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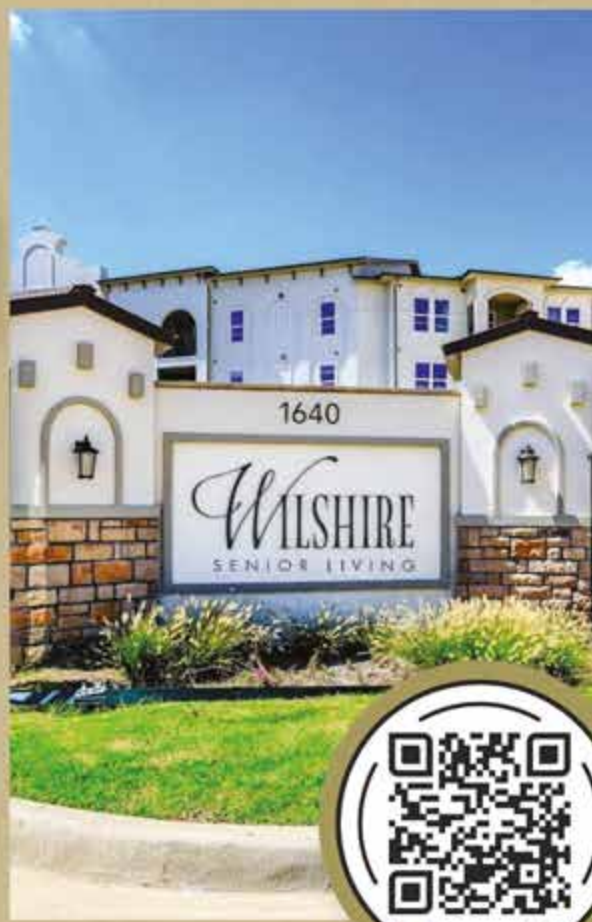
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Happy New Year!

It is that time again! A time to form the goals of the new year. A time of hopefulness and drive. A time to create and build new habits. A time to dedicate ourselves to conquering those 2026 resolutions.

A History.com article reports the tradition of making New Year's resolutions began about 4,000 years ago when ancient Babylonians promised their gods they would repay debts and return borrowed objects. The tradition continued, becoming more secular over the millennia.

According to a 2024 Pew Research Center survey, about 30 percent of Americans made resolutions. The survey showed only about one in 10 people actually gave up on their New Year's resolutions within the first few weeks of January, with nearly 90 percent sticking

to at least one. The resolution that topped the list related to health, exercise or diet with about 80 percent of those surveyed stating its importance.

I typically make several resolutions each year, but alas, I do not maintain all of them. In 2026, I might focus on accomplishing only one specific goal, or maybe I will become part of the 70 percent surveyed by the Pew Research Center who refuse to make resolutions. Either way, I have high hopes for this year.

Here's to an amazing 2026!

