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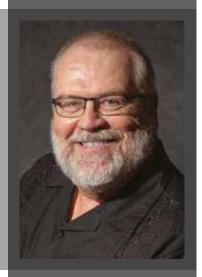
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# **EDITOR'S NOTE**

With thanksgiving ...

This unsettling year, 2020, is drawing to a close. I was visiting with an acquaintance recently, and we both agreed that 2019 seems like a long time ago. That is an unusual observation for me, because now that I have a lot more years behind me than I have ahead of me, my usual thought is that time is flying by. "It seems like just yesterday ..." But not so this year.

There have, indeed, been some difficult times this year. You have experienced them, too. My family has lost some dear loved ones this year, and we know we are not alone in those respects. Globally and locally, there have been periods of great unrest and uncertainty related to the pandemic, as well as the political and social issues we continue to address.

What will your Thanksgiving traditions look like this year? Will there be a big family gathering around a large table with a cornucopia of delightful food? I hope so! Without a doubt, Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. My wife and I both come from large families, and we love to get as many together at once as possible!

Undoubtedly, though, there is a good chance that things may be different for many of us this time around, as there have been a lot of different things this year. We are learning to roll with the punches and play the hand that is dealt us. I know you are, as well.

There is a verse of scripture my wife and I are particularly fond of that speaks of praying "with thanksgiving." The inspired writer points out that even in difficult times, we are still to pray with gratitude.

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# Hand Up

— By Bill Smith

Being on the board of directors of ACROSS — A Christian Response of Shelter & Service — is a labor of love for those who serve. The board has very little turnover, and serving in his third year as a board member, Eric Toth is the newest addition.

A project that had been in the works for a while when Eric joined the organization was their second four-unit apartment building. According to longtime board member Cathie Morales, "Eric Toth is a fairly new board member and really took it upon himself to get this thing done. It had been in the works for several years. He has done a phenomenal job of being both the general contractor and a 'fundraiser extraordinaire,' as many of his suppliers have donated or deeply discounted materials and labor due to his appeal to them."

Eric's long-term experience as a carpenter/builder also provided the skills required to do some of the work himself, such as installing countertops and hardware. "I started framing homes as soon as I finished high school," Eric explained. "That was in 1987, and in about 1995, I started my own framing company, which eventually led to building homes in about 2000. So, yeah, I have the construction experience."

In 2011, Eric and David Maliska had the opportunity to acquire a local lumber yard and home supply company, Blackland Building Supply. "The relationship we have with many of our suppliers and contractors was great when it came to this project. So many of them stepped up and offered not only material but also labor. I would hate to try to name them all for fear of missing some, but suffice it to say that Ennis contractors and suppliers, as well as others in the area, are very generous for a worthy cause."

ACROSS began with local visionaries in 1992. A number of volunteers working with another local charity, Helping Hands, recognized there was a need for a place to shelter families when their situations were so desperate that they were facing homelessness. The new organization was formed, and some initial funding was immediately available in the form of a generous, posthumous gift from a former Ennisite named Daniel C. Russell.

The mission of ACROSS is to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ as stated in Matthew 25:40, "I tell you the truth, whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do unto me." Eric was the first to say, "We give people a hand up, rather than a hand out," and other board members and the executive director of the organization, Stephanie McGrath, echoed his words.





Stephanie said, "I have been here for 12 years. I love my job, and I love helping people. My board members are the best in the world because they are so involved. If I need anything, all I have to do is call and they come help out."

Over 12 years, Stephanie has seen many successful outcomes with ACROSS. "One lady I remember came to us after her home had been torn up. She was angry, aggressive and mean. I sent her to counseling, and the counselor said she could not improve. I knew she could, and I pushed her to. She was eventually convinced that she had to do it herself, that I could not do it for her. That was eight years ago. Today, she works a steady job and owns her own trailer home — she recently paid it off. She is just one of many stories like that. Many former clients come by with updates about buying homes and having children." Stephanie obviously sees great satisfaction in her work.

A brief conversation with current board president, Brenda Haupt, yielded a similar story of a family she met with, cried with and prayed with, as the husband had lost his job, and he and his wife and two small children were facing homelessness. "I was reminded of a line from American journalist Hunter S. Thompson, 'Live out where the real winds blow.' Sometimes, we fail to see that all some people need is a hand up. With the assistance from ACROSS, they were able to save some money and get back on their own."

