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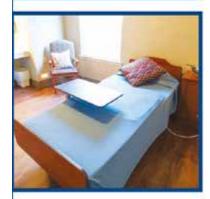
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### EDITOR'S NOTE

The best things about fall ...

Let's face it. The best things about fall are not always cooler weather. At least, not until November. In Texas, kids look for costumes without long sleeves. Then again, everything can shift overnight, and we pull out winter coats. We can, however, count on pumpkins, scarecrows, hay bales and tons of other things that declare fall. When driving from my home in Granbury to Weatherford, I often see colorful trees. Maybe this month. Maybe not.

We can find dozens of reasons to complain about ... anything. Not sure why we always focus on the negative side of life. Like a cow trying to find greener grass outside the fence, we poke our heads through to something better, ignoring the barbs that poke and hurt us. Why do we do that?

My mom loved the "Serenity Prayer," and I thank God she ingrained its words in my soul. We can't always change things, and when we can, sometimes we lack courage to try. Most of the time, we need wisdom to guide us either way. Life always changes, but one truth remains. If I can't grasp contentment with current circumstances, I can't find it when changes come. I haven't arrived. Something always pulls me away from that place of total satisfaction. Perhaps I need that age-old wisdom that touts accept or change. Which do I choose? And if I can change things, does that always mean I should? Much to ponder … Perhaps I can find a place outside where leaves glow yellow, or brown, to consider options.

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# PERSPECTIVES

— By Lisa Bell

While every artist paints from a personal perspective, local artist Sharron Riedel accepted a commissioned project that taught her the unique essence of Eastern art — something she never understood before. Despite years of experience painting murals and studying art history, fear made her hesitate. "I knew nothing about the 1,000-year history of Christian art," she said. "Eastern art involves understanding, not experiencing. You have to read the art."

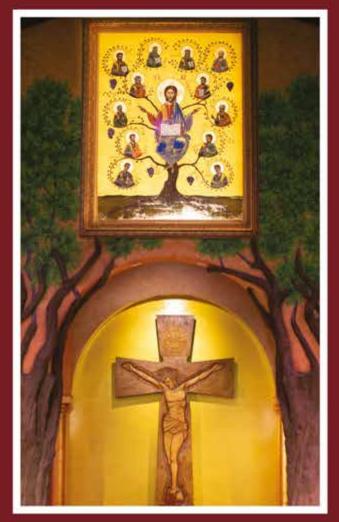
Sharron doesn't remember a time when art didn't fit into her world. As a child, her older sister played piano, and Sharron wanted to play like her sister did. Fortunately, the piano teacher directed the little girl to do something better. Her mother arranged for private art lessons with Gertrude White, who normally accepted only students older

than 7 She made an exception for Sharron and accepted her as a student, beginning with oil paintings, at 6 years old. "I took lessons from her for years, and then took every art class possible in school," Sharron reminisced.

She attended Weatherford College, marrying her high school sweetheart, Danny, who has worked at the same job in Ft. Worth for 41 years. She worked in printing and used artwork with her job. Sharon wanted to get her degree, but the arrival of their first son, Cole, left her torn. "I wanted to be a mom, but I really wanted to stay in art," she explained.

Returning to Weatherford College, she earned her associate degree. Then, a surprise second pregnancy and Blaine's birth changed her path again. "Instead of college, I stayed home. Attending Christ the King Church, I became the classic stay-at-home-mom church lady," she said with a smile. In a state of perpetual learning, she spent time hanging with other artists and eventually went to the Art Institute for additional classes, which required learning computer skills.

Over the years, Sharron grew to love other mediums, especially because oil paintings take a long time. She works with Prisma pencils, India ink, pastels, watercolors and acrylics. Sometimes, she uses oils for the base and finishes with acrylics. She recently took up carving as another art form. For murals, most of the time, she selects standard house paint, incorporating primary colors with black and white.





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Her funniest mural required painting on the ceiling surrounding a fan in a game room. The cards she created represented the dad as the king, the mom as a queen and three jacks for their three sons. Over decades, she produced murals and various scenes for the church, even taking on a papiermâché depiction of Noah's Ark at one time. During the pandemic, she became interested in landscaping. "I like to make things beautiful," she admitted.

