives don't go quite as we planned or desired, it's very natural to feel blue or sad about what has happened.

But this emotion that we know as ordinary depression is not the same as major depression. Clinical depression is a serious emotional and biological disease, a long-lasting condition that has serious negative implications for our lives. It is a medical condition that affects our moods and feelings, as well as our behavior and physical health.

Clinical depression can be treated, but can often be hard to diagnose from the outside. If someone close to you has the flu or a sprained ankle, the problem is obvious. But the symptoms of serious depression can be harder to spot, especially when the person's depression causes them to withdraw from relationships.

In addition, the feelings of sadness and low self-worth that major depression can bring on make it difficult to self-diagnose, admit to and seek treatment for what they're experiencing.

Yet there are clear, recognizable symptoms of serious depression. Most common are major changes in sleep habits or appetite patterns. Clinical depression can make concentrating harder, and increase feelings of fatigue and lethargy. A depressed individual will often lose interest in their usual activities, have feelings of hopelessness or guilt, and will suffer from low self-esteem.

Clinical depression's most serious effects can be self-destructive actions. They can range from excessive use of alcohol and drugs to suicide.

If you, or someone you know, is displaying any of the symptoms of serious depression for more than a period of two weeks, or if they talk about or display intentions of suicide, seek medical help. A family physician or local mental health clinic can be a good starting point. Treatments ranging from medications to ongoing sessions with a professional counselor can help overcome the problem in many cases. But major depression is a mental health issue that needs to be addressed.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACACorner@counseling.org

Around the Upstate

Red Cross receives \$100,000 from S.C. Automobile Dealers Association to help keep adequate blood supply and storm relief

Columbia – In order to offset the extraordinary challenges to the American Red Cross of South Carolina’s mission of collecting lifesaving blood and responding to disasters due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association is donating \$100,000 dollars to the organization.

This donation will help at this uniquely critical moment as we are facing fewer blood donations nationwide even as we face exponential increases in operating costs. In South Carolina, 32 hospitals depend on that lifesaving blood being on the shelves and available to meet the need across our communities.

In April, storms ripped through parts of South Carolina destroying homes and leaving hundreds impacted. The Red Cross was in those communities within hours to help and continue that work today. We have had nearly 2,000 overnight shelter stays and provide nearly 8,000 meals and snacks while continuing damage assessment. In addition, this support



The South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association recently donated \$100,000 to the American Red Cross of South Carolina to help with the mission of collecting blood and disaster response.

allows us to continue our work to respond to disasters, support our military and teach life-saving skills. In the month of March, our teams responded to over 130 home fires across the state.

“This has been a very difficult time for everyone in South Carolina as we

adapt to this COVID-19 environment and continue to recover from the April storms” said Louise Welch Williams, the Regional CEO of the Red Cross of South Carolina. “We are so appreciative of the South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association and their generous donation

and commitment to host drives that allows us to support communities in this state, every day.”

“With this donation, SCADA and our franchised Dealer body of South Carolina, hope to support the Red Cross and our communities as we recover from the devastat-

ing virus and storm system that have each impacted many lives in dramatic ways. Our Dealers’ existing relationships with the members of our communities go beyond just selling them an automobile, and this is one more way that we are able to give back to all of our friends and fami-

ly in our communities who make our work possible,” says E. Sims Floyd, Jr. of SCADA.

One of the most important things people can do right now during this public health emergency is to give blood. During this uncertain time, we encourage individuals to keep scheduled blood donation appointments and to make new blood donation appointments for the weeks ahead to ensure a stable supply throughout this pandemic. If you are healthy and feeling well, please make an appointment to donate by visiting RedCrossBlood.org.

You can also make a donation, of any size, to help the American Red Cross continue to deliver its lifesaving mission nationwide by visiting red-cross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or texting the word CORONAVIRUS to 90999. These funds will help us make the urgent investments needed to ensure people can continue to turn to the Red Cross for help and hope—when it’s needed most.

Furman named among U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools

By Tina Underwood, Contributor

Furman University has been named a 2020 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Postsecondary Sustainability Awardee. Furman is one of only five higher education institutions in the country and is the only university in South Carolina to receive the award this year.

Nominated by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) in partnership with the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, Furman was recognized by the Department of Education for reducing environmental impact and costs,

improving health and wellness and offering effective sustainability education.

Furman representatives will receive a plaque for the award Aug. 4, 2020, during a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

“Furman is truly honored to be named among the 2020 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools,” said Weston Dripps, executive director of the Shi Institute for Sustainable Communities.

