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The DeSoto ISD Office of Early Childhood will host the final installments of the **"What Your Child Will Learn Series,"** this month.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, DeISD will host parents of first graders and on Tuesday, Oct. 16, the district will host parents of second graders.

The **2nd Tuesday Parent Cafe** is back again this year with a series dedicated to **"Understanding ADHD"** led by Jim Wright with Partner Resources/PATH Project. The workshops are scheduled for 6 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 9 and Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Early Eagles Parent Center.

Parents are also invited to participate in the **4th Tuesday Chat and Chew Parent Book Discussion Series** where parents will review **"No Discipline Drama: The Whole-Brain Way to Calm Chaos and Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind,"** by Daniel J. Siegel, M.D. and Tine Payne Bryson, Ph.D. Discussion dates: 10/23, 11/17, 1/22, 2/26, 3/26, 4/23 and 5/28.

All events will take place at the Early Eagles Parent Center located at 200 S. Hampton Rd in DeSoto. For more info, contact Rhonda Davis at 469.297.4587.

## **Girls Leadership Conference Aims to Help Girls Across the Best Southwest Level Up**

DeSoto Independent School District will host the Female Leadership Forum from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 6 at DeSoto High School located at 600 Eagle Drive in DeSoto for young ladies in grades 5-12.

Each year the event has a unique theme. This year's theme is Level Up: Ladies Excelling and Vaulting as Exceptional Leaders.

Presenters and speakers include doctors, engineers, scientists and marketing and other professional industry career women who will impart leadership, insight and motivation to encourage female leadership and participation workshops, activities, student-to-student and student-to-professional networking.

The mission of the DeSoto ISD Female Leadership Forum is to give girls a forum where they can engage with like-minded peers and role-models to create opportunities for inspiration, growth and personal development.

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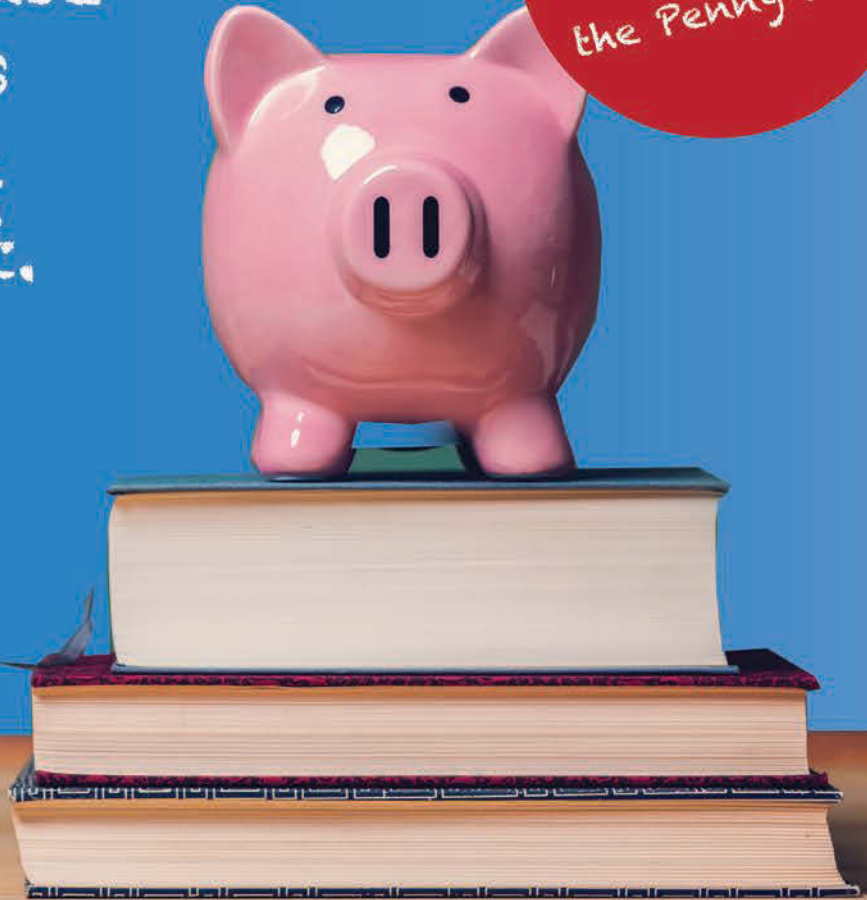
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*October is Diabetes Awareness Month ...*

Diabetes is one of those diseases that doesn't get enough attention. October is Diabetes Awareness Month, but that's often overlooked. It's not a dramatic disease, at first. People can and do live with it for decades, but it's insidious. I have seen it up close. It's very prevalent in my family, on both sides, going back as far as I know much about my family's medical history. So, it's something I have to watch for, too.