Sharron enjoys painting landscapes and animals — anything but portraits. When she works on large paintings, she typically retreats to her garage with the door open. "Neighbors and others bring chairs, sit outside and watch me work," she said. But nothing she did prepared her for undertaking the 6-by-8-foot painting of the *Tree of Life*.

Her pastor studied Early Church history and taught his findings to the congregation, which produced a positive transitional shift. When he approached her about the painting, she originally said no — twice. "I had fears," she divulged. "The lack of understanding Eastern art made me hesitate. And as a 30-year church member, I thought, *What if it's a flop?* The idea scared me."

Sensing the Holy Spirit tell her, "You can do this," Sharron finally surrendered and began the process of research. She fell in love with YouTube and read books about the disciples and cultural symbols alongside studying the ancient art techniques. In the process, she learned world Church history from the perspective of a historian, confirming everything her pastor taught.

Accustomed to the vanishing point, which allows an artist to capture a 3-D perspective, Sharron wanted to make





sure she did that and other aspects well. She first created two 3-by-4-foot mockup paintings before attempting the final version. "In representing an omniscient God, art is a reflection of the culture that produced it," Sharron said. "Until I tried to reproduce the Early Church artists, I didn't understand their methods."

A gold layer went onto the specialordered canvas first as a symbol of the Divine. Next, she applied dark layers, like all artists do with oils. In this painting, the dark represents the darkness of man's soul. Then layer upon layer, growing lighter by degrees, depicts moving toward righteousness.

While working on the iconic piece, Sharron discovered a deeper level of art. Under iconic rules, she always prayed and fasted before painting sessions and learned artists never sign iconic pieces. During the process, she discovered her habit of flicking at the end of a stroke. "It brought home the point of everything we do being intentional," she stated. "At times, I prayed not to mess up like while painting the face of Jesus." Other times, she found the work easy. From start to finish, she spent about five months on the piece.

With the painting finished and on display for everyone to enjoy, Sharron doesn't want to repeat the task of creating another iconic painting. But she plans to continue working on her current horse series and whatever else she desires to paint. She may sell her artwork, which reflects the things her fans love doing, but often she gives it away. Her plans include painting, gardening, going out with friends, spoiling seven grandchildren, and remaining madly in love with her husband of 41 years, whom she declares is the best man on the planet.

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Pounding hooves, fast horses and a break in the crowd as horses and riders came into the final stretch — that was Willie Shoemaker's world for most of his life. Also known as William Lee Shoemaker, Bill Shoemaker and "The Shoe," Willie knew how to get the best out of his thoroughbred mounts throughout his 40-plus years "in the irons" as one of the most winning jockeys and trainers in the world. He rode 8,833 winning horses, setting a world record that held until 1999. He won the Breeders' Cup Classic and 11 races in the Triple Crown series, though the Triple Crown itself eluded him. He won each of the three races in the Triple Crown multiple times — two Preakness Stakes, five Belmont Stakes and four Kentucky Derbies — but he never won all three in the same season. However, his beginnings were humble. Born in 1931 in an adobe shack on his grandfather's ranch near Fabens, Texas, Willie's seemingly effortless riding style began to be honed while riding across the ranch's El Paso/Rio Grande area landscape.

The doctor who delivered Willie didn't think the 1 pound, 13-ounce tiny infant would survive, but Willie's grandmother created an incubator by wrapping him in a warmed blanket and placing him on a pillow near a warm oven. Life was hard for Willie's family during those Depression Era days, so he lived with several relatives as they came and went at the ranch. Willie's job, by age 6, was to ride a horse to pick up the mail. At age 10, he and his family, like so many other families of that time, moved to California looking for work, and he discovered horse racing.

By age 14, a school classmate had suggested that the diminutive Willie might be just the right size to become a jockey. He was strong and was known for not losing matches on his school's wrestling and boxing teams. So, he secured a job at the Suzy Q Ranch and quit school, earning \$75 a month. By age 16, he had become an exercise rider at the Bay Meadows track in San Mateo, California, learning from trainer Hurst Philpot and jockey, Johnny Adams, a future Hall of Famer. Willie's first race as a jockey was in 1949 at Golden Gate Fields. He won the race, which netted him \$120, the first dollars leading to a lifetime earnings of more than \$123 million. He led in the amount of dollars in purses earned in a single year 10 times.

