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AROUND TOWN

Earth, Wind & Fire: Artists Collective hosts annual new member exhibit in January

Artists Collective | Spartanburg will host its annual exhibition for new members Jan. 5 - 30, 2021. Entitled "Earth, Wind & Fire," the show will feature three visual artists who joined the Collective during 2020.

The work of Amy Morris, Shannon Patrick, and Jason Huffman can be seen at no cost Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in galleries II and III. All pandemic protocols will be enforced, including the use of face masks and staying six feet away from other people.

Artists Collective | Spartanburg is one of the leading nonprofit art centers in Upstate South Carolina. It is a membership-based organization with more than 50 members, mostly visual artists but also some performing artists. It is housed in a three-story building that was originally a Baptist church. It is located at 578 West Main Street, Spartanburg. About 30 members have studios in the building that also features three galleries, an extensive gift shop, a ceramic studio, two stages, and locally produced art throughout the facility. Each month, the Collective hosts two or three exhibitions by members and guest artists. For more information, please visit online: ArtistsCollectiveSpartanburg.org.

Spartanburg City Council approves pay increases for police officers

At their last meeting of 2020, Spartanburg City Council voted 7-0 to approve pay increases for City police officers. In his presentation to Council, City Manager Chris Story said the move was possible due to a two percent surplus in revenues so far this fiscal year. The approved budget amendment allocates \$625,000 of funds to raises for police officers and bonuses for all other city staff, with \$370,000 going to police officers and \$255,000 utilized to provide bonuses for the 270 other full-time city employees.

Initially planned as part of the City's fiscal year 20-21 budget in July, police department raises were taken off the table temporarily due to an uncertain revenue picture presented by the COVID-19 pandemic along with a planned 1.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment for all city employees.

City Council also approved an agreement 4-3 to create a six month pilot program to allow electric scooter operator Blue Duck to bring Downtown Spartanburg. Mayor Junie White and Council members Meghan Smith and Erica Brown voted against the motion. Blue Duck plans to bring 100-125 scooters to the downtown area, sharing parking with the current BCycle bike share program.

Under terms of the agreement, scooter riders must use bike lanes when available and may only use streets with a speed limit of 25 mph or less. Additionally, the scooters may not be ridden on sidewalks, on trails such as the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail, or in city parks. Riders will also not be allowed to park scooters on sidewalks within 8 feet of a building entrance or within 4 feet of benches and crosswalks.

Furman basketball's "Weekends at the Well" return for 2021

Greenville – Furman men's basketball will return to downtown Greenville and Bon Secours Wellness Arena for four exciting "Weekends at the Well" this season, and tickets are on sale now.

The Paladins will host Southern Conference rivals ETSU (Jan. 16), Chattanooga (Jan. 30), Wofford (Feb. 6) and Western Carolina (Feb. 13) at the Well this season. These four matchups will be considered Furman's season ticket package for 2020-21 and are available starting at \$50. Seats will be socially distanced and are available in seating pods of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Tickets can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com or at the GSP International Airport Box Office at Bon Secours Wellness Arena.

Fans will be required to wear a mask at all times inside in the Well and are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Bon Secours Wellness Arena COVID-19 Safety Guide and the new "No Bags Allowed Policy". Game day attendance will be subject to change based on the health of our community, recommendations and guidance from DHEC and from the university's COVID Response Steering Committee and Public Health and Safety Advisory Group. Click here to learn more about Furman's attendance plan.

Weekends at the Well

Jan. 16 vs. Eastern Tennessee State University
 Jan. 30 vs. Chattanooga
 Feb. 6 vs. Wofford
 Feb. 22 vs. Western Carolina

The Spartanburg County Foundation welcomes Erika McJimpsey as new trustee

The Spartanburg County Foundation recently announced the election of Erika L. McJimpsey to the Board of Trustees for a term of seven years.

Erika McJimpsey currently serves as the Chief Municipal Judge for the City of Spartanburg where she started the first Homeless Court in the Upstate of South Carolina. Erika is the first African-American to hold the position of municipal judge for the City of Spartanburg.

In 1996, she was hired as the first African-American female prosecutor for the Seventh Judicial Circuit and worked as the circuit's first full-time domestic violence prosecutor, as well as, previously serving as an attorney for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

Erika L. McJimpsey received her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Middle Tennessee State University and her Juris Doctor Degree from North Carolina Central School of Law. Erika was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant and served our country as a Judge Advocate General in the U.S. Army Reserves. She has received numerous awards including the 2004 Ernest Fritz Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution (Family Court), as well as being recognized by the Mary L. Thomas Award for Civic Leadership and Commu-



Erika L. McJimpsey

ity Change for Faith. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Much of Erika's volunteer work has been directed towards serving children and families, and it includes serving as a volunteer on the following boards and organizations: South Carolina Bar, National Bar Association, YMCA Black Achievers, Phyllis Wheatley Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Girls Scouts of South Carolina Mountains to Midlands, School Improvement Council - Anderson Mill Elementary School, Spartanburg Methodist College

Paralegal Advisory Board, and The Spartanburg County Foundation's Community Leadership Committee. Erika is the founder of SOAR Leadership and Mentor Summit.

Erika speaks on a regular basis to schools in Spartanburg County about the judicial system and the importance of connecting your purpose with your passion. She and her husband, Ryan, are the founders and senior leaders of City Gate Ministries. She is a proud wife and mother of three sons.

Lockhart Power provides emergency COVID-19 funds for Spartanburg Community College students

The Spartanburg Community College Foundation recently received a \$5,000 gift from Lockhart Power in Lockhart, SC to assist SCC students with emergency needs related to COVID-19.

"Lockhart Power is an important community partner to Spartanburg Community College for the many things they do each year for the residents of Union County and surrounding areas," explains Dr. G. Michael Mikota, SCC president. "COVID-19 has certainly had a significant effect, on our students, impacting the way they live, learn and interact with others, so anything that can be done to help them is tremendous. We are so appreciative of this donation because it will directly impact our students and could be the financial boost they need to continue their education."

"Lockhart Power has made a historic commitment this year to help offset some of the devastating effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our communities. It has disrupted everyone's lives, including a number of

local college students who have been especially impacted. The goal of this particular donation is to minimize the risk of COVID derailing those students' lives and allow them the opportunity to advance their education and pursue their dreams and ambitions," states Bryan Stone, president, Lockhart Power.

Students may apply for SCC emergency funds via a simple online form on the college's website. If approved, they could be awarded up to \$500 once in a calendar year. All applications are evaluated through the SCC student affairs office. Since March 2020, the SCC Foundation has awarded \$17,000 of emergency funds to students.