“Embracing sustainability in higher education is a win for everyone,” he said. “We strive to find innova-

tive ways to reduce our environmental impacts, improve the health and wellness of our campus community and train the next generation of sustainability leaders.”

Furman has made institutional sustainability a priority for decades, Dripps said. Some of the tangible benefits on campus and in the community include:

The Community Conservation Corps (CCC), a university-led initiative that partners with Piedmont Natural Gas and Habitat for Humanity to provide free energy efficiency

weatherizations for underserved homeowners, which reduces energy consumption, promotes financial stability and increases environmental awareness;

The Student Sustainability Fellows Program, which engages Furman undergraduate students in

sustainability research and action around campus- and community-based sustainability projects and has supported more than 325 student fellows with 30 different community partner organizations;

A degree in sustainability science, the only Bachelor

of Science degree in sustainability science in the country that’s offered at a liberal arts institution; and

Furman’s organic campus farm, which provides fresh produce for, and uses composted pre- and post-consumer waste from, the university’s dining hall.

Good Housekeeping

Chocolate Fondue

Fondue is French for “melted,” and this easy-to-make dessert will melt many a chocolate lover’s heart. It’s fantastic with fruit, but try other dunkables, too — marshmallows or cubes of angel food or pound cake.

- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup half-and-half or light cream
- 1 tablespoon flavored liqueur such as cherry, orange, coffee or raspberry, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Fruit such as whole strawberries or chunks of banana, pineapple or pear
- 1/2 cup almonds, toasted and finely chopped (optional)

1. In heavy 1-quart saucepan or fondue pot, melt chocolate with half-and-half over low heat until mixture is smooth, stirring frequently. Stir in liqueur and vanilla; keep sauce warm.

2. To serve, arrange fruit on large platter. Spoon fondue into small bowl if you like. Place nuts in another small bowl. With toothpick, dip fruit into fondue, then into almonds if you like.

* Each serving: About 75 calories, 5g total fat (5g saturated), 2mg cholesterol, 2mg sodium, 8g total carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 1g protein.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Doorknob is different. 2. Door window is missing. 3. Picture is added. 4. Backpack is different. 5. Cord is missing. 6. Woman’s hair is different.

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Super Crossword

JOB SCREENING

ACROSS

- 1 Perceive
- 8 Wavering
- 16 Dies down
- 20 One of the Great Lakes
- 21 CD from Eminem or Jay-Z, say
- 22 Marshland
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Teal, e.g.
- 26 Mine of films
- 27 First-century emperor
- 28 Sufficient, in dialect
- 29 After-bath sprinkle
- 30 Zest
- 32 Riddle, part 2
- 38 Majestic
- 40 Inane
- 41 High-pH compound
- 42 Sticky, viscous stuff
- 45 Previously called
- 46 “— have to wait”
- 49 ESPN’s Hersher
- 50 Riddle, part 3
- 55 They often elicit groans
- 56 “Suffice it —”
- 57 Chinese zoo mammals
- 58 “Thou — lady”: King Lear
- 59 Hotel’s kin
- 60 Young dog
- 61 Sews an edge around
- 65 Riddle, part 4
- 73 Tara of “American Pie”
- 74 Granola bit
- 75 “— Man Answers” (1962 film)
- 76 Jazzy Anita
- 77 Irritated reply to “Are you awake?”
- 81 Devours, with “down”
- 83 Accept
- 84 Riddle, part 5
- 90 Gulf nation
- 91 Good diving score
- 92 Genetic letters
- 93 Flanders river
- 94 Ovum, e.g.
- 96 “There it is!”
- 98 Souces
- 102 End of the riddle
- 108 AI who drew L’l Abner
- 109 Old Italian coins
- 110 Tie down, as a ship
- 111 Sheik, e.g.
- 113 Actress Carrere
- 114 Mark Twain’s Huck
- 115 Riddle’s answer
- 120 Poker cost
- 121 Ethereal quality
- 122 Relate (to)
- 123 Prayer opener
- 124 Northern parts of New York and New Jersey
- 125 Numbers used in sums
- 11 In a docile way
- 12 1985 Kate Nelligan film
- 13 In re
- 14 “Dallas” actor Patrick
- 15 Singer Sumac
- 16 Begin, as a journey
- 17 — ball (pool hall item)
- 18 “Fists of Fury” star
- 19 Get sight of
- 24 “— the weather?”
- 29 Phone no.
- 31 Port of Japan
- 33 Actress Lisa
- 34 Poem of lamentation
- 35 “Hick” actor Baldwin
- 36 Hayek of Hollywood
- 37 Window ledge
- 39 Parking —
- 43 — left field
- 44 Tine
- 46 Repeated statement in Windows ads
- 47 Plating metal
- 48 Kind of PC monitor
- 50 Rage
- 51 — nous
- 52 “There — I’ in team”
- 53 Musical piece
- 54 Racket-raising Arthur
- 55 Rover’s foot
- 60 Fruit discard
- 62 Arcane
- 63 Annoyed with
- 64 Boa, for one
- 66 “Right, bro”
- 67 0% of the people
- 68 Biker’s bike, colloquially
- 69 Largest city on Hawaii
- 70 “Get — back!”
- 71 Abraders
- 72 Coloring substance
- 78 Dance great de Mille
- 79 Ovid’s 1,051
- 80 Diarist Anaïs
- 81 Took the prize
- 82 Florida city
- 84 Breathe loudly
- 85 Bringing up the rear
- 86 Collides with
- 87 Not deserved
- 88 Tramped (on)
- 89 “Holiday” actor Ayres
- 95 Mao — tung
- 96 Romeo and Juliet’s town
- 97 “It’s — state of affairs”
- 99 Lane of Broadway
- 100 Narcotic
- 101 Generates
- 103 Beatnik’s “Got it!”
- 104 People on the move
- 105 Like a well-pitched
- 106 “Sing, Sing, Sing” drummer
- 107 Totally filled
- 112 Longtime West Virginia senator
- 109 Robert
- 114 —
- 115 Sorority letter
- 116 Humid
- 117 Suffix with colour
- 118 Ar-tee link
- 119 Honored Fr. woman

