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produce, ammunition, toys, tools, hardware, apparel, shoes, jewelry, electronics, trees, plants, pets, pet products, and more.

To keep you fueled during your visit, a wide variety of food offerings are available. You'll find popcorn, peanuts, pork skins, and full menu items like hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, corndogs, and turkey legs. There's also a new bar with beer and wine available.

The Jockey Lot got its start in an unusual fashion. In 1974, Doyle (D.C.) Bryson, and his wife Evelyn, traveled to Acapulco, Mexico. While there, they visited a flea market. On the way back, D.C. (who already owned property at the Jockey Lot's current site) told Evelyn that if the man who owns the acreage behind his property would sell it to him, he was going to open a jockey lot. When Evelyn inquired about what a jockey lot was, D.C. replied, "Where people come and trade, and buy and sell stuff."

Arriving home on Sunday night, they visited the adjacent property owner on Monday, made a deal on the property, and began building the next day. That was in June 1974, and the Jockey Lot opened for business on November 16th of that same year. Mrs. Bryson recalls, "We had about 74 inside spaces. The first week, it was about half full. The next week it was full, and it's been full ever since."

Mrs. Bryson recalls the rapid growth of the business. She says, "Every week, he was building on to it. Those cement tables, he poured every one of those, fifty tables at a time." Even early on, there was a waiting list for inside spaces. The concept was so popular that buyers began coming by bus from across the region. Mrs. Bryson recalls one weekend when 75 busloads of buyers descended on the lot. Vendors came from all over, many from as far as Knoxville, TN.

In the early days, Mrs. Bryson kept up with the books, without the benefit of a computer, while D.C. walked the lot and checked on his customers. One of the vendors from those first days, McCann Produce, is still selling there today.

Two fires in 1987 caused significant damage to some of the structures, but the business rebuilt and continued to thrive. Bryson sold half of the business to Dickie McClellion in 1977, and that partnership continued until 1992 when McClellion bought out the Bryson's half. He ran the company until a 2011 cancer diagnosis. He passed away in 2012. By then, there were also Jockey Lots in Texas and North Carolina.

One of the things that the Jockey Lot ownership takes great pride in is helping new small businesses get off the ground. They offer these start-ups an affordable place to market their wares, establish their brand, and hopefully grow into their own locations. Some of these vendors have grown to occupy multiple buildings on the Jockey Lot property. With a meager cost for weekend space and no con-



tract required, selling at the Jockey Lot can fit into any budget and provide a large number of prospective customers.

Jockey Lot customers are eager to share their love of the place and the variety of items available there. You'll see comments like "Great place to find random stuff," "you could spend a whole day there and not see everything," "lots to see and eat," and "you can find pretty much anything here and usually at pretty reasonable prices." One 29-year-old reviewer said the Jockey Lot had been a family tradition since she was 10.



McClellion's son Mac owns and runs the business today and stays consistent with the original vision to make the Jockey Lot an affordable and entertaining place. Free parking and admission make it a great family destination.

In a newspaper interview in 1985, the elder McClellion recalled one of the most unusual items offered at the Jockey Lot, a truckload of giant soft-shell turtles. He added that he saw his first-ever satellite dish and his first Apple computer there. His son Mac shares that recently, a seller offered a sight glass from a WWII battleship for sale at the lot.

Mac says that the Jockey Lot offers "Anything and everything. You never know what you're going to see from week to week." The Jockey Lot is located at 4530 Highway 29 North.

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Dads, you aren't strong enough for 'Old Enough!'

Do you remember the first time you crossed the street by yourself? I do. I was almost six years old. I wanted to go play with the kids across the street, but I had always been escorted by my mom or dad. My mom felt like I was ready, though, so she stood out in the yard to make sure that I looked both ways for oncoming traffic. I did, I crossed, and a good time was had by all.



Kim von Keller

Except for maybe my dad, who waited inside the house until it was over.

He didn't see any reason for me to take chances before I'd even entered first grade. In all honesty, though, he would have walked with me to my first colonoscopy if I had let him. If a dad can become so verklempt over watching a child cross a street alone at six, can you imagine how he would feel about watching a child do the same thing at age three?

If you have a Netflix account, you don't have to. Recently, the streaming service has made the hit Japanese series "Old Enough!" available to American audiences. First produced in 1991, this long-running reality show follows Japanese children ages two through five as they run their first errands alone. The episodes are anywhere from 7 to 15 minutes long, and they are highly addictive. On a recent trip to Austin, I watched 11 episodes on the plane, and let me tell you, "Top Gun: Maverick" doesn't have as much tension as a three-year-old doing battle with a ginormous cabbage or as much triumph as a five-year-old who manages to carry fish, apples, oranges, canned drinks, baby formula, and a dandelion up a steep, steep hill. At

one point in the flight, I looked over at Ted, who had his hands over his eyes. I thought he couldn't handle the gore from the World War II movie he was watching, but he had actually been looking at my screen, horrified that a tiny girl couldn't find a watch shop on her own.