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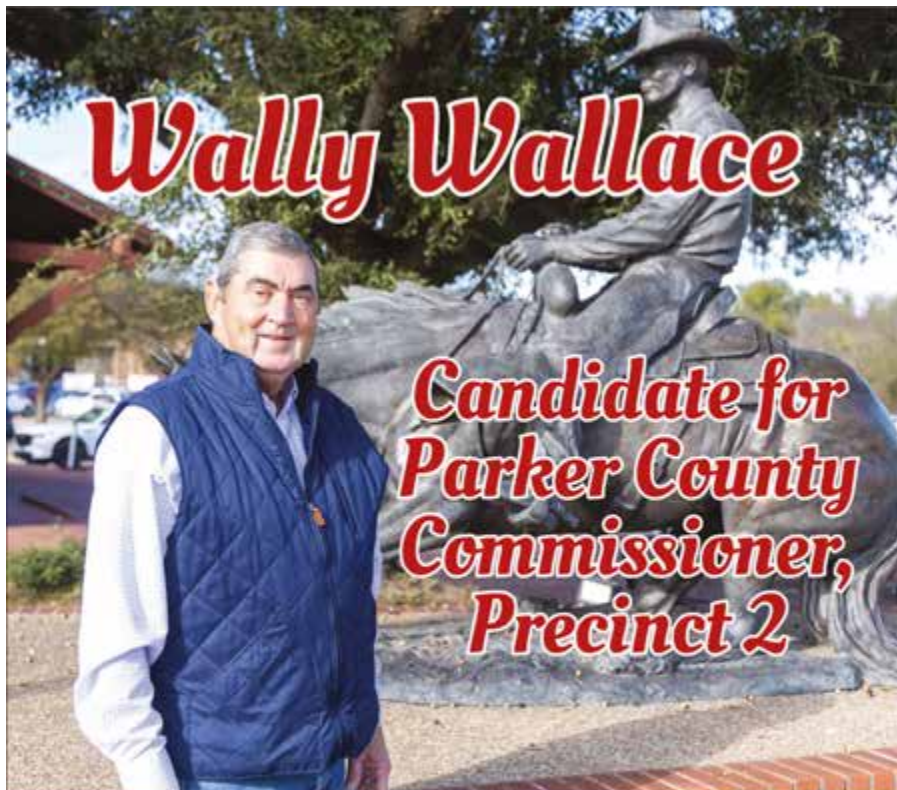
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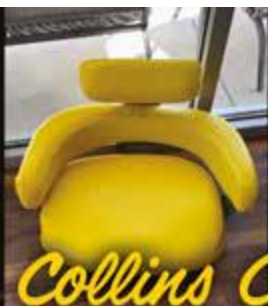
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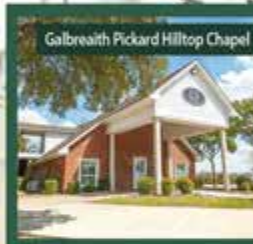
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— By Amber D. Browne



From the thrill of the hunt to finding the best bargain, secondhand shopping is a way of life for Taylor Ratliff. “I like the idea that I’m reusing things others didn’t want, and they’re not just going to a landfill. I’m giving them a new life,” she explained. Society is inundated with the idea of consumerism, but Taylor believes it is unnecessary. “If you buy good pieces, they’ll last forever. And I think thrifting allows anyone to find quality products at a great price.”

The Ratliff home in Willow Park is filled with timeless items discovered at area antique stores, resale shops and estate sales. Each piece has its place and adds to the

“collected” and charming aesthetic of the home. “I want my home to feel cozy and lived in. I want it to look like I spent time finding the pieces,” Taylor said.

Some of her favorites include Wexford pressed glass bowls that hold fruit on her countertops, lidded jars that house snacks in her kitchen or bath salts in the restroom and decorative frames for artwork by her two daughters, Gennevie and Camille. An old American flag thrifted by her father that served as a backdrop in the wedding of Taylor and her husband, Jake, now hangs from their living room wall. Two Rose Medallion table lamps, originally purchased by Taylor for a total of \$65 and now worth 10 times that price, light their dining area. “If I like it, I buy it,” she said. “You don’t have to buy something that matches or goes together. I think your home will feel like you if you buy pieces that you like.”

Taylor typically allows herself a month or two to find a secondhand item instead of buying something new. Her favorite local shopping grounds are The Hope Chest and Manna Storehouse because the proceeds help the community. “Buying things from these places will also benefit



someone else,” she shared. She finds toys and books for her girls, clothing and home decor. For furniture, Taylor hits antique shops such as Westside Antique Marketplace and estate sales. At times, antique shopping can be overwhelming, so Taylor goes with a purpose and focuses on one booth at a time. For her, finding a “treasure” is both a joy and an accomplishment.

Other favorites include oversized cocktail shakers and little soap dishes, which can be gifted to friends. “I love finding pieces that remind me of someone or if it would look great in their home,” she shared. “You know that I really like you if I give you a secondhand find.”

