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*Oh, it's going to be a whistle-while-you-work kind of spring . . .*

When I think of March, I think first of spring break and then of my garden. In mid-March, I should finish preparing the dirt and start planting certain seeds. If I had children, it would be a time I'd invite them to play in the dirt with me and learn what it means to dig up your fallow ground.

In today's high-tech age, in Mansfield, it would be easy to assume very few children get the chance to garden. But across America, there actually are quite a few kids regularly working in fields, so that consumers nationwide can eat. That's nothing new. For centuries, entire families hit the fields when the harvest was ripe, in early and late summer, as well as in the spring, when most crops had to be planted.

I am reminded of an article titled "When Cotton Was King" on [mansfieldtx.gov](http://mansfieldtx.gov). There, I learned, "Although the early Mansfield economy was based on the Man and Feild mill producing flour and cornmeal from the crops grown in the area, by the 1900s cotton had become an important local crop." And its harvest time was August through October, during the hottest months of the year.

The great thing about March is it's *not* hot. It's just right for prepping soil, planting seeds and setting potato quarters deep under a mound of dirt. And then, when the spring "break" is over, we can return to business as usual, while waiting for our Creator to do the real work of bringing the seedlings to life.

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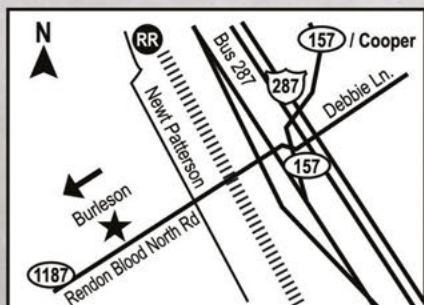
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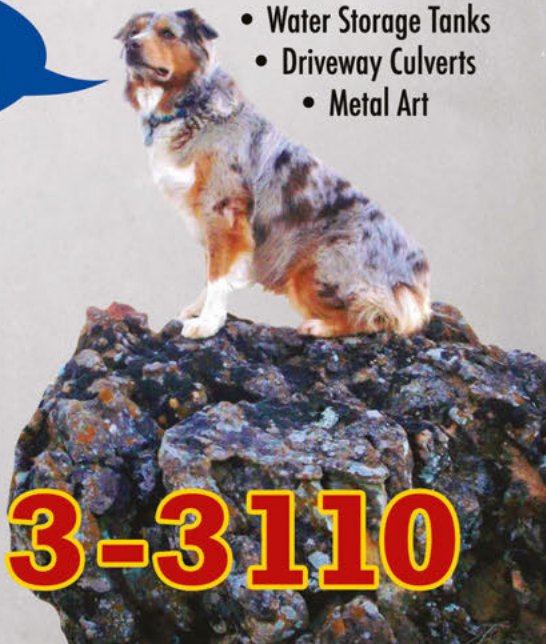
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# Seeing, Feeling, Touchin

— By Melissa Rawlins



*A giver by nature, Zakiyah Pierce makes art with fabric. In her happy place piecing together quilt tops, her sewing studio provides Zakiyah more than therapy. She's discovered a dream. Just like every quilt she creates, her dream requires time and patience, plus the right tools and people before taking shape.*

Her bright, modern quilts match her personality in their vibrancy. Since childhood in Inglewood, California, Zakiyah has been preoccupied with color. "After Crayola came out with a 64-piece box of crayons, I'd ask for one every Christmas," she said, remembering hours spent every day coloring in her room.

Before earning her Bachelor of Arts in Child Development from Cal State Northridge, and then her teaching certification from National University in San Diego, she attended junior college for two years in Pasadena. In her apartment, there was no quilt. "I did not like quilts then. If I had seen some that looked like the ones I make now, I might have liked them. But then, all the ones I saw were Civil War fabrics, dark colors or somebody's used clothes."

