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AROUND TOWN

Hollywild Animal Preserve's Magic of Lights now open

Hollywild Animal Preserve's drive-through light display 'Magic of Lights' is now open. Magic of Lights is a drive-through holiday lights experience featuring holiday scenes and characters of the season using the latest LED technology and digital animations. Experience Magic of Lights from the comfort and safety of your own car as you wind through the sparkling path in the Preserve. Be sure to stop by Santa's Village and the Enchanted Deer Forest, a live animal deer forest, for extra holiday magic! Kids 2 and under are free! Magic of Lights is open now through January 4, 2025, beginning each night at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Visit hollywild.org for more information.

Create a new holiday tradition by giving blood

As holiday celebrations continue into December, the American Red Cross encourages donors to keep the blood supply top of mind by giving blood this month. Type O negative blood donors and those giving platelets are especially urged to give now to help ensure patients can continue to receive the care they need in the coming weeks. Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Spartanburg County include:
 Duncan: January 2, 2025: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., AFL, 110 Hidden Lake Circle.
 Spartanburg: December 30, 2024: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., SAM-Chapman Cultural Center, 200 East St. John Street. Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for more information.

Smartpress Expanding Operations in Spartanburg County

Online printer Smartpress.com is expanding its operations to an additional production facility in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Strategically chosen to expedite shipping times, the new location will add 150 employees to the carbon neutral printer's 100 percent employee-owned business model. Smartpress offers a wide array of commercial printing services through an online platform. With this new facility in South Carolina, they'll be able to accommodate one- to two-day ground shipping to states on the East Coast. It's an addition that ensures Smartpress products reach nearly 75 percent of the United States via ground shipping in two days or less.

Our trails are safe and clear thanks to you!

PAL Spartanburg recently announced that all of the Dan trails are now safe to explore and free of major debris following the recent hurricane. This tremendous accomplishment was made possible through four Saturday cleanup events, several Trail Stewardship Tuesday efforts, and the dedication of partners, trail staff, and 100 PAL volunteers who worked tirelessly to restore our community's trails. From clearing fallen trees to tidying up pathways, these amazing volunteers and partners ensured that trails remain a safe and welcoming space for everyone. The organization would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and energy. Come take a walk and enjoy the beauty of these trails—now clearer than ever! For more information, visit <https://www.palspartanburg.org/the-dan>

Spartanburg DSS holds community Octoberfest

On October 25, Spartanburg DSS hosted a Community Resource Fair "Octoberfest" from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at CC Woodson in Spartanburg. Information was provided to the community about available resources through providers. The goal was to not only strengthen knowledge about the services in the community but also to equip families with this information to assist them in finding supportive services to bring stability to their lives. Also, this was an opportunity to provide training to DSS staff and Guardian Ad Litem on different topics.

Ms. Melanie Painter wins Spartanburg County STEM Educator of the Year

Ms. Melanie Painter, Chair of the Math Department at Broome High School, has earned the distinction of being named Spartanburg County STEM Educator of the Year. The recognition, awarded by Spartanburg Science Center, celebrates an educator in Spartanburg County with a deep commitment to STEM education. Ms. Painter is also Spartanburg School District Three's 2024-25 Teacher of the Year.



Spartanburg County officials broke ground on a \$24.6 million pet resource center on Thursday, December 5. Rendering courtesy of Spartanburg County

Spartanburg County breaks ground on \$24.6 million pet resource center

Adapted from information provided by the City of Spartanburg and Spartanburg County

Spartanburg County officials broke ground on a new multimillion-dollar pet resource center on Thursday, December 5. The facility, which is located near the Spartanburg Downtown Airport, costs \$24.6 million which is covered by the county as well as American Rescue Plan Act funds. It will allow the county to house and care for its animal community and end the temporary contract with Greenville County Animal Care, which took in thousands of animals from Spartanburg

County since 2011. The federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding Spartanburg County received allows investment in certain areas, including the Pet Resource Center. Spartanburg County Council approved \$5,000,000 of ARP Funds be allocated to assisting in the construction of the center. The single-story 26,600 sq. ft. facility will include:

- Dog housing (79 kennels)
- Cat housing (12 kennels)
- Isolation housing
- Adoption and clinic lobbies
- Staff offices, workstations, break room, and support rooms

- Surgery, x-ray, pharmacy, and exam rooms
- Multipurpose room

The site will also include 18,600 sq. ft. of exterior space (including 5,000 square feet of covered exterior areas). The exterior space will include:

- Multiple fenced animal yards
- Artificial turf zones
- Temporary housing for farm animals
- 72 parking spaces

The county is continuing to hire staff for the facility, which is scheduled to open by the end of 2025. Programs will be available to help keep animals with their owners, along with medical services and an adoption center.