It's no wonder that in "Old Enough!" it's the moms sending the toddlers to the fish market or the dry cleaners. The desire to protect — maybe even to overprotect — seems to be a universal trait among fathers, especially the good ones. Why let a child take risks unnecessarily? When I was ten, I begged to go on a trail ride offered by a stable we passed while driving through the mountains. Did I know anything about horseback riding? Not at all, so my dad said I could only go if he went with me. Turns out his fear was unnecessary as I had a fun and completely uneventful time in the saddle; unfortunately for him, however, his horse threw him in a briar patch, leaving him with a badly sprained wrist and covered in scratches.

But time has a way of changing people. The same dads who coddle and baby and cave in the beginning are often the same ones telling us as teenagers to work harder, slough it off, toughen up. It's a hard world, they remind us, and they don't want to send us out into it without some practice. It's just that in America, anyway, they don't usually want us to begin that practice while we're still drinking from sippy cups.

So Happy Father's Day to all the dads who ever walked us across busy streets, chopped their own cabbages, or purchased their watch batteries on Amazon. Thanks for letting us be babies for a little while. One day, it will be our privilege to carry your groceries up a steep, steep hill.



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Gardeners know love of plants can be a strong starting point for a friendship. Husband, as referred to in Garden Shop, does have a name. His name is John. We have a long, varied, unique life connection, despite our strong personalities. We've all heard men marry a version of their mother and women marry a version of their father. I'm not sure what I think about that but am willing to think it is true sometimes. Or it teaches us to marry the total opposite. John is not a gardener. His mother loved working in the yard.

John's mother, Clyde, passed away at the age of 102 (and a half) on May 15. We don't know why she was given a man's name. Just think, when a little girl, born in 1919, had to consistently say she was a girl named Clyde, that's got to start a girl off on a strong foot. John has said for years to me, in loving irritation, "Ok Clyde, you're gonna do things your way anyway". He is not good at saying "Yes dear". Probably the first thing his mother and I had in common is not taking well to being told what to do by the men in our life. We definitely had a love of being outside in common. Clyde would stay outside after dark, often finishing her work using a flashlight. I can't begin to count the times my work as continued by headlights of the truck or tractor.

Our gardening styles could not have been more different. Her yard was pruned and tended to perfection, by hand of course. She wore out Craftsman tools and held Sears to the lifetime guarantee. People she did business with generally tended to see things her way. Clyde always commented on yards that were "clean and kept". She had a dwarf alberta spruce (*Picea glauca* 'Conica') on each side of her front

porch. When we were getting to know each other, she often commented on her shrubbery dying and asked why. So I decided to take a look. These 50 plus year old alberta spruces were being overly pruned. I tried to think of the kindest way to say "You're pruning them to death". Also knowing all the while, there was no way she would heed my answer.

Clyde had two pecan trees in the backyard and raking leaves was one of her favorite things to do. A leaf did not stay on the ground. She bagged up leaves and took them to the dumpster at her church. She still cut her own grass, with a push mower, until she was about 93 or 94. John bought her an electric start lawnmower but it was not like the one she always had and he ended up taking it back for a regular pull string start power. Clyde put red geraniums in her window boxes every year. I will never see a red geranium and not think of her. A fuchsia or peach color geranium is usually put in a pot on my porch. From now on, a red geranium or two will be somewhere in my annual plantings.

When Clyde would visit my garden, some of her first comments were "Look at all the flowers". She loved flower arrangements given to her from my yard. In the fall she always asked "Do you rake your leaves?" That was her way of saying "Those leaves need raking". I would try to explain why I did not rake them, but to her, leaves were there to be raked. So we moved on to another subject. I have a coral colored rose and a yellow angel's trumpet from her yard.

John was chauffeuring us down main street Greenville one time and we stopped at a red light beside a gym. I was thinking why would people want to be facing main street for all passersby to see them huffing and puffing on a treadmill. Clyde said "If people would go home and do their own yard work, they wouldn't have to go to places like that".