Size wise, Willie at full height/weight was only 4 feet 11 inches tall and 98 pounds. Other assets were his even temper,

calm disposition and his remarkable understanding of horses. Horse breeder Rex Ellsworth was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* as saying, "When a horse was doing his best, Shoe left him alone. When a horse loafed, Shoe would get after him. I never worried when Shoe rode one of my horses, because I knew he'd do a perfect job." In 1959, Willie was inducted into the National Racing Museum and Hall of Fame.

His riding career was, as is usually the case with jockeys, riddled with small injuries, but in 1968, Willie broke his thigh when the horse he was riding fell on him. The doctor used a childsized metal pin to repair the damage. After physical therapy for 13 months, he returned to winning races. In 1969, he was thrown and survived a broken pelvis, ruptured bladder and temporary paralysis of his left leg, only to return to racing and winning for the next 20 years. In 1981, Willie rode John Henry, and together, horse and rider won the Arlington Million, the first million-dollar stake thoroughbred race.

At age 54, in 1986, Willie rode a long shot horse, Ferdinand, in the Kentucky Derby. Ferdinand won, and Willie became the oldest jockey to win the Derby after having been one of the youngest years before to win that famed race. In 1990, Willie made a farewell tour of U.S. racetracks. He retired from riding to become a trainer, even after he became a wheelchair bound quadriplegic following an automobile accident in 1991. Willie retired as a trainer in 1997 after he faced the reality that he couldn't totally know the horses anymore without riding them, and the physical demands were becoming too much for him. He passed away in 2003, survived by a daughter from his third marriage. NOW

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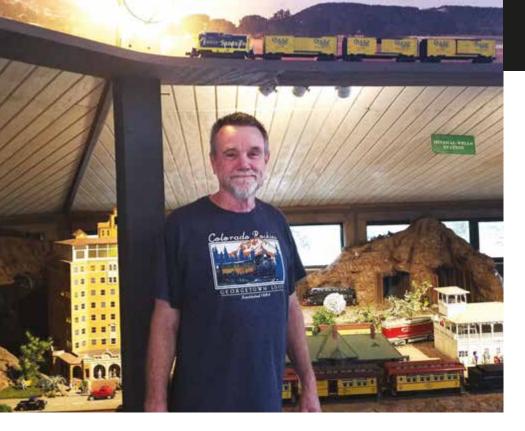
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### Around Town



Jacie Drost enjoys creating hand-painted pots at The Full Cup.

### **Zoomed In:** John Hohenbrink

At Clark Gardens, one area draws kids of any age — including adults. John Hohenbrink spends Tuesdays at the garden with other members of the North Texas Garden Railroad Club. They volunteer to clean and repair tracks and train exhibits that exist all year long for visitors to relish. "My son and I built that trestle," John shared, referring to a favorite feature outside, which allows the model train to run overhead, through the garden foliage and around or over waterways.

Retired from American Airlines, John enjoys helping maintain the display. "Many people don't know we have this so close to home," he said. The building in a section of the garden houses scale models of Weatherford and Mineral Wells with trains running around the two cities.



Jessica Vigil takes a break from email to crochet for a few minutes.



Leon and Friends make beautiful music in downtown Weatherford.



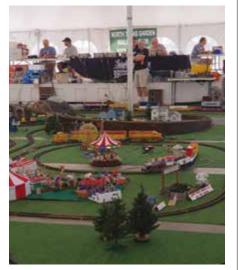
Mother and daughters, Tai, Madison and Maya Pulis make Bye, Bye Birdie a family event.

By Lisa Bell

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North Texas Railroad Garden Club operates a massive display at Clark Gardens' annual model train show.



At an Alzheimer's Association class, Randy Watson shares the importance of staying healthy as we age.