OneSpartanburg, Inc. recognizes 2024 Annual Celebration Awardees

At its 2024 Annual Celebration, Spartanburg In Motion, OneSpartanburg, Inc. celebrated a year's worth of successes across Spartanburg County, as well as dedicated community leaders and exemplary local businesses. "Spartanburg is a dynamic place, and our community is on the precipice of a really incredible time over the next several years," said OneSpartanburg, Inc. President and CEO Allen Smith. "This celebration is about recognizing the work that went into building an exciting future for Spartanburg, and the dynamic public and private sector partners who made it all possible." The event was originally scheduled for September 28, but was postponed in the wake of Hurricane Helene. OneSpartanburg, Inc.'s 2024 award-winners were:

Neville Holcombe Distinguished Citizenship Award:

- Jack and Stacy McBride. During their time in Spartanburg County, the McBrides have personally and professionally committed themselves to improving the community in a variety of ways. Jack, who co-founded Contec, Inc. in 1988, and Stacy have each volunteered with a multitude of organizations countywide.

James B. Thompson Small Business of the Year:

- Limitless Sneaker Shop

and owner Cinthia Cobos Cobos and Limitless Sneaker Shop were recognized for the growth the business has seen since getting involved with Power Up Spartanburg. The sneaker and streetwear shop has seen significant increases in foot traffic and revenue over the last year or so.

Economic Champion Award:

- Cytiva. Cytiva, a world-class global science and technology leader, received the award for the success the company has found in Spartanburg, and the active role it has played in recruiting other high-tech firms to Spartanburg County.

Elaine Harris Tourism Champion Award:

- The Carolina Country Club and owner Tim Dunlap. The Carolina Country Club, a key asset in Spartanburg's sports tourism growth, and owner Tim Dunlap were awarded for the role the club has played in bringing the BMW Charity Pro-Am back to Spartanburg. The club has also hosted LPGA, NCAA, and SC High School League events in Spartanburg.

Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award:

- Leroy Jeter, Highlands community advocate. Jeter was recognized for his longstanding commitment to revitalize and uplift Spartanburg's High-

lands community.

Chairman's Award:

- William Gray, Spartanburg Office Manager with McMillan Pazdan Smith. Gray was honored for his involvement with OneSpartanburg, Inc.'s Executive Board and numerous other community organizations.

Charles E. Atchison, Sr. Minority-Owned Businessperson of the Year:

This award was renamed in honor of Charles Atchison, founder of Atchison Transportation, who passed away this year at age 95.

- Kesha Williams, owner of Little Me Child Care. Williams, who started her business in 2020, was awarded for the relationships she has built across Spartanburg, and for the high quality of care her business provides.

Young Professional of the Year:

- Greyson Furnas, senior brokerage associate with Colliers. Furnas, who is Chair of the Spartanburg Young Professionals board, was recognized for his commitment to leading SYP into a new era thanks to expanded partnerships with organizations across the Upstate. In addition to these awardees, Daniel Morgan Business Advocates and the 2024-2025 Teachers of the Year were also recognized.

Anne Flynn named 2024 Outstanding Philanthropist

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Piedmont Chapter, has named Anne Flynn as the 2024 National Philanthropy Day Outstanding Philanthropist. Nominated by the University of South Carolina Upstate, Flynn is being celebrated for her decades-long commitment to philanthropy, education, and community enrichment in Spartanburg County and beyond. A steadfast advocate for higher education, Flynn has supported USC Upstate for over 30 years, providing scholarships that have transformed the academic and athletic experiences of countless students. She serves as Chair of the Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education, where her guidance helps drive strategic initiatives that align with the university's mission. "Anne Flynn's contributions to USC Upstate and Spartanburg reflect a legacy of selflessness and unwavering dedication," said Dr. Bennie Harris, Chancellor of USC Upstate. "Her impact resonates deeply in our community, enriching countless lives through her support and leadership." Flynn's influence extends beyond USC Upstate to numerous local organizations. She is the immediate past president of the Spartanburg Regional Foundation board of trustees and serves as Chair of the Noble Tree Foundation, founded by Roger Milliken to enhance Spartanburg's natural beauty through strategic landscaping. Her passion for horticulture shines through her work with the Vera Davis Parson Garden Club, where she has been a member since 1983, and her leadership in "Arboretum Adventures," a collaborative initiative with Spartanburg Community College to promote horticultural appreciation. Flynn's dedication also includes her active involvement with the United Way of Piedmont, where her fundraising efforts have strengthened community programs. "Anne Flynn exemplifies the spirit of philanthropy in every way," said Scott Stephens, Director of Development for Advancement and the USC Upstate Foundation. "Her tireless efforts inspire others and contribute to a stronger, more connected Spartanburg." Her leadership and philanthropy serve as an enduring example of how one individual can create profound and lasting change.