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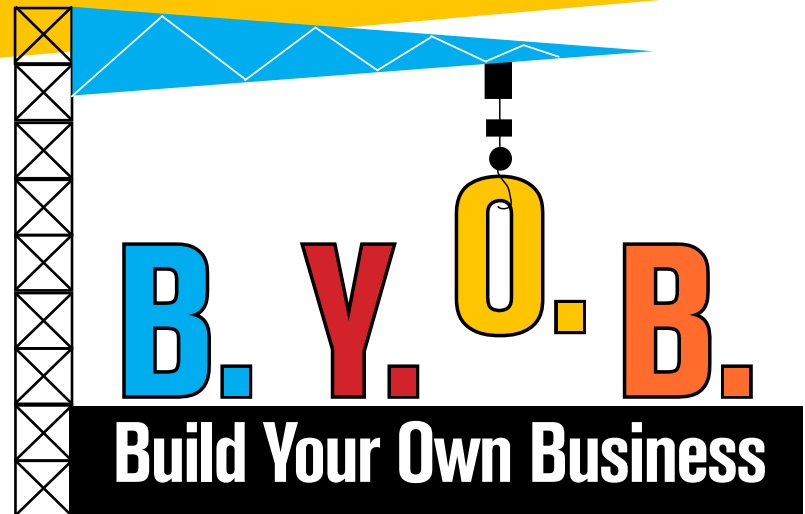
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It is important to realize some stress can be beneficial. If students didn't experience any stress over passing tests, they probably would not work hard to study. If workers didn't experience stress about deadlines, they might end up losing their jobs. And our so-called "stress response" can prevent injury. The good kind of stress can keep us responsible for our actions, which in turn is good for society.

But then, there is the bad stress. Chronic or major stressors — like family pressures or caring for an ailing loved one — are extremely taxing on the brain and the body. The results can be harmful, resulting in depression and other mental health issues, as well as impacting physical health and well-being. What's more, there is scientific evidence that stress can be contagious. Some stress may not be ours. It

could come from those we love — like health problems, family responsibilities, relationships, finances and more.



Dr. Gabrielle F. Cannick

Are there effective steps we can take to help manage stress? To start pay attention to your personal tolerance for stress. But, recognizing stress symptoms can be challenging. Most of us are so used to being stressed, we often don't know we are stressed out until we are at the

breaking point. Here's what to watch for:

Emotional symptoms include:

- Becoming easily agitated, frustrated, and moody
- Feeling overwhelmed
- Having a hard time relaxing
- Feeling bad about yourself, avoiding others, constant worry, forgetfulness, inability to

focus, poor judgment, seeing only the negative

Physical symptoms include:

- Low energy, headaches, upset stomach and nausea
- Chest pains and rapid heartbeat
- Insomnia, frequent infections, not eating or eating too much, procrastination, more use of alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes

Stress is a part of life. What matters is how we handle it. The best thing you can do to prevent stress overload is to know your stress symptoms. Then, strategies to overcome stress are well-known. But they require patience and discipline. For example, regular exercise produces "positive chemicals" that alleviate stress symptoms. Listening to music enables the mind and body to relax. Therapies such as mindfulness, yoga, and meditation can help but require consistency.

Lastly, if you or someone you know appears stressed out and feeling overwhelmed talk to a doctor. It's a good starting point for getting help. These are indeed challenging

times. But there is also much to be thankful for. Please know, we are here if you would like to talk and share. Think of us as your hometown resource for guidance and support.

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The above title is not a misspelling. If you are a native Andersonian, I have no doubt that you have at some time pronounced the name of our city in this way. I’m also willing to bet that you, like me, have verbalized our motto and the name of this publication as, “The ‘Lectric City”.



Neal Parnell

I’m quite proud of my lazy Southern speech, and my online friends from other parts of the world have expressed how much they love my accent. A few have said that they picture Matthew McConaughey when I speak, “Aw-rite, Aw-rite, Aw-rite”. I told my wife this and asked her to close her eyes and picture the person my voice reminded her of. I was feeling confidently handsome until she said that she pictured Carl from Sling Blade, “I like dem franch fried taters”. If a

stranger asks me where I’m from, I’ll use precise English and say, “I’m from Anderson, South Carolina”. If a buddy calls and says, “Whar yat?” I’ll say, “I’m over in Jaw-ja” (Georgia), headin’ ta Annerson, (Anderson). We all get lazy with our words when we are around friends and family. For instance, I questioned my wife about where she had eaten lunch. “Welllll, we drove through Clempson, past Senaker, into West Minster where I ate the best SaL-mon I’ve ever had. I learned long ago to not correct her pronunciations, but that Sal-mon always gets my gills flapping. No one I know says McDonalds like their sign is shown, they all say MacDonalds. I go to the “gross’ry store” not to the “grocery store”? Us Suth’ners are known for dropping letters and adding letters to our spoken words. Even our punctuation is not immune from being dropped, added, or just plain omitted. Robert P. Ingle, the founder of Ingles, had already had his trucks and hundreds of signs painted without the apos-



trophe in his last name when someone told him of the error. Instead of having them redone, he said, “Leave ‘um”. And to this day they remain with the wrong punctuation of his last name, that should read, Ingle’s.