Taylor came by her “treasure” hunting abilities naturally, spending her childhood on a multigenerational farm



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near Waco often searching estate sales, garage sales and antique shops with her parents, Daneya and David Meyer, and grandmother, Gaz. “I didn’t grow up buying things full price. My mom always searched for a deal,” Taylor said. She had the privilege of knowing three of her great-grandparents, who valued quality items over quantity and replaced broken goods only after attempts to fix the issue failed. “My family’s combined interest in old stuff, along with its original use or story, led to us going to antique stores or yard sales together and has helped shape my love for secondhand or unwanted items.”

While in college at Texas A&M University in College Station, her thrifting took a back seat. After Taylor and her husband moved to Fort Worth, she renewed her secondhand shopping spirit to discover deals on unique items. Their next move to Willow Park gave her a home with more space to fill, so she spent time scouring shelves for the perfect items to incorporate into their decor. “I thought moving here, I’d be able to add to my collection,” she laughed. “I love the hunt and the find.”



Taylor appreciates the idea that these pieces have held significance for others. “I can give purpose to a candy dish that someone was like, ‘This is so dated.’ Well now it holds my salted almonds for my snacks. It’s more fun to get almonds out of that crystal than a plastic sack from the store.”

Taylor’s close friends also secondhand shop, and they often share their bargain finds with one another. “I think it’s fun that a lot of people our age are trying to do this, trying to make these older finds have a home in their homes.”

Although Taylor enjoys shopping secondhand stores, she knows when it is time to let things go. She donates clothes often, her daughters’ toys as they outgrow them and household items as her style evolves. “I don’t have a hard time letting go of things because I know

someone else is going to use it.” As the new year begins, it is the perfect time to clear out closets. “If it has so much dust on it, and you’re not taking care of it, then it needs to go,” Taylor suggested. “If it’s packed away in a closet, then do you really still need to keep it?” After donating their unused items to a local resale shop, area residents can give secondhand shopping a chance.

Thrifting can become a source of fulfillment and joy, but beginners should not get discouraged if they leave empty-handed. Taylor suggests visiting stores often and walking around the store twice. “I always laugh at how many items I miss on the first pass down an aisle — especially in a large thrift store where there’s not much organization.” She also suggests keeping a running wish list on hand.

Secondhand shopping has become a lifestyle for Taylor. Whether thrifting with a purpose or to make new memories searching the aisles with family and friends, Taylor gives new life to objects once cherished by another and hopes to encourage others to do the same. **NOW**



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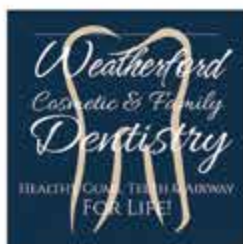
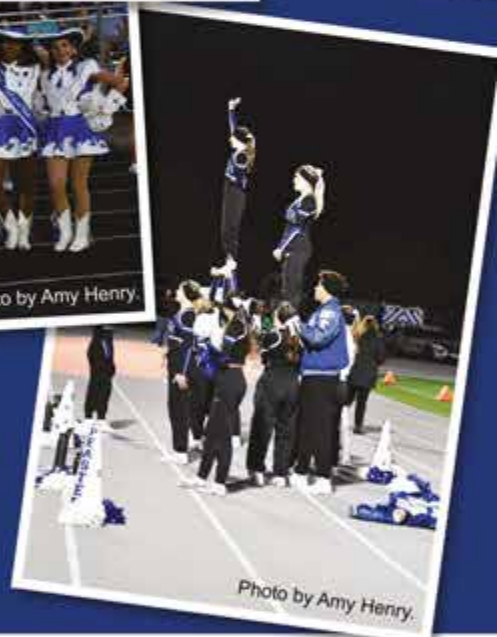

