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EDITOR'S NOTE

Flowers are bursting forth!

And bees are buzzing. It's time to follow writer and philosopher, Kahlil Gibran's advice, "Be like a flower, and turn your face to the sun." Gardening and long walks have been filling my exercise time while sheltering in place, and will continue to do so. Let's wave a distant "hi" when we see each other in passing.

In the evening's cool, my little dog, Jazzy, will join me for wanderings, as he and I train and socialize our newest fur friend, Honey. Another rescue dog (I don't know who rescues whom really), Honey is amber with spots and supposedly mostly a Catahoula Leopard Dog. She was welcomed into our household when my husband and I volunteered as temporary foster parents last Thanksgiving, so the dog's regular foster family could go out of town. A few days with Honey proved to us that she had to become part of our household. We took her back to the shelter only long enough for Honey to tell her foster family goodbye, and for us to sign the paperwork and pay her adoption fee. I knew nothing about this Louisiana dog breed, but I've found that Honey lives up to most of the online description of being a great loyal companion who loves children and is protective of home and family. A working breed, Honey is supposed to be a very active 2-year-old dog, however, she's settled very quickly and comfortably into long naps on our loveseat.

May your garden grow and flourish. Remember, beautiful sunshine follows our usual May storms, just as we will carefully step forward into our new normal again, stronger than ever, in the coming months.

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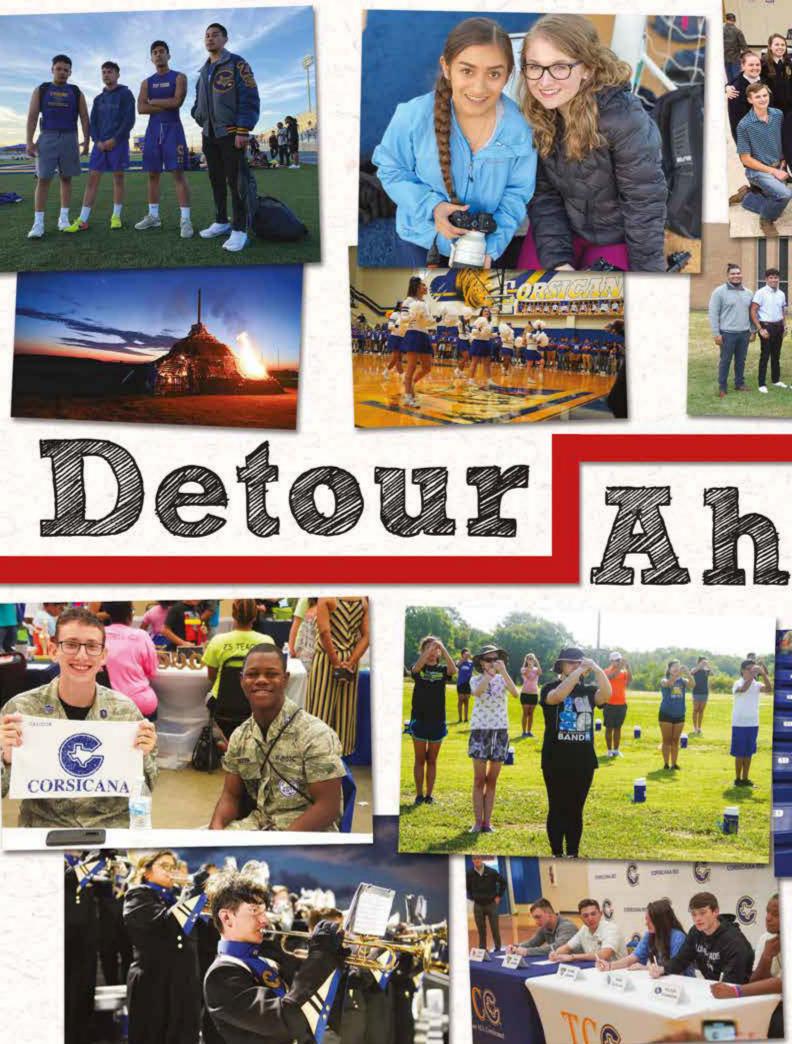
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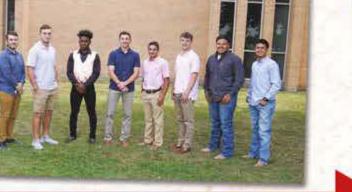
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Senior year — a time so anticipated and usually filled with study, fun with classmates and wonder at what comes next. Corsicana High School's Class of 2020 was accelerating toward prom, graduation and transitioning to college or careers when they hit an unanticipated, unprecedented roadblock and suddenly had to detour. "Who would have thought that when you joyously left for spring break on March 6, you would not be back together until ... who really knows?" CISD Superintendent Dr. Diane Frost said. "I am very proud of you, and you have many reasons to be proud of yourselves."