I could go on and on about my lazy speech, so lemme (let me) continue. If a dog comes into my yard, I’m known to yell, “GeeonouttaHeeuh!” this is yelled as one word, but in actuality, it’s five, (Get on out of here). Anyone not familiar with the Southern dialect would not think I was speaking English when I say, “I’m fixin’ to fix some fixins”, which interpreted is, “I’m about to prepare additional items to enhance the main entrée”.



I’ve actually ordered my food in a restaurant by saying, “Gimmie a T-bone with all the fixins”.

Some of my favorite lazy words that I still use for a laugh, or to

confuse people, came from my Grandparents. I once had a little transistor radio that stopped working. My Grandad looked at it and said, “it needs a new bat’tree”. I looked at him and replied, “A what?” He opened the back of the radio, held it to my face, and said, “a new bat’tree” (battery). My Grandmother had no inkling of what a lazy word was, and whatever word she spoke would remain that way. Italy was ItLee, Hawaii was Hiwahyer, and the Bailes store downtown was Baile’ses.

Be proud of your words. So what if they’re lazy or sound dif’ernt, they are what makes you what you are, and people will love and remember you fer’ever.



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All My Rage

by Sabaa Tahir

Sabaa Tahir is best known for her best-selling young adult series *An Ember in the Ashes*, a fantastic high-fantasy saga inspired by Middle Eastern culture (seriously so good). Her latest, *All My Rage*, is quite possibly as opposite as possible in content, but is no less perfectly crafted and compelling than her original series.



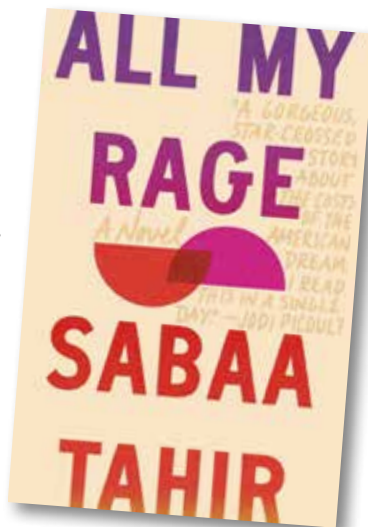
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While Tahir is known for action packed fantasy writing, *All My Rage* is her first foray into contemporary YA, and weeks after finishing it I am seriously still reeling. Tahir writes a story about family trauma and tragedy, and not just how each can shape us, but how they can also consume us from generation to generation. All

My Rage explores just how much hurt people can hurt people as they become lost in their own hurting.

Taking inspiration from the poem, *One Art* by Elizabeth Bishop, Tahir shows through traumatic experiences, especially when compounded through repetition, we can become numb to the act of "losing." *All My Rage* progresses like each of the poem's five stanzas (which start each of the novel's five parts) through different types of loss and how we not just become accustomed to loss, but also what it means to be consumed by it, especially in the light of repeated pain.

All My Rage is told from three different perspectives, two from the present, and one from the past. Misbah's story starts in



Pakistan as she is newly matched by her family and married, then moves through the early years of her marriage, her relationship with her husband's family, and then past the tragedy that led to them moving to America for a fresh start. In the present, we follow Salahudin and Noor, two high school seniors and former best friends who find themselves drawn back to each other after the death of Salahudin's mom, Misbah (hint hint).

As a very young girl, Noor came to America under the care of her uncle after he literally dug her out from the rubble of the earthquake that killed the rest of her family in Pakistan. Having lost her entire family in the earthquake (her uncle is her only living relative left), Noor struggles to adjust to America given the culture shock and the fact that she doesn't speak any English. Salahudin, who remembers parts of Pakistan, becomes friends with Noor and through Misbah, Noor is able to keep ties to Pakistan as she's grieving and gains a second mother.

Beyond the death of parents and your typical high school nonsense, both Noor and Salahudin are trapped in contentious relationships with the adult men left in their lives. Salahudin is dealing with his father's alcohol-

ism, which has gotten that much worse since the death of Misbah, and how that addiction, even before his mother's death, was contributing to the failing of his family's hotel. Noor's wrathful uncle resents her for "ruining his life" because, when he rescued her, he had to give up his life and college to care for her. Feeling trapped in their loss and circumstances, both Noor and Salahudin are forced to make choices that have permanent effects on each other's lives, both good and bad.

It sounds like a lot, but as someone who's weathered their share of tragedy and family trauma, I can attest to the reality of this type of crushing weight being thrust on young adults and the consequent ripple effects it all has in your life. I've tried to be careful to not give away too much in the details, because it's just something you have to read and stew in as the story marinates and cooks. Tahir's handling of these hard topics is deft, and quite honestly, simply beautiful.