The American Diabetes Association has all kinds of information about the various kinds of diabetes, their symptoms, their treatment and the ways you can help prevent or live with the condition. If you or someone you love has diabetes, or is at risk for developing it, do your homework, and do the things you can to stave off the effect of this disease.

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# WAKING UP LUST

— By Rick Mauch

*A 13-year-old eighth-grader at Cedar Hill's Collegiate Academy, Diego Salinas is accomplished in martial arts. This past December, he won the Amateur Organization of Karate state championship weapons specialty in his age group in the Orange Belt division. He likes karate because it requires a discipline that he also applies to his everyday life, as proven by his reflection on that championship day. "It was on a Friday, and I had a math test that day," Diego said. "I passed it and won the championship, so it was a good day."*

Not that Diego was really worried about the math test. Anything he does, he does well. He's been competing in karate two years and takes pride in winning a title in one of the oldest karate organizations around. "Chuck Norris actually competed in some of their early competitions," his mother, Angelica Salinas, said.





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Diego used to play soccer, but gave it up when he discovered karate, plus it was difficult to do a lot of running with his asthma. "I thought indoor soccer would be easier, but you run even more," he said with a smile.

Hockey is his second favorite sport because of the action. He thought about playing football, but said, "I found karate, and I thought it was cooler."

Diego is a young man who does not allow dust to gather. He also likes bicycling, though he's outgrown the bike of his youth. One of his favorite moments, however, didn't involve him riding, but rather helping other riders in the 2017 Head for the Hills Bike Rally in Cedar Hill. He volunteered, handing out snacks and drinks to the riders, along with doing things such as delivering ice to each check-in station along the route. "In the end, I got some Red Robin burgers. That was my reward," he said. "I think I played a big part, along with the other volunteers. It was a lot of fun."

Diego is also excited about his future career plans. He wants to dig up dinosaur bones for a living. With his goal of being a paleontologist in front of him, by the time he graduates in five years, he will not only have a high school diploma, but he will be about halfway through college, as well. "I started becoming interested in dinosaurs when I was little. When I saw *Jurassic Park* the first time, I asked my mom if that was real," Diego said. "You just can't





bring back the wonder and terror of that first movie.”

Angelica recalled a family trip to Colorado when Diego was young. “We made the trip about his interests. He still has some fossils and artifacts from that trip.”

Diego, in fact, already knows where he will be going to college. He plans to attend Louisiana State University in honor of his father, Danny, a big fan of the school. He plans to major in science. “My dad really adores LSU. I want to be the first male in the family to go to college,” Diego confided.



Danny spent much of his youth in Baton Rouge, since his father worked as a concession manager for the school. His dad previously spent nine seasons in the same position at Texas Stadium, former home of the Dallas Cowboys. “We loved it there. My brother and I would pass out programs. We even met Shaquille O’Neal,” Danny said of the NBA player who played college ball at LSU.

Diego and Danny have a special relationship. Danny was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy in 2005 and began spending his days at home with young Diego. “I had to stop working, and I had him there with me all the time. My favorite things rubbed off on him,” Danny said.

To which Angelica added, “It’s a nice bond, and it’s great to still see it now that Diego’s a teenager. The little things Diego has seen him do while growing up have had a great effect.”

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with some effects of it since high school, though he wasn't quite sure what it was. He played soccer and softball when he was younger. "He's someone I can look up to every day, every hour," Diego said. "He's pretty strong to do what he does."

Danny never gives up and has worked to instill that attitude in Diego. "I enjoy life. I love being with my family, and I still do things with them," he said. "Diego and I love doing things together. For example, we love going to Comic-Con."

Diego isn't the only success story among the Salinas children. His 7-year-old sister, Bella, plays softball and performs ballet. Her 6-Under softball team out of Cedar Hill won an area championship in 2016, defeating nearby teams from Duncanville, DeSoto and Red Oak.

Diego is looking forward to the travel involved in his career choice. "I want to travel around and find bones, maybe even a new dinosaur. I'm excited about finding new species." And, just like life, Diego said, "We still don't know what all was out there."

Wherever life takes him, Diego is counting on his lessons from karate and martial arts to help guide him. The self-discipline that helps him achieve success on the mat will also be there for him in other facets of life. "It helps in real life," he said. "The discipline helps sort through things." **NOW**



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# FUL LIFE

— By Adam Walker

*Tiffany Burton is living life on so many planes, but there is nothing plain about where she lives it! Tiffany is a single mother of three, finishing a doctorate in public health, who finds the love and energy to be a foster parent, as well, while welcoming another three children into her heart and home.*

On entering Tiffany's home, the first thing that strikes you is the bold use of color — and the occasional *fleur-de-lis* celebrating her Louisiana heritage. Just off the entry is Tiffany's private salon room with red walls and mirrors and a professional salon chair behind a woven screen bedecked with grapes. The living area combines mustard walls with red leather furniture. The second thing that hits you is Lola, the Great Dane, who makes sure all visitors are properly greeted and welcomed to the Burton abode.

