



I thought all princesses were created equal

aybe I'm in the minority, but to me, a princess is a princess. That stays more true when it comes to animation than in real life.

I think that's true for children, too. I'm a huge fan of Disney animated

films, but not so much of Disney's presence

on TV. There has been an uproar about the upcoming Disney Channel movie, "Princess Sofia the First: Once Upon a Princess."



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But the fairytale story ended up being a nightmarish tale for Disney.

In an attempt to reach the Hispanic community, Sofia

was introduced as a Latina princess. Sofia does not have a dark complexion, which upset many who cited her

for being "too white." The spinmasters quickly had Disney

on the defensive.

On Princess Sofia's Facebook profile, it was explained her mother was from an enchanted kingdom inspired by Spain. Her father was from an enchanted kingdom inspired by Scandinavia. She was raised in a make-believe melting pot kingdom, it continued.

It was also pointed out she is a fairytale girl who lives in a fairytale world and that all Disney characters are from fantasy lands and reflect various cultures and do not represent real world cultures.

Something can be culled from the explanation that continued, "It is a fairytale and storybook world that we hope will spur a child's imagination. It's one where we can have flying horses, schools led by fairies, songs that have a Latin beat and towns with markets like those found in North Africa." That was part of the statement from Nancy Kanter, senior vice president

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he subjects of photographs in the Hope calendar project are success stories. They're shelter cats and dogs adopted through the

Humane Society of Greenwood. "To me, it shows accomplishment," said Humane Society of Greenwood executive director Karen Pettay. "It's important to me that this is not a sad calendar. This is truly a hopeful calendar 2 because it's showing animals that have come through the shelter system and ended up in fantastic homes. This is just a small sampling for us."

The Humane Society, Jon Holloway and SPF Palatability partnered for this calendar of hope featuring cats and dogs from the local shelter. The 12-month calendar features photographs taken by Holloway and is funded by SPF with all 19 proceeds going to the Humane Society of Greenwood.

SPF is a leader in palatability enhancers to improve the enjoyment of pet food, the well being of dogs and cats and pet owner satisfaction. SPF has been in Greenwood County five years.

"It's been a collaborative effort that will be very beneficial for the Greenwood Humane Society and for dogs and ²⁶ cats in the county," Holloway said.

The Hope calendar will be unveiled during a lunch party 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Sundance Gallery at 146 Maxwell Ave. in Uptown Greenwood.

"We wanted to bring this out for the holidays," Holloway said. "We wanted to

Calendar launch

What: Project Hope is a fundraiser for the Humane Society of Greenwood presented by Jon Holloway and sponsored by SPF. The 12-month calendar is in 12-inch by 12-inch format.

- When: 5-7 p.m. Thursday
- Where: Sundance Gallery, 140 Maxwell Ave., Greenwood
- **Cost:** Calendars are \$20

■ Of note: The event is free and calendars will be available for purchase.

Information: Call Sundance Gallery at 227 1188 or the Humane Society of Greenwood at 942-8558 or 942-8775 or visit www. gwdhumanesociety.org.

provide exposure for the Humane Society throughout the year."

Calendars, of which 2,000 were printed, are \$20.

"All that animals in the calendar are either Humane Society success stories or SPF kitty clients," Holloway said. "SPF has test cats for sampling food. About half of the SPF cats came from the Humane Society."

"Of course, our hope is that it will serve its purpose in helping to raise the necessary funding for the new Humane Society shelter," said Marla Carroll, SPF North America's human resources manager.

"SPF is very passionate about the health and well being of cats and dogs," Carroll added. "In fact, that is one of our core values. Understanding the need for adequate shelter and care for homeless pets in our county, SPF has

partnered with the Humane Society of Greenwood in their efforts to acquire funding for a new shelter. After seeing a previous fundraising project that Jon Holloway had been involved with, SPF thought his idea to partner on a calendar project would be an excellent way to show our gratitude to the Humane Society for their generosity during the startup of our Panelis operation here in Greenwood County."

The photos for the black and white calendar were taken by Holloway in about one month.

"Jon was a delight to work with. He is extremely creative and talented and Greenwood is very lucky to have someone that is so passionate about bringing culture into the community," Carroll said. "We feel very fortunate to have made his acquaintance and we hope to have a very long and fruitful relationships with both Karen at The Humane Society and Jon Holloway."25

Holloway and Lyndi Simms, of Sundance Gallery, visited the dogs and cats in their home environs, including at SPF.