Choosing a crisp, African-themed fabric for her first quilting challenge, a super-small lap quilt, Zakiyah determined in 2007 to teach herself a new skill. "I'm a kinesthetic learner. I need to see it, feel it, touch it. It was a sad attempt at making my favorite block, called pinwheels — very few turned out correctly. I was trying, though," Zakiyah said. "You learn when you're trying."

She discovered networking with other quilters molded her into a good quilter. She asked for help from staff at JOANN,







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you're  
trying."*

and sought tips and tricks via YouTube videos and independent quilt stores. "Now I have enough knowledge I can go on my own," she said.

Zakiyah is still stretching herself. Every day after work teaching math to sixth-graders as a substitute in MISD, she's in her quilting studio either cutting, piecing or sewing. During 2020, she built her skills sewing 14 unique blocks of an Eleanor Burns quilt with the Underground Railroad as its theme. She looks forward to teaching classes in creating quilts from T-shirts for the local quilters' guild.

She continues making big, bed-sized quilts perfect for dressing other people's beds. Each quilt is intended for gift giving, and that was the genesis of her dream. In 2016, this educator created a nonprofit that gives quilts to MISD students who are going on to college. Her efforts to impact the lives of youth through Cozy Quilts for Scholars have made quite a few happy since then. She doesn't yet have the capacity to make as many quilts as there are students, but the persistence she's applied to every quilt she's made is helping her provide loving gifts year after year.





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Cozy Quilts for Scholars hopes to give 30 quilts to deserving seniors this year, thanks to Zakiyah's recent acquisition of a long arm sewing machine. For several years, she and her board members have set their sights on raising enough funds to invest in the complicated contraption, which can quickly sew the thousands of stitches necessary to sandwich the quilt's cotton batting between its two colorful sides.



"I give God all the credit," said Zakiyah, who became quite creative during COVID-19 and devised an ongoing, socially distanced fundraiser involving exchanging 100 bags of donated shoes for financial donations to her nonprofit. "Everything lined up. The money to buy that long arm came completely out of left field. When I called Long Arm Quilting Academy, she knew somebody who lives in Mansfield who was selling one. You can't get more of a God spot than that."

With the long arm machine, Cozy Quilts for Scholars will be capable of raising capital through renting usage of the machine. Zakiyah will also make herself available to teach long arm quilting to any student interested in learning. Fees for these services will support the mission and vision of Cozy Quilts for Scholars: to provide gorgeous, handmade quilts to underserved graduating high school seniors who are university bound.

"Our desire is for them to have a beautiful bed and to know that they are loved. They can cuddle up with their lovely quilt and feel the love that they need during any challenging time," Zakiyah said. "Beyond giving the students a cozy feeling, it's about meeting their needs."



Teanna M. inspired Zakiyah to found Cozy Quilts for Scholars, and was the first student to receive one of Zakiyah's thoughtful creations. "She was a foster kid who was being mentored by my sister, an assistant principal in my home state of California. Teanna was coming to Texas to attend Paul Quinn College. I knew she would need bedding. The funny thing is, when she got here it wasn't finished. She saw it on the floor of my quilting studio and said, 'I like that.' I told her, 'It's for you.' At first, she did not believe me. I had to tell her again, and then she believed me." Zakiyah had already pieced it together with Teanna's favorite colors and animals in the quilt, a Northern Lights pattern in pinks.

The studio where Zakiyah sews is filled with plastic tubs full of large swaths of fabric and a collection of at least 20 patterns. The closet has a specially set aside bag containing 40 strips that are 42-inches long and 2.5-inches wide, pre-cut from a fabric stamped with cartoons. "This will be for a male student who says he likes comics," she said. Like a kid in a candy store, Zakiyah is free to choose bright colors from her fabric stash, while creating a quilt she feels the chosen student will like. "A first for this year is the kids will get to see photos and pick the quilt they want."