As a local business owner, Eric Toth was looking for a place to serve and give back to the community when he was approached by another long-term





board member, Glen Wilson, to attend ACROSS's annual fundraiser, a casino night, which they hold each year in June. While they are a United Way organization, the majority of their funds are from private donations. Eric enjoyed the fundraiser so much he asked how he could get involved with ACROSS.

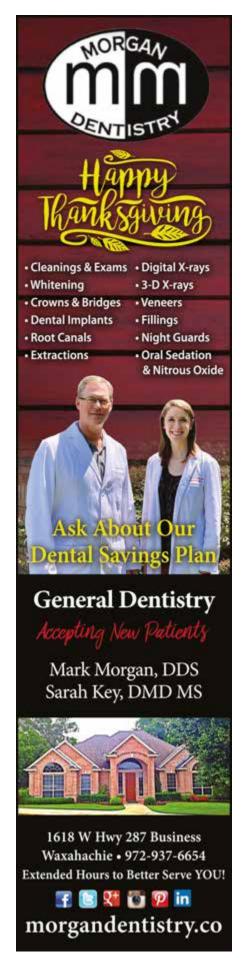
"I had considered other service clubs and organizations," Eric continued, "but I really think God had a hand in placing me where I am. I'm not just talking about being on the ACROSS board, but also opening the door for me to be in the lumber business and have all of the contacts with others to help with the building. ACROSS relies on a lot of corporate relationships to keep things going, but we also have many individuals who come to our fundraiser and have a great time. We really need a lot of people involved to keep this working." They were unable to have their in-person fundraiser this year due to the pandemic, so they encourage the community to give through their website, where they can tap the "donate" button.

For a nonprofit organization like ACROSS to be able to build a beautiful new four-plex is a great success story, and much credit has to go to Eric and the rest of the board. During this month of Thanksgiving, they are grateful for all of those who contributed to the project, and they admit there is still much to be done. Eric concluded, "We get about 35 applications every month from people looking for housing. I have to mention one more success story. One of our clients from a few years ago sends us \$100 every year. It is probably a struggle for them to come up with it, but they do it every year. I think ACROSS is making a difference." NOW

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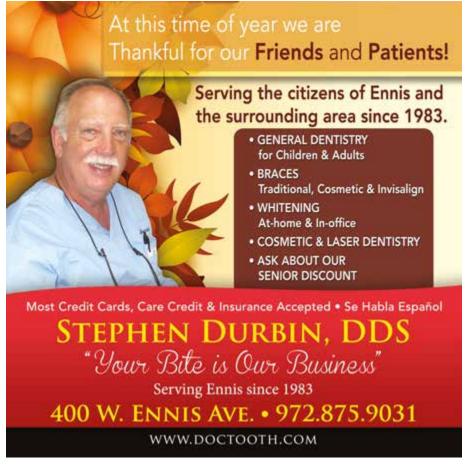
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# Rooftop 101

- By Bill Smith

Rooftop 101 218 W. Ennis Avenue Ennis, TX 75119

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Friday-Saturday: 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Sunday Brunch: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

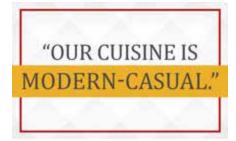
Some longtime, local residents can recall the varied past of the historic building on Ennis Avenue that has been the home of Rooftop 101 for almost 18 months. While there was a time when the location housed a Ford dealership, a furniture store and a sporting goods store, today the building is alive and vibrant with the Rooftop 101 restaurant.

The tornado that swept down Ennis Avenue in 2013 was devastating to the old structure, and many thought it might not survive. The building was acquired and reconstructed by

George Wartsbaugh and Ross Massengill with a vision for a unique restaurant in Ennis. Most recently, George and his wife, Annie, have added a lot to the amenities of the building with a unique and comfortable dining experience in view.

Progress in the restaurant is fueled by active input from George and Annie, but George knows talent when he sees it, and the recently added management team is making great strides. Chef-consultant Nicholas Ocando describes himself as French-trained and widely experienced. "Our cuisine is modern-casual," he offered. "The menu should appeal to just about everyone." Having had a lead role in opening restaurants from New York to the Caribbean, he knows what people expect from a fine restaurant. His background includes two openings for renowned Chef Alain Ducasse. One of the featured menu items is the blackened salmon. "The perfectly seared salmon entrée at Rooftop 101 is a must-have for those who crave a healthy meal with an explosion of flavor."

