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Here at NOW Magazines, we are committed to helping our local economies by helping promote our local businesses. We hope to help ease some of the discomfort of social distancing by bringing some of the best of the community home to you through our stories on local residents. And though some of the events or competitions mentioned in some of this month's articles may have been cancelled after we went to press, we hope that you will be encouraged by reading about the good and positive things that are a part of your hometown.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

#### April's showers will bring May's flowers!

Evening primrose is possibly my favorite. But one look at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's website amps up my gratitude for every drop of rain we get this month. Because of the moisture, we'll get evening primroses brightening twilights on our lawns starting next month.

Simultaneously, those of us who drive outside of city traffic can look forward to next month's show by wildflowers with such intriguing names as Texas buckeye, indigo bush, Huisache daisy, wild red columbine, butterfly milkweed, crossvine, buffalo grass, American beautyberry, winecup, Indian paintbrush, star thistle, purple clematis, evening star rain lily, coreopsis, black samson echinacea, Indian cherry, prairie verbena, coral yucca, scarlet rose mallow, Texas lantana and cutleaf daisy. We even owe the flowering of trees like possumhaw, yaupon holly, black walnut, juniper, white ash and pecan to this month's rains.

Of course, the rains also bring on the grassy growth and the need to mow and trim. For trees and hedges to grow beautifully next month, now is really the time to prune. I'm reminded of Amelia Bedelia, the literally minded children's book character from a decadesold series written by Peggy Parish and illustrated by Fritz Siebel. As an adult, Amelia was employed as a housekeeper for a wealthy family in Europe. Instructed to prune the bushes, she never complained about not knowing how. She simply found a supply of dried plums and spent the morning affixing individual prunes to each protruding branch of every bush she could reach! What would she do if, one rainy afternoon, I asked her to decorate the table with winecups once they're ready?

Oh, may we all feel so enthused!





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We only have one planet, and Leon Williams wants to keep it as intact as possible as long as he's alive — and for as long as his children and others are alive, for that matter. Leon is the incoming board chairman of the Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission. As its name implies, the organization's goal is to keep the city looking great, but it's much more than simply mowing lawns and trimming hedges.

KMBC's vision is for Mansfield to be recognized as one of the cleanest, most beautiful cities in Texas. To accomplish this, the group inspires and educates the community to take greater responsibility toward environmental stewardship.

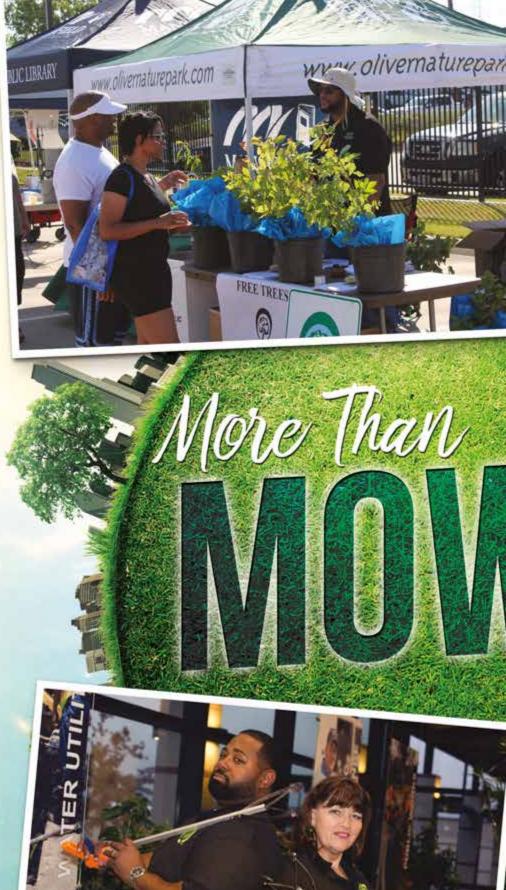
"We educate our citizens on the effect beautification has on our city, work with the city officials and strive to help our city be more earth-friendly," Leon said. "We pride ourselves in teaching people things like water conservation, how to dispose of different chemicals, smartscaping, watering plants, etc. We're working on an initiative on what trees will grow in certain areas."

KMBC started in 1986. Leon joined four years ago after looking for a way to serve the city he's grown to love since moving here in 2011 from Wilmington, Delaware.

"I thought it was more like a garden club, flowers, landscaping. I went to a meeting and said, 'This could be something special,'" he recalled.