Always positive, Zakiyah is a single mother of three mostly grown children. She keeps her eyes on her prizes and refuses to worry. Instead, she said, "I can do all things through God who strengthens me. If I do what I'm supposed to do, He'll do the rest." **NOW**

*Editor's Note: For more photos of the gifts Zakiyah has given, visit [www.cozyquiltsforscholars.com](http://www.cozyquiltsforscholars.com).*



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— By Melissa Rawlins

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A growing company, McGraw's Irrigation Systems, recently acquired two trucks and three companies, including one that was in business before the state required irrigators to be licensed. "Now, I have a huge filing cabinet with plans for over 1,000 sprinkler systems, in perfect condition, that were hand-drawn by licensed irrigator No. 42," Andrew said.

His passion for what he does matches that of the men he works with. "We've always enjoyed doing the labor and hard work required for our irrigation services," Andrew said. "When a customer asks us to do certain things, we don't hesitate."

When customers call McGraw's Irrigation Systems, specialists quickly travel to the site and provide a solution in a timely manner. Technician Josh Whistler is trained to troubleshoot and is able to identify for customers both the problem and the solution. Jose Anguiano is a craftsman, getting compliments all the time on how precisely he digs. "But when you know what you're doing, there's an art to it," Andrew said. "You're pulling



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Jose, Josh and Andrew give great attention to detail. "Anytime a customer calls with a leak in their sprinkler system, we'll also inspect the entire system's integrity," Andrew explained. "We don't want to fix one problem and fail to notice an additional problem that would pop up later."

This is the season many homeowners will run their sprinkler system for the first time in months, since the temperature has started rising. "It's a good idea to check out the system first, to make sure all the heads are adjusted and no heads or risers are broken," Andrew said.

After spring or summer check-ups, residential customers tend to call McGraw's Irrigation Systems whenever they really need help. "Once we figure out the problem, we can agree on a price for repairing," Andrew said. "There is no contract we ever make customers sign."

Andrew has perfected his company's services through hard work. As well as answering phones, setting appointments and managing finances, he gets his hands and knees dirty. During and after studying hydraulics and irrigation system design in the five-year landscape architecture program at Texas A&M University, he worked for three large companies. He saved his money while gaining experience, and then started McGraw's Irrigation Systems in 2014.

The next level Andrew is pursuing is creating his own family. He recently married third-grade teacher Lindsay Knavel after four years of dating. "Lindsay is the love of my life. We don't yet have children, but we are both excited about moving to the next chapter of our lives."

Looking forward to what the future holds, Andrew is building McGraw's Irrigation Systems to withstand the storms of time. "We are here for our customers for the rest of my life, and hopefully longer," he said. And he strives to ensure that when you work with his company, you're investing in a good, long life for your lawn and landscaping. **NOW**



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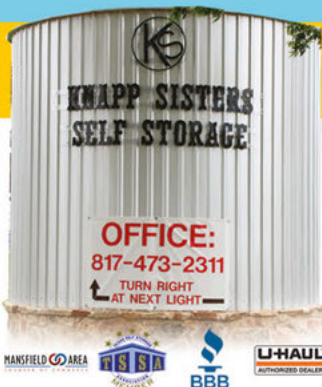
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## Zoomed In: Shanee Charles

By Melissa Rawlins

Teachers and administrators at MISD's Imogene Gideon Elementary gathered with Gideon's gator mascot to send a virtual shout-out to those who made a tough year easier. Gideon, along with all 46 schools in the district, received grants from the MISD Education Foundation to provide support following challenges brought on by COVID-19.

Foundation grants are made possible through donations from individuals and organizations in the community. Gideon's principal, Shanee Charles, held her thank you card over the mascot's head and said, "We realize this pandemic has caused a hardship for many and want the community to know that the grant our school has received is making an impact. Thank you to all the donors for making it possible."



Andrea Sheldon decorates beautifully for Mansfield Women's Club's 22nd birthday.



Elisabeth, Brooklyn and Bryan Elliott support LRHS Theatre's production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.



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Valerie Pery and son, Ethan, are excited to visit Mansfield Public Library for a Baby Clifford book.



Lauren England, Robyn Eastman and Mackenzie England took advantage of the snow day last month and had some cold, family fun.