From the living room, the view of the kitchen is unobstructed, and breakfasts and other informal meals tend to happen in both rooms, with everyone finding a seat at whichever table is available, when all six human members of the Burton household descend at once. With such a large household and only one parent, structure and order are a necessity.



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“For Friday dinner, every child gets an individual meal. They get to pick whatever they want, and I cook it. Crab legs, meat pies, whatever.”

In addition to the couch and love seat, the living room features wooden accent tables with Japanese-inspired floral arrangements. Geometric art goes with the circular pattern on the curtains. Behind the love seat near the door to the backyard, is Lola’s bed and some chew toys. “That’s Lola’s

backyard. The kids play out there, but Lola is responsible for all the holes!”

Upstairs, the first room you come to is the TV room, with couches and chairs for relaxing, if you don’t prefer sitting on the colorful puzzle mat. “During the school year, we don’t watch TV or play video games during the week,” Tiffany explained. “We draw, read or play board games. But Friday night, the TV comes on.”

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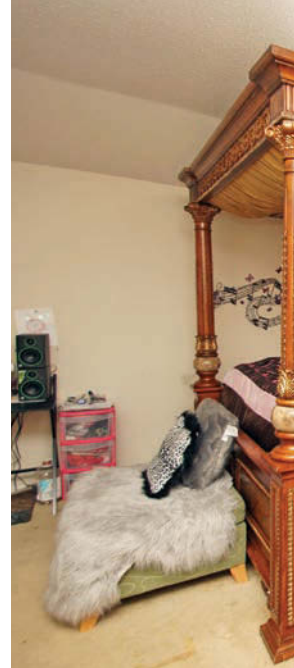
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pink — even the wicker furniture is pink. Next to that is the blue and green room and one of the bathrooms. The boys' room has beige walls, with stenciled reminders on the walls. The bunk beds sport striped bedspreads, while a fur rug keeps things cozy.

The master bedroom is a celebration of purple. A lavender fur rug snuggles up to a chair by the big four-poster bed with its purple satin and velvet bedclothes, complemented with some big, furry pillows. All of this reflects in the big, horizontal mirror on the wall.

"When I graduated high school, I had a list of what I wanted in my life," Tiffany said. "I wanted a two-story house, a big truck and a huge dog. But when I got pregnant, everything got put on hold." Tiffany's life may have been on hold, but not for long. Nothing holds her back for long. At only 26, an age when many young people are still living at home trying to figure out what direction they want to try to go, Tiffany was already buying her house. "Believe it or not, I already had enough furniture in my two-bedroom place I was living in to fill this house up when I bought it!" The truck and the dog came soon after.

"Lola loves attention. She loves to see people's faces when they first meet her. She greets me every day when I come home. She stands up and puts her paws on my shoulders! Once, when I was eight months pregnant, I had to board her for three days when I went out of town. I told them to be sure they had control of her when I came to pick her up. Lola got loose, ran to me and knocked me down. My wig flew off! The vet thought they were going to have to call an ambulance for the pregnant lady. Lola was just so happy to see me!"







Tiffany's venture into fostering is a rather new part of her life. "I was a manager for a multi-site corporation, working full time. But I wasn't very happy with my job. I'm finishing my Ph.D., so I'm 'overqualified' for everything." Tiffany had also suffered a recent tragedy. The father of her youngest child had recently died traumatically. It was during this dark time that her family expanded. "They asked me if I'd like to be a foster parent. They said it wasn't a problem that I'm a single parent. I've been doing this for six months now. It's a very humbling experience. I never thought having a house full of kids would be so rewarding in so many ways. Just when you think you're the teacher, these kids will end up teaching you things, too. But you see how they respond to structure. Their parents are thankful when their kids go back to them. Fostering got me out of the house. There was no more time for pity partying."

Tiffany also has an interest in mental health, knowing how important it is for people to have the tools they need to deal with stress and depression. "They need to be equipped to prioritize problems and deal with them one day at a time, one problem at a time and to seek help if it's necessary."

Tiffany keeps on painting bold new strokes of a vibrant life. Who can tell what color the next wall of accomplishment will be? **NOW**



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## Creative Spark

— By Virginia Riddle

Glitter, rhinestones, sparkling beads — Cerena Jones uses these items and more to custom decorate license plate covers, lampshades, jewelry, pen holders, business and office signs, flip-flops, karaoke mics and bottles of all shapes and sizes. “I pretty much upcycle almost anything,” Cerena said. “I’m an only child, so I’m creative.”