For the past 10 years, Dr. Frost has led CISD and watched these seniors' growth into adulthood. "You've been required to deal with and give up more than is fair. It took me days to accept and process the full implications of what this pandemic means to all the CISD students, and especially our seniors," she explained. "However, when I have seen and talked with many of you, your depth of understanding and sincere caring has been remarkable."

Author Ken Poirot wrote, "Life is a journey with almost limitless detours." Seniors and their families are living that quote but have made the most of this unique detour through social media sharing of at-home prom moments and FFA/4-H projects. CISD staff worked to get all studies online or provide packets of work. Zoom and Skype became classroom settings, and adult family members became teachers trying to navigate subjects like Algebra II again. Student meals have been provided. Corsicana is a community that has seen the Class of 2020 grow up, and even in self-isolation, seniors, you haven't been alone. Your community of friends, neighbors, family and teachers have been there for you. And when possible, Dr. Frost promises there will be the best celebration of seniors possible, so stay tuned.

"Seniors, you are a part of a future that does not yet exist," Dr. Frost added. "You will be our future leaders — educators, business owners, ranchers, engineers, cyber security experts, politicians and programmers ... and many [careers] that we have not yet envisioned. You are prepared. Much of your preparation is in the skills you were taught in classrooms along with the ability to think and problem solve."

One certainty exists — Class of 2020 seniors will always be Corsicana Tigers. Dr. Frost concluded, "You've worked hard to reach this point in your lives. Be willing to learn at every opportunity, and keep working. Choose kindness, even when it is not deserved. You will never be sorry you were kind. Make the world a better place, and start with your own community." **NON**

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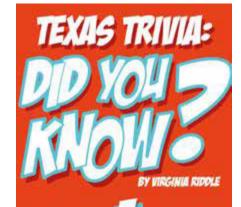
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The second largest canyon in the United States is located in Texas. Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandie is approximately 120 miles long with an average 6-mile width. Only the Grand Canyon is larger. It's the state's largest park and hosts the annual drama, Texas. It has been home to many cultures during the canyon's 200 million years of geological time.



Texas boasts an annual birthday celebration in honor of Winnie-the-Pooh's friend, Eeyore, who believed his friends had forgotten his birthday. The birthday celebration was first held in Austin in 1963. Folks wear costumes, and the celebration is a fundraiser for nonprofit organizations.



The city of Clute, Texas, annually hosts The Great Texas Mosquito Festival, Willie-Man-Chew, honorary mosquito, presides over volunteer ambassadors who make up his "Swat Team."

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A typical sale employs three staff members, but that can vary depending on size. Online examples of the staff's staging techniques are available, as well as photos of current and past estate sales. Matt is licensed as an appraiser through the National Society of Antiques and Collectibles. He appraises entire estates at no charge. But he does limit free appraisals during an actual sale to only one item. New to Corsicana, Matt has relocated the business to take advantage of Navarro County's peacefulness and central location. Added services this year include storage unit buyouts and clean outs, funeral song performance, home organizing and estate sale consulting. A free business credentials packet and an estate sales packet can be downloaded from Alamo Aztek's website to help prepare interested parties for the process. Cash and major credit cards are accepted.