Around South Carolina

Charleston School of Law becomes 501(c)(3)

Adapted from information courtesy of the Charleston School of Law

Effective December 1, 2024, the Charleston School of Law has become a 501(c)(3).

"I was honored to become President of the Charleston School of Law in October 2015, and changing from for-profit to 501(c)(3) status has been my goal since the beginning," said President Emeritus & Chairman of the Board of Trustees, J. Edward Bell III. "This change will allow us even greater opportunities to build on the successes we have achieved over the last nine years. We have grown our reputation nationally, and Charleston Law will continue to make tremendous progress to the betterment of our students and to our community."

Charleston Law officially filed an application last October with the American Bar Association's Council on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar seeking acquiescence in the conversion from for-profit. As the accreditor for the first degree in law, the ABA Council is required to "acquiesce" before an



The Charleston School of Law recently became a 501(c)(3). Charleston School of Law photo

approved law school makes any "substantive change," including a change of control or ownership.

In March 2024, the Law School filed an application for a new license with the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, the state licensing authority.

"It is an auspicious time in the life of the Law School," said Interim Dean Jonathan A. Marcantel. "In addition to celebrating our twentieth year of operation, we are now also celebrating the long-awaited dream of converting to a

501(c)(3). The faculty, administration, students, and I could not be more excited for the future of Charleston Law."

New Board announced

The conversion to 501(c)(3) status includes the addition of a newly elected Board of Trustees consisting of:

- J. Edward Bell, III, Esquire, President Emeritus & Chairman of the Board
- The Honorable George C. Kosko, United States Magistrate Judge (retired), Founder and former mem-

ber of the Charleston School of Law

· Joseph C. Good, Jr., Esquire, General Counsel Medical University of SC (retired)

· The Honorable P. Michael Duffy, United States District Judge (retired)

· Jane H. Aiken, Dean and Professor of Wake Forest University School of Law (retired)

· Benton Burroughs, Jr., Esquire, Senior Partner Reed Smith, LLP Global Corporate Group

· The Honorable Ronnie A. Sabb, Esquire, Founder of the Sabb Law Group,

LLC and SC Senator (Senate District 52)

· Dr. Kimberly A. Collins, MD

· Reverend Max A. Wilkins

Interim President named

The Charleston School of Law is also pleased to announce that Hal Cobb ('12), founder and Senior Partner at Cobb Hammett Andrews LLC Law Firm in Mt. Pleasant, has been named Interim President. Cobb previously served as the Chairman of the Charleston School of Law Foundation.

"It is a tremendous honor

to serve the Law School in this interim capacity," said Cobb. "The incredible growth and success of our institution are thanks to the outstanding efforts of our dedicated staff and the guidance of Chairman Bell. As we enter this new chapter, we are committed to strengthening alumni engagement and expanding our fundraising efforts to support student success and facility enhancements. The Charleston School of Law has come a long way since my days as a student, and I am proud to be part of shaping its future and building on its legacy."

"I am pleased to have Hal Cobb as Interim President," said President Emeritus & Chairman of the Board of Trustees, J. Edward Bell III. "The Charleston School of Law will begin a search for a full-time President. While our search will be open to all areas of the law, we welcome candidates who possess a shared vision while continuing to pursue academic excellence that has led us to this exciting chapter."

GE Vernova announces agreement to strengthen, grow U.S. energy supply chain

GE Vernova, Inc. recently said it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Woodward, Inc.'s heavy duty gas turbine combustion parts business based in Greenville, South Carolina. Financial terms weren't disclosed.

GE Vernova officials said the transaction is an important component of the company's strategy of investing in U.S. manufacturing and jobs and strengthening its domestic supply chain.

"We are excited to acquire and integrate this critical capability for our domestic supply chain as we continue to see increasing demand for our heavy-duty gas turbines and upgrades globally," Eric Gray, president and CEO, GE Vernova's Gas Power business, said in a statement.

Under the terms of the agreement, and subject to meeting all closing terms

and conditions, GE Vernova is expected to acquire all assets related to Woodward, Inc.'s Greenville site, which today is nearly entirely dedicated to supplying parts and services to GE Vernova's gas turbine manufacturing operations.

GE Vernova has had a significant presence in the

Greenville area for more than 50 years with current operations including manufacturing and testing gas turbines, providing global engineering support and other activities.