She started making scented candles by recycling baby food jars and wine and liquor bottles that she decorated. “I wanted to touch every sense,” she explained. Cerena’s home-based business is appropriately named Vivid Sense. She sells her creations on Etsy and at area arts and craft shows. “I find my art a very addictive and relaxing experience,” Cerena added. “My mind is always going. I can start a piece in one direction, and then it moves in another. I’m not a planner. The art must

flow, and I must feel like doing it or it won’t work well. Sensory things — wine, music and movies — help me while I create. I don’t know if I’m that simple or complicated. I don’t do any of this for the money.”

Craft and hobby stores, online or brick-and-mortar, are Cerena’s favorite places to shop. While most of the items she decorates are free upcycles, Cerena’s art is “blinged out” with treasures she purchases. “UPS packages are delivered to me almost daily,” she admitted. “I started painting on canvas and found that to be too expensive, so now I find wood pieces and recycled mirrors with character to paint.” One mirror piece that hangs in her entryway is of a moon eclipse. “I was inspired by an actual eclipse, started on it and finished it a month later. It kept evolving,” she revealed.

A self-proclaimed hands-on learner, Cerena works at achieving the right color shades and effects. “I’ve learned from and talked to other artists. I didn’t go to art school, but I’ve watched other artists on YouTube and have learned their techniques,” Cerena explained.



"I experiment with different shades of color on cardboard first. At my first art show, a watercolorist was so encouraging. She surprised me by saying I was an inspiration to her. I hadn't expected any compliments."

Finding self-confidence in her creations has been a challenge. "I look at a piece and wonder if there's something more I can add to it, change or if I've just wasted my time and energy. I have to tell myself, 'No, I had a great time creating it.'"

Learning from having experienced doubt, Cerena's ready to encourage others in their passions. "I'm ready to motivate others and tell them not to get frustrated. Keep trying," she said. "There may be something missing in their lives, but by becoming creative, they can find that missing joy."

Cerena's already applied that concept successfully toward a friend who was going through a tough time. "I gave him an easel, paint and a glass of wine and told him to paint whatever without conversation. It's therapy," Cerena explained.

A Dallas native, Cerena served in the Air Force as a computer operator, traveling to Japan, Kuwait and in the U.S. "I missed home, but those were some of the best years of my life," she recalled. "The military taught me patience."

Holding an associate degree from Everest College, Cerena's in her ninth year working at the Mine Safety and Health Administration. She and her children, Czarien (13) and Tatiyana (7), enjoy their Duncanville home of one year. "It's a small town, but accessible to everything," Cerena said. "There's a great sense of community."

Both Czarien and Tatiyana enjoy creating with their mom. The formal dining room is their creative space. "I may move more into abstract painting," Cerena revealed. "It's like a puzzle or problem solving. I'm like a kite in the wind." **NOW**

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## *In the Kitchen With*

### MAYTÉ MAGDALENO

— By Lindsay L. Allen



As a child, Mayté Magdaleno enjoyed staying close to her mother and watching her cook. Little did she know, she herself would enjoy the art of cooking one day. Growing up in a traditional Mexican family meant many Mexican dishes were served. Although proud of her Mexican heritage, she now has a family of her own and has discovered the wonderful taste of so many other dishes, such as Italian food and plenty of tasty desserts.

Mayté has been married almost 20 years and has three beautiful children, whom she continuously cooks for. “Whether it’s Mexican, Italian or American, I enjoy adding my own special twists to all meals,” she said. “Nowadays, I get many cooking inspirations from my mama, *The Pioneer Woman* and *Mexico in My Kitchen*.” **NOW**

### Carne Molida con Papas

**1 lb. 80/20 ground beef**  
**Salt and pepper, to taste**  
**1 tsp. cumin powder**  
**1/2 tsp. onion powder**  
**1/2 tsp. garlic powder**  
**1/8 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes**  
**1/4 to 1/2 medium white onion, diced**  
**1 tsp. garlic, minced**  
**4 small russet potatoes, peeled and diced**  
**4 oz. tomato sauce**  
**1/2 pkt. Sazón Goya con Azafran seasoning (optional)**  
**1 4-oz. can diced green chilies**  
**2 cups low-sodium chicken broth**  
**1 whole jalapeño (optional)**  
**1 tsp. lime juice**  
**Corn or flour tortillas, for serving**

**1.** In a large saucepan, combine ground beef, salt, pepper, cumin powder, onion powder, garlic powder and red pepper; cook until browned.

**2.** Add onions and minced garlic; cook for about 2 minutes.  
**3.** While the ground beef is cooking, dice potatoes. Add the potatoes, tomato sauce, Sazón Goya con Azafran seasoning, green chilies and chicken broth; stir well to combine. If using, top with jalapeño; cook for about 20 minutes, until most of the liquid has reduced.  
**4.** Mix in lime juice; serve with warm tortillas.