With a wealth of restaurant management experience, Joe Conklin joined the team about three months ago. "In addition to the best food in town, we have made changes both upstairs and downstairs to create an atmosphere that will appeal to everyone. Downstairs, diners can get away from the open air and enjoy the airconditioning and the wall art that shows some of the history of this building, as well as other history of Ennis, including railroads and cotton farming."



George interjected, "We have also done a lot to improve the comfort upstairs and on the sidewalk, including the awnings and evaporator fans. We are currently displaying our 1957 Ford in the downstairs area, and we will be putting other classic cars in its place every few months. We encourage classic cars by giving a 10-percent discount on Sundays if you arrive in a classic car. We recently added our Sunday brunch, and we offer a 10-percent donation to the church of your choice when you enjoy the brunch.

"Going forward, we are all about great food and great service," George continued. "We want to provide what our customers say is important to them, and we want to hear from them. So, tell us what you would like to see. We want community input."

Though they are not emphasizing the area downstairs as an event center, they can set aside a section for small groups. The primary emphasis is on serving the customer. The owners and management of Rooftop 101 are settling for nothing less than making it the best restaurant in town. George emphasized, "We are going to make it happen." NOW

Editor's Note: See Rooftop 101's full menu by scanning the QR code in their ad in this magazine.









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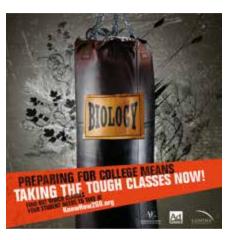
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# **Around Town**



# Zoomed In: By Bill Smith Irene and Bobby Kubin

Irene and Bobby Kubin have lived in Ennis for their whole lives and will celebrate 50 years of marriage soon. "We met as children, and now we have three children and five grandchildren," Irene stated proudly. "I retired after 26 years with H-E-B." Bobby added that he retired after many years with the Tarrant Regional Water District.

"This is what we do now," Irene added, referring to their booth at the Bluebonnet Market in downtown Ennis where they sell her fresh baked goods and garden-fresh vegetables. "We have a large garden at home. We live on land that was originally part of Bobby's grandfather's farm."



Dale Pack and Buster are out for one of their regular walks.



Chris and Desiree Patten enjoy one of the first cooler days in downtown Ennis.



Celena, Oliver and Jake Martinez enjoy the Hay Maze.



Matt and Brittani Walker stroll through the Bluebonnet Market.



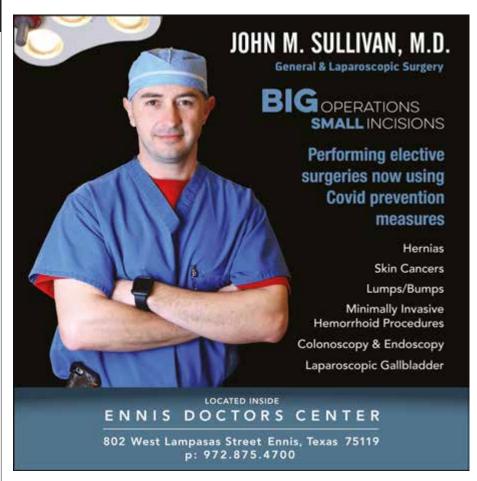
Anthony Gayton arrives just in time to join his brother and a friend for a fishing



Lionette officers practice social distancing while preparing a new routine.



Aden Moreland enjoys a ride in Minnie McDowell Park.





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Jeanette Lawrence credits her mother and the home economics classes she took in junior high as the beginnings of her love for cooking, but she also admits she is still learning new recipes. "I have a large selection of cookbooks, and I get a lot of recipes out of magazines," she offered.

While Jeanette and her husband, Raymond, were living in Port Arthur, Texas, they became fans of Cajun food, and while living in Vacaville, California, Jeanette participated in the Onion Festival cooking contests. As a result, she can honestly claim the title "Award Winning Cook" for the three times she won in the contests. A couple of her winning recipes are included below.

Jeanette has passed along some of her culinary skills to her daughter, Lisa, and her daughter-in-law, Lana. She describes them both as "awesome cooks." Now

### Onion Cornbread

Vacaville Onion Festival — Vacaville, CA. Makes 6 servings.