And, indeed, it has been. "One of the big initiatives we were in when I joined was the Adopt-A-Street program. We also had two young ladies who were great ambassadors for water conservation and education."

One of KMBC's biggest contributions to the cause is its annual Earth Day





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By Alan Whiteshoes

Mansfield Festival, always held the last Saturday of April. This year's event will be April 25. It features environmental education activities, activity and vendor booths, a tiny house exhibit and the K3 Sisters Band out of Sunnyvale.

The festival, which Leon helps organize, also includes a petting zoo, face painting and pony rides. Folks from Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park also get involved, bringing different animals native to the area for educational purposes.

"I have small children, so I'm keeping in mind what young kids like and what will attract them and parents," Leon said.

Leon is responsible for the children's activities at the annual event that started in 2017 "We wanted it to be fun but to also have an educational component." In addition to the other activities, there's a fishing education class and the release of Monarch butterflies. "That is very popular," Leon said. "My kids let loose at least five last year."

KBMC is responsible for the design, planning and production of the festival. "Leon has always taken a lead role in the children's events at the festival, one of the largest sections and biggest draws," said Rebecca Sales, environmental education specialist with the city of Mansfield. She continued, "Leon has a can-do attitude and great organizational skills that are vital when bringing in outside community partners and vendors to make this festival work.

"He is instrumental in securing our petting zoo, pony rides and maintaining a relationship with Home Depot, which brings in free children's building projects and





staff to man the construction of those projects. Last year, hundreds of children were able to construct bird feeders onsite that they were able to take home to be used."

Fellow KMBC board member, Sharon Roberts, echoed Rebecca's comments. "Leon has done a phenomenal job as the lead of the children's area at our annual Earth Day Mansfield Festival. He has suggested numerous children's activities and secured vendors for the majority of them for the past several years. Every year, the kids have a great time at this event," Sharon said.

Raised in Natchez, Mississippi, Leon earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. He was no stranger to Texas when he moved here, having uncles in Richardson and more family in the Houston area. His career took him to Dallas several times.

"Even though I'm a Saints fan, I grew up watching a lot of Dallas Cowboys," he said with a laugh. "And I also loved the TV show *Dallas.*"

Leon said the inspiration behind what he does is his wife, Dionne (named after legendary singer Dionne Warwick), a program manager at Lockheed Martin,





and their three children. Nicholas, 19, is a freshman at Xavier University in Louisiana. Leila, 8, is an aspiring veterinarian with her own animal education program on social media titled *Leila the Pet Vet*. Five-year-old son, Dorian, is a dinosaur lover.

"Leon is amazing. In all honesty, one of my goals was to increase diversity on the board, and I'm thrilled to have a man as incoming board chair," outgoing board chair, Sarah Zink, said. "He's focused, diligent, organized and passionate about excellence.

"The Keep Mansfield Beautiful program has evolved from planting flowers and annual cleanups to being an integral part of the city's initiative to bring green awareness to our citizens. The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are honored to be able to impact our community in this way."

Leon is the plant continuous improvement leader for Kroger Manufacturing in Irving. He became a Realtor in April of 2019, because he plans to become a real estate investor. "What better way to learn about it?" he said. While he does a lot of juggling with his many responsibilities, his top priority is always making this a better world.

"If I can teach my kids to keep their little space of earth clean, maybe that will rub off on their friends and their friends and so on," Leon said. "If you take care of the planet, it will take care of you."

Editor's Note: KMBC meets at 6:00 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Mansfield Service Center, 620 S. Wisteria St. The public is invited.







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An award-winning photographer in her own right, Shannon Oden does really cool things with and for students at Ben Barber Innovation Academy. She once swore never to use a digital camera. Now, she prepares her students for success in the digital world. One previous student was hired two years ago by the Dickie's clothing company into a position dedicated to the \$102 million industry of photography and social media marketing.

Proud that Ben Barber is an authorized Adobe certification center, and with Adobe's endorsement, Ms. Oden is putting the finishing touches on a resource she developed for other teachers preparing students using Photoshop to receive Adobe certification. A year ago, she encouraged a star student in her Principles of Digital Editing class to enroll in a contest sponsored by Adobe.

"Brianna Packer was invited to participate last summer at the national level. Our school administrators made miracles happen for us to travel to Florida, where she placed in the top three," Ms. Oden said. "That meant we went to the Adobe ACA World Championships in New York City, New York, an experience documented on NBCDFW. While there, she and I went to Adobe headquarters."