Emergency fund eligibility criteria includes the following. SCC students must:

- * Be experiencing a financial hardship resulting from an emergency, accident, natural disaster or another unexpected critical event. Emergencies related to COVID-19 are also considered at this time.
- * Be currently enrolled

at SCC in at least six credit hours and have successfully completed six credit hours.

* Have applied for all available aid and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

* Complete and submit an Emergency Fund Application along with documentation of the emergency.

Ron Jackson, vice president, SCC student affairs, said, "During this time of crisis many students can become overwhelmed by academic and economic pressures. This assistance will go a long way in relieving some of the hardships, so students have a better opportunity for success."

For more information on the SCC emergency fund, visit the SCC website, financial aid information at: www.sccsc.edu/Emergency-Fund

The mission of the SCC Foundation generates resources of all kinds by building and strengthening partnerships to advance the goals of Spartanburg Community College. For information, visit www.sccsc.edu/foundation.

Take eggs beyond breakfast

Breakfast is my favorite meal of the day, and eggs are one of my favorite ingredients any time of the day! Eggs are a great way to start your day because they're an almost perfect food. Whole eggs are nutritious and contain almost every nutrient you need to maintain good health, and they keep you feeling full between meals.

One large egg has 13 essential vitamins and minerals, and protein, all for 70 calories. While egg whites contain some of the high-quality protein, riboflavin and selenium, most of an egg's beneficial properties are found in the yolk. Here are some vitamins and nutrients:

Vitamin D – critical for bone health and immune function. Eggs are one of the only foods that naturally contain vitamin D.

Lutein and zeaxanthin – antioxidants that are believed to reduce the risk of developing cataracts and slow the progression of age-related macular degeneration.

Choline – essential for normal functioning of all cells. Brain development and memory may be enhanced by the choline content of eggs, and the consumption of eggs is particularly important during pregnancy to support healthy brain development of the fetus.

Easy Supper Shakshura

2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 small onion, chopped
 1 teaspoon red chile flakes or 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper or 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 teaspoon paprika
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves or cinnamon

2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 cups prepared marinara sauce

2 cups fresh baby spinach
 4 eggs
 1 1/2 cup feta cheese
 Cilantro, basil or parsley leaves, chopped (optional)

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, add the olive oil, then add the chopped onion, the chile flakes or cayenne pepper or hot sauce, salt, pepper, paprika, cumin and cloves or cinnamon, and cook for 5 minutes, or until the onion becomes soft and translucent. Add the garlic and cook for another 1-2 minutes.

2. Stir in the marinara sauce and turn the heat to high to bring the sauce to a boil. Add the spinach, one handful at a time, and stir it in to wilt it.

3. Turn the heat to low. Using the back of a large spoon, make 4 indentions (wells) in the sauce to place the eggs. Gently crack the eggs in the skillet into the indentions in the tomato sauce and cover the skillet with a lid for 3 to 5 minutes, or until the whites of the eggs are cooked and set.

4. Sprinkle the feta cheese around the eggs and on top of the sauce. Garnish with the cilantro, basil or parsley, if desired, and serve warm with crusty bread or rolls to mop up the sauce. Serves 4.

Around the Upstate

A partnership for the future: Clemson, U.S. Army to develop next generation of autonomous vehicle tools, prototyping

Automotive autonomy technology is changing economies and global industries – and is also a driving force behind military modernization. Bringing these self-driving vehicles to life on- and off-road requires new concepts and algorithms to be tested expeditiously and cost-effectively – all of which happen through virtual prototyping. This key enabler for autonomy is the focus behind a new \$18 million center housed at the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) and a research partnership with the U.S. Army Ground Vehicle Systems Center (GVSC).

The Virtual Prototyping of Ground Systems (VIPR-GS) Center will serve as the impetus for the research project. As founding director of VIPR-GS, Zoran Filipi will lead more than 65 Clemson faculty across seven engineering departments on the multi-year research partnership with GVSC to develop virtual prototyping tools supporting the rapid transformation of U.S. Army fleets. The research will be focused on autonomy-enabled ground vehicles, including digital engineering, next-generation propulsion and energy systems, and manned and unmanned teaming in unknown off-road environments.

The Center will leverage a systems engineering approach to propel research breakthroughs in off-road vehicle autonomy and vehicle propulsion. Research activities will also take place on Clemson's main campus and will include learning opportunities for students at all levels.

"Autonomous systems and connected vehicles are some of the most significant factors shaping the mobility industry today, and the work being done in off-road autonomy is truly the next frontier. CU-ICAR was designed to foster research and partnerships to benefit our future. Through our deep research

strengths and interdisciplinary culture, Clemson is uniquely positioned to lead the way in this important work," said Clemson President Jim Clements.

"For the last decade, we have diligently strengthened and expanded our capabilities to become the nationally-recognized institution we are today," said Zoran Filipi, chair of the Department of Automotive Engineering and founding director of the VIPR-GS Center. "From our skilled autonomous vehicle research team to our unmatched expertise in advanced propulsion and systems engineering DNA, this is exactly the type of high-impact, multi-disciplinary, ambitious research challenge we were built for."

Breakthrough research for autonomous off-road development

Researchers will build and validate various virtual models and simulations for off-road vehicles with advanced electrified propulsion, situational intelligence, AI-enabled autonomy and team-routing algorithms. The Center will support one of the Army Big Six Modernization Priorities – developing next-generation combat vehicles – by providing tools for technology roadmaps and hardware demonstrations.

"The VIPR Center will be an essential part of a Ground Vehicle Modeling and Simulation Alliance that GVSC will rely on as it leads the U.S. Army in the integration of new capabilities into military ground vehicles," said David Gorsich, US GVSC Chief Scientist.

Three themes characterize the research efforts: Off-road autonomy for multi-scale vehicle fleets; propulsion systems and smart energy; and virtual prototyping and digital engineering for autonomy-enabled off-road vehicles. Models, algorithms, analytical capabilities and decision-making tools resulting from the research will be evaluated by build-



This past summer at Fort Carson, Col., modified Bradley Fighting Vehicles, known as Mission Enabling Technologies Demonstrators, and modified M113 tracked armored personnel carriers, or Robotic Combat Vehicles, were used for the Soldier Operational Experimentation (SOE) Phase 1 to further develop learning objectives for the Manned Unmanned Teaming (MUM-T) concept.

ing a physical mock-up of an optionally manned, non-combat, off-road ground vehicle. As the project's final phase, discoveries and breakthrough innovations from the Center will be fabricated and validated via Deep Orange, the University's long-running educational prototyping program.