Super Crossword

Answers

DISCERN UNSTEADY EBBSS
ONSTARIG RAPAUBUM RIRE
WHATISITHE NAME OF A RALUE
SAIL NEIRO ENUPITALIC
ELAN NEWREALITYSERIES
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Why playtime matters more than ever right now

(StatePoint) In these unprecedented and uncertain times, play is critical to physical and emotional well-being, helping both kids and adults decompress and stay positive while providing countless learning opportunities.

“With families encouraged to practice social distancing and many schools closed, it’s more important than ever to keep playing together as a family,” says Anna Yudina, senior director of marketing initiatives, The Toy Association. “Play not only sparks joy, but has numerous benefits for kids and parents alike.”

To help families make the most of their time together, The Genius of Play, a national movement to educate parents and caregivers about play’s vital role in child development, has launched “Play Today,” a new online destination for families to stay well and play on. As part of the initiative, they are sharing play ideas and inspiration to keep kids busy and engaged.

Reasons to Play Today

- Play offers six key developmental benefits, helping kids hone their physical, emotional, cognitive, creative, social and



communication skills.

- Research points to a direct correlation between play and stress reduction. In stressful times, play can bring comfort and relieve anxiety for everyone.

- Play stimulates little minds and keeps children engaged and learning even as schools remain closed.

- Play provides an outlet for creativity and imagina-

tion, lifting spirits and delivering much-needed positive emotions.

- Play brings families together and is an opportunity to make lasting memories that will live long after the current crisis is over.

How to Play

- Let the kids lead the way! Encourage children to share how they want to play and to use their imaginations, plus things they have

around the house, to put their ideas into action.

- Use toys to dial up fun and enhance learning. From stuffed animals, action figures and dolls to construction sets and science kits, there are thousands of toys that can ignite kids’ curiosity and spark hours of play and hands-on exploration. The American Academy of Pediatrics has acknowledged the importance of high-quality toys in early

childhood to facilitate cognitive development, language interactions, symbolic and pretend play, problem-solving, social interactions and physical activity.

- For the most beneficial play and to create the most fun, it’s important for parents to select toys that match their children’s interests, abilities and developmental skills. For a research-based toy and play guide, parents and care-

givers can visit TheGeniusofPlay.org.

- Use technology to connect with others. Throw a virtual dance party or take the kids on a field trip to their favorite zoo or museum.

- Get active. From “Simon Says” to action hero role play to musical chairs, there are endless ways to be active. Modeling fun physical activities can help instill the importance of movement.

Get Inspired

Free online resources are available to provide families with play inspiration. The Genius of Play’s #PlayToday hub offers indoor and virtual play ideas, expert advice, and lots of games for families of all sizes to help them make the most of their time together. To access this information, as well as at-home learning resources for social distancing and expert tips from leaders in education and child development, visit TheGeniusofPlay.org.

“With families suddenly spending more time at home, there has never been a better time to play than today,” says Yudina.