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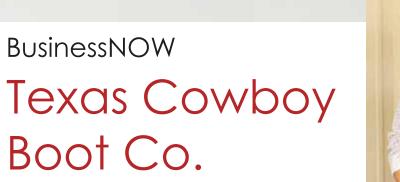




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Early in his career, Ross gained credibility with other boot makers and rose to a high level of recognition. Besides local customers, over the last 38 years, he has made boots for many Hollywood and Nashville stars including Aerosmith, ZZ Top, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Cher, Dolly Parton, Clint Black, Alan Jackson, Dwight Yoakam, Benny Binion and countless other celebrities, businessmen, oilmen and world dignitaries. He continues making boots for celebrities, although he often travels to their locations. "A tour bus sitting on Highway 51 would draw far too much attention," he said, grinning. "Raised on Roy Rogers, I got to make boots for him. Very nice man."

In 1997, Ross realized more people came into the shop for his boots than saddles, so he wanted to focus on making boots. "I always knew of Weatherford and wanted to live here someday," he admitted. He moved to Weatherford in 2004 and opened the shop known as Texas Cowboy Boot Co. He enjoys living here with his wife, Donnette, and twin daughters, Macayla and Mackenzie. When entering the building, the aroma of genuine leather fills the senses. Each customer chooses the specific leather, style of boot and any customization they desire. He creates unique designs, truly producing a one-of-a-kind pair of boots for anyone. Beyond the final appearance, the custom fit makes the boots the most comfortable to wear. "I love the tradition, precision of the craft and the process, but mostly the happiness on people's faces when they try on their new boots," Ross shared. "I can't wait to finish and see their faces."

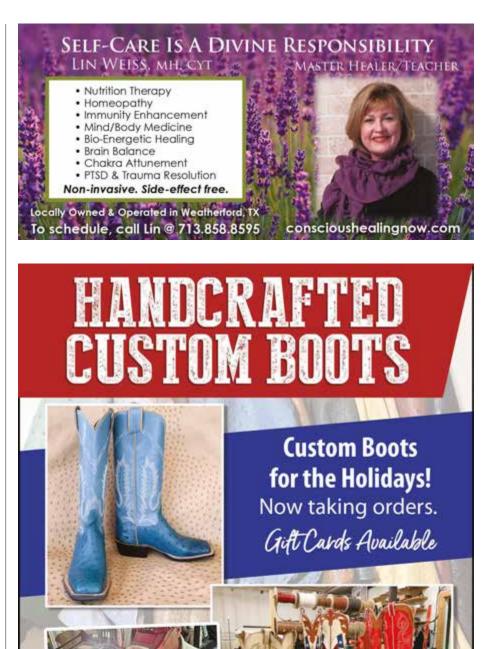
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While Ross tries to finish boots for a first-time customer in six to eight weeks, many require four months to one year for completion. The family commonly works in the shop until evening, but for them, it never feels like work.

Donnette supports Ross by handling the back office and website. But she also loves the creativity of the boot-making business. In addition, she designs and creates Southwestern turquoise jewelry. When they attend a show, she places her designs alongside the boot samples he displays.

Ross said, "Both girls are in training." Macayla loves that learning the craft opens doors for other opportunities. Both girls want to learn all skills involved with the shop.

"Much to my surprise, I'm very collectible," Ross divulged. Proud of his work, he marvels that Alan Jackson's boots in the Country Music Association Hall of Fame in Nashville came from him. To see samples of Texas Cowboy Boot Co. designs, visit their website or social media pages. Then schedule an appointment to create a fit and design as unique as your personality.



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"I began cooking in earnest after graduating from college," Melissa Rawlins said. "I was 22, living alone and aware I could save money by shopping and preparing food at home." She learned simple rules of food safety and prep from her mother. Inheriting cookbooks from her maternal grandmother, she said, "She taught me how to grow vegetables and eat well-balanced meals. Those books taught me food chemistry and how to maximize food for nutrition."