The Deep Orange program takes automotive engineering students through a two-year product development process that culminates in a fully functional concept. The program encourages learning by doing, transdisciplinary teamwork, leadership and project management skills to best prepare students for the workforce. Deep Orange has been sponsored by industry leaders such as AVX, BMW, ExxonMobil, EY, Ford, GM, Honda R&D Americas, Mazda, MINI and Toyota.

Driving innovation through industry partnerships

The Center's impact will reach beyond any single project by compressing time needed for design and development in the autonomous space. Not only will this allow partners to significantly reduce timelines for innovation, but virtual prototyping enables new design capabilities that cut across industry sectors and applications.

Angie Leidinger, vice president for External Affairs. "This funding is a true testament to the value Clemson provides to research and industry, and we look forward to engaging corporate partners across the country to participate in this work with us."

"This award is a testament to the transformative, world-class research we are pursuing at Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) in the broader area of transportation," said Anand Gramopadhye, dean of the College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences at Clemson University. "Under the leadership of Dr. Filipi, we have assembled the world's brightest engineers and scientists to work on solving some of the most compelling multidisciplinary problems in autonomous systems and connected vehicles."

As one of the nation's most active research institutions, the Center builds on Clemson's national reputation for research excellence. Clemson was recently cited alongside some of the nation's most elite universities as a top "10 Innovative Engineering Institute," by Mechanical Engineering, the flagship magazine of The American Society of

Mechanical Engineers.

The Center is designed to accelerate the development and validation of high impact technologies, acting as a catalyst for economic growth. Driven by fundamental research, the Center supports South Carolina's economic development efforts, industry innovation priorities and the development of a highly skilled workforce.

"This type of work is the driving force behind why South Carolina invested in our idea for the CU-ICAR campus, and we are grateful for the legislature's continued support and the hard work of Congressman Clyburn and Senator Graham to bring this project to life. It will pave the way for opportunities for our faculty, our students and our state," said Clements.

"This center aligns greatly with Clemson's growing research strengths and expertise, as well as our robust workforce development efforts and industry collaborations that fuel innovation and economic growth. This is sure to be a win for Clemson faculty and students, the U.S. Army and the state of South Carolina," said Tanju Karanfil, vice president for research.

Funding for VIPR-GS is from the United States Department of Defense.

Super Crossword 21 AND SINGLE

ACROSS	45 Get moving	86 Video file format, in brief	6 Port southeast of Roma	39 Fire output	79 Close by
1 Alcatraz Island locale, for short	48 Org. for tooth drillers	89 Wrestling win	7 Canyon comebacks	40 Mother of Don Juan	80 Fixin' to
6 Info-filled	52 Bullfight yell	90 Quality among identical things	8 Stop nursing	41 Magical glow	85 Longtime
11 Subjective paper pieces	55 Official endorsement via an amendment, e.g.	100 TV's Griffin	9 35mm camera type	45 Clip out, as a coupon	86 Rock or jazz dog
16 Yeshiva student, e.g.	61 Savings acct. addition	101 Oaths	10 Thanksgiving staple	46 Imply in its definition	87 Thanksgiving staple
19 Land, in Italy	62 Days before holidays	102 Swiss city on Lake Geneva	11 Like mystical practices	47 In addition to	88 Suffix with host or lion
20 Fast Amtrak service	63 Rises	103 Shelling out	12 City in Illinois	48 Gorged on	89 Mickey's dog
21 Salsa singer	64 Heaps	106 Moo goo — pan	13 Added wing	49 Fluffy floor-cleaning tool	90 Obstruct
22 Pal, in Nice	65 Ornamental hairnets	107 Short comic sketch	14 Fashionable Christian	50 Walking aid	91 Kevin of "Aliens in the Attic"
23 Concerning the effects of drugs on the mind	67 Jogged	108 Fist bump, colloquially	15 Stuffing herb	51 They can't be taught new tricks, in a saying	92 Maytag products
27 Maestro — Pekka Salonen	69 — Pointe, Michigan	109 Machine for a brain test	16 "I, Claudius" star Derek	52 Raincoat material	93 Rocker Ted
28 12:00, half of the time	71 Gazpacho, e.g., in Spanish	115 Palme — (film award)	17 PC-to-PC letters	53 Most baggy	94 Big pianos
29 South, in Spanish	72 Talisman	116 Coiled	18 Aunt's spouse, in Paris	54 Pact among nations	95 High-pH substance
30 Finch in fear	73 Cookie for 100+ years	117 Sprightly	24 Aunt's	56 ER hookups	96 Skipped out (on)
31 Squid feature	75 He's a doll	118 China's Zhou	25 Unifed	57 Bit of land in the ocean	97 Ultimate purpose
34 "Chill out!"	76 Ear, nose and throat doctor	119 Mil. officer	26 "Sorry, already have plans"	58 Mink relative	98 Be short with
37 Ample skilled	81 B-ball official	120 Taunts in fun	32 Cantina snacks	59 In smart garb	99 Old compact
38 Belief in a national power structure	82 Sneak off to say "I do"	121 Swift	33 Bordered	60 Eastern spiritual path	104 Abbr. on food carton
42 Acting signal	83 The same: Prefix	122 Nation south of Sicily	34 Roman 901	68 Crew tool	105 Escalator
43 Blarney Stone's land	84 — Carlo		35 Above, in verse	69 Sacon goop	107 Clipper, e.g.
44 "Sometimes you feel like —"	85 Street — (popular acceptance)		36 Country crooner Randy	70 Suitemates, say	110 "Sure," in Soissons
				72 Like one of a battery's terminals	111 Pointy part of Mr. Spock
				74 Pal of Piglet	112 Links gp.
				77 That girls	113 Ruby or onyx
				78 "How did — this happen?"	114 Stuff in some viral genes

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ruth in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Kings 13, what prophet ordered a king to shoot arrows out of a window? Paul, Job, Elisha, David
3. How many books of the Bible (KJV) are three letters long when spelled? 0, 1, 2, 3
4. What prophet saw "the tents of Cushan in affliction"? Japheth, Noah, Hezekiah, Habakkuk
5. Who said unto the Lord, "Increase our faith"? Jonah, Apostles, Moses, Thieves
6. From Joel 2:6, what shall all faces gather? Sunlight, Blackness, Fear, Warmth

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Elisha; 3) 1 (Job); 4) Habakkuk 3:7; 5) Apostles (Luke 17:5); 6) Blackness

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Answers

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Unmet demand for afterschool programs reaches all-time high

(StatePoint) Parents of children enrolled in afterschool programs are happier with their participation than ever before, according to a new study. At the same time, there aren't nearly enough programs available, and students from low-income families are the most likely to lack access. For every child in an afterschool program today, three more are waiting to get in.