Matt has been in the estate sales business for more than 20 years with more than 2,200 sales under his belt. "As long as I've been doing this, I guarantee clients I've done something similar to what they're going through and know how to help them. It's not hopeless, and they aren't alone." Alamo Aztek Estate Sales has received three excellence awards, been named a Top 50 national estate sales company for five years and a 2018 Top 10 Texas estate sales company. "As a company, we have successfully completed more than a thousand estate sales." Matt explained. He is often a speaker at professional association gatherings.

Originally from Kilgore, and, yes, one of his ancestors founded the town, a youthful Matt caught the "bug" from his treasure-hunter grandfather. "I developed a love of history. I thrive on the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives," he said.

Matt and his fiancée, Michele Sautarel, moved to Corsicana looking for a country-type atmosphere after having lived in big cities internationally. He enjoys tomahawk throwing and playing lead guitar and looks forward to becoming a community volunteer.

Challenges abound in this business. "A common misconception is that holding estate sales is easy," Matt said. "There's no such thing." Most memorable moments occur when he happens onto a snake or other critter.

"I started at the bottom of this business, moving furniture, and learned," Matt recalled. "I'm appreciative and thankful for my experiences and getting to know and help people from all walks of life."





By Virginia Riddle

Zoomed In: John F. Kaiser III

After having moved away from Navarro County eight different times, John F. Kaiser III explained, "I've always come back. The universe wants me here." Recently appointed as the Warehouse Living Arts Center's executive director, John is a graduate of Corsicana High School.

John caught the acting bug in his teens and spent 20 years living in Colorado and California, while working in the video game and design marketing industries and doing some voice acting. "I'm everything geek," he admitted.

Sharing time with his grandmother, Neva Davis; uncle, Jerry Davis; and other local family members and friends is great, but John concluded, "My passion is WLAC, and my life is the theater. After COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, he welcomes all to WLAC's new season of productions.

Around Town



CISD food service workers at Collins Intermediate School pack meals to be distributed to students.



Ethan Huston stops to get a picture in the beautiful bluebonnets on the way to Granddad's house.



Dr. Dave & Peggy Campbell enjoy his 90th birthday celebration parade.



As local restaurants reopen, diners like Rebecca Gillentine, Katie Prickett and Erica Wood can again enjoy gathering, as they did the last day before stay-inplace orders began.

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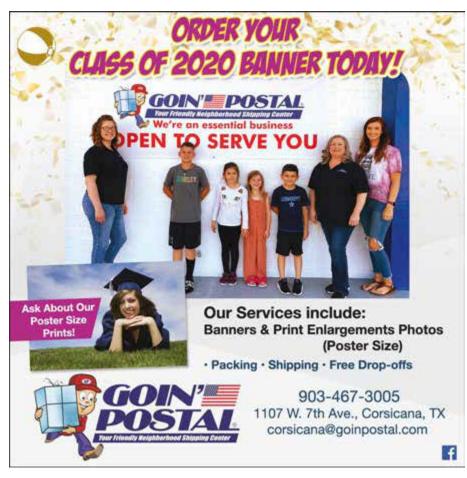
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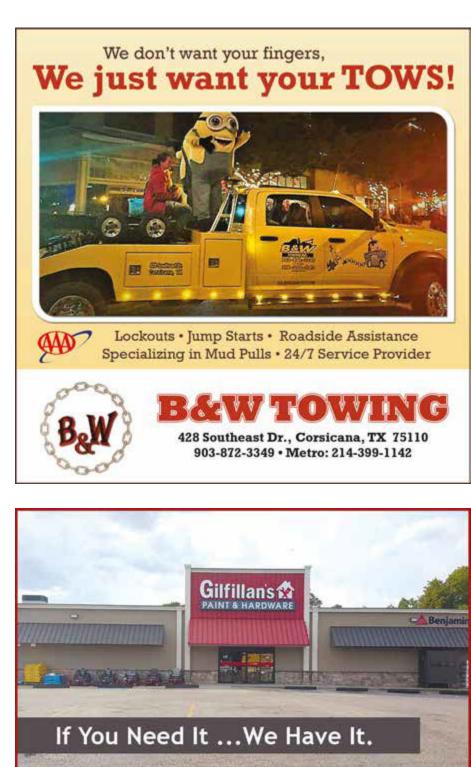
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in half diagonally, making a triangle.