Said Chip Blankenship, Chairman and CEO of Woodward: "This targeted transaction is good for our customer and members and

will allow us to focus resources on products that will drive the most value as part of Woodward."

Blankenship added, "I am grateful for our Greenville members' long-time dedication to Woodward and to serving the customer. They will

have opportunities to continue their great work as GE Vernova takes on ownership of the operations."

The transaction is expected to close in early 2025, subject to certain closing conditions.

GE Vernova said it is working closely with the

Woodward team to enable a smooth transition for employees in Greenville.

Woodward is a global leader in the design, manufacture, and service of energy conversion and control solutions for the aerospace and industrial equipment markets.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Bethlehem (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi
3. With perhaps two different biblical answers, who was the father of Joseph? Jacob/Heli, Gideon/Ishmael, Solomon/Nahum, Samuel/Pilate
4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted Jesus would be born in Bethlehem? Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum
5. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Cart, Rode donkey, Small raft
6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Nazareth, 3) Jacob/Heli (Matthew 1:16, Luke 3:23), 4) Micah, 5) Bible not specific, 6) Silver

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Super Crossword

Answers

AMERICANS	RAPIDS	TORAH
SOMEONE	OBAMA	EVIL
PAMPER	REBEL	STANT
SITAT	ROBO	OPS
ANKLE	ENTIRE	GOOD
POWERING	INFERNO	AALLA
RITE	DRIVE	DIOL
OSIRIS	THAI	SITRE
NOISE	MEADE	LILIT
CANAL	MOIST	PASTETT
ALLEN	LEAVE	VENIT
HYPNOTIC	OPRANCE	FILEXOR
EMOTIVE	PEA	HUE
MA	NATURAL	RE
SHAMU	ALI	BASES
NOHARM	INPRVING	MERIS
ACCIDENT	HEAD	ACHIE
BAIRTS	ACCIDENT	INNERMAN
OLDIE	ACCIDENT	INNERMAN
BAISES	RESEIS	TOASTERS

Super Crossword

TEEPEES

ACROSS

- 1 The United States' landmass, with "the"
- 9 Rafter's challenge
- 15 Shul scroll
- 20 Another similar thing
- 21 Barack and Michelle
- 22 Give the slip
- 23 Like babies who throw tantrums when you try to put diapers on them?
- 25 News outlets
- 26 RFI or ERA
- 27 Film lead-in to "Cop"
- 28 Photo —
- 29 More nimble
- 30 Trellis climber
- 32 Having a sore mouth from working long hours at a kissing booth?
- 36 Joint a sock often covers
- 39 Chipped in, in poker
- 40 Beckett title character
- 41 Intense fire used as an energy source?
- 46 Pie — mode
- 49 Abbr. on a road map
- 50 With 44-Down, decay of building timbers
- 51 Colon part
- 52 Communist Joseph
- 55 Egyptian god of the dead
- 57 Declaration while pointing at a group of workers on strike?
- 62 Scent sensor
- 63 George at Gettysburg
- 64 Airy melody to "Cop"
- 65 Statement when you're nearly ready to complete a collage?
- 72 The "A" of "A-Rod"
- 73 Depart
- 74 Air out
- 77 Mesmerizing horse movement?
- 83 Limb-bending muscle
- 85 Is theatrical character
- 86 Pod item
- 87 Color grade
- 88 Actress Gasteyer
- 89 Tangle of hair
- 90 Inherent hanging-down position?
- 96 SeaWorld whale, once
- 100 Fake identity
- 101 Fuels (up)
- 102 "It won't hurt to snoop a little!"
- 107 Body of eau de
- 108 Kind of acid in vinegar
- 109 Debt note
- 110 Architect Saarinen
- 112 "Slung" food
- 116 St. — (Caribbean getaway)
- 117 Hassle of tracking down a missing retirement payment?
- 121 Vintage song
- 122 Stress
- 123 Spiritual self
- 124 Foundations
- 125 Peanut butter cup brand
- 126 Bread browners
- DOWN**
- 1 Cobra types
- 2 Castle ditch
- 3 Avenger Peel
- 4 Lizard, e.g. bit of
- 5 British verb suffix
- 6 Indian dish
- 7 Height: Prefix
- 8 The whole —
- 9 King, in Caen
- 10 Belly muscles
- 11 Jean — (perfume brand)
- 12 Windows ad catchphrase
- 13 Language of Copenhagen, to locals
- 14 New jet in '68
- 15 Worked as an office sub
- 16 Carry too far
- 17 Howard Stern's area
- 18 "Bye, Brigitte"
- 19 Bodily pump
- 24 Conductor Georg
- 29 "Every seat sold" abbr.
- 31 "La Traviata" composer
- 33 Spy novelist Deighton
- 34 Shareable PC file
- 35 Vainglory
- 36 Chef's tie-on
- 37 "Untrue!"
- 38 Maryland congressman — Mfume
- 39 Even a bit of
- 42 Taxing gp.
- 43 Mag bigwigs
- 44 See 50-Across
- 45 High degree
- 47 Falsification
- 48 Cookout pest
- 52 BBQ rod
- 53 Mosaic piece
- 54 On the go
- 56 Withdraw
- 57 — Aviv
- 58 Deli meat
- 59 Footfar
- 60 Model S car
- 61 Otherwise
- 63 Long skirt
- 66 Balm plant
- 67 Meshes
- 68 A fifth of fifty
- 69 D.C. donor
- 70 Abbr. on a road map
- 71 Dallasites or Houstonians
- 75 — word (single-occasion coinage)
- 76 Plate holders
- 77 Skirt edge
- 78 Diva Sumac
- 79 Broken bits of ceramic material
- 80 Tax doc. pro
- 81 House animal
- 82 Novelist Santha Rama —
- 83 Festivity
- 84 Pigeon perch
- 87 Males
- 90 Rapa — pest (Easter Island)
- 91 Solar beam
- 92 Frazier foe
- 93 Sheet fabric
- 94 Website visit unit
- 95 Pilot Amelia
- 97 Actress McDaniel of "Gone With the Wind"
- 98 Comes up
- 99 Nero's 2,100
- 102 Bigwig
- 103 Florida city
- 104 "Uncle!" crier, perhaps
- 105 Explorer — de León
- 106 Stratagems of 2016
- 111 Nevada city
- 113 Highest point
- 114 — Pei
- 115 Mama birds
- 117 Golf average
- 118 Ending for opal
- 119 Extra NBA periods
- 120 — Plaines