Clemson board approves tuition freeze for 2020-21 academic year

By Tara Romanella, Clemson University Relations

Clemson University’s Board of Trustees approved on Thursday the University’s plan for a tuition and mandatory fee freeze for the 2020-21 academic year for all in-state and out-of-state students. Housing and dining fees are not mandatory, and a decision on those will be made in the near future.

“This tuition freeze provides a bit of stability for our families during these uncertain times,” President Jim Clements said. “I want to express my thanks to our Board of Trustees for their leadership in taking this timely action as Clemson continues to provide a great value to our students and to the State of South Carolina and its citizens.”

The action marks the first time Clemson tuition has remained constant in recent years. The administration attributed its ability to make this decision to the university’s focused efforts on cost containment and operational efficiency, as well as the Governor and the South Carolina General Assembly’s investment in higher education through tuition mitigation funding.

The actual average out-of-pocket cost to in-state freshmen is only 36 percent of the posted tuition rates and is directly attributable to South Carolina’s generous scholarship program and Clemson’s commitment to providing financial support to its students. More than 99 percent of all incoming freshmen from South Carolina receive scholarship funding.

Earlier this month, Clemson’s Board of Trustees authorized the administration to provide more than \$17 million in unused housing, dining and parking fees to students for the Spring semester.

“Our Board is keenly aware of the financial impact the coronavirus pandemic is having on many of our students and their families,” said

Clemson Board of Trustees Chairman Smyth McKissick. “The decision to hold the line on tuition is consistent with Clemson’s student-centric approach to providing a relevant, high-quality educational experience in as efficient a manner as possible.”

Clemson has been cited

as one of the most efficiently operated universities in the country as Clemson’s expenses per student are 38 percent lower than the average of U.S. News top 25 institutions.

“Like many other institutions of higher education nationally, Clemson has been affected financially by

the pandemic and we’ve already taken steps to control our costs,” Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations Tony Wagner said. “Our University is in a position to make this commitment to our students because of the ongoing focus on efficiency of each of our col-

leges and departments.”

The University has previously announced an immediate hiring freeze, reduction in travel expenses and other temporary budget cuts.

As a result of the University’s commitment to efficient operations and the State’s support, 54 per-

cent of Clemson graduates leave with no student debt, compared to 35 percent nationally. Simultaneously, Clemson graduates its students at rates well beyond the national average. More than 83 percent of students graduate within six years, compared to 59 percent nationally.



2020 DOWNTOWN EVENT SCHEDULE

March 14	Shenanigans on the Square, Noon-10 pm
March 14	Queen Fest, Barnet Park, 2-10 pm
Thursdays in April	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm
Fridays in April	Jazz on the Square, Morgan Square, 5:30-8 pm
April 3 & 4	Hub City Hog Fest, Morgan Square/Church Street
April 18	Spartanburg Soaring Kite Festival, 11am-5 pm
April 18	Cribb's Burger Cookoff, West Main St., 1-8 pm
April 24-26	Spring Fling Weekend/Criterium
Thursdays in May	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm
Fridays in May	Jazz on the Square, Morgan Square, 5:30-8 pm
May 2	Cinco de Mayo, Noon-9 pm
May 9	Soul Fest, Barnet Park
Monday, May 18	Assault on Mt. Mitchell
May 30	Worship Without Walls, Barnet Park
Thursdays in June	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm
June 6	Sparkle City Rhythm & Ribs (Barnet Park)
June 20	Afro Fest, Barnet Park
Thursdays in July	Music on Main, Morgan Square, 5:30-8:30 pm
July 4	Red, White, & Boom, Barnet Park, 5-10 pm
August 22	85 South Country Fest, Barnet Park
September 12	Hispanic/LatinX Music Fest, Barnet Park
September 17-20	Spartanburg Greek Festival
October 3	International Festival, Barnet Park, 11am-7pm
October 24	Hub City Brew Fest, Spring/Broad Streets, 1-5 pm
October 24	Synergy Music Fest, Barnet Park
November 7	Upstate PRIDE Festival, Barnet Park
December 3	Dickens of a Christmas, 6-9 pm
December 8	Spartanburg Jaycees Christmas Parade