### Champurrado

**1 1/2 cups hot water**  
**1/4 cup masa flour**  
**3 cups low-fat milk**  
**1 to 1 1/2 tablets Nestlé Abuelita Chocolate**  
**1 Tbsp. Nestlé Abuelita Syrup**  
**1/2 tsp. cinnamon**  
**1/2 tsp. nutmeg**

**1.** Pour hot water and masa flour in a large saucepan; mix until smooth.

**2.** Add milk and chocolates; warm over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture begins to boil.

**3.** Add cinnamon and nutmeg. Reduce heat to low; cook for 3 to 5 more minutes. Serve immediately. *Note:* This drink can be strained through a sieve before serving if a smoother consistency is desired. Also, more cinnamon may be sprinkled on top.

### Slow Cooker Creamed Corn

**1 16-oz. pkg. frozen corn**  
**1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese**  
**1/2 cup butter or margarine**  
**1/2 cup low-fat milk**  
**1 Tbsp. white sugar**  
**1/2 tsp. paprika**  
**1 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese**  
**Salt and pepper, to taste**

**1.** Combine all ingredients in a slow cooker; cook on high for 2 to 4 hours.  
**2.** Season with additional salt and pepper, if needed, before serving.

### Shrimp Scampi

**2 Tbsp. butter or margarine**  
**2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil**  
**1 tsp. garlic, minced**  
**1/2 cup Holland House White Cooking Wine or chicken broth**  
**3/4 tsp. salt**  
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### Creole Seasoning

1 tsp. Italian seasoning  
1/8 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes  
Fresh ground pepper, to taste  
1 3/4 lbs. large shrimp, shelled and deveined  
1/2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1 tsp. dry parsley  
Crusty bread or cooked pasta

1. In a large skillet, melt butter and olive oil. Add minced garlic; sauté for 1 minute.  
2. Add white wine or broth, salt, creole seasoning, Italian seasoning, red pepper flakes and pepper; bring to a simmer. Cook until liquid reduces by half, about 2 minutes.  
3. Add shrimp; sauté until pink, about 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in lemon juice and parsley; serve warm with bread or over pasta.

### Sweet Potato Pie

2 lbs. sweet potatoes, boiled and mashed  
1 cup white sugar  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup PET Evaporated Milk  
2 large eggs, beaten  
1 stick butter, melted  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. allspice  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
2 9-inch pie shells, regular or graham cracker crust

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— By Adam Walker

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Dr. Lopez is a graduate of Columbia University College of Dental Medicine. He is also a former captain in the U.S. Army, where he worked as a dentist at Fort Drum in his home state of New York, where he was responsible for the dental health of thousands of soldiers about to be deployed overseas. After being stationed in San Antonio for a time, he returned to New York upon finishing his time in the Army. But he soon decided that he wanted to return to Texas to set up his private practice. That’s how he ended up in Cedar Hill.

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— By Michele Goldberg

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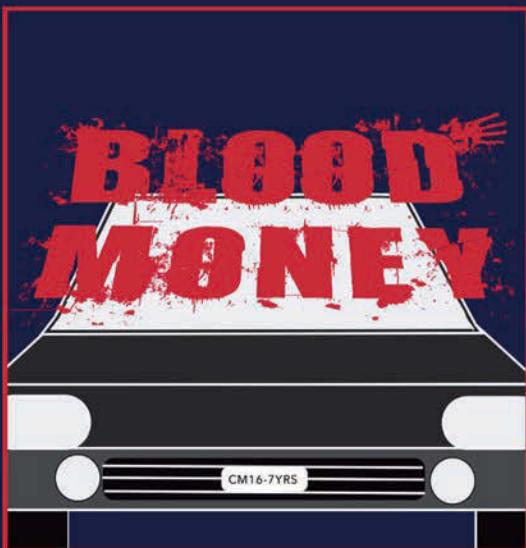
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## Zoomed In: Rance Greer

By Adam Walker

Rance Greer, II celebrated his first-place finish in the Texas State Championship Finals at DeSoto BMX. This intermediate 13-year-old racer hasn't been competing for long. "When I was 10, dad introduced me to the sport, but I didn't like it, so it didn't stick. Then when I was 12, I started doing it for real. It's just fun to get to try something new. Not a whole lot of people do this sport. It was a hard race. The other racers are a real challenge."

This young man is already an ambassador for his sport. "Just try it. That's all you have to do. Just try it. Some people are afraid to crash, but you crash in any sport."