Commissioned by the nonprofit Afterschool Alliance, and conducted by Edge Research, "America After 3PM 2020" builds on household surveys conducted in 2004, 2009 and 2014 and offers a pre-pandemic snapshot of how youth spend their afternoons that has significant implications for the post-pandemic world.

The study finds that the families of 24.6 million children -- more than ever before -- are unable to access afterschool programming, with many reporting cost as a barrier. It also exposes significant inequities, with Black and Latinx children and low-income households disproportionately affected.

"Quality afterschool programs are essential to student success in school and life. If we want to emerge from this pandemic strong,



we need to provide all youth access to the important enrichment opportunities and resources afterschool programs provide. We're far from doing that now," says Jodi Grant, executive director of the Afterschool Alliance.

To further understand the state of U.S. afterschool programs today, consider these core findings from the report:

- **Unmet demand is soaring.** Demand has grown 60% since 2004, from 15.3 million children waiting to get into a program in 2004 to 24.6 million children in 2020.

- **Barriers to participation grow.** Sixty-one percent of low-income parents report that cost is a barrier to enrolling their child in an

afterschool program, up from 50% in 2014. Access, such as a lack of a safe way for their child to get to and from a program, is a barrier for 58% of respondents.

- **Inequities persist.** These barriers especially affect low-income families. The number of children from low-income households in afterschool fell from 4.6 million in 2014 to

2.7 million in 2020, while the number of higher-income children in afterschool fell by just under 450,000.

- **Public support is strong.** Eighty-seven percent of parents support public funding for afterschool programs in communities that have few opportunities for children and youth, support that

crosses demographic and political divides. This may in part be due to the growing recognition of the benefits programs provide. Eighty-three percent of respondents agree programs give working parents peace of mind, 81% agree programs help parents keep their jobs, and 76% agree programs help children gain interest and skills in STEM.

For low-income families, the survey reveals that programs address additional needs, such as providing children snacks and meals and offering them skill-building workshops, as well as connecting families to valuable community resources.

To view the full report, visit afterschoolliaison.org/AA3PM.

"It's unacceptable that the parents of nearly 25 million students are struggling to find or afford an afterschool program," Grant said. "Every parent should have access to an affordable, quality afterschool program that will keep their child safe, supervised and learning. We need more federal, state, local, business and philanthropic support to meet the needs of students and their families after school."

First-ever statewide class graduates from The Riley Institute's award-winning diversity program

Greenville - Upon graduating from the Riley Institute's Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI) inaugural statewide class on December 17, 46 leaders from across the state have new tools and perspectives to help leverage diversity to improve organizational outcomes and drive social and economic progress in South Carolina.

Participants took part in intensive discussions and scenario analyses that allowed them to openly examine sensitive issues related to diversity and inclusion with fellow leaders, explore "blind spots," and gain tools to develop diversity strategies within their own organizations.

Since its inception 17 years ago, DLI has become a cornerstone of Furman University's Riley Institute as more than 2,300 leaders from across the state have graduated from the program.

Graduates of DLI become Riley Fellows, members of a powerful cross-sector of South Carolinians that includes corporate CEOs, legislators, superintendents, religious and nonprofit heads, and business and community leaders.

Classes are typically organized by region, taking place in the Upstate, Midlands, and Lowcountry, but the need to transition to virtual programming as a result of the

COVID-19 pandemic created the opportunity for broader convenings unrestrained by geography.

"While this difficult moment in history is one marked by physical distance and isolation, we must rise as one South Carolina to meet the challenges our communities face," said Dr. Donald Gordon, executive director of the Riley Institute. "This statewide class is prepared to bring forth real-world solutions for social and economic divisions exacerbated by the

pandemic."

DLI is facilitated by expert Juan Johnson, an independent consultant who was The Coca-Cola Company's first-ever vice president for diversity strategy.

Participants are selected through a rigorous application and interview process after being nominated by existing Riley Fellows. They are accepted based on their capacity to create impact within their organizations and communities. Each class is crafted to reflect the diverse demo-

graphics in South Carolina.

As part of the statewide class, participants worked together to develop awareness campaigns for five South Carolina-based nonprofits: Appleseed Justice, Engaging Creative Minds, Family Connection, PASOs, and United Ministries.

A second statewide class will take place in spring 2021.

The full roster of Riley Fellows is available online at riley.furman.edu.

Furman University's

Richard W. Riley Institute broadens student and community perspectives about issues critical to South Carolina's progress. It builds and engages present and future leaders, creates and shares data-supported information about the state's core challenges, and links the leadership body to sustainable solutions. It is committed to nonpartisanship in all it does and to a rhetoric-free, facts-based approach to change. Learn more at riley.furman.edu.

Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Jan. 19, 1809, poet, author and literary critic Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston. In 1836 Poe married his 13-year-old cousin, Virginia Clemm, and completed his first full-length work of fiction, "Arthur Gordon Pym."
- On Jan. 23, 1941, Charles Lindbergh, a national hero since his nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic, testifies before Congress and suggests that the U.S. negotiate a neutrality pact with Hitler. He publicly denounced "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt Administration."
- On Jan. 21, 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss is convicted of perjury in testimony about his alleged involvement in a Soviet spy ring before and during World War II.
- On Jan. 20, 1961, 87-year-old Robert Frost recited his poem "The Gift Outright" at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy. Although Frost had written a new poem for the occasion, faint ink in his typewriter made the words difficult to read, so he recited "The Gift Outright" from memory.
- On Jan. 24, 1972, after 28 years of hiding in the jungles of Guam, farmers discover Shoichi Yokoi, a Japanese sergeant who was unaware that World War II had ended. Yokoi went into hiding in 1944 rather than surrender.
- On Jan. 22, 1984, during Super Bowl XVIII, audiences first see a commercial now widely agreed to be one of the most powerful and effective of all time. Apple's "1984" spot featured a young woman throwing a sledgehammer through a screen on which a Big Brother-like figure preached about "the unification of thought."
- On Jan. 18, 1990, Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry is arrested and charged with drug possession and use of crack cocaine. Barry was caught on camera at a downtown hotel smoking crack with Rahsheeda Moore, who had agreed to set up Barry in exchange for a reduced sentence on a drug conviction.

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VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

Has the VA Called About Solid Start?

Have you been separated from the service for less than a year? Did you receive your phone calls from the Department of Veterans Affairs? They will try to contact you at the 90, 180 and 365-day point. The reason: Solid Start.

Solid Start is a program to ensure that newly separated veterans know what their benefits are. Some that you might have questions about are housing assistance, health care, home loans, pension and employment. (Be sure you've updated contact info on eBenefits so they know how to find you.)

