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*Keep calm ...*

Have you heard the saying, "You get what you get, and you don't get upset?" Parents familiar with the children's book, *Pinkalicious*, may recall the phrase, which is said by a mom to her daughter who craves more and more cupcakes. The daughter does not heed Mom's warning and, after eating too many cupcakes, ends up turning pink. This is a good reminder as the holiday season begins that there can, indeed, be too much of a good thing.

The saying is at the forefront of my mind these days, however, not because I'm concerned with overeating, but with overreacting. This month particularly is important to consider what our actions and reactions say about us, especially when things don't go our way. Perhaps it's best to implement a Texan twist on the *Pinkalicious* wisdom and remember, "Ya git what ya git, and ya don't throw a fit." That's the version my 4-year-old son learned from his wise prekindergarten teacher, and one we grown-ups would be wise to remember, too.

Whether it's overindulging for Thanksgiving or overthinking 2020, there are always consequences for one's behavior. And even if you're anxious about when things will be "normal" again, or angry over politics not going a certain way, you may want to keep in mind the wisdom of children's books such as *Pinkalicious*, or even the following observation from Lemony Snicket: "Temper tantrums, however fun they may be to throw, rarely solve whatever problem is causing them." If you're feeling tantrum-y, perhaps it's time to sit down with your favorite children's book and look for the lesson there is bound to be.

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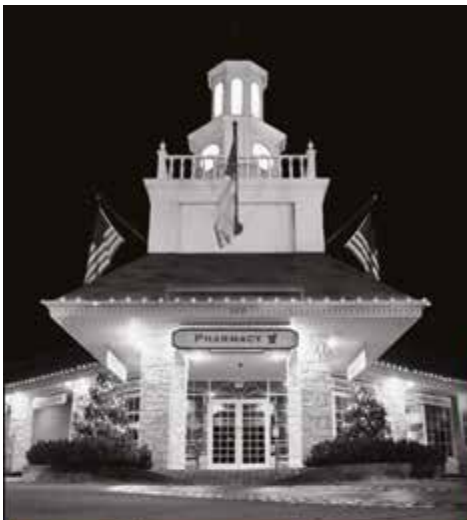


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Plagued by lifelong medical hardships, the Hayes family are no strangers to sacrifice and suffering. Both mom, Kim Hayes, and daughter, McKayla Moore, suffer from a rare genetic congenital heart disease that has required many heart surgeries between the two of them, and assumably many more in the future. As nurses, they both know the risks associated with their conditions, and yet they continue to serve their community in a myriad of ways. The family provides mission work with Bikes for Christ, and both mom and daughter serve on the frontlines: one as a middle school nurse, and the other as an ICU nurse at Cook Children's Medical Center. So when their community nominated them as one of this year's Feel the Love recipients, they were shocked. Kim and her husband Toby's, A/C and heating system had gone out earlier in the year, and they had been suffering ever since. They had simply decided to grin and bear it, finances being what they are. The Lennox program, Feel the Love, allows communities and A/C and heating dealers to connect with those in need, providing them the opportunity to give back and change the lives of deserving people. And that is just what Lennox and Texas Ace Heating & Air did for the Hayes family on October 17th!

Since 2005, Roy and Sharon Kimbrell had been fighting a losing battle with their A/C and heating system. Too often, the family has been forced to choose between A/C repairs or other financial obligations. Unfortunately, the Kimbrells' A/C system went out completely at the beginning of the year. With no solution in sight, Roy works two jobs, seven days a week and upwards of 12 - 16 hours a day. While privately suffering through the long workdays and the hot Texas summer without A/C, the Kimbrells continued to serve both their church and neighborhood communities, focusing on fulfilling the needs of others. The Kimbrell family believes that despite your own hardships, you should sacrifice to help others because there will always be someone with greater needs than your own. When their community noticed the selfless acts that stretched the family much further than their means, the Kimbrells were nominated for the Feel the Love Program. On Friday, October 9th, the Lennox Feel the Love Program and Texas Ace Heating & Air were able to deliver and install a new Lennox A/C and heating system, reminding everyone that good deeds do get noticed!