City organized events

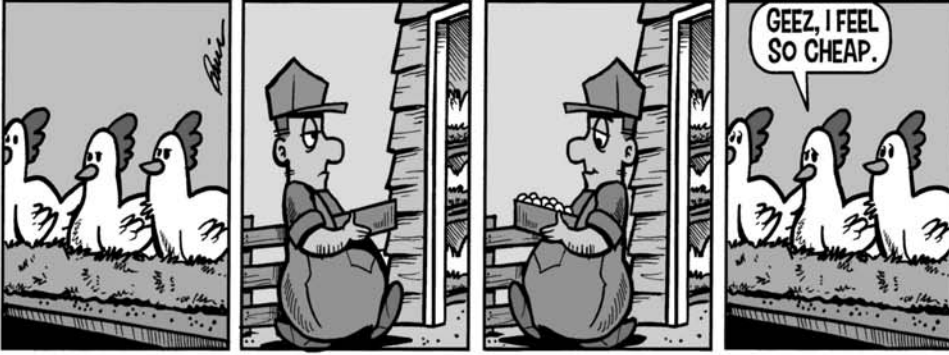
City permitted/supported events

(New)Synergy Music Series at Barnet Park

****** Please note that events in April and part of May have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Please visit www.cityofspartanburg.org for more information. ******

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



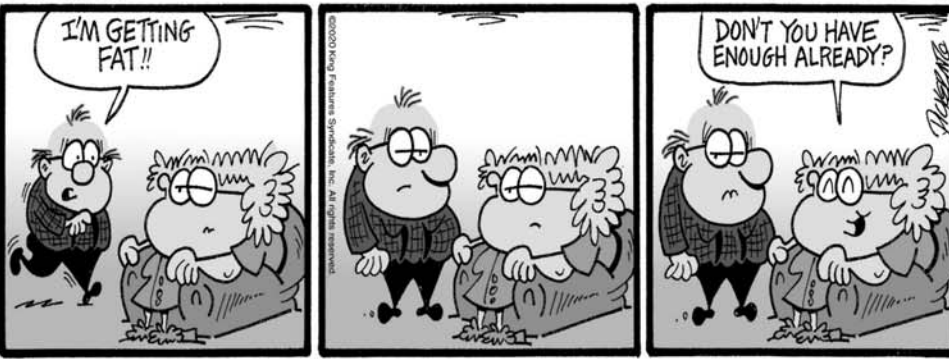
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Melodic: TILLING

Annoyance: ARCHING

Blowing: ZEYBRE

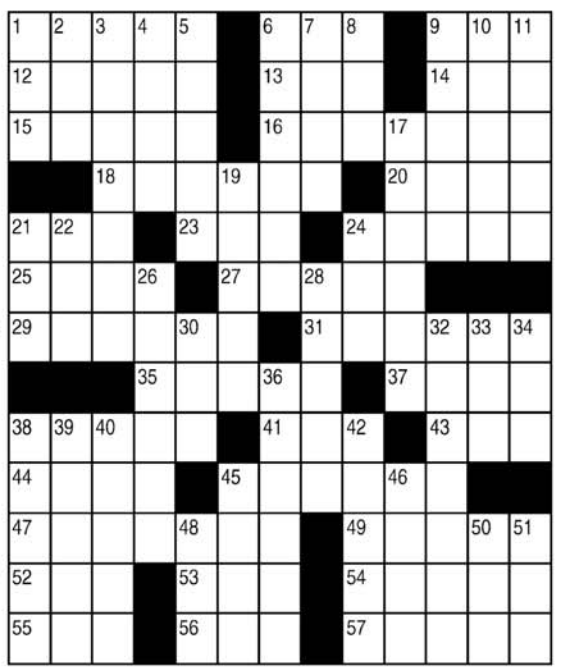
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pythias' pal
- 6 Try the tea
- 9 Cleveland cager
- 12 Memorable mission
- 13 "— Little Teapot"
- 14 Blackbird
- 15 Make obscure
- 16 "Material Girl" singer
- 18 Bold alternative
- 20 Check
- 21 Dogtag wearers
- 23 — good deed
- 24 Founded (on)
- 25 Love god
- 27 Ill-suited
- 29 Praying bug
- 31 Tiny
- 35 Vote for
- 37 Prego rival
- 38 Start a rally
- 41 Moon vehicle acronym
- 43 — Perignon
- 44 Shaving cream additive
- 45 Cut aid
- 47 Insanity
- 49 Free of frost
- 52 Inseparable
- 53 Bullring bravo
- 54 Beetle
- 55 Commotion
- 56 Trawler need
- 57 Hiker's route



- 11 Food item
- 17 Speaker
- 19 Grown-up nit
- 21 Prized possession
- 22 A Gershwin brother
- 24 Morsel
- 26 Spielberg or Soderbergh
- 28 In the cards
- 30 — -de-France
- 32 Fortified Portuguese wine
- 33 "But — on forever":
- 34 Summa — laude
- 36 Storage area
- 38 Pago Pago's place
- 39 Savanna grazer
- 40 Wild West show
- 42 Interior
- 45 Capri, e.g.
- 46 Approach
- 48 A billion years
- 50 Movie trickery (Abbr.)
- 51 Wet wriggler