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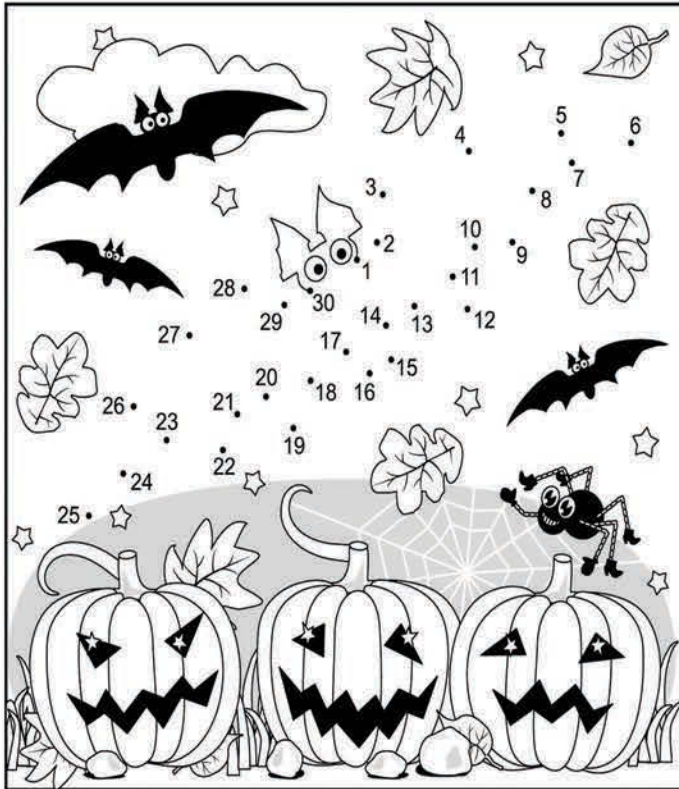
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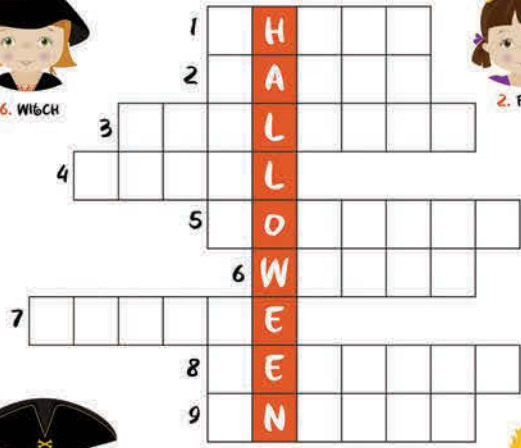
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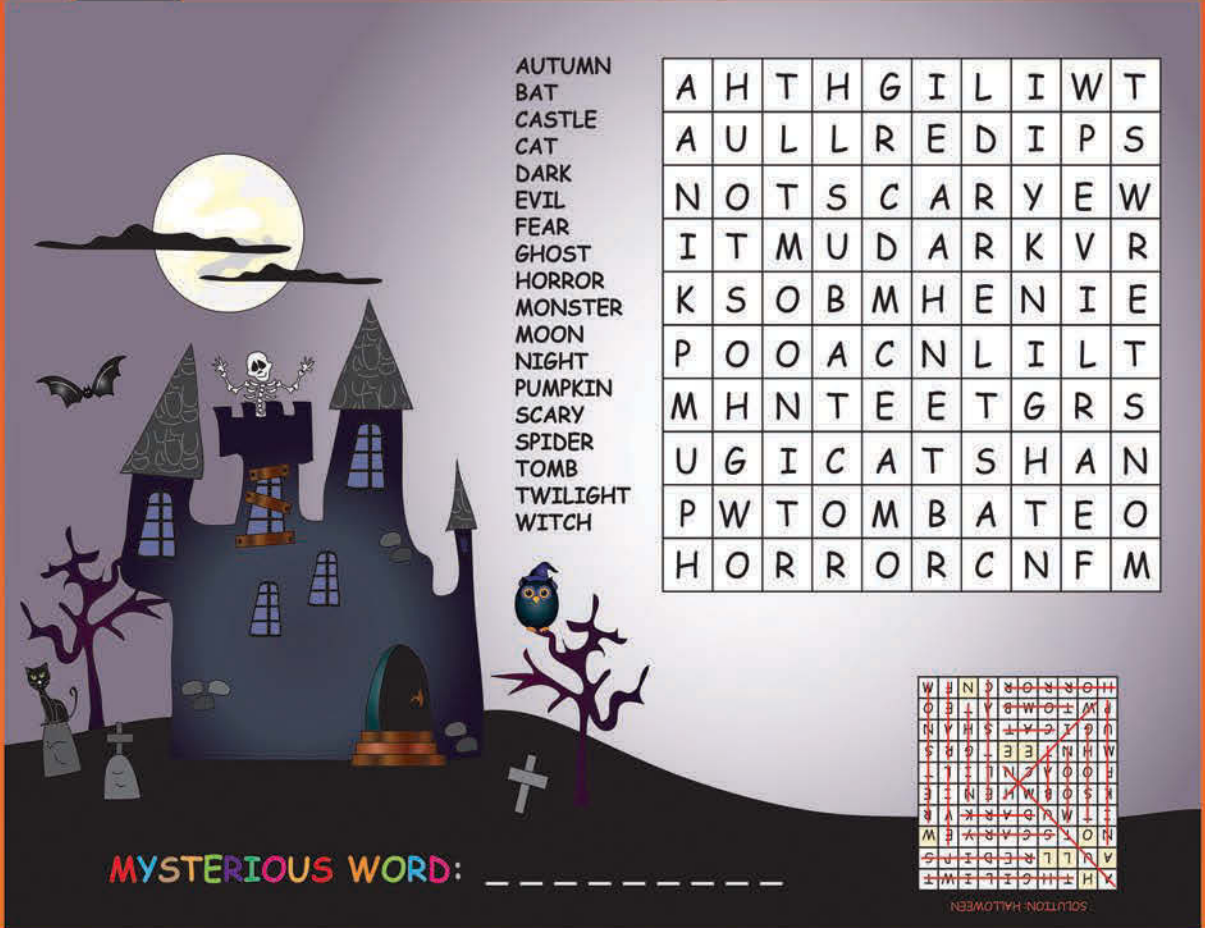