Feedback offered by Adobe professionals validated everything Ms. Oden had integrated into her teaching, and likewise, deeply rewarded her. "I'm pretty hard on the kids but very fair and encouraging," she said. "When I go to contests and hear an industry professional compliment my students' work, it makes me feel proud that we're doing the right thing, even exceeding the mark in preparing them for the industry."

Students in Ms. Oden's classes have opportunities throughout the year to enter their work in competitions and earn scholarships. "Each contest has its own 'personality," she said.

"The career trade student organization, SkillsUSA, sets high expectations of students to communicate professionally while demonstrating industry-level

skills. Black and White Images Exhibition is a more creative competition," she explained. She continued, "The

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Association of Texas Photography Instructors' (ATPI) fall contest boasts over 7000 entries, and while students are in Austin for the winter conference and contest, they take hands-on courses taught by professionals and have their portfolios critiqued by professionals." Last spring, Ben Barber students earned the title of ATPI Rising Star in the capstone contest their first year competing.

Serving as president of ATPI, which includes nine states plus Canada, Ms. Oden provides curriculum and support for instructors. She's also been a consultant with the Berkeley, California, organization Working Assumptions, developing curriculum, teacher tool kits and apps for photographic instruction in classrooms throughout the country.

As a member of the National Education Team for SkillsUSA, she is that organization's Texas state chair for the secondary high school photography contest. "With the SkillsUSA contest, I've had students compete as the Texas state champion at nationals six years in my 10-year career. It gives the students a chance to travel and be with likeminded students," she said.

But before the travel, there is the learning. Denise Soto, a secondyear student and president of the photography club, said Ms. Oden has





taught the students to work as a team. Students in the photography club are enrolled in Ben Barber's commercial photography program. They take one year of Photo I, one year of Photo 2, plus the Practicum in Commercial Photography, where they work for Mansfield ISD or outside of the school and are evaluated regularly by their supervisors. They potentially can take photography up to four years of their high school career.

Investing herself into her students, Ms. Oden said they never cease to amaze her with their creativity. "They'll all photograph the same assignment differently," she shared. "Being an adolescent is tough enough, but when you can express yourself through the image, it brings out your personality and creates a sense of ease."

A student recently asked Ms. Oden where she would be today if she had had a class like this. "I did," she answered. "As a sophomore in high school, I was home alone for weeks at a time. My father traveled for work, and after my mother left us, I began losing interest in school. I started thinking no one was invested in me. Then I took a photography class, and it greatly impacted me."

At that time, she neither knew she would be a photographer nor a teacher. Now, she's very close to her current and former students, as well as to her first photography teacher, who told her he saw her potential all those years ago. Clearly, Ms. Oden has come full circle.





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Be sure to visit By The Yard Materials this month to pick up free Easter-themed, rock-painting kits for your family crafting time. While you're there, you just might see something that catches your fancy for larger spring landscaping projects. By The Yard offers 2 acres full of every kind of rock, dirt and yard art you can imagine — and some you can't.

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garden soil and topsoil material that they load "by the yard" for your project. Whether you are completely revamping flowerbeds or simply re-mulching or maybe transitioning to using stone in your flowerbeds, By The Yard Materials provides a multitude of options.

Decorative rock available at the business is sourced regionally, according to Chief of Operations Danny Fuller. "They are sold at a lower price point but don't have as much color to them," he said. "We also stock from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and South Texas. These rocks bring in the color.

"We have a Texas Black that is dark gray until it gets wet, when it turns jet black," Danny said. "Our Salt and Pepper quartz is white with gray. We also have a variety of dark browns, which are popular. We have a blend called Rose Tri-Color, which is crimson, cream and tan, and the Mountain Verde blend has greens, browns and crimson."

As customers pull up to the spacious, clean and colorful sales office, they can't miss the children's area that Danny designed with his wife, Cherish Fuller, and mother-in-law, Kaye Nimitz, so parents can shop while their children play. The concept clearly was created by a family for families, and Danny is proud that of his four children, two are already helping at the store. "Our oldest daughter works for us," he said, "and our son is beginning to jump in on Saturdays to learn to put in the hard work."

Cherish and Kaye have lived their whole lives in and around Mansfield. Cherish and Danny now live in Lillian, right around the corner from their business.

By The Yard sells and delivers either the same day or the next — all kinds of stone and soils.

"Kaye and Cherish started Texas Sand & Gravel, which is our primary business, 16 years ago," said Danny, who brought his marketing savvy to the family business eight years ago. "As we've grown the business from trucking and delivery, we've opened up this yard and offered everything we have here for pickup, as well."