- 2 cups sweet onions, coarsely chopped 1 Tbsp. margarine
- 1 8.5-oz. pkg. corn muffin mix

- 1 egg
- 1 8.5-oz. can cream style corn
- 1 7-oz. can whole kernel corn
- 1 cup sour cream
- I cup cheese, grated
- 1 10-oz. pkg. pre-cooked sausage (optional)

- **1.** Sauté onions in margarine until soft, about 3 minutes; set aside.
- **2.** Mix corn muffin mix with egg and undrained cream style corn and whole kernel corn. Pour into a well-buttered 9-inch round pan or a 9x9-inch square pan.
- **3.** Cover with sautéed onions. Add the sour cream; top with cheddar cheese.
- **4.** Bake at 425 F for 25 to 30 minutes. *Note:* Precooked sausages may be served on the side or layered over the sour cream before topping with the cheese.

### Cashew Chicken

- 3 Tbsp. black soy sauce (divided use)
- 3 tsp. cornstarch (divided use)
- 2 tsp. sugar (divided use)
- 2 6- to 8-oz. whole chicken breasts, boned, skinned and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 Tbsp. cooking sherry
- 1 tsp. sesame oil
- I tsp. vinegar

1/4 tsp. ginger powder (optional)1/4 tsp. garlic powder (or 1 tsp. minced garlic)

Dash of Tabasco sauce (optional) 3 small zucchini squash or 3 stalks celery, chopped

3 Tbsp. vegetable oil Raw cashew pieces, to taste Water, as needed

- **I.** Combine 1 Tbsp. soy sauce, 2 tsp. cornstarch and 1 tsp. sugar to make a marinade. Mix with the chicken; set aside.
- **2.** In a bowl, mix the remaining soy sauce, cooking sherry, remaining cornstarch, sesame oil, vinegar, remaining sugar, ginger powder (if using), garlic powder and Tabasco (if using). Set aside.
- **3.** Cut the zucchini or celery into 1/2-inch pieces.
- **4.** In a wok or large frying pan, heat the oil; add the cashew pieces. Stir and brown for about 1 minute. Remove from the pan; set aside. (Save the oil in the pan.)
- **5.** Add the squash or celery; fry for a few seconds. Add marinated chicken; cook and stir 3-5 minutes.
- **6.** Add the cashew pieces and the cooking sauce. Fry everything together for about I minute longer. Add a little water to make a gravy.
- **7.** Serve immediately. I usually have mine with rice.

# **Baked Cheese Omelet**

Serves 6-8.

9 eggs

1 1/2 cups cottage cheese

3 cups sharp cheese, shredded

3 Tbsp. flour

3/4 tsp. baking powder Jalapeños, sliced, to taste (optional)

- **1.** Mix eggs, cottage cheese and sharp cheese well; refrigerate overnight.
- **2.** Mix in flour, baking powder and jalapeños, if using.
- **3.** Pour mixture into a greased pie pan; bake at 350 F for 45 minutes.

### **Cranberry Salad**

A Christmas tradition started by Bessie, my mother-in-law.

16 oz. fresh cranberriesI orange, with the rindI cup boiling waterI cup sugarI large box black cherry Jell-O

**1.** Grind together the cranberries and orange; set aside.



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- **2.** Mix the remaining ingredients together; add the cranberries and orange.
- 3. Refrigerate until set.

### **Blueberry Piecaken**

- I 16.25-oz. box lemon cake mixI 9-inch blueberry pie2 cups whipped creamSprinkles
- **1.** Grease and flour a 9-inch spring form pan.
- **2.** Prepare the cake batter according to the directions on the box.
- **3.** Add 2 cups of the batter to the pan.
- **4.** Place a 9-inch blueberry pie on top of the batter. Pour the remaining batter over the pie to cover.
- **5.** Bake until a toothpick inserted 1 inch into the cake comes out clean, about 1 hour.
- 6. Let cool; release the pan sides.
- **7.** Top with whipped cream and sprinkles.

# **Spicy Pepper Bow Ties** *Serves 4-6.*

I lb. bow tie pasta, uncookedI/4 cup olive oil3 red bell peppers, seeded, cut into strips2 large onions, diced



2 cloves garlic, crushed
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup chicken broth
1 cup frozen peas
3/4 tsp. Tabasco pepper sauce
1/2 cup heavy cream or half-and-half
1 3-oz. pkg. shredded Parmesan cheese

- **I.** Prepare the pasta according to package directions; drain.
- **2.** In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add red peppers, onions, garlic and salt. Cook for 5 minutes, or until the vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring occasionally.
- **3.** Over high heat, immediately add the chicken broth, peas and pepper sauce.