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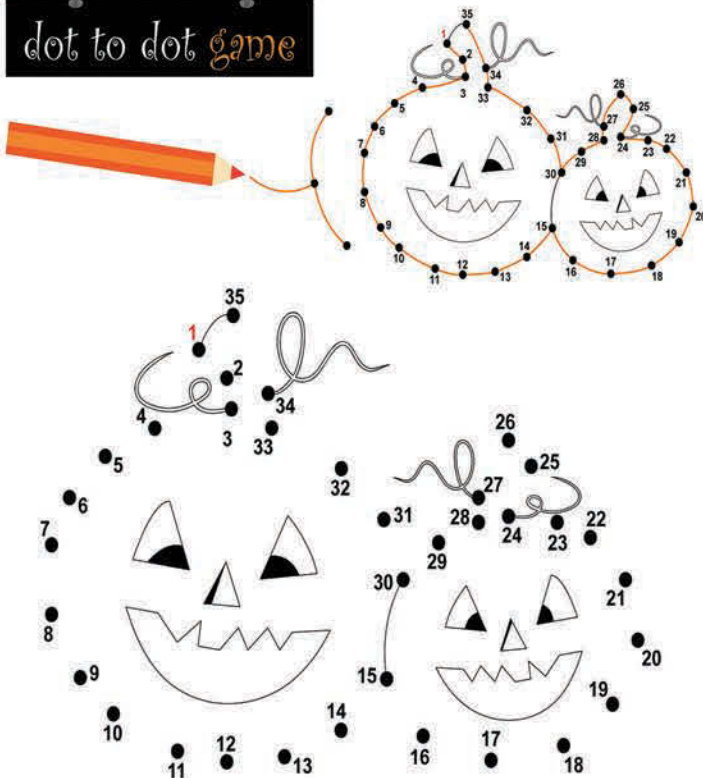
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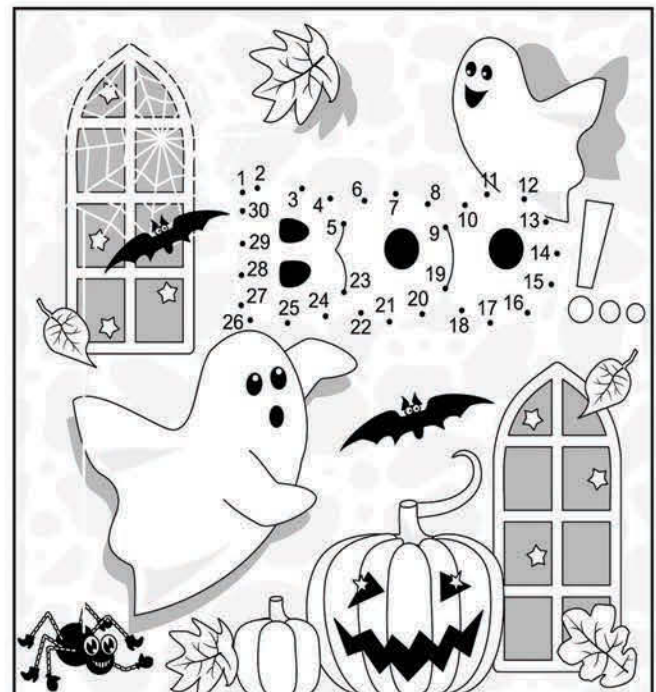