Solid Start is more than just benefits info. Many of us have a tough time when we make the switch to civilian life. With so many changes, some of us don't do well with all the upheaval to our lives. But you're not alone. We've all made that trek.

If the stress is too much, the VA can help there, too. Even if you haven't signed up yet for VA health care, if you're struggling, walk into any VA medical center, day or night, or a Vet Center clinic during open hours. Just walk in.

Meanwhile, be sure you're signed up for VA health care. Start by calling (1-877-222-8387) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

To learn more about Solid Start, go online to www.benefits.va.gov/transition/solid-start.asp and scroll around. Don't miss the Find Resources button. You'll see links to medical centers, PTSD programs, benefits, substance disorder programs, all of it.

If you get a call from 1-800-827-0611, that's the Solid Start folks. That's also their hotline should you need help. Call them if you haven't heard anything in the first 90 days.

Just a heads up: When these VA reps call you, they won't be asking for any financial info. If someone does, they're fakes and thieves, so hang up.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Case No.: 2020-CP-42-03087
Supra Investments, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs. Classic Country
Homes, Inc., Defendant.

Summons (Non-Jury)
(Quiet Title Tax Action)
TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and
required to answer the Com-
plaint in this action, a copy
of which is herewith served
upon you, and to serve a copy
of your Answer to the said
Complaint on the Plaintiff(s)
or his/her/their attorney,
Paul A. McKee, III, at his
office, P.O. Box 2196, 409
Magnolia Street, Spartanburg,
South Carolina 29304, within
thirty (30) days after the
service hereof, exclusive of
the day of such service, and if
you fail to answer the Com-
plaint within the time afore-
said, the Plaintiff(s) in this
action will apply to the Court
for the relief demanded in the
Complaint.

Dated: December 16, 2020
s/Paul A. McKee, III
PAUL A. MCKEE, III
Attorney for Plaintiff
Post Office Box 2196
409 Magnolia Street
Spartanburg, S.C. 29304
Phone: (864) 573-5149
12-24, 31, 1-7

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Case No.: 2020-CP-42-00895
Prospect Leasing, LLC, Plaintiff,
v. Robert D. Hill;
Sherri J. Hill; and "John Doe"
representing all unknown par-
ties with any right, title, or
interest in the property hav-
ing Parcel ID# 5-32-00-226.00,
Defendants.

Summons (Non-Jury)
TO: ALL DEFENDANTS
YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and
required to answer the Com-
plaint herein, a copy of which
is herewith served upon you,
and to serve a copy of your
answer to the Complaint on the
subscriber at P.O. Box 1804,
Greenville, South Carolina,
29602, within thirty (30) days
after the service hereof,
exclusive of the day of such
service. If you fail to timely
answer the Complaint, judgment
by default shall be rendered
against you for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE
that the Plaintiff moves the Court
to issue a general Order of
Reference of this action to a
master/special referee, pur-
suant to Rule 53 of the South
Carolina Rules of Civil
Procedure.

December, 2020
Greenville, South Carolina
HOLDER, PADGETT, LITTLEJOHN +
PRICKETT, LLC
s/M. Stokely Holder
South Carolina Bar #73892
Anna L. Bullington
South Carolina Bar #102503
110 W. North Street, Suite 100
Greenville, SC 29601
Phone: (864) 335-8808
sholder@hplplaw.com
abullington@hplplaw.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff
12-24, 31, 1-7

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Case No.: 2020-CP-42-4401
Lemia C. Batts, Jr., Plaintiff
vs. Frank William Decker,
Defendant.

Summons
TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED:
You are hereby summoned and
required to answer the Petition/
Complaint in this action,
of which a copy is herewith
served upon you, and to serve
a copy of your answer to the
said Petition/Complaint on the
subscribers at their office,
260 North Church Street, Spar-
tanburg, S.C. within thirty
(30) days after the service
hereon, exclusive of the day
of such service; and if you
fail to answer the Petition/
Complaint within the time
aforesaid, the Petitioner/
Plaintiff in this action will
apply to the Court for the
relief demanded in the Peti-
tion/Complaint.

December 17, 2020
Burts Turner & Rhodes
Attorneys for the Plaintiff
260 North Church Street
Spartanburg, S.C. 29306
Phone: (864) 585-8166
By: s/Richard H. Rhodes
Notice of Action
To: Frank William Decker, the
above-named Defendant
Issue Before the Court: Clear
title to Real Property
A complete legal description
is provided in the Complaint
which has been filed in the
Clerk of Court's Office for
Spartanburg County (2020-CP-
42-4401). Which has the
address of 403 Petrie Drive,
South Carolina and the County
Tax Map Number is 3-28-00-
107.00.
The Plaintiff has filed an
action seeking to clear title

and claim ownership to the
subject real property. Anyone
claiming any interest in the
said real property is hereby
given notice of the pending
action.

December 18, 2020
Burts Turner & Rhodes
Attorneys for the Plaintiff
260 North Church Street
Spartanburg, S.C. 29306
Phone: (864) 585-8166
By: s/Richard H. Rhodes
12-24, 31, 1-7