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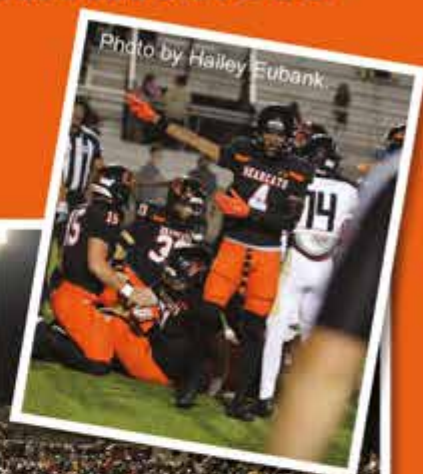
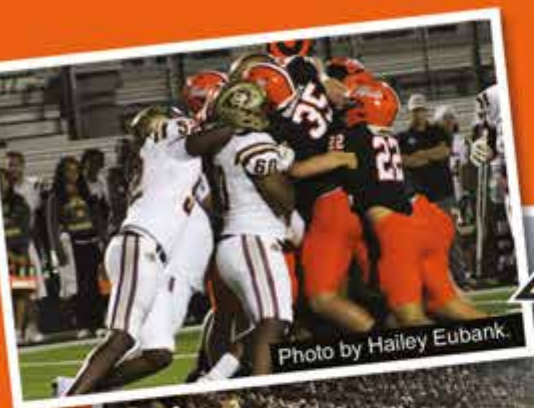
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Carol, along with volunteers across Weatherford and other North Texas cities, host adoption events and post available animals online at Petfinder and Adopt a Pet. “We are very dedicated to all of our critters,” she said. The Weatherford resident urges others to consider fostering animals.

“It’s just a calling. Sometimes it’s a little hard and defeating, but one of my favorite rescue sayings is, ‘I can’t change the world, but I can change one animal’s world.’”



Rayne Stich and Cassie Cox, co-owners of Girlie Buns Baking Co., share sourdough samples with Christmas Tyme in Aledo attendees.



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Owner D.D. Taylor's grandchildren — Evelyn, Emilia and Elsie — help greet customers at Over The Moon Furniture Consignment.



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Building a church community since 1897, North Side Baptist Church is now expanding to include a second campus. The move comes under the direction of Dr. Jim Thomas, who took over as senior pastor in October 2023 following the retirement of longtime pastor, Van N. Houser. “We’ve been very intentional about crafting a new vision,



some new core values, a new direction for life of the church moving forward,” Dr. Thomas said.

North Side Baptist Church consistently hosts 2,600 attendees each month, and with nearly 400 new members since Dr. Thomas came aboard, his expectations are high with the addition of North Side Baptist Church-Spring Creek Campus to officially launch later this year. “It’s an exercise in leadership to help create a smaller version of North Side on the southern side of the county,” he said.

North Side Baptist Church was not initially pursuing Spring Creek Baptist Church, but Dr. Thomas said God birthed an idea in them, and both churches agreed to the proposal. “God seems to be positioning us to have an impact on the south part of Parker County and potentially the north side of Hood County.” Both campuses will offer live preaching, and they will continue to build off the needs of the church. “If He positions us that way, I believe we’re going to have an impact.”

Dr. Thomas focuses on the church’s vision statement, “Leading every generation toward a fully formed life with Jesus,”

and on continuing the church's welcoming atmosphere. "My heartbeat is discipleship and leadership," he said. "God placed a burden on my heart decades ago to center everything we do around making disciples who make disciples."


Dr. Thomas and his team put in place a spiritual growth strategy based around four words: trust, follow, transform and lead. "We want to call people to trust Jesus as their Lord and Savior, to start to follow Him in the basics of the faith," he shared, "so that you might be transformed by Him in character, in thought, in word, in action, so that you might lead others to do the same."


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Although North Side Baptist Church is nearly three times the size of Dr. Thomas' previous church in Georgia, this native Texan said it feels like family. "This is such a loving church," he said. The church host team greets guests and regular attendees throughout their visit. Over and over again, guests say, "This is the friendliest church I've ever been in, and we didn't expect that because it is so big," Dr. Thomas said. "You are going to feel a sense of family, and you're going to immediately feel welcome."