Melissa prefers creating unique recipes with fresh ingredients. She raises chickens as pets, thankful for their beautiful eggs, and grows a variety of vegetables. She admitted, "Everything I'm sharing, I invented (with help from Yahweh, who downloaded the Fruit Smoothie recipe to me when I asked how to put flesh on my bones)." Now

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- 1 cup pure water

**I.** Place all ingredients into a good blender, in the order given; cover tightly.

**2.** Press the chop button; process until the entire smoothie looks mixed.

**3.** Switch the speed to puree or liquefy; process for 30 seconds.

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#### Kale Frittata

4 eggs Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste

#### 2 Tbsp. butter I cup fresh, clean kale, chopped

**I.** Crack the eggs into a small bowl; add the seasonings. Beat until frothy.

**2.** Melt the butter in an 8-inch iron skillet over low heat.

**3.** Add the dark green kale to the hot butter; cover. Allow to soften, stirring the kale every few minutes until it appears bright green.

**4.** Briefly beat the eggs again; pour over the kale. Replace the lid; allow to cook for about 5 minutes. Remove the lid; loosen the edges of the frittata from the skillet. Flip the frittata. Replace the lid; turn off the heat. Set the table, and then serve the dinner.

#### **Chicken Soup**

- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- l cayenne pepper
- I head cabbage, shredded
- I bunch celery, thinly sliced
- 6 carrots, thinly sliced
- I portobello mushroom, thinly sliced
- 2-3 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 6 cups water

#### I roasting chicken, chopped into parts Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste

**I.** Fill a large slow cooker with all the ingredients.

**2.** Cook on high for 24 hours, stirring with a long fork every 4 hours and adding more water as necessary.

**3.** Cool the soup; remove the bones. Using a ladle and a large-mouth funnel, transfer the soup to sanitized canning jars. Store in the refrigerator for up to a month.

#### Wild Grape Jam

# 12 large, organic lemons1 qt. pure water1 gal. wild Texas grapes, freshly picked1 qt. raw honey

**I.** The day before picking grapes and making jam, wash the lemons. Remove their ends; slice the fruit into quarters. Separate the rinds from the juicy flesh, which goes seeds and all straight into a strong blender. Once pureed, slice the rinds; add small chunks of the rind, little by little, into the pureed lemons. Transfer the lemons to a large mixing bowl. Stir in the water; cover the mixture with a dishtowel or saran wrap. Place in the refrigerator overnight. This extracts the pectin from the lemon rinds. 2. The next morning, gather the grapes into a large bucket. This could take an hour. Once home, fill the bucket with fresh water. Remove the stems from the fruit. Rinse the fruit; place in a clean gallon-size bowl. 3. Set up a Champion juicer on the kitchen counter.

 Wash 4 16-oz. and 8 8-oz. canning jars and their lids in hot, soapy water. Place the wet jars and lids on a cookie sheet; place them in the oven. Set the temperature to 225 F. Leave in the oven until ready to fill.
 Place a gallon-size soup pot on the stove. Pour the lemon puree into the pot.
 Place handfuls of grapes into the juicer

and process. Reserve the leftover seeds and partial skins for your compost pile, if you have one. Pour the pureed grapes into the pot with the lemons. Continue for about 20 minutes, until all your grapes are gone.

**7.** Heat the lemons and grapes slowly, on medium heat, stirring until the fruit is boiling. Let simmer for 5 minutes, stirring regularly; Add in the honey. Allow the mixture to return to a slow boil, while continuing to stir. Cook for no more than 15 minutes.

**8.** Transfer the jam with a ladle into the sanitized jars. Wipe the rim clean. Twist on the lids; set upside down on cooling racks. After 1 hour, turn the jars upright. Once completely cooled, set the jam jars into the refrigerator until guests come for their treat.



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#### **Corn Fritter**

3 eggs 1 cup cornmeal 3/4 cup almond milk 1/4 cup olive oil 1/2 cup butter

**I.** In a stand mixer, combine the eggs, cornmeal, almond milk and olive oil. Let it all rest for 5 minutes.

**2.** Place the butter in an 8-inch iron skillet; set it inside the oven. Set the temperature to 425 F.

Beat the cornmeal mixture for another 3 minutes; pour it into the hot butter.
 Cover the pan with its lid or with a flat cookie sheet; bake for 15 minutes. Uncover the pan. Turn the heat down to 250 F; bake for an additional 45 minutes, or until the sides of the fritter separate from the pan.
 Turn out onto a cooling rack. Slice the fritter into 8 or more slender fritters. Serve with more butter for dinner alongside the Kale Frittata or for breakfast slathered with Grape Jam.