Legal Notices

eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.) or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statement on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Bernice Sloan Smith Date of Death: August 18, 2024 Case Number: 2024ES4201707 Personal Representative: Mr. David Edgar Smith 130 Plumley Court Lyman, SC 29365 12-5, 12, 19

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Spartanburg County, the address of which is 180 Magnolia Street Room 302, Spartanburg, SC 29306, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.) or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statement on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Gene B. Baer Date of Death: March 30, 2024 Case Number: 2024ES4200901-2 Personal Representative: Ms. Deborah L. Baer 5309 Old Griffin Road Chesnee, SC 29323 12-5, 12, 19

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LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202205 The Will of Bobby W. Cardwell AKA Bob Cardwell, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 25, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-5, 12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202162 The Will of Loucious V. Cobb, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 15, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-5, 12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202192 The Will of Harold Wayne Cooke Sr. AKA Harold Wayne Cooke, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 22, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-5, 12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202131 The Will of Betty J. Campbell, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 14, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-5, 12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202147 The Will of Gennaro R. Mazzella, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 18, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-5, 12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202195 The Will of John D. Wyatt, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 22, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-5, 12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202177 The Will of Elgerina Juanita Kazlo, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 19, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-5, 12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202179 The Will of Ina Lea Minsky, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 20, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-5, 12, 19

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Personal Representative: Mr. William G. Landers 1470 Sharon Road Greer, SC 29651 Atty: Stephen C. Wofford Post Office Box 1199 Cowpens, SC 29330 12-12, 19, 26

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Ms. Tammie C. Swanger 391 Double Branch Road Cowpens, SC 29330 12-12, 19, 26

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LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202246 The Will of Jeffrey J. Justis, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed December 4, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-12, 19, 26

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202224 The Will of Mariann B. Kunz, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 27, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-12, 19, 26

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202203 The Will of Nancy M. Davis, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 25, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-12, 19, 26

LEGAL NOTICE 2024ES4202228 The Will of Judy Marvia Sullins AKA Judy Marvia Burns, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed November 27, 2024. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun. HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C. 12-12, 19, 26

Clemson breaks ground on Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine

Information courtesy of Clemson University News Services

Clemson University officials and state leaders broke ground Friday, November 22 on the Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine, marking a historic moment for Clemson University and the state of South Carolina as the only college of veterinary medicine in the state continues to take shape.

Earlier Friday, Clemson's Board of Trustees approved the name of the new college, which honors Harvey S. Peeler Jr., a 1970 graduate of the University who has served as a senator in the South Carolina General

Assembly since 1980. "Senator Peeler has passionately supported the development of a college of veterinary medicine for more than 20 years, and his efforts throughout the process have been instrumental in developing this new college at Clemson," Clemson Board Chair Kim Wilkerson said.