With weekly preschool classes, Wednesday night and Sunday morning Bible studies, support programs and more, North Side Baptist Church provides a foundation of spiritual and community support. "It's amazing how many adults I meet say they went through the preschool here because it's been around for so long." Wednesday evenings typically cover biblical studies ranging from marriage studies to topical studies. "The groups on Sunday mornings are just ongoing. Until Jesus comes back, we're going to study the Bible."

The church hosts a food pantry, the once-a-month event Loaves and Fishes for locals in need to grab groceries and a hot meal, plus children and student ministries, Vacation Bible School, a special needs program for multiple ages and rental space for local businesses and organizations to host meetings, banquets and other events. "The impact we've had on the community is what makes North Side special." **NOW**

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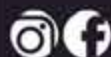
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Tacos al Pastor

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH

LEROY MARTINEZ

— By Amber D. Browne



Influences from his childhood West Texas town of Ozona, coupled with the Hispanic culture shared with him by his mother and grandmother, emerge throughout Leroy Martinez’s cooking. Inherited recipes are staples at the Martinez table, but Leroy often incorporates his own versions of dishes discovered from various cooks on Instagram. “My inspiration is my family, and I love watching them enjoy what I bring to the table,” he said.

Flavorful spices that fill his cupboard appear in Leroy’s dishes. “I get in trouble from my wife because I love to buy a lot of spices to experiment with,” he joked.

Human resources is his career, but Leroy is artistic at heart as a musician and a cook. “Cooking for me is relaxing and therapeutic,” he admitted. “I get to escape and be creative.” **NOW**

Tacos al Pastor

- 3 dried guajillo chiles, deseeded and soaked
- 2 dried ancho chiles, deseeded and soaked
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. cumin
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 2 lbs. pork shoulder, thinly sliced
- Corn tortillas, to taste

- Toppings:**
- Pineapple chunks, to taste
 - 1/2 onion, diced
 - 1/4 cup cilantro, finely chopped
 - 1 lime, sliced into wedges

1. Blend the chiles, garlic, vinegar and the next 5 ingredients into a marinade. Add the pork to a sealable container; add the marinade and marinate the pork for at least 3 hours or overnight.
2. Grill or pan-fry the pork until slightly crispy. Serve the pork on warm corn tortillas topped with pineapple, diced onion and cilantro. Squeeze fresh lime on top before serving.

Chicken Enchiladas Verdes

- 1 lb. tomatillos, husked
- 2 jalapeños, destemmed
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups cilantro
- Salt, to taste
- Olive oil, to taste
- 12 corn tortillas
- 2 cups cooked, shredded chicken
- 1 cup Mexican crema
- 1 cup Oaxaca or Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Add the tomatillos, jalapeños, garlic and onions to a pot; cover with water and boil. Once soft, add the ingredients to a blender. Add the cilantro and salt. Blend to make a green sauce.
2. Heat the oil in a skillet; lightly fry the tortillas. Dip each tortilla in the cilantro sauce, and then fill with chicken. Roll each tortilla; place it in a baking dish. Top with the remaining cilantro sauce, crema and cheese. Bake for 15 minutes.

Ceviche de Camarón

- 1 lb. shrimp, peeled, deveined and chopped
- 1 cup lime juice
- 1/2 onion, diced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 cucumber, diced
- Cilantro, chopped, to taste
- Salt, to taste
- 1 avocado, peeled and diced
- Tostadas or saltine crackers, to taste

1. Marinate the shrimp in the lime juice for 30-45 minutes until opaque. Add the onions and the next 5 ingredients. Mix well and chill.
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Hot or cold, bathed in or sipped, derived from springs or wells, surfacing in grand hotels or in natural grottos, the mineral waters of Texas have long been believed to provide cures for many of the ailments people have suffered through the ages. The crudely shaped bathtubs carved by long-ago indigenous tribes in the Boquillas Hot Springs, located in what is now Big Bend National Park, can still be seen and used today by adventurers. Hispanic and Anglo settlers found springs in nearly every part of this state, and many of the towns' names reflect the lifegiving importance the early settlers attributed to the springs.