Two-and-a-half years ago, when they built the new facility, they designed a concrete approach around all the materials, so that even in the event of rain, their staff can load trucks for customers. Currently, By The Yard Materials is expanding the stone they offer for home exteriors, retaining walls, wainscoting or columns.

The family-owned and -operated business works equally with commercial contractors, big and small, as well as residential customers needing artwork or materials for doing flowerbeds. "It's great with us if someone wants to buy 10 rocks to paint," Danny said. "Everyone's important to us, and we try to take care of every one of them." Stop by today and let By The Yard Materials' friendly staff prove it to you.



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## **Zoomed In:** Ryan Rodriguez

By Melissa Rawlins

Tarrant County College student Ryan Rodriguez is 18 years old, and ever since he first tasted coffee, he's known that serving it to others makes them feel at home. He majors in hospitality and practices it at church and at work. On a recent Sunday morning, while serving alongside Jessica Bondurant at The Community at Lake Ridge, café guests heard Ryan say, "Enjoy the service," every time he handed them their drink. "I want the guest to be energized when they enter the doors of the worship room."

Being a barista at TCAL, however, is a bit different than his experience serving at the Flying Squirrel Coffee Co., because its menu is expanded and modified beyond what the church's café offers. Wherever he is, Ryan focuses on helping people feel relaxed. "Making coffee fits that requirement," he said.

# Around Town



Brittany Brooke, Mirna Pena, Korri Bennett and Elaine Bennett raising money for Church on the Hill's very first mission to Mexico.



The Duran family spends the day at McClendon Park West.



John Omo loads the day's unsold bagels into the vehicle of a nonprofit taking food to the homeless.



Summer Galvez, Calvin Thomas and Robert Menyweather celebrate the one-year anniversary of Manna Juice Bar with its owner, and their friend, Kristi Andrew.



Christina Titler, executive director of Highlands Village, gets a tour of Mansfield's newest hyperbaric chamber from Toni Rodriguez, executive director of Trusted Wound Care.

# NOW



Roger and Megan Lejia celebrate the opening of One Stop Real Estate Group with a very special chocolate-covered strawberry.



RE/MAX Broker Associate Genie Hermann connects with Kelly-Moore Paints Owner Gary Kramer at a recent Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce Business Unplugged.



Traci Dryer Sandler joins Joe and Jordan Adams for fun at the Mansfield Cares Ball.

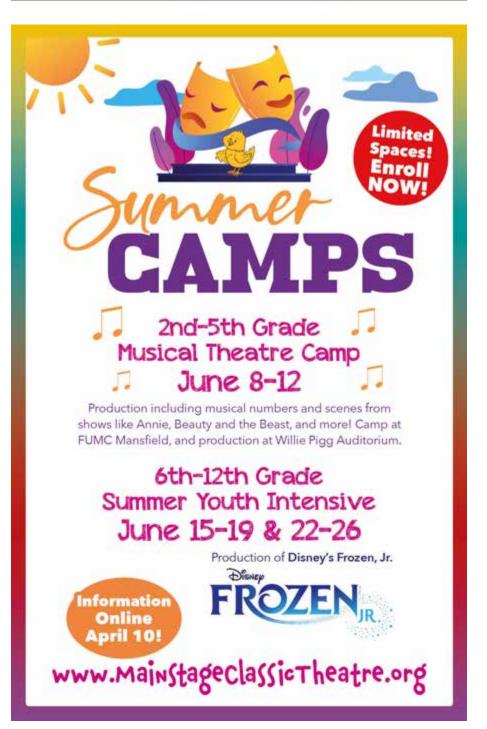
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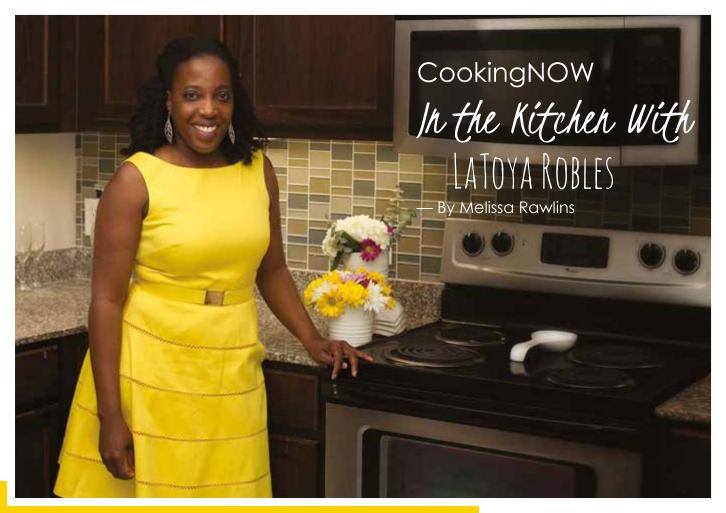
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"People eat with their eyes first," LaToya Robles said. She requires the desserts she prepares for gatherings to be beautiful.