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	2	6		4				
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	3	8			2			
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ACRONYMS: What does the ZIP postal code stand for?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river in the United States?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was Walt Disney's middle name?
- BUSINESS: Which company owns the Lamborghini line of sports cars and SUVs?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient in the snack hummus?
- MYTHOLOGY: Where was Achilles' vulnerable spot?
- MOVIES: In the thriller "Die Hard," what was the name of the high-rise building where the action took place?
- SCIENCE: Which part of the atom has no electrical charge?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which actress/singer's nickname was The Divine Miss M?
- TELEVISION: Which 1970s comedy series spawned the spinoff series "Maude"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

- 1. The is different.
- 2. Plane is missing.
- 3. Ship is missing.
- 4. Window is added.
- 5. Hobo stick is different.
- 6. Word changed to "agent."

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Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

CRYPTOQUIP

If two people are debating the merits of thermostats, would it be a heated argument?

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Lifting; 2. Chagrin; 3. Breezy; 4. Stroke

Today's Word

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USC Upstate 'up and running' with largest summer offerings in school history

The University of South Carolina Upstate recently announced it is offering more than 360 courses online this summer, empowering students to continue their educational pursuits despite the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

USC Upstate's summer course schedule, which is the largest in the university's history, includes more than 50 classes never before offered by the university during the summer

term.

"Our successful transition to virtual instruction during these historic times is a testament to the dedication and resilience of our faculty and students," said Derham Cole, interim chancellor at USC Upstate. "We are proud to be 'Up and running' this summer and delighted to offer a record number of classes to meet the needs of students across the state."

Registration is now open for current USC Upstate students and students seek-



ing to earn credits toward a degree at an institution other than USC Upstate. Students may take two courses in each session of

summer school. Those sessions include Summer A, May 6 - 29; Summer B, June 1 - June 30; and Summer C, July 6 - Aug. 4.

The last day to register for classes is May 7 for Summer A, June 3 for Summer B and July 7 for Summer C.

Any hours completed in summer school will count toward hours earned for scholarships and for satisfactory academic progress. Financial aid is available to USC Upstate students. Visiting students will need to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current school year.

"USC Upstate was one

of the first universities to announce that its summer school would be going completely virtual," said USC Upstate Provost Clif Flynn. "It's a privilege to offer a high-quality online learning experience from world-class faculty not only for our own students but also those from other universities who want to keep on learning at USC Upstate."

Do's and don'ts of outdoor fuel use; follow these guidelines to use fuel properly & safely

(StatePoint) With stay-at-home measures in place, you may find yourself with extra time for getting a jumpstart on outdoor seasonal chores.

But first, you'll need to fuel up, as gasoline, kerosene and diesel fuel are all required for outdoor tasks like removing fallen tree limbs and power washing driveways. Follow this advice from the experts at Scepter to use fuel properly and safely.

Dispose of Old Fuel

"Safely dispose of any leftover fuel in containers from winter activities," says Daniel Marshall, vice president of marketing and business development with Scepter. "Winter fuel is heavier, and a unique blend. Fuel available in spring and summer is different and should be used for lawn care and sporting equipment."

You can safely dispose of a winter mix of gasoline, Marshall notes, by carefully funneling it into your car so that a small amount of remaining winter fuel will mix in with the gasoline in your larger tank.

Selecting Containers

Inspect your existing fuel containers for cracks and



leaks. If you find signs of aging, invest in new, durable fuel containers, like Scepter SmartControl. Available in one-, two- and five-gallon gas, kerosene and diesel sizes, these high-density polyethylene containers have child safety features for added protection. Additionally, their innovative spout design provides a clean and fast pour, helping save gas for

where it's needed by eliminating spills. Their user-controlled flow valves and flame mitigation devices (FMD) make it easy and safe to direct the amount of fuel being dispensed.

Do's and Don'ts

Before using fuel around the house, review this "do's and don'ts list" with your family:

Do...

- Use fuel outside only, in well-ventilated areas where you won't breathe in the fumes.
- Remove fuel containers from vehicles before refilling.
- Place containers on the ground a safe distance from vehicles when refilling.
- Touch the container with the gas dispenser nozzle before removing the

container lid to ground the static electricity charge.