Peeler, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a cattle farmer in his hometown of Gaffney, has experienced firsthand the need for large and small animal veterinarians in the state.

"Today marks a historic milestone for our state as we break ground on the new College of Veterinary Medicine — a dream that's been a long time in the



making," said Peeler.

He added, "This is not just about education — it is about taking care of our animals, supporting our farmers, growing our economy and filling the need for veterinarians in South Carolina." "The Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine will be an incredible asset not only for Clemson University but for the entire state of

South Carolina, our region and beyond," said Clemson University President Jim Clements.

He added, "Today's historic groundbreaking is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the South Carolina General Assembly, the Clemson University Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students and champions like Senator Harvey Peeler."

And Clements said,

"Together, we are further elevating our land-grant mission and continuing to meet the needs of our communities through education, research and service."

The complex is located across the street from Clemson University's Equine Center on West Queen Street in Pendleton. It comprises six buildings designed to provide students with spaces for collaboration, hands-on learning and personal growth.

Officials said the College of Veterinary Medicine will help address the shortage of veterinarians in the state.

A third of South Carolina counties have fewer than five veterinarians, and 48 percent of the state's coun-

ties have fewer than 10 veterinarians.

While qualified candidates are applying to veterinary colleges, 500-1,000 aren't admitted due to a capacity shortage at existing colleges, the officials said.

The Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine continues the process of earning accreditation. It's expected to welcome its first class of 80 students in Fall 2026.

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and curriculum have been approved by the Board of Trustees, and the hiring of faculty and staff will continue in earnest for the next two years.

Christmas Price Index 2024 reflects wage growth and rising service prices

(StatePoint) On the first day of Christmas, holiday gift giving begins with the traditional gift of a Partridge in a Pear Tree. By the first day of January, True Love pays the bill.

Each holiday season, the PNC's Christmas Price Index tabulates the price to gift all the items in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and this year, that figure amounts to \$49,263.47, a 5.4% increase from 2023.

PNC's Christmas Price Index mimics the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Consumer Price Index, which measures the average change in prices consumers pay for goods and services over time. Notably higher in 2024 than the BLS' CPI, which increased 2.4% year over year, PNC's index reflects wage growth in the service industry as the primary driver of the overall higher price tag.

"Believe it or not, we're still seeing the cause and effect of the pandemic-inflation hangover, even nearly five years later," says Amanda Agati, chief investment officer of PNC's Asset Management Group. "With years of steep price increases, we'd think inflation has nowhere to go, but we'd be wrong."

Services Over Goods

The service-based economy is represented by the last four gifts in the index — the Ladies Dancing, Lords-a-Leaping, Pipers Piping and Drummers Drumming. They're traditionally priced based on the cost to hire various performers and musicians. The Ten-Lords-A-Leaping, at \$14,539.20, is the highest priced gift in the index for the third straight year. Overall, the service-sector gifts rose in price by 7.9% in 2024.

This rise of service-sector prices reflects a long-



term evolution away from a focus on manufacturing in the U.S. economy since PNC's index launched in 1984. At that time, goods comprised 70% of the Consumer Price Index, while today that number stands at just 35%.

Many of the gifts in the index representing goods remained unchanged in price in 2024 — the Turtle Doves, Calling Birds, Gold Rings and Swans all stayed flat, though still expensive year over year. The French Hens and Geese were the avian exceptions, with the latter representing one of the most volatile gifts in this year's index, growing by more than 15%.

Housing Still High

The most volatile gift in the 2024 index is the first one — the Partridge in a Pear Tree — which rose in price by 17.1%. The least volatile gift, the Eight-Maids-a-Milking, has remained unchanged since 2009.

The Christmas Price Index also calculates the "True Cost of Christmas," which is the cost of purchasing all of the gifts as they repeat in the verses of the song. That cost increased by 3.6% to \$209,272 in 2024, crossing

the \$200K threshold for the second year in a row.

If you prefer to shop online, you'll pay nearly

\$5K more for the convenience, and of course the packaging and shipping that gifts of birds require.

PNC's online Christmas Price Index cost rose by 3.9% in 2024 to a total of \$54,073.69. Most of the

gifts commanded an increase for internet shopping, but if you're looking for bargain buys based on last year's budget, the price of the Calling Birds, Gold Rings and Swans remained flat online in 2024.

For more information on the index, individual gifts and a 41-year tradition, visit pnc.com.