"All of our SPF cats started life as homeless youngsters living in the Humane Society's shelter," Carroll said. "Considering that they are some of the many lucky pets who were cared for and eventually adopted from the Humane Society, we felt it was appropriate to have them participate in the effort."

Everyone involved is pleased with the final product.

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Marie is an SPF taste-test cat.



Coal, who is October's photo, is owned by Dr. Locke and Suzanne Simons.



Eddie was adopted by Jon and Lori Holloway.

of original programming and general manager of Disney Junior.

Granted, Disney was in the wrong when it started out by touting Sofia as a Latina princess. The explanation did little to calm the uproar.

It would be interesting to know if Disney played the program for a cross-section of children of different backgrounds.

From what I've gathered, it's been adults who have created the brouhaha about the incident.

With that said, I'm not sure if Disney can ever get it right to where everyone is happy.

Having two boys never stopped me from taking them to the theater to see a Disney flick or from buying Disney movies when they were released on video or DVD.

We have shelves full of movies from the classics to some of the newer releases.

Among the collection are movies with heroes, villains, cars that talk, candlesticks that are alive and princesses.

We've watched them all ... again and again.

A co-worker said her girls don't segregate Princess A from Princess B because of her looks, where she's from or how she talks. To her daughters, they're all princesses.

I'd like to think most kids are blind when it comes to race and ethnicity.

When my boys were younger, one said something along the lines of, "Oh, the brown boy," and continued on with the conversation without skipping a beat.

It felt good knowing he hadn't been jaded by the stereotypes and prejudices shared by many adults. He could have said a variety of things much worse.

I'd like to thing he'll keep that perspective the rest of his life.

Kanter is right. It's an imaginary world that has teddy bears that come alive, that has a big blue genie and that has mountains that look like automobiles.

I think most kids have great imaginations and the ability to understand a princess is a princess.

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BROOKE ELIZABETH NEW Thomas Patrick Kirby

New-Kirby

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Ellis New, Jr., of Greenwood, SC, proudly announce the engagement of his daughter, Brooke Elizabeth New, of Greenwood, SC, to Thomas Patrick Kirby of Columbia, SC. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Mrs. Julie Talbert New.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Susie K. New and the late Mr. Sanford Ellis New, Sr., of Abbeville, SC, and Mr. and Mrs. Ansel B. Talbert, of Greenwood, SC.

Brooke is a 2012 graduate of Clemson University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin A. Kirby of Columbia, SC.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Patricia M. Kirby and the late Mr. H. Tillman Kirby of Columbia, SC, and Mr. John J. Dwyer and the late Mrs. Katherine A. Dwyer of Atlanta, GA.

Thomas is a 2011 graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology. He is pursuing a Masters of Forest Resources from Clemson University.

The wedding is planned for November 3, 2012, at Main Street United Methodist Church in Greenwood.

Time for a quiz of the continents

large landmass on the Earth is considered to be a continent. There is no standard definition for the number of continents, but in general, we are taught there are seven: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America. In Europe and other places, it is taught there are

The answers are below.



six - North and South America being combined to form a single continent of America. Let's have a quiz to see how much you know about geography and continents. (We will use

seven.) You might want to get out a world map.

1. Greenland is part of which continent?

2. The equator passes through which conti-

Lifestyles & Advice/Celebrations

A little pregnancy prevention is worth a lot of cure

EAR ABBY: What percentage of women's problems do you think could be avoided if, for the first year after beginning to date someone, they were to use birth control and not marry? Many of the women who write to you seem to be shocked the men they're with do not have sterling characters. But I have never dated anyone who could hide his true colors longer than six months. I'm sure the same is true of women, too.

Much of your advice to these ladies entails seeking counseling or an attorney, but to the millions of women who haven't yet made this mistake, how about a shout-out for prevention? The heart is ungovernable, but people do have absolute power to use birth control and avoid rushing into marriage. - SUSAN IN ARIZONA

DEAR SUSAN: Sometimes people marry before they really know themselves, let alone their partner. But I'm all for giving that shout-out for prevention of





of assertiveness on the part of women because they are

economically dependent or lack the self-esteem to insist their partner use a condom.

Your comment about rushing into marriage until you really know someone reminds me of the saying, "Act

in haste, repent at leisure." Perhaps it should be amended to, "Act in haste, repent, repent, repent."