When making savory dishes, LaToya's focus is pleasure — for herself and any guests. Growing up in the Virgin Islands, LaToya learned early on to prepare island food with ease. "What I learned from my grandmother, who was a chef, is 'measuring is not always necessary.' The food tells you when you've added enough ingredients." She's developed her own flair over time, and is advancing her skills and techniques through culinary school at Tarrant County College.

Here, LaToya shares delicious, customizable recipes involving a range of ingredients and skill for a multicourse dinner that includes a popular dish from her home, St. Thomas. "The proteins can be swapped out. Another berry can be added. You can dip the lemon bars in white chocolate," she said. "Food is fun. Enjoy every bite."

#### Tomato, Mozzarella & Avocado Salad Serves 4.

2 medium beefsteak tomatoes
5 oz. fresh mozzarella in water
2 avocados
4 Tbsp. olive oil
1 1/2 Tbsp. white wine vinegar

#### I tsp. coarse grain mustard Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste Fresh basil leaves, torn, to taste I8-20 black olives, chopped I loaf fresh, crusty bread

**I.** Cut tomatoes into thick wedges; place in a large serving dish. Drain the mozzarella; tear

into pieces. Slice the avocados into wedges; arrange with tomatoes and mozzarella.

**2.** Mix the oil, vinegar and mustard together in a small bowl; add salt and pepper, to taste. Drizzle over the salad.

**3.** Sprinkle torn basil and olives over the top. Serve at once with fresh, crusty bread.

## Grilled Salmon in Bleu Cheese Sauce With Walnuts

I 2-lb. salmon fillet
Nonstick cooking spray
6 oz. bleu cheese
Salt, to taste
1/4 tsp. pepper, freshly ground
1/4 cup beer
1/4 cup walnuts, finely chopped
1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped

**I.** Heat grill. Place salmon fillet on foil squares that have been sprayed with nonstick spray.

**2.** Make diagonal cuts in the salmon every inch, cutting almost down to the skin. Place cheese in the slits. Sprinkle the fillet with salt and pepper.

**3.** Fold up the foil sides to form a boat. Place on the grill over medium heat, about

4-6 inches from the coals. Pour the beer over the salmon.

4. Grill for 10-15 minutes. Sprinkle with walnuts; continue grilling for another 10-15 minutes, or until the salmon is cooked through.
5. Sprinkle with parsley just before serving.

#### Virgin Islands Fried Johnny Cakes

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
1 Tbsp. sugar
2 Tbsp. Crisco shortening
1/2 cup water
2 to 3 cups oil, for frying

 Sift together flour, salt, baking powder and sugar. Add shortening; work in gently with your fingertips. Add water, gradually, until a soft, pliable dough is formed. Knead gently for a few minutes until the dough is smooth.
 Shape dough into balls; flatten. Poke dough randomly with the tip of a fork.
 Fry in hot cooking oil that half covers the dough. Turn dough after first side is golden brown. Frying time will depend upon the size of the johnny cakes.

4. Drain on paper towels; serve warm.

#### Lemon Shortbread Bars

Nonstick cooking spray

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- I cup, plus I Tbsp. sugar (divided use)
- 2 Tbsp. grated lemon zest
- I tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cups unsalted butter, softened and cut up
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract

**I.** Heat oven to 350 F. Line a 13x9-inch baking pan with foil. Spray foil with cooking spray.

 Whisk flour, 1 cup sugar, lemon zest and salt in a large bowl. Cut butter into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse sand crumbs. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla.
 Press dough into the prepared pan; sprinkle with remaining 1 Tbsp. sugar.
 Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until the edges begin to pull away from the sides of the pan and the top is golden brown.
 Cool on a wire rack. Cut into desired shapes; serve.