- Keep the nozzle in contact with the container when filling it to prevent build-up of static charge.
- Carefully wipe away fuel spills, either during the filling of the container or when using the container.
- Store fuel in their proper containers. Universally, red containers are for gasoline, blue are for kerosene and

yellow are for diesel.

- Let a hot motor cool before adding more fuel.

Don't...

- Siphon any type of fuel by mouth.
- Allow children near fuel containers.
- Store filled fuel containers in a vehicle or living space, like a home or trailer.
- Bring fuel containers near open flames, whether it be pilot lights or stoves.
- Bring, store or use fuel near any source of ignition.
- Smoke when using fuel or when near fuel containers.
- Remove or alter the FMD inside the opening of the container.
- Pour fuel directly onto or near a flame, coals or embers. Fuel should never be used to start or accelerate a fire.
- Use any type of fuel to kill ant hills or bee hives.

For additional tips, check out free safety videos online by visiting, Scepter.com/safety.

For a safe, productive season of outdoor activities and chores, be sure to always store and use fuel properly.

King Crossword

ACROSS

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DOWN

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Kids' Maze

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DOG-EARED WORDS

DOG-EARED WORDS

U N D E R R O F R O G I G O D
R H T S O
H R S O
G O D P O T D O G G O N E
S Y A D G O D I L I H C
G O D L L U B
G O D N R O C I T A M G O D

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

EGG	BET	HOLD
GRAM	OAR	ABED
OOZE	BRO	PITT
SWARD	SOUP	
	RAG	PSYCHO
LADYBUG	AGLOW	
AGOG	TUB	OUSE
KILOES	MALLETS	
ENTRAP	YOU	
	OTIC	SCRUB
TUTU	POT	KOTO
IRON	EMU	YEAR
PLOD	SAX	SHE

Kids' Maze Solution

MAGIC MAZE ● DOG-EARED WORDS

A O L I G G D B Y W T T R P M
K I F D U B E Y W O T U S Q O
M K I F N D B L R H Z X H H W
U S Q O D N L T G D J S O H F
D C A Y E W G I E O I T V T S
Q P N L R O F R K F D I H F E
C B Z Y D G I W G O V D U S R
G O D P O T D O G G O N E Q P
S Y A D G O D I L I H C N L M
L J G O D L L U B I H F E D S
G O D N R O C I T A M G O D C

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: A SHARP ANGLE OR BEND

Bulldog	Dog-tired	Dogma	Sled dog
Chili dog	Dogfight	Dogmatic	Top dog
Corn dog	Dogfish	Dogtrot	Underdog
Dog days	Doggone	Hotdog	

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Our Story So Far...

TRANSPORTED BACK TO EARTH... HELD CAPTIVE IN A TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION... DALE ARDEN IS FREED BY MEMBERS OF AN ELITE ORGANIZATION...

MISS ARDEN HAS FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE WITH THE SPACE PORTAL. IT'S IMPERATIVE SHE ACCOMPANY YOU.

IT'S A MISTAKE, TOM...

...SHE'LL JEOPARDIZE THE ENTIRE MISSION. BLAST IT, PHIL! THIS ISN'T OPEN FOR DISCUSSION...

...WHAT IS THIS, ROUND 3 OR 4?

...SHE'S GOING WITH.

I'VE NEVER HEARD THEM GO HEAD TO HEAD LIKE THIS BEFORE. I WONDER WHY PHIL'S SO ADAMANT ABOUT LEAVING DALE BEHIND?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? HE WANTS TO KEEP HER OUT OF HARM'S WAY.

YOU MEAN THE OLD CURMUDGEON'S FALLEN FOR HER?

THE PROBLEM IS PHIL DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE IT.

AND IF HE'S NOT THINKING WITH A CLEAR HEAD ON THIS ONE...

THE FATE OF THE WORLD COULD BE AT STAKE.

TO BE CONT'D

POPEYE

BY CHESHAM

I DON'T THINK Y'D FEEL THAT WAY, SWEETIE!

HOW DID YOU EXPECT ME TO FEEL?

AFTER ALL YOU PROMISED

YOU WALTZ IN HERE ALL SET TO GO FISHING

...WHEN YOU KNOW WE MADE OTHER PLANS

SUT, OLIVE...

...LEMME S'PLAIN... REMEMBER WHAT YOU PROMISED JUST LAST NIGHT?

I KNOWS WOT I PROMIS'D, SWEETIE...

BUT Y'GOTTA BE OUTA YER MIND...

...I' EXPECT ME T' GO SHOPPIN' WIT' YA ON A DAY LIKE DISS!