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# CookingNOW

## *In the Kitchen With*

### CHUCK PREVATTE

— By Melissa Rawlins

Every recipe Chuck Prevatte contributes this month has been handed down from family members. “The best way to keep these vintage recipes alive is to share them,” he said. He also disclosed his favorite beverages to accompany some of his favorite end-of-winter recipes.

Chuck’s history in the kitchen started with his father teaching him to cook scrambled eggs when he was in the fourth or fifth grade. He graduated to cooking entire meals while camping as a Boy Scout. When stationed with the U.S. Army in Germany, he began experimenting with recreating American restaurant food and discovered the original Japanese version of *Iron Chef* on television. “I learned to not be afraid to try things. Even if they turn out bad, you learn and can always order pizza.” **NOW**

23 minutes. Remove the sauce from the heat; slowly whisk in the American cheese until the cream sauce is smooth.

- 2.** Place 1 piece of toast in each of 4 individual shallow baking dishes. Place a piece of chicken on each piece of toast; cover each with 1/4 cup of the sauce.
- 3.** Place 2 strips of previously cooked bacon on each sandwich; sprinkle 1 Tbsp. of the grated Parmesan cheese on top of each.
- 4.** Place the sandwiches under a broiler until the cheese melts to a golden brown.
- 5.** Serve at once in the dish in which it was browned.

### Helen’s Hot Brown Sandwich

*Pair this historical open-face sandwich with Southern Star Spring Pils.*

- 4 Tbsp. butter**
- 1/2 cup flour**
- 1/2 cup heavy cream**
- 1/2 cup whole milk**
- 1/4 cup American cheese, grated**
- 4 slices toast**
- 4 slices chicken or turkey breast, sliced**

- 1/4-inch thick**
- 8 strips bacon, crisp**
- 4 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese, grated**

**1.** In a 2qt. saucepan, melt butter; slowly whisk in the flour until it is combined and forms a thick paste (roux). Continue to cook the roux for 2 minutes over medium-low heat, stirring frequently. Whisk heavy cream and whole milk into the roux; cook over medium heat until the cream begins to simmer, about

### Aunt Rita’s Fruited Chicken Salad

*Pair with Imperial Kolsch from Alstadt Brewery in Fredericksburg, Texas.*

- 2 1/2 cups chicken, cooked**
- 1 cup celery, chopped**
- 1 cup apple, chopped**
- 1 cup seedless green grapes, halved**
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise**
- Salt, to taste**



**Pepper, to taste**  
**Ciabatta bread, to taste**

1. Combine all of the ingredients in a mixing bowl.
2. Serve on toasted Ciabatta bread.

## **Beef Stroganoff From Grandma Helen's Tea Room**

*Makes 6 servings. Pair with Texas Blonde from Wild Acre Brewing in Fort Worth, Texas.*

**1/4 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced**  
**1/4 cup butter (divided use)**  
**2 lbs. roast steak, cut 1/4- to 1/2-inch thick**  
**1/4 cup flour**  
**1 tsp. salt**  
**10.5 oz. beef broth**  
**1 large onion, chopped**  
**1 cup sour cream**  
**Noodles or rice, cooked, to taste**

1. Sauté the mushrooms in 2 Tbsp. of butter; remove from the pan.
2. Trim the steak; cut into strips about 2 1/2 inches long and 3/4 inch wide.
3. Melt 2 tsp. of butter in the pan. Toss the strips of meat in flour, coating them thoroughly.
4. Brown the meat in the butter. Add salt and beef broth. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until the meat is tender, about 1 1/4 hours.
5. Add the mushrooms, onions and sour cream; heat while stirring.
6. Serve over noodles or rice.