"Buying the same gifts year after year may seem boring," says Agati, "but keeping track of changes in your spending enables you to be more brilliant with your money, which is what I think the Christmas Price Index sets out to do."

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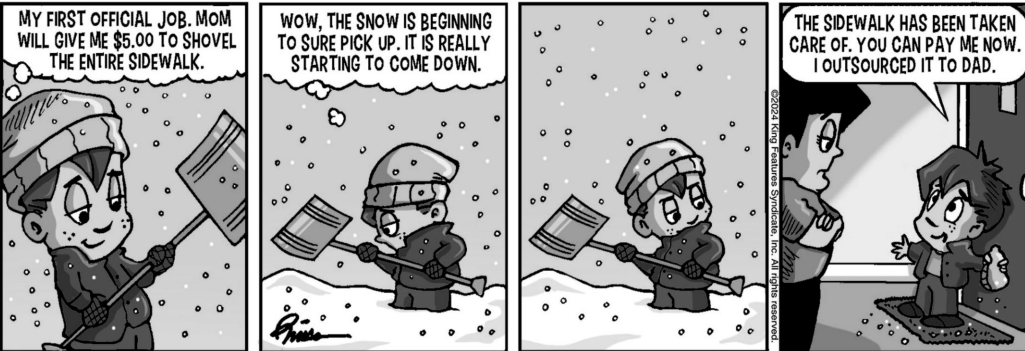
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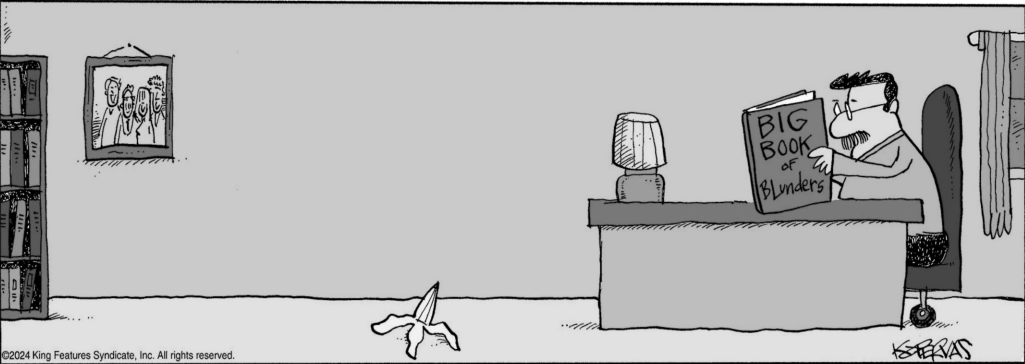
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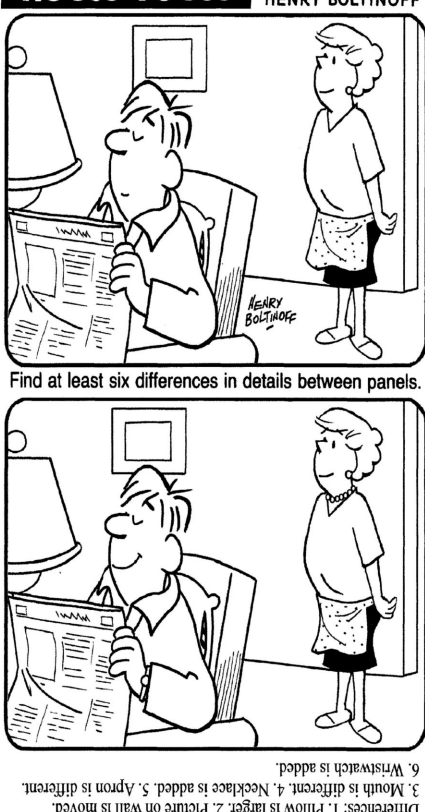
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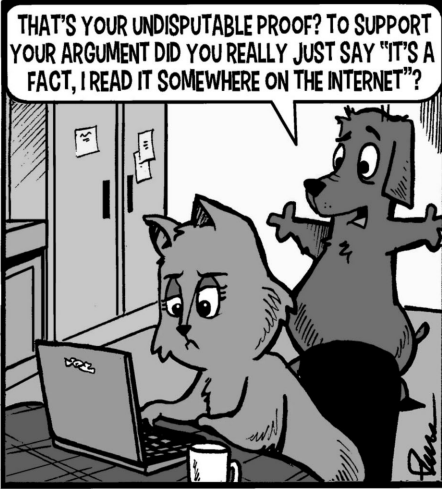
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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: X equals O

SVJ JXFIDXGQ SXHGIUTHE
SOIKOIU XU HXK T CTNI FQ
KYUNIQ KX DI JYMMYCIHK?
FXTJK MIUKVTHCQ!