Texas naturalist, Gideon Lincecum, highlighted the “medicated waters of Texas” in the *Texas Almanac* for 1868. In remote areas, the mineral springs, mostly containing sulfur, hydrogen sulfide or iron, remained privately owned and quietly used by local townfolks, but the popular “taking the waters” movement of the 1800s also urged developers to commercialize springs located near larger cities and railways in hopes of attracting a following to their luxury resorts and hotels, which featured the medicinal waters. From Cypress, Mineral Wells, Marlin, Lampasas and San Antonio to nearly 50 other Texas cities, bathhouses and bottled waters became hot commodities and were a source of income for these cities which welcomed travelers from afar. Prosperity flourished in those cities, and even today, homes and businesses from that era reflect the riches derived from the springs.

Sadly, however, the “taking the waters” movement peaked in the 1890s and declined for the next 30 years. Most of the former glory existing in those cities is now in decay or has disappeared, such as San Antonio’s Hot Wells Hotel. Its three stories featured first-class rooms; shopping; ballrooms; meeting rooms; pools; Turkish-, Roman- and Russian-style baths; modern conveniences for 1901 when the hotel was completed; and masseurs. A film company and other attractions developed around the resort, which boasted its own railway spur. Among the notable guests were Rudolph Valentino, Will Rogers, Douglas Fairbanks and Mrs. Teddy



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Taking the Waters

Roosevelt, who traveled there in their private railway cars. During WWI and the Prohibition Era, the hotel housed military officers stationed at Brooks Field, and then became a school. It was destroyed by fire in 1925.

Time hasn’t been kind to other hotels and resorts that once were glamorous and relaxing getaways either. However, there’s a movement afoot to bring some of that glamor back. The city of Mineral Wells has had two decaying downtown hotels that were once great destinations for taking the waters — the Crazy Water Hotel and the Baker Hotel. The former has been restored and is open to the public, and the latter is due to be reopened in early 2028.

The original Crazy Water Hotel was completed in 1912. Following a fire in 1925, it was rebuilt in the late 1920s by Dallas developers and has recently been brought back to its former glory, largely due to townspeople investing in the remodeling needed. A historic structure, the doors and configurations are original. The basement spa area has been remodeled and reopened with the mineral waters pumping again through new pipes. The rooftop boasts a bird’s-eye view of the town and surrounding hills from its outdoor patio and indoor glass-walled ballroom. Visitors can sample the waters at a lobby bar to see what number they prefer. The higher the number, from 1-4, the more minerals are present. It derives its name from the Crazy Well, one of several wells drilled in Mineral Wells shortly after the city was established. Legend has it that a woman drank from the Crazy Well twice daily and was cured of her mental illness.

Known as the Grand Old Lady of Mineral Wells, the Baker Hotel was completed in 1929. Another historic building, its beautiful Spanish Colonial Revival architecture will be retained and restored. Built by T.B.



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Baker at a cost of \$1.7 million originally, it rises 14 stories high and was the first Texas hotel to offer a swimming pool. A hotel entrepreneur, Baker owned and/or built the Baker Hotel in Dallas; the Menger, Gunter and St. Anthony hotels in San Antonio; and the Galvez Hotel in Galveston, among many others. The Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells closed first in 1963, reopened and closed again in 1972. Today, it stands as a testament to Texas' rich hospitality history. **NOW**

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The area had a colorful history long before the U.S. Corps of Engineers created Lake Texoma by building the Denison Dam, which was completed in 1944, and is now one of the largest man-made reservoirs in the U.S. The Butterfield Overland Stage, which operated from 1858-1861, had water stops nearby, and the Chisholm and Shawnee cattle trails once crossed the Red River at Colbert's Crossing just below where the dam now stands. Native Americans, Fort Washita soldiers, outlaws and settlers used the crossing and watered livestock there during earlier times.