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY
OF SPARTANBURG IN THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS C/A No.: 2020-CP-
42-00718 Freedom Mortgage
Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.
Melissa T. Carter, Individ-
ually and as Personal Repre-
sentative of the Estate of
Agatha M. Smith, The Estate of
Agatha Smith, and John Doe and
Richard Roe, as Representa-
tives of all heirs and devi-
sees of Agatha Smith,
deceased, and all persons
entitled to claim under or
through them; also, all other
persons, corporations or enti-
ties unknown claiming any
right, title, interest in or
lien upon the subject real
estate described herein, any
unknown adults, whose true
names are unknown, being a
class designated as John Doe,
and any unknown infants, per-
sons under disability, or per-
son in the Military Service of
the United States of America,
whose true names are unknown,
being a class designated as
Richard Roe, Midland Funding,
LLC, Portfolio Recovery Associ-
ates, LLC, The State of
South Carolina, Defendant(s).
SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury)
FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE BCP No.: 20-40432 TO
THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED
and required to appear and defend
by answering the Complaint in
this action, a copy of which is
hereby served upon you, and to
serve a copy of your Answer on
the subscribers at their
offices at 339 Heyward Street,
2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201,
within thirty (30) days after
the service hereof, exclusive
of the day of such service;
except that the United States
of America, if named, shall
have sixty (60) days to answer
after the service hereof,
exclusive of the day of such
service; and if you fail to do
so, judgment by default will
be rendered against you for
the relief demanded in the
Complaint. YOU WILL ALSO TAKE
NOTICE that Plaintiff will
remove for an Order of Reference
or the Court may issue a gen-
eral Order of Reference of
this action to a Master-in-
Equity/Special Referee, pur-
suant to Rule 53 of the South
Carolina Rules of Civil
Procedure. TO MINOR(S) OVER
FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR
TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN
YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON
WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S)
RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS
UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:
YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND
NOTIFIED to apply for the
appointment of a guardian ad
litem within thirty (30) days
after the service of this
Summons and Notice upon you.
If you fail to do so, applica-
tion for such appointment will
be made by Attorney for the
Plaintiff. **LIS PENDENS** NOTICE
IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action
has been or will be commenced
in this Court upon complaint
of the above-named Plaintiff
against the above-named Defen-
dant(s) for the foreclosure of
a certain mortgage of real
estate given by William Smith
Jr. and Agatha M. Smith to
Mortgage Electronic Registra-
tion Systems, Inc. as nominee
for First Guaranty Mortgage
Corporation dated February 18,
2015 and recorded on February
25, 2015 in Book 4945 at Page
122, in the Spartanburg County
Registry (hereinafter, "Sub-
ject Mortgage"). Thereafter,
the Mortgage was transferred
to the Plaintiff herein by
assignment. The premises cov-
ered and affected by the said
Mortgage and by the foreclo-
sure thereof were, at the time
of the making thereof and at
the time of the filing of this
notice, more particularly
described in the said Mortgage
and are more commonly de-
scribed as: All that certain
piece, parcel or lot of land,
with improvements thereon,
lying, situate and being in
the State and County afore-
said, being shown and design-
ated as Lot No. 4, Meadow
Brook Subdivision, containing
1.43 acres, more or less, upon
a plat prepared for Perry
George Davis and Mildred S.
Davis by Cape Fear Engineer-
ing, Inc., dated July 19,
2002, and recorded in Plat
Book 152, at Page 932, Office
of the Register of Deeds for
Spartanburg County, South
Carolina. Being the same prop-
erty conveyed to William Smith
Jr. and Agatha M. Smith, as
joint tenants with right of
survivorship, not as tenants

in common, their heirs and
assigns forever by deed from
William D. Ayers, Jr. and
Angela S. Ayers, in the Office
of the Register of Deeds for
Spartanburg County, South
Carolina in Deed Book 107A
Page 313. Parcel No. 2 42-08
016.00 Property Address: 135
Valleyhigh Drive Inman, SC
29349 **ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINT-
MENT OF ATTORNEY FOR UNKNOWN
DEFENDANTS IN MILITARY SERVICE**
It appearing to the satisfac-
tion of the Court, upon read-
ing the filed Petition for
Appointment of J. Marshall
Swails, Esq. as Guardian ad
Litem for known and unknown
minors, and for all persons
who may be under a disability,
and it appearing that J.
Marshall Swails, Esq. has con-
sented to said appointment, it
is FURTHER upon reading the
Petition filed by Plaintiff
for the appointment of an
attorney to represent any
unknown Defendants who may
be in the Military Service of
the United States of America,
and may be, as such, entitled
to the benefits of the Service-
members' Civil Relief Act, and
any amendments thereto, and
it appearing that J. Marshall
Swails, Esq. has consented to
act for and represent said
Defendants, it is ORDERED that
J. Marshall Swails, Esq., 8
Williams Street, Greenville,
SC 29601, be and hereby is
appointed Guardian ad Litem on
behalf of all known and
unknown minors and all unknown
persons who may be under a dis-
ability, all of whom may have
or claim to have some interest
or claim to the real property
commonly known as 135 Valley-
high Drive, Inman, SC 29349;
that he is empowered and
directed to appear on behalf
of and represent said Defen-
dants, unless said Defendants,
or someone on their behalf,
shall within thirty (30) days
after service of a copy hereof
as directed, procure the
appointment of Guardian or
Guardians ad Litem for said
Defendants. AND IT IS FURTHER
ORDERED that J. Marshall
Swails, Esq., 8 Williams
Street, Greenville, SC 29601,
be and hereby is appointed
Attorney for any unknown
Defendants who are, or may be,
in the Military Service of the
United States of America and
as such are entitled to the
benefits of the Servicemem-
bers' Civil Relief Act aka
Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil
Relief Act of 1940, and any
amendments thereto, to repre-
sent and protect the interest
of said Defendants, AND IT IS
FURTHER ORDERED that a copy
of this Order shall be forth
with served upon said Defend-
ants by publication in the
Spartan Weekly Online, a newspaper
of general circulation published
in the County of Spartanburg,
State of South Carolina, once
a week for three (3) consecu-
tive weeks, together with the
Summons and Notice of Filing
of the above-named Plaintiff
against the above-named Defen-
dant(s) for the foreclosure of
a certain mortgage of real
estate given by Janet S. Bates
(hereinafter, "Mortgagor") to
Mortgage Electronic Registra-
tion Systems, Inc. as nominee
for Movement Mortgage, LLC,
its successors and assigns, a
certain mortgage dated June
27, 2017 and recorded on June
30, 2017 in Book 5301 at Page
416, in the Spartanburg County
Office of the Register of
Deeds (hereinafter, "Subject
Mortgage"). Thereafter, the
Mortgage was transferred to
the Plaintiff herein by
assignment. The premises cov-
ered and affected by the said
Mortgage and by the foreclo-
sure thereof were, at the time
of the making thereof and at
the time of the filing of this
notice, more particularly
described in the said Mortgage
and are more commonly de-
scribed as: All that certain
piece, parcel or lot of land,
with all improvements thereon,
situate, lying and being in
the State of South Carolina,
County of Spartanburg, being
shown and designated as Lot 25
on a Plat of Woods Creek
Crossing, prepared by Souther
Land Surveying and recorded
the office of the ROD for
Spartanburg County on October
28, 2003 in Plat Book 155 at
Page 10. Reference to said
plat is hereby made for a more
complete description of metes
and bounds thereof. This being
the property conveyed to Janet
S. Bates by deed of Jean Nicole
Courtney dated June 27, 2017
and recorded June 30, 2017 in
Book 116-G at Page 249 in the
Office of the Register of
Deeds for Spartanburg County,
South Carolina. Parcel No. 2-
41-00-019.00 Property Address:
399 Split Oak Lane Inman, SC
29349. **ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND
APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR
UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS IN MILITARY
SERVICE** It appearing to the
satisfaction of the Court,
upon reading the filed Peti-
tion for Appointment of J.
Marshall Swails, Esq. as
Guardian ad Litem for known
and unknown minors, and for
all persons who may be under
a disability, and it appearing
that J. Marshall Swails, Esq.
has consented to said appoint-
ment, it is FURTHER upon read-
ing the Petition filed by
Plaintiff for the appointment
of an attorney to represent
any unknown Defendants who
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to the benefits of the Service-
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and any amendments there-
to, and it appearing that J.
Marshall Swails, Esq. has con-
sented to act for and repre-
sent said Defendants, it is
ORDERED that J. Marshall
Swails, Esq., 8 Williams
Street, Greenville, SC 29601,
be and hereby is appointed
Guardian ad Litem on behalf
of all known and unknown
minors and all unknown persons
who may be under a disability,
all of whom may have or claim
to have some interest or claim
to the real property commonly
known as 399 Split Oak Lane,
Inman, SC 29349; that he is