NHE begins leasing on newly completed Linden Square apartments in Gaffney

Greenville - Noted South Carolina-based property management firm NHE, Inc. has begun leasing on its latest affordable housing community in South Carolina with the opening of Linden Square, a 24-unit apartment home development situated in Gaffney.

Linden Square joins dozens of other NHE affordable housing properties in markets including Spartanburg, Greenville, Rock Hill, Columbia, Charleston and Anderson, among others.

The Linden Square community is a joint effort made possible with funding through the South Carolina Housing Authority and its Small Rental Development Program, with project development undertaken as a joint effort of NHE Development and Creative Builders of Greenville. The purpose



of the initiative is to continue to expand availability of high quality, affordable housing in communities across the Palmetto State. Apartment units at Linden Square are available to prospective tenants with household incomes vary-

ing from 30% to 80% of area median levels for Cherokee County.

Located at 160 Stuard Street in Gaffney, the 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartment homes are located with excellent proximity to the community's main com-

mercial corridor and easily accessible to shopping, dining, healthcare and other community amenities. Walmart, Lowe's, Ingle's and other important retail outlets are all within easy walking distance for residents.

"NHE is excited to begin handling management and leasing for Linden Square, which we consider to be an excellent addition to Gaffney's affordable housing landscape," said Taylor Davis, CEO of NHE, Inc. "We have sought the right

opportunities in the market for several years for a project such as this, and are pleased to work with Creative Builders, the general contractor for the community, in this important initiative."

Linden Square Apartments feature one, two, and three-bedroom units ranging from 752 square feet to 1,187 square feet. Within each unit, residents enjoy 9-foot ceilings, solid wood cabinets, high-quality laminate countertops and luxury vinyl tile flooring, among other features. Apartments are ENERGY STAR certified, meaning they meet strict program requirements for energy efficiency and achieve a 20% improvement on average over non-certified homes.

Call (864) 478-8914 or emailing NHE at lindensquare@nhe-inc.com

Creative ways to go beyond the remotely assigned curriculum while home schooling

(StatePoint) Today many parents are seeking ways to keep their kids engaged and learning beyond the schoolwork remotely assigned by teachers.

Many of the team members at Pilot Pen are parents, too. Below, they share some fun and creative ways you can use the power of the written word to help create special moments for kids while imparting valuable lessons.

Share Life Skills

Adjusting to this new normal has found parents wearing even more hats than usual. Many are simultaneously tackling work responsibilities, navigating home schooling and taking care of chores. Make the most of this time by showing kids how to be more organized. It's a valuable lesson they can learn by watching you. The Pilot team recommends teaching kids to keep a daily schedule using erasable FriXion ColorSticks, which allow for color coding activities and staying organized with 16 ink shades to choose from. The unique, thermo-sensitive ink means there's no need to worry about mistakes -- simply erase and revise.

Adding a creative twist to daily tasks is also a great way to teach children life skills. Sorting laundry can be a fun color-matching game for toddlers, while older kids can learn valuable kitchen skills with a family recipe challenge.

These practical life skills can help kids develop confidence and independence, while providing quality time together.

Focus on Family

Having children connect with loved ones can have significant benefits. Start a multi-generational gratitude journal together to create a tangible reminder of what's truly important. Add context to your kids' history lessons by sharing and writing down real stories of relatives' lives during key historical periods. This can help children grasp the lasting importance of these events, while enhancing their sense of family pride. The Pilot team recommends G2 gel ink pens, which come in more than 25 smooth-writing shades to bring color to family stories or color-code the family tree to see one person's impact through the generations. Take the time to video chat with relatives and get them involved in the project. You can make the most of the present while creating a lasting memory of your family's unique legacy.

Experiment With Creativity

For parents looking for creative activities outside the curriculum, consider exploring cursive writing, lettering or drawing. These activities stimulate the brain in ways digital devices cannot and increase kids' ability to



retain information, giving them a sense of accom-

plishment. Use Pilot's new ultra-vibrant Juice Paint

Markers for imaginative projects or to personalize household items. Ideal for a variety of surfaces like paper, wood, glass, plastic, fabric and stone, it's a great opportunity to customize everything from canvas shoes to reusable water bottles while giving kids a hands-on lesson on surface porosity (Juice Paint can be easily wiped clean from non-porous surfaces!). Who says you can't mix art with science?

To learn more and for

more inspiration, visit PowertothePen.com and [instagram.com/pilot-penusa](https://www.instagram.com/pilot-penusa).

Adjusting to this new normal is challenging. However, there are many creative ways families can go above and beyond the school curriculum to learn, explore and stay both positive and productive.

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