I'd like to think I haven't steered you wrong on any of my recommendations, so when I say this is the type of thing that is a must-read, you should probably just trust me. While it is daunting and heavy, I will spoil the story for you in a tiny way and say that it ends on a positive note. The journey to that note is hard, but it's the type of read that makes every reader a better person simply for having read it.

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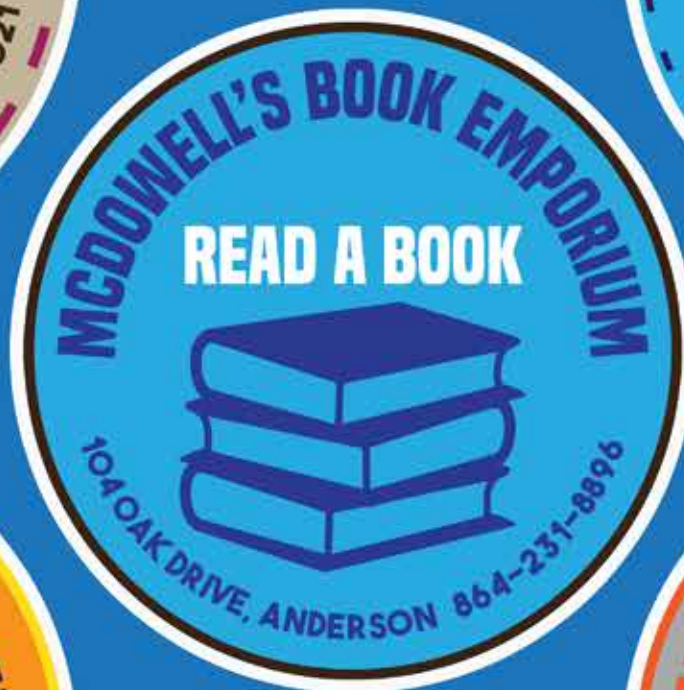
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Things To Do In Anderson



Effortless European fashion

I have yet to visit Europe and I'm really yearning to jet set across the pond within the next couple of years. After all, it takes that long to plan a trip to go there, realistically. I



Kristine March

want to stay at least a month and do everything I can. When it comes to their particular style, I think that European people just get it. They

are simply effortless and beautiful. They have something special in their DNA. The way they eat and drink and actually take naps, or siesta, slow down and really delve into enjoying life by taking their time and truly savoring the moment. They don't rush through everything like we do, and they have a zest for life. The culture to me is breathtaking. England has a more glamorous vibe. Italy is rustic, and France is just pure elegance. I've seen the movie *Eat, Pray Love*. Under The Tuscan Sun. *A Walk In The Clouds*, and *Vickey*, Christina Barcelona at least five times. It takes my mind there in a way. Well, at least for me anyways.

I'm fortunate to have a husband that works in an Italian restaurant so I'm well off in that department for sure, but I think actually standing on their soil would probably make me cry, in a good way of course. If I can't go there, I can at least dress like I'm there. Starting with an Italian look I'm really into loafers this summer. I surprised myself by being attracted to that particular style but they make any outfit look expensive. I got a black pair with gold buckles and I love them. Steve Madden does a knock off version for right at seventy dollars. The Kandi black loafer. It will instantly make you look Sicily chic. A silk scarf is a must if you're going for a Parisian look. Hermès makes lovely ones that you can tie around the neck or even put on your head. A great look for a day on a boat at the lake. Amazon has a dupe version as well.

If you're feeling British for a day, try a vintage collared puff sleeve blouse and a cute pair of trousers. Their style just makes you look astute and sharp. They wear minimal makeup and aren't as dramatic or heavy handed as we are. Mascara, brown eyeshadow, and a red lip will make you look like you're in Monte



Carlo in minutes. Easy breezy. These are just some simple ideas but if you want more, dive into some

really good European fashion books to put on your summer reading list. So, sip on some good Rosé, put some ABBA on the record player and pretend like you're in Europe y'all. Remember to make the sidewalk your runway and be kind. Ciao for now.





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- ✧ Make homemade pizza
- ✧ Play kickball
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- ✧ Blow bubbles
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Katie Laughridge

Happy Summer!

— Katie

FINANCIAL FOCUS: Estate plans let you control your legacy

When you hear “estate planning,” what do you think of? For many people, these words evoke images of immense wealth. But estate planning isn’t just for the wealthy — it’s for everyone. And it’s about more than preserving wealth — it’s about putting you in control of your own legacy. But how can you achieve this worthy goal?