Today, fishing and water sports are main attractions at Eisenhower State Park. Fishing piers (one lighted), a boat ramp and a marina help fishermen and sports enthusiasts gain access to the waters. Striped bass, smallmouth and largemouth bass, crappie, spotted bass, white bass, catfish and alligator gar are ready to be caught. Since the lake is a state boundary, licensed fishermen must fish from their respective state's shorelines, but a special license is available for purchase to fish from anywhere on the lake. Boats and



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Named for former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the state park is near Denison, Texas, where he was born in 1890. Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site is a landscaped park located at Lamar and Day streets in Denison. The white, two-story home on the property has been restored and is open to the public. Check online at thc.texas.gov/historic-sites for the days and hours of availability. Eisenhower's father worked in the nearby railyards for three years. The Eisenhower baby who would become a five-star general during WWII and the 34th U.S. president was born in Denison shortly before the family moved to Kansas.

Jennie Jackson, a former school principal in Denison ISD, had memories of the baby Eisenhower and later contacted the then general for information. She formed a local group to raise funds and preserve the home. It was donated first to the city of Denison and then, in 1958, conveyed to the Texas State Parks. Antique furnishings throughout the home show visitors how middle-class working folks lived at that time. The visitor's center holds memorabilia from Eisenhower's days serving in the U.S. Army and as president. While in Denison, enjoy shopping and dining in the city's historic downtown. **NOW**

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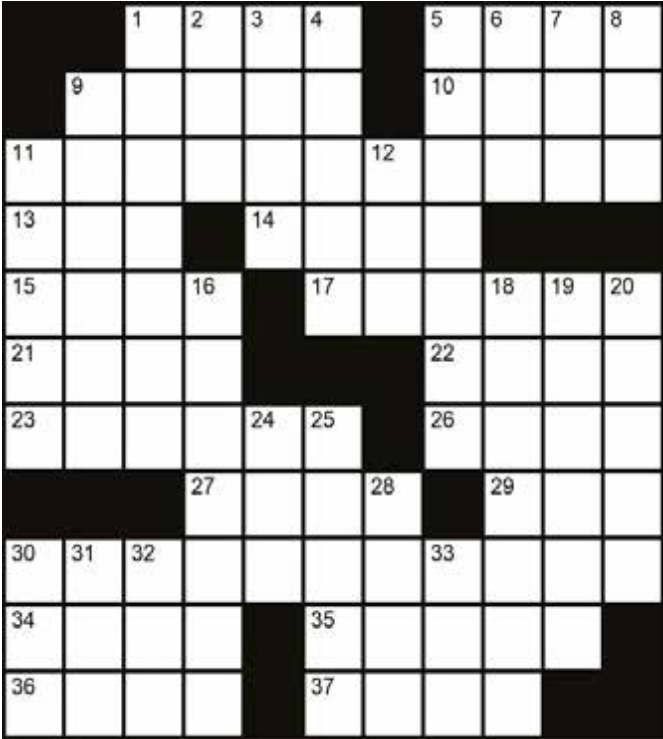
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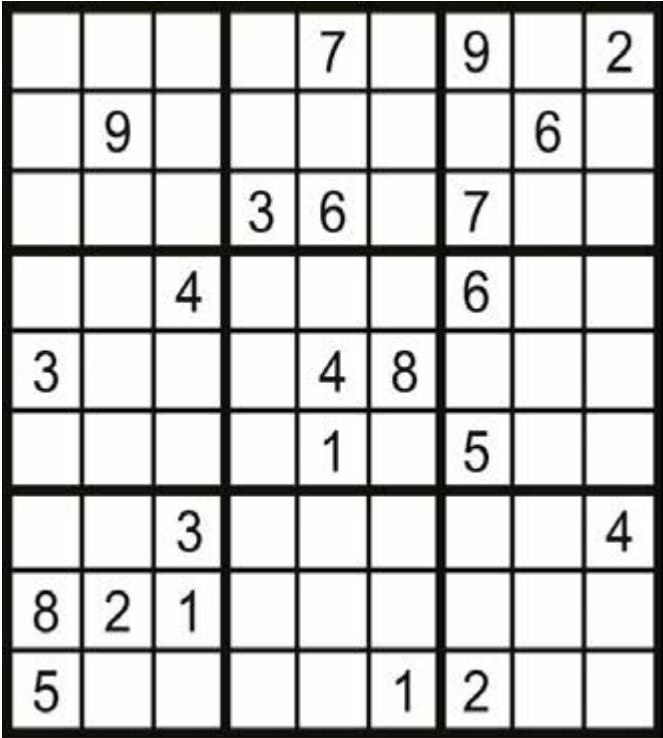
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- 1 Mocked
- 2 Wanton destroyer of beauty
- 3 Has sum fun
- 4 Filmy fragments
- 5 Sources of inside information?
- 6 Bowler or bonnet
- 7 Assassinate
- 8 Huck's pal
- 9 After-dinner party
- 11 Slough
- 12 I reckon
- 16 Pollen producers
- 18 Chilean food fish
- 19 Norm is overturned for non-voters
- 20 Iditarod lineup
- 24 Cover
- 25 Mock
- 28 "And --- ask is a tall ship ..." (John Masfield)
- 30 At a great distance
- 31 He separated Harry and Jack
- 32 Big wheel
- 33 His wife looked back in the end