- **4.** Reduce heat to low; simmer for 3 minutes, uncovered, until vegetables are tender.
- **5.** Over low heat, add cream; heat through. Do not hoil.
- **6.** Toss sauce with cooked pasta; top with Parmesan before serving.

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# DOUBLE Your Decor-By Angel Morris

It's that time when everything's coming up pumpkin — from your lattes and desserts to your candles and home decor. If you enjoy the autumnal staple around your home, you can get your money's worth by having pumpkins do double duty. First as uncarved decorations on your porch, then as beautiful centerpieces for your Thanksgiving table.

Before perching pumpkins outside, you may want to consider a few tricks to preserving their lifespan. Using bleach or floor wax are two ways to make uncarved pumpkins last longer. Just soak the pumpkins in a bucket of one tablespoon bleach to four cups water for 20 minutes before drying. Or, wiping your pumpkins with a dampened rag plus a tablespoon of floor wax will create a thin film to prevent molding and lengthen their lifespan.

Enlisting these or other online tricks can protect porch pumpkins from Texas heat and preserve them for Thanksgiving tables. When it's time to bring them inside, carved and uncarved centerpiece ideas abound — whether you search Pinterest or tap into your own creativity.

If you bring pumpkins inside from your porch or purchase them just before Thanksgiving, you will want to give them a good cleaning prior to placing them on your table. If this year's pandemic has taught us anything, it's that you can never be too careful when it comes to disinfecting!

The next step toward centerpiece creation is to cut the top off your pumpkin around the stem, creating an opening that is at least wide enough for your hand and a scooping utensil. Keep in mind the wider the opening the more items you may need to fill the pumpkin centerpiece. It is better to start narrow, and then cut wider as needed.

Once you have removed the pumpkin's top and the pulp from inside, you may want to take further measures to prolong your pumpkin's lifespan. Covering the carved edges and interior walls with petroleum jelly or WD-40 can

moisturize pumpkins and keep them fresher longer.

After being carved and preserved, the fun part of creating your pumpkin centerpiece can begin, and the options are only limited by your imagination. Inserting flowers — particularly fall varieties like cattails, sunflowers and chrysanthemums — is a common way to create a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

A trendier version involves filling your carved pumpkin with succulents. Either way, you will first cut a piece of floral foam just small enough to sit snugly inside your carved opening without falling inside the pumpkin.

You may insert the foam completely into the pumpkin if your flowers will have long enough stems to reach the foam. This makes it more difficult to reach the foam for watering, however, so you should consider how long you want the centerpiece to live. Kept watered, a centerpiece may last a week or longer, depending on the types of flowers used.

If you plan to top your centerpiece with succulents, you should carve the foam to sit atop, not within, your pumpkin. It is helpful to have 1-2 inches of foam rising above your carved opening, and to create a notch on either side where you can easily pour water, whether you plan to use flowers or succulents.

Now, you are ready to place your florals in whichever way you find visually appealing. Some like to begin with leafy stems toward the exterior, then add in florals of differing heights, with your tallest pieces toward the middle. Others prefer a rounder shape, placing one flower in the center, and working toward the outside, keeping each stem at about the same height.

Should you choose to use faux varieties of flowers, greenery or succulents, you need not worry about watering the floral foam, and can even opt to simply insert your florals directly into your carved opening without any foam support.

Another option is to paint the exterior of your pumpkin to match whatever color scheme you prefer, from subtle neutrals to vibrant or metallic hues, then add complementary florals. Ultimately, taking pumpkins from the porch to the table can be both a creative and costefficient approach to fall decor.