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Jess has been working with Dia&Co, a clothing designer that specializes in plus-size fashion. "They're all about loving yourself at any size and empowering women who aren't a size 2. Most of my life, I had to order my clothes online or buy really ugly stuff my grandmother wouldn't wear. Now, I'm doing photo shoots in New York and representing this line at the CURVYcon during fashion week, as well as working as a social media influencer for them. This is stuff a small-town girl from Midlothian never dreamed of."

If it sounds like Jess has a positive outlook, she does. But it took some time to get there, and writing was a part of that journey. "I used to be an alcoholic, but I celebrated 11 years of sobriety this year. Growing up, I just always felt like I was not enough. I found alcohol to be a way to avoid that feeling."

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"I invested a lot of energy in being mean, getting into fights and being tough enough to never get hurt. I was bitter all the time. I had to hit rock bottom before I learned how to live in a positive way. I found a good AA group and a therapist," Jess relayed.

Then she started writing about her life. "I had to write," she said. "I couldn't not write about it."

The result is two books, so far. "A Rebel's Religion is my memoir. It's my story of recovery from addiction and my recovery from a broken belief about God. I grew up really staunch, but I never could make myself fit that mold. My second book is *She: The Grace Parables*. It's a collection of fictional stories with a spiritual point. I want people who feel cut off, disqualified from community and from God, to know that there is the possibility of faith and belonging outside the mold."

Music is another big part of Jess' life today. "I lead worship for small group retreats for women and for youth. We're a girl band. We really don't have that great a name. It started as a joke when someone at one of our events said we were 'like the Spice Girls' because we 'bring the flava.' So, we're the Spice Girls but with real spice names. I'm Taco Seasoning. It really doesn't work on T-shirts."

Jess sees music as a freeing experience. "Music is a space of release, even if you don't know all the words or can't carry a tune. Music means something to people. Sometimes, we do what I call pop-up worship nights, where we just show up at a coffee shop and play. Anyone can join in. Turns out, you don't need a church building in order to have worship."







Somewhere along the way, Jess found herself feeling more comfortable ministering to women. “I have a heart for women. In the past, I never really felt like that was my space. I always felt like a weirdo, an outsider, with other women. But just because you’re a weirdo doesn’t mean that you can’t have a space where you belong,” she noted. “Weirdos are valid and have a purpose. We need the weirdos to challenge the places of comfortable conformity that don’t line up with God’s heart.”

“Recently, I was talking at a women’s retreat about how I went from being an alcoholic gangster to a renegade pastor. This is only possible because of God. It was a 180-degree turn. I tried all the junk, and none of it was fulfilling. If I abandon spaces just because I don’t fit, then other women don’t get to hear that story. And what a waste that would be.”

Jess likes to keep things real. “I like to ask people to guess what I do for my day job. No one ever guesses that I’m an accountant! At my job, I’m like Penelope Garcia on *Criminal Minds*. My office is full of art that my friends have created and toys,” she described.

Jess also calls herself a “mad scientist” in the kitchen. “I bake *all* the cookies — even bacon chocolate chip!”

And despite her foray into modeling, Jess said her only girly vice is painting her nails. “They’re a different color every week.”

Jess took the negative parts of her past and turned them into ways to fulfill her dreams. “Now, if I have a platform, I just want others to see that you’re never too far gone. No matter your size, no matter how different you are, your darkness or anything else. There is hope for you. There’s *always* hope for you.” **NOW**



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Doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly have been the driving force behind our campaign. It's from my favorite scripture, Micah 6:8. What's most important is to serve all children of Midlothian with integrity by working with their best interests in mind.

For some, win-at-all-costs-politics has become more important than addressing

the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual health of our children. The bullish attacks launched by my opponent have been a disappointing reminder and should serve as a red flag to all Midlothian.

Those bullish attacks have also woken my inner mama bear.

I've always taught my children to stand up to bullies. I've also worked to prevent my children from being exposed to indecency.

What I will not allow, and cannot afford my children to see, is for a bully to prevail unchallenged. I chose to fight back with truth.