#### **Citrus Salad**

1/2 cup slivered almonds



I head romaine lettuce 1/2 cup carrots, shredded I 8.25-oz. can mandarin oranges I small red onion, sliced Poppy seed dressing, to taste

**I.** Arrange the almonds on a cookie sheet; place under the broiler briefly until they begin to brown. Remove from the broiler; shake and sift the almonds. Toast them for another minute. Remove the tray from the oven; transfer the almonds to a medium-sized salad bowl. Let them cool.

**2.** Wash and dry the lettuce; shred into bite-size pieces. Scatter them atop the cool almonds.

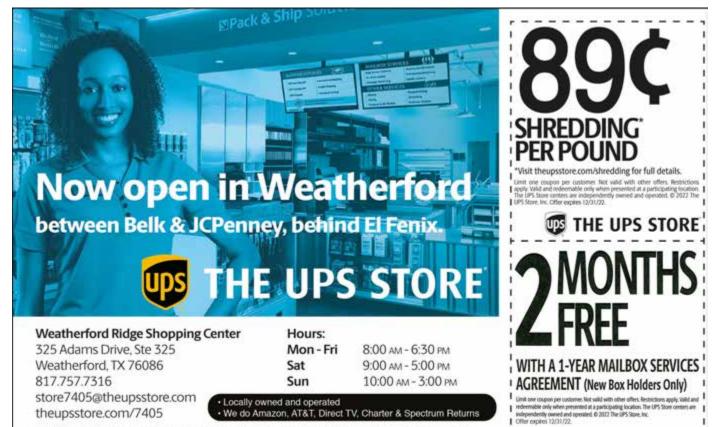
**3.** Sprinkle a layer of carrots across the lettuce.

4. Drain the oranges; slice each section in half. Arrange them atop the carrots.
5. Slice the onion into slender crescents; scatter them across the oranges.
6. Drizzle the dressing across the salad. Toss just before serving.

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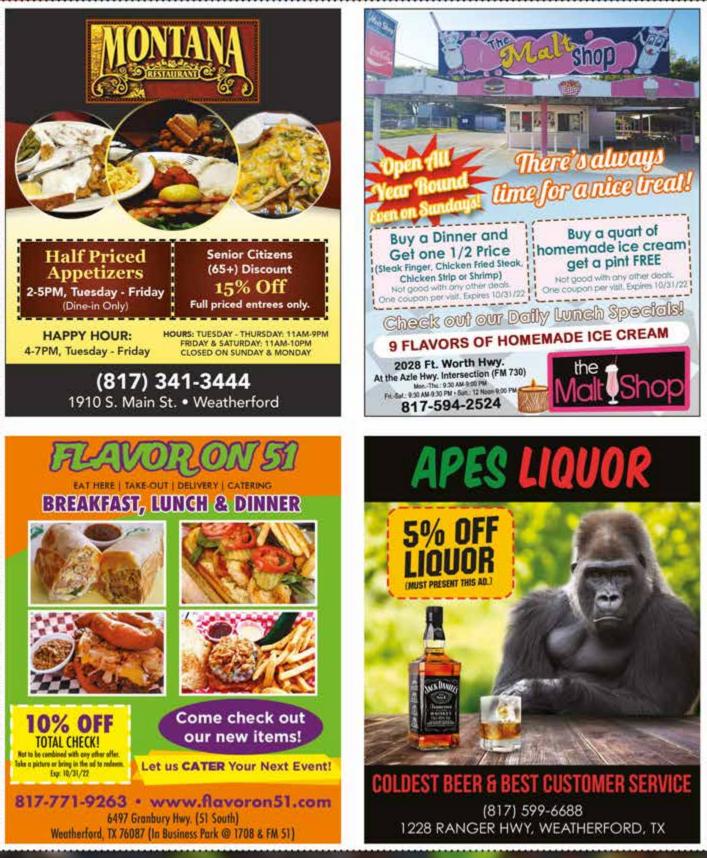