You can start by identifying your estate planning objectives. Here are some of the most common ones:

- ✧ *Controlling movement of assets to beneficiaries* — During and after your lifetime, you will want to ensure your loved ones receive what you want them to have, and when. Through documents such as a will and a living trust, and techniques involving life insurance and using proper beneficiary designations, you — not the courts — will control the movement of your assets to the desired recipients.

- ✧ *Naming someone to make decisions for you if you become incapacitated* — Naturally, you hope to stay in good physical and mental shape throughout your life and remain capable of making your own financial and health care decisions. But the future is not ours to see, so, to protect your interests and those of

your loved ones, you may want to consider creating arrangements such as a power of attorney, health care directive and a living will. In this way, you’ll still be able to control the key choices that may lie ahead.

- ✧ *Providing for minor children or dependents* — If you have young children or other dependents, you’ll want to be sure they’ll be looked after if you aren’t around. In your estate plans, you can name a guardian for them. You can also use various estate planning tools, such as life insurance, beneficiary designations and the establishment of a trust to provide the necessary financial resources for your loved ones.

- ✧ *Supporting charitable organizations* — Leaving something behind for your family is obviously an enormous part of your legacy — but it may also be important to you to provide support for charitable groups whose work you’ve admired. Of course, you can contribute to these organizations while you’re alive, but through strategies such as donor-advised funds and charitable remainder trusts, you can include these groups in your estate plans.

- ✧ *Managing taxes efficiently* — If you’re likely to have a large estate, your heirs may

need to be concerned with income and estate taxes. To help control these taxes, you can take a number of steps, such as making outright gifts to your family during your lifetime, establishing an irrevocable life insurance trust, creating a family limited partnership and making charitable donations.

All the estate-planning strategies and techniques mentioned here can be complex — so, to implement them, you’ll need to work with an estate planning attorney and a tax professional. You may also want to include your financial advisor, who can help ensure your estate planning objectives align with your important financial goals, such as living comfortably in retirement and providing for your children’s or grandchildren’s education.

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Alphonso Norris, Jr. — a trailblazing community leader

BY RICH OTTER

In an interview November 9, 2004, Westside High School Coach William M. Roberts said: "I remember Al Norris would stay at school shooting baskets until 5:00 in the evening. The first year he couldn't shoot at all but he stayed and worked on it. He got so in one spot from the floor he couldn't miss. I always use Al as an example of somebody who worked real hard and succeeded."

What Coach Roberts didn't know was that Norris also left a locker room window propped open at Westside High so he could climb in on weekends to practice. Perseverance was just one of the outstanding qualities of Alphonso Norris, Jr.

His great-great-grandfather, Billy Norris, was a slave on the Norris plantation on the Abbeville Highway where he had stayed after the Emancipation Proclamation and he had assumed the owner's name. Al Norris grew up in a tenant house on property owned by Dr. Dave Gray and made his living as a youngster opening a gate for Dr. Gray as he set out daily to his drug store and tipped Alphonso one cent each time for the service, a stipend that was carefully saved.

As years went on he worked in a grocery store, delivered newspapers, caddied, at Anderson Country Club, delivered glasses for Carolina Optical Supply, and also worked at John B. Lee for Music.

In addition to his persistence with basketball, he also played "outlaw football" where the Black and white kids, against the mores of their communities, would get together on Sunday afternoons to play against each other at the Reed Street Park.

Steady jobs were difficult in those days for adult Black males and his father did not have a full-time job until he was 41 years old. Later his father and mother ran a small store. His father felt strongly that his son needed a college education.

Al Norris described how his mother did washing and ironing at their home for both white and Black people. He said stores like Woolworth and J. C. Penney on Saturday

afternoons would restock and throw pasteboard boxes out that his family collected and used for a fire under a wash pot. His mother made lye soap for the washing.

She ironed the clothes at night and because they had no electricity she would fill a bucket with charcoal and heat the iron in the bucket.

Her light came from a kerosene lamp. After she heated the iron she would take rags and wipe off all the soot.

Norris went to college at Tuskegee Institute and while there took over teaching classes at Tuskegee Institute High School for their basketball coach who felt his team could win the state championship and needed his undivided attention. Norris was teaching three classes in biology and two in physical education.