I'm reminded of another bully, Goliath, who used fear to crush his opponents before engaging them in battle. David didn't possess a secret weapon or command a legion of soldiers. He stepped onto the field armed with the

warrior spirit and a small stone. That small stone, propelled by David's faith and his truth, felled the giant.

In Midlothian, politics as usual has become our giant. Politicians who manipulate half-truths have become our giant. The funny thing about bullies is that they tend to pick on those they believe they can push around. I guess they didn't expect to see mama bear.

I believe in Midlothian. I believe in the golden rule. I believe in justice, kindness, and humility. If you feel these values are important and appreciate someone willing to fight the bullies of our world, I respectfully ask for your vote.

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Julie and Allan were high school sweethearts who raised their sons in Midlothian, then felt drawn to the heart of the city for their offices. “Living in Midlothian offered great schools, sports programs that our boys enjoyed and a variety of churches and worship areas for our family,” Julie noted. “Today, we feel blessed by the consistent business we’ve received from having our offices downtown and new referrals from our past client base.”

The McKeever Team works together using different skill sets to complement one another. Julie negotiates contracts, prepares listing presentations, and new homes are her specialty. Allan sells existing homes and builds new custom homes. Keri is a sales associate for new and existing homes with 38 years of experience and is a property manager for many homes in the area.

Allan handles technical questions about inspections and building costs that may arise during the home inspection phase



of a contract. He holds a Graduate Builder designation from the National Association of Builders, while Julie received her Brokers License in 2015. "On a typical day, I prepare listing presentations and provide home staging and prep work, getting clients' homes ready to sell quickly, while Keri is an agent who comes from a real estate family with many years of experience helping clients," Julie said.

The McKeever Team walks clients through the entire real estate process, making friendships along the way. They are active in community events, such as the art festival, wine walks and trick or treat night; have served as primary sponsor for past annual family street dances; and support Heroes Foundation here in Midlothian. "We take every opportunity to give back to the community we grew up in by participating in charitable donations, including Manna House needs, and assisting those in need of housing or employment," Allan said.

They put family first, with their daughter-in-law serving as their office receptionist and their sons assisting with advertising efforts, as needed. "We love to set our own hours and take one day off a week to spend with our three grandkids to build those lasting bonds," Julie added.

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## Zoomed In: Dee Wences

By Angel Morris

Dee Wences' photograph, *Railroad Tracks Along Spur 73*, earned the most of nearly 4,500 reactions online in the Beautiful Midlothian Photo Contest. While this was her first competition to enter, Dee has enjoyed photography since junior high. "I loved carrying a disposable camera with me and taking pictures of friends and fun times," she recalled.

A 1994 Midlothian graduate, Dee credits her aunt with encouraging her to enter. "She loved some photos I'd posted on social media and said I should submit them," Dee noted. "I'd just moved into my house and decided to go exploring behind my backyard since it was a nice, sunny day, and I loved the way the railroad tracks were surrounded by nature."

In all, 23 photographers submitted 94 original photos, and the public was invited to vote online. See all entries and learn more about the calendar in the Photo Contest Gallery at [www.midlothian.tx.us](http://www.midlothian.tx.us).



The band Di and Chi performs at The Point Event Center in Midlothian.



Aubrey Chandler enjoys the fall weather at Ellis County Sportsmans Club.



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Officer Curtis "Scott" Hughes visits with the Meyer family of Lawson Farms, who took part in Midlothian's National Night Out on October 6.



Hearts and Tails of Hope Pet Rescue volunteers display gear from their fall fundraiser sale.



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Amanda Cox, right, reviews sight words with Elaina at Ms. Cox Tutoring.