DEAR ABBY: I once read in your column a list of physical activities and how many calories are burned while performing each one. You included sexual relations. Would you please list those activities and the calories burned for each? Thanks! - LOOKING TO LOSE

DEAR LOOKING: You didn't see it in my column, but here is the estimated number of calories burned per hour for several types of measured physical activity: slow walking, 115 to 200; dancing, 275 to 350; skating or swimming, 300 to 600; tennis, 350 to 700; gardening, 250 to 300; golfing (18 holes), 150 to 225.

There are no reliable figures on the number of calories burned during sex because the amount of exertion varies with the individual.

Eve wins hearts of family who just lost a dog

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Eve single-handily broke the stereotype saddling pit bulls for years for one Greenwood area family. She also altered the Burkes lives forever.

"It was truly life changing," said Burke, who, along with her husband, Jimmy, adopted Eve from the Humane Society of Greenwood. "We fell in love with Eve. It was a great experience."

Eve is one of the dogs and cats featured in the project Hope calendar, which is being used as a fundraiser for the Humane Society. The calendar was photographed by Jon Holloway with help from Lyndi Simms and funded by SPF Palatability, a company that offers palatability enhancers for pet food with a facility in Greenwood County.

The Burkes didn't intend to get another pet, but things changed when their bulldog unexpectedly died before the holidays last year. Several months into 2012, the Burkes were unsure if they were going to get another pet or not.

"We were really attached to Roscoe," Burke said.

Burke regularly checks the newspaper for the Humane Society's pet of the week feature each Monday. One Monday, Eve was the dog for the week.

"It's just a habit. I just do it," Burke said. "My husband doesn't like it because he's like, "We cannot bring home another animal."

Burke was intrigued because she thought Eve was special.

"She was unique because she was a rednosed pit bull," Burke said. "You just don't find those very often. That's very rare."

Humane Society executive director Karen Pettay agreed Eve was different.



Eve, a pit bull, changed the lives of her owners Tracey and Jimmy Burke.

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to the couple.

It was finished right then.

"They got her out of the cage," she said. "My husband and I fell in love with her. He looked at me and said, 'I cannot leave her here. We have got to take her home."

Eve became a member of the Burke family, who often takes in strays and considers themselves the patron saints of dogs

"It went to an all-American family," Pettay said. "It's such the antithesis of what people perceive."

Burke said, "She has totally changed his perspective, and totally changed mine, on the temperament of pit bulls. She is the sweetest, most gentle dog we have ever had."

Pettay was familiar with Eves temperament, and said she performed well at events, schools and the shelter.

"She did well with kids," Pettay said.

Eve was one of the many animals that came to mind when Pettay started to think

Burke continues to look in the paper and at the Humane Society's website and said there are pit bull mixes for adoption.

"That just breaks my heart because they are so hard to adopt out because of what people thing about them," she said.

Pettay told another story of a brother and sister German shepherd mix.

Bella and Baxter were brought into the shelter together. The shelter was told the dogs were unruly and unattainable. Pettay found out quickly that was not true.

"They were the cleanest most well behaved dogs," she said. "We were just blown away?

Bigger dogs are always a challenge to get adopted. A couple from New York moved to the area and wanted a dog, so they visited the shelter.

Pettay explained the dog wasn't the most pretty in the shelter at the time, but had beautiful eyes. The couple connected

"Her eyes are so soulful," Pettay said.

"They just clicked. It was immediate.

This family loves her. I love it when peo-

ple pick not the prettiest ones. What's so

heart tugging for me is to see them in

Pettay said she can't get over the

"I saw them when they were at the

changes she sees in the animals in the

shelter," Pettay said. "When I see these

pictures it's like the best makeover ses-

sions you could ever imagine."

with the dog.

photos.

their new environs."

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each year fall into this category. While some result from carelessness or mistakes in DEAR using birth control, others stem from lack

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3. The South Pole is on which continent? 4. The North Pole is on which continent? 5. The International Date Line (IDL) passes through which continent?

6. The deepest point on land is the Dead Sea. On which continent does it lie?

- 7. Hawaii is part of which continent?
- 8. Panama is part of which continent?

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- 9. Egypt is part of which continent?
- 10. Turkey is part of which continent?