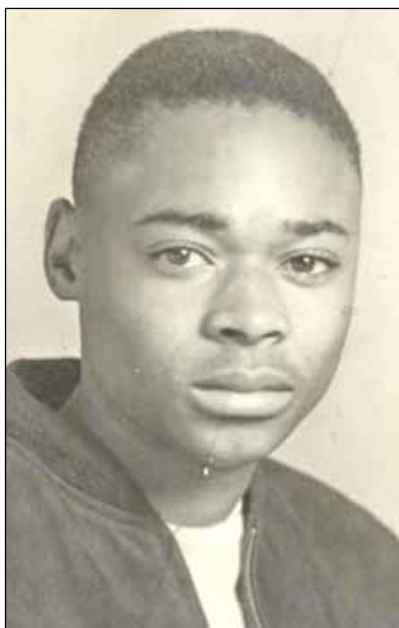
In his senior year at Tuskegee he met his future wife Elma. He went into the marines after his ROTC program and to officers' training school. He and Elma were married and when his mother died suddenly he decided against staying in the military and returned to Anderson.

He was employed by the Pendleton School District, then with School District 5 and then with Greenville Tech. Meanwhile Elma had obtained a teaching job in Greenwood but then came to Anderson where she taught for 29 years before retiring. She was the first Black teacher at Concord Elementary School.

Dr. Don Garrison at Tri-County Tech approached Norris about joining their program. It would be a significant advancement. He had been very happy at Greenville Tech and was reluctant to leave but finally determined to do so. After a year went by Dr. Garrison called Al Norris into his office and said: "Dr. Stockhouse is retiring. You are going to be dean of students." It was not an offer. It was a direction.

"I was the first Black dean in any kind of a predominantly white institution in South Carolina." He remained there until he retired.

In addition, Al's community service should be remembered including being on the City of Anderson Planning and Zoning Board, the Anderson District Five School Board



as a member and Chairman, a member of the Appalachian Council of Governments, the South Carolina State Human Affairs Commission and an Officer of the South

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Al Norris passed away March 20, 2021, but his presence has remained with everyone who knew him.



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A COCKTAIL WORTHY OF FATHER'S DAY

When I was a preteen, I found a recipe for gingerbread, the deliciously moist cake, not the dry, crumbly cookie. I decided to make it



Kim von Keller

as a treat for my dad, and when it was still warm from the oven, I presented him with a huge slice, which he devoured, smiling all the while. Sometime later in the day, my mom took me aside and said, "You know, your daddy doesn't like gingerbread."

Astounded, I replied, "Well, why did he eat it?"

"Because you made it for him," she said.

And that's what good dads do. They put our desires before their own in order to encourage our interests, which makes it even more important to give them something they'll really enjoy on Father's Day. So if you're going to be making a cocktail for Dad

on June 19th, let me recommend one he's sure to enjoy: El Papa Caliente.

This Sip starts with a smoky mezcal, then really heats up with habanero pepper; use an amount to match Dad's spice tolerance. Both these ingredients are tempered with simple syrup, lime juice, and passion fruit. You'll want to serve it with a Nibble that is lower on spice but heavier on salt. I'd recommend Mexican Corn Dip, made with the same ingredients found in Elotes, the delicious Mexican street corn. Double down on the goodness by serving it with dipping-size corn chips.

El Papa Caliente

¼ to ½ habanero pepper, no seeds
1 oz. simple syrup
2 oz. mezcal (I like Peloton de la Muerte)
1 oz. passion fruit juice
¾ oz. lime juice

In the bottom of a cocktail shaker, muddle the habanero with the simple syrup until the pepper is slightly broken down. Add the

mezcal, passion fruit juice, and lime juice. Add a cup or so of ice cubes and shake until thoroughly chilled. Strain into a rocks glass, fill with fresh ice, and serve. Makes one.

Mexican Corn Dip

2 T. butter
4 c. frozen corn kernels, thawed
3 T. mayonnaise
3 T. crumbled cotija cheese
2 T. chopped cilantro
¾ t. chili powder
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
1 T. lime juice
dipping-size corn chips, such as Fritos

Scoops

In a medium skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the corn kernels and sauté, stirring constantly, until the corn is cooked through and turning to a golden brown. Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the mayonnaise, cheese, cilantro, chili powder, garlic, and lime juice. Serve immediately with corn chips.



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BY LINDA NILSON, PH.D.
Having a pet or two in your household has never been more popular, but where can you find a dog or cat that will fit into your family? Anderson County PAWS is the place to start. In the national community of animal shelters, it is known for having “the best dogs and cats.”

PAWS serves as a home for dozens of animals that are found as strays in Anderson County or are surrendered by owners who can no longer care for them. Its official mission is “to help pets in need through sheltering, adoption, education, spaying/neutering, and community outreach.” The animals come in all sizes and ages, from




puppies to seniors. Most of the dogs are mixed breed, but about a quarter are purebred. Many are already housebroken and familiar with standard commands. All of them are eager for the love and security of a forever home.

If you already have pets, you can bring them with you to see how they get along with different prospective adoptees. You can even foster a dog or cat first, with no obligation, to see how they blend into your household. You can also read a behavioral profile on each one. The population changes from day to day, so if you can't find the pet you'd like one day, you may find it a few days later.