4 Step 3: Unfold the paper. Place it back on the table, white side up.

Step 2:

I Step 4: Fold the paper in half diagonally again, this time in the opposite direction, making sure the two corners of your first fold touch.

Step 5:

Place the folded paper on the table, brown on the outside, white on the inside. The point of the triangle should face you.

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Having grown up on a farm, Tammy French-Hall learned to cook, can and grow fresh vegetables. "My love for cooking comes from my grandmother, my mother and my aunt. We cooked meals at home every day," she recalled. Recipes garnered from the Internet, cooking shows and old cookbooks collected from estate sales and flea markets join Tammy's collection of family recipes. "I modify them and often develop my own recipes," she added. "I'm adventurous and try many styles of cooking and different spices."

She cooks for family, friends, church gatherings, benefits and disasters like the one in West, Texas, and she enjoys teaching young children to cook. Tammy shared, "Cooking is therapeutic for me, and the saying is old but true, cooking is an expression of love."

My Meat Loaf

- 3 lbs. ground beef 3 eggs 1 onion, chopped 1 cup Ritz Wheat Crackers or bread, crumbled
- Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste

2 Tbsp. brown sugar

- 2 Tbsp. prepared mustard
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 15.25-oz. can Hunt's Seasoned for Meatloaf Tomato Sauce

I. Preheat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl, combine the beef, egg, onion and Ritz crackers or bread.

2. Season with salt and pepper; place in a lightly greased 5x9-inch loaf pan, or form into a loaf and place in a lightly greased 9x13-inch greased baking dish.
3. In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, mustard, ketchup and tomato sauce. Mix well; pour over the meatloaf. Bake for 1 hour.

Chocolate Lasagna

- 36 Oreos (regular, not
- double-stuffed cookies)
- 6 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened 3 1/4 cups, plus 2 Tbsp. cold milk
- (divided use)
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 12-oz. tub Cool Whip (divided use)
- 2 3.9-oz. pkgs. chocolate instant pudding
- 1 1/2 cups mini chocolate chips

I. In a food processor, finely crush Oreo cookies into crumbs.

2. In a large bowl, use a fork to mix the Oreo crumbs with the butter; transfer the

mixture to a 9x13-inch baking dish. Using a spatula, press the crumbs into a crust. Refrigerate the crust while the filling is being prepared.

3. Mix cream cheese, 2 Tbsp. cold milk and sugar until fluffy; stir in 1 1/4 cups of the Cool Whip. Spread the mixture over the refrigerated crust.

4. In a medium bowl, mix the instant pudding with 3 1/4 cups cold milk; whisk until the pudding thickens.

5. Spread the pudding over the cream cheese layer; let sit for 10 minutes to firm the pudding.6. Top with remaining Cool Whip; sprinkle with mini chocolate chips.

7. Freeze for 1 hour, or cool in refrigerator 4 hours before serving.

Elvis Cake

Tammy "invented" this recipe for her nephew.

Cake:

I yellow cake mix
4 eggs
6 bacon slices, cooked crisply and crumbled (Drain; reserve 1/4 cup bacon grease.)
1/2 cup water
6 bananas, mashed
Flour or nonstick cooking spray

Frosting: 5 Tbsp. butter 2 cups peanut butter 1/3 cup heavy cream 1 tsp. vanilla 2 cups powdered sugar 1/4 tsp. salt

For cake: Preheat oven to 350 F.
 In a bowl, mix the cake mix, eggs, bacon grease and water together well; fold in bananas.
 Grease and flour a rectangular baking pan; add batter. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until top is golden brown.