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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!

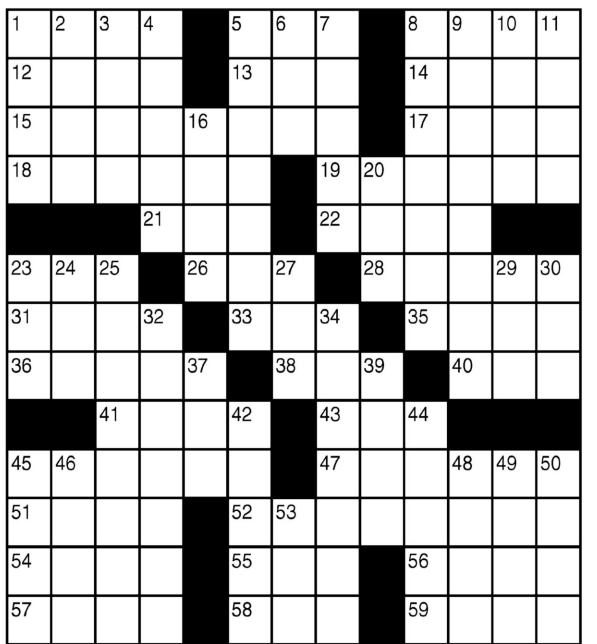
Switch
WASP _____
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RAISE _____
Smooth
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Prance
VORTAC _____

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Waterloo" group
- 5 Financial pro
- 8 Sci-fi vehicles
- 12 Starring role
- 13 — Royal Highness
- 14 Worn-down pencils
- 15 Nose and mouth covering
- 17 Move like a butterfly
- 18 Short sock
- 19 Curved fasteners
- 21 Shoe width
- 22 Tropical tree
- 23 Santa's helper
- 26 Highland hat
- 28 Prettify
- 31 Painter Joan Lipinski
- 33 Coffee vessel
- 35 A few
- 36 Glasses, slangily
- 38 Bro's kin
- 40 Compass dir.
- 41 And others (Lat.)
- 43 Goal
- 45 Filmed anew
- 47 Lubricate
- 51 Mountain ht.
- 52 Gathering organized via social media
- 54 Jai —



- 9 Spectacular lunar phase
- 10 Last write-up
- 11 Bygone fliers
- 16 Bump into
- 20 Sheepish remark
- 23 German river
- 24 Sass
- 25 Comp for a foodie
- 27 "— Miniver"
- 29 LBJ's successor
- 30 Formerly known as
- 32 Spencer of "Hidden Figures"
- 34 — Falls
- 37 Blue
- 39 Round Table titles
- 42 Certain jobs
- 44 Maestro
- 45 Genuine
- 46 Big name in scat
- 48 Latin 101 word
- 49 Type
- 50 Online auction site
- 53 Science room

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Weekly SUDOKU

3		1	7	2	6			
5		6	4	2			1	
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	2	7		8	6	3	4	
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		3	4	7		8		

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!

WORD LADDERS

Can you go from FAILS to KINDS in 9 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

FAILS

KINDS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie?
2. MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the eighth day?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Kalahari Desert located?
4. HISTORY: Who was the first African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?
5. BIOLOGY: What is the process called in which a nonreproductive cell divides in two?
6. MOVIES: In the movie "Elf," what is the name of Santa's sleigh?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest mammal on Earth?
8. U.S. STATES: Where did the first organized celebration of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) take place in the U.S.?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the smallest in our solar system?
10. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-1990s TV family sitcom had a holiday episode titled "A Very Tanner Christmas"?

- Answers
1. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"
 2. Eight mists a-milking
 3. Southern Africa
 4. Thurgood Marshall
 5. Mitosis
 6. The Kringle 3000
 7. The blue whale
 8. Mobile, Alabama
 9. Mercury
 10. "Full House"

EMPTY
Today's Word
3. Creamy; 4. Cavor
1. Swap; 2. Arise;
solution

SCRAMBLERS
FINES, FINDS, KINDS
FAILS, FAILS, FILLS,
Answer

WORD LADDER

2	5	1	3	9	4	7	6	8
4	6	3	7	8	1	9	2	5
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8	1	4	6	7	3	5	9	2
6	3	5	9	4	2	8	7	1
9	2	7	5	1	8	6	3	4
1	7	2	8	3	6	4	5	9
5	8	6	4	2	9	3	1	7
3	4	9	1	5	7	2	8	6

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 24 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

CryptoQuip
Answer
Was somebody wondering whether or not I like my turkey to be succulent?
Moist certainly!