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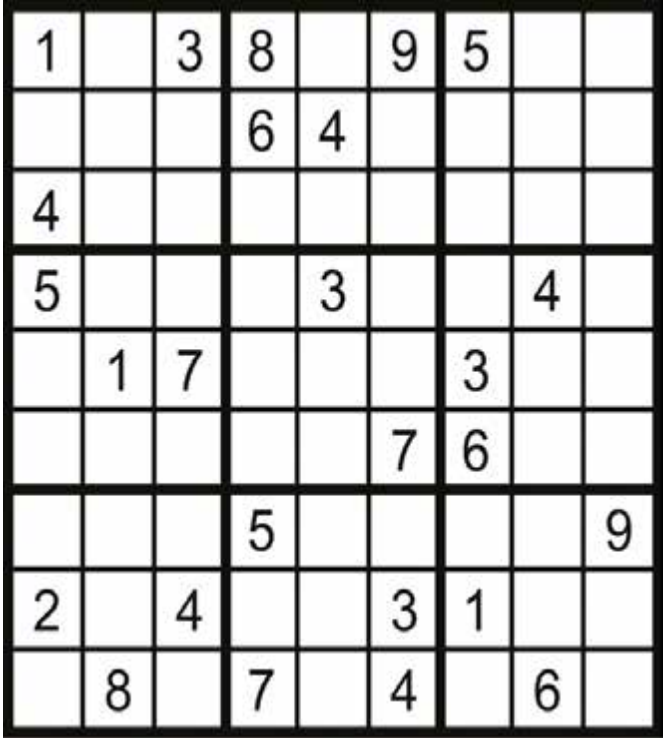
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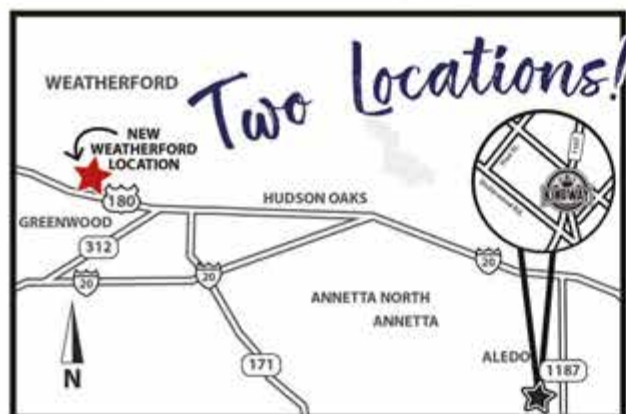


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