4. For frosting: With a hand mixer on medium speed, cream butter; add the peanut butter, heavy cream and vanilla. Mix until smooth.
5. Add powdered sugar and salt; mix for 3 minutes. *Hint:* If the frosting is too thick, add an additional 1 Tbsp. of cream.
6. Smooth over cooled cake; top with crumbled bacon.

Creamy Mac and Cheese With a Twist

4 cups elbow macaroni, cooked according to pkg. directions, drained
2 cups Velveeta cheese, grated
1/2 cup sour cream
4 Tbsp. butter, cut into pieces
1/2 tsp. salt

I cup milk

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1 16-oz. container sour cream 10 bacon slices, cooked crisply, crumbled

 Preheat oven to 350 E In a large bowl, add hot macaroni and Velveeta cheese.
 In a separate bowl, combine remaining ingredients, except bacon. Add the sour cream mixture to the macaroni mixture.
 Pour mixture into a casserole baking dish; sprinkle with bacon crumbs and additional cheese, if desired. Bake 30-45 minutes.

Hazel's Fried Chicken

6 cups all-purpose flour
3 4-lb. chickens, cut into pieces, skin if preferred
1/2 cup paprika
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
3 cups buttermilk
4 qts. vegetable oil

 Put the flour into a large plastic bag; season the flour with paprika, which helps brown the chicken; salt; and pepper.
 Dip the chicken in buttermilk; taking a few at a time, put chicken pieces into the flour. Seal the bag; shake to coat well.

3. Place the coated chicken on a cookie sheet or tray; cover with a clean dishtowel or

waxed paper. *Note*: Let the chicken sit until the flour becomes a paste-like consistency. **4.** Fill a large skillet about 1/3-1/2 full of oil; heat until very hot. Fill skillet with chicken. *Note*: Several batches of chicken may be required. Brown chicken on both sides. Reduce heat; cover. Let cook 30 minutes until chicken is cooked but not crispy. **5.** Uncover; raise heat. Continue to fry chicken until crispy. **6.** Drain chicken on paper towels. Keep

cooked chicken in a slightly warmed oven until all batches are prepared.

Arkansas Church Cake

l butter yellow cake mix
 4 eggs
 3/4 cup Crisco oil
 l tsp. vanilla
 l cup water
 l 15-oz. can coconut pecan frosting
 Butter and flour or nonstick spray
 l/4 cup powdered sugar (optional)

 Preheat oven to 350 F In a bowl, blend cake mix, eggs, oil, vanilla and water for 2 minutes.
 Fold in the frosting; mix well. Pour batter into a greased and floured Bundt pan.
 Bake for 50-55 minutes. Cool on a rack; if desired, dust cake top with powdered sugar.



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- 4 Acquire
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- 11 The ---, Dutch seat of government
- 12 Essayist --- Waldo Emerson
- 14 Infinitely repeated geometric pattern
- 16 Narrative song
- 17 Senior army rank
- 18 Eccentric
- 19 Morning must-have, for many
- 24 Your choice
- 25 Belonging to us
- 26 Source of gas at the track
- 27 Meet expectations
- 31 --- Merman
- 33 Nimble
- 34 Up-and-down toy
- 35 Colossus
- 36 Beak
- 37 Society newcomer

Down

- 1 Rise higher
- 2 Bond girl --- Kurylenko
- 3 House finish
- 4 Vermeer's wore a pearl earring
- 5 "Desperate Housewives" actress ----Longoria
- 6 Spread the word about
- 7 From 30 to 300 MHz
- 8 Words before keys or wheels
- 10 Dashiell Hammett's gumshoe
- 13 Twinned with Jekyll
- 15 Aluminum producer
- 19 Sleeveless cloak
- 20 Togethemess
- 21 Squeezing snake
- 22 --- the elbows, or down-at-heel
- 23 lcy
- 27 No neatnik
- 28 Set of pages
- 29 Excess fat
- 30 Hankering
- 32 Inspect