If you decide to adopt a dog, you pay only a modest fee (\$35 or less) to help defer the spaying or neutering. Cat adoptions are free. Dr. Kim Sanders, PAWS director and veterinarian, and her staff take care of the animals' medical and safety needs—including their shots, heartworm testing, deworming, and microchipping—before putting them up for adoption.

While PAWS has a full-time staff of 25 well-trained animal care technicians, it needs more volunteers to help with a variety of tasks: petting, playing with, and just talking to the animals; giving out treats; walking the dogs to



Anderson County PAWS

We would like to give a huge shout out to Ms. Linda, one of our dedicated volunteers! Ms. Linda helps keep our laundry room in order and gives treats out to all the dogs, she also knows them ALL by name! When dogs are adopted or leave for rescue Ms. Linda is very likely the happiest person around! She brings the brightest rays of sunshine in with her when she walks through the door. She is a published author and loves to travel! Ms. Linda, we appreciate you so much! (photo op with Ms. Linda: she has never seen a puppy this young and we had a mama and pups come in so we showed Ms. Linda.. she was like a kid in a candy shop!!)

the neighboring dog park; and daily “housekeeping” such as doing laundry, mopping floors, and washing food-pails. As a volunteer, you can do as much or as little of any task you choose. To qualify, all that you need are a love of dogs and/or cats and the desire for their love in return.

I know all this because I've been a volunteer since last August. Working with the devoted staff is a delight, and not a day goes by that someone doesn't thank me for being there. Because I'm semi-retired, I usually give 10-11 hours a week, mostly doing laundry (it piles up quickly!) and giving out love and treats to the animals. As time allows, I walk the dogs, too.

You get to know the various dogs and cats, especially when you visit them in their kennels. Don't be afraid that the shelter will depress you and make you want to take every

animal home with you. You'll find that the animals have distinct personalities of their own, and some will mesh with yours more than others. In fact, if you think you may adopt a cat or dog someday, volunteering is an excellent way to find the perfect pet for you—certainly smarter than judging on appearance alone.

I can't tell you how fulfilling this experience has been. As Andy Rooney once said, “The average dog is a nicer person than the average person,” and I've found this to be true. All the animals are deserving and appreciative of the attention, care, hope, and love you give them. As they get adopted, you may miss them, but you're thrilled for their new life!

In addition to support from the County of Anderson, PAWS depends on donations from the public, such as food (canned and dry), treats, toys, bath towels, blankets, and, of course, money. To volunteer, just come to the shelter located at 1320 US-29 South in Anderson. It is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from noon to 5:00pm. (Owner surrender is by appointment.) Please email pawsrescue@anderson-countysc.org with any questions.

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"Hark to the sky of a seagull!
He cries because he's not an eagle.
Oh, what if you were, you silly he-gull?
What would you say to your she-gull?"
— Ogden Nash

Actually, although it's classic for his humor, I think I disagree with Nash here. Seagulls are perfectly happy with their lot in life — especially the laughing gulls who frequent our Carolina beaches. They've got it mighty good. You get the feeling that they case the new crop of beachgoers every Saturday afternoon, all summer long. "Hey, Jake, this might be a good spot for the week. Look, they've got day-old bread!" "Nah, George, I'm staying right here. This guy's got cheese crackers."

Although the gull family includes several species, the laughing gull is the classic one that we all recognize at the beach. In the summer it has a bright, well-defined black head and orange bill and legs (immatures are a little darker). It also has white "spectacles" around its eyes. And even though they may go inland for several miles, they are distinctly coastal birds. Laughing gulls nest as far as the northeast coast of the U.S. at the height of summer,

and range all the way down to winter homes on the northern coast of South America. In South Carolina, we see them at the beach year round, although that distinguishing black head fades to greyish-white in the winter.

The All About Birds website says "Laughing gulls provide sights and sounds evocative of summer on the East Coast." That's absolutely accurate, and those gull calls are what most people think of when they recall the various sounds of the beach. They really do mimic human laughter. And they are loud! When flocks of laughing gulls swoop in, they monopolize anything else there.

In nature, laughing gulls consume crustaceans, small fish, refuse, and about anything else they can find. But they are also very social birds, not scared away by human interaction, and are more than happy to consume most anything that people offer them. Though probably not a good thing, that is going to continue. Humans just have too much fun feeding them.

No matter what Ogden Nash says, laughing gulls really don't have any need to prove themselves by being eagles. They're perfectly happy being gulls on our Carolina beaches. They'll figure out who's got what, and hang around the most promising beachgoers there. Especially the ones with cheese crackers.



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