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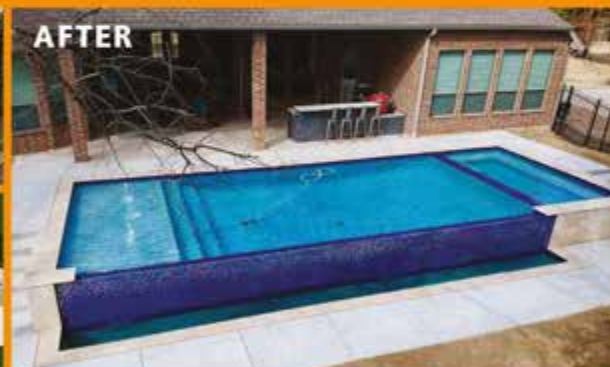
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— By Angel Morris

Tori Caves enjoys taking old family recipes and putting her own twist on them. “I make them healthier and more wholesome for my family’s needs without losing all the delicious flavor!” she said. “My favorite part of cooking is being able to instill healthy eating and food habits in my son, Caden.”

Favoring a mixture of down-home cooking and baking, Tori pays attention to stomach sensitivities. “I enjoy the challenge of recreating old recipes to meet our stomach and digestive disease needs,” she admitted.

The health-conscious cook is also an avid runner, particularly in the marathon distance, and neighbors find her pushing a stroller or running with the family dog, Nala, much of the time. **NOW**

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*Sauce:*

2 Tbsp. butter  
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1/2 tsp. ground cumin  
1/2 tsp. smoked paprika  
1 tsp. onion powder  
1/4 tsp. dried oregano  
1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper (optional)  
3 Tbsp. tomato paste

2 cups beef broth (divided use)

1 tsp. salt

*Enchiladas:*

1 Tbsp. olive oil  
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef  
1 4-oz. can chopped mild green chilies  
1 cup white onion, diced  
1 tsp. kosher salt  
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper  
8 Siete Cassava Flour Tortillas  
1/2 cup cheese, shredded (omit if dairy free)

1. Preheat oven to 325 F

2. *For sauce:* In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add the arrowroot/corn starch; whisk until combined. Add all spices; whisk to combine. Continue whisking as spices toast, so they don’t burn, about 2 minutes.

3. Add tomato paste. Slowly pour in 1 1/2 cups of broth. Cook, whisking often, until the sauce thickens, about 4 minutes. Remove pan from heat; add the remaining beef broth and salt. Whisk together until smooth; set aside.

4. *For enchiladas:* Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add ground beef, green chilies, onions, salt and pepper. Stir until meat is no longer pink, 6-8 minutes.

5. Drain excess fat from the pan. Add 1/2 cup of the sauce to the beef mixture; stir to coat.

6. Pour another 1/2 cup of the sauce in a wide bowl. Dip each tortilla into the sauce to coat both sides. Fill each tortilla with about 2 Tbsp. of the meat mixture; roll and place seam side down in a 9x13-inch dish. Repeat until finished.



7. Pour the remaining meat mixture and sauce across the top until completely covered. Top with cheese; bake, uncovered, for 15 minutes, or until the sauce is bubbly.

## Turkey and Sweet Potato Chili

*For a Thanksgiving Twist!*

- 1 Tbsp. avocado oil
- 2 lbs. ground turkey
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 1/2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and diced into 2-inch cubes
- 1 14.5-oz. can fire roasted tomatoes
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

1. Add avocado oil, ground turkey and garlic to a large skillet. Cook until the turkey is no longer pink, about 5-7 minutes.
2. Add all ingredients to a slow cooker. Cook on low for 4-6 hours.

## Almond Flour Crust Pizza

- 2 1/2 cups almond flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 2 Tbsp. avocado oil
- 1 jar pizza sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (Daiya brand for dairy free)
- 1 bag low-fat pepperoni (optional)
- 1 jalapeño, sliced and deseeded (optional)

1. In a large bowl, whisk together almond flour, baking powder, Italian seasoning, garlic powder and salt.
2. In a small bowl, whisk eggs and avocado oil. Pour the eggs and avocado oil mixture into the dry ingredients; stir until dough forms. Transfer dough to a parchment paper-lined pizza pan. Place another piece of parchment paper on top of dough.
3. Using a roller, roll the dough until it covers the pan. Remove and discard the top piece of parchment paper. Bake the crust for 10 minutes, or until golden brown.
4. Remove the crust from the oven; add pizza sauce onto crust, covering the crust completely. Add shredded mozzarella cheese, pepperoni and sliced jalapeños (or your favorite toppings). Bake an additional 10 minutes, or broil 5 minutes for a crispy finish.