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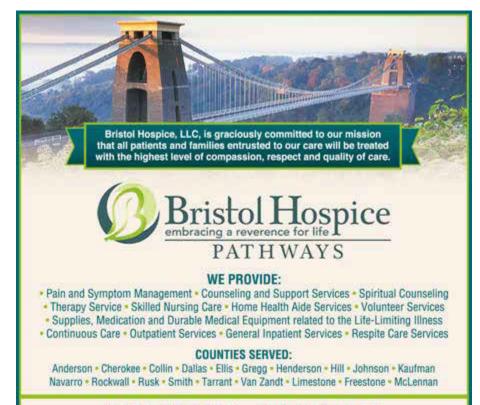
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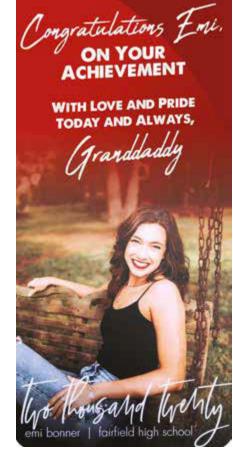
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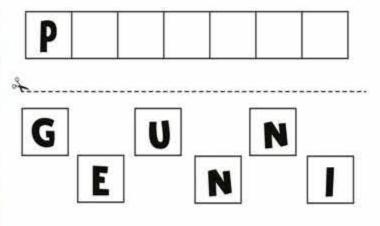


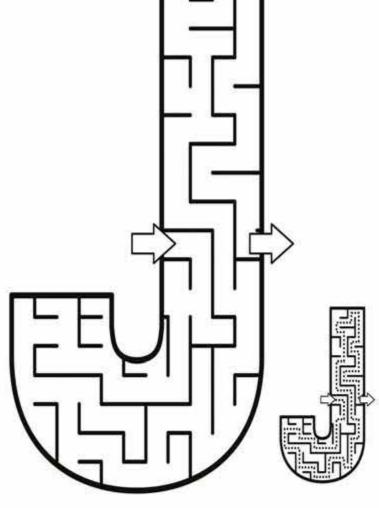
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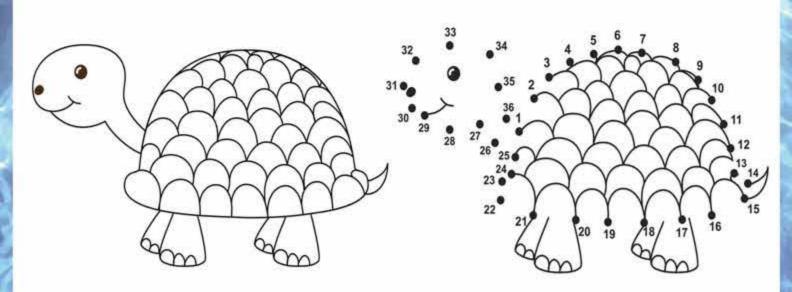
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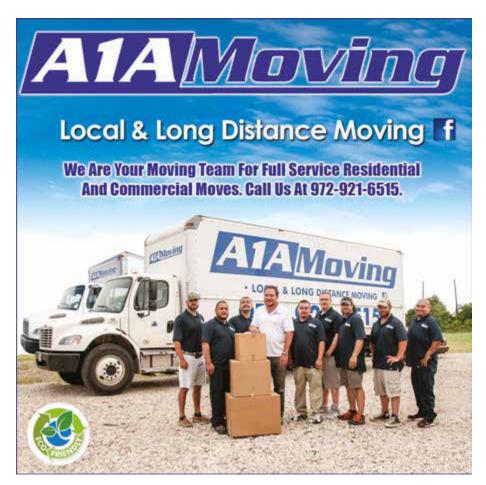












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