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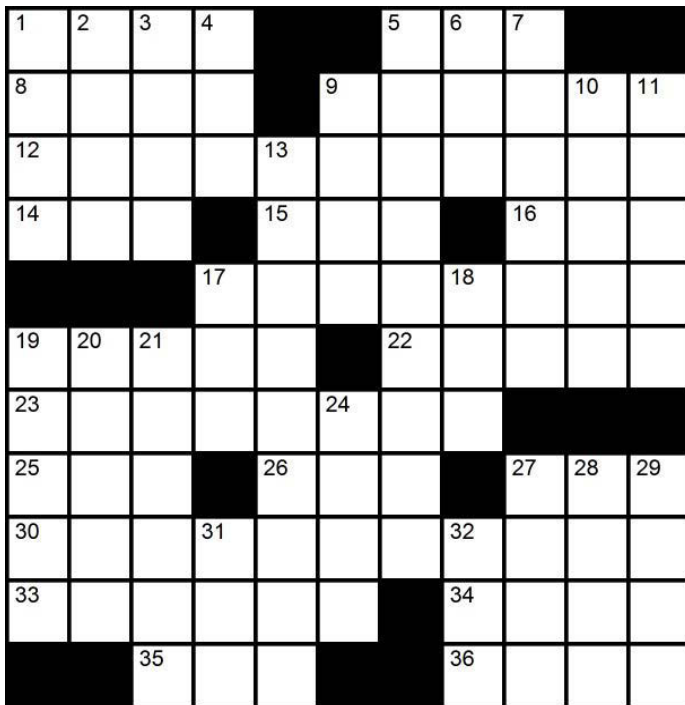
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## Across

- 1 Substitution word
- 5 Opposite of 'tain't
- 8 One of the WWII Allies
- 9 Circles and such
- 12 Stand-in
- 14 Lock opener
- 15 Ask for a loan
- 16 Fuss
- 17 Interrupted
- 19 Diplomat's department
- 22 Tend the roast
- 23 Quixote's opponent
- 25 Well, --- monkey's uncle!
- 26 Air-pressure measure
- 27 Meet
- 30 They get elected
- 33 Wears slowly
- 34 Hess or Breckinridge
- 35 Deity
- 36 Noble

## Down

- 1 Wait in ambush
- 2 Now it makes sense!
- 3 Catch sight of
- 4 Online address
- 5 An event might be open to it
- 6 "--- the Walrus" (Beatles tune)
- 7 Talks
- 9 Mark left by a healed wound
- 10 Initiate the break-up
- 11 Rock
- 13 Went for
- 17 Usual amt.
- 18 Record-holder --- Ripken
- 19 Hit
- 20 Indonesian island
- 21 Not digital
- 24 Horn-wearing goddess
- 27 Jack's "Chinatown" co-star
- 28 Concerning, in legal memos
- 29 Former Russian ruler
- 31 Words to wed
- 32 Mischievous child

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Medium

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## Money Lessons: Raising Money Savvy Kids

With the beginning of a new school year, vacations, days by the pool and visits to the theme park have been replaced with classes in math, social studies, languages, sciences and more — all to prepare your child for the future. Some of the most valuable lessons, however, are not likely to be taught in any classroom this fall, but by parents every day of the year. Research shows that children tend to copy their parents' approach to money, and that is reason enough to make sure you pass on practical money skills and positive habits to the children in your life.

An admirable goal, it's no easy task. Today, money is all but invisible to many children, thanks to the widespread use of credit and debit cards, Internet banking and online shopping. That can lead children to think that money is an unlimited resource, instead of real funds coming in and going out of their family's bank accounts.

### What is your child ready to learn?

A lesson about money means little if the idea is too abstract or advanced for your child's age, maturity level or knowledge. That is why many experts suggest an age-appropriate approach that starts early, incorporates your child's daily activities and is reinforced regularly by your words and actions.

Taking into account that every child is different, financial education experts recommend some money concepts appropriate for different ages.

### Preschool children:

- Money is necessary to buy things you need and want.
- Coins and paper bills have different values.
- Money comes as a reward for working.

### Younger, school-age children:

- There is a difference between things you need and things you want.
- If you patiently save money instead of spending it, you can accumulate enough for a larger, more important goal later. Example: Buy a cheap toy today, or save your money and buy a new bike next year.
- Not every item is worth what it costs. Shop around and compare costs and quality before you purchase something.

### Teens:

- A bank account helps you store and manage money conveniently.
- Savings can see you through a money emergency, such as a car repair.
- A budget helps you understand how much money you have to spend and save.
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