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- 2 cups ripe tomatoes, diced
- 2 cups white onion, diced
- 3 Tbsp. chipotle chiles in adobo sauce (sauce only)
- 2 Tbsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 15-oz. can coconut milk (full fat)

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1. Add the chicken, chicken stock, tomatoes, onions, chipotle sauce, cumin, paprika and salt to a slow cooker. Cook on low for 4-6 hours.
2. Shred the chicken; add the coconut milk. Stir to mix; cook for an additional 20 minutes. Serve with tortillas, adding cilantro and lime.

## BBQ Chicken Strips

- 1 cup almond flour
- 2 lbs. boneless chicken tenders
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- Coconut oil cooking spray
- 1 cup barbecue sauce (Rufus Teague Honey Sweet is our favorite!)
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 cup coconut sugar

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Place the almond flour and chicken into a large Ziploc bag. Seal; shake well until the chicken is coated.
2. Add eggs to a small bowl; whisk until

fully mixed. Dip strips from the bag into the egg; place onto a parchment paper-lined pan.

3. Season with salt and pepper; spray with coconut oil. Bake 15 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, heat barbecue sauce, garlic powder and coconut sugar on medium heat for 2-3 minutes. Stir frequently to prevent burning.
5. Remove chicken from the oven; pour the sauce over the tenders. Bake an additional 5-7 minutes, or until the sauce thickens.

## Grandma's No Bake Cookies

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 stick vegan butter (may substitute regular butter)
- 3-4 Tbsp. organic cacao (Terrasoul)
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 1/2 cups gluten-free rolled oats
- 1-2 tsp. vanilla extract

1. Boil the sugar, milk, butter and cacao for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Remove from heat. Add peanut butter, oats and vanilla extract; beat until blended.
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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.





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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

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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 cost-efficient approach to fall decor. **NOW**

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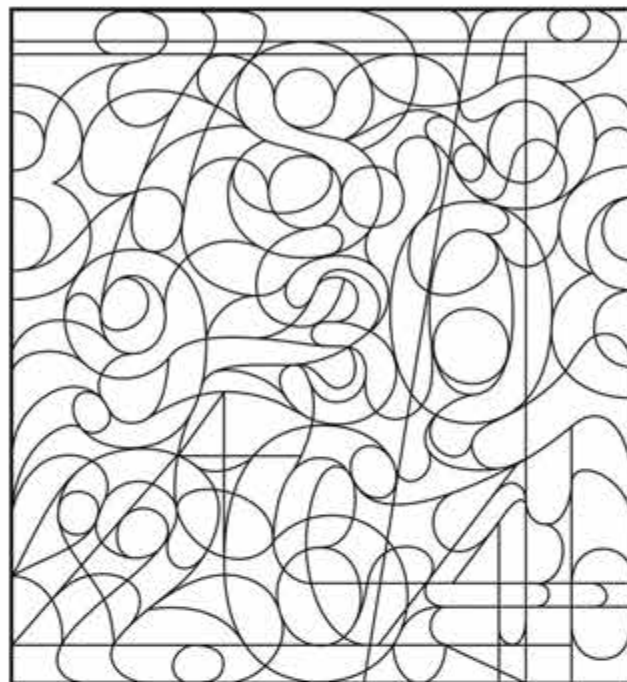
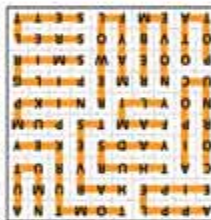
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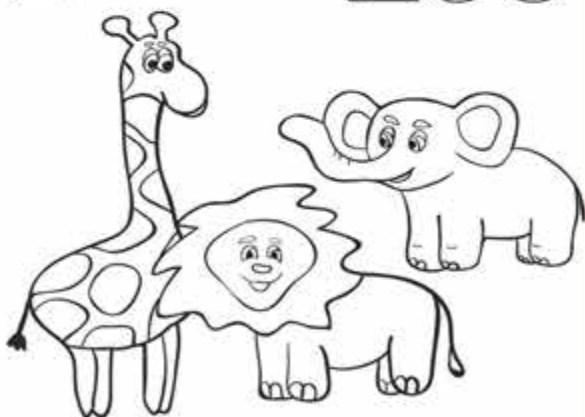