## **Grandma Helen's Brunswick Stew**

*Pair this with a dark winter beer, such as Rahr & Sons Winter Warmer.*

**4 lbs. chicken pieces, deboned**  
**1 1/2 qts. water**  
**2 slices bacon**  
**1 medium onion, diced**  
**1 12-oz. can diced tomatoes, or 1 lb. fresh tomatoes, peeled and diced**  
**1 10-oz. can corn, or 3 ears fresh corn, cut from the cob**  
**3 medium potatoes, diced**  
**10 oz. frozen lima beans**  
**Salt, to taste**  
**Pepper, to taste**  
**Cayenne pepper, to taste**  
**1/2 cup breadcrumbs**

1. Combine the chicken, water, bacon and diced onion in a stew pot; cook for 1 hour.
2. Once the chicken is tender, add in the remaining vegetables; simmer until the desired texture. Do not boil.
3. Add seasonings to taste.
4. Just before serving, stir in breadcrumbs. Serve hot.

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## Grandma Helen's Chicken Surprise

Pair this with Half-Life Hazy IPA from Manhattan Project Brewing Company.

1 clove garlic  
2 Tbsp. olive oil  
1/2 lb. mushrooms  
2 Tbsp. green pepper, chopped  
2 cups chicken broth or chicken gravy  
1 cup cream  
1/2 cup white wine  
1 bay leaf  
Salt, to taste  
Pepper, to taste  
Paprika, to taste  
2 Tbsp. flour (optional)  
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce  
2 cups chicken, cooked and diced  
2 Tbsp. parsley, chopped  
Rice, cooked, to taste

1. Sauté the garlic until brown in the olive oil; remove the garlic from the pan.  
2. Sauté the mushrooms for 5 minutes in the same oil. Add the chopped green peppers, chicken broth and cream. While stirring, add the white wine and bay leaf.  
3. Add salt and pepper to taste, and then add the paprika. Cook for 5 more minutes, thickening with a little flour, if necessary, so



Grandma Helen's Chicken Surprise

the sauce has the consistency of cream.

4. Adjust the seasoning, if necessary; add the Worcestershire sauce.  
5. Add the diced chicken; stir until it is thoroughly heated in the sauce.  
6. Add chopped parsley; serve over rice.

## Mom's Ham and Cheese Party Rolls

Pair this with a party beer like Saint Arnold Summer Pils.

*This recipe is a lifesaver when you need to bring a dish to an event but need it to be simple, quick and easy.*

4 pkgs. party rolls  
2 sticks butter, melted

3 Tbsp. stone ground or Dijon mustard  
1 1/2 tsp. poppy seeds  
Salt, black pepper, cayenne or other spices, to taste  
1 1/2 lbs. ham, shredded  
1 1/2 lbs. swiss cheese, shredded  
1 medium onion, thinly sliced

1. Split the rolls in half.  
2. Mix the butter, mustard, poppy seeds and seasonings together; spread the mixture on the tops and bottoms of the rolls.  
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## How Can Women Overcome Obstacles to Financial Security?

On March 8, we observe International Women's Day, a celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Of course, women still tend to encounter more obstacles than men in the pursuit of financial security. Let's consider a few of them.

To begin with, women are still more likely to leave the workforce, at least temporarily, to raise children, resulting in lower contributions to employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k)s. And women are often the ones who become full-time caregivers of aging parents or other relatives. Caregiving duties can exact a big financial toll: The lost wages, pensions (including 401(k)s and similar plans) and Social Security benefits that a woman loses to become a full-time caregiver amount to more than \$300,000 over her lifetime, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Women also may be more susceptible to financial downturns. Consider the COVID-19 pandemic: Just a few months ago, in December, women lost 156,000 jobs, while men gained 16,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also reported that women accounted for 54 percent of the jobs lost from the pandemic in 2020.

And women are not unaware of their circumstances and outlook. Just 41 percent of women are confident about retirement, compared with 56 percent of men, according to a survey by Edward Jones and Age Wave.