empowered and directed to
appear on behalf of and repre-
sent said Defendants, unless
said Defendants, or someone
on their behalf, shall within
thirty (30) days after service
of a copy hereof as directed,
procure the appointment of
Guardian or Guardians ad
Litem for said Defendants.
AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED
that J. Marshall Swails, Esq.,
8 Williams Street, Greenville,
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Legal Notices

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Mr. Douglas Scott 13809 Hunting Run Fredericksburg, VA 22407 Atty: Jerry Allen Gaines 220 North Church St., Ste. 1 Spartanburg, SC 29304 1-7, 14, 21

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LEGAL NOTICE 2020ES4201892

The Will of Jack William Thomas, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed December 7, 2020. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-7, 14, 21

LEGAL NOTICE 2020ES4201421

The Will of John H. Beauford Sr. AKA John Horace Beauford, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed September 18, 2020. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-7, 14, 21

LEGAL NOTICE 2020ES4201861

The Will of Willie Russell Jr. AKA Willie Jr. Russell, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 30, 2020. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 1-7, 14, 21



The safety of our community is top priority
to the Cancer Association.

Due to concerns regarding COVID-19 and in an abundance of
caution, our Board of Directors and staff have chosen to
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Our new date will be FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021

Stay tuned for more information

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Boosting your child's confidence can help them land a tech job

(StatePoint Media) Confidence is a great thing. It can make people more open to learning new skills, pursuing new opportunities and living new experiences. When it comes to career choices, confidence, or rather a lack of it, can keep qualified and motivated individuals from even considering certain fields. Technology is at the forefront of this dilemma, according to those in the industry, who also note that lingering misconceptions may be widening a "confidence gap."

"For too long we've been telling young people that the best jobs of the future will require advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering or math," said Todd Thibodeaux, president and CEO of CompTIA, the Computing Technology Industry Association. "The reality is that the vast majority of good paying jobs in the next 30 years won't require a STEM degree."

"Unfortunately, many students have concluded that they don't have the qualifications or skills to work in tech, creating a confidence gap that contributes to the lack of diversity in the tech workforce,"



Thibodeaux continued. "To close this gap we need employers to open the door to more candidates with non-traditional backgrounds, and for parents and role models to encourage all young people to look at opportunities in tech when they think about their career options."

Thibodeaux explains that a great first step is to speak with young people in plain and simple language about what a career in technology

truly entails. That includes making sure they understand that working in tech isn't always about engineering, coding, calculus and Silicon Valley. It's also about customer service, teamwork, curiosity, communication and problem solving. It means working for any size company in any industry and in any location.

Equally important, young people need to know about the many resources avail-

able to them to learn about careers in tech, network with others who share their interests and acquire the skills that will help them land a job. Here are a few examples:

- The Technology Student Association is a national, nonprofit career and technical student organization of 250,000-plus middle school and high school students that offers exciting opportunities in network-

ing, competitions, leadership and community service. For more information, visit tsaweb.org

- The National Cyber League offers students of all ages game-meets-edutainment competitions simulating real-life cyberthreats in a safe environment so students can learn how to defend against threats. To learn more, visit nationalcyberleague.org

- TechGirlz inspires middle school girls to explore the possibilities of technology through the creation of free, fun, interactive "TechShopz" led by industry professionals, community leaders and students. Get the details at tech-girlz.org.

The tech industry is in the midst of a massive new wave of innovation. Advances in renewable energy, artificial intelligence, bionics, robotics, healthcare and many other areas are changing virtually every walk of life. To turn these possibilities into realities, millions of knowledge workers and technology professionals will be needed.

"Don't think that you need to be a math or science genius or that you need to have coding skills or that if you're not good at 'computational thinking' you don't have a chance. All you need is confidence in yourself," says Thibodeaux.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - LET'S GO SKIING!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What do you call a slow skier?**

BINDINGS	D O W N H I L L L L
DOWNHILL	S S A F E T Y O I L
GOGGLES	N P A S L L D N F O
HAT	I O A P M G E E T O
HELMET	A Z O N E S P T A H
LIFT	T S N E T T I M W C
LINES	P A N T S
LODGE	N O S A E S T O W S
MITTENS	U B I N D I N G S I
MOGUL	O S C H U S S U O K
MOUNTAINS	M K E G O G G L E S
PANTS	
SAFETY	
SCHUSS	
SEASON	
SKI SCHOOL	
SNOW	
TOW	
ZONES	

Riddle answer: _____

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Kindling material | __ I _ _ _ _ | Easily cut, as a steak | __ E _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Put your feet up | __ _ _ _ X | Running race | __ _ _ _ Y |
| 3. Keep balls in the air | __ _ G _ _ _ | Rainforest | __ _ N _ _ _ |
| 4. Dummy bullet | __ _ _ _ K | Tasteless | __ _ _ _ D |
| 5. Moisten the lawn | __ _ T _ _ _ | Place a bet | __ _ G _ _ _ |
| 6. Use a broom | __ W _ _ _ | Slumbered | __ L _ _ _ |
| 7. Give one's word | __ _ _ _ R _ | Take for granted | __ _ _ _ M _ |
| 8. Investigate | __ _ _ B _ | Writing style | __ _ _ S _ |
| 9. Root for | __ _ _ R | Blush location | __ _ _ K |
| 10. Baby feline | K _ _ _ _ | Fingerless glove | M _ _ _ _ |

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HOCUS-FOCUS

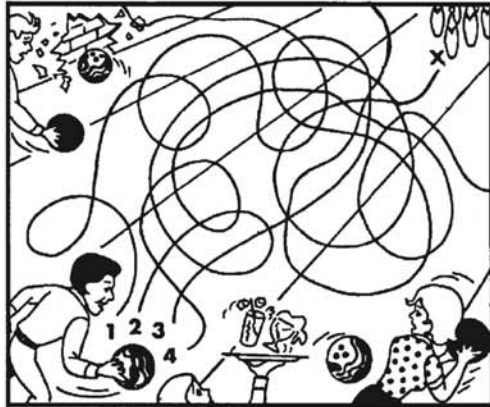
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Panes are missing. 2. Cap is reversed. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Handle is shorter. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Paper is moved.