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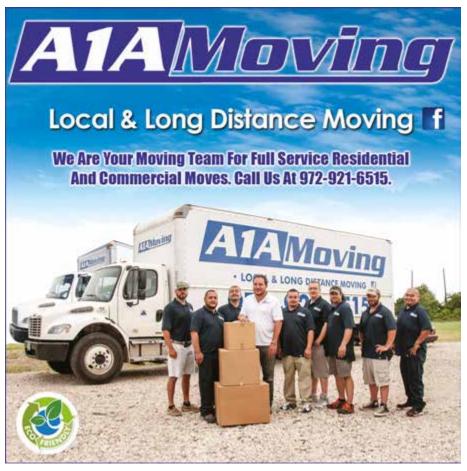
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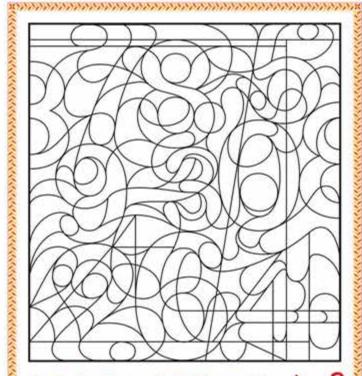
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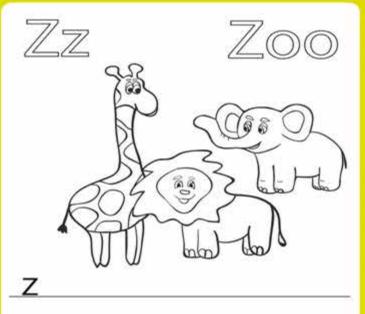
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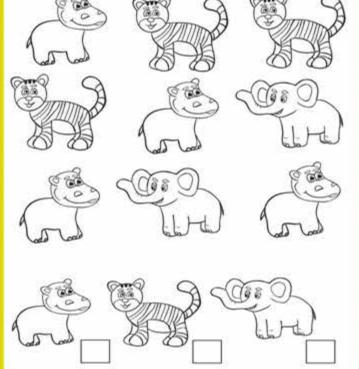




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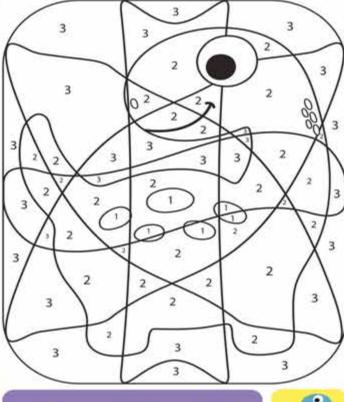
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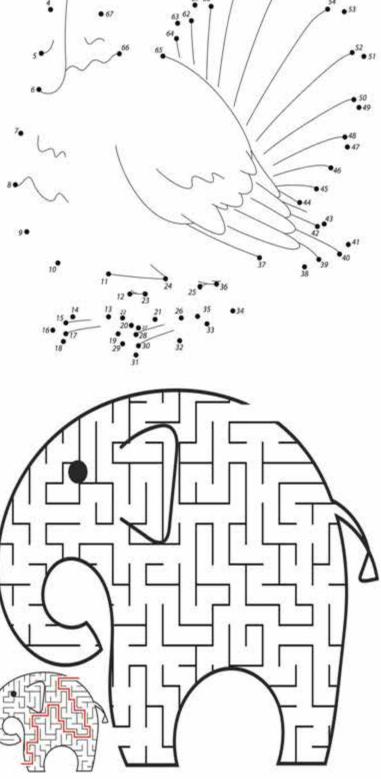
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#### Across

- 1 Title after tying the knot
- 4 As Barrie's boys were
- 8 Stop, affoat
- 10 Engrave
- 11 Senior
- 12 Land measures
- 14 Row of buttons
- 16 Cleo's nemesis
- 17 Cover
- 18 Very small
- 19 Picnic favorite
- 24 Post-operative room
- 25 Muscleman's pride
- 26 Sawbuck
- 27 Riot-squad weapon
- 31 Steamy ballroom dance
- 33 Southwest Native American
- 34 Common sign gas
- 35 "Cosmos" co-creator Carl ---
- 36 Assassinate
- 37 It's east of Eden

#### Down

- 1 Kind of maize
- 2 Make over
- 3 Designer --- McCartney
- 4 Father of Goneril
- 5 Kind of market
- 6 Poor penmanship
- 7 The Old Man and --- (Hemingway)
- 8 Rent out
- 9 Eye socket
- 13 Raced
- 15 Solar-treated brick
- 19 Name of two British PMs
- 20 Huge amounts
- 21 Underpass
- 22 Lushes
- 23 TV detective --- Monk
- 27 High-class
- 28 Funk music style
- 29 Big bucks
- 30 Spanish saint
- 32 Former part of Portuguese India

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## Sudoku Puzzle

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# Thappy Issat IIIS Due to COVID-19, some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press. Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

#### 11/3

#### **Election Day:**

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#### 11/14

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#### 11/15

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#### Medium

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