But if you're a woman, you can take steps to help improve your financial outlook. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Take full advantage of retirement plans.**

If you are still working and your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Put in as much as you can afford each year, and increase your contributions when your salary goes up. Also, within your plan, you'll want to choose the mix of investments that can help provide the most growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance. Also, even if you contribute to a 401(k) or similar plan, you may also be eligible to fund an IRA, which gives you even more investment choices.

- **Evaluate your Social Security options.**

You can typically start taking Social Security benefits when you're 62, but your monthly checks will be much larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. You might also consider whether you'd be better off by taking spousal benefits, if you're married and your spouse earned more money than you. You're generally even eligible for spousal benefits if you are divorced, as long as you were married at least 10 years and you haven't remarried.

- **Look for unexpected income opportunities.**

Even after you've formally retired, you may still find ways to receive some earned income. Perhaps you can work part time or do some consulting. And if you're a caregiver, you might be able to receive some compensation for your work. Many local governments pay non-spouse caregivers who act as personal attendants, although the rules vary greatly by state and county.

These certainly aren't the only ways you can improve your financial status, but they may prove useful to you. In any case, be aware of the challenges facing you and do whatever you can to brighten your future. **NOW**

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—TALES OF TEXAS—

# SONS AND DAUGHTERS

— By Adam Walker

*As Texans, we grow up being enjoined to, “Remember the Alamo!” But how many of us know much about this thing we are supposed to remember? We probably know something about Lt. Col. William Barret Travis, James Bowie and his knife and Davey Crockett and his cap. But there were a lot more people in that battle than those three famous men. There were Mexican citizens, Black slaves, women and children inside the walls of the Alamo during the siege. How many of their names do you know?*

There were only six native-born Texans inside the Alamo during the battle: Juan Abamillo, Juan A. Badillo, Carlos Espalier, Gregorio Esparza, Antonio Fuentes and Andrés Nava. All of the native Texans who died in defense of Texas’ freedom from Mexico were Hispanic. But 189 men died that day. All the rest of them were immigrants, either from other

parts of Mexico, from various U.S. states or from European nations. And they ranged in age from 16 to at least 57.

Seventeen-year-old Carlos Espalier and his 24-year-old cousin, Charles Despallier, were Mexicans of French descent and friends of James Bowie. Both of their families were deeply involved in the fight for Texas’ freedom. Carlos, with the bravado of youth, was one of those who slipped out of the Alamo to burn the huts Santa Anna’s army was using for cover, and then returned to the mission’s defense. Charles was a signer of the Goliad Declaration of Independence. Both cousins fought in Travis’ unit, and both died defending the Alamo, as did all the Mexican men in the Alamo, when it fell to the Mexican army under Santa Anna.

There are highly conflicting stories about the African-Americans inside the Alamo during the siege. The sources don’t even agree on the number. But they were there — some slaves, some freedmen — at both the December capture of the fort by the “Texians,” and at the March fall to the Mexicans. One of the freedmen was Hendrick Arnold, son-in-law of Deaf Smith, who helped scout the Texas victory. Another was Joe, who was body servant to Lt. Col. Travis. When Travis fell in the first barrage, Joe fired several times in defense of the Alamo, before being captured. He was sold to pay off Travis’ debts, but escaped and walked out of Texas,



across Louisiana, Mississippi and part of Alabama to get word to Travis' family about his death.

And it wasn't just brave men at the Alamo. Courageous women endured the battle as well. Most were adults, but there was at least one 15-month-old girl inside the walls when the defenses collapsed. Her mother, Susannah Dickinson, and she were the only Anglo survivors of the battle, though Susannah never recovered from the trauma. Susannah is often noted as the only survivor of the Alamo, but that just isn't true. Another six Mexican women, and their children, also survived. These women were now widows whose husbands died in the cause of Texas freedom. One of these women, Andrea Castañón de Villanueva Candelaria, lived to be 113, and told her story to newspapers and others over the years. Her stories changed quite a bit during her long life, and historians now doubt she was actually there. But no one seems to doubt the presence of Susanna, whose stories also changed significantly over time.