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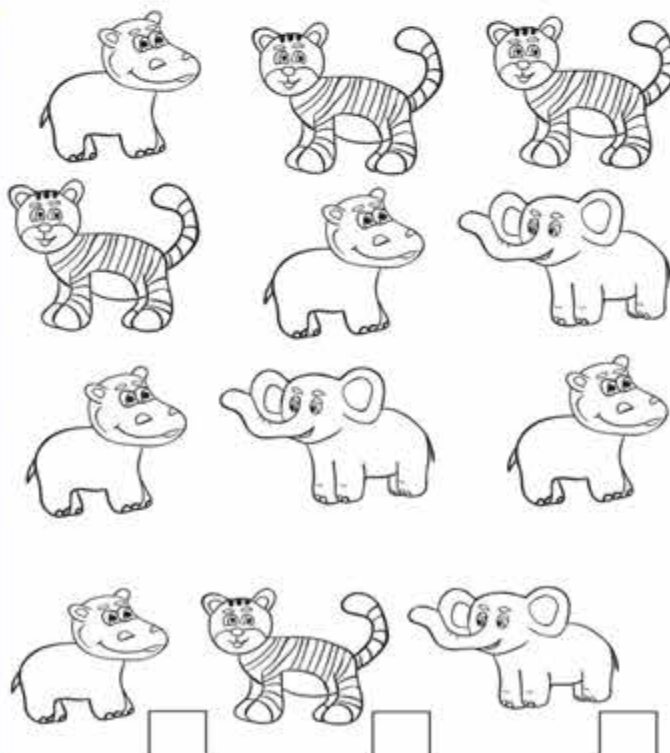
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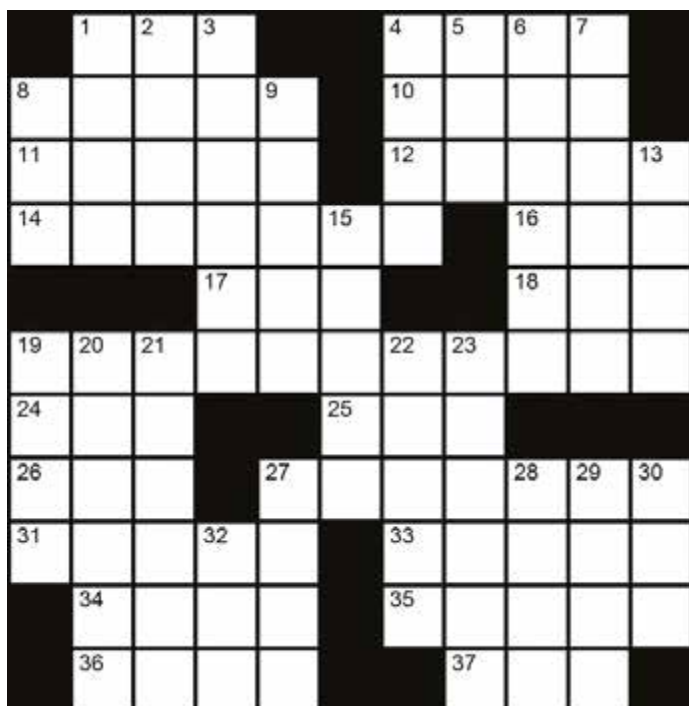
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- 4 As Barrie's boys were
- 8 Stop, afloat
- 10 Engrave
- 11 Senior
- 12 Land measures
- 14 Row of buttons
- 16 Cleo's nemesis
- 17 Cover
- 18 Very small
- 19 Picnic favorite
- 24 Post-operative room
- 25 Musclemans pride
- 26 Sawbuck
- 27 Riot-squad 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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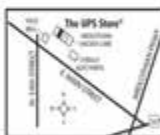
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