ALLEY OOPS! Which path does the bowling ball take to hit the pins above? Pick 1, 2, 3 or 4, and see if you are right.

VERSE OFF! From a number that's odd, cut off the head. It then will even be. Next, we say, cut off the tail. A time of day, you'll see. What number applies in this old verse?

Seven (even, eve).

FUN TIMES! Multiply 21 by 6 and the answer is 126, an instance in which all three digits used in the multiplication appear in the product. Just for fun, see if you can find another two-digit amount, which, when multiplied by 3, will function similarly. That is to say, will produce a product containing the three digits involved in the math.

P.S.: Complying amount is over 50.

Fifty-one will do it: 51 times 3 equals 153.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

1	A	T			
2		A	T		
3			A	T	
4				A	T
5					A
6					

WHERE IT'S AT SPORTS-WISE

KNOW where it's AT in sporting terms? Let's see. Each of the six stepped-off AT teams at left has a sports connotation. See if you can puzzle terms out in accord with the following definitions:

1. Sports figure.
2. Pitcher-catcher duo.
3. Nonprofessional.
4. Boat race.
5. Wins out over foe.
6. Stadium location (two words).

Time limit: Two minutes.

1. Athlete. 2. Battery. 3. Amateur.
4. Regatta. 5. Defeats. 6. Box seat.

ZIP-ITTY DO! ZIP codes were introduced by the U.S. Postal Service in 1963. What do the letters ZIP stand for?



Kids' Maze Solution

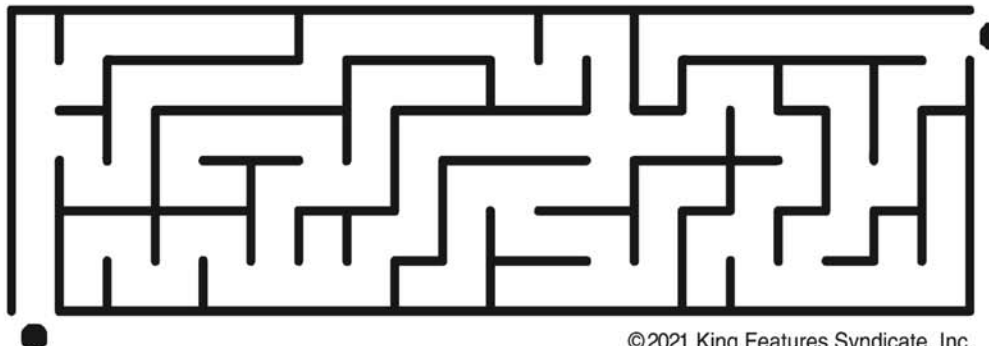
- Even Exchange answers
1. Tinder, Tender
 2. Relax, Relay
 3. Juggle, Jungle
 4. Cheer, Cheek
 5. Water, Wager
 6. Swept, Stept
 7. Assure, Assume
 8. Probe, Prose
 9. Cheer, Cheek
 10. Kitten, Mitten

Riddle Answer: M K E G O G G L E S

Answer

M	K	E	G	O	G	G	L	E	S
O	S	C	H	U	S	S	U	O	K
U	B	I	N	D	I	N	G	S	I
S	A	F	E	T	Y	O	I	L	
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Kids' Maze



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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!

- Waver: LAFTER
- Help: VERSE
- Thick: NEEDS
- Rebuff: LEPER

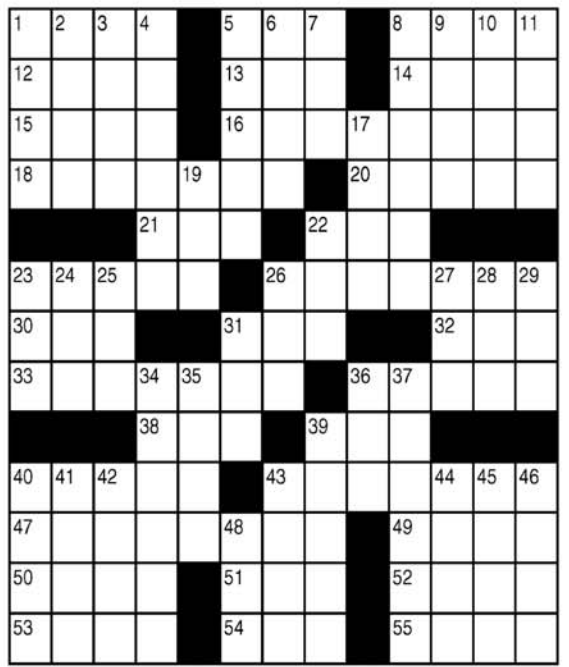
TODAY'S WORD



King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 8 Sprint
- 12 Guitarist Atkins
- 13 — -de-France
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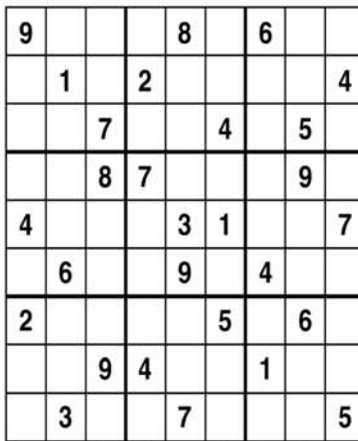
DOWN

- 1 Outlet letters
- 2 The Mets' old home
- 3 Rind
- 4 American flag feature
- 5 Bad habits
- 6 Winged
- 7 Aviv preceder
- 8 Disney duck
- 9 &&&&
- 10 Ella's style

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

- U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama "Die Hard"?
- TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?
- SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality and existence called?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?
- FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for children?
- MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pans are missing. 2. Cap is reversed. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Handle is shorter. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Paper is moved.

- Answers
- Abraham Lincoln
 - 2.02 ounces
 - Nakatom Plaza
 - Boulder, Colorado
 - Philosophy
 - Mount Fuji
 - South America
 9. A. Milne
 - One-tenth of a meter, used to measure very small distances



Solution time: 23 mins.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals O

- YIAE G PGBSKKEVWS CVLAW G
- PIGBGPSAB YGF SKK ZGEF
- JASGVNW, KEA ZVCIS PGNN VS
- KLBJBGYE.

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SCRAMBLERS
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ELEVEN
1. Falter 2. Serve; 3. Dense; 4. Repel

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Answer
When a cartoonist gives a character way too many details, one might call it overdrawn.