The only woman to die in the battle was Sarah, a slave woman who was found dead between two of the cannons. Joe, the body servant of Travis, reported that Sarah became frightened by the battle and ran out of her hiding place to meet her death.

Texas has always been multiethnic, multicultural and multilingual. Many of the threads that make Texas what it is today can be found here in the cradle of her independence. But that tapestry has only grown richer over the years. Born Texans and others who got here as fast as they could fought side by side to make Texas what it is today. Remember the Alamo! **NOW**

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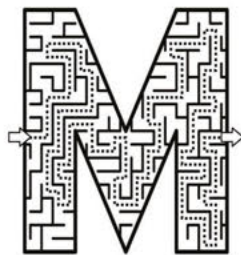
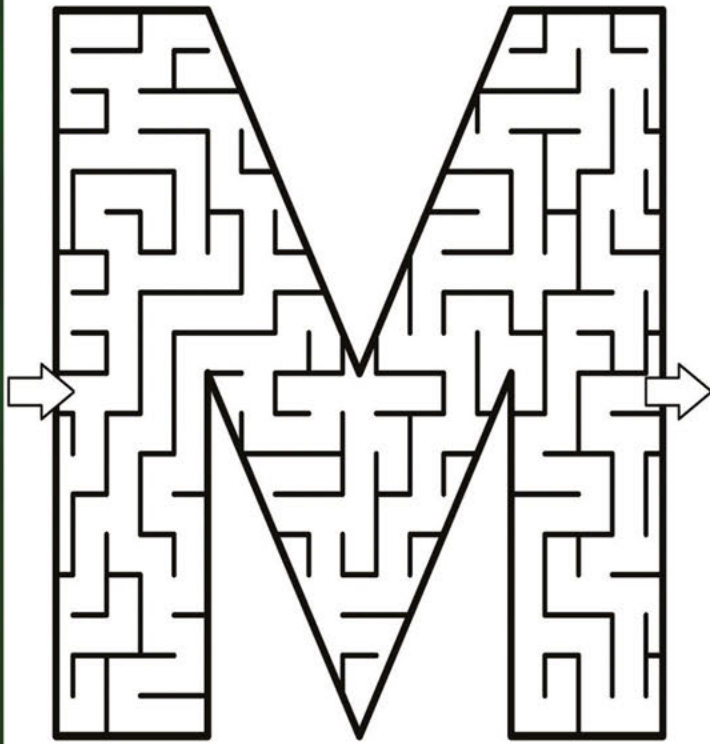
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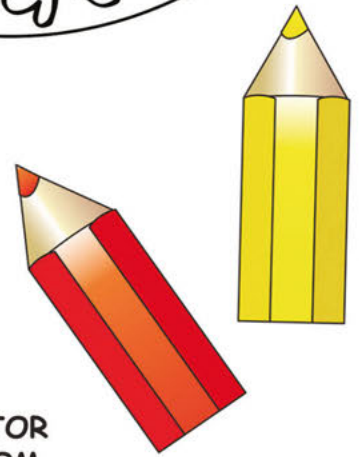


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### 3/6

#### Virtual Prom Fashion Show:

This year's Battle For The Crown features seniors in the DFW area showcasing fashions provided by WhatchamaCallit and International Suit Wearhouse. 6:30-8:00 p.m., Facebook and YouTube @Dr. Michael A. Evans Sr. Foundation.

### 3/11-3/13

#### Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff:

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p.m., Mansfield Environmental Collection Center, 616 S. Wisteria. (817) 728-3655.

### 3/13

#### Arts Week 2021:

All the usual fun is packed into a single day for adults and kids who want to meet arts vendors and do hands-on crafts. Mansfield Commission for the Arts presents a regular rotating cast of performers including Magnificent Theatre Company, Mainstage Classic Theatre, hypnotist Jonathan Yeager and more. Free. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., The LOT Downtown, 110 S. Main St.