C.P.S. (Curious Postscript): Bad habits are like a comfortable bed, easy to get into but hard to get out of. — Anon

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travel — where East meets West.)

porus over which there is a bridge in Istanbul. (Europe-Asia but the far western part is in Europe, separated by the Bos-10. (Une more tricky one.) Most of Turkey lies in Asia,

northeastern part of Egypt, is part of Asia. (Tricky.) but the Sinai Peninsula, separated by the Suez Canal, in the 9. Africa and Asia. For the most part, Egypt is in Africa,

America, so Panama is in North America. ered to be the border between North America and South

8. The border between Panama and Columbia is considnot associated with a continent.

7. Hawaii is an island chain far from any landmass and is

- 6. The Dead Sea lies between Israel and Jordan in Asia.
 - 5. The IDL runs through Antarctica.
 - 4. None. The North Pole is in the Arctic Ocean.
 - 3. Antarctica.
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2. The equator passes through South America, Atrica of Denmark (which is in Europe).

1. North America, even though Greenland, is a territory :SA3WSNA

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"That was a real special one. We had her for a long time. She was so great," Pettay said.

Burke pushed the issue with her husband until the couple went to the shelter.

Her husband still wasn't sure if he wanted another pet vet, and he was sure he didn't want a pit bull because of the breed's reputation.

"As you can imagine, the stigma and all the stereotypes with pit bulls poses a challenge for adopting them out," Pettay said.

When they were at the shelter, Burke asked about Eve. A volunteer brought Eve

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beautiful.

said.

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Lyndi Simms, of Sundance

Gallery, said the calendar is

"The cause aside, it's just

very well thought out," Simms

"It's not cheesy or schmaltzy.

pictures. I can't stand them. I

see that everyday."

loway said.

I'm not a big proponent of sad

"This calendar gives all the

adoptive animals a voice," Hol-

Carroll said, "We are

extremely pleased with the

quality and beauty of the final

product, it is absolutely exqui-

site. It displays the mutual love

and respect that SPF and the

Humane Society feel for dogs

and cats. And in true Jon Hol-

"It's very elegant," Pettay said.

of cats and dogs for the Humane Society's Hope calendar. And to get the OK, all Pettay had to do was ask.

"They're ones that kind of stood out in my mind," Pettay said, adding she thought about the stories of the pets.

There was no hesitation when the Burkes were asked to have Eve be in the calendar.

"We were thrilled, Burke said, who has taken Eve back to the Humane Society for visits.

"We were thrilled when Jon asked us if he could come out and photo her at the house.

> passionate about them and gives her heart and soul to the

added, "It's really to say, help the Humane Society because look what they're capable of doing with the right resources."

She has the tenacity and the energy needed for her position as the director of the Humane Society in Greenwood. She is a force to be reckoned with when it comes to the care and health of the animals and we have a tremendous amount of respect for her and her staff.

Of the nonprofit organization, Holloway said, "This has great potential for the Humane Society as a fundraiser."

For those who can't make Thursday's launch, the calendars will be available at Sundance Gallery, Uptown Pizzazz at 308 Main St., Ship It Center at 580 Bypass 72 NW and the Humane Society at 235 Wilbanks Circle.

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animals."

It was great." loway fashion, it was done in a very tasteful manner. We're

Of the calendar, Pettay

Mini Concert with The Old Paths Quar Ree Memoriel 1:20



On Sunday, Nov 11th during both morning worship services, The Old Paths Quartet will present a mini concert. The Old Paths Quartet materialized out of Atlanta to become one of the most influential, trend setting Christian groups in Southern Gospel. The group released a rapid paced CD, "Right Now", featuring exquisite vocals and propulsive Christian songs with powerful messages. The Old Paths have completed several projects, a successful international voyage, three fan award nominations and are currently nominated for the Top 5 Horizon Group of the Year Award. The Old Paths Quartet is winning the hearts of people to Christ, one soul at a time.

Services begin at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Rice Memorial Baptist church is located at 1975 Highway 72 West in Greenwood.

so blessed to have had a part in its creation, and we're truly excited to participate dur-

ing the unveiling when the Humane Society shares it with the Greenwood community." Eve, a pit bull, was a shelter

dog adopted by Jimmy and Tracey Burke. Eve is in the calendar.

"I think this is such a worthy project," Tracey Burke said. "I hope everybody rallies around the Humane Society and helps out."

Carroll had high praise for Pettay.

"Of course we love Karen," Carroll said. "She is a tremendous asset to the Humane Society and not only does she care about the health and well being of the pets, she is

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