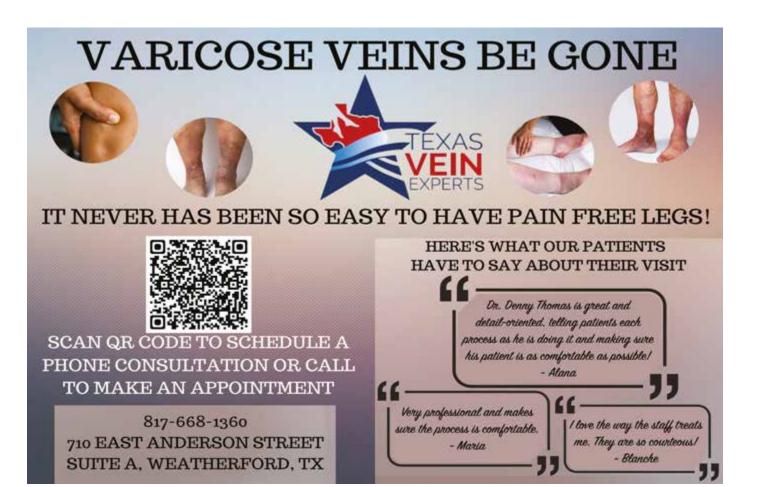


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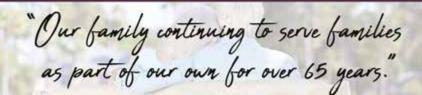


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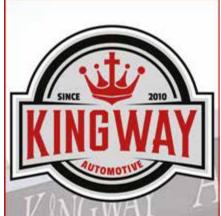
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- 11 Stuck in bed
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- 14 Hot red pepper
- 16 Once in a blue moon
- 18 What Lizzie Borden took
- 19 Double-crossers
- 21 So far
- 22 Thready streaks 26 TV witch
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- 28 Compulsion
- 31 Norwegian princess
- 32 Suffer remorse
- 34 Entirely
- 35 Bran source
- 36 "--- Believer" (Neil Diamond song)
- 37 Rail support
- 38 Mineral spring
- 39 Cookie holder
- 40 Loan charge

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- 1 California peak
- 2 Beanery customers
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- 7 He planned and developed Philly
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- 15 Getting less
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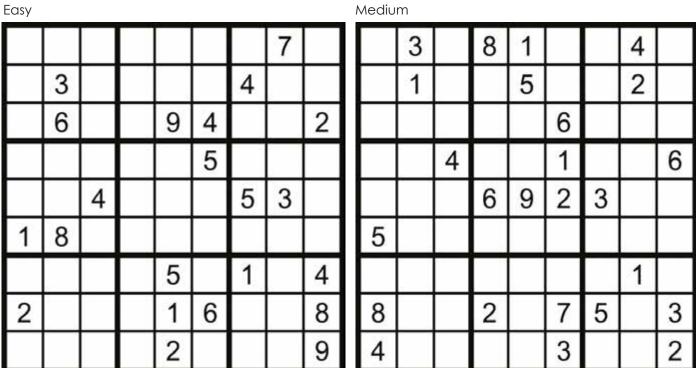
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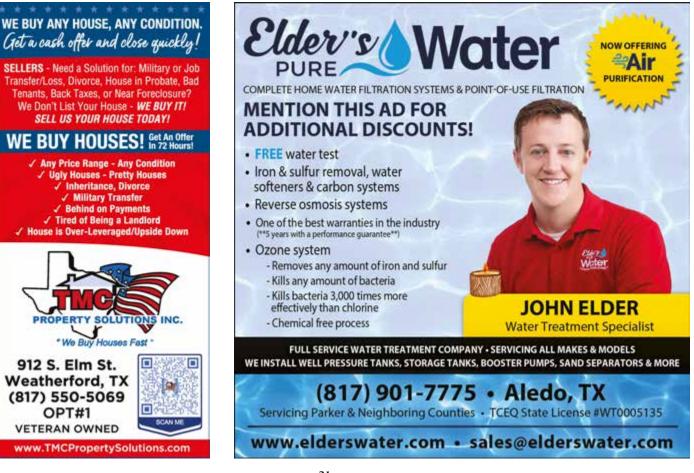
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