#### Digital Debut:

Come watch the premiere of MPM Studio Theatre's new digital show. 2:30 p.m., Farr Best Theater, 109 N. Main St. (817) 728-3383 or [arts@mansfieldtexasarts.org](mailto:arts@mansfieldtexasarts.org).

### 3/27

#### Chunk Your Junk and Shred Day:

Mansfield residents with their Texas driver's license or water bill are welcome to bring in old, bulky items that are too large to set out for regular curbside pickup. 8:00 a.m.-noon, Chris W. Burkett Service Center, 620 S. Wisteria. (817) 728-3655 or [ecc@mansfieldtexas.gov](mailto:ecc@mansfieldtexas.gov).

### Saturdays

#### Family Nature Club:

Join us each week for an exciting morning learning about nature through hiking, catching and identifying insects, meeting live animals, bird-watching and more. \$50 per child; registration required. 10:00-11:30 a.m., Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park, 1650 Matlock Rd. (817) 728-3280.

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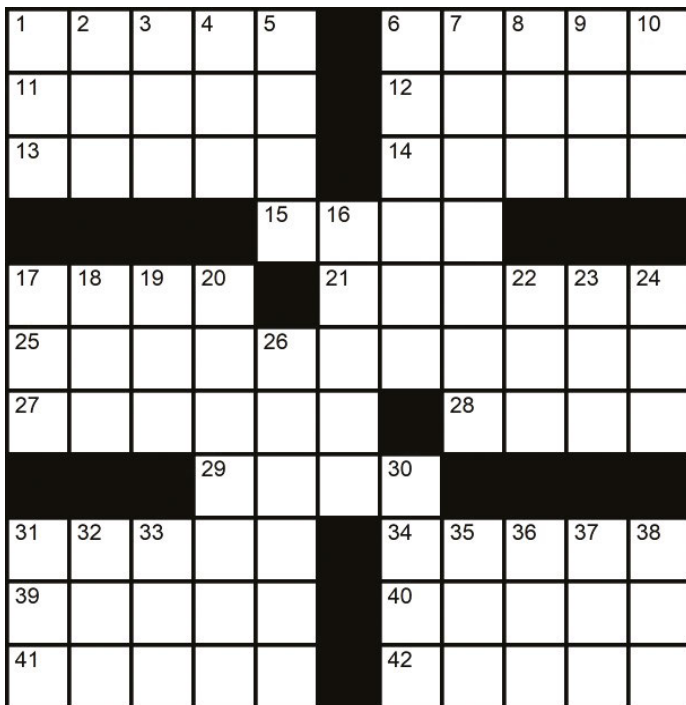
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## Across

- 1 Arm and a leg
- 6 --- Capped Romance (36 Crazyfists)
- 11 Egg producer
- 12 Uncle Tom's creator
- 13 Childe Harold author
- 14 Doesn't possess
- 15 Blacken
- 17 Tex. neighbor
- 21 "The --- File" (Frederick Forsyth)
- 25 Sailor's jacket, maybe
- 27 With sharp side first
- 28 Bloodsucker
- 29 Heavy blow
- 31 Contempt
- 34 Has become rancid
- 39 Like Muzak
- 40 Donald Duck's nephew
- 41 Rowdy ---, an early Clint Eastwood role
- 42 Descriptive record

## Down

- 1 High shot
- 2 Excellent tree climber
- 3 Besmirch
- 4 Fraternity man, briefly
- 5 Harmony
- 6 Slightly
- 7 Eye impolitely
- 8 Discouraging words
- 9 "My --- Private Idaho" (1991 film)
- 10 Freshly painted
- 16 They're locked in battle
- 17 Have creditors
- 18 Little goat
- 19 Very cold fuel
- 20 Aim of every undergraduate
- 22 Snow runner
- 23 Fraction of a min.
- 24 Ancient boat
- 26 Bounces
- 30 Top gear for a house
- 31 Spot
- 32 Preceded by the O S S
- 33 Plump
- 35 One kind of offspring
- 36 Unfashionable
- 37 Cone producer
- 38 Visionary

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### Easy

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