#### Multi-berry Shortcake Puffs

1 sheet frozen puff pastry

4 cups fresh mixture of strawberries, blueberries and blackberries



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1/4 cup, plus 3 Tbsp. sugar (divided use)
1 1/2 cups heaving whipping cream
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
Mint leaves, for garnish (optional)
Lemon zest, for garnish (optional)

#### I. Preheat oven to 400 F.

2. On a lightly floured surface, roll puff pastry into a 10-inch square. Cut into desired shapes, using your favorite cookie cutter(s). Place cut-outs on an ungreased cookie sheet; bake for 12-15 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove; cool on a wire rack.
3. In a large bowl, toss berries and 1/4 cup sugar. Let sit for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

4. In another bowl, add cream; beat until it begins to thicken. Add vanilla and 3 Tbsp. sugar; beat until stiff peaks form.
5. Split pastries in half horizontally. Cover the bottom half with berries and whipped cream. Layer on the other pastry half; top with more berries and cream. Garnish with a mint leaf and lemon zest, if desired.

#### **Shrimp With Pernod Cream**

2 lbs. shrimp 14 oz. onion, diced 10 oz. bacon, minced 1/4 oz. garlic, minced



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#### 8 oz. mushrooms, sliced Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste 3/4 cup Pernod Ricard 1 cup cream

#### **I.** Wash and dry shrimp.

**2.** In large skillet, sauté onions and bacon until the onions are translucent. Add garlic and mushrooms; cook until the mushrooms are wilted. Add salt and pepper; stir. Remove mixture from the pan.

**3.** Turn heat to medium-high. Cook shrimp in the same pan for 2 minutes.

**4.** Add onions, bacon and mushrooms back to the pan. Add Pernod, carefully and away from open flame. Add cream. When shrimp is cooked through, remove from heat; serve.

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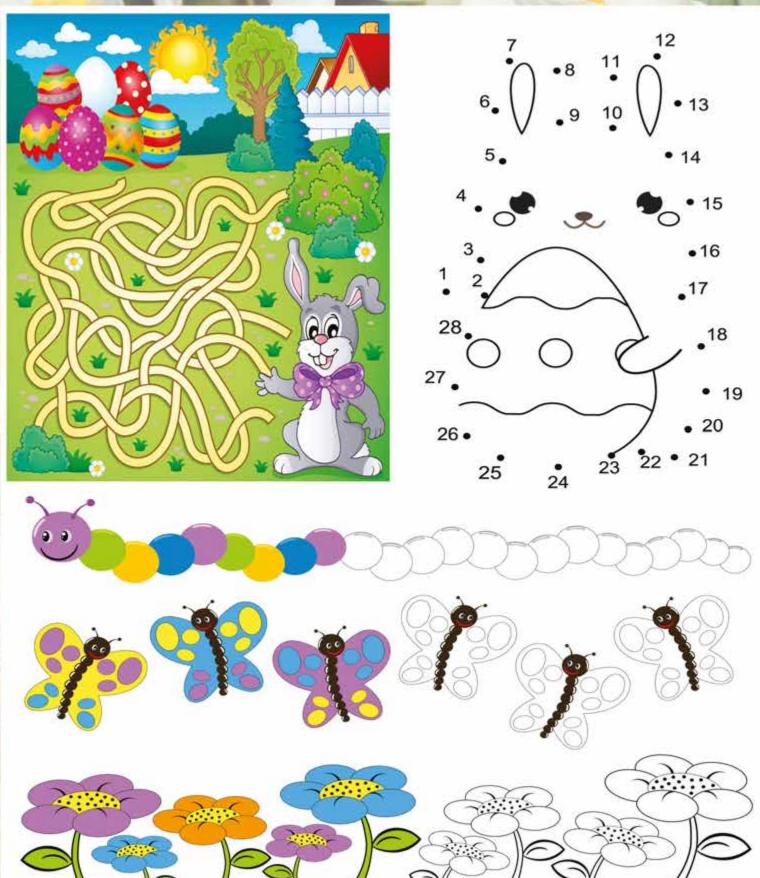
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• The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

• Clearly, these numbers are worth thinking about. If you needed several years of longterm care, the expense could seriously erode your savings and investments. And keep in mind that Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of long-term care costs. Therefore, you may want to evaluate the following options for meeting these expenses: • *Self-insure*: You could "self-insure" against long-term care expenses by designating some of your investment portfolio for this purpose. However, as the above numbers suggest, you'd likely have to put away a lot of money before you felt you were truly protected. This could be especially difficult, given the need to save and invest for the other expenses associated with retirement.

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Ultimately, you may decide you're willing to take the chance of never needing any type of long-term care. But if you think that's a risk you'd rather not take, then explore all your coverage options carefully. There's no one right answer for everyone — but there